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(Our brethren sense the need of acquainting our younger members with the history of our church. . . . The material, if published in installments, would reveal that Bro. Froehlich began as an individual, whom God enlightened to the need of a true conversion and total separation from all existing groups, to establish the true apostolic church, upon the original doctrine taught by Christ and the apostles. May such be a blessing to all who read it. . . . Noah Schrock.)

This book is the first of four volumes of extracts of sermons by Samuel Heinrich Froehlich (1803-1857), on the three epistles of John, taken from his diary. The sermons were preached regularly over a period of two years and five months (May 12, 1840-October 11, 1842) to the church at Zurich, Switzerland.

In the early 1840's, when the sermons on the epistles of John were preached, the young congregations were assailed by the dissension from within, in addition to the persecutions which they had been suffering from without.

One leader gathered to himself those who fell away from sound teaching and wished to associate with such that had not a clear grasp of the baptismal truth, who were not even convinced of the necessity for baptism, and so reverted to a laxity in church discipline. Another faction held that the promises of the covenant in baptism were wholly one-sided, that God gave promises, but that

no vow of obedience was necessary on man's part.

These false teachings attacked the very root. It was therefore necessary that strong and incisive teaching out of the word of God be brought, to overcome such fatal opposition, and these sermons used the sword of the word, in this struggle, to a successful end. The

MAKING LIFE MORE COLORFUL

The Saviour Had Much in Mind, for One Watching

"But of that day and that hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father.

Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is.

For the Son of man is as a man taking a far journey, who left his house, and gave authority to his servants, and to every man his work, and commanded the porter to watch.

Watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cockcrowing, or in the morning:

Lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping.

And what I say unto you I say unto all, Watch."

From St. Mark 13

truth was maintained. And of the apostate, many came back, upon their painful disenchantment, while others remained excommunicated.

Brother Froehlich's activities fell in that time when freedom of faith and conscience dawned upon the nations of nominal Christendom.

"I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name."

which he believed was the **Then** in the Saviour's parable, "Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins".

The candlestick was re-established upon its place, on the continent of Europe, where the light had flickered out for the descendants of those who in previous centuries were true witnesses.

Froehlich knew whereof he spoke, concerning the established state church, for he had been an integral part of it, in every sense of the word, and then, by the grace of God, saw the light of truth.

He appeared in the time of the beginning of freedom of religion and conscience, when so-called Christendom had fallen into degeneracy, and the State Protestant and Catholic Churches dominated the governments of Europe . . . to teach anew the true gospel of Jesus Christ as it was taught by the apostles.

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Theo. Beer

Samuel Aeschliman

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Write us, or tell one of the reporters, if so.

CITATION

Henry Souder Jr.

Cited for bravery in the annals
of God! Faith is not on some un-
known victor's field . . . nor com-
passed with circling clouds, count-
ed above our reach.

Faith is found in the courage of
our common-place. The annals that
will read brave on the eternal shore
. . . flower in the gardens of today.

Travel brings us home.

When we stand where things are
close-up, the beautiful eternal sky,
and things and those we know, will
be lived in real life. There, pain
will have parted . . . there, we will
have won. . . There, **no more** chance
for loss.

If only we can see more . . .
now . . . the power . . . the possi-
bilities . . . just in finding the se-
cret of doing what He says!

"Let the elders that rule well be
counted worthy of double honour,
especially they who labour in the
word and doctrine."

The Good Shepherd has a plan
for leading His flock safely
through.

A certain man in Toronto over-
heard a little girl say, "I wish I
had an orange for mother." (She
and her companion were standing
in front of a fruit display. They
were poorly dressed, yet clean and
neat.)

In the store, the man kindly
loaded them with fruits and can-
dies.

One of the little ones asked what
his name was. He said, "Why do
you want to know?" The dear little
one wanted to pray for him. The
man turned to leave. The little one
said it didn't matter (about the
name). God would know him any-
how.

To rule well, God does know and
understand each of us, better than
we realize. In pace with His plan,
He leads into pleasant places . . .
and pleads also, with the favor of
telling us when things should be
better or different.

Perfect planning has knit into
the picture, the many-colored fab-
ric for whole success.

To the elder, we have a duty.

"For the scripture saith, Thou
shalt not muzzle the ox that tread-
eth out the corn. And, The labour-
er is worthy of his reward."

The wise hear, and understand.

A farmer in Paul's time worked
hard through the growing hours.
The golden sheaves are brought
into the circular threshing floor.
Round and round, the oxen go, over
the harvest, breaking the husk
from the wheat. A wise farmer
lets the oxen eat as they like, of
that of which they are laboring.

It makes a difference, each com-
mandment. It we find the beauty
of one, as part of our life, then an-
other is given. Another and an-

other add more and more golden
color.

We see an elder working hard.
Time and again, methodically and
carefully, he endeavors to attain
the whole counsel. There are easi-
er parts and harder parts. There
are smiles and tears, down-casting
and up-lifting.

It's a good team that knows each
other . . . that gives what God
whispers . . . that scores the points
that count!

"Them that sin rebuke before
all, that others also may fear."

The divine negative, as well as
the positive, in large and in small
things, is vitally important, to keep
the graceful movement of the
flock.

Children, unregulated, can be a
sorry sight. Quarrelsomeness, sour
faces, black eyes, unkept hair,
meaness, enter. Undisciplined,
means also **unloved** children.

Right action averts commotion
later. A sin countenanced can
bring a maelstrom of sorry sights.
But order promotes joy.

"I charge thee before God, and
the Lord Jesus Christ, and the
elect angels, that thou observe
these things without preferring
one before another, doing nothing
by partiality."

Within the thinking of God, we
have a duty, and success demands,

treasure invites a seeking out . . . each to be heard. God gives His plans piece-meal. Our ideas take more beauty, shaping nearer divine perfection. Even if an idea counters our thoughts, we can file it in knowledge. God can fit, if need be, it in the necessary picture.

God's idea is oneness. Sometimes there's the notion of crashing through a certain conclusion, or a

cry for own way against rule. We have an obligation to serve in love, to maintain blessed impartiality.

The holy scripture breathes, "as I teach every where in every church".

Heavenly prerogative to rule right is kept, to keep the proven in perfect oneness.

Picture the place where prayer comes. If the skies would open, we

would behold what dwarfs and dwindles what man counts great to nothing.

We would not forget . . . the successful shall not forget their obedience of faith.

Time is counting down. If we can hold, we will enter . . . it will be true . . . we will have won.

This is the citation worth winning!

NEWS

TSUTSUJIGA OKA and SHIODA JAPAN

Reporter: Yoshito Inoue

Sis. Toyomi Sugahara was baptized on Dec. 3. She is a 27-year-old dressmaker.

Bro. and Sis. Willis Ehnle and their two children left Yokohama port for the U.S.A. on Dec. 16. They will stay with Willis' parents for about a year. Their new address is Box 306, Princeville, Illinois.

We had Thanksgiving service, upon the completion of the framework for the new church house at Tamahata, on Dec. 26.

BREMEN, INDIANA

Reporter: Lydia Heuberger

Sis. Anna Gerber, widow of William Gerber, died on Dec. 12, at the home of her daughter, Leah Friedinger of Watseka, Illinois. Funeral services were held for her at the Bremen church on Dec. 14, with Bro. Earl Zeltwanger officiating, assisted by Bro. Robert Hueni. Sis. Anna attended Bremen church, until a few months ago, when she went to live with her daughter, Leah. She was 79 years of age and, even though in failing health, always attended church on Sunday and mid-week. She will be remembered by many for the many hooked rugs and crocheted doilies, etc., which she made and shared with young and old from our congregation. Sis. Anna was born in Baden, Germany, and was the mother of four daughters and five sons. We were again reminded to live faithfully each day, for we do not know when the Lord will come to call

us into eternity. Sis. Anna was sick a very short time, prior to her going home to be with the Lord.

Births: on Dec. 3 - a daughter, Ann Elizabeth, to Bro. and Sis. Richard Billman; on Dec. 24 - a daughter, Joan Marie, to Bro. and Sis. Earl. Zeltwanger.

Our Christmas program by the Sunday School was presented on the evening of Dec. 20.

FORT SCOTT, KANSAS

Reporter: Marie Zaugg

December 3, Oscar and Sis. Caroline Banwart had fellowship with us. Bro. and Sis. Ephraim Strahm and family, Sabetha, came in the evening to visit relatives and friends.

December 12, Bro. Gus Sinn fell on the ice and broke his elbow; it is mending satisfactorily.

A daughter, Lynne Ruth, was born to Bro. and Sis. Lyle Fischer on December 13. Lynne Ruth has three brothers.

The Sunday School children presented their Christmas program December 17. May God bless each one for their efforts put forth, reminding us anew of the birth of our Saviour.

Visiting here over Christmas were Bro. and Sis. Robert Hoerr and family and Bro. and Sis. Louis Hoerr and Rachelle, of Taylor; George and Ida Mitchel and family, of Oklahoma; Bro. and Sis. Harvey Smith and family of Wichita; Bro. and Sis. Wayne Schmidgall and family of Morris; and Bro. and Sis. Albert Banwart and family of West Bend.

Sis. Lizzy Sinn, who has been in failing health, suffered a stroke,

and is bedfast now.

MILFORD, INDIANA

Reporter: Arthur Haab

The Silver Thimble Sewing Group had their Christmas dinner at Horn's Sunnymede Restaurant in Warsaw, Ind., on Dec. 5. The Charity-Ettes had their Christmas dinner at the M & M Restaurant in North Webster, Ind., on Dec. 9. Both groups went caroling, and brought much joy and comfort to our aged brothers, sisters, and friends, with their songs and gifts this Christmas.

Our Christmas program was held at the church on Sunday evening, Dec. 17. It was well attended, and enjoyed by all.

We were very sad this Christmas season, with the death of our beloved brother, William Hartter, 84, on Dec. 22. Bro. Will died from injuries that he received several weeks earlier, as a result of an auto accident on his way to church. Elder Bro. Theo Beer and Bro. Henry Beer had the funeral services on Dec. 24. Bro. Will was the father of one of our ministers, Bro. Elmer Hartter, and as one of the brothers responsible for founding our church in this community, we all certainly owe him a debt of gratitude.

On Friday night, Dec. 23, our Sunday School choir sang at the Community Christmas display, which was the evening assigned to our church.

We rejoice that our dear friend, Ilene Kammerer, has turned to the Lord in repentance. We wish her much grace and happiness in her new walk of life.

PEORIA, ILLINOIS**Reporter: Mrs. Michael Weyeneth**

Our Sunday School Christmas program was held Sunday evening, Dec. 17., with many smaller children and also older children taking part. It was a blessed evening, and an inspiration to all. We are indeed fortunate to have teachers who are concerned over the youth. May God bless and encourage them.

Many boxes were prepared for the shut-ins, by our members, a few days before Christmas. Many carols were sung. All is intended in our hope of faith and love for one another. Truly, there is a great blessing in being kind, and in doing for the less fortunate.

Bro. Roy Sauder and Bro. Michael Weyeneth held services at the Remmert Nursing Home in Roanoke, Wed. evening, Dec. 20. Quite a group accompanied them, to do the singing.

We were blessed with the visit of Bro. Eli Somerhalder and Bro. Ronald Nelson of Burlington, Oklahoma, and Bro. Carl Hartman of Sabetha. We enjoyed their sermons very much, and hope they come and visit us again.

A son was born to Bro. and Sis. Howard Herman, and a son was born to Bro. and Sis. John Hoerr. Also, to Bro. and Sis. James Hoerr was born a son, the past month.

Sisters Leah and Lillian Hohulin, who have charge of the A. C. Home, had a Christmas dinner for the shut-ins there. Guests were Bro. and Sis. John Schwind, Bro. and Sis. Walter Hess, Bro. and Sis. Roy Sauder, Bro. and Sis. Michael Weyeneth, Bro. Wm. Yackley, Sis. Christine Baurer and her daughters, Sis. Wilmina and Sis. Eva, and Sis. Elizabeth Broquard. It was a very enjoyable evening. May God give the sisters who have charge much strength and help from above, so they can carry on in the future, as they have done in the past.

The marriage engagement of Sis. Connie Woerner and Bro. Wilbur Tripplet was announced. We wish them God's blessing.

Baptismal services were held for Marie Schmidtgall and George Huthmann, Sunday, Dec. 31. We wish them God's grace and blessings.

Sis. Elizabeth Voelpel and Sis. Lydia Pfister are both confined to

their homes, for some time. Sis. Pfister is having a birthday on Feb. 19. Her address is 1419 Sheridan Rd., Peoria, and Sis. Voelpel is having a birthday Feb. 21. Her address is 215 Circle Rd., Peoria.

I am sending this little piece. Mike thought maybe you could use this.

Life's Clock

The Clock of Life is wound but once,
And no man has the power
To tell just where the hands will stop,
At late or early hour.

To lose one's wealth is sad indeed;
To lose one's soul is such a loss,
As no man can restore.

The present is only our very own,
Live, love, toil with a will—
Place no faith in "tomorrow"—for
The Clock may then be still.

SABETHA, KANSAS

We are sorry to have to report to you the passing away on December 27, 1961, of the reporter for the Silver Lining. Edward H. Steiner passed away the morning of December 27, 1961, at 1:00 a.m. . . .

Arthur H. Steiner

Greetings with love.
Mrs. Ed. Steiner.

SARDIS, OHIO**Reporter: Mrs. Raymond Headley**

On December 3, the members of our small congregation were again strengthened, and we rejoice that friend Ruth Headley could give her heart to the Lord, and was baptized on this day. Sis. Ruth and her husband live in Parkersburg, West Virginia. Bro. Rudolph Graf and Bro. Elsworth Graf of Akron were with us. Other visitors were: Bro. Robert Indermuhle of Kent, Bro. Fred and Sis. Erma Marty of Rittman, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Riggenbach and family of Rittman, and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Schindler and family of Kent.

On Dec. 17, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Marty of Bridgeport visited with us. Also, Bro. Robert Indermuhle of Kent worshiped with us. He just arrived home for the Christmas vacation. Others home for Christmas included: Lloyd Gehring of Stewart Air Force Base, Tennessee; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Schindler of Kent; Vernon Riggenbach of Rittman.

There were no services on the 24th, due to snow and bad roads. Our Sunday School Treat was held over until the 31st.

December 27—Funeral services were held for Ben Riggenbach. Surviving are three sisters: Sis. Ada of the home, Sis. Ella Eisenbarth and Sis. Ida Brake of Sardis. Also surviving are three brothers: Lewis of the home, Bro. Fred of Sardis, and Bro. Herman of Rittman. Out-of-town visitors were: Bro. and Sis. Edwin Indermuhle, Sis. Martha Berry and daughter, Bro. and Sis. Fred Marty, Bro. Herman Riggenbach and son, Dana, Bro. and Sis. Joseph Ramsier, Bro. and Sis. Carl Stoller, Bro. and Sis. Albert Gasser Jr. and children, Sis. Emma Riggenbach and daughters, Sis. Mildred Reusser, Bro. and Sis. Lester Riggenbach.

This being our first letter, we extend to all our hearty greetings.

UNION CITY, NEW JERSEY**Reporter: August Mueller**

Sorry, I spelled our minister's name wrong. It spells Kroszner. We have visitors here from Rockville, Sis. Emma Marty; her sister, Elsa; and her niece, Norma. We are always glad to have them.

Alas, another year has vanished,
A year that never will return,
And with it many thousand
hours

Have vanished like a moment's
time.

Our hearts are filled with thanks and praise to bring unto our heavenly Father for his blessings, His grace and mercy, and His kind protection, which he has bestowed upon us in this year gone by.

We thank God that the family circle stayed unbroken at home and in the congregation.

Many of God's children have been called home, some unexpected, some after years of pain and suffering, but they are now resting with God, waiting for us to join them. No longer will they remember the hardships, the pain and suffering which they have endured in this life. The tears which they have shed God himself shall wipe away.

In a short time, this year will close, its door never to open any more, but a new year will open the door, and we hope and pray that the Lord will lead us, guide us, and

bless us in this coming year, as He has done in the years gone by.

We live by the grace of God. (The little poem was translated from a German prayer by the Elder Drittenbach.)

BLUFFTON, INDIANA

Reporter: Frieda Kipfer

Pauline Baumgartner, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Roger Baumgartner, and Jerry Gerber, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Gerber, were united in marriage, by Bro. Aeschliman, on Dec. 17, at the home of the bride's parents.

Sis. Rosetta Gerber, daughter of Bro. Obed and Leona Gerber, and Bro. Gary Ringger, son of Bro. and Sis. Raymond Ringger, were also married on the 17th, Bro. Aeschliman officiating.

The Sunday School gave their Christmas program on the evening of the 17th, which was well attended.

The elderly people and shut-ins of our community enjoyed the caroling by different groups, who presented them with Bibles and baskets of fruit, etc.

The Sunday School also distributed Christmas baskets.

Bro. Samuel Baumgartner, 66, passed away at his home on Dec. 17. Death was attributed to a heart attack. Surviving are the wife, Sis. Emma; four daughters, Sisters Clara (Wilmer) Gerber, Lucinda (Ralph) Steffen, Beulah and Lorine Baumgartner; two sons, Bros. Raymond at home, and Bro. Glen of Phoenix; four grandchildren; three brothers and one sister. Bro. Aeschliman officiated at the funeral. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Visiting ministers this month were Bro. Homer Reineck of Toledo, on Christmas Day, and Bro. Simon Wagenbach of Tremont on the 31st. Their wives accompanied them.

Kelly Brian Steffen, 5, son of Bro. Robert and Sis. Carol Riggenschaffen, passed away, after an illness of one day. He is survived by the parents, three brothers and one sister. Burial was on the 31st, Bro. John Yergler officiating.

Bro. and Sis. Paul Gerber and Alvin Kipfer were home on leave over the holidays.

Those in the hospital at this writing are Sis. Sarah (Joe)

Aeschliman, Bro. Larry Gerber, Bro. Sam Aeschliman and Bro. Joe Isch. Sis. Emma Minger is quite ill at her home.

Births: To Bro. and Sis. Victor Gerber, a son, on Dec. 4, to Willis and Marilyn Prichard, a daughter, on Dec. 18; to Urn and Caroline Gerber, a son, on Dec. 22.

Know Each Other Better

Sis. Elizabeth Graber was born near Berne, Ind., on July 29, 1872, to James and Elizabeth Schwartz Mazelin.

She was reared in the Amish Christian faith, as was Jacob Graber, whom she married in 1896.

They lived on a farm near Berne, and raised a family of five sons. The oldest son, Jacob, married Elizabeth Aeschliman, Bro. Sam's sister. They are members of the Bluffton church, as are two of their children. The other sons are, Amos, who died in 1951; David, of Post Treverton, Pa.; Noah and Eli of Berne.

Elizabeth and Jacob started coming to our church in 1927, and after long and faithful attendance, repented and were baptized in 1952, by Bro. Noah Schrock.

Upon retirement, they moved to 524 Center St., in Berne.

Jacob passed away in 1957.

Although she still lives alone and has moderate health, her eyesight is poor, and she is unable to attend church. Her door is always open to visitors, and we enjoy calling on her.

Elizabeth has 14 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren.

BURLINGTON, IOWA

Reporter: Mrs. Ernest Anliker

Dec. 3 was a big and blessed day for our Burlington congregation, as the Princeville and Oakville Bible Classes spent the day with us. Those who accompanied them were Bro. and Sis. Chris Martin, Bro. and Sis. Edwin Baurer, of Princeville; Bro. and Sis. J. Stoller, of Speer, Ill.; Bro. and Sis. Jim Ringger of Bradford, Ill., Bro. and Sis. Orel Steiner and Bro. and Sis. Earl Stoller of Oakville. We hope some time they will share another day with us.

Other guests on this day were Mr. and Mrs. Ben Zaugg of Rockford, Ill., and Sis. Freida Schafer of West Bend. The Zauggs brought Mother Schafer, who will spend

several weeks at the Bro. and Sis. Ernie Anliker home. She is mother of Sis. Anliker and Mrs. Zaugg.

Those attending services with us, while visiting their parents during the holidays, were Mr. Virgil Eisenman of Sanford, Fla.; and Bro. Paul Eisenman of Iowa City, sons of Bro. and Sis. Jesse Eisenman.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hohulin and sons of Mishawaka, Ind., (Mrs. Hohulin is daughter of Bro. and Sis. Ernie Anliker), were visiting.

Bro. Edw. Owens of Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., spent ten days with his mother.

It brings joy to our hearts to have our children visit us, but a bit of sadness creeps in, when they leave again.

CROGHAN-NAUMBURG, N. Y.

Reporter: Mrs. Clayton Virkler

Naumburg and Croghan churches had their Sunday School entertainments on Sunday, December 17. Everyone enjoyed the songs and pieces of praise and adoration to our Lord. The exercises were well attended, even though the weather was inclement.

Bro. and Sis. Clifford and Harriet Farney and children, Amber and Anne, and Dale and Lenae Moser of Rockville were visitors over the Christmas week end.

Wayne Virkler, son of Bro. and Sis. Bernard and Caroline Virkler, has the following address:

A/B Wayne L. Virkler
AF 12625758
D 58

Lowry Air Force Base 30, Colorado

Bro. and Sis. Bernard and Caroline Virkler and Bro. and Sis. Carl and Corinne Virkler are leaving, to spend a few weeks in Florida.

ELGIN, IOWA

Reporter: Mrs. George Butikofer

Home for the Christmas holiday were Bro. Wm. and Sis. Norma Butikofer and family, Sis. Lena Pulfer, Bro. Wm. and Sis. Phyllis Massner and daughter, Cindy, Bro. Uriel and Sis. Judy Gehring and son, Bradley. The latter are from Burlington and Wapello, the former from Davenport, Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Gehring, from Kenmore, N.D., visited here among relatives and friends, be-

tween Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Everyone seemed to enjoy the Christmas program, presented by our Sunday School, Dec. 17, following our regular afternoon church services. In the evening of that day, many of the children and some grown-ups went caroling to the aged folks, leaving a bag of fruit, etc., at many of the homes. A lunch was served to the singers at the church basement, later in the evening.

Joe Baumgartner passed away Dec. 22. He was 68 years old. The funeral was held Dec. 26, Bro. Uriel Gehring officiating. Joe never married, was the last to pass away of the Alex Baumgartner family, which consisted of two boys, Les and Joe, and one girl, Florence. Joe's mother was a sister of the late Bro. Fred J. Schneider.

EUREKA, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Cathryn Wettstein

The past month we had quite a number of visiting ministers and elders. They were—Bros. Joe Kaisner, Forrest; John Bahler, Rockville; Geo. Yergler, LaCrosse; Sam Aeschliman, Bluffton; Noah Schrock, Burlington; Henry Sabo, Mansfield; Carl Kinsinger, Altadena; Joe Schrock, Congerville; Joe Hodel and Joe Zimmerman, Roanoke; Joe Klopfenstein and Elmer Witzig, Gridley. Also, there were others who visited, but were guests in the audience, due to the conference held in Roanoke.

December 20, in the evening, the Christmas program was given by the Sunday School children. It was attended by a large group of parents, friends and relatives, and was enjoyed by all. The children did very well in telling and singing of the birth of our Saviour.

December 24, the Sunday School teachers and children delivered ten baskets of groceries to some of the poor people in our vicinity, so that they would have a happier Christmas Day.

Bro. and Sis. Gene Zobrist have a baby boy, born Dec. 19, and have named him David Earl.

Dec. 31, Bros. Joe Klopfenstein and Dave Mangold assisted Bro. Leroy Huber in serving Communion to us.

We had services on Christmas day. The message was given by Bro. Leroy.

Our New Year's services were held on Sunday evening, Dec. 31. The message was spoken by Bro. Elmer Witzig. Both of these services were very inspiring. So hope this new year will have many blessings in store for everyone.

FORREST, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Nancy Honegger

Bro. Frank Honegger fractured his right hip on Nov. 27, in a fall, while assisting with the construction of our home for the aged in Fairbury.

On Dec. 1, Bro. Orville Kupferschmid suffered the loss of his left hand, in an accident at the Honegger Mill.

Sis. Ethel Waibel and Bro. David Wiegand were united in marriage Sunday, Dec. 3. They are now at home in Urbana, Illinois.

Our annual Christmas program was held Sunday evening, Dec. 17, with approximately 190 Sunday School children participating in group singing or speaking pieces.

Visiting ministers for the month were: Bro. Simon Wiegand, Goodfield, Dec. 3; Bro. Amos Hartzler, Bro. Ben. Hartzler, Bro. Elmer Zollinger, Rittman, and Bro. Andrew Virkler, Bay City, Wednesday, Dec. 13; Bro. Earl Kilgus, Remington, Dec. 24; and Bro. Merle Kaisner, Fairbury, Christmas Day.

Born to Bro. and Sis. Albert Wenger on Dec. 20, a boy, Samuel Dean.

LA CROSSE, INDIANA

Reporter: Albert J. Bucher

Know Each Other Better

Brother Carl Peters is our second oldest member of the LaCrosse congregation. He was born in Neuenstein, Germany, on Oct. 22, 1880. He came to this country on New Years Day, in the evening of 1899. He was the son of Fred and Christina Peters. His family were all Lutherans.

He had five sisters and one brother. All of them repented. Bro. Carl came to Fairbury, Ill., and lived on several different farms in that community for fifteen years. Then he moved to Kouts, Indiana, where he was a blacksmith for 30 years.

In 1905, he was united in marriage to Sophia Kellenberger, from Heiden, Switzerland. After she passed away in 1947, he answered

the call of the Lord, and was baptized Feb. 8, 1948.

In 1949, he was united in marriage to Martha Heiniger of LaCrosse. They now live on their farm, about two miles northeast of LaCrosse. Bro. Carl's health is good for his age. He enjoys going to church every Sunday. He loves to fellowship with God's children.

A daughter was born to Bro. and Sis. Philip Troxel, Dec. 31.

Our brother, Philip Heinold, must leave this week, on Thursday, for serving his time in the Service of our country. We wish him God's blessing, wherever he must go.

Our Sunday School classes gave their Christmas program on Sunday, Dec. 17, in the afternoon.

LAMAR, MISSOURI

Reporter: Marie Marti

Bro. and Sis. Ed Alt from Cissna Park visited here the week end of Nov. 26.

Eileen Banwart and Don Braker were united in marriage on Nov. 23.

Bro. and Sis. Ephraim Strahm and their children, Dale, Richard, and Shirley, from Sabetha, were visitors here Dec. 3.

A group went caroling to shut-ins and older members of our congregation on Dec. 22 and 23. They were all very appreciative.

We were happy to have several of our Bible class members home for the Christmas holidays: Billy Dean Schlupp, who is stationed at Forbes Air Force Base near Topeka; Larry Schlupp, who is attending college at Fargo, North Dakota; and Don and Eileen Braker from Columbia, where Don is attending the University of Missouri.

Others who visited relatives during the holiday season were: Bro. and Sis. Bob Frank and family, Bro. and Sis. Paul Wagenbach and family and Theresa Wagenbach from Oakville; Bro. and Sis. Harvey Banwart and Jerry Banwart, La Crosse.

MORRIS, MINNESOTA

Reporter: Mrs. Louie Messner

Know Each Other Better

Our second oldest member is Sister Ricka Spohr Messner. She was born June 4, 1877, to Christ and Carrie Schmidgall Spohr, in

Germany. She was one of eight children, and has a half-brother, William. He and Sister Minnie live in Elgin, Illinois.

The family came to America in 1882. She was only five, so doesn't remember where they settled, but they lived in Elgin, Illinois, till she was 14, then moved to Lester, Iowa. When she was 19, she went back to Elgin, where she clerked in Schellenberger's Grocery Store and did housework. Her first year she earned \$2.50 a week and saved \$100.00.

She married Henry Messner in Elgin, December 13, 1900. His birth was Jan. 18, 1878. They had 8 children. Their first child, Lillian, died at the age of 7 and Bro. Carl died in 1942. Living are Richard, Minnie (Mrs. Alvin Nohl), Harriet (Mrs. Joe Reber), Arthur, Frank and Louie. All live here, except Richard, who lives in Phoenix, Ariz., and Harriet in Tacoma, Washington. She has 19 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

After her marriage, they lived in different places, but came to Hancock in 1925, where they farmed. Her husband, Henry, passed away April 6, 1928. In 1940 they moved to town, as the boys started trucking.

She felt she needed to repent, so turned to the Lord in August, 1933. Having found peace in her heart, she gave her testimony and was baptized by Bro. Jake Stettner. Within a couple years, her children started to turn to the Lord, and found peace with God, and all are members of our faith.

Until his death in 1952, her brother, Fred, was one of our ministers, for over 30 years.

She has always been very active, making garden, canning, working with flowers, keeping up her home, and helping where she was needed. She was never sick until last winter, when she had pneumonia and was in for four months. She is feeling good again and still active. She spends her time crocheting many nice things, and just completed an afghan.

She makes her home with her son and daughter-in-law, Bro. Louie and Sis. Julia, and children.

Our son Steven, had a tonsillectomy Dec. 18. Charles Spohr had an appendicitis operation, and is doing fine now.

Renae Lynn was born Dec. 16 to Bro. and Sis. Dave Moser.

Robert Nohl came home Christmas Day, for a 10-day furlough, from Ft. Sam Houston.

The Sunday School classes had their Christmas program Sunday evening, Dec. 17.

MORTON, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Mrs. B. E. Getz

Visiting ministers in December were Bros. Carl Kinsinger of Altadena; John Bahler of Rockville; David Mangold of Roanoke, Silas Leuthold of Princeville; Frank Woertz of Goodfield; August Bollinger of Tremont; David Kieser of Princeville; Joe Zimmerman of Roanoke and Mike Weyeneth of Peoria.

Other visitors were Bro. Harold Lanz of Rockville, Bro. Fred Knapp and his wife and Bro. Dwayne Seffin and his wife of Congerville, Bro. Art Wettstein and his wife and Bro. Harold Roth and his wife of Eureka, Bro. Wm. Bucher and his wife and Bro. Herman Luginbuhl and his wife of Roanoke.

Funeral services for Louis Welk, 72, were held December 24. Bro. Joe A. Getz officiated.

Funeral services for Sis. Bertha Kaiser, 76, were held December 28. Bro. Joe A. Getz officiated.

Funeral services for Lydia Miller, 92, who passed away at the Noah Moser home, were held December 12. Bro. Henry Grimm officiated.

Bro. Lowell Stoller of Princeville delivered a very inspiring Christmas message December 25.

We had a very nice Sunday School program Sunday evening, December 17.

Sons were born to Bro. and Sis. Norman Geyer on December 4 and to Bro. and Sis. Earl Farney on December 23.

Sis. Verena Heiniger is a patient at the Carle Hospital Clinic in Urbana, and Sis. Janet Dorris is at the Methodist Hospital in Peoria.

PORTLAND, OREGON

Reporter: Mrs. Robert Miller

The Sunday School children held their Christmas program December 24, in the afternoon. It gives us joy to see the younger ones participate in speaking and singing, in verse and song, of our dear Saviour's birth.

We are happy to have Sis. Eliza-

beth Pfister, mother of your reporter, also Bro. Eli and Sis. Luella Leman, parents to Sis. Shirley Hohl (all of Roanoke), visit us for two weeks. They arrived by train, December 29.

PRINCEVILLE, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Ruth Ricketts

The visit of Bro. Elmer Bahler of Wolcott, who ministered to us on October 29, was unintentionally omitted last month. Ministering visitors this month included Bro. Noah Gerber of West Bend, who spent Wednesday evening, December 13, with us. His wife, and Bro. Elmer Fehr and his wife were also present. On Sunday, December 17, Bro. John Bahler of Rockville was with us, and assisted our Elder Brother Silas Leuthold in proving and baptizing Anna Stahl. In the evening, Bro. Noah Schrock of Oakville ministered to us. We enjoyed a very blessed day and evening.

The Sunday School program was held Friday evening, December 22, but because of the bad weather, many of the children and parents could not be present.

Bro. David and Sis. Shirley Kieser are the parents of a daughter, their third, born to them December 1. December 11, Bro. Jeff and Sis. Ruth Streitmatter had their first child, a daughter, born to them, and on December 18, a daughter was also born to Bro. Duane and Sis. Doreen Elsasser. They have two other daughters and two sons.

The engagement of Bro. Lavern Berchtold, son of Bro. George and Sis. Clara Berchtold, and Sis. Joann Baer, daughter of Louie and Sis. Helen Baer, was announced December 31.

We are sorry to report several shut-ins, and hope they will not be shut-in for long. Bro. William Elsasser is in the hospital, suffering from a heart condition. We wish him God's help in his illness. Sis. Hulda Martin is recovering at home, following an operation. Dan Endress, who has been seriously ill, was able to come home from the hospital, and is somewhat improved at this time. Sis. Mary Endress is also suffering from a heart ailment and unable to attend church services. Sis. Ida Huber is still confined to her bed most of the time, having spent the past three months in bed. Sis. Elsie

Stahl is seriously ill in the hospital, following surgery. She and Bro. Dan only recently moved from our congregation to a new home in Peoria. Our prayers are extended for all the sick and suffering, and we submit them into God's tender care.

Jerry Martin, Jordan Elsasser, and Wayne Guingrich spent the holidays with their parents, and have returned to their duties at Fort Sam Houston.

Know Each Other Better

Our oldest sister is Marie (Mary) Begner, who is nearly 89 years old. She was born near Unterheimbach, Wuerttemberg, Germany, February 12, 1873, the daughter of Franz and Carolina Koch Mangold. As a child, she was baptized in the Lutheran Church, and attended that church until she came to this country, when she was 19. She worked for a Miller family in Peoria, Illinois, who took her to the Apostolic Christian Church, and she has continued to attend that church. After one year in Peoria, she came to Princeville, to work for the Jacob Streitmatter family. She was married to William Begner, April 10, 1899, and they have resided in this community since. They had nine sons and one daughter born to them. One son and the daughter are deceased. They have 31 grandchildren and 33 great-grandchildren, most of them living in this community. When she was 79, she answered a call from the Lord and was taken into the fold, October of 1952, being baptized by our Elder Brother David Mangold. She enjoys attending church whenever possible; however, she must get about with crutches, so is somewhat handicapped. Her general health is good, and she told me she enjoys reading her Bible and the Zion's Harp.

ROCKVILLE, CONNECTICUT

Reporter: Carlton J. Lanz

After an absence of eight weeks, Bro. Alfred Hoffman and his wife (our church custodians) have again returned. They were in California, where they visited their daughter and son-in-law and family—Bro. John Klotzles'.

Also absent for several days were our Elder, Bro. John Bahler and Bro. Harold Lanz, who attend-

ed the Elders' and Brothers' meeting at Roanoke.

Commonly, as is customary at this season of year, Christmas baskets were distributed here to families and individuals; also some carol singing was done by a sizeable group of carolers, in hopes of bringing a bit of cheer to those confined or otherwise — remembered. On Sunday afternoon, Dec. 24, our annual Christmas exercises for the children were held in the church assembly room. It was and has always been an impressive event, and normally draws a large attendance. The combined efforts of the Sunday School staff, as a whole, did much in bringing the beautiful story of the Saviour to these children. A report shows, there are upward of 130 children attending classes.

WEST BEND, IOWA

Reporter: Anna M. Schmidt

Visitors for the Christmas week end were Bro. and Sis. Martin Knobloch and family, Walter and Sis. Iola Knobloch and family, Bro. and Sis. Henry and Elaine Kellenberger and family, Bro. and Sis. Jake and Lydia Knobloch and sons, Dale and Art, Bro. Leo Moser, Bro. Phil Mogler, Bro. Will Wulf, from Lester; Bro. and Sis. Reuben and Chrystal Luthi and son, Jeffrey, Bro. and Sis. John and Mabel Zeltwanger and daughter, Connie, Bro. and Sis. Paul and Anna Feher and daughters, Sis. Ruby and Wilda, Nancy and Diane Fehr, Bro. and Sis. Wm. and Minnie Luthi, Bro. and Sis. Chris and Marian Moser and Bro. and Sis. Ernst and Gladys Koehl and family, from Morris; Bro. Joel Banwart was home from college; Mr. and Mrs. Donald Payne and family from Pulaski, Bro. and Sis. Peter and Mabel Weber from Peoria.

Over the New Year week end Bro. and Sis. Pete and Louise Esslinger and daughter, Sis. Erma Esslinger, and Verlas Meyer and two children, two sons of Martin and Irlene Esslinger, from Sabetha, Bro. and Sis. Eugene and Ella Mae Schmidt and son, Verl, Trudy Johnson from Winthrop, Daniel Anliker, Glen Rinkenberger, and Delores Wagenbach from Burlington, Ia., Kay Meyer and Helen Metzger from Lester.

Ernest Fehr passed away at Mercy Hospital, Ft. Dodge, Ia.,

Thursday evening, Dec. 21. The funeral was on Sunday, Dec. 24.

Sis. Anna Fehr has been quite sick, and isn't improved very much at this writing. She has been in failing health for some time.

Arlo and Marilyn Grimm had a baby boy, born Dec. 7. They named him Randy Joe. Bro. and Sis. Clifford and Rosine Grimm had a boy, born Dec. 20, and named him Keith Alan. Bro. and Sis. Eugene Bruellman have a girl, born Dec. 29. They named her Marla Kay.

We have Sunday School vacation for a few weeks.

WICHITA, KANSAS

Reporter: Dave Hangartner

Bro. Charlie Grimm, his wife, Gail, and their four children have returned from their vacation trip to Brownwood, Texas.

Our beloved sister, Mae Aeschleman, has recovered nicely from her operation, and was able to worship with us this past Sunday.

Bro. Art and Sister Earlene Yergler and son, of Gilman, Ill., spent a few days visiting, during the holiday season.

Visiting her folks were Bro. George and Sis. Elsie Lambert. They worshipped with us on the 24th.

WOLCOTT, INDIANA

Reporter: Arles Kropf

We enjoyed the visit of Bro. Maurice Frank and his wife, along with others from Chicago, on Dec. 3.

Visitors on Dec. 17 were Sisters Caroline Gudeman, Laura Gerber, Anna Schott, and Martie Moser, of Ft. Wayne.

During Christmas week end, our visitors were Bro. and Sis. Gale Stoller, Bro. and Sis. Wayne Stoller and family of Latty, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Baumgartner and daughters of Bluffton, and Gene and Sis. Velma Schladenhauffen and children of Forrest.

Services were held on Christmas morning, with the Remington Congregation gathering with us.

Our Sunday School children presented their Christmas program on Friday evening, Dec. 22.

Visitors on Dec. 31 were Bro. Chris Stoller of Gridley, Ill.; Bro. and Sis. Henry Frey and Sis. Lena Knochel of Remington.

AKRON, OHIO**Reporter: Ruth Taylor**

Sisters Bethie Graf and Susie Palmer are both up and about again, and have attended services with us.

The Melvin Beerys and Sisters Clarabelle and Jenny Walters spent the day with us, December 10.

Johnny Greenbank was hospitalized over Christmas. He is being treated for an ulcer condition, but was able to return to school, Jan. 2.

Dec. 17, Bro. John Klotzle of Aladena held both services with us. Sisters Marion and Lydia Kloetzle and the Carl Gassers, of Girard, the Elton Rufeners, the Orrin Rufeners, Russell and Maude Kaufman, the Paul Froehlichs, the John Widmers, Wilma Steiner and son, David, Rittman, and the Daryle Wielands of Bay City attended services with us.

Miss Eva Wenhardt had surgery, just before Christmas. She has come along nicely, and we hope she will be back with us soon.

Thursday, Dec. 21, we held our Christmas song service for the Sunday School classes. Bro. Joe Ramseier read the chapter of the birth of Christ, and a lunch was served afterwards. We felt a great blessing, having all our young people with us.

Bob Ritzman was home from school over the holidays.

The Art Novotnys, the Nate Gutweins of Francesville, the Reuben Hartzlers of Rittman, and the Robert Knochels of Bay City spent Dec. 31 with us.

BURLINGTON, OKLAHOMA**Reporter: Mrs. Raymond Roth**

Bros. Eli Somerhalder and Ronald Nelson attended the Brotherhood Conference at Roanoke, Dec. 14.

Our Sunday School presented their annual Christmas program, the evening of Dec. 17.

Recent visitors here were, Dec. 17, Sis. Glenn Moser and Leanne, Roanoke; Dec. 24, Bro. and Sis. Wm. Moser and family, Morris; Bro. and Sis. Raymond Banwart and sons, Ft. Scott; Bro. and Sis. Sol Rassi and family, Goodfield; Mr. and Mrs. Bob Somerhalder, Pharoah, Okla.; Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Hurd, Kansas City, Kansas; Sis. Ruth Ann Tanner, Sis. Eleanor

Terry and Rita Terry, Peoria; Geneva Guthrie, Morton; and Bro. Norman Haerr, Ft. Sam Houston; Dec. 31, Sis. Diane Farney, Manhattan, Kansas, and Mrs. Lydia Jackson, Wichita.

Bro. and Sis. Fred Michel are spending some time with their daughter, Sis. John Greiner and family at Sabetha.

A hospital patient this past month was Bro. John Hoffman, who fell on the ice and injured his knee.

CISSNA PARK, ILLINOIS**Reporter: Mrs. Jeff Young**

Our community was saddened, when the death angel entered our congregation four times this past month.

Our dear friend, Rose Alt, passed away. Funeral services were held Dec. 11. Among those attending from a distance were Bro. and Sis. Al Schleitlin, Otto and Lillian Foell, Ed and Martha Lohbauer, Bro. Alvin and Sis. Anna Lohbauer, Anna Ottinger, all of Elgin.

Sis. Anna Gerber died suddenly and unexpectedly at the home of her daughter, the Art Freidingers. Short services were held at the Knapp Funeral Home on Tuesday, evening, December 12, before taking her to Bremen.

Funeral services were held for Sis. Emma Laubscher of Chicago, Dec. 17, with Bros. Al Fisher and Ezra Feller officiating. Among those attending were Bro. John Schrenk, Bro. and Sis. Rich Schurter, Bro. and Sis. Fred Meyer, Margaret Rudin, Bro. and Sis. Carl Lehman, Sis. Stella Leman, Cora and Clara Scharlach, Tillie Gerst, Anna Clauss and Elsie Leigh, all of Chicago.

On Dec. 26, Bro. Pete Hodel passed away, at the age of 83 years. He had been at the Paxton Nursing Home for four and one-half years. Funeral services were held Friday afternoon, Bro. Ezra Feller officiating. Bro. and Sis. Mike Weyenth, Bro. and Sis. Christ Hodel were among those attending from a distance.

On Dec. 25, Bro. Art Gudeman was with us. We thank him for the inspiring Christmas message. His family accompanied him.

Know Each Other Better

Sister Lydia (Schmutz) Knapp was born September 6, 1868, at

Tremont, Illinois. She repented at the age of sixteen, after hearing a sermon by Bro. Gottlieb Maibach. After her baptism in a near-by creek, by Elders Lou Getz and Karl Knapp, she rode a half mile in a buggy, to change her clothes.

In the year of 1888, she was married to Bro. Fred Knapp, and lived in Tremont, Illinois, on a farm, for three years. They then bought a farm near Cissna Park, Illinois, and lived on it; after living there for thirty-five years, they retired and moved to a home in Cissna Park.

Eight children were born to this union, four sons, namely, Henry, Adam, Clarence, and Fred, all of Cissna Park, and four daughters, Mrs. Albert (Carrie) Hari and Mrs. Joe (Reka) Hoerr of Cissna Park, Mrs. Dan (Verna) Hoerr of Peoria, and Mrs. Don (Lydia) Ogren of St. Paul, Minnesota. She has forty-one grandchildren, ninety great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild. Her husband passed away March 9, 1947, at the age of 86.

She was active in all church work, taking care of funeral lunches for thirty years. Lydia also was ready and willing to lend a helping hand to anyone in need. She enjoyed quilting, and many are the quilts she made, even up to the last year. At the age of 93 years, she still is enjoying moderate health. In November of this year, she went to live with her son and daughter-in-law, Bro. and Sis. Fred E. Knapp, who live on the Knapp farm home. Lydia spends her time reading the Bible, song books, and always looks forward to receiving the Silver Lining. Her greatest pleasure is when her children visit her. She has been a wonderful mother, grandmother, and a true, faithful Christian for seventy-seven years.

CONGERVILLE, ILLINOIS**Reporter: Marjorie Knapp**

Our Sunday School Christmas Program, "The Christmas Story," was presented on Wednesday evening, December 20. The entire Sunday School participated in relating the wonderful story of the birth of the Saviour of all mankind.

A baby girl, Sandra Joe, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ray Baer.

Steven Schrock, son of Bro. and Sis. Alvin Schrock, underwent

surgery and has almost fully recuperated.

On December 24, the engagement of Sis. Carolyn Pfister, Fort Wayne, and Bro. Ralph Gudeman was announced.

Sherri Hort and Wm. Dietrich were united in marriage, Sunday, December 31. William is the son of Bro. and Sis. Wm. Dietrich Sr.

GOODFIELD, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Marian Wiegand

We are grateful to Brothers Carl Hartman of Sabetha and Henry Manz of Junction, for the messages they brought to us at our Wednesday evening services, December 13.

On December 13, a girl, Deborah Sue, was born to Bro. and Sis. Bill Hohulin. Bro. and Sis. Sam Hohulin are the parents of a boy, born December 15. He has been named Scott Conrad. December 27 was a happy day at Bro. and Sis. Robert Grimm's home. This was the day they and their five girls welcomed a new baby boy to their family. He has been named Jeffrey Robert.

Emma Funk, who has been ill and confined to her home, has confessed peace with God, gave her testimony and was taken into the fold.

Magnus Hartman is a happy man, and ready to start a new year as a brother in the faith. After giving his testimony, he was baptized December 31.

On December 17, the Sunday School presented a Christmas program. It began with the prophecies and ended with their fulfillment.

Know Each Other Better

Eighty-five years ago, on October 17, our dear Sister, Hannah Nohl, was born. Her parents were Bro. Jacob and Sister Barbara (Landes) Nohl, who lived on a farm near Goodfield.

When still a very young girl, she had a longing to repent and serve God. This longing continued until she was fourteen years old, when she made known her wish. Within a short time, she gave her testimony, and was baptized in the Mackinaw River by Elder Bro. Michael Zimmerman.

Sister Hannah also had a desire when a very young girl to help those who were sick or afflicted. Again, her wish was granted. Many of you readers will remem-

ber the help she gave the sick, the assistance in maternity cases and the care to the aged.

In 1930, her parents moved to Goodfield. There, Hannah and her sisters, Mary and Naomi, cared for their aged parents until 1935, when they passed away within six weeks time. They continued to care for invalids and aged folks at their home.

Her mind is very keen and alert. She helps with the housework at their home, and occasionally stays with her sister, Sally Knapp, at Fairbury.

She feels as long as she remains humble, the Lord will remain with her until the end of her life.

GRIDLEY, KANSAS

Reporter: Mrs. Rudy Bahr

Sunday evening, December 17, the Christmas Sunday School program was held, and we were glad that many of the Lamont Congregation were with us.

On December 24, the three smallest Sunday School classes sang their Christmas songs and recited their Christmas recitations for Sis. Ida Esslinger, at her home, during the regular class period.

Know Each Other Better

The second oldest member of our congregation, Sis. Alice Raaf, was 85 years of age on November 22. She was born in 1876 at Gutenmendingen, Germany, oldest of nine children born to Franz Huber and Theodora Hoefler. When she was five years old, her parents came to America, stopped to visit relatives in Ohio, on their way to Kansas, and settled on a farm close to Gridley.

She repented at the age of seventeen, and was baptized by Elder Joseph Huber, along with another the same day, although there were more about the same time.

On March 17, 1901, Alice was married to Fred Raaf, and they farmed. She has nine children: Frank, John, Esther, Mrs. Ruth Schick, and Fred, Gridley; Dan, Ponca City, Okla.; and three that are deceased—a daughter in infancy, and two sons, Clarence and Sam. There are 14 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

Fred passed away on February 29, 1936, and in May, 1937, Alice and her daughter, Esther, moved to their present home in Gridley.

Although she has diabetes, she says she has no trouble "sticking to the diet, has lots of strength, and what she couldn't do if her eyesight were better."

Her garden is spaded (most of us haven't been able to have ours plowed, because it's been too wet), and she has fifty hens she takes care of, although she thinks she soon may have to give them up, because she can't see to take care of them. She has quilted over fifty quilts in her lifetime, and said it would be her "delight" if she could use the sticks. She cans from her garden, and does housework. Since our church put in the speaker and hearing aid, she enjoys church services so much more.

FAIRBURY, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Joyce Huber

LaRae Ann was born Dec. 7, making Bro. and Sis. Warren Zehr a new, happy Mother and Dad.

We enjoyed Bro. Sam Anliker of Kansas as guest minister Dec. 14, and Bro. Sam Kilgus and relatives of Remington, Dec. 31.

A well-attended Christmas program was presented by all the Sunday School classes, Sunday evening, Dec. 17.

The single sisters filled boxes and caroled to the aged and shut-ins, while delivering them Dec. 23 and 24.

Know Each Other Better

Our oldest brother: Bro. Henry Sutter was born Aug. 11, 1870, near Tremont, to Jacob and Kathryn Kirchner Sutter. With his parents, he moved early in life to a farm near Cropsey, and attended South church, which no longer stands. When he was 19, the family moved near Fairbury. He is the second oldest of 14 children, 7 others which still survive.

On Feb. 9, 1895, he married Susan Streib, to which union 5 children were born. Two boys died in infancy, and his 3 daughters live at Fairbury: Sis. Clara Broquard, Esther Hofmann, and Sis. Minnie, at home. He was converted in 1900, and his greatest joys were for his wife and daughters, Minnie and Clara, and her husband, George, and 4 of their children, Donald, Elaine, Suzanne, and Carol, to turn to the Saviour. Bro. Henry was a faithful church trustee and ceme-

tery custodian. He became a widower in 1948.

Except for poor sight and hearing, he is still active and thankful for good health at age 91. He does much of his grocery shopping, and raked his leaves last fall. This spring he will probably be busy in his garden.

FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

Reporter: Mrs. Albert E. Kipfer

Know Each Other Better

Bro. Daniel Blume, who is 80 years old, is the second oldest member of our congregation. He was born April 13, 1881, at Wolcott, Indiana, and was the son of Carl Charles Blume and Magdaline (Berger). His parents were born in Germany, and his father came to this country at the age of 8 years. To this union were born 16 children — 9 boys and 7 girls.

Bro. Dan was reared in the faith, and attended Sunday School and church regularly. Through hearing of the word, he repented and was baptized by Elder Christ Gerber, at Wolcott in 1904. He was the first one to be baptized after the dedication of the Wolcott church.

At the age of 28, he married Martha Schmidt, and to this union were born 6 children: Arthur, Jesse, Lillian, Hilda, Josephine and Melvin. He has 35 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. His wife, Martha, died of the flu epidemic in the year 1918.

Bro. Dan farmed until the year 1918, then he went into construction work, also worked at the General Electric Company. In the year 1929, he married Elizabeth Reinick of Toledo, Ohio.

Later, he did yard work for other people and also spent 10 years working in Ft. Wayne Public Schools as a heating engineer.

Bro. Dan is now retired, and is in fairly good health. He was able to take care of his yard and garden during the past summer. He and his wife, Elizabeth, reside at 2625 Thompson Ave., Ft. Wayne.

Our first Communion services were held Sunday, Dec. 10. Bros. Sam Aeschliman and Theo. Beer officiated at this rite.

Announcement was made on Sunday, Dec. 24, of the approaching marriage of Sis. Carolyn Pfister and Bro. Ralph Gudeman. Sis. Carolyn is employed in Ft. Wayne

and is the daughter of Bro. and Sis. Levi and Lillian Pfister of Fairfax, Minnesota. Bro. Ralph Gudeman is employed in Congerville, Ill., and is the son of Bro. and Sis. George Gudeman of Cissna Park.

The Christmas program was held Dec. 17. Those sponsoring the program were: Sis. Amanda Mills and husband, Deloy; Bro. and Sis. Herman Bertsch, Sis. Renee Neihouser, Friend Annabelle Swihart and daughter, Nancy.

The ministering brothers who served us during the month of December, along with our new ministering brother, Norman Stoller, were: Bros. Loren Stoller, Dec. 3; Sam Aeschliman and Theo. Beer, Dec. 10; John Bollier, Dec. 17; Homer Reinick, Dec. 24; Joel Souder, Dec. 31.

LAMONT, KANSAS

Reporter: Mrs. Bernie Emch

Know Each Other Better

One of the older members of our congregation is Sister Mary Emch, 93 years of age. She was born in Monroe County, Sardis, Ohio, March 24, 1868 to Peter and Maria Winkler, one of a family of eleven children. She is the last survivor.

She worked in homes in Mansfield, Ohio, and at the age of 17 years, was converted, and baptized by Bro. Bella, in the Monroe Church.

On February 16, 1890, she was married to Timon David Emch, son of Benedict Emch of New Martinsville, W. Va., in the Monroe church, by Elder Isaac Gehring. In the same year, they moved to Kansas, and engaged in farming near Lamont. (Bro. Timon worked on farms in this vicinity three years prior to his marriage).

They were parents of ten children: Sister Dora Emch, who died of influenza and pneumonia in 1918, at the age of 27 yrs.; Chester, who was killed at work in an oil field accident in 1937 at the age of 45; Sisters Matilda and Eva Emch, Emporia, Ks.; Sister Carrie Gleichman, Harper, Ks.; Brother Bernie, Madison, Ks.; and Clemens, (Twins) Clemens died at 2 yrs. old; Mrs. Lydia Fankhauser, and Martin, Lamont; Alvin, Emporia, Ks. She has 13 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. Her husband died of pneumonia, January 7, 1935, and, years later, she went to Emporia, Ks., to live with her

daughters, Matilda and Eva, and is being cared for now in their home.

She was a person that was ready to help in sickness in homes, and lend a hand where she saw it was needed, and enjoyed serving guests in her home. She was a lover of quilts, and did piece and quilt many, did her last one at the age of 90 years, also passed time knitting boattees, and enjoyed giving them to the babies.

Her health has failed considerable the last 2½ years, due to her age, and she has been bedfast the last 1½ yrs., caused from a broken hip. She has a great concern for her church, and it was a disappointment for her when she became unable to assemble there, to which she always looked forward.

MANSFIELD, OHIO

Reporter: Aaron A. Sauder

Our visitors since last issue, Bro. and Sis. Ulrich Kipfer of Latty, Bro. and Sis. Henry Kipfer, Bro. and Sis. Ephraim Kipfer and Bro. and Sis. Oliver Stieglitz of Leo; on Dec. 3, Bro. and Sis. Bert Kipfer of Ft. Wayne, Bro. and Sis. Eugene Sauder of Elkhart, Bro. and Sis. Tom Moser of Bluffton, and Bro. and Sis. Aaron Steffen Jr. of Alto, over the Christmas holiday.

On Sunday, Dec. 17, our Elder Rudolph Graf was in our midst. Bros. Richard Banks, Charles Sauder and Martin Kleshinski were elected trustees.

In the evening, we had our Sunday School program, which was enjoyed by all.

Several evenings were spent singing Christmas carols for the aged and shut-ins.

On Christmas morning, our aged brother, Joel Beer, suffered a stroke. On Jan. 2, Bro. Frank Beer, son of Bro. Joel, and Bros. Theo., Ezra, Otto, and Henry Beer, brothers of Joel, were here to visit their loved one.

NEW MARTINSVILLE, W. VA.

Reporter: Mrs. Gus Weltz

Thanks to all who sent Christmas greetings, telling me how much they enjoy the New Martinsville news in the Silver Lining; I did not realize that it meant so much to so many. This gives me the courage and strength to keep on writing, but few of you can imagine how difficult at times it is for me to find news of interest. Ours

is a busy little town, but local news here would be of no interest to Silver Lining folks, so if the names of Barth, Ritz, Weltz and Wade appear often, it is only to help fill up the column.

Benjamin Riggenbach of Sardis, O., R. 2, passed away on December 24 after a short illness. He was a son of John and Caroline Riggenbach, and had lived on Sardis Ridge his entire life. He is survived by three brothers, Lewis and Ferd of Sardis, Herman of Sterling, O.; three sisters, Miss. Ada Riggenbach, Mrs. William Eisenbarth and Mrs. Ida Brake, all of Sardis, several neices and nephews. Brief funeral services were held at the Rush Funeral Home in Sardis on December 27, and the body was removed to the Monroe Church, where services were conducted by Joseph Ramsier, a minister of Rittman, Ohio. Interment followed, in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Elizabeth Bland Isinghood has been quite ill at her home, with influenza, but has recovered.

Mrs. Mary Burgess spent part of the holiday season with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Partlow, in Monroe Heights, Pennsylvania.

Dan Witschey celebrated his 87th birthday on Sunday, December 31, at his home, with members of his family. He enjoys very good health, and is able to get out and visit with relatives and friends.

Mrs. Rosa Witschey Myers passed away on November 24, at the home of a son in Washington, Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Emch, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Emch and Mrs. Louise Lance of Youngstown, O., visited on Sunday evening, November 26, with the Myers family in Washington. Other members of her family attended the services there on November 27.

Ray Witschy of Pittsburgh, Pa., visited here with his father, D. S. Witschey, on Sunday, December 31.

The annual meeting of the Apostolic Christian Church Cemetery Association was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Berger, in Rolling Acres, on Monday evening, January 1. All officers were present, as follows. President, J. Howard Riggenbach; Vice-President, Albert Riggenbach; Secretary, Minnie Weltz; Treasurer, Paul Berger. Others present were,

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Froelich, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Durig, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Berger, Mrs. Lillie Wade, Mrs. Paul Berger and Edward Berger. All officers were held over for another year, with the three trustees, J. C. Froelich, Carl Berger and Edward Berger, and the three members of the auditing committee, W. E. Durig, Mrs. J. C. Froelich and Minnie Weltz.

Plans were made for the group to go out to the church in the early spring and make all needed repairs to the building and surrounding grounds, care for all markers and monuments, and set everything in good order for the summer. The Association operates on a very limited budget, and if extensive repairs are needed, a call may be made for contributions to help with the work.

Plans are made to have services on Limestone Ridge again this summer, beginning in early spring. More announcement on this will be given later.

REMINGTON, INDIANA

Reporter: Emily Kilgus

On Wed. evening, Dec. 20, our Sunday School held their Christmas program.

On Sunday, Dec. 24, Bro. Bob Hueni was our guest minister.

Our Sunday School children sang Christmas carols at the nursing homes in Lafayette. After the caroling, they went to the home of Bro. and Sis. Dean Bahler.

Bro. Andy and Sis. Evy Lehmann of Hollywood, California, spent a few days visiting here.

Sis. Emma Beckley of Rockville spent the holidays visiting her family here.

On Dec. 31, we were happy to have Bro. Alfred Bahler of Wolcott as our guest minister.

RITTMAN, OHIO

Reporter: Lucille Hartzler

A girl was born to Bro. and Sis. Eugene Baughman, on Dec. 14.

Recently, we installed three new trustees, making five for the total. The new trustees are Bros. John Steiner, Robert Beery, and George Riggenbach. Those who remain in this office are Alvin Steiner and Fred Bauman. Two new ushers were also installed. They are Bros. Wilford Blatter and Paul Froelich.

Sis. Emma Maibach is in Wadsworth Hospital, at the time of this writing, with an injured back, after falling in her home. We are happy that Sis. Martha Blatter is home from the hospital, after having surgery.

Bro. John Riggenbach, who is stationed at Fort Sam, was home for the holidays.

Our Sunday School Christmas Program was held on Sunday evening, Dec. 17. A lunch was served in the basement, afterward.

Quite a large number of the young people went caroling, on several evenings, around the Christmas season, singing at various hospitals and homes.

As has been the custom for several years, the Sunday School collected food and clothing, and distributed it to several poor families in the community.

Our last day of Sunday School for this season was Dec. 24. It will be resumed again around March 1.

TREMONT, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Mrs. William H. Beutel

December 4, a daughter, Elizabeth Ann, was born to Bro. and Sis. Raymond Moser.

December 10, the engagement of Bro. Paul Michel and Sis. Helen Gerst of Oakville was announced.

December 14, visiting ministers were Bros. Amos and Ben Hartzler and Elmer Zollinger of Rittman and Bro. Earl Banwart, West Bend. Bro. Philip Sauder ministered to us, December 24.

Our college students, Bro. Charles Sauder, Harold Steiner, David Koch and Maurice Schaefer, have returned to school, after their Christmas vacation with home folks.

Bro. and Sis. Dan Steiner have received a letter from their son, Richard, that he arrived safely in Germany. His latest address is Pvt. Richard L. Steiner, U.S. 55702631, 31st Md. Train Amb Rail, APO 89 New York, New York.

The children gave us a very nice Christmas program, the evening of December 17.

Several groups of young folks went Christmas caroling. The carolers enjoy this as much as those to whom they sing.

In December, Bros. Elton Rapp and David Beutel were voted in as

new Sunday School teachers. Bro. Orville Rocke is our now trustee.

Know Each Other Better

Another of our older Brothers is John Schurter, born April 18, 1883, about 6 miles south of Tremont. His parents were Conrad Schurter, born in Zurich, Switzerland, and Christina Sinn, born in Wurttemberg, Germany.

In 1903, at the age of 20, he was baptized by Bro. Andrew Rapp of Morton. His wife, Sis. Rosa Feldman, was born March 28, 1887, at Portland, Oregon. Her parents were both born in Switzerland. Sis. Rosa was baptized in 1906, at Princeville, by Bro. Witzig. There were about 20 baptized at that time.

They were married on January 5, 1908, by Bro. Andrew Rapp, at Tremont. They are the parents of 8 children — Dan, Jesse and Henry of Tremont; John Jr., Salem, Oregon; Ruth Miller, Congerville; Louise Youle, now in Japan, where her husband is stationed near Tokyo; Bernice Alt, Silverton, Oregon; and Christina Austin, Tremont. There are 26 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

Bro. John was active in farming, until about 4 years ago. Their health has been fair. Sis. Rosa keeps busy with flowers, and is making each of her 13 granddaughters a quilt. She has 3 to make yet. If it is the Lord's will, Bro. John will have lived 79 years in the same home, this coming March 18.

ALTADENA, CALIFORNIA

Reporter: Doris Graf

Our Elder Bro. Carl Kinsinger and ministering Bro. John Klotzle attended the Brother Meeting in Roanoke.

Our Sunday School Christmas program and Gift Exchange was held Sun. afternoon, Dec. 24, with all classes participating. I'm sure there was an inspiration or blessing felt by all who attended. Also with us that day were: Bro. and Sis. Joe Schlatter and children, Bro. Otto, Bro. Gus, Carolyn, Joe Jr., and Eli, from Latty, Ohio, and Sis. Matilda Frank, from Morton, Illinois.

Those visiting us over New Year's week-end were: Bro. and Sis. Elmer Witzig, Morton; Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Coulson, Port-

land Ore.; Mrs. Emma Schuenter, Portland; Dr. and Mrs. Warren Sonoman, Sacramento, Calif.; Sis. Marie Kieser and Esther Kieser, Princeville; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Zeltwanger and Bro. & Sis. Glenn Dominick and children from Morris, Minn.; Bro. Ronnie Metzger and Bro. Charles Sauder from Sabetha, Kansas; Bro. Noah Zobrist and Mr. and Mrs. Alf Zobrist and children from Morton; Sis. Edith Graf and Mrs. Anna Waldsmith, from Akron, Ohio; and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Graf and girls from Bishop, California. We enjoyed having all our visitors with us this month, as always.

ATHENS, ALABAMA

Reporter: Clara Heiniger

Dec. 3, Bro. and Sis. Joe Waibel and Bro. and Sis. Emery Molnor, of Michigan, spent the week end visiting the churches.

Dec. 10, Bro. Raymond Wieland, of Florida, spent Sunday visiting the churches.

Worship services were held at the home of Sis. Retha Chambers, Dec. 19. Bro. Junior Hale of Hillsboro led the services.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Elzie Kyle, Dec. 8. He is the son of Luther and Sis. Minnie Kyle.

The young people of the church caroled for the sick and enjoyed a blessed evening. Also, refreshments were served to all.

Dec. 23, Bob and Joann Conrad and Sis. Lydia Conrad spent a few days visiting the churches, and had dinner in the home of Sis. Bertha Harville of Landersville.

Thursday evening, worship service was held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland Drake, at Decatur. He is the son of Lester and Sis. Bessi Drake, of Landersville.

BERN, KANSAS

Reporter: Leland Plattner

Know Each Other Better

Our oldest member is Sis. Minnie Strahm, who was 102 years old last June. She is the daughter of Jake and Julia Leuthold, and was born at Zurich, Switzerland, June 26, 1859.

At the age of 2 years a very close friend, Karl Diezinger, kept her during the birth of another child, intending to keep her for only a short time; but, the Diezinger's having no children, asked to prolong her stay with them.

When Minnie was 6, her parents moved to America, and settled at Forrest, Illinois. Eight years later, her father went back to Switzerland, to reunite Minnie with their family.

Shortly after, they moved to a farm west of Bern, Kan., which is the present home of Bro. Joseph Wittmer.

June 2, 1882, Minnie was married to John C. Strahm. To this union were born 12 children: Sis. Emily Lortscher, Sabetha, Kan.; Bro. Charley, Sabetha; David, who died at the age of 2½ yrs.; Fred, Ladysmith, Wis.; Noah, Sabetha; Esther Hess, Englewood, Colo.; Sophia, who died in 1959 at Sabetha; Bro. Aaron, Bern, Kan.; Anna Clark, Lewellen, Nebr.; Bro. Paul, Sabetha; Leah Edelman, Sabetha; and Bro. Ephraim, Sabetha.

Her husband died at the age of 97, in 1954.

At the age of 39, Minnie repented, and was baptized by Elder Bro. John Plattner. From that time on, she has been a faithful member of the Apostolic Christian Church.

For many years, she was at the home and in the loving care of her daughter, Sophia; the last 2½ yrs., she is being given the loving and tender care of her daughter, Leah.

Although Minnie is bedfast, and her eyesight has failed the past several years, her mind is still clear, part of the time.

Many times, in her declining years, she mentioned to her children how she longed to go home to her Heavenly Father.

Our dear brother, John Minger, passed on from this life on Dec. 24. We surely can believe that he is asleep in Jesus.

ELGIN, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Louise Steffen

Dec. 9, Carol Scheitlin, daughter of Bro. Al and Sis. Ann Scheitlin, and Leon Sinn, of Ft. Scott, were united in marriage by Bro. Al Fisher of Chicago. The wedding took place at the home of the bride, in South Elgin.

Visitors of Dec. 10 were Bro. Ephraim Koehl and his wife, Sis. Eunice, and son, Doug, Bro. Chuck Koehl and his wife, Sis. Esther, and son, Kenny, all of Morris; also, Sis. Ida Sinn of Ft. Scott visited here.

Ministers for the month of December were: Bro. Jesse Schrock of Congerville, Dec. 10, Bro. Henry Mogler of Lester on the 13th, a Wed. evening; and Bro. Clarence Kachelmus of Forrest, on Christmas Day.

We held our annual Christmas Program, the night of Dec. 17. It was well attended and we received a blessing.

Dec. 12, Lester Heiniger had a hernia operation. On Dec. 22, Sis. Cecelia Brown had a gall bladder operation. We wish them God's help and strength.

Bro. Henry Bolliger passed away Jan. 3. Funeral services were Fri., Jan. 5, 2:00 P.M., at the church. His wife, Sis. Amelia, who is 85 yrs. old, is in poor health and wishes she could also go, like her husband. We pray for her, and may God help her until life's end.

Know Each Other Better

Sister Lizzie Lindoerfer is one of our older sisters. She has been sick for the past eight months, suffering from a slight stroke, but is still cheerful and happy in her Lord.

Her mother, Frieda Ricka, and her father, Christian Lindoerfer, came from Germany in the fall of 1880, with 3 children. There was no church here, of our faith, at that time.

In the spring of 1881, her mother repented, so Bro. Maibach, who had never preached a sermon, was sent to Elgin to preach repentance, but when he came, could only preach peace, as Lizzie's mother already had peace.

Later, her father, who was not a member, broke the ice of the creek at Lord's Park, and her mother was baptized by Bro. Welk.

Services were held in the home of her parents on Liberty St., once a month. Soon, more followed in repentance, her mother's sisters, Gottlieb Schellenberger, her cousin, Gottlieb Huber, and more.

Sister Lizzie was born July 20, 1881, the same year her mother was baptized. She is still living in the old home her folks built.

She has had two eye operations and also a broken hip, in the year of 1956. She repented when she was 20 and was baptized by Bro. Honneger.

She is the fourth oldest of thirteen children.

FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA Reporter: Mrs. Robert Huber

Our visiting minister on Dec. 31 was Bro. Edwin Bahler from Remington. He was accompanied by his wife, Sis. Lois, and four children. We thank him for his visit.

Dan and Sis. Martha Kaufman of Akron have returned to their home in Fort Worth, for a few months. Bro. and Sis. Charles Graff from Elgin, Illinois, are also here for a few months.

Other December visitors were Sis. Ruth Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Kaufman and family of Akron; Bro. Jim Winzeler, Leo; Bro. Walter Aeschliman, Bro. Bill Moser, Bro. and Sis. Art Kipfer, Lynn and Kristie, Sis. Joe Moser, Sis. Dina Kipfer, Bro. and Sis. Paul Dotterer, Kathy and Susan, Sis. Sophia Gerber, Sis. Amelia Baine, Bro. and Sis. Howard Baumgartner, Bluffton; Bro. and Sis. Fred Hermann and family, Bro. and Sis. Jack Krantz and family, Morton; Bro. Reuben and Barbara Hermann, Sis. Wilma Huber, Peoria; Bro. and Sis. Rudolph Moser and Roger, Chris Welti, Rockville; Bro. and Sis. Alph Eisenman, Vera and Virginia, Bro. and Sis. Richard Ehman and Debby, from Cissna Park; Bro. and Sis. John Schrock, Charlen, Cathy and Evelyn, Oakville; Sis. Martha Lanz, Elgin, Ill.; Bro. and Sis. Virgil Rocke, Curtis, Merle, Nelson and Jane, from Eureka.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Klopfenstein on Dec. 29, a girl, Lory Ann.

FORT SAM HOUSTON, TEXAS Reporter: Kenneth E. Steffen

Everyone who went home for Christmas from Ft. Sam has returned safely. There were several of us who stayed here, and we were blessed with a number of people who spent Christmas with us.

Sis. Marge and Bro. Merle Kaiser, from Fairbury, visited us on the week end of December 10. Bro. Merle delivered an inspiring message on Sunday afternoon and evening.

Bro. Chris, Sis. Viola and Larry Lemman from Fairbury and Bro. Oscar and Sis. Kathryn Schneider from Strawn, Ill., visited here for 10 days. Bro. Clarence, Sis. Frieda, Ruth, Betty, and Bonnie Steffen

from Bluffton spent Christmas here.

On December 21, Bro. Gary and Sis. Rosetta Ringger arrived here, following their marriage in Bluffton. Their address is 423½ Queen Anne Ct., San Antonio 9, Texas. Bro. William and Sis. Janice Laukhuf from Latty and Bro. Elvin and Sis. Janet Nuest from La Crosse all returned from Christmas leave. They are sharing an apartment at 202 Queen Anne Ct., San Antonio 9, Texas.

There are several new friends and brothers who have arrived here, to start basic training. They are Harold Kaupp, Gridley, Ill.; Bro. Elvin Nuest, La Crosse; Bro. David Wiegand, Morton, and Bro. Richard Steffen, Fairbury. All of their addresses are: D-3, USAMTC, BAMC, Class 7-B, Ft. Sam Houston, Texas.

Dennis Hari from Cissna Park arrived to participate in Medical Training. Dennis was discharged, and has been reactivated. His unit is stationed at Fort Carson, Colo., and he will return there, after completion of his training here.

His address is:

SP4 DENNIS HARI, ER55669436
Co A, 3rd, Bn, USAMTC, BAMC
Fort Sam Houston, Texas

Before Harold Kaupp left for home to be with his family for Christmas, he decided to repent. Everyone here at Ft. Sam was touched, and we pray for his peace and happiness in the Lord.

Many of us are serving extended tours of duty. Those who have to remain in the Far East and the troubled spots of Europe need all of our prayers, for strength and guidance.

FRANCESVILLE, INDIANA Reporter: Mrs. Elmer Bucher

With the Christmas season over, we have much to rejoice over.

On December 17, the Sunday School caroled for the sick and shut-ins. Afterward, a lunch was served in the church dining room, for the carolers.

On December 24, the Sunday School children presented a very inspiring Christmas program, which was enjoyed by all.

On Friday night, December 22, Bro. and Sis. Lester Huber had as

their supper guests the elderly folks from the county home at Winamac. Several couples from church brought a covered dish and had supper with them. The blessings of Christmas comes in doing for others.

We have a special reason to rejoice this Christmas season, as we have eleven souls that have turned to the Lord in repentance. We rejoice with these dear ones, and pray that many more might find the way of the Lord.

Sis. Lena Yaggie underwent surgery on her eye. She is getting along nicely.

Adeline Gutwein from here and Wally Fry from Remington were married on December 30.

Bro. and Sis. Elmer Bucher were blest with their fourth daughter, Elaine Beth, on Christmas Day. We thank God for such a precious Christmas gift.

GIRARD, OHIO

Reporter: Jesse C. Emch

Know Each Other Better

May this convey to the readers of the Silver Lining just a little history of the life of our dear sister in the Lord, Lydia Klotzle, who, if God lets her live until March 17, will be 89 years of age.

As we go about to "know each other better", we become aware of many things we have never known before. We go back to Aargau, Switzerland, and we learn to know of Sis. Lydia's grandparents—the Samuel Hafely family, who were converted and served the Lord. We then come forward a generation and become acquainted with Lydia's parents, Jacob and Elizabeth (Brunner) Hafely. They, too, were converted, and served the Lord. To this union were born 6 sons and 7 daughters: Adelia, Ed, Emma, Fannie, Theodore, Lydia, Elizabeth, Caroline, William, Ernest, Lewis, Pauline and Alfred. Six of these children were born in Switzerland and seven in America.

On March 17, 1874, the Jacob Hafely family, along with Bro. and Sis. Benedict Emch and Bro. Schupbach boarded a ship for America. Lydia was now one year old. They were enroute 14 days. On the 7th day, they were shipwrecked, and were forced to transfer to another ship. These families

all made their destination to Sardin, Ohio.

On Jan. 16, 1896, Lydia Hafely was united in marriage to John Klotzle. The next day, Jan. 17, they came to Girard, Ohio, where they have made their home, to this date. To this union were born 3 sons and 3 daughters: Joseph, Frieda, Edmund, Marion, Leah and Robert.

Both Lydia and her husband were converted and baptized, the same year of their marriage. Bro. John passed away in 1912, and the family remained on the farm for 6 years and then moved into the city of Girard, where she and her daughter, Sister Marion, make their home, at 548 Prospect Street.

This reporter, having known Sister Lydia since I was a little boy, is moved to refer to the second Epistle to Timothy, where Paul reminds Timothy of the faith of his mother, Eunice, and his grandmother, Lois. Here we see how she has been steadfast in her Lord, and with her faithfulness, several of her children and grandchildren have followed her footsteps.

Her son, Joseph, being chosen to the ministry, already while living in Girard, and now, along with his son—John, are ministering in the Altadena, Calif., church.

Sis. Lydia is still enjoying fairly good health and attends church regularly. We wish her God's blessings as long as she is spared to be with us.

GRIDLEY, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Marilyn Schieler

A daughter, Mary Sue, was born to Bro. and Sis. Lynn Klopfenstein on November 5. She has a sister, Ann, and a brother, Mark.

On December 10, a son, Gary Carlton, was born to Bro. and Sis. Carlton Klopfenstein. Other children are Patty and Paul.

On Wednesday evening, December 13, we had several visiting ministers, who were on their way to the Conference in Roanoke. Bros. Andrew Dotterer, Noah Miller, and Harold Messner took part in the services.

Sis. Dora Yergler passed away on Saturday, December 23. She had been in failing health in recent months. Her funeral was held on Tuesday morning, with Bro. Joe Klopfenstein officiating.

Visiting ministers on Sunday,

December 24, were Bro. Harold Gramm of Morris and Bro. Clarence Kachelmuss of Forrest. Bro. Harold also had the services on Christmas Day. He and his family spent several days here, over Christmas, visiting relatives and friends.

LANDERSVILLE, ALABAMA

Reporter: Clara Heiniger

Dec. 22, worship services and Sunday School were held at the home of Arthur and Sis. Carrie Borden.

The Landersville young people enjoyed Sat. evening, Dec. 23, caroling for shut-ins and delivering fruit boxes, and later spent the evening at Leman Lou Allens, where refreshments were served to all.

HILLSBORO, ALABAMA

Reporter: Clara Heiniger

Bro. and Sis. Wendell Gudeman, Bro. Bill Huber, Sis. Louise Albrech, and Sis. Frances Leman of Francesville spent the week end of Dec. 2 visiting homes of loved ones and also the churches.

Wed., Dec. 13, Sis. Martha Evans and Sis. Clara Heiniger delivered a fruit box to Mrs. Ruth Wade at the Trinity Rest Home. Ruth always has a hearty welcome to all that visit her, and appreciates fellowshiping together with God's people in every worship service. She is always a blessing to others, as she gets around in her wheel chair, to others around her.

Dec. 21, Bro. and Sis. Alpha Eisenman and daughters, Vera and Virginia, spent the evening with the Bro. and Sis. Junior Hale family and Sis. Clara Heiniger.

Dec. 18, the Hillsboro young folks enjoyed an evening caroling for the sick folks, and Bro. Junior Hale led in worship services in each home. Refreshments were served at the church before going home.

Dec. 31, Sunday night, after the Landerville church service, 100 young and old gathered at the home of Sis. Clara Heiniger, for a blessed time of singing, and all enjoyed supper at 10:00 P.M. A Sunday School program was enjoyed by all that took part in it, and followed by Bible reading and meditation, by Bro. Junior Hale, and as the Old Year went out and the new came in Bro. John Wagler

led in prayer, and, before leaving, all sang "Take the name of Jesus with you".

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

On December 7, Bro. Joe Schrock from Congerville was with us. He gave us a most inspiring message from Matthew 1 and Luke 2. The remainder of the evening was spent in singing hymns and in fellowship. We had guests present from Forrest, Roanoke, Tremont and Congerville.

Instead of having our regular Bible Study on December 14, we went Christmas caroling in Congerville, Goodfield, and Deer Creek. After singing the many beautiful Christmas carols, we stopped at Bro. Joe Schrock's home for refreshments.

On December 20, classes were dismissed and the students all looked forward to a happy Christmas vacation with their families.

**LATTY, OHIO
Reporter: Roberta Stoller**

On December 10 Holy Communion was held, with Bro. George Yergler assisting. Also with him from La Crosse was Bro. Sam Heiniger.

Our Sunday School Christmas program was held this year on December 17. It is truly enjoyable to hear our little children praise the Lord in songs and poems.

Births: A son, Dale Allen, born Dec. 7 to Bro. and Sis. Edith Stoller; a daughter, Yvonda Kay, born Dec. 9 to Bro. Kent and Sis. Gloria (Stoller) Miller; and a daughter, Kathy Jo, born Dec. 22 to Bro. Rex and Sis. Ann Plummer.

Our sick list this month includes Walter Dunham and Bro. George Sinn, who are recovering, after being hospitalized. Arthur Stoller and Bro. Dan Stoller have also been laid up several weeks due to illness. Jerry Glass, who was hospitalized a number of weeks due to a motor scooter accident, is now home from the hospital. We hope all will soon be able to be with us again in church.

Visitors over the Christmas week end were: Bro. Jerry and Sis. Marge Fischer and family of Eureka, Bro. Earl and Sis. Anna Lou Grimm and son of Princeville, Bro. Myron and Sis. Lorine Hack-

enjos and daughter of Fort Wayne, Bro. Lloyd and Myrna Moser of Fairbury, Bro. Dave and Sis. Margaret Schlatter and family of Bay City.

The engagement was made known of Nathalia Stoller of here and Allen Getz of Eureka. We truly wish them the Lord's blessings.

Bro. Bill Laukhuf was home from Fort Sam Houston, on leave, over Christmas. He returned again, taking with him his wife, Sis. Janice.

Visitors on Dec. 31 were Sis. Laura and Allen Getz of Eureka and Sis. Sylvia Jewell and Tillie Laukhuf of Toledo.

**TAYLOR, MISSOURI
Reporter: Mrs. Eli Sutter**

We all enjoyed the Christmas program that was presented by the pupils and teachers on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 17.

Sis. Nancy Hodel who attends Illinois State Normal and Sis. Lauretta Haerr, who teaches at Skokie, Illinois, spent the holidays with their parents. Bro. Paul and Sis. Elva Gerst and family, of Oakville and Bro. Bob and Sis. Joyce Pohl and daughters, of Burlington spent Christmas with their families here. Bro. Norman Haerr, who is stationed at Fort Sam Houston, spent the holidays with his parents.

We have had much sickness the past month. Sis. Kathy Grimm submitted to surgery at Blessing Hospital on Dec. 15, and Timmy Butikofer, son of Bro. and Sis. Paul Butikofer, was a medical patient for several days; both have returned home and are getting along nicely. Sis. Ruth, wife of Bro. Louis Hoerr, who was hospitalized several days with pneumonia, has returned home, and is improving. We reported last month that Bro. Bill Heimer was improving, but his condition became worse, and he was again taken to the hospital in Quincy, and then to Wohl Hospital in St. Louis, where he was operated on, for the removal of a slipped disc, Dec. 29. He has made a little improvement at this writing.

**OAKVILLE, IOWA
Reporter: John L. Steiner**

On December 10, Elder Bro. Fred Grimm of Taylor was here to officiate in the marriage of Sis. Majoria Frank to Bro. Ernest Siegle.

Also, on December 10, the engagement of Sis. Helen Gerst to Bro. Paul Michel of Tremont was made known to the congregation.

The Bible Class, their teachers, and some of the parents went caroling, the evening of December 17.

Bro. Sam Kupferschmid has not been able to attend church the past number of months.

Bro. Philip and Sis. Bertha Moser have moved to their new home at Gridley, Illinois. We are sorry to see them leave, but wish them much happiness in their new surroundings.

Richard Belsley suffered painful injury to his arm, in a picker accident.

**ROANOKE, ILLINOIS
Reporter: Sara Aeschleman**

The elder meeting was held Weds., Dec. 13. Weds. evening services were conducted by our visiting brothers, Fred Marti of Rittman, Henry Wackerle, Bay City, Bro. Moore of Elgin, Iowa, and Bro. Sauder of Mansfield. The Brotherhood meeting was held the following day, with 650 attending.

Our Christmas program was held on Sunday evening, Dec. 17.

Our Elder Bro. David Mangold and his wife plan to leave for Florida the Lord willing, on Monday, Jan. 8. We want to wish them a safe journey.

Know Each Other Better

Bro. Samuel C. Zimmerman was born in Metamora Township, in the year 1870, on April 5, to Bro. Andrew and Sis. Elizabeth Pfister Zimmerman. He will be 92 his next birthday.

When he was 21, Bro. Sam left home and went to Cissna Park, where he worked on a farm. He repented at the age of approximately 23, in 1893. He was baptized by Elder Bro. J. A. Reeb in Cissna Park, along with Bro. Henry and John Wackerle's parents. On leaving Cissna, he went to Tremont, where he worked at the Sommer Brothers' fence factory, which has moved to Peoria and is known today as the Keystone Steel and Wire Co. After leaving the fence factory, he went back to Tremont and became interested in the meat business. Later, his father persuaded him to start a meat market in

Roanoke, which he did, and was in business for 47 years.

On May 16, 1897, Bro. Sam was married to Sis. Emma Holliger Zimmerman (who also is confined to home) by Bro. Andrew Rapp, in Peoria. To this marriage there were 11 children born. Those still living are: David, Julie, Edward, Emma, Andrew, Eugene, Robert, Elsie, Francis, and Raymond. One son preceded him in death. There are 8 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

After retiring in 1944, Bro. Sam was very interested and active in gardening and taking care of his many fruit and shade trees, which he had planted. His beautiful maple trees will be a living memorial to his family and the many people who enjoy them.

For three years, Bro. Sam has been confined to a wheel chair or his bed, because of old age, but still enjoys fairly good health for one his age. May God ever be near to him, in the closing days of life, and those who so patiently care for him.

WINTHROP, MINNESOTA

Reporter: Marguerite Messner

Bro. and Sis. Alvin Banwart and Friends Werner and Beverly Wertz of West Bend visited with us, coming Sat. evening and returning Sun. evening. We rejoice that Werner and Beverly are seeking peace with their Lord, and we wish them God's grace.

Birth: A son, Todd Micheal, was born Sun., Dec. 17, to Bro. and Sis. Dennis Messner. This is their first child.

Esther Lienemann was announced as having peace, Dec. 31. She awaits baptizing at a later date. She is the daughter of Sis. Carrie Schmidgall.

JUNCTION, OHIO

Reporter: Mrs. Alvin H. Manz

December 9, Friend Lucy (Dotterer) Sherwood was returned to the Crowell-Den Herder Funeral Home, from Wisconsin, for services and interment in Dotterer Cemetery. Services were conducted by Bro. Andrew Dotterer and Elder Bro. George Sinn.

Visitors December 10 were Bro. Ben Dotterer, Larry and Bobby Sauder, sons of Bro. Bob and Sis.

Wilma Sauder, and their friend, Ronnie Germann, from Mansfield.

Bros. Aaron and Eugene Fetter of Toledo and Sammy, Steven and Lela, children of Bro. Sib and Sis. Violet Ringger of Bluffton were with us for services, Sunday, December 28.

Know Each Other Better

Sis. Priscilla Rehkla, daughter of Bro. John and Sis. Elizabeth Inthurm Rehkla, was born on April 25, 1882. In her youth, Sis. Priscilla found grace for repentance, and was baptized in Archbold, Ohio. She worked out, at home work, in Toledo, O., in her younger days, and now resides with her sisters, Lydia, Sisters Martha and Naomi, in Paulding, Ohio. She has been unable to attend regular services for some time now, and always appreciates it very much when some of the members are thoughtful enough to hold services or singing for them. Sis. Priscilla is now 79 years old.

LESTER, IOWA

Reporter: Emelie Knobloch

Know Each Other Better

Sister Emma Moser Leuthold was born Nov. 15, 1882, at Forrest, Ill., to Jacob and Sister Anna Moser. Her family moved to Wichita, where they lived for a year. They then moved to the Bern and Onieda area, where Sister Emma made her home until Nov. 1960, when she came to Lester, where she now lives.

She repented when she was about 16, she said. Their was a group repenting at the time, so this made her also feel she had a need for a Saviour. Elder John Plattner of Sabetha baptized her.

Sister Emma was married to John Leuthold, Feb. 27, 1910. John Leuthold was born May 26, 1888, to Jacob and Sister Friedarika Leuthold, near Bern. They had seven children: Andy, Brothers Alvin and Paul, Mrs. Otto Knobloch (Anna) and Sister Ella, (Mrs. Ernest Metzger), all of this community; Mrs. (Ida) John Huttenmeyer, Tecumseh, Nebr, and Bill, who still lives in the Onieda area.

Sister Emma's husband passed away Aug. 31, 1958, at Bern. Sister Emma spent all her life on a farm, until some time before her husband's passing.

Sister Emma told me she did house work, after getting out of school. During the winter months, her mother taught them how to piece and stitch quilts, which she still enjoys doing, only she has been having trouble with her eyes. She was working on one, when we called on her. She told me she has enjoyed reasonably good health all her life, of which she was very thankful. She enjoys her home in Lester very much, due to the fact most of her children live here, and can stop by often.

A birth: to Bro. and Sis. Ezra Knobloch, a daughter, Brenda Sue, Dec. 7.

LEO, INDIANA

Reporter: Mrs. Elias Souder

A Christmas program was given at the church, Dec. 17, by the Sunday School.

Church services were on Christmas and New Year's Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Lantz were home for Christmas. Lowell is in the U.S. Navy in Maryland. David Pulver was also home for Christmas. David is in the Navy in California.

Dennis Klopfenstein was in Holland for Christmas, and expects to visit Switzerland this month. He is stationed in France. He has been in 5 different countries, since he has been over there.

The Philip Schlatter's daughter, Sharon, and the Raymond Winzeler's daughter, Carol Ann, from Indiana University, have been home through the holidays.

Lynn Klopfenstein, son of Lloyd and Pearl Klopfenstein, was home from Ball State, for Christmas.

Those attending the conference from here were George Stieglitz, Joel Souder, John Bollier, Pete Maxfield, Herman and Helen Norr, Henry and Edward Souder.

Sunday, Jan. 7, church services were held at the Butler Rest Home. They are usually the first Sunday of each month.

Born to Marvin and Joan Stieglitz, on Jan. 4, a baby girl.

NOTE OF THANKS

To the Sunday Schools (and others) of the churches which contributed to the Judy Kyle Memorial Fund, heart-felt thanks is

given. May the Lord richly bless each one who gave.

Judy Kyle, an eleven-year-old girl, attended the Athens, Alabama, Church. On Sept. 30, 1961, she picked cotton and earned 50 cents, which she planned to divide between her Sunday School and her church the next day. That afternoon, she was struck by a car, and died the next morning.

Judy's willingness to share brings to mind the lad who gave his lunch to the Lord, who blessed it, to feed over 5000 hungry people. Brother Otto Norr advised the Sunday Schools (and others) in our churches of this, and contributions of over \$785 have been received.

There is a great spiritual need in our nation today, which only the Word of God can supply. The Judy Kyle Memorial Fund will be used to place Bibles and Bible Story books in school libraries and hospitals. May God bless our young generation and our nation through His word. May He bless richly for His glory the fifty cents which Judy gave.

Brother Sam Aeschliman, one of our elders who gives valuable help for the Silver Lining, recently underwent surgery. It would be nice if those who would would through a note pay him a visit. Your note of cheer can travel while you perhaps cannot.

Address:

Sam Aeschliman
RR 4, Bluffton, Indiana
the editor

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENT OF BOOKS AVAILABLE

At the conference, Bro. David Mangold, our elder from Roanoke, mentioned of some books: two concerning church history and Samuel Heinrich Froelich and his sermons, and one, the "Meditation upon the Past Present and Future", remarks about The Revelation. This last Book is by G. M. Mangold, translated from the German by our elder brother, now with the Lord, Ernest Graf Sr.

J. C. Zimmerman has been entrusted with the sale of these books. Anyone interested in obtaining any of these books should write: J. C. Zimmerman, 308 W. Davidson, Roanoke, Illinois.

The price is, for each of the Froehlich and history volumes, \$1.75 plus 15c postage, and for the book, "Meditation upon the Past Present and Future", \$2.00 plus postage. There is a supply now on hand.

S. H. FROEHLICH

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He descended from a Huguenot family (French Protestants of the 16th and 17th centuries) who lived in France. The name was De-Joyeau, a French word meaning "the joyful."

When Louis XIV revoked the Edict of Nantes (under which the Huguenots were allowed to live in France), and after St. Bartholomew's Night, August 24, 1572, when many thousands were massacred, the remaining families fled in all directions.

The DeJoyeau family sought refuge in Switzerland, where the name was later translated into Froehlich, meaning "joyful."

It is felt that, since what Froehlich received from the Lord was by revelation, this account, besides being helpful to souls seeking God among us, who heavily feel the burden of their sins and their separation from God, may enable souls who are entirely unfamiliar with the teachings and to whom this would be a new message, to understand to the full extent what conversion by reconciliation and regeneration means.

Further, it is hoped that this account may set aright those who confess having gone through conversion, as to any benefit to be expected from a so-called theological education, to better prepare them to work for the Lord.

Also, we hope that it may clearly show that one must be **accepted by Christ**, as well as to **accept Him from self**, and that there is no such acceptance without conversion and baptism.

(To be continued)

PONDER

It was in bosomed
Praying above,
With crying and tears,
In love's utter love,
When sin came crushing,
Closing in suff'ring night
In Gethsemane . . .
for me.

Then, you see a soul,
Of hearing, nod,
Her clipped hair untaught
In the ways of God,
And you catch a glimpse,
A teardrop in God's heart.
Must it be . . .
for me?

Each tiny thought is known,
Those we erased.
The great Highway is
To the humble graced.
Everlasting joy bursts
There, in radiance asked
In Gethsemane . . .
for me.

the editor

CHOICE

The wave's proud pound,
The resistless surge
Of restless souls now rent;
The lifeless sound,
The moment's urge,
Heavenly chance now spent.

The glamour cry,
Excitement's waltz,
Harrowing fiction's spread;
The worldly eye,
The fevered pulse
Of flesh's impulse fed.

The Cross reared there
On Calvary bleak,
A loving Saviour's love;
The peace found here
For those who seek
Repentance from above.

the editor

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