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S. H. FROELICH

(We continue. It is Samuel Heinrich Froehlich now whom we hear. He wrote:)

As to my outward circumstances, I was born July 4, 1803, in Brugg, a small municipal city of the Swiss canton of Aargau.

From my youth, the idea of devoting myself to the ministry was made so much a matter of course by my parents, that I never considered anything else, although I did not in the slightest degree feel the great importance and responsibility of the vocation, and still less did I realize what was required to fulfill the duties of the office which preaches reconciliation. Much rather was I to learn it in the way of a trade, instead of a profession.

Accordingly, I was instructed in the necessary rudiments for this purpose, in the school in my native city, up to my seventeenth year, and was advanced to the extent that, upon my removal at Zurich on New Year's Day, 1820, I was not only at once taken into the Collegium Humanitatis, but also, contrary to custom, after a year's course, promoted to the Gymnasium Carolinum.

According to the practice, in the following years I progressed class by class, and pursued my studies mechanically, without spirit or life, indeed without any real interest, however, not without absorbing the principles of theology and rationalism, from the teachings of Schulthess and others, although quite unnoticed and unconscious thereof.

When I came home, on vacation,

with my head full of fancies, I caused my god-fearing mother, who is now dead, many tears, and even paraded with bare-faced fluency the glories of the new teaching, "That there was no devil, no hell, etc."

In the four years of my stay at Zurich, I advanced thus far, that I should enter the actual class of

Call and Cry

"So thou, O son of man, I have set thee a watchman unto the house of Israel; therefore thou shalt hear the word at my mouth, and warn them from me.

When I say unto the wicked, O wicked man, thou shalt surely die; if thou dost not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand.

Nevertheless, if thou warn the wicked of his way to turn from it; if he do not turn from his way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou has delivered thy soul."

From Ezekiel 33

theology, but I preferred to go to Basel to study theology in the newly organized university, under the still famous name of Dewette and others.

That was in the latter part of the year 1823.

In the meantime, the might of sin

and the power of death had grown up hand in hand with unbelief, since it cannot fail, that, where the head of the old serpent rises, its members also rise and, of necessity, stir.

I became enwrapped and entangled in such a horror of sin, that I shudder now when I think of it, and the saddest of all was that, in accordance with my very principles, I could pass over it so lightly, and so easily quiet and deceive myself, that I could even formally say to myself, "That which I am doing is not sin."

O, woe unto me, if God had been a man, or had dealt with me as a man! He would have shattered me as a potter's vessel. Nevertheless, at one time during this period, I preached on Psalm 51:10, "Create in me a clean heart, O God . . .", from which I now comprehend what all the so-called beautiful sermons of the rationalists amount to! Fortunately, this was my first and last sermon in this state of ignorance.

Soon after, I went to Basel.

However, the hour of my enlightenment and release from the dominion of darkness had not yet come. Even deeper was I destined to fall into the depths of Satan. For fully another year and a half, I lived without God and without the knowledge of His son, Jesus Christ, and of myself.

What Schulthess began in Zurich was completed by DeWette in Basel. I became utterly carried away by the idealism with which he treated the scriptures. I thought that this was the true way, and

was sorry only that I did not have the wings to follow him in his flight. I honored him almost as a god. I felt no need of the living God, and had no thought of conversion from my sins.

During my stay in Zurich, I also entirely neglected prayer; even the mechanical prayer learned from childhood seemed ridiculous. "Witschels Morning and Evening Sacrifice" appealed to my taste, not so much for the sake of prayer, but because it appealed to my idealism, and with all my sins, I wished to be pious. For that purpose, those were the right "sacrifices" that cost nothing.

My benighted spirit had the op-

portunity to cultivate and develop itself more. There were among the students some who belonged to the Community of Brethren. These were distasteful to me from their very name, without knowing any other cause. It was a blind zeal, like that of Saul. I became a scoffer, a slanderer, and a blasphemer.

I was commended by the state rector of my native city to the courtesy of one of his friends in Basel. He received me in a very friendly manner, and introduced me into a society of long standing, composed of young students who met every Thursday evening, to read and discuss the Greek New Testament.

Of these students, the most were inclined toward the Community of Brethren. For this very reason, I felt uncomfortable among them, and in everything became an opponent.

When they finally decided to begin and close with song and prayer, I became angry and stayed away, and also made others desert them, so that gradually the class almost disbanded.

Nevertheless, the true God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ was not alone in His exceeding patience and longsuffering, in bearing with me in this time of my blindness . . ."

(To be continued)

"brother's keeper"

Henry Souder Jr.

There were tears in God's heart . . . they streamed from His eyes . . .

"And when he was come near, he beheld the city, and wept over it . . ."

What manner of love, for Him to be so moved with sorrow! He knew each, better than mother knows her little curly head. It was love with an ardor . . . in Him who instilled mother's love in the heart.

Once, He knew them in the calm, sweet fragrance of innocent morning. They wandered away from the Home He loved. How often would His eyes search the horizon longingly . . . if only. How often did His lamp burn in the window . . . and did He tarry long after hours . . .

" . . . how often would I have gathered thy children together, as a hen doth gather her brood under her wings, and ye would not!"

In another age, a father waiting, was thinking of his wandering boy. He must have been a darling . . . for even then, his hair and features were beautiful.

But now he was not the boy daddy once knew. Murder was in his heart. Hate daggered from his eyes. But, daddy loved little Absalom; he loved his boy, and the boy he might have been.

The battle was joined. The boy is slain. Tidings come, and a heart-broken David ascends the stairs,

weeping . . . "my son, my son!"

It is thus with the heart of God.

"I say the truth in Christ, I lie not, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Ghost, That I have great heaviness and continual sorrow in my heart."

Somewhere, in yonder home of color and glory, is a mother, smiling. Her duties are over. Oft she cared for her own. Oft did she press her one to her bosom. And in the night watches, how did she time her concern, and weep within.

For those outside, there is nothing sadder than a home circle broken forever!

There is nothing so final as the severity of the severing of that last sad parting!!

We have been placed for purpose! Of all the members of the body, you are the one He has singled out, to do the wonderful steps of love before you. It is your duty.

We have so great joy. But, oh, let us earnestly, intreatingly, humbly, fervently plead that God will enlarge our hearts . . . that we will have this "great heaviness and continual sorrow", even alongside joy!

"A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another."

The Inside of the home of for

ever is the love we know today.

It is still as wonderful and beautiful, as lovely and colorful, as beyond our fairest dreams, as we would have it. If delight has lessened, we have changed, and not love.

Now, the out-reach must first have the up-reach. God will not give us more things to do, until and unless we do what He first gives, well.

And that penny does count. Every penny is counted of God. We have rich avenues of our own and approved channels, for love to flow.

That kind word does count. So

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does that care, and those tears, those prayers, for another.

Even when we don't "feel" like it, we should shoulder the cross and be cheerful.

The words of Jesus whisper a secret that soars in heavenly power, "By this shall all men know . . ."

We begin with let love first and longing follows.

"And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely."

It is magnificent, the welcoming heart of God, longing for the lost.

Always . . . yearning, beckoning, pleading, searching, intreating . . . from the tender traces of weeping Eve . . . through the sweet-spoken announcement of His name and the voice of the angels o'er Judaeian hills . . . till the last foot-steps of the Revelation draw to a close. Finally silent, when time's beat is lost in for ever.

Tears in the tender heart of God move His own. How can it be different? The tragic contrast is eternal, of what could have been and departing into outer darkness. No end! stark, dark separation. Longing sweeps our soul. Prayers move upward, and love outward.

How can it be different! Eter-

nity's endless on and on . . . and . . . on . . . and on. Our willingness wants all to prepare . . . from out our prayers, ascended, bursts thunder and lightning streaming . . . and we move with courage and confidence in love's shining way!

We remember the curly-head, and a mother's tear-drops . . . a Heavenly Father's yearning, and a loving Saviour's will!

Love is priceless!

HERE IS

A "Thank You" from our beloved brother, Sam Aeschliman, to all of you who remembered him with prayers, cards, good wishes and gifts.

NEWS

AKRON, OHIO

Reporter: Ruth Taylor

Know Each Other Better

One of our valuable older sisters is Sadie Brenner, born May 11, 1877, near Rittman, the daughter of Bro. Daniel and Sis. Kathryn Steiner. She is the last of eight daughters, all being converted to the faith.

Sadie married Charles Brenner of Akron, about the turn of the century, living most of her life in or near Akron. She is living at present with her daughter, Mrs. Elma German, at Silver Lake, Ohio. She has another daughter, Mrs. Bertha Hinnant, and a son, Harold, in Texas.

Sadie was raised in a home where the way of truth was expounded daily by a father who ministered in the gospel many years, and pioneered in what is now the large Rittman church. In her younger years she was diligent in serving and rendering hospitality to the many who made visits to the old homestead, which is situated adjacent to the present Rittman church. She had a sincere love for the truth and the church throughout her life and fully embraced the faith and was baptized, when already seventy years old. Despite her high age and distance to the church, she is very diligent in her church attendance.

She has a love for flowers, and her hobby is raising some choice house plants. In March, 1961, she had her first plane ride, to Texas, to visit her son, Harold, and family. Her address is 3026 Vincent Road, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio.

Another loss in our midst was the death of our sister-in-faith, Mary VonGunten Dockus. While she has been ill for the past five years, our memories of her go beyond this, when she was busy and active. Her happy manner will live on, as she always had a smile for you.

She passed away Jan. 23, 1962, at the age of 75 years. She was born in Ashtabula, Ohio, daughter of Gottlieb and Anna VonGunten. She served the Lord faithfully for 45 years. She married Peter Dockus, and had 12 children. Mabel Graf came from California, Edward from Illinois, and the others from near here are, Esther Dockus at home, Martha Lott, Helen Hartzler, sons Howard, Homer Herman, Robert Leonard Elmer, and William. Bro. Pete and Sis. Esther were untiring in their service and love for her.

Many from our Akron congregation have married Rittman people and are making their homes there. Returning with their partners to brighten our January were

the following couples: Paul and Ida Froelich, John and Wilma (Hartzler) Steiner, John and Elizabeth (Tschantz) Widmer, Dave and Mary Ann (Ritzman) Zollinger, Carl and Martha (Ritzman) Zollinger, and Lawrence and Mary (Wormald) Stoller.

ALTADENA, CALIFORNIA

Reporter: Doris Graf

Visiting this month were: Bro. Sam Feucht, Elgin, on Jan. 4; Bro. and Sis. Pete Farney, Kiowa, on Jan. 14; Bro. and Sis. Pete Barna, Akron; Mrs. Ethel Witzig, Whittier, Calif., on Jan. 21; and on Jan. 28, Bro. and Sis. Herman Beckley, Remington, and Bro. and Sis. Emil Sohn, Forrest.

Bro. and Sis. Elmer Witzig returned to Morton, after visiting their son's family, Bro. and Sis. Bill Witzig and children for several weeks. Also, Sis. Edith Graf and Mrs. Anna Waldsmith returned to Akron, after a visit with many relatives and friends here. We enjoy the fellowship of all who come here to visit our congregation.

ATHENS, ALABAMA

Reporter: Clara Heiniger

Bro. Jesse Schrock of Congerville visited the churches and many homes, during his stay with us.

Bro. and Sis. Phil Getz of Remington and Sis. Tillie Bahler of

Decatur, Ind., spent the week end visiting homes and churches, Jan. 6.

Bro. and Sis. Lydia Kilgus of Forrest spent some time with us, for a couple of Sundays, and we do rejoice over souls giving their testimony and being baptized, while they were with us.

Sat. afternoon, Jan. 13, baptismal service was held for Mrs. Houston Kelly, of Lester, Alabama. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Blankenship, the blind man.

Bro. and Sis. Gus Knochel of Remington visited the churches, Jan. 14.

Sun., Jan. 14, worship service was held in the home of Bro. Wesley Long, at Lester.

Visitors for Sunday, Jan. 21, were Bro. and Sis. Earl Feller, Bro. and Sis. Will Feller of Cissna Park, Bro. and Sis. Charles Huber of Elgin, and Bro. and Sis. Dan Clauss of Bremen.

The sisters and friends of Athens met at the home of Sis. Cleo Johnson, Friday afternoon, Jan. 26, and all enjoyed the blessed fellowship together around God's Word, and singing hymns of praises unto Him.

Visitors for Jan. 28 were Bro. and Sis. Calvin Kaufman and Bro. and Sis. Wally Yergler of Cissna Park.

BLUFFTON, INDIANA

Reporter: Frieda Kipfer

Announcement has been made of the engagement of Bonnie Lou Baumgartner, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Roger Baumgartner and Doyle Frauhiger, son of Bro. and Sis. Earl Frauhiger. A summer wedding is being planned. The Baumgartner's son, Ralph, is also being married soon to Jeannie Stolz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Orison Stolz.

Bro. and Sis. Ezra Kaehr have announced the engagement of their daughter Jeanne to Roger Eisenman, son of Bro. Wm. Eisenmann of Latty.

Those of our congregation who were hospitalized recently are Sis. Helen (Alvin) Gerber, Bro. Cornelius Bertsch, Bro. Joel Aeschliman, Bro. Leroy Steffen, Bro. Ed Ringger, Bro. Fredrick Gerber, Bro. John Schaefer, Sis. Violet (Sylvan) Ringger, and Sis. Emma Minger.

Bro. Sam Aeschliman has made a good recovery, and is attending

services again.

Sis. Sarah (Joe) Aeschliman, who had her arm amputated last month, is also getting along very well.

Sis. Martha (Mano) Moser is still confined to her home.

Bro. Otto Norr and his son-in-law, Bro. John Bollier, were our only visiting ministers in January.

Know Each Other Better

Sis. Elise (Meiss) Isch was born April 18, 1873, in Vollerdingen, Alsace Lorraine, France. Her parents were John and Margaret Roehn Meis.

Her mother passed away when she was two years old. Her father's second marriage was to Caroline Bucher.

She had four sisters and six half-brothers, two of whom, Bro. Gust Meiss of Hoopston, Ill., and Bro. Ezra Meiss of La Crosse, Ind., are still living.

They came to this country in May, 1885. They set sail from the French port of Le Hav're on "The Normandy," and settled at Gridley, Illinois.

Her marriage on March 7, 1897, was to Ernest Isch. They moved to Bluffton in 1906. His death occurred Jan. 5, 1920. There are nine surviving children, all members of the Bluffton Church, living in this vicinity. They are Bros. Joe, Elmer and Harold; Sisters Sophia (Bud) Gerber, Ella (John) Yergler, Bertha (Elmer) Moser, Dorothy (John) Frank, Amelia (Jim) Baine, and Clara Isch. There are twenty-two grandchildren and twenty-four great-grandchildren. Thirteen of the grandchildren are converted.

Although she has been in poor health for a number of years, she attended church services until Dec. 18, 1960, and has been in the faith over seventy years.

She resides in Bluffton with her daughters, Amelia and Clara.

BREMEN, INDIANA

Reporter: Lydia Heuberger

Our visitors for the month of January were: on the 14th, Bro. and Sis. Carl Peters, Bro. and Sis. John Heininger and daughter, Bro. Sam Heininger, Sis. Bertha Heininger, all of the LaCrosse church, also Bro. and Sis. Ezra Reinhart and Bro. Ezra's parents of the Bluffton church; on the 21st, Bro. and Sis. Dean Gudeman of Reming-

ton church and Sis. Clara Klopfenstein of Toledo, Bro. Gary Eisenman of Latty church, Bro. and Sis. Harry Joe Stoller and family from Leo church.

In prayer, we align ourselves to the purposes of God, and He is able to do things through us that He could not do otherwise.

Prayer is so simple;

It is like quietly opening a door
And slipping into the very presence of God.

There in the stillness,

To listen to His voice

Perhaps to petition,

Or only to listen;

It matters not.

Just to be there

In His presence

Is prayer.

BURLINGTON, IOWA

Reporter: Mrs. Ernest Anliker

We have had a month of pretty severe winter weather, and I'm sure everyone is looking forward to some sunny spring weather.

Jan. 14—This week end, Bro. and Sis. Ernie Anliker took Sis. Freida Schafer to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Zaugg, Rockford, Illinois. Sis. Freida is mother of the two ladies. We will miss her assembling with us and know she will miss it, too. She hopes to soon be able to go back to her own home at West Bend.

Bro. David Eisenman succeeded Bro. Ben Wagler as trustee. Bro. Ben served a 3-year term.

Sunday, Jan. 21, was a day of blessed fellowship—Bro. and Sis. Noah Schrock spent today with us. It was also the day that Bro. and Sis. Geo. Kuntz and children, Bro. Leon and Sis. Nelda, extended an invitation to our Burlington members to have dinner at their home. The evening was spent in hymn singing, and it was such a blessed evening.

May God's blessings rest upon the Kuntzs for their kind hospitality.

Sis. Marie Kuntz spent several days in the hospital, for observation.

Sis. Anna Reeb was taken to the hospital by ambulance, when she became ill in church, on Wednesday evening, Jan. 24. As yet, there is no change in her condition.

Jan. 28: Today, our guests were Bro. and Sis. Eli Sutter, Bro. and

Sis. Paul Butikofer and children of Taylor; Bro. and Sis. Mark Grimm and Bro. and Sis. Joe Rieman of Wapello, Iowa; and Bro. and Sis. John Wagenbach and Delores of Oakville.

Mrs. Rosella Oberman has had surgery on her knee, and is getting along nicely at Burlington Hospital. She is being missed in our assembly—trust she can be back home with her family soon again.

Little Timmy, son of Bro. and Sis. David Eisenman, has been in the hospital for several days.

BURLINGTON, OKLAHOMA Reporter: Mrs. Raymond Roth

Hospital patients this past month were, Bro. George Diel, Sis. Doris Daughetee, Bro. George Miller, and Sis. Lester Bahr.

Sis. Charles Gliedman, who had been unable to attend services for sometime because of sciatic rheumatism, is able to assemble with us again.

We enjoyed the inspiring messages delivered by Bro. Michael Weyeneth, Sunday, Feb. 4. We hope he may visit us again. Visiting ministers are always welcome.

Know Each Other Better

Sister Anna Diel Kisling was born in Rush County, Kansas, near Albert, January 31, 1879, to George and Mary Diel. She is second oldest of ten children. Her parents were Lutherans, but became members of the Apostolic Christian Church in 1884.

Sister Anna repented at the age of 16. Her parents came to this country from Russia, but were born from German descent.

From Albert, Kansas, she moved with her parents to Harper, Kansas, where her father was a flour miller. He passed away in 1899, at the age of 45.

On March 24, 1907, she was united in marriage to Bro. Manasa Kisling, by Bro. Kurz.

In 1908, her mother and family moved to a farm near Burlington, Okla., and Bro. and Sis. Kisling moved a year later, also settling on a farm near Burlington.

They had ten children, of whom nine are living: George of Hazelton, Kansas; Sis. Marie (Mrs. Vernon Schurter), Burlington, Okla.; Elmer of Hazelton; Sister Edna (Mrs. Hubert Reed), Carmen, Okla.; Ralph of Nash, Okla.; Sister

Ruth (Mrs. Harvey Schurter), Elgin, Ill.; Mabel (Mrs. Leonard Bangerter, Leoti, Kans.; Bro. Frank, Burlington; and Ada (Mrs. Henry Goeken), Cherokee, Oklahoma. One son, John, passed away at the age of ten months; also her parents and two brothers have died.

Sis. Anna and Bro. Monasa lived on a farm near Burlington until 1946, when they moved to Burlington, where they still reside.

Five years ago, Sis. Anna and her husband celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary, with an open house.

Sis. Anna has been in failing health the past eight years, has been an invalid for the past two years, was in the hospital nine months, last May was moved to her home, and has been a bed patient since.

Her husband cares for her with very little outside help. There is a hospital bed, hospital lift and a wheel chair. She has had many shower strokes, leaving her hard of hearing, and she can speak very few words, doesn't suffer, just waiting for the good Lord to call her home.

Sister Anna was very active, up to her first stroke, and was always well, and cared for her family.

Bro. Monasa had a sun stroke, when young, which kept him out of the sun during the summer months.

God has been kind to allow them to care for each other, as Bro. Manasa is now able to care for her. It indeed is a miracle. Sis. Anna is 83 years old.

BERN, KANSAS

Reporter: Lee Plattner
Know Each Other Better

Gottlieb Brunner was born in Canton Argau, in Switzerland. He, along with his parents, came to this country when he was 7 years old.

They settled at Morton, Illinois. There, he repented at the age of 17.

In 1896, he was married to Elizabeth Aeschliman. There were 6 children born to them: Tim, Chris, Amos, and Hulda (all of whom passed away), Lena Wenger and Mary Lohman of Sabetha, Kansas.

After his wife, Mary, passed away, he was united in marriage to Lucinda Minger, in 1913. They had four more children, Harvey of South Dakota; Melvin of Sabetha,

Kansas; Sarah Jones of Indiana; Nettie Kopp of Fairview, Kansas. Bro. Brunner is now 89 years old, and says he is feeling better now than he did 10 years ago, as both he and his wife are enjoying good health.

He had 9 brothers and 2 sisters, of which Will is the only living.

Brother Welk proved and baptized him.

Sis. Lydia Brack passed away on January 16.

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Mrs. Ernest Knecht

Sis. Margaret Rudin, who has been with our congregation for 20 years, is returning to Cissna Park, to make her home with her mother, Sis. Anna Rudin.

Sis. Sharon Baer of Peoria is now with us, and is living with her sister, Judy Baer.

We are happy to have Sis. Lois Heiniger of Oakville back with us again.

Sis. Carolyn Meyer has had surgery, is staying at her son's home, Bro. and Sis. Fred Meyer.

Sis. Helen Knobloch has returned to her home in Lester, after a few weeks' stay at the home of her parents, Ernest and Sis. Pauline Schambach. Ernest Schambach has been ill, and is gradually recovering.

A baby girl, Deborah Kay, was born to Bro. Dick and Sis. Janice Schrenk.

A baby girl, Lisa Helen, was born to Bro. Peter and Sis. Helen Ernst.

CISSNA PARK, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Mrs. Jeff Young

Our friend, Hannah Schladenhauffen, died suddenly and unexpectedly at her home. Funeral services were held Jan. 6, Bros. Emanuel Gudeman and Al Fisher officiating.

Bro. Joe Swing went to his eternal rest, after a year's illness. Funeral services were held Jan. 23. Ministering Brothers attending from a distance were Bro. Art Gudeman and Bro. Maurice Frank, with Bro. Emanuel Gudeman officiating.

Bro. Ben Walder, Bro. George Rechkemmer and Bro. Glenn Knapp were released from the hospital, and are recuperating at home.

Births: Julie Ann was born to Bro. Max and Sis. Donna Yergler on Dec. 29; Joseph Murray was born on Jan. 14 to Art and Louise Kellerhals; a daughter, Julie Rose, was born to Bro. Alvin and Sis. Loretta Baumgartner, Jan. 30.

Baptismal services were held for Esther Steiner, Sunday, Jan. 7, by Bro. Joe Klopfenstein. We wish her God's grace and blessing, and we are grateful to Bro. Joe for his kind effort.

The wedding of Sis. Shirley Gudeman and Bro. Daniel Steiner of Tremont was solemnized. Elder Bro. George Yergler was here to officiate, on Jan. 25. Relatives attending were from Tremont, Morton, Sabetha, La Crosse, Bay City, and Rockville.

Due to the hard winter, our elderly folks are not able to assemble in the house of worship. Among those are Sis. Mary Baumgartner, Sis. Anna Beer, Sis. Bertha Walder, Rosie Young, and Sis. Jane Stock, who is a long time shut-in. Let's remember them with a note of cheer.

Know Each Other Better

Another one of our elderly members of our congregation is Sis. Carrie Ehman. She was born Dec. 25, 1869, to John and Katherine Sinn Ehman, in Neuheuten, Wurttemberg, Germany. In 1883, she came with her parents and brothers and sisters—Christ, Adam, Sophie and Rosie—to America, and settled near Tremont, Illinois. Her oldest sister, Christina, had immigrated to America the previous year, and lived with her relatives at Tremont.

Carrie did housework at her relatives and for various families, Eli Winzellers, the Koch and Getz families. Her mother passed away in 1891. Her father, not being able to rent a farm in the Tremont locality, purchased a farm in the Cissna Park area, to which he and his family moved in the spring of 1892. It is the farm where her nephew, Richard Ehman, now resides.

At that time, 13 families of our faith moved to this community. Bro. Reeb was the elder of this small congregation, which was then called the East Lynn congregation.

In 1909, when her brother Adam married, her father and Sister

Christina moved to town. Her father passed away in 1926, and Christina in 1927.

Carrie and Christ, still living with Bro. Adam and family until later in years, in 1952, when they went to live with their widowed sister, Rosie Hofbauer — until Christ passed away in 1955, and Rosie had to be taken to a nursing home.

Carrie again went to live with Adam and his wife and a daughter, Elsie, in Cissna Park, where she now resides. Adam passed away in 1961, leaving Carrie the only member of the family to remain (Sis. Sophie Knapp passed away in 1948 and Sister Rosie in 1960).

Although Carrie attended church all her life, she first repented at the age of 79 and was baptized in March, 1949, by Elder Bro. Phil Aeschliman. At this time, her niece and five other souls were baptized.

Carrie suffers some from arthritis, but is able to be up every day, and does some light housework. At the age of 92, she attends church almost every Sunday, and eagerly looks forward to it.

CONGERVILLE, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Marjorie Knapp

We are very happy to report that we have seven new converts in our congregation. They are Keith and Pauline Roth, Byron Schrock, Allen Schrock, Doris Williamson, and John and Alice Schieber. We wish them each a rich measure of God's grace during their repentance, and throughout their new way of life in the Lord.

Bro. Jim Hoerr, Peoria, ministered to our congregation on January 24. We wish to thank him for his service to us.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Knapp are the parents of a baby girl.

On January 14, Sis. Naomi Boward, Eureka, and Bro. Stan Vogel, Congerville, announced their engagement.

CROGHAN-NAUMBURG, N. Y.

Reporter: Mrs. Clayton Virkler

Know Each Other Better

We are very happy to have the opportunity to acquaint all the readers of the Silver Lining with one of the older members of our congregation, Brother William Hirschey.

Brother William was born November 2, 1876, in the town of New Bremen. When he was about four years old, his family moved onto a farm on the Ridge Road, which runs along Black River between the villages of Lowville and Castorland. In the year 1902, he married Julia Hunziger of Croghan, and, at that time, they took over the farm and made it their home, until their retirement in 1941, at which time they moved into the neighboring village of Castorland. God blessed them with four children, Harold, Blanche, Lucille and Doris. Harold passed away March 22, 1961. All their children married, and Brother Will and Sister Julia have nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

After being married for seventeen years and attending church regularly during that time, Brother Will and Sis. Julia answered the call of the Lord, and were baptized January 5, 1919, by Brother Elias Winzeler. Sister Julia started to repent first, feeling it was high time they did something about the condition of their souls. Brother Will was deeply touched by the death of a dear friend and cousin, Sam Hirschey, and soon followed in his wife's steps.

Brother Will and Sis. Julia lived in Castorland for 19 years. In 1960, Brother Will suffered a slight stroke, and, since that time, they have made their home with their daughter and son-in-law, Doris and Norbert Steiner. They live on a farm near the village of Beaver Falls.

Although Bro. Will and Sis. Julia are unable to attend church regularly, they entertain many visitors, and both read and write to pass away their time. Sister Julia helps some with the housework, and mends and knits. They both enjoy reading the Silver Lining.

Brother Will has always been active in church work. He was treasurer of the Naumberg church for 19 years, from 1935-54. He was a church trustee for a number of years, and also served as a trustee of the Cemetery Association for several years.

Brother Will and Sis. Julia miss very much not being able to assemble with their brethren, and the brotherhood surely miss their presence and their help and guidance,

which they enjoyed for so many years.

Hospital patients for this month were Bro. George Lehman and Sis. Pernal Virkler.

Wayne Virkler now has a permanent address as follows:

A/B Wayne L. Virkler

AL 12625758

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Lowry Air Force Base 30, Colo.

DETROIT, MICHIGAN

We had a special service on Dec. 10, to dedicate the additional facilities of our church and Sunday School, which we enjoy so much.

Sis. Christine Dimitrie and Max Drazich are both home from the hospital.

We enjoyed having the Bob Belsley's from Morton with us over the holidays.

Bro. Joe Waibel, his wife and daughters from Bay City spent the week end with us. Bro. Homer Reineck and his wife, Sisters Emily Frautschi and Mary Ann Newman from Toledo were with us for Wednesday evening services.

Sisters Sarah and Ruth Schupbach visited us, before returning to their home in Elgin, Iowa.

ELGIN, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Louise Steffen

A girl was born to Bro. Leland and Sis. Lori Zimmerman on Jan. 8. Her name is Denise Lynnea.

We are happy to report at this time, that we have more friends repenting. We are glad for all of them, and wish them God's grace. They are: Phyllis Kaptain and her mother, Frances, Morrie Weiss and his wife Janice, and Kate Dietrich.

On Jan. 25, Bro. Henry Kellenberger cut his hand quite badly, and was hospitalized overnight.

Sis. Rose Steffen underwent surgery at Sherman Hospital on Jan. 31.

Mike Kellenberger and Josephine Ruiz were married on Feb. 3. Mike is the son of Bro. Herman and Sis. Della Kellenberger.

Know Each Other Better

Sister Mary Oettinger is one of our older members. She was born in Germany on March 21, 1877, the daughter of Ernest and Katherine Reuter Oettinger.

Her parents were baptized in Germany by Elder Bro. Christian

Schlipf. They came to Elgin, Illinois, in August of 1882, bringing with them Mary and her brother, Ernest Jr.

In October of that year, her father lost his life, in an accident at his work. Their mother had brothers and sisters living at Cissna Park, so she moved there with her two children, at the age of 17.

Mary repented, and she and Ernest were baptized by Elder Bro. Reeb.

After Ernest was married, Mary and her mother came back to Elgin, which was in 1899. Mary then went to work at the Elgin National Watch Company, where she worked for 30 years, until she could no longer leave her mother alone, so she gave up her job to take care of her mother, who passed away at the age of 89 years.

Mary is living alone and enjoys church services and fellowship with God's children. She spends time with her Bible and Zion's Harp, and always looks forward to receiving the Silver Lining.

ELGIN, IOWA

Reporter: Mrs. George Butikofer

Know Each Other Better

Our second eldest member is Bro. Dan Butikofer, who is nearly 82 years old. His parents, Jacob Butikofer and Anna Elizabeth Marti, were born in Switzerland. They were united in marriage, in our church, by Bro. Christ Bauman.

Dan was born on Feb. 25, 1880, in Clayton County. He was one of a family of 11 children. He and his brother, Will, of Quincy, Ill., are the only two left of the family group.

When Dan was 13 years old, his father passed away. This worked a hardship for his mother, whose lot it was to raise the family. She did not, however, give up, but worked and schemed — and her children with her, and so they kept their home, which was a neat farm homestead, located about 2 miles south of the church.

Dan did some day-laboring; he remembers well when his pay was only 75c a day.

In 1904, he felt a need for a Saviour; he repented and was baptized in the Turkey River by Bro. Gottlieb Maibach. There was a group of about 20 that were baptized the same time.

In 1912, he was married to Sister Celia Frieden, by Bro. Fred Schupbach. They have 9 children, Carrie, Tillie, Ben, Leah, Elmer, Lorraine, Mabel, Silas and Dan Jr. There are 22 grandchildren, ranging in ages from 1½ to 17 years old.

Immediately after their marriage, they bought a farm, located about 1½ miles from our church, where they remained until their retirement in 1953, when they moved to their present location in Elgin. In addition to general farming, they kept an apiary of about 40 hives of bees.

Dan has never lost his interest in the church, attending services whenever possible. He enjoys fairly good health. In the summer-time, he assists his wife in caring for their vegetable and flower garden.

Dan well remembers when the place of our worship was a humble stone structure. In 1900, a wooden addition was added.

In the early days, many churchgoers walked as far as 10 miles, and some drove a horse and buggy 15 or 20 miles, to attend the church of their choice.

EUREKA, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Cathryn Wettstein

Visiting ministers the past month have been—Bros. Frank Woertz, Joe Hodel, Joe Zimmerman, Dave Mangold, Gene Bertsch, Joe Schrock.

January 7, two new ministers were put in, to help work in the ministry. They are Bro. Walter Anliker and Bro. Vernon Leman. May God bless them in this important work.

Bro. Dave Wuetrich remains a patient at the Eureka Hospital, where he has been for 9 months.

The engagement has been made known of Nathalia Stoller of Latty and Allen Getz of Eureka.

Jan. 14, the engagement of Sis. Naomi Bowald and Bro. Stanley Vogel of Cissna Park and Congerville was announced.

Our friend, Mary Wittmer, was announced for baptism. She is the daughter of Bro. and Sis. Maurice Wittmer. They now live in Morton, so she will be taken in the fold there.

Births—Jan. 25, a son, to Elton and Sis. Loretta Wiegand—Gregory Jay; Jan. 31, a son, to Harold

and Loretta Wettstein—Jonathan David.

Know Each Other Better

Bro. John Zimmerman, the oldest member in our church, was born March 5, 1872, the son of Andrew and Elizabeth Pfister Zimmerman. His father was born in Ohio, and his mother was born in Switzerland. John was born in Woodford County, near Eureka, Illinois. He had six sisters and two brothers.

He married Emma Beer, and to this union were born 8 children. They are Lawrence, Laura, Elizabeth, Alma, Harvey, Walter, Margaret and Dorothy. After the death of his wife, he later married her sister, Nima Beer. They were blest with two daughters, Evelyn and Gladys. There are 28 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

He repented and was baptized at the Roanoke church, in September, 1906. He was a farmer by trade, and did this until he retired and moved to Eureka, 22 years ago. He was a faithful member of the Roanoke church until our church here was opened, then he was a regular attender here. Four months ago he suffered a stroke and has been in the hospital most of the time. His condition at this time is just fair. So may God be ever near, and help to ease the pain and make all things bearable.

Bro. John has the assurance that the Lord is his Shepherd.

FAIRBURY, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Joyce Huber

On wintry Sun., Jan. 7, our area was without electricity for several hours. Through the initiative of our janitor, Bro. Henry Maurer, using a generator at church, we were able to have services; so the meditation was upon the chapter of the diversity of talents, and we were exhorted to exercise and display our individual hidden talents, so that we each could be used by the Lord to a greater extent.

After being in Brazil the past six years, we welcomed home Bro. Melvin and Sister Katherine Huber and their family.

Know Each Other Better

Our second Oldest Sister, Sis. Annie Sohn, age 86, was born in Neuenstein, Germany, to Fred and Christina Peters, a Lutheran fam-

ily. At age 16, she left her country, and was first introduced and invited to our church at Princeville. She was married in 1901 and came to Fairbury. The Sohns have 5 children: Carl, Emil, Louise, Helen, and Albert; and 3 grandchildren, Sis. Lucille, Leroy, and Harry, the children of Carl of Forrest, who was first in the family to repent. Then, she and daughters Louise and Helen were converted, followed by Emil.

In a family of 7 children, she still has a sister and brother, Sis. Anna Wenger, Forrest, and Bro. Carl Peters, LaCrosse, who was reported upon in the last issue.

Sis. Sohn, a widow, is active, and thankful for good health. She attends church, visits the sick, and enjoys reading, including the Silver Lining.

FORREST, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Nancy Honegger

On Sunday, Jan. 14, Sis. Clara Maurer slipped on the ice, as she was leaving church, and broke her right arm.

Born to Bro. and Sis. Bob Zimmerman, Jan. 17, a boy, Steven Louis.

The Fairbury and Forrest congregations assembled together at Fairbury church, on Wednesday evening, January 24, to hear the memorandum of the Brother Meeting read. Bro. Leroy Huber of Eureka assisted Bro. Joshua Broquard and Bro. Henry Kilgus.

Know Each Other Better

One of our older sisters is Sis. Lena Bach, who is 86. She was the eighth child, and first daughter, born to Bro. George Henry and Sis. Maglalene Sharlach, on May 5, 1875, at Pleasant Ridge Township.

When she was six years old, they moved to Fairbury. She began working out, doing housework, at the age of twelve—for fifty cents a week. When she was nineteen years old, she repented, and was baptized in September of 1894 at Fairbury by Bro. Steidinger. Baptized at the same time were Sis. Elizabeth (Bolliger) Isch, Sis. Lizzie (Beckley) Kloter, and Sis. Lydia (Von Tobel) Bach.

Sis. Lena worked at various places, until the death of her father, in May, 1899. She then went to work as a clerk in Bethards Dry Goods Store in Fairbury.

On April 20, 1902, she was married to Bro. Peter Bach, at Fairbury, by Elder Bro. Jacob Honegger. Bro. Peter was a minister from 1923, and an elder from 1932, until his death. He died May 4, 1946, just seven weeks after they moved to town. They had lived on the same place north of Forrest for 44 years.

Sis. Lena is the mother of eight children, Bro. Edward, George, Sis. Esther Honegger, Sis. Marie Schrof, Sis. Ruth Schlatter, Forrest; Bro. Reuben, Fairbury; Sis. Louise Joos, Princeville; and Carl, Monticello, Iowa. She has 24 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

She has enjoyed doing handwork, such as rug-making, crocheting, and making a quilt for each grandchild.

Sis. Lena has had a heart-kidney condition for some time, and flu at Christmas time left her weak, but she has improved some at this writing. Since December, she has been unable to attend church. She treasures her salvation highly, enjoys church and fellowship, and is a true example as a Christian.

FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA

Reporter: Mrs. Robert Huber

We are thankful to have Bro. Dave Mangold and Sis. Anna with us for a few months again this year.

Our Elder, Bro. Joe A. Getz, and his wife, Sis. Lizzie, were with us for Wednesday evening services on January 31. They plan to stay several weeks.

Bro. and Sis. Sam Wieland from Bay City have returned to their home here for a few months. Bro. and Sis. Bill Moser are also here for a few months.

We are having many visitors again this year, with attendance of around 100 or more, this month of January. The following registered in our guest book: Bro. and Sis. Frank Bauman, Bro. and Sis. Emil Roecker, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Wiedman, Morton; Bro. and Sis. Phil Getz, Remington; Bro. and Sis. Sam Honegger, Bro. and Sis. Jake Ebach, Bro. and Sis. Harold Honegger and Bro. Roger, Bro. and Sis. Sam Maier, Bro. and Sis. Elmer Bachtold, Bro. and Sis. Frank Honegger, Forrest; Bro. and Sis. Alph Stoller, Bro. and Sis. Eli Kiefer, Gridley; Bro. and Sis. Don Wieland

and Craig, Bro. and Sis. Carl Wackerle, Bay City; Sis. Tillie Bahler, Bro. and Sis. John Baumgartner, Bro. and Sis. Jacob Meyer, Sis. Marry Moser, Bluffton, Bro. and Sis. Philip Hoerr, Bro. and Sis. Max Hoerr, Sis. Martha Langjahr, Bro. and Sis. Chris Hoerr, Bro. and Sis. Chris Sauder, Peoria; Misses Martha and Priscilla Sohn, Sis. Leona Nussbaum, Bro. and Sis. Alden Nussbaum, Brent and Kirk, Bro. and Sis. John Wiedman, Fairbury; Sis. Ella Pelsy, Francesville; Bro. and Sis. Morris Stedman, Chicago; Bro. and Sis. Eli Grimm, West Bend; Bro. and Sis. Will Feller, Bro. and Sis. Earl Feller, Cissna Park; Bro. and Sis. Dan Clauss, Bremen.

Roger Bachtold, son of Bro. and Sis. Carl Bachtold, has the following address:

A/3C Roger C. Bachtold
AF 14 77 8895
3409 SS CMR No. 3
Box 12321
Keesler AFB, Mississippi

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

Those who visited us on January 14 were Bro. Richard and Sis. Marie Beery and Bro. Richard and Sis. Barbara Schupbach, all from Phoenix. Bro. Schupbach delivered to us very inspiring message.

On January 21 Gene Siebenthal, Ronnie Eberle, and Ronnie Rumbold, all from Princeville, Janet Elsasser from Edelstein, Ill., and Mary Alice Huff from Dunlap, Ill., stopped and visited us, while they were on a trip through the South.

Bro. Carl Kinsinger from Altadena was our minister on January 28. It is through the efforts of all the churches that these ministers are able to be in our midst. Also, that week end, Rudie and Sis. Lena Haerr, Sis. Charlotte, Sis. Rosemary Haerr, and Sis. Linda Kolthoff, all from Taylor, and Sis. Jackie Bowers from Wichita visited here.

Bro. Billy Joe and Sis. Connie Beer, Bro. William Knobloch, Donnie and Carolyn Steffen and Dale Gerber have received their orders to transfer from Ft. Sam Houston. Their new addresses will be:

Pvt E-2 Billy Joe Beer,
US55703368
Letterman General Hospital
Presideo of San Francisco, Calif.

Pvt E-2 William Knobloch,
US55696454
USAH (2112)
Carlisle Bks, Pennsylvania

Pvt E-2 Donnie Steffen,
US55711445
502nd Armored Med. Co.
APO 225 New York, New York

Pvt E-2 Dale Gerber
US52525265
501st Armored Med. Co.
APO 26 New York, New York

Bro. Philip D. Heinold from La Crosse and Carlos R. Meiss, Fairbury, started basic training this month. Their addresses are:

Pvt E-1 Philip D. Heinold,
US55725097
Co D, 3rd Bn, USAMTC,
BAMC, Class 8-B
Fort Sam Houston, Texas

Pvt E-1 Carlos R. Meiss
US55724767
Co D, 3rd. Bn, USAMTC,
BAMC, Class 8-B
Fort Sam Houston, Texas

We'd like to invite each and every one of you to spend a few days with us here this winter. I'm sure that we would have a wonderful time in the Lord.

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

Sis. Emma Sinn, 81, passed away at her home, January 19, after a long illness. Her funeral was held Monday morning, January 22, with Bro. Jake Pfister officiating.

A meeting was held January 14, to elect two Sunday School teachers. Bro. Martin Hohulin was elected to take Bro. Lyle Fischer's class; Sis. Ruth Sinn was elected to take Sis. Dorothy Sinn's class. Bro. Charles Sinn was elected church treasurer.

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

New Years' Day services were conducted by Bro. Theo Beer. After the services, a meeting was held for the election of officers for 1962. It was decided upon, that mid-week services would be held every other Thursday night at 7:30, beginning January 11.

Due to the lack of space in the last issue, I was unable to list the names of those who were home, visiting their parents over the

holidays, so am listing them as follows: David Pulver, son of Bro. and Sis. Lester Pulver; David Unsicker, son of Bro. and Sis. Jake Unsicker; Carol Levy, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Wm. Levy; Bro. Walter Rager, son of Bro. and Sis. Carl Rager; Bro. and Sis. Stanley Clauss, who visited his mother, Sis. Mattie Clauss.

David J. Pulver, who is in the Navy, is now stationed at Great Lakes, Illinois. His new address is:

F A 592-47-68
MM — BT Class Hold
U.S.N.T.C. Great Lakes, Ill.

David expects to be stationed at the above address for at least 2½ months.

Sis. Mildred Schladenhauffen, wife of Bro. Paul, spent 3 days in the Caylor Clinic at Bluffton for minor surgery. She has recuperated and is back again in our midst.

Mrs. Julia Simon underwent surgery, Wednesday, January 31, at the Lutheran Hospital. She is confined to room No. 215, and the hospital reports her condition as fairly good at this writing. Her home address is: 1130 Nelson St., Ft. Wayne, Indiana.

On January 14, we had visitors from Bluffton. They were: Bro. and Sis. Sam Gerber, Bro. and Sis. Herman Gilliom, Bro. and Sis. Elmer Gerber, Bro. and Sis. Don Gerber and children.

On Jan. 21, our visitors were: Bro. and Sis. Don Zeltwanger from Bremen, Bro. and Sis. Victor Beer of Milford, Bro. and Sis. Thomas Grant and children from Latty.

Sister Marty Moser suffered multiple bruises, Sunday, January 7, on her way to church, when her car skidded from the slippery pavement and went into a watery ditch. She was treated at St. Joseph's Hospital and released. She is again back in our midst, for which we thank the good Lord for his kindness and mercy.

The ministering brothers who served us during the month of January, along with Bro. Norman Stoller, were: Bro. Henry Manz, Jan. 7; Bro. Carl Kipfer, Jan. 14; Bro. Henry Beer, Jan. 21; Bro. Otto Norr, Jan. 28.

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

Know Each Other Better
Brother Henry Leman, our second oldest member, is a brother

to Sister Kate Pelsey, whose history we reported in the November issue. Brother Henry was born in Metamora, Illinois, on December 2, 1879. On Feb. 16, 1904, he was married to Cordelia E. (Cordy) Gudeman of Roanoke, Illinois. To this union, nine children were born: Lois, Arthur, Harold, Edward, Elsie, Edith, Frances, Sidney and Melvin. They have 24 grandchildren. Two died in infancy.

Henry and Cordy were both called to repentance in 1906, and have been wonderful examples for many younger ones to look to. (Even though this writing pertains to Bro. Henry, I believe it is noteworthy to mention the fact that Sis. Cordy has been a very brave comrade in fighting the battle which has been her lot, since falling on Jan. 1, 1961, at which time she broke her hip. We wish her much grace to continue trusting in God to sustain her.)

Brother Henry's lifetime occupation has been farming. The first thirty years were spent in Metamora, and in 1935 he moved to a farm, one mile north of Francesville, where he now resides. Henry, at 82 years of age, still helps with chores and gardening, in spite of the fact that he is handicapped with arthritis.

Many have admired his courage and determination to press on.

Brother Henry was baptized in 1906, by Elder Michael Mangold of Roanoke. He attends church regularly, and seems to appreciate it so much when younger ones have a minute to share with him.

Another dear soul has been called out of this life. Evelyn Gudeman passed away on Jan. 29. Our hearts go out to Bro. Romey Gudeman, who is in the hospital, and could not attend his wife's funeral. We would ask that he be remembered in your prayers, also his children.

Two more souls have given their hearts to the Lord, Mary Louise and Karl Westphal. We wish them God's blessings in this undertaking.

Bro. and Sis. Nate Gutwein were blest with a baby girl, Corinne Sue, born Jan. 25.

GIRARD, OHIO Reporter: Jesse C. Emch

Sis. Mary Beard of Warren, Ohio, is now in the hospital in Mansfield, due to having a stroke. Bro. Carl Emch has been in the hospital for about three weeks, where he has been under observation and for a general check-up. Sis. Anna Durig is in the hospital for treatment and observation.

On Sunday evening, Dec. 24, our Sunday School presented their Christmas program. We had a very good attendance. Following the evening services, we had a social hour and refreshments.

Know Each Other Better

On Jan. 24, our dear Sister Louise Deislinger was 87 years old. She is our third oldest member, as of this writing. Sister Louise is a daughter of Bro. William and Sister Caroline (Kophman) Deislinger. She was born Jan. 24, 1875, in Baden, Germany. To their union were born five children: William, Caroline, Louise, Lena and George. When Louise was 7 years old, her family came to America. They first located at Wilkensburg, Pa., then went to Erie, Pennsylvania.

About this time, they learned that there was a church of their faith in Girard, O., and soon moved here. This has been the home of the family ever since. At the age of 15 Louise was converted to the Lord and was baptized by Bro. Bellau in the Hegglen family bathtub. Louise's mother also found her need of a loving Saviour, and was baptized in the Mahoning River in Girard.

Louise did tailoring for the Hegglen Tailor Shop, and much sewing otherwise. Then, she did practical nursing. There is no definite record, but a good guess would be that she has taken care of at least 150 cases, most of them confinement.

Along with her many years of hard work, Louise has had her share of sickness, inflammatory rheumatism, typhoid fever, gall bladder and thyroid operations, and last, but not least, a broken hip.

She is a maiden sister, and has made her home with her brother, the William Deislinger family, for about 60 years.

Sister Louise has been a good example to us all in her church at-

tendance and her Christian life in general.

May God bless her always.

GOODFIELD, ILLINOIS Reporter: Marian Wiegand

Two blessed Sunday evenings were enjoyed by many, when we were able to have the Bible classes from various Sunday Schools, on January 21 and 28, for Christian Endeavor. The Forrest Sunday School and Bros. Kackelmuss and Kaisner spent the day with us January 28.

Sister Emma Funk passed away January 28. She is the wife of Louis Funk. We are so happy she was able to repent and find her Lord, in the twilight of her life.

Know Each Other Better

The oldest brother in our church is my father, Simon Wiegand. He was born April 26, 1880, in Westphalen, Germany. At the age of two years, he came to America with his parents, Henrickus and Maria Wiegand, four brothers and two sisters. They settled at LaSalle, Illinois. A year later they moved to Peoria.

They were staunch Baptists. Since gardening was the source of income for the family, Grandfather Wiegand came into contact with many members of the Apostolic Christian faith. By their conduct and walk of life, he became convinced they were living according to the scripture more closely than he. In due time, Grandfather and Grandmother Wiegand both repented and were baptized.

Grandfather Wiegand passed away when my father was only 15 years of age. This put a lot of responsibility on the children, to help their mother support the family. There were 13 children at home. As a young man, he earned money by gardening, working in dairies, and was employed at Keystone Wire Co.

In 1909, he married Rosa Knapp of Morton, and soon thereafter moved to a farm near Morton. They had five children: Ruth (Rokey), Henry, Carolyn (Rokey), Simon Jr. and myself.

At the age of 35, after many years of wishing and longing, he yielded his will to God and, after repentance, was baptized at Morton church by Elder Bartel Rapp.

In 1924, my parents moved to a

farm near Deer Creek and attended the Goodfield church.

At the age of 52 years, he was called into the ministry.

The year of 1937 was especially blessed, as all their children and two son-in-laws were converted within six month's time.

My parents retired from the farm in 1941, and we moved to Goodfield, where we still reside. My father is still active, enjoys gardening, and takes an active part in the church.

GRIDLEY, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Marilyn Schieler

A son, Leslie Allen, was born to Bro. and Sis. Allen Marti on January 9. Leslie has three sisters, Donita, Deanna, and Darleta.

Sis. Setta Klopfenstein is hospitalized, due to having pneumonia. She has been quite sick, but is somewhat improved at the time of this writing. It is believed that she will have to remain in the hospital for some time.

Know Each Other Better

Sis. Elisa Witzig was born on July 3, 1875, a daughter of Bro. Samuel and Sis. Verena Schnetzler Stoller, at Roanoke, Illinois. She had five sisters and two brothers, of which one sister is still living, Sis. Leah Steidinger of Fairbury. When Elisa was young, her family moved to Gridley, and then to Fairbury, where her parents farmed for a number of years.

Elisa repented when she was quite young, and was baptized in the Fairbury church by Bro. John Steidinger. She was married on March 4, 1900, to Bro. Emil Witzig of Gridley. Bro. Chris Gerber of Fairbury performed the ceremony. Bro. Emil and Sis. Elisa lived on a farm, south of Gridley, and farmed there, until they retired in 1943.

Thirteen children were born to them, of which 11 are living. A son, Joseph, died at the age of 10, and one son died an infant. Living are: Sis. Emma Beckley of Remington, Ind.; Sis. Anna Schneider of Peoria, Ill.; Sis. Ruth Meyer of Fairbury, Ill.; Bros. Alf, Sam, Ed, and Elmer, all of Gridley; Sisters Matilda, Martha, Ida of Gridley and Sis. Pauline of Peoria. Bro. Emil died on August 29, 1947, very suddenly of a heart attack, on the way home from his farm.

Sis. Elisa was always faithful in coming to church regularly, until her health began to fail. In the summer of 1954, she attended church services for the last time. Since then, she has been confined to her home, where her daughters, Martha and Matilda, cared for her. On November 11, 1959, Sis. Elisa suffered a stroke and has been bed-fast since that time. Sis. Ida, who had been employed in Peoria, came home then, and helped care for her. Sis. Pauline usually comes home on week-ends.

Sis. Elisa has 29 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

GRIDLEY, KANSAS

Reporter: Mrs. Rudy Bahr

The thick layers of snow thoroughly blanketed us most of January. The Gridley schools were closed a total of 3½ days, but we were able to keep the Lord's House open "between storms." Now we have a combination of melted ice, remains of drifts, mud, and ice jams on many rivers and streams.

Bro. and Sis. Loren Strahm took their 16-month-old daughter Ruthie to the Kansas University Medical Center, on January 16 to 19, for observation. Bro. and Sis. Robert Young accompanied them.

On January 21, Bro. Robert Young, Wichita, was our guest minister.

Know Each Other Better—is from Sis. Lydia Bahr, who is writing the story on Bro. T. Winzler, since they are both in Eldorado at the present time. Bro. T. intends to come home "as soon as the weather and I are fit!"

Know Each Other Better

Our third oldest member in the church at Gridley, Kansas, is Bro. Theo Winzler. He was born near Tremont, Illinois, April 1, 1877, to Sister Lydia Ott Winzler, who had been widowed the previous July. His father, Bro. Theophil Winzler, had just been appointed to accompany a party of settlers from various eastern churches to establish a settlement and church in central Kansas. He was to be the minister in the newly-established church. God, however, changed these plans, and Bro. Theophil died instantly in a very tragic farm accident, by falling to his death on a broken pitchfork handle, which pierced his heart. His wife, a young

mother of five children, was left to struggle on, alone.

However, several years later, she came to Kansas with her father, Franz Ott, to make a home for him and with him. He helped her manage the growing family, and, as soon as they were able, she settled on a farm of her own, where her children grew up with the knowledge that God was their only help. Bro. Theo is the only member of this plucky, courageous family still living.

He was married to Mary Fankhauser on Nov. 30, 1898, at Eureka, Kansas. To them were born six children: Mrs. Charles (Esther) Knapp, Mrs. Frank (Ida) Raaf, and George, all of near Gridley; Louis of Emporia, Kansas; Elmer of Forsyth, Mo.; and Mrs. Dan (Ruth) Huber of Eldorado, Kansas. He has eighteen grandchildren and nineteen great-grandchildren.

He lived most of his married life on a farm near Hilltop, Kansas, and was a member at the Lamont, Kansas, Apostolic Christian Church. He and his wife repented and were baptized by Elder Bro. Joseph Huber, during the early years of their married life. Thus, their children had the advantage of being brought up in a Christian home, where God's word was read and practiced.

He was a firm supporter of the church, holding offices as church and cemetery board director, until his transfer to the Gridley church. He was Sunday School teacher for many years, as well as being song leader, and was always willing to serve wherever needed. He only recently bequeathed his tuning fork to his granddaughters, Loretta and Sheryl Huber.

After his family was grown, and each had their own home, he and his wife retired from the farm, in 1945, and moved to Gridley. In January, 1955, Sister Mary passed away, and Bro. Theo was left alone. About two years ago, he could no longer get along alone, and at his children's insistence, he went to live with Ida, and spent the winter in her home. He gets about only with the help of his walker, taking it with him everywhere he goes. He spent last summer with Esther, and this winter with Ruth, where he now is. His children are devoted and kind, and do what they can to

make life pleasant for him. Ruth told me only recently, "He isn't hard to care for, and whichever one has him, profits by it. He is a good example of patience and cheerfulness, contributing a portion of the same to the home where he happens to be."

He enjoys company, and misses going to church, when he is not able to do so. His hearing isn't so good, so when he has company, he does much of the visiting, by reminiscing of earlier days. He sees quite well and reads much. His Bible, of comparative small print, is always near-by his side.

His visitors are greeted with a friendly smile and welcome, and a "Thank you for coming" is always given. He is happy to be given some task to do, and asks to be allowed to wash the dishes, which he can do while sitting on his stool, which is equipped with wheels, so he can move about as needs be. May God be with him and ease his aches and pains, so they may be endured as long as it pleases God to let it be so.

HILLSBORO, ALABAMA Reporter: Clara Heiniger

Jan. 3 Bro. and Sis. Edwin Bahler and children of Remington visited Bro. and Sis. Junior Hale and family and Sis. Clara Heiniger.

Elmer Evans, Sis. Martha Evans' husband, has been very sick in the hospital, but is now able to attend church services again.

Bro. and Sis. Henry Stricklin celebrated a 54th wedding anniversary supper in their home, Jan. 18.

Wed. eve., Jan. 24, Larry Heiniger of Morton visited an evening with his aunt, Sis. Clara Heiniger, and the Bro. and Sis. Junior Hale family. He left for further training at Penscola, Florida.

Returning from Florida, Bro. and Sis. Irvin Stoller of Latty fellowshipped with us at supper.

ILLINOIS STATE NORMAL UNIVERSITY Reporter: Nancy Tanner

On January 4, Bro. Joe Shrock from Congerville was with us. He read and meditated from Matthew 24. Included in the evening were hymn singing and fellowship.

Bro. Gene Bertschi from Roanoke was with us on January 11. He read and meditated from Peter 1.

Many guests attended, from Roanoke, Tremont, Fairbury, Forrest, Bay City, and Peoria.

On January 18, Bro. Roy Sauder from Peoria was with us. He had a most inspiring message from Matthew 6. In attendance were guests from Indiana, Morton, Peoria, and Forrest.

The week of January 21, final exams were taken by the students. Then, a semester break was enjoyed by everyone.

JUNCTION, OHIO Reporter: Mrs. Alvin H. Manz

Know Each Other Better

Our sister, Naomi Rehkla, was born in Archbold, Ohio, to Bro. John and Sister Elizabeth (Inthurm) Rehkla, on May 25, 1887. She found grace for repentance, and was baptized in 1930, by Elder Brother Eli Dotterer of the Junction church.

Sister Naomi has been ill a great length of her life, and found much strength and courage in the following poem, composed for her by one of our brothers.

Not My Will, But Thy Will Be Done

For many years she has been ill;
She has made the narrow way
her choice.
Of earthly joys she had her fill;
She willingly heard the Saviour's
voice.

Why must she then always be sick?
When others about her are up
and well;
Our cross in life we cannot pick,
Neither can we our ailments sell.

Thrice, Paul sincerely did pray
That the thorn be taken from his
body,
But this was not for him to say.
God chose the cross, and not he.

"Oh, why can't I give up the ghost"
Has already been the thought of
one
Who would like to be with God's
host.
Not my will, but Thy will be
done.

Who are we to withstand God?
We are as clay in the Potter's
hand.

He keeps us clothed and shod;
A cross He can and will demand.

Our way in life is thorny and
steep;

We were not promised a life of
glee.

Christ, Himself, we read, did
weep...

"Take up thy cross and follow
me".

Some day when this life is o'er
And we have been laid to rest,
We shall reach the other shore,
Which is beyond strife, sin and
jest.

There, Christ will receive in glory
Those of us who have loyal
stayed,
And said not "His Word is but a
story".

Yea, those will be well repaid.

Some day, she will understand why
She had to be among the ill,
But then she may only sigh
And say, "It was good and God's
will".

Let us all now comforted be
By the Promise of what will
come,
For some day we will really see
Why God so left His Will be
done!

Sister Naomi lives in Paulding with her sisters, Lydia, Sister Martha and Sister Priscilla. She will soon be 75 years of age, and enjoys very much the visiting of the members, as she has been unable to attend services for a long time now.

LA CROSSE, INDIANA Reporter: Albert J. Bucher

Know Each Other Better

Our third oldest member is, Sister Lena Heiniger of Valparaiso, Indiana. She was born in 1881 at Roanoke, Illinois. Her parents were Bro. Fred and Sis. Emma (Stortz) Heinold. She attended German School at Mackinaw Dells, Illinois. Her teacher was Bro. Hohulin.

In 1894, the family moved to Claytonville, Illinois. At the age of 21 years, Sis. Lena repented and was baptized by Bro. Witzig.

On Sept. 4, 1904, she was united in marriage to Bro. Andrew Heiniger, at Cissna Park, Ill.; they were married by Bro. Ulrich Beer. Nine

children were born to this union, Sis. Emma Pfeifer, Knox, Ind.; Sis. Clara, Hillsboro, Alabama; Dan, Kankakee, Ill.; Bro. Arthur, Morton, Ill.; Sis. Matilda Bucher, Valparaiso, Ind.; Sis. Alice, Phoenix, Arizona; Sis. Esther Bucher, Valparaiso, Ind.; Madalyn Hofferth, Lancaster, Pennsylvania; and Walter, Kouts, Indiana.

In the year 1915, Bro. and Sis. Heiniger moved to Kouts, Ind., with their family, where they were engaged in farming, until retiring, when they moved to Valparaiso, where she now resides.

Sis. Heiniger has twenty-four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

In the fall of 1954, they celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary. In 1957, Bro. Andrew passed away. Sis. Lena lives alone, is very active, enjoys housework, and loves to visit.

Visiting ministers were Bro. John Bahler from Rockville, on Jan. 15, Bro. Albert Wuthrich from Pulaski, Jan. 30.

Birth; A son, to Bro. and Sis. Lynn Feller, Jan. 24. His name is Robert Dale.

Our Brother Otto Fritz, is still in the hospital. He is improving slowly. We hope he can soon return home.

Sister Lucille Nuest is in the hospital at this time, and we wish her a speedy recovery.

LAMAR, MISSOURI Reporter: Marie Marti

Sis. Evelyn and Bro. Leonard Marti were blessed with a son, Jeffrey Neal, born January 15.

Know Each Other Better

Sis. Mary Frieden is the eldest member in our Lamar congregation. She was born near Bern, Switzerland, Dec. 2, 1865. In 1874, she came to Elgin, Iowa, with her mother. Here in the beautiful hills of Iowa, she grew to womanhood.

In her youth, at the age of 15, she heeded the Master's loving call. She was baptized in the Turkey River, which was located near the church, in the country near Elgin, and she has these many years truly walked in the Saviour's ways.

In 1888, she was married to Fred Frieden, in Elgin, where they lived until 1907, when they moved to a farm near Lamar, Missouri. Sis.

Mary has always been a loving and devoted mother and grandmother.

She ever shows a genuine interest in her friends and is happy to have them visit her, since she has been a shut-in for the past five years. She is tenderly cared for by her daughter, Anna, who supplies her every need and comfort, for which she is very fortunate.

LAMONT, KANSAS Reporter: Mrs. Bernie Emch

Bro. and Sis. Pete Fankhauser and their son, Clarence; and his wife Lydia, went to Phoenix, Jan. 18, to visit Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Beyer. The parents remained for an extended visit with their daughter and husband, and the Clarence Fankhausers returned, after a two-week visit there.

Bro. and Sis. Glenn Anliker are the parents of a son, Timothy Eugene, born Jan. 26. Bro. and Sis. Samuel Anliker are the paternal grandparents.

Sam Enz had the misfortune of breaking his hip Jan. 22; he slipped and fell on the icy snow, while choring. He was in the hospital eleven days, and is at home now, recuperating.

LANDERSVILLE, ALABAMA Reporter: Clara Heiniger

Friday, Jan. 5, Bro. Jesse Schrock held services at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Curtiss Frost.

Bro. Henry Kilgus held worship service at the home of Mrs. Ollie Lee Rainey, Friday evening, Jan. 12.

Sun., Jan. 14, baptismal service was held at the Landersville church for Carl Nayler, and we wish him the Lord's blessing.

A large crowd gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edd Harville, for Worship Service and Sunday school, Fri. evening, Jan. 18.

Bro. Chester Simons has been very sick with the flu, is in the hospital, and asks for prayers of everyone.

Evening Services were held by Bro. Irvin Stoller.

Worship Services were held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Fuller, Fri. evening, Jan. 26, for young and old.

LATTY, OHIO Reporter: Roberta Stoller

Visiting ministers this month were Bro. Henry Manz, on Wed.

evening, Jan. 17; Bro. Ben Schlatter on Jan 21; and Bro. Andrew Dotterer on Jan. 28. All three are from the Junction congregation.

This past month, we have had a number of folks in the hospital. They are Carl Laukhuf, Roger Eisenmann, Bro. Dan Stoller, Bro. Dan Sinn, Sister Nancy Gerber, Sister Minnie Stoller, Albert Laukhuf and Bro. Jesse Gerber. We are thankful that most of these are now home and on the road to recovery.

Our congregation was saddened to hear that Arthur Stoller passed away Feb. 4, on his 56th birthday. He had been very sick the last two months, but was able to turn unto the Lord in repentance and find peace. He is the son of Sis. Minnie and the late Bro. Dan Stoller, who was our minister here many years. He leaves to mourn, his wife, Sister Alice; two sons, Ralph and Bro. Russell; four daughters, Sis. Marjorie Fischer of Roanoke, Sis. Patty Gerber of Bluffton, Sis. Gloria Miller, and Barbara Keysor of here. Funeral services were Feb. 7.

Visitors this month were: Bro. Jake Schweitzer, Bro. and Sis. Amos Reinhard and daughter, Sis. Ruth Ann, Bro. and Sis. Levi Schwartz, (Bro. and Sis. James Gerber and family and Bro. and Sis. George Stoller of Ft. Wayne; Bro. and Sis. Ellsworth Stoller and family of Princeville;) (Bro. and Sis. Elmer Gerber, Bro. and Sis. Sam Gerber, Sis. Lydia Steffen, Bro. and Sis. Everett Sladen and family, Bro. and Sis. John Fiechter all of Bluffton); Bro. and Sis. Elmer Graf, Sis. Louise Graf and daughters Rose and Becky, of Akron; Bro. and Sis. Andrew Dotterer and daughter Sis. Marilyn, of Junction.

LESTER, IOWA Reporter: Emelie Knobloch

Know Each Other Better

Brother Ernst Jacob Knobloch was born Sept. 7, 1885, at Wittenberg, Germany, to Wilhelm and Sister Friederika Nester Knobloch.

He came to America at the age of four. They came to Rock Valley, Ia., to his mother's brother. There was no church in this community when they came here; at that time they gathered in homes. There were only four members. His family came here in the Lutheran faith, but his mother became con-

verted about a year after coming to this country.

Bro. Ernst repented at the age of 20. He said there were a number repenting at the time, and he felt he was in need of it, too. He really couldn't understand why he waited so long. Elder John Plattner baptized him. A Brother Huber assisted.

Bro. Ernst was married to Sister Caroline Feucht on July 17, 1910. Sister Caroline was born to John and Sister Jacobena Feucht, Oct. 30, 1882, at Finstroth, Wittenberg, Germany. They had ten children: Bro. Clarence, Otto, Carl, Sister (Frieda) Ed Gerber, Clara, Walter, Mrs. (Elsie) Andy Leuthold, Nettie, Bro. Ezra, and a son Alvin, who died in 1922. All the children live in the community but Bro. Clarence, who lives at Princeville.

Sister Caroline passed away March 3, 1932, after a lingering illness.

Bros. Ernst and Will Feucht were called into the ministry in 1916, due to the illness and death of Bro. August Mogler. Then Bro. Will moved to Princeville about two and a half years later, and Bro. Ernst was alone for almost seven years, which made it hard for him. He still is our leader in the ministry, even though he was unable to, for a few months, due to a heart condition. Bro. Ernst says he has a great concern and desire for his children's salvation.

On April 1, 1932, Bro. Ernst was married to Sister Mary Ann Moser of Morris. Sister Mary was born at West Bend, Nov. 15, 1888, to Bro. and Sister Rose Banwart Moser. Her mother was born at Elgin, Ia., and later moved to West Bend. Her father was born in Switzerland (Bern) and came to America when he was 25. He did wagon-making for a trade. Her parents were married at West Bend and moved to Lester when Sister Mary was 3 years old. She lived here until she was 16. Then they moved to Morris.

She repented when she was 17, for she wanted to save her soul for eternity. Elder John Plattner of Sabetha baptized her, also.

She did housework, and cared for many new mothers, during her lifetime. Bro. Ernst's life's occupation was farming, which he enjoyed the most; Sister Mary did also, especially chickens. Since

their retirement to Rock Rapids in 1959 (Aug.), they both enjoy their garden and yard work. Bro. Ernst is very glad to be able to call on his children on the farms. Both enjoy fairly good health. Bro. Ernst told me he feels better than he has in months, only he is unable to work.

Among the ill: Sis. Emma Meyer had back surgery, and is improving nicely. Tim DeHaan broke his arm before the holiday's but is out of the cast again. Marvella Knobloch fell and broke her arm also. Ernestine Gerber had treatment for ingrown toenail, during the holiday vacation.

Helen Metzger, daughter of Bro. and Sister Ernst Metzger, announced her engagement to Leonard Anliker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Anliker, of West Bend.

Sis. Salome Kellenberger, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Chris Kellenberger, revealed her engagement to Bro. Albert Knobloch, son of Sis. Julia Knobloch. Both are of this community.

MANSFIELD, OHIO

Reporter: Aaron A. Sauder

Bro. and Sis. Ora Sauder of Anaheim, Calif. spent the holidays with relatives and friends in the Mansfield area.

On Jan. 15, a son was born to Richard and Sis. Carolyn Sauder, and Jan. 21, a son was born to Bro. and Sis. Charles Sauder.

Sis. Eva Fuhrer returned to her home in Maywood, Calif. after visiting with her sons for several weeks.

Sunday, Jan 21, our Elder Brothers Rudolph Graf and Noah Bauman were with us for Communion services, which are always a strengthening and blessing for our inner man.

One by one, we pass over Jordan into eternity, Saturday morning, Feb. 3, Brother Paul Bertka, age 84 years, went to his eternal Rest.

Know Each Other Better

Our oldest member is Sister Eva Gross. She was born Jan. 1, 1870, in Franzfeld, Austria-Hungary.

She repented and was baptized in 1892, at the age of 22 years.

She and her family came to Mansfield in 1904. Her husband returned to Europe and died there in 1909. For a number of years,

she and her children went to Michigan and worked in the sugar beet fields. For many years, she did janitor work in factories.

She has 2 daughters and 3 sons and a great many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She has been unable to attend church for a couple of years, but is still able to get around in her home and enjoys to have company.

Her daughter lives with her, and cares for her. We know that the Lord will bless Katherine, for caring for her aged mother.

MAYWOOD, CALIFORNIA

Reporter: Dora Sauder

Visitors in Maywood in December and January: Bro. and Sis. Henry and Emma Ringger, from Gridley, Ill.; Friends John and Wilma Pulfer, Tempe, Arizona; Bro. and Sis. Dan and Delores Reinhard and daughter Becky, Decatur, Ind.; Friends Elmer and Eleanor Kaisner, sons Allen and Barry and daughter Connie, Forrest, Ill.; Mr. and Mrs. William Zeltwanger Jr., Hancock; Bro. and Sis. Glenn Dommick, daughter Glenagene, and son Gary, Morris; Mr. Pete and Sis. Marie Farney, Kiowa, Kans.; Bro. Amos. Strahm, Bro. Ronald Metzger, Sister Emma Strahm and Ruth Strahm, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wenger, Sabetha, Bro. Charles Sauder, Tremont; Esther Kieser, Edelstein; Bro. and Sis. Elmer Witzig and Bro. and Sis. Zobrist, Morton; Bro. and Sis. Peter Barna, Akron; Bro. and Sis. Emil Sohn, Fairbury; Bro. and Sis. Herman Beckley, Remington.

Sis. Eva Fuhrer returned home, after an extended visit with her family in Ohio.

Bro. and Sis. Ora Sauder spent Christmas in Ohio, visiting her family and friends.

Bro. Leonard and Sis. Christene Locher were proved and baptized Dec. 31. We wish them happiness in the Lord.

MILFORD, INDIANA

Reporter: Arthur Haab

Know Each Other Better

The second oldest member of our congregation is quiet, humble Sister Christina Kammerer, who was born 88 years ago, last Oct. 30, in Baden, Germany, the daughter of Anna Marie Miller Rapp and Andy Rapp. She married Christian Kammerer in Germany, and their

oldest children were born over there. They have seven children: Frieda, Bill, Christ, Anna, Tina, Andy, and Albert.

They came to America, because her brother, Andy Rapp, had come over and was here ten years. Then, he went back for a visit, but because he had not served his time in the German Army, he met his relatives at the Swiss border. He persuaded all of his close relatives to come to America, except his sister, Mamie, who was married and had a family, but they also came later on. Her mother sold her little farm in Germany, and they struck out boldly to make a new life in the United States, settling first at Fairbury, Ill., and later on moving to Milford.

In the old country, they were Lutheran, but because her brother Andy Rapp had become acquainted with and had become a member of our church, they attended it. She became a member, along with her husband in 1936, and Elder Brothers Elias Dotterer and Emil Schubert were here for the provings and baptism. At this time, 18 were taken into the church, and besides Sis. Christina and her husband were: their daughter, Frieda; their daughter Tina and her husband, George Lehman; her son Andy and his wife Laura, making seven in the same family.

She lived on the farm all her life, and has lived with her children since her husband died, two years ago. She enjoyed working in the church kitchen, helping to do the dishes, when she was able, also liked to do mending, until her eyesight failed.

Sis. Eliza Haab has been confined to her home with heart trouble and a congested lung. Sis. Tillie Beer has been ill.

MORRIS, MINNESOTA

Reporter: Mrs. Louie Messner

Know Each Other Better

Another one of our members is Bro. Henry Nohl Sr., born Dec. 1, 1878, in Deer Creek, Illinois. He was one of 8 children born to Jacob and Barbara Landes Nohl.

In his youth, he felt convicted in his heart, and knew he would be lost if he did not repent, so turned to the Lord when 14 years old. He was proved by Bro. Conrad Fehr, and since the river was frozen

over, the ice had to be chopped. He was baptized by Bro. Michael Zimmerman in the Mackinaw Dells River. He had to walk 4 blocks in stocking feet to a wood shed, where he changed from his wet clothes, and he said he never once felt it was cold. After he repented, he attended German School two winters, taught by our ministering Bro. Gottlieb Hohulin. It was regular school, only in German.

He married Sister Lydia Witzig, Jan. 4, 1902. She was born Aug. 5, 1878. They have 7 living children, Bro. Henry Jr.; Bro. Alvin; Eli; Sister Lillian (Mrs. Adolph Koehl, Peoria; Edwin; Sister Naomi; Sister Nettie; Cora (Mrs. Albert Hedstrom). A daughter died in infancy in 1917. He has 11 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. They moved to Hancock, from Deer Creek, in 1911. He was engaged in farming, until 1957, when he retired.

He taught Sunday school 25 years. First half of the time was while still German. He is a former song leader both in Sunday School, where many children learned how to read notes and timing, and also in church.

His wife passed away May 24, 1959.

He is in pretty good health for his age. Come spring, he will be making another big garden. He and his daughter, sister Nettie, live in the same home they built when they moved here.

His brother Jake is one of our ministers, and his father-in-law, Bro. John Witzig, was minister at Mackinaw Dells.

All the older ones recall the winters, and he told me how, since he had horses, he would take the ones living in town to church on his bobsled. Their home was home to all the visitors, as they were four blocks from the train. One time they had 21 guests (3 families) overnight. The winters must have been something 'fore things got built up in our community.

Kenny Koehl, son of Bro. and Sis. C. R. Koehl, entered the Army, Jan. 16. His address is:

Pvt. Kenneth L. Koehl
US. 55729884

Co A-3 1st Training Regiment
Ft. Carson, Colorado

Bro. Chris Koehl of Peoria had our Sunday services, Feb. 4. Satur-

day evening, his grandson and his grandson's wife, Eddie and Lois Koehl, gave their testimony of having found peace with God, and were baptized Sunday.

Little Andy Koehl, 2-year-old son of Bro. and Sis. George Koehl, had eye surgery, Feb. 2.

We are sorry to have Bro. Arthur and Sis. Leona Messner leave our congregation, but they are moving to Burlington, Iowa.

We extend a warm welcome to Bro. Leo and Sis. Thelma Dogotch and children of West Bend. They are moving here, as I'm writing this news.

Bro. Reuben and Sis. Crystal Luthi and son are moving into their new home this month.

MORTON, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Mrs. B. E. Getz

Graveside services were held January 4 for the infant daughter of Bro. and Sis. Wm. Dorris.

Funeral services were held January 16 for Bro. Solomon Rapp, age 62. Bro. Joe A. Getz officiated, assisted by Bro. Henry Sabo of Mansfield and Bro. Frank Woertz of Goodfield.

Bro. Carl Bruell, Bro. Fred Huette and Sis. Augusta Krug are patients at the Methodist Hospital in Peoria.

Bro. Ben Heiniger has returned to his home, after being in the hospital several weeks. He is recovering slowly.

Bro. Matt Paluska, who suffered a slight stroke, is able to be up again.

Sis. Bertha Domnick and Sis. Nettie Kaiser have been confined to their homes, because of illness.

Sisters Clara Grimm and Mary Grimm fell on the ice, breaking their wrists.

Baptismal services were held Wednesday evening, January 17, for Irvin Nohl.

Visiting ministers, Sunday, Jan. 28, were Bros. Edwin Ringger of Gridley and Jesse Schrock of Congerville. Their wives accompanied them.

Announcement was made of the coming marriage of Sis. Doris Moser and Bro. Leon Kuntz of Oakville.

A daughter was born on January 21 to Bro. and Sis. James Wuthrich.

Bro. Harold Krantz has been appointed Sunday School superin-

tendent, and Bro. Marvin Getz is assistant.

Bro. Fred Huette was elected trustee for a five-year term, filling the vacancy of Bro. Myron Springer.

NEW MARTINSVILLE, W. VA. Reporter: Mrs. Gus Wertz

Not much news from here this issue, many sick people, and the weather has been very cold and snowy, road conditions have been bad at times.

Walter Emch is confined to his home by illness, but is reported to be improving.

Mrs. L. J. Hafely of Wadsworth, O., was a recent visitor here with relatives and friends. She came to care for her daughter's family, the William Reithmillers, of Hannibal, O., while Mrs. Reithmiller underwent surgery in the local hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Kaufman are not too well, but able to keep moving and caring for themselves.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Wertz attended the funeral of his brother-in-law, John W. Hart, in Brownsville, Pa., on January 14.

Mrs. J. C. Froelich has returned from Pittsburgh, Pa., where she spent several days with her nephew, Gene Potts and family. She returned home with them, following the funeral of their wife and mother, Mrs. Gene Potts, whose remains were brought here for interment.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Williams of Akron visited with relatives, on January 26 and 27, on their way home from Port Charlotte, Florida, where they had spent three weeks in their new home, which was recently completed.

Mary Ann Brothers has been quite ill, since early November, and at this writing is not much improved.

Mrs. Edwin Games of Brookfield, O., spent January 29 and 30 here, with the Burton families and other relatives and friends.

Mrs. John Shackelford was a patient at the Medical Center at West Virginia University, Morgantown, W. Va., for three weeks, but has been returned home and is slowly improving.

Mrs. Charles Frayer was confined to her home by illness for several days, but has improved, and is able to be out again.

OAKVILLE, IOWA Reporter: John L. Steiner

On January 7, our friend, Steven Gerst, was proved before the congregation, baptized, and accepted into the fold as a new brother.

Bro. Arthur and Sis. Leona Mesner have recently moved into our congregation from the Morris church. We extend them our hearty welcome.

Bro. Earl Massner suffered very painful second degree burns about his face, neck, and hands recently. A fuel-oil can exploded in his hands.

The betrothal of Bro. Leon Kuntz to Sis. Doris Moser, of Morton, was made known on January 28.

PEORIA, ILLINOIS Reporter: Mrs. Michael Weyeneth

Our monthly Hymn-sings were held Sunday evening, Jan. 7, and Sun. evening, Feb. 4.

Sister Anna Baer is spending the winter with relatives in Germany.

Our Bible Class started Tuesday evening, Jan. 16, after not being held during the holidays.

The wedding of Kathleen Martin and Morris Zimmerman of Cissna Park was performed by Bro. Roy Sauder, on Sunday, Jan. 7. Many relatives and friends attended. A supper was held at the church, following the ceremony, and a reception followed later, at the Ray Martin home. We wish them the blessings of God in their new adventure.

Sis. Betty Bittner has been confined to her bed the last few weeks. We wish her God's help and strength.

Sis. Louise Genzel passed away at her home, Jan. 6. Her funeral was held on Tuesday, Jan. 9, Bro. Michael Weyeneth officiating. Many relatives and friends attended, from Gridley, Morton and other places.

Our ministers held services at the different homes, Sunday afternoon, for the sick. They visited the homes of Bro. Joe Plattner, Sisters Betty Bittner, Emma Schafer, and Elsie Stahl.

Our sick in the hospital, at this writing, are Sisters Eliza Leman, Lydia Hohulin, Carrie Gerig and Elizabeth Herbst. May the Lord bless all those that remember the sick, the lonely, or less fortunate.

Let us pray for one another;
How we need each others
prayers!

In this world of sin and sorrow,
With its worries and its cares.

Let us love one another;
Tis the badge by which we're
known.

To this selfish, sinful worldling,
That we are Christ's very own.

PORTLAND, OREGON Reporter: Mrs. Robert Miller

Know Each Other Better

Our second oldest member is Sister Elizabeth Diriwachter, daughter of Gottfred and Elizabeth Loter. She was born in Barodero, near the Province of Buenos Aires, Argentina, March 15, 1879. She will soon celebrate her 83rd birthday.

She was the oldest of nine children.

She lived in a two-room home, with no floors. They slept on beds, using straw sacks. Quite different from the modern conveniences of today. When she was nineteen, she moved with her family to Switzerland. She was employed in the watch factory there.

In 1903, she married Gottfred (better known as Fred) Affolter, in Switzerland. They moved to this country in 1905, spending forty days on the ocean before arriving. They located at West Bend, Iowa. After being here two weeks, their first child arrived.

They lived at West Bend several months, then moved to Fairbury, Illinois, for approximately five years.

Sister Elizabeth has six children, Sister Bertha (Mrs. Phil Metzger), Sabetha, Kansas; Fred, Molalla, Oregon; Ernie, Milwaukie, Oregon; Elizabeth (Mrs. Art Steiner) Portland, Oregon; Clara Sandstedt, Denver, Colorado; and Edith Hornstein, Portland, Oregon. She has twenty-two grandchildren and twenty-six great-grandchildren.

She repented in 1908, at Fairbury, Illinois, and, having peace with God, gave her testimony. Martin Steidinger proved and baptized her.

She moved back to West Bend, Iowa, again for several years. Her husband passed away in 1927, shortly before she moved to Portland, Oregon.

In 1941, she remarried, to

Brother Rudolph Diriwachter. Brother Rudolph was ministering here before their marriage. (Many of you readers, no doubt, remember Bro. Diriwachter—we have received many blessings from his ministering of the Word of God. Bro. Rudolph passed away twelve years ago.

Sister Elizabeth is now living at 14500 Southeast Johnson Road, Milwaukie, Oregon, in her own home. Her son, Ernie, and family live next door to her.

About a year ago our dear sister had a heart attack. We are thankful that she is in fairly good health, and can fellowship with us on Sunday. This interview with our dear sister was very interesting.

PRINCEVILLE, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Ruth Ricketts

We are thankful for the safe return of our Elder Brother Silas Leuthold and Sis. Mary from Hot Springs, Arkansas, where they have been receiving treatment the past few weeks.

Bro. Walter and Sis. Betty Herrmann have also arrived home, after a few weeks in Phoenix. Sis. Margaret Herrmann accompanied them to Arizona, but remained for a longer stay.

Bro. Willis and Sis. Lois Ehnle, Tony and Joy, have arrived from Japan and have been spending their time with Willis' parents and family until now. He is enrolled at the University at Normal, Illinois, and will study there the next few months.

During the last few weeks, we have had a number of shut-ins, but most of them are able to be about again. Fred Schafer was in the hospital for surgery, but has been able to be about again. Sis. Wilma Martin also had surgery, but has recovered and is worshipping with us again. Sis. Anna Roach was in the hospital for a few days for observation and treatment, and she, too, is much improved and is with us. Sis. Martha Streitmatter was a bed patient for several days, with a blood clot in her leg, but she, too, has been in church again.

Bro. William Elsasser Sr., who has been in the hospital suffering from a heart condition for several weeks, was able to come to the home of his daughter, Sis. Anna,

and Bro. Harold Streitmatter, by ambulance, February 3.

We are so thankful that all are improving satisfactorily, and hope it will continue with them.

Elmer and Janet Martin are the parents of a daughter, born to them January 20. They have another daughter and a son.

We have so many reasons for rejoicing, for several of our young folks have given their hearts to the Lord in repentance. Among those who have answered a call are Verle Kieser, Richard Streitmatter, Eddie Knobloch, Charles Kieser, Lawrence and Elaine Wagenbach and Lavonne Grimm. Lavonne's home is in West Bend, but she is employed in Peoria, and has been attending church here in Princeville. Her parents, Bro. Eli and Sis. Grimm, were vacationing in Florida, stopped here on the way home and are spending a few days with their daughters here. We are so thankful for the souls who can give their hearts in service of the Lord, and pray that the many more troubled hearts can be broken, and join their friends.

PULASKI, IOWA

Reporter: Mrs. Harry Wagler

On the 7th of January, our Elder Brother Fred Grimm spent the day with us, and proved and baptized our two converts, Mary Jo Wagler and Nancy Rinkenberger. Their testimonies brought joy to the hearer, and it was a blessed day of the Lord's for which we are thankful.

Know Each Other Better

Sister Ella Wagler is the second oldest member of our Pulaski congregation. She passed her 80th milestone on the 15th of January.

She was born on a farm in the Pulaski community in the year 1882, the daughter of John and Katherine Winger Miller. She has lived all her life, made up of many rich memories, in the community of her birth.

In 1902, on the 24th of December, she was united in marriage to Jacob Wagler. To this union were born three children: Harry, who lives near Pulaski; Lucile, who died in infancy at the age of 13 months; and John, a ministering brother in the Athens, Alabama, church.

On a nice Sunday in the fall of 1921, a party consisting of aunts,

uncles, and cousins went nutting, in a near by timber. In the course of events, Johnny Miller, son of the Brother Mike Millers (Brother Mike was preaching in the Pulaski church at that time), fell from the top of a nut tree to the ground, and was mortally hurt. This sad accident was the turning-point in life for six members of the party; they turned to the Lord in repentance. Among the group were Ella and Harry. In due time, they were proved and baptized by Brother Bartel Rapp of Morton. In the year 1951, her husband, Jacob, repented, and was baptized shortly before he died.

Sister Ella has always been a staunch supporter of the faith, and particularly of her home church in Pulaski. She lives a full life, and always enjoyed visiting and doing for others. She has been a good mother, one who always looked well to the ways of her household. She is now bedfast at the home of her son, Harry, and her days are numbered. She lies on a bed of pain and misery, and begs the Lord to take her home.

PURDUE UNIVERSITY

WEST LAFAYETTE, INDIANA

Reporter: Betty Bahler

The Purdue Student Fellowship Meetings are held every other Thursday at 315 University St., West Lafayette, Indiana. The time is 7:00 P.M. sharp (E.S.T.).

Jan. 4, Bro. John Yergler gave us a spiritual message. There were parents and guests from Bluffton congregation. We also had guests from Remington and Wolcott.

Jan. 18, Bro. Robt. Hueni spoke words of spiritual strength to us. We had parents, young people and guests from Bremen, also guests from Remington.

Feb. 1, Bro. Emmanuel Gudeman gave a thought-provoking message from the Revelation. There were parents and guests from Cissna Park, also Remington, Milford, Wolcott and Francesville.

Our attendance of Purdue students and those from the West Lafayette and Lafayette community has been quite small, but we hope and pray that those at home will encourage the young people, especially students, to seek fellowship with us. We are grateful to God for the opportunity of serving together where life and its problems

become so real to these young souls. Surely, our responsibility is to make the Person of Jesus Christ more real to those away from home.

Anyone knowing the names and addresses of interested persons in this area, please send the same to Dr. Dean Bahler, 104 Mohawk Lane, West Lafayette, Indiana.

REMINGTON, INDIANA

Reporter: Emily Kilgus

Know Each Other Better

Sister Ida Nussbaum

Sister Ida Nussbaum was born at Fairbury, March 7, 1887, to Nicholas and Emma Zimmerman Nussbaum. She was one of nine children, and a sister to Bro. Andy Nussbaum, who is our oldest member. Her family moved to Remington in 1900.

She repented at the age of 16, and was baptized in the stock tank on the Conrad Beckley farm, which was the first place north of our present church. Bros. Chris Gerber and Jacob Honegger came by train from Fairbury, and Bro. Gerber baptized her.

When Bro. Andy's wife, Emma, became sick, Ida and her sister Martha moved in with the family and cared for them, and after Sister Emma passed away, Ida stayed with the family for 14 years. During this time, she also helped others in her family, and it is said by others of her family, that she was present when nearly all of her nieces and nephews were born.

When Bro. Andy was again blessed with a helpmate, Ida went to live with her parents, and took care of both of them until their death.

Ida lives alone, and spends much time quilting. We admire her as a very calm and humble sister. Some of us will never forget, when once one of our sisters in the church was more or less bemoaning the fact that she was entering her forties, Ida consoled her with these words, "Oh well, you'll soon be out of them again."

Maurice and Sis. Eileen Getz are the parents of a daughter, Susan Gayle. She has one brother, Eddie.

We regret losing Bro. and Sis. Devon Yoder from our congregation. They have recently moved to Roanoke.

RITTMAN, OHIO

Reporter: Lucille Hartzler

Births: A girl, Judith Irene, on Jan. 12 to Bro. and Sis. Isaac Rufener, Jr.; A boy, Daniel Wayne, on Jan. 27 to Bro. and Sis. Donald Stoller.

Announcement was made on Jan. 21 of the approaching marriage of Bro. Isaac Rufener Sr. and Sis. Merrill Miller.

We rejoice that our friend, Ella Mae Trent, is giving her heart to the Lord. She is the granddaughter of Sis. Ella Steiner.

Proving and baptism was held on Sat. and Sun., Feb. 3 and 4, for Harlan and Jean Stoller. We wish them God's richest blessings in their new-found faith. Bro. Rudolph Graf assisted our Elder Bro. Noah Bauman in this work.

Those in the hospital this past month were Sis.'s Ella Hartzler, Emma Maibach, and Ida Winkler, and Bro.'s. Donald Walder and Joe Rufener. All are improving and home again, except Sis. Emma Maibach, who was taken to Glendora Nursing Home.

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Bro. Amos Hartzler was born July 24, 1872, at McVeytown, Pennsylvania. There, he grew up with his parents and brothers, Noah, Joe, and Isaac, and sisters, Mary and Lydia, who have all gone to their eternal rest.

While Bro. Amos was a boy, the family made several trips to Illinois, visiting an aunt that lived there, who was a member of the Apostolic faith. It was through these visits that they learned to know of this faith, and in due time, Amos's mother repented and was baptized.

When they grew older, his brother Noah moved to Illinois (and later to Ohio), to be closer to the church people, and then Bro. Amos, too, left Pennsylvania and came to the Rittman area to find work. He began attending the church and soon answered God's call to serve Him. He was baptized on Oct. 16, 1892, by Elder Bro. Henry Schwier of Mansfield, in a creek close to the farm where he now lives.

After he was baptized, he went back to Pennsylvania and farmed there for two years, but again came back to Rittman. Eventually,

the whole family moved to the Rittman area.

On Oct. 2, 1898, he was united in marriage to Sis. Sarah Horn. To this union were born nine children: Reuben, Minnie, William, Benjamin, Bertha, Homer, Vernon and a twin who passed on in infancy, and Forest. His son, William, passed away in 1955 and his wife, Sarah, in 1957. He now has 26 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

Bro. Amos was called into the ministry around 1920, and is yet occasionally conducting services. In his effort to serve the Lord and proclaim the gospel, he felt he was not going out enough and getting to enough people the message of Christ, so in the early 30's he decided to try to get to more people who perhaps had never heard the wonderful story or didn't even own Bibles. He had heard how poor some of the people were in the South, so put an article in several newspapers throughout the country, stating that he would send Bibles to anyone interested, if they would contact him. He received several requests, and it was through this that he began corresponding with some of the folks from Alabama, who seemed to really have a hunger for the Word. Upon becoming more acquainted with these people by letter, he finally decided they perhaps should be visited. He made his first trip to Alabama with his son Homer and Bro. Noah Schrock. After making a number of trips there and working with the people, he helped to build the first of our churches at Hillsboro, which later burned down. In his lifetime, he has made many trips to the Alabama churches.

Among his other duties, Bro. Amos served as treasurer of the Rittman church for many years. His lifetime work was farming and carpentry. Although his strength is failing now at the age of 89, he still likes to keep busy, so he corresponds by letter to many people. He also still likes to travel when able, and recently even took a trip to his birthplace in Pennsylvania, and then spent the week end in Rockville.

He makes his home with his daughter, Minnie, and two sons, Homer and Vernon, near Marshallville, on the farm where he has lived for many years.

ROANOKE, ILLINOIS**Reporter: Sara Aeschleman**

Sis. Anna Sauder passed away Tuesday, Jan. 16, at the Remmert Nursing Home, where she had been a patient for two and one-half years. Her funeral was the following Thursday, with Bros. Joseph Zimmerman and Eugene Bertschi officiating.

Boys were born to Bro. and Sis. Walter Fehr and Bro. and Sis. Bill Leman.

Bro. and Sis. Wilbert Seggerman and family have left our congregation, and have moved to Oakville, where they plan to make their new home.

Bro. and Sis. DeVon Yoder have moved here from Remington.

ROCKVILLE, CONNECTICUT**Reporter: Carlton J. Lanz**

Bro. Erwin Erismann and son Ronnie, of Bay City, were here on Sunday, Jan. 14, where they spent some time at the bedside of Erwin's ailing father, Bro. John Erismann.

At our annual business meeting, held on Jan. 21, few changes were made; however, Bro. Rudolph Luginbuhl became our new Sunday School superintendent and Bro. Lee Bahler our new trustee. Other offices remained unchanged.

Bro. Arthur Graf of Akron spent the week end of Jan. 21 here with us. Together, we enjoyed a very pleasant evening of hymn singing and fellowship, at the home of The Alfred Schneiders', on Monday. Worthy of note, the name "Graf" to us, briefly, has a certain import, for, when being left without an elder back some years ago, it was Bro. Ernest Graf Sr. (now long deceased) who came to us to provide that, we then were so in need of. He utilized his keen foresight, with which he was endowed, to act upon matters and to choose brothers, able, to step in and carry on. We can believe that his efforts were, indeed rewarding, and as a result we in Rockville have been united and blest. He has left, with those of us who knew him, some beautiful memories. His work now finished, along with countless others who served God—we are reminded of verse 13, chapter 14, in Revelation. . . .

SABETHA, KANSAS**Reporter: Eldon Metzger**

Visiting the Sabetha Church on Dec. 31 were Bro. and Sis. Simon Wiegand of Goodfield, Bro. and Sis. Ben Stickling of Peoria, Bro. and Sis. Dale Knobloch of Lester, Bro. and Sis. Alvin Banwart of West Bend, A. H. Steiner of Portland, and Aaron Metzger of Lincoln, Nebraska.

Gene Hartman, son of Bro. and Sis. Carl Hartman, arrived in Pakistan on Jan. 14. Gene is in the Air Force.

Bro. and Sis. George Bruellman of West Bend stopped on their way west and visited his sister, Sis. Helen Strahm, and enjoyed mid-week services with the Sabetha congregation, Jan. 17.

Bro. and Sis. Silas Banwart of West Bend worshiped with the Sabetha church, as they were here visiting their daughter, Sis. Phyllis Strahm, Jan. 21.

On Feb. 4, our visitors were Bro. and Sis. Mathias Strahm of Gridley, Kans., and Bro. and Sis. Herbert Ramsier of Bay City, who were visiting their son and daughter-in-law, Bro. and Sis. James Ramsier. Bro. James is stationed at Fort Riley, Kansas.

SARASOTA, FLORIDA**Reporter: Velta Laukhuf**

The first service for the season was held Sunday, Jan. 7, 1962.

The following signed the church registration book for the month of January: :

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Virkler, Crogan; Mr. and Mrs. Eli Grimm and Mr. and Mrs. Levi Banwart, West Bend; Mr. and Mrs. Warren Bauman, Morton; Mr. and Mrs. Lester Davis, Gridley, Ill.; Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Sauder, Eureka; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Huber, Elgin, Ill.; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Honegger, Forrest; Mr. and Mrs. John Wiedman, Fairbury;

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Reuter and son, Wolcott; Mr. and Mrs. Herman Kipfer and Mr. and Mrs. Eli Reineck, Bluffton; Alice Heinold, La Crosse; Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Meister and Mr. and Mrs. Silas Laidig, Bremen; Mr. and Mrs. Gus Knochel, Remington; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Laidig and son, Arcadia, Fla.; Mildred Donze, Vernon, Conn.

Mr. & Mrs. B. J. Zeigler, Toledo; Mr. and Mrs. John Fuhrer, Mans-

field; Mr. and Mrs. Gus Laukhuf, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Laukhuf and Dean Laukhuf, Latty.

Our minister, Bro. Philip Wingeier, and his wife, Sis. Fern, arrived the first week in January, plan to stay until the latter part of March. The group staying here are very thankful to have Bro. Philip with us. Bro. Philip would enjoy having visiting ministers come and worship with us, if they are in Florida.

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

On January 21, afternoon services were held at the home of our minister, Bro. Delbert, and Sis. Martha Indermuhle. Services were not at the church, because of unfavorable heating conditions.

Bro. Delbert and Sis. Martha visited with Bro. Ferd and Emma Riggerbach. Emma fell at her home on June 12, and spent several months in the hospital. She is now able to walk a few steps each day, and is looking forward to the day she can worship with us again.

Know Each Other Better

Bro. Carl Indermuhle was born near Sardis, on April 12, 1895.

His father, a minister, Rudolph Indermuhle, was born in Switzerland in 1865 and came to America at the age of sixteen. He worked as a hired hand for Bro. Robert Bauman near Sardis. On January 20, 1890, he was united in marriage to Sis. Rosa Riggerbach. They had four children: Oscar, Edwin, Carl and Clara.

Carl was united in marriage to Willetta Walters on May 15, 1915. Both turned to the Lord and repented the first year of their marriage. They were baptized by Bro. Joseph Ingold. To this union, three children were born, Sis. Rosella, Sis. Almeda, Bro. Delbert (a minister in the faith), all of the Sardis area. Bro. Carl and Sis. Willetta have 9 grandchildren.

He was a hard-working farmer all his life, until he was forced to give it up when his eyesight became failing. He now is totally blind, but still enjoys attending church.

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

There has been a lot of sickness this past month, but only two were

hospitalized. Little Shelly, daughter of Bro. Louis and Sis. Ruth Hoerr, had a virus. She has returned home, and is improving. Johnny, son of Bro. Don and Sis. Judy Feller, was in the hospital a few days, for tests.

The annual business meeting was held on Jan. 12. The new teachers elected were Bro. Louis Hoerr, Bro. Marvin Wiegand and Sis. Mardell Grimm. The teachers finishing their two-year term are Bro. James Sutter, Sis. Rosella Kolthoff and Sis. Ruth Hoerr. Bro. James Sutter was elected to succeed Bro. George Hoerr as trustee, and Bro. Perry Yackley is to continue as sexton.

Sis. Kathy Grimm, daughter of Elder Bro. Fred and Sis. Louise Grimm, begins her studies this semester at Iowa State University, Iowa City, Iowa. Bro. Bill Gerst, son of Bro. Paul and Sis. Elva Gerst of Oakville, has come here, to attend Gem City Business College at Quincy.

TOLEDO, OHIO

Reporter: Emily Frautschi

Know Each Other Better

Sister Mary M. Schrenk was born April 28, 1878, to Katherine Dotterer Schrenk and Andrew Schrenk, at Junction, Ohio. She turned to the Lord in repentance at the age of 16 years. At that time, some of her friends were repenting, and as they talked to her about it, she woke up to the fact that this was what she really wanted. She was baptized by her uncle, Brother Henry Dotterer, at Junction, Ohio.

Mary took care of her parents, until she was 37 years of age, and then went out and worked for other people, most of these years in Toledo. While she lived in Junction, she taught Sunday School in German for 12 years.

She lived with her sister Lena for 15 years (Sister Lena died 4 years ago), and is now living in her home at 2802 Midwood, Toledo 6, Ohio, with a companion. Mary does attend church services whenever she is able, but there are times that her arthritis is so bad she is unable to go out.

On Jan. 28, we had a blessed day, with our Elder Bro. Rudolph Graf from Akron visiting us.

Richard and Betty Fetter have a

new daughter, Gretchen, who was welcomed by a brother and a sister, Matthew and Laurie.

TREMONT, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Mrs. William H. Beutel

December 30 — A baby girl, Esther Louise, was born to the Fred Endress's. Little Esther has 2 brothers. Her grandmother, Louise Bernhardt, came from her home in Germany to spend several months with them.

January 14—Bro. Joe Getz was with us.

January 22—Was the funeral of our dear Sister-In-Faith, Ida Unsicker, 78 years of age. Surviving are her husband, Bro. Will; 13 children, all living; 26 grandchildren, and 8 great-grandchildren.

January 25—A baby boy was born to Bro. and Sis. Marvin Frank. He was named Jeffery Alan.

January 28—Services were held at the funeral home for Jacob Zeller, 72. He passed away one day after he entered the hospital, following a fall in his farmyard.

February 4—The engagement of Sis. Joyce Wagenbach and Bro. Roy Schneider of Rockville was made known.

Correction: The APO of Richard Steiner's address is 189.

Know Each Other Better

One of our dear old sisters-in-faith, who dearly loved to work in her garden with flowers and vegetables as long as she was able, and who always has such a nice, sweet smile ready for all, but who now is in a wheel chair, is Sis. Mary Woerner. Sis. Mary was born June 5, 1874, at Byron, Germany. The first one of her family coming to America, she came in 1895, repented in 1898, and was baptized by Bro. Witzig in Peoria, where she worked.

Her parents were Leonard Lang and Elizabeth Gall. Sis. Mary had one sister, and their mother died when she was 10 years old. Her father remarried and there were more children.

She was married to Bro. Christian Woerner, March 27, 1901, at Tremont by Bro. Andrew Rapp. They farmed around Tremont, until the death of Bro. Chris, January 7, 1943. She stayed on their farm until 1946, then lived with her daughter, Bro. and Sis. (Paul-

ine) Willis Sauder and family for two years. She then moved to Tremont, where she lives with her daughter, Sis. Elizabeth, and sister, Katie Lang. There are four sons, George, Carl, Chris and Ben. One child died at age 10. She has 15 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

Sis. Mary worked outdoors as long as she was able. She broke her hip when she was 80, and again when she was 85. So, she is rather handicapped now, but can still use her hands when she is up in her wheel chair — a patient shut-in is she!

UNION CITY, NEW JERSEY

Reporter: August Mueller

We had one visitor on Sunday, Jan. 7. Sis. Norma Hendrickson. We were very glad to have her with us, from Goodfield.

The Silver Lining

It humbles me to be a reporter for the Silver Lining. I honestly believe that the Lord has a hand in it, and that it was his will that this valuable paper should be published. The words that the elders and ministers write are not mere words; they are words of life and truth.

Through the Silver Lining, we find that souls are still called to the Lord, and where they are called, even in Japan. Through the Silver Lining, the members are brought closer together. Through the Silver Lining, we learn of the burdens other members have to bear on their way on earth to heaven, rejoice with those that rejoice, and weep with those that weep.

True, the Silver Lining is not read as often as the Bible, nevertheless, it is worth reading. It contains many helpful words, and I for my part am very glad to hear the news from other congregations.

Read the Silver Lining and help support it.

Fare well.

WEST BEND, IOWA

Reporter: Anna M. Schmidt

A Brief History of the Apostolic Christian Church of America at West Bend.

In the years between 1868 and 1890, a number of families came to this community, where some of them received Patent Land Grants from the U.S. Government, on un-

broken prairie land. Some came by covered wagon, drawn by oxen and horses, from Elgin, Iowa. Some came from various places, including Ohio, Illinois and some from Switzerland.

No trees grew, except along rivers and streams, but prairie grass was everywhere, some as tall as a boy on horse-back. Some of the families lived in sod houses, made by stacking squares of sod for walls and fire-places for warmth and cooking. The floors were dirt.

Trips to town were not frequent, as "town" was Fort Dodge, 45 miles away. These trips were made by a group of men and took several days. They brought mail, sugar, and flour, made of wheat which they had taken.

Indians were numerous, but most of them were friendly.

No doctors being available, some of these sturdy pioneers, out of love and care for each other, took the responsibility of administering first aid, and caring for the sick and dying with the simple medicines which they kept on hand. Another of the many labors of love was preparing bodies of their dear ones for burial.

In those early days, they must have felt a great dependence upon God and each other, and, by lack of material ease and wealth, were spiritually enriched, so they could endure things which we would think too much to bear.

We surely owe thanks to God for sustaining them and prompting them to cling together and meet in their homes for worship, until about 1878, when a small frame church (about 24 x 40) was built on the present site. The land was donated by John U. and Maria Banwart, but apparently no legal documents were drawn until June 19, 1900, when the Church "purchased" the one acre for the sum of One Dollar.

This first house of worship consisted of a kitchen and auditorium. Services were in the German language, as all of those attending were German or Swiss.

Barns were built along the west side of the lot, for the horses which drew the wagons, buggies, or sleds.

Bro. John Gerber and Brother John Anliker were the first ministers. Brother Anliker was offer-

ed a home and a small acreage, to come here from his home in Ohio to be their minister.

About the year 1896, a new auditorium was built (40' x 40'), and the old one used for a dining room. A coal furnace in a small cellar was used for heating. Coffee, home-made bread and home-made butter were served at noon, and an hour of fellowship and singing were enjoyed, before a second service was begun. We should be very grateful to have the privilege of enjoying this fellowship hour yet in our day, and we have a duty to hold it in reverence.

A 10' x 10' addition was built at the South entrance, in 1919.

Part of the service was conducted in the German language until about 1945.

The congregation was blessed and continued to grow, so that, in 1947, the church building was raised, and a full basement dug. This area was used for a kitchen, dining room, Sunday School room, nursery, rest rooms and a new oil furnace. The entire top floor was now used for auditorium, with the exception of a hall at each end.

By 1945, the increasing Sunday School attendance was fairly pushing the walls out of the dining room, so a new basement Sunday School room with five ante-rooms was added on the west of the existing basement. This proved a very useful arrangement for serving large groups of people at funerals, provings, weddings, etc.

This History is compiled by one who heard these accounts from the lips of several aged brothers and sisters who experienced the very things written here. They were some of the very first to carry the faith of their fathers to this new land.

The Ministers that have served the church: Bros. Henry Fehr, John Benninger, Joe Banwart, Albert Wuthrich, Emil Fisher, Alfred Fehr, Noah Gerber, Earl Banwart and Paul Banwart, who is our elder at the present time.

Chris Schmidt had surgery today, and is at the Mercy Hospital at Ft. Dodge, Iowa.

WINTHROP, MINNESOTA Reporter: Marguerite Messner

Mr. and Mrs. Darrel Schmidt and daughter, Denise, son of Sis. Emma

Schmidt, left for Gridley, Illinois, Jan. 22. He is employed at the Reinen Hog Market.

Mr. and Mrs. Merlin Schmidt and family of West Bend visited over the week end of Jan. 28 with his mother, Sis. Emma Schmidt, and other relatives.

Bro. Roland Messner underwent surgery for cataract of his left eye, Jan. 29, at the Abbott Hospital of Minneapolis, Minnesota. He is recuperating nicely at home.

The engagement was made known of Sis. Carolyn Pfister, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Levi Pfister, to Bro. Ralph Gudeman. Bro. Ralph is the son of Bro. and Sis. George Gudeman of Cissna Park and is employed in Congerville. Sis. Carolyn is employed in Ft. Wayne.

Feb. 3, Patricia Messner, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Harold Messner and Glen Meyer Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Meyer Sr. of Winthrop, were united in marriage by Bro. Paul Banwart of West Bend. The wedding took place at the home of the bride's parents in Gaylord, Minnesota. Other visitors for Sun., Feb. 4, were Sis. Clara and Sis. Lela Banwart and Bro. and Sis. Earl Banwart and daughter, LeAnn, all of West Bend.

Bro. and Sis. Jake Knobloch, Sis's Eunice, Betty, Gladys and Arthur Knobloch, all of Lester, visited over the week end with Bro. and Sis. Eugene Schmidt.

John Messner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Messner of Winthrop, is leaving for San Antonio, Texas, Feb. 4, to start his basic training.

WOLCOTT, INDIANA Reporter: Arles Kropf

Know Each Other Better

Bro. Andrew Farney, the oldest member in our congregation, is 84 years old. He was born January 19, 1878, at Forrest, Illinois, a son of Joseph and Lena (Yoder) Farney. On Sept. 17, 1902, he was united in marriage to Katherine Kiefer of Fairbury. They lived on a farm near Strawn, Illinois, for one year, then moved to Indiana, where they farmed until 1943, when they retired and moved to Wolcott. His wife died in 1959.

He has four children, Sidney of Tucson, Arizona; Mrs. Pearl Brummett of Delphi, Ind.; and Sis.

Grace Stoller and Sis. Josephine Farney of Wolcott, also four grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

He repented and was baptized in July, 1945, at Wolcott, by Elder Bro. George Yergler of La Crosse.

Bro. Andrew is enjoying good health, and during the summer months, finds pleasure in his garden and flowers. Sis. Josephine takes care of her father and the home.

Visitors on Jan. 14 were Bro. and Sis. Galen Baumgartner, Bro. and Sis. Tom Moser, Bro. and Sis. Allen Isch, Bro. and Sis. Harold Meyer, Bro. and Sis. John Meyer and Bro. and Sis. Aaron Kipfer of Bluffton and Bro. and Sis. Gale Stoller of Latty.

On Jan. 28, Bro. and Sis. Ed Gudeman of Ft. Wayne visited our congregation.

New Sunday School teachers taking over their duties on Jan. 1 were, Bros. Vernon Furrer and Verne Lehman and Sisters Lena Lou Reuter and Gladys Widmer.

LEO, INDIANA

Reporter: Mrs. Elias Souder

Fifty-six years in the service for the Lord! Truly, we can say this about our dear sister, Cora Levy, who at the age of 23 years dedicated her life to the Lord. In her time, she has ministered to around sixty little ones, of whom we read: "That in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven."

She also had six children of her own.

Cora was born near Bluffton, Ind., Nov. 1882. Her mother was Philippine Baker from Germany, and her father, Ulrich Rhinehart, from Switzerland. Her parents were brought up in their early years in the Lutheran faith. In this country, when they moved to Bluffton, they became acquainted with the Apostolic Christian Church, and became members of it. Cora had five brothers and three sisters, of whom only one sister, Sarah Schwartz survives.

At the age of twenty, she married Samuel Levy. They made their home near Junction, Ohio, and later settled here near Leo. When Cora's sister Sarah, repented, with others, she also felt the

need, and became a member of the church.

In 1941, Cora's husband passed away, leaving her with two sons and two daughters. One sweet little girl, Sarah, died at the age of 9 years, and a bright-eyed little boy, Clarence, went home at the age of 11 years.

Cora stayed on for a while on the farm with Herman and his family, and then moved here to Grabill.

She still baby-sits with little children, and is a very active worker in helping to get out the Silver Lining.

Her children are Logan Levy of Chicago; Herman, of near Auburn; Leona Koch of Ft. Wayne; and Caroline Stoller, of near Woodburn. Cora has nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

We want to make special mention of her grandson, Leon Stoller, who spent the week end with his family and the church. Leon at the age of 22, is a medical student at Indianapolis. He is in his sixth year of college, and is studying to be a doctor.

Sister Cora

He picked a lovely rose within
My garden glow of home . . .
And bid it come to Him up there,
On earth no need to roam.

My heart then felt the loneliness
And tears oft welled within,
But oh, the golden comfort glow
As home doth hold my kin!

Now, though the clouds some day
hang gray,
My babes who left my sight
Are happy in warm view up
there—

At home in love so bright.

The Editor

"I have been filling the orders and hope no one will be disappointed, as the only books available now are the Volume No. 1 and 2 by Froehlich on the Meditations of the Epistles of John, put up in one package at \$1.75 plus postage, and the "Meditations upon the Past,

Present and Future" at \$2.00, plus 14c postage.

Hope this is understood by all who order books.

J. C. Zimmerman

"Dear Ones in Faith,

Enclosed is . . . Also a poem, written by my mother several years before her death in 1959 . . .

Greetings in faith,
Marie Kaupp
1235 Hillcrest Ave.
Pasadena, Calif.

Written by my mother, Sister Juliana Kaupp of Gridley, Illinois.

TO THE GRIEVING

Lo, the messengers are coming,
Their grave tidings to unfold,
Of misfortune and disaster,
As to Job, in days of old.

Thus, our God and Heavenly
Father

Tries His children's faith and love,
That their thoughts and their
affections

Might be set on things above.

Cease to murmur, cease complain-
ing,

For the Lord is ever true;
Faint not in despair, for surely
He says, "I make all things new."

If we trust in Him with courage,
In His word with truth and might,
He will guide and give direction,
And will put our foes to flight.

Forward then, through all
affliction,
For the pathway of the cross
Leads to joy and bliss eternal,
Ending all distress and loss.

Where we'll praise our Lord for
ever,

Who His life to us has shared,
In that bright eternal city,
Where a home He has prepared.

With all the saints, we'll be united,
To rest from conflict and from
strife,

Where God, our sun, will shine in
splendor,
Through ages of eternal life.

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