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## ON BEING FAITHFUL

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There are a few questions we have a right to think about and to ask ourselves from time to time:

What can be more important in our life than our SALVATION?

What can we do to make our calling and election sure?

What does the LOVE of GOD mean to us—has it helped us to walk uprightly and honorably and to appreciate everyday our redemption, which cost the blood and life of our LORD and SAVIOUR?

The FAITH of TRUE BELIEVERS in the ATONING BLOOD of the SAVIOUR is based on the LOVE of GOD and knowledge of the teachings of the HOLY SCRIPTURES, as to what GOD expects of HIS CHILDREN in the way of obedience, which constrains us to walk humbly and to practice separation from the world, as taught in the WORD, so as to keep our spiritual garments unstained and unspotted. Even our temporal blessings mean more to us when we can enjoy the fellowship of our brethren.

What a pity, if we would not put everything we have in reverence and submission to GOD and the LOVING SAVIOUR!

TRUE FAITH is a heart-warming characteristic of the soul that brings man in contact with his GOD—it is the only avenue of approach to GOD—there is no other way—"he that cometh to God must believe" (Hebrews 11:6).

TRUE FAITH is the one virtue

with which we can please GOD—"but without faith it is impossible to please him" (Hebrews 11:6).

But FAITH and LOVE, like GRACE, are by degrees—there is a high level, and there is a lower level. To walk unblamably and in-offensively before GOD and man requires the constant guard over our life, our character and conduct, remembering our body is the tem-

the day of redemption." (Ephesians 4:30)

Grieve is a love word—you cannot grieve one who does not love you. You can hurt him, but you cannot grieve him. To grieve the Holy Spirit means that we are causing pain to someone who loves us. He is the Spirit of Truth—of Faith—and, of Grace, and of Holiness.

We quench the Spirit when we say "no" to GOD, when He directs us to sanctification.

We grieve the Spirit when we say "yes" to Satan, when he lures us out of the path of righteousness—when we should be doing some good—when we neglect attending the assemblies—when we fail to practice restraint, in leading a separated life.

If we are standing in grace, it is not too difficult to remind ourselves daily of CHRIST'S life, His gift of love to us—His perfect life on earth, following which GOD had to deal with Him as God must deal with sin, in severe and unrelenting judgment, requiring His life and blood, solely for the atonement of our sins.

The Believer, minded this way, will also reflect on the fulfillment of the promises in GOD'S WORD, that this same CHRIST will soon come again.

The meek have not yet inherited the earth—greed still lurks in the dark as it has of old—the Golden Rule of many is still the "rule of

### ANGRY WATERS!

"Or who shut up the sea with doors, when it brake forth, as if it had issued out of the womb?"

When I made the cloud the garment thereof, and thick darkness a swaddlingband for it,

And brake up for it my decreed place, and set bars and doors,

And said, Hitherto shalt thou come, but no further: and here shall thy proud waves be stayed?"

From Job 38

ple of the Holy Spirit, so we abstain from anything and every place that would grieve the Holy Spirit. Nothing short of loving obedience can keep us in harmony with God. God has not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness—and if we measure up to our calling, all uncleanness must go. "And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby you are sealed unto

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gold". There are among us who have seen two World Wars, with the threat of the third hanging over us. Where are those of which the Great Civil War President said "the dead shall not have died in vain"? The dead have given all they have to give. Where will we find our shelter, but in God through the HOLY CHURCH, if should come that which our leaders are warning us about. As children of God in Christ, we have a high responsibility to witness for

God and for the Saviour, and to defend and support the HOLY CHURCH.

What a high standing, to be of help to God and Christ, by being a good light—radiating love, and joy and peace.

One who does not attain to conformity with Christ in mind and in spirit in this time will not attain to it later in Eternity.

FAITH, HOPE and CHARITY, these three, and the greatest of these is CHARITY.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS?**

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

**THE FLOOD**

Henry Souder Jr.

Today . . . the age is overcast with a heavy pallor . . . Looming, billowing black clouds present a tragic ending. But, through it all, the flames and rumblings of coming judgment soar high in the sky!

Sunday morning dawned on the isle of Krakato. The year was 1883, the month, August.

But it was dark . . . a dust and pall from the volcano. Flames leaped and reddened the sky. Windows rattled . . . the earth rumbled.

Monday, the 27th . . . an explosion was followed by another. . . . Then, came the catastrophe. One tremendous convulsion blasted, it is estimated, one cubic mile of the island away. Three thousand miles distant, the boom was heard four hours later.

Villages were swept and swallowed by titanic tidal wave. Bodies sunk into the deep. Thousands perished.

"He taketh the wise in their own craftiness: and the counsel of the froward is carried headlong. They meet with darkness in the daytime, and grope in the noonday as in the night."

This earth is one vast cemetery, a civilization and country crushed in a catastrophic climax. Animals, both plant and flesh-eating, birds . . . overwhelmed and carried, pushed and swirled . . . are mixed with parts of plants and trees, sea shells and fish!

In France is a hill that reaches 1030 feet. High up, the earth was opened in a mighty movement. Together, piled and rushed in, are bones of bears and wolves, horse and oxen. No skeleton is complete, no bone is weathered, no bone gnawed.

Colossal motion reached tremendous dimension!

Bones of rhinoceroses, camels, wild boars, and other animals were found on a hill in northwestern Nebraska. The chalk bluffs of western Kansas gave forth the remains of giant water reptiles, Mososaurs and Tylosaurs.

"And God remembered Noah, and every living thing, and all the cattle that was with him in the ark: and God made a wind to pass over the earth, and the waters asswaged;"

The titanic forces that tore the great fountains, and sent the sea soaring, the driving sheets of water, left awesome imprint.

Swirling, blowing, howling . . . rumbling, roaring, renting . . . the remains are now piled high, under the ground.

The land was tilted and torn.

Fish were entombed and fossilized in their dying, contorted posture.

Vegetation was swamped and cramped and crushed. Today, in the rock above coal tunnel can be seen the imprint.

"And the waters returned from

off the earth continually:"

Mighty canyons would be rushed out, and soft debris would harden.

Under London, England, is 120 feet of clay. Clay means water left it. For the next 650 feet down there is chalk. Chalk is a compact mass, mainly of shells of microscopic things that once floated on a warm sea.

Deeper, yet still deeper, the rift and drift has left debris. The limestone . . . then the sandstone . . . sand, cemented and colored by iron!

The waters returned. High on a peak in the Canadian Rockies are enormous beds of strange, little sea creatures. Fourteen hundred feet under the surface of California, an ancient forest is discovered.

"and after the end of the hundred and fifty days the waters were abated."

Man draws his charts, puts them before his eyes, and misses the marvel of might.

He classifies and labels what he calls "Cretaceous" much younger than what he labels "Pre-Cambrian" and "Carboniferous". In the Rocky Mountain region is an enormous area, where what he proclaims as younger is on the bottom.

Professors parade what can't be true. In another place, a single tree is in more than one of the stratum.

Man's fictitious figures of folly will be burnt completely in the day of the great fire! Man's charts will

be seen false one Day, if not To Day!

"The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come . . ."

The mosaic of magnitude is a wonder of marvellous might.

A mighty dinosaur was Tyrannosaurus. He was eighteen feet high, standing on his two hind legs. His length measured forty-seven feet. His mouth was a yard wide, and each double-edged tooth two to six inches long.

The thunder lizard, Brontosaurus, weighed thirty-eight ton, and more.

Yet, the fossil record shows the mass of the huge creatures perished all over the earth, **simultaneously**.

The clock moves on . . . another Day comes.

The heavens frown with God's great wrath. Lightning zig-zags from pole to pole of the poor sinner. The thunder rolls and rumbles. Terror strikes its anguished keynote. Nightmare closes in.

There is no hope, then . . . to the bottom of an impossible sea sinks the agonized, contorted one . . . impossible night covers the coffin-ed closure, crushed in sin.

Not even a finger of hope can move in that lone, lost, closed despair . . . dying, but never dead.

### ANGRY WATERS!

Before, the sky was lovely,  
In masterpiece of love,  
And sun shone in cloudless sky,  
A gift from God above.

Darker still grew blacker clouds,

Torrents of water fell.  
Convulsion wrenched startled  
depth,  
As truth so plain doth tell.

The waters rose, and life looked at  
Thunder-toned displeasure:  
Poor, frightened, restless creature  
Forfeits God's rich treasure!

A tiger cat, waters 'round,  
More about, sitting high,  
Water lapping, closer still,  
Mid shrilling, howling sigh.

And man brings his little ones  
And wife toward high rock,  
To be swept to angry deeps,  
To silenced, deathly dock.

Haste then, sinner; haste away;  
Plead! Pray for mercy giv'n!  
Call out, cry, lest coming night  
Finds chance forever riv'n!  
the editor

## NEWS

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

Our annual business meeting was held February 11, to elect new officers. Bro. Ronald Allenbach was re-elected as Sunday School superintendent; Bro. Elmer Tanner was re-elected as one of the appraisers for the Brotherhood Aid; Bro. Fred Michel succeeds Bro. Claude Springer as trustee; and Bro. Huber Farney succeeds Bro. Wayne Kircher on the Hail Aid.

Bro. Lester Bahr fell, while riding a horse, and broke his ankle, requiring surgery to set the bone. Other hospital patients this past month were Sis. Lydia Hanhart, Bro. and Sis. M. A. Kisling, Bro. George Miller, Bro. Leonard Lambert, Sis. Lester Bahr and Bro. Raymond Roth.

Sis. Anna Kisling, whose life we wrote in the last issue of the Silver Lining, has been admitted to the Kiowa Rest Home.

Bros. Richard Guthrie and Huber Farney attended the Hail Aid meeting at Congerville, March 6.

### LEO, INDIANA

#### Reporter: Mrs. Elias Souder

A group of women from our church meet the first Thursday of each month in the church dining-

room. There, comforts & quilts are made, also clothing, for needy families. Then, at times, things are made for the Cancer Society.

The first Sunday of the month is set for the monthly afternoon visit at the Butler Rest Home. From time to time, new faces appear, replacing loved ones who have gone.

Bro. Theo Beer assisted Bro. Samuel Aeschliman in reading the memorandum.

Colissa Maria is the name of the little daughter born to Dwight and Betty Souder.

### CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

#### Reporter: Mrs. Ernest Knecht

We are happy to have Sis. Ruth Schubach in our midst again for a couple of months.

Bro. Walter Anliker from Eureka ministered to us here on Thurs. evening, Feb. 22.

Sis. Cora Scharlach, who has been in our midst for many years, has gone home to care for her aged mother for a few months.

On March 4, we were privileged to have minister Uriel Gehring and his wife, from Burlington, Iowa, visiting us. We truly enjoyed a blessed day and evening.

### AKRON, OHIO

#### Reporter: Ruth Taylor

A farewell dinner was given in honor of Wm. E. VonGunten Sr., having completed a 41-year career at Akron Savings and Loan Company. He was first vice-president and a member of the board of directors. They are planning an extended vacation to Florida, and intend to visit our churches there.

Mrs. Helen Burr is home, after being in the hospital 31 days. After vein surgery, she is coming along good, and is hoping for a complete recovery soon.

Sis. Naomi Beer spent several days in Akron with the Forrest Ritzmans. She celebrated her 61st birthday while here, and brought much joy by being with us.

Feb. 11, the Edward Beerys, Forrest Hartzlers, and John Steiners of Rittman were with us.

Bro. Peter and Sis. Elizabeth Barna visited in and around Los Angeles, spending most of their time with their children. Elizabeth got sick while there, and their trip was shortened. She is completely well again.

Feb. 18, Juane Johnson of Cissna Park visited the Forrest Ritz-

mans, and worshipped with us on Sunday.

Joe Winklers and Ralph Webbers attended mid-week services with us, Feb. 22.

Feb. 25, the Joe Ramseiers, Geo. Riggerbachs, Harvey Gassers and son Ronald, John Hartzler Jr. of Rittman, the Schindlers and Robert Undermuhle were with us. Bro. Joe served us with the gospel for the day.

A small but busy group meet regularly, once a month, for Red Cross work. The ladies have made large numbers of pads for the Cancer Society.

#### **ATHENS, ALABAMA** Reporter: Clara Heiniger

Bro. Ephraim Oberlander and his wife of Peoria visited the Athens, Hillsboro and Landersville territory, Feb. 3 and 4.

Bro. and Sis. Ben Bauman of Rittman visited all the churches, Feb. 11.

Wednesday evening, Feb. 14, worship services were held in the home of Bro. and Sis. George Kelly, at Prospect, Tennessee.

Bro. Henry Beer of Milford held worship service, Wednesday evening, Feb. 21, in the home of William and Sis. Charlene Robinson. Also, our visitors, Sisters Alice Beer, Matilda Rassi, and Lois Ehnle and children spent the evening with us.

#### **BERN, KANSAS** Reporter: Lee Plattner

Joe Marti, a son of Adolph and Mary Wenger Marti, was born May 15, 1886, near Bern, and passed away March 1, 1962, at the Apostolic Christian Home in Sabetha, at the age of 75 years.

His parents were of Swiss ancestry and were pioneer settlers in this community, when Indians were roaming the prairie. They helped finance and build the Apostolic Christian Church near Bern, and, inasmuch as they lived only about a half mile from the church, they were often called upon to furnish a team of horses for a horse-drawn hearse, which Joe often drove as a young boy.

He lived his entire life in the Bern community. In his youth, he was converted, became a member of the Apostolic Christian Church, and remained true and faithful unto the teachings of God to the end

of his life. He loved his Lord and Saviour who died for him, and, even as Christ, was always thoughtful and mindful of others, especially the sick and those in need, and found great joy and consolation in the promises of the word of God.

On September 2, 1917, he was married to Lydia Wittmer Aeschliman; to this union was born one son, Joy.

He was a farmer all his life, loved nature and enjoyed to work with the soil, and in his later years, especially, enjoyed his garden, where he raised a lot of vegetables and fruit for his family, and which he also graciously shared with others.

He enjoyed a fair measure of health all his life, until the fall of 1961, when he came quite ill, and the day after Christmas was taken to the Missouri Methodist Hospital in St. Joseph, Missouri, where he spent 18 days. He was then moved to the St. Anthony hospital in Sabetha, where he spent 28 days. The last 20 days of his life were spent at the Apostolic Christian Home.

He is survived by his wife, Lydia; one son, Joy; one step-daughter, Mrs. Lester Hartter; four grandchildren — Nancy, Stephen, Lynn, and Neil Hartter; one brother, Lou Marti; four sisters—Mrs. Louisa Baumgartner, Mrs. Joe Aeschliman, Miss Emma Marti, and Mrs. Will Meyer, all of this community. One sister, Sarah, and one brother, Will, preceded him in death.

Bro. Alpha Strahm Jr. has accepted the duties as minister. Let us all pray that the Holy Spirit may always be in his heart, to give him the strength and courage to bear these responsibilities.

The engagement and approaching marriage of Bro. Leonard Baumgartner to Sis. Nancy Hartter was recently made known.

#### **BLUFFTON, INDIANA** Reporter: Frieda Kipfer

Philip Moser, son of Bro. and Sis. Harold Moser, has been inducted into the Service, and is stationed at Ft. Sam Houston.

Sis. Christine Dubach fell on ice and fractured her ankle. Her mother, Sis. Hulda Heinold, of Tucson, Ariz., is staying with her for a few

weeks. Others hospitalized were Sis. Katie Isch, Sis. Goldie Steffen, and Bro. Carl Hackenjios.

Bro. and Sis. Henry Kilgus of Forrest were welcome visitors here on Feb. 25. They accompanied Bro. J. C. and Sis. Patricia Ebach, who came to visit her parents, Bro. and Sis. Mano Moser. Sis. Moser has been ill for some time.

Diane Moser, daughter of Sis. Mary Moser, was baptized on Sunday, March 4.

Births: To Bro. and Sis. George Ringger Jr., a son, on Feb. 17; to Vernon and Mary Ann Kaehr, a daughter, on Feb. 20; to Bro. and Sis. Ralph Steffen, a daughter, on Feb. 28.

#### **Know Each Other Better**

Bro. Jehu Gerber was born in 1873, to John and Anna Heyerly Gerber. His father came from Switzerland, and was one of the early settlers in this community.

Jehu had three brothers and six sisters, two of whom, Sis. Elizabeth Gilliom and Joel Gerber, are still living, both in Bluffton.

His parents moved to Adams County when he was seven, about a half mile north of the church, where he lived for seventy-one years.

Jehu repented in his youth, and was baptized in 1899 by Bro. Adam Imthurm, of the Archbold, Ohio church, Bro. John Aeschliman assisting.

His marriage was to Sis. Lydia Maller, daughter of Bro. and Sis. John Maller. They reared their family on the same farm, and also operated a cane mill for several years.

After her death in 1951, he moved in with Bro. and Sis. Homer Aschliman, and is still living there.

They had sixteen (16) children, two dying in infancy. There were two sets of twins among them. He also has twin grandsons.

The children are members of our congregation. Bro. Edward, with his family lives in Florida.

They are Gaius, Sylvan, Alvin, Floyd, Lloyd, Edward and Truman, Mrs. Roy (Helen) Gerber, Mrs. Homer (Minnie) Aschliman, Mrs. Ervin (Anna) Isch, Mrs. Ralph (Leona) Schwartz, Mrs. Ervin (Alice) Schwartz, Mrs. Roland (Sarah) Beer, and Mrs. Edward (Josephine) Schwartz.

He has forty-one grandchildren

and two great-grandchildren. Four of the grandchildren are converted.

Bro. Jehu has had some illness in recent years, but is again able to attend services, and enjoys visiting his family and with all who call on him.

### BREMEN, INDIANA

Reporter: Lydia Heuberger

#### Know Each Other Better

The second oldest sister in our Bremen congregation is Matilda (Metz) Hirstein. Sis. Tillie, as she is known to all of us, was born at Claytonville, Ind., on March 2, 1887, which means she will just have celebrated her 75th birthday by the time this article is read by the Silver Lining readers.

She was married in 1906 to Chris. Hirstein. In 1920, Tillie and her husband repented and were baptized by Bro. Henry Souder Sr. of Grabill, at our former church in the country. Due to the extremely cold day, the services were held in the church kitchen; otherwies, they were always held out-of-doors, using a large tank for the baptismal ceremony.

Bro. Chris, Sis. Tillie's husband, was our song leader for many years, and the two of them loved to sing from the Zion's Harp and the long black books. Bro. Chris. passed away July 31, 1949, having led singing on a Sunday, shortly before his last illness.

Sis. Tillie has five sons (one passed on in 1934, as the result of complications following a knee injury), and she has seven grandchildren.

Her hobbies are gardening and quilting. She is presently doing private home nursing in the home of a semi-invalid lady, and has been doing this type of work for the past 6-7 years, having cared for three other patients, all of whom she cared for until their death. All of her patients, but one, have lived within three blocks of the Bremen church.

Sis. Tillie is in good physical health for her years, and still cooks and bakes, also makes garden each year, wherever she works. For several years, she and her husband did the janitor work for our church, and she carried on after his death for a period of time.

Sis. Tillie has a merry heart, works hard, and can say in all her years, she has never had to take so

much as an aspirin.

Births: A daughter, Jacquelyn, to Bro. and Sis. Robert Hueni, on Feb. 19.

### BURLINGTON, IOWA

Reporter: Mrs. Ernest Anliker

Our guests this month were, Miss Janet Gehring of Elgin, Ia.; Sis. Kathy Grimm of Quincy, Ill.; and a roommate, Miss Jackie Rickman. These young ladies are attending college at Iowa City; Sis. Mardell Grimm and Sis. Eloise Wagler of Quincy. Sis. Eloise is attending college in Quincy.

Miss Esty Wilson of West Bend, but attending college at Cedar Falls, Ia., visited several days with her brother, Danny Anliker.

Our sympathy goes to Sis. Esther Wagler, who lost her mother and to Sis. Edna Pohl, whose father passed away last week.

Our friends, Miss Deloris Wagenbach, daughter of Bro. and Sis. John Wagenbach of Oakville congregation, and Danny Anliker, son of Bro. Noah Anliker of West Bend, have announced their engagement.

Miss Karen Wagler, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Ben Wagler, is engaged to Steve McCullough of Burlington.

Many have been and still are on the sick list — we miss each and every one in our assembly. We trust God may soon grant better health to all.

Our sister, Lena Kuntz, who has been ailing, and spent several days in the hospital, has been able to assemble with us again.

Sis. Anna Reeb, who is now staying with a daughter at Bettendorf, Ia., has improved, but is not able to be alone yet.

Bro. Chris Rinkenberger injured his foot, and had to go about on crutches. Sis. Alice has also been ailing for several days.

Kenny Massner is still in the hospital, hoping to be dismissed soon.

Little Jimmy Eisenman is doing nicely, since his recuperation from hernia surgery.

Bro. and Sis. Robert Pohl were involved in a car accident on their return from the funeral of Micheal Nicholas, Bro. Roberts grandfather, at Fairbury. Sis. Joyce has been in the hospital since the accident.

We are thankful that God protected them from more serious injury.

### CISSNA PARK, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Mrs. Jeff Young

We welcome Bro. and Sis. Harry Wagler, who moved here recently from the Pulaski congregation. They are now caring for Harry's mother, at their home in Rankin.

Sis. Caroline Meyer is living with her daughter and husband, Bro. Clarence and Sis. Emily Rudin, at the present time.

Among our loved ones hospitalized this past month are Bro. Bert Gudeman and Sis. Emma Kuebler; both are now convalescing at home.

Our weekly hymn-singing was held Monday evening, Feb. 26, with good attendance.

#### Know Each Other Better

We are happy to acquaint the readers of the Silver Lining with one of our older members, Sis. Rosie Stoller, who was born in Switzerland on Feb. 28, in 1870.

She was the daughter of Bro. and Sis. Christian and Marie Bertachi Stoller. She had nine brothers and sisters. Her mother died in 1876. Her father remarried in 1882 to Sis. Elizabeth Reichen; to this union, seven children were born (one died in infancy): Albert, Emma Klopfenstein of Latty, were born in Switzerland; Ida Roche at Fairbury; Jacob, Emil and Nettie at Cissna Park.

She, with her parents, came to America in 1889, living at Fairbury one year, then moved to Cissna Park.

Rosie repented in her early twenties. She felt convicted hearing the word of truth, and turned to the Lord in her youth. She was proved and baptized by Bro. John Steidinger, who was elder at that time.

Rosie did housework at Fairbury, and, besides helping at home, she worked for various families at Cissna Park; Indiana; and Ohio, and later cared for Sis. Susan Sneider at Peoria. After her departure, she lived with Sis. Katie Snider. When she was 79, Sis. Katie passed away. Not being able to live alone, she came to live with her half-sister, Ida Roche of Rankin, Ill. where she still resides.

In 1951, she broke her hip and was hospitalized for 3 months. After that, she was able to walk

again, spending most of her time mending, crocheting, knitting and quilting some, always able to attend church, until the fall of 1961, when she felt unable to go any more. In Jan. 1962, she fell in her home and broke her wrist, and is now wearing a cast. She is poorly and not able to walk. She enjoyed the many birthday cards received on her 92nd birthday, and wishes to thank everyone.

#### CONGERVILLE, ILLINOIS Reporter: Marjorie Knapp

We enjoyed the inspiring messages of the following visiting ministers: Bro. Russell Rapp, Morton; Bro. Ed Hohulin, Goodfield, and Bro. Dave Kieser, Princeville. We wish to thank each one for ministering to our congregation.

#### CROGHAN-NAUMBURG, N. Y. Reporter: Mrs. Clayton Virkler

Our congregations were saddened by the death of Ray Farney, husband of Sis. Lucille Farney. He had been ill for some time. Funeral services were held in the Croghan church, Thursday afternoon, February 22.

Bro. Jerome and Sis. Cora Farney celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary, February 21. They have the warmest wishes from all of us.

There has been quite an outbreak of the "flu" in our section. Some of the schools in the area have even been closed for a short period of time. Many of our members and friends have had flu, but as yet there have been no serious consequences.

Bro. George Lehman is slowly gaining strength back at his home, after his last stay in the hospital.

Mark Virkler, son of Bro. Clayton and Sis. Lillian Virkler, broke three bones in his foot, while sliding. However, he gets around real well with the use of crutches.

Mae Graves, daughter of Bro. Floyd and Sis. Loretta Graves, graduated from the State University Agricultural and Technical Institute of Morrisville, and has accepted a job at the Lewis County General Hospital as a practical nurse.

Although we have had lots of snow in the last few weeks, farmers in the area are thinking about "sugaring". They usually tap their maple trees in late February or in the month of March,

whenever the weather turns warmer.

Judy Schamback, daughter of Bro. Dave and Sis. Lois Schamback, has accepted a job as secretary at the "Beaverite" plant in Beaver Falls. She had nearly completed her secretarial training at Watertown, when she was offered the job.

#### DETROIT, MICHIGAN

Our Sunday School children and their teachers enjoyed singing at two nursing homes for the aged, recently.

Our recent guests were Bro. Elmer Schrenk, his son Tom, and wife JoAnn, Sis. Aldula Steffen (Bluffton), Bro. Ben and Sis. Carolyn and Sister Henrietta Manz (Junction), Bro. Eli and Sis. Ella Schlatter (Linwood).

Sis. Esther and Emil Hitz have returned to La Crosse, after spending two weeks here, caring for their grandsons.

A son, Douglas Loren, was born Feb. 19 to Bro. Ben and Sis. Lorene Maibach.

#### ELGIN, ILLINOIS Reporter: Louise Steffen Know Each Other Better

From Psalm 90: "The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labor and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away."

Our second oldest brother in the Elgin church is Elder William Stettner. If he lives till summer, he will be 83 years old. He does not feel that old, but in the old family Bible is the mother's handwriting, which states, "Our dear son William was born in Orhingen, Wuttemberg, Germany. August 5, 1879."

He came to this country with his parents in the year of 1884, in the month of May, direct to Elgin, Illinois. He was then between four and five years old. From the age of 15 to 73 years, he worked in a dry goods store. In his early years, he had to be at work every morning at 7 o'clock, and many nights, it was 9 o'clock before he went home.

In those days, he did not enjoy the short working hours which people have in our present time, and still they are not satisfied and want still shorter hours.

In his youthful days, he had a

call from God, and found grace to repent, for which he always felt very thankful, and was baptized on December 23, 1894 at the age of 15 years, by Elder Christian Gerber of Fairbury, who had the oversight of the Elgin congregation for many years. He still remembers some of the prayer which was spoken by the Elder, when his hands were laid upon his head, also the questions and answers which were asked in his proving, even though it is many years ago.

On September 25, he was united in marriage to Sister Emma Spiess, a daughter of Brother John Spiess, who was one of the old pioneers, in the days when our churches were all quite small, compared to our present time. He has two sons—one lives in Fort Wayne, Indiana, and the other one at Elgin, Illinois—and four grandchildren.

He was one of our Sunday School teachers for many years, and in the fall of 1934, he was chosen for the ministry. He was ordained Elder, June 19, 1946, by Elders Noah Hartzler of Rittman, Ohio; Elias Dotterer of Junction, Ohio; and Jacob Stettner of Elgin, Illinois.

He has been blessed with fairly good health and still is able to attend church services, both Sunday and midweek on Wednesday evening. From early age, his motto has always been, "To be on time for church service".

Next to the Holy Bible, he values the spiritual hymns in the book of the Zion's Harp. Also, during the time of his repentance, these hymns were a great help to him, and gave him strength to overcome the evil. In his declining years, he often reads them, as they also are very precious in old age, because they express the thoughts and experience of our forefathers, who followed the way of the cross and reached a blessed ending. It's his endeavor to follow in their footsteps till his end.

He is also much concerned for the welfare of the future of our churches, and feels thankful that we have younger brothers coming along, who are willing to labor for the Lord and take our place, as we must soon depart from this life. So may God bless all his people.

Larry and Lenora Leveen of Palmer, Alaska, had a baby boy on

Feb. 13. His name is Bradley. Lenora is the daughter of Bro. George and Sis. Anna Haas.

Joyce and Paul Weiss had a baby girl on the 23rd of February. Her name is Candace Joy.

Jim and Shirley Wewetzer moved to Lynchburg, Virginia, March 1, to make their home. May God be with them. They will be missed by the congregation.

Bro. Fred Grimm, 92 years old, passed away Feb. 28 at his home. The funeral was March 2, 2:00 p.m. at the church. Bro. Al Schietlin had the service. Bro. Grimm's life story was in the January issue (Know Each Other Better).

Fred Johnson has been in the hospital for some time now. He is 84 years old.

Bro. Gottlieb Sanchi and his sister, Rosie, are both ill at rest homes. He is at the Park View Nursing Home, and she at the Bowes Rest Home. Bro. Gottlieb came to this country from Berne, Switzerland, in 1884, and is 86 years old. His sister, Rosie, is 84 years old.

Those who underwent surgery and were hospitalized are: Sis. Emma Stettner—Feb. 14; Ed Schifferer—Feb. 21 and Carl Schmidgal—Feb. 22. We wish them a speedy recovery, and hope that God will comfort them.

Charles and Adaire Wuthrich had a baby girl March 5. Her name is Linda.

### EUREKA, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Cathryn Wettstein

Our visiting ministers the past month have been as follows—Bro. Andrew Koehl and Bro. Clarence Kachelmuss, from Forrest; Bro. John Wagler, Alabama; and Bro. Michael Weyeneth, Peoria.

A friend, Fern Goetzinger, has found it necessary to seek her Lord in repentance. May God give her much grace and help, as she begins this new way of life.

February 20, Bro. Dave Wuethrich passed away at the Eureka Hospital, after being a patient there a long time. His funeral was held at the church, on Friday morning, the 23rd. Bros. Leroy Huber and Frank Woertz conducted the services.

### FAIRBURY, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Joyce Huber

A new baby girl, Jill Lidee, was

born to Bro. Lloyd and Sis. Viola Bachtold. Happy for baby sister is Joy Rae.

### Know Each Other Better

Our next oldest sister

Sis. Emma Sutter Kilgus VonBergen made her first appearance to her parents on Christmas Day 1876, and has lived at Fairbury all her 85 years. In 1899, she married Matt Kilgus, and they had 7 children: Clara, Ella, Herman, Albert, Ira, William, and Madlyn. She now has 10 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren.

Her great treasure was her conversion, and she was baptized on Easter Sunday, 1904, by Bro. Jacob Honegger. Her great disappointments were her husband's death from a run-away horse accident in 1913; and the passing away of daughters Clara, at age 18, and Madlyn, at age 11. Her husband's sister also passed away, leaving Rudy VonBergen a widower.

In 1920, Sis. Emma married Bro. Rudy VonBergen. In 1921, Emma's daughter Ella married Rudy's adopted son, Albert, who was her cousin, then brother, and since not related, then became her husband. Sis. Emma's great joy was for Ella and Albert to turn to the Saviour and Lord. Sis. Emma, a widow again since 1939, sometimes spends several weeks in Peoria with Ella, also a widow.

She has made several big trips, and enjoyed a trip to California, at the age of 70. She was never hospitalized, except at age 83, for 11 days. She credits her very good health and long life to the abundant mercy of the Lord, and said it is something no money could buy. Besides doing her own work, she crochets fancy things and makes quilts for others. She likes to make others happy, and loves to read the Bible and that which pertains to it.

### FORREST, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Nancy Honegger

### Know Each Other Better

Sis. Margaret (Maggie) Bachtold, who is one of our older sisters, will be 89 years old on March 22. She was born to Salome (Pletcher) and Sam Bachtold in 1873 at Schliethiems, Switzerland, and was brought up in the Lutheran faith.

In 1894, she came to this country with her father and youngest

brother, Gus. She began to attend our church, and worked for her brother, Henry, at Cropsey, for about four years, and then did housework in Peoria for fifteen years.

She taught herself to speak and read the English language. After working in Peoria, she lived with her father in Fairbury for seven-teen years and did more house-work.

Sis. Maggie repented at the age of 80, and was baptized at Forrest by Bro. Henry Kilgus, on August 23, 1953.

She now lives with her niece and husband, Bro. and Sis. Charlie Tyler. Sis. Maggie was in good health, and had never been in a hospital until three years ago, when she broke her hip. Since then, she has been unable to attend church.

Born to Bro. and Sis. Lester Roth, Feb. 2, a boy, Timothy James.

Funeral services were held on Feb. 14 for Matilda Tillie Meister, age 73.

The annual business meeting was held on Feb. 19. Bro. Harvey Ifft was elected as a Sunday School teacher.

### FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA

Reporter: Mrs. Robert Huber

Again this month of February, we have had many visitors from our northern churches. The maximum attendance was approximately 135.

Two church suppers were served this month, during the visits of ministering brothers Joe A. Getz, Morton, Henry Mogler, Lester, and John Bahler, Rockville.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Don Lloyd, February 9, a girl, Greta Sue. She has one sister, Donna Rose, 20 months. Rosie Lloyd is the daughter of Bro. and Sis. John Baumgartner of Bluffton.

### FORT SAM HOUSTON, TEXAS

Reporter: Kenneth E. Steffen

Those who visited us this month were Bro. Matt and Sis. Lydia Wieland, Lydia Freidinger, and Sis. Esther Wieland, all from Bay City, who stopped in, to worship with us, on their way to Florida.

Kathryn and Ben Miller from Wolcott visited their daughter and son-in-law, Duane and Juanita

Schneider, for a few days. On February 11, Sis. Sally Wysong, Sabetha; Sisters Pauline Gerber and Marjorie Mogler, and William Gerber, all from Lester, and Jerry Feucht, from Hills, Minn., visited us. Bro. Henry and Sis. Louise Sabo, Sisters Mary Sabo and Dorothy Sabo, all from Mansfield, and Sis. Mary Kilgus from Remington stopped in to visit us, during their trip to California.

Sis. Clara, and Bro. George Bruellman from West Bend took time out from their trip through Mexico to worship with us. Also, on that week-end, from Decatur, Indiana, Sis. Leona and Bro. Obed Gerber visited their daughter and son-in-law, Sis. Rosetta and Bro. Gary Ringger. Bro. Alfred and Sis. Frances Bahler from Wolcott and Sis. Edna Gerber from Bluffton visited here with them. Bros. Sabo and Bahler delivered to us inspiring messages.

On February 14, Bro. Emil and Sis. Anita Bohn from Fairbury and Bro. Herman and Sis. Emma Beckley from Remington worshipped with us, on Wed. evening. We would like to thank all the folks like these who took advantage of our invitation to stop in while they were touring the states. We hope more accept our hospitality.

Sis. Marilyn Dotterer from Phoenix visited us for a few days, after she arrived here with Sis. Roletta Gerst, who has joined her husband, Bro. Conrad.

Bro. and Sis. Chris Elsasser from Edelstein, Ill., and Bro. and Sis. Chris Martin from Princeville visited their sons, Jordan and Gerald, who have received their orders to transfer to Fort Knox, Kentucky. They will work in Ireland General Hospital. Bro. Floyd Wieland from Detroit visited here on the 24th of February. Again, we were blessed with words of spiritual inspiration.

Philip Moser from Bluffton and Bro. Conrad Gerst from Oakville have started basic training. Their addresses are:

Pvt. E-1 Philip R. Moser  
US 55712853

Pvt. E-1 Conrad Gerst  
US 55721018

The rest of the addresses are,

Class 10-B, D-3, USAMTC, BAMC, Ft. Sam Houston, Texas.

This is the last report that I'll be writing, and I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have sent words of encouragement,

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

At this time, I wish to correct an error in the January issue of the Silver Lining of "Know Each Other Better." Bro. Daniel Blume was born 3 miles south of Forrest, Illinois, instead of Wolcott, Indiana, as stated.

Ten cars of young people of the two upper classes of the Milford Sunday School visited us on Feb. 4. A singing was held at the home of Bro. and Sis. Lester Pulver on Saturday evening for them; and on Sunday afternoon a call was made at the home of Phil and Sis. Emma Clauss. A supper was served at the home of Bro. and Sis. Verlin Stoller in the evening, with Phil and Sis. Emma Clauss assisting.

Other visitors on Feb. 4 were: Bro. and Sis. Gale Stoller and Bro. and Sis. Ray Sinn and daughter from Latty.

On Feb. 11, the Church Memorandum was read by Bro. Sam Aeschliman and Bro. Theo. Beer.

Two cars of young people from Congerville visited our congregation on Feb. 18. A singing was held on Saturday evening at the home of Bro. and Sis. Oscar (Dick) Getz for the above guests, and on Sunday afternoon, a call was made at the home of Bro. and Sis. Lee Eisenmann. Supper was served at the Lester Pulver home.

Other guests visiting us on Feb. 18 were: Bro. and Sis. Carl and Elsie Waibel and Bro. and Sis. David and Ethel Wiegand, of near Forrest.

Inasmuch as Bro. and Sis. Fred Drayer have been unable to attend church, quite a number of members gathered at their home Sunday afternoon, Feb. 18, and services were conducted for them by Bro. Andrew Dotterer. Bros. Joel Souder, John Bollier and Otto Norr were also present at this service.

Sis. Laura Gerber slipped and fell on the icy pavement, on her way to work Wednesday morning, Feb. 21, and fractured her hip. She was taken to the Lutheran Hospital, where she underwent surgery Thursday morning. The

hospital reports her condition as fairly good at this writing. If all goes well, Sis. Laura is planning on leaving the hospital within the next ten days (which will be after March 5), to be with her brother and sister-in-law, Bro. and Sis. Jesse Gerber, whose address is Paulding, Ohio. We all wish Sis. Laura a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Julia Simon, who has been recuperating at the home of her son, Frank, at 1133 W. Packard Ave., is planning on returning to her home today, Feb. 27, at 1130 Nelson Street. Julia underwent surgery at the Lutheran Hospital on January 31, and is getting along nicely.

Visitors on Feb. 25 were: Bro. and Sis. Carl and Mary Ellen Sinn and family of Tremont. Mary Ellen is a sister to Joanie (Ronnie) Stoller. Also, Mrs. Kenneth (Eleanor) Bodenhamer and family from Ft. Worth, Texas, are visiting her mother, Mrs. Ralph (Annabelle) Swihart.

The visiting ministers who served us during the month of February, along with Bro. Norman Stoller, were: Bro. John Bollier, Feb. 4; Bros. Sam Aeschliman and Theo. Beer, Feb. 11; Bro. Andrew Dotterer, Feb. 18; Bro. Loren Stoller, Feb. 25.

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

February 18, Bro. and Sis. Ephraim Koehl, Hancock; James and Rebecca Banwart and family, West Bend; Vern and Inez Banwart, Wichita, were visiting relatives here over the week end.

February 25, Bro. and Sis. Roy Bahr and Brian, Bro. and Sis. Lloyd Kraft and family, Gridley, Kansas, worshipped with us.

Joe Reber of Tacoma, Washington, is here for a few weeks, visiting relatives and friends.

Bro. and Sis. Elmer Gerber and Bro. and Sis. Ray Gerber of Bluffton visited friends here on February 28.

Sis. Rosa Beyer has missed two Sundays assembling with us. We wish her God's blessing and healing.

#### GIRARD, OHIO Reporter: Jesse C. Emch

Our guests for the month of February were as follows: Sunday, Feb. 11, the Robert Graf family



of Barberton, Ohio. Wednesday, Feb. 14, Richard W. Frank of Decatur, Ill., was on a business trip to Niles, O., and we enjoyed having him with us. On Sunday, Feb. 18, we enjoyed a blessed day, having with us our elder, Bro. Rudolph Graf. He read and spoke over the Memorandum of the Brotherhood Meeting. Wednesday evening, Feb. 28, Paul I. Emch of Spring Valley, New York, was with us. Paul is recruiting co-ordinator for Union Carbon and Carbide Co., and was interviewing engineering students at the Youngstown University.

Sis. Louisa Lance is home again, after spending several weeks with her son and family, at Iowa City, Iowa. At the last writing, the following were in the hospital, and are now home: Sis. Anna Durig, Sis. Mary Beard and Bro. Carl L. Emch. At this writing, Sis. Eva Emch is in the hospital.

#### GRIDLEY, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Marilyn Schieler

A daughter, Carol Jane, was born on Feb. 3 to Bro. and Sis. Tom Leman. Carol has two brothers, Mike and Doug.

Our congregation assembled on Wednesday evening, February 21, to hear the memorandum of the Brother Meeting. Bro. Leroy Huber of Eureka and Bro. Frank Woertz of Goodfield assisted Bro. Joe Klopfenstein.

#### Know Each Other Better

Another one of our older members is Bro. Chris Stoller, who is 87 years of age. He was born May 29, 1874, at Pulaski, Iowa, the son of Bro. John and Sis. Elizabeth Stoller. He had three sisters and six brothers, of which one brother is still living, Bro. Sam Stoller (94 years old) of Peoria, Illinois, and one sister, Sis. Lydia Schlatter, of Latty, Ohio. Bro. Chris repented at the age of 19. The entire family then moved to Illinois, in 1894. He was baptized in Gridley on July 12, 1894, by Bro. Rudy Witzig. Bro. Chris was married to Sis. Anna Grusy, daughter of Bro. Engelbert and Sis. Francis Grusy, on December 21, 1902, at Gridley. Bro. Rudy Witzig performed the ceremony.

Eleven children were born to this union as follows: Bro. Albert of Bloomington, Ill.; Bro. Reuben and Bro. Clarence of Gridley; Sis. Cora Frey of Remington, Indiana;

Sis. Elsie Hohulin of Goodfield, Illinois; Sis. Ida Schwenk of Peoria, Illinois; Verna Pueschel of Joliet, Illinois; Francis Martin of Kankakee, Illinois; Eloise Meece of Bloomington, Illinois. Two sons died in their youth—William, age 18, from diabetes and pneumonia, and Ervin, age 22, from a brain tumor. There are now twenty-four grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Bro. Chris's life occupation was farming, until he retired in September, 1946. Sis. Anna passed away on January 27, 1958. He now lives alone, is able to take care of himself, and attends church regularly. In talking to one of his children, I learned that Bro. Chris is still very much interested in farming and what his sons are doing every day. Although living alone is lonesome, he wants to continue to do so, as long as he is able to take care of himself.

In his 69 years as a faithful member, he has endured many trials, and strongly believes in taking everything earthly and spiritual to the Lord in prayer, and give God all the praise and thanks for his good health. He prays for patience to be able to endure to life's end.

#### GRIDLEY, KANSAS

Reporter: Mrs. Rudy Bahr

The annual election was held February 4, with Bro. Sam Anliker in charge. No changes were made in the offices or Sunday School teachers. Bros. Loren Strahm and Kenneth Beyer were elected to be in charge of Bible School this year.

Elder Bro. Sam Anliker read the memorandum of the Brother meeting on Wednesday evening, February 7, after a short service.

Bro. John Somerhalder entered the Coffey County Hospital, Burlington, Kansas, on March 1, with the flu.

#### Know Each Other Better

The fourth eldest member in our congregation is George Dornes. He will be 84 years old April 28. George was born in Baden, Germany, in 1878, son of Gus and Elizabeth Fechter Dornes. The family moved to this country in 1882 and settled in Wabaunsee County, Kansas.

In 1898, he was married to Mar-

tha Schook. They moved to Coffey County in 1900, and he has farmed near Gridley since that time. They had nine children: Bill, who was killed in an accident; Sam, Burlington; Emma Garret, Emporia; John Hartford; Bennie and Jake, California; Sis. Barbara Traub, Bremen, Indiana; Rose Link, Kansas City; and Joe, of home.

His wife, Sis. Martha, passed away Feb. 28, 1957, and since that time he and his son Joe are alone. George does the housework, and when the weather is fit, he has a lot of things to take care of around the farm. In fact, he says, "More than I can do."

He repented when 72 years old, in 1950. Bro. Noah Schrock baptized him. He is a little hard of hearing, but otherwise seems to be in very good health for his age. A very humble and modest brother, George is always willing to do his part, and is in church almost every Sunday.

Note: Rudy interviewed Bro. Dornes and wrote it, as we have measles at our home.

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

On February 1, 1962, Bro. Joe Schrock was with us. He read and meditated from Matthew 25. Hymn singing and fellowship followed, after the services. Many guests attended from Roanoke, Champaign, and Congerville.

Bro. Ed Hohulin from Goodfield was with us on February 9. He read and meditated from the scripture on the subject of prayer. This was a most inspiring message to all. In attendance were many guests from Eureka, Gridley, Morton, and Champaign.

On the evening of February 15, 1962, Bro. Emanuel Gudeman from Cissna Park was with us. He read from the Psalms, chapter 121. Many guests were in attendance from Cissna Park, Peoria, Forrest, Roanoke, Gridley, and Eureka.

Bro. Henry Grimm from Morton held the services on February 22. He read and meditated from The Acts. Guests were here from Morton and Roanoke.

We cordially welcome everyone to attend our services on Thursday evenings. They are held in the University Union, in the third floor lounge, at eight o'clock.

**LA CROSSE, INDIANA****Reporter: Albert J. Bucher**

On Feb. 18, our visiting minister was Bro. Ezra Feller from Cissna Park. His wife and his daughter, Sis. Joan, accompanied him. Our other visitors on that day were members of the Milford Bible class.

A son was born on Feb. 18 to Bro. Don and Sis. Gwen Bucher.

Our Bro. Otto Fritz is home from the hospital, after spending about six weeks there.

Our Bro. and Sis. Elvin Nuest were home over Sunday, Feb. 25. They are stationed at Ft. Sam Houston.

**LAMAR, MISSOURI****Reporter: Marie Marti**

Bro. Sam Anliker from Lamont; Bro. Lester and Sis. Ella Harter, Sis. Lucy Harter and Sis. Donna Harter from Bern were our guests, Sunday, Feb. 25. We appreciated the inspiring messages brought to us by Bros. Anliker and Harter.

Bro. Dean Marti was elected Sunday School teacher, to take Bro. Carl Engle's class. Bro. Carl has taught faithfully in the Sunday School for many years.

A son, Jerry Lee, was born Feb. 8 to Roland and Margaret Marti.

A baby girl, Kenda Lyn, was born Feb. 12 to Sis. Corine and Roy Roth.

**LAMONT, KANSAS****Reporter: Mrs. Bernie Emch**

Mrs. Bertha Ott, wife of Bro. Sam Ott, died March 3 in a hospital at Fayetteville, Arkansas. She had cared for her invalid husband for many years, until her health failed and Bro. Sam was moved to a nursing home in Emporia, Kansas. Her funeral and burial will be in Quincy, Kansas.

It was nice to have Bro. Eli Sommerhalder of Burlington, Oklahoma, minister unto us the Sunday morning of Feb. 18. Sis. Mary, his wife, was with him.

Bro. and Sis. George Waibel and Sam Gruber of Wolcott visited a few days, the week of Feb. 15, with their father, Bro. G. Gruber, at Emporia, Kansas, and other relatives.

**LANDERSVILLE, ALABAMA****Reporter: Clara Heiniger**

Bro. and Sis. Henry Beer, Sis. Matilda Rassi, and Sis. Lois Ehnle and children and Brother and

Sister Junior Hale and children and Sis. Clara Heiniger of Hillsboro surprised Sis. Bertha Harville on her birthday, Feb. 21, and all enjoyed a blessed afternoon together.

Worship services were held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Marion Terry, Feb. 16, for young and old.

Sis. Carrie Borden has been on the sick list, and unable to attend worship services.

**LATTY, OHIO****Reporter: Roberta Stoller**

Visiting ministers this month were Bro. Walter Rehlau of Toledo on Feb. 18 and Bro. Henry Manz of Junction on Wednesday evening, Feb. 28. We thank the brothers for their services, and always welcome others to visit us.

We are all so thankful that Dennis Klopfenstein has turned to the Lord in repentance. May the Lord ever be with him and grant him grace and strength. Dennis is the son of Bro. Floren and Sis. Mary Ella Klopfenstein.

The engagement of Roger Eisenmann of here and Jeannie Kaehr of Bluffton was recently announced. Roger is the son of Bro. William and the late Sis. Cora Eisenmann. Jeannie is the daughter of Bro. and Sis. Ezra Kaehr of Bluffton.

On Saturday evening, Feb. 24, proving was held, and on Sunday, baptizing for Sis. Barbara (Stoller) Keysor. We truly rejoice with her, and hope she may have many happy years of service for her Lord.

Sis. Melvane (Russell) Stoller and Sis. Dolly (Merrill) Laukhuf are in the hospital at this writing. We hope they will have a speedy recovery and be with us again soon. Sis. Bertha Buehler has also been missing for several weeks.

Bro. Gus and Sis. Mary Rager have recently observed their 59th wedding anniversary.

On Feb. 18, the Milford young member group visited here, and on Feb. 25, the Bremen young member group was here. We enjoyed these visits very much.

(Brother and Sister Jesse Gerber brought this information to Grabill. Sister Dora Sinn supplied the information.)

Sis. Dora Sinn is one of our oldest members at eighty-one. She was born in Cissna Park.

Her folks, the John Millers, both came to this country from Saarburg Germany, but did not know each other over there. In Peoria, both were working with small wages. They became acquainted and were married.

Then, they saw an ad in the paper, where a man, Joe Schmidt, wanted a couple to help on a farm.

Sis. Dora's parents were of the Catholic teaching, but the Schmidts were of our faith, so Sis. Schmidt begged her mother to go to church with her. So, one Sunday she went. She had no head-covering on, but Sis. Schmidt told her, she must have a covering on to hear God's word. Sis. Schmidt went and got her a white handkerchief.

After being in services, her mother asked, "Where is your Holy Mary?" Sis. Schmidt handed her the Bible and said "that is all we need." Later, her parents repented and were baptized by Bro. Welk. It was winter, and a hole in the ice was made.

Not long after, an old Bro. Ackerman told her parents, they now have a little money saved up and they should buy a home and some land by East Lynn as, at that time, there was no Cissna Park or Claytonville. He went with her father, and they bought a farm southwest of Claytonville for \$22.00 an acre.

They were the ninth family of members there. Bro. Eisenman was elder.

Her older sisters walked six miles to Pitchen, Illinois, with eggs, to buy groceries.

Bro. Eisenman passed away; then, Bro. Reeb became their elder. From then on, many moved in from different places and soon a big church was built. At that time, Bro. Reeb often had a French sermon, as there were a few French friends. Sis. Dora is thankful to her folks for sending her to German school, taught by Bro. Hohulin, who gave some wonderful teachings.

Sis. Dora married Fredrick Sinn, in 1902, and they were blessed with three sons. In 1909, her husband had a stroke, lost his hearing, and could not walk except with canes.

He repented and was baptized by Bro. Schladenhauffen. In proving, it had to be wrote, since his hearing was gone. Sis. Dora and her twin sister, Lydia, repented

and were baptized together.

In 1917, the Fredrick Sinns moved to Latty. For 16 years, he walked with canes, and was in a wheel chair 16 more years all total, an invalid for 32 years. When members would visit him and pity him, tears would run down his cheeks, and he would say, "I know my Redeemer lives". He was always patient and good-natured.

Sis. Dora cared for him patiently. In 1920, her twin sister died, leaving 3 children: one 10 days old, one 19 months, and one three years. She took them in and kept them all two years. Fredrick helped with hands and arms.

After their father remarried, they took the older two girls, but Sis. Dora kept the baby. She lives close to Dora now and looks after her. Frederick passed away in 1940.

With all her trials, Sis. Dora was blessed. The Lord always provided, although the trials were trying and hard many times.

Bro. Frederick, when living, even though he could not hear, faithfully was found in his place at church. When he saw one sleeping during a sermon . . . when he came home, the tears rolled down his cheek . . . he said, what he would have given to hear that sermon . . . and here somebody slept.

### MANSFIELD, OHIO

Reporter: Aaron A. Sauder

Our visitors since the last issue: Sunday, Feb. 11, Bro. and Sis. Joe Ramsier and Bro. and Sis. Fred Marti of Rittman; Sunday, Feb. 18, Bro. and Sis. Ben Hartzler and Bro. and Sis. Blough, of Rittman.

We had a very blessed day, Sunday, Feb. 25, when Elder and Sister Noah Bauman and Bro. and Sis. R. Gasser of Rittman and Bro. and Sis. Eli Manz of Paulding were in our midst. Our friend, Donald (Bob) Bird, gave his testimony, was baptized, and was accepted into our brotherhood. We wish him much joy and many blessings in the Lord.

Sunday, March 4, visitors were Bros. Elmer and Charles Zollinger.

Bro. Joe Ramsier, Bro. Ben Hartzler, Elder Noah Bauman and Bro. Elmer Zollinger conducted services. We thank all for their visit and services, and invite all back again.

A son was born to our friends,

Mr. and Mrs. Raymand Cordrey, on Feb. 23.

### MILFORD, INDIANA

Reporter: Arthur Haab

On Sun., Feb. 11, we had a singing at the church, in the evening. Special numbers were given by the Sunday School choir and the adult choir.

On Sun. Feb. 25, several young members from Cissna Park were here, and, after church, they went to the homes of Sisters Ann Clayton and Eliza Haab, and sang several hymns for them.

Our dear friend, Ilene Kammerer, has been announced for proving.

### HISTORY

In 1904, Bro. Edward Haab moved from Cissna Park, Ill., to the Milford community. With him came in the same year the following families: George Hartter, Adolph Rudin, Emil Kaiser, Henry Waldbeser, and Jake Krauter.

At this time, the Neff Brothers, who were engaged in the farm real estate business, were instrumental in getting the Illinois families to purchase land here.

Edward Haab was the first minister of the Apostolic Christian Church. They held services first in a small residence converted into a church assembly room. The family of George Haab now occupy this residence.

In 1905, several more families, mainly from the Cissna Park area, came to Milford. These were as follows: Henry Rassi, Christ Grimm, and John Rassi. The Mathew Weisser family came from Fairbury, Illinois.

In 1906, Adolph Rudin willed a parcel of ground, from land which he owned at the northwest part of Milford, as a site for our present church. The building was approximately 34 by 66 feet in dimension. An assembly room to accommodate around 150 occupants, a dining room, and a Sunday School room were provided. To the north and west of the lot given, were constructed inexpensive but substantial horse and carriage barns. Transportation by means of horse and buggy were the only means of conveyance at that time.

The first trustees of the church were: Edward Haab, Adolph Rudin, and Henry Rassi, and these were recorded in the Auditor's

office, on October 6, 1906.

In 1907, the following families moved to this community: Ulrich Beer, Frank Beer, Andrew Beer, Emil Baumgartner, John Ruch, John Zbinden, Theodore Haab and Miss Mary Steiner. This group came together from Cissna Park.

The Michael Metzger family came earlier; his son, Michael, and family, also several other children came with him. The father, Michael, helped Bro. Haab some in the ministry. A daughter, Mary, cared for the church.

In 1907, the Fred Wuthrich family came from Roanoke. The Fred Graff family came from Tremont; Joshua Zimmerman and family came from Congerville.

Around the years 1908 and 1909, German School was conducted in the church by Edward Haab, with a few assistants.

The first Sunday School teachers were Andrew Rapp and Fred Wuthrich.

In the spring of 1912, the Simon Beer family moved to the Milford vicinity from Mansfield, Ohio. Ulrich Beer had lived in the vicinity for several years, and his brother, Simon, cherished the thought of spending his latter years with his brother. However, Ulrich passed away early in 1912, before the Simon Beer family got to Milford.

The George Stieglitz family of Metamora, Ill., located here in 1913.

The Apostolic Christian Church considers the Sunday School of great importance, and has made provision for ten classes in Milford, ranging from beginner's to the adult married group. Emphasis is laid upon the teaching of sound doctrine, which it is hoped will lead eventually to conversion and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

The present Ministers are Theo Beer, Presiding Elder; Henry Beer and Elmer Hartter. Carlton Beer is Sunday School superintendent.

The present trustees are Oscar Graff, Andrew Kammerer, Ezra Beer.

### MORRIS, MINNESOTA

Reporter: Mrs. Louie Messner

One of our first persons living in our area will help me on the history of our church.

I will have news ready by the 12th, after this issue . . .

Bro. Otto Schaefer and Sister Louise Mohrman both had surgery.

### MORTON, ILLINOIS

"Dear Bros. in Faith: I shall do the best I can in reporting in Rose's place . . .

Sunday, February 25, our visiting ministers, with their wives, were: Bro. and Sis. Clarence Kachelmuss of Forrest; Bro. and Sis. Edwin Kloter, of Fairbury; Bro. and Sis. James Hoerr of Peoria.

Bro. Heiniger is back in church again, after his illness. Our visitors (Feb. 25) were Bro. and Sis. Levi Sauder, Bro. and Sis. Melvin Kaiser, Bro. and Sis. Harold Plattner; Bro. and Sis. Richard Weigand; from Oakville, Paul Wiegand and Sis. Edna; Bro. George Kuntz and his wife, Sis. Hazel, and daughter, Sis. Nelda, and son Bro. Leon, who was recently engaged to Sis. Doris Moser of here. Sis. Heiniger (Oakville) spent the day here. Sis. Bertha Domnick is back with us in church, and we are rejoicing that her health has been regained.

Sis. Nettie Kaiser is now improved.

Feb. 5, Sis. Olga Frintz, returning from Cissna Park, had an accident on the east edge of Morton, when her car skidded on ice . . . breaking her collar bone and giving injuries, besides facial cuts. We are thankful she is recovering nicely at this time.

Sis. Ida Aupperle has been seriously ill for some time in the Methodist Hospital, Peoria.

Our elderly sister, Ida Schick, is also ill at this time, having been very sick with pneumonia at the Restmor Nursing Home here.

Bro. Chris Knapp returned from the Methodist Hospital, having been quite ill for several weeks.

Birth: To Bro. and Sis. Edward Roecker, a daughter, Carolyn Elizabeth, was born Jan. 26.

Our newly-repent friends are Eli and Pearl Rassi, for which we all can rejoice.

On Saturday, March 3, we have provings announced for five dear souls, namely Janice Frautschi, Linda Seidel, Jill Geiger, Gloria Vierling and Mary Wittmer.

We are expecting Bro. Ben and Sis. Rose Getz home to-day.

By: Anna Rapp (Pro Tem)

With our Best Regards to you all  
Henry and Anna Rapp"

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

After a hard winter of cold weather, ice, snow, and much illness, we are all looking forward to spring, which is not too far away. Trees are showing life, and tulips are two inches or more through the ground, which is real assurance that there is life after death. To this reporter, this is one of the most assuring promises that we have.

Walter Emch is slowly improving, after several weeks illness, and is able to get out again. Dan Witschey is doing very well, and able to get out and visit with his sister, Miss Della Witschey, who lives near him. Mary Ann Brothers is much improved after a three-month illness.

Mrs. Elda Ritz was very fortunate on February 2, when she was struck by a train at a railroad crossing. She was on her way to town, and did not see the train, until she was on the track. It was moving slowly. It struck the car at the front, causing some damage. She was not injured, except for many sore spots over her body and badly-shaken nerves. She was able to drive the car home on its own power.

Mrs. Jennie Hassig Mullett and daughter Ruth, of Doolin Road, visited with relatives in town recently. She is recovering nicely from a recent illness.

Mrs. Ella Thomas Bokelman of Beloit, O., visited here with her sister, Mrs. J. G. Burgess, and other relatives, during the week of March 1. She visited in the homes of Della Witschey, Luella Bleuer Sidell, Emma Bleuer Miller, the J. C. Froelich's, Elizabeth Isinghood and many others.

Robert Witschey of Charleston, W. Va., spent the week end of Mar. 4 here with his father, D. S. Witschey and family.

Mrs. J. M. Coogle has been a patient in the local hospital since December 16, and her condition remains about the same. She has relatives in Kansas who will be interested in hearing of her. This reporter has visited with her many times. We were one time neigh-

bors, and loved her as a neighbor and friend.

S. A. Kaufman celebrated his 84th birthday, late in February, and received many cards and well-wishes from his relatives and friends. The Kaufmans are both as usual.

Gus Weltz was a patient in the local hospital two weeks ago, but has recovered nicely and is back to work again.

Mrs. Elza Ritz spent an evening recently with Della Witschey, and we believe they put a few stitches in a quilt, along with chatting.

Albert Riggerbach has done a remodeling job on his kitchen, made it up-to-date with new cupboards, built-in oven, etc. He said he has always wanted a nice kitchen, and this was the year to get it. He is well and enjoying good health and will observe his 84th birthday in April.

James L. Wade of Cleveland was a recent visitor here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Wade.

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

Bro. Conrad Gerst left February 6, to be inducted into the Army. His wife, Sis. Roletta, went to her home at Phoenix, to be with her parents, Bro. Roy Farneys. She now has joined Bro. Conrad at San Antonio.

On February 11, Sis. Helen Gerst and Bro. Paul Michel of Tremont were united in holy matrimony by Elder Bro. Noah Schrock, who was assisted by Elder Bro. Fred Grimm of Taylor.

We welcome Bro. Wilbert and Sis. Helen Seggerman into our congregation. They and their family have moved to Mount Union, Iowa, from the Roanoke church.

A son, Todd Charles, was born February 10 to Bro. Virgil and Sis. Barbara Wagenbach Massner.

The engagement of Delores Wagenbach, daughter of Bro. John and Sis. Bertha Wagenbach, to Daniel Anliker has been announced.

### Know Each Other Better

Sis. Rose Heiniger, the oldest member of our church, was born April 18, 1879, at Elgin, Iowa, to Bro. John and Sis. Mary Wittmer Habegger. When she was three years old, her parents, she, and her sister Emma moved to Sabetha,

Kansas, where her father built "a nice house and barn."

Her mother, Mary Wittmer, was born in Switzerland and came with her parents to America in 1851. The voyage took 36 days. There was much sickness during the trip, and of the thirteen children aboard, Mary, her brother, and another child were the only ones to survive.

In the autumn of her seventeenth year, while she was walking around the house one day, a voice seemingly spoke to her, asking her if she would repent. In her mind she answered, yes. Some time afterwards, she altogether answered the call. In tears of joy, she received peace, that following February.

It was snowing when Sis. Rose was baptized in an outside water-tank. The cold water did not hurt her, she said.

On March 2, 1902, Bro. John C. Heiniger and Sis. Rose were married, at Bern, Kansas. To this union were born ten children: Joseph, Sis. Hilda Moser, Sis. Sarah Miller, Sis. Mayme Gerst, Phillip, Bro. Clemens, Sis. Pearl Vierling, Bro. Harvey, Sis. Ione Stoller, all of this community; and Mrs. Mildred Sullivan, who lived at Omaha, Nebr., until her sudden death from a cerebral hemorrhage, in July, 1961. Bro. Harvey serves in the ministry of the Oakville church.

The Heiniger family moved to Oakville, February 6, 1931, from Bern, Kansas.

Sis. Rose has 35 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. Five of her granddaughters are converted.

Bro. John and Sis. Rose were married 56 years, before he passed away November 10, 1958.

She resides in her home at 1300 S. 14th, Burlington, Iowa, where they moved in 1952.

An 83-year-old lady stays with her, in her home. Her children are very kind and helpful to Sis. Rose. She is afflicted with arthritis and has great difficulty in walking. She has had several strokes.

Attending church services is a great joy to her, and she has missed relatively few Sundays, considering her health.

On Sunday mornings, she arises at 5 o'clock, to get ready. She then rests awhile, so she will be able to get to church by noon.

Her perseverance is an inspiration to everyone, especially to her children and grandchildren.

#### PEORIA, ILLINOIS

**Reporter: Mrs. Michael Weyeneth**

Bro. and Sis. Peter Weber are the parents of a daughter, Margaret Esther, born Feb. 23. Bro. and Sis. Richard Haefli are the parents of a son, and also Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hoerr are parents of a son, Thomas Dean.

Our hearts were saddened to hear that Sis. Betty Bittner, 49 years old, passed away Sunday, Feb. 18. She is survived by her husband, Bro. Lester, and two sons, Kenneth and Robert.

Bro. and Sis. Alfred Rapp had open house, on their 50th anniversary, to their many friends and relatives, on Sunday afternoon, February 25.

Bro. Emil Schupbach passed away Sunday evening, Feb. 18. His funeral was held Wednesday. He was 76 years old, and not able to come to church for a long time.

The wedding of Sis. Constance Woerner and Bro. Wilbur Triplett was performed by Bro. Albert Fisher of Chicago, on Sunday, Feb. 11.

#### Know Each Other Better

Soon to be 95 years old on March 17, Sister Bena Welk is the oldest member of the Peoria congregation.

Born in 1867 in Roanoke, Illinois, the daughter of Brother Jacob and Sister Rose Kaufman, she was one of nine children, seven girls and two boys, of which one brother is still living, Brother John Kaufman, and his wife the only sister-in-law, Sister Lydia Welk Kaufman.

When yet a small child, Sister Bena's family moved on a farm near Morton. She attended church there, and at the age of 18 repented, and was baptized by Elder George Welk, who later became her father-in-law. She married Brother George Welk Jr. on March 11, 1888, at Morton. They had nine children, who are the following: Sisters Sarah, Esther, and Clara at home, Viola Triplett, all of Peoria; Leah Ringger, Gridley, Illinois; Lillian Schrock, Congerville, Illinois; and Brothers Alpha and Dan Welk. One son, Joe, of Chicago, Illinois, is deceased. The father passed

away in 1955, at the age of 89.

Grandmother Welk is very alert, and is fortunate in having good health, being able to attend church almost every Sunday. Her kindness and love for all radiates, and makes her respected by all who know her. She is indeed a loving grandmother to 24 grandchildren, 45 great-grandchildren, and 3 great-great-grandchildren. She lives at 1812 N. Peoria, Peoria, Illinois, and is well cared for by her daughters.

#### PORTLAND, OREGON

**Reporter: Mrs. Robert Miller**

#### Know Each Other Better

Our third oldest member, Sister Mary (Stortz) Mathep, of the Silverton congregation, was born near Forrest, Illinois, September 3, 1882, on a farm. Her parents were Philip and Solomea Stortz.

In 1906, they moved to Silverton, Oregon, all but one brother, Phillip, who was married and lived at Wolcott, Indiana. There were eight children in the family.

Sister Mary married Alexander Mathep in January, 1908. They lived in Portland, Oregon, until 1919 — then moved to Silverton, Oregon, on a farm. Her husband repented and was baptized, August, 1944, by Bro. Noah Shrock. He was bedfast nearly six years, before he passed away. Our dear Mary was faithful in caring for her husband those six years, and never a word of complaining. She was a real example, with her cheerful attitude. Having been blessed with good health, she felt grateful to be able to care for her husband by herself. During this time, Sister Mary felt the need of repentance and was baptized September 9, 1951, by Bro. George Yergler.

She is living alone in her own home, since her husband passed away. Her health is fairly good. Therefore, she is able to care for her home, also enjoys working in her garden, raising some vegetables, as well as the flowers. She raises lovely African violets in her home.

Sister Mary is faithful in attending church, and appreciates her salvation so much!

Her folks came to America in 1875. Her father repented in 1876, at the age of 26. A sister and brother live at Fairbury, Illinois, at the present. The rest of the family live in Oregon.

### PRINCEVILLE, ILLINOIS Reporter: Ruth Ricketts

We were privileged, on February 11, to have Bro. Harvey Grimm and his family of Sabetha with us. Bro. Harvey lived in Princeville when a young boy, and we are always glad to have him come back. Bro. Russell Rapp and his family, of Morton, were guests in our congregation, Sunday, February 25. Inspiring messages were delivered by both Bro. Harvey and Bro. Russell, and we encourage them to return soon.

On Sunday evening, February 11, the Princeville congregation were guests of the Peoria congregation, to hear the report and deliberations of the recent conference. Bros. Joshua Broquard and Henry Kilgus assisted our Elder Brother Silas Leuthold with this important duty.

Our friend, Mary Streitmatter, passed away at her home, after a lingering illness, and was laid to rest February 13. She was 92 years old, and until the recent years, was quite active and attended church as often as she could. Bro. Frank Woertz of Goodfield conducted services. He was assisted by our ministers. She was laid to rest in the Streitmatter Cemetery.

Funeral services for Emil Joos were held February 17, by our ministers. He is survived by his wife, Lena, who lives in Peoria, and by one daughter and five sons. Walter, a son, is a member of our congregation. Emil was laid to rest in the church cemetery.

It seems the winter has been long and cold, and many of our loved ones have been shut in with severe colds, flu, mumps, etc.; however, we are hoping for sunnier, warmer weather, when all can be out again. Gale Stoller, son of Bro. Joe and Sis. Emily Stoller, had a severe case of scarlet fever, but has recovered, after several weeks' illness, and is able to be in Sunday School again. Little Stevie Leuthold, young son of Bro. John and Sis. Shirley, submitted to an operation, but is recovering nicely. Bro. Karl Klumpp and Bro. Daniel Streitmatter were both confined to their homes for several weeks, but have been with us the past couple Sunday's again. Sis. Mary Endress has also attended church again, after suffering from a heart ailment for several weeks. Bro.

William Huber has been suffering from a bad leg, and is not always able to worship with us. His wife, Sis. Ida, is still confined to her home, although she is able to be up part of the time in a wheel chair. Otto Baer had surgery on his leg recently, and is recovering in his home. Sis. Emma Ehnle is not so well at present, and unable to attend church.

We are glad to have Richard Guingrich, son of Bro. Ed and Sister Doris, home with us again, after serving in the Army. He had been stationed in Korea, and was happy to get on U.S. soil again. On his way home, he stopped at Fort Sam Houston and visited his brother, Wayne, who is stationed there.

### ROANOKE, ILLINOIS Reporter: Sara Aeschleman

Funeral services were held Tues. Feb. 12, for our friend, Ben Herbst, who died quite suddenly of a heart attack. Bro. Mike Weyeneth of Peoria and Bro. Eugene Bertschi officiated.

Bro. Ben and Ruth Ann Hodel are the parents of a new son.

Visiting ministers to our congregation the past month were Bro. Elmer Bahler from Remington and Bro. Aberle from Tremont.

Sisters Mary and Hannah Zimmerman and Anna Gudeman are patients at the Eureka Hospital. Sis. Ellen Siebentahl is reported to be making good progress, after having surgery at the Methodist Hospital in Peoria.

Would like to make a correction in the Feb. issue; A girl was born to Bro. and Sis. Bill Leman, and not a boy, as was reported.

### RITTMAN, OHIO Reporter: Lucille Hartzler

Births: A boy, Darrell Leroy, to Bro. Harold and Sis. Carol Widmer on Feb. 15. A girl, Beth Ann, to Bro. Robert and Sis. Betty (Gerber) Bauman, on March 2.

Our friend, Ella Mae Trent, has been announced for proving, at a later date.

Those in the hospital this past month are Bro. Albert Gasser Sr., who had surgery and is now home; Bro. John Hartzler Sr., who has pneumonia; Sis. Ida Winkler, who had surgery; and Sis. Helen Kerstetter, who has hepatitis. We wish them all a speedy recovery.

Sunday School was resumed on March 4, after a short recess. The superintendents are Bros. Ralph Weber and Alvin Steiner. Sunday School begins at 9:30 a.m., and church services at 10:30.

Sis. Mary Cameron, who was 84 years old, passed away, after a long illness. Funeral services were held on March 5.

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

Marriage intentions of Bro. Roy Schneider and Sister Joyce Wagenbach, of Tremont, were announced here on Feb. 4. Roy is the son of Bro. and Sis. Will and Martha Schneider. Joyce and her parents, Bro. Simon and Sis. Louise, spent the following week end here with us. Our meeting, again, and the hours we spent together, were indeed very pleasant. We were blest in Bro. Simon serving us in his duties.

Bro. John Erismann was again with us on Sunday, having been absent for some time, as a result of his ailing condition. He appears some better.

A little son was born to Bro. and Sis. Leonard and Irma Luginbuhl. He'll be known as Joe Ernest, named after his two grandpa's . . .

Funeral services were conducted on Tues., Feb. 27, for Sis. Minnie Ruch, 92, who died Sunday, Feb. 25. Bro. Ernest Luginbuhl officiated, assisted by Bro. Al Schneider. She had been ill for some time.

### SABETHA, KANSAS Reporter: Eldon Metzger

Visiting the Sabetha congregation February 11, were Bro. Sam Anliker, Lamont; Bro. and Sis. James Bahr, Fort Scott; Bro. and Sis. Sam Huber and Bro. Lloyd Kraft, Gridley, Kansas; Bro. and Sis. Daniel Feucht, Betty Jane and Sis. Shirley, Princeville; and Bro. and Sis. John Moser, Lester.

Bro. Eli Meyer suffered a concussion and other injuries, as a limb fell on him, as he was felling a tree. We are thankful that he can now worship with us again, after spending some time in the hospital.

### In Memory

"Sing praise to God, all ye who love the Saviour," the first line of the hymn **Now and Then** could very well describe the love our de-

parted brother, Edward H. Steiner, had for our dear Saviour, for he loved to sing, and was a song leader for over 40 years.

Ed, as he was called by most everyone who knew him, was the third oldest of five children born to Daniel and Louise Whiss Steiner.

Bro. Ed was born in Morton, where the post office now stands. His family moved to Harper, Kansas, in 1885, when Ed was 7 years old. They lived there for 9 years, and then in two covered-wagons moved to the Bern community.

In 1905, Ed was united in marriage to Edna Grimm. To their union were born 6 children, Sis. Marie (Mrs. Art Kellenberger, Sabetha), Reuben, Sabetha; Sis. Dorothy, deceased; Bro. Daniel, Tremont; Art, Portland, Oregon; Ezra, Hiawatha, Kansas.

Bro. Ed was very active in the church and taught Sunday School for 28 years, was in charge of the Brotherhood Aid from its beginning until the last year of his life, and also was reporter for the Silver Lining until the last week before he died.

The following poem was sent to Sis. Edna at the time of Bro. Ed's death:

#### "Safely Home"

I am home in heaven, dear ones;  
Oh so happy and so bright!  
There is perfect joy and beauty  
In this everlasting light.

All the pain and grief is over,  
Every restless tossing passed;  
I am now at peace forever,  
Home safe in heaven at last.

Did you wonder I so calmly  
Trod the valley of the shade?  
Oh! but Jesus' love illumined  
Every dark and fearful glade.

And He came Himself to meet me  
In that way so hard to tread;  
And with Jesus' arm to lean on,  
Could I have one doubt or dread?

Then you must not grieve so  
sorely,  
For I love you dearly still;  
Try to look beyond earth's shadows . . .  
Pray to trust our Father's will.

There is work still waiting for you,  
So you must not idly stand;

Do it now, while life remaineth—  
You shall rest in Jesus' land.

When that work is all completed,  
He will gently call you Home;  
Oh the rapture of that meeting;  
Oh the joy to see you come!

#### SARDIS, OHIO

Reporter: Mrs. Ruth Headley

Feb. 4, Bro. Fred Marty assisted Bro. Delbert Indermuhle in bringing us a very inspiring message. Bro. Fred and Sis. Erma and their daughter came from Sterling, Ohio, to worship with us.

After the afternoon services, Bro. Delbert and Sis. Martha Indermuhle visited with Sis. Ada Riggenbach. She is looking forward to nicer weather, so she can assemble with us again. We wish her God's strength and grace.

Feb. 11, no services were held this Sunday, because of bad weather. Raymond and Sis. Ruth Headley were dinner guests at the home of Bro. Delbert and Sis. Martha Indermuhle. May the Lord's blessings rest upon them for their kindness.

Feb. 18: on the sick list for this Sunday were, Doris and Joyce, daughters of Bro. Delbert and Sis. Martha; and Wayne, son of John and Sis. Hazel Riggenbach.

#### SARASOTA, FLORIDA

Reporter: Velta Laukhuf

Our visiting minister was Bro. Henry Beer of Milford.

On February 13, a picnic was held in St. Petersburg, by the church group. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. John Hoerr, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Hoerr, Phil and Fern Wingeier, John and Katherine Fuhrer, Frank and Alice Graszal, Herman and Gladys Kipfer, Chris and Lena Sauder, Gus and Madie Laukhuf, Gus and Eunice Knochel, Joe and Nettie Clauss, Will and Minnie Feller, George and Fanny Sauder, Eli and Esther Reineck, Leon and Lydia Virkler, Paul and Mildred Donze, Charles and Mary Huber, Alice Heinold, Richard and Velta Laukhuf. The group enjoyed getting together.

February 22, Sis. Lucille Maibach and Bill and Helen Shaw of Detroit visited friends in Sarasota.

February 22, Alice Heinold entertained, for dinner, Chris Sauders, George Sauders, Gus Knochels, Philip Wingeier, Barbara Martin,

Mae and Anna Sauder, Emma Klaus, and Richard Laukhufs.

On February 23, Bro. Joel and Sis. Ida Maller and Bro. Phil Wingeier visited with Bro. Lawrence Klopfenstein and his wife at Minneola, Florida.

On February 26, George Gerstner of Tremont and Alex Simon of Peoria visited with Richard and Velta Laukhuf.

Al Weigele of Detroit visited in Sarasota.

#### TAYLOR, MISSOURI

Reporter: Mrs. Eli Sutter

Ron Hodel, son of Henry and Sis. Loida Hodel, is attending Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, Ill., beginning this semester. He is able to spend an occasional week end at his home.

Elder Bro. Noah and Sis. Hattie Schrock spent Sun., Feb. 4, with us. On this day, our four young converts were announced for proving, in the near future. Now, on March 4, Bro. Noah was again with us, to assist our Elder Bro. Fred Grimm in proving and baptizing them. They are, Bro. Bill and Sis. Susanne Cottrell, Bro. LeRoy Yackley, and Bro. Stan Heimer. We wish them the Lord's blessing in their Christian life. We had many visitors for the occasion. Ministering brothers were Albert Wuthrich, Pulaski; Ezra Feller, Cissna Park; and Elmer Witzig, Gridley, Illinois; Others visiting were those that accompanied them and many from other congregations . . .

Bro. Paul and Sis. Mildred Butikofer and son, Timmy, have moved to Elgin, Iowa. We miss them very much. They were always willing to serve where ever needed, but we know our loss is a gain to the Elgin church. We wish them the Lord's blessing in their new home.

#### TOLEDO, OHIO

Reporter: Emily Frautschi

Know Each Other Better

The second oldest member of our Toledo congregation is Sister Mary Meister, who was born August 27, 1878. She is 83 years old. She turned to the Lord in repentance through reading the "Word", and was baptized in the year 1896, by Adam Imthurn, with the aid of Andrew Braun.

Mary's occupation was dress-

making, but her activities have been somewhat limited since she broke her hip about 4 years ago. Sister Lydia Meister takes care of her sister. Mary is able to be up and about part of the time, and helps Lydia with some of the duties about the house.

Mary hasn't been able to attend church services for at least 5 years, but she always enjoys when the members visit her and Lydia.

On Sunday evening, Feb. 4, we had our first Song Service, which was very well attended. A blessing was received by all. It is planned to have a like service the first Sunday evening of each month.

We welcome Mr. and Mrs. Rowen Schar to our Toledo congregation. Since their recent marriage, they have established a home in West Unity, and plan to attend services in Toledo. They are both from the Rittman Congregation — Mrs. Schar was formerly Judith Miller.

#### TREMONT, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Mrs. William H. Beutel

Sunday, February 10, was the wedding of Bro. Paul Michel and Sis. Helen Gerst at Oakville.

Kenneth, son of Bro. and Sis. Henry Dill Sr., and Fred, son of Bro. and Sis. Will Beutel, are attending the Bailey Technical School, at St. Louis. They were home for the week end of February 24 and 25.

Tuesday, February 13, funeral services were held for Sis. Dena Getz, 80 years of age. She was the daughter of Christian and Catherine Grimm Pfloderer, born near Tremont, and living here all her life. She leaves 7 daughters, one son, and 10 grandchildren. One daughter, Rachel, passed away last August, and her husband in March, 1948.

Jeffery Alan, 5-week-old son of Bro. and Sis. Marvin Frank, is still in the hospital.

#### Know Each Other Better

Bro. Jeff Springer was born on a farm, southeast of Tremont, on March 20, 1881. His father, John Springer, was born in Alsace-Lorraine, France. He had been a Mennonite minister before he became a member of our faith. Jeff's mother was Katherine Bachman, born in Germany. She also was a

member before they came to America, in 1877.

They lived in Gridley, Illinois, the first winter, then moved to Peoria for several years, before moving to a small farm southeast of Tremont. Here, Bro. Jeff was born, in a home across the road from the Nathan Bolliger farm. They went to Tremont church, which was then south of Tremont. He lived there until he was 7 years old, then the family moved to Danvers, and attended the Congerville church. He married Margaret Hoffman of Fairbury, on January 19, 1910.

He and his wife farmed at Danvers, and then at Congerville, where they repented and were baptized by Bro. Mike Mangold. They had 8 children—Sis. Viola (Roland) Keller, Bro. Myron, Sis. Helen (Clarence) Schmidgall, Morton; Sis. Kathryn (Ralph) Grimm and Jeff Jr., Lincoln; and Robert, Springfield. Clarence and Ivan are deceased. There are 20 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Shortly after moving to a farm east of Tremont, the Lord saw fit to call Sis. Margaret from this life, on February 19, 1939. He and his family then went to Lincoln, where he lived and farmed until 1949.

In 1950, he married Sis. Emma Moser of Tremont, where they now live. For about 10 years, he was a soil technician. In this work, part of the time was spent at the Logan County Farm Bureau and part at the Schrock Bros. Seed and Fertilizer Co. at Congerville. He retired last March, at the age of 80 years. Bro. Jeff is quite spry, and enjoys gardening.

#### UNION CITY, NEW JERSEY

Reporter: August Mueller

We are sorry to report the passing of one of our dear friends, Lena Gloor, age 82. She was found dead in her apartment. Burial took place Feb. 3, in Fairview Cemetery, Bro. Charles Kroszner officiating.

I remember the words Elder Brother Ernst Graf spoke in one of his sermons here in Union City. There is nothing as uncertain as life and nothing as certain as death, and so it is. When we rise in the morning, we know not whether we will see the end of the day, and when we retire, we know not whether the sun will shine for us the next day, but the most import-

ant part is that our names are written in the Book of Life.

On Sunday, Feb. 4, we had visitors from Rockville, Bro. and Sis. Werner Kupferschmid, Bro. and Sis. Eugene Kupferschmid and son, Dean, Bro. Theo Scheitlin, John Rumpf and his wife, Sis. Emma Marty, Sis. Hanna and Sis. Marie Schneider. We invite them all to visit us again. It was a day of joy and blessing.

#### Know Each Other Better

Our second oldest member is Sis. Sophie Keller, age 90. She came to this country in 1892 from Switzerland. In 1899, she married Bro. Lebrecht Keller. They had eight children, two sons and six daughters.

Five times, death visited Sis. Keller. The first time, he took a four-year-old girl. Then, in 1932, he paid the second visit; this time, Bro. Keller passed away. This left a heavy burden for her to carry. In 1944, he called on her daughter, Ella, age 29; she was survived by her husband and a five-year-old boy. Then, in 1947, death again knocked on her door, to take her daughter, Sis. Emily, age 40. The last time he called was in 1948, when he called her oldest daughter, Sis. Teeny, age 57; she was survived by her husband, John Rumpf (since remarried in Rockville) and by a son and a daughter.

Steep and thorny is the path Sis. Keller has to travel, but a great reward awaits all those that stay true and faithful until the end.

The crown of everlasting life, a house not made with hands, a new name which only is known to the one that receives it, this is the promise of God, who never breaks a promise.

Sis. Keller is now living with her daughter, Sis. Minny Cook, and husband, Arthur, in Sattlebrook, New Jersey. Sis. Flo Kaiser is another daughter; William and John are her sons.

#### WEST BEND, IOWA

Reporter: Anna M. Schmidt

I made an error on the history of West Bend. Bro. Albert Wuthrich did not serve the West Bend church, but Bro. Fred Banwart served for awhile.

Bro. Adolph Bruellman passed away Feb. 20, 1962, at the Oakdale



Sanitarium at Iowa City. Bro. Adolph was born at Weinfelden, Switzerland, Dec. 14, 1879. He was 82 years, 2 months and 6 days old. On June 19, 1923, he was united in marriage to Emilie Muller of Switzerland. They lived in Switzerland for a few years, and then they settled in West Bend. Bro. Bruellman was engaged in farming and tiling. They had one daughter, Ruth. Bro. Bruellman repented about 5½ years ago.

### Know Each Other Better

Bro. John Gerber was born Nov. 7, 1877, at Bluffton, Ind., oldest son of Matthias Gerber and Margaret Ruff. Other brothers and sisters are Mary (Mrs. Alfred Fehr); Lizzie (Mrs. Eran Zaugg); Ben; Lydia (Mrs. Awalt Jurgens); Sarlina (died as a child); David; Cornelius; Joe; and Manuel.

In the year of 1889, the family moved to Eureka, Illinois, then to West Bend, Iowa, in 1902.

John Gerber was united in marriage to Emma Aeschliman, daughter of the late Simon Aeschliman of Francesville, Ind., on July 24, 1902, at Eureka, Illinois. Two of their children, Tillie (Mrs. Sam Mogler) and Clara (Mrs. George Bruellman, were born at Roanoke, Ill., on the Rassi farm.

In the year of 1905, they moved to Grand Forks, Minn., where he farmed and broke up many acres of prairie land and did carpenter work, building the farm buildings.

Three children were born in Minnesota, Helen (Mrs. Paul Strahm), Mildred (Mrs. John Scuffham), and a son, Ervin.

In the year of 1914, they moved to West Bend, to be with the family and go to church, where they heard God's word.

In 1916, they found peace with the Lord, were baptized on April 23, 1916, by John Plattner of Sabetha, Kansas.

He bought land, which was some prairie land, broke up the new sod, being a carpenter, he started sod. Being a carpenter, he started improved the land by tiling. He was a hard worker, and would lend a helping hand wherever he could. In 1938, he retired from farming and moved to Algona, Iowa, where they still live. He is in fair health, comes to church when he can.

He has 28 grandchildren and 52 great-grandchildren.

Five of the brothers have gone to rest. There are 3 sisters living in West Bend.

### WINTHROP, MINNESOTA

Reporter: Marguerite Messner

Our community was saddened by the death of Sis. Frieda Messner, Feb. 10, after a 4-day illness, at the age of 59 yrs., 10 months, and 13 days. She is survived by her husband, Bro. Fred; five children; her aged father, Bro. Pfister of Mansfield; and 12 brothers and sisters. Bros. Leo Moser and Henry Koehl officiated. There were many visitors here for the funeral from Maywood, Elgin (Ill.), Mansfield; Bluffton, Chicago; Oakville; Burlington, West Bend and Lester, and Morris.

Births: Sis. Dorothy and Lloyd Jacobson, a girl, Sally Jean, Feb. 27; to Bro. Jim and Sis. Julia Messner, a girl, Jolene Kay, March 1.

### WOLCOTT, INDIANA

Reporter: Arles Kropf

On Feb. 4, we enjoyed the visit of Bro. Andy Koehl and his wife; Bro. and Sis. Clarence Koehl; Bro. and Sis. Virgil Koehl; Bro. and Sis. Auberle; and Sis. Esther Knapp of Forrest.

Visitors on Feb. 11, were Bro. and Sis. Lester Nuest of La Crosse.

On Feb. 18, Bro. George Yergler of La Crosse spent the day with us, and in the evening, Bro. Theo Beer and his wife, along with the Remington congregation, gathered with us, for a report on the Elder Conference at Roanoke.

### ALTADENA, CALIFORNIA

Reporter: Doris Graf

Those visiting us on Feb. 4, were: Bro. and Sis. Dave Meister, Peoria; Bro. and Sis. John Koehl, Forrest; Miss Ida Kauffman, Pasadena; Robert Blackford, Minneapolis, Minn.; Bro. and Sis. Rudie Hoffman and their sons, Tim and Tommy, Roanoke; and Ronnie Strahm, Sabetha, who is stationed at 29 Palms, California.

We were happy to have ministering Bro. Joe Zimmerman and his wife from Roanoke with us on Feb. 11. Our regular monthly church dinner was held, and services in the evening were held by Bro. Joe. Also visiting that day were: Bro. and Sis. Ben Getz, Morton; Bro. and Sis. Herb Knochel,

Phoenix; Bro. and Sis. John Schmidt, Wolcott; Bro. and Sis. John Franks, Burlington, Ia.; Bro. and Sis. Glenn Ruesegger, Bro. Fred Ruesegger, Bro. and Sis. Arnold Meylans and Bro. and Sis. George Lambert of Bay City, Michigan.

Sis. Louise Messerschmidt, Elgin, and Sis. Matilda Alt and her husband were here on Feb. 18. On the 25th, those visiting were: Bro. and Sis. Daniel Feucht and their daughters, Sis. Shirley and Betty, Princeville; Sis. Dorothy Sabo, Mansfield; Sis. Mary Kilgus, Remington; Bro. and Sis. Sam Kieser, Princeville; Miss Emma and Ruth Strahm, Sabetha; and Sis. Margaret Hermann, Princeville.

On March 4, Bro. and Sis. Henry Sabo from Mansfield were here. Bro. Henry held services that day, in both Maywood and Altadena. Also visiting were Sis. Mary Sabo, Mansfield, and Bro. and Sis. Joe and Connie Beer, who came from San Francisco, where he is stationed at Letterman Hospital, to visit us.

### ELGIN, IOWA

Reporter: Mrs. George Butikofer

"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." 2 Timothy 2:15

The fields and fence rows in this area are covered with a deep blanket of snow. In places, it is thirty inches deep. This makes for a beautiful landscape. For the farmers, it has somewhat complicated their chores, for there has been considerable drifting around the homesteads and on the byroads. We will welcome the springtime season, in view of the fact that this has been quite a rugged winter all in all.

Sunday, February 18, our friend, Arthur Hunziker, was proved and baptized. We rejoice with him. Visitors that Sunday were Bro. and Sis. Noah Shrock from Burlington; Bro. Ed and Sis. Anna Lantz, Oakville; Bro. and Sis. Silas Leuthold, Princeville; Bro. Paul Banwart, Bro. and Sis. Joe Benninger, Sis. Marcella Gerber and Sis. Charotte Banwart from West Bend

We are pleased that the Paul Butikofer family have moved to our community and will now attend our place of worship. They

moved here from Taylor. They are now located on a farm near Clermont, Iowa.

Iassc Gehring is feeling somewhat improved, and is at present in a nursing home in Fayette, Iowa.

Bro. and Sis. Eli Sutter from Taylor spent a few days with us . . . Hope they will be able to visit us again.

Bro. and Sis. Wm. Butikofer and family and Sis. Lena Pulfer, from Davenport, Iowa, visited us one week end.

Sis. Louisa Metzger hasn't been enjoying her usual good health. May God restore her health real soon.

### PHOENIX, ARIZONA Reporter: Alice Heiniger

Phoenix rejoices with our many winter visitors, and the fellowship we enjoy with one another.

Birth: Bob. and Janet Farney are the parents of a boy, Steven Kent. He is welcomed by his sister, Cheryl, at home.

Sis. Roletta Gerst, who was visiting in the home of her parents, Bro. Roy and Sis. Minnie Farney, left to join her husband, Connie, at Fort Sam Houston. Their address is: 200 Queen Ann Court, San Antonio, Texas.

Sis. Connie Beer, who was visiting in the home of her parents, has left to join her husband, Joe, in San Francisco. Joe is now stationed at Lettermans General Hospital, San Francisco, California. Their address is 326 Eddy, Apt. 502, San Francisco, California.

### Know Each Other Better

Sister Marie Wuthrich, our oldest member, is 86 years of age this Feb. 17.

Marie is the daughter of Chris and Kathryn Stevig, residence of Pulaski, Iowa.

She has two sisters, Lydia and Anna, and two brothers, Chris and Jake; the latter is still living in Morton, Illinois.

She grew up in Pulaski, Iowa, and repented at the age of 18 years. She was baptized by Bro. Chris Gerber.

In 1910, Sis. Marie was united in marriage to Bro. Sam Wuthrich of Pulaski, by Elder Bro. Smith.

In 1919, they moved to La Crosse, Indiana, where Bro. Sam was engaged in farming. To this union four children were born:

Helen, Elva, Ruth and Willis. All her children are members. She has three grandchildren.

Sis. Marie has been a member 68 years, and is a real testimony and witness for her Lord, to all who know her.

Outside of her arthritis, she is real ative in housekeeping for her three daughters.

Marie moved to Phoenix in 1957, with her three daughters. She is able to attend church most of the time.

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

We are thankful to have Bro. Melvin Huber and his family back with us.

On Feb. 15, a group of us accompanied our two ministers, Bros. Philip Gutwein and Lester Huber, to Purdue University, where they held services for the students at Purdue and those living in Lafayette. We spent a blessed evening in worship and fellowshiping with them.

During the past month, Sis. Lena Huber fell on the ice and broke her leg, and Sis. Ann Getz fell and broke her arm. Sis. Mary Wuethrich was taken to the Home Lawn Mineral Springs at Martinsville, Ind. for treatment. Bro. Romey Gudeman was able to leave the hospital, and is at his daughter's home in Chicago. Sis. Cordy Leman has been unable to attend church the past few months. May God bless each one of our shut-ins.

We have reason to rejoice over another dear friend, Linda Anliker, who has answered the call of her Saviour. Linda is attending nurse's training at Ft. Wayne. We are so thankful for all our friends who have given their hearts to the Lord in the last few months, and we have a prayer in our hearts for many more who are so dear to us.

### Know Each Other Better

"Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God." Matthew 5:9.

Below is the life story of our second oldest brother, Albert Boehning, written by Albert and his wife, Cora.

Bro. Albert Boehning of Francesville, Ind., was born on June 17, 1882, at Dillon, Ill., and lived with his parents until the age of 24 years. He was married to Katie

Witterich of Cissna Park, on Dec. 19, 1906, and to this union were born six boys and 5 girls. They are all married and have families of their own. He has 29 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren.

In 1910, he and his wife, Katie, felt the need of a Saviour, and repented. At that time, there were 100 or more that repented at Cissna Park. They were both baptized at the same time, by Elder Eugene Schladenhauffen. That was a wonderful time.

In 1914, they and four children moved from Cissna Park to a farm three miles north of Francesville, owned by Brother Henry Schumacher of Eureka, Illinois. They lived there for thirty years. In July of 1939, his wife was suddenly called to her reward, and he was left a widower. He then bought a home in town, and the children that were single went with him, also, two of the girls whose husbands were in service.

They lived there until Jan., 1946, at which time the good Lord provided for him another helpmate, Cora Swing, who was also a widow with five married children. He then moved into the home they now live in.

He owns a farm east of town and has most of it rented to a neighbor. There is no house on the place. He kept just a few acres of land to farm himself to occupy his time. On account of his health and age, he had to quit doing hard work. He still has his implements and likes to do a little work with them. The rest is up to our Father in heaven, and whatever He will do is well done, is our prayer.

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Elias Souder

The article S. H. Froelich will be continued next month.

The Editor