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## S. H. FROELICH

Submitted by Bro. Noah Schrock

(S. H. Froehlich continues)

This beloved pastor was tireless in his endurance with me.

As often as I visited with him, he greeted me with the question, "Well, how are things going in the most important matter of all?" Each time, I became embarrassed and still did not wish to let him notice it.

Once, however, when he asked me again as to the most important matter of all, I could not help but ask him the counter-question, What he meant by this. The dear pastor composed himself, grasped the opportunity, and began to preach to me of repentance to God, knowledge of one's self, faith in Christ, etc. But he preached to deaf ears. I understood not a word. His sermon seemed in part foolish to me, in part vexatious.

Yet, I was honest enough to write down at home in my diary the main thought which had stayed with me: Through the knowledge of God, man comes to the knowledge of self; that is the truth which Christ taught us, and to which we arrive only through repentance.

From that day on, a whole year passed before I felt the slightest trace of this knowledge of self, and it is clear that, if the grace of God wished to make something of me to His glory, it certainly had in me the greatest of all sinners, a fit object in whom to manifest, even in me, the greatest riches of the patience and pity of our Lord Jesus Christ, that I, in turn, should

have pity towards my brethren in the flesh who still wander in error along the course of this world, and after the prince of darkness.

It pleased God well to awaken me from the sleep of death. He passed by me, and saw me lying in my blood. He said to me, as I thus lay in my blood, Thou shalt live! (Ezekiel 16:6)

### KINDLE THE JOY!

"And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.

And he spake to them a parable; Behold the fig tree, and all the trees;

When they now shoot forth, ye see and know of your own selves that summer is now nigh at hand.

So likewise ye, when ye see these things come to pass, know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand."

From St. Luke 21

It was in the month of April, 1825, when I was spending my Easter vacation, in Brugg. A very soft voice, which was neither terrifying nor depressing, but nevertheless, very convincing and penetrating, spoke in the depth of my soul.

"It cannot remain thus with thee. Thou must change!"

At the same time, it drew me irresistibly onward. I knelt for the first time before the hidden God,

and with uplifted hands, solemnly gave the vow of fidelity, that from now on, it must be different with me.

True, I did not as yet grasp and understand correctly what I said. Indeed, I also did not as yet know the Lord Jesus Christ and the necessity for His atonement and redemption, for it was not yet the burden of my load of sin which had driven me to the Saviour of sinners, but merely the conviction, "Thou must change; otherwise, thou canst not become a minister."

From now on, with all earnestness and might, I wished to shun sin, which I now recognized as sin, and knew not that it did not lie within my power to overcome a mastery which had for so long bound me with chains of darkness. But it was as if the Lord, to whom I had made my vow, had taken me at my word, although it was really He who had taken me by my hand and, with all His goodness, drawn me to Him.

Beginning with this day, the whole scene changed. He never left me. I found rest and peace nowhere. My whole body, indeed the whole world, became too narrow for me. I sought for something which should fill the endless emptiness which had now arisen in my soul, and I did not find it.

I went out into mountain and forest, knelt and prayed and cried out in lonesome places. My whole being was longing, sorrowfulness and anxiety. I sought the Lord Jesus Christ with ardent fervor and many tears.

# CONTENTMENT

Henry Souder Jr.

Grandfather left in the wee, small years of grandson . . . The little bedroom where he lay in his last little hours . . . and the chair, the old rocker in the dining room, where he breathed his last . . . the memory of these two places seemed to carry something especially sweet.

He was a good man. People speak of him as somebody loving. He loved the young folks, the little ones, and all.

The days he lived are in the past . . . but, at the end of the pathway is home. He lives there. Life will be sweet and happy.

" . . . godliness with contentment is great gain."

No adding machine can sum up the gain of a child of God.

If we were willed the estate of the richest on earth . . . if we were received into the president's family . . . that cannot even begin to be compared to godliness with contentment.

Godliness is following Jesus' footsteps. God dwelt in the flesh, and He dwells in us, too. He was received up into glory. We, too, sit together with Him in the heavens.

When we take one step with Him, He gives. He teaches us not to worry about doing many things at once. Just one step to sing. Another to pray. Another to look for

His return, to think how wonderful. One step at a time.

"For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out."

When we read in the holy scriptures, we see how God thinks.

He wants to get us away, to get us above, where He can show us how He sees things, how they really are.

He saw us come into life . . . He sees us going out. He knows how short time is, and yet even the last five minutes of a saint's life is important to Him!

He is well acquainted with Home. He knows how lovely it is. Its familiar rooms, its scenes, its children, its eternity is where He lives.

He would just love to get across to His children here what He sees. He loves to see them know how enduring and joy-giving are the things He talks about!

"And having food and raiment let us be therewith content."

If we do not listen to Him, the once beautiful buildings become run down. Unsightly sights come.

When we are content, it gives room for God to work. He makes the most with what we have.

God began with the small amount, when He multiplied the widow's oil. Again, He took the loaves and fishes of the little lad, and worked in His might.

So, it's not the health we don't have, nor the talents we possess not . . . it's not the dollars we cannot grasp . . . nor the vigor of youth that has gone.

It's bringing the penny and the moment to Him, as we have them.

"But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition."

The sin of covetousness still has the same, sad result.

Remember Naboth? He had a little plot of ground, his old home place. He grew grapes. He liked it. He was attached to it with fond memory. He was happy to toil there.

But Ahab wanted it. He coveted, wished for, Naboth's possession. Ahab's wife got rid of Naboth. Ahab greedily grabbed what he wanted. But it was not right in the eyes of God.

Covetous thoughts pester our joy. If we can fence in our thoughts with contentment, we will be happy.

"Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not high-minded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy;"

That first step into our heavenly home, we will see that precious moments have counted.

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## NEWS

### AKRON, OHIO

Reporter: Ruth Taylor

Sister Ruth has received much good help from others with this issue of the news.

Questioning the reason for the smiles on some of the Sunday School boy's faces, we found they were happy because of their promotions. The promotions were Robert Graf Jr., Neil Graf, Steven Pamer, Dale Greenbank, and Kenneth Graf.

March 23, a son, Mark Allan, was born to Henry and Marjorie

(Kaufman) Collins. A brother, Duane, was waiting at home for them.

Sis. Anna Hanla was in the hospital for a number of days, for observation and some treatment, and has returned home, where she is gaining strength.

The Robert Stulls, the Don Stulls, Sis. Louise Stavenik and the Ben Staveniks (except Dorothy) were with us March 4. Sis. Dorothy was in Florida with her parents, the Dan Kaufmans. Bro. Robert held services with us.

Sis. Margaret Albrecht, returning from a two-month stay with her daughter in Florida, spent April 8 with us. She is with her daughter in Lakewood, the Novotnys.

### Know Each Other Better

Written by Bro. Rudolph Graf

Mrs. Lena Tschantz Wright was born in 1878 at Bluffton, Ohio, and was the oldest daughter of Carl and Anna Tschantz. The Tschantz, Rupps, and VonGuntens immigrated to Ohio from Switzerland in 1873 as a group.

Later, these three families moved to Ashtabula County, and located in the midst of a group of our faith. The pious life of these brethren became cause for the awakening of the parents of these families. They became helpful members of this fellowship. It was in this environment that Lena spent her youth.

The early 1890's proved disastrous to these farmers and the money panic of 1893 forced them to seek their living elsewhere. Many moved to Akron and vicinity, where they found employment in industry

It was here, in 1906, that Lena married Allen Wright, and to this union were born five children. The young couple had a prosperous grocery business for several years, but Mr. Wright was stricken ill and became an invalid until his death in 1923. During this extended illness, two of their little children died within days, leaving this little family grieved and disheartened. Lena met the task of raising her three children, by nursing and being a skilled seamstress.

Her afflictions were many, and yet a source of blessing, for through such, and in this time, she received the call of the Lord and was converted, in 1923. Still another tragedy came upon Lena, when her son was killed in a truck-car collision, leaving a wife and three children. But somehow, Lena pressed bravely on, learning more and more to trust in the Lord, who never forsook her.

Now at 84 years of age, being mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, she is remarkably spry, and has good prospects, if the Lord is willing, to attain the age of her mother, who lived to be 96 years old. Lena lives with her oldest daughter at Ghent, Ohio,

attends services at Akron.

We count her an one of our useful and valued sisters. Each one of us enjoy Lena's cheerfulness, and we wish her continued good health.

### ALTADENA, CALIFORNIA

Reporter: Doris Graf

Visiting this month were Sis. Elizabeth Beyer, Gridley, Kansas; Sis. Irene Baer, Portland; Bro. and Sis. Dave Hodel, Roanoke; Sis. Helen Mueller, Princeville; Sis. Hulda Fiechter, Craigville, Ind.; Sis. Kathryn Oesch, Bro. and Sis. Elmer Schrenk and their daughter, Linda, Alto; and Bro. and Sis. Wm. Knapp, of Cissna Park. Bro. Elmer ministered unto us on the first of April, and our regular once-a-month church dinner was held that evening. Also visiting us that day were Bro. and Sis. Henry Schrenk and boys from Phoenix.

Bro. and Sis. Ike Rufener, from Rittman, visited us on their honeymoon out West. Also, Sis Emma Strahm and Mrs. Ruth Strahm visited with us. Sis. Emma is taking care of Sis. Rose Langjahr, of our congregation, who is convalescing from the flu and a bad heart.

### ATHENS, ALABAMA

Reporter: Clara Heiniger

Worship services were held at the home of William and Sis. Charlene Robinson, Wednesday evening, March 7.

Sisters and friends met at the home of Doris Moore, March 9, for an afternoon of blessed fellowship around God's Word.

March 11, Bro. and Sis. Isaac Rufener of Rittman and Bro. Lavern Dotterer of Mansfield visited the churches.

Wednesday evening, March 14, worship service was held at the home of Bro. and Sis. George Kelly.

John Zeug and Mel Staudt, stationed at Texas, spent the week end of March 18 visiting the churches.

March 24, Bro. Andy Nussbaum, Remington, and Bro. and Sis. Dean Bahler and son, of Lafayette, Ind., spent the week end with us.

Sat., March 31, Bro. and Sis. Noah Bauman, Bro. and Sis. George Riggerbach, of Rittman, Bro. and Sis. Henry Kilgus and Bro. and Sis. Emil Anliker of Forest, visited with us. Saturday, a blessed evening was enjoyed by all, in hearing the testimonies of

three friends, Reba and Betty Chambers, daughter-in-laws of Sis. Retha Chambers, and Hazel Vibbert, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Henry Perry. After the testimonies, Communion Service was held. On Sun., April 1, baptismal service was held for the three friends.

### BLUFFTON, INDIANA

Reporter: Frieda Kipfer

Kenneth Steffen and Bro. Gary Ringger have been discharged from the Army. Kenneth and his wife, Roberta, who repented while at Ft. Sam Houston, have been announced for proving in the near future.

Bro. and Sis. Henry Gerber have announced the engagement of their daughter, Martha, to Michael Lobsiger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Loren Lobsiger.

Those in the hospital last month were Sis. Ella Yergler, Bros. Harry Isch, John Kaehr, Amos Bertsch and Eli Kipfer.

Our visiting ministers were Bro. Otto Norr on Wed. evening, March 7; Bro. Homer Reineck, on April 1 and Bro. Theo Beer on April 8.

Sandra Gerber, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Ralph Gerber, and Theodore Fiechter, son of Bro. and Sis. Walter Fiechter, were united in marriage by Bro. Theo Beer, on April 8.

Births: To Bro. and Sis. Vernon Geisel, a son, on March 8; to Bro. and Sis. Ralph Gerber, a daughter, on March 20; to Bro. and Sis. Ervin Schwartz, a son, on March 20; to Bro. and Sis. Thomas Frauhiger, a son, on March 22; to Bro. and Sis. Wm. Neuenschwander, a son, on March 22; to Bro. and Sis. Raymon Steffen, a son, on March 22; to Bro. and Sis. Harry Gerber, a son, on March 24.

### History

(Historical data furnished by Joel J. Kipfer, William Kipfer Sr. and others)

A group of Mennonites came to this community from Switzerland, in 1850 or 1851. Among them were the Strahm and Kipfer families. Some of them had heard Samuel Froelich preach in their native land and had a desire to hear more of this doctrine.

Several years later, Matthias Strahm and Ulrich Kipfer decided to visit the minister at the Apostolic Christian Church in Monroe County, Ohio, in an attempt to get

someone to preach in the Wells County community.

They started their journey on foot, in March of 1858, with a few lifts, by way of wagons, along the way. They often became discouraged, but each would urge the other on, until they arrived at their destination.

After the first evening of talking to Brothers Joseph Bela and Isaac Gehring there, they knew they had found what they were seeking.

A few weeks later, Joseph Bela arrived at Wells County, and found eighteen souls ready for baptism. Ulrich Kipfer was the first baptized.

Joseph Bela held meetings in various homes, until the small flock was started. Matthias Strahm became its first minister.

The meetings continued in houses and barns, until 1867, when the first church was built on the present site, the land being donated by the Benedict Baumgartner family. It was a simple building, and was known to other brethren as the "New Ville Church".

Nicholas Baumgartner, who moved here from Iowa shortly after the Civil War, became the second minister, and later was ordained as elder. Matthias Strahm and family and a few other families moved to Kansas in 1870. Jacob Shar became the third minister.

Early burials were made in the New Ville (Vera Cruz) Cemetery. The first burials in the church's own cemetery, located west of the second church building, were made in 1879.

Jacob Shar and several other families moved to Oregon in 1879. Adam Hartman became the next minister. He later was ordained as elder, and served until his death, in 1888.

The church kept growing, so the building had to be enlarged in 1881 or 1882. The corner lot was purchased in 1887, and a home was built for possible caretakers of the church.

Ulrich Kipfer and Jacob Klopfenstein helped in the ministry in those days. Samuel Fiesley, a minister from Monroe County, Ohio, moved here in 1889, and served until his death.

The first church was razed in 1897, and the second erected in the same year.

John Aschliman and Godfrey

Rauch started preaching in 1898, or a short time later, and Daniel Gerber and John Moser were next added to the ministry, in 1903.

Godfrey Rauch became the next elder, and in 1929, Henry Dotterer the next minister.

This building was getting overcrowded by the late 20's, so it was remodeled and enlarged in 1933. Ground was purchased for the second cemetery, in 1935.

Samuel Aeschliman and William Fiechter were added to the ministry in 1936, and, after the death of Godfrey Rauch, Samuel Aeschliman was ordained to be elder, in 1941.

The building again became overcrowded, so a fuinding fund was established in 1945.

John Yergler was chosen to the ministry in 1947.

Church building was begun in 1949, just north of the old church building, and completed in 1950. The old building was used until after the new one was finished.

Orville Ringger was ordained to the ministry in 1954, and Carl Kipfer in 1959.

The first eighteen converts were baptized in a pond. There had been a heavy rain the night before. After that, they were usually baptized in the Wabash River, a little west of the Vera Cruz bridge.

#### BREMEN, INDIANA

Reporter: Lydia Heuberger

We were happy to have Bro. and Sis. Robert Weyeneth and family and Bro. and Sis. Dick Binkele and family of Peoria with us on March 4. They were house guests of Bro. and Sis. Manny Steffen and family.

Sis. Fred (Marie) Moser of Peoria spent approximately six weeks with her daughter, Sis. Ruth Steffen, and husband—Bro. Manny, and children. She has now returned to her son, Bro. Arthur Moser, and family at Peoria.

March 25 was the wedding for friends James Laidig and Barbara Manges. James is the son of Bro. and Sis. Silas Laidig. Relatives of the bridegroom, from Peoria, Joliet and Chicago, Ill., and Toledo and Greenville, Ohio, attended church services with us, prior to the wedding ceremony.

Peace when days are glad and golden,  
Peace when sorrows make them gray,

Peace when health is ever splendid—

Peace if it should slip away,  
Peace when friends are fine and loyal,

Peace if any prove untrue:  
Whatsoever life may bring you,  
May the Lord give peace to you.

#### BURLINGTON, IOWA

Reporter: Mrs. Ernest Anliker

The following brothers and sisters, were guests in our congregation during the past month. We are always happy and pleased to have others of like faith come and fellowship with us. James and Doris Lee Pflederer and children of Tremont; Edw. Owens, Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri; Dorothy and Adrian Kellenberger, Gladys L. Weiss, Betty Walter, Phyllis J. Kaptain, Helen Liebig, Jeanne Steffen, Herman Braun, Keith Kellenberger, all of Elgin, Ill., Lois Heiniger, Chicago; Sharon Powelson, Aurora, Illinois.

Gregory Oberman has spent some time in the hospital for observation. Everyone will be happy when Greg gets back to Sunday School.

#### Know Each Other Better

Our dear elderly sister, Lydia Kuntz, was born to Bro. George and Sis. Madelena (Freidinger) Rein on Nov. 5, 1879. She attended school in the Morton, Ill., vicinity, and as a very young girl assisted with the housework and caring of children in different homes.

On Feb. 18, 1908, she was married to John Kuntz of Oakville, Iowa — he being a son of Bro. Christian and Sis. Emily Schmidt Kuntz, of Gridley, Illinois.

They settled on a farm near Oakville, right next to our Oakville church, building a new home in 1936 . . . which is located by the church on Route 99.

They now live and attend church in Burlington, Ia., moving here in 1947.

Sis. Lydia accepted the Lord's invitation in 1923. Although her health does not always permit her to attend church, she is always present whenever possible, with a smile for all.

Sis. Lydia and John are both over 82 years old, and have been married 54 years. John lived with his parents until he was married, but did do some farming in the Oak-

ville neighborhood earlier, beginning in 1902.

John and Sis. Lydia reared a family of six children. The oldest is our brother, Geo. Kuntz, of the Oakville congregation; then, there is Mrs. Fred Carter, Bill and Clarence, all of the Oakville and Burlington community; Harvey, of Downers Grove (Ill.); and Mrs. Forrest Morgan, Peoria, Illinois.

May God bless John and Sis. Lydia, and grant them many more years in our assembly.

### CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

**Reporter: Mrs. Ernest Knecht**

On the week end of March 24-25, we were privileged to have minister Joe Schrock, Sis. Esther and their son, from Congerville, with us. On Saturday evening, he showed pictures of the Holy land, and spoke on it, and, on Sunday, we appreciated the inspiring messages brought to us. Other visitors with them were Bro. Alvin and Sis. Irene Schrock and son, Bro. and Sis. Ervin Rocke, Bro. Elmer and Sis. Minnie Grusey.

On April 1, Bro. Phil Sauder from Cissna Park and Bro. Earl Zeltwanger from Bremen ministered here. We thank the brothers for their services, and also welcome others to visit us.

Birth—a son, Timmy Alan, was born to Bro. Bob and Sis. Elie Pflederer, March 20.

Sis. Ruth Schupbach, who had been with our congregation a couple of months, has gone back to Elgin, Iowa. We will miss her.

### CISSNA PARK, ILLINOIS

**Reporter: Mrs. Jeff Young**

The engagement of Bro. John Bauer and Sis. Joyce Hodel was made known March 4.

Bro. John Maul was stricken . . . with a stroke . . . was hospitalized the past month, and is now at home and somewhat improved. Other members hospitalized since the past issue were: Bro. Wm. Yergler and Sis. Lillie Waldbeser; they are now home and much improved. Also, Sis. Bertha Walder and Sis. Cora Yergler entered the hospital. We wish them a speedy recovery, so they may soon return home.

Bro. and Sis. Ed Huber and Sis. Joyce were among our visitors, Sunday, March 17. Joyce showed slides of the Holy Land, in the evening, at the school.

A number of our members visit-

ed Bro. Ed Kambly at the Roanoke Nursing home, March 14. Services were enjoyed by all.

Barbara Yergler, daughter of Bro. Elmer and Sis. Vera Yergler, gave her testimony at her home, and was baptized at church on March 25, by Elder Bro. George Yergler. We indeed thank God for his mercy, and wish Barbara sufficient grace to endure all her days.

Other visitors for the day, March 25, were: Bro. and Sis. Lowell Rassi, Bro. and Sis. Frank Beer, Bro. and Sis. Manuel Steffen, Milford; Bro. and Sis. John Wahl, Elgin; Bro. and Sis. Emil Fischer, Roanoke; Bro. and Sis. Ed Stock, Bro. and Sis. Dan Hoerr, Peoria; Bro. and Sis. Martin Kipfer, Bluffton; Bro. and Sis. Elmer Roth, Fairbury.

Births: David Wayne was born to Bro. and Sis. Kenny Weerts, March 27. Roy and LaVone Yergler became parents of a son, March 27, he was named David Allen. Cal and Rachel Bauer are the parents of a daughter, named Pamila Rae, born April 7.

Bro. and Sis. Raymond Roth of Burlington, Oklahoma, are spending two weeks with the Roy Yergler's, caring for their new grandson.

The Bible class sang at both nursing homes at Paxton, March 12. The old folks enjoyed, so much, hearing songs of praise. Our Sunday School is planning an Easter Program for the evening of Good Friday.

On March 25, Bro. Martin Kipfer of Bluffton visited Sunday School, and on April 1, Bro. Bob Grimm was guest. They greatly appreciate these visits, and heartily invite them back.

We greatly rejoice to have two souls that have given their hearts to the Lord. They are Earl and Mary Knapp. We indeed wish them God's grace.

Don Holmes and Dorothy Clauss were married April 7.

We expect to be on DST, beginning of next month.

### CONGERVILLE, ILLINOIS

**Reporter: Marjorie Knapp**

We were blessed to hear the inspiring Word of God from the following visiting ministers: Bros. Frank Woertz, Ed Hohulin, and Simon Wiegand, all from Goodfield, and Bro. Eugene Bertschi from Roanoke. We wish to thank

each one for ministering unto us.

On March 7, the meeting of the Brotherhood Crop, Hail and Fire Aid was held at the Congerville Church.

### CROGHAN-NAUMBURG, N. Y.

**Reporter: Mrs. Clayton Virkler**

Sis. Mary Yousey, who incidentally is our oldest member, fell at her daughter's home and suffered a fractured pelvis.

Bro. John Zimmerman is a hospital patient at Utica, where he underwent surgery for the amputation of his leg.

Gary Schamback, son of Bro. Dave and Sis. Lois Schamback, is home, convalescing from a bout with yellow jaundice.

Sis. Limberger from Rockville is spending some time here, visiting with old friends and acquaintances.

Wayne Virkler, son of Bro. Bernard and Sis. Caroline Virkler is home on leave from the Air Force. His address is as follows:

A 3/c Wayne L. Virkler

AF 12625758,

B 519,

Lowry Air Force Base 30,

Colorado

### History

The first church of our faith in America was established in the year 1850 by an elder named Benedict Weyeneth, who came from Switzerland to French Settlement—which is now called Croghan—to preach the Evangelical doctrine.

In the year 1852, Elder Weyeneth ordained, as an elder, Joseph Virkler, who was the eldest of seven sons, who came with their parents from Alsace-Lorraine. Joseph Virkler's father, Rudolph, was the patriarchal head of the entire Virkler family in this section, and was a Mennonite preacher in France, before emigrating to this country.

Peter Virkler succeeded his brother as elder in 1867, following Joseph's death in 1866. Peter traveled quite extensively, and founded the churches in Oregon. After Peter's death in 1889, Solomon Virkler, a son of the former Joseph, was ordained elder, about the year 1891. The next elder to be ordained was Alpheus Virkler, in about the year 1903. He was a brother of Solomon's and a son of Joseph. He spoke in both German and English, as did his predeces-

sors. The next elder to be ordained for our churches was Philip Beyer, in 1938. Brother Philip was a great-grandson of Rudolph Virkler. He remained our elder until his death in 1958. A number of elders from other churches helped serve us at different times. Elder Bro. John Bahler of Connecticut is presently serving us, since the death of our own dearly beloved elder.

The first church at Croghan was erected about the year 1855, and was across the road from the present one—where the cemetery now lies. A new Church was built in 1866 at the present location. In 1901, extensive repairs were made on the church, and again in 1929, the entire interior was remodeled. In 1960, the baptistry was moved upstairs, two rooms were added there, and the basement and kitchen were remodeled. In 1961, new windows were put in.

The first church at Naumburg was organized, with eighteen members, in 1859. Their house of worship was erected in 1861, at a cost of \$600. The first building was erected where the cemetery now lies. A new church was erected where the present church now stands, in 1891-92. In 1903, the building was raised, and a cellar was put in. In 1947, the horse sheds were removed, and the cellar was remodeled, with rest rooms and cloak rooms being added. Again, in 1961, the basement and kitchen were remodeled and the baptistry was moved upstairs, behind the pulpit.

Ministers that have served one or both churches throughout the years are: John Karcher, Jacob Virkler, Augustus Hofer, Barney Schwartz, Samuel Herzig, John Karcher, Andrew E. Virkler, Peter Herzig, Harvey Virkler, Arthur Rohr and William Virkler.

The ministers now serving at Croghan are Bros. John Widrick, Jonas Virkler and Norbert Steiner. Those laboring for the Lord at Naumburg are Bros. Robert Beyer, Ralph Beyer and Leland Hirschey.

### DETROIT, MICHIGAN

After May 1, we will begin our Sunday services at 10:30 A.M. and 12:45 P.M.

Sis. Tillie Hasler celebrated her 80th birthday on April 3.

Sis. Esther Wagner is back in the hospital again. Sis. Faye Wack-

erle has returned home, after being hospitalized here for a couple weeks.

Many of our young folks spent March 24 on the Wingeier farm in Alto, watching them boil down maple syrup . . . enjoyed their services and fellowship on Sunday, too.

Our guests during the past weeks were from Toledo, Bay City, Bluffton, La Crosse, and Alto. Visiting ministers were Bros. Joe Waibel and Art Gudeman.

### ELGIN, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Louise Steffen

Sun., March 11, Bro. Clarence and Sis. Laura Kachelmuss and children, Bro. Edmund and Sis. Lorraine Kloter and family, Bro. Elmer and Sis. Rosella Stoller and family and Bro. Oscar and Sis. Kathryn Schneider and daughter visited here. We enjoyed their visit.

March 14, Bro. Teubel of Morton visited here.

March 14, A boy, Daniel George, was born to Bro. Edwin and Sis. Carolyn Haas. A girl, Deborah Mary, was born to Bro. Roger and Sis. Gertie Sauder on March 27; A girl Loni Jane, on March 24, was born to Norm and Ginny Schock.

March 25, quite a number of young couples of Tremont, brought here by Bro. Dale and Sis. Joan Sauder, visited here.

Bro. Joe Schrock of Congerville visited here on March 27 and conducted our Bible study, which is held the second Tuesday of every month and also the last Tues. of the same, starting at a quarter to 8:00 p.m. He read and meditated from Matthew 7. We thank him for coming, and I think we could all learn a lot.

April 7, Bro. Frank Woertz of Goodfield was here and the Memorandum was read; Bro. Joe Zimmerman of Roanoke was here also.

March 18, Bro. Mel and Sis. Leona Steffen of Gibson City visited here. April 4, Sis. (Mrs.) Luther Steffen of Milford spent a few days visiting with her family.

A few went to sing for Bro. John Schambach on April 7. He has arthritis quite badly, and uses a walker to aid him.

Sis. Lydia Schock is in the Sherman Hospital at this time, and has undergone surgery. We can all remember her in our prayers before God's throne, and pray the Lord will make her lot bearable.

Leo Banwart has entered Sher-

man Hospital . . . April 9. He has a slipped disc. We wish him a speedy recovery.

April 8, Bro. Joe Kaisner and his wife of Forrest and Bro. Merle Kaisner and family of Fairbury visited here. We are glad for the visits of all our ministering brothers and hope they come again soon. Also visiting was Bro. Dave Schmidgall of Forrest.

Sis. (Mrs.) Louis Sauder of Maywood, is visiting with her son, Bro. Roger and his wife, Sis. Gertie Sauder, for a few weeks.

We have a time change on April 30; we go on Daylight Saving Time.

### ELGIN, IOWA

Reporter: Mrs. George Butikofer

The cheerful song of the robin and the bluebird is with us once again. May we thank God for His wonderful creations. In yet a greater measure, should our thanks be to Him for the unspeakable gift of a loving Saviour, who died that we might live.

Sis. Rose Frieden from Taylor has been visiting here for a few weeks with her daughter, Lena (Mrs. Clem Meyer), of near West Union, Iowa; her brother, John Grimm of Elgin; and her many friends. It's always nice to see her. This was her former home, before she and her husband and family moved to Missouri.

Other visitors since our last report were Mr. and Mrs. William Fovrhov from Quincy, Ill., and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Viles of Los Angeles, California.

Isaac Gehring, eldest son of the late Bro. Jacob and Sis. Mary Gehring, passed away March 24 at the Oelwein Hospital. He had attained the age of 74 years. His health had been impaired for about two years before his passing.

Bro. and Sis. John Wagenbach, Sis. Phyllis Massner and daughter, Cindy, from Oakville, Bro. and Sis. Uriel Gehring from Burlington, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Gehring Jr. from Rhodes, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Meighan from Sumner, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Gehring from Marion, Mrs. Jack Willett and sons from Cedar Falls, Iowa; Mr. Robert Gehring Jr. from Madison, Wis.; Mr. Wm. Beer from Aledo, Ill.; and Mrs. Chester Curtis and children from Minneapolis, Minnesota, were among those attending Isaac Gehring's funeral.

Sis. Mollie Beer came to attend

the funeral of her brother, Isaac, and remained a week, visiting her relatives. Her sister, Ella Gehring, accompanied her back to Roanoke.

### EUREKA, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Cathryn Wettstein

March 11, Bro. Al Fisher from Chicago was our guest.

March 7, Bro. Sam Feldman passed away at the Dwight Veteran's Hospital. His funeral was held on Friday, March 9. Bros. Leroy Huber and Vernon Lehman were in charge of the services.

March 28, Sis. Frieda Knepp passed away at the Eureka Hospital, after being a patient there several weeks. Her funeral was Friday, the 30th. Bros. Leroy Huber and Joe Klopfenstein were in charge of the services.

Bro. William and Sis. Clara Kempf have a baby boy, born March 22. He has been named Gary Lee.

March 25, the monthly singing was held at the church, beginning at 7:00. The Bible class sang, and a group from the Peoria church also sang several numbers.

Sis. Betty Schumacher is improving at her home now, after being in the hospital several weeks. She was injured in an automobile accident, quite severely.

At the end of this month, when Daylight Saving Time begins, church will start at the same time — 10:30 a.m.

### FAIRBURY, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Joyce Huber

Sis. Ida Munz, who sought the Saviour on her sick bed, and freely took much grace to endure suffering and long hospitalization, passed away the day after she was baptized, in the hospital. Funeral services were March 6.

Duane Broquard, son of Bro. and Sis. George Broquard, has been sent to Germany for his assignment in the Army.

We praise God that Henry Kaeb has repented, received peace, and we wish him the spiritual power that Christ's name is glorified in his new life.

We are happy to have Remington visitors, Sun., April 8, including Bro. Edwin Bahler. He exhorted us not to take to offense so easily, but rather sweep in front of our own door; and observe a peace maker — for he said, as we treat

others, so shall the Lord deal with us.

### FORREST, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Nancy Honegger

We enjoyed a blessed day on March 18, with Bro. Earl Kilgus of Remington and Bro. Alfred Bahler of Wolcott as visiting ministers.

Although we have had several from our congregation in the hospital this past month, we are happy to report that they are all able to attend church again. Those hospitalized were Sis. Miriam Wenger and daughter, Anne, who were involved in an automobile accident; Sis. Josephine Zimmerman, who broke her wrist in a fall; Sis. Luella Sohn and Bro. Jacob Ebach, medical patients; and Sisters Kathryn Honegger and Mary Nussbaum, surgical patients.

Births: To Bro. and Sis. Roy Maurer, Feb. 28, a boy, Alan Joseph; to Bro. and Sis. Wayne Honegger, March 22, a boy, Gregg Neil; to Bro. and Sis. Orville Kupferschmid, March 31, a girl, Kathy Rogene.

Sis. Ida Bachtold has been unable to attend church for several Sundays.

Beginning April 29, we will be on Daylight Saving Time.

### FORT SAM HOUSTON, TEXAS

Reporter: Juanita Schneider

Since the last writing, we have been fortunate enough to have the following ministers and those accompanying them: Bro. Elmer and Sis. Marjorie Witzig from Gridley, Ill., on March 11, accompanied by Sis. Anna Klopfenstein, Gridley, and Bro. Keith and Sis. Alice Stevig, Morton; Bro. Elmer and Sis. Delila Schrenk from Alto, on March 25, accompanied by Sis. Hulda Fiechter, Bluffton, Sis. Kathryn Oesch and Linda Schrenk, Alto; Bro. Ben Banwart, from Lamar, on April 8. We realize this is a great sacrifice upon their part, and wish to thank them for being with us and delivering God's word to us.

We have had many relatives and friends visiting us here at Ft. Sam, especially of those who are leaving or have left for permanent assignment. We wish to thank them for their visits, and wish to extend a welcome to all, at any time.

During the past month, our group here at Ft. Sam has had a

few changes. Several have been released from active duty, and others have left for their permanent assignments. Those who have left us are Kenneth, Roberta and Jeffery Steffen, Bro. Gary and Sis. Rosetta Ringger, who went home to Bluffton, and Bro. Ray Haab, whose home is Milford. We will miss those who left for home, but we are also happy that they are able to do so.

Those who have left us for permanent assignments are:

PFC John W Rigggenbach  
US 52540287  
15 Md Hsp Evac Smb  
APO 187 New York N. Y.

PFC Paul E Gerber US 55712059  
8 MD Hsp Evac Smb  
APO 180 New York N. Y.

PFC Wayne L Gerber US 55727392  
PFC Duane E Broquard  
US 55722972

PFC Wayne L Guingrich  
US 55722806

The rest of their addresses are:  
8th MD Co Ambulance  
APO 164 New York N. Y.

Bro. Dave Teubel from Morton, Robert Herman from Princeville, and Bro. Ben Wysong from Sabetha have started basic training. Their addresses are:

Pvt David P Teubel US 55743511  
Co D 3rd BN USAMTC BAMC  
Class 11B  
Ft. Sam Houston Texas

Pvt Robert Hermann, Pvt Ben Wysong

The rest of their addresses are:  
Co D 3rd BN USAMTC BAMC  
Class 12B

Ft. Sam Houston Texas

Our time does not change here. We are on Central Standard Time, the year around. Our services are conducted at Chapel No. 1, near the main hospital, at 1:00 P.M.

The schedule of churches sending ministers are: April 22 — Winthrop, May 13 — Eureka, and May 27 — Oakville.

We would appreciate it, if someone from these churches would contact one of the following as to who is coming, when, and how.

Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Gerst, 423½ Queen Anne Ct., San Antonio 9, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. Duane Schneider, 140 Carnahan, San Antonio 9, Texas.

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

March 14, Sis. Ella Banwart underwent surgery at Springfield, Mo., for the removal of the left kidney. She is home and recovering nicely.

We enjoyed a blessed day March 25, when Elder Brother Sam Anliker was with us and read the Memorandum of the Brother Meeting. With Bro. Sam were Bro. Dan Kraft and two young converts, Jake Strahm and Marvin Beyer. They have found peace with God and man. We wish them God's rich blessings.

Sis. Rosa Beyer has gone to Kansas City to spend some time with her brother, Dave, and to consult a doctor there. Her address at present is in care of Dave Berchold, 1200 East 9th St., Kansas City 6, Missouri.

The week end of March 11, the Reber family had a reunion here. The Reber children present were: Mr. and Mrs. Dave Reber, Carthage, Mo.; Sis. Emma Bahr, Gridley, Kans.; Bro. and Sis. (Rose) Adolph Massner, Mediapolis, Iowa; Mr. and Mrs. Otto Stettner (Lydia), Elgin, Ill.; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Reber, Seagraves, Texas; Joe Reber, Tacoma, Washington; Mr. and Mrs. Ben Reber, Wichita; Mrs. Clara Avery, Needles, Calif.; Bro. and Sis. (Lillian) Richard Massner and Clarence Reber, Phoenix; Bro. and Sis. (Carrie) Dave Massner and Sis. Mary Reber of here. The reunion dinner was held Sunday evening at the Bro. and Sis. Dave Massner home.

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

There will be no change in the time of our Services. We have been on Daylight Saving Time in the past and will remain on same throughout the summer months.

The following were added to the fold: Annabelle Swihart, daughter of the deceased Bro. Pete and Sis. Phoebe Bahr, and Sharon Getz, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Oscar (Dick) Getz. They were proved on Saturday evening, March 10, and baptized Sunday, March 11. Bros. Sam Aeschliman and Theo. Beer officiated at this rite. We wish them God's richest blessings.

Those who came from a distance to attend the provings and baptisms were: Bro. and Sis. Lewis

Bahr of Sabetha; Bro. and Sis. Wm. H. Beutel and daughters, Ruth and Nancy, and Bro. and Sis. Dan Steiner Sr., of Tremont; Sis. Roy Zimmerman and twin daughters of El Paso, Ill.; Bro. Ralph Levy and children from Hammond, Ind. Other visitors who attended were from Wolcott, Milford, Bluffton, Junction, Latty and Leo.

On March 18, quite a number of young folks from Morton visited our congregation. A singing was held for them on Saturday evening, at the home of Bro. and Sis. Lee Eisenmann. On Sunday afternoon, a call was made at Bro. Lester Pulver's home. Supper was served in the evening at the church, with Bro. and Sis. Lester Pulver and family sponsoring same.

Mrs. Kick, mother of Sis. Thelma Kipfer, wishes to thank all those who sent cards and gifts on her 83rd birthday, March 3. It was greatly appreciated, and may God bless you for your deed of kindness.

Sis. Laura Gerber, who fractured her hip on Feb. 21, returned to her home at 1203½ Stophlet St., Ft. Wayne, on Monday, April 9. She is getting along nicely.

The engagement of Sis. Renee Neihauser to Bro. Walter Sinn was announced Sunday, April 8. Renee is the daughter of Bro. and Sis. Pete Neihauser of Francesville, and Walter is the son of Bro. and Sis. George Sinn of Latty. Sis. Renee is a registered nurse at the Parkview Memorial Hospital, Ft. Wayne.

Sis. Carolyn Pfister and Bro. Ralph Gudeman have set their wedding date for Sunday, July 15.

On March 25, Bro. and Sis. Alvin Beutel and family of Pekin, Ill., visited us. Bro. Alvin is a brother to Sis. Mary Eisenmann. Also, Bro. and Sis. Dan and Nellie Sinn and family visited us on this day.

An Easter Program will be held at the church, Sunday evening, April 22. Those sponsoring the program are: Bro. and Sis. Jacob Unsicker, Bro. and Sis. Sy. Fulkerson, Sis. Elaine Pulfer and Bro. Walter Rager.

Sis. Marge Stoller's parents (Ed. Frey) are visiting her this week. They are from Remington. Bro. Verlin Stoller has been gone, for a week, on a business trip to Washington, D.C.

The ministering brothers who assisted Bro. Norman Stoller dur-

ing the month of March were: Henry Beer, March 4; Sam Aeschliman and Theo. Beer, March 11; Orville Ringger, March 18; Ben Schlatter, March 25. Bro. Irvin Stoller was with us April 1.

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

They took Jesus, and he went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called the place of a skull, which is called in Hebrew Golgotha. There they crucified him. The cross of Calvary was very real! Most of us would not have wanted to be there. The nails driven into Jesus' hands were real. The spear thrust into His side was of steel—sharp, hard, cold. The blood that stained His body on the cross was His blood.

There is little similarity between the beautiful, often ornate, crosses we see and the terribleness of the real cross of Calvary. Ponder its meaning, then give thanks to the Saviour, who gave His life, there upon it, for us. Through faith in Him, we can be forgiven our many sins.

On March 11, a very inspiring program was presented, "Come Unto Me", by our young people. Our guest ministers for the day and evening were Brothers Arthur Gudeman, Leroy Huber and Otto Norr.

On March 25, Elder brothers Noah Schrock and Sam Aeschliman and Sam's wife were with us for the day and evening.

Since the last writing, a baby daughter was born to Lewis and Carol Albretch.

On the sick list this month: Sis. Perseda Aeschliman, who had surgery on her knee; Sis. Catherine Pelsey, now 101 years old, had the misfortune of fracturing her shoulder; Sis. Marlene Erb has been ill for several weeks; Sis. Lena Huber and Bro. Romey Gudeman are still unable to be with us. May we always include in our prayers the needs of our shut-ins, and may we who are well ever count our blessings.

The engagement of Sis. Renee Niehauser and Walt Sinn was announced April 8. We wish them God's richest blessings.

We find healing for our own hurts in an unwearied effort to heal the hurts of others.

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

Our guests since the last writing were as follows:

Sunday, March 25, Bro. Arthur and Sis. Bertha Gasser and family of Smithville, O.; the Robert Graf family of Barberton, O., and friend Don Graf of Akron.

Sunday, April 1, Bro. William Knobloch of Lester, who is now stationed at Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

Sunday, April 8, we had a very blessed day. The Daryle Wieland family, Sis. Lydia Freidinger and Bro. Joe Waibel of Bay City were visitors. We had evening service on this Sunday, and several from Akron and Rittman were present. I am sure that everyone present enjoyed Bro. Joe's sermons throughout the day and evening. We had reason to thank God for the blessed day, and welcome all to visit us again.

We were glad to have Sis. Mary Beard with us in church on Sunday, April 8, for the first time since her recent illness. We hope she will continue to improve in health. Sis. Lena Deislinger was confined to her home for two or three weeks, due to illness, but was able to be in church again on April 8.

What a wonderful blessing to be in the assembly, and see fellow-brethren and friends present, to partake of the spiritual food that God supplies so bountifully! Heed the word of God today, for we know not what the morrow will bring forth.

We will be on Daylight Saving Time, as of April 29. Sunday School 9:30; Morning Service 10:30; Afternoon Service 12:30; Wednesday Evening Service, 7:30.

**GRIDLEY, ILLINOIS****Reporter: Marilyn Schieler**

A son, Steven Ray, was born to Bro. and Sis. Fred Ringger on March 11. He has one brother, Stanley.

A daughter, Carol Sue, was born on April 2 to Bob and Sis. Marilyn Hany. Carol has two brothers, Al and Danny.

Visiting minister on April 8 was Bro. Harry Bucher of La Crosse. We wish to thank him for his visit.

Bro. Henry Ringger recently underwent surgery, and is hospitalized at the time of this writing. He is getting along satisfactorily and hopes to return home soon.

Sis. Setta Klopfenstein is steadily improving, but has not been able to attend services yet. We hope that she can assemble with us again soon.

Bro. Dieboldt Kiefer is seriously ill at his home, suffering from complications of a broken hip.

Christian Endeavor singings were held here on March 18 and 25. Bro. Willis Ehnle gave the inspirational message both evenings. He told, for one thing, about the lives of the young people in Japan, and how they contrast with the lives of the young people of our country. We wish to take this opportunity to thank Bro. Ehnle for his messages, and also all the young people who took part in the singings.

We extend our welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Si Hoffman Jr. and their children, who recently moved to our community. They previously attended the Goodfield church. We are also happy to have Mr. and Mrs. Darrel Schmidt and baby assemble with us. They moved here from Minnesota a few months ago.

"Twas by a path of sorrows drear  
Christ entered into Rest,  
And shall I look for roses here,  
Or think that earth is blessed?  
Heaven's whitest lilies blow  
From earth's sharp crown of woe.  
Who here his cross can meekly  
bear,  
Shall wear the kingly purple  
there."

**GRIDLEY, KANSAS****Reporter: Mrs. Rudy Bahr**

Bro. John Somerhalder, aged 69, passed away on March 29, at the home of his son, Joseph, after a lingering illness. His wife, Sis. Lydia passed away just six months ago. He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Elizabeth Son and Mrs. Velma Sullivan of Burbank, California; three sons, Joseph, Louis, and Harold, of Gridley; and 16 grandchildren. Services were held on April 1, by Elder Bro. Sam Anliker. Many attended the services from a distance, including ministering brothers Fred Marti, Lester Braker, of Lamar; Carl Hartman, Sabetha; Jim Bahr, Ft. Scott; Eli and John Somerhalder, Burlington, Okla.; Jake Pfister, Ft. Scott; Robert Young, Wichita. Bro. John had served as one of our ministers for many years.

A most blessed day was spent,

when Elder Bro. Sam Anliker served Holy Communion to us, on Sunday, March 11.

We were privileged to hear the messages of Bro. Wayne Miller, Ft. Scott, on Sunday, April 8. We hope that he, Sis. Pearl and their family will visit again soon.

A short meeting was held after church, April 8, to decide on the Bible School materials for the coming year.

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

On March 1, Bro. Joe Shrock from Congerville was with us. He read from Matthew 25 and 26, and then meditated upon this. Many guests attended, to hear his inspiring message.

Bro. Jim Hoerr from Peoria gave the message on March 8. He read and meditated from Ephesians 6. In attendance were many guests from Peoria.

We welcomed Bro. Joe Getz from Morton, on the evening of March 15. After the reading and meditation, hymn singing and fellowship followed. In attendance were guests from Morton, Fairbury, Eureka, and Roanoke.

On March 22, we had a special feature, for Bro. Willis Ehnle showed slides that he had taken while in Japan. These were enjoyed very much by all who came to see them. Willis is presently enrolled here at Illinois State.

On March 29, Bro. Willis Ehnle, gave the reading and meditation. Included in the evening were hymn singing and fellowship.

**JUNCTION, OHIO****Reporter: Mrs. Alvin H. Manz**

(Due to the death of my sister-in-law, at the time for the news to be sent in last month, this news was omitted, and since these dear sisters can't get out any more, they look forward to the paper, therefore I am now sending it in.)

Tuesday, February 6, Bro. Sam Aeschliman, Bro. Henry and Sis. Helen Stoller visited with the Rehklau Sisters. Also, on Sunday, February 18, some of our members gathered with the Rehklau for Services. Bro. Walter and Sis. Frieda Rehklau of Toledo were also with them. Bro. Walter gave a very inspiring sermon. Such is much appreciated, as these dear

ones can no longer attend regular services with us.

March 11, Our elder, Bro. George, and Sis. Clara Sinn of Latty were with us for services. Bro. George gave us wonderful words from God; we enjoy having them in our midst.

On Sunday evening, March 18, Bro. Henry Beer of Milford came to minister to us. We are very grateful to Bro. Henry for his heartening message, and welcome him back soon. Some of the Latty congregation also were with us.

Other March visitors included Bro. Will and Sis. Mary Sauder, their little grandson, and Don Sauder of Mansfield, little Jan Aeschliman, daughter of Bro. Walter and Sis. Jean Aeschliman of Bluffton.

Sisters Tillie Bahler, Francis, Frieda, Esther, and Irene Kipfer and Dula Swartz, all of Bluffton, were among us, April 1.

April 8, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Fetter of Toledo, Bro. John and Sis. Betty Dotterer and children of Rittman were in our midst.

There is no time change.

#### LAMONT, KANSAS

Reporter: Mrs. Bernie Emch

Morning Church Services 10:30, Afternoon Services 12:30, Sunday School 12:30 CST.

Bro. and Sis. Carl Hartman of Sabetha; Bro. and Sis. Fred Marti, Bro. and Sis. Ben Braker, Bro. Fred Braker and Sis. Lizzie Remm of Lamar; and Bro. and Sis. Robert Young of Wichita Church were our guests Sunday Morning, April 1. We appreciated the inspiring messages brought to us by Bros. Hartman and Marti. Our church dismissed afternoon services to attend the funeral of Bro. John Somerhalder.

It was indeed a blessing to have Bro. Noah Schrock with us the evening of April 6, speaking from St. John 12, 20-26, such a timely message, to put our faith in things not seen, as Satan is mighty, but God is Almighty. The Gridley congregation assembled with us.

Bro. John Wernli has been failing, and not able to assemble with us.

#### LANDERSVILLE, ALABAMA

Reporter: Clara Heiniger

Worship service was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Craig, Friday evening, March 2.

Sunday School and worship service was enjoyed Friday evening, March 9, in the home of Bro. Carl Nayler.

A large crowd gathered at the home of Lemman LouAllen, March 16, for worship services for young and old.

A birthday supper was enjoyed at the home of Dyar Harville, for him, and Sis. Barbara Simmons, Delano and Patsy Harville. Worship services and Sunday School were held after supper.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Billy Dutton (Shelby Rainey), a son, named Gregory Ray, March 31.

Sis. Barbara Simmons has been very sick with the mumps.

March 26, Bro. and Sis. Dean Bahler and son, Bro. Andy Nussbaum, and Bro. and Sis. John Wagner enjoyed supper at the home of Sis. Bertha Harville, and later spent the evening with Bro. and Sis. Junior Hale and family.

#### LATTY, OHIO

Reporter: Roberta Stoller

Visiting ministers this month were: Bro. Andrew Dotterer of Junction, on Wed. evening, March 7, and Bro. Henry Manz of Junction on Wed. evening, March 14; on March 25, Bro. Andy Koehl of Forrest and Bro. Walter Koehl of Fairbury. We truly thank the brothers for the messages they brought, and invite them back again.

We are so glad we can report that again dear souls have answered the call of the Lord and have turned to Him in repentance. They are Barbara Laukhuf, daughter of Eli and Lola Laukhuf; Colleen Meyers, foster daughter of Bro. Jesse and Sis. Mary Gerber; and Dean Laukhuf, son of Bro. Richard and Sis. Velda Laukhuf. May the Lord give them much grace and help, as they begin this new way of life.

Birth: A daughter, Shelly, to Walter and Opal Dunham.

We have had a number of folks who have been hospitalized this past month, but are glad that most of them are better and with us again. They are: Sis. Mildred Stoller, Bro. George Laukhuf, Sis. Edith Stoller, Stanley Sinn, Kurt Rager, Sis. Melvane Stoller, Dennis Klopfenstein and Sis. Eunice Gerber.

The wedding of Nathalia Stoller and Allen Getz of Eureka took

place on April 8, at the home of the bride's parents. Visitors were here from Eureka, Roanoke, Goodfield, Rittman, Fairbury, Princeville, Cissna Park and Mansfield.

Announcement was made of the engagement of Bro. Walter Sinn, son of Bro. and Sis. George Sinn, to Sis. Renee Neihouser, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Pierre Neihouser of Francesville. Renee is a nurse, and lives in Fort Wayne.

#### LEO, INDIANA

Reporter: Mrs. Elias Souder

Feb. 26, Henrietta Klopfenstein and her two sisters, Mrs. Jonas Yoder and Mrs. Simon Yoder, left for Portland, Oregon, to visit their critically ill brother, Jonas. While there, the sisters received word their brother Lawrence, had passed away suddenly. Plans were to have his funeral service at Leo. So the girls bid farewell to their brother, Jonas. In his farewell, he told them he would meet them in heaven. The sisters were only home a short time, when word came that their brother Jonas had departed this life. Funeral services for Lawrence were conducted by Samuel Aschliman of Bluffton and Otto Norr of Leo, March 13, at the Leo church. Lawrence is survived, beside his sisters, by his wife Eva and three children. The funeral of Jonas was at the Colonial Mortuary and entombment in the Lincoln Memorial Cemetery. Jonas is survived by three children. Lawrence was 72 years old and Jonas was 79. They were the sons of Jacob Klopfenstein, and spent much of their time on a farm near Grabill.

Brothers Orville Ringger and Carl Kipfer, of the Bluffton congregation, spent the Sunday of April 7 here. It was one of those Sundays from which we have blessed memories.

Bonnie Joe is the name of the little girl born to William and Nancy Klopfenstein.

Dennis Klopfenstein, one of our overseas service men, has been spending sometime in Rome. He writes it is very interesting to see walls and sites that have been there, even before Christ was born.

#### LESTER, IOWA

Reporter: Emelie Knobloch

Among the ill: Sis. Emma Meyer is able to worship with us again; Bro. Ernst Knobloch was hospitalized a few days with pleurisy;

Sis. Carrie Metzger had minor surgery, but is feeling much better. Paul Gerber had emergency surgery at Mankato, Minn., where he attends college; his mother spent a few days with him. At this writing, he is getting along very well. Bro. August Feucht had major surgery, and is getting along as well as can be expected. Larry Leuthold had the misfortune of breaking his arm. Bro. August Knobloch is recuperating at his home, following a stroke, March 21. He will spend a few weeks with his daughters at West Bend.

Carolyn Meyer and Robert Banwart of West Bend were married, by the groom's father, Bro. Paul Banwart, at the home of the bride's parents, Feb. 24. Helen Metzger and Leonard Anliker of West Bend were married at her home. Bro. Paul Banwart performed the ceremony March 18. Both couples will make their future home at West Bend. The wedding of Sis. Salome Kellenberger and Bro. Albert Knobloch of this community was solemnized March 4. Bro. Herman Kellenberger of Elgin performed the ceremony. The supper was canceled and reception was postponed for a week.

All folks enjoyed a beautiful weekend, March 18, as the first Sunday we were able to have a full day of services for a month. We have been having a great share of snow, and now we have road restrictions for mud.

We took care of our church duties. Bros. John Moser and Wilbert Knobloch will share the duties as treasurer; Bro. Herman Stickling, is to care for Personal Property; Bro. Edward Gerber is trustee for another term; Bro. Martin Knobloch has charge of Hail Aid. Sunday School teachers will remain the same at the present time.

Our Sunday School resumed on April 1. Our Sunday School is held during morning services. We have 155 students in attendance this year.

A correction on the writing of Bro. Ernst Knobloch: His wife passed away March 3, 1932, and he married again April 1, 1934, instead of 1932.

Births: To Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Knobloch, a son, Jan. 20, Todd Alan; to Mr. and Mrs. Orvie Knobloch, a son, Feb. 7, Donald Dean; to Bro. and Sis. Roy Metzger, a son, Feb. 9, Ben Franklin; to Mr. and

Mrs. Edward Roeman, a daughter, Feb. 9, Sheila Kay; to Bro. and Sis. Gilbert Knobloch, a son, Feb. 19, Philip Gordon; to Bro. and Sis. Emil Metzger, a son, Feb. 25, Dick Todd; to Bro. and Sis. Alvin Leuthold, a son, March 3, Dennis Dean.

#### MANSFIELD, OHIO

Reporter: Aaron A. Sauder

Church Services: Song Service 9:45, Church Service 10:00, Song Service 12:00, Church Service 12:00 p.m., Thursday Evening: Song Service 7:30 p.m., Church Service 8:00 p.m.

Births: A son, to Mr. and Mrs. Tom Grazi, on April 4; a son, to Mr. and Mrs. John Sauder, on April 9.

On Saturday evening, April 7, Miss Annetta Bocka, the daughter of Bro. and Sis. Harry Bocka, and Mr. Raymond E. Goins were united in marriage.

Our visitors on Sunday, April 8, were Elder and Sis. Sam Aeschliman, Bro. and Sis. Joe Maller and Bro. and Sis. Tom Moser of Bluffton; Sis. Della Manz and daughters of Paulding; Sis. Millie Schlatter and daughter of Leo, and several from Rittman. Bro. Aeschliman had the services, which we enjoyed and appreciated very much. We heartily invite all to visit us again.

As now is the season again where we are reminded of the suffering, death and resurrection of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, let us not only think of it at this season, but at all times, through all the year, praise and honor and thank Him for His love and our salvation.

#### MAYWOOD, CALIFORNIA

Reporter: Dora Sauder

On Sunday, April 7, Bro. Carl Kinsinger visited our congregation and ministered unto us. After the afternoon service, Communion services were held.

Bro. Gary and Sis. Lois Strahm are the parents of a son, born March 31. Welcoming him home are brothers Shawn and Brent.

Sis. Helen Strahm of Sabetha flew to California to welcome her latest grandchild.

Our Adult Bible Class and the Sunday School have been practicing, to present an Easter program to the church. Plans are to present the program following our "3rd Sunday dinner".

#### MILFORD, INDIANA

Reporter: Arthur Haab

The new APO number for PFC Ronald Price is APO 227, New York, New York.

Elder Bro. George Yergler was with us the week end of March 4, for the proving and baptism of friend Ilene Kammerer. Also, part of the last conference findings were read.

We are glad to welcome home Bro. Ray Haab from Fort Sam Houston. Bro. Ray has completed his active military service.

Daughters were born this month to Bro. Virgil and Sis. Nancy Zimmerman and to Bro. Louis and Sis. Miriam Speicher.

Sis. Anna Clayton has been taken from us. Bros. Theo and Henry Beer had the funeral services on March 22. Her great courage and her attendance at church services, to the very end, were a source of inspiration to us all.

On March 25, Bernard Beer, son of Bro. Theo and Sis. Naomi Beer, and Carol Mullet, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Noah Mullet, were united in marriage.

#### Know Each Other Better

Our oldest song leader, Bro. Amos Steffen, was born on Feb. 11, 1894, in Adams County, near Bluffton, Indiana. His parents were Tobias Steffen and Magdalena (Kohler) Steffen. He repented when he was 17 years old, and was baptized on April 22, 1911, with Bros. Adam Imthurm and Henry Souder Sr. officiating. There were 60 or more who repented at this time. It was a song in the Zion's Harp, number 146, "How Shall It Be?", that stirred his heart to repentance. It was sung in German, on a Sunday afternoon, and it really brought out heaven's beauty to his soul.

He married Bertha Geyer on Oct. 14, 1917. She was the oldest daughter of Louis and Katherine Geyer. To this union were born one son, Louis, who lives at Monroe, Ind., and one daughter, Marie Moser, who lives at Bluffton. Sis. Bertha died during the great flu epidemic, Feb., 1920. He was farming near Paulding County, Ohio, at this time, and his sisters came and kept house for him and his children. In the fall of 1921, he had sale and moved back to Bluffton. On Oct. 29, 1922, he married Sis. Mary M. Gerber of Bluffton. She was the

daughter of Jeff Gerber and Elizabeth (Baumgartner) Gerber. To this union were born one son, Arthur Lee, who died at the age of 11 days, also Bro. Luther L. Steffen of Milford and Sis. Marcella Sauder of Mansfield.

Around 1923, he purchased a sheet metal shop in Bluffton. He moved to Milford in 1935. At the present time, Bro. Amos and his wife live in a comfortable lake front cottage on Milford Lake. Bro. Amos is now semi-retired, but does some work on electronics.

In Bluffton, Bro. Amos taught Sunday School, and, for many years, he was head of the clothing collection in Milford.

He has been a song leader for 30 years, and has always enjoyed music. To him there is nothing like a nice spiritual song to free the soul from the ties of vanity and enrich it with love, peace and truth.

#### MORRIS, MINNESOTA

**Reporter: Mrs. Louie Messner**

Bro. Albert Wuthrich of Pulaski was our visiting minister, Friday evening, March 30.

Tommy, 4-year-old son of Bro. and Sis. Floyd Schmidgall, has rheumatic fever.

Three children had appendix operations. They are: Randy, 6-year-old son of Bro. and Sis. Robert Haas, on March 25; Rhonda, 10-year-old daughter of Bro. and Sis. Carl Joos, March 30; Carol, 8-year-old daughter of Bro. and Sis. Harold Meiss, April 4.

Mrs. Joe Braker had surgery, and George Luthi also was hospitalized. I'm happy to report, all are getting along fine.

Births: A son, Daniel Wayne, born April 5 to Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Koehl; Twin boys, Kenneth and Dennis, March 29, to Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Feuchtenberger; a daughter, Brenda Kay, April 1, to Bro. and Sis. Richard Schmidgall; a son, Gary Lloyd, born April 5 to Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Fehr.

#### MORTON, ILLINOIS

**Reporter: Mrs. B. E. Getz**

Funeral services were held March 2 for Sis. Ida Aupperle, age 57, who passed away February 27, and also for her aunt, Ida Schick, age 88, who passed away at the Restmor Nursing Home on February 29. Bro. Joe A. Getz officiated.

Our church was blessed, Sunday,

March 4, when five of our young people were baptized. Bro. LeRoy Huber, Eureka, and Bro. Frank Woertz, Goodfield, assisted Bro. Getz with the proving and baptism of Janice Frautschi, Gill Geiger, Linda Seidel, Gloria Vierling and Mary Wittmer.

Other visiting ministers were Bro. Homer Reineck of Toledo, Bros. Mike Weyeneth and LeRoy Hartman of Peoria. There were also many visitors here from Ohio, Indiana, Kansas and neighboring churches.

Sis. Minnie Ringger, who is 101 years old, fell, breaking her hip. She is staying at the Restmor Nursing Home. Sis. Emma Dominick is now residing at the Restmor Nursing Home. She had been a patient at the Methodist Hospital in Peoria. Sis. Kate Jacob fell on the ice and broke her wrist. Bro. Levi Ricketts underwent surgery, but is recovering nicely. Bro. Henry Rapp, Bro. Joe Hauter, Sis. Martha Fritz and Sis. Augusta Krug are patients at the Methodist Hospital in Peoria.

Announcements has been made of the forthcoming marriages of Bro. Wm. Uhlman and Sis. Eleanor Schmidgall; Bro. Keith Oberlander and Sis. Nancy Hodel of Taylor, Missouri; and Bro. Robert Frank and Sis. Rosemary Huette.

We were happy to have Bro. Henry Beer and wife of Milford and Bro. and Sis. Willis Ehnle of Normal with us on April 1.

The Roanoke chorus sang several numbers at our regular monthly singing on March 11.

Bro. Richard Seidel of Princeville taught the Bible Class on March 4, and on March 11, Bro. David Wingeier of Alto, Bros. Dick Moser and Jerry Sauder of Roanoke, taught the class. Sunday, April 1, Bro. Willis Ehnle of Normal had the services.

#### NEW MARTINSVILLE, W. VA.

**Reporter: Mrs. Gus Weltz**

Dan Witschey is a medical patient in the local hospital at this writing; he was admitted on Sunday, April 8.

Mr. and Mrs. William Bland and son, Roger, of Wheeling were the Sunday guests of Mrs. Elizabeth Isinghood, on April 8.

Mrs. Verbal Earley Blair, wife of Dan Blair of Akron, and Miss Betty Blair, daughter of Dan Blair, who had resided in Portsmouth,

Va., for several years, both passed away within one week. Mrs. Blair was buried on April 4, and Betty was buried on April 9, interment for both taking place in Portsmouth Virginia.

James Wade of Cleveland, O., spent the week-end of April 7 here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Wade.

Mr. and Mrs. Elza Ritz visited on April 1 with friends in Hannibal, Ohio.

Robert and John Witschey of Charleston, W. Va., were the Sunday guests of their father, Dan. S. Witschey, on April 8.

Dan Blair of Akron and Mrs. Emma Earley, of near Akron, visited here with relatives and friends, during the first week of April.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Frayer spent the week-end of April 7 with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hoyt, in Fairmont, West Virginia.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Barth returned the first week in April from Stewart, Fla., where they spent the winter months.

Mark Wade, son of James L. Wade, is living with his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Durig, in Girard, for the present.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Witschey of Doylestown, O., and Joe Witschey of Wadsworth, O., were the Sunday guests of Miss Della Witschey, on March 25.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Weltz were business visitors in Wheeling on April 10.

We hope to have news in the next issue of the Silver Lining regarding services at the country church. Perhaps, if the weather is good, the first service will be held in May, the date to be announced later.

New Martinsville will observe Daylight Saving Time, along with the rest of the nation, whether it be on April 22 or 29.

#### OAKVILLE, IOWA

**Reporter: Mrs. Ezra Gerst**

The engagement of Bro. John Steiner, son of Bro. Orel and Sis. Rose, of this community, and Sis. Carol Wagenbach, daughter of Bro. Simon and Sis. Louise Wagenbach, of Tremont, was announced on April 1.

Several young members from Elgin, Illinois, visited us on March 24.

Louis Greiner, father of Bros.

Chris and Charlie of Oakville and Bro. George of Wichita, passed away the past month.

Among the people hospitalized the past month from our congregation were, Larry Heiniger, son of Bro. Harvey and Sis. Leola Heiniger; Randy Gerst, son of Bro. Herbert and Cleo Gerst; Luann Gerst, daughter of Bro. Carl and Sis. Hilda Gerst; Bro. Jim Anliker; Sis. Alma Jean Belsley; and Sis. Priscilla Rauhaus, wife of Bro. William Rauhaus. We are thankful they are all home again.

On April 8, Bro. James Hoerr and family of Peoria spent the day with us. We were glad to have him as our guest minister. The Ben Moser family came with them.

Births for this month were: A baby girl to Marvin and Verna Woodward; grandparents are Bro. John and Sis. Bertha Wagenbach. A baby girl to Bro. Jim and Sis. Betty Anliker; the grandparents are Bro. Richard and Sis. Luella Anliker and Bro. John and Sis. Rose Frank. A baby boy, Stephen James, to James and Shirley Ernest; grandparents are Bro. Dave and Sis. Sara Miller.

We were happy to have Bro. Ben Banwart, of Lamar, minister to our church on March 17.

This community will go on Daylight Saving Time at a later date. The exact time has not yet been decided.

### PEORIA, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Mrs. Michael Weyeneth

Funeral services were held Thursday, March 29, for Aunt Katie Rapp (as we all called her). She took sick Monday, March 26, was taken to the hospital, and passed away shortly afterward. Surviving are her three brothers, Joseph, Samuel, and William Kupper Schmidt, and one sister, Sis. Mary Hofstetter.

Our monthly hymn-sing was held Sunday evening, April 1. The Eureka Men's Singing Group were here, and gave several selections.

Ministers that visited us the past month were Bros. Albert Scheitlin and Edward Gudeman of Elgin, Henry Grimm and Joe Getz of Morton, Paul Banwart of West Bend, Joe Hodel of Roanoke, and Silas Leuthold of Princeville.

Bro. Henry Kilgus of Forrest and his son, Bro. Earl Kilgus of Remington, with their wives, spent Saturday, March 10, here. They,

with our ministers, visited many of the sick.

We truly rejoice that we have two converts in our congregation. They are Robert Joos and his wife, Lorene. We wish them blessings from on high.

Bro. and Sis. Fred Feucht had open house, on their 50th anniversary, to many relatives and friends, Sunday afternoon, March 4.

Bro. James Hoerr had funeral services for Clyde Coburn, who passed away March 2. Services were held from the Wilton Mortuary.

A son was born to Bro. and Sis. Vernon Hohulin; a son was born to Bro. and Sis. Edward Meister . . . the past month.

Sis. Elsie Stahl, who moved here from Princeville several months ago, passed away Tuesday, April 10.

Bro. Sam Stoller, who was 95 years old, Saturday, April 7, had open house to a number of friends, on Sunday afternoon, April 8. His daughter, Sis. Nathalia Messer, also came from California to be with him.

At this writing, Sis. Mary Bowald is quite ill; also ill are Almina Rauhaus and Lydia Seibenthal. Let us remember Bro. Pete Martin, Bell Wood Nursing Home, Peoria, Illinois. He has a birthday May 7. He has been confined for a long time.

### PHOENIX, ARIZONA

Reporter: Mrs. Roy Stevig

April in "The Valley of the Sun" is a very fragrant season. The citrus trees are in full bloom, and those who enjoy the aroma of orange blossoms look forward to spring with delight. Due to abundant rains this past winter, our thirsty desert has responded with a lush, green ground cover, and our usually brown, rocky mountains are aglow with a varied assortment of beautiful wild flowers. Truly God (not man) did plant, and He gave the increase.

Our youth group (consisting of eighth grade, high school students, and recent graduates) climbed Camelback Mountain recently. We were reminded of Christ going up into the mountains to pray. Someone before us must of had the same thought, as they had painted on a rock, "Christ once stood on a mountain like this, and looked out over a city." We also took a trip to near

Flagstaff. It gave some of the youth their first glimpse of snow in several years.

Our friend, Aldo Yackley, left for service February 28, and was stationed at Lakland Air Force Base in Texas for five weeks, and has recently been transferred to Chanute Air Force Base in Illinois.

Bro. and Sis. Elmer Schrenk and daughter Linda of Alto visited relatives and friends here, and Bro. Elmer held the mid-week service on March 28. Accompanying them were Sisters Hulda Fiechter and Kathryn Oesch.

Again this month we have had many welcome visitors, Mrs. Ray Vaughan, Huntington Park, Calif.; Mr. and Mrs. John Koehl Jr., Plainfield, Ill.; Mr. and Mrs. Ray Williams Valparaiso, Ind.; Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Wilson, West Bend; Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Rufener, Rittman; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Roth, Sis. Frieda Schock, Elgin (Ill.); Bro. and Sis. Sam Kraft, Gridley, Kans.; Bro. Howard Maurer, Forrest; Bro. and Sis. Fred Knochel and Bro. and Sis. Wallace Wackerle, Bay City.

In Phoenix, we do not have a time change. We remain on Mountain Standard Time throughout the year.

### PORTLAND, OREGON

Reporter: Mrs. Robert Miller

Correction: Sister Mary (Stortz) Mathep in the last issue should have read: Sister Mary (Stortz) Mathys.

Sis. Elizabeth Diriwachter met with misfortune on Monday, March 13 by cutting her right arm, when washing a large milk bottle, it broke. The cut was quite severe and required several stitches. She seems to be getting along all right, for which we are thankful.

On March 30, our Sis. Margaret Wanner, of the Silverton congregation was submitted to the hospital for several days, under observation. We are happy to report, she can be home again . . . also attended church, April 8. She would like to feel better, but doesn't complain.

Friend Bob Fischer of West Bend, nephew of Bro. Ray and Sis. Margaret Banwart, visited our congregation on April 8. He hopes to visit here more, as his intentions are to seek employment in Seattle, Washington. He plans to teach science in Junior High in the Fall.

**PRINCEVILLE, ILLINOIS****Reporter: Ruth Ricketts**

Sis. Joan Baer, daughter of Louie and Sister Helen Baer, and Brother Lavern Berchtold, son of Bro. George and Sis. Clara Berchtold, were united in marriage March 18, by our Elder Brother Silas Leuthold. They will reside on a farm in the Princeville community.

Bro. Leonard and Sis. Marie Menold are the parents of a daughter, Karen Louise, born to them March 28. Two brothers and two sisters welcomed her home.

Bro. Joshua Broquard of Fairbury and Bro. LeRoy Huber of Eureka were our guest ministers April 1, and all welcomed their visit. Their families, as well as others, accompanied them.

In one of the recent issues of The Silver Lining, the account of the life of Bro. William Elssasser appeared in the "Know Each Other Better" column. The final page of his life history has been written, for early on the morning of April 2, he was called from this life, after being in failing health since December, when he suffered several heart attacks. Although he was not in pain, he suffered discomfort and was glad to be relieved, and was ready to meet his Maker. Many friends and relatives attended visitation at the home of his daughter, Sister Anna Streitmatter and family, as well as at the funeral, which was held Thursday morning, April 5. Bro. Frank Woertz of Goodfield and Bro. J. A. Getz of Morton conducted the services, assisted by Bro. Paul Banwart of West Bend, Bro. Joe Zimmerman and Bro. Joe Hodel of Roanoke. He will be greatly missed by his family and all who knew him, for he was an example for us all, yet we can be thankful he has gone to his reward.

The week-end of April 7 and 8 was a blessed one, when seven souls gave their testimonies and were added to the fold. Saturday evening, Verle, son of Bro. Dave and Sis. Ruth Kieser; Richard, son of Bro. Harold and Sis. Anna Streitmatter; Lawrence, son of Bro. George and Sis. Elizabeth Wagenbach, and his wife, Elaine, daughter of Bro. Louie and Sis. Norma Bauman of Eureka, Lavonne, daughter of Bro. Eli and Sis. Lena Grimm of West Bend; Eddie, son of Bro. Edward and Sis. Lucille Knob-

loch; and Charles, son of Bro. George and Sis. Esther Kieser, gave their testimonies, and were all baptized Sunday. Bro. Silas Leuthold was present for the provings, but unable to help much, as he was in great pain and discomfort, suffering from a back affliction. He had been in bed for ten days, but with a strong will and determination, was able to be present Saturday evening. The provings were conducted by our Elder Brothers Joe Getz, Frank Woertz and Paul Banwart, who also performed the baptisms. Brothers John Wagenbach of Oakville and Simon Wagenbach of Tremont were also with us at this time, as well as a host of relatives and friends.

Bro. Silas Leuthold entered the Methodist Hospital in Peoria Sunday afternoon, April 8, and was placed in traction. He is suffering from a slipped disc in his vertebrae. He is suffering much pain, and our prayers are that it will be of a short duration, and may God grant him grace and patience to bear his affliction. Bro. Edwin Baurer suffered a kidney stone, and was hospitalized for several days, but is now recovering in his home, after much suffering. Gale Stoller, son of Bro. Joe and Sis. Emily, is able to be out again, after a bout with pneumonia.

We have just received word of the death of Sis. Elsie Stahl, who recently moved to Peoria. She has been sick since November, and has suffered intense pain, so has now been relieved of her suffering. Funeral services will be held here in Princeville, Friday, April 13.

**REMINGTON, INDIANA****Reporter: Emily Kilgus**

On Sun. evening, April 1, the Wolcott and Francesville Sunday Schools gathered with us for an evening of singing and fellowship. We hope to do this more often in the future.

We will remain with Daylight Saving time, our services starting at ten o'clock.

**PULASKI, IOWA****Reporter: Mrs. Ray Martin**

Bro. Joel Banwart of Burlington visited us on the 11th of March.

Bro. and Sis. Roger Moser and family of Oakville visited us and their mother, Sis. Haddie Miller, on March 18.

Bro. and Sis. Roy Wyss and family of Goodfield and Bro. and Sis. Raymond Kuntz and daughter, Sis. Rosella, of Gridley, visited us on the 25th of March.

Sis. (Mrs.) Sam Martin of Princeville visited with her children, Bro. and Sis. Ray Martin, for a few days in March.

**RITTMAN, OHIO****Reporter: Lucille Hartzler**

Sis. Merrill Miller and Bro. Isaac Rufener Sr. were united in marriage on Wed. evening, March 7.

On March 18, proving and baptism was held for our new sister-in-faith, Ella Mae Trent. We wish her God's richest blessings in her new-found faith. Bro. Rudolph Graf assisted our Elder Bro. Noah Bauman in this work.

God is yet calling souls to repentance, and we rejoice that there are still souls who are answering His call. They are Ruth and Ronald Steiner, daughter and son-in-law of Bro. and Sis. William Riggerbach, and Georgia and Addison Widmer, daughter-in-law and son of Bro. and Sis. John Widmer.

A girl, Sheryl Lynn, was born to Bro. and Sis. Edward Zollinger on March 28.

Sis. Rose Frolich had the misfortune of falling and breaking her hip. She was hospitalized, had surgery, and is expected to return to her home soon.

Bro. John Riggerbach, who has been stationed at Fort Sam, has been transferred, and at the present time is on his way to Germany. We wish him God's protection, wherever he may go.

On April 29, our time changes to Eastern Daylight Savings Time. Our services will be conducted same as before, except Wed. evening services will begin at 8:30 p.m. instead of 8:00.

**ROANOKE, ILLINOIS****Reporter: Sara Aeschleman**

Sis. Anna Gudeman, who had been in failing health since August, passed away at her home, at the age of 57. Funeral services were Fri., April 6, with Bro. Joe Zimmerman officiating.

Bro. John Bradle passed away at the Eureka Hospital, where he had been a patient for several days. His funeral will be Sat., April 14.

Bro. Eugene and Sis. Evelyn Hangartner are the parents of a new daughter.

We are so glad for our friend, John Diggel, who is repenting at this time. May God grant him much grace.

Visiting ministers to our congregation the past month are as follows: Bro's. LeRoy Huber, Vernon Leman and Walter Anliker from Eureka and Bro. John Yergler of Bluffton.

We will be changing to Daylight Saving Time soon: Sunday School 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., Morning Services 10:30 a.m., Afternoon Services 12:30 p.m., Weds. Eve. Services 8:00 p.m.

### SARASOTA, FLORIDA

Reporter: Velta Laukhuf

During the month of March, we had many visitors, and enjoyed their fellowship very much. The visiting ministers were: Bros. Henry Mogler, John Bahler, Dave Mangold, Harry Sutter. Special evening services were held March 4 and March 18.

Sunday Evening, March 11, a singing was held at the home of Bro. Phil and Sis. Fern Wingeier. March 17, the Dave Mangolds, Charles Grafs (of Elgin, Illinois), Bro. and Sis. John Bahler, Phil and Fern Wingeier, Walter and Leah Gerber, Eli and Bertha Moser, Leon and Lydia Virkler called on the folks that reside at the trailer park in Palmetto, Florida.

The Sarasota congregation expresses their deepest sympathy to Mrs. Lawrence Klopfenstein of Mineola, Fla., as we all learned to know Bro. Lawrence the past two years, and will miss him very much.

Bro. Phil, our minister, and Sis. Fern Wingeier would like to thank everyone that attended the Sarasota Church for their good cooperation and for every deed of kindness, love and hospitality that was shown to them during this season.

The last service of the season was held March 25, and as it says in the good Book: "To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven". So it is with our blessed church 1962 season here in the sunny southland. It has now come to a close. May God grant it, that in 1963, we may all meet again.

### SARDIS, OHIO

Reporter: Mrs. Ruth Headley

Out-of-town visitors for the

month included: Sis. Erma and Bro. Fred Marty of Rittman; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Marty of Bridgeport, Ohio; Bro. and Sis. Fred Ramsier and daughter of Rittman; Sis. Bally of Rockville; and Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Riggenbach and family of Rittman.

### TAYLOR, MISSOURI

Reporter: Mrs. Eli Sutter

We have been anxiously watching the Mississippi River, fearing we may have a repetition of the flood threat of 1960. There has been more snow up north of us, which could have caused serious flooding, but because of the cool weather the snow melted slowly, so at this time it looks as if we have been spared. The crest on April 8 was 3 feet below the crest of 1960.

The engagement of Sis. Nancy Hodel and Bro. Keith Oberlander of Morton was announced on Sun., April 1.

A son was born to Bro. Robert and Sis. Emma Hoerr on April 6. This makes three boys for the Hoerrs.

Bro. Bill Heimer, who had surgery on his back in Dec., was again operated on at Wohl Hospital in St. Louis, on April 10. He has had much suffering since he was injured five months ago, so we hope and pray that he will soon find relief.

### TREMONT, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Mrs. William H. Beutel

Church services will be the same time, only D.S.T. — 10:00 and 12:15 on Sunday. Thursday evening services will change from 7:30 to 8:00, D.S.T.

Visiting ministers this month were: Bro. Fred Grimm, from Taylor on March 18; Bros. Edwin Ringger and Elmer Witzig, of Gridley, with us April 1; and Sunday, April 8, Bro. Philip Sauder was here from Cissna.

Bro. Chris Frank and Fred Endress Sr. were hospitalized in March.

On March 21, Bro. Earl Sauder took his Bible Class to sing for the old folks at the County Nursing Home. They were quite pleased with the program, and invited the group to come back.

Funeral services were held for Jeffery A. Frank, 2-month-old son of Bro. and Sis. Marvin Frank, on April 3. Little Jeffery passed away at the Children's Memorial Hos-

pital in Chicago, on Sunday, April 1. His grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Chris Frank and Sis. Mary Koch.

The engagement of Sis. Carol Wagenbach and Bro. John Steiner of Oakville was announced April 1.

### UNION CITY, NEW JERSEY

Reporter: August Mueller

It pleased the Almighty God to call our dearly beloved sister in faith, Dorothea Kroszner, out of this life into eternity, at the age of 85 years. She is survived by four sons, Brother Charles, Arthur, William, and Rudolph; two grandchildren; five great-grandchildren, and one sister, Mrs. Kordish. Sis. Kroszner entered into eternal Rest on Wed., March 7, and her remains were admitted to Mother Earth on Mon., March 11. Funeral services were held Sunday evening at 8 o'clock in Schlemm's Funeral Parlor. Bro. John Bahler had the sermon and Brother Ernst Luginbuhl closed the services with a prayer. The visitors were to numerous to be listed. They were all from Rockville. Brother Ernst Gerber and Bro. Al. Schneider were among them. Our heartfelt thanks to all who shared with us in the sorrow.

Sis. Kroszner will be remembered for a long time to come. Her heart was filled with faith, love and hope. Many conversations I had with her, but never did I hear her complain. So, I'll say, sleep on, Sis. Kroszner, sleep on.

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them."

On Sunday, March 18, we had Bro. Wm. Knobloch of Lester with us. He is stationed about 15 miles west of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. We hope we see him often.

On April 1, we had Bro. and Sis. John Bahler and Bro. and Sis. Ernst Gerber with us. The sermons were very important and inspiring.

Sis. Teeny Rumpf passed away in 1958, not in 48, as stated in the last Silver Lining.

### UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

At our last few meetings on the University of Illinois campus, Brothers Joe Schrock, Ed Hohulin, Emanuel Gudeman and Edmund Kloter spoke to us.

Scheduled meetings for the remainder of the school term include

April 25 and May 9. We meet in Room 209 of the Illini Union, at 7:15 p.m. Visitors are welcome.

### WEST BEND, IOWA

**Reporter: Anna M. Schmidt**

Visitors for March were Bro. and Sis. Elvie Meyer and some of the family, from Lester, Ia., for the reception for Bob and Kaye Banwart.

Bro. and Sis. Ernst and Ella Metzger, some of the family, and some young folks of Lester, Bro. and Sis. Albert Wuthrich, Lydia Jean Payne and three children from Pulaski, Bro. and Sis. Martin and Zelma Knobloch from Lester were here for the reception of Leonard and Helen Anliker.

Dorothy (Sauder) Zaugg is in Iowa City, in the hospital, and has had back surgery. At this writing, she is not getting along too well. We surely wish her a speedy recovery. She had been in the hospital in Algona, Ia., for 10 days before, but didn't get any help.

Bro. Raymond Anliker had a car accident, and had a broken collarbone. He was in the hospital at Algona. He is home, and getting along as good as can be expected.

Bro. August Knobloch, from Rock Rapids, Iowa, had a heart attack, was in the hospital there, but is now here by his daughter, Bro. Raymond and Sis. Louise Anliker, to recuperate. At this writing, he is getting along real well.

Bro. and Sis. Lloyd and Joyce Nohl have a baby girl, Feb. 28, Sandra Kay. Bro. and Sis. Larry and Carol Fehr have a baby boy, March 26, named Leslie Eli. Bro. and Sis. Richard and Betty Schmidt have a baby girl, born Feb. 23, named Joleen Kae.

### WICHITA, KANSAS

**Reporter: Dave Hangartner**

Sis. Katie Dotterer, after a long illness, has gone to sleep in the Lord. We will miss the dear sister's presence in our congregation.

Bro. Joseph Aberle of the Sabetha congregation spent Sunday morning, April 1, in our midst, conducting the services. We were richly blessed by his inspiring message.

### WINTHROP, MINNESOTA

**Reporter: Marguerite Messner**

Sis. Manella Dapper returned by plane to her home in California, after a month's stay with her father.

Visiting ministers and their families here March 25 were Bro. Henry Mogler and wife of Lester, Bro. and Sis. Harold Gramm and son, Bro. Paul Fehr and wife, of Morris. Other visitors that day were: Bro. and Sis. Harold Meiss, Bro. and Sis. John Schaefer, Bro. and Sis. Wm. Zeltwanger, Robert (Bob) and Ruth Schmidgal of Hancock. We welcome ministers and other visitors at all times. Bro. and Sis. Mogler visited a few days with their daughter, Sis. Roland Messner.

Ministering Bro. Albert and his wife, Sis. Elizabeth, of Pulaski visited here Thurs. and Friday. Thursday evening, Bro. Albert ministered to us. We enjoyed having them with us.

Philip, son of Bro. and Sis. Don Messner, returned home from the hospital Sunday after an appendectomy. He is recovering nicely.

### WOLCOTT, INDIANA

**Reporter: Arles Kropf**

A new little son, Bradley Allen, was born to Wayne and Sis. Nancy Christopher, on March 25.

Bro. and Sis. Eli Farney observed their golden wedding anniversary on March 31. We wish them many more golden years.

We enjoyed the visit of Keith and Pauline Roth of Congerville recently. We rejoice with them in their new-found peace with God. Pauline grew up in our community and went to church and Sunday School here in her childhood days.

We were happy to see Sam Gauger back in church with us on April 1. He has been unable to assemble with us since last fall, due to illness. Others who have been sick are George Henizelman and Clara Furrer; also, Sis. Arlene Schwab has been ill, but is able to be back with us.

Alvin Furrer, who is stationed at Ft. Knox, Ky., has been enjoying a furlough with his mother and family.

We are remaining on Daylight Saving Time, and services start at 10:00 A.M. and 12:30 P.M.

### History

In the year of 1900, the John Abersoll family moved to Wolcott, Indiana—from Illinois—to establish a home. At that time, there was no congregation of our faith here, but since there had been a number of families settled at Remington, the Abersolls gathered with them for

services. They met at the home of Bro. John Schieler, who was their minister.

It was not long until more families began to settle here, some of the early ones being, the Andrew Abersolls (parents of John), Andrew Lehmans, Theodore Bolliers, Ben Farneys, Jacob Kellers, John Zehrs, Dan Zehrs, Chris Helderles, Dan Farneys, Fred Ankers, Charles Blumes, Amos Sauders, and others. As the congregation grew, they held services in the various homes, one Sunday at Remington and the next Sunday at Wolcott.

By April, 1922, the need was here for a permanent place of assembly. John Abersoll, Jacob J. Keller, and Theodore Bollier were appointed as trustees, and a piece of land was obtained from Eben H. Wolcott, in the southwest part of town, at a cost of \$300. The exact time when construction was started is not known, but it is said to have been around 1902 when the building was completed.

During the time the building was being constructed, the townsmen offered to the congregation the use of the old school building as a temporary place of assembly. It was at this time that Bro. Amos Sauder was selected as minister of the church here, and, not long after, Bro. Andrew Lehman was added to the ministry. Bro. Chris Gerber of Fairbury, Illinois, served the congregation as elder.

The frame building which was constructed at that time was in use until October 5, 1952, when the congregation moved into the new building, erected just north of the old structure. First services were held in the new building on October 12, 1952.

Ministers other than Bros. Sauder and Lehman who have served here were Bros. Jacob Merkel, John Trachsel, Will Furrer and our present ones, our elder, Bro. Irvin Lehman, and Bros. Alfred Bahler and Vernon Schwab. Some of our older members tell us that the first English services conducted at the Wolcott Church were in 1911, by Bro. Alph Virkler of Croghan, New York.

At the present time, we have 74 members, 49 children attending Sunday School, and approximately 54 families who attend.

We extend an invitation to all to come and worship and fellowship with us any time.