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## S. H. FROELICH

Submitted by Bro. Noah Schrock

(S. H. Froelich continued)

"I had been an inexplicable riddle to myself, and I did not know what was to become of me. Therefore, it was, in a measure, a consolation to see that others had experienced similar things.

Now, for the first time, my suffering began.

What I had to go through from now on, in a literal sense, is inexpressible. Everything that fire and water, hammer or sword, may bring about is as nothing compared with the unfathomable sea of trouble and misery, wherein I thought I must sink.

I wept night and day, and writhed like a worm in the dust, when it is trodden upon. Like Job, I lay in the dust. In no human being, in no friend, could I confide, nor could I reveal myself to anyone. All theological or rationalistic lectures became an abomination to me, for I was now in another school.

For a long time, I remained in this fiery furnace, until at length, faith in Jesus Christ the crucified brought me rest, peace, and light, and made place within me for a new creation. From then on, Jesus Christ was the center of my whole life and sphere of activity.

However, I was kept constantly under the discipline of the Holy Spirit, for not until now did the struggle against my old nature and against the law of sin, which dwelt in my very members, become serious.

After a stay of two years in

Basel, I was obliged to return to my home, principally for economic reasons, in October, 1825.

Here, in my father's house, a new school or period of my life began, in which I was to be further trained, developed, strengthened, invigorated, and grounded, so that I should not enter as a novice into the important office which preaches atonement.

Here I applied for the exam-

### WHERE BUILDING PROGRESSES

"But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.

And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace."

From James 3

ination, as a candidate for the ministry, which was postponed to the following spring.

At the request of my parents, I preached for the first time in my native Brugg, the Sunday before Christmas, and met with such general approval, that I should have become anxious and afraid, if the honor of the Lord had not counted for more with me than all personal vainglory among men.

I did not again preach here until

Good Friday, 1826, and that proved to be a veritable Good Friday for me. Instead of expressions of praise, I reaped only ridicule and reproach. It produced an entirely different effect from the praises I had received; it was necessary and wholesome for me.

Now, for two entire years, there came over me fiery tribulations that are beyond description. Only He who knows the heart, knows what I suffered. I preached Christ here, there, and everywhere in the country. But in every minister who allowed me to preach, I gained a new opponent.

With such preparation and forebodings, I approached my examination. The principles which I brought to light in the compositions made such an unfavorable impression upon the members of the church council, that I failed in the examination, and was put back a year. The Lord had resolved upon this, also, for my further testing and purification.

In the course of this year, oppression often rose to extreme, both from within and from without.

After a sermon which I was compelled to preach, in a church of a member of the council, among other things, he wrote my parents, who were already troubled and dissatisfied because of my set-back: "... your son is not on the right road with regard to his doctrine, and in all sincerity, he should be advised to enter upon a better course, if he wishes to be accepted

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# SINGING IN THE RAIN

Henry Souder Jr.

Every road leads some place.

The little lane, or busy street, is a route. If followed, it leads to the ends of the earth. There would be beautiful places . . . far away people . . . awesome depths . . . sunlit heights.

Now, the road that leads to the heavenly home is the happy way. It is happy, because its miles are spent "Rejoicing in hope".

Travelling free of sin is the happy way. Travelling to Tomorrow is happy, for "though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory".

This is very important to remember for rejoicing: Hope is happy because of what is at the end.

Home cannot be separated from hope. So indivisible is it, that the good Book says, "If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable."

What do we look for, then? What expectations can thrill our soul?

Only a natural look at death is dark. The shrouds of earthly man's thoughts are not the looks of our members.

We have Christ's view. Just thinking about this part, only, can make our hearts light and happy. Falling asleep is the beautiful description of truth. Even the term death is changed. The child only sleeps.

Death is a door that opens to beautiful home!

But how about the moment right after? Do we know? can we enjoy? will we be with others?

We look back into Old Testament times. It was different then than now. It is called a land of forgetfulness. Job 10:21, 22 reveals a picture of it.

Yet, we may gather this, there was knowing. The inspired preacher says the spirit returns unto God who gave it. And David says he will go to the child that went before.

Our Lord descended to that place.

While His body lay in the tomb, "he went and preached unto the spirits in prison;" He was with people there, there was awareness, and there was communication.

He was the Son of God. Yet, they were human spirits. And, they not only could hear, but be receptive, "For this cause was the gospel preached also to them that are dead, that they might be judged according to men in the flesh, but live according to God in the spirit."

Now, it is a beautiful, bright

place, with Him . . . at Home!

That first, after departing . . . What does God show us?

We immediately go to His home. "We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord." While on resurrection morning we shall also be with the Lord, here we peer into that beautiful home. The spirit is gone, absent from the body.

It's a beautiful hope. Looking beyond, many of our loved one's expressions have glowed in radiance of its beauty. Verse after verse of scripture adds up to a place of glorious happiness, "to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better".

Try this in your song: let your heart soar with the words.

Hope is "Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ". Then at that time, we'll have a new body.

But that moment, just beyond the sunset, is ours, too, just beyond To Day.

A "Thank you" comes from our elder brother, Silas Leuthold, to "all those who remembered me with prayers, cards, good wishes, and gifts, during my illness."

the editor

You may have read the churches' histories that have appeared in the Silver Lining. We plan to have one or two histories each month, and we also plan to add some interesting new features.

The last issue included the Milford reporter's "Know Each Other Better" concerning a song leader. The Lord willing, we plan to have similar information in the June issue which we hope will enrich singing in our church.

We have been attempting to reduce visiting news. As a general practice, where visiting is reported, the reporters are including only the information about those coming to visit their congregation and not about those going to visit another congregation.

Ed Souder

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# NEWS

## AKRON, OHIO

Reporter: Ruth Taylor

Sunday Services—Morning, 10:30; Afternoon, 12:45; Song service, 1st Sunday each month, 7:30 P.M.; Weekday Services—Thursday, 7:30 P.M. (Eastern Daylight Saving Time).

Gilbert Messner, oldest son of the late Clyde and Elizabeth Messner, died suddenly, April 10, at the age of 48.

Our small congregation feels a great loss in the passing of our beloved brother, John Baumgartner. He leaves his wife, Hazel, and a brother, Noah, of Akron.

Two former Akronites, Ruth Knochel and Dolly Laukhuf, and their families were with us Easter Sunday. They had come over the Easter vacation to visit their parents, the Dan Emerys.

Sister Fritz and Dan and Martha Kaufman have returned to our midst, after spending the winter months in Florida. We are glad to have them with us again.

Sunday, April 9, the James Barton family from Detroit and the Kenneth Laukhuf family from Laty visited here.

We were happy to have Elder Brother Noah Schrock with us May 6, to bring us many good teachings at both services. There were many other visitors from Rittman, Girard, and Mansfield. We thank you for your visit. Come again.

Sis. Sadie Brenner had a fall, and fractured her right shoulder. She is in Akron City Hospital. She had her 85th birthday May 11.

Mrs. Alma (Metzger) Stauffer had surgery, and is improving. If she continues, she expects to be home about May 18.

## ALTADENA, CALIFORNIA

Reporter: Doris Graf

Over Easter week-end, we enjoyed the visit of the Phoenix Bible Class and young group. Among those who came were: Bro. and Sis. Richard Schupbach, Shelly and Christine; Bro. and Sis. Roy Stevig and their son, Bro. David; Patty and Gary Messner; Bro. and Sis. Joe Dotterer and children, Sis. Marilyn, Bro. Bill, Johnny and

Carolyn; Bro. and Sis. Joe Beer, who are stationed in San Francisco. Also visiting were Sis. Margaret Dockus, from Akron, and Bro. and Sis. Chris Getz, Morton.

On Easter morning, we had Sunrise Services in the mountains above Altadena, a picnic breakfast in the park, and then regular church services. We were very happy to have Bro. Schupbach minister unto us that day.

We were also happy that Sis. Rose Langjahr could come to church one Sunday this month.

Sis. Margaret Kinsinger is recovering at home, after recent surgery. We wish all of our shut-ins a speedy recovery.

We are on Daylight Savings Time in Altadena, and probably will remain so until late September.

## ATHENS, ALABAMA

Reporter: Clara Heiniger

Wednesday, April 4, worship service and Sunday School was held at the home of William and Sis. Charlene Robinson.

Many people enjoyed, and were spiritually refreshed through the hymns sang by the Prairie Choristers from Roanoke. The 37-voice group was led by Stanley Hodel. A hymn-sing was held in Moulton, Sat. night, April 8. Sunday, the churches at Athens and Hillsboro enjoyed their singing. We hope that they will pay us a visit soon again. We enjoy good singing, and welcome any other singing groups. Bro. and Sis. Bob Hodel accompanied the group.

Others visitors April 8 were Bro. and Sis. Phil Wingeier of Alto; Bro. and Sis. Charles Huber of Elgin, and Bro. and Sis. Christ Hodel of Eureka.

Worship service was held in the home of Bro. and Sis. George Kelly, Wed. eve., April 11, at Prospect.

Bro. and Sis. Dave Mangold, Bro. and Sis. Melvin Mangold, of Roanoke, visited the Athens and Hillsboro churches, April 15.

Friday afternoon, April 20, sisters and friends met in the home of Sis. Lois Goode, and all enjoyed the fellowshiping around God's Word, and also a blessed time of

singing.

Sis. Edna Moser and Bro. Robert Moser of Cissna Park visited the churches, April 21.

## BERN, KANSAS

Reporter: Lee Plattner

This is a poem submitted by Sis. Joe Marti, in remembrance of her husband and our dear brother, Joe, who passed away recently.

### The Sleep of Death

Death's but a sleep. Why should we weep

For those in Christ who die,  
Since this we know, to peace they go,  
And joys possess on high!

Although to dust, their bodies must,

Be turned beneath the sod,  
Yet they shall rise above the skies,  
And ever live with God.

Their happy days are spent in praise,

While here we sigh and moan.  
Could we but see how blest they be,  
T'would make us cease to moan.

If there was end, 'twould trouble send,

That would eclipse the joy,  
But 'tis not so, they never go,  
Out of that sweet employ.

When they are there ten thousand years,

And thousands more are done,  
They've no less days to sing God's praise,  
Than when they first begun.

The time schedule for our church is as follows: 10:00, Morning Service and Sunday School; 11:15 Lunch; 12:00 Singing; 12:30 Afternoon Service. On every other Sunday evening, starting with Easter Sunday, we have singing, either in our church or in the church in Sabetha, at 7:00. We are on Central Standard Time.

On April 8, the wedding of Bro. Leonard Baumgartner to Sis. Nancy Hartter took place. Bro. Lester Hartter conducted the services.

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

Jeanne Kaehr and Roger Eisenmann were married on April 15, and Martha Gerber and Michael Lobsiger on April 29. Bro. Aeschliman officiated at both weddings.

Bro. and Sis. John Baumgartner have announced the engagement of their youngest daughter, Lois Ann, to David Habegger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Habegger, of Berne.

Our friends, Kenneth & Roberta Steffen, were proved on Good Friday, after evening service, and baptized on Easter Sunday.

We had many guests on Easter, and the Sunday School singing in the evening was well attended.

Visiting ministers last month were Bros. Ben Hartzler and Joe Ramsier of Rittman, on April 29. Their wives accompanied them. Other visitors then and during the month, were from Fairbury, Toledo, Rittman, Latty, Alto, Ft. Wayne, Bay City, Roanoke and Gridley.

Sis. Emma Minger is still in the hospital, and Bro. John Gilliom and Sis. Virginia Groh were hospitalized for surgery.

Sis. Mary Jo Gerber has joined her husband, Paul, who is stationed in Germany.

Alvin Kipfer is home on leave, visiting his parents, Bro. and Sis. Ben Kipfer.

**Know Each Other Better**

Sis. Katherine (Katie) Reinhard was born in Adams Co., Ind., on June 22, 1874, to Ulrich and Katherine Gerber Kipfer. Her father was the Ulrich Kipfer who was instrumental in starting the Bluffton church.

She had five brothers and five sisters, was the youngest in the family, and is the only survivor. Her brothers, Ephraim, Daniel and William, all reached a high age.

Her mother passed away when she was only two years of age, and her father married Maria Trittenbach, about a year later. Maria was a German school teacher, and taught the family at home. Schooling was not compulsory in those days.

Katie repented and was baptized when she was seventeen. She remembers Joseph Bela very well, as he stayed in her parent's home when he was in this community, making shoes in his spare time. She also remembers Adam Hartman, who was their neighbor.

After the death of her step-mother, she kept house for her father for almost twelve years, when she married Daniel Reinhard, Nov. 20, 1905.

Daniel was born Dec. 15, 1872, to Ulrich and Philippine Baker Reinhard.

Their children are Ulrich and Ephraim of Berne; Bro. Alphie of Bluffton, RR. 4; Bro. Amos of Ossian; Bro. Aaron of Craigville, RR. 1; and Sis. Sylvia, who lives with her mother. Amos and Aaron are very hard to tell apart, as they are identical twins.

Daniel passed away on Sept. 1, 1930. On Feb. 2, 1933, Katie and her family moved from the farm to Vera Cruz, where she still resides.

Sylvia is employed in Berne, so Katie is alone in the daytime.

She is still active, and has made many quilts and rugs; also she crochets doilies and edges around handkerchiefs. She always has a lovely garden, and flowers, doing much of the work herself.

She enjoys spending considerable time every day, reading the New Testament, Psalms, and hymns in the Zion's Harp.

Her general health is good, but she has cataracts on both eyes. However, she still crochets and quilts, and attends church almost every Sunday.

Katie has nineteen living grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. One granddaughter is converted.

**BREMEN, INDIANA****Reporter: Lydia Heuberger**

On April 15, Bro. and Sis. Henry Wackerle, Bay City, were our guests and Bro. Wackerle was guest minister for the day. We thank him for his inspiring messages. Additional visitors for the day were: Bro. and Sis. Frank Dogotch, West Bend, and Sis. Lena Hoerr, Peoria.

An Easter program was given on Easter Sunday by the adult group of young folks, and the theme was "The Meaning of Easter". The entire program consisted of singing, under the direction of Bro. Joe Bauman, and the narrator was Bro. Earl Zeltwanger. Several solo numbers were included in the program. There was also an Easter Sunrise Service at the church, which was well attended.

On April 29 approximately 25

brethren from Mansfield spent the day with us. During the afternoon, a song service was held, consisting of special singing by the Mansfield group, directed by Brother Sauder. The combined group of Mansfield and Bremen sang several songs, as the closing portion of the program. Bro. Otto Norr was our guest minister for the day.

Don Klopfenstein, son of Bro. and Sis. Robert, has left our midst, as of April 25, to serve in the U.S. Navy.

Emil Meister is on our sick list, having been hospitalized for a week, but is in his home again, and is being cared for by his two daughters, Sis. Mildred and Ernestine.

"As the will of man cooperates with the will of God, it becomes omnipotent. Whatever is to be done at His command, may be accomplished in His strength. All His biddings are enablings. A character formed according to the divine likeness is treasure that we can take from this world to the life to come."

With the above quotation, we wish to announce three of our young faithful friends who have made the most important decision to accept the will of God, have received His peace, and are now awaiting proving and baptism, so they may be added to our congregation as members in faith. They are: Herman Jr. (Jack) Hueni, and his wife Marlene, who were announced Easter Sunday, and J. N. Feldman, son of Willard and Sis. Aldean, and his announcement was made Sunday, May 6.

**BURLINGTON, IOWA****Reporter: Mrs. Ernest Anliker**

Sunday Services, 10:30 a.m.; 12:30 p.m.—Wed., p.m. 7:30.

Some time ago, several of our sisters gathered at the home of our dear sister, Mary Wagler, to observe her 88th birthday. A delicious lunch was served, which was brought in by the guests, who wished her many good wishes and God's blessings in the days to come.

The baptism of our sister, Rose Mauer, of Morning Sun, Ia., brought great joy to many hearts. Her health did not permit a large assembly to witness; therefore, her baptism was performed in our Burlington church. Those present of her family were her husband Pete, a son Frank, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wilson, all of Morning Sun, and

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Schmeiser of Rockford, Ill. (The two ladies are daughters of Sis. Rose and Pete Mauer) Pete has also turned to the Lord, and we are to hear his testimony in the near future. These are precious hours, when dear souls are added to the fold. The baptism of Sis. Rose was the first in our Burlington congregation. We trust that more may be added soon. This baptism was performed by Bro. Noah Schrock.

Sis. Louise (Sam) Kuerth, Gridley, Ill., has been visiting her brother and family, Bro. and Sis. Chris Rinkenberger. We are all enjoying her very much.

Our friend, Miss Clara Frank, who lived in Burlington, Ia., and assembled with us each Sunday, has moved to Peoria. We shall miss her very much, and hope she will visit us often. May God bless her in her new surroundings.

Our visitors in April: Sis. Christine Hermann of Morton, visiting Mr. and Mrs. Ray Knoba. (The ladies are sisters.); Mr. and Mrs. Robert Frank and children, Mt. Pleasant, Ia., Miss Marilyn, Frank, Cedar Rapids, Ia.; and their mother, Sis. Tillie Frank of Salem, Ia., visiting Sis. Mary Wagler; Sisters Ida, Caroline and Katherine Schmidgall of Peoria and Joe B. Belsley, Morton. (They are sisters and brother of Sis. Marie Kuntz.) Mrs. Martha McGinnis, Stockport, Ia.; Sis. Lois Heiniger, and Sis. Alice Kilgus of Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. Murlin Westphal, Oakville, Mrs. Edw. Hodel and children, Roanoke, visited her mother, Sis. Martha Perdelwitz, over Easter weekend. Her husband came on Sunday to take them home.

Bro. Edw. Owens, visited his mother, Sis. Nettie, over the weekend. He has been transferred; his address now is:

Sgt John E Owens ER 5636057  
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Camp McCoy Wisconsin

Sunday, May 6, Bro. & Sis. Cleo Rinkenberger and family of Pulaske spent this day with us. Bro. Cleo had a very inspiring message for us. Bro. Chris and Sis. Alice prepared a nice dinner for them and several others. A large group was invited to take part in singing hymns of praise and honor to God. Certainly this was a blessing to all who took part.

Bro. Fred Pohl, of West Point,

N.Y., recently was an overnight guest of his parents, Bro. and Sis. Richard Pohl. We wish Bro. Fred could have spent more time in Burlington — he is missed by all who knew him.

#### A Tribute to Mothers

"Her children arise up,  
and call her blessed" . . .

Proverbs 31:28

#### Mother's Day

If I could follow in the path you  
trod,

Oh precious mother mine,,  
And walk as you do,  
Humbly with my God,  
My life would grow divine!

I need not set one day apart  
For Mother's day, you see,  
As every day is Mother's Day  
Throughout the year to me!

#### BURLINGTON, OKLAHOMA

Reporter: Mrs. Raymond Roth

Sorry, I failed to have news in the April issue of the Silver Lining at news reporting time. We were visiting our daughter's and families, Sis. Glenn Moser, Roanoke, and Mrs. Roy Yergler, Cissna Park, and also helping care for our new grandson, David Alan Yergler.

Elder Bro. Noah Schrock, Burlington, Iowa, and Elder Bro. Sam Anliker, Lamont, ministered to our congregation April 8. They also presented to us the report of the Brother Conference held in Roanoke. It is indeed important we be reminded of the dangers, responsibilities, temptations, and our walk of life, while living in such a sinful and troubled time.

On April 15, we were privileged to have Bro. Geo. Lambert, Wichita, minister to us.

We wish to extend our sympathy to Sis. Geo. Diel, whose brother, Leonard Murphy, of Alva, Okla., died of a cerebral hemorrhage April 18.

Following Wednesday evening services, April 18, it was discussed and voted on to purchase new tables and benches for the church dining room.

The Sunday School presented a short Easter program, the afternoon of Easter Sunday.

A number of the Wichita congregation assembled with us Sunday evening, May 6. Bros. Robert Young and Geo. Lambert had the services. We enjoyed their fellow-

ship very much, and invite them to visit us again.

Hospital patients the past two months were Sis. Lydia Hanhart, Sis. Geo. Miller, Sis. Minnie Schupbach, and Sis. Fred Michel.

Sis. John Greiner of Sabetha, spent several days here, helping care for her mother, Sis. Fred Michel.

A number of our Sunday School children have been ill with the measles the past few weeks.

Sis. Elizabeth Otti fell and broke her left wrist, while helping at the home of her cousin and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Enz, near Lamont.

#### CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Mrs. Ernest Knecht  
Know Each Other Better

Our beloved sister, Edith Schrenk, is the oldest sister in our congregation. Sister Edith was born in Mansfield, Ohio, on September 1, 1883.

Her parents, John Kisling and Mary Lantz Kisling, came to America from Switzerland in their young years, repented, and were taken into the fold by Brother Sorg of Mansfield, Ohio.

On March 29, 1904, Sister Edith was married to Henry C. Schrenk, Paulding, Ohio.

To this union, eight children were born. They are: Helen C. Storrer — Munson, Michigan; Reuben A. Schrenk — Chicago, Ill.; Philip E. Schrenk — Clarksville, Michigan; Frances L. Schrenk and Martha M. Grivet, Chicago; John R. Schrenk, River Grove, Illinois; Raymond Schrenk, California; and Henry J. Schrenk, Phoenix, Arizona.

In the year 1912 she repented, when she heard the great disaster, the sinking of the Titanic. She was baptized by Elder Samuel Engwiler.

Edith and her family lived in Paulding for fourteen years. In 1927, she moved to Fort Wayne, Indiana, and in 1935 to Chicago, Illinois, and has lived in Chicago since that time. Edith and her daughter, Frances, have been running a rest home in Chicago for the past 22 years. She resides at 4129 N. Francisco—zone 18—Chicago, Illinois.

Our friend, Ernest Schambach Jr., has served his years in the Army, and is back in our midst. We

all welcome him back.

### CISSNA PARK, ILLINOIS

**Reporter: Mrs. Jeff Young**

April 29, our guest ministers were Bro. Joe Getz and Bro. Roy Sauder. Their wives accompanied them.

We had a very pleasant Sunday, May 6. Our Elder Bro. Dave Mangold was with us, also Bro. Henry Kilgus and Bro. Herman Kellenberger. His wife accompanied him. The memorandum of the Brother meeting was read. Also, Bro. and Sis. Fred Grimm of Taylor were visitors that Sunday.

**Births:** A daughter was born to Bro. Jack and Sis. Rosemary Rechkemmer on April 15. She was named Jacqueline Jean. Vernon and Joann Clauss became parents of a daughter, May 6. She was named Jill Jolene.

Nancy Rechkemmer and Kenneth Gudeman were married April 29, at the home of her parents, Bro. and Sis. George Rechkemmer. Bro. Joe Getz performed the ceremony.

Bro. Fred Frank has been hospitalized several times this past month, is now home, slightly improved. Sis. Bertha Walder was moved from the hospital in Watseka to the Eureka Hospital, where she is now cared for.

### CONGERVILLE, ILLINOIS

**Reporter: Marjorie Knapp**

On April 21, provings were held for the following seven converts: Keith and Pauline Roth, Byron Schrock, Allen Schrock, John and Alice Schieber, and Doris Williamson. Bro. J. A. Getz, Morton, and Bro. Fred Grimm, Taylor, assisted Bro. Frank Woertz with the provings. Their baptismal service was held on Sunday, April 22. We welcome them as members of our congregation, and wish each of them much grace and joy in their new way of life with the Lord.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Schlipf are the parents of a baby girl, Emily, born April 6. She has a sister, Alice, to welcome her.

### CROGHAN-NAUMBURG, N. Y.

**Reporter: Mrs. Clayton Virkler**

Bro. Howard Virkler and Terry Virkler, son of Bro. Bernard Virkler, are recovering at their homes, after operations for hernia. Sis. Clara Steiner is in the Watertown Hospital, after having had an intestinal operation. Bro. Webster

Farney has returned home from the hospital, after undergoing treatment for an ulcer.

Bro. Leon and his wife, Lydia Virkler, have returned from their winter home in Florida.

Herbert and Mary Jo Schieler and family of Remington, spent Easter week end with his sisters, Carolyn Virkler and Nina Beyer, and their respective families. They also brought his mother, Sis. Marie Schieler along, and she stayed with her daughters for a couple of weeks.

The Croghan congregation enjoyed an Easter program, during the noon hour on Easter Sunday. It was put on by the children of the Sunday School.

On Monday evening, April 30, our congregations gathered at Croghan to hear messages from Elder Bro. George Yergler of La-Crosse and Elder Bro. John Bahler of Rockville. Bro. Louis and Sis. Fannie Zimmerman of Roanoke accompanied Bro. Yergler. We very thoroughly enjoyed the fellowship we were blessed with that evening.

The Evangelical Baptist Sewing Auxiliary (Apostolic Christian) met Thursday, May 3, made cancer pads, and also sewed for the Lewis County General Hospital.

### ELGIN, ILLINOIS

**Reporter: Louise Steffen**

Sis. Rose Nesler fell, broke her shoulder, and was hospitalized, April 14. She is 88 years old. Her husband, John, is 92 years old.

Bro. Charles and Sis. Addie Graf, Bro. Charles and Sis. Mary Huber returned home from Florida.

April 15, our Sunday School Easter program was held at 7:00 p.m. It was a night of blessing and inspiration to all.

Sis. Lizzie Lindoerfer passed away April 23. The funeral service was held April 25, at 10:00 a.m. at the church. Bro. Joe Kaisner of Forest officiated.

Bro. Herman Kellenberger was hurt at work, and hospitalized a short time. He and his wife, Sis. Della, left for Pittsburg, Penn., to visit their daughter, Beth, and her family.

Some of the young folks went to sing for Sis. Amelia Boliger on April 28.

Bro. Irvin Lehman and his wife, Sis. Dorothy, Bro. Ben Anliker and his wife, Sis. Sarah, of Wolcott were here April 29. Also, Bro. Carl Lehman and his wife, Minnie of

Chicago visited here. We enjoyed having them.

Daniel Schietlin passed away May 11. He is a brother of Bro. Al Schietlin.

Bro. Dave and Sis. Lydia Kellenberger celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on May 13.

Fred Goll had a heart attack, is in the hospital at this time.

### Know Each Other Better

August Griener came to America from Wuerttemberg, Germany, in 1896. He went to Iowa, worked on the farm seven years, then came to Elgin, was here a few years, and married Carrie Reber in 1902, May 7. He then moved to Lester, Iowa, on a farm, and stayed there six years.

They both found their salvation there, and were taken into the fold. They moved to Hancock, Minn., in 1910, and farmed there until 1940. He retired and moved to Elgin, Ill., and have been at their present home on 656 Park Street for 21 years.

They are the parents of 15 children, of which 13 are still living: Sis. (Mrs.) Ed Moser and Mrs. Ezra Eiseiman, Elgin; John of Hancock, Minn.; Sis. (Mrs.) Ed Eurich, Aurora, Ill.; Mrs. Richard Osmun, Elgin; Benjamin, Hancock; Sis. (Mrs.) Willard Rudin, Cissna Park, Ill.; Otto and Emil, Hancock; Mrs. Lester Batt, Elgin; Sis. (Mrs.) Carl Joos, Morris, Bro. Howard, Cissna Park, and Bro. Robert of Elgin.

They have 21 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. They both enjoy fairly good health and attend church services as much as possible.

Bro. August will observe his 89th birthday on July 25. Sister Carrie's birthday is in the same month, the 31st. She will be 82, the Lord willing they should live until then. They just celebrated their 60th Wedding anniversary on May 7.

### ELGIN, IOWA

**Reporter: Mrs. George Butikofer**

Bro. Werner Moore and a group from our church visited at the Clayton County Home on a Sunday evening. Hymns were sung, and the scriptures expounded. It is very heart-warming to see the response given by the patients to these visits.

Eighteen Bible class students from the Elgin, Illinois, Sunday School, accompanied by Bro. Mel

and Sis. Ada Shrock, Bro. Nathan Steffen, and Bro. Gene Moser, visited with us a week end. It was delightful to have them with us. May God grant a blessing on their coming here.

Among the visitors since our last report were Bro. and Sis. Mark Grimm, Beverly, Curt, Kent and Steve, Bro. and Sister Wm. Massner and Cindy from Wapello, Mrs. Jack Willett, Michael and Mitchell, from Cedar Falls, Ia., Lois Pulfer from Oelwein, Janet Gehring from Iowa City, Bro. and Sis. Wm. Butikofer and children and Sis. Lena Pulfer from Davenport.

We have commenced a weekly Bible Study and singing hour, which is held at the church. It appears that it will be a profitable hour, spirit wise.

A pleasant evening was spent in the Paul Butikofer home, as a house warming for them. We visited and sang hymns.

Among the guests present were Sisters-in-faith Leah Schneider, Esther Luginbuhl and their aunt, Sister Rose Luginbuhl, from Rockville, who were visiting briefly in the Paul Pulfer home. These three sang for us during the course of the evening, according to the Bachofen melody, No. 78 in our Zions Harp, entitled "Faith, Hope, and Love." This rendition was much enjoyed. The Rockville ladies were enroute to Denver. Some of our Bible Class young people sang a special number very nicely, too.

Sisters Marie and Rose Schmid had a visitor in their home from Ontario, Canada, for a number of days. It was a Miss Lizzie Tripke, whose parents had been refugees from East Germany about eight years ago. Some years ago, Marie sent clothes to Germany to a lady who was one of Lizzie's teachers. That is how she learned of Schmid's home here in Iowa. It was during the Easter vacation in the Canadian school that Miss Tripke saw an opportunity to come to the States, she being a high school student. While here, she attended church and Sunday School.

#### EUREKA, ILLINOIS

**Reporter: Cathryn Wettstein**

April 25, Wed. evening, Bro. Ben Maibach from Detroit was our guest and speaker. The Roanoke congregation assembled with us, and surely everyone that attended received a blessing. Bro. Dave Man-

gold was present, too, having just returned from Florida. There were several more ministering brothers in the audience.

April 15, Sis. Noami Bowald and Bro. Stanley Vogel were united in marriage by Bro. Leroy Huber. They will live in Normal, Illinois.

Bro. Leroy Huber has been a patient in the Eureka Hospital, where he underwent an operation for the removal of his appendix. He returned to his home last Monday, May 7. May God be near him & help him, so good health will return real soon.

At this time, plans are being made to have Vacation Bible School, soon after regular school is out. May a blessing follow all who help in this work.

Alan Getz and Nathalia Stoller, who were married recently in Latty, are now living in Eureka. We welcome Nathalia into our church and community, and may God bless their marriage.

#### FAIRBURY, ILLINOIS

**Reporter: Joyce Huber**

"I'm repenting," were the coveted words heard on the telephone by the Eli Meiss' on Friday the 13th from their son, Carlos, in the Army in Texas. We pray that he will grow in faith and strength, to be a witness.

Our Sunday School presented, in poem and hymns, the Easter Story to a large audience on Good Friday evening.

Bro. Elmer Witzig of Gridley ministered to us Easter Sunday. Relatives accompanied him and were guests of Bro. and Sis. Amos Meyer.

"I was lost, but found peace with God," testified Henry Kaeb, "and now I think of Bible verses to keep from distress." We praise God for His great love in drawing Henry into the fold. We were happy to have many visitors from several places, the Sunday of his baptism, April 29.

The benevolent motive of the Munz family was especially blessed, for in the funerals of Sis. Ida and Conrad Munz, they desired condolences in the form of a lasting treasure, rather than the sympathy in flowers that wither away, and the result was \$875.00 for Fairview Haven, a home for Senior Citizens being built in Fairbury.

#### FORREST, ILLINOIS

**Reporter: Nancy Honegger**

Holy Communion was served here on good Friday evening. Bro. Joe Klopfenstein of Gridley assisted our elder, Bro. Henry Kilgus.

Those who have been hospitalized are: Sis. Nettie Kupferschmid and Sis. Martha Koehl, surgical; and Sis. Emma Ifft, medical. They have now returned to their homes, and we hope they will soon be able to assemble with us again.

Funeral services were held May 2, for Catherine Kyburz, 86, who died, after being hospitalized for four weeks. She had been staying at the home of her daughter, Sis. Carolyn Wettstein, of Eureka.

Wednesday evening services are now starting at 8:00. Sunday services will begin at 10:00 a.m. and 12:20 p.m., the same as in the past.

#### FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA

**Reporter: Mrs. Robert Huber**

Once again our congregation has diminished in size to our own local people. We wish to thank everyone for their visit this past winter, especially the visiting ministers and elders. May God richly bless each one.

Bro. Wendell Gerber has been chosen as our new minister, to help Bro. Harry Sutter. May God grant him strength and courage to carry out this work laid upon him.

#### FORT SAM HOUSTON, TEXAS

**Reporter: Juanita Schneider**

During Easter week-end, Elder Bro. Noah Schrock of Oakville was with us. We truly enjoyed the Word he delivered unto us, and received many blessings. He gave us many suggestions and helpful advice during his visit.

Also, on Easter week-end, we enjoyed the visit of Bro. Ray and Sis. Jeanie Haerr, Heidi and Pat, as well as Sis. Charlotte and Sis. Lauretta Haerr of Taylor, who came to see their brother, Norman. Their visit was enjoyed by all. The invitation is continually open to all to visit us here.

Some of the boys have been transferred to different posts, their addresses are:

Pvt Perry Klopfenstein  
US 55 723 509  
Co B 5th Med Batt  
5th Inf Div (Mech)  
Ft Carson Colorado

Pvt Alvin B Kipfer US 55 712 229

Fitzsimons Army Hospital  
Det Ameds 3412  
Box 1328  
Denver 30 Colorado

Richard Nuest, from LaCrosse, has arrived here for training; his address is:

Pvt Richard Nuest  
Co D 3rd BN USAMTC BAMC  
Class 13 B  
Ft Sam Houston Texas

Carlos Meiss, son of Bro. Elias and Sis. Della Meiss of Fairbury, has turned to the Lord, and has found peace. We wish him the Lord's blessings in his new-found walk of life.

The schedule of churches sending ministers are: Gridley, Kan., on June 10, and Toledo, Ohio, on June 24. As in the past, we would appreciate it if someone from these churches would contact Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Gerst, 423½ Queen Anne Ct. San Antonio 9, Texas, as to who is coming, when, and how.

#### FORT SCOTT, KANSAS

Reporter: Marie Zaugg

April 15, our Sunday School children presented their Easter program.

Our congregation assembled Friday evening, April 20, when Elder Brother Sam Anliker, of Lamont, was with us and served Communion. With Bro. Sam were Bro. and Sis. Bernie Emch and Bro. and Sis. Roy Wernli.

Those visiting here Easter weekend were Bro. and Sis. Sam Huber and family, Gridley, Kansas—Bro. Sam Huber ministered to us this day—Bro. and Sis. Harry Smith and family, Wichita; Bro. and Sis. Chuck Koehl and family, Morris; Ernest and Judy Knecht of Eureka, now stationed at Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri.

April 29, Oscar and Caroline Banwart, Lamar, were with us.

A son, Jeffery Allen, was born May 3 to Glen and Eileen Johnson. Eileen's parents are Bro. and Sis. Fred Sinn.

May 6, Friends Delbert Sinn and Carolyn Harding were united in marriage.

#### FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

Reporter: Mrs. Albert E. Kipfer

Bro. Jesse Stoller, who was confined to the Parkview Memorial Hospital for ten days, is now convalescing at his home. He is gradually regaining his strength, and we trust he will soon be back in

our midst again. We wish him a speedy recovery.

David J. Pulver, son of Bro. and Sis. Lester Pulver, is now being transferred from the Navy station at Great Lakes, Illinois, to the following address:

MMFA 592-47-68  
USS Pictor AF-54  
FPO  
San Francisco California

#### FRANCESVILLE, INDIANA

Reporter: Mrs. Elmer Bucher

On April 29, Bro. George Sinn and his family were with us. Bro. Merle Kaisner was with us on May 6. We appreciate them taking time to visit us.

Th Sunday School presented us with a very inspiring Easter program on Easter.

We have three little girls in our midst with rheumatic fever; Wendy, daughter of Bro. Wendell Gudeman; Miriam, daughter of Herb Cook, and Debbie, daughter of Dwight Bucher. We wish them God's nearness during their shut-in days.

#### Mother's Day

Mother's Day's a day to ponder  
and a time to reminisce,  
Time to think of days that ended  
with a mother's good-night kiss,  
Time to live anew our childhood  
and the days so swiftly flown,  
Wishing we had been more grateful;  
oh! if only we had known.

Had we known in part the heart-ache  
that a mother often bears,  
And the hours spent in silence,  
making intercessory prayers,  
We'd have tried to be more helpful,  
tried to share her heavy load,  
Doing little deeds of kindness,  
as she traveled on life's road.

Though her heart was often broken  
by the things we said and did,  
Still her love was warm and tender,  
knowing we were "just a kid".  
Time marched on, and we grew  
older, and we got a little proud,  
And we did some things in secret,  
that our mom had not allowed.

Yes, we thought it was in secret,  
for we failed to bear in mind,  
She had walked the childhood  
pathway,  
and she knew the danger signs.  
Thus she prayed to God in secret,  
Help me teach my child to know,

How to walk the pilgrim pathway,  
where his tender feet must go.

Mother told us of a Saviour,  
One who died on Calvary's tree,  
Paying there the price of ransom,  
so that we might be set free,  
She no longer told us stories,  
but her prayers did not cease,  
Asking God to draw us to Him,  
and to grant us joy and peace.

Grace to come in true repentance  
and receive the peace of heart,  
Then the hope of life eternal,  
where we never more would  
part.

Has God heard our mother's pleading?

has He answered her request?  
She can only do the pleading;  
you and I must do the rest.

Have we kept the word she taught  
us?

have we followed in her way?  
For God's word so plainly teaches,  
we our parents should obey.

This is right, the Bible tells us;  
'tis on this God's blessings rest,  
And in true, obedient children,  
God's great love is manifest.

So, we thank God for our Mother,  
and we thank our mothers, too,  
Who have told us of a Saviour,  
whom to know is life anew.

May we love you more, dear  
mother,  
with the passing of each day,  
Cause you found it worth your  
while,  
just to kneel down and pray.

By Elmer Bucher

#### GOODFIELD, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Marian Wiegand

We understand death for the first time when he puts his hand upon one whom we love—On April 1, my dear father departed from our midst, to his new home beyond. After he suffered a stroke, he lived only seven hours. Although we miss him, we are grateful that God permitted him to live nearly 82 years . . . and could enjoy good health most of his life.

Surviving are his wife, Rosa (Knapp), two sons, Henry of Carlock, Simon of Deer Creek, and three daughters, Ruth Rokey (Mrs. John A.) of Eureka, Carolyn Rokey (Mrs. Ira) of Goodfield and myself.

Oh, that home of the soul in my  
visions and dreams,



Its bright, jasper walls I can see,  
Till I fancy but thinly the veil  
intervenes

Between the fair city and me.

Oh, how sweet it will be in that  
beautiful land,

So free from all sorrow and pain,  
With songs on our lips and with  
harps in our hands,

To meet one another again.

Our friend, Richard Franks,  
sought his Savior through repentance  
and received peace. We rejoice  
with him. Lou Funk gave his  
testimony of repentance and peace,  
and was baptized.

Visiting ministers: April 8, Bro.  
Leroy Huber of Eureka; April 15,  
Bro. Henry Sabo and Bro. Robert  
Beer of Mansfield; April 22, Bro.  
Ezra Feller of Cissna Park and Bro.  
Henry Grimm of Morton; May 6,  
Bro. Fred Marti of Lamar and Bro.  
Harvey Heiniger of Oakville.

#### GRIDLEY, ILLINOIS

**Reporter: Marilyn Schieler**

Time of Services (Daylight Saving  
Time): Morning services -10:30  
A.M., Morning Sunday School-  
10:30 A.M., Afternoon services-  
12:30 P.M., Afternoon Sunday  
School-12:30 P.M., Mid-week Serv-  
ices-8:00 P.M. (Wednesday).

A son, Craig Allen, was born to  
Bro. and Sis. Willis Gramm on  
May 7. Other children are Curtis,  
Gail, Roger and Mindy.

Bro. Diebold Kiefer passed away  
on Friday, May 4. He had been in  
failing health for several months.  
His funeral was held on Sunday  
afternoon, with Bro. Joe Klopfen-  
stein in charge of services.

Visiting minister on Sun., April  
15, was Bro. Alfred Bahler of Wol-  
cott. Bro. Dave Mangold of Roan-  
oke and Bro. Henry Kilgus of For-  
rest visited us on Wednesday eve-  
ning, April 25. On Sunday, April  
29, Bro. Sam Kilgus of Remington  
and Bro. Joe Kaisner from Forrest  
visited us. We wish to thank these  
ministers and those that came with  
them.

#### GRIDLEY, KANSAS

**Reporter: Mrs. Rudy Bahr**

Visitors the past month: Min-  
istering Bro. Roy Wernli and fam-  
ily, Lamont, April 20, afternoon  
services; Bro. and Sis. John Sch-  
midt, Wolcott; Bro. and Sis.  
Howard Warner and family, Arl-  
ington; Gladys Botham and family,

Matt Strahm, Kansas City; Bro.  
and Sis. Harold Kraft and family,  
Sis. Juanita Sinn, Ft. Scott; Bro.  
and Sis. Godfrey Miller and Chris,  
Eldorado; Oscar and Sis. Carolyn  
Banwart, Lamar; Sis. Mary Reber,  
Ft. Scott; Sis. Elizabeth Otti, Burl-  
ington, Okla.; Ungela Strahm,,  
Wichita.

Brian Bahr, 5-yr.-old son of Bro.  
and Sis. Roy Bahr, had a tonsillect-  
omy, April 30.

Bro. and Sis. Andrew Young  
moved, from their farm, into their  
home in Gridley. Their son,, Har-  
vey, will occupy the farm home.

A baby daughter, Dawn Marie,  
was born on April 27 to John E.  
and Jean Kraft.

We are on Central Standard  
Time year round, Services at 10:30  
a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

#### HILLSBORO, ALABAMA

**Reporter: Clara Heiniger**

Sis. Martha Evans has been  
seriously sick in the hospital, for  
some time, and now is recuperat-  
ing at home. The Evans have re-  
cently sold their place, and now  
have purchased a place nearer the  
church.

Mrs. Erb Moultrie (Sis. Martha  
Evan's daughter) and Sis. Clara  
Heiniger visited Mrs. Ruth Wade at  
Trinity Rest Home, April 11.

The children in all churches gave  
a little Easter program, which is  
always enjoyed by their parents.

#### ILLINOIS STATE NORMAL UNIVERSITY

**Reporter: Nancy Tanner**

For our Thursday evening serv-  
ices on April 5, Bro. Joe Shrock  
conducted the reading and med-  
itation. After this, election of new  
officers for next years school term,  
1962-63, followed. Officers are:  
president, Herb Stoller; vice-presi-  
dent, Pete Meiss; secretary-treas-  
urer, Joyce Kauffman.

Our annual Easter program was  
held on April 12. Many guests at-  
tended, to hear the program, which  
consisted of readings and meditat-  
ions, group singing, and special  
hymns from an ensemble and a trio.  
Bro. Willis Ehnle gave the tradi-  
tional scriptural reading, concern-  
ing the resurrection of Christ.

We welcomed Bro. Ben Maibach  
from Detroit for our services on  
April 26. After his inspiring mes-  
sage, group singing and fellowship  
followed.

#### JUNCTION, OHIO

**Reporter: Mrs. Alvin H. Manz**  
**History**

(Note: Our ministering bro-  
thers, Andrew Dotterer and Henry  
Manz, have gathered the infor-  
mation for the history.)

In 1849, Christopher Henry Dot-  
terer, grandfather of the present  
Dotterer family (that are still liv-  
ing) came to the U.S.A. from  
Baden, Germany, with his family,  
and settled in Morrow County,  
Ohio, which at that time was cover-  
ed with heavy timber.

He went back to his native  
country on a visit in 1864, and  
only then learned to know of the  
Apostolic Christian faith. While  
there, he heard that there were  
also churches of this faith in Leo,  
Ind., and Archbold, Ohio. Upon  
his return home, he went to visit  
the Leo church and asked his son,  
Henry C. Dotterer, to go with him.  
It happened that Bro. Michael Zim-  
merman from Carlock, Ill., was  
there at the time. This was the  
first sermon of our faith that they  
heard in this country. Soon after  
this, they both became members.  
Christopher Dotterer also had four  
other sons and two daughters. Al-  
though the other sons did not be-  
come members, the two daughters  
did.

Since there were other settlers  
in the community of German  
descent, the Dotterers went to visit  
them and tried to get them inter-  
ested in the Apostolic Christian  
faith. Most of them belonged to  
some other teaching, but the Lord  
blessed the efforts put forth, and  
one by one was added to the fold.  
They began to gather together in  
homes for worship, and followed  
this practice for a number of years.  
If I recall right, one sister, Verona  
Brenkman, walked 5 miles to serv-  
ices, carrying a child in her arms.  
One of her sons is still living, who  
is now 93 years old. He became a  
member not very many years ago,  
and at the present time attends the  
Ft. Wayne, Ind., congregation.

In 1892, a church house was built  
at the present location, Bro. Henry  
Dotterer and Bro. Andrew Schrenk  
being the ministers, with the first  
services being held Sept. 11, 1892.

The church was raised, a base-  
ment put under, and the building  
somewhat enlarged in 1913. This  
never came to be a large congre-  
gation, as many of the younger  
generation went to larger towns or

cities further away to obtain work.

Traveling to larger towns was mostly done with boats drawn by horses or mules. The canals were also made with horse-drawn tools and hand labor, which was a large project, working through the dense timber. One canal ran from Cincinnati, Ohio, to Toledo, Ohio, about 200 miles. The other came from Ft. Wayne, Ind., and the two joined in Junction, which gave it this name.

The church house is standing on the farm that Henry Dotterer purchased during the Civil War, over a 100 years ago. Also the cemetery, known as the Dotterer cemetery, is on the same farm, where some of 5 generations of Dotterers are lying at rest. This farm has been kept in the family ever since, with one of the granddaughters living there at the present time.

Bro. Elias Dotterer, whom many of you knew, was the oldest son of Bro. Henry Dotterer. He was born on this farm and lived there all the days of his life.

Our present ministers are: Bros. Henry Manz, Andrew Dotterer and Ben Schlatter. Our Elder Brother is George Sinn of Latty. The present congregation comprises of 37 adults and 41 children of regular attendance.

#### LA CROSSE, INDIANA

**Reporter: Albert J. Bucher**

Our visiting ministers were Bro. Albert Fisher of Chicago, on April 1, and Bro. Ben Maibach of Detroit, on Good Friday evening. Their wives accompanied them.

An Easter program was given on Palm Sunday, in the afternoon, by the Sunday School classes and others.

Births: A daughter to Jim and Karen Heinold, on March 6; A daughter to Paul and Doreen Kuehl on May 4.

On April 29, twenty couples from Roanoke and Eureka visited our congregation.

Our friend, Richard Nuest, who left for the service the fore part of April, is stationed at Ft. Sam Houston.

#### LAMONT, KANSAS

**Reporter: Mrs. Bernie Emch**

Bro. and Sis. Donald Broquard & family of Fairbury spent Easter week end visiting her folks, Bro. and Sis. Samuel Anliker, Bro. and Sis. Glenn Anliker, and other rel-

atives. Bro. and Sis. John Schmidt of Wolcott assembled with us, also, Easter Sunday. They were on their way home, after a visit in California.

Bro. Chris Sauder has been in the St. Francis Hospital in Wichita for several weeks for observation and treatment. Our prayers are that he can soon assemble with us again.

On Sunday, May 6, our elder Bro. Samuel Anliker, served Communion to us. It indeed humbled us to partake of the Holy Sacrament.

#### LANDERSVILLE, ALABAMA

**Reporter: Clara Heiniger**

Friday evening, April 6, worship services were held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cully Norton.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Vess are parents of a baby boy, born April 10.

Sunday School and worship service were held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Craig, Friday evening, April 20.

Richard Frost has been sick with a strep throat, and had been in the hospital a few days.

Worship service was held in the home of the Bro. Carl Nayler family, Friday evening, April 27.

Sis. Bessie Drake and her husband, Lester, is much improved at this writing.

#### LATTY, OHIO

**Reporter: Roberta Stoller**

On April 15 Roger Eisenmann and Jeanne Kaehr were united in marriage, at the home of the brides parents, near Bluffton. Bro. Sam Aeschliman performed the ceremony. Roger is the son of Bro. William Eisenmann and the late sister Cora, and Jeanne is the daughter of Bro. and Sis. Ezra Kaehr.

On Easter Sunday, April 22, Bro. Walter Rechklau of Toledo was our visiting minister. We had a very nice day, and thank him for the messages he brought to us.

Sis. Mary Ella Klopfenstein was hospitalized, but is now home and improving.

We just received word that our aged brother, Carl Zeltwanger, passed away Thursday evening at his home, after being sick for over two years. Funeral services will be held Sunday, May 13.

#### LEO, INDIANA

**Reporter: Mrs. Elias Souder**

Sunday, May 6, the Leo church

partook of Holy Communion. Bros. Samuel Aeschliman of Bluffton, George Sinn of Latty, Theo Beer of Milford, and George Yergler of La Crosse officiated. David Bertsch was the name of the brother chosen to assist in the ministry.

Maurice Frank ministered to our church on Sunday, May 13, in his service, he likened a Christian's life to a metal that must be cut and polished to be of use to the Master. The more the Master works with the moulding, the more beautiful it becomes. We have not forgotten the untiring effort Maurice and Lucille put forth on the Silver Lining, when they lived here.

#### LESTER, IOWA

**Reporter: Emelie Knobloch**

Our morning services begin at 10 A.M., and Afternoon Services at 1 P.M. We have a singing hour 7:30 to 8 P.M., every first and third Sunday of each month.

Word has been received that Bro. Wayne Gerber, son of Bro. and Sis. Theodore Gerber, has arrived in Germany. Bro. William Knobloch, son of Bro. and Sister Emil Knobloch, is now stationed in Pennsylvania; Donald Metzger, son of Ernst Metzger, has a year left, in France. Clyde Knobloch has been discharged from service; he is the son of Bro. and Sis. Emil Knobloch, and Ernest Schambach, son of Ernst and Sis. Pauline Schambach of Chicago, has also been discharged. They will both make their future home at Chicago.

On April 28, Helen Wulf, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Wulf, and Wm. Sharp Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Sharp Sr. of Morris Plains, New Jersey, were married. Mr. and Mrs. Wulf will make their home in Chicago, where both are employed. Folks from West Bend and Morris and Bro. and Sis. Noah Gerber of West Bend remained with us the following Sunday, so we enjoyed a blessed day.

Bro. August Knobloch was able to attend services again; he seems quite improved. He is staying at his son's, Bro. Martin, after spending a few weeks at West Bend with his daughters.

Sis. Emma Meyer has been ill, but seemed improved at this writing.

#### MILFORD, INDIANA

**Reporter: Arthur Haab**

Morning Service: 10:00 A.M.,

Afternoon Service: 12:15 P. M.,  
Midweek Service and Bible Study:  
Wed. eve., 7:30 P.M. (DST).

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Kammerer  
have a baby girl.

Our Easter Program was held on  
Palm Sunday, with many visitors  
from the Bremen church taking  
part in it. We certainly enjoyed  
their part in it, and welcome them  
back any time.

Sunrise Services were held East-  
er morning at Bro. Henry Beer's  
cabin on Turkey Creek.

Our aged friend, Anna Wenger,  
has been announced for proving.

Sis. Shirley Beer was in the hos-  
pital, and is now at home.

### MORRIS, MINNESOTA

**Reporter: Mrs. Louie Messner**

Easter Sunday evening, the Sun-  
day School children gave their  
Easter program.

We started singing in church the  
first and third Sunday of each  
month, at 7:30 P.M.

Chuck Kellenberger is home,  
having spent 5 months in Europe.  
It was not the usual tourist trip.  
He took it to supplement his course  
of studies at the University of  
Minnesota.

Those who were in the hospital,  
but are home again, were Pamele  
and Danny Schmidgall, Bro. David  
Moser, Sis. Sophie Luthi, Sis. Min-  
nie Luthi.

Bro. Calvin Moser is still hos-  
pitalized with injuries received  
Friday, April 13, when a piece  
of his clothing became caught in a  
feed mixer, and pulled him into the  
machine. He received extensive  
lacerations on his lower back and  
multiple contusions and bruises  
on his back and leg. He had sur-  
gery May 7.

By June 1, we will be on Day-  
light Saving Time.

Bro. William Zeltwanger Sr.'s  
father, Bro. Carl Zeltwanger pass-  
ed away in Latty; Sis. Clara Mos-  
er's brother, Dan Scheitlin of Illi-  
nois passed away. We extend our  
sincere sympathy to them who  
just lost their loved ones.

Mother's Day, we were remind-  
ed how we look forward to Mother  
and Fathers Day, when we pay tri-  
bute to them for their love,  
prayers, and understanding.  
Through the year, we often for-  
get to tell them how we love them,  
for what they do and mean to us.  
Many of us looked forward to  
spending the evening with our

mothers on Mother's Day. How  
many of us would look forward to  
meeting our dear Saviour, if He  
were to come tonight?

### MORTON, ILLINOIS

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

Church Services: Sundays —  
10:00 A.M. - 12:15 P.M., Wednes-  
days — 7:30 P.M. (D.S.T.).

Funeral services for Sis. Minnie  
Ringger, 101 years old, were held  
at the Morton Funeral Home on  
April 19. Burial was in the Fair-  
bury cemetery.

Funeral services for Sis. Anna  
Hoerr, 84, were held April 27. Bro.  
Joe A. Getz officiated.

Funeral services for Henry Stieg-  
litz, 72, were held Sunday, May 6.  
Bro. Joe A. Getz officiated. He  
leaves his wife, Emma Overbach  
Stieglitz, a daughter, Mrs. Donald  
Getz, and a son, Robert, to mourn  
his loss.

We were happy to have Bro. Ben  
Maibach of Detroit and Bro. Low-  
ell Stoller of Princeville with us on  
Sunday April 22.

Sis. Mary Strahm and Sis. Hilda  
Roth are patients at the Methodist  
Hospital in Peoria.

Sis. Lydia Belsley and Sis. Anna  
L. Ackerman are patients at the  
Restmor Nursing Home.

A daughter, Brenda, was born to  
Bro. and Sis. Howard Getz, April  
21.

### Know Each Other Better

Sister Mary Grimm was born in  
Morton, Ill., the year of 1878. She  
will be 84 years old August 20. She  
was born to Bro. Jacob and Sis.  
Katherine Rapp Slagel, was the  
oldest of four children. She had  
one sister, Caroline, two brothers,  
Christian and Jacob. Both brothers  
died at a young age. Her father,  
along with two others, met with a  
tragic death in September of 1884,  
by flying objects of the Morton  
Cider Mill explosion.

The youngest brother, Jacob,  
was born the following February.  
Her mother was left with a small  
income, living at the edge of Mor-  
ton. She had several cows, selling  
milk and keeping boarders for  
livelihood. Sister Mary's uncle,  
Bro. Matthew Rapp, came to live  
with them and help raise the fam-  
ily.

In 1893, her mother was married  
to Bro. Wm. Voelpel, a widower  
with five sons and eight daughters.  
Six daughters living are Sisters

Louisa Hauter, Anna Baurer, Mary  
Alt, Bertha Frank of Morton, Lil-  
lian Voelpel of Peoria, and Ida  
Brenkman of Ogden, Utah.

Sis. Mary was converted at the  
age of fourteen years and was  
baptized in June, 1894, by Elder  
Bro. George Welk.

In 1907, she went to live with  
her sister, Caroline, wife of Bro.  
John Steiner, and family of three  
sons and eight daughters.

In the year of 1919, she was mar-  
ried to Bro. Wm. Grimm Sr., who  
had seven children, namely Sam;  
Bro. Henry, Sis. Naomi, wife of  
Bro. Frank Bauman; Bro. Daniel;  
Bro. Wm. Jr. and Benjamin, all of  
Morton, and Oscar of Bushnell,  
Illinois.

They celebrated their fortieth  
wedding anniversary on February  
23, 1959. After a short illness, Bro.  
Wm. passed away on May 26 of the  
same year.

Sister Mary lives alone in a small  
home, where they lived since 1945.  
Besides reasonably good health,  
which enables her to do her house-  
work and some gardening, she is  
blessed with good eyesight, and  
spends much of her time piecing  
quilts for her two families. She  
thoroughly enjoys the fellowship  
of her family and host of friends,  
and that she can attend church reg-  
ularly.

### NEW MARTINSVILLE, W. VA.

**Reporter: Mrs. Gus Weltz**

Everett H. Riggerbach, son of  
Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Riggerbach of  
Canton, O., was killed in an auto-  
mobile accident at Condon, Oregon,  
on April 21. He was serving in the  
United States Army, and would  
have completed twenty years of  
service in June. He leaves a wife  
and daughter, his parents, four  
brothers and four sisters. Services  
and interment took place in Arling-  
ton National Cemetery.

Dan S. Witschey is a surgical  
patient in the Ohio Valley Hospital  
in Wheeling. He has had two oper-  
ations since there, but is recovering  
nicely, and will be able to come  
home around the last of the month.

Mrs. C. O. Wade is recovering  
from painful bruises received in a  
fall from a porch during the house-  
cleaning period.

Joe Witschey of Wadsworth, O.,  
spent several days here with rel-  
atives during the month.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Witschey  
and daughter of Charleston, W.

Va., visited with relatives here over the week-end of May 6.

A. E. Riggenbach spent Sunday, May 6, with friends on Limestone Ridge.

John Witschey of Charleston, W. Va., spent Sunday and Monday in Wheeling, with his father, D. S. Witschey.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Witschey of Doylestown, O., visited with the Witschey families here on May 6.

Church services will be held at the country church, beginning with the fourth Sunday in May, and will be held each fourth Sunday, during June, July and August and perhaps September, if the weather permits. Services will be held in the afternoon only. Plans are being made now to ready the building and grounds before the Decoration Day period. All are welcome to attend these services. Delbert Indermuhle will be in charge of the summer services, and any one coming may contact him at any time. The time will be Daylight Saving Time.

#### OAKVILLE, IOWA

**Reporter: Mrs. Ezra Gerst**

Elder Bro. Joshua Broquard of Fairbury was with us on April 15, to assist our Elder Bro. Noah Schrock with reading the Memorandum of the Brotherhood meeting.

We held our annual election for church offices on April 19. Bro. Richard Gerst succeeded Bro. Herbert Gerst as trustee, Bro. Dave Miller succeeded Bro. Roy Kuntz on the cemetery committee, and Sis. Hilda Gerst will serve in place of Sis. Rose Frank on the food committee.

We will go on Daylight Saving Time, starting May 27. Church services are 10:30 A.M. and 12:45 P.M.

Bro. and Sis. Conrad and Roletta Gerst were home on furlough for ten days. They left again for San Antonio, Texas, on May 2.

Sis. Priscilla Rauhaus suffered a fall and was hospitalized, but has returned home and is recovering. Bro. Sam Kuferschmid, who has been ill for some time, is at St. Francis Hospital in Burlington.

Bro. Simeon Wagenbach ministered to us on May 6. His wife, Sis. Louise, daughter Sis. Carol, and son, Bro. Bob and family, accompanied him.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Korf on May 6. Mrs. Korf is the daughter of Bro. and Sis. Rich-

ard and Luella Anliker.

Bro. John Steiner was called for military service, and left here May 8.

#### PEORIA, ILLINOIS

**Reporter: Mrs. Michael Weyeneth**

Bro. and Sis. Herman Kellenberger of Elgin, Ill., Bro. and Sis. Henry Kellenberger and Sis. Marguerite Messner of Winthrop were with us Sun., April 15. We enjoyed Bro. Herman's sermons very much.

On Thursday, April 19, Bro. Michael Weyeneth and the Peoria singing group had services at the County Nursing Home in Tremont. Gifts were taken to the shut-ins. It was greatly appreciated.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rieckert the past month.

Christian Endeavor was held here May 6, with eleven churches taking part. We had reason to thank God for the blessed evening, with so many young folks taking part. Bro. Eugene Bertschi of Roanoke gave the inspirational message. A short meeting was held for the teachers. After the program, lunch was served.

Bro. Pete Martin, who has been confined for a long time at the Bellwood Nursing Home, had a birthday May 7. The men's singing group, with their wives and others, visited him that evening. They took refreshments. It was a blessed evening for all. Any good deeds we do for each other here on earth will bring forth their harvest in eternity.

Mrs. Jake Zeller and her son, Emery, have moved here from Tremont. Their address is 804 N. Idaho Street. Bro. and Sis. Irvin Hodel moved here from Champaign, Illinois. Their address is 1905 N. Peoria. We wish to welcome them.

Bro. and Sis. Albert Wuthrich spend Easter Sunday with us. We enjoyed his message very much. Bro. Wuthrich's daughter and her husband, Bro. and Sis. Robert Kiefer, moved here, and are making Peoria their home. They live at 1520 Barker Avenue.

Bro. Willis Ehnle had an inspiring message for our Bible Class, Sunday, April 29. We hope he will soon come again. Bro. Ehnle, his wife, Lois, and two children spent the day with us.

#### PHOENIX, ARIZONA

**Reporter: Mrs. Roy Stevig**

Palm Sunday was a most blessed day for our little group, as we shared the Lord's Supper. Elder Bro. Carl Kinsinger from Altadena assisted our Elder Bro. Roy Farney.

During the Easter vacation, our youth group, and some of their parents visited the brethren in California. We had many blessed hours with them. We gathered with them early in the morn for an Easter Sunrise service in the mountains to sing hymns of our risen Lord. A very nice breakfast was served in a near by park. We who live so far from our loved ones truly appreciate the fellowship, when we must drive a day's journey to reach the brethren in our nearest congregation.

As we did not have Aldo Yackley's address for last month's report, we will include it at this time: A3C Clarence A Yackley AF 19734833 Mailroom No. 4 Box 4375 Chanute AFB Illinois

Our Sunday School children enjoyed their annual spring picnic supper in Encanto Park, on April 29. Thirty-five children were present.

Sis. LaVina Dotterer submitted to surgery May 8, and we are happy to report she is getting along satisfactorily.

Our dear sister, Marie Wuthrich, who attended services so faithfully, has been unable to be with us regularly, recently. I know she would be happy to receive mail from her many friends. Her address is, 1009 W. Vista, Phoenix 21, Arizona.

Our recent visitors included two couples on their honeymoon out West, Bro. and Sis. Leonard Baumgartner, Bern, and Mr. and Mrs. Don Gasser, Rittman, Ohio.

Also visiting us were, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Roth, and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Wewetzer and family from Elgin, Ill.; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Murlock, St. Charles, Ill.; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Drasil, El Cajon, California; Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Martin, Peoria; Bro. and Sis. Gerald Sauder, Cheryl and Jeff of Roanoke; Bro. and Sis. John Schmidt of Wolcott; Bro. and Sis. Carl Kinsinger, Lavonne and Doug, Sis. Betty Baker, and Carol Stoller, all of Altadena, Bro. Emil Bessler from San Diego.

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

Portland Congregation—P. D. T. Morning Services: 10:30, Noon Singing: 12:30, Afternoon Services: 1:00, Sunday School: 10:30. Silverton Congregation—P. S. T. Morning Services: 10:30, Noon Singing: 12:30, Afternoon Services: 1:00, Sunday School: 10:30. Silverton has not gone on Daylight Saving Time.

Bro. Ernie and Sis. Tillie Kellenberger (from Morris) visited us on April 15. We enjoyed their visit so much.

On Easter Sunday, our sister, Golda Ditch, was able to visit us. She's from Medford, Oregon.

The following Sunday, April 29, Bro. Ray and Sis. Anna Cooper visited with us again. Sis. Anna had been hospitalized for several days, but is feeling some better again.

Friend Helen Miller from Princeville is visiting out here several days. She visited the church, May 6.

**"I Know Who Holds Tomorrow"**

I don't know about tomorrow,  
I just live from day to day.  
I don't borrow from its sunshine,  
For its skies may turn to gray.  
I don't worry o'er the future,  
For I know what Jesus said,  
And today — I'll walk beside Him,  
For He knows what is ahead.

Every step is getting brighter,  
As the golden stairs I climb;  
Every burden's getting lighter;  
Every cloud is silver-lined.  
There the sun is always shining;  
There no tear will dim the eye,  
At the ending of the rainbow,  
Where the mountains touch the sky.

I don't know about tomorrow;  
It may bring me poverty,  
But the One who feeds the sparrow  
Is the One who stands by me,  
And the path that be my portion  
May be through the flame or flood,  
But His presence goes before me,  
And I'm covered with His blood.

Many things about tomorrow  
I don't seem to understand,  
But I know who holds tomorrow  
And I know who holds my hand.

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

We have been observing Day-

light Saving Time since the last Sunday in April. Morning Worship is 10:00, Sunday School, 10:00, Afternoon Worship, 12:30, C.D.T. Wednesday evening services have been discontinued during the summer months.

Funeral services for Sis. Elsie Stahl, who just recently moved to Peoria were held April 13, with Brothers David Kieser, Henry Sabo of Mansfield, and Frank Woertz of Goodfield officiating. Brothers Robert Beer of Mansfield and Michael Weyeneth of Peoria also assisted. She was laid to rest in the Streitmatter Cemetery.

On April 10, William and Sis. Mary Begner observed their 63rd wedding anniversary. Both are able to be up each day, but are in failing health, and have been unable to be out for some time.

Bro. Charles and Sis. Rose Koelling and Hulda have returned home, after spending the winter in Florida.

Bro. Roy Rumbold was in the hospital for a few days receiving treatment, but has returned home again.

Sis. Lena Rumbold is suffering from a heart condition, and is unable to be with us for a few weeks.

On April 14, a son was born to Bro. LeRoy and Sis. Donna Ehnle; on April 28, a son was born to Bro. Alfred and Sis. Virginia Streitmatter; and on April 29, Bro. Elwin and Sis. Loretta Rumbold welcomed a son.

A large group gathered to observe Good Friday, with evening services.

Bro. Michael Weyeneth of Peoria ministered to us April 29, and on May 6, we were happy to have Bro. Edmund Kloter of Fairbury and Bro. Edwin Ringger of Gridley with us. Their families, as well as others accompanied them, and we thank them all for their visit. It is indeed strengthening and stirs one's soul to have young brothers minister so earnestly, who are also struggling on the same road of faith as we. May they be richly rewarded for their efforts.

We were happy to have our Elder Brother Silas Leuthold occupy his place on the pulpit May 6, after an absence of five weeks.

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

Bro. and Sis. Ike Rufener from Rittman visited us on the way

home from their honeymoon out West, on April 1. We enjoyed their visit very much.

Bro. Chris and Sis. Alice Rinkenberger of Burlington and Sis. (Mrs.) Sam Kuerth of Gridley, Illinois, visited with us on April 8.

On April 15, Elder Bro. Fred and Sis. Louise Grimm visited our congregation and showed the pictures of the Japan churches on Saturday night, and then read the memorandum on Sunday. Bro. James and Sis. Lois Sutter of Quincy also came along with them. We were richly blessed with Bro. Fred's inspiring messages and teachings.

On Easter Sunday, we had quite a few visitors: Alice and Bill Haney and Barbara Jean from Clearfield, Iowa; Danny and Sis. Lois Endress and family from Princeville, Mr. and Mrs. Junior Miller and family from Ottumwa, Iowa; Bro. Rodger and Sis. Mary Moser of Oakville, visited with their mother, Sis. Hattie Miller, and her son, Gene, on Easter.

On Easter Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Drayer of Rankin, Illinois; Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Burgett, and Randy of Goodwine, Illinois; Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Dearth and Colleen, of Watseka, Illinois; Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Martin of Rockford, Illinois; Bro. Glen and Sis. Josephine Martin and family of Wappello, Iowa; Bro. Dale, Sis. Adele, Mary, Vera, and Sam Martin visited with Bro. and Sis. Ray Martin.

Fred and Sis. Carrie Metzger of Lester visited with the Bro. Russel Wuthrich family on Easter. Also, Bro. and Sis. Ernest Metzger and three of the children of Lester visited with Bro. and Sis. Joel Wuthrich and family on Easter.

Bob Metzger from Elgin, Illinois, is spending the summer with Bro. and Sis. Russel Wuthrich.

Bro. Allen and Sis. Delores Marti and family are spending a couple of weeks here working on their farm. We are glad to have them here again.

**PURDUE UNIVERSITY  
WEST LAFAYETTE, INDIANA****Reporter: Betty Bahler**

The Purdue Student Fellowship meetings have been held every other Thursday evening at 7:00 E.S.T., at 315 University St., West Lafayette, Indiana. We have had spirit-filled messages by ministering brothers from LaCrosse, Wol-

cott, Bremen, Bluffton and Milford.

Our last meeting will be held May 24.

Our fellowship has meant much to all who gather with us, and we trust the Lord has blessed each one.

We look forward to next fall, when we hope to resume our meetings, and hope all who plan to attend Purdue University will make their plans known. We welcome all student members, friends, and their guests. May this continue to be a time of spiritual uplift and warm fellowship for those away from home and others of this community who find it worthwhile to gather with us.

### REMINGTON, INDIANA

Reporter: Emily Kilgus

#### History

In the spring of 1900, a few families from Fairbury, Illinois, located southeast of Remington. Nicholas Nussbaum, with his family, located southeast of Remington. John Abersoll located east of Wolcott, with his family. Later, Andrew Zimmerman and John Schieler located their families in Remington.

One of the main points for settling here was that the land was considerable cheaper here than in Illinois. Land ranged from \$50 to \$75 per acre, while in Illinois it was \$100 and upward.

Services were held in the homes each Sunday, with Brother John Schieler as the minister. The following year, Conrad Beckley, Henry Peter and Arnold Seibenthal settled here. At the same time, a number of families gathered around Wolcott. The group was getting too large to gather in homes, and in the year of 1902, Brother Amos Sauder came, from Mansfield, Ohio, to Wolcott and was their minister.

In the year 1903, a number of new families came into the community, including the Robert Bahler family, and it was this year that they felt the necessity of having a meeting house. Brother John Schieler, who was a carpenter, with the aid of a few volunteer helpers, built the church for approximately \$1800.00. In 1910, this church was enlarged. Then, in 1947, the need was seen for a larger church, which was finished in 1948.

The ministers that have served this church are Bros. John Schieler, Robert Bahler, Nicholas Nuss-

baum, Carl Baer and Andrew Nussbaum. Our present ministers are Bros. Sam Kilgus, Earl Kilgus and Edwin Bahler.

Our church now has 77 members, and we hope and pray that there will be yet many more gathered in, that our house might be filled.

### RITTMAN, OHIO

Reporter: Lucille Hartzler

On Monday, April 16, a groundbreaking service was held at the church, to begin the construction of our new auditorium. This addition will lie south and east of our present building, and be connected to the present building at the south end. It will have a seating capacity of 1000. We pray that God will bless the labors of those who so willingly have given their time in planning for this addition, and that it may be a house of honor unto Him.

Bro. Andrew Dotterer of Junction ministered to us on April 22. On May 6, our visiting ministers were Bros. Robert Stoll and Lorentz Emch of Girard.

A girl, Diana Marie, was born to Bro. and Sis. Harlan Stoller on April 23.

Our four friends, Ruth and Ronald Steiner and Georgia and Addison Widmer, have been announced for proving at a later date.

### ROANOKE, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Sara Aeschleman

Funeral services were held Saturday, April 11, for Bro. John Brandle, who died at the age of 87 years. Bro. Joe Zimmerman had the service.

Bro. and Sis. Eugene Bertschi have a new daughter, Janice Katherine. Also, our friends, Marvin and Judy Blunier, are the parents of their first child, Jeffrey Allan, born April 22.

Sis Lillie Fehr, who recently fell and broke her wrist, is now making her home at the nursing home, here at Roanoke.

We are very glad to have Bro. Dave and Sis. Anna Mangold back in our midst, after having spent several weeks at Ft. Lauderdale.

Bro. and Sis. Mel Hohulin and family of Portland are spending several days here, visiting their parents and relatives.

Our Easter program was held April 22, on Wednesday evening, with the Sunday School children, the Bible Class, and the Prairie

Choristers taking part.

We enjoyed the fellowship with all the young folks from Bluffton, who spent Sunday, April 28, with us.

### ROCKVILLE, CONNECTICUT

Reporter: Carlton J. Lanz

Due to illness, Bro. Albert Ludwig has been confined to his home. Consequently, he could not assemble with us for several months. He did avail himself, however, of the opportunities he had, to gather with his family, when it was then possible. Let us always be mindful of the afflicted and shut-ins, and of those who so often need a word of comfort.

On April 14, our community was saddened by the sudden death of Sis. Rose Lanz (wife of Bro. Albert Lanz). Here, among those for the funeral, other than the immediate family, were Bro. Ed and Anna Lanz and Sis. Hattie Schrock, of Oakville, Bro. Joe A. Getz of Morton. Bro. John Bahler conducted the burial services held on April 16.

Communion services were held here at the church, on Sunday, April 29. Bro. Geo. Yergler of La Crosse, Ind., having come with Bro. Lee Zimmerman and wife, assisted Bro. John Bahler at the serving of the Lord's Supper. We were very pleased to have Bro. Yergler with us.

Our several dear young friends, who, having repented, recently, and now have peace with God, have, indeed, given us cause to rejoice with them. Those having made this wonderful experience are: Ronald Luginbuhl, Dale Zahner, Danny Kupferschmid, Marjorie Heintz, Norma Diggelman, Douglas Moser, Roger Moser and Karen Virkler.

On Sunday evening, May 6, we had hymn singing at the home of Bro. Will and Martha Schneider, where a large number of members and friends gathered to welcome Sister Joyce (Wagenbach) to our congregation and community. She was from Tremont, and is now married to Bro. Roy Schneider.

We were delighted to have Bro. Noah Schrock stop in on May 9 (somewhat unexpected), and be present at our mid-week, Wednesday evening, service . . . Enjoyed his brief stay with us.

Word has been received of the death of Alfred Blatter, formerly

of here. He was affiliated with the Apostolic Christian Church, and, in recent years, he spent his time at Rockville and San Diego, Calif., where his son lived, at which place his death occurred. His body will be brought here for burial.

#### SABETHA, KANSAS

**Reporter: Eldon Metzger**

Bro. Jack and Sis. Janet Wysong are the parents of a girl, Lexia Lee, born March 15. Lexia's grandparents are Bro. Roy and Sis. Evelyn Wysong. Born to Jerry and Ruth Kellenberger, April 16, was Amy Lee, granddaughter of Bro. Art and Sis. Marie Kellenberger.

Born to Clifford and Barbara Edelman, April 30, was a girl, Pamela Sue. Bro. Phil and Sis. Bertha Metzger are Pamela's grandparents.

Bro. Lewis Bahr is home now, recuperating from a broken leg.

Sis. Bessie Elliott is in the hospital, after she fell and broke her knee cap.

Bro. Menno Steiner had to be taken to the hospital, early the morning of May 7. He was in a coma for several hours, but we are thankful he is somewhat improved. Sis. Albertina Steiner fell, just about a week before, and cracked several ribs. We wish them all God's blessing in a speedy recovery.

We were once again uplifted, as we partook of the body of Christ in Holy Communion, Sunday, April 29, with Elder Bros. Sam Anliker and Lester Hartter serving us.

We rejoice with John Plattner, that he has answered Christ's call, and pray that God will give him grace to be reborn and become a child of God.

The Sabetha church is on Central Standard Time, and begins at 9:50 A.M. and at 12:00. There is 25 minutes of singing, and services start at 12:25.

#### TAYLOR, MISSOURI

**Reporter: Mrs. Eli Sutter**

Our community has gone on Daylight Saving Time. Services are conducted at the same time as before the change, except that our Wednesday evening Service starts at 8:00, instead of 7:30.

Our Sunday School teachers and pupils presented the Easter program on Sunday, April 15. It was enjoyed by all of those present.

We enjoyed having Bro. Al Fisher, Chicago, with us on Sun-

day, April 29. He was accompanied by his wife, Sis. Margaret, and Sisters Estella Lehman, Tillie Gerst and Lauretta Haerr. Bro. Bob and Sis. Joyce Pohl and daughters, Tina and Becky, Burlington, also came to spend the week end with Sis. Joyce's parents, Bro. and Sis. Eli Sutter. On Saturday, Joyce became very ill and was taken to the hospital, where she remained for several days. She has returned to their home in Burlington and is getting along quite well.

Bro. Clarence Kolthoff entered the hospital April 9, for tests. We hope nothing serious will be found.

#### TOLEDO, OHIO

**Reporter: Emily Frautschi**

On Easter Sunday, April 22, the engagement of Sis. Mary Ann Newman and Bro. Al Weigele of Alto was announced. We wish them much grace and happiness from the Lord in their future life together.

Our Sunday School had their Easter Program on Easter evening.

Our monthly Song Service was well attended on Sunday evening, May 6, and there was a blessing for all who attended.

Visitors on April 22 — Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Teagle and Mrs. Goldie Hodges of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, were visiting the Jack Stewart family; the Ralph Troxel family from Bluffton, Indiana, the Al Frautschi family from Grabill, and the Carl Frautschi family from Bloomington, Illinois, were also here on the 22nd.

On May 6, Bro. and Sis. Weigele of Alto, and their sons, Ernie and Bro. Al, visited us in Toledo.

#### TREMONT, ILLINOIS

**Reporter: Mrs. William H. Beutel**

April 15 was the wedding of Sis. Joyce Wagenbach and Bro. Roy Schneider of Rockville. Bro. Joe A. Getz married them.

The evening of April 14, the Sunday School children gave a very interesting Easter program.

Sis. Noah Hermann had surgery, and is getting along very nicely.

Bro. and Sis. Glenn Dill are parents of their first child, Cynthia Ann, born April 21.

Visiting ministers were Bros. George Wagenbach, John Wagenbach, Ben Maibach, and Roy Sauder.

#### TSUTSUZIGA—OKA, SHIODA, & TAMAHATA, JAPAN

**Reporter: Yoshito Inoue**

Sis. Mizue Ozawa, a former Sunday School teacher at Shioda, moved in Tokyo to attend a college. She now goes to Tsutsuziga-oka church. Sis. Kyoko Hatsuumi, also a former Sunday School teacher at Shioda, moved in Saitama prefecture, to work there as an elementary school teacher, after she graduated from her college this March.

Bro. Akito Inoue, who used to live in Tokyo for a while, went back to his mother's home in Tamahata, where we have now a new church, to go to his college in Yamanashi prefecture. Now, we have there two brothers and two sisters.

Our dedication service for new Tamahata church is expected on May 20.

#### UNION CITY, NEW JERSEY

**Reporter: August Mueller**

Visitors: March 8, Bro. and Sis. Ray Heinz, March 15, Bro. and Sis. Ernst Lugenbuhl, Bro. and Sis. Al Schneider, Bro. and Sis. John Erisman and daughter, Bro. Karl Erisman, and Sis. Barbara Erisman, all from Rockville. April 22, Bro. and Sis. Art Herzig, Castorland, Edward Aeschliman, his wife and children, Roanoke; Sis. Frida Brandli, Sis. Emma Ruch, John Rumpf and his wife, Rockville.

On Wednesday, April 25, Sis. Esther Isch was admitted to Christ Hospital in serious condition. We pray that the Lord will grant her a speedy recovery, as we miss her very much in church.

I am happy to report that Sis. Esther Isch is home from the hospital, although in weak condition. We thank God that she is still among us, because she was very close to death, but again we can see that God is a God of love and mercy. Praise ye the Lord.

Bros. Luginbuhl and Schneider served us with the word of God; weighty words were proclaimed unto us.

We invite members and friends, young and old, to visit us in Union City.

#### WEST BEND, IOWA

**Reporter: Anna M. Schmidt**

The visitors for April 15 week end were Bro. and Sis. Will and Minnie Luthi and Bro. and Sis. Reuben and Chrystol Luthi and son, Jeffrey, from Morris.

Easter week end visitors were Bro. and Sis. Eugene and Ella Mae Schmidt, Winthrop; Bro. and Sis. Martin and Zelma Knobloch and three youngest daughters; Bro. and Sis. Joe and Minnie Siegle and daughter, Evelyn, from Oakville; Sis. Julia Miller and daughters, Lorene and Loretta, and grandson, Charles Miller, from Peoria; and Sis. Edna Mogler from Lester.

A son, Craig Eugene, was born to Bro. and Sis. Victor Banwart, May 2.

Sis. Elizabeth Marti was severely injured in a fall down a basement stairs. She will be hospitalized for some time. She is in the Mercy Hospital in Fort Dodge, Iowa.

Friends Verner and Beverly Wirtz were announced to be proved in the near future. We wish them God's grace.

Sis. Emma Schmidt from Winthrop is spending a few days with the Merlin Schmidt family.

#### WICHITA, KANSAS

Reporter: Dave Hangartner

#### Know Each Other Better

The oldest member in our congregation is Sister Marie Schrock Riedell, who will be 79 years old next November 19. She was born in Bern, Kansas, November 19, 1883, and when she was 8 years old, she moved to Congerville, Illinois, with her parents, Brother and Sister John and Rose Whittmer Schrock.

In about 1900, the family moved back to Bern, Kansas, and, ten years later, the family moved to a farm south of Hazelton, Kansas, where she spent most of her childhood.

Sister Marie, recalling her childhood in this pioneer country, said that times were sometimes hard, and they endured many privations and hardships compared with the luxury of today. But, with all the hardships, they lived a happy and contented life. They always had plenty to eat, and she feels the Lord blessed them in many ways.

Attending the Burlington Church on Sundays was something to look forward to for the entire family. They went, rain or shine, cold weather or hot, even though the 12 miles to church and 12 miles back had to be made by horse and buggy. She relates that in winter, when the weather was cold, her

father would heat stones and lay them at the children's feet to help them keep warm, and even then it was cold sometimes. She smiled when she said that "later father bought an Auburn automobile . . . and was the first automobile to be driven into the church yard." From then on, the trip to church was more pleasant for all the family.

Sister Marie smiled and said, "I guess we had it smooth compared with others, and we had good parents to raise us and to take us to church. We were happy".

She was the oldest of the daughters, so had to bear the early burdens of helping mother cook, wash, iron, and all the other chores so common around those early farm homes.

She was married to John Riedell, September 30, 1911, and shortly after, moved to Wichita, Kansas, where he became associated with the plumbing business, until his death in 1940. They have two children, Robert and Alton.

She became converted and was baptized in the Burlington Church by Elder Brother Kerz, May 21, 1912, so became the first member of the Apostolic Church in Wichita. The following year, the Alfred Lambert family moved to Wichita, thus forming the nucleus of the present day church in Wichita. She recalls the many times that Bro. Alfred walked to their home and would pray with them. She says "Those were wonderful days". Truly the Lord was with them and was kind to them, and the warmth of their Christian love toward each other was lasting, and the memories of these long-ago days still stir Sister Marie's heart.

The zeal to attend services has never left her, for even now, when she is not really physically able to come, she will take a taxi and attend, if only a half day. It is a real joy to have Sister Marie come to church, for her ever-present smile and her kind words are an inspiration to old and young. This writer can vouch for this, as he has many times in his troubles sought the counsel of Sister Marie, and found it based on the real foundation of God, and always left feeling lifted up. She was always so understanding, and just to sit and visit with her always helped.

Many of the brethren from various churches will remember her

hospitality, as they came through Wichita and stopped, if only for a short visit, to receive a little lunch or an invitation to stay all night.

Sister Marie, we all join to wish you God's richest blessings and continued health, so you can assemble with us every Sunday for a long time.

#### WINTHROP, MINNESOTA

Reporter: Marguerite Messner

April 20, Bro. Noah Miller; his mother, Sis. Ida; Florence and Walter Messner, and Sis. Esther Messner visited with Sis. Mattie Olson and her daughters of Worthington. She is in a nursing home, and is failing.

Ruth, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Ray Schmidgal, and Sis. Linda Schmidgal of Morris were here Sun., April 22.

April 29, Bro. Elder Henry Koehl of Morris proved and baptized Friend Esther Lienemann. We are happy to welcome her into our fold. Other visitors were: Bro. and Sis. Henry Schmidgal, Bro. and Sis. Edwin Koehl, Bro. and Sis. Richard Voeller, Bro. and Sis. Ed Lanz, Bro. and Sis. John Schmidgal, Sisters Sharon Olson, Stella Schmidgal, Gladys Messner and Marion Schmidgal. Sis. Esther's husband, Linus, and family from Minneapolis also attended.

We are again having services Wed. evening, beginning May 2, at 8 o'clock.

Births: A girl, Faye Susanne, to Bro. Mike and Joyce Messner, April 29. She has two brothers at home.

We will be on Daylight Saving Time May 27.

Correction: Sis. Manella Dapper, in the last issue, should have read: Sis. Marcelle Dapper.

"I would just like to write this note to tell you how much I enjoy the Silver Lining, and we want to thank you for sending it to us.—Mr. and Mrs. Louis Kaminer (Mildred Bahr)."  
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