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## BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Our Elder Brother,  
William Stettner, Elgin, Illinois

There are many people who do not have the right conception and clear understanding, what baptism really means. Even to some of our young converts, it is very necessary to explain the importance of baptism to them.

To many people, belief that in baptism their sins are washed away by the water, this is a false teaching, not true, and very deceiving.

So, let us make a parable of natural man, which is so simple and easy to understand. When natural man gets sick and dies, then there is no more life in the body. "Then what do we with the dead body?" We take it, bury it in a grave and cover it with earth, and it stays there.

Now, let us explain this in a spiritual way. When man is awakened by the call of God, and then can see that he has lived in sin and much evil, man is then brought into judgment and conviction, which brings him into repentance.

True repentance is to the spiritual sick, in which man dies off from sin and his sinful nature, and the Bible calls this the old man.

Now, this old man must be buried in a grave and into the death of Christ. The water represents the

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### HOW MUCH WOULD WE GIVE IF WE SAW WHAT HE REALLY GIVES!

"But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.

Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.

And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work."

From II Corinthians 9

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spiritual grave. When man is baptized in this watery grave, all the sins stay there, but man comes out

of the water an entirely new creature . . . to a newness of life.

But that's not all in baptism. We make a covenant with God and promise to be true and faithful till life's end. And we are promised the gift of the Holy Ghost. St. John 14:26-Jesus said: ". . . the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you."

We are baptized in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost.

In the name of the Father. God is now our Father, and we are his children . . . if children, then heirs of the kingdom of heaven.

In the name of the Son. He bought us with His holy blood and brought us to the Father.

In the name of the Holy Ghost. He will enter into our cleansed hearts and be our guide on our pilgrim path. He will comfort us and teach us, warn us when danger is near, and lead us into all righteousness.

# BEAUTIFUL ZION'S HARP IN SONG

Henry Souder Jr.

It pictures the beauty of the heavenly sky. It catches the glimpse beyond the sunset. We see the heavenward route.

"My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness; and my mouth shall praise thee with joyful lips."

There is a way of singing that chords with the eternal.

The Creator fashioned us for song. Heavenly choirs burst into joyful anthems, unhindered of self-consciousness. We also sit in heavenly places, and it is our privilege to explore this joyful utterance.

"I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also."

The secret is to concentrate all.

As the eyes focus on an object, so let us, our whole self, look on part of a hymn. For example, in hymn 204, the words in part are:

"And with its truth Thou dost,  
O Lord,  
Create a heav'nly feeling."

If you are His child, then as you see, you rise with the words! You can feel the very warmth of home, and kindle it in heavenly way.

Let the real glow warm you! His truth is living truth!

"... I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God."

Brother Dave Mangold is reported to have said, that 25 per cent of the songs are sung 75 per cent of the time. Brother Sam Aeschliman noticed and stated, about everyone has a favorite.

It's good to have songs we cherish, and let us seek that the fingers of God strike all of these chords!

We, like Jesus says, should bring out of our treasure things both new and old. The new adds, and the old shines even more beautifully. It is a fragrant hope, that some day, all the hymns, in each church, will be

used. They glow, lovely gems awaiting the finder.

"Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all."

The whole life becomes safer, sounder, and more pleasant,

The success of a preacher is known by the company he keeps with the word. Song is also a ministry of truth. Success for the song leader is known also by his acquaintance with the song.

Brother Eli Gerber said, If the leader don't have confidence, the rest won't help. Brother Henry Beer stated, It influences the congregation; if the leader sings poorly, it hurts the whole church."

Hearing the holy Scripture whisper, "in order", it is good to start at number 1, and go through 253, continually, at home. And, the courageous soul is not the perfect soul, but the one who pushes on, to victory.

"I desire fruit that may abound to your account."

Elder Brother Henry Souder, now at home, believed in hitching an old and a young, to form a team in gospel work.

Discover the rich talent in a brother, and your own becomes more tasty.

We should be looking around, so our way may rub off on someone else. Change need not be abrupt.

System should be the beauty of order. One time, one leader carries the work. Then, in rotation, another. Notes are enhanced in the chord of love.

We should encourage all to sing. If you need to, learn... very softly, listening to a seasoned singer, using what you possess, you also may have this joy.

"And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men;"

Some rules in putting good posture to our body would help our singing much.

The closer we come to the way the Creator intended, the better is the flow of song.

"Fulfill ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind."

Speaking of our Rockville church, Brother Sam reports Brother Bahler has "excellent order". Brother Henry Beer said, "90% of the congregation are seated for the first song."

How nice it would be, if we were all so happy to be with each other, we would be all together five minutes before!

The beauty of that lovely 149 can thrill our hearts many times. The riches of Christian living are all so true.

"He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son."

Time all your thoughts to the eternal One.

His joys are ours! Think what it all means. Praise the glorious God in song.

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# NEWS

## ATHENS, ALABAMA

**Reporter: Clara Heiniger**

Worship service was held at the home of Buddy and Sis. Betty Chambers, Wed. evening, May 2.

Bro. Ray Weiland and his wife of Florida spent Sunday, May 6, visiting the churches.

Wednesday, May 9, worship service and Sunday School were held in the home of Bro. and Sis. George Kelly, at Prospect.

Faye Chambers, daughter of Sis. Retha Chambers, has been ill in the hospital, is home again.

Sisters and friends met at the home of Mrs. Jewel Dean Kyle, a daughter-in-law of Sis. Minnie Kyle, for an afternoon of fellowship around God's word.

## BAY CITY, MICHIGAN

**Reporter: Faye Wackerle**

May 27, Bro. and Sis. Joel Souder from Grabill visited our church . . . also enjoyed company from Detroit, Bro. and Sis. Floyd Wieland and Bro. and Sis. Don Knochel. Also with us were Bro. and Sis. Jesse Gerber from Latty.

Mrs. Jim Wieland was in church today, after a long absence; she has been quite ill.

A wedding will take place here in June, that of Bro. Carl Steffen from Alto and Sis. Myrna Pashak from Bay City. On May 13, the engagement of Bro. Joe Ramseyer and Sis. Dorothy Bragiel was announced.

On April 26, Sis. Margret Knochel celebrated her 83rd birthday.

We may not all live to such a nice old age, but however long our lives may be, may it be lived to the honor and glory of God.

## BERN, KANSAS

**Reporter: Mrs. Lester Hartter**

Sis. Martha Bauman has resumed attending church, after the rugged winter. Sis. Pearl Stoller is also back, after an absence due to illness. Bro. Andy Garber is back to worship, after a heart attack.

Sis. Minnie Strahm was laid to rest. Her life's story was printed

in a former issue of the Silver Lin- ing. She would have attained the age of 103, had she lived till June 29.

Visitors: the Lloyd Luthi family, Lamont; Sis. Elsie Hess and the Max Hoerr family, Peoria; Mrs. Sophia McClanahan, Topeka; Bro. Emil Bessler, San Diego, California.

Sis. Lena Lehman is being cared for in her home by Emma Hanni. Another of our senior citizens, Sis. Minnie Schrock, is a new resident at the Apostolic Christian Home.

Funeral services were held for Lena Strahm McFall, who had gone to place flowers on the grave of her husband, and was involved in a tragic car accident which claimed her life. Bros. Lester Hartter and Harvey Grimm conducted.

We indeed felt a rich fellowship, when the brethren from the Sab- etha congregation, with Bro. Homer Reineck, Toledo, and his wife, came to the country church on a beautiful June evening. Others present were Bro. and Sis. Ben Schlatter, with the Reinecks; Sis. Ruth Ludwig, Calif.; and Sis. Marie Keiser, Princeville. Wayner Strahm, Kansas City, who is in the medical profession, was also a guest.

## BLUFFTON, INDIANA

**Reporter: Frieda Kipfer**

Summer Bible School is in prog- ress at this writing, with 218 child- ren enrolled.

Holy Communion was held here on June 10. Bro. George Sinn of Latty assisted. His wife accom- panied him, and Bro. and Sis. Si- mon Wagenbach of Tremont were visitors also.

Other visitors during the month were from Elgin, Bay City, Latty, Marie Keiser, Princeville. Waymer Rittman, Tremont, Roanoke, Grid- ley, Detroit, Milford, Paulding and Ft. Wayne.

Bro. William Moser and Bro. Jay Rauch were hospitalized for surg- ery, and Sis. Emma Kipfer for burns, which she received in an accident, while at work in the Clinic Hospital.

Births: To Bro. and Sis. Charles Shively, a daughter on May 13; to Bro. and Sis. Harry Steffen, a daughter, on May 27; to Bro. and Sis. Dwight Troxel, a daughter, on June 1.

## Know Each Other Better

### Retired Song Leader

Bro. Jacob Kaehr was born Feb. 3, 1880, to Bro. Matthias and Sis. May (Aeschiman) Kaehr. They were both born in Switzerland. Bro. Mathias came to America in 1850, at the age of two years. Sis. May came in 1854, at the age of five.

Bro. Jacob came from a family of 12, his youngest brother, Reu- ben, being the only one surviving besides himself. His parents moved to Wells Co., Bluffton, Indiana.

One Sunday, he heard a min- ister preach about a friend nigh unto death. Realizing that this friend had no hope if taken uncon- verted, this brought Bro. Jacob into repentance, in March, 1899, at the age of 19. He was baptized Oct. 8, 1899, with Bros. Adam Imthurn and Henry Dotterer Sr. officiating.

On March 15, 1903, he was united in marriage to Sis. Fannie Rein- hard, the daughter of Bro. and Sis. Daniel Reinhard.

Nine children were born to this union, one daughter, (Alice) hav- ing passed away at the age of 21 months. The remaining daughters, are Mrs. Eli (Mabel) Kipfer, Mrs. Ervin (Sylvia) Gerber, Mrs. Laurin (Lillian) Bertsch, Miss Frances Kaehr at home, and Mrs. Harold (Aldine) Moser; three sons, Ezra, Walter and Frederick. His children are all converted, and are members of the Bluffton Church. He has 29 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren. Five grand- children are converted at this writ- ing.

Sis. Fannie died Nov. 6, 1945, at the age of 71 years. In 1905, Bro. Jacob was chosen as song leader, along with Sunday School teacher, and teacher of Vocal Music.

He became Sunday School super- intendent in 1939, an office which he held 18 years. Due to advanced

age, he resigned from this office in 1957.

He was a farmer his entire life, having retired in 1946.

Bro. Jacob thinks singing is an important part of the church service, and the most beautiful of all music.

### BREMEN, INDIANA

**Reporter: Lydia Heuberger**

The Sunday School presented a program on Mother's Day. A plant was presented to the oldest mother present, Sis. Matilda Hirstein, and to the youngest mother present, Mrs. Jack Hueni.

On Saturday, May 26, we had proving for our three friends and could rejoice according to II Corinthians 5:17 — "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." On Sunday, May 27, baptismal services were conducted for Jack and Marlene Hueni and J. N. Feldman. Bro. Theo Beer of Milford performed these ceremonies, and was assisted by Bro. Sam Aeschliman. Holy Communion was shared with the members on May 26.

Birth: May 21, a daughter,, Laura Beth, to Bro. and Sis. Al Sutor. Laura is the first girl in a family of three boys.

Bro. William Leman is confined to his home, following a mild stroke. His condition is reported as improved.

### CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

**Reporter: Mrs. Ernest Knecht**

On May 20, Elders George Yergler and Joe Klopfenstein were here. Henry Bakke gave his testimony and was baptized. Relatives from Remington were Bro. Alphie Clauss, Bro. and Sis. Marvin Clauss and family, Bro. and Sis. Bob Clauss and family, and Percy Clauss. Bro. Ralph Klopfenstein and family and Bro. Lynn Klopfenstein visited that day, also.

Visitors on May 27 from Forrest were, Elder Henry Kilgus and his wife, Bro. Melvin and Sis. Leona Steffen and Leona's mother, Sis. Weigen; from Remington,, Minister Earl Kilgus and family, Bro. Dean Bahler and family and Dean's mother, Sis. Bahler.

On May 16, Emma Welk returned home from Phoenix.

On June 3, Minister Irvin Stoller from Latty visited us.

On June 4, Bro. Otto Ernest and his wife, Lydia, left to visit their homeland (Switzerland) for six weeks.

### EUREKA, ILLINOIS

**Reporter: Cathryn Wettstein**

Bro. John Zimmerman passed away at the Eureka Hospital May 18, at the age of 90 years. He had been a patient there for eight months. His funeral was Sunday morning, May 20, conducted by Bros. Joe Zimmerman and Leroy Huber.

May 26, Saturday evening, Fern Goetzinger gave her testimony before the congregation. Bros. Frank Woertz, Dave Mangold, and Leroy Huber did the proving. May 27, she was baptized, and is now a new lamb in the flock of God's children. May God bless her, as she goes along this narrow path of life.

June 4, the Vacation Bible School began. About an average of 170 children are attending each day. There are ten classes, and this is accomplished with 21 teachers giving their time. Bro. Chris Hodel is the superintendent. May God bless all who are doing this, and also our hope is the children will remember the good things they are learning. It will end June 15.

June 6, Bro. Ben Bittner, age 76, was suddenly taken from our midst. He was found dead in the corn crib on his farm. It was thought he fell from somewhere inside. His funeral was held June 9. Services were conducted by Bro. Huber and Bro. Mangold. May God comfort the family in their sudden loss.

### Know Each Other Better Song Leader

Bro. Dan Wiegand Sr., 68 years old, has been a song leader for 35 years. Most of this time was at the Goodfield church. After moving to Eureka and attending our assembly, he has been helping here. The other leaders are Bros. Ervin Kempf, Norman Rocke, and Lloyd Schumacher.

He started to repent in June of 1918, the day he left for service, in World War I. He was sent to Camp Wheeler, Georgia. There he met with six brothers in faith. They were all a great help to him during his repentance; especially Bro.

Harry Bucher was a comfort to him and gave him encouragement. He received peace in his heart in September.

He did not get home all during his time in the service, until he was discharged in May, 1919. He was proved and baptized in June, 1919, by Bro. Barthol Rapp in Peoria.

He says he feels it is a duty which was laid upon him to be a song leader. He has always enjoyed singing, thinks it is very important, and also very inspiring to sing songs of praise to our Lord.

It is the hopes of Bro. Dan that it will continue, because it seems to help and strengthen every one in the spirit, when all sing together.

He has a son, Bro. Dan Jr., who also does leading at Goodfield.

It is always good when the whole congregation lifts their voices in song. So let us all use the chance to sing with prayerful hearts whenever we can.

### HISTORY

**(Bro. John Schumacher helped me get the information.)**

The first Apostolic Christian Church in Eureka was built at 107 N. Myers St., in the year 1896. Bro. J. W. Schmidt was the first to occupy the pulpit. Later, Bro. Carl Haecker assisted in the ministry, followed by Bro. Samuel Schumacher, and later by Bro. Leo Grusy.

The lot on which the little church was built was donated by H. B. Schumacher. George Haecker, oldest son of Bro. Haecker, remembers assisting Father Hinnen and his sons in digging trenches for the foundation of the church.

Most of the time, only mid-week services were held. However, in case of bad weather or bad roads, they would have services on Sunday. Also, when some remodeling was done at the church in the country they would use the little church on Sunday.

Bro. Schmidt passed away in Oct. 1939, at the age of 95 years, Bro. Haecker in Dec, 1912, at the age of 56 years. Bro. Schumacher passed away in May, 1943, at the age of 84 years, Bro. Grusy in April, 1949, at the age of 71 years. Bro. Joe Rocke also ministered here. He passed away last year.

The building was vacated in 1950. The next year, it was moved

to 514 W. Center St. and converted into a residence.

Then, as time went on, the Roanoke church was not large enough to accommodate the crowd of people, so after many meetings and discussions, it was decided to build another church. So, a large section of ground was brought at the west edge of Eureka. March 21, 1956, ground was broken, and the building was begun. The building is 81 by 132 feet. The seating capacity is about 700, including the balcony. The church was dedicated July 28, 1957.

Bros. Joe Rocke & Leroy Huber were the two ministers who had this important work of preaching the gospel. Last November, our dear Bro. Joe was so suddenly taken from our midst. But we must know that God did call him home to his eternal Rest.

In Dec., 1959, Bro. Leroy Huber was installed as elder. In Jan., 1962, Bros. Walter Anliker and Vernon Leman were chosen to help in the ministry.

So, may God grant much grace, strength, and courage to these brothers, with the hopes of all, that the church may grow, and that many more souls may be added to the fold.

### FORREST, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Nancy Honegger

We welcome to our congregation Bro. Richard and Edith Frank and baby daughter, who have moved here recently. Bro. Richard is employed as a pilot for Honegger's and Company.

Bro. Ben Metz, who was stationed at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma, has been released from the service. At the present time, he is helping with the wheat harvest in Kiowa, Kansas.

Sis. Dorothy Bachtold of Ft. Lauderdale is spending some time here with her children, Sis. Miriam, Herb, Roberta, and Roger (who is on a furlough from the Air Force).

Born to Bro. John and Sis. Beverly Eisenmann, a girl, Carol Jane, June 1.

We enjoyed the messages brought to us by visiting ministers, Bros. Elmer Witzig and Edwin Ringger of Gridley, on May 20. Also, we were happy to have Bro. John Dapper of Maywood with us for Wednesday evening services on May 30.

### FORT SCOTT, KANSAS

Reporter: Marie Zaugg

May 27, Bro. and Sis. Frank Beyer, Vernon and Rose Marie Beyer and family, of Gridley, Kansas, worshiped with us.

Those visiting here the week-end of June 3 were Bro. and Sis. Robert Hoerr and family, Bro. and Sis. Louis Hoerr and Rachele of Taylor; Bro. and Sis. Harvey Smith and family, Wichita; Bro. and Sis. Raymond Braker and family Lamar; Lloyd and Joann Luthi and family, Lamont.

We are glad for our friend, Will Sinn, who is repenting. May God grant him much grace and blessings.

### FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

Reporter: Mrs. Albert E. Kipfer

Sis. Renee Neihouser and Bro. Walter Sinn have set their wedding date for Sunday, July 29.

A farewell pot-luck supper was held May 21, at Foster Park, Fort Wayne, for Steven Unsicker, who left for training in the U.S. Air Force in Texas on May 28. The Ft. Wayne congregation, as well as a large group from Leo, attended the supper.

Sis. Marlene Erb is at the home of her parents, Bro. and Sis. Wm. Levy. We surely need the prayers of those we love, while traveling o'er life's rugged way; and may God grant her grace and strength to sustain her throughout the days ahead.

Carol Levy, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Wm. Levy, is engaged to marry Dallas Shoemsmith of Battle Creek, Michigan. The wedding will take place Aug. 4 at Richland, Michigan. Carol is employed as a speech therapist by the Richland Community Schools at Richland.

### Know Each Other Better

Our oldest song leader, Bro. Jesse Stoller, was born May 25, 1894, near Eureka, Illinois. His parents were Goettlieb and Jacobena (Abersol) Stoller. His father came to this country from Switzerland at the age of 18 years, and his mother came from Alsace-Lorraine at the age of 2. His mother was 11 years old when baptized. There were 11 children, 5 boys and 6 girls, born to this union, and all became members of the church. Only two are living, Bro. Jesse, and his sister, Lillian Zimmerman of Morton.

Bro. Jesse was married to Katherine (Katie) Sinn, daughter of George and Minnie Sinn Sr., on Dec. 17, 1919. Shortly after their marriage, quite a number of deaths occurred in the relationship, which led to Jesse and Katie's repentance. This is what happened: Sis. Louisa Stoller was called to her reward; next was Jesse's brother-in-law, Emil Rocke, who died March 10. On the following day, Emil's son, Melvin, died and was laid in his father's arms and buried in the same casket — a very sad sight and one that is scarcely ever witnessed. After the funeral services, in the evening, the mother, Percy Rocke, died (Jesse's sister) making three from the same family within three days, and three young children were left. Next, was Forrest Stoller, wife of Sam C. Stoller, on May 30. Jesse was pallbearer at this funeral. The last one to die in 1920 was Sis. Lydia Schweitzer, on Dec. 26.

The deaths and sadness also had a silver lining, as 34 dear souls were awakened from their slumber of sin and were converted. Among the 34 were Jesse and Katie, who were baptized Dec. 22, 1920. The elders who took part in the proving and baptizing were: Bro. Rauch, Bluffton; Bro. Winzeler, Tremont; Bro. Mike Mangold, Roanoke; and Bro. Kaufman, Oregon.

Jesse and Katie are the parents of 10 children: Norman, Maurice, Verlin and Ronald of New Haven, Indiana; George of Ft. Wayne; Eleanor Fisher, Bluffton; Carol Huber and Elaine Erb of Francesville; Twila Stoller, Ft. Wayne. A daughter, Evelyn May, died at the age of 1 year and 5 months. There are nineteen grandchildren.

Jesse did farming prior to his marriage, & then farmed in Paulding County. He also assisted in remodeling the first church in Latty. In 1927, he moved to Ft. Wayne and was employed at the Harvester and General Electric Company, until he retired June 1, 1959.

When he first moved to Ft. Wayne, he felt burdened in heart for the need of a church here. After many years spent in prayer, he is now thankful to the Lord that it was possible for a church to be erected.

Jesse says he always enjoyed singing from a child up. While playing with other children, if there

was a singing in the home, he would leave his playmates to join the members in singing. He has led singing for almost 40 years, and only wishes that more time could be spent in this way.

His health is fairly good at this writing, and he and his wife reside at 134 West U.S. 30, New Haven, Indiana.

### GOODFIELD, ILLINOIS

**Reporter: Marian Wiegand**

Our friends, Harold and Carol Hohulin, have repented and received the peace that passeth all understanding. They also are the parents of a baby boy, Kenneth Dale, born May 12. This is their fourth child.

John and Mary Fritz, who live in Seattle, Washington, are the parents of a baby girl, Lori Anne, born May 31. The baby's grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Ben Hohulin of Goodfield.

Hospital patients the past month were Joyce Zobrist (daughter of Bro. and Sis. Howard Zobrist) and my mother, Rosa Wiegand. Both have been dismissed and are at home. Sis. Laura Hohulin underwent surgery at the Eureka Hospital on June 9.

Approximately 75 children have enrolled for the two-week Vacation Bible classes. The following are the teachers: Bro. Wm. Hohulin, Sisters Pearl Nohl, Rita Siebenthal, Arlene Wyss, Florence Bauman, Violet Reeser, Leona Tanner, Lu-Ann Knapp and Mary Ellen Wiegand. May God give the increase to the seeds planted in the tender hearts of the children.

The Bible Class teachers, Bro. Elmer Bauman and Bro. Wilbur Heinold, treated their class to a dinner, Sunday evening, June 10.

Bro. George Knapp has been discharged from service. He was stationed at Fort Sam Houston.

Approximately 300 people toured our church during open house, held on June 10.

### Know Each Other Better

Our eldest song leader is Bro. Ira Rokey. He was born January 15, 1912, at Sabetha, Kansas, the son of Joseph and Louisa Rokey.

He was married to Carolyn Wiegand, June 12, 1937. Shortly after, they both received a call to repentance. They heeded the call, gave their testimonies, and were bap-

tized. Bro. Carl Rassi of Morton was their elder.

This is what Bro. Ira says about singing — "I like to go early to church, find my place, and breathe a prayer in song of invocation for the influence of the Holy Spirit. It reminds me of the sunshine after a morning rain. Singing is a wonderful way in our Christian life to avoid lightness of manner and conversation of worldly topics. Let us be mindful that we are not singing to each other in the assembly, but to our Lord. Through reverence, we may unawaringly lift up the spirit of those who are oppressed or unworthy."

### GRIDLEY, ILLINOIS

**Reporter: Marilyn Schieler**

Visiting minister on May 20 was Bro. Joe Schrock of Congerville. We wish to thank him and those that came with him for their visit.

Announcement was made on Sunday, May 27, of the engagement of Bro. Pete Meiss, son of Bro. and Sis. Elmer Meiss, and Sis. Jan Pfloderer of Morton.

Vacation Bible School was held for two weeks, the last day being Friday, June 8. Friday evening, a program was given, and all the classes showed what they had learned. During the two weeks, there was an average attendance of 104 children.

We wish to extend a welcome to Bro. and Sis. Philip Moser, who came to us from the Oakville congregation, and also to Bro. and Sis. Ben Hofer, who moved from Cissna Park. Both couples are now residing in Meadows, Illinois.

### GRIDLEY, KANSAS

**Reporter: Mrs. Rudy Bahr**

#### Know Each Other Better

Our song leader, Bro. Frank Beyer, was born July 17, 1894, at Gridley, Kansas, son of George and Lydia Winzeler Beyer. He lives on a farm, only a short distance from where he was born.

On January 28, 1920, he was united in marriage to Elizabeth Luthi. To this union were born four children: Bro. Ivan of our congregation, Willis and Vernon, also of Gridley, and Beulah (Mrs. Raymond Wenger) of Alhambra, California. They have fifteen grandchildren.

In 1924, he and Sis. Elizabeth were baptized by Elder Jacob

Somerhalder. He was a helper in Sunday School for 17 or 18 years, and has served on the Building Aid Board for many years. Bro. Beyer is a modest, patient brother, and when asked how he felt about singing in church, he said that singing is like a prayer—it comes from the heart, and when all join in, there is a feeling of unity. He has no special favorites—he likes all of the hymns.

On May 13, Elder Bro. Anliker was with us in the afternoon, and announced that three of our young folks have peace and await baptizing at a later date. They are Martin Beyer, son of Bro. Kenneth and Sis. Mary Louise Beyer; Jake and Dorene Strahm, eldest children of ministering Bro. Loren and Sis. Lisatine Strahm. May the Lord grant them much grace and strength.

Sis. Katie Esslinger was in the St. Francis Hospital at Wichita for observation recently.

Our tenth two-week Bible School session ended Friday, June 8, with a sack-lunch dinner at noon and the program in the evening. The theme, "My Bible and I", was enjoyed by fifty-one students this year.

### HILLSBORO, ALABAMA

**Reporter: Clara Heiniger**

Monday evening, May 7, the young folks met at the church for an evening of fellowship around God's word.

Sis. Martha Evans has not been able to attend services, and would appreciate hearing from anyone who would like to write her. Her address is: Mrs. Elmer Evans, R.R. 1, Hillsboro, Alabama.

Bro. and Sis. Art Heiniger and sons, Jimmie and Ronnie, of Morton, spent a few days visiting Bro. and Sis. Junior Hale and family, Bro. and Sis. John Wagler, and Sis. Susan at Athens and Sis. Clara Heiniger.

### ILLINOIS STATE NORMAL UNIVERSITY

**Reporter: Nancy Tanner**

On May 3, Bro. Joe Shrock gave the reading and meditation. After his inspiring message, everyone joined in hymn singing. We had guests from Goodfield, Peoria, and Morton.

Bro. Edwin Ringger from Gridley joined us on May 10. His script-

ural reading came from Hebrews 12. We also welcomed guests from Gridley, too.

Morton guests attended on May 17, when Bro. Frances Rother was here. The blessed evening was spent in meditation, reading, hymn singing, and in fellowship.

Bro. Willis Ehle gave the scriptural reading and meditation on May 24. His reading came from the Acts 26, a very inspiring chapter.

The annual alumni picnic this year was held at Lake Bloomington, on May 25. After a delicious supper, the evening was spent in hymn singing and fellowship.

For our final meeting of the semester, Bro. Dave Keiser from Princeville was with us. He read and meditated from Hebrews 11. At this meeting, we also welcomed the **Brothers of Harmony** from Peoria. The beautiful hymns which they sang were very much enjoyed by all. Guests were present from Princeville and Peoria.

The Bible Study Class will still continue to meet during the summer session. We are sad to see the graduates leaving us now, but are looking forward to many new freshmen students to be with us.

## JAPAN

### Betty Klaus, Substitute Reporter for Yoshito Inoue

Dedication was held on May 27 at the new Tamahata church. About 45 people attended. We are thankful for another church here in Japan, and pray the Lord will give the necessary grace to many souls to turn to Him, particularly in this land where so many are following idols rather than the only true and living God.

Sis. Ozawa, from the Shioda church, is now living in Tokyo, attending a university.

A member meeting was held recently here at the Tsutsujiga—Oka Church. Bro. Yamazaki was voted as temporary minister, until the return of Bro. Ehle.

We were all saddened to hear Bro. Yoshito had to have an operation. Of course, he cannot preach for awhile now. We pray, if it's the Lord's will, that he soon will be restored to good health.

"Jesus said . . . If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth." Mark 9:23.

## LA CROSSE, INDIANA

### Reporter: Albert J. Bucher

Our visiting Minister on June 27 was Bro. Irvin Lehman from Wolcott, who also assisted Bro. George Yergler in serving Communion.

### Our Oldest Song Leader

I hesitate to write about this, because it happens to be me. When I was fourteen years old, I went to German School one winter. Sister Mary Hohulin) Yergler was my teacher, and we had Singing School every week. Bro. J. P. Guingrich taught us to sing notes, and also keeping time. I was very much interested in learning to sing notes. My father and I would drive miles with horses and buggy on cold winter nights to practice. Now, when some one had singing, Bro. J. P. would always want me to go and sing tenor, which I did quite often.

In the year 1917, quite a number of young folks repented, about 40 in all, and in this group was my wife and I. Very soon after this when there was no leader in the group, I was asked to lead.

In the year 1920, we moved to La Crosse, and they only had one leader, Bro. Ed Troxel. I was asked to help out.

Now, the time soon came when our children grew up, we also started singing school. I tried to do for them what Bro. J. P. Guingrich did for us, and we soon had a young group that also learned to sing notes. We had these singings for a good many years.

I always enjoyed good singing, and do yet. I think it would be well if some of our young brothers would be willing to teach notes today. I still lead some, but we have young brothers who can take over now, and I think we should encourage this.

## LANDERSVILLE, ALABAMA

### Reporter: Clara Heiniger

Thursday evening worship service was held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Harville, May 3.

Friday evening, May 11, worship service was held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Borden.

Sis. Barbara Simmons and Sis. Clara Heiniger visited Sis. Virginia Arnold at Phil Campbell, Wed., May 16.

Sunday School and worship service were held at the home of Mr.

and Mrs. Richard Frost, May 25.

Sis. Carrie Borden is still on the sick list and would appreciate everyone's prayer.

## LATTY, OHIO

### Reporter: Roberta Stoller

Funeral services were held May 13 for our aged brother, Carl Zeltwanger. He reached the age of 91 years and 3 months. He was bed-fast for nearly 3 years.

Births: to Bro. Roger and Sis. Eunice Gerber, a son, Scott Douglas, born May 15; to Bro. Delmar and Sis. Marguerite Stoller, a daughter, Carol Jean, born May 20.

The young folks from Gridley, Ill., visited with us the week-end of May 27. We had a very enjoyable time.

Bro. and Sis. Dan Knochel and family visited here, Sun., June 10, and at the home of her sister, Merrill and Dolly Laukhuf.

## MANSFIELD, OHIO

### Reporter: Aaron A. Sauder

I am sorry that I missed reporting the death of my dear uncle, Garfield Houston, who went to his eternal home on March 5, at the age of 82 years. He and Sis. Katharine Matthes Houston would have celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on April 8.

Births: a son to Mr. and Mrs. Rex Beer and a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Beer.

Deaths: Miss Lena Kremer, on May 18, age 61 years; Miss Rosa Grossenbacher, on May 28, age 94 years;

Leo Smith was baptized May 23, in the hospital, by Elder Rudolf Graf, and died June 6. We are happy that he could find his Saviour, before leaving this world.

Our visitors have been, May 20, Robert, David, and Carolyn Pfister of Ft. Wayne; Bro. and Sis. Andrew Dotter of Paulding, on Sunday, May 27. Bro. Andrew had the services. Sunday, June 3, Bro. and Sis. Eli Reineck and Bro. and Sis. Paul Schladen of Bluffton. Bro. and Sis. John Dapper of Maywood are spending several days here, visiting our church and their relatives.

Our Vesper Choir sang at the Soldier and Sailor's Home in Sandusky, Ohio, on Sunday afternoon, May 6, at the T.B. Hospital, in Mansfield Wednesday evening, May 16, and at the County Home, Wed-

nesday evening, May 23. It is a pleasure to sing spiritual songs for the unfortunate, and they all seem to enjoy the same.

A number of relatives from Milford and Bluffton attended the funeral of Bro. Leo Smith.

### MILFORD, INDIANA

**Reporter: Arthur Haab**

Joyce Martin, daughter of Bro. John and Sis. Dorothy Martin, was married to Robert Wolferman on April 27.

Ray Zimmerman, son of Bro. Michael and Sis. Madeline Zimmerman, is engaged to Diane Hill of Parkersburg, West Virginia.

Our Mother's Day program was held on Sun. evening, May 13, and it was enjoyed by those who participated and those who attended.

Friend Anna Wenger Homan gave her testimony and was baptized on Sun., May 20, by Elder Theo Beer.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Baumgartner have a baby girl. Mrs. Baumgartner is the daughter of Bro. Lou and Sis. Ann Rassi. Bro. Marion and Sis. Susie Beer have a baby girl, Dorette Leah.

Bro. Jesse and Sis. Frieda Haab had open house on May 30, to celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary.

Our high school graduates are Sis. Mary Zimmerman, who plans to go to Ft. Wayne Business College, Sis. Ilene Kammerer, who plans to go to Grace College, to become a teacher. Other graduates are Junior Price and Mary Jane Beer.

The Silver Thimble is making some clothing for the Children's Home in South Bend.

### MORTON, ILLINOIS

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

Funeral services were held May 14 for Sis. Mary Strahm, 81. Bro. George Yergler of LaCrosse and Bro. Frank Woertz of Goodfield officiated.

Funeral services were held May 17 for Bro. Noah Moser, 92. Bro. Joe A. Getz officiated.

Our visiting ministers were Bro. Ed Hohulin of Goodfield, May 20; Bro. John Wagenbach of Oakville and Bro. Jim Hoerr of Peoria, June 10.

Bro. Noah Schrock of Oakville and Bro. Silas Leuthold of Princeville assisted Bro. Joe A. Getz in

serving Holy Communion, Sunday, May 27.

Announcement has been made of the coming marriage of Sis. Janet Pflederer and Bro. Pete Meiss of Gridley, also Sis. Marie Woerner and Bro. Carl Schick.

Sis. Doris Moser and Bro. Leon Kuntz of Oakville were united in marriage June 10 by Bro. Joe A. Getz.

### OAKVILLE, IOWA

**Reporter: Mrs. Ezra Gerst**

We were happy to have the following ministers and their wives with us the past month. On May 13, Bro. Fred Marti, from Lamar (he is the father of sisters Ruth Schrock and Dorothy Wagenbach); on May 27, Bro. Leroy Hartman from Peoria; on June 3, Bro. Edwin Bahler, Remington and Bro. Alfred Bahler from Wolcott. They brought us many good teachings. May God bless their efforts.

We have received Bro. John Steiner's address:

Pvt John L Steiner US55721290  
Co D 3rd Bn USAMTC BAMC  
Class 14 B  
Ft Sam Houston Texas

I am sure all those who have to be away from their loved ones would appreciate getting some letters.

Sis. Rose Reckhammer Mauer passed away May 14. By the grace of God, she found peace with God, and was baptized a short time before her death by our elder, Noah Schrock, who also held her funeral services. Her husband, Bro. Pete, also found grace to repent, gave his testimony of peace and repentance, and was baptized on May 24, by Bro. Noah Schrock.

After a lingering illness, Bro. Sam Kupferschmid, 79, passed away May 29, in St. Francis Hospital, where he had been a patient for the past month. This was the first death in their family. His wife, Lydia, and seven children survive. Bro. Uriel Gehring of Burlington held the funeral services.

I asked my brother Harvey Heiniger, who is one of our ministers here, what his feelings were in regard to the times being so good we do not have the chance to do good.

This is what he said:

... Surely, spiritually, our needs are just as great as ever. When we prosper materially, our faith

suffers for it. The danger of becoming engulfed in the stream and tide of material pursuit passes a greater danger to us individually as well as collectively. To combat this danger, we must remind one another not to be overcome with the cares of this life, so that day not come upon us unawares.

We can do good by visiting the sick, aged, and less fortunate. We can be a light and example to our fellow man, and give answer to those who ask concerning our faith. We can remember one another, along with the ministers and shepherds of the flocks, in prayer . . . and support them in their labors. Even though times may be good materially, the enemy is still at large and just as determined to destroy the true church as ever. Instead of working through persecution and discouragement, he is attempting to accomplish it through deceitfulness.

Let us be watchful, and recognize the opportunities that God does place before us to do good, and then be willing to pay the price it will require to carry it out. As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto those who are of the household of faith.

There is so much we can do of giving of ourselves. So many lonely old people, who are so often forgotten. There is such a great blessing from God when we give of our selves.

### PEORIA, ILLINOIS

**Reporter: Mrs. Michael Weyeneth**

Our last monthly Hymn sing of the season was held Sunday evening, June 3, with a large attendance. There was congregational singing, and the Roanoke and Eureka's Men's Ensemble, the Prairie Choristers, the Peoria Adult choir, and the Brothers of Harmony quartet all took part. It truly was a blessed evening, doing all to God's praise and honor. We wish to thank all the visiting churches who have served us during our Hymn sings this season, and also our own people who have taken part in the song service in one way or another. Our next monthly Hymn sing is planned for Sunday evening, Sept. 2.

Our dear sister Mary Bowald, passed away Friday, May 25, at the A. C. Home, where she had been a



resident since 1957. Her funeral was held at Tremont, Monday, May 28. Our ministers and others from here attended the funeral.

Sis. Lydia Knapp of Cissna Park has moved here, and is now living with her daughter, Bro. and Sis. Dan Hoerr. Sis. Knapp is 93 years old. We know she would enjoy mail. Her address is 4624 Nelson Drive, Peoria.

Visiting ministers the past month were Bros. LeRoy Huber of Eureka, Dave Keiser and Silas Leuthold of Princeville, and Orville Ringger of Bluffton. We enjoyed their messages.

### Know Each Other Better Song Leader

Our beloved brother, Sam Stoller, is the eldest brother in faith in our Peoria congregation. He was born April 8, 1867, near Metamora, Illinois.

His parents, John and Elizabeth Rinkenberger Stoller, came to America from Bern, Switzerland, in 1867. To their union, twelve children were born, of which three survive: Bro. Sam; one sister, Lydia Schlatter, Latty, Ohio; one brother, Chris Stoller, Gridley, Illinois.

At the age of three years, Bro. Sam moved with his parents to south of Fairbury, where they resided several years. From there, they moved to Pulaski, Iowa, where the family lived in a log cabin; later they moved to Gridley, and then to Fairbury, where Bro. Sam was engaged in farming for thirty-one years.

In 1894, Bro. Sam was united in marriage to Sis. Carrie Hoffman of Fairbury. They were blessed with one daughter, Nathalia Stoller Messer, now residing in Lucerne Valley, California.

In 1924, Bro. Sam moved with his family to Peoria, to make his home here. On March 17, 1936, his wife, Sis. Carrie, passed away.

On June 6, 1937, he was united in marriage to Sis. Esther Zimmerman, at Fairbury.

While living in Pulaski and attending church there, Bro. Sam was called to repentance, and found peace with his Lord at the age of fourteen years. He and other converts were baptized by Elder Chris Kloth and Elder Leuthold, in a near-by pond.

Bro. Stoller has been a faithful

servant of the Lord through these many years, a strong support in the church, and a song leader for many years.

On April 8 of this year, Bro. Sam and Sis. Esther held open house at their home, 517 W. Florence Ave., for relatives and close friends, in celebrating his 95th birthday.

Bro. Sam is enjoying reasonably good health, an alert mind, and is able to attend church services each Sunday. We all wish him God's richest blessings, continued good health, and may he be with us for many more years.

### PORTLAND, OREGON

Reporter: Mrs. Robert Miller

Our dear sister, Ann Rumbold, was submitted to the hospital on May 13 for a week, and, after further observation, it was necessary she have surgery. A disc in the lower part of the spine had to be removed, as it was pressing against the sciatic nerve, causing great pain. We are thankful to report she is recuperating quite well. She had the operation June 5 and will be at the hospital possibly another week. Her home address is; Mrs. Paul Rumbold, 916 Linn Ave., Oregon City, Oregon.

We wish Sis. Nilah Fischer much grace and guidance from above as the responsibility of teaching the primary children in Sunday School has fallen upon her.

Bro. Albert and Sis. Elizabeth Kaisner and son, (Bro.) Harvey, Bro. Ora and Sis. Dora Sauder from Maywood visited Silverton on May 27 and most of the following week, and visited Portland June 3. The messages of the precious Word spoken by Bro. Kaisner were a blessing to us all.

On June 3, Bro. Matt and Sis. Lydia Wieland from Bay City also were visiting here. Friend Wayne Wettstein from Eureka, now stationed at Ft. Lewis, Washington, was able to be with us. We hope he can visit here often.

David Brian was born May 27 to Bro. Ray and Sis. Virginia Cooper. He was welcomed by brothers Kenny, Donnie, and Billie.

### HISTORY

(First of all, we wish to thank our dear sister, Lydia Conrad, who willingly furnished us with infor-

mation for the history of our church.)

Sam Kaser, uncle to Sis. Lydia Conrad, late of Silverton, told of quite a few families constituting the Portland church at Southeast 22nd and Stark Street, when he came to this country from Switzerland, in the 1880's. There was Bros. Schwarz and Rilig, preachers at that time.

There was a church built on 30th and Pine Street. Bro. George Yetter and also Bro. Meyer preached there in 1912, when Sis. Martha Conrad came to visit her three brothers, Bro. Sam, Bill and Alpheus.

Sis. Conrad, mother of Sis. Martha, and Bro. Theo, moved to Portland from Leo, Indiana, in 1920, and, at that time, Rudolph Diriwachter and Emil Hari were ministering.

After this, for almost four years, a few families met together in homes—namely the Brother Miller family (Charles—Mary), the Fred Feucht family, Sister Rose Knapp, Sister Elizabeth Affolter (now Diriwachter), Sister Martha Conrad, and the Brother Theo Conrad family; also, one family was at Silverton, Brother William Maurer's, where we had services once a month. Brother Rudolph Diriwachter and Brother Fred Feucht ministered to us. Brother Rudolph was faithful to us throughout all the hardships.

In late 1938—if remembered correctly—we completed our little church at 36th and Main Street.

The Brother Paul Rumbold family moved to Oregon in 1946. Brother Paul took a great interest in our little church and was the first Sunday School teacher in the church. At that time, he had about eight children to teach.

The Brother Guy Miller family joined our small congregation in 1947.

Brother Rudolph Diriwachter went to his Rest in 1952. He was greatly missed!

Brother Guy Miller was left alone in the ministry, as Brother Fred Feucht had moved back East.

In July, 1953, Bros. Glenn Hackenjos and Robert Miller were elected to help serve in the ministry. By this time, there were small children, and we had definitely outgrown this dear little church.

It was decided to have a church

at Silverton, as well as Portland. A home was purchased at Silverton, converted into a nice little church, which was dedicated in September of 1955. Services are held there every Sunday. The Portland ministers serve there.

A suitable plot of ground was purchased on Southeast 75th and Holgate, on which the present church now stands. (At this time we shall remember the time and effort put forth by our dear Brother, Theo Conrad, in getting the plans ready for our church. Even in his suffering and pain at the hospital, he was trying to get the plans and all in order, that our church could be built. He realized his days were numbered, but such a concern for the future of our younger generation! A few years ago, he could be relieved of his pain and suffering, and now is at Rest in the Lord. He was able to see the church partially erected.

Our church was completed in 1955. The Dedication was held March 18, 1956. Our beloved elder, Brother Noah Shrock, was able to be present, to hold the dedication services.

Almost a year ago, our dear father, Brother Guy Miller went to be with the Lord. He served faithfully in the ministry many years and had much concern for the little flock here, that it might grow and prosper in the Lord.

We are thankful Brother Robert and Sister Nilah Fischer felt moved to make their home in Portland, in 1955, also Brother Ray and Sister Margaret Banwart, in 1959. Brother Melvin and Sister Shirley Hohulin moved here in 1959; also, Sister Irene Baer from Germany has lived here several years.

Also an asset to our church were the Brother Ray Cooper Sr. family, who were led to the Lord in 1954, and were added to our little flock. Their children are: Bro. Ray Jr., who is married to Virginia (Miller) and Sister Connie, to Brother Garth Steffen. Brother Garth has lived here since 1951.

Our present ministers are Brothers Glenn Hackenjoes, Ed Unsicker and Robert Miller. The Sunday School superintendent is Brother Garth Steffen.

The trustees are Brothers Ray Banwart, Melvin Hohulin, and Garth Steffen.

## PRINCEVILLE, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Ruth Ricketts

On Sunday, May 27, we had a number of visitors from the Fairbury and Forrest congregations. We were blessed with the teachings of Ministering Bro. Clarence Kachelmus of Fairbury. We thank each one, and invite all to return again soon.

Bro. Lawrence and Sis. Elaine Wagenbach are the parents of a daughter, Cheryl Beth, born May 18.

Bro. Leonard Menold was painfully burned about the face and eyes, when a tank of pressured ammonia nitrate exploded, spraying him with the fumes. He has now recovered and is able to be about again.

Your reporter had a very interesting visitor the past month from New Zealand. Mrs. Hilda Ashe of near Wellington, New Zealand, was touring Europe the same time that I was twelve years ago, and we chanced to meet on a mountain near Lucern, Switzerland. During the years, we have been corresponding, and Mrs. Ashe promised, if she came to the United States, she would look me up. She has kept her promise and paid that visit. She was on her way to England to visit her sisters and came through United States just to pay me a visit and meet my family and friends. She greatly enjoyed our country, and the stories of her country sound very interesting and inviting.

We are happy to report that Sis. Ida Huber is slowly improving, and is now able to go for short rides in the car, after being confined for many months.

We regret to report the grave illness of our dear Sis. Emma Ehnle, who at the time of this writing we feel is entering "The Valley of the Shadow of Death." She has been ill for some time, but had a strong determination and attended church even sometimes when she was hardly able. Often, when someone went to call, she would meet them at the door with a smile, to cover the pain she was suffering, and no one could realize what discomfort she was suffering. She has been bedfast the past few weeks, but still took care of herself as much as possible, until the last few days. Her daughter, Carolyn Hayward, and husband of Phoenix have arrived to be

with her and help care for her. May our dear Lord be with all of them at this time, and give them strength for each day, for to see their loved one "die by inches" is a trying ordeal.

## Know Each Other Better Song Leader At Home

As we were assembling for worship Sunday morning July 16, 1961, word came that a dear brother, Jeff Streitmatter, had been called from this life, after a lingering illness. He had been a faithful and devoted song leader for many years, and has been greatly missed. It seems only a fitting memorial to pay tribute to him in this column.

Jeff Streitmatter was born October 21, 1889, to William P. and Salome Herbold Streitmatter. He was born near Speer, Illinois, and his parents lived on a farm on Streitmatter Prairie. He had three brothers, William, Brother Daniel, Louie; and four sisters, Bertha Albrecht, Sis. Lena Rapp (deceased), Lill (deceased), and Julia.

On Feb. 24, 1915, he married Martha Siebenthal, and they lived on a farm in the same vicinity he was born, until retiring and moving to a newly-built home in Princeville, in October, 1957.

In 1917, a large group repented; Jeff and Martha also answered the call of their Lord, and were added to the fold early in 1918. Bro. Eli Winzeler was the elder at that time.

Jeff and Martha were blessed with a family of twelve children, namely: Sis. Mildred Huber of Eureka, Sis. Lucille Thomas of Peoria, Sis. Sylvia Blunier of Roanoke, Sis. Doris Rocke of near Tremont, Paul and Sis. Geraldine of Princeville, Bro. Vernon of West Jersey (attends church at Princeville) and his twin sister, Verna, who died from whooping cough complications in infancy, Bro. Jeff and Don of Princeville, Bro. Alfred (resides on the home place), and Sis. Shirley Kieser of Bradford, who also attends Princeville church. There are twenty-three grandchildren who enjoy visiting their grandparents.

Bro. Jeff always enjoyed singing, and one Sunday the song leader, Bro. Jacob Streitmatter, was not present, so Bro. Gottlieb Herrmann announced from the pulpit that Bro. Jeff should lead the singing.

He led the singing for over twenty-five years, and always took care of the singing for funerals until his health prevented.

Bro. Joseph Stoller and Bro. Albert Menold were also faithful leaders until their deaths some years ago. Bro. Daniel Feucht then started to help in the singing, and now we have several young brothers for whom we are thankful, and that they take an interest in this important duty. Bros. Richard Seidel, Walter Feucht, Joseph Stoller Jr., and David Kieser Jr. are among our younger leaders.

Bro. Jeff was always active and hardly knew a sick day in his life, until he became ill and finally had to submit to a major operation, which kept him confined for some months. During this time, his Zion's Harp was near him, and he was learning the new melodies. He recovered and enjoyed fairly good health again for two and a half years, but was again afflicted. After a few months, it proved fatal. He was laid to rest July 19, 1961 in the church cemetery.

One of his favorite songs he often selected was "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah", and in reading the words can believe Brother Jeff often thought of them.

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah,  
Pilgrim thru this barren land;  
I am weak, but Thou art mighty;  
Hold me with Thy pow'r ful hand;  
:Bread of heaven, Feed me till I  
want no more.:

Open now the crystal fountain,  
Whence the healing waters flow;  
Let the fiery, cloudy pillar  
Lead me all my journey thru;  
:Strong Deliv'rer, Be Thou still  
my strength and Shield:

When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
Bid my anxious fears subside;  
Bear me thru the swelling current,  
Land me safe on Canaan's side.  
Songs of praises I will ever give  
to Thee;  
Songs of praises . . . I will ever  
give to Thee.

### REMINGTON, INDIANA

Reporter: Emily Kilgus

Our Sunday School children met with the children of the Wolcott congregation for Vacation Bible School. A program was held on Sun. evening June 10, which was

enjoyed by all.

Lowell Bahler, son of Bro. and Sis. Jake Bahler, and Karla Hoon were married in their home on June 10, by Bro. Joshua Broquard.

Becky Peters, 11-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Peters, is in the hospital at this writing. We wish her a speedy recovery, and are looking forward to her return to Sunday School.

Bro. and Sis. Jake Bahler announce the engagement of their daughter, Janice, to Bob Pfister of Fort Wayne. He is the son of Bro. and Sis. Levi Pfister of Gibbons, Minnesota.

### RITTMAN, OHIO

Reporter: Lucille Hartzler

Births: a girl, Darlene May, to Bro. and Sis. Darryl Indermuhle, on May 15; a boy, Ronald Dean, to Bro. and Sis. Dean Marty, on May 16.

Visiting ministers in the past month have been Bros. Andrew Dotterer and Henry Manz of Junction and Delbert Indermuhle of Sardis. We received many good teachings from their messages, and invite them back again.

Proving and baptism was held on May 12 and 13. Our new ones in faith are Bro. Addison and Sis. Georgia Widmer and Bro. Ronald and Sis. Ruth Steiner. We welcome them into our most precious brotherhood and wish them God's richest blessings in their new-found faith.

Bro. Paul Gasser was installed as an assistant usher to our present ones, Bros. Wilford Blatter and Paul Frolich.

Sis. Carole Beery and Bro. David Steiner were united in marriage on June 10.

### Know Each Other Better

Our oldest song leader is Bro. Ben Hartzler, who was born on a farm near Smithville, Ohio, on Dec. 28, 1904. He was one of nine children of Bro. and Sis. Amos Hartzler.

While the children were young and growing, Bro. Amos taught them many things. He tried to teach them about the ways of God, but also spent some time trying to teach them what music he knew.

At the age of 19, Ben felt the need for a Saviour and answered God's call. He was baptized in 1923.

On June 11, 1933, he was united in marriage to Sis. Clara Ingold. To

this union were born seven children: Sis. Lorene Blough, Florence, Annabel, Sis. Janette, Alpha, Stanley, and Dorothea.

For many years, Bro. Ben had led the church singing, and on several occasions has taught some music to the Sunday School. In 1947, he was ordained a minister, so gave up part of his song-leading. However, he still enjoys singing and is a good support to our bi-monthly singings.

### SARDIS, OHIO

Reporter: Mrs. Ruth Headley

### Know Each Other Better

Our oldest song leader is Sis. Willetta (Walters) Indermuhle.

In her early teens, she spent some time with her grandfather in Wayne County and attended the Apostolic Christian Church there. She recalls Bro. Fred Maibach giving her a German Zion's Hymn Book, to encourage her to sing.

In 1915 Willetta was united in marriage to Carl Indermuhle. To this union were born three children, and she now has 9 grandchildren.

She answered God's call, and was baptized about 1915, by Bro. Joseph Ingold.

Willetta enjoys music, and believes the words of the songs are both encouraging and uplifting.

We wish her many more years of song leading, and may God bless her for help and encouragement she has given to all.

### TOLEDO, OHIO

Reporter: Emily Frautschi

### Know Each Other Better

Our song leader in Toledo is Bro. John S. Fetter, and this is his version of hymn and song singing in our homes and churches:

"It is one of the best ways to praise God and our Lord and Saviour. We can read of times past where men in prison would dedicate hymns and sing. **One or more** of our Zion Harp songs have been created by prisoners of Faith—also the Bible teaches us to praise God with our lips and voices.

To me, being the songleader of the Toledo congregation, I feel when we sing we should consider and pronounce the words according to their meaning. We take notice some hymns have a meaning of sorrow, and then there are songs of happiness and gladness.

**Knowing such** is praise to God, and gives vent to the feeling in our soul and heart, which might be a light to those around us. To be able to sing is a gift of God. I will add that some have a better voice, and therefore their debt and duty is greater. However, there are those who can't sing, but I feel they rejoice and receive a blessing also. I am quite sure we have all experienced at sometime or other we found ourselves humming or singing a hymn, perhaps at our work or driving in our automobiles, which does not go unnoticed by our Heavenly Father.

It is my humble wish and hope that our singing might not only continue, but also increase, that it would cause all of us to stay closer to the Lord."

#### UNION CITY, NEW JERSEY

**Reporter: August Mueller**

Our visitors were, from Rockville, Bro. and Sis. Owen Bahler, Bro. and Sis. Emanuel Schneider and children.

Today, Sis. Esther Isch was with us in church. She was greeted with joyful hearts. I believe the Lord had compassion on us, knowing that we are few in number, and to him belongeth all honor, praise, and glory. Amen.

Sunday, the 20th, our visitors from Rockville were Bro. and Sis. Ernest Gerber, Bro. and Sis. Wilbur Schneider, Bro. and Sis. Dick Lanz, and Bro. and Sis. Earl Gerber. They also brought their children along with them, 14 in number. It was a real pleasure to see these little children sitting at the table. After lunch, we sang a number of hymns; among them "Watch and Pray that when the Master cometh." Bro. Gerber delivered the messages. They were very important and coincided with the times we are living in. How fortunate are we that we, from time to time, can sit at the Lord's table and share with the angels in heaven in heavenly blessings. It was a day of joy and blessing.

Sun., June 3, our visitors were from Morton, Bro. and Sis. Bob Pfederer; from Delaware, Friend Ed. Aeschliman, his wife and children; from Rockville, Bro. and Sis. Cortin Bahler, Bro. and Sis. Kenneth Bahler and children. We enjoyed their visit very much and invite them all to visit us again.

At this writing, Sis. Esther Isch is back to work again, full time. See what the Lord has done. We give him the thanks.

Our sympathy goes out to our dear friend, Art Cook, who lost one of his sisters, after a long illness. He is the son-in-law of our second oldest sister, Sophie Keller, 91. His wife's name is Sis. Minny.

#### WEST BEND, IOWA

**Reporter: Anna Schmidt**

Sis. Lydia Jurgens fell, broke her hip recently, and was hospitalized in Mercy Hospital at Fort Dodge, Iowa. She got home from the hospital June 5, and is getting along quite well at this writing. Sis. Elizabeth Marti is improving. Bro. Harley Bruellman had surgery and is in the Lutheran Hospital at Fort Dodge. We wish them God's blessings and a speedy recovery. Bro. and Sis. Eugene Marti and family and Bro. and Sis. Roy Rocke and family were visitors on Sunday, May 13.

Friends Verner and Beverly Wirtz gave their testimonies and were baptized by Bro. Paul Banwart on Sunday, May 27. We rejoice, and welcome them into the fold. Our visitors were, Bro. and Sis. Philip Metzger, Bro. and Sis. Ephraim Strahm and two children, Sis. Louise Esslinger from Sabetha; Bro. and Sis. Donald Massner, Bro. and Sis. Ray Massner, Bro. and Sis. Henry Schmidt and Sis. Emma Schmidt from Winthrop; Bro. and Sis. Dale Knobloch and family, Bro. and Sis. Phil Mogler and family from Lester. The ministering brothers with their wives were Bro. and Sis. Joe Aberle from Sabetha and Bro. and Sis. Henry Mogler from Lester.

The Bible Class Sunday School Picnic was held here on Sunday, June 3. The Bible Classes and teachers from Morris and Winthrop, Lester and Elgin, attended. The ministering brothers and their wives were Bro. and Sis. Joe Schrock, Congerville; Bro. and Sis. Leo Moser, Lester, and Bro. and Sis. Paul Fehr, Morris. On Saturday evening, Bro. Joe Schrock showed slides of the Holy Land to the Bible Class group.

#### WICHITA, KANSAS

**Reporter: Dave Hangartner**

We of the Wichita congregation have worked together to redecor-

ate our church, painting both the interior and exterior. It has brought about a very nice improvement in the appearance of our church building.

A young friend, Sharon Dopps, who was hospitalized for an appendectomy, is recovering nicely in her home. Sharon is the daughter of Bro. Bruce and Sis. Viola Dopps.

Our Elder Brother Sam Anliker of the Lamont church visited us on the 20th of May. We enjoyed hearing his inspiring messages.

Our beloved brother, Harry Aeschleman, has been called out of this world. He passed away on the 25th of May, at the age of 70. He is survived by his wife, Sis. Mae; two children, a son and a daughter, and several grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted by Ministering Brother George Lambert.

On Monday evening, June 4, we held services with visiting Ministering Brother Roy Farney of the Phoenix church. Bro. Joe Aberle of the Sabetha church also spent the evening with us.

#### WOLCOTT, INDIANA

**Reporter: Arles Kropf**

On the evening of May 6, we enjoyed a song service, with the La-Crosse and Remington Sunday School also taking part. Refreshments and fellowship were enjoyed by all, afterwards, in the dining room.

Bro. Joe A. Getz, along with his wife and a number of others from Morton and Fairbury, were with us on May 20, when we partook of Holy Communion. It was indeed a blessed day.

A daughter, Norma Jane, was born on May 9 to Bro. Verne and Sis. Leona Lehman. She has a sister, Nancy Lee, to welcome her.

We are sorry to report that our dear Elder Bro. Irvin Lehman suffered a heart attack and is in the Ade Memorial Hospital at Brook (Indiana). He will be unable to have visitors for some time, but would enjoy cards and letters. We sincerely pray that God will be merciful and restore him, if it can be His will, as we need Bro. Irvin so badly as our Shepherd.

Bro. and Sis. Jack Stieglitz, Sisters Lydia and Hannah Welk of Morton visited us Sunday morning, June 5.

Vacation Bible School was held

in our church the week of June 4 through June 8, with the Remington children also attending. There were 86 children enrolled. The closing program is planned for Sunday evening, June 10.

A daughter was born to John and Wilma Honegger on June 4. She has been named Gina Marie.

### AKRON, OHIO

**Reporter: Ruth Taylor**

Sis. Sadie Brenner and Mrs. Alma Stauffer are improving, and are up and around again. Both are glad for company.

Eloise Cerny had her tonsils out, but is good as new again.

Paul and Eric Ritzman have had a seige of sickness the past few weeks. Eric is quite well again, while Paul is still in bed, but well on his way to recovery. Bob Ritzman is home from school for the summer now.

John Weisser, 54 years of age, passed away May 4. He was always cheerful and pleasant, in spite of a back ailment he had all his life. His mother was the former Sabilla Metzger, who was a niece of the late Mother Braun. He was the last member of his immediate family.

The Ernest Graf Jrs had their silver wedding anniversary May 23. They received many cards and good wishes from their friends and relatives. Their children surprised them by having open house for them.

### ALTADENA, CALIFORNIA

**Reporter: Doris Graf**

Visiting on May 14 were Bro. Bruce Dopps, Wichita, and Carolyn Stoller, Florence and Annabelle Hartzler of Rittman.

On Sunday, May 27, Holy Communion was held in our congregation, and visiting us on that blessed day was Bro. and Sis. Joe Beer, who are stationed in San Francisco.

Bro. and Sis. Daryle Wieland and children were here from Bay City, visiting Ede's parents, Bro. and Sis. Joe Klotzle, and other relatives and friends. Also, Bro. and Sis. Matt Wieland accompanied them.

Sis. Marie Kieser has moved back to Princeville, after spending five months here, working at Huntington Hospital. We certainly will miss her, but wish her the very best. Accompanying her on the trip

back was Sis. Ruth Ludwig, who is visiting her parents, Bro. and Sis. Albert Ludwig in Rockville.

Our friend, Miss Anna Hoerr, left for Europe on June 4 to visit her adopted daughter, Juanita, in Germany.

Our shut-ins, Bro. Joe Lorenz, Sis. Rose Langjahr, and Sis. Margaret Kinsinger, have all recovered sufficiently to come to church again. We are happy to have them in our midsts.

### BURLINGTON, IOWA

**Reporter: Mrs. Ernest Anliker**

Recent visitors were Sis. Hattie Miller and son, Gene, of Pulaski, Iowa; Danny and Sis. Lois Endress and family of Princeville. Also visiting us were Bro. and Sis. Fred Marti of Lamar. Bro. Marti ministered to us while here. We thank him for sharing with us. Bro. and Sis. John Wagenbach and Doloris, Bro. and Sis. Paul Wagenbach and children, Bro. and Sis. Gus Scheitlin, Bro. and Sis. Roger Moser and family, Bro. and Sis. Richard Gerst and son, Bro. Steven, Sis. Lydia and Sis. Gladys Kupferschmidt, Bro. and Sis. Ezra Gerst, Bro. and Sis. Jodi Eberhardt, Sisters Emma and Esther Vierling, Bro. and Sis. Carl Gerst and family, Bro. and Sis. Emil Vierling and sons, all of the Oakville congregation.

A little bundle of joy, Mary Beth, came to gladden the home of Bro. and Sis. Uriel Gehring on May 13. She has a little brother, Bradley.

Our sister, Rose Mauer, of Morning Sun, Iowa, answered the summons of her Lord, and quietly slipped away to her eternal rest, on May 14. Funeral services were from the Oakville congregation. Our sincere sympathy goes to her husband, Pete, and all of her family.

Our friend, Pete Mauer, of Morning Sun, Iowa, gave his testimony and was baptized by our Elder Bro. Noah Schrock at our Wednesday evening services, on Memorial Day, at Burlington. Those of his children who attended were Frank Mauer and his wife, Evelyn, and her husband, Earl Wilson.

We wish him God's rich blessings.

Bro. Pete Mauer and daughters, Mrs. Earl Wilson, and Shirley of Morning Sun, attended services with us Sunday afternoon. We welcome them, and hope they come again soon.

Visitors were: Sis. Tillie Frank of Salem, Ia.; Bro. and Sis. Joe Rieman of Wapello, Ia.; Mrs. Martha McGinnis, Stockport, Ia.; Sis. Ruth Hodel and daughters, Sis. Margery and Judy, Oakville, Ia.; Bro. and Sis. Ezra Schlipf, Keithsburg, Ill.; also their daughter, Mary Jane.

This Sunday morning, May 10, we were saddened to hear that our brother, Pete Mauer, of Morning Sun, Ia., was stricken with a stroke. Yesterday, his plans were to assemble with us on this day. We trust his suffering will be lessened by the nearness of our Lord, and may grace and new strength be given him each day.

### BURLINGTON, OKLAHOMA

**Reporter: Mrs. Raymond Roth**

Our annual Sunday School picnic was held Sunday evening, May 27.

Our Elder, Bro. Ray Farney, of Phoenix, Arizona, spent two Sundays with us, May 27 and June 3. On June 3, he served us Holy Communion. Bro. Roy was accompanied by his father, Bro. Sam Farney, also of Phoenix.

We are happy to hear that our friend, Henry Tanner, aged 88, has repented and found peace, and now awaits baptism.

Sis. Lydia Ott, Sis. Marvin Ott, Sis. Raymond Roth and Mrs. Dale Hood attended the funeral of their brother-in-law and uncle, Bro. John Wernli, at Lamont, Kan., May 31.

Hospital patients this past month were Sis. Lydia Hanhart, Sis. Martha Roth, Sis. Lydia Ott and Ed Farney.

### CISSNA PARK, ILLINOIS

**Reporter: Mrs. Jeff Young**

Visiting ministers this past month include Bros. Dave Mangold, Joe Hodel, John Somerhalder, Alfred Bahler, Ernest Graf, Henry Wackerle, George Gramm and Elmer Witzig.

Our dear friends, Earl and Mary Knapp, were added to the fold Sunday, May 20, with Bro. Dave Mangold performing the baptismal services.

Engagement of Sis. Joan Rinckenberger and Bro. Keith Hansen of Urbana was made known May 27.

Births: to Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Merkle, a son, Rodney Dean, born May 14; a son was born to Bro. Les-

ter and Sis. Dorothy Walder on May 14—he was named Douglas Allen; on May 16, Steven Allen was born to Bro. Everett and Sis. Beverly Hari; Ben and Grace Farney are parents of a son, Todd Alan, born May 17; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kellerhals are parents of a daughter, Susan Marie, on May 20; a daughter, Sara Ann, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Don Sever on May 22 (formerly Caroline Clauss); Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Clauss are the parents of their first child, a girl, Stacey Lee, born June 5.

In behalf of the church and Sunday School, we wish to thank the many brethren and friends who found it worthwhile to make the Cissna Park congregation their place to worship on June 3, as they met from Akron, Latty, Bay City, Roanoke, Morton, Eureka, Gridley, and other various churches. It indeed made it a pleasant day for us all.

Vacation Bible School is being held through June 4 to June 15. Approximately 250 children are enrolled. Adult classes were held on Tuesday evenings.

Hospitalized the past month was our friend, John Reineke, and Sis. Lydia Moser. Our prayers go out to the sick.

#### Song Leader

Our eldest song leader, Bro. Wm. E. Martin, was born on Sept. 21, 1897, at Roanoke, Illinois, son of Frank S. and Anna Blunier Martin. At the age of 3½ years, he moved with his parents to a farm east of Roanoke.

At the age of 19 years, he was called to repentance. It was on a Sunday, Jan. 1, when Bro. Robert Bahler visited the Roanoke congregation, one who he always liked to hear proclaim the word of God, when a few words fell into his heart. When he said that many people try to excuse themselves that they cannot help it that they are a sinner, to a certain extent he agreed they could not, but emphasized and stressed the fact that it is their fault if they remain a sinner. At that time, much of our services were in the German language. He said he had long felt his lost condition, seemingly his life was hopeless, and the enemy continually told him that it was no use to even try, but he found that what seems impossible with man

is possible with God if we seek our Saviour in earnest, and humbly plead for his grace. He was baptized in March of 1916, with Bro. Michael Mangold officiating.

He lived with his parents till Nov. 18, 1923, when he was united in marriage to Sis. Kathryn Pfister, oldest daughter of Bro. John and Sis. Lydia Pfister of Eureka. To this union were born five sons and three daughters, Sis. Lois Belsley, Detroit; Sis. Beulah Rumbold, Morton; Sis. Arlene Stock, Cissna Park; Arthur of Danville; Bro. Richard, Edward, and Bro. Wm. R., Morton; Vernon of Peoria.

He farmed his father's farm for 14 years, then he moved to a farm northwest of El Paso, Ill., lived there till he purchased and moved on a farm five and one-half miles southwest of Cissna Park, in the spring of 1945, where he still resides (with the exception of two years in town).

He began to assist in song leading at gatherings, in his younger years, and assisted as song leader in congregations for some 16 years. He always loved singing, and he says, to him, it seems encouraging and inspiring to the soul and seems to ease and lighten the burdens and sorrows and sufferings of this life.

May the Lord bless the effort of every brother that is serving in this work. It seems to me, Song No. 214 in the Zion's Harp is a beautiful song to exercise.

#### CROGHAN-NAUMBURG, N. Y.

Reporter: Mrs. Clayton Virkler

Bro. Ralph Beyer, the oldest song leader in our assemblies, was born March 16, 1915 at Naumburg, N.Y., a son of Elder Philip A. Beyer and Cora (Virkler) Beyer.

Bro. Ralph repented at the age of 16 years, and was baptized on July 26, 1931, by Elder Ernest Graf Sr. He related that he was stirred to repentance by the realization of the frailty of the human body. He realized that God had spared his life on various occasions, and therefore strongly felt the need of a Saviour, one who could forgive, and also one who could lead him throughout life.

Sis. Nina Schieler, daughter of John and Marie (Bahler) Schieler, was united with Ralph in marriage on Feb. 9, 1947, by Elder Philip Beyer, at Remington. Their mar-

riage has been blessed with three children—Peter, James and Henry.

After farming for a year, Bro. Ralph was forced to give it up because of a back condition and he has since been occupied as a Fuller Brush dealer, and has made his home in Lowville.

Bro. Ralph taught Sunday School for several years, and was called into the ministry in 1950. He has enjoyed singing for a long time, even before conversion, and much more since. His expression to me was that, "singing is a very important part of a Christian's life, as it is mentioned many, many times in God's word. We know that our Saviour even sang a hymn with his apostles before his agony.

"It gives a good feeling to the soul to take part in church worship. Having been called into the song leading by the church, I feel the great responsibility, and therefore the constant need of divine guidance, so that the song worship may be orderly, in timing, and in harmony to the glory of our Lord."

To the above, we might gratefully add, that when Bro. Ralph and Sis. Nina are present, it reminds us of the verse (Colossians 3:16): "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord."

We are very sorry to have to report three deaths in our congregations since our last news letter. Sis. Mary Yousey, who was our oldest member, was interred on May 15. Her services were held at Naumburg. Bro. George Lehman, husband of Sis. Anna Virkler Lehman, went to be with his Lord on May 22, after a prolonged illness. His funeral services were held at Croghan on May 25. Reuben Schultz, husband of Sis. Elva Virkler Schultz, died after an illness of many years. He had been afflicted with arthritis for a long time and was constantly in great pain. His funeral was held in the Croghan Church June 8. Our sympathy goes out to all those who were bereft.

#### FAIRBURY, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Joyce Huber

We were thankful to have Bro. Harry Bucher of Valpariaso, Ind., May 12. His edifying messages

tried to encourage us to pursue the sacrificial service exemplified by the apostle Paul in his missionary activity. Accompanying Bro. Bucher were his wife and Bro. and Sis. John Heinold, who were guests of Bro. and Sis. Edw. Huber.

### Know Each Other Better

Bro. Sam Steffen is our oldest song leader that has led songs the greatest number of years. At age 17, he was converted, and he led his first song in church in 1924, at age 19.

His leader uncle, Bro. Albert Steffen, wanted a young brother to learn to lead, and asked him if he would be interested, so he took the horse and buggy in the winter time to go to his uncle's home to receive instruction. He purchased his first tuning-fork through Rapps in Morton, and first had it when Bro. Graf was visiting here; and has been capably leading ever since. If another brother is leading a hymn about to falter, Bro. Sam will rescue him.

Bro. Sam married Sis. Anna Zehr in 1932. They have 3 children; Sis. Louise, married to Bro. Kenneth Furrer, Wolcott, who have Julia, and Sam named after Grandpa; Bro. Richard in the service in Texas; and Earl, a 1962 high school graduate.

Bro. Sam's being helpful in the church, exercising great hospitality, radiating love to each individual, has won the respect of not only being a worthy song leader, but a gracious and prudent brother.

### FRANCESVILLE, INDIANA

Reporter: Mrs. Elmer Bucher

"Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth . . ." (Ecclesiastes 12:1).

We praise the Lord for two more souls who have answered the call and have given their hearts to the Lord, Shirley (daughter of Bro. Elmer Anliker) and Ronald (son of Bro. Eli Anliker). We feel we have been so richly blessed in our congregation the past six months, and may prayers have been answered.

The week end of June 3, thirteen dear souls gave their testimonies and were baptized: Perry and Sally (Nuest) Neihouser; Edison and Chris Ann (Wuethrich) Gutwein; Robert and Norma (Kahler) Pflederer; Keith and Doris Getz; Karl

and Mary Louise (Gutwein) Westphal; Donna Wuethrich; Yvonne (Neihouser) Gutwein and Linda Anliker. Elders Henry Kilgus, Dave Mangold, Noah Schrock, John Bahler and George Yergler were with us.

The responsibility of helping in the ministry has fallen upon Bro. Wendell Gudeman. We wish him and his wife much grace and help from above, in this new undertaking.

But, with all our joy, some sorrow must come. The morning of May 27, our aged brother, Albert Boehning, was called out of this life to a more beautiful home. Our sympathy goes to his widow, Cora, and all those dear to him. He will certainly be missed in our congregation.

On June 8, a son was born to Bro. Willie and Sis. Hilda Steffen.

Marshall Putt and Marcel Neihouser were married at the home of the bride's parent's, Bro. Pierre and Sis. Kathryn Neihouser, on Sunday, June 10. They were married by Elder Bro. Fred Grimm.

### Song Leader

Bro. Fred Herman was first to serve in this capacity, being present when the first services were held here in Francesville. The next brothers in charge of singing were Bros. Joe Pelsey and Fred Gutwein. Bro. Les Bucher came to Francesville in 1947, and several years later helped out as song leader. He and Bro. Robert Wuethrich served together for a number of years, and about a year ago the responsibility was laid primarily upon Bro. Bob.

Bob is the son of Chris and Barbara Wuethrich. Bro. Bob repented in July of '48, and was baptized in August of the same year, at the age of 19. On March 11, 1951, he was married to Phyllis Haab, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Elmer Haab of Milford. In May 1951, he was called into Service, and served two years under the Stars and Stripes.

Since his discharge, they have made their home in Francesville, where Bob is engaged in farming. A daughter, Rebecca, was born while he was in Service, and since then, two boys Bruce and Blake, and two girls, Roberta and Bonnie, have been entrusted to their care.

We feel very fortunate to have

such a talented brother as Bob to have charge of our leading, and also to help young boys and girls to exercise themselves in singing hymns of praise to God.

### LAMONT, KANSAS

Reporter: Mrs. Bernie Emch

It is with sadness that I send this article from our congregation. Another soul, my father was called out of this life, to a home the Lord has prepared for him.

Bro. John Wernli passed away very suddenly at his home, of a heart attack, May 28, 1962. He was the son of John Verina Wernli, was born in Erlinsbach, Switzerland, June 13, 1881. He came to the Lamont community from his native country when 23 years old. He was married to Emma Ott, Sept. 6, 1908, in Gridley, Kansas.

He was a faithful member of the Apostolic Christian Church for 56 years. Funeral services were held at the church, May 31, with Bro. Samuel Anliker conducting the services and Bro. Pete Fankhauser assisting.

He is survived by his wife, Sis. Emma; three sons, Harold (Gridley, Ks.); Daniel (Yale, Okla.); Bro. Roy (Madison, Ks.); three daughters, Martha Hughs (Emporia, Ks.); Julia Isch (Gridley, Ks.); Sis. Dena Emch (Madison, Ks.); 16 grandchildren; and two brothers, Adolf and Gustavus of Erlinsbach, Switzerland.

Our congregation was happy to have Bro. Roy Sauder of Peoria deliver such inspiring messages unto us, Sunday, June 10. He was here to attend the Sauder reunion, held Sunday afternoon. Other Sauders assembling with us that day were Bro. and Sis. Chris Sauder, Sis. Lizzie Herbst, Peoria; Sis. Frank Sauder, Bro. and Sis. Carl Sauder, Sis. John Sauder, Bro. and Sis. Howard Sauder and children, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Sauder of Roanoke; and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Sauder, Eureka.

### MORRIS, MINNESOTA

Reporter: Mrs. Louie Messner

#### Our Song Leader

Our song leader is Bro. Henry Schmidgall, who has been leading since he was 27 years old.

He was born February 25, 1889, in Elgin, Illinois, to Jacob and Christine Honegger Schmidgall, and was one of ten children. At age

3, they moved to Lester, Iowa.

Knowing unless he repented he would be lost, he turned to the Lord in 1911, and was baptized there by Elder Bro. August Mogler. In 1912, they moved here to Hancock. He farmed until 1916.

He has been very active in the concrete business, until last year when arthritis set in his right hip.

Bro. Henry married Sis. Emma Koehl at Fairbury, Illinois, April 30, 1916. They have ten children: Bro. Wayne, Francis, Sis. Gladys (Mrs. Frank Messner), Sis. Stella, Bro. Richard, Bro. Hartzell (Mediapolis, Iowa), C. Don, Bro. Gilbert, Eugene, and Sis. Darlene (Mrs. Richard Voeller). They have 35 grandchildren.

Bro. Henry has always enjoyed singing and feels it is the language of the soul. He has led in church for 46 years, the last 35 years as full-time leader. There is no better pastime than to sing hymns, as it is one way we can all praise and honor the Lord.

Our Elder Brother, Henry Koehl, is one of his four ministering brothers-in-law.

He had the office of both the Brotherhood Aids, the Real Estate and also the Personal Property, for many years. He also had the office of sexton, in charge of burials, etc.

Bro. and Sis. Harold Gramm have a son, Timothy Chris, born May 31.

The engagement of our sister, Linda Schmidgall, to Bro. Fred Messner of the Winthrop congregation was announced June 10.

### NEW MARTINSVILLE, W. VA.

Reporter: Mrs. Gus Weltz

The first service for the summer was held at the country church on Sunday, May 27, with a good attendance. Many from Monroe were with us, and the following from a distance also worshipped with us, with Joe Ramsier of Rittman holding the service: Mr. and Mrs. George Riegenbach of Sterling, Mr. and Mrs. Lorentz Emch of Girard, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Gasser of Rittman, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Greenbank and children of Barberton, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ramsier of Rittman.

Several went out to the church on May 24 and cleaned the church, cleaned the cemetery, cutting grass and trimming trees, which gave the

place a very clean appearance, also resetting many grave-markers that had been in bad shape for some time. Another group went out again on Monday, May 28, and did more of the same kind of work, and many compliments were handed them for the neat appearance of the grounds. Anyone having a loved one buried there would have been pleased to have seen what had been done.

Mrs. J. G. Burgess was a patient in the local hospital, but is home again and doing nicely.

Mrs. Emma Berger is visiting at the home of her son, C. W. Berger, here again for the summer. We are happy to have her back among us again for a few weeks.

Mrs. Lucy Baysinger of Butler, Pa., visited in mid-June, with the Witschey families here and in Hannibal, Ohio.

Brent Mason, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Ross Sidell (Luella Bleuer), who was very seriously burned several weeks ago, continues to improve.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Sidell (Luella Bleuer) celebrated their fortieth wedding anniversary on May 27 with the members of their family at their home.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Williams of Akron spent the week end of May 27 here with the Barth families and attended services at the country church.

Mrs. Elizabeth Mullett, widow of William Mullett, passed away on Monday, June 4, after a lengthy illness. She was the daughter of George and Mary Blair Rist, and is survived by two sons and one daughter, a foster daughter, eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Services and interment took place on June 6.

Services will be held at the country church the fourth Sunday of each month, beginning at one o'clock, Daylight Saving Time. All are welcome.

### ROCKVILLE, CONNECTICUT

Reporter: Carlton J. Lanz

On April 18, a son, Leslie Howard, was born to Bro. Edward and Alma Luginbuhl. They now have six boys and one girl.

During our week-end of May 20, we had as guests Bro. Robert Waggenbach and family of Tremont. We used our church basement on Sunday evening for song service. Then,

on Monday evening, we, together, enjoyed a pleasant evening at Bro. Wilbur and Marjorie Schneider's home.

Marriage intentions of Bro. Robert Lee Bahler to Sis. Maxine Webb (both of here) were announced on May 27. Bro. Lee is the son of the late Bro. Adolph Jr. and Sis. Ida Bahler. Sis. Maxine's parents are Bro. Clinton and Eloise Webb.

On June 3, Bro. Ephraim Kipfer and his wife were guests here. They are from Grabill, Indiana.

### Memorial Day

Memorial Day (just past) is a day of particular significance. Its meaning is solemn, however. It is a time, by our custom, when we demonstrate our love and sentiment for those we held dear,—now, no longer with us. When we visit our cemeteries and walk among the resting places of beloved relatives and friends, we feel some responsibilities for their graves. Few, we believe, however, let the day pass without placing a potted plant or some cut flowers on the grave of a loved one. It is good to honor the dead. We cannot forget our responsibility to them.

### TAYLOR, MISSOURI

Reporter: Mrs. Eli Sutter

We are glad to have Bro. Bill and Sis. Janice Laukhuf of Latty assemble with us. Bro. Bill is in the Service and is stationed at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

We spent a blessed day on May 20, when Elder Bro. Fred Grimm served Holy Communion to us.

Shelly, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Louis Hoerr, is in the hospital as a medical patient. We are glad to hear that she is improving.

Henry and Sis. Loida Hodel announce the engagement of their daughter, Elaine, to Donald Hoerr, son of Bro. John and Sis. Rose Hoerr.

### CONGERVILLE, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Marjorie Knapp

Our visiting ministers in May were Bro. Fred Marti, Lamar; and Bro. Henry Grimm, Morton. On May 10, Bro. Al Fisher, Chicago, ministered to our congregation. He was accompanied by several members of the Chicago congregation. We wish to thank him for his service unto us.



Bro. Jerry and Sis. Nancy Knapp are the parents of a baby girl, born in May.

Our Vacation Bible School was held each evening from June 4 through the 15th. Classes were conducted for the children of pre-school, grade school, and high school ages.

### FORT SAM HOUSTON, TEXAS

Reporter: Juanita Schneider

On May 13, the Ft. Sam group enjoyed the visit of Bro. Joe Zimmerman of Roanoke. Also that week-end, Bro. Eli and Sis. Della Meiss and Rosemary and Bro. Sam and Sis. Anna Steffen of Fairbury came to visit Carlos Meiss and Bro. Richard Steffen. Not only did Richard and Carlos enjoy their short stay at Ft. Sam, but the whole group, as well.

On May 27, Bro. Harold and Sis. Jerry Messner and Bruce and Bro. Levi Messner of Winthrop visited us, and Bro. Harold ministered unto us. Actually, it cannot be put into words how we appreciate what our visiting ministers do for us. They put out much effort for us, and it is truly appreciated.

Bro. Dave Teubel of Morton underwent surgery here at Brooke General Hospital, on the 28th of May. The operation went without incident, and now Dave is home on a 21-day convalescent leave.

Bro. Ben Metz of Forrest, recently released from active duty, spent a few days with us. We truly enjoyed his visit with us.

Since our last writing, there have been several address changes. Please use them when you wish to write to the boys, because it will speed up the reception of the mail. They are as follows:

Mr and Mrs Bill Laukhuf  
301 W 18th St  
Rolla Missouri

Mr and Mrs Elvin Nuest  
Starlite Trailer Court  
Killeen Texas

Pvt Alan R Wuthrich US55712302  
USAH 7506  
Camp Leroy Johnson  
New Orleans La

Pvt Richard Steffen US55724059  
566th Med Co (amb)  
MFSS BAMC  
Ft Sam Houston Texas

Pvt Phil Heinold US55725097  
418th Med Co (amb)  
Ft Hood Texas

Pvt Dave Wiegand US55717256  
85th Evac Hosp  
Ft Hood Texas

Pvt Norman L Hoerr US55716852  
Hg Det 1st BN MFSS  
Ft Sam Houston Texas

Pvt Lloyd Massner  
243 Madison  
Apt. 6  
San Antonio Texas

Bro. John Steiner of Oakville and Jerry Vogel from Cissna Park have arrived here for basic training. There addresses are:

Pvt John L Steiner US55721290  
Co D 3rd BN USAMTC—BAMC  
Class 14B  
Ft Sam Houston Texas

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Carlos Meiss has received orders, and he will leave for Europe on June 15. At this time, we do not know his address, but hope to have it at our next writing.

The schedule of churches sending ministers is La Crosse, on July 8. However, there is no one scheduled for July 22 on our list. As before, we ask that someone from the church contact Conrad Gerst's, 423½ Queen Anne Ct. or Duane Schneider's, 202 Queen Anne Ct. San Antonio 9, Texas, approximately a week before, as to who is coming, when and how.

Now that vacation time is here, the Ft Sam group would like to be included in your vacation plans. This invitation is open to all, at any time!

### TREMONT, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Mrs. William H. Beutel

May 6 was a birthday get-together for Sis. Christena Baurer of Peoria, with approximately 110 members of the family present. She was 90 years old. Children and grandchildren were here for the day and attended church with us.

We were happy to have so many visiting ministers: May 20, Bros. Francis Rother and Russell Rapp

of Morton; May 27, Bro. James Hoerr of Peoria; June 3 was the Joseph and Elsie Sauder Descendants Reunion, so this brought Bro. Philip Sauder of Cissna to be with us, and also Bro. Joe A. Getz was here for the afternoon services.

On Monday, May 28, Sis. Mary Bowald of Peoria, a sister of Sis. Leah Winzeler, was buried in Tremont. Bros. Mike Weyeneth and LeRoy Hartman were here.

Wednesday evening and Thursday forenoon, May 23 and 24th, members and friends gathered together to give our House of Worship its spring cleaning.

Arthur Sauder, son of Bro. and Sis. Willis Sauder, is going to school in Chicago. Another son, Bro. Charles, is home for summer vacation. He is working in Peoria.

Wednesday evening, June 6, our Bible Class and teachers went to sing for the patients at Restmor Nursing Home in Morton. One of the children said, "They really seemed to enjoy it, some had big smiles, and others would cry."

We are having Bible School June 4 to June 15. They have 10 classes, with 123 registered. These brothers and sisters, who give their time, we know will be rewarded for their efforts and time. And the little seeds sown, we pray, will always be looked back on in pleasure, in days to come.

### Song Leader

Daniel C. Steiner was born at Sabetha, March 6, 1912, the son of Bro. Ed and Edna Grimm Steiner. Bro. Ed Steiner was a good leader, who enjoyed singing. He was leader in Sabetha many years before his death last winter.

Bro. Daniel says he was convicted before, but one Sunday he heard a sermon by Bro. Emch of Girard, in December 1930. In this sermon, Bro. Emch brought out that his own father was a timber and lumber man, and when he would look at the trees to size them up, no matter how crooked they were, there still was a heart where he could find a good two by four. After that sermon, Bro. Daniel says it was time for him to make a change. He was baptized on February 1, 1931.

He would lead at home, as his family all enjoyed to sing. It was suggested by an older brother, he should help his father lead, when

he was about 21 years old, so he has been a leader about 30 years.

On February 10, 1935, he was married to Sis. Sophia Pflederer. (Her parents were Bro. and Sis. Joseph C. and Mary Bahr Pflederer.) They moved to Tremont in December 1937.

Bro. Fred Moser had been our leader for many years, and was getting quite old. He told Bro. Dan one of the first Sundays he was here, as they went into church, "you take my place", and Bro. Moser went one bench forward.

Bro. and Sis. Steiner have 7 children: Sis. Henry Dill Jr. (Barbara), Bros. Daniel Jr. and Joseph, Richard (who has found peace with God) but must spend his Army time in Germany—with approximately 13 months left, Harold, Velma and Carol, also 3 grandchildren. They live on a farm 3 miles east and south of Tremont.

Bro. Steiner loves to sing praises to God. "There is something in singing hard to find words to express". His wife enjoys singing, too, as do all their children.

### PULASKI, IOWA

**Reporter: Mrs. Ray Martin**

We are sorry to report the passing of a sister, Ella Wagler, who was living at Rankin, Illinois, with her son, Harry, at the time of her death. Ella had lived at Pulaski all of her life, except the past few months.

Ella Miller Wagler was born January 15, 1882, and departed this life May 13, 1962, at the age of 80 years and four months. Her husband, Jacob Wagler, and her infant daughter preceded her in death eleven years ago. She is survived by two sons, Bro. Harry of Rankin, Ill., and Bro. John of Athens, Alabama, and five grandchildren. She was also preceded in death by ten brothers and sisters. The one remaining from this family is Sis. Mattie Olsen, Worthington, Minnesota. The Pulaski Congregation misses the presence of Ella very much. There were visitors here for the funeral from Cissna Park, Oakville, Burlington, Taylor, and Winthrop.

The Pulaski church goes by Standard Time. The morning church and Sunday School start at 10:30 A.M., and church is at 12:45 in the afternoon.

Our friend, Emma Kinsinger,

is at the Mayo Clinic for treatment. We hope that she may return soon.

Bro. and Sis. John Gramm from Gridley and Bro. and Sis. James Sutter spent the week end of Mother's Day with Bro. and Sis. Albert Wuthrich.

### ELGIN, ILLINOIS

**Reporter: Louise Steffen**

On May 19, about 12 young folks went to Sis. Louise Messerschmidt's home, to sing for her and Sisters Carrie Kuehner and Minnie Wiess.

We had the provings and baptizing, on May 20, of our friends, Kate Dietrich and Frances Kaptain. We welcome them into the fold. May God bless them.

Sis. Mary Kercher had an operation on May 26. Bro. Henry Kellenberger had surgery on June 7 at Hine's Hospital in Chicago. Rollie and Debbie, children of Alice Hugh McConnell and Dwight, had a tonsillectomy. Sis. Emma Gudeman was hospitalized a short time. Sis. Elizabeth Anliker was sick. Emma Heiniger was very sick with measles. We hope they are all on the road to recovery.

June 2, Sis. Rose Grimm enjoyed the singing of some of our young folks. She will be 89 years old.

Visitors on the 3rd were Bro. Jim and Sis. Julia Messner and five daughters of Lafayette, Minn., and Bro. Robert Leman, his wife and family of Forrest.

Bro. Sam and Sis. Leona Feucht and family moved to California the week of June 3. A farewell was held for them. We wish them the Lord's richest blessings. We will miss them very much.

June 9 and 10, we were privileged to have in our midst Bro. Henry Kilgus and Sis. Lydia of Forrest, also their daughter, Sis. Alice, of Chicago. Bro. Kilgus helped along in the proving, on Sat. night, of our five friends, Joyce and Paul, Janice and Morris Weiss, and Phyllis Kaptain. The baptizing was held on Sunday afternoon, many attending, truly a day of blessing and rejoicing. A church supper was held. Visitors were Sis. Dorothy Knochel, Sis. Kay Polk, Gail Barton, Barbara Belsley, and Connie Maibach, all at Detroit.

June 11, Sis. Eileen and Bro. Rudy Bahr and three children are visiting here.

Sis. Janice Weiss is in the hos-

pital at Emhurst, Illinois. We pray for her, and may God be ever near her.

Bro. Fred Grimm of Quincy, Ill., surprised us with a visit on Wed. eve., June 13 . . . a very inspiring message. We thank him for coming and hope he will come again soon.

### ELGIN, IOWA

**Reporter: Mrs. George Butikofer**

May 23 was an eventful day for us. On the evening of that date, communion services were held. Elder Bros. Paul Banwart and Noah Shrock served. Later, a helper for in the ministry, to assist Bro. Werner Moor was chosen. The lot fell to Bro. Paul Butikofer. We are happy in the choice, and pray that God will grant His blessing in Paul's work.

Our annual Vacation Bible School of one week closed with a nice program and a picnic dinner. There were eighteen children enrolled. Sis's. Gloria Frieden and Shirley Butikofer taught the session.

We were blessed with visits from various points the past month, for which we are thankful. Among them were: Bro. and Sis. Wm. Cottrell, Sis. Sue, Bro. Bill, Sandra and Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Favrhrow, Quincy, Ill.; Bro. and Sis. Noah Shrock, Burlington; Sis. Phyllis and daughter, Cindy, Wapello, Ia.; Bro. and Sis. Ernest Welti, Rockville; Bro. and Sis. Levi Banwart, Bro. and Sis. Elmer Banwart, Bro. Paul Banwart, Bro. and Sis. Noah Gerber and daughter, Eileen, Patty Banwart, West Bend; Bro. and Sis. John Moser, Winthrop; Mr. and Mrs. Leo Gage and son, Waterloo, Ia.; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Willett and sons, Cedar Falls, Iowa.

### LESTER, IOWA

**Reporter: Emelie Knobloch**

**Know Each Other Better  
Song Leader**

Bro. Alvia William Meyer, son of Bro. and Sis. Japhet Meyer, Bern, Kansas, was born Oct. 22, 1907, at Bern. Bro. Meyer was married to Sis. Emma Metzger Meyer, daughter of Fred and Sis. Carrie Metzger of Lester, on Dec. 21, 1932. Sis. Meyer was born Aug. 19, 1908, at Lester. They have 10 children, Mary Lou (Mrs. Don Streitmatter) Princeville; Doreen, Peoria; Carolyn (Mrs. Robert Banwart) West

Bend; Raymond, George, Margaret, Irene, Paulette, Earl, and Lila of this community.

Bro. Meyer told me they repented in 1935. Although he thought of it often, he always put it off, until his burden was too great, then realized it was his only relief. He and his wife have been very thankful for their salvation, and prize it more each day. He feels by revelation can God be found and can he contact man.

Bro. Alvia had helped in the leading, but the duty fell upon him, after the passing of Bro. Carl Feucht in 1949. He has been very thankful for the assistance of Bro. Leo Moser, Bro. Andy Mogler, and Sis. Viola Kellenberger.

Bro. Alvia Meyer has taught in the Sunday School for the past 25 years. He has enjoyed this very much.

Bro. Meyer worked in the community for several seasons until his marriage and since has made this his home. Farming has been his life's occupation. Both have had fairly good health.

We are very happy to report that Linda Doorneweerd, daughter of Sis. Karoline Doorneweerd, who underwent major heart surgery June 2, at Iowa City, is recovering very nicely. Bro. August Knobloch has been able to attend church again.

### ROANOKE, ILLINOIS

**Reporter: Sara Aeschleman**

Bro. and Sis. Lyle Moser are the parents of a new son, Todd, born June 23.

Funeral services were held Mon., June 11, for Sis. Leah Bucher, who passed away at the age of 92. She had been in failing health for some time.

Bro. and Sis. Gus Scheitlin of Oakville visited our congregation on Sun., June 10.

Regular Sun. forenoon services are held by on of our ministering brothers at the Roanoke Manor Nursing Home, from 9:30 to 10:00.

Bro. Joe Herbst and Bro. and Sis. Lloyd Banwart and daughter, Marcia, have been visiting in our community several weeks.

Sis. Caroline (Mrs. Ben) Fehr has been a patient in the Eureka Hospital for major surgery. Also, Sis. Frieda Schafer and Sis. Anna (Mrs. Chris) Bradle have also been

hospitalized for major surgery. All are reported as improving satisfactory. We have many who are high in years, who have been confined to their homes for many years and whose health remains about the same as it has in the past month. They are Bro. and Sis. Sam Zimmerman, Sis. Mary (Mrs. Joe) Leman, Sis. Lena Schafer. Sis. Mary and Sis. Hannah Zimmerman are still confined to the Eureka Hospital.

Vacation Bible School started here June 4 and will continue for two weeks.

### The Zion's Harp

If anyone wishes to order **Zion's Harps**, prices are:

White edge \$1.75, Gold edge \$2.20, postpaid. Names imprinted in gold: 75c per book extra.

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Orders may be sent to Bro. Sam Aeschliman or Bro. John Baumgartner, RR 4, Bluffton, Indiana.

### LEO, INDIANA

**Reporter: Mrs. Elias Souder**

Thursday evening, May 31, our church house was ringing with the beautiful singing of hymns, when a group of visitors from Bluffton and Sabetha joined us in our Thursday evening service.

Sunday, June 3, we had visitors from Forrest and Fairbury. They visited the two Butler Rest Homes where our monthly services were held.

June 10, we had visitors from the Milford congregation. We enjoyed the directing of a young song leader from Milford, Bro. Paul Haab.

Our Bible School began Monday, June 11 and will continue through the 22nd.

Lynn Klopfenstein graduated from Ball State Teachers' College.

Dennis Klopfenstein writes:

Hi Ed . . .

If everything goes as planned, we will be home . . . The winter was very mild compared to home. This month, so far, has been warm and sunny. Today is sunny and 85 degrees. We usually have a lot of rain, but, so far, we haven't had much this month. . . . Most of the trees had their leaves before May and, down in Rome, on the first of April everything was in bloom. . . .

### PHOENIX, ARIZONA

**Reporter: Mrs. Roy Stevig**

Another page was added to history this month with man's journey from earth to God's outer creation. Man accomplishes many miraculous feats. There is one journey for which we all must prepare. It will not be a mission of uncertainty, as is man's exploration of space. Jesus has gone before us, to prepare the way, and has prepared a place for us at the end of the journey.

The heaven, even the heavens, are the LORD'S: but the earth hath he given to the children of men.

Psalm 115:16

Sis. Ann Dotterer submitted to major surgery, June 11. It was necessary to remove the upper lobe of her left lung. We all pray that, if it is the Lord's will, she may soon be well.

Our last winter visitor to leave the Valley was Sis. Sarah Tanner. She had spent over three months here with her daughter, Sis. Marie Beery, and family. While here, she submitted to eye surgery, and we are happy to report, she recovered satisfactorily.

As summer approaches and our desert heat becomes more severe, we find our visiting list diminishing. We are happy for those who have the courage to come during this season. Our friends to visit us this month were Anna Sullivan, San Antonio, Texas; Annabel Hartzler, Carolyn Stoller and Florence Hartzler from Rittman; Ruth Reinhardt and children Jim, Jack, Jerry, and Joe, Carson City, Nevada; Noah Sauder, Sun Valley, California; Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Puffer, Jeffrey and Kathy, from Pe-kin, Illinois.

New converts to visit us were Richard and Eleanor Gerber and their four-week-old baby daughter, Norah Ellyn, of Maywood.

Also visiting were Bro. and Sis. Bill Reber and Bro. and Sis. A. E. Schmidgall, Elgin, Ill.; Bro. and Sis. Allan Freed and children, Alana, Tommy and Nancy, from Gridley, Illinois.

Eureka and Portland histories appear in this issue. We have on hand other histories. Those on hand, it is planned, will appear in this order: Morris, Fairbury, Oakville, Pulaski, Tremont, Latty, Phoenix, Ft. Wayne, Girard, For-

rest, Gridley (Ill.), Princeville,  
Taylor, Akron, Elgin (Ill.).

the editor

Dear Brother in Christ . . .

Thought I would enclose a few of the verses that I received a few days after receiving peace; you might enjoy reading them. Although I had not been able to attend church for a period of thirteen years, and knew very little about the scriptures, God was merciful to me, and gave me enough light and understanding so that I could come to sincere repentance. Coming out of that dismal darkness into the marvellous light and glorious liberty of the Lord Jesus was such a miracle and wonderful experience that I would not have the words with which to describe it. Thanks to God. Wishing you God's love, peace, grace, and guidance always. Your brother in the Lord, William Banwart Jr.

There is joy today in the Heaven's  
high;

There is joy today below the sky.  
There is joy today on the high-  
way's wide;

There is joy on every side.

Keep the joy up there;  
Keep the joy down here.  
Keep the joy everywhere.  
Let it stay today;  
Let it stay away;  
Let it be a light  
To the world, I pray.

For today the Lord  
Has a miracle performed  
By opening the unbelieving heart  
Of a sinner hardened  
Who would not believe  
That the Lord could provide  
What the world would hide;  
That the pleasures which seemed  
to delight,  
Were but filth in His sight.

"Dear ones in Faith:

May God's rich blessing be upon  
you all.

I would like to receive the Silver  
Lining . . . hope I am not too late  
for the issue of the Elgin Church,  
as my grandmother was the first  
member to repent here. . . .

Your least one in faith,  
Mrs. Joseph Anliker  
657 Addison St.  
Elgin, Illinois.

"As the post office department  
requests the full address on mail,  
please change mine to: C. F. Mich-  
el, 816 Miller, Kiowa, Kansas . . .  
Thank you so much . . . yours as  
ever, C. F. Michel."

Dear Bro. in Faith:

May God bless you and all that  
work with the Silver Lining. . . . I  
enjoy reading it, as I am not too  
well, have to stay in so much of  
the time. I live alone, but, for four  
winters, I have been here in the  
Kellenberger Rest Home. It is only  
a little over a block to our church,  
so I walk there when I am able to  
go. I went this morning—most al-  
ways stay only for one service. . . .

We really miss Bro. Ed. Steiner  
. . . suppose you heard of his sud-  
den death—also Bro. John Minger.

I do not know you in person, and,  
as for me, I am a second cousin of  
Bro. Sam Aeschliman. . . . May the  
good Lord protect us in this world,  
as long as we have to be here—give  
us grace to work out our soul's sal-  
vation. Greetings, Mary Aeschli-  
man, 1015 Virginia St., Sabetha,  
Kansas.

"Greetings! . . . We go to the  
church at Oakville. My brother,  
Uriel Gehring, is a minister at Bur-  
lington. . . . I teach crippled chil-  
dren in their homes four times a  
week. It is heart-warming work.  
God bless you! Bill and Phyllis  
Massner, (Wapello, Iowa)."

"Dear Bro. . . . Greet you in our  
Saviour's name . . . been wanting  
to write a few lines for some time,  
How we enjoy the Silver Lining,  
enjoy reading the sermons.  
Through it, we often pray for some  
loved ones who we never met or  
have seen, when we can read of  
their trials and suffering. . . . May  
God bless you. Our address is, 101  
Meadow Lane, Morris, Minnesota,  
With love, Carl R. Joos."

"Dear Ones,

Want to thank you very much  
for sending your paper. I really en-  
joy it. . . . Will also let you know  
that my husband passed away. . . .  
We do miss him a lot. There are  
many lonesome hours, as George  
was always around the house. . . .  
Mrs. Louise Metzger, Elgin, Iowa."

"Dear Editor, I moved to Peoria  
five years ago, and neglected to  
write and send my new address.  
It used to be: Wm. Knobloch, Wy-  
oming, Illinois.

"My husband passed away in  
1952, and I stayed on the farm two  
more years, and then my youngest  
son got married, and I moved to  
Peoria. Their address is James  
Knobloch, Wyoming, Illinois. . . .

I missed it and borrowed my son-  
in-law's, Robert Weyeneths. . . .  
Yours with Christian love, Mrs.  
Pauline Knobloch, 727 W. Eleanor  
Place, Peoria, Illinois.

"Greetings! . . . Enclosed you  
will find a check. . . . It can never  
pay for the amount of enjoyment  
Dan and I receive when reading  
the Silver Lining. May God bless  
you in your work, and may it con-  
tinue for many years.

In Christian love,

Dan and Shirley Steiner."

### Trust and Wait

Just wait upon the Lord, and you  
will know  
The reason for the way you suffer-  
ed so;  
He only seeks your faith in Him to  
prove  
And teach you more about His  
wondrous love.

Then trust in God, no matter what  
befall,  
And ev'ry day upon the Saviour  
call;  
Believe His Word, and you will  
surely see  
That He is all He promised He  
would be.

Your darkest night will some day  
pass away  
If you but put your trust in Him  
and pray;  
He promised He would see you  
safely through,  
And ev'ry promise in His Word is  
true.

So wait upon the Lord; be not  
afraid,  
For He Himself will be your  
strength and aid;  
Just rest in Him, your never-failing  
Friend,  
And peace and joy will all your  
way attend.