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TRIUMPH IN TRIAL

Froelich Spurns False Doctrine

(We continue the life of Bro. Samuel Heinrich Froelich, submitted by our elder brother, Noah Schrock, of Oakville.)

There was seven years from the time of his conversion to his baptism, in 1832.

On May 27, 1827, Froelich was confirmed for the ministry in the Protestant state church, after repeated examinations. After waiting for some time, he became parish administrator of the congregation Leutwil.

There was still no thought of a position, and his suffering continued for another year, inwardly and outwardly, until Easter, 1828, when he received an assignment as tutor in a private family, near Schaffhausen.

It was not until his transfer to the vicariate of the Probstei Wagenhausen that an essential change in him took place. There, his spirit became a thing of life, and he felt in his element.

He accepted a call as vicar to the congregation at Leutwil. The hand of the Lord was with him, and gave His word such power, that the testimony of the crucified Saviour pierced the hearts of the hearers like a two-edged sword, and called forth a great awakening in the congregation of 1,800 souls. The once

poorly attended church was now crowded.

The evil one could no longer look on passively. Froelich was accused of attracting members from neighboring parishes, but he remained for two years, without taking fright at the threatenings. The

"FROM SUCH WITHDRAW"

"If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words, **even** the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness;

He is proud, knowing nothing, but doting about questions and strifes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmising,

Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself."

From I Timothy 6

adversaries of the gospel sought after reasons to put away this new preacher.

At Easter, 1830, the church council introduced, in place of the old Heidelberg Catechism, a new one for the instruction of children.

After examination of the book, Froelich could not persuade himself to use it, because, instead of faith in Christ, it laid a foundation for nature or reason religion.

Because of this and other trumped up charges, he was haled before the church council. He defended himself, held his ground on the basis of his conviction, and was for the time being dismissed without a decision from the hearing.

As two, who had been sent privately to investigate and persuade, could achieve nothing, the council recognized the futility of its efforts.

Froelich wrote to his beloved congregation in Leutwil, "My deposition was revealed to me by the church council . . . so quickly that I had no opportunity to preach a real farewell sermon. Accompanied by many thousand tears and good wishes, I went my way . . ."

A teaching which demanded regeneration through repentance, faith, and baptism was bound to call forth opposition.

On June 4, 1831, Froelich was called before the district magistrate of Brugg, who gave him the following decisions of the Aargau government:

(a) He is removed from the list of the Aargau clergy.

(b) All churchly functions, that

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is, teaching, baptism, holy communion, are strictly forbidden him.

(c) All officers of the canton, Protestant and Catholic, have received strict orders, if he enters their jurisdiction, to have him arrested, reprimanded, and sent back to his home (state-church) congregation.

The breach with the state church was thus made final.

His inner conviction no longer permitted him to practice infant baptism, at which the baptismal candidate is addressed by name, and asked five questions. These questions the sponsors answered in the stead of the child, "Yes". (1)

Do you renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways? (2) Do you believe in God the Father . . . ? (3) Do you believe in Jesus Christ? (4) Do you believe in the Holy Ghost? (5) Will you be baptized in this Christian faith?

Froehlich wrote: "This play with holy things I could no longer carry on in my conviction."

Froehlich returned to home in Brugg. He, for a year, quietly prepared himself for the work God had appointed for him. It seemed to him that he was being sifted like wheat, and like Joseph in prison, was waiting for the Lord's deliverance.

SHEPHERD OF TEENAGERS

Henry Souder Jr.

And in the morning, the last rustle died away. All became so quiet and restful, so beautiful. Peace is wonderful!

The good Shepherd understands teenagers. He loves each one. He wants to lead where there is really happy living.

Screens and shows, dance times and all such do often form a part of tragedy. The characters only kid themselves.

Apart from all sin is where the Highway to Happy living would lead.

At time's unexpected moment, the Shepherd is waiting: "... when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd."

He sees you.

Most people never hear. To them, every step of the dance was a risk of eternity. Every turn and foot of the road brushed a dark, gloom-shrouded chasm.

It takes violent movement to gain the shore, from sin-swept waters!

The moment has high walls. Sin's prison is hard. But God can do all things. When He flexes His power, the mightiest chains shatter.

If you cry out for help, He will hear.

Put meaning into it!

"And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger!"

We were all in the same boat.

But the one who would be saved can't be satisfied with sin. They hate it.

When the good Doctor puts His finger on the trouble, bubbles burst. Feasts have fled. The soul aches and longs for peace.

With relief do we hear the world's sin dying off. We're sick of its rhythm, tired of its beat. Its clash of notes is monotony.

A long-kindled awareness goes searching.

"I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee, And am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants."

To part with sin, oh how good and how cleansing! Our words go on record in heavenly bookkeeping, for only thus will we find He will justify. This is the Way. We come to the cross, and find the pain of His nails, when we come to Him.

In the old selfish, cold way, peo-

ple were hurt. But now, we want to do what the Saviour says. Old scores, old stealings are met with, and beautifully scored with gracious notes.

"And he arose, and came to his father."

On yonder horizon is eternity. Listen to the rumble of God's thunder. He will cast, into the black, the lost. His wrath will show no partiality for a "special" one.

But in the beautiful color of heaven is the good Shepherd.

It can't be put into words, just all of how warm and vibrant is the personality of this loving Saviour. His love draws. His voice persuades. How good to be nestled in His strong arms.

"But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him."

That's the way God is. . . So great, so many ways of giving happiness. If you get to know Him, this loving acquaintance will offer boundless stores of surprises.

He brings you to His house. Every room glows with His light and comfort, His radiant personality. It is joyous with loved ones happy. They hum the sweet tunes of Zion.

"And they began to be merry."

There is no ending to this!

NEWS

RITTMAN, OHIO**Reporter: Lucille Hartzler**

Our only visiting minister in the past month was Bro. Lorentz Emch.

On June 23, a son, Dana, was born to Bro. and Sis. David Emch.

A large number of the Bluffton young folks visited us on the week end of June 24.

Jane Gasser, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Robert Gasser, and Kenneth Hartzler, son of Bro. and Sis. Ernest Hartzler, were united in marriage on June 6. Jane Riggenschach and Vincent Hartzler were married on July 7. Jane is the daughter of Bro. and Sis. George Riggenschach, and Vincent the son of Bro. and Sis. Reuben Hartzler. Both weddings were performed by our elder Bro. Noah Bauman.

AKRON, OHIO**Reporter: Ruth Taylor**

June 16, a son, Gary Michael, was born to Carl and Kathy Graf. They have one other son, Eddie.

June 17, our guests were Sisters Lillian and Ruth Beery, Orin Rufeners, Isaac Rufener Jr. and Sr., Forrest Hartzlers, Carolyn Stoller, Florence and Annabelle Hartzler, all of Rittman; Lucille Graf of Altadena, who stayed on for the following week, visiting friends and relatives. June 24, Sisters Mary Kay Gerber and Fern Hackenjoes spent the day with us.

Sis. Sadie Brenner would like to thank everyone for the many expressions of love shown her since her recent accident. She is still confined to her home.

Sisters Freida Gruenig and Marie Dakovich have returned from a cruise down the Ohio River. They said the beauty and quietness of the trip was breath-taking, and made them feel that God was very near.

July 1, many turned out for our Sunday School picnic. The Christian fellowship was enjoyed by young and old alike.

July 8, the Nate Gutweins of Francesville were with us. They had spent the week before this with the Charles Novotnys.

**Know Each Other Better
Our Song Leaders**

In the early days of our church, it was difficult to find anyone who

could lead singing. It was at this time that Elizabeth Roth led the singing. It is quite different now, and we are blessed with an abundance of good song leaders.

Since our leaders like to travel, between the six there is always someone to lead us. While Elmer Graf Sr. is our eldest song leader, Ellsworth Graf does more of our leading and, at Elmer's suggestion, we are hoping to tell you about Ellsworth's spiritual and family life.

Ellsworth was a son of the late Ernest Sr. and Mary Graf, and was born Dec. 24, 1915—he has a twin sister, Edith. He married the former Esther Emery, daughter of Dan and Eva Emery, in 1941. They have two children, Dianne and Jeff. Ellsworth and Esther repented together and were baptized by his father, Ernest Graf, in 1942. Ellsworth said he had known only too well what he should do, but he had put it off for another day.

Ellsworth has taught Sunday School and has been a trustee for many years. He and his brother, Ernest, farmed on the home place for many years, but now Ellsworth is employed by the Akron Warehouse and Storage Company.

The brothers assisting with the leading are, Charles Novotny, Leon, Elmer Jr., Elmer Sr., and Ernest Jr. Graff.

In talking to Charles, he feels singing plays an important part in our spiritual life. In his youth, the center of their lives was the song services held in the different homes, and enjoyed by young and old.

ALTADENA, CALIFORNIA**Reporter: Doris Graf**

Visiting this month were the Otto Baers and their family from Princeville; Bro. and Sis. Homer Reineck and their children, Margie, Diane, Don, Bob, from Toledo; Bro. and Sis. Dick Binkele, Denny and JoAnne, from Peoria; Mrs. Ida Nussbaum, Congerville; Bro. and Sis. Mathiew Strahm, Gridley, Kansas; Mrs. Ungela Strahm, Wichita; Sis. Mary Ann and Sis. Mildred Fisher, Eureka; Sis. Margaret Bradford and her son, Bill, and Mrs. Emma Morton, from Phoenix; and Cynthia Preiss, Elgin.

We are happy to welcome back Bro. and Sis. Sam Feucht and their

family, from Elgin, Illinois. They are now living here and attending the Altadena church.

Virgil Graf, son of Bro. and Sis. Clarence Graf, has left for the Army. He will be stationed at Ft. Sam Houston for his basic training. We do not have his exact address yet, but hope to publish it in next month's issue.

We were sorry to hear that Bro. Joe Lorenz is back in the hospital again. We wish him God's grace to return to good health again.

ATHENS, ALABAMA**Reporter: Clara Heiniger**

Bro. and Sis. Aaron Sauder and daughter, Louise, and Barbara Schwarz of Mansfield spent the week end visiting the churches, June 10.

Wednesday, June 13, worship service was held at the home of Buddy and Sis. Betty Chamber.

June 18, Bro. and Sis. Melvin Huber and family spent a week visiting many homes of families that they had worked with seven years back. Everyone from the Landersville, Hillsboro, and Athens churches, rejoiced in seeing them.

BAY CITY, MICHIGAN**Reporter: Faye Wackerle**

On the 17th of June, Bro. George Yergler and his wife, Sis. Ida, from La Crosse, visited here. Holy Communion was held, and it was a wonderful uplifting of the spiritual body. Thank you, Bro. George, for ministering to us; I'm sure it was enjoyed by all.

Also visiting on the 17th were Sis. Lavina and Viola Moser and Sis. Martha Stoller from Forrest; Sis. Leona Broquard, Mrs. Eli Moser, and Mrs. Clarence Goodart from Fairbury; Mrs. Henry Laukauf, Mrs. Emil Gerber and Laura Gerber from Latty; also, Bro. Willard and Sis. Arlene Belsley and family from Detroit.

Sisters Bertha Meister and Marie Wieland attended church, to partake of Holy Communion. They have not been in church for a long time, due to their illness. We really miss them. May God bless them for their efforts to attend.

Also visiting here for a few weeks from Phoenix is Bro. Herb Knochel and his wife, Sis. Johanna. Sis. Johanna is the daughter of our Elder Bro. Joe Waibel.

On Monday evening, June 25,

Bro. Joe Schrock, his wife—Sis. Esther, and son—Bro. Byron, from Congerville visited us. His visit was enjoyed by all. Before he began his sermon, he told us he wasn't here to tell us anything new; it would be just the same old story, but as a drink of water is always again refreshing to the physical body, so the word of God is just as refreshing to our spiritual body.

Many other visitors were with us this past month from Florida, Fairbury, Remington, Elgin, Princeville, Bluffton and Gridley.

BERN, KANSAS

Reporter: Mrs. Lester Hartter
Song Leaders

Bro. Emil Leuthold was a song leader for many years, until his demise. He could lead without benefit of a pitch-pipe. Bro. Cornelius Giessel, also deceased, was another and the late Bro. John Heiniger led until his move to Oakville, after which our Elder Bro. Locher, at that time, with a concern for church order, came to Bro. Will Hartter, then a Sunday School teacher, and told him: "Bro. Will, I want you to lead in singing; I think you can do it."

Will, with the help of his wife, Sis. Lucy, who had some training in notes, soon learned to be a zealous leader, for 30 some years, until his passing. He seemed to have a glimpse of the beautiful music and singing in heaven before his death. His remark was, "We'll have a new song to sing there."

He was the youngest son of a family of 14, who all repented at an early age.

Current leaders are Bros. Louis Meyer Jr., Roy Rokey, Melvin Rokey, and Glen Luthi. Bro. Harvey Grimm has led and Bro. Lester Hartter still does on occasion.

A house-warming was held at the Bro. Emil Strahm home, in Bern, where they recently moved, to be near their lumber yard business. May God bless them in their new home.

On a recent Sunday after services, some called at the Kellenberger Rest Home, run by a son and daughter-in-law of the Bro. Art Kellenbergers; at the Apostolic Christian Home; and at Sis. Mary Maurers' Nursing Home. The singing, especially, seems to be enjoyed by the oldsters.

Sis. Leah Bauman had as vacation guests her son, John, and his family from Oslo, Norway, where he is a teacher. His wife is a former English girl, and they have two adopted German daughters.

Parts of the Bern community were struck by damaging hail and high winds. When witnessing a bad storm, it certainly brings one close to God. We are also reminded by the many times we have heard different ministering brothers liken these storms to the many conflicts in our spiritual life.

BLUFFTON, INDIANA

Reporter: Frieda Kipfer

Vacation Bible School ended on June 15, with a program in the evening. We were impressed with how much the children had learned.

Bro. Eli Kipfer, 62, passed away at his home on June 15. He had been ill eight months with leukemia. Surviving are his wife, Sis. Mabel; a daughter, Mrs. Edson (Evelyn) Ivans; two sons, Ted, at home, and Bro. John Kipfer; two grandsons, four brothers and four sisters. Eli was the son of William and Elizabeth Speheger Kipfer. Funeral services were held by Bro. Forrest Ritzman of Akron, and burial was in the church cemetery.

Bonnie Lou Baumgartner, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Roger Baumgartner, and Doyle W. Frauhiger, son of Bro. and Sis. Earl Frauhiger, were married on June 17 at the home of the bride's parents. Bro. Aeschliman officiated.

Bro. and Sis. Arthur Gerber have announced the engagement of their daughter, Elaine, to Gene Baumgartner, son of Bro. and Sis. John Baumgartner.

Bro. and Sis. Louis Sauder, who were living in California, have returned to their home in this community.

Ronald Heyerly, son of Bro. and Sis. Ray Heyerly, has been inducted into the Service, and is receiving basic training at Ft. Knox, Kentucky.

Sis. Emma Strahm Minger, 78 widow of Aaron Minger, passed away at the Clinic Hospital, after a long illness. Surviving are a brother and a sister. Services will be held on July 12, with burial in the church cemetery.

Sis. Charlotte Kipfer was in the hospital last month for surgery,

Bro. Sam Aeschliman for tests and treatment for a bronchial condition, and Bro. Wm. Pfister for a heart attack. Sis. Lisetta Beer is very low at this writing. (Editor's note: Our sister has since crossed the threshold of our beautiful home.)

Our visiting ministers last month were Bro. Philip Wingeier of Alto, on June 24; Bros. Otto Norr and John Bollier, of Leo on Wednesday evening, June 27; Bro. Joel Souder of Leo, Bro. Clarence Yackley of Phoenix, and Bro. Irvin Stoller of Latty on the evening of the 8th. Other visitors during the month were from Leo, Sabetha, Akron, Milford, Rittman, Peoria, Roanoke, Eureka, Fairbury and Ft. Wayne.

Births: To Bro. and Sis. David Ringger, a son, on June 8; to Bro. and Sis. Daniel Reinhard, a daughter, on June 27.

BREMEN, INDIANA

Reporter: Lydia Heuberger

On June 10, Bro. Joe Schrock of the Congerville church ministered to us. He was accompanied by his wife, relatives and several brethren from his home church. We were instructed the plan of salvation as taught in the Bible and interpreted by the forerunners of our denomination as a church.

On Wednesday night, June 13, a small group of brethren witnessed the proving and baptism of our aged faithful friend, Emil Meister. Due to infirmities of the body, services were conducted during the midweek. We could truly feel how the angels rejoice over one soul that repents and is added to the church. Bro. Theo. Beer conducted proving and baptism. We rejoice with the Meister family in their new-found joy, and pray that all may yet find their way to the feet of Jesus, and then arise and journey the way to Zion.

Vacation Bible School was conducted at the church from June 12 to June 22. Attendance for day classes was 57, and for night classes was 45. A program was given by the day classes on June 12, at which time the work accomplished was displayed for parents and friends.

Bro. William Leman was able to attend church service on Sunday, July 1.

Our aged sister, Catherine Von Bergen, was hospitalized on June

25, following a stroke at her home. She is suffering much pain, but is able to talk with her family. May God bless her with patience, to endure the affliction of her physical body.

Birth: A son, Timothy Lynd, to Mr. and Mrs. Michael Hardy. Mrs. Hardy is the former Lorene Schini, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Dan Schini.

BURLINGTON, IOWA

Reporter: Mrs. Ernest Anliker

Sis. Betty Schlipf, Sis. Laverne Fisher and Peg Bittner of Eureka spent two weeks at Betty's parents' home—Bro. and Sis. Ezra Schlipf of Keithsburg, Illinois, Peg being a guest of Mary Jane Schlipf.

Sis. Ruth Schupbach of Elgin, Ia., and Miss Norma Gehring of Phoenix visited at the Bro. and Sis. Uriel Gehring home. Norma teaches at Phoenix, and is spending the summer with her parents, the Lawrence Gehrings of Elgin, Iowa.

Rolyce Scheitlin, age 7, son of Bro. and Sis. Kenny Scheitlin, submitted to surgery for a hernia a few weeks ago. We are happy to say he got along very well, and is back to Sunday School and church—being his normal, happy self.

Bro. and Sis. Uriel Gehring and children left the early part of June for Cedar Falls, Iowa. Bro. Uriel is taking a summer course in speech therapy, which is his vocation. They are attending church at Elgin, Iowa. Uriel's parents live there, so it is home to Uriel. We miss them very much and will be happy when they return.

Sunday, June 10, was a very blessed and sacred day for us of the Burlington church, as on the evening of that date, Elder Brother Noah Schrock served us in Holy Communion. Before this date, we were served in the Oakville assembly.

Bro. Pete Mauer of Morning Sun has spent some time in a Iowa City Hospital, but at this writing is home, and his condition is improved.

Marriage vows were spoken by Dolores Wagenbach and Daniel Anliker in a garden wedding, at the home of the bride's parents—Bro. and Sis. John Wagenbach, on June 30. Daniel is the son of Bro. Noah Anliker of West Bend, and a nephew of Bro. Ernest Anliker of this city. We will miss Danny very

much in our home, as he has lived with us the past year. But we wish them God's blessings, and much joy and happiness in their own home.

July 7, little Lucinda Ann came to join her brothers and sister in the home of Bro. and Sis. Kenny Scheitlin. May God bless the little family of Bro. Kenny and Sis. Charity.

Guests in the past month were: Sis. Kathy Grimm (Quincy, Ill.), now Iowa City, Iowa; Sis. Judy Baer and Sis. Sharon Baer of Chicago; Bro. Peter and Sis. Mable Weber, Bro. and Sis. Ray Martin, Pulaski; Bro. and Sis. James Pflederer and family, Tremont; Bro. and Sis. Eli Sutter of Taylor. Those from Oakville, Bro. and Sis. Geo. Kuntz, Bro. and Sis. Leon Kuntz, Sis. Ruth Hodel; from Wapello—Bro. and Sis. Joe Reiman, Bro. and Sis. Wm. Massner and Cindy.

Our visiting ministers and families: Bro. and Sis. Walt Anliker of Eureka; Bro. and Sis. Jerry Sutter of Taylor; Bro. and Sis. Cleo Rinckenberger and family of Pulaski; Bro. and Sis. Noah Schrock, Bro. and Sis. Gus Scheitlin, Bro. and Sis. John Wagenbach, Oakville. Our Oakville ministers are alternating, while Bro. Uriel Gehring is absent. We were blessed with many inspiring and comforting messages.

BURLINGTON, OKLAHOMA

Reporter: Mrs. Raymond Roth

Vacation Bible School was held through June 18 to June 29, and much interest was shown by the young folks. This was our first Bible School and hope by experience and learning, it can be larger and better next year.

At present, the upper classes are practicing hymns to be sung at the Sunday School Fellowship, held at Sabetha, July 22.

Hospital patients this past month are Sis. Ida Tanner, who has been very ill in the Hardtner, Kans., Hospital, and our friend, Ed Farney, who had major surgery at the St. Francis Hospital, Wichita.

Sis. John Schrock and Bro. and Sis. Raymond Roth attended the funeral of Bro. Edward Moser at Roanoke, June 20. Bro. Moser was a cousin to Sis. Schrock, and a father-in-law to the Raymond Roth's daughter, Sis. Glenn Moser.

Bro. Somerhalder's life was writ-

ten by his son, Bro. John.

Our oldest song leader is Elias Somerhalder. Bro. Somerhalder was born July 18, 1894, at Gridley, Kansas. He was one of seven children born to Jacob and Anna Somerhalder.

He grew to manhood in the Gridley community, and at the age of 19, in 1914, realizing the need of his Saviour, gave his heart to the Lord.

He went to Gridley, Ill., to work for Joe Kuerth and Joe Yergler. While there, he attended singing school taught by Bro. J. P. Guingrich. After returning to Kansas, Bro. Somerhalder was asked to lead singing in the Gridley church, as Bro. Mike Beyer, who had been the leader had passed away.

He came to the Burlington, Oklahoma community to work, and met Sister Mary Allenbach. They were united in marriage in 1919, and to this union, 9 children were born: Sis. Kathryn Banwart, Sis. Helen Kircher, Jake, Sis. Alberta Rassi, Bro. John, Bob and Shirley. Two died at birth. Bro. Eli's interest in hymn singing was reflected in his home, and his children still enjoy gathering together to do some harmonizing, when they are home to see "Mom and Dad." One daughter, Shirley, teaches music.

Bro. Somerhalder was ordained a minister in 1935 at the Burlington, Oklahoma, church, and has served in this capacity since. He enjoys the song service, and we can always depend on him when the song seems too difficult.

Our present leaders are Bro. Henry Hodel and Bro. Huber Farney.

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Mrs. Ernest Knecht

Our annual Sunday School picnic was held on June 24 at Schiller Park. A pot-luck dinner was served, and we were well pleased in having almost a perfect attendance.

Detroit visitors on July 1 were: Bro. and Sis. Leonard Hitz and their four small sons; Sis. Linda Shaw; Sis. Mary and Ruth Schlatter.

Sis. Maureen Frank and Sis. Nancy Schrenk visited their parents here.

Funeral services were held on Monday, July 2, for Ernest Schambach Sr., who was sixty-three years old. He leaves his wife, Sis. Paul-

ine; one son, Ernest Jr.; one daughter, Sis. Helen Knobloch from Lester; also, one brother, Bro. Paul Schambach, and one sister, Sis. Rose Teubel, from Morton.

Sis. Frieda Grusy from Goodfield visited her sister, Sis. Aldine Schurter, and family for a few days.

Bro. Carl Engle and his wife, Sis. Luise Engle, from Lamar, visited the John Schrenk family; Sis. Luise Engle is a sister to Sis. Pauline Schrenk.

CISSNA PARK, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Mrs. Jeff Young

We were pleasantly surprised when Bro. Clarence Yackley, his wife, and daughter stopped for mid-week services on July 5. Also, his son joined them, who is in the Air Force at Chanute Field.

On July 8, Bro. Ed Gudeman of Elgin, Ill., was our guest minister. His wife, Sis. Bena, and Sis. Emma Gudeman accompanied him. We are so thankful for the inspiring messages brought to us.

We always have sick ones among us. Bro. Fred Frank remains quite ill. Hospitalized this past month are: Sis. Eliza Schmitt, wife of Emil Schmitt, and Sis. Clare Lober. Among those who are confined to their homes for a long time: Bro. Ben Walder; Bro. John Maul; Bro. George Rechkemmer; Sis. Mary Baumgartner; Sis. Rose Stoller; Sis. Jane Stock; Sis. Caroline Meyer at the home of her daughter, the Clarence Rudins; and Sis. Mary Hodel, at the Paxton Nursing Home in Paxton, Illinois. It will be a great comfort to them to be remembered.

On June 30, a daughter, Jayne Ann, was born to Bro. and Sis. Charlo Kuntz.

Aaron Knapp, son of Bro. and Sis. Clarence Knapp, is now serving in the Armed Services. His address is:

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Training Regiment Basic
Ft Leonard Wood Mo

CONGERVILLE, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Marjorie Knapp

Our visiting ministers were Bro. August Bolliger, Tremont, and Bro. Frank Woertz, Goodfield. We thank them for the messages to

our congregation.

Funeral services were held June 21, for Elvin Romersberger, Congerville. Bro. Ed Hohulin, Goodfield, officiated. His death occurred June 18, after a short illness.

The following is a poem submitted by Sis. Mary A. Sides, in memory of Bro. James Rokey, who passed away on July 19, 1960, at the age of 19.

Jimmy

A smile is missing in our midst;
A voice we loved is still . . .
A seat is vacant in our church,
Which no one else can fill.

We see the family coming in,
And, Oh things seem so wrong.
We see their saddened faces,
For Jimmy's not along.

We take the books and choose the
page,
And trembling, sing the hymn,
Will the circle be unbroken,
As we think of Jim.

The smile we miss, the voice we
loved,
Seems like only yesterday,
And then we see upon the hill
That lonely mound of clay.

But it won't always be this way,
The day is sure to come
When God will call his faithful
ones.

Then Jimmy will be along.

ELGIN, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Louise Steffen

June 14 was the date of our Sunday School picnic, held at the Lord's Park Pavilion. About 264 registered — parents, children, teachers. We all enjoyed the fellowship and meeting with one another. Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.

June 17, the engagement of Sis. Viola Moser to Bro. Christian Metz of Forrest was announced. The wedding date is Aug. 5.

Samuel Schifferer, 62 years old, passed away June 18. Funeral services were held June 20, 10:30 A.M., at the Stout Funeral Home, Bro. Al Scheitlin officiating.

Some of the young folks went to sing for Bro. Steve and Sis. Rosie Kaptain. She has been hospitalized a few days.

June 30, Dale and Sharon Steffen had a baby girl, Cathy Robin.

Bro. Jesse and Sis. Lillian

Schrock of Congerville visited with us on July 1. The Bible classes of the Forrest and Fairbury churches, about 75 pupils and the teachers and their wives, visited our Sunday School. They had supper at church.

Elaine Steffen, a pupil of the Remington Sunday School, visited here from June 28 to July 8.

July 3, a baby girl was born to Bro. Dick and Sis. Judy Klopfenstein. Her name is Brenda Ann. July 8, a baby girl was born to Bro. Bill and Sis. Cora Schambach. Her name is Mary Jane.

Sis. Sarah Kellenberger cut her leg quite badly. Sister Mabel Anliker and Elizabeth Metzger were hospitalized at St. Joseph Hospital while Sis. Ernestine Gudeman is hospitalized at Sherman. We wish them the strength from on high.

We have two friends who are seeking the Lord, Leo Banwart and his wife, Helen. We wish them all the grace and help from above. We know the Lord will help them, as he did us.

Visitors of July 8 were Bro. Phil and Sis. Liza Getz and son, Ronnie, Bro. Elmer and Sis. Marilyn Bahler and children, and Bro. Day and Sis. Lucille Steffen and children, of Remington.

EUREKA, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Cathryn Wettstein

Birth—Bro. Robert and Sis. Verma Wettstein have a baby boy, born June 14. He has been named Lloyd Gene.

The Sunday School picnic was held June 17 at the Woodford County 4-H Park, southeast of Eureka.

The monthly singing was held June 24, in the evening. It is the fourth Sunday evening of each month. For the next six months, Bros. Ervin Kempf and Norman Rocke will be in charge of the singing. Everyone interested is welcome to attend and bring others as guests.

FAIRBURY, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Joyce Huber

We enjoyed the visit of Bro. and Sis. John Dapper of California for a few days, and having him minister to us on June 3.

We are sorry to have two families move from our congregation: Bro. and Sis. Ervin Maurer and family have moved to Phoenix, and

Bro. and Sis. Reuben Huber and family are moving back to Peoria.

We were blest on July 1 to have Bro. and Sis. Vernon Schwab and family of Wolcott to visit our congregation. Bro. Vernon brought us a very sincere and inspiring message. Others accompanying them were Bro. and Sis. Leon Waibel and family, Bro. and Sis. Harold Waibel and family, and Maurice and Sis. Eileen Getz and family, who were guests of Bro. and Sis. Donald Broquard.

On July 1, we were happy to have the young brothers and sisters from Princeville visit our congregation, being guests of Sis. Joan Stoller.

HISTORY

How thankful we are that Fairbury was fortunate to receive a few European Apostolic Christians, like missionaries, to bear over land and sea, the precious Word of God in an unadulterated doctrine!

The first man to venture to Fairbury with our faith was Bro. Jacob Von Tobel, who, with his sister Susie, were the only survivors of a family of children that literally starved. Bro. Jacob was stricken with TB at the age of 18 and also doomed to death by the doctors, but recovered because of the faith of God-fearing parents. His mother begged the doctor for help, and her importunate prayers that he might subsist and be useful in the service of the Lord were answered, in his being instrumental in drawing many souls to the Lord in the rest of his life of 94 years.

The first girl to bring our faith to Fairbury was Katherine Keller, which was about 100 years ago. As an ambitious young girl, she took a housework position, replacing two girls, each making \$2.00 a week.

When there became a few Christians, they used an old house northeast of Fairbury in which to assemble. They walked 9 miles, one way, to gather around the cherished Word of God, and had to ford a creek on their way to church. The men wore high boots and intertwined their arms with each other to make a human carriage to transport the ladies across the water. Soon, the old house was replaced by a new church building, and was known as the North church.

As the number of our faith grew,

it was necessary to obtain a church building in Fairbury, so a church (of another denomination) in town was purchased. There was a kitchen in the church, but Sunday School rooms were added on to the building. The church had a porch connecting a house to it, in which then lived Mother Seidler, who served as custodian. There was no baby room in the church, so mothers cared for their babies in the connecting house. The baptismal place was by the back porch, outside, near the well.

One of the first ministers of the Fairbury church was Bro. Jacob Von Tobel. He married Katherine Keller, and their children are: Sis. Lydia Bach, Fairbury, the late Paul Von Tobel, Francesville, Ind.; Ed Von Tobel, Nev.; and Louise Callister, California. The Von Tobel home exercised unusual hospitality. They cared for many poor people; and as immigrants came to Fairbury, the train conductor always told passengers: "Everyone goes there to the Von Tobel home." Although the Von Tobel's own poverty restricted their food supply for more than a day, they always accommodated the many desperate lodgers. They furnished blankets, welcomed the lodgers to sleep on the floor, and prayed that the Lord would provide some food for the needy guests.

The Lord not only rewarded their hospitality with sufficient, but abundantly blessed. Bro. Von Tobel had inquired of a tumble-down saw mill, and was answered that, if he thought he could fix it up, he could have it. The Lord prospered it greatly into a thriving lumber yard business.

The Lord also abundantly blessed the church congregation to grow rapidly. Individual talents were displayed, great love was exercised, kindness shared to each one; and besides the immigrants, there were many converts. It soon became essential to replace the old church with a new, larger one, built at the same site, in about 1890. Barns were built in the back for horses and buggies, but the church building lacked running water.

We still have the same church building with, of course, the barns torn down, running water installed, and other essentials. A pantry has been eliminated, making our kitchen and dining-room area into

one large room. A ladies' north door was closed, and a main west entrance created. The ladies' stairway has been changed, and other renovation done, to make our present church.

This year, a 3-acre plot of ground at the north edge of Fairbury, adjacent to Fairview Haven (a home for senior citizens now being erected), has been purchased and donated to the church, with the thought that at some future time a new church could be built.

We pray that we might be more like our name, as the apostles, that we might be more worthy to be instrumental in building up church congregations.

FORREST, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Nancy Honegger

The engagement of Bro. Christian Metz and Sis. Viola Moser of Elgin was made known on June 17. We wish them the Lord's blessings.

We enjoyed Father's Day with visiting ministers, Bro. Lowell Stoller from Princeville and Bro. Leroy Huber from Eureka. Also, on July 8, we enjoyed a blessed day with Bro. Ed Hohulin of Goodfield as visiting minister.

A Sunday School picnic and singing was held June 25 at Marsh Park in Fairbury.

Bro. Carl Sohn is again able to attend church, after being hospitalized for two weeks.

FORT SAM HOUSTON, TEXAS

Reporter: Juanita Schneider

On June 10, Bro. Sam and Sis. Mary Huber, David, Gordon, Karen and Eric of Gridley, Kansas, visited the Ft. Sam group. Once again the Lord spoke to us through His servant, Bro. Sam. Also on that week end, Bro. Warren and Sis. Dolores Zehr, and LaRae and Marion Meiss visited Carlos Meiss (who is now in Germany). We received a letter from Carlos in which he stated how fortunate he was that the Lord called him, and that he did not have to go overseas alone, but that the Lord was with him. Truly, this should be our thinking also when we are away from loved ones—that the Lord is with us at all times.

On June 20, Sis. Pearl and Sis. Lucille Nuest visited their nephew, Elvin, and Janet Nuest at Ft. Hood, Tex., and then came on down to Ft. Sam and visited Richard Nuest. The week end of June 24, the group

enjoyed hearing the Word spoken by Bro. Homer Heineck of Toledo. Along with Bro. Homer was his wife, Sis. Jo, and children—Bob, Diane, Don and Marge. When we are gone from our homes and can see how separated a lot of families live, it does us good to see a close-knit, God-fearing family such as the Reinecks.

Carol Lowrey, sister of Janet Nuest, from Bloomington, Ill., visited us as well as Bro. Elvin and Sis. Janet. Then on the 26th of June, the blessed event occurred—Ruth Ann Nuest arrived in this world. This is Elvin and Janet's first little one, and they are truly happy for Ruth Ann.

Sis. Charlotte Haerr, Sis. Rosie Haerr and Sandy Kolthoff spent a few days with us, visiting Bro. Norman Haerr.

The following are the address changes. Please use them when writing to the boys.

Mr & Mrs Bill Laukhuf
Skyview Motel Rt 2
Newburg Missouri

Pvt David Teubel US 55743511
Co E 2nd Bn USAMTC BAMC
Class 118 A
Ft Sam Houston Texas

Bill Waibel of Bay City, Don Furrer of Wolcott, Ron Blumenshine of Peoria, and Virg Graf of Altadena have arrived here for basic training. Their addresses are:

Pvt Bill Waibel
Pvt Donald L. Furrer US 55713308
Pvt Ronald C Blumenshine US
55745310
Pvt Virgil Graf US 56354836

The rest of their addresses are:
Co D 3rd Bn USAMTC BAMC
Class 1B
Ft Sam Houston Texas

The schedule of churches sending ministers are: Aug. 12, Burlington, Okla., and on Aug. 26, La Crosse. As before, we ask someone from these churches to contact Conrad Gerst's, 423½ Queen Anne Ct., or Duane Schneiders, 202 Queen Anne Ct., San Antonio 9, Texas, as who is coming and how.

As in the past, our invitation to visit San Antonio is open to all. The group here at Ft. Sam feels sure you would have an enjoyable time, and we know that we would,

FORT SCOTT, KANSAS

Reporter: Marie Zaugg

Bros. Lewis and Harold Somerhalder of Gridley, Kansas, visited our Wednesday evening church service, June 13.

Ruby Sinn, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Charles Sinn, broke a bone in her right foot; she has it in a cast. It is healing satisfactorily.

June 10, Bro. and Sis. Lester Kaiser and family of Morton worshiped with us. Bro. Lester had to return home. Sis. Irene and children stayed for a several days' visit with her parents, Bro. and Sis. Joe Banwart, and other relatives.

Sunday, June 24, our friend, Will Sinn, was proved and baptized. We rejoice with him. Visitors were: Elder Brother Sam Anliker, Sis. Lorene Anliker and son of Lamont; Bro. Dan Kraft, Sis. Lorene Strahm, Sis. Emma Bahr, Gridley; Bro. and Sis. Sam Huber and family, Burlington, Kansas; Bro. and Sis. Harvey Smith and family, Wichita; Bro. Ben Banwart, Bro. and Sis. Art Banwart and family, Bro. Fred Marti, Bro. and Sis. Fred Lantz, Sis. Olive Marti, Sis. Elizabeth Cordill of Lamar.

July 1, Bro. and Sis. Bill Leman of Illinois visited our congregation.

FRANCESVILLE, INDIANA

Reporter: Mrs. Elmer Bucher

"Honour thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise;" (Ephesians 6:2)

On June 17, the Milford Sunday School was our guest for the day, and took part in our Youth Program in the evening. The program was honoring our fathers and mothers, a very inspiring program. There was supper at church in the afternoon.

We are happy to have our Sisters Lena Huber and Mary Wuethrich back with us, after being confined to their homes for several months. Our hospital patients this past month were Little Robin, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Richard Wuethrich; Little Debbie, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Willis Gude-man; and Bro. Arthur Novotny. Bro. Perry Niehauser has undergone eye surgery and is in the Woodlawn Hospital in Chicago. Sis. Marlene Erb is unable to be out, because of multiple sclerosis. Our hearts go out to her, her husband and two little boys. May we remember our dear ones everywhere,

who must suffer bodily afflictions, and take time out of our busy lives every day to say a few words of prayer in their behalf.

Bro. and Sis. Irvin Yaggie have a new baby girl, Leona, in their home. She was born on June 26. Also, Earl and Liz Anliker have a little girl, born July 10.

"Disappointments are shafts sent to the very bottom of our souls, and whatever is there, whether gold, or only copper, they bring it to the surface."—Unknown.

GIRARD, OHIO

Reporter: Jesse C. Emch

On Sunday, June 10, we were very thankful to have with us our elder, Bro. Rudolph Graf. His wife, Sis. Betty, and Sis. Edith Graf, accompanied him; also visiting was Sis. Emma Riggenbaugh of Sardis. The day was a very blessed one, for we were privileged to partake of the Lord's Supper together.

Sunday, June the 17th, our guests were Bro. and Sis. Eli Rein-eck of Bluffton, and friend Josephine (Games) Carlton of Sarasota; Sunday, July 1, Bro. Alvin and Sis. Estelle Winkler, Bro. David and Sis. Janet Indermuhle of Sterling, Ohio.

To Know Our Song Leaders

In trying to acquaint ourselves with those who have been and are our song leaders, we go back a good many years. This reporter has only a faint recollection of our brother who we all knew better as "Grandfather" Stephen Englehart, who was song leader for some years. Next, we enjoyed having Bro. William Deislinger, who took good care of us for a good many years.

Bro. Will was afflicted with asthma, and as he grew older in years, he encouraged a young brother to relieve him of this work. This brother we have with us today as our song leader, Bro. Harold Emch, who is a son of Bro. Joseph and Sis. Alma Emch. He repented and was baptized in January, 1940, at the age of 18 years. Bro. Harold was drafted into the U. S. Army, and served for 37 months.

On March 5, 1944, he was married to Sis. Kathryn Beer, a daughter of Bro. Ezra and Sis. Luella Beer, of Milford. To this union were born four children: Dianne,

James, John and Elaine.

Aside from being employed at the Ohio Bell Telephone Co. for the past 16 years, the family have about 1000 chickens and operate a Dairy Queen Store. The eggs that are produced are all sold at their home by what they call "The honor system."

While yet a young boy in school, Harold was interested in music. His mother, also having a good knowledge of music, gave him much help. It is now about 16 years since Bro. Harold started as song leader, and along with the help that Bro. Robert Stoll has given, we feel that our congregation has been well taken care of.

May the good Lord bless all our song leaders, and as we assemble in His name, let us seek to praise God as we are privileged to sing together.

GOODFIELD, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Marian Wiegand

Bro. and Sis. Willis Wiegand are the parents of a baby boy, born June 20. He has been named Dwight Daniel.

Bro. Robert Grimm and Bro. Mike Knapp Jr. have been elected Sunday School teachers, to fill the vacancies of Bro. Harold Reeser and Bro. Lawrence Hohulin, whose terms have expired.

On February 28, 1961, ground was broken for an addition to the old building. Dedication of this new building to the Lord was held June 17, 1962. Bros. Joe A. Getz, Dave Mangold and Theo Beer conducted the services.

God has been very good to us in so many ways, and His blessings have been extended to us through the many brethren, friends and neighbors who have helped in giving of money, labor and their prayers.

GRIDLEY, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Marilyn Schieler

Bro. Albert Funk passed away on Friday, June 22. His funeral was held on Sunday, June 24, with Bro. Joe Klopfenstein in charge of services.

The annual Sunday School Picnic was held on Sunday, July 1, in the church dining room. It was planned to have it in the Gridley Park, but plans were changed due to a rain, for which we were all so thankful, as it had been so dry.

Attendance awards were given after supper. Fifty-five children had perfect attendance, and a very large per cent missed only 3 Sundays or less. It was decided to have classes all summer this year, instead of having the usual vacation. This applies to grades one through eight, for all those who wish to attend . . . no attendance records will be kept until the regular classes resume in the fall.

We are happy to report three new converts: Doris Stoller, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Ezra Stoller; Jane Funk, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Wilbert Funk; and Lila Funk, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Gene Funk.

Communion services were held Sunday, July 8. Bro. Herman Kellenberger of Elgin (Ill.) was guest minister, and assisted Bro. Joe Klopfenstein.

GRIDLEY, KANSAS

Reporter: Mrs. Rudy Bahr

June 10 was a most blessed day for our congregation—two converts were added to the fold: Bro. Martin Beyer, son of Bro. and Sis. Kenneth Beyer, and Sis. Dorene Strahm, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Loren Strahm. Ministering brothers here for the proving and baptisms were Elder Bro. Sam Anliker, Robert Young, and Roy Wernli. Many out-of-town visitors were here from Wichita, Ft. Scott, Sabetha, Lamar, and Lamont.

Visitors the past month: Mrs. Sam Benton and children, Tulsa, Okla.; Matt Strahm, Kansas City; Ida Nussbaum, Bloomington, Ill.; Nancy Kraft, Ft. Scott; Bro. and Sis. George Greiner and Franklin, Ungela Strahm, Wichita; Bro. George Bahr, Kansas City; Mrs. Doris Norman and sons, Colorado; Sis. Esther Knapp, Forrest.

Your reporter hopes that those who are missed in the news this past month will forgive me, as I was unable to be here for several weeks, due to illness and death of my father.

On July 1, we were blessed with the inspiring messages of Bro. Clarence Yackley, Phoenix. We hope that they (Bro. Clarence, Sis. Vera and daughter, Sis. Eileen) will return again. Ministering Bro. Robert Young and Bro. Roy Wernli and families were also present for the day.

Lanette Young, 16-month-old

daughter of Bro. and Sis. Ephraim Young, was in the hospital recently for six days with a high fever and cold.

Several brothers have started helping to install the electric heating units for our basement Sunday School rooms. Many other "little" improvements have been made, as storage units, etc. May the Lord bless them for their efforts.

The Lamont and Gridley young folks planning to attend Camp Fellowship practiced together Sunday evening, July 8, at Bro. Lloyd Kraft's.

HILLSBORO, ALABAMA

Reporter: Clara Heiniger

June 15, the sisters, Anna, Sarah, Eunice, Louise, and their brother, Paul Waibel, of Remington, and Lee Blunier, Eureka, spent part of the day here, before going on to Florida.

Hillsboro Vacation Bible School for young and old was held every night one week, during June 18 through 22. A large crowd attended every night.

ILLINOIS STATE NORMAL UNIVERSITY

Reporter: Joyce Kaufmann

Vacation is over for some of us, as we again take up our course of study for the summer. With this course of study comes our weekly Bible Study.

Bro. Henry Grimm was with us June 21 for our first meeting of the summer. We had guests from Eureka, Gridley, El Paso, Peoria, Forrest, and Fairbury.

June 28 marks our second summer meeting. We were indeed happy to have Bro. Ed Hohulin from Goodfield as our guest speaker.

On July 5, after a short vacation on the fourth, we gathered in the Union, where Bro. Joe Schrock presented a message on faith.

Since our group is small during the summer, we wish to extend a special invitation to everyone to visit us any Thursday evening at 8:00, in the 3rd Floor Lounge of the University Union.

JAPAN

Substitute Reporter: Betty Klaus

July 1, the engagement was announced of Sis. Toyomi Sugahara and Bro. Akira Utsuki. We wish them much happiness, grace, and guidance from the Lord.

How happy we are to hear Brother Yoshito's condition is improving. At this writing he is still in the hospital, but thinks he may be released soon. We hope and pray he will soon be in good health again.

Many of the people here in Japan are very busy now working in their vineyards, as fruits are ripening. A large variety of delicious fruits and vegetables are available here, and it is just a pleasure to see all the good fruits the Lord has made. Our deepest wish and prayer, though, is that the fruit of the spirit will be manifested here, that much fruit may come forth to God's praise and honor, and that labourers will be busy in the vineyard of the Lord.

"The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest." Luke 10:2.

JUNCTION, OHIO

Reporter: Mrs. Alvin H. Manz

On Sunday, June 3, we were wonderfully blessed with two visiting ministers and their families, Bro. and Sis. Will Fiechter and Bro. Carl and Sis. Velma Kipfer, from Bluffton. Bro. Will and Bro. Carl gave us very inspiring sermons, of which we are most thankful. Also with us from Bluffton were Bro. Herman and Sis. Gladys Kipfer, Bro. Martin and Sis. Marguerite Kipfer and family, Sisters Frieda, Frances, Irene and Esther Kipfer, Bro. Jay and Sis. Dorothy Kipfer and family, Bro. Bill and Sis. Karen Kipfer and family and Sis. Karen's parents, Bro. and Sis. Grand-leinard, all of Bluffton; and Bro. Albert and Sis. Thelma Kipfer and her mother, from Ft. Wayne. The kind brothers also spent some time with our Rehklau sisters for services, since they can't assemble with us at the church.

Sunday, June 24, Holy Communion services were held. Bro. George Sinn of Latty officiated at this rite. Announcement was also made of the engagement of Bro. Gene Fetter of Toledo to Sis. Marilyn Dotterer, one of our Sunday School teachers. We wish them both God's richest blessing. Sis. Marilyn is a daughter of our ministering Bro. Andrew and Sis. Leona Dotterer.

Sis. Ruth Manz was appointed to take Sis. Marilyn Dotterer's Sunday School class, since she will be

leaving soon. May God bless Sis. Ruth in this very important work.

Visitors on Sunday, July 8, were Bro. Ellsworth and Sis. Evelyn Stoller and family of Eureka, Mike and Sis. Magdalena Stoller of Latty, the occasion being the Jacob Manz reunion, in the afternoon. Also with us was little Connie Bertsch, daughter of Bro. Leonard and Sis. Wava Bertsch of Bluffton.

LA CROSSE, INDIANA

Reporter: Albert J. Bucher

Our visiting ministers the past month were Bro. Carl Kipfer of Bluffton on June 10 and Bro. Otto Norr of Leo on June 17.

Richard Nuest, who is stationed at Ft. Sam Houston, is home on furlough, and is spending his time with his wife and parents.

Sis. Anna Wittmer, who had the misfortune of fracturing her hip, is home again, after being hospitalized for about a week. We wish her a speedy recovery.

A number of our members, families, and friends purchased a church in Valparaiso, and are now assembling there. We miss them very much, and wish them God's blessing.

LAMAR, MISSOURI

Reporter: Marie Marti

Our Sunday morning services and Sunday School begin at 10:30 A.M. C.D.T., afternoon services at 12:30 P.M. We have a singing hour at 7:30 P.M., every first Sunday in the month.

Sis. Marie Stewart has returned to her home in Lamar, after spending the winter in California with a daughter. Sis. Cecelia Banwart is home again, feeling much better, after being in the hospital a number of days. Visitors July 1 from Oakville were Bro. and Sis. Wm. Cordill and children, Doris, John and Leroy. Sis. Lea Meiss is quite ill at this writing, following two recent strokes.

Know Each Other Better

Song Leader

Our oldest song leader is Bro. Arthur Banwart. He was born Sept. 19, 1913, at Lamar, the son of Bro. Ben and Sis. Cecelia (Marti) Banwart. In 1914, the family moved to Morris, where they farmed for fourteen years. In 1928, they moved again to a farm southwest of Lamar.

Bro. Arthur was married to Sis. Ruth Miller on August 26, 1945, at Burlington, Oklahoma. They were blessed with two daughters, Joan and Gail, and one son, Gene.

During an ingathering of souls into the Lamar church in 1939, Bro. Arthur repented and was baptized, along with several others.

The duties of song leader were placed upon him about 15 years ago. (When Bro. Fred Marti, who had been leader, was elected to serve in the ministry.) Bro. Virgil Frieden has been his co-worker for many years, —he is a son of Bro. George Frieden, who was song leader here for many years, before his death in 1945.

Bro. Arthur has always enjoyed singing, and although he has led many years, he still would rather sit back and sing bass or tenor. He feels a good singing is a wonderful way to relieve the tensions of this human life.

He believes it is the duty of the parents to see that the children are taught to sing, and are encouraged to attend singings, for in them lie our future church.

LAMONT, KANSAS

Reporter: Mrs. Bernie Emch

It was such a blessing to have Bro. Clarence Yackley of Phoenix assemble with us the evening of July 1, with such an inspiring message. His wife, Sis. Vera, and daughter, Sis. Eileen, were with him.

Bro. Chris Sauder is in the hospital for observation and treatment, and Mrs. Floyd Isch underwent major surgery, July 11. It is our prayers that God can bless them with good health again.

LANDERSVILLE, ALABAMA

Reporter: Clara Heiniger

Worship services and Sunday school were held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Fuller, Friday evening, June 15.

Friday evening, June 29, a large group gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leman Lou Allen for worship service.

LATTY, OHIO

Reporter: Roberta Stoller

June 17, we had visitors from La Crosse, Morton, Francesville, Bluffton and Detroit.

June 24, we had a very blessed day, with Bro. Otto Norr of Leo

with us for services. Other visitors were from Bluffton and Leo.

On Saturday evening, June 30, provings were held, with baptism on Sunday afternoon, for our two new brothers and one new sister. They are Dennis Klopfenstein, son of Bro. and Sis. Floren Klopfenstein; Dean Laukhuf, son of Bro. and Sis. Richard Laukhuf; and Barbara Laukhuf, daughter of Eli and Lola Laukhuf. Visitors here were from Toledo, Rittman, Francesville, Eureka, and Roanoke.

On July 8, we had a wonderful day, with many visitors here. Our visiting ministers were Bro. Clarence Yackley of Phoenix and Bro. Walter Rehklau of Toledo. Their families were also with them. Other visitors were from Bluffton, Leo, Toledo, Mansfield, Junction, Rittman, Alto, Fort Wayne and Morton.

On the sick list this month has been Sis. Barbara Keysor, who has been ill with hepatitis. We wish her a quick and complete recovery. Also, Larry Wenninger and Sis. Nancy Gerber have been hospitalized, for removal of their tonsils.

LESTER, IOWA

Reporter: Emelie Knobloch

Bro. and Sis. Wilbert Knobloch received word of the sudden death of Sis. Knobloch's father, Ernest Schambach, from the Chicago congregation. Ernest Schambach has many relatives and friends here, as they lived here before moving to Illinois. His wife, a son—Ernest Jr., and Sis. Helen Knobloch mourn his passing. Our sincere sympathy go to all our folks in this sad hour. May God relieve the sorrow with his blessings of comfort.

Many folks spent the week end of July 7 with us, attending a Knobloch reunion, and Bro. and Sis. Dave Kieser spent Sunday with us, having services at West Bend that evening. It was a most inspiring day, for the word of God was revealed with great inspiration.

Linda Doorneweerd, daughter of Sis. Karoline Doorneweerd, who had heart surgery, was home in two weeks and is recuperating nicely. Bro. August Knobloch fell while at West Bend with his daughter, and broke a bone in his shoulder, but is also doing much better. May God give strength to the ill.

Bro. and Sis. Arthur Leuthold

are parents of a son, Kenneth Lee, born June 8.

MANSFIELD, OHIO

Reporter: Aaron A. Sauder

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16) What a wonderful promise and comfort to the family of our departed brother, Emil Bocka, who went to live with the Lord on June 9, at the age of 43 years! A young neighbor boy, aged 17, and Bro. Emil, with his young son, were filling silo. When the neighbor youth was overcome by fumes, Bro. Emil attempted to rescue the boy, but he was also overcome, and both were dead before help could reach them. The sympathy and love of our entire congregation is extended to Sis. Leora Gasser Bocka and their six children, as well as to Bro. Emil's parents, Bro. and Sis. Martin Bocka. Many relatives and friends from near and far attended the funeral. At the time of his death, Bro. Emil was serving as church treasurer.

"Be ye therefore ready also: for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not." Luke 12:40

Visitors: June 10—Bro. John and Sis. Julia Dapper from Maywood, Bro. Joel and Sis. Mary Souder of Grabill, Bro. Jesse and Sis. Mary Gerber of Latty, Bro. Lewis and Sis. Lucinda Sauder of Bluffton, Bro. Roger and Sis. Gertrude Sauder and baby daughter of Elgin, Illinois. Brother Dapper and Bro. Souder brought us the Word of God, for which we are always thankful.

June 17—A group of members and friends from Bremen spent the week end with us. On Sunday afternoon, the Bremen choir presented us with a program of sacred music, after which our Vesper Choir also sang several selections. We enjoyed the fellowship with our visitors, and welcome them back again.

June 24—Bro. Eugene and Sis. Kathryn Sauder, with their young daughter and son, visited our congregation. We are glad when the Lord opens the way for them to visit with us.

We sing in a hymn—"They're gathering homeward from ev'ry land, One by one!" And so another dear one from our congregations

has gone to be with the Lord. Sis. Leah Fernyak was called "Home" on June 28, after a long illness, at the age of 89 years. Although she had not been able to attend church for a number of years, she had followed Jesus since her youth. We know the Lord will bless her four children, for the love and patience they showed their aged mother during her long illness.

Know Each Other Better

As I have been asked to write an article on our oldest song leader, I humbly submit this resume of my life.

Born in a log house in Allen County, near Grabill, Indiana, on October 29, 1887, I was the eldest of ten sons and one daughter born to Bro. Amos and Sis. Mary Matthes Sauder. Our family moved to Mansfield, Ohio, when I was a small child; during my late teens, my family again moved to Indiana, and I spent several years in the vicinity of Wolcott, before returning to Mansfield, where I have lived all but 8 years of my life.

When an older brother from our congregation died quite suddenly, I heard the Lord speak to me, asking what I would do should He call me from life. "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God" (Eph. 2:8). God heard my prayers and gave me grace to repent; on October 31, 1909, I was baptized by our Elder Brother Joseph Ingold.

"And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him." (Genesis 2:18). Sis. Katharine Schneider and I were united in marriage on July 30, 1911, by our old Elder Bro. Samuel Engwiller. The Lord blessed our marriage with six daughters and three sons. Our second daughter, Bertha Sauder Miller, was taken Home by the Lord in 1955. We have also been given eighteen grandchildren. A year ago we observed our Golden Wedding Anniversary, and thank the Lord that we are both in fairly good health. Since my retirement last fall, much of my time is spent around the house and in the garden. We also enjoy traveling, and we try to spend as much time as we can in visiting, especially with the aged, and those who are unable to attend church.

I was quite a young convert when our song leader, Bro. Pelegrin, asked me to sit with him and help with the singing. I well remember the morning when Bro. Pelegrin was not in church; hymn No. 220 in the Zion's Harp had been selected; there was no one else to lead this song, so I began. With the Lord's help, I have been a song leader in our congregation since that Sunday in 1910.

I love to sing and have spent many hours singing the wonderful hymns in the church and with my family and friends. I believe this is one of the ways we can praise and glorify our Heavenly Father for His love to us.

MAYWOOD, CALIFORNIA

Reporter: Dora Sauder

Many of the Maywood congregations are enjoying vacations, and there is little news that won't be reported in other churches.

Except, Eleanor and Richard Gerber became the parents of a baby girl, May 15. The little girl has been named Norah Ellyn. She is the first grandchild of Bro. and Sis. Ezra Gerber and Noah Sauder.

MILFORD, INDIANA

Reporter: Arthur Haab

On June 3, several carloads of young brethren from Bluffton visited us and sang for Sis. Eliza Haab, who celebrated her 90th birthday on June 5. In the evening, they were to Bro. Otto Beer's home for a singing.

Bro. Alan Beer from Mansfield ministered to us on June 17.

Bro. Harold and Sis. Katherine Emch from Girard visited us on July 1, and Bro. Harold helped in Sunday School.

Bro. Alan Beer graduated from I.U. Medical School on June 4, and he is now serving his internship.

We had a fellowship supper at the church on June 10.

Bro. Paul Haab is leaving for the Army on July 9. We wish him the Lord's blessing and help.

MORRIS, MINNESOTA

Reporter: Mrs. Louie Messner
History

(This was written by Bro. William Luthi, who came with his parents, Christ Luthis, in 1903. He lived on the farm adjoining the church, until a couple years ago, when he and his wife, Sis. Minnie,

moved to town. No one would have known better of how our church started and grew.)

It was asked by several visiting brothers, how and when our Apostolic Christian Church began here at Morris.

In the summer of 1902, the land agent at Rock Rapids, Iowa, asked Bro. Christ Moser and his son-in-law, Rudolph Tschudi, of Lester to come to Stevens County, Minnesota, to look at land.

Bro. Moser did buy a farm two miles north of Morris. Later, they asked Christ Luthi Sr. of West Bend, Iowa, to come see this country, too. The first day, they were shown some farms north of Morris, but Mr. Luthi said he was not interested in any he had seen that day. The next morning, the agent took them seven miles south, and one mile east of Morris, and they were shown a farm with a beautiful crop of wheat. Mr. Luthi bought this farm.

So, in early spring of 1903, Bro. Christ Moser and Rudolph Tschudi of Lester, and Christ Luthi of West Bend, with their families, moved here to Stevens County.

Then, more brothers in-faith and friends came to visit, and they seemed to like the land south of Morris and west of the village of Hancock, which is still the center of the congregation.

In the summer of 1903, Bro. Jacob Moser (twin brothers of Christ Moser, who died in the fall of 1903) and his two sons-in-law, Bro. Wm. Feuchtenberger and Wm. Reber of Lester, bought land here also. Friend John Zaugg of West Bend rented a farm, which Bro. August Mogler of Lester had bought.

So, in 1904, there were seven families here. Bro. Jacob Moser was the minister, so we had church services in our homes every Sunday.

That summer, five souls turned to the Lord, namely, Mother Luthi and her daughter Rose, Wm. Reber, John Zaugg and his wife, Emma. They were baptized on Dec. 11, 1904, which now made eleven brothers and sisters in the little congregation.

Many came to visit from Illinois, Iowa, and other states. In the fall of 1905, Bro. Edward Eglin came here. In the spring of 1906, Christ Luthi Jr. and John Luthi came from West Bend; that summer,

Bro. Jacob Nohl and Bro. Jim Hohulin of Goodfield, Ill., came and bought farms.

The fall of 1906, they started to build our first little church. It was built on land given by Christ Luthi Sr., of that congregation, and includes plot for a cemetery.

The building was completed in the spring of 1907. The first services in the church were held on Easter Sunday of that year.

We can well believe that joy and thankfulness filled the hearts of the little congregation, which now numbered 20 brothers and sisters. But soon, sorrow and sadness came into our midst, by the death of our minister, Bro. Jacob Moser, on Oct. 17, 1907. This was the first funeral and burial in the new church and cemetery.

Then, Bro. Edward Eglin became our minister. In the next few years, eight or nine families moved here each year, so by 1911, it became necessary to enlarge the church.

Brother Jacob Stettner was elected to minister in 1913 and was ordained elder in 1923. Then, he moved to Elgin, Ill., in 1928. Bro. Fred Spohr was elected to minister in 1917.

The congregation was blessed, as quite a number of friends moved here, and then turned to the Lord, and more families moved here, so by 1915, the church was quite full.

The question has been asked, Why these people came so far northwest? The reason as we see it, land was cheap, and they wanted to have homes of their own. In 1949, the church was remodeled and modernized with a full basement and a balcony for added space.

At present, there are 135 members, approximately 150 Sunday School children, and quite a number of married friends in our congregation.

Our present ministers are Bro. Henry Koehl, elected in 1929, and ordained Elder in 1941, and Bros. Jacob Nohl, Paul Fehr and Harold Gramm.

The location of the church is 7 miles south of Morris and one-half mile east of U.S. Highway 59, or 5 miles west and 1 mile south from Hancock.

Our visiting ministers were Bro. Noah Miller, Winthrop, June 24; having services for us Friday eve-

ning, June 29, and again Sunday, July 1, were Bro. Carl Hartman, Sabetha, Bro. Walter Koehl, Fairbury, and Bro. Chris Koehl, Peoria.

The Lord's supper was served June 24.

Again we remembered our fathers, the same as we did our mothers, last month.

Bro. Hartman quoted this poem, which is also a song the little ones sing:

"One door and only one, yet the sides are two

I'm on the inside. Which side are you?"

Our Heavenly Father is also happy as well as our parents, when each one can say "inside."

We had a tragic accident Saturday, June 16, when Little Laurie Lynn, 2½, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Feuchtenberger was playing in their farmyard, when she darted unsuspectingly in front of a loaded trailer, being pulled by a tractor. Due to her injuries, her life expired shortly after arrival at the hospital. Bro. Harold Gramm had her services.

Our prayer was the Lord would be with them according to their wishes. Their prayer was for grace to repent, and the Lord answered their prayer. As we heard—Laurie can't come back, but now her parents can go to her. We wish them God's grace and love in abundance.

We also rejoice that Nancy Fehr has changed her walk of life and is now wanting to live for the Lord.

Sis. Tillie Kellenberger was in the hospital May 26. She is home, but unable to attend church yet at this writing. Mrs. Virgil Sauder also was hospitalized, but is home again.

MORTON, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Mrs. B. E. Getz

Funeral services for Sis. Lydia Kaufman, 85, were held June 27. Bro. Joe A. Getz officiated. Her husband, Bro. John, is critically ill at this time.

Bro. Wm. Uhlman and Sis. Eleanor Schmidgall were united in marriage June 24 by Bro. J. A. Getz.

Bro. Simon Wagenbach of Tremont held services June 24.

A son was born to Bro. and Sis. Jack Hirstein on July 6.

Sis. Sadie Hauter, Sis. Kathryn Jacob, Sis. Elizabeth Huette, Sis. Ida Rapp and Bro. Ben Kaiser have

undergone surgery. All are recovering nicely.

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

NEW MARTINSVILLE, W. VA.

Reporter: Mrs. Gus Weltz

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Gasser, Mrs. Lydia Kloetzle and Miss Charlotte Emch of Girard attended the services at the country church on June 24.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Marty and daughter, Margaret, of Sterling, O., visited with relatives on June 24 and attended services at both Monroe and Limestone churches.

Mrs. K. W. Calvert Sr. (Grace Emch) has returned to her home, after being a patient in the Ohio Valley Hospital in Wheeling for several weeks. She is recuperating very nicely.

Mrs. Elizabeth Games of Girard visited here with her sister, Mrs. J. G. Burgess, during July.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Thomas of Niles, O., attended the Durig reunion here on July 4 and visited with relatives for a day or two.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Weltz visited with relatives in Pittsburgh, Pa., on July 6th through 8th.

Mrs. Emma Berger, A. E. Rigenbach, Mrs. Elza Ritz and Mrs. Gus Weltz attended the services at the Monroe Church on July 1.

OAKVILLE, IOWA

Reporter: Mrs. Ezra Gerst

Our church observed Holy Communion on June 17. Bro. Fred Grimm of the Taylor congregation assisted Bro. Noah Schrock.

Through God's grace and mercy, Phyllis Siegle, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Fred Siegle, found peace with God. Her testimony was heard, and she was baptized by Bro. Noah Schrock on June 24. We welcome her as our sister-in-faith.

Our son, Dwight Strassheim, left for National Guard duty on June 22. His address is:

Pvt Dwight Strassheim
N G 26806123
Co A 2d Bn 3rd Tng Regt Basic
Fort Leonard Wood Mo.

Bro. Earl Massner and Bro. Floyd Rowell were surgical patients at Burlington Hospital, but are both home again. Bro. William Rauhaus is in Burlington Hospital,

and will probably have surgery the latter part of this week. We place him in God's care.

The Elgin, Iowa, Bible class and their leader, Bro. Ira Farney, visited us on Sunday, July 8. It gives us joy to see our youth take part. Bro. Uriel and Sis. Judy Gehring also came with them. Bro. Uriel is going to summer school at Cedar Falls, Iowa.

As it is vacation time again, and so many are traveling on the highways, we hope God will watch over all, and bring them all safely home again.

PEORIA, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Mrs. Michael Weyeneth

Many of our members and friends are on vacation this month. May God protect and bring them all safely home again.

Sis. Clara Senn passed away Friday, June 8, in the Methodist Hospital, where she was admitted 20 minutes earlier. It was a shock to all, and we sympathize with the family. She was the daughter of Joseph and Minnie Nuest. Her husband, John, and two step-daughters survive. Her funeral was held Monday, June 11, Bro. Michael Weyeneth officiating.

Proving was held Saturday, June 2, for Robert and Lorane Joos. Baptismal services were held the following day. It was a blessed day, and we are so glad for them.

A son, Todd Alan, was born to Bro. and Sis. Wilbur Hoerr, June 11.

Our Thursday evening church services are discontinued for the month of July and August. Our next Thursday evening services will be Sept. 6.

Bro. and Sis. Melvin Huber spent Saturday and Sunday here.

Our congregation enjoyed having Bro. and Sis. Phil Aeschliman, Sis. Lydia Rinkenberger and her daughter, Arlene, of Cissna Park, Sunday, June 24.

Sis. Christiana Erkert, who was to Mayo Brothers for an operation, was able to come home. She will be a shut-in for some time. We know she would enjoy mail. Her address is 4517 Nelson Drive, Peoria.

Bro. and Sis. Manuel Zahner and sons and Sis. Emma Beckley of Rockville spent a few days in Peoria.

Our Sunday School picnic was held June 10 at Keenland Park,

with a large attendance.

Our Vacation Bible School closed on June 22. The students averaged 142 daily. The children donated \$116.55, which will be given to the churches in Japan. They also brought toilet articles, soap, combs, etc., which will be given to a charity organization here in Peoria. We wish to thank everyone who helped, especially the parents, who sent their children, those who contributed cookies, and the more than twenty teachers, who gave so generously of their time. We trust the good seed which has been sown in these young hearts will bring forth fruit in its season.

A large number of friends and relatives gathered at a park for a picnic supper in honor of Bro. Joe Herbst and Bro. and Sis. Floyd Banwart and daughter of Phoenix.

Those who are at the hospital at this time are Sis. Mary Kibler, Louise Roecker and Pauline Meyers. Bro. and Sis. Louis Ehnle, Sis. Emma Siebenthal, and Bro. Jake Meyer are also on the sick list. Bro. Chris Koehl has arthritis. There are also many others that are shut-ins for many years already. May God bless the ones who take care of them, and let us not let one day go by without doing some kind deed for some one less fortunate.

PHOENIX, ARIZONA

Substitute Reporter: Marilyn Dotterer

We certainly enjoyed a blessed week end June 17 and 18, as Bro. Homer and Sis. Jo Reineck and their family, Marge, Bob, Don, and Diane, from Toledo visited us. We enjoyed a church picnic at South Mountain Park, Sunday evening, with nearly the entire congregation attending. Bro. Homer ministered unto us on Monday evening.

Bro. Ed Rieger is confined to his home, and has been quite ill the past several weeks.

We welcome Bro. Ervin and Sis. Dorothy Maurer and boys, Kim, Tom, Lem, and Jim, from Fairbury, and Lester and Delores Moser and son, Bradley, from Elgin, Illinois, into our midst. Both families have recently moved to Phoenix, and we hope they will enjoy their new homes.

Richard and Dorothy Kraft are the parents of a daughter, Kelly Lynn, born July 1. They have one other daughter, Karen.

John and Wilma Pulfer are the parents of a son, Shayne LeRoy, born July 6.

Other recent visitors to Phoenix include Sis. Lois Waibel and Sis. Joan Stange from Bay City; Janet Heinold from LaCrosse; Gloria Hodel from Cissna Park; and Sis. Mildred and Sis. Maryann Fischer from Roanoke.

Sis. Ann Dotterer, who recently had lung surgery, is improving steadily, and wishes to thank all those who remembered her with cards since her recent operation.

PORTLAND, OREGON

Reporter: Mrs. Robert Miller

In the month of June, we have had the following visitors, which have been a blessing to us: Sis. Martha Fritz, Morton; Sisters Mildred and Mary Ann Fischer, Sisters Ann, Lois, Dorothy, and Leona Pfister, Roanoke (sisters of your reporter); Sisters Florence, Eloise and their parents, Bro. and Sis. Dave Hoerr, Bro. Bob and Sis. Irene Weyeneth and children, Mike and Beth, Peoria; Sis. Libbie Knobloch, Salt Lake City; Sis. Naomi Knobloch, Bro. and Sis. Jacob Metzger, Eleanor, Barbara, friends Gene and Dolores Metzger, friends Dennis and Esther Warner, Lester; Friends Jim and Willa Steiner, Olympia, Washington; Sis. Helen Knecht, Eureka.

On July 1, Bro. Ben and Sis. Esther and daughter Ann visited us, from Goodfield. Their daughter, Mary, lives at Seattle (Mrs. John Fritz).

Bro. Roy and Sis. Averil Stevig and son (Bro.) David are visiting here from Phoenix, as well as Bro. Lewis and Sis. Esther Herman, Peoria; Sis. Louise Albrecht, Francesville, and Friend Helen Muntz, Fairbury, Bro. Roy Stevig's and Bro. Lewis Herman's hope to spend another Sunday with us—July 15. Sis. Elizabeth Feldman, Altadena, is visiting at Silverton.

Vacation Bible School started July 9, for one week.

Our dear sister, Ann Rumbold, is able after her operation to attend church again.

PRINCEVILLE, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Ruth Ricketts

After lying for nine days in a semi-conscious state, Sis. Emma Heubach Ehnle stopped breathing

early on the morning of June 18, and quietly slipped to a better land, to gain the reward for which she was striving.

Bro. Joe A. Getz of Morton conducted services Wednesday, June 20. He was assisted by Bro. Henry Beer of Milford and our ministers. She was laid to rest in the church cemetery.

She is survived by her husband, Bro. William; three daughters, Mrs. Caroline Haworth of Phoenix, Sis. Frieda Feucht and Sis. Esther Streitmatter; and four sons, Albert, Brother Ben, Brother David, and Brother Willis of Japan; five brothers, Ernest, Carl, William and Edward; and one sister, Martha Heubach; fifteen grandchildren; and a host of friends.

Her friendly smile and hearty handshake will be greatly missed, but she is worthy of her reward.

The following poem was written for his mother by Bro. Willis in 1952, while in Japan in the service of his country.

My mother is growing older and
gray;
The sun is going down midst the
strife,
But I'm sure it will rise o'er that
yonder bay
To a better, more glorious life.

I want you to know, dear mother
of mine,
That your efforts have not been in
vain,
For you taught me to love my dear
Saviour divine,
And through Him to be born again.

The tears fall now, but they'll fall
more then,
When they lay my mother away,
But I'm sure she's been washed in
the blood of the Lamb,
So we'll meet again some day.

The annual Sunday School picnic was held Sunday evening, June 24 at Jubilee Park, with 325 children, teachers, parents, and grandparents in attendance. Sunday School classes will be dismissed for a few weeks during the summer months.

Barbara Ringger, daughter of Bro. James and Sis. Lyola Ringger, is hospitalized for a few days, undergoing tests and treatment. The infant daughter of Bro. Robert and Sis. Marvel Knobloch is also in the

hospital at this time. We hope both will be coming home soon.

I am moved to include in this column a little something out of the ordinary. In last months news, I told of my visitor from New Zealand. She had attended church with us, met quite a number of people, and was impressed with their love and kindness. Unfortunately, after leaving me, she became quite ill, and in a recent letter from her, she told she thought she was going to die and had asked her body to be sent to Princeville for burial, for she knew she would be laid to rest by loving people. This quite impressed me, and made me realize more than ever that we need not be ashamed of our faith and beliefs.

PULASKI, IOWA

Reporter: Mrs. Ray Martin

Bro. and Sis. Don Feller and family, Bro. and Sis. Roy Grimm and family, Bro. and Sis. James Sutter and family, Bro. and Sis. Eli Sutter, all of Taylor, Bro. and Sis. Carl Wyss and family of Eureka; Bro. and Sis. Floyd Banwart and Marcia Lemons of Phoenix; and Bro. and Sis. Nathan Banwart of West Bend, visited us on June 10.

Sis. Clara Neukomm of Peoria visited us on June 19.

Sis. Myrtle Kinsinger has been a patient in Bloomfield Hospital for surgery. We hope that she will recover soon!

REMINGTON, INDIANA

Reporter: Emily Kilgus

On Sunday, June 10, a tiny baby girl was born to Elmer and Nancy Beckley. They have named her Susan Elaine. At this time, she remains in the hospital.

Jack Nussbaum and Darlene Lehe were married on Sunday, June 24. Jack is the son of Bro. Andrew and the late Mary (Bahler) Nussbaum.

On Sunday, July 1, the Leo Sunday school visited us, along with several brothers and sisters. We were happy for two ministers as our guests, Bros. Jack Bollier and Dave Bertsch. In the evening the Wolcott young folks gathered with us for hymn singing.

Bro. Manny and Sis. Clara Zahner and three sons and Sis. Emma Beckley of Rockville visited here several days.

ROANOKE, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Irene Hodel

We all wish to express our "Thanks" to Sis. Sara Aeschleman, who has been our faithful reporter in the past years.

The Sunday School picnic was held at Washburn Park, discontinuing our Sunday School for the summer months.

Sis. Carol Metzger stayed with Bro. and Sis. Fred Siebenthal two weeks, visiting her friends here.

A dear brother, Ed Moser, 64, died very suddenly of a heart attack at his home, June 18. He has been a faithful worker in the church and has taught Sunday School for 32 years. His wife passed away last August. They leave four sons, Calvin, Harley, Glen and Lyle, a daughter, Barbara (Mrs. Richard Stoller) to mourn their loss. We all feel the loss of these loved ones.

Sis. and Bro. Raymond Roth and Sis. Ida Schrock of Kiowa, Kansas, were here for the funeral of Bro. Ed Moser. The Roths spent several days with their daughter and husband, the Glen Mosers. Mrs. Schrock spent several days with her brothers, Joe, Chris, Silas and Dave Hodel and her sister, Mrs. Mike Weyeneth.

Sis. Dorothy Bertschi has been in the hospital several weeks, recovering from her illness.

The Eureka Congregation joined us on June 20 for Wednesday evening services. We had the proving of our friend, John Diggle. He was to be baptized Sunday, but due to the death of his father-in-law, Albert Funk, his baptism was the following Sunday. We are very happy to have John for a brother, and wish there would be many more that could feel the need of our dear Saviour.

Sis. and Bro. John Bowald observed their 50th Wedding Anniversary June 23, with many of their friends visiting them. We wish them many more years together.

Sis. & Bro. Arthur Bowald have announced the engagement of their daughter, Sharon, to Waldo Remmert of Eureka.

Our friends, Wayne Blunier and Marjorie Hemstead, were married on Sunday, June 24. Wayne is the son of Sis. and Bro. Harold Blunier.

Several carloads of young folks from Princeville were here for services Wednesday night, June 27. They were guests at the home of Bro. J. D. Lemans after church.

Bros. Bill Huber and Ronnie Anliker, Sisters Helen Huber, Marie Neihauser and Francis Leman of Francesville spent July 4 with us.

It was decided to have services on Wednesday night, twice each month this summer. The first Wednesday night of the month, our Roanoke congregation go to Eureka for services, and the third Wednesday night, the Eureka congregation joins us at Roanoke. We enjoy the blessings we have together.

We were sorry to hear our dear sister, Mrs. Walter Schumacher, who just returned home from the hospital two weeks ago, is back in the hospital. We all wish her God's blessings.

We had a blessed day Sunday, July 8, with the following ministers present: Bro. Noah Schrock, Bro. Leuthold, Bro. Kilgus and Bro. Leroy Huber.

Sis. and Bro. Elias Schumacher of Bremen were here, visiting their brother, Walter Schumacher and family. They were with us for services Sunday.

A son was born to Bro. and Sis. Richard Stoller (Barbara Moser) July 9, which makes them three boys.

ROCKVILLE, CONNECTICUT

Reporter: Carlton J. Lanz

Guests, here, with us at our Wednesday evening service on June 13 were Bro. Simon Wagenbach of Tremont, his wife and some of his family.

Our friends, Everett Gerber and Phyllis Reutter, were married on Saturday, June 16, at the home of Bro. John Bahler, our elder. Everett is Bro. Ernest and Sis. Tillie Gerber's youngest son. Phyllis' parents are Albert and Sis. Lydia Reutter. Here for the occasion were Bro. Elmer and Sis. Rosetta Stoller of Forrest, Bro. Robert & Sis. Betty Bauman and Bro. Carl Beery and wife of Rittman. Rosetta and Betty are sisters of Everett's.

Bro. Bert Gudeman and his wife, Sis. Ann, and Bro. Don Gudeman of Cissna Park and LaCrosse, respectively, spent several days with us. It was also our pleasure to have Bro. Rudolph and Sis. Betty Graf,

Rudolph Jr. and Margaret (their daughter) spend Sunday, June 17, here with us. Often, the time passes too swiftly.

Further, visiting here were the Ed Aschliman family of Delaware, Bro. Will Ahman and wife of Morton and Bro. Harold Knapp (stationed at Camp Belvedor, Va.).

Bro. Ernest Gerber is recuperating at his home, upon being discharged from our local hospital, where he had undergone surgery.

On Saturday evening, July 7, a large number of guests (members and friends) gathered for song service at Bro. Kenneth and Sis. Arlene Bahler's home. Sunday, the following day, our guest register, at the church, showed signatures of visiting members from: Lamar, Fort Scott, Detroit, Akron, Latty, Castorland, Muncie (Ind.), Tremont, Gridley, Fairbury, Roanoke, Dunlap, Secor, Edelstein, Eureka, Princeville, and Morton, Illinois. It was pleasant, indeed, to be privileged to have so many to join with us in our Sunday worship and evening song service.

We were also glad to have Bro. Chris Luginbuhl and Sis. Betty (his daughter) back from a three-month's voyage to Europe, where they visited churches, among other things, in Switzerland. He commented on the vastness of the waters and the towering snow-topped mountains, all, a creation of God. We count Bro. Chris as one of our valued and useful brothers. We all welcome their return.

SABETHA, KANSAS

Reporter: Eldon Metzger

Visitors for June 3 were Bro. and Sis. Ben Schlatter and Bro. and Sis. Homer Reineck from Toledo. We were certainly blessed with the message from Bro. Reineck.

Our visitors on June 24 were Bro. and Sis. Leonard Locher, Bro. and Sis. Andrew Locher from Maywood; Bro. and Sis. Richard Schmidt and Bro. and Sis. Alvin Banwart, West Bend; and Bro. and Sis. Bill Leman, Roanoke.

Visiting our congregation July 1 were Sis. Louise Huette, Morton; Sis. Ruth Ann Schlip, Gridley, Ill.; Sis. Mary Zimmerman, Roanoke; Sis. Nancy Beutel, Tremont; Bro. Richard Frank, Forrest. Bro. and Sis. Clarence Yackley, Phoenix; and Bro. and Sis. Robert Young, Wichita, worshipped with us July

2. We received much food for thought from the message of Bros. Clarence and Robert. Also visiting us for the evening service were Sis. Eileen Yackley, Phoenix; Sis. Dorene Strahm and Jake Strahm, Gridley; and Bro. and Sis. Robert Hohulin, Roanoke.

TAYLOR, MISSOURI Reporter: Mrs. Eli Sutter Song Leader

Written by Bro. Fred Grimm

The Taylor church is comparatively new, and our congregation is composed of younger people, to a large extent. Our oldest song leader is Bro. James Sutter, son of Bro. Eli and Sis. Elizabeth Grimm Sutter.

Bro. James was born Mar. 10, 1927. In 1949, along with eight others, he repented, and was baptized March 27 of that year. From the time he was a small boy, he enjoyed to sing, and all during his school years he took a real interest in it. Now that he was converted, the church needed him to lead, because our only leader, Bro. Harry Yackley, had passed away a few years before. During this interval, the sisters had to lead.

On June 20, 1950, he was married to Sis. Lois Wuthrich, daughter of Bro. Albert and Sis. Elizabeth Wuthrich of Pulaski. They have four children, and all like to sing.

He feels that singing is a very important part of our church service and also a very good way to spend time, gathering in homes and also Sunday evenings in church to sing.

We have a singing which is usually attended by young and old, members and friends, in our Sunday School room every Sunday night, except when someone invites the congregation to a singing in the home.

Our others leaders are Bro. Raymond Haerr and Bro. Marvin Wiegand. Until March of this year, Bro. Paul Butikofer also helped in leading. He and his family moved to Elgin, Iowa, at that time.

May our people never cease to appreciate the privilege of singing praises to God.

We are sorry to have Bro. Arnold and Sis. Marjorie Gerst and their children, Jenny and Mark, move to Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Bro. Arnold was transferred there by his company. They will be greatly missed by all of us. We hope the Lord will bless and prosper them in their new home.

Visiting ministers the past month were Bro. Ed Hohulin, Goodfield, and Bro. Cleo Rinkenberger, Pulaski, on June 24. Bro. Lowell Stoller, Princeville, and Bro. Clarence Yackley, Phoenix, were with us an evening in July. They were accompanied by their families.

Sis. Rose Frieden was ill for several days the past month, but is quite well again.

Kent Heimer had his tonsils removed the past month. He has recovered nicely.

Our college students, Ron Hodel and Sis. Charlotte Haerr, are at home for their summer vacation. Bro. Raymond Haerr is also on summer vacation, but is still living at Columbia, Mo., because of Sis. Jeanie's work. Sis. Nancy Hodel graduated from Ill. State Normal University this spring. Sis. Kathy Grimm has employment at Iowa City this summer.

Sisters Anna, Rachel and Lydia Hoerr, Peoria, visited with their brothers and families on July 2 and 3. Sis. Lydia lived here with her parents, repented and was baptized here. Soon after that, she became ill, and only the past year she has been able to spend part of her time with her sisters. It has been about twenty-two years since she has been here to visit. We hope and pray that she will soon be able to take her place at home and in the church.

TOLEDO, OHIO

Reporter: Emily Frautschi

On June 24, the engagement of Bro. Eugene Fetter and Sis. Marilyn Dotterer of Junction was announced. We wish them much grace from the Lord in their future life together.

On July 1, Leroy Hartman and his family from Peoria visited us. We enjoyed their visit, especially the messages Bro. Hartman brought to us.

TREMONT, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Mrs. William H. Beutel

June 11, Bro. Merle Kaisner of Fairbury ministered to us. His wife and others were here also.

Bro. and Sis. Robert Wiegand

and family moved to Tremont on June 6. We hope they like it here.

A little girl, Sheila Ann, was born to Bro. and Sis. Harlan Bolinger on June 17. On June 22, Sandra Marie was born to Bro. and Sis. Orville Rocke. Both couples now have a family of four girls and one boy.

June 24 was the annual Sunday School picnic. There was a large group, as this includes all the children and grown-ups who wish to come.

We have had several in the hospital. Bro. Elmer Sauder, who was quite sick; Elizabeth Aberle, and Sis. Lena Birk, who are home again; and Sis. Martha Kaeb, who has been in the hospital the past two weeks and is now showing some improvement.

Our dear friend, Edwin Hermann, age 64 years, was buried on June 28. He had retired from the clothing store in April of this year.

Maurice Schaefer and Harold Steiner, students at Louisville, Kentucky, were home for the week end of July 7 and 8.

"... I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life."—John 8:12.

UNION CITY, NEW JERSEY

Reporter: August Mueller

Our visitors were from Maywood, Bro. and Sis. John Dapper. They visited their son, John Jr., in New York. Bro. John brought the message to us, which was very important. We enjoyed his sermon very much. Time did not allow them to stay with us for the afternoon service, so after lunch, they helped us sing a few hymns. Then we bade them farewell for the last time perhaps. We enjoyed the short visit very much, and hope they come again.

Also, Friend Ed Aeschliman from Wilmington, Delaware, was with us, with his wife and children.

On July 1, our dear friend, Richard Diggelman, with one of his friends will fly to Switzerland, where he will visit Friend Alfred Schneider, who for some time was working in a Swiss Bank in New York, but came to our church every Sunday. We wish them a happy journey, and pray that the Lord would watch over them day by day, and protect them from all evil and harm, that when their vacation is

ended, they will come home again safe and sound. They intend to visit several countries.

July 1, our visitors were from Rockville, Sis. Elsa Diggelman and her daughter, Norma, Sis. Barbara Fluckiger and Marjorie Heintz. Norma and Marjorie have peace, and are awaiting the time to be baptized. We wish them God's blessing, and hope that the next time they visit us, they can be greeted as sisters, and not as friends.

Sunday, July 8, we had no visitors today, nevertheless it was a day of joy and blessing. The word of God was proclaimed in rich measure, and we sang a number of hymns to God's praise and honor. It is a precious thing to thank God and to honor his great and holy name through Christ Jesus our Saviour. Amen.

"Farewell for now. God bless you."

WICHITA, KANSAS

Reporter: Dave Hangartner

Our friend, Fred Dopps, son of Bro. Bruce and Sis. Viola Dopps, has repented and found peace with the Lord.

Special mid-week services were held on Thursday, the 28th, for visiting minister, Bro. Clarence Yackley, of Phoenix. Also accompanying him were his wife, Sis. Vera, and his daughter, Sis. Eileen.

Bro. Reuben Farney and his wife, Sis. Marie, visited with us on the 24th. Bro. Reuben, originally of Burlington, Oklahoma, now makes his home in Maywood.

Sis. Dorene Strahm of the Gridley church and Sis. Waneta Sinn of the Ft. Scott church visited with us on this date, July 8.

WEST BEND, IOWA

Reporter: Anna Schmidt

Bro. Silas Leuthold and his wife from Princeville visited us the week end of June 17. The Memorandum was read on Saturday evening, and on Sunday we had Holy Communion. Sis. Bertha Johnson from Peoria and Sis. Edna Anliker from Eureka also visited us.

On Sunday, June 24, the following visited us: Bro. Carl and Sis. Louisa Hartman from Sabetha; Bro. and Sis. Fred Metzger and Sis. Edna Mogler from Lester; and Bro. and Sis. Raymond Banwart and sons from Fort Scott.

Sis. Elizabeth Marti was released from the hospital and is staying with her daughter, Bro. Oscar and Sis. Frances Zaugg. She is getting along fairly well, but has to be on her back for another four weeks.

Sis. Lydia Jurgen is getting along real well, but has to be in a wheel-chair for five weeks yet.

Bro. August Knobloch from Lester had a heart attack and was hospitalized for a few days. He had been staying with his daughters here in West Bend. He is getting along quite well at this writing.

Sis. Mary Fehr is quite sick in the Palo Alto Memorial Hospital in Emmetsburg, Iowa. She is suffering from a blood clot in her leg, but is a little improved at this writing.

The Joe Banwart Family Reunion was held at the home of Bro. Paul Banwart. Relatives were here from Pulaski, Lester, Oakville, Princeville, Gridley, Peoria, and Taylor.

WINTHROP, MINNESOTA

Reporter: Marguerite Messner

Sis. Carolyn Pfister visited with her parents for several days, from June 9 to the 13th.

Sis. Sharon Olson visited us Sunday, June 10.

The engagement of Bro. Fred Messner and Sis. Linda Schmidgall of the Morris congregation was announced June 10.

Bro. Ralph Gudeman and Sis. Tillie Sauder of Congerville were here June 12, leaving the next day and taking Sis. Carolyn back with them.

Sis. Esther Peterson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Peterson, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Peterson and Mrs. Verna Mae Rauhaus of Burlington were here for the funeral of Ernest Peterson, Sunday, June 10.

We all rejoice with Bro. Mike Messner, that his wife, Joyce, is seeking the Lord in repentance.

Bro. and Sis. Raymond Banwart and twin sons, Lonnie and Ronnie, visited with us on a Wednesday and were here for evening services.

July 1, Bro. and Sis. John Schmidgall and Sis. Linda Schmidgall of Morris were here from Saturday to Monday. Other visitors at this time were: Bro. and Sis. Edwin Baurer and daughter, Cindy, of Princeville; Bro. Arnold

Gerst from Quincy, now of Minneapolis, Friends Ron Banwart, Elaine Fehr, Roger, Marvella and Jim Zaugg of West Bend.

WOLCOTT, INDIANA

Reporter: Arles Kropf

During the month of June we enjoyed having quite a few visitors from various places.

On June 10, Bro. and Sis. Joshua Broquard and daughter, Sis. Margaret, from Fairbury; June 17, Bro. and Sis. Elmer Witzig, Bro. and Sis. Edwin Ringger, Bro. and Sis. Alvin Ringger, Bro. and Sis. Ed Stoller, Bro. and Sis. Ezra Stoller, Bro. and Sis. Tom Leman, and Paul and Wilma Zehr of Gridley, Ill.; on June 24, Bro. and Sis. John Yergler, Bro. and Sis. Harold Isch, Bro. and Sis. Joe Isch, Bro. and Sis. John Frank and Sisters Clara Isch and Amelia Bane, all of Bluffton.

On July 1, Bro. Jack Bollier of Leo and Bro. Sam Kilgus of Remington were with us in the afternoon—also Bro. and Sis. Sam Steffen of Fairbury and Herman and Mary Lucille Baumgartner of Bluffton. We rejoice with Herman and Mary, that they have found grace to repent. Mary grew up in our community.

We are happy to report that Bro. Irvin Lehman is at home now and is making satisfactory recovery, but must still be very quiet and have no company.

LEO, INDIANA

Reporter: Mrs. Elias Souder

Whoso offereth praise glorifieth me (From Psalm 58:23)

On a farm near Grabill, born the year of 1890, Elias Souder spent his childhood days. His mother and father, Catherine and Henry Souder (the elder for many years in his church) were his parents.

His parents were both very talented in music. How well Elias remembers, when singing went hard, as some songs were very difficult to sing in church, Henry Souder was able to take a hold, and sing them through. That wasn't all, after getting home, Elias' mother would get out the song book and learn the song. She also was a good singer.

Time changes things. In the early days, our church had two brothers that did most all of the leading, Bro. Benjamin Neuenschwander was one. Usually his favorite song

in the morning was Now Thank We All Our God. Then, Cornelius Levy was another good song leader. These two took charge of the song services many years. We missed our dear brothers, but we shall meet ere long, to sing a new song, and together remain happy forever in a world without end.

Elias, before too long, had to do most of the song leading. While others at times helped, he was responsible for most of it.

He always favored good, correct singing, starting together, ending together, and no dragging or always a little behind the group singing. He taught singing classes at times. He also was one of the committee to revise our new Zion's Harp song book. He spent many years in Sunday School. In the past few years, he felt that we have some very capable young folks who are getting along very well as song leaders.

As he has grown older, he well realizes that our time is fast drawing to a close, and it is very well for the welfare of the church to have younger song leaders that are able to take over the work, as good singing is a great asset to the church.

"I will sing unto the LORD as long as I live: I will sing praise to my God while I have my being." (Ps. 104:33)

Singing drives the dark shadows away, and gives to us a brighter day. Singing the wonderful songs of inspired writers is climbing the stairway to heaven, helping to form the rainbow over the great Divide, making the celestial light glow in the hearts of men and women.

Sing all ye nations: All ye races; sing praises to the one most holy. It will open the windows of the soul, and draw thee nearer to the shining goal.

When Elias was a young lad going to school, they did a lot of singing in the little schoolhouse in the country. He had a teacher by the name of Lydia Conrad; she is a first cousin of Elias. At that time, she was only about 18 years old, but was a very fine teacher. He felt there was none better; never had a letter from her till just about a month ago, which we shall quote in part. It is very interesting to Elias and his whole family.

". . . Eli, do you realize, if we both live till January 1, 1963, it

will be 60 years since I taught you in school?

I started teaching in 1903. I loved you all, and in all sincerity I must say, I never had a nicer group of pupils. Those were wonderful care-free days.

Eli, you and I have lived the greater part of our span of years. It is a joy to know that we have lived useful lives, and all for the glory of the Lord.

I know you enjoyed music in song as much as any of the school subjects. Do you remember some of the beautiful songs we sang? I still have the same songbooks here and can sing them all.

Your dear father (Elder Henry Souder) asked me for a copy of the song with the notes, "In that Beautiful Home Over There." Then others we loved were "Singing with the Angels," and "Poor Little Joe".

I loved to sing and taught the whole school all about the keys. We all sang the notes to many of the songs.

I enjoy reading the items . . . of the June Silver Lining, on page 2, "Beautiful Zion's Harp in Song" . . . and on page . . . our oldest song leader" . . .

I left the Grabill community in the year 1919 when my father died, and the home place was sold.

Bring your family here to see me, and we will sing.

Sincerely,

Your cousin, Lydia.

Lydia's father and mother were members of the Apostolic Christian Church. Elias says, he would just love to have Lydia come in our midst again. He says he would be only too happy to sing some of those beautiful songs of the long ago, which would bring memories back again of the good old school days, which we once enjoyed.

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