

Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.

For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.

Do all things without murmurings and disputings:

That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world;

"....the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever."

THE SILVER LINING

A LIGHT for BELIEVERS

TO OUR MANY BRETHREN AND FRIENDS

Noah Bauman

Our elder brother from our
Rittman church

The Lord gives to us a wonderful opportunity to become closely united with Him. It is through the atoning blood of our loving Saviour, who died; His blood was shed, for us.

This word has so many times been spoken, but can we fully realize the love that exists with our Saviour? He was willing to say to the Father, while in the garden,

pleading, **Not my will, but thy will be done!**

The load which He bore must have been heavy, that the sweat drops became as blood upon His forehead.

So, we can say, "Jesus bore it all; all to Him I owe."

Now, what are we willing to give to Him?

He does not ask our life, but He does ask obedience, and that we deny ourselves the things that cannot enter His kingdom.

It seems, the Saviour knew that the trials of our life would be many. For that reason, we believe he prayed for us, before He left this life, that we might be kept from the evil. How precious it is, that He asked the Father that we be with Him and the Father, even through the ages of eternity.

So, dear ones all, let us seek to make our calling and election sure, so we will not fail to have our names written in that precious book of life.

LAMP IN THE NIGHT

Henry Souder Jr.

"Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom. And five of them were wise, and five were foolish."

Purpose and plan are so important. Our Lord knew what He was doing, in saying these things to us.

He sees the end from the beginning. He knows how great is that groan of distress in utter hopelessness. He sees how happy a child

will be at home.

He sees all things, has eyes as flames of fire. He knows us better than we know ourselves. He gives what we need, to go each mile.

His lines are sharp. He tells us that the appearance is not what makes the difference. All ten virgins alike go forth. All are clean. All have lamps. All take identical first steps. But God goes deeper!

"They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them: But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps."

The commandments will do many good things. They bring health to the flesh. They can cure the mental distressed. They are power to the judge on the bench. They bring quietness for the day. They bring joy to others.

It is not what is done—the glow is good—but, what is left **undone** that is wrong. The foolish leave the inner reaches—out of reach of God.

It is very simple to get the good grades of the wise.

"While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept. And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him."

Alike is brought out the likeness of some things.

The heads began to nod.

Soon, all were asleep. All ten fell asleep.

Every mortal needs natural sleep. Both wise and foolish, to date, await the final summons.

The foolish forget about the Lord's coming. The wise fail some, but, through every hour, the Lord keeps them in His mercy and love.

"Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out."

The lamp . . . going out!

The last bright part dies away, for ever.

How pitiful will be that sob of the heart, the waste of opportunity unwanted! To supply for this life only is very foolish.

"But the wise answered, saying, **Not so;** lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves."

They didn't do it when opportunity was at hand. They knew how.

The Lord's purpose is, To get us to buy! What wealth is to the pur-

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chaser of those precious verses of I Corinthians 13. How many unhappy moments would be weeded, just to find obedience here!

"And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut."

Today, the vessel is filled for the Tomorrow of our dreams.

Today, the door is not shut. We buy the oil. We do the command-

ments. We live for others.

The dividing line is very sharp. We keep away from the dark. We gather the oil, while the foolish are lazy at heart, squandering the time in pleasure and lust.

"Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us. But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not."

They were deceived, to the very end.

We, also, of our own doing belonged outside.

Death clutched our Lord's life. He watched there in Gethsemane, and, oh what a watch! Death, as a mantle, began its toll of suffocation there. His soul was sorrowful, even unto death.

Darkness drew 'round that Light, that our lamp might burn for ever.

"Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh."

NEWS

SPECIAL REPORT THE APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN HOME

511 Paramount St., Sabetha

For some time, the Apostolic Christian churches have recognized the need of homes for the aged and infirm of their faith. It appears that God has given man the wisdom to promote better health, and thereby lengthen the human life span, and as a result, the number of aged people is steadily increasing. Many of these older people have no relatives who are able to take them in, and therefore are confronted with the prospect of spending their declining years among strangers, at a time when they so much need love and understanding fellowship.

It is with this thought in mind, that the churches of Bern, Sabetha, Lamont, Gridley, Wichita, Fort Scott, Lamar, and Burlington (Oklahoma) combined their efforts to establish a home for the aged. The home, which was completed in January, 1961, at a cost of \$137,000 received its first residents on February 1, 1961. It is situated on a five-acre tract, in the northwest section of Sabetha. The building, with its surrounding landscaped lawns, concrete drives and parkways, occupies only two acres. The remainder of the area is farmed at the present time. The building was planned with a view to future expansion, and can be enlarged by adding on to any or all of its wings.

The home is designed to give the feeling of a large residence. The exterior walls are veneered brick, ledge stone and redwood. The com-

munity area in the center of the building, with its open beamed ceiling, gives a feeling of spaciousness. It is divided by grilled screens, planters and a folding partition, to provide a lounge area, a dining area and a worship area. The nurse's station and business office is adjacent to the community area.

The north wing contains private rooms, large enough to accommodate two persons. Each contains a built-in wardrobe, a dressing table, storage space and an adjoining half bath. Bath and shower facilities are also included in this wing. The south wing contains the kitchen, service entrance, sick ward and two private rooms. The west wing contains a doctor's examining room, medical storage and a work room. A partial basement provides for utilities, laundry and private storage compartments.

At the present time, there are twenty-six residents, eighteen women and eight men. Fifteen are brethren of our faith. The youngest is sixty-five years old, and the oldest, Bro. Will C. Strahm, is ninety-eight. Two other occupants have passed the ninety-year mark.

No patient is considered completely bedfast. Those who are entirely helpless are moved from their beds to chairs daily, to prevent the complications resulting from inactivity. Most of the residents have their meals in the dining room, where each has his special place at the table. Others are served in their own rooms on trays. Four must be spoon-fed.

The old folks who enjoy helping with the work at the home are permitted to do simple tasks, such as

drying dishes and doing some of their own room chores. A favorite pastime is sewing carpet rags. Those whose mental and physical faculties have been greatly impaired by age and illness find pleasure in doing small services for one another. This attitude of mutual helpfulness is especially evident at mealtime, when the more able ones assist those who have difficulty in feeding themselves.

Bro. John Hartter, who with his wife lives at the home, has done a most commendable job of taking care of the lawns, shrubbery, flowers and a vegetable garden.

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AKRON, OHIO

Reporter: Mrs. Donald R. Taylor

October 7, we were all richly blessed, to be able to partake of Holy Communion. Elder Brothers Noah Bauman and Rudolph Graf served us. Joining us for this were Brothers Noah Gerber, Ft. Wayne; Herbert Bauman and the John Stollers of Rittman. Those who were shut in last month were able to be with us.

Ernest Graf Jr. is attending Akron Univ. Bob Ritzman has returned to Ohio Northern, to continue his studies. He is the third Ritzman son to study pharmacy. Duane Johnson spent a week end in the Ritzman home.

A warm welcome is extended to Bro. Robert Indermuhle of Sardis and Marjorie Reineck of Toledo, who are attending Kent State University. Their families have joined us for visits and services. They are Delbert Indermuhles, the Homer

Reinecks, and Sisters Emma, Mary, and Emily Frautschi.

Sisters Elizabeth Gangel and Mary Zollinger want to thank everyone who remembered them during their recent illness. I'm sure they both renewed many friendships during this time.

October 10—We are saddened by the news of the sudden death of Sis. Susie Palmer.

The Akron church building is red brick, with a seating capacity of approximately 250. It was built in 1927, and has had some minor improvements since then.

It is located in an older residential section, at 545 Noble Ave., south off Copley Road, route 162, a main thoroughfare of the city. Route 162 is reached by routes 8 or 21, which in turn cross route 224 and the Ohio turnpike.

Akron is a manufacturing and industrial city along the old Ohio canal, 36 miles south of Cleveland. It is also on the site of the old Portage Trail, which was used by the Indians in their travels between Lake Erie and the Ohio River. Akron's population is over 278,000. We have many different factories, but Akron is the capitol of the rubber and trucking industries, making this a well-known city. There are many small truck farms in the out-lying areas, where many of our members spent their youth.

Here in Ohio, we enjoy four very different seasons, with temperatures ranging from 10 degrees below zero to over 100 degrees above zero. There are only a few days of extreme temperatures.

Our autumn is a blaze of color, with the leaves changing to bright orange, yellow, and red, before falling.

Our winter brings us ice and snow. Though this often makes our travel slower, we can enjoy the beautiful scenery, with the sparkling ice covering the trees and bushes above the blanket of white snow. Most of our congregation live near enough to the church that the weather does not work a hardship for them.

Spring here is usually rainy, but beautiful, with new green leaves, flowering shrubs, and many bright spring flowers. At Easter time, when we are thinking of Christ's resurrection, we see new life springing forth all about us.

Akron can be reached by the

highways we have already mentioned, also by bus, air, and train. Won't you join us?

ALTADENA, CALIFORNIA

Reporter: Doris Graf

Visiting this month were: Bro. and Sis. Fred Messner, Winthrop; Sis. Marilyn Dotterer, Bro. and Sis. Alphonse Fischer, Bro. Ted Knochel, and Sis. Eileen Yackley, Phoenix; Bro. and Sis. Joe Beer, who are stationed in San Francisco; Sis. Anna Enyearts, Girard; Mrs. Edith Greggs, Lakewood, Calif.; and Sis. Beverly Hutchinson, Tremont.

Virgil Graf, son of Bro. and Sis. Clarence Graf, and Bro. Harvey Kaisner, son of Bro. and Sis. Albert Kaisner of Maywood, were home this month on two-weeks leave, from Ft. Sam Houston.

Bro. and Sis. Sam Feucht and family have moved here from Elgin, Illinois. Their new address is: 11705 Mulhall
El Monte California

ATHENS, ALABAMA

Reporter: Clara Heiniger

Sept 1, Bro. and Sis. Mike Weyeneth, Sis. Mary Aeschleman, Bro. Dick Aeschleman and children, Bros. Ed and Paul Meister, Bro. Bob Weyeneth, and Bro. and Sis. Jonathan Schumacher of Peoria visited us. We praise God for the inspiring message of the Word, and the many rich blessings we all received through the hymns of the Harmony Brothers.

Monday evening, Sept. 3, Bro. and Sis. Junior Hale and family, Richard and Opal Frost, Bro. and Sis. Chester Simmons and son, Bro. Carl and Mavis Nayler and children, and Sis. Clara Heiniger enjoyed fellowship together at the home of Bro. and Sis. John Wagler and Sis. Susan, where a supper was prepared, and a blessed evening spent.

Saturday, Sept. 8, Bro. Henry Kilgus, Bro. and Sis. Noah Bauman, Bro. and Sis. John Marty (of Rittman) visited us. It was a blessed time of fellowship around His Word and hearing the testimonies of LaVoy and Doris Moore and Marvin Moss, on Saturday evening. They were baptized Sunday. We pray God's richest blessing upon them.

Sis. Corine Thomas has been in the hospital several days, due to a car accident. She has a deep gash

in her forehead, and infection set in. We are thankful that the children and her husband escaped serious injury.

Bro. and Sis. Willis Ehnle and children of Japan, Sisters Mildred and Ethelyn Schlatter and Louise Stavenik of Leo spent several days visiting around Hillsboro, Landersville and Athens.

Sept. 29, Bro. and Sis. Chris Hodel of Eureka spent a week with the Bro. John Wagler family, also visiting the Hillsboro and Landersville area.

BAY CITY, MICHIGAN

Reporter: Arlene Wackerle

From Detroit, Bro. and Sis. Ben Maibach visited. Bro. Ben was our only visiting minister this month. We wish to thank him, and all the brothers, sisters, and friends who visited us.

On the 6th of October, Bro. and Sis. George and Frieda Knochel celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. I think that it is a wonderful blessing from God, to let a couple live that many years together.

Sis. Mary Meylan is home from the hospital now, recovering from a slight stroke. We thank God for her returning health.

This poem was given to me by Sis. Emma Zimmerman.

Who Will Take Grandma?

Who will take grandma? Who will it be?
All of us want her,—I'm sure you'll agree!
Let's call a meeting,—let's gather the clan.
Let's get it settled as soon as we can.
In such a big family, there's certainly one,
Willing to give her a place in the sun!

Strange how we thought that she'd never wear out,
But see how she walks,—it's arthritis, no doubt,—
Her eyesight is faded,—her memory's dim.
She's apt to insist on the silliest whim.
When people get older, they become such a care!
She must have a home,—but the question is—where?

Remember the days when she used
to be spry?

Baker her own cookies and made
her own pie?

Helped us with lessons and tended
our seams,—

Kissed away troubles and mended
our dreams?

Wonderful Grandma! We all loved
her so!

Isn't it dreadful she's no place to
go?

One little corner is all she would
need,

A shoulder to cry on,—her Bible
to read,—

A chair by the window, with sun
coming through,

Some pretty spring flowers still
covered with dew,—

Who'll warm her with love, so she
won't mind the cold?

Oh, who will take Grandmother,
now that she's old?

What? Nobody wants her? Oh yes,
there is One

Willing to give her a place in the
sun,

Where she won't have to worry or
wonder or doubt,—

And she won't be our problem to
bother about,—

Pretty soon, now, God will give her
a bed,—

But who'll dry our tears, when
dear Grandma is dead?

Description

The Bay City church is located about 9 miles northwest of Bay City. It is in a general farming area. Navy beans is the leading crop in Bay County, although a great many sugar beets are raised, too.

The church members come more from the rural areas and small towns north of Bay City, such as Kawkawlin, Linwood, Pinconning and Auburn—fram a radius of about 20 miles.

Our climate gets quite cold in the winter, with several inches of snow, and we get a few ice and sleet storms a couple of times a year, which make driving quite hazardous.

The summers are never real hot, just a few weeks throughout the summer months.

October is a beautiful month in Michigan, especially in the northern part, the coloring on trees something wonderful to behold.

You can just see the handiwork of God.

Many of you who have never been to Michigan and our church are invited to come.

BERN, KANSAS

Reporter: Mrs. Lester Hartter

Sept. 2, Bro. Harvey Grimm was made new trustee for the A. C. Home.

On Sept. 3, we welcomed Elder Bro. Herman Kellenberger of Elgin, Ill., for evening services. His wife and some relatives accompanied him. It was worth our while to attend. May God's house be filled. Each worshipper inspires the other.

Country Church Description

The incense in the little church
Was blown from pine and stately
birch;

The opened window showed the
clean

And pillared form of evergreen.

Upon a background made of sky

In purest lapis lazuli

And all among and all around

The spoken word was answering
sound.

The bird's song filled the interim

That hung between the psalm and
hymn,

And all around and all among,

The phrases in the mother-tongue

The voice of Autumn sounded low;

A voice then said, "Be still and
know."

Our church is located on a hill, at four corners, with the cemetery adjoining. Evergreens are on three sides. The church is painted white, and we are putting on a new pastel green roof. The pews are of walnut, from trees grown near Bern. We are near Missouri, just a few miles from Nebraska.

Our four changing seasons are welcome and beautiful. The country-side is quite rolling. Some visitors have called it a little bit of Switzerland. The town of Bern was founded by early Swiss immigrants.

We are a hard-working people, having herds of black and white cows on the green pastures, also having beef cattle and hogs that are fed the corn which we raise. A lot of oats and wheat is raised, for to the west are the plains. Kansas

is called the wheat state. Many other crops are grown, such as hay, alfalfa, clover, milo, sargo, and soy beans.

The hub of the locality is the church, a symbol of good in the community. The burden is heavy for the leader. Then again, the power of God is felt. However, we know that all the members in the community must have changed hearts to make up the whole. We are an average sized congregation, with each soul dear.

A son, Kyle Linn, was born to Bro. Alpha & Sis. Mamie Strahm, Sept. 4.

We partook of Holy Communion with our Elder, Lester Hartter, in mid-September.

Sept. 26, our middle son (we have three), Lynn, a high school senior, was rushed to the hospital for an emergency appendectomy, the appendix having ruptured. The operation was lengthy, and our son was critically ill for some time. We thank God for the wonderful medical science which is ours in this day.

BLUFFTON, INDIANA

Reporter: Frieda Kipfer

Bro. Herman Gilliom, 65, passed away Sept 14 at the Clinic Hospital, after a serious illness of two months. He was the son of Orel and Elizabeth Kipfer Gilliom.

Surviving are his wife, Sis. Carrie; a daughter, Sis. Sylvan (Doris) Frauhiger; his stepmother, Sis. Elizabeth Gilliom; three brothers, Bruce, William and Bro. Louis, all of Bluffton; two sisters, Sis. Joel (Aldine) Schaefer and Sis. Aldula Gilliom, both of Bluffton; two half brothers, Ralph of Phoenix and Bro. John of Bluffton; four half sisters, Sis. Roy (Lucy) Haab, Sis. Nora Gilliom, Sis. Roger (Violet) Isch, all of Bluffton, and Mrs. Sterling (Elva) Blocker of Bluffton, R. 2; and three grandchildren.

Bro. Aeschliman and Bro. Albert Scheitlin of Elgin officiated. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Other ministers attending were Bro. Herman Kellenberger of Elgin, Henry Beer of Milford, Joel Souder of Leo, Ervin Stoller of Latty, George Gramm of Gridley and Simon Wagenbach of Lamont.

Herman was a song leader for 38 years. (Editor's note: Our brother was the composer of the notes of number 11 in the Zion's Harp, as

well as Christian Friendship and others in Hymns of Zion.)

Bro. John Bahler visited us on Wed. evening, Sept 12; Bros. Joseph Hodel and Joseph Zimmerman of Roanoke on the 23rd, and Bro. Homer Reineck of Toledo on Oct. 7. We appreciate each visitor.

Bro. Orville Ringger went to La-Fayette, on Oct. 4, where an evening service was held for the students.

Sis. Dixie Ringger and Bro. Ned Kipfer were united in marriage on Oct. 7. Bro. Aeschliman officiated.

Bros. William Aeschliman and Roy Reinhard and Sisters Ida Troxed and Evelyn Geyer had surgery recently.

Births: to Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Fiechter, a son, on Sept 9; to Mr. and Mrs. David Booker, a daughter, on Sept. 14; to Bro. and Sis. Everett Geisel, a son, on Sept. 15; and to Bro. and Sis. Millard Aeschliman, a daughter, on Sept. 15.

BREMEN, INDIANA

Reporter: Lydia Heuberger

We enjoyed having the following visitors worship with us during the month of September: Bro. Christ Sinn (a former Bremen member, and now up in the 80's) and his daughter, Sis. Katie, from the Morton church; Sisters Helen Knecht, Catheryn Wettstein and Alice Knapp from Eureka & Goodfield and Eunice Albers from Morton; Bro. and Sis. Phil and Eliza Getz, Marilyn and Timmy Bahler and Sis. Lucille Steffen from Remington church.

Sept. 30 was Sunday School promotion. The various classes presented a program. Our average Sunday School attendance is 95. We realize more fully the work and effort put forth on the part of the Sunday School teachers, when we have programs as these presented to the congregation.

Bro. Otto Norr spent Oct. 7 with us. His ministering gift of love, extending the invitation to the friends to believe in the Lord and to do His will, as well as telling the Christians of their duties, was brought forth in bountiful measure, as he proclaimed the gospel message of charity. His very presence in the pulpit is a challenge to every person present, and makes us realize what it means to live for the Lord, and secondly, for our earthly duties.

Bro. Robert Hueni is still confined to his home, due to illness. May it be God's will that Bro. Bob will in due time receive his physical strength, in order to minister to us and care for his family.

Poem:

Please pray for me, my friend—

I need your prayers,

Not only for the burdens sore
and many cares,

But most of all, that Christ will
make of me

The consecrated man He knows

I ought to be.

BURLINGTON, IOWA

Reporter: Mrs. Ernest Anliker

From Chicago, Ill., on Sept. 30, Bro. and Sis. Maurice Frank and daughters, Norma, Pamela and Sis. Maureen, also Sis. Alice Kilgus, were Sun. guests of the Robert Pohls. I'm sure there was a blessing for all, in Bro. Frank's messages. We wish to thank him and his family for sharing this day with us.

Our friend, Marge Wagler, who was hospitalized for a couple of weeks, is feeling much better, and is happy to be back in our midst. May God bless her with better health.

Julius and Sis. Sarah Gerst observed their golden wedding anniversary this past week end. Many friends and relatives called on them. May God's blessings be upon them, and grant many years of happiness to them.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Applegarth of Wauneta, Nebr., visited their son, Blaine, and family. We were happy to have them in our midst. May they visit here soon again.

Bro. Andy Herman of Peoria spent about 10 days at the home of Bro. and Sis. Chris Rinckenberger. I am sure they had many good spiritual discussions.

BURLINGTON, OKLAHOMA

Reporter: Mrs. Raymond Roth

Geographic Description

The Burlington church is located one-half mile east, and one-fourth mile south of Burlington, or one-fourth mile south of Highway No. 11. It is also seven miles south of the Kansas and Oklahoma state lines.

Oklahoma is a Choctaw Indian name, meaning "Land of the red men". We are sometimes asked if

we see any Indians. There are none living here, but a hundred miles southeast, near Ponca City, is an Indian reservation and we can see a number of them.

The town of Burlington, population 200, is about the same size it was in 1918, but its facilities and industry has grown. The huge grain elevator land mark has a capacity of 1,700,000 bushels of grain, claimed to be more storage capacity than any other city its size in the nation. It is the only town in Oklahoma that has every foot of street blacktopped.

This section of the country is generally known as part of the Great Western Plains or Wheat Belt. Until government controls in wheat acres, nearly all farm land was in wheat. Now, lay-out acres are put into barley, maize, or other sorghum feed, which is put into a pit or trench silos. One doesn't see the upright silos here, as in the northeast. It isn't profitable to let lay-out acres lay idle, because of soil erosion.

Wheat is drilled in the fall, and, if we have enough moisture, soon the country is one green carpet. Usually, the wheat is grazed most of the winter, with cattle shipped in by car loads from grass ranges south and southwest.

Our prettiest and nicest time of the year is the spring, during April and May, with fields of wheat heading and waving in the breeze. Wheat is harvested in June. Most of it is combined by custom cutters. As wheat is a very perishable crop, every one is harvesting at once. One to six combines can be seen in one field, and trucks lined up from a fourth to half mile at the elevators. Soon after harvest, the stubble is turned under and our country looks rather bare most of the summer.

Our climate varies, the extreme seasonal changes range from a little below zero in the winter to over 100 in the summer, with July and August usually hot, dry, and windy. Snow is welcome in the winter, as it means more moisture.

We are thinly populated in this section of Oklahoma. We live on the farm and are five and one half miles from Burlington. Our house is the only house on the east side of the road, with just two homes on the west side. It has been said that years ago, a home was

on nearly every 160 acres, but they are gradually being torn down or moved to town. Most of the farms are farmed by so called "city farmers".

Very little industry is offered, outside of the Cooperative Grain Elevators and feed mills.

One doesn't see many trees here; our most common varieties are the native and Chinese elm, cotton wood, soft maples with very few fruit trees. During the early 1930's a number of shelter belts were set out, but most of them are gone.

As neither my husband nor I hunt or fish, I am not too well versed on wild life, but do hear of some good fishing at the Great Salt Plains Lake, twenty-five miles southeast of here, and our local creeks and rivers. At times, there are a number of jack rabbits and cotton tails. Once we saw a deer running down the side of the road, on our way home from Kiowa. Coyotes are numerous, and coyote hunting is an activity for some.

In the fall, there are ducks and geese on their way south. We frequently see quails and a few pheasants.

Our closest church is Wichita, 100 miles away, so we lack the fellowship of close churches with which the eastern churches are blest. Seems we are off the main route for visitors to stop, unless making a special effort when going to Ft. Sam Houston, Arizona or California. It is too far south for those taking summer vacations in the Colorado mountains.

But, anyone who is traveling southwest on U. S. Highway 54 can easily leave the route at Wichita and go southwest to Harper, and on to Kiowa, Kans., which is twelve miles from Burlington. Highway 54 can easily be picked up west of us again, without going too much out of the way. Visitors are always welcome.

Farmers in this area have been real busy the past few weeks, drilling seed wheat. Although we lack moisture we have faith that He will provide, that the seed may die, bring forth new life and an increase to man's labors.

Last month, I failed to list Sis. Elizabeth Otti as a hospital patient for over two weeks, following an injury to her leg. It was pierced by an object picked up by the lawn mower, while mowing her yard.

Bro. Ed. Farney was dismissed from the Wichita Hospital Sept. 14, and is now staying with his brother and wife, Bro. and Sis. Tim Farney, while receiving further treatments at the Wichita Clinic. Other hospital patients this last month were Sis. Henry Tanner and Sis. Raymond Roth.

We enjoyed a visit from our elder, Bro. Noah Schrock of Burlington, Oct. 7. Bro. Schrock proved and baptized Mrs. Floyd Schupbach. We wish her God's richest blessings in her new walk of life. Sis. Schupbach is a sister to Sis. Eli Somerhalder.

Our Silver Lining editor has asked for a history of our church. Different ones have been asked, and no one seems to know much of our early history, even where the first services were held. Our forefathers are gone, and no records have been left. It has been said that several Lambert families were among the first settlers here, and some moved to Michigan. It would be appreciated very much, if any one knowing any information of our history would write to Mrs. Raymond Roth, Kiowa, Kansas.

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS Reporter: Mrs. Ernest Knecht

During the past month, we were privileged to have the following ministers and their wives visit us: Bro. Roy Sauder of Peoria, Bros. Russell Rapp and Francis Rother of Morton, and Bro. Elmer Schrenk of Alto.

Other visitors we enjoyed Christian fellowship with were Bro. and Sis. Anton Rother, Bro. and Sis. Bob and Lillian Getz and family, and Sisters Louise and Ann Stoller, Morton; Bro. and Sis. Conrad Baer, Sisters Eliza Leman and Ruth Frintz, Peoria; Bro. and Sis. Noah Herman, Tremont; Bros. and Sisters Urban Bauers, Howard Greiners, Willard Rudins, from Cissna Park; Bro. and Sis. Lynn Klopfenstein and family from Gridley.

We welcome Bro. and Sis. Stanley Clauss and baby daughter to our congregation here in Chicago.

We are sorry to report that Friend Elsie Leigh broke her hip and is in the Franklin Hospital here in Chicago. May God be with her in this trying time. We pray for her speedy recovery.

CISSNA PARK, ILLINOIS Reporter: Mrs. Jeff Young

On Sept. 23, our guest ministers were Bro. Walter Anliker and Bro. Vernon Leman of Eureka. Their families and many others from the Eureka congregation accompanied them. We appreciate such visits very much.

On the evening of Sept. 26, Bro. Willis Ehnle and family spent the evening here.

Bro. Joe Kupferschmid has not been able to attend services the last month.

We are happy to report that Sis. Elsie Bauer, who submitted to an appendectomy, is getting along very nicely.

Bros. George Rechkemmer and John Maul are able to attend church part of the time.

Sunday, we were greatly inspired when the brother mentioned. "Did you ever stop to think how it shall be when Satan will be bound for 1000 years?"

The marriage of Sis. Lillian Alt and Bro. Fred Kellerhals is to be performed the evening of Oct. 11.

We will be on standard time next month, Sunday School 10:15; Morning Services 10:30; Afternoon Services 12:30; Thursday Evening Services 7:30.

Route 49 takes you through Cissna Park. Our church is located 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ miles east, and 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles south of Cissna Park. It is pavement all the way. The mile north of the church was just recently shoulder-graveled, which we believe is very beneficial to the church.

We live in a community where there is general farming of mixed grain and dairying. Also, many of our brothers and friends are business men. As Cissna Park has a very few industries, many from our community are employed in nearby towns.

Our church has a clear view to the sunrise and sunset. Also, it is believed to be the airiest spot on a windy day. We have forty trees planted around the church building, which we believe will supply sufficient shade and also a wind brake in the future.

Many of our young folks attend schools and colleges at Champaign, Ill., and attend church here, while home folks attend church from within an area of 15 to 25 miles.

Our elder brother once made the comment, the Cissna Park congre-

gation is hard to reach by mail, as they have so many different post offices. Some have addresses of Hoopeston, East Lynn, Rankin, Paxton, Onarga, Loda, Goodwine, Claytonville, Cissna Park, Watseka.

There are 150 families serving lunch at church, for which we are so thankful, for it is indeed a blessing in sharing with others the fruits of the earth and to have fellowship together.

We pray, may the dear Lord provide for the future, as He has in the past.

CONGERVILLE, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Marjorie Knapp

The congregation took Holy Communion on September 16. Bro. J. A. Getz, Morton, assisted our elder, Bro. Frank Woertz. We are very thankful for the life we receive, each time we have the privilege of partaking of this commandment of the Lord.

On Wednesday, September 9, Bro. Fredrick Knapp, Jr. was elected by the congregation, to serve as a minister of the word of God. Visiting elders were Bros. J. A. Getz, Morton; Dave Mangold, Roanoke; and LeRoy Huber, Eureka. We all support Bro. Fredrick in prayer, that he may always receive grace and inspiration necessary for the task for which he has been chosen.

Our visiting ministers on September 30 were Bro. Fred Marti, Lamar, and Bro. Frank Woertz.

Bro. and Sis. Fredrick Knapp, Jr. are the parents of a baby girl, born October 9. She will be welcomed home by a brother and four sisters.

CROGHAN-NAUMBURG, N. Y.

Reporter: Mrs. Clayton Virkler

We are happy to report that Sis. Anna Lehman has returned from the Watertown Hospital, where she was a patient for quite some time, with a heart condition.

On September 11, our Lord called home our beloved sister, Clara Steiner. Her funeral services were held in the Croghan church, the afternoon of September 13. Sis. Clara's sunny smile and loving disposition will be missed by all.

Bro. Webster Farney has been a hospital patient again, for blood transfusion, tests, etc. He has been moved to a Syracuse hospital from the Lowville hospital, for further treatment.

We had as visitors from Rockville the week end of September 29, Bro. Wilbur and Sis. Marjorie Schneider and Bro. Ronnie and Sis. Adelle Trube and children.

Bro. Rudy and Sis. Mary Hoffman of Roanoke stopped overnight September 28, on their way to Rockville.

Geographical Description of our Churches

The Croghan church is a country church, located two miles from Croghan and eight miles from Lowville, on Route 26 A. It is 30 miles southeast of Watertown, N. Y., in the foothills of the Adirondack Mountains. The original wood frame building was built in 1855 and has been remodeled several times. Our cemetery is across the road, on a hillside. The members and friends live mostly within five miles of the church, with a few coming from Lowville.

The Naumburg church is just off Route 26A, in the village of Naumburg, on the Van Amber road, side of Beaver River. It is a wood frame building, built in 1892, and it also has been remodeled several times. The members and friends live mostly within five miles of the church, with a few coming from Lowville, which is 10 miles away. The cemetery is about one mile away, on the Carthage Road.

The area surrounding our churches is in Lewis County, which is predominantly agricultural. We have many dairy farms, consisting of anywhere from 30 to 75 milking cows, with young stock to replenish the herds. Also, there are maple orchards numbering from a few to over 6000 trees. A large amount of wood is used for lumber and wood products, such as paper. We have three wood products mills at Beaver Falls and a research center, for the development of new uses for these wood products. Christmas trees and tree nurseries supply the country for many miles around and numerous cities throughout the state. Many tons of cheese are made also. Because of the short growing season, hay, oats and corn for silage are the predominant crops.

During the winter, we have between 100 and 150 inches of snow, and the temperature at the coldest is 40 below zero, but most generally is near or above zero.

The scenery is very beautiful, especially in the fall, with the mixture of evergreen and hardwood trees on the rolling hills. Many roads are lined with maple trees.

Only private airports and a very limited rail service at Lowville make automobile transportation a necessity. Visitors from the south and west can leave the New York Thruway at Utica, which is about 70 miles south of Croghan. We wish that many of our readers would take the opportunity to come and see us.

ELGIN, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Louise Steffen

Bro. Ernest Gerber of Rockville and Joe Kaisner of Forrest (with their wives) were here on Sept. 23. They brought us inspiring messages. We hope they will come again.

Bro. August Griener, age 89, had a stroke, but is improving. Leo Banwart is hospitalized with an ulcer. Sis. Janice Weiss had an operation Sept. 26. We wish them the Lord's help and strength.

Jim and Neil Shurter are attending college at Jacksonville, Illinois. Jim's wife, Frances, is with him. They are both sons of Sis. Ruth and Harvey Schurter.

We have two families who have moved to Elgin: Bro. Tom and Sis. Marlene Leman and children, Mike, Doug, and Carol. They came from Gridley, and Bro. Keith and Sis. Nancy Oberlander. We certainly want to welcome them in our midst. May the Lord bless them.

Bro. Al and Sis. Julie Wewetzer left Sept. 20 by plane for Lynchburg, Virginia to see their son, Jim, and his wife, Shirley. They returned Oct. 11.

Oct. 7, Bro. Alfred Bahler, his wife and family, of Wolcott, and Bro. Earl Kilgus and his wife and family, of Remington, visited here. We had some wonderful sermons.

Also present were Mary Alice & Judy Witzig. Judy is in nurse's training now at Children's Memorial Hospital in Chicago. She came with Sis. Alice Kilgus of Chicago.

We have enjoyed having with us, Bro. Garth and Sis. Connie Steffen and their three boys, Danny, Joey, and Jimmy, of Portland. It has been five years since Garth visited at home. His folks are Bro. Ezra and Sis. Rose Steffen.

On Sept. 26, a son, Bradley Loren, was born to Bro. Elmer and Sis. Ruth Ann Getz.

ELGIN, IOWA

Reporter: Mrs. George Butikofer

My heart is touched at the beauty our Maker lends us at this time of the year.

At this writing, splashes of gold and bits of crimson meets our eyes, as we gaze upon the woodlands. Truly, He must love the beautiful, for He gives us boundless beauty all around, in flowers, trees, birds, mountains and valleys. May we in turn give thanks for all the gifts and tender mercies that are bestowed on us.

Thinking it might be interesting to send a one sentence news feature, here is one such.

Sis. Mollie Beer, Sis. Ella Gehring, Lee Beer from Roanoke, and Mary Beer from Greenville, (S. C.) visited here a few days, among relatives and friends.

Norma Gehring has returned to her teaching duties at Peoria.

Janet Gehring is now in her second year at State University of Iowa, at Iowa City.

Our second oldest member, Bro. Dan Butikofer, celebrated his 82nd birthday in February, and now, the 20th of this month, he and his wife, Sis. Celia, will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary.

Lois Pulfer, who works in Oelwein, Ia., quite often is with us on week ends, attending Sunday School and church.

Sis. Rose Schmid is home again, after spending a few days at the West Union Hospital, where she took a series of treatments.

My husband, George, is feeling much improved, since he took a course of treatments at the Veteran's Hospital.

Robert Schupbach, now a marine, has this address: Pvt Robert Schupbach, 20004986, PLT No 157 MC-RD, San Diego, California.

Billy Smith, who formerly lived with the Farney family of Fayette, Ia., now too is a Marine, stationed at Camp Pendleton, California.

Four cars from our congregation motored to our local county home last Sunday evening, to bring some cheer to the patients there, with songs and scripture.

Sometime ago, we reported that we had commenced a weekly eve-

ning meeting at our church. The first Thursday of each month, we hold regular church services, and at the other three Thursday evenings of the month, we either sing hymns or have Bible Study. Last Thursday was the evening for singing. There were 31 in attendance. Some of the songs we sang were as follows: "I Am Thine O Lord", chosen by Bro. Fred Marti; "I Will Strive," chosen by Sis. Marie Butikofer; "Shall We Meet Up Yonder", chosen by Sis. Bertha Gehring; "Youth", chosen by Sis. Esther Moore; "Almost Persuaded", chosen by Sis. Shirley Butikofer; "Near the Cross", chosen by Bro. Ira Farney; "Rock of Ages", chosen by Sis. Elizabeth Moore; "Lead Me To Calvary", chosen by Tony Butikofer; "O My Soul By Pain Surround-ed", chosen by Eugene Moore; "Twilight Is Stealing", chosen by Timmy Butikofer.

The 71st Psalm was read by Bro. Bert Butikofer. Bro. Werner suggested that we ought to put our trust in the Lord as did David, the psalmist of old. Prayer was offered by Bro. Paul Butikofer. The meeting closed by singing "Blest Be the Tie that Binds."

We were certainly blessed with the presence of many guests since we sent our last report. Those visiting included Sisters Betty Walter and Helen Liebig from Elgin, Ill.; Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Underhill and Vickee from Peoria; Bro. and Sis. Arnold Gerst and children, Jenny and Mark, from Minneapolis; and Bro. and Sis. Ernest Knecht, John and Penny from Chicago.

EUREKA, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Cathryn Weitstein

September 23, Bro. Francis Rother from Morton was our guest. In the evening was the time of our "family night" singing. The Sunday School children from the third grade through the eighth grade gave four songs. Also, Bro. Henry Grimm from Morton was present. He gave a short talk afterwards.

Oct. 3, the Roanoke congregation gathered with us, for our Wednesday evening services. Bro. Joe Hodel conducted the services. Also Bros. Dave Mangold, Joe Zimmerman and Gene Bertschi were with us.

FAIRBURY, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Joyce Huber

We praise the Lord for another new convert, Dorothy (Maurer) Hoffman, and pray that she will find that in the Lord there is always sweet communion and rejoicing.

We had as visiting ministers, Bro. Chris Koehl of Peoria and Bro. Will Stettner of Elgin, on Sept. 16; Bro. Sam Anliker of Kansas on Sept. 27; Bro. Ernie Gerber of Conn. and Bro. Leroy Huber of Eureka on Sept. 30. We thank them for their efforts toward our edification.

Bro. Lloyd and Myrna Moser are new happy parents, through the adoption of a baby girl, which they named Marcia Kay.

Fairbury was host at Christian Endeavors, Sept. 16 and 30, which proved to be very inspirational. Sunday School classes which took part to present the programs were from Cissna Park, Forrest, Gridley, Eureka, Roanoke, Congerville, Goodfield, Morton, Tremont, Peoria, Princeville, and our own.

The engagement of Sis. Lillie (Hartman) Alt of Fairbury and Bro. Fred Kellerhals of Cissna Park was announced Sept. 30.

We would welcome anyone to attend the Open House of Fairview Haven, on October 28.

FORREST, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Nancy Honegger

Sis. Ida Bachtold, who had been in failing health since February, passed away. Funeral services were held October 6, by Bro. Leroy Huber of Eureka.

Births: To Bro. J. C. and Sis. Pat Ebach, Sept. 12, a girl, Tamara Sue; to Bro. Kenneth and Sis. Loretta Schneider, Sept. 30, a girl, Lou Ann.

Funeral services were held Oct. 10 for Frank Bollier, of Wing.

Bro. Ernest and Sis. Tillie Gerber of Rockville are spending some time here with their daughter, Sis. Rosetta Stoller, and family.

Forrest is a town of approximately 1200 people, located at the intersection of Routes 24 and 47.

Our church is a large brick structure on West James St., four blocks north and three blocks west of the intersection.

Most of the members are conveniently located within about 10 miles

of the church. A few members and friends attend from other towns, such as Urbana, Watseka, Wing, Saunemin, Piper City, Chatsworth, Strawn, Fairbury, Colfax, Dwight, and Pontiac.

The main vocation is farming, as we live in a fertile and flat farmland area. Corn, oats, soybeans, wheat, poultry and hog raising are common.

We feel fortunate that we can enjoy blessings and visits with many nearby churches of like faith. Within a 100 mile radius, we can fellowship with fifteen of our churches. Our nearest church, Fairbury, is only five miles away.

FORT SAM HOUSTON, TEXAS

Reporter: Norman L. Haerr

During the month of September, the group here at Ft. Sam had several visiting ministers, for which we are very glad. During the week end of September 9, Bro. Gerald and Sis. Marjorie Sutter, Dickie and Tim, of Taylor were with us. We enjoyed hearing of the news from back home, fellowshiping together, and above all, the hearing of the true Word. A blessed week end of September 23 was shared with Bro. Ben and Sis. Clara Hartzler of Marshallville, Ohio. Although we might not have known each other before, it does not take long to realize we have something in common—that is, that we are all striving to enter into that heavenly home some day. There seems to be a sort of tie that binds us together. May it ever be so.

On Friday, Sept. 28, Bro. Roy and Sis. Minnie Farney of Phoenix came to spend 10 days with their daughter and her husband, Bro. Conrad and Sis. Roletta Gerst. Bro. Roy ministered to us on Sunday, and his messages were very inspiring and wonderful to hear. As you can see, our visitors come from all over the U. S., yet the Word spoken by the ministers is the same. Truly, this can be another sign unto us that the Word is of God, and the ministers are being used as God would have them to be.

The following are the address changes since the last writing:

Pvt Donald L Furrer
US55713308

Pvt Virgil Graf US56354836

Pvt Ronald C Blumenshine
US55745310

The rest of the address is:

Co D 1st BN USAMTC
Ft Sam Houston Texas

Pvt Paul E Haab US55748374

Pvt Harvey Kaisner US56355047

The rest of the address is:

Co E 2nd BN USAMTC
Ft Sam Houston Texas

We encourage you to use the new addresses, because it will speed up the receiving of the mail.

The following is a schedule of visiting ministers: Lamont, on November 11, and Elgin, Iowa, on November 25. As in the past, please contact Conrad Gerst, 115A Pershing, or John Steiner, 115B Pershing, San Antonio 9, Texas, as to your plans.

Sometimes I stop to wonder, just why we have to be in the service, or why we have to leave our homes? Then, you come to the conclusion that there is a reason. We don't know for sure. Maybe it is that we are to become stronger in the faith, just as a lone tree in an open wind-swept area, or maybe that we had dreams and goals that must wait for a season, or maybe that His light was meant to be sent to other areas. We don't know! But we are consoled by the knowledge, that there are prayers being offered in our behalf, and we are thankful for them.

FORT SCOTT, KANSAS

Reporter: Marie Zaugg

We enjoyed the inspiring messages by Bro. Eli Somerhalder, on September 9. His wife was with him.

Sept. 23, Sis. Minnie Siegle and daughter, Evelyn, were here for the week end. Sis. Minnie is a sister of the reporter.

Everyone enjoyed the evening of September 29, when Bro. Joe Schrock showed his pictures of the Holy Land. With Bro. Schrock were his wife, Sis. Schrock, and Bro. and Sis. Ervin Rocke of Congerville. Several from the Lamar congregation were present. We appreciated the inspiring messages brought to us by Bro. Joe Schrock on Sunday, the 30th. Several from Lamar worshiped with us.

Our dear sister, Rosa Beyer, took seriously sick Sept. 24, and passed away October 2. She often expressed her desire to go to her rest in heaven.

Rosa Berchtold Beyer, daughter of Jacob and Christina Knapp Berchtold, was born October 11, 1888, at Tremont.

About 50 years ago, Rosa became convicted of her sin, was converted, and became a member of the Apostolic Christian Church. She remained faithful to her death.

On March 26, 1916, she was married to Michael Beyer. This blissful companionship was of short duration. Eleven months later, Michael was taken in death, and an infant daughter passed away shortly after.

After the death of her husband and daughter, Rosa moved to Fort Scott. She leaves five sisters and eight brothers. Most of them live in Illinois. Funeral services were held at Gridley, Kansas.

Bro. and Sis. Jacob Pfister were pleasantly surprised, when their family came, Oct. 5, for the week end. Those coming were Bro. and Sis. Wayne Schmidgall, Sis. Esther Koehl, Sis. Eunice Koehl and Douglas Koehl, of Morris.

Also here this week end were Bro. and Sis. Silas Hohulin of Peoria. Bro. Silas lived here when he was a young boy.

Garry Lee, infant son of Bro. and Sis. Harold Kraft, passed away October 5. Interment was at Gridley, Kansas, cemetery.

FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

Reporter: Mrs. Albert E. Kipfer

Bro. Ed. Gudeman underwent a sinus operation at the Parkview Hospital. He has recovered and is back in our midst again.

Bro. Dan Blume also underwent surgery at the Parkview Memorial Hospital. He has returned home, and is getting along nicely. Sis. Elizabeth Blume is slowly improving and gaining her strength back again.

Sis. Elizabeth Poe spent several days in the Lutheran Hospital for teeth extraction. She is getting along nicely.

Sis. Sharon Getz and Bro. David Pfister have set their wedding date for Sunday, November 25.

There are a few of our members who have moved to new locations recently; their new addresses are: Mr. and Mrs. Noah Gerber, 3215 Varsity Lane, Ft. Wayne, Ind.; Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Gudeman, 4549 Brad-

wood Terrace, Ft. Wayne, Ind.; Mr. and Mrs. Jim Gerber, Route 2, (Franke Rd.), New Haven, Ind.; Mr. and Mrs. Alf. Keidel, 5724 Winter Street, Ft. Wayne, Indiana.

The following ministers assisted in serving us in the past four weeks: Bro. Al. Scheitlin, Bro. Henry Beer and Bro. Willis Ehnle on Sept. 16; Bro. Joel Souder, Sept. 23; Bro. Ben Schlatter, Sept. 30; Bro. Irvin Stoller, Oct. 7.

HISTORY

There was a desire in the hearts of the brethren in the Fort Wayne area for many years to have a church here.

In 1939, permission was given by the elder brothers to hold mid-week services. On July 19, 1939, the first regular mid-week service was held in a basement room in the home of Philip and Lydia Schott, on Spring Street. Later, we held services on the first floor of their home, until May of 1940.

At this time, a store building on the corner of Tecumseh and Tennessee Avenue was rented and renovated. Services were held here until October, 1942.

We then rented a large room at the Wayne Hotel on Columbia Street, where we continued services for over 15 years. Many visitors shared blessings with us over the years.

In November, 1955, we moved our meeting place to the home of our aged beloved sister, Bertha Blough, on Lawton Place. Services were held here until after our new church plans were in the making, and until Sis. Blough's health no longer permitted.

In August, 1957, a group of brethren from Fort Wayne met with ministers and elders of Bluffton, Leo, and Latty, to discuss possibilities of establishing a permanent church here. As a result of this meeting, on December 4, 1957, a letter was sent to those of the Apostolic Christian Church in the Fort Wayne area, to determine how many of this number, totalling well over one hundred members and regular adult attendants, would favor the founding of a congregation here. The majority were in favor.

On January 24, 1958, a mass meeting was held, and a committee organized to advance the plans of construction, and later, a finance committee began operation. A let-

ter was sent to all our churches throughout the nation, asking for financial assistance, and help was graciously extended.

On March 30, 1959, groundbreaking services were held at the site, with Bros. Sam Aeschliman and George Sinn officiating. Actual construction began June 2, 1959.

On August 16, 1959, cornerstone laying services were held, with brethren from Leo, Latty, Bluffton, Milford and Junction attending. Bros. Sam Aeschliman, Theo. Beer and George Sinn conducted services.

Although the building was incomplete, our first service was held on New Year's Day, January 1, 1960.

There being no ministers living in Fort Wayne, a letter was sent to ministers of our neighboring churches, asking their willingness to serve. The response was heartwarming. A list was completed, two ministers serving each Sunday, ministers from the following churches taking part: Bluffton, Milford, La Crosse, Leo, Francesville, Bremen, Wolcott, Junction, Latty, and Cissna Park.

Regular Sunday services began February 14, 1960, with a Sunday School enrollment of 53.

October, 1961, Bro. Norman Stoller was chosen to serve as minister of the Fort Wayne church.

GIRARD, OHIO

Reporter: Jesse C. Emch

In order to give a history of the Girard congregation, it was necessary to call upon someone who is much older than this reporter. We have consulted our oldest member, Sis. Sadie Schladen, who is now 89 years of age.

As her memory serves her, the first members here were Bro. William and Sis. Minnie Ludt. Next were the Schoenfeld family, and Sis. Farchchild, who was a step grandmother to Sis. Sadie Schladen. This dates back to the early 1860's.

At this time, a Bro. Crabill would come here. They would meet in someone's home to hold services. Bro. Jacob Bollinger was the first minister, and about that time, Bro. John Bakody came from Akron to minister to those who would assemble.

There were several families now who located in Girard and Youngs-

town, as they came from across the water. This included the following families: Joseph Zellers, John Schladenhaufen, George Zellers and the Hildebrandts.

The church building was erected about the year 1874, and though there have been some additions and remodeling, the same building still stands. The land was donated by a Mr. Allison.

Those who ministered to this congregation are as follows: Bro. Eugene Schladenhaufen, Bros. Joseph Heagland, Carl Schladenhaufen, Bro. Ostertag, Bros. Isaac Emch, John Metzger, Joseph Klotzle, and Abraham Emch. At present, Bros. Jesse C. Emch, J. Lorentz Emch and Robert Stoll are ministers.

The elder brothers who have shepherded over the small flock were as follows: Bros. Sigmund Sorg, Henry Schwerk, Samuel Engwiler, Joseph Ingold, and Ernest Graf Sr. and our present shepherd is Bro. Rudolph Graf.

I hope that any errors in the spelling of names, or otherwise, in the compiling of the history may be overlooked.

Now we hope that, as you read this, you will see the need of your prayers, that God will still awaken and call souls into His service. We have many dear friends who assemble with us regularly, and I am sure they are precious in God's sight.

We welcome visitors.

GOODFIELD, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Marian Wiegand

Our church is located in our quiet little town of Goodfield, which is midway between Peoria and Bloomington, at the junction of routes 117 and 150. We are in the heart of the corn country, and this year we have been especially blessed with a good crop—better than anticipated due to the dry weather.

In the spring and fall, we have only to drive a few miles to the hills near the Mackinaw river, for a scenic view of our own miniature "Ozarks." One can take in a beautiful view at our cemetery, which is located on a hill approximately a mile off route 150. When I was a child, I thought it to be such a lonely spot, but over the years it has taken on a new meaning. It is a beautiful quiet resting place for our

loved ones. They are God's jewels.

As I have written in previous months, we have just had a new addition to our church and have plenty of room for visitors. Do come and worship with us any Sunday or Wednesday evening. Our morning worship begins at 10:00 A.M. and Wednesday evening at 7:30 P.M.

Bro. and Sis. Hans Hinrichsen have a new baby girl, Pamela Jean, born September 15.

Visiting ministers during September were Bros. Henry Grimm, Merle Kaisner, Walter Kale and Fred Marti.

GRIDLEY, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Mary Alyce Witzig

Bro. Tom and Sis. Marlene Le-man and children have recently left our congregation and moved to Elgin, Illinois. We shall miss them greatly, and we wish them many blessings in their new home.

Bro. Don and Sis. Vyra Stoller are the parents of a third girl, Kathy Marie, born September 17.

Sis. Lois Wettstein and Bro. Lyle Stoller of Latty were united in marriage September 30, by Bro. Joe Klopfenstein. They plan to make their home in Haviland, Ohio. Sis. Lois will certainly be missed in our congregation. We wish them the rich blessings of God.

The Schlipf sisters enjoyed the visit of Bro. Phil and Sis. Bertha Metzger of Sabetha, on Tuesday, October 9.

Bro. Lowell Stoller and family of Princeville and Bro. Edmund Kloter and family of Fairbury visited our congregation on September 16. We thank them for their visit and the wonderful messages shared with us.

We had many visitors on September 30, including Bro. Loren Stoller of Latty. Our thanks go to all visitors, especially Bro. Loren, for his inspiring messages.

GRIDLEY, KANSAS

Reporter: Dorene Strahm

Bro. Joe Schrock held services in Gridley on Sept. 30. The Lamont church assembled with us. Bro. Schrock showed his pictures of the Holy Land to both churches on Oct. 1. Accompanying Bro. Schrock was his wife and Bro. and Sis. Ervin Rokey. We were very happy to

have them with us and wish to invite them to return.

Bro. and Sis. Rudy Bahr are the parents of a baby boy, born Oct. 2. He has been named Jon Wayne.

A new teen-age class has been started. It includes the teenagers who are eighth, ninth, and tenth graders. Bro. Roy Bahr is the teacher. The Bible is being used.

Sis. Bertha Beyer took her Bible School class to visit the Lamont Sunday School. A picnic was then enjoyed by the teenagers in the Gridley Park.

The engagement of Sis. Dorene Strahm to Bro. Eldon Metzger of Sabetha has been announced.

Visitors the past month included Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Beyer, Phoenix; Bro. and Sis. Jonas Ball, Peoria; and Bro. Eldon Metzger and Sis. Dee Metzger of Sabetha.

HILLSBORO, ALABAMA

Reporter: Clara Heiniger

Bro. Henry Kilgus spent the night of Sept. 10 at the home of Bro. and Sis. Hale. He visited in the neighborhood. They also visited in Phil Campbell, at the home of Luther and Sis. Virginia Arnold, and in the evening had supper at the home of Bro. and Sis. Chester Simmons.

Sept. 16, Sisters Ella Mae Trent and Janet Pavkov of Ohio visited the churches and on Monday evening enjoyed a supper with Bro. and Sis. Chester Simmons and son. Bro. and Sis. Junior Hale and children spent the evening with us, Sis. Bertha Harville and Marie Oliver.

ILLINOIS STATE NORMAL UNIVERSITY

Reporter: Joyce Kaufmann

September 13 marked the beginning of our Bible classes for a new school year. We are happy to welcome so many new students to our Bible study group. Bro. Russell Rapp from Morton was our guest speaker for the evening.

Bro. Ed Hohulin from Goodfield had the lesson on September 20. Guests were present from many different towns.

The guest speaker on September 27 was Bro. Roy Sauder from Tremont. Some students from the U of I were here also.

Bro. Joe Schrock began our October meetings on the fourth. It

was concluded, as all our meetings are, with hymn-singing.

JAPAN

Betty Klaus, Substitute Reporter
for Yoshito Inoue

We praise the Lord that He sent to Japan two elders, Brothers Noah Schrock and Rudolph Graf. Their visit was enjoyed so very, very much. May their many kind efforts bring forth much fruit for eternity.

We had special meetings at the Tsutsujiga-Oka and Tamahata churches. About 50 attended at Tsutsujiga-Oka, and about 25 at Tamahata. The elders also visited with almost every member, and we believe each one was encouraged.

About five souls have confessed a desire to live for the Lord, and about four more experienced conversion. We are so happy for them.

Quite a few were at the airport to welcome the elders, and again quite a crowd went to see them off. Word was received of their safe arrival again in the States. We are thankful for their safe trip.

"Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised . . ." Psalm 48:1

Bro. Willis Ehnle and family plan to return to Japan about October 23, or possibly later. All are looking forward to seeing them again. May the Lord be their guide always and protect them on their journey.

Bro. Yoshito Inoue hasn't started ministering yet, as he can't seem to gain his strength back. May we all pray for him.

JUNCTION, OHIO

Reporter: Mrs. Alvin H. Manz

Announcement was made of the engagement of Bro. Jesse Kupfer-smith of Latty and our Sis. Elizabeth Steffen, on Sunday, August 12.

A baby girl was born to Bro. Elias and Sis. Evelyn Manz, Saturday, August 18. The new little miss has been named Alice Marie.

September 16, our Elder Bro. George Sinn united Bro. Eugene Fetter of Toledo and our Sis. Marilyn Dotterer in holy matrimony. There were many members and friends with us from Toledo, Latty, Mansfield, Rittman, Milford, Bluffton, and Gridley (Illinois). We also enjoyed the sermons of Bro. Ernest Graf of Akron. We would wish for Bro. Eugene and Sis. Marilyn, a long, happy and prosperous life.

They visited Yellowstone National Park on their honeymoon.

September 30, we were pleased to have the Bro. Joel Souders of Leo with us, and were happy to hear his message from God. Sis. Cora Levy of Leo was also with us.

There is much wisdom in the following verse from my small collection of poems:

"IF I COULD"

If I could know, when each day dies,
I had brought joy to tired eyes;
If I could know, when falls each night,
I'd helped to make some child's life bright;
If I could know, at set of sun,
The fruit of some good deed I'd done;
I'd count my life of grander mold,
Than if I'd simply gathered gold.

LA CROSSE, INDIANA

Reporter: Mrs. Chas. Rinckenberger

We enjoyed the messages brought to us by Bro. Albert Aberle of Tremont, on Sept. 23.

Bro. Don Bucher was injured, while combining beans. He was hospitalized for a few days, is home again, and getting along nicely.

Peggy Heinold had surgery, and is home, feeling fine again.

LAMAR, MISSOURI

Reporter: Marie Marti

Our small country church is located in southwest Mo., about 20 miles from Kansas and 65 miles from the Arkansas border.

It is located in the midst of a diversified farming area, just north of the Ozark Hills. Wheat, corn, oats and beans are the most popular, among the many other crops raised. Some of the grain is marketed and some is fed to the dairy and beef cattle, which are found on the green pastures of the slightly rolling terrain. Although farming is the chief source of income for most of us, there are some who have found employment in the industries in Lamar, a small town of about 3,300 inhabitants.

October's bright, blue weather brings forth an array of color over our countryside. The sumac, oaks and maples are ablaze in their brilliance. We are anew reminded of God's wonderful creation, and are thankful that we have been so bountifully blessed.

Karel Marti was hospitalized this month. She had an appendectomy, and has recovered nicely.

Ervin Marti and Teresa Wagenbach of Burlington were united in holy matrimony, September 23.

Bro. and Sis. Ben Banwart wish to express their sincere appreciation and thanks to all the dear ones who so thoughtfully remembered them on their birthdays. Bro. Ben was 80 on Sept. 16, and Sis. Cecelia was 77 on Sept. 17.

Our welcome guests recently were Sis. Bertha Heiningner and Sis. Lizzie Pfladderer, LaCrosse; Bro. and Sis. Ben Hartter, Bro. and Sis. Lou Meyer and Sis. Lena Wenger, Sabetha; Bro. and Sis. Simon Wagenbach, Jim and Becky Wagenbach, Tremont; and Sam Feucht, Maywood.

LAMONT, KANSAS

Reporter: Mrs. Bernie Emch

We were happy when we welcomed the teenage Bible School class of the Gridley Sunday School, visiting our Sunday School Sept. 16. Sisters Bertha Beyer and Dorene Strahm accompanied them.

Bro. and Sis. Jonas Ball of Peoria visiting her cousin, Sam Enz and his wife, assembled with us Sept. 23.

It was a privilege for our church to assemble with the Gridley congregation for church services Sunday evening, Sept. 30, with Bro. Joe Schrock of Congerville ministering, and Monday evening show his slides of the Holy Land, and so splendidly explaining them.

Bro. Eli Somerhalder of Burlington, assembled with us Sunday morning, Oct. 7, with an inspiring message. With him were his wife, Sister Mary, and Sisters Anna Miller and Elizabeth Otti, and Sister Lydia Bahr of Gridley.

Bill Emch, who is attending college in Manhattan, Ks., visited during the week end with his parents, Bro. and Sis. Bernie Emch.

LANDERSVILLE, ALABAMA

Reporter: Clara Heiningner

Worship services were held in the home of Richard and Opal Frost, Fri. evening, Sept. 7.

A girl, Frances Melessa, was born to Beatrice and Cecil Reed, Sept. 7. She is the daughter of Sis. Bessie and Lester Drake.

Friday evening, Sept. 14, worship services for young and old was

held in the home of Billy and Shelby (Rainey) Dutton.

Bro. Carl Nayler underwent surgery Sept. 13, for ulcers of the stomach. He went home a week later, with new hope of health and strength of the Lord. We praise God for such a speedy recovery.

Friday evening, Sept. 28, Sunday School and Bible Study was held in the home of Bro. Carl Nayler and family.

LATTY, OHIO

Reporter: Roberta Stoller

Births: Twin daughters were born to Bro. Bill and Sis. Janice (Stoller) Laukhuf, on Sept. 18. They were named Treva Rene and Trenna Kay. Bro. Bill is in the Army, and stationed at Fort Leonardwood, Missouri. Their address is:

Mr. and Mrs. William Laukhuf
Sky View Motel
Route 2, Newburg, Mo.

A daughter, Lavon Sue, was born on Sept. 21 to Bro. Gale and Sis. Janet (Furrer) Stoller.

We were truly blessed and thankful for the visit of Bro. Albert Wuthrich of Pulaski, who ministered to us on Wed. evening, Sept. 19. His wife also accompanied him.

We are very happy to report that we have three new converts. They are Margaret Kupersmith and Millard and Melvin Stoller, sons of Bro. and Sis. Emil Stoller.

Funeral services were held Wed., Oct. 10, for Sam Metzger, who passed away in Kalamazoo, Michigan. Five sisters and one brother survive.

Wayne Miller, son-in-law of Bro. and Sis. Charles Dunham, is now serving with the National Guard at Ft. Jackson, S. Carolina, for his basic training. He will complete his six-months' duty in Texas. His wife, Lydia, is still at their home in Grand Rapids, Michigan, where she is a nurse. His address is:

Pvt E-1 Charles Miller
NG 27-083-673
Co B 18th Bn 5th Tng Regt
Ft Jackson South Carolina

Douglas Stoller, son of Bro. Eugene and Sis. Minerva Stoller, has also entered the service. He is now taking his basic training. His address is:

Pvt Douglas Stoller 52538216
Co E 6th Tng Bn
2nd Tng Regt USATC
Ft Gordon Ga.

Our church is very easy to be found, as the land around here is very flat. The roads are marked off in almost square miles. The church is $\frac{3}{4}$ miles south of Latty, just off Route 127. Most of our congregation live in the country, and are grain farmers. We would extend a hardy invitation to all who can to visit us, as we always enjoy meeting those of like faith.

Sis. Rosie Guingrich is now getting along quite well. She is still at the Autumn Manor Nursing Home at Paulding, as reported last month, but any one wanting to write to her should address it c/o Oscar Laukhuf, Payne, Ohio. This is her daughter, and she will see that she gets it. Her mail had been getting mixed up, when sent to the other address.

LESTER, IOWA

Reporter: **Emelie Knobloch**

Our church is located in the most beautiful and peaceful part of the town of Lester.

This is a small town, and a creek borders along the west and south of it. Lester is located in the northwest part of the state, with some of our folks living in South Dakota and Minnesota, and therefore some of our folks have about 25 miles to church. We have several of our older folks retired now in Lester, and some live in Rock Rapids, which is the nearest larger town.

Sioux Falls, South Dakota, is where the nearest super highway is located. This highway is under construction at present. Highway 9 is the nearest highway, which goes across the state of Iowa and is junctioned with highway 38, going into South Dakota. Then, there is blacktop from Minnesota, coming into Lester on the north. As to passenger train service, Canton or Sioux Falls, South Dakota, is nearest. Rock Rapids, Iowa, would be the nearest bus service.

This is strictly a farming area. Corn, oats, and soybeans are the crops grown, corn being the main crop. Land is not real hilly nor flat. There is a lot of conservation practiced. Many cattle and hogs are fed, too.

Weather—the four seasons are well represented, one extreme to another, as you may recall in the reports last February and March, we were unable to attend services on account of snowstorms. We us-

ually have a nice October (Indian Summer). We had a frost the first week in September. We enjoy spring and fall beauty.

We have a lot of birds which are only here for the summer.

Many of you folks may know, we are in the process of adding an addition to our church, approximately as large as the original building itself. There has been great progress seen in the past weeks. We have been confronted with a shortage of Sunday School room and baby room. May the Lord bless our undertaking.

Among the ill: Bro. August Knobloch has been hospitalized a few days, but is some improved at this writing. Clifford Wulf has been able to attend school again, after being quite ill with lockjaw, following injuries. Bro. Leo Moser suffered much pain, after getting infection from a nail on which he stepped, and was unable to attend church services.

Births: To Bro. and Sis. Earl Knobloch, a daughter, Bonnie Sue, August 28; to Bro. and Sis. Edwin Knobloch, a daughter, Donna Mae, October 6.

MANSFIELD, OHIO

Reporter: **Aaron A. Sauder**

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you. . ." St. Matthew 28:19, 20. We thank God that our brother, Willis Ehnle, who has been serving the Lord in carrying out this commandment in Japan, was able to spend the evening of September 14 with us. He was accompanied by his wife, Sis. Lois, and their two children, Tony and Joy. After an inspiring message, we were privileged to see slides of the churches and scenes in Japan.

During the first week of September, our 4-year-old friend, Linda Sauder, vacationed with her aunt, Sis. Evelyn Manz in Paulding. She returned home on the train and was accompanied by seven "little ladies," Lela Rinker, Lynn Aeschliman, Emily Manz, Leanne Laukhuf, Irene Kaehr, Barbara Maller and Lois Heyerly. Sis. Della Manz of Paulding chaperoned the group for their trip. They were week-end guests at the home of Sis.

Esther Gilliom.

Our other visitors have included:

Sept. 9—Bro. and Sis. Ida Maller of Bluffton. Bro. Aaron, Jr., and Sis. Loretta Steffen of Alto.

Sept. 16—Bro. and Sis. Albert Wuthrich of Pulaski spent several days in our locality. Bro. Wuthrich ministered to us in both morning and afternoon services on Sunday.

Sept. 23—Bro. Kenneth and Sis. Wilma Ramsier and children of Rittman.

Sept. 30—Our elder brothers, Rudolf Graf and Noah Bauman, visited with us. Bro. Rudolf told of his recent trip to Japan and the work that is being done in the churches there. May God bless those who are working for Him bringing His word to all nations, as he commanded. Also visiting were Bro. and Sis. Albert Gasser, Jr., and children of Rittman.

Oct. 7—Bro. Nelson and Sis. Marie Mosier and daughter, Shiela, Bro. and Sis. H. Frauhiger and daughter, Beverly of Bluffton. Bro. and Sis. Nieman and children of Rittman. Called to Mansfield because of the death of a cousin, Bro. Lou and Sis. Emmalu Gerber, Sis. Rosina Hueni, and Sis. Mae Zimmer, of Bremen assembled with us for services Sunday morning.

We are happy to report that Bro. Ezra Sauder is again at home, after spending some time in the hospital. We wish him the Lord's blessings for a complete recovery.

Welcome to Marilyn, the new daughter of "Bud" and Beulah Sauder.

MAYWOOD, CALIFORNIA

Reporter: **Christine Locher**

Our visitors for the month were Bro. Ted Knochel, Sis. Eileen Yackley, Alto Yackley, all of Phoenix.

Our church building has a 'new look,' this being new window screens. The wood trim is also being painted, and on September 29, we held our yearly day for church cleaning.

The annual Sunday School picnic was held at the Norwalk Park, Saturday, September 22. The children enjoyed roasting wieners and other activities. Everyone had an enjoyable afternoon.

Sis. Mary Schick is able to attend mid-week services. She is recovering from a broken wrist.

Bro. Harvey Kaisner is on leave,

visiting his parents, Bro. Albert and Sis. Elizabeth Kaisner. At this writing, Bro. Albert Kaisner is hospitalized, due to a heart condition.

The Maywood church is located on the corner of Alamo Avenue and 60th Street, in a residential area. The church was constructed in 1938, and in 1952, an addition was constructed to fulfill our needs.

Our church is located about 12 miles southeast of Los Angeles. There are numerous freeways in our county, but we would recommend either the Long Beach or Santa Ana Freeways to those unfamiliar with our locality. Both freeways have off ramps leading to Maywood, and our church is located in the east part of Maywood, not too far from the Los Angeles River.

Our church has four palm trees planted in front, which are as old as the church, and have attained considerable height. These trees give us pleasant shade.

Our weather is quite ideal. We seldom experience a frost, yet we can look to the north in the winter and see the snow-capped mountains. The temperatures rise in the summer, but it is seldom that we don't get a cooling breeze from the Pacific, in the afternoons and evenings. Our rains come from November to April. The rest of the time, we must rely on sprinklers to keep us green.

There is numerous industry nearby the Maywood area, consisting of just about everything except general farming. Our members and friends have a wide variety of trades and crafts.

Although only four members live in Maywood, we must say that our church is centrally located, as we have members and friends who attend from Venice, 20 miles west; Rialto, 45 miles northeast; Anaheim, 20 miles east; Westminster, 30 miles southeast. Others live in nearby communities of less distances.

MILFORD, INDIANA

Reporter: Arthur Haab

Bro. Eldon and Sis. Katherine Beer have a baby girl.

Sept. 30 was a blessed day for us. Elder Bro. Herman Kellenberger from Elgin, Ill., spent the day with us, and helped serve Holy Communion. Bro. Otto Norr from Leo taught the Bible class in Sunday

School and also ministered to us. In the evening, the Sunday School promotion was held, with the different classes putting on a program and receiving their awards.

Bro. Willis Ehnle was with us the evening of Oct. 5 and had a farewell message, before they leave for Japan. Bro. Otto Norr was here, also.

Bro. Paul Haab is home on leave from the Army, and was united in marriage to Sis. Kathy Grimm of Taylor, on Oct. 7.

Bro. Andy Rapp had an operation, and is now recovering at his home.

Charles Rock, husband of Emma Armbuster Rock, was laid to rest last month.

MORRIS, MINNESOTA

Reporter: Mrs. Louie Messner

Geographic Description

If you come to our Gopher state of 10,000 lakes, you are invited to come and worship with us on Sunday.

You are able to visit us by any means of transportation. The Greyhound bus stops in Hancock and Morris, while the Great Northern train stops only in Morris, where there is also an airport for private and small planes. Our big airports would be Alexandria, 50 miles, or Minneapolis, 150 miles.

From Hancock, with a population of 942 people, you would come to our main street in town, cross the railroad tracks, and turn right at the first road. Then, go three blocks, where county black-top road begins. Go out this road (west) 4 miles, south 1 mile, west ½ mile.

From Morris, population 4199, our church is located 7 miles south on U.S. Hwy. 59 and then one-half mile east. There is a church sign on the corner where you turn off the highway.

Our church is centered in this farming territory, where we all live in or around Hancock and Morris.

The farmers grow corn, wheat, oats, barley and soy beans, and we have many cattle feeders, along with the usual occupations and businesses.

We have few lakes near, but the "Heart of the Lakes" is Alexandria. Many of our visitors spend their vacations in this resort area, which is close enough so they can drive down on Sunday to worship and

have fellowship with us.

Our nearest churches are Winthrop, 120 miles; Lester, 180; and West Bend, 320 miles, so we cannot gather for inter-church Christian fellowship as often as where churches are near each other.

We have the usual birds, flowers, trees and seasons. Harvest has begun here, with pheasant and ducks around. Aren't we all enjoying the beauty in nature, as the leaves turn their different hues, before falling to the ground, which later is covered with a blanket of glittering snow?

I suppose we have the coldest weather over winter, as our temperature dips pretty, pretty low! However, without the wind, it never seems so cold. We are probably the only place, unless Michigan, where they drive on the lakes to fish in winter. (Some have fish houses, while others angle outdoors in the brisk air. Where the ice is 30 inches thick, it takes awhile to get their hole chopped.)

After our winters, we are glad to see the robins chirping along, and martins flying to their houses, as we feel "spring is here." Our summers are so nice, and this is our main season for visitors at church.

This past year was unusual, with an over-abundance of snow, so much moisture this spring, and a very cool summer.

As for new developments, there is progress, like other places, but we were happy when they recently started a branch of the University of Minnesota in Morris, where some of our young folks are attending.

Our visiting ministers Sunday, Sept. 30, were Bro. Ernest Knobloch, Lester; Bro. Paul Banwart, Bro. Noah Gerber, West Bend; and Bro. Harold Messner of Winthrop.

We enjoyed having Bro. Paul Banwart with us also on Saturday evening, when he assisted our elder brother with the provings and baptism of our friends, Nancy Fehr and Joe and Emma Feuchtenberger. There were some thirty visitors. A pot-luck supper was served in church for everyone, on Sunday.

MORTON, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Mrs. B. E. Getz

Funeral services were held Sept. 25 for Andrew Streit, 78 years of age. Bro. Joe A. Getz officiated.

Funeral services were held Oct.

2 for Bro. Alva Frank, 71. Bro. Henry Grimm officiated.

Twin girls were born to Bro. Kenneth and Sis. Arlene Rocke Huette, September 16.

A son was born to the Edw. Rinckenbergers, Sept. 12.

The enrollment at Sunday School now numbers 400.

Sis. Louisa Ackerman is a patient at the Methodist Hospital in Peoria.

NEW MARTINSVILLE, W. VA.

Reporter: Mrs. Gus Weltz

Miss Della Witschey visited for a week, the first of October, with her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Frumm, in Jeanette, Pennsylvania.

Albert Durig celebrated his 91st birthday on October 18. He is well; his hearing and eyesight are both good; he loves to have company and enjoys visiting with his relatives.

Joe Witschey of Wadsworth, O., visited recently with the Witschey families.

Mrs. Emma Berger will return to St. Marys soon, after spending several weeks here with her son, C. W. Berger.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Emch of Tennessee visited here in October with his father, George Emch, and family.

J. W. Witschey, Miss Mary Witschey, Mr. and Mrs. John Witschey and Donald Cross spent the month of September visiting with Mr. Witschey's daughter in San Leandro, California.

Mrs. Gus Weltz, Mrs. C. O. Wade, Mrs. Emma Berger, Mrs. F. D. Bleuer and A. E. Riggenbach attended services at the Monroe church on Sunday, September 30.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bauman of Rittman and Mr. Isaac Bauman of Youngstown, O., were recent guests of Mrs. J. G. Burgess.

Mrs. Elizabeth McGuier, Arthur Martin and Elizabeth Gray of Washington, D.C., visited over the October 13 week end with Miss Della Witschey and J. W. Witschey family.

Gus Weltz and C. O. Wade were patients in the Wetzel County Hospital recently, but both have recovered and are back to work again.

Mr. and Mrs. John Potts of Tulsa, Oklahoma, have returned home,

after a visit here with his father, A. M. Potts, and family.

Mrs. Jessie Bleuer visited with her daughter, Mrs. Charles Brouse and family, in Huntington during mid October.

OAKVILLE, IOWA

Reporter: Mrs. Ezra Gerst

We are glad to have Sis. Rose Massner assemble with us again. We miss those who are so faithful in church attendance, when they cannot assemble with us. My mother, Sis. Rose Heiniger, has been in the Burlington Hospital the last three weeks, following a stroke. We are thankful that she is able to talk and has an alert mind. One of her greatest disappointments is that she cannot go to church. We place her in God's tender care.

There is a change in address

Pvt Dwight P Strassheim

NG 26806123

Co C 4th Bn 2nd Tng Regt Basic Fort Leonard Wood Missouri

We wish to take this opportunity to thank the ones responsible for sending the Silver Lining to all those who are in the service of their country and away from their loved ones. May God bless their efforts.

We welcome Sis. Louisa Lance, formerly of Canfield, Ohio, to our congregation. She lives with her son at Iowa City. Also, Sis. Lois Heiniger is working at Burlington Hospital again, after some time at Chicago.

Teresa Wagenbach, daughter of Bro. and Sis. John Wagenbach, and Ervin Marti, son of Bro. and Sis. Fred Marti, were united in marriage Sept. 23. Bro. Noah Schrock officiated. They will live at Bartelsville, Oklahoma, where he is employed. Ervin is a brother to Sister Ruth Schrock and Dorothy Wagenbach. We were happy to have Bros. Fred Marti and George Wagenbach minister to us that day.

A daughter, Georgia Kay, was born to Bro. and Sis. Albert Wiegand.

Bro. and Sis. Conrad Gerst are home on leave from Fort Sam.

May we heed the warnings of our ministers, as they tell us of the last days, when love will wax cold, and deceivers will come. How im-

portant it is that we love one another, to preserve the precious fellowship, and give up the worldly things, to retain the spiritual. This is the wisdom of watching like good servants, expecting every moment our Master's coming. Only those who endure to the end will be saved.

PEORIA, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Mrs. Michael Weyeneth

Bro. Eugene Bertschi of Roanoke spent Sunday, Sept. 9, with us; Bro. Ben Banwart was with us Thursday evening, Sept. 27; and Bro. Edwin Hohulin ministered to us on Oct. 7. We enjoyed their messages very much, and hope they come again soon. Bro. and Sis. Herman Kellenberger of Elgin visited Peoria a few hours. They visited Sis. Kennenberger's mother, Sis. Mary Wyss.

Bro. and Sis. Bill Klein wish to make known the marriage engagement of their daughter, Sis. Sonia, to Bro. Joe Banwart of West Bend. It was announced Sunday, Sept. 16. We wish them the blessings of God.

Bro. and Sis. Willis Ehnle of Japan spent Tuesday evening, Sept. 4, at the home of Bro. Henry Leman. There were many there from Morton, Eureka, Roanoke and Peoria. He talked of his experiences in Japan. It was very interesting. We hope God will richly bless him in all his undertakings.

Bro. Richard Aeschleman has been transferred to Ft. Wayne. We will miss Bro. Richard and his family. He was a song leader in the church, also had a singing group and often got together with his group to sing for the sick. Our loss will be Ft. Wayne's gain. We hope he will be an asset to the church there, as he was here.

Our first hymn-sing of the season was held Sunday evening, Oct. 7. Fellowship was held afterward, in the dining room.

Our Bible class, which we had the last three years this time of the season, will again start Tuesday evening, Oct. 9, at 7:30, Bros. Ray Sauder and James Hoerr in charge.

Sis. Verna Schurter was a hospital patient last week, but is home again. Philip Hoerr is a patient at Proctor Hospital. Sis. Lena Hess is very low at this writing. Bro.

Chris Koehl is at the hospital for a check-up.

50th Anniversary of Peoria Apostolic Christian Home

The Apostolic Christian Home of Peoria, 711 N. Monroe Street, observed its 50th Anniversary on Sunday, Sept. 23, by having open house from 6:00 P.M. to 9:30 P.M. According to folks in charge, there were 208 people that attended.

The evening was a pleasant one, singing a variety of songs in German and English, conversing with friends and loved ones from the churches of Princeville, Eureka, Goodfield, Gridley, Fairbury, Morton, Roanoke and Peoria.

Before departure, everyone was served coffee or punch, sandwiches, cake and fruit of all kinds, cookies, etc. The center-piece, a beautiful three-tier white cake, was baked by Sis. Helen Thomas. It was a masterpiece. The cookies, fruits and other food was brought in by friends and members of the various churches.

The event was planned by Sisters Elsie Hess, Emma Weyeneth and Barbara Herman. Barbara Herman and Alma Holliger Kraft kept the people moving around the beautiful dining table, by starting them out with a beverage of their choice. Bros. Joe Herman and Walter Hess saw that everyone registered, and also helped usher and keep order.

Our contribution box was also blessed and remembered well. The

money will be used to purchase a new set of dishes for the dining room.

The present home was opened September 23 by Bro. Emil Schubert. At present, Bro. Michael Weyeneth is president; Bro. Reuben Herman, secretary-treasurer, and Bro. Adolph Roecker, chief accountant.

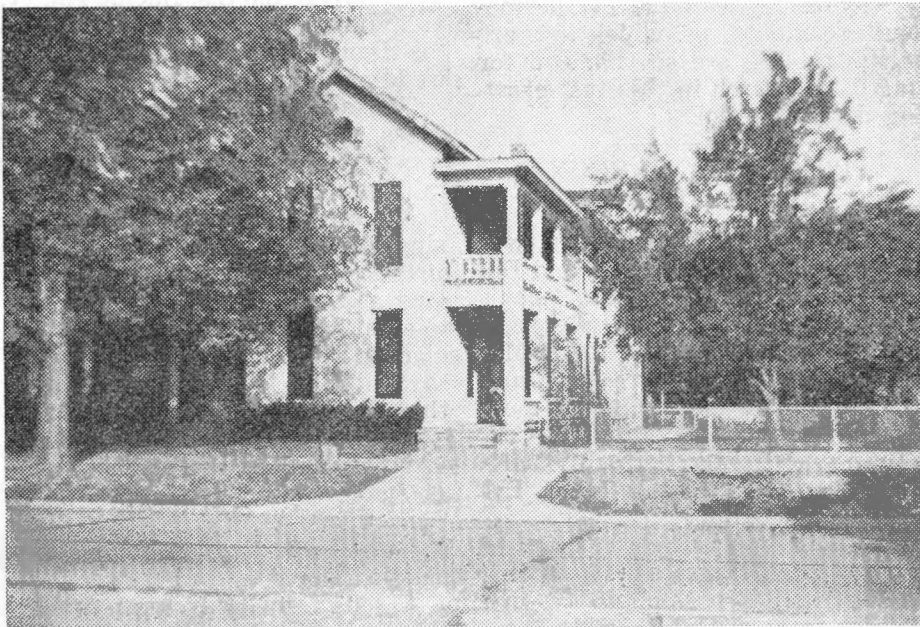
A sound system was put in the home a few years ago, which brings the message from the pulpit on Sheridan Road.

Sisters Leah and Lillie Hohulin supervise, and are in charge of all functions. There are also others employed on a part-time basis. The Hohulin sisters have had charge for 23 years. Much credit is due them for their love and care to the sick and the dying. They saw much suffering and anguish, and there were many problems which only God and they know.

The Apostolic Christian Home truly is a Christian home, full of love and hospitality toward anyone who comes to visit there. How thankful we should be, that the Lord in His great love is willing to use people as His instruments to help those less fortunate.

In Mark's gospel we read that a cup of water will not go unrewarded. Surely the sisters will get their reward.

God bless our old folks home in the future, as in the past, is our prayer in Jesus' name.



APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN HOME AT PEORIA

PHOENIX, ARIZONA Reporter: Mrs. Roy Stevig

It's a busy time for both planting and harvesting, here in the valley. The date harvest is almost over. Of the citrus, lemons are being picked, while oranges and grapefruit will soon be ready. Early lettuce is on the market, and the cabbage, cauliflower, broccoli, green onions, and carrots will soon be shipped to our eastern states, who will be having winter weather. The ranches have begun cotton picking and cutting grain sorghum. The process of alfalfa cutting goes on the year around, as they average five crops a year. For beauty, the winter lawns are being sown (an Italian rye grass), and so are many flowers, such as the lovely sweet peas and calendulas.

All the crops and beauty are possible in our dry, thirsty desert soil because of irrigation, as our average rainfall is only around five inches. At one time this summer, we went ninety-eight days without rainfall. There are very few days during the year when the sun doesn't shine—It's truly the "Valley of the Sun."

We welcome two new families in our midst, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Bentley and daughters, Sheryl and Mary Ellen, of Fairbury and Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Martin of Peoria. Mrs. Martin's aunt, Sis. Elizabeth Heiniger, has come to spend the winter here.

Our dear sister, Mary Sitzler, was pleasantly surprised at the home of Sis. Marie Wuthrich and daughters, in honor of her 76th birthday. We all enjoyed hearing Sis. Mary relive her many experiences, both here in this country and her home in Germany.

We are anticipating the visits of Bro. George and Sis. Elsie Lambert from Wichita and Bro. Willis Ehle and family, who are enroute to their home in Japan.

Aldo Yackley has left Phoenix, after spending thirty days with his parents, to fulfill his overseas duty on Okinawa. His new address is:

A3C Clarence Aldo Yackley
AF 19734833 51st Field
Maintenance Squad
Paf APO 235
San Francisco California

To those who are planning a visit to our Phoenix congregation, we

welcome you. You will find your trip a very pleasant experience, regardless which route you enter our state. To the north, the route is 66 on the plateau country. Enter the valley via Route 89 through beautiful Oak Creek Canyon or Route 79 on the Black Canyon Highway. From the east, Route 60 travels through famous Salt River Canyon, while Route 80 to the south is over desert land. Entering from the west, Route 70 is varied with both mountains and desert. Our church is located on 18th Place, north of Thomas Road.

Bro. Richard Schupbach mentioned the following poem in a very inspiring sermon recently. It reminds us of our duty as parents, to set an example for our children.

Building the Bridge

An old man going a lone highway,
Came at the evening, cold and gray,
To a chasm, vast and deep and
wide,
Through which was flowing a sul-
len tide.

The old man crossed in the twi-
light dim.
The sullen stream had no fears for
him,
But he turned, when safe on the
other side,
And built a bridge to span the tide.

"Old Man," said a fellow pilgrim
near,
"You are wasting strength with
building here;
You never again will pass this way;
You have crossed the chasm deep
and wide.
Why build you the bridge at the
eventide?"

The builder lifted his old gray head.
"Good friend, in the path I have
come," he said,
"There followeth after me today
A youth, whose feet must pass this
way.

This chasm that has been naught
to me,
To that fair-haired youth may a
pitfall be.
He, too, must cross in the twilight
dim.
Good friend, I am building this
bridge for him."

HISTORY

As far back as 1929, members have been known to visit or live in the Phoenix area. Services were held in homes, apartments, school-rooms and other buildings, and many inspiring gatherings were in the near-by mountains.

In the year of 1950, Bro. Clarence Yackley and family moved to Phoenix. He became our first permanent minister to officiate at church services. There was a small group of members—about ten in all.

Through the Lord's blessings, a lot was purchased the fall of the same year. Building began in the spring of 1951. By 1952, additional room was needed and built. Again, through the Lord's continued blessings of our little church, the sanctuary could be constructed, and was completed in the year 1960. We have seating provisions for 165 normally, and can seat 48 additionally. We were glad to use the old assembly as our Sunday School room, which was greatly needed.

Bro. Richard Schupbach and family moved to our community in 1958, and Bro. Richard was ordained to the ministry the same year.

Then, in 1960, Bro. Roy Farney and family joined our small flock and became our present elder.

Previous elders who served our congregation were Bros. Noah Schrock and Carl Kinsinger.

At present, we have 117 permanent residents, of which 54 are members. We are so thankful for our little church in this fast-growing desert capitol.

PORTLAND, OREGON

Reporter: Mrs. Robert Miller

A baby girl, Elizabeth Ann, was born September 19 to Bob and Dolores (Kaufman) Bertsch. She is welcomed by her sister, Rebecca, and brothers Noah and David. Maternal grandparents are Jake and Sis. Clara Kaufman, Silverton; paternal grandparents are Bro. Cornelius and Emma Bertsch, Bluffton. Great-grandmother is Sis. Lydia Bach, Fairbury.

On September 23, we enjoyed the visit of Bro. Meryln and Sis. Jan Getz and Bro. Bob and Sis. Lyn Blunier from Roanoke.

Our church is located on South-

east Holgate (the first through street), about one half mile south of Route 26, which is known as Powell Street, at Southeast 75th in the City of Roses. Route 26 is a direct route east to Mt. Hood, which we can also view from the church, sixty miles away.

We have a population of 371,042 within the city limits.

Our nearest neighboring church is Silverton, about forty-five miles southeast of Portland.

The Silverton church at the edge of town, is located on North Water Street, which leads to Silver Creek Falls, about fifteen miles out—a beautiful spot of God's creation! Silverton is a small town.

We extend a hearty invitation to all to visit us.

PRINCEVILLE, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Ruth Ricketts

We are thankful for all the loved ones who visited us during the past month from various congregations. Bro. Sam Kilgus of Remington ministered to us September 23, and on October 6, Bros. Henry Kilgus and Andrew Koehl of Forrest, Bro. Henry Beer of Milford, and Bro. Willis Ehnle of Japan all shared the gospel messages. We received many blessings, and wish them grace to continue spreading God's word in its truth and sincerity.

On September 16, the engagement of Sis. Jane Kieser and Bro. Marvin Leman of Roanoke was made known. Jane is the daughter of Bro. Sam and Sis. Lucille Kieser, and Marvin the son of Bro. Joe and Sis. Dena Leman. An early winter wedding is planned.

The singing group of the Bible Class, their leader and some parents enjoyed a very blessed evening in Fairbury, September 16.

A group of neighbors went to sing for Sis. Ida Huber on her birthday, September 25. It has been over a year since she has been able to attend church, and she is always glad to see her friends, whom she says always look the same. Even though she cannot be present in body, she said she is always with us in spirit and thinks of those who assemble every Sunday. She is thankful for the tape recordings brought to her, which help to pass many of her shut-in hours.

A son, John, was born to Bro. Earl and Sis. Anna Lou (Stoller) Grimm, September 20.

Friends John Knobloch, Wayne Scholl and Richard Martin have enrolled for classes at the University of Illinois. Rolland Scholl has gone to Utica, New York, where he is receiving further schooling at Cornell University. Sis. Nancy Tanner is presently doing practice teaching at Decatur, Illinois.

Sis. Donna Ehnlé submitted to an emergency appendectomy, September 11, and is recovering nicely, having attended church again recently.

Kent, young son of Bro. Robert and Sis. Marvel Knobloch, is able to be in Sunday School again, after undergoing surgery. This was his third operation, and we all hope it will be the last through which he will have to go.

While on his way to Fort Scott to attend the funeral of his sister, Sis. Rose Beyer, Bro. George Berchtold became very ill and was forced to return home by train. He is presently in the hospital, and we all hope his sick spell will be a short one, and that he will soon be able to return to his home. May the Lord be near him and give him help and comfort, to bear the pain and discomfort he must suffer.

Bro. Willis and Sis. Lois Ehnlé, Tony and Joy, will leave October 12 by train, via Kiowa, Kansas; Burlington, Oklahoma; and Phoenix, for Los Angeles, where they will board a plane for their home in Japan. They visited a number of churches during their stay here the past several months. We wish them God's protection on their homeward way, and grace to carry on the work, which is their wish to perform in this foreign land.

Location of our church

Our church is situated on the east edge of the village of Princeville, on State Routes 90 and 91, about twenty-four miles northwest of Peoria, in central Illinois.

It is a large, square, two-story brick structure, with doors on each side that are always open to visitors. At present, the maple trees on the front lawn of the church are most beautiful, with their vividly colored leaves touched by Jack Frost recently.

There are a number of families in the village of Princeville, with a population of 1200, but most of the families live on farms in surround-

ing areas, to the south at Dunlap; to the southwest at Brimfield, Elmwood and Williamsfield; to the northwest at West Jersey, Laura and Toulon; to the north and northeast at Wyoming, Castleton, Bradford, Camp Grove; Sparland; and to the east at Edelstein and Chillicothe. Several families have over twenty miles to church, and many of them over ten miles, so our members are scattered over quite a large area.

Some of the farm land is rolling, with pretty patches of timbers here and there, and to the north is a valley, where a number of our families live. Here you can see for a number of miles, overlooking the fields of corn, soy beans and short grain.

There are a number of families who raise a number of feeder cattle and have very up-to-date barns and equipment for this purpose. Since there is a canning factory in Princeville, a number of farmers also grow peas, sweet corn and pumpkins for the factory. The Tanner family has a large apple orchard, covering several acres.

At present, farmers are busy harvesting the grain, and even though we had a long dry spell in the summer, we can appreciate an abundant harvest, for which we should be most thankful. Recently, we have had refreshing rain, and the grass and most things are refreshed and green.

Living in our area, we enjoy the four seasons, with the changes they bring. Now we are in a most beautiful season, the autumn, reaping benefits of our spring and summer's labors, before the beautiful white snow comes in winter, to transform everything into a winter wonderland. How thankful we are for God's creation and for all the blessings He gives. May we ever praise Him!

PULASKI, IOWA Reporter: Mrs. Ray Martin

Our visiting minister the last month was Bro. and Sis. Phil Sautler and their daughter, Sis. Sharon, of Cissna Park. Also, Sis. Eldora Kaufman and Sis. Shirley Knapp came with them. We thank Bro. Phil for his inspiring messages.

Other visitors this past month were Bro. and Sis. Harold Streitmatter, Bro. and Sis. Chris Martin,

and Sis. Mary Scholl of Princeville on September the 9th.

Our church is located in the town of Pulaski, about one block north of Route 2, on the east end of town.

The members and friends who attend live within a 10-mile radius of the church.

There is a small airport in Bloomfield, which is about 10 miles northwest of Pulaski. There is a larger airport in Ottumwa, which is about 30 miles from Pulaski. You can get several different kind of connections into Ottumwa.

Our area mostly depends on farming. The farm land here is mostly rolling, with some land fairly level. Our major crops are corn, beans, oats, hay, and some wheat. Most farms consist of some timber pasture, which at this time of year truly shows the beauty of God's handiwork, with the leaves turning so many different, beautiful colors.

We also have a great deal of wild life in the timbers, such as many kinds of different birds, coons, squirrel, and we even see deer once in awhile.

In the winter we have snow, which also sets off God's natural beauty, with snow on the hillsides and the timbers.

History Portion

(Editor's Note: A portion of the Pulaski history in the August Silver Lining was in error. Following is the correct portion.)

In 1904, they moved the church building into the southeast part of Pulaski. The land was purchased from John and Magdalena Wuthrich, on April 21, 1904. This building served as their meeting-place until 1958.

In 1957, a new church building was built in the northeast part of Pulaski. It was ready to be used in January, 1958. The lot was donated by Bro. Keith Stevig, who later moved to Morton.

REMINGTON, INDIANA Reporter: Emily Kilgus

Gene Waibel and Diane Schwier were married in their home on Sept. 1. Bro. Irvin Lehman married the young couple. Gene is the youngest son of Bro. and Sis. George Waibel.

We are happy that David Bahler has repented and has been announced for proving, which will take place in Fort Wayne, since he

is employed there. David is the son of Bro. and Sis. Irwin Bahler.

Paul and Wilma Clauss are the parents of a son, Jon Paul, born Sept. 21. Jon was welcomed home by three sisters.

Bro. Edwin and Sis. Lois Bahler were blessed with a little girl, Charlene Kay, on Sept. 23. Charlene has four brothers and three sisters.

Reuben and Sis. Louise Scharlach have moved to their new home in Remington, after living on the same farm for fifty years. We wish them much happiness in their new home.

On Sept. 30, Janice Bahler and Bob Pfister were married at the home of the bride's parents, by Bro. Sam Aeschliman. Janice is the youngest daughter of Bro. Jake and Sis. Emma Bahler, and Bob is the oldest son of Bro. Levi and Sis. Lillian Pfister of Gibbons, Minnesota. Bro. Aeschliman was with us for morning services. We were glad to have Bro. Henry Kilgus with us. Sis. Maggie Knochel came from Bay City to be with Sis. Mary Bahler, and had the misfortune to fall and injure her hip. She is at the home of Bro. Harold and Sis. Marie Schieler. We are glad that Sis. Mary Bahler is able to assemble with us again.

Geographic Description

Our church is located five miles southeast of Remington. The present building was built in 1949, just north of our old church. Our church yard is surrounded with many evergreens, which were planted about 50 years ago by Bro. Andrew Zimmerman. It is told that Bro. Andrew often walked to church, and by getting there early on Sunday morning, he would take time to water these evergreens, before services started.

Our community is largely a farming area, and at one time, I believe, that, with the exception of Bro. Andrew Nussbaum being in the hatchery business, the members of our church were practically all farmers. However, in later years, this has varied some, as it has in many places.

Unlike some of our churches, where the members lived many miles away, I would venture to say that, with only very rare exception, they had nearly all lived within

an eight mile radius. This, too, has changed somewhat, and we now have members living in Lafayette, which is 30 miles away, and Rensselaer, which is 17 miles.

Our town is very small, and doesn't have sufficient employment for our young people. Therefore, they are forced to go to a larger city. This factor does not help the growth of our church.

We are again in the harvest season, and it looks as though we are again being blessed bountifully.

RITTMAN, OHIO

Reporter: Elverna Beery

We are thankful God still grants grace for repentance to those who humbly seek His favor. Our congregation has been blessed richly in the past, and again there are friends who have found peace and have been announced for proving. They are Florence Hartzler, Jane and Kenneth Hartzler and Glenn Riggerbach.

Bro. Fred Widmer is at home, recovering from major surgery.

A son, Timothy Lee, was born to Bro. and Sis. Robert Ramsier, on September 28. Bro. and Sis. Everett Stoller are the parents of a son, Eric Benjamin, who was also born September 28.

Fred Winkler recently returned home from Germany, after spending two years in the Service. His parents are Bro. and Sis. Joseph Winkler.

Visiting us this month were Bro. and Sis. Irvin Walder of Cissna Park, Sis. Leora Bocka and family of Mansfield, Bro. and Sis. Noah Gerber of Ft. Wayne.

ROANOKE, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Irene Hodel

We were sorry to hear, Sis. Dorothy Bittner broke her wrist in a fall at their home, Sept. 11.

Bro. Dave Mangold announced the engagement of Bro. Marvin Leman, son of Bro. and Sis. Joe D. Leman, and Sis. Jane Kieser, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Sam Kieser, Sept. 16.

On this day, Bro. and Sis. Arthur Bowald's daughter, Sharon, was married to Waldo Remmert of Eureka.

We are glad to hear, Sis. Dena Leman, who has been in the hospital several weeks, will soon be home again.

Sis. Minnie Pfister is in the Eureka Hospital. We wish her a quick recovery.

On Sept. 23, the announcement was made of the engagement of Sis. Mary Jane Schumacher and Bro. Harold Knapp. Mary Jane is the daughter of Bro. Walter Schumacher, and Harold is the son of Bro. and Sis. Mike Knapp of Goodfield. We wish them the Lord's blessings in their undertaking.

Our visitors on this day were Bro. and Sis. Jess Sauder and Bro. Emil Bessler of Tremont.

We enjoyed the visit of Bro. and Sis. Willis Ehle and family of Japan, Sunday, Sept. 30, also Bro. and Sis. Dave Ehle and family, Bro. Will Ehle, Bro. Chris Martin and Sis. Ollie Ricketts, all of Princeville. They were guests of Bro. and Sis. John Sauder Jr.

Jean Ann Legal, from Normal formerly of Evanston, Ill., spent the week end with her cousin, Sis. Carol Legal, and relatives.

The Marvin Fishers are parents of their fifth child, the second daughter, named Phyllis Laverne, born Sept. 28. Grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Sam Fisher and Oscar Struhbars of Pekin.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Moser are parents to their first child, Kathleen Jean, born Sept. 29. Grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Elmer Moser and Mrs. Alene Reeves (of Granite City).

Bro. and Sis. Wallace Leman are parents of their sixth child, the second son, named Jeffrey David, born Oct. 1. Grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Joe D. Leman and Bro. and Sis. Harold Honegger of Forrest.

Bro. and Sis. Art Kipfer and family of Bluffton were guests of Bro. and Sis. Sam Leman on Saturday and Bro. and Sis. Warren Hodel, Sunday, October 7.

Bro. and Sis. Charles Terry and her mother, Sis. Martha Roth, from Kiowa, Kansas, are here for several weeks, visiting their daughters, Sis. Eleanor and Rita Terry, also their sister and family, Bro. and Sis. Melvin Weyenths, and their niece, Bro. and Sis. Glen Mosers.

We have a limited supply of the book, Remarks about the Revelation of Jesus Christ Unto His Servant John, by G. M. Mangold, entitled **Meditations Upon The Past, Present and Future**. The price is

\$2.25, postpaid. J. C. Zimmerman, 308 Davidson St., Roanoke, Illinois.

SABETHA, KANSAS

Reporter: Eldon Metzger

A son, Kevin Wayne, was born to Bro. and Sis. Nathan Grimm, September 29.

Our visiting ministers Sunday, September 30, were Elder Bros. Sam Anliker of Lamont and Lester Hartter of Bern.

Announcement was made on September 30 of the engagement of Sis. Dorene Strahm, Gridley, Kansas, to Bro. Eldon Metzger.

Sis. Fanny Bahr has returned home from the hospital, but remains quite ill. We wish her God's help in a speedy recovery.

SARDIS, OHIO

Reporter: Mrs. Ruth Headley

Here are just a few words that we might let our minds ponder on, taken from Bro. Kenneth Sauder's inspiring message which he delivered to us here:

"Love all mankind, and help all those who are in need, regardless of race or creed."

TAYLOR, MISSOURI

Reporter: Mrs. Eli Sutter

Sis. Eloise Wagler spent several days at the hospital, where she had surgery, from which she is recovering nicely. She has returned to her home at Cissna Park, after being here about a year, where she attended business college, and has been working since finishing school. We will miss her very much.

Bro. Maurice Frank, Chicago, ministered to us Sunday, Sept. 23. He was accompanied by his wife, Sis. Lucile, and daughters, Sis. Maureen, Norma and Pamela.

On Sunday, Oct. 7, Sis. Kathy Grimm and Bro. Paul Haab were united in marriage by her father, Bro. Fred Grimm. We had many visitors, including ministering Brothers Albert Wuthrich, Pulasaki, and Vernon Leman, Eureka. Bro. Paul is stationed at Fort Sam Houston, where they will make their home.

Autumn has come to the Mississippi Valley of Missouri and Illinois, and with it, the fulfillment of the promise of spring, an abundant harvest, for which we are thankful. Our main crops of corn and beans are being harvested. We also grow wheat and oats.

Most of the farms are in the Mississippi River bottom and some along the bluff overlooking the bottom land.

More than half the families of our congregation live on the farm, and several families live in Quincy, Ill., a city of about 45,000 population. Six miles west of Quincy is Taylor, a small town of a few homes and business places, at the intersection of Routes 61 and 24.

Members and friends that attend church, with the exception of one family, all live within 15 miles of the church.

Our church is located about a half-mile north of Taylor, just off the highway, near the levee of the Fabius River, which empties into the Mississippi, south of Quincy.

Visitors coming to church from the north would come on Route 61, which comes right by the church; those from the east, on Route 24 to Taylor and the half mile north on Route 61; from the south and west, on Routes 61 and 24. It is not hard to find, and is on direct route from the Illinois and other eastern churches to the western Missouri, Kansas and Oklahoma churches.

So far, we have not had a frost. The leaves on the trees are beginning to turn, and soon the hillsides will be beautiful, with all the colors of autumn. The red, rust, gold and yellow of the mums, zinnias and marigolds are a brighter color since the heat of summer is past. The hills to the west of the church give us a view of many beautiful sunsets, which never fails to bring to my mind the poem, "Crossing the Bar":

Sunset and evening star,
And one clear call for me,
And may there be no moaning of
the bar,
When I put out to sea.

For though from out our bourne of
time and place
The flood may bear me far,
I hope to see my Pilot face to face,
When I have crossed the bar.

TOLEDO, OHIO

Reporter: Emily Frautschi

Bro. Eugene Fetter and Sis. Marilyn Dotterer were married at Junction, on September 16. We welcome Marilyn to our congregation, and wish them blessings from the

Lord in their new life.

Recent visitors in Toledo have been: Bro. and Sis. Rufener, their sons and families, Bros. Elton and Orin, from Rittman; Bro. and Sister Richard Clark and family from Bluffton; Bro. and Sis. Aaron Steffen and daughter, Donna, and Bro. and Sis. Chris Weigele of Alto; Bro. and Sis. Jim Barton and family and Mr. and Mrs. Novak of Detroit; and Bro. and Sis. Jesse Eisenmann and their son, Bro. Paul Eisenman, of Burlington, Iowa.

TREMONT, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Mrs. William H. Beutel

On August 10, work was begun on our new church building. Most of the cement blocks are now laid for the basement. On September 23, Sisters Violet Koch and Nancy Beutel took their Sunday School classes—39 pre-school children—for a walk, to see the work being done at the new church. Both classes were learning about how everyone had to help rebuild the wall around the city of Jerusalem, and how they carefully laid block on top of block and block beside block. These little souls very obediently followed their teachers, three by three, to the new site, and were very interested in what they saw—how the men were laying block on top of block, etc., for the basement wall. The writer feels, as the teachers expressed themselves, that these young children will remember this for a long time. The new building is located just two and one-half blocks south of the present church.

A girl, Diane Kay, arrived on September 9 to Bro. and Sis. Robert Wagenbach.

Bro. Charles Sauder left September 9 for school in Manhattan, Kansas. Also, David Koch has returned to school at the University of Illinois, after being home for the summer.

Bro. and Sis. Ernest Aberle and two sons have returned home, after their visit to Germany. They visited Sis. Freida's parents and many other friends and relatives, while there. They had a very enjoyable trip, and we are very happy to have them back in our midst. There was an epidemic of measles on the boat on which they came back to the States, and both of the boys have had them since they are back.

Our sister, Mrs. Ralph Koch,

had the misfortune of stepping on two nails. Her wounds became infected, but she has now recovered and is again able to go about her work.

Sis. Anna Musselman and Bro. J. C. Sauder have been hospitalized. Bro. J. C. is now home, but will not be able to go back to his farm work for quite some time.

On September 30, about 25 Elgin, Illinois, Sunday School Bible Class young people and their teachers visited our Sunday School for the day. Sis. Joyce Huber, Fairbury, showed the group her pictures of the Holy Land, after their evening meal.

October 7 was Promotion Day for the Sunday School children.

We can see that autumn is really setting in. The tree leaves are turning to their beautiful fall colors. Most of the farmers have finished their bean harvest, and many are busy picking corn. We truly have many reasons to thank God, as he has blessed us in so many ways.

UNION CITY, NEW JERSEY

Reporter: August Mueller

Last month, when we went visiting to our daughters in Pennsylvania, four of them and their families, we also had the pleasure of visiting Mrs. Madlyn Hoffert and her family, in Lancaster (Pa.). Mrs. Hoffert is the daughter of Sis. Lena Heiniger of Valparaiso. When I read in the Silver Lining about Sis. Heiniger, that she had a daughter in Lancaster, I wrote to Sis. Heiniger and promised her that the next time I go to Pennsylvania, I would try to visit her daughter. I am very glad I could keep my promise. They are very friendly people, and they make you feel at home. They have four lovely children. They live in a new home, just completed. We enjoyed the short visit very much. I invited them to visit our church in Union City. The house which they built looks like a castle surrounded by very big trees.

We also went to a funeral, and as often as I stand at a bier of a deceased, I am reminded of a short German poem which said,

What you are, we used to be.
What we are, that you will be.

(translated)

These words are very true and

often come, though much sooner than we expect.

Sunday, Sept. 16—today we had Bro. and Sis. Ed Aeschlimen and children with us. We are always glad to have them, more so that we can greet them as brother and sister now.

Sunday, Sept. 23—today, we had visitors from Rockville, Bro. John Bahler, his wife and his sister-in-law, Sis. Olga Bahler; from Castorland, Bro. and Sis. Art Herzig; from Wilmington, Bro. and Sis. Ed. Aeschliman and family. Bro. Bahler served morning and afternoon. The sermons were very important, and it is my wish that I may be found as a doer of the word and not as a hearer alone. Many hear the word of God, but few there are that do what the word tells them to do. We invite all our visitors to visit us again.

Sunday, Sept. 30th, Friend John Rumpf and his wife were with us from Rockville. Sis. Lucy Wartman had been absent from our midst, due to illness, but today she was with us again. We are very glad about that. Sunday, Oct. 4, we had visitors; from Girard, Bro. and Sis. Jess Emch; from Rockville, Bro. and Sis. Emmanuel Kloter and family, Bro. and Sis. Norman Ballasy and family; from Delaware, Bro. and Sis. Ed. Aeschliman and family. Bro. Emch brought the word of God unto us. It was not a new gospel, but words of life and truth and encouragement. We thank him for his visit, and I agree, how lovely are the feet of those that proclaim thy word; their reward will be great. After lunch, we sang a number of hymns, and I can not appreciate good singing enough.

At this writing, Sis. Flo Kaiser is still in the hospital, with little progress if any. We are much concerned about her.

We invite members and friends to visit us often.

Sis. Louise Ballasy also was with the visitors from Rockville.

VALPARAISO, INDIANA

Reporter: Donna Bucher

We cleaned our little church today—

Wiped all the dust and dirt away.

We straightened papers, washed the floors,

Wiped off the lights and painted doors.

We brushed the dirt stains from the books

And whisked the cobwebs from the nooks.

We polished windows so we'd see The newly greening shrub and tree.

The menfolks, too, raked up the yard—

They laughed and said it wasn't hard,

And, oh, it felt so very good To have the place look as it should.

We said: "How wonderful 'twould be

If we cleaned out what we can't see—

Such things as grudges, hates and lies,

And musty thoughts much worse than flies . . .

If all would let God's spirit in To cleanse each heart from soiling sin,

Ah, then our church would really shine,

Our fellowship would be divine."

During the past month, we were richly blessed. On September 9, we held Open House. Michael Weyeneth of Peoria was guest speaker. The attendance for this special day was 130. A supper for all visitors immediately followed open house.

Dedication of our new church to our Lord was held September 23. Elder Sam Aeschliman of Bluffton conducted a special service for this occasion. Visiting ministers were Theo Beer, Milford; Ezra Feller, Cissna Park; Henry Sabo, Mansfield; and George Yergler, La-Crosse. We had an attendance of 225 for services and 135 for supper. It was a very blessed and inspiring day, hearing the wonderful words of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Our congregation wishes to thank each and everyone for their kindness.

Kathy Bucher, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Bucher, and Chuck Tarner were united in marriage on September 15. We wish them God's rich blessings in their great undertaking.

Chuck Tarner was in the hospital for surgery, and we are happy to say he is home now and has made a splendid recovery.

Alma Morris was just released

from the hospital. She has recovered satisfactorily from a blood clot in her leg.

WEST BEND, IOWA
Reporter: Anna Schmidt

Visitors for the week end of Sept. 16 were Bro. Joe Muhlbauer from Fort Scott, Bro. and Sis. Mart and Zelma Knobloch, Fred Metzger and Sis. Carrie, and Sis. Pauline Moser from Lester.

On Sunday, Sept. 30, Bro. Irvin Stoller from Latty visited us. We enjoyed having him minister to us, and were richly blessed. This was Bro. Stoller's first visit to our congregation.

Bro. and Sis. William Klein and daughter, Sonia, from Peoria, also visited here on the 30th.

(Editor's note: Our sister, Anna Schmidt, gives us a writing of herself and her family.)

I am a widow and live in West Bend. I lost my husband, Bro. Mike, April 5, 1954. He died very suddenly from a heart attack. We were blessed with four children, two boys and two girls, all of whom are still living. Our oldest daughter, Mabel, was converted and baptized in September, 1949. Chrystol was announced to be proved on Sunday, April 4, 1954, just the day before her father's death. The day after the funeral, our oldest son, Ivan, was convicted and turned to the Lord. He gave his testimony and was baptized in August of 1954. Our son, Jerry, was converted and baptized in September, 1960.

My children are all married. Sis. Mabel was married to Bro. John Zeltwanger, April 3, 1955; Sis. Chrystol was married to Bro. Reuben Luthi, March 22, 1959. They both live on farms at Morris, Minnesota.

Bro. Ivan was married to Sis. Evelyn Frank from Oakville, on Jan. 15, 1956. They live on a farm near West Bend.

Jerry was married to Judy Zaugg, from West Bend, on Dec. 6, 1959. They live on the home place, near Ottosen. His wife, Judy, was converted and baptized in January, 1961.

I feel it's a great blessing to have all my children converted and living in the faith.

Bro. Will Metzger is recovering from surgery. He is getting along well.

Sis. Mary Fehr has improved

quite a bit. She is able to sit up some every day.

Bro. and Sis. Donald Bruellman are parents of a daughter, born Sept. 11, named Liza.

WICHITA, KANSAS
Reporter: Dave Hangartner

First, here's a little about the city of Wichita.

It is a city of about a quarter million people, and is called the "air capital of the world". It derives this name from the fact that several aircraft plants are located here, manufacturing various types of aircraft.

It is located in a wheat-growing and cattle-raising area. Also, much oil is produced.

Traveling northeast and east, one travels through the Flint Hills, which are very pretty at certain times of the year, especially during the fall season.

Our church is located on the corner of Lincoln Street, a very busy street which runs east and west, and Lulu, which runs north and south.

Our members are well scattered out, some having just a short drive, while others have a good many miles to travel to worship on Sunday.

Our members are engaged in various occupations, only two being or having been engaged in farming, Bros. Robert Young and Jess Frieden.

Although our church is quite small, we have a very nice-sized Sunday School, and we hope and pray as time goes on that our church membership will grow, with these youngsters.

WINTHROP, MINNESOTA

Reporter: Marguerite Messner

We were back on Standard Time, as of Sept. 4. Our mid-week services are held Wednesday evening at 8:00.

Holy communion was held here on Sept. 9. Elder Bro. Paul Banwart assisted Elder Bro. Henry Koehl.

Sept. 16, visitors were Chris and Sis. Ida Schmidt and daughter, Sheila, Bro. Richard and Sis. Betty Schmidt and children, Mary and Rodney, of West Bend. They came to help Sis. Emma Schmidt observe her 70th birthday. She is our next to the oldest member at Winthrop. Quite a few gathered at her home.

Sept. 21, Rebecca Messner,

daughter of Jim Messner has been admitted to the Gillette State Hospital for children. She will be there for an undetermined time, it is expected. Her address is: Miss Rebecca Messner, Gillette State Hospital, 1003 East Ivy, St. Paul 6, Minnesota. She was five years old Oct. 7.

Sept. 21, Bro. Fred and Sis. Linda Messner returned home from their honeymoon. We welcomed them home with a housewarming, Sunday evening. We sang and had lunch. All had an enjoyable evening.

Sis. Linda has been chosen as our new Sunday School teacher.

Sept. 23, Bro. Ernest and Sis. Mary Knobloch and daughter, Clara, and Bro. Jake and Sis. Lydia Knobloch of Lester, also Bro. Ed & Sis. Marilyn Lanz and sons of Morris visited here. We welcome all visitors.

Sept. 30 over the week end, Sis. Allensbach of Excelsior, Minn., visited with Sis. Ida Miller and our congregation.

This is the address of our servicemen:

Pvt E-2 Thomas Miller
 F R 17603496
 Co C 5th Saddle Group
 1st Brigade
 Ft Ord California

Pvt E-2 Richard Schmidt
 E R 1760-3493
 C B -1-1 1st B G
 1st BDE 5th Platoon
 Ft Ord California

LEO, INDIANA

Reporter: Mrs. Elias Souder

Thursday evening, Sept. 13, church services were conducted by Albert Wuthrich of Pulaski.

Then, the following Sunday, the Willis Ehnles and the Henry Beers from Milford visited us at our Fellowship Center. Bro. Willis showed us pictures of Japan.

Saturday evening, Sept. 29, about 60 of us enjoyed a wedding shower at the Fellowship Center, honoring Henrietta Klopfenstein, who is to be married Oct. 14.

The Gospel Heirs were our guests Sunday, Sept. 23. Wendell Gudeman was our guest speaker at the church. He commented on full-time service for the Lord, which can pertain to housewives or just anyone in any occupation in life who serves the Lord. Dinner was served at the Fellowship Cen-

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ter. Afterward, hymns by the Gospel Heirs were enjoyed by all. Fred Gutwein commented that they had harmony because they followed the notes; so, likewise, Christians should be in harmony with the Bible.

Mary Lantz is at her home convalescing after undergoing surgery at the hospital.

Frieda Bertsch is recuperating at her home, after spending some time in the hospital.

Mamie Schlatter is still at the Parkview Hospital, Ft. Wayne, somewhat improved. She is able to sit up in her chair.

A daughter was born to Lloyd and Carol Witte.

A son, John Kent, was born to Marilyn and Ephraim Kipfer.

Description

Over the river, east about one-half mile on the Grabill Road from State Highway 1, is our little brick church, with a limestone entrance. Trees and grassy lawns landscape the grounds and line the other side of the road.

Here in Indiana, we have all kinds of weather. Often in winter-time, there is lots of snow. In summer-time, there is hot weather. There are lots of sunshiny days, also.

At present, our trees are turning color. It is beautiful to take a drive among them.

Some of our people are farmers. Last year, one of Bro. George Stieglitz's fields averaged 108 bushels per acre. This year, the dry weather probably will cut it some. Bro. Lloyd Klopfenstein has finished sowing his wheat.

Then, we have people who are workers and in management in factories . . . merchants . . . school teachers . . . sales people . . . those who labor with the mail . . . those whose work is in mills. We have people of many occupations.

The rainfall this summer was not so plentiful, but we are in our fall rainy season.

A note of thanks "to the many churches — for the many loving friends and members who remem-

bered Irvin in prayer, with many cards, and the gifts of their love, during the time of his illness."

Irvin and Dorothy Lehman.

SPECIAL REPORT

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A telephone communication system provides transmission of Sun-worship service from the Sabetha church to the home. The air of eager anticipation among the old people, as they gather together in the little chapel area on Sunday morning, is touching. Shortly after nine o'clock, they come together and face the amplifier, Bibles and hymnbooks in hand. Those who cannot walk to their places are brought in wheel chairs, and one frail old sister is wheeled in on her hospital bed. The service is heard distinctly. The residents also enjoy occasional visits by choir groups, who sing favorite hymns.

The sentiment of many who live at this home is expressed by Bro. Otto Rauhaus in the following statement:

"The things that first impressed me were the modern design and arrangement, the immaculate cleanliness, the homey, Christian atmosphere. Family worship is practiced at every meal. Sacred songs and the complete New Testament on disc records provide daily encouragement. Supervisory and supporting personnel are outstanding. The staff has the unanimous approval of the residents.

Patient and considerate understanding are necessary for a new entrant to adapt to the change from home customs to this group environment. The change remains a major transition, even though we admit this home is next door to heaven for us, the afflicted, in the evening of life."

The successful operation of the

home and the happy and contented atmosphere that prevails may be attributed in a great measure to the capable and devoted service of the matron, Eva Hohulin, and her staff. Much credit should also be given to the brothers who have served on the board of directors and have given freely of their time and effort. The present board members are as follows: William Schrock and John Kraft of Burlington, Robert Young of Wichita, Sam Anliker of Lamont, Sam Kraft of Gridley, Fred Sinn of Fort Scott, Carl Engles of Lamar, Harvey Grimm and Louis Baumgartner of Bern, Lewis Bahr and Leo Strahm of Sabetha.

Visitors are welcome at the home. Visiting hours are from 2:00 to 4:00 o'clock in the afternoon and from 6:30 to 8:00 o'clock in the evening. The designation of definite times for visiting was found necessary to protect the well-being of the residents and to avoid interruption in the daily work schedule of the operating staff.

A Few That Do

Nothing Shall Be Impossible

"So Gideon, and the hundred men that were with him, came unto the outside of the camp in the beginning of the middle watch; and they had but newly set the watch: and they blew the trumpets, and brake the pitchers that were in their hands. And the three companies blew the trumpets, and brake the pitchers, and held the lamps in their left hands, and the trumpets in their right hands to blow withal: and they cried, the sword of the LORD, and of Gideon. And they stood every man in his place round about the camp: and all the host ran, and cried, and fled. And the three hundred blew the trumpets . . ."

From Judges 7

It is suggested that, for every home into which the Silver Lining goes, there should be given \$2.00 per year, where it works no hardship. the editor