



“Jude, the servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, to them that are sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ, and called:

Mercy unto you, and peace, and love, be multiplied.

Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints . . . ”

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

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# THE SPIRITUAL MEANING OF THE WORD BOWELS

AS IT IS USED IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

Brother Will Stettner

In our daily walk of life, when we speak of bowels we refer to the intestines of our human body . . .

But in the Biblical language, it has an entirely different meaning. It has a spiritual meaning, where the word "bowels" means the heart, compassion, pity, kind affections, container of love and charity, seat of tender emotion, mercy, and the inner part of anything.

Philemon, chapter 1, verse 7 . . . we have great joy and consolation in thy love, because the "bowels" of the saints are refreshed by thee, brother.

German translation: We have great joy and comfort in your love, for the hearts of the saints are refreshed through thee, beloved brother.

Philemon, chapter 1, verse 12: Whom I have sent again: thou therefore receive him, that is, mine own bowels:

German translation: Do thou receive him, mine own heart.

Philippians, chapter 2, verse 1: If **there be** therefore any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any "bowels" and mercies . . .

German translation: Is among you exhortation in Christ, is comfort of love, is fellowship of the spirit, is heartfelt love and mercy?

Colossians, chapter 3, verse 12: Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, "bowels" of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering;

German translation: Put on as the elect of God and holy beloved, heartfelt mercy, friendliness, humbleness of mind, longsuffering, meekness.

I John, chapter 3, verse 17: But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his "bowels" of **compassion** from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?

German translation: But whoso has this world's good, and seeth

his brother have need and shutteth up his heart of compassion from him, how can the love of God dwell in him?

We hope and trust that this explanation will be of some help to those who did not understand the full meaning of the word "bowels", as it is used in the New Testament.

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## THAT HIS GRACE MIGHT ABOUND

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Those of us who are God's children need to be nourished by His word, which He so wonderfully furnishes in Holy Writ. Our Saviour expressed the necessity of this nourishment when He was tempted of the devil by saying to him, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

Many times, we are tempted to nourish ourselves with bread alone, meaning that we seek to do what is acceptable in God's sight, but without asking His help to do it. The scripture plainly describes the caliber of man's righteousness, when

it says "all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags". We should never forget to ask for God's help in carrying out our obligation to Him, our brethren, and our friends.

It is so healthful for our spiritual man to desire food that cometh from God, and of a surety He is the only one that can supply the proper diet. If we allow ourselves to be fed with heavenly manna, the Bible ascribes to us the title of "Blessed".

The psalmist of old gives us a portrayal of the man who is blessed in the very first psalm. "Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sit-

teth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper."

"Let us ask ourselves, "Do we delight in the law of the Lord? Do we count His word precious? Do we love to read it, and do we do it? Do we think about His ways day and night, as the psalmist describes it? If we do these things, then we shall be blessed according to God's word.



Satan would always try to rob us of the blessings God wants to give His children, by drawing us away from God's truth, and filling us with untruths that will lead us to confusion and a falling away from the true faith. We are admonished very strongly in God's word not to jeopardize our standing in His sight by becoming heady or high-minded and thinking we are a "somebody". **Let him that thinketh he standeth, take heed lest he**

fall. I believe that sometimes Satan would tempt us by telling us that we were pretty good in our selves and need not walk so close to God. This can only lead to our own hurt and will pierce us with many arrows.

Certainly, trials, tests, and temptations are part of the lot of all true believers, but His word even consoles us in this matter, for what saith it? "There hath no temptation taken you but such as

is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it."

These are precious promises that God has left for us to be exercised by, so may we ever humble ourselves in the sight of Almighty God, that His grace might abound in us.

## SOMETHING GOOD'S A-COMIN'

Henry Souder Jr.

The robins will sing. The sun will beam in golden morn. The flowers will smile. God made the skies blue. He made carpet green and multi-colored. God loves the beautiful.

He wants us to understand something. He tries again and again, for it's very important. **Something good's a-comin'!**

"Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh."

In a song, the key unlocks how to sing it . . . where to start, the harmony, and something about it. If we try to picture what the author had in mind for the soul . . . a storm . . . the sunset . . . peace . . . we gain hidden treasure.

That's how summer is. God loves to have us rejoice. He takes our hand to explore, together. Blossoms of rare beauty burst in eternal spring. We see wonders so beautiful, we should search in vain in these present lands.

It's real adventure.

"So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, **even** at the doors."

The "things" Jesus told us about are the barren boughs, before summer. He told us how the limbs look . . . wars and commotions, nations in motion . . . fright for many. He told about a time, such as there has never been the like, nor never again will be. He told about sin.

Now, Jesus always liked to point to the bright and beautiful. Where

He found someone would listen, His hand always touched for the better. So even today, with the people so rich and prosperous . . . with all the sin . . . He wants each one to find the key, richly unlocking the joy of looking for His coming.

We have to push through, and by, a lot of things. Let's plant our pennant up there, where we can see summer!

"Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled."

It has been a long time. Long ago, Jesus talked about taking His long journey. He told about Jerusalem falling, which happened. He said that Jerusalem would be trodden down by the Gentiles (the people who are not Jews) until their time ended.

Right now, in the city of Jerusalem, the no man's land runs right through Jerusalem. Gentile time has not stopped yet, because Jerusalem, the old city, is still in their control. Watch this barren bough!

"Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away."

There is joy in listening to His words. They are words that warm our hearts in home. His words are real. His words make real people. His children are living because that word has created their countenance. Home is all it is because His word tells of God & the Home He has made.

"But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only."

Remember yourself just a few years ago? Time passed. Like this, the time will come when we see all our time, passed. It is striking to know, that a date is fixed when Jesus comes, by the Father. Surely and swiftly the second comes. The Father has all in readiness to strike the hour.

"But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark."

Heirs of the heavenly kingdom must be holy. One cannot enter who is not.

God's word is not doubtful about the division of light and darkness. For light-bearers, even eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage is in the light. For the world, His word finds no place. Sin plugs its ears to the coming of God's word, and ever offers something it calls continous, with its counterfeit.

"And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be."

With whatever the world pals, it is dangerous to be found in its company.

Man mixes the good he has with the evil. False teaching hides behind a mask of seeming similiar-

ity. Sin is appalling. It spreads till there is no hope. The pall of darkness contaminates even daily habit.

Listen! happy hope pictures now the notes of the trumpet, sweetly sounding, through horizon and cloud.

"Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left."

Listen! He shall come with great

sound of a trumpet. The trumpet shall sound. Look! Child of faith, there, Something Good will happen! Not forms, but the very, real-for-sure loved ones glow in concrete reality.

"Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left."

Strike your key, loved one, and let your heart warm to all the

beauty. Gone will be the sighing. Past will be all the failings. All sickness, even the littlest let-down, will never come again.

Long? Long leaves out, sometime, but summer is for always. Always will be sweet, unbroken, uninterrupted satisfaction.

"Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come."

## HEAVENWARD E'ER HEAVENWARD

(A Least Brother in Faith)

I could only assume that the story takes place, but I thought it did exemplify the point . . .

The man you see walking down the snow-filled path, fighting the freezing rains and biting winds is only cold and miserable on the outside of his body. What you are unable to see is the heart, mind and soul of this most determined and inspired man. That, if you could, would present the most magnificently pleased, pure, priceless picture of perfect peace with this man's Saviour.

Now we, who claim relation to the same Saviour, call this man, Brother Froelich. As he walked to the place that his people had predetermined to be this week's meeting-place (as it was necessary to change each week because of the pressures against free worship), his thoughts took him far from the icy, cold elements he was trudging in, to the place where he hoped to make his future home, heaven.

Even with all the persecution, hardship and trial that this man had seen, he had maintained an attitude such that he could picture his future home, filled and ringing with the joyful sounds of the righteous. He was not bitter, but rather filled with love, even for those of his enemies that made life for him so difficult. You know, I wouldn't doubt that he even pictured some of the men there who persecuted him, pictured them on the assumption that some time they, too, might find the true Way, the Guiding Light, that would provide their souls with sin-free peace. This was his hope and dream for all mankind; were it not so, he

never would have taken such pains to establish this holy heritage that we call "our church".

Brother Froelich did not like the manner in which his government and other governments of the time were demanding that the people accept the idol-infested and glorified hypocrisy. He knew that Jesus Christ did not ordain the traditions that were being exercised by the state church. He was acquainted with the scripture and knew that,

### H O M E

"Simon Peter said unto him, Lord, whither goest thou? Jesus answered him, Whither I go, thou canst not follow me now; but thou shalt follow me afterwards . . .

Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.

In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also."

From St. John

if man did not have an opportunity to come to the mercy seat before death, he would suffer in all eternity. He also had experienced that upon receiving the Holy Spirit of God, which was given to those who had been baptized according to the scripture, man would have the power to live a life filled with love and free from sin.

It was his concern not only to present the doctrine of salvation to as many as he could, but also to

encourage those standing in the grace of God to continue with him. Because of the many governmental restrictions, Brother Sam had to keep his evangelistic activities to a minimum. This, of course, allowed him to spend more thought on ways to exhort his fellow Christians to maintain their perfect peace.

He often had thought how effective was the communication he could have with his Heavenly Father, when he placed himself, in mind, in the dwelling-place of the Father . . . Heaven. He recalled how God would speak with him at these times, telling of all the joy and happiness that awaits the truly converted soul when the mortal body dies . . . How that no persecution will be there; no governments will restrict; no one will ever hunger; not a tear will flow there, unless of course, it would be a tear of joy; only words of kindness will be spoken; all men will be as kings there; and finally, they will get to live with the precious Saviour, He who made all this a reality by his death on the cross.

Now, thought Brother Froelich, if by placing himself in mind in Heaven, he could maintain a strong and clear communication with the Father, surely it would be equally effective with those of his followers.

So truly it was . . . For now we have a great heritage, congregations scattered throughout the nation in beautiful structures blessed by God; men, filled with the same Spirit of old, proclaiming the holy word; and brothers and sisters of the Lord Jesus Christ, finding grace, strength and peace in maintaining a heavenly mind.

# NEWS

## NEW MARTINSVILLE, W. VA.

Reporter: Mrs. Gus Weltz

We are happy to report that Mrs. Herbert Barth, who was so badly injured in an automobile accident as reported last month, is slowly recovering. She has been removed to her home in Mt. Dora, Florida. They hope to get back to their home here in early spring.

A. E. Riggenbach is doing very nicely since his return home from the hospital, but is not able to get out much, and not able to work at the building trade as before.

Dan Witschey is doing very well and can be soon, on good days, taking his usual afternoon stroll.

Mrs. Emma Berger is spending some time here with her son, C. W. Berger. Her daughter in St. Mary's has been quite ill and was in a hospital in Parkersburg, which was the reason for Mrs. Berger coming here during the winter months. She is quite well and wishes to be remembered to all her good friends and brethren. She was with this reporter for two days and a night, and we still did not get our visiting half-way accomplished.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Kaufman are not very well. She is in a chair most of the time, and he is able to partly care for her.

Mrs. J. G. Burgess spends a lot of time in the home of Della Witschey. They quilt, chat and enjoy an afternoon together.

C. O. Wade is still not able to resume his work at Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company. He is under a doctor's care, and will be for another few weeks.

Pearl and Hazel Frei from Limestone Ridge visit with their aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Kaufman, each week and help with the housework. Pearl is the clerk of Wetzel County, and Hazel maintains the farm home and cares for their invalid brother.

Mrs. Marie Lund has been a patient in the hospital again for several days, but is improving.

Miss Della Witschey is suffering quite a lot with arthritis. At times, her getting about the home is quite a problem. However, she manages to keep going and is always cheerful and helpful when friends phone or call at her home.

## HISTORY

### Elgin, Illinois

In the Fall of 1880, Christian and Friedericka Lindoerfer, with their children and her mother, came to Elgin, from Germany, because they had received a letter from a friend, telling them that Christian could find work in Elgin at his trade as a stonecutter. He was a Lutheran. His wife's mother was a member of our faith, having repented and being baptized in Germany. When she discovered there was no church of our faith in Elgin, she went to live in Morton, and there was happy in the fellowship of brothers and sisters.

The following spring, Friedericka was brought under conviction and found grace to repent. She wrote to her mother and told her about her conversion. Several of her brothers and sisters were also awakened and sought the truth.

Bro. George Welk was elder of the Morton Church. He sent Bro. Gottlieb Maibach to Elgin to preach repentance. When this brother came, a small group of friends assembled in one of their homes. It just so happened that another young man of the Lutheran teaching was also there. When he came to this country from Germany, he had fully made up his mind never to depart from his doctrine in which he firmly believed, but after hearing the brother speak he soon saw the Light. Now, when Brother Maibach opened the Bible to speak, it was not granted to him to preach repentance. The Spirit moved him to preach faith and peace, although he did not know that some of the friends already had found peace in the Lord, and now needed encouragement to hold fast to it.

It was then decided to have services in Elgin once a month. However, some brothers in Morton thought that these people should move to some place where there was one of our churches. To this, Bro. Welk did not agree, for he felt that if they were awakened and converted in Elgin, that it was God's will that there should be a church in Elgin. He was right. Shortly thereafter, some of these

friends were baptized in Willow Creek, which flows through Lord's Park.

God has wonderful ways and knows how to provide for His own, so He opened the way that a minister came to Elgin from Germany, Bro. Frantz Woertz, the grandfather of Bro. Frank Woertz of Goodfield. From then on, services were held every Sunday in one of the homes.

Some of the first families of the church were the Lindoerfers, Burgers, Muellers, Traubs, Stettners, Spiess', Schellenbergers, Stechers, Fehrmanns, Hubers, Grafts and Schambachs. There may have been a few more of whom we have no record.

In August of 1882, Bro. Ernest Oettinger Sr. and his family came to Elgin from Cissna Park. They had been here only a short time when Bro. Oettinger met with an accident at his work which took his life. The mother and her two children then went back to Cissna Park to live.

The Kane County records show that on July 15, 1887, a lot was purchased at the corner of Lillie Street and Preston Avenue for about \$250.00, and a small frame building was erected. There were then about twenty-six members, and services were held in the morning, all went home for lunch, and returned again for afternoon services. As time went on, more souls were added to the flock, and more friends came to Elgin. The little building became too small, so in the year 1895, an addition was made to the east side of the building for an auditorium, at a cost of \$1700. The old part was then used for a dining room and Sunday School. Then lunch was served at noon.

This gave enough room for some time, but in 1912 it became crowded again, so a basement was put under the whole building, which was then used for dining room and Sunday School and the upstairs all for Auditorium. This served for about eighteen years.

In the year 1930, the entire frame building was torn down, and the present brick building was



erected at a cost of about forty-three thousand dollars, including the furniture. Children grow up very fast, small babies soon become children, and before long, they are young men and women, and, unless we provide room for them, they are apt to go elsewhere. So in 1961, we made another addition for Sunday School, baby rooms, and also enlarged the hall, which was much needed. For the time being we have ample room. May God grant His blessing, so much spiritual fruit may come forth. We are not living in the time of the great harvest, as in the apostle's time, but we do rejoice if we can find a few berries in the vineyard from time to time.

### BAY CITY, MICHIGAN

Reporter: Faye Wackerle

On Sat. evening, the 26th of Jan., Sandra Molner, Ardith Hodder, Viola Ramseyer and Ruth Schlatter gave their testimony of faith and of how they were led to repentance by our loving and merciful God.

Visiting ministers here for the occasion were Bro. Art Gudeman and his wife from LaCrosse and Bro. Ben Maibach and his wife from Detroit. A few of the others visiting were Bro. and Sis. Elmer Schrenk, Bro. and Sis. Aaron Steffen, Bro. and Sis. Carl Steffen, and Sis. Margret Wingeier, from Alto.

A small prayer, a few words, but I believe it has deep meaning: Dear God, treat me tomorrow as I have treated my fellow man today.

### The Secret

I met God in the morning,  
When my day was at its best,  
And His presence came like  
sunrise,  
Like a glory in my breast.

All day long His presence  
lingered;  
All day long He stayed with me;  
And we sailed in perfect calmness  
O'er a very troubled sea.  
So I think I know the secret  
Learned from many a troubled  
way,  
You must seek Him in the morning  
If you want him through the day.

### Inexhaustible—

Someone describes packing his bag for a journey. Just before closing it, he observes a small corner not yet filled. He says, "Into this

little corner I put a guidebook, a lamp, a mirror, a microscope, a telescope, a volume of choice poems, several well-written biographies, a package of old letters, a book of songs, a sharp sword and a small library of more than sixty volumes; yet strange enough to say, all these did not occupy a space of more than three inches long by two inches wide". "But how could you do it"? "It was all in the packing. I put in my Bible."

This past month, Sis. Kathryn Wieland, Sis. Lydia Wieland and Sis. Ellen Wackerle were hospital patients. Sis. Lydia and Sis. Ellen underwent surgery. They are all home now. We pray that God will grant them, and all the sick, returning health.

### JAPAN

Reporter: Yoshio Yamazaki

It is almost finished, the Japanese New Year's month. We have two big festivals here in Japan. One is New Year and other one is several of days in middle of August, and both were coming from the religious customs. In the New Year, most people are wearing nice dress and visiting each other's houses and wish return of what they call the happiest days from the many thousands of the Japanese gods. Of course, most of young people are not very interested as for such old custom, but old people do. In summer, lots of people taking rest from their work await dead relatives spirit to come from the outside of the world. Our Jauanese people are very faithful for those customs as same as people who do not know the true living God in the book of Acts 17 chapter.

As you know, especially Oriental people are very faithful for those customs and idol worship. As same as our country Japan, we have very strong family customs, since many hundred years; however, it is a pitiful serious matter.

This New Year we passed about five hundred invitations around this village here in Kaneko, and we believe the Lord blessing and wake them up; their souls then turn to the our true Creator some day.

In January 4, our country church members and some friends went Sister Hamako's home, who lives beside of Lake Yamanaka, just the

foot of Mt. Fuji. They had really nice time in the Lord, and of course Sister Hamako was much encouraged with them.

In January 15 was the Adult's day, and it is Japanese national holiday, so we had plan to go at Jindaiji Park with some young members and some of friends who attend Wednesday night English Bible class. That park is about 3 kilometers from our church here in Kaneko, and it's very beautiful and lovely place. We had sing hymns and nice fellowship.

We had announced several young friends, Hideko Shimada and Miyoshi Iwama, there will be baptism. Those girls are very faithful and honest before the Lord last several months.

Praise the Lord, for our Sunday School here in Tokyo are much blessings. Last several weeks about twice as much children were coming. We wish for such small precious souls will recognize the true living God more than worldly pleasures before they still young.

We ask you to continual prayer for these pitiful serious matter in this Oriental problems and many number of people will turn to the Lord from their sins.

### AKRON, OHIO

Reporters: Ruth Taylor  
and Alice Graf

Miss Mary Ammann died Jan. 31, at the age of 85 years and 11 months. She had written lots of poetry, and wondered if, when she went, someone would write about her. Since her life history was written about a year ago, we feel this brief poem describes her:

Her earthly wealth was very  
meager;  
For heavenly treasures, she was  
eager.  
In many poems, she told her story,  
And now she rests at home in  
glory.

She cared for her brother in his  
last days;  
Her mind was keen in many ways.  
Her race is run; her life is o'er.  
She's at home with Christ, for  
evermore.

Jan. 20, Paul Gangel gave his testimony for the Lord and was baptized. A supper was served at the church. The Kenneth Sauders

were with us. Bro. Kenny led our services. Bro. Ben Maibach came for our evening service.

Twins, a son—Mark Alan—and a daughter—Marcia Ann, were born Jan. 12 to Bro. and Sis. Leon Graf. Feb. 5, to John and Janice Graf, a son—Scott Allan, was born.

Bro. Larry Ries has been ill for several weeks with a virus. His recovery is slow, but he is improving. Sis. Juliet Graf had a vein operation Feb. 6, and hopes to be home from the hospital by Feb. 9. Bro. Pete Dockus is home again after his surgery, but has not made the progress they had hoped. Sis. Eva Wenhardt had an operation on her knee. She is doing fine, and has had her cast removed.

Feb. 3, the Homer Reinecks of Toledo were with us. Bro. Homer led our services, and likened our spiritual life to a ladder, where we must start on the bottom rung.

Sisters Audrey and Olga Bahler were with us the week end of Jan. 13.

### History

(Bros. Rudy Graf and Pete Dockus gathered the written material for the history.)

There is little written material on the history of our church. Most of the members who could give us information have passed away, so the little we have is from the older living members and a letter written 100 years ago.

In the beginning, there were several believers living here by the names of Schwing and Blumenstein. Bro. Schwing could not see much of a future for us here.

During the 1870's, families came from Germany. Christian Brenners and Mathias Brauns. The Brauns were Mary Wormald's grandparents. Briggers and Ritzmans came from Switzerland. Briggers were parents of Grandma Anna Ritzman. These isolated members were served once a month by the Rittman ministers.

About 1893 came families—John Meyer, Christ Von Gunten, Gottlieb Von Gunten, Jacob Rupp, Christ Roth and Albert Zollinger Sr., from Ashtabula, Ohio. Charles Tschantz Sr., Jacob Kaufman and Sam Steiner followed a few years later. Jacob and Elizabeth Rupp were the first to be baptized in this section. Among the former were

two single brothers, Samuel Baumgartner and Ernest Graf.

There must have been a deep and sincere love among these people, for when we asked them about our Akron beginning, their fondest memories were of Ashtabula, and they told of traveling miles and miles on foot to see each other. Times were bad, and that was the reason these families moved to Akron, in hope of better times. Ernest Graf worked in the cereal mill here for a while, but had to turn to farm work again.

Before our first church was built, the families met in homes for services. It was held most often in the Christ Brenner home, but also at Christ Von Guntens, John Meyers and Henry Millers. There was no Sunday School at this time. runs through Akron. Many walked Baptism was held in the canal that to church, unless they were fortunate enough to have a buggy or a friend with one.

Our first church was built in 1895, on land purchased from Noah Steiner. Later, in 1927, the present church was built at another site.

We have about seventy members at present.

Since 1900, Bros. Christ Von Gunten, Joe Hartzler, Ernest Graf Sr., Louis Brenner, Will Ingold, Rudy Graf, Forrest Ritzman and Ernest Graf Jr. have served us in the ministry.

(Editor's note: Bro. Rudolph is our present elder at Akron.)

### ALTADENA, CALIFORNIA

Reporter: Doris Graf

Visitors this month were: Bro. and Sis. Richard Plattner, Peoria; Bro. and Sis. John Oberlander and Bro. and Sis. Levi Shook, Morton; Mr. and Mrs. Chris Gerber, Van Nuys; Bro. and Sis. Phil Sauder, Cissna Park; Bro. and Sis. John Sauder, Tremont; Bro. and Sis. Fred Zeltwanger, Bro. Eli Rager, Sis. Anna Rager and Bro. Gust Rager from Latty; Sis. Elsie Yaggi, Francesville; Bill Streitmatter, Lyle Stahl Butch Knobloch, and John Weiland, Princeville; Sisters Emma Huette and Fanny Maurer, Fairbury; Mrs. Dorothy Schlicker, La Canada, Calif.; Bro. Ludi Oberlander and his wife, Peoria; Sis. Rose Price and daughters, Cynthia and Diane, from Elgin (now staying in Escondido, Calif.).

### Altadena History

The Altadena church is relatively a new church. Most of us formerly attended the Maywood church; then, for several years we rented rooms for services. Our first services in our present location were held on the Sunday before Thanksgiving, 1952, though our church was not completed until the summer of 1953.

Our church is a large remodeled home, with an assembly room, three Sunday School rooms, a kitchen and dining room, nursery, an entrance room on the first floor. Upstairs, we have four bedrooms, three bathrooms, a complete kitchen and dining room-living room combination.

Sis. Elizabeth Feldman lives upstairs, cares for both the church rooms and the upstairs. We have many visitors who stay at the church in the course of a year.

Our ministers are Bro. Carl Kinsinger, elder; Bro. Joe Klotzle; and Bro. John Klotzle.

### BERN, KANSAS

Reporter: Mrs. Lester Hartter

Last month I failed to mention, James Moser, in the service at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, spent some time with his parents, Bro. Reuben and Sis. Stella Moser.

A brother told me he reads each Silver Lining two or three times. A sister said: "Our family reads it from cover to cover".

Sunday, January 6, our eider, Lester Hartter, deliberated on the Memorandum letter, which was very inspiring to us.

James and Willa Jean Metzger Steiner have been visiting her parents, Bro. Wilhelm and Sis. Julia Metzger. James is in the service in Washington State.

Sis. Hannah Meyer was laid to rest, at the age of 79 years, after a short illness. Bros. Lester Hartter and Joe Aberle officiated.

We welcome our first grandchild, Jeffrey Lou, born Feb. 3 to Sis. Nancy and Bro. Leonard Baumgartner. Bro. Lou and Sis. Lena Baumgartner are the paternal grandparents. Bro. Ben and Sis. Mary Hartter, Sis. Lydia Marti and Sis. Louise Baumgartner are great-grandparents.

### BURLINGTON, IOWA

Reporter: Uriel Gehring

Our friend, Virginia Spitznogle,

has turned to the Lord in repentance. We wish her the continued grace of God, that she may always be faithful to Him who is the giver of all good and perfect gifts.

A daughter, Patricia Lee, was born to Harry and Loretta Eisenman on January 13 at the Burlington Hospital. Patricia has another sister, three - year - old Michelle Lynn.

Bro. Harvey Heiniger, of the Oakville congregation, ministered to us, Sunday, January 20. We always appreciate visits from our ministering brothers.

Bro. William Klein and his wife, Sis. Sarah, of Peoria, accompanied by four of their children, Mary, Linda, John and Rita, spent Sunday, February 3, with us. This also gave them the opportunity of visiting their daughter, Sis. Sonia Banwart, and her husband, Joel.

Bro. and Sis. Ernie Anliker have returned home from a four-week vacation that took them through some of our southern states, including Alabama, where they visited our churches, and Florida, where they visited our church at Sarasota. We are glad to have them back with us.

Two couples have added their names to our dinner-serving list at church, since our last writing. They are Bro. and Sis. Joel and Sonia Banwart and Bro. and Sis. Dick and Dorothy Taeger.

#### **BURLINGTON, OKLAHOMA** **Reporter: Mrs. Raymond Roth**

We wish to commend the two elders and those that accompanied them, Bro. and Sis. Silas Leuthold, Bro. and Sis. Sam Kieser of Princeville, Bros. Sam Anliker of Lamont and Robert Young of Wichita, for braving the cold weather and assembling with us the evening of Jan. 24, to read and discuss with us the memorandum. We are very thankful for our elders sincere love and great concern shown us. We appreciate being reminded of our duty, and it should also be our desire to assemble together and be warned against the temptation of the world and the lust thereof, that our church and humble way of life might be preserved.

Bro. Ed Farney, who had been a patient in a Wichita Hospital for over three weeks, was transferred by ambulance, Jan. 27, to the Kiowa Hospital.

Sis. Martha Roth underwent major surgery at the Kiowa Hospital, Jan. 25.

Visiting here the evening of Feb. 7 were Bro. and Sis. Herman Kellenberger and Bro. and Sis. Henry Kellenberger of Elgin, Ill. We are very thankful for the message Bro. Herman shared with us. At the beginning of the opening prayer, electricity went off, which made the service very impressive. Even in darkness, you could feel the Lord's nearness. Services continued, without interruption, with the aid of flashlights and several coal oil lamps.

#### **CHICAGO, ILLINOIS**

**Reporter: Mrs. Ernest Knecht**

We are sorry to report, our dear friend, Emma Welk, fell at the Park Ridge Convalescent Home and broke her hip. She is now in the Fairbury Hospital. May God be ever near her, in her hours of distress and need.

Sis. Estella Lehman, age 57, passed away very suddenly on Jan. 25. Funeral services were held on Jan 27 by Bro. Al Fisher and Bro. Maurice Frank at the funeral home here, for the Chicago people, where Estella spent many years. On Jan. 29, she was taken to Wolcott, where she was born and raised, for burial. Bro. George Yergler had the services at the Wolcott church. Estella has three brothers, Bro. Karl and Eugene from Chicago and Elder Bro. Irvin Lehman at Wolcott.

Sis. Gloria Stoller has gone back to Princeville, after spending 3 months here in nursing at the Children's Memorial Hospital. We will all miss her.

Sis. Mattie Clauss and her family spent the first week end of February with her oldest son, Bro. Stanley, and family.

#### **CISSNA PARK, ILLINOIS**

**Reporter: Mrs. Jeff Young**

Our friends, Elizabeth Laub-scher and Gary Rudin, were united in marriage by Bro. Emanuel Gudeman on Sunday, Jan. 20, at the home of the bride's parents.

Ron Kaufman was announced for proving. He is the son of Bro. and Sis. John Kaufman.

Bro. Christ Sinn is now at home, but is not permitted to have much company yet.

Sis. Anna Beer is home again,

after being hospitalized a few days.

Sis. Nettie Geyer remains quite sick. She could be encouraged, by receiving a line from you. Her address is 724 E. Maple., Hoopeston, Illinois.

A daughter was born to Bro. and Sis. Harold Locher on Jan. 18. She was named Becky Jo.

We are happy we have another friend that has given her heart to the Lord; it is Gloria Hodel, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Paul Hodel.

The best and sweetest flowers of  
Paradise

God gives to his people,  
When they are upon their  
knees . . .

Prayer is the gate of heaven.

#### **CONGERVILLE, ILLINOIS**

**Reporter: Ruth Schumacher**

We have two new babies among us: Orville and Lulu Zimmerman are the parents of a son, born on January 9. His name is Charles. He joins one sister and five brothers. A son was born to Mrs. Gladys Sides on January 31. The baby was put into an incubator, to grow a little bigger, before coming home to be welcomed by his brother and sister. He has been named Thomas Keith.

Several from the congregation have been in the hospital since the last writing: Bro. A. J. Schrock spent a short time in Eureka Hospital, because of an infection on the face. He has recovered and is back to his duties. Mahlon Zimmerman was in Methodist Hospital at Peoria for 11 days. He underwent surgery on his back. He is home now and progressing nicely, but will have to wait 2 to 3 months before he can go back to work. Bill Dietrich is in Eureka Hospital with a broken foot. A heavy object fell on his foot while he was helping to move a storage bin.

On January 16, the Goodfield and Congerville congregations gathered together to be edified by the reading of the memorandum of the recent meeting of elders and ministers. Present to help Bro. Frank Woertz were Bro. Joe Getz from Morton and Bro. LeRoy Huber from Eureka.

Bro. Allen and Sis. Carol (Legel) Schrock, who were married in the Roanoke church on January 27, are now back from Florida and



have moved into an apartment in the home of Sis. Naomi Schrock. We welcome Carol into our congregation.

After giving her testimony on Saturday evening, Mary Lou Ott was baptized and taken into the fold on February 3. Bro. LeRoy Huber was with us, because Bro. Frank Woertz was unable to come. A supper was served at the church, following the baptism.

#### Stepping Stones in the path of the life of Bro. Ben Zimmerman our oldest minister

Bro. Ben is the fourth of eight children born to Bro. John and Sis. Kathryn (Schrock) Zimmerman, who were married in 1876. He was born in 1885, and was married to Sis. Lulu Aeschleman of Sabetha, in 1911. They raised four children: Orville, Fannie (Schieber); Verna (Schurter); and Alma (Schieber). One child, Emry, died at the age of 2 months.

Many have known his brothers and sisters: Emma, born in 1878, married George Romersberger; Sam, born in 1880, married Lillian Stoller; Lydia, born in 1882; Marie, born in 1887, married George Wieland; John, born in 1890, married Emma Belsley; Joseph, born in 1892, married Anna Altorfer; Ida, born in 1895, married John Rocke. Lydia was killed in an automobile accident in 1928. Emma and Sam passed away in recent years.

Bro. Ben remembers that his father always read in the Bible, with the children remaining while he read. All the family were converted and members in the church. Bro. Ben repented at the age of 21 and was baptized in the Mackinaw River. He recalls only a few baptisms in the river, after his.

People often wonder, Bro. Ben says, why they picked the hills and woods around the Dells to settle. There were good reasons: The flat land was swampy, and there were no tiles to drain the land. This land was drained naturally by the hills, and the timbers provided wood for building and fuel.

When his parents moved to this area, there was no church in Congerville. They drove a wagon, sometimes without a box, either to Patridge (about 15 miles) or about 20 miles to Dillon, to go to church. They were glad when the church was built in Congerville in 1874.

His grandfather, Bro. Michael Zimmerman, was the first minister in the Congerville church. Other ministers who served and are serving up to this time are: Brothers Gotlieb Hohulin; John Witzig Sr.; Jacob Plattner; Ed Eglin; Ben Zimmerman; Jesse Schrock; Joe Zimmerman; Joe Schrock; and Frederick Knapp. Bro. Ben began ministering at the age of 40.

His parents, with their 3 children, moved to Gridley in 1884, where Ben and Marie were born. They moved back to this vicinity in 1887, at the time the Lake Erie & Western Railroad was built. His mother hoed corn rows then, on what is now Main Street in Congerville.

Bro. Ben remembers train excursions of church people from Cissna Park. He and others would meet the train at the Dells and bring the people to spend the day here. After supper, they would take the train from Congerville. Elder Reeb was a frequent visitor on these excursions.

School opportunities were a far cry from those provided today. Bro. Ben recalls that the 3 oldest children went to German School at the church, taught by Bro. Gotlieb Hohulin. This was discontinued by the time he was old enough to attend. One winter, they had three months of school, held in their homes. One month it was at Zimmerman's home, one month at Chris Miller's, and one at the John Witzig home.

Bro. Ben has many things to remember about his lifetime, and many things to be thankful for—above all, of course, his salvation.

#### CROGHAN-NAUMBURG, N. Y. Reporter: Mrs. Clayton Virkler

We have had the following hospital patients among our congregations: Sis. Pernal Virkler, Bro. John Merz, Sis. Rosella Schultz, Sis. Pearl Lehman, and one of our ministering brethren, Bro. Jonas Virkler.

We have certainly had our share of winter here in northern New York. Watertown, about 30 miles from our churches, has been literally snowed in a number of times. They have drifts of eight and nine feet and have had 116 inches of snow thus far.

Union services were held in the

Naumburg church, Jan. 27. At that time, Edna Sturtz and Rose Farney were baptized. Elder Bro. John Bahler of Connecticut and our elder, John Widrick, performed the ceremonies. Bro. John's wife, Julia, Bro. and Sis. Emmanuel and Clara Zahner and Sis. Lavina Kloter accompanied him from Rockville. I'm sure all our members were strengthened spiritually, upon hearing the testimonies of these loved ones. A dinner followed, in the church basement, and services were held at Naumburg again in the evening.

Repairs are being made in the Naumburg church basement, so Union Services will be held during that period at Croghan.

Announcement has been made of the engagement of Jennie Schultz, daughter of Mrs. Herman Schultz, to Emmanuel Gerber, son of Mr. and Mrs. Obed Gerber of Bluffton.

Rolland Scholl of the Princeville congregation, who is taking graduate work at Cornell University, was with us for Sunday services, Feb. 3.

The Lord has seen fit to take from among us to His home, Sis. Laura Virkler (Mrs. John Virkler). She is one of our oldest members (90 years old), but came to the Lord only two years ago. Her funeral will be held in the Croghan church on Tuesday, February 5.

#### EUREKA, ILLINOIS Reporter: Cathryn Wettstein

The monthly family singing was held Jan. 27 at the church. A good crowd attended, despite the severe cold weather. A boy's octette from the Bible Class sang two songs. Bros. Lloyd Schumacher and Leland Zimmerman will be in charge of the singing for the next six months. Every one that enjoys singing is welcome to attend.

Births: to Henry and Sis. Wilma (Bauer) Blunier, a girl, Karen Jean, Jan. 14; to Bro. Sam and Sis. Elizabeth (Wiegand) Blunier, a boy, Dean Arthur, Jan. 15; and to Bro. Lloyd & Sis. Betty (Frey) Schumacher, a boy, Douglas Allen, Jan. 18.

Sis. Christina Unzicker remains a patient at Eureka Hospital.

Bro. Philo Fehr has returned to his home, after having surgery at Eureka Hospital.

**FAIRBURY, ILLINOIS****Reporter: Joyce Huber**

On cold, wintry Sat., Jan. 12, the boiler at church sprung a leak, preventing the church to be warm enough to gather on Sunday, so the majority of our group assembled at Forrest.

We were happy to have Bro. Earl Kilgus of Remington minister to us on Sunday, Jan. 20.

A baby boy (born Jan. 21) was chosen to be the fortunate one to become the adopted son of Bro. Art and Sis. Suzanne Bahler. They have named him Roy Allen. Now that he will also be fortunate to hear the Word of God as he grows up, we hope he will choose to become the adopted heir of the Heavenly Father for salvation.

We praise God for adding two dear ones into the covenant fold, being baptized Sun., Feb. 3. Dorothy Hoffman expressed that she begin to read the Bible. God filled her from loneliness, and now she realizes the Lord Jesus' great love and mercy for her, and has constant praise for His constant help. In humbleness of heart, Ben Zehr testified of undeserved protection and his sincere gratitude for his redemption. We were glad for many visitors this Sunday, including Bro. Joe Klopfenstein and Bro. Joe Kaisner.

**FORREST, ILLINOIS****Reporter: Nancy Honegger**

Bro. Glen and Sis. Laura Knapp and four children, formerly of Cissna Park, have moved recently to a farm near Forrest. We welcome them to our congregation.

On Jan. 13, the Fairbury congregation gathered with us, as their furnace failed to heat the church. In spite of the misfortune, we had a blessed day together.

Sis. Carrie Wiegand has underwent surgery and plans to recuperate at the home of her daughter, Sis. Leona Steffen.

Bros. Henry Kilgus and Julius Miller are improving, although they have not been able to assemble with us yet.

**FT. LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA****Reporter: Florence Sutter**

As this is our season for many visitors and tourists, we are unable to mention the names of all. However, we have with us at this time Elder Bros. Dave Mangold,

Joe Getz, John Bahler; also Bro. John Yergler and Sis. Ella of Bluffton, Bro. Roy Sauder and Sis. Gertrude, Bro. Chris Sauder and Sis. Lena, Bro. Phillip Hoerr and Sis. Sophia, Bro. Reuben Herman and his wife, Barbara, all of Peoria. Sis. Alice Beer of Milford was also a recent visitor.

Sis. Vi Gerber is still convalescing at home, and seems to be improving.

**FORT SAM HOUSTON, TEXAS****Reporter: Norman L. Haerr**

During the month of January, the group here at Ft. Sam enjoyed the company of quite a few visitors. Even though San Antonio is a long way from any other church, we receive quite a few visitors, of which we feel very fortunate. Not only do we appreciate the visitors, but we especially enjoy the ministers who are willing to be used as instruments in His hands and present the true word unto us. The ministering brethren who were here on the week end of the 26th were Bro. and Sis. Dave Kieser of Princeville and Bro. and Sis. Irvin Stoller of Latty. The visitors for the month were Bro. and Sis. Ed Haas, Barbie, Tommy and Danny of Elgin, Ill.; Bro. and Sis. Eli Grimm and son Eli, who is stationed at Ft. Hood, Texas; Nathan and Sis. Esther Banwart of West Bend; Bro. and Sis. Don Gerber and Debbie and Bro. and Sis. Lester Gerber of Bluffton; Bro. and Sis. William Stahl of Princeville; Bro. and Sis. Edward Teubel of Morton; Bro. and Sis. Fred Zeltwanger, Bro. Gus, Bro. Eli and Sis. Anna Rager of Latty.

The following are the address changes since the last writing:

Pvt Gerald Vogel 55744829  
Hq & Hq Co 2nd Bg 3rd Inf  
APO 7 San Francisco California

Pvt William E Waibel 55737769  
1st Missile Btn 43rd Artillery  
Fairchild Air Force Base  
Spokane Washington

Some new members of the Ft. Sam group since the last writing are:

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne C Miller  
205 Queen Anne Ct  
San Antonio 9 Texas

Pvt. Glen Rufener BR15670485  
Class 54-A E-1 USAMTC  
Ft Sam Houston Texas

Wayne arrived here right after the first of the year, to attend medical supply school. They are originally from Latty. Glen, who is from Rittman, arrived here to attend medical specialist school (910-911).

The following is the schedule of visiting ministers: March 10, Tremont; March 24, Milford; April 14, Bluffton.

As most of you know, the Ft. Sam group has a wide variation in number. Sometimes the group might consist of a large number of permanent party, and then that number will decrease to almost nothing. At the present time, there are eight boys who have permanent assignment here at Ft. Sam Houston, and one who is stationed at Ft. Hood, Texas, which is 150 miles north of San Antonio. What I plan to do in the next several issues is to give a small account of what each one does, so that you can receive an idea of what we do, after our training is over.

The following boys are assigned to Headquarters Company, United States Army Medical Training Center.

Bro. Conrad Gerst is the Operations Clerk of the Professional Sciences Branch of Training Division, MTC. His job is a clerk-typist. It is his duty to type all correspondence for this branch, as well as do general filing and clerical work. The branch, which consists of about 50 instructors, is responsible for the teaching of the Emergency Medical Care Program for trainees in this field. This training consists of instructing the trainee in the emergency care of any case that he might come across under combat conditions.

Virgil Graf is one of these instructors. It is his duty to instruct the trainees in the subject area of Anatomy and Physiology. Later, he may instruct in the area of Bandaging and Splinting.

Bro. John Steiner works in the Academic Standards section of Training Division. It is his duty to help administer and grade the tests given to the trainees.

Bro. Dave Teubel is also in Training Division. It is his duty to mimeograph training schedules



lesson plans, etc., and assist in other clerical duties.

As you can see, the work that these boys do is of the non-combatant type, of which we are very thankful. We all hope and pray that we will not have to put to use any of the medical training that we have been taught.

### FORT SCOTT, KANSAS

Reporter: Marie Zaugg

January 9, at our Wednesday evening church service, we elected two Sunday School teachers to take the place of the ones that have served two years. Sis. Wanda Kraft was elected for the primary class and Bro. Charles Sinn for the Bible class.

As this is sent in, Bro. Will Sinn is in the Topeka Hospital, for check-up and more surgery.

February 5, Bro. and Sis. Herman Kellenberger and Bro. and Sis. Henry Kellenberger of Elgin, Ill., visited our congregation.

Bro. Herman read from II Timothy, 3rd chapter for his meditation. He spoke of how the Lord helps us in our daily walk of life, if we live for Him. "But thou hast fully known my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, charity, patience . . ."

We thank them for their visit.

### FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

Reporter: Mrs. Albert E. Kipfer

On Jan. 20, Bros. Sam Aeschliman and Theo. Beer served us, at which time the Memorandum was read, and the election of officers for the year took place.

Sis. Joan Stoller, wife of Bro. Norman Stoller, had surgery on Jan. 23 at the Parkview Memorial Hospital. She is getting along nicely at this writing, and is now convalescing at the home of her parents, Bro. and Sis. Ed. Gudeman. We miss you at church and wish you a speedy recovery.

Sis. Hazel Huber had the misfortune of falling and breaking her leg in two places. She was taken to the Parkview Memorial Hospital, where surgery was performed. Sis. Hazel is showing improvement at this writing, and has been taken to the home of her sister, Mrs. Maurice Stoller, 215 Lincoln Highway East, New Haven, Indiana. We know a break of this kind will take a long time to mend,

but we surely wish you a speedy recovery.

An announcement was made Jan. 20 of the engagement of Sis. Elaine Rae Pulfer to Bro. David Bahler. Sis. Elaine is the daughter of Bro. and Sis. Raymond Pulfer of Ossian and Bro. David is the son of Bro. and Sis. Irvin Bahler of Remington. Sis. Elaine is employed at Kresge's Warehouse and Bro. David is employed at the International Harvester Company. The wedding will take place in April.

The ministers who assisted in serving us for the past four Sundays were: Bro. David Bertsch, Jan. 13; Bros. Sam Aeschliman and Theo. Beer, Jan. 20; Bro. Joel Souder, Jan. 27; Bro. Henry Manz, Feb. 3. We enjoyed having you come, and wish you all back again.

### FRANCESVILLE, INDIANA

Reporter: Mrs. Elmer Bucher

Our dear old sister, Catherine Pelsey, will celebrate her 102nd birthday this February 19. Although she is unable to go about, she is in fair health. God bless her.

Our elder brethren, Noah Schrock and Joe Waibel, were with us the week end of Feb. 2. The memorandum was read and explained to the congregation.

A little son was born to Jan and Freda Onken.

#### Family Feature

(II Corinthians 12:9) "And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me."

These words, spoken to the apostle Paul over 1900 years ago, are still an encouragement to the family we are featuring. Don (son of Bro. and Sis. Herman Erb) and Sis. Marlene (Levy) Erb met while at Camp Mack. Don was called to the service in 1953. They were married at Fort Wayne, on June 19, 1954, while Don was on leave from Camp Custer, Grayling, Michigan. Marlene accompanied Don to camp for several weeks, then visited at her parents, (Bro. and Sis. Bill Levy), home, while Don finished his short remaining time in the service.

During this time, Marlene worked as a secretary in her father's office. While at work one day, she became ill and found it difficult

to walk, was put under a doctor's care and later put in the hospital. The first symptoms appeared to be polio, but after many tests, the disease was diagnosed as multiple sclerosis.

After Don was released from service, they came to Francesville, to start their life on the farm. Marlene left the city, the only life she had ever known. She was resolved to be a farmer's wife and soon learned to love it.

Their first son, Craig, was born in October of 1956, followed by another son, Todd, in the same month two years later.

During the first years of their marriage, Marlene had several attacks of multiple sclerosis, each worse than the last. After Todd's birth, she suffered the most severe attack, up until that time. Don and Marlene had almost more than their share, it seemed, especially since they were not converted and could not find comfort in the Lord.

That following winter, Marlene realized the need of the Saviour, and repented, but she had an added burden before receiving peace, since her husband and closest friends had not followed her. She was baptized and taken into the fold six months later.

In the spring of 1962, multiple sclerosis struck again, this time leaving Marlene unable to walk alone or do her own housework and care for her two little boys. Now, with part-time help and the patient assistance of her husband and their families and the Lord's abiding strength, Marlene has been able to keep up their home.

This last Christmas eve, many prayers were answered. Don was given the grace for repentance.

Don and Marlene have been a symbol of courage and an inspiration to those of us who know them. We pray that the Lord will be very gracious unto them.

#### A Working Guide in Life

Plant patience in the garden of thy soul;

The roots are bitter, but the fruit is sweet,

And when at last it stands a tree, complete,

Beneath its tender shade, The burning heat and burdens of the day

Will loose control.

Plant patience in the garden of thy soul.

### GOODFIELD, ILLINOIS Reporter: Marian Wiegand

Bro. Frank Woertz, fell on the ice, and fractured his ankle. He is home from the hospital and improving nicely.

Our friend, Fred Kreeb, has been a patient at the Eureka Hospital and has been very ill.

#### Family Feature

While some of us are Sunday School teachers, some of us care for the sick, and there are those of us who seem to only have a small candle to hold and to watch so that its light will not go out should a storm come up. And then there are those who must preach the gospel! The last thought prompted me to write about the Hohulin family.

There are six brothers (also brothers in the faith), Eli, John, Ben, Chris, Ed and Lawrence, and two sisters (also in the faith), Esther Woertz and Ruth. They have lived all their lives in Goodfield. Another sister, Lydia Heiniger, lives at Morton. The six brothers own and operate the Hohulin Bros. Fence factory. Four generations of Hohulins have owned or worked in this factory. I'm sure most of you readers have had or seen their famous chain link fence.

Now, it seems that God saw fit to choose one of the family for three generations to minister in the gospel. Bro. Ed has been a minister since 1951. He also conducts a Bible class at the University of Illinois. His wife, formerly, was Elsie Stoller from Gridley, Illinois.

Bro. Ed's father, Sam, was a minister also. Bro. Sam was born in 1869, and married Magdalena Helderle in 1895. It was Bro. Sam and his two brothers, John and Tim, who started the fence factory. In 1902, they started a general store.

A few years, later, he was chosen to preach the gospel. While Bro. Sam was hesitating, his elder called unto him, as God called unto the child Samuel, who helped Eli, "Samuel, Samuel, Der Herr ruft dich" ("the Lord calleth thee".) Upon this call, he obeyed and began his ministry. He was often called to go to other churches to preach in the English language during the war.

In 1918, a church was built at Goodfield, and Bro. Sam became its first minister.

At the age of 60 years, after

holding Wednesday evening services, he retired as usual. While he was asleep, the death angel came and drew his sickle. This was a great shock and loss to the family and to the church. I was only a child at the time, but I can remember the great loss my father felt at his passing.

Bro. Sam's father, Gottlieb Hohulin, known as "Father Hohulin", was also a minister. Father Hohulin was born in 1834, in Germany. He came to America in 1860 and was married the same year to Augustina Wenger. A few years later, he settled on a farm near Goodfield and attended the Mackinaw Dells church. Later, he moved to Goodfield and worked in the Hohulin Bros. Fence factory. He also wove beautiful bedspreads. I have seen a few of these treasured spreads. They are beautiful heirlooms. He also traveled to many places to teach German Sunday School and singing. He passed away at the age of 81 years, a beloved father to many.

This is a great family, but not as the world calls greatness. They have been pillars of strength in the Apostolic Christian faith.

### GRIDLEY, KANSAS

Reporter: Mrs. Rudy Bahr

January "news" is slim here—the prolonged cold weather (just a little snow) seemed to "break" many things, including "records", water pipes, etc. It was good for a few taffy pulls.

The weather "co-operated" with highs in the 60's when Elder Bro. Herman and Sis. Della Kellenberger, Elgin, Ill., and Bro. Henry and Sis. Sarah Kellenberger, Hampshire, Ill., were here Monday evening, Feb. 4. The Lamont and Gridley congregations enjoyed Bro. Herman's message. We had the privilege of having them for supper, and Bro. Hermans' overnight. Our son, Jeff, age 5, was really thrilled, and asked why they couldn't stay another day. His remarks made me stop and think how much we all enjoy our blessed gift of Christian fellowship. We invite you to stop amid our little Gridley congregation anytime.

We are glad that Bro. Loren Strahm is again able to be with us at church again.

Friend Henry Reisbig, who was born at Gridley, February 8, 1893,

passed away the evening of Jan. 9. Services were held on Sunday afternoon, Jan. 13, by Bros. Sam Huber and Roy Wernli.

### ILLINOIS STATE NORMAL UNIVERSITY Reporter: Joyce Kaufmann

January 17, our final meeting of the first semester was conducted by Bro. Ed Hohulin from Goodfield.

Although the roads were rather slick on Jan. 31, Bro. Joe Shrock travelled to school to conduct the first Bible lesson of our new semester. We have been following the book of St. Matthew, but with the new semester we began St. Mark.

Bro. Francis Rother from Morton was our guest speaker on February 7. We were left with this thought: "Come unto me, . . . and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me . . . and ye shall find rest unto your souls . . . (St. Matthew 11:28, 29)

This preceding invitation, we are very happy to note, was accepted by two more of our fellow students—Alta Kay Zbinden from Cissna Park and Carol Schrenk from Chicago. We all want to join in wishing them the Lord's blessings.

### LA CROSSE, INDIANA Reporter: Mrs. Chas. Rinkenberger

We enjoyed having Bro. Lester Huber of Francesville with us Jan. 27.

Bro. and Sis. Alvin Neust and Richard Neust were home from the service for a few days. Bro. Gary Bucher left for service, Feb. 5. Let us remember our loved ones in prayer.

Bro. Henry Wackerle of Bay City was with us on Feb. 3.

Bro. George and Sis. Ida Yergler were married 50 years, Feb. 2.

We were asked by our Silver Lining reporter for a feature writing of our family, in which we will also include the beginning of the La Crosse Church, etc.

George, the son of Bro. and Sis. William and Mattie (Mangold) Yergler, was born in Gridley, Ill., and at the age of 8 years moved with his parents to Cissna Park.

Ida, the daughter of Bro. and Sis. John and Anna (Ackerman) Wittmer, was born in Morton, and at the age of twenty years moved with her sister, Anna, and two



brothers, John and Edward, to Cissna Park.

We, George and Ida, were united in marriage at the Cissna Park church on Feb. 2, 1913, by Bro. Eugene Schladenhauffen.

We lived on a farm  $\frac{3}{4}$  miles west of the town for two years. On Feb. 21, 1915, we moved to La Crosse. Arriving by train in the evening, we lodged in a hotel overnight, and the next morning we unloaded our freight cars and moved out to the farm. Some of us rode in a surrey, all in zero weather. We were young and had the courage.

The first of March, about six other families moved here.

At that time, 18 passenger trains, regular stops, and 4 flag stops were scheduled here at La Crosse daily, while at the present time we have no passenger scheduled stops.

We are the only couple of those who moved out here in the first five years who are privileged to still have each other, for which we are very thankful.

In the year of 1920, we moved to our present farm, which we farmed until we retired, but are still living in the home we built in 1920.

On the night of June 21, 1918, our first son, Willard John, was born. That same night, there was a frost that froze off much corn to the ground, that was freshly cultivated. The top leaves of taller corn that touched the tongue of the cultivator turned brown. That same year we had a frost the first part of September.

On May 21, 1923, our second son, Ralph William, was born. We have eleven grandchildren.

In the year of 1915, we attended church at Francesville and made many acquaintances there, which we valued and have not forgotten.

In the spring of 1916, several more families moved here, and we were then about 20 members and five friends, so we gathered in the homes. That same spring, we built a house to use for our meeting place, at a cost of \$2942, plus the donated labor. On June 18, 1916, the first meeting was held, and Bro. Ed Eglin of Minnesota ministered to us that day. The ministers who served us in the years 1916, 1917, and 1918 were the brethren, Dan Gerber, John Aeschliman, Gottfried Rauch and John

Moser of Bluffton, Philip Gutwein Sr. and Philip Gutwein Jr. of Francesville, Ed Haab of Milford, Carl Baer of Remington, Samuel Wingeier of Alto, and Otto Norr of Leo.

We did much entertaining in our time, serving meals and having overnight guests.

In September, 1918, Bro. Rauch and Bro. Henry Souder Sr. of Leo were here. At that time I was appointed as the minister. The group that lived here then was composed of young families with growing children, and many precious hours in those days were spent in song service.

Oct. 25, 1936, the brethren Eli Dotterer, Emil Shubert, Philip Gutwein Sr. and David Mangold were here. On that day, I was ordained elder. I was then the 13th elder. At this date, there are 27 active elders.

That day was also the last time my father, William Yergler, was in La Crosse. He passed away Feb. 22, 1937. My mother was sick at home that day, and passed away Nov. 12, 1936.

We also had the privilege of sharing an apartment of two rooms in our home with my father, John Wittmer, and my stepmother, Mattie Wittmer, from 1932 until they passed away in Jan., 1939, and May, 1940, respectively. They were well contented here and appreciative, and they loved our church here.

In the year of 1938, the Cissna Park town church building was donated to us and was taken down and hauled to La Crosse in 4 days, with all donated help. The framework of our present church building was built from that material.

The Dedication of our Church was on Sept. 11, 1938, with Bro. Herman Hueni of Bremen conducting the services. We have now about 100 members and about 90 Sunday School children. We enjoy our church fellowship. Our other minister here is Bro. Arthur Gudeman.

We have had many blessings, also sorrows and disappointments, but overall, God has been good to us, for which we are very grateful.

#### LAMAR, MISSOURI

Reporter: Marie Marti

"I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk

worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called . . ." Ephesians 4:1. This verse and the remaining part of chapter 4 was the text read and meditated upon by our Elder Bro. Herman Kellenberger, on Wednesday, Feb. 6. He spoke about retaining unity and love in our church. We must set our goals high. As a farmer who begins a new land, while plowing his field does not look directly in front of him but looks far ahead, all the way across the field—making a straight way to be followed as he finishes his plowing, so we should keep our eyes set firmly on our spiritual goals, striving to follow that straight way, "Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ . . ." Ephesians 4:13. We enjoyed a blessed evening and were inspired by the sincere message brought to us. Bro. Kellenberger was accompanied by his wife, Sis. Della, and Bro. Henry and Sis. Sarah Kellenberger. They were enroute to Texas.

Sis. Caroline Lehman is spending several weeks with Bro. and Sis. Sam Anliker in Lamont. We miss her in our midst, and hope she will soon be back with us.

#### LAMONT, KANSAS

Reporter: Mrs. Bernie Emch

Sis. Millie Young is now at the Golden Age Home in Burlington, Ks. She has been cared for in her home during the past by her family and her husband, Bro. Feldor Young. The privilege to again assemble in church is appreciated by Bro. Feldor.

Miss Dena Ott, 78 years of age, passed away so suddenly in her chair in her home, Dec. 10, of a heart attack. Funeral services were held Dec. 13 at the Apostolic Christian Church. They were conducted by Bro. Samuel Anliker.

Sis. Katherine Anliker is home, recuperating from recent surgery. Sis. Carrie Lehman of Lamar is assisting in the home.

We always enjoy the fellowship of visitors that assemble with us, extend a hearty welcome, and invite visiting ministers to visit us.

#### LATTY, OHIO

Reporter: Mrs. Ray Sinn

Born to Bro. Kenneth and Sis.

Marge Laukhuf, was a baby girl, Valerie. She is welcomed by her brothers, Tom and Bruce, and her sister, Carol.

In the hospital this past month were Sis. Betty Laukhuf, Mrs. Roger Eisenmann and Brenda Stoller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Stoller. We are happy to report that they are all home again from the hospital. We will be glad when they can all assemble with us again.

On February 3, the engagement of Sis. Nancy Rager to Bro. Gary Stoller was announced. Both are from our church here in Latty. We wish them both God's richest blessing in this undertaking.

### LEO, INDIANA

**Reporter: Mrs. Elias Souder**

We had our business meeting Jan. 20. Most of the people who were in office are back, with the exception of those who wanted to be released.

The funeral of Mrs. Della Smith, mother of Sis. Maude Grueter, was held Mon., Jan. 28.

Mamie Schlatter spent a few days back in the hospital, but is home again, doing very well. Her sister, Louise, is also doing fine. Both are looking forward to the time when they can again attend church services.

Leon Stoller, son of Harry and Caroline Stoller, will spend six months of his internship in Portland, Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Lantz spent some time here, while on his leave, with his parents, Mary and David Lantz. He and his wife returned to where he is in service in Maryland.

A Sunday School business meeting was held at the home of Edward Souder, Jan. 30. A main topic of the evening was discussing and making plans, how to get our young children to learn to sing.

Our brother, Ernie Stoller, is recuperating at the Parkview Hospital, after undergoing surgery.

John Grueter is also spending some time in the hospital. He is there for observation and tests.

It was nice to have our brother, Edward Hall, back in church, after spending a number of weeks recuperating from a heart attack. Also, we were happy to have Bro. and Sis. Samuel Heiniger back with us again, after spending sev-

eral weeks at their home in La Crosse.

### MANSFIELD, OHIO

**Reporter: Aaron A. Sauder**

"Watch ye therefore, and pray always." St. Luke 21:36. So many times did Jesus exhort His disciples to "watch and pray." It is just as important that we heed His admonition in these times in which we live.

Due to the severe weather of extreme cold and much snow, our assembly has been rather slim for the past few Sundays. The teachers of the small children in Sunday School have reported the attendance has been good, however. As in the time of our Lord, the children are anxious to hear of our Saviour, and they especially enjoy singing one of their action songs, which goes:

The disciples said, "No, you must go. Jesus you cannot see."

The children were sad,

But Jesus made them glad  
When He said, "Come unto Me."

"... Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God." St. Mark 10:14

Visitors the past four weeks include: Jan. 13 - Bro. and Sis. Aaron Steffen Jr. of Alto, and Bro. and Sis. Otto Schlatter of Toledo, attended services with us. Feb. 3 - We enjoyed the visit of our Elder Bro. Rudolph Graf, as we were blessed with his inspiring sermons. He also explained the contents of the memorandum of the conference to our congregation.

Bro. Ezra Sauder has several to his home, after spending several months in the hospital. We pray the Lord will bless and sustain him during his shut-in hours.

### MAYWOOD, CALIFORNIA

**Reporter: Christine Locher**

There will be an empty space in our little congregation that won't be filled again, as our Dear Bro. Ezra Gerber passed away February 2. He had been ailing for a short time. Services were held February 6, with Bros. John Dapper and John Klotzle officiating. We pray the dear Lord will be with his loved ones in their lonely hours.

A daughter, Teri Ellin, was born to Eldon and Linda Witzig on January 24.

We have enjoyed the fellowship

of many visitors during the past month: Bro. Elmer and Sis. Alice Tanner, Burlington, Okla.; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Luthi, Pamorama City; Mr. and Mrs. Dan Luthi, Madison, Kansas; Bros. Harold and Louis Somerhalder, Gridley; Bro. John and Sis. Sophia Sauder, Tremont; Bro. Phil and Sis. Anna Sauder, Cissna Park (We were richly blessed by Bro. Phil's message on January 13); Mrs. Gladys Powell, Mrs. Dorothy Schlicker, Lake View Terrace; Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Davidson, Oxnard; Jess and Vern Huette, Burbank; Sisters Emma Huette, Fanny Maurer, and Nettie Kohler, Fairbury; Sis. Anna, Bros. Gus and Eli Rager, Bro. Fred and Sis. Caroline Zeltwanger, Latty; Sis. Lydia Kuperschmid, Oakville; Bro. Ephraim and Mabel Oberlander, Peoria; Mrs. Anna Reutter, Cissna Park; Bro. Sam and Sis. Elma Kaehr, Bluffton; Bro. Ben and Sis. Esther Wagler, Burlington.

The following poem was submitted by Bro. John Dapper:

#### Reason for Life

I don't know how to say it,  
but sometimes it seems to me . . .  
That maybe we are stationed  
where God wanted us to be.  
That little place I'm filling  
is the reason for my birth,  
And just to do the work I do,  
He sent me here on earth.

If God had wanted otherwise,  
I reckon He'd have made  
Me just a little different,  
to fit another grade,  
And since God knows and understands  
all things of land and sea,  
I fancy that He placed me here,  
just where He wanted me to be.

Sometimes I get to thinking,  
as my labors I review . . .  
That I should like a higher place,  
with greater tasks to do,  
But I come to the conclusion,  
when the envying is stilled,  
That the post to which God sent  
me  
is the post He wanted filled.

So I plod along and struggle  
in the hope when day is through,  
That I'm really necessary  
to the things God wants to do,  
And there isn't any service  
I can give which I should scorn,  
For it may be just the reason  
God allowed me to be born.



### MILFORD, INDIANA

Reporter: Arthur Haab

Bro. Sam Aeschliman was with us on Jan. 16, to help read the last conference's findings.

Bro. George Lehman was elected trustee.

Bro. Walter Steffen is our new Sunday School superintendent, with Bro. Philip Beer as his assistant.

Sis. Laura Wuthrich is in the hospital for an operation. Bro. Andrew Kammerer had a minor operation.

Sis. Nancy Yergler from Cissna Park spent several days visiting her parents.

### MORRIS, MINNESOTA

Reporter: Mrs. Louie Messner

Lowell Zeltwanger fell from the silo, Jan. 14, and was in the hospital with a back injury. He went home Feb. 6.

Sister Sophie Luthi is hospitalized.

Bro. and Sis. Eddie Lanz have a daughter, born Jan. 15; Bro. and Sis. Chris Moser have a son, born Feb. 3; Bro. and Sis. Gilbert Schmidgall have adopted a 13-month-old boy.

Bro. and Mrs. Ervin Nohl of Morton have returned to their home, having spent an extended visit with relatives and friends.

Miss Minnie Spohr of Elgin, Ill., is making her home with her niece, Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Schlupp, 301 W. 6th Street, Morris.

### MORTON, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Mrs. B. E. Getz

Lucille and Ervin Schmidgall were baptized Sunday, January 13.

The Roanoke chorus sang several numbers at our monthly Song Service, Jan. 13.

Bro. Edward Teubel and Sis. Louise Huette were married January 20. Bro. J. A. Getz performed the ceremony.

The funeral of Frank Burger, 79, was held at the Ludwig Mortuary, Jan. 18. He leaves to mourn his loss, two brothers, George and Louis, and a sister, Mrs. Oscar Yentes.

Funeral services for Sis. Lavina Kinsinger Wick, wife of Bro. David Wick, 81 years, were held February 1. Bro. Russell Rapp officiated.

Funeral services for Mrs. Marie Braker Knapp, wife of Elmer

Knapp, were held January 25. Bro. J. A. Getz officiated.

Visiting ministers were Bro. Ed Hohulin of Goodfield; Bro. Lester Braker of Lamar; Bros. August Bolliger, Albert Aberle and Simon Wagenbach of Tremont; and Bro. George Wagenbach of Princeville.

Bro. Ben Heiniger was a patient at the Methodist Hospital for several days, but is now recuperating at his home.

Sis. Mary Alt is a patient at the Methodist Hospital in Peoria.

Bro. Wm. Welk has been taken from the Methodist Hospital to the Restmor Home.

A son was born January 21 to Elmore and Luella Diehl Waldbeser.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Belsley of 405 E. Monroe have moved to 125 N. Montana St., Morton, Illinois.

### PEORIA, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Mrs. Michael Weyeneth

The angels rejoice over one sinner that repents, and so do we. There were five souls taken into the fold, Sunday, Jan. 6: Ruth and Mary Klien, Marcia Kellenberger, Carol Hoerr, and Mary Hohulin. Proving was held Saturday evening, Jan. 5, followed by baptism the next day.

We welcome the George Koehl family, who have moved here from Morris. A daughter was born to them Jan. 8.

Funeral services were held Jan. 11 for Phillip Hoerr, age 82 years. He was sick a long time. He was a brother of the late Chris Hoerr Sr. He was born in Germany, and lived in Peoria 60 years. He was the son of Phillip and Magdalena Rassi Hoerr. Surviving are his wife, Huldia; five sons; three daughters; and 15 grandchildren. We sympathize with the family in the loss of their loved one.

There were many friends and brethren, including ministers, who visited us Sunday, Jan. 6, on account of the baptisms. Supper was held at the church for 430. We welcome all.

Sisters Lois Elsasser and Marie Veirling have gone to Phoenix for the winter, on account of their health. We hope they will benefit by going to a warmer climate.

Bro. Edwin Ringger of Gridley ministered to us on Sunday, Feb. 3. Bros. Floyd Meiss and Fred Ringger and their wives, also Ed-

win's wife, came with him. Bro. and Sis. Harry Sutter of Ft. Lauderdale were also with us that day. They visited some of the sick. They were supper guests at the Michael Weyeneth home. Services were held again in the evening. We enjoyed having them and hearing their inspiring messages. Let us give all honor to God.

Bro. Fred Hamann, age 51 years, a beloved brother in the Lord, passed away suddenly. He had a heart attack on Wednesday, Jan. 6. Bro. Fred was not brought up in our faith. Kindness and love shown to him by our brethren moved him to repent and be one of us. He was loved by all who knew him. He was kind and always willing to lend a helping hand where he could. He appreciated all kindness shown to him. He was a loving husband to his wife, Sis. Lois, and a good father to his two sons. They and all of us will miss him. His funeral was held Friday, Feb. 8. Burial was at Morton.

Bro. and Sis. Joe Plattner observed their Golden Wedding Anniversary on Sunday, Feb. 3. Many friends and relatives wished them well.

Sis. Elizabeth Koehl injured her knee. It must be in a cast. She will be a shut-in for a long time. We know she would enjoy mail. Her address is 605 Stonegate, Peoria, Illinois. Sis. Bena Welk is also a shut-in, and has a birthday March 17. Her address is 1812 Peoria Avenue.

Our Bro. Lewis Herman was suddenly called home to be with the Lord, Tuesday, Jan. 29. He was to church on Sunday, even went to see the sick after the service. Lewis was faithful in coming to church, and was always there early, to get the recording machine ready to take the sermons. Many a time, a shut-in had a recording of the sermon by noon, and then again after the afternoon services. Lewis was no respecter of persons. He went out of his way to see the forlorn and the needy. If he heard of a destitute family in the city, he was there to help all he could. Now, the Lord took him home. His work here on earth was well done. He leaves to mourn, his wife, Esther; one daughter; and two grandchildren. We sympathize with the family. His funeral was held Friday, Feb. 1. It was a large funeral.

Many relatives and friends came to pay their last respect.

### PORTLAND, OREGON

Reporter: Mrs. Paul N. Rumbold

The Portland vicinity has had some real wintry weather this month . . . a snowstorm, with five or six inches of snow, and a silver thaw. School were closed for three days.

Our friend, Karla Hartley, spent several days in the hospital for minor surgery. She is the daughter of Sis. Pauline and Claire Hartley. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Two grandchildren of Sis. Elizabeth Diriwachter, Robert and Lee-Roy Affolter, and their families have moved to Las Vegas, Nevada.

Pvt. E. John Affolter, who has been stationed at Fort Ord, has been sent to Fort Benning for five weeks training in Jump School. His new address is:

Pvt E John Affolter RA 19731201  
42nd Co Airborne 4th Stu Bn  
Ft Benning Georgia

### PULASKI, IOWA

Reporter: Mrs. Ray Martin

Bro. and Sis. Joel Wuthrich are the parents of a baby girl, Jean Marie, born December 18. She was welcomed home by two sisters, Virginia and Laura, and a brother, Jeffrey.

We are very happy to report that we have two souls repenting here. They are Emma Kinsinger and Kathryn Williamson. May God be with them in their new walk of life. We pray that many more souls will come to the Lord, before the door of grace closes.

### God Cares

In every leafy tree of green,  
In every budding rose,  
In every ray of sunshine,  
In every breeze that blows,  
If you'll look and if you'll listen,  
You will find God's art work there,  
A beautiful reminder  
Of His constant love and care!

### REMINGTON, INDIANA

Reporter: Emily Kilgus

On Jan. 8, Bros. Irvin Lehman and George Yergler were with us for Holy Communion. It was nice to have Bro. Yergler with us once again. He served our church for many years and has shared many

joys and sorrows with us. He left a very weighty thought with us, in likening our spiritual life to the garden of Eden. If we cannot deny ourselves of the worldly pleasures, how can we say we would not have partaken of the forbidden fruit of which Eve partook.

After a long spiritual drouth of new converts, we are now receiving showers of blessings, for we now have two. Carol Schieler was announced for proving, and Orlan Siebenthal recently surrendered to the Lord in repentance. He is the youngest son of Bob and Sis. Esther Siebenthal. I feel sure that we always have been thankful for every soul that the Lord has called, but it does seem after we have waited so long, it makes us more appreciative, and certainly is uplifting to all of us.

Sis. Kay Eisenmann is recovering nicely from her recent surgery. Last week, Bro. Dave slipped and broke a bone in his foot. They plan to move soon to the home which some may remember as the Wasner home, a mile south of town. Their address will be Remington, R.R. 1.

Sis. Velma (Frey) Wilson has been undergoing treatment for several weeks, due to an arthritic condition.

### RITTMAN, OHIO

Reporter: Mrs. Alvin Zollinger

John Gasser, son of Bro. Arthur and Sis. Bertha Gasser, has gone into the Service. John's address is:

Pvt John A Gasser  
RA 15684957  
D-17-4

Ft Knox Kentucky

On January 13, son, Robert Edward, was born to Sis. Anita and Bro. Edward Riegenbach. Robert is their second child.

Bro. Alvin Zollinger and Sis. Elverna Beery were married January 13.

Ellis Winkler, son of Bro. Alvin and Sis. Estella Winkler, has been very ill for several weeks.

Bro. Charles Marty is convalescing at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Harry Schaub, after a recent illness.

God hears and answers prayer, and may He grant health and strength again to all who are ill, if it can be His will.

Arlene Bertschy, daughter of Lester and Sis. Lula Bertschy, was married to Richard Fetzer.

Bro. Ben Maibach visited us recently. We are thankful for the messages we received.

Carol Rufener, daughter of Bro. Isaac Rufener, and Everett Beery, son of Sis. Lucille and Howard Beery, were married on February 9.

### SABETHA, KANSAS

Reporter: Mrs. Theodore Locher

The wedding engagement of Sis. Sally Wysong and Bro. Norman L. Hoerr (of Taylor), now stationed at Ft. Sam Houston, was announced Sunday, Jan. 13. Sis. Sally is the daughter of Bro. Roy and Sis. Evelyn, Bro. Norman, the son of Rudi and Sis. Lena. They have chosen March 24 for their wedding day.

Our annual directors business meeting was held Sunday, Jan. 20, after the afternoon services. Our trustees are Bros. Reo Strahm, Harlan Meyer and Theo. Locher.

Bro. Joe J. Strahm has returned home from the Sabetha Hospital, where he spent part of two days, while his right arm was put in a cast. He had the misfortune of falling and breaking it near his shoulder, while out clearing snow off the walks.

Sis. Louise Rokey spent a few days, the first of this month, at the hospital, for X rays, but is back home, and resting much easier at this writing. We wish them God's grace and patience to endure their afflictions.

We were richly blessed with the true word of God, by our visiting minister, Bro. Herman Kellenberger, Elgin, "Who are the chosen ones, those who put forth much effort and work out their soul's salvation." Sis. Della, Bro. Henry and Sis. Sarah Kellenberger accompanied him to Sabetha, where Bro. Herman performed the marriage of Alta Wenger and Alvin Spellmeir, Sunday afternoon, Feb. 3, at the home of the bride's parents, Bro. Sol and Sis. Lydia Wenger. We wish them God's blessings.

(Editor's note: Bro. Theodore supplied the information for the following report.)

Bro. Rudolph and Sis. Elise Ruchti Locher both came to America from the vicinity of Berne, Switzerland, in their teens. Rudy, as he was called, was born in 1870.

His parents were Andrew and Rose Aeschliman Locher.

Rudy came to America in 1888 with the Widmer family, who were neighbors in Switzerland. They were coming to Oneida, Kansas; as he had no different place to go but to Amercia, he also bought a passport and headed for Oneida. He said he had to borrow the money from his father. When they arrived at the railroad station in Oneida, the Widmer family was picked up by a son that had been here for a time.

Rudy was left to look for himself. Bro. John Wenger was at the station to pick up someone that had come from Indiana. Bro. Wenger made himself acquainted and asked Rudy to come home with him.

The next day, he got him a job as a hired man with Bro. Joseph Strahm. Wages at that time were very small. He said it took quite a while until he could repay his father.

As there were many Swiss and German members and friends in this community, he also assembled on Sundays with them, which at the time was a new experience for him. He had never heard of our faith. He attended regularly. The way at first seemed strange to him. In due time, the Lord showed him the need of repentance, but he didn't feel that he was ready to yield. So he went to the Missouri Ozarks for a summer, to work on a farm, where his sister, Theresa Liechti, was a hired girl. He said it did not take him long to realize that he could not get away from his call. He returned and in due time repented, was baptized, and taken into the fold.

Mother came to America at the age of seventeen. She was the daughter of Maryann and Friedrich Ruchti. She, with her two sisters, drew straws to see which one was to come and help their sister, Sis. Louise (Mrs. Wm. Wenger.) She often said how she had to cry most all the way over, for she had to leave such a nice home and family. She was confirmed as a Lutheran when she graduated from school, which was the custom there at that time. She also had a similar experience as father when she first attended church, with her sister and family. She found grace for repentance and was baptized.

Father and Mother were married December 7, 1896. They took up farming in the Bern neighborhood and also spent seven years on a farm at Lamar. When my husband, Theodore, was 2 years old, they moved back here on a farm in the Oneida community. Father was Sunday School teacher many years, also taught German school a few years in the winter months. He was ordained to the ministry. He was also ordained elder of the Bern and Sabetha churches. He served 25 years in this work for the Lord, and hardly ever missed going to church on Sunday, for to him, his church and worship came first. One of his favorite Zion's Harp hymns was No. 146.

Their home was always a welcome place for company and visitors.

They raised a family of 7 children. One son, Walter, God called as a tender bud, to place in his heavenly bouquet. Their oldest son is Bro. Andy of Los Angeles. Other children are Louise Sherrard of Seneca; Sis. Marie (Ben) Leuthold of Bern, in whose home mother was cared for, when she quietly slipped away to her eternal rest; Bro. Theodore and Joe of Sabetha; Reuben, who lives on the home place; and Sis. Leola (Ed) Lehman of Sabetha.

Father and Mother encountered many trials, also joys, and in all this, they put their full trust in the Lord, who never forsook them.

Although they often longed to go back to their native land to visit their loved ones, it never materialized. Father passed away 1944, after a short, illness, Mother in 1957. We children have many precious memories and teachings of our parents.

#### SARASOTA, FLORIDA Reporter: Velta Laukhuf

The month of January has been one filled with happiness for the ones here in Sarasota, every Sunday meeting brethren and friends from the various churches throughout this wonderful land created by God. We are all thankful to God for the privilege to assemble in this sunny Southland, to his name's honor and glory. As the weeks progress, our winter residents and visitors have increased greatly. We all rejoiced on January 27, when our visiting min-

isters, Bros. Dave Mangold and Harry Sutter of Ft. Lauderdale were with us. We sincerely wish to thank the brothers for their inspiring messages, and welcome them back again.

On Feb. 3, we were indeed pleased to have with us Bro. Roy Sauder and his wife, Sis. Gertrude, of Peoria. Services were again held on the evening of Feb. 7, with Bro. Roy proclaiming the word of God. We all enjoyed the scripture reading and message delivered by Bro. Roy, and sincerely thank him for his visit and effort shown unto the congregation here. We appreciate the coming of visiting ministers this past month, and hope they return again soon.

A church picnic was held on Feb. 6 at the home of Bro. and Sis. Richard Laukhuf, with a large number attending. After an enjoyable day of fellowship and partaking of God's blessings of the earth, all departed, hoping that we can meet again in the near future.

On Feb. 1, Bro. August Laukhuf, from Latty, was admitted to the Veteran's Memorial Hospital at Bradenton, Florida, for observation. After several days of tests, he underwent major surgery. At the time of this writing, he is getting along as well as can be expected. With the help of God, we all wish Bro. Gus a speedy recovery, so that he can soon again be able to assemble with us.

Many of the brethren from the north still inquire about the place and time of worship here on the Gulf coast of Florida, in Sarasota. So again mentioning it, it is at the Women's Club Bldg., corner of Park and Palm, on Sunday, at 1 P.M.

#### TAYLOR, MISSOURI Reporter: Mrs. Eli Sutter

The engagement of Sis. Sally Wysong, Sabetha, and Bro. Norman Haerr was announced on Sun., the 13th. Bro. Norman is in service, and is stationed at Fort Sam Houston. A March wedding is planned.

While visiting her parents, Sis. Joyce Pohl of Burlington, Ia., was hospitalized, and submitted to surgery on Jan. 9. She is improving and has been able to return to her home at Burlington.

Kent Heimer, son of Bro. Bill and Sis. Naomi Heimer, broke his



arm and will have it in a cast for six weeks.

Bro. William Cottrell has been confined to his home with sciatica. We are glad to report that he is much improved.

Your reporter is confined to the hospital at present, having had surgery on my hand on Feb. 5. I hope to return home in a few days.

He came to my desk with quivering lip—

The lesson was done—

“Dear Teacher, I want a new leaf,” he said;

“I have spoiled this one.”

In place of the leaf so stained and blotted,

I gave him a new one all unspotted,  
And into his sad eyes smiled,  
“Do better now, my child.”

I went to the Throne with a quivering soul—

The old year was done—

“Dear Father, hast Thou a new leaf for me?

I have spoiled this one.”

He took the old leaf, stained and blotted,

And gave me a new one all unspotted,

And into my sad heart smiled,  
“Do better now, my child.”

### UNION CITY, NEW JERSEY

Reporter: August Mueller

Fear not; God is thy shield and He thy great reward, a beautiful hymn, one of my favorites. Of course, I love them all. We had service this afternoon. The Lord has blessed us in rich measure. The new year did not bring a new religion or a new gospel, It started with the old, old story of Jesus and his love, as the poet calls it, the story which led our fathers and forefathers through this world and time to that promised land of bliss and happiness, and will also bring us to that Eternal rest if we stay faithful to the very end.

Jan. 6, we had Bro. Wm. Knobloch of Lester with us. We were very glad to have him in our midst. Sun., the 13th . . . Today, we had Sis. Norma Henricks of Goodfield with us. We are always glad to meet and greet those of like heart and mind. The poet says, it humbles, but also encourages and is uplifting.

1962 is behind us; we can not

recall it, to correct mistakes. What we have sown, that we shall reap. It is our prayer that in this new year we make improvements and increase in faith and love to God and to one another.

On Sun., the 27th, we were reminded of our stewardship, that we should be careful not to lose what we have gained or be discharged. In this world, if a man loses his position he can find another one. Where would we go if this should happen to us? We pray that we at all times can find grace of our heavenly Father, that we may be found as faithful servants.

Winter is upon us. The ground is covered with snow and ice. The scripture tells us that as long as the world stands, we shall have summer, winter, frost and heat, sowing and reaping, day and night.

### WEST BEND, IOWA

Reporter: Anna Schmidt

We have been having a very cold winter, but it has moderated somewhat.

On January 15, Bro. Noah Schrock of Oakville, and Bro. Silas Leuthold of Princeville were here to read and explain the memorandum. Bro. Henry Mogler of Lester also spent the evening with us.

Bro. and Sis. Ivan and Evelyn Schmidt are the parents of a son, Ted Alan, born January 15.

Sis. Mary Fehr is home from the hospital, and is able to be up part of the time.

Bro. Robert Mogler had surgery on his knee at Fort Dodge. He is up and around again. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Ruth Fehr, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Elmer and Matilda Fehr, is in the Mercy Hospital in Fort Dodge, where she underwent surgery. She is getting along quite well at this time.

Bro. Fred Traub entered the hospital in Iowa City on February 4, for observation. He had been in the hospital at Algona, but was not getting along too well.

### WICHITA, KANSAS

Reporter: Dave Hangartner

On Sunday the 13th we were pleased to have in our midst Bro. Ephraim Oberlander and his wife of the Peoria church.

On Sunday, February 3, Bro. Sam Anliker, our elder brother of the Lamont church, spent the day

with us. Besides delivering an inspiring message to us, he read the minutes of the last Brotherhood Meeting, and reminded us of the dangers that lie ahead for God's people.

We have improved the appearance of our church by installing a new carpet.

### WINTHROP, MINNESOTA

Reporter: Marguerite Messner

On January 16, Elder Brothers Noah Schrock, Silas Leuthold, Henry Koehl and Paul Banwart visited with us. They read and meditated on the memorandum. Others visiting were the ministers, Bros. Henry Mogler, Noah Gerber and Earl Banwart, also Bro. and Sis. Ernest Kellenberger, Bro. and Sis. Ephraim Koehl and Bro. George Bruellman.

A short service was held for Sis. Ida Miller, a shut-in, at the home of her son, Bro. Noah. This was in the afternoon of Jan. 16.

Our recent hospital patients: Mrs. Wayne Miller and Bradley Gutknecht have recovered from surgery, and Little Becky Messner returned from Gillett Hospital with her artificial leg. She can walk real good.

Sunday, February 3, Bro. Harold Messner held services for Minneapolis-St. Paul, in the YWCA building. His wife, Bro. Elmer Schmidt, and Hazel were with him. There was a good attendance.

We wish to thank the visitors for their efforts in coming here, and welcome them and others to our small congregation.

### WOLCOTT, INDIANA

Reporter: Arles Kropf

On Sunday, January 27, Bro. Joe Stoller and Sis. Emma Blume were united in marriage by Bro. George Yergler of LaCrosse.

Bro. Ed Hohulin of Goodfield also ministered unto us that day and gave us many good teachings. One thought he expressed was, how easy it is, when there are no special trials before us, to say, “Not my will, but Thine be done”; but when the tests of life are heavy, can we so easily say it? May we all strive for the needed grace, that no matter what the test we can readily say, “Not my will, but Thine.”

On January 29, funeral services were held for our dear Sis. Estella

Lehman, who passed away very unexpectedly in Chicago, where she has made her home for many years. She will be greatly missed, not only in the Chicago church, but here as well. We always enjoyed her visits here. She was a sister of our dear Elder Bro. Irvin Lehman.

Sis. Mary Schmidt has been confined to her home, due to illness, for quite sometime. She is somewhat improved. We hope and pray she can soon assemble with us again. Other shut-ins are Sis. Lill Luthi, who is suffering from Parkinson disease and has not been able to attend church for the past several years; also our friend, George Heinzelman, and Bro. Albert Oberlander. May the Lord be near each one and give courage during their shut-in hours.

New Sunday School teachers elected for 1963 and '64 are Bro. Leon Waibel, Bro. Ted Hofstetter, and Sis. Arles Kropf. Those completing their two-year term are Bro. Bob Schieler, Bro. Gene Lehman, and Sis. Lynetta Hofstetter.

### BREMEN, INDIANA

**Rpoerter: Joseph L. Bauman**

The Lord gives us one day at a time. All He asks is that we live faithfully that one day. Yesterday is in His keeping. Tomorrow belongs to His providence, and this day, He is with us. In His upholding, I can bear whatever the day brings. God asks not that we cross all the bridges of the journey on one day. Not every test is given on one day. One by one, the days come; one by one we pass through them. Trusting that God will fill my cup to the level of each day's need, I will live this day in faith, as though it were my last and as though it were the first of a great succession. . . . But only this day . . . today.

Sis. Marie Germann, wife of Ernest Germann, has been confined to the South Bend Osteopathic Hospital for several weeks. She has undergone an operation, and at this writing is weak, but showing improvement.

Little Janna Zeltwanger, 7½-year-old daughter of Doris and Richard Zeltwanger, has been confined to her home for nearly two and one-half years with rheumatoid arthritis. God alone knows His reason for the suffering of young people, who need so much

the vigor and vitality demanded of youth. All who read of the plight of little Janna, we are sure would be pleased to offer a prayer to God for her complete recovery, if 't be His will.

Bro. Robert Klopfenstein has been released from the St. Joseph Hospital, but is still largely confined to his home in Mishawaka. We also wish for Bro. Bob a speedy recovery.

Bro. Donald Klopfenstein is presently serving in the U.S. Navy. He would be most pleased to receive mail from any of his friends. His address is:

Donald Klopfenstein D N 5968998  
Dental Dept. USNAS Oceana  
Virginia Beach Virginia

### BLUFFTON, INDIANA

**Reporter: Frieda Kipfer**

**Family Feature**

(submitted by

**Bro. Sam Aeschliman)**

My father was born in Berne, Switzerland, on July 4, 1850. His parents came to America when he was three years old, the trip taking them 49 days on a sailing vessel. During the Atlantic crossing, one of their children died, and was buried at sea.

They moved to Monroe County, Ohio. There grandfather died, leaving grandmother a widow, with five children, two boys and three girls. When father was 15 years old, they moved to the vicinity of Vera Cruz, Indiana. Father lived in Wells County thereafter, until his death March 24, 1930.

Father told me that during the Civil War days, the family often had very little to eat; at times he was given only a small, boiled potato for his school lunch.

My father served as a minister of the Apostolic Christian Church east of Bluffton, from about 1898 until his death in 1930.

My parents were married about 1876; mother's maiden name was Elizabeth Barger. They had eleven children; two died in infancy. The remaining three boys and six girls are still living; the oldest of these nine is 83 and the youngest 67. All live in the Bluffton vicinity except John, who lives in Elgin, Illinois.

My mother experienced much hardship in her youth. One of a family of five children, her father died when she was seven years old,

and it was necessary for her mother to seek work to provide for them. This was also "Civil War Days", and mother told me that as a child she cried much more than she laughed. Her mother had to leave for work on foot Monday mornings and did not return home until evenings on Saturday, leaving the children alone all week, sometimes without food. Mother remembered one occasion when they had no food. A kind neighbor brought them stale, moldy bread, and they thanked him and said, if he ever had more to spare, he should bring it to them. She said, They ate that moldy bread as if it were candy.

Mother passed away in October 1934, at the age of 79.

January was the fifth coldest month in 92 years of weather records in Indiana, with plenty of snow and ice. The lowest temperature at Bluffton was 16 degrees below zero.

Bros. William Stettner and Herman Kellenberger of Elgin visited here on the 12th and 13th, assisting in the provings of our 13 converts. Bro. Stettner had the pleasure of proving and baptizing his own grandchildren, Phil and Sharon, the children of Bro. Howard and Sis. Goldie Stettner. Parents of the other converts are Bro. & Sis. Alvin Gerber, Bro. & Sis. David Gerber, Bro. and Sis. Gaius Gerber, Bro. and Sis. Lloyd Gerber, Bro. and Sis. Walter Kaehr, Bro. and Sis. Ervin Isch, Bro. and Sis. Raymond Ringger, Bro. and Sis. Oscar Schaefer and Bro. and Sis. Curtis Tonner.

Alvin Kipfer has returned to Denver, Colorado, after spending a fifteen-day leave with his parents.

Sis. Margaret Meyer and Bro. Amos Bertsch were united in marriage on Jan. 27.

Four cars from here and some from Wolcott met at Purdue University on Jan. 31, where a service was held for our students there. Bro. Carl Kipfer conducted the meeting.

Bernadine Steffen and Robert Nahrwald were married on Feb. 3. Rose Marie Gerber and Richard Kipfer were married on Feb. 10. Bro. Aeschliman officiated at both weddings.

We enjoyed having Bro. Robt.

Beer of Mansfield visit us on Feb. 10. Sis. Beer, Kathy, and Sisters Francilia Beer and Martha Mayer accompanied him.

Other visitors during the last month were from Elgin, Fairbury, Gridley, Latty, Milford, Rittman, and a large group of young brothers and sisters from Peoria.

Bro. Wm. Aschliman has been moved from Parkview Hospital to the Clinic Hospital, Bluffton. Bro. Cornelius Baumgartner suffered a heart attack a couple of weeks ago, and is still in the hospital at Decatur. Bro. Joe Aschliman and Sis. Martha Heyerly are in the Clinic Hospital at this writing.

Sis. Martha Reinhard of Ossian is confined to her home with a fractured leg.

A birth: to Bro. and Sis. John Meyer, a girl, on Jan. 12.

#### **GRIDLEY, ILLINOIS**

**Reporter: Mary Alyce Witzig**

Bro. Don and Sis. Rozella Gramm are the parents of Judith Marie, who was born January 22. Judith has one sister, Sandra.

Our old sister, Elisa Witzig, passed away January 19, after an illness of more than eight years. She has been bedfast for three and one-half years. The funeral was Tuesday, January 22. Even though she will be greatly missed by her family, especially her four daughters who cared for her so patiently, we are indeed thankful to God that He saw fit to relieve her and take her to eternal reward.

Sis. Lillian Fenton was stricken with a heart attack in her home early January 26, but is improving nicely at home.

Sis. Martha Witzig had a bad fall on the ice several weeks ago, and suffered a brain concussion. She was confined to her home for several days.

Bro. Lewis Yergler fell in his home, and is confined to his bed due to a brain concussion.

Address correction: The address of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Kaupp should read 5875 Sunnyside Road, Lawrence, Indiana.

Our church at Gridley is located at the southeast edge of town, on U. S. Highway 24. There are good roads from all directions. The Gridley congregation consists of persons in the agricultural business, for the most part. Most of the members and friends live within

a ten-mile radius of the church. We extend a very hearty invitation to each and every one to visit our congregation.

#### **HILLSBORO, ALABAMA**

**Reporter: Clara Heiniger**

Bro. and Sis. Henry Stricklin enjoyed open house and supper on their 55th wedding anniversary, Saturday, Jan. 19, with their family, Bro. and Sis. John Wagler, Bro. and Sis. Junior Hale, Bro. and Sis. Noah Bauman, Richard and Sis. Melba Miller, and Bro. and Sis. Harvey Gasser of Rittman.

Funeral services were held on Jan. 21 for Elmer Evans, husband of Sis. Martha Evans. He had been sick a short while. We praise God in calling him out of darkness, for he found his soul's salvation in his last hours. We all miss his faithfulness in attending services every Lord's Day with us, and his fellowship in doing what he could for anyone. He had three daughters, Mrs. Julia Hale, Mrs. Grace Moultrie, and Mrs. Bertteen Reading; 5 sons, Louie, Bueford, William B., Thomas, and Enloe Evans; one brother, John Evans; 3 half-sisters; 17 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Worship service was held Jan. 31 in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Riley Terry in the Courtland, Ala., area, for friends and neighbors.

#### **JUNCTION, OHIO**

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

Bro. Andrew Dotterer wishes to express his thanks and appreciation to all who so kindly remembered him with cards, letters and gifts during his illness. He is improved at this writing and able to have some company in afternoon or early in the evening.

Sis. Lena Manz is still unable to be with us. Some of the children have been out with chicken pox and colds.

Tuesday, February 5, our sister, Martha Rehklau, departed this life after a long illness. She was a daughter of Bro. John and Sis. Elizabeth (Inthurm) Rehklau of Archbold, Ohio, born July 1, 1874. She leaves three sisters, Lydia, Naomi and Priscilla Rehklau of N. Main St., Paulding; a brother, John, of Pioneer; and several nieces and nephews. Services were held in the Junction Apostolic Church by Bro. George Sinn of

Latty and Bro. Joel Souder of Leo. She was laid to her final rest in the Archbold Cemetery.

#### **LANDERSVILLE, ALABAMA**

**Reporter: Clara Heiniger**

Jan. 4, worship service was held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Horton. A large crowd enjoyed a blessed time fellowshiping around the word of God.

Jan. 18, Friday evening, young and old gathered together in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Fuller for worship and Sunday School.

It was a blessed week end on Jan. 19, hearing the testimony of Richard and Opal Frost, and Sunday evening, Jan. 20 witnessing the baptism, praising God in calling them into His fold.

Jan. 25, a blessed time of worship was held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Craig, for young and old.

#### **PHOENIX, ARIZONA**

**Reporter: Mrs. Roy Stevig**

The Phoenix congregation was overjoyed when it was announced that our dear friend, Doris (Schupbach) Kokanovich, wished to be baptized. We thought that our elder Bro. Roy Farney's way of announcing it was very nice: "We were taught this morning that Christ is the door unto heaven, and that there is joy in heaven over one sinner that repents. We share in that joy, that our dear friend, Doris Kokanovich, has answered the call of the Lord Jesus. Doris confesses that through repentance and by faith in the shed blood of Christ, she has found forgiveness for her sins and has peace with God." We wish her God's blessings, and may her desire to be baptized be granted her.

Our annual business meeting was held in January, for the election of officers and Sunday School teachers, and for the discussion of business matters. It was conducted in brotherly love and much was accomplished.

We were certainly sorry to hear that our friends, John and Wilma Pulfer, and their baby boy, Shayne, must move to Calif. They have lived here a number of years, while John has attended Arizona State University. We will certainly miss them, and will be glad if they can again join our midst.

We are happy to have in our



midst, Larry Farney, the son of Bro. Harvey and Sis. Ann Farney of Wichita, who was recently discharged from the Navy, after serving four years. He is living with his grandfather, Bro. Sam Farney; and has entered Phoenix College.

We are enclosing this month the names and addresses of those from our congregation who are in the nation's service. We know they would enjoy and appreciate words of encouragement that any of you would wish to write, for no doubt they spend lonely hours away from families and loved ones.

Corp Billy Joe Beer US 55703368  
Letterman General Hospital(3415)  
San Francisco California  
(Billy Joe is a brother in faith)

PFC John A Tolley (Harmon)  
RA19702850  
Co A 3rd ARB 46 INF  
APO 29 New York N Y  
(He is stationed in Munich Ger.)

Pvt Robert D Lemons US 56337987  
Co D 3rd BG 1st Bde (ING)  
Fort Ord California

A3C Clarence A Yackley  
AF19734833  
51FMS-PAF-APO 235 Box 1268  
San Francisco California  
(He is stationed in Okinawa)

Pfc Wendell L Bertsch  
RA19724163  
Co B 16th Engr Bn 1st A D  
Fort Hood Texas

Many states are represented by the brethren who visit in our community, sharing our warm, sunny winter season.

#### PRINCEVILLE, ILLINOIS Reporter: Ruth Ricketts

The annual church business meeting was held after services Wednesday evening, January 9, with a large number of members present.

Bro. LeRoy Huber and his family were with us Sunday, January 27. We appreciate his visit and encourage him to come often.

Bro. Vernon and Sis. Pearlne Streitmatter and Paul Jay have moved from our community and will attend church at Eureka. We are sorry to lose them, and wish them God's blessings in their new home and congregation.

Eugene Siebenthal has been very sick, and in the hospital several days for treatment. He is able to be with us again and can truly thank the Lord, for he has turned to the Lord in repentance during his sickness. Marvin Knobloch has also answered a call from the Lord. May our loving Lord be near them and provide them their needs.

Sis. Emma Streitmatter is recovering nicely in her home, following a serious bout with pneumonia. Sis. Nellie Woertz has been unable to worship with us for some time, due to ill health. We hope and pray that she, too, may soon be able to be among us.

Ronnie Eberle submitted to surgery and is making a nice recovery.

Two engagements were made known to our congregation on Sunday, February 10. Sis. Jean Seidel, daughter of Bro. Richard and Sis. Marie, announced her engagement to Bro. James Metzger, son of Bro. Phil and Sis. Bertha of Sabetha. Bro. Charles Kieser, son of Bro. George and Sis. Esther, is engaged to Sis. Marie Rehklau, daughter of Bro. Walter and Sis. Frieda, of Toledo. We pray for the blessings of the Lord for both these couples, and may they always depend on His guiding hand.

#### TREMONT, ILLINOIS Reporter: Esther Schmid

Bro. Joe A Getz held funeral services Jan. 20 for our dear departed sister, Barbara (Musselman) Getz, who quietly passed out of this life at her home, Jan.18. Her devoted family, who ministered to her every need, will miss her, as we all will, but we have the blessed assurance to meet again when this life for us is over. Then there will be no parting.

The twenty-third Psalm was one of her favorite scriptural passages. To her end, she would often repeat it, in part in the German language. Her only grandson, Tommy Getz, would read it to her in German—"The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want."—a real comfort in sickness and suffering.

She loved to sing praises to the Lord, singing with grace in her heart.

#### The Heavenly Home

"Oh where is the home of the soul to be found?"

Who knows its true shelter where comforts abound? . . ."

This song she sang during her last few days on this earth.

Sis. Barbara was born on Christmas Day, and came from Germany to the United States at the age of 3 years. She repented when she was fourteen. She was married to Henry Getz in 1895. To their union, four children were born, Emma, Elizabeth, and Alma of Tremont and William of Peoria. Her husband preceded her in death, in 1933.

For the past six years she was a shut-in, and always enjoyed the visitors who spent an hour or so with her. We feel we have lost a faithful follower from our midst. She was 88 years old, but now is asleep in Jesus, awaiting the resurrection morn.

Viola Schweigert is convalescing at home, after being in the hospital several days for observation and treatment.

Louis Herman and Sharon Allen were united in marriage at Chilli-cothe, Ill., on January 26. Louis is a son of Bro. Clarence and Sis. Emma Herman.

Ruth Ann was the name chosen for the new daughter of Bro. Carl and Sis. Mary Ellen Sinn, born January 21.

Workmen are again working on the new church building roof. Work had stopped during the severe cold weather.

Several of our college students who had been home between semesters have returned to their classes.

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

On Sunday, Jan. 13, our guests were Bro. Joseph Klotzle of Altadena and Elsworth Grafts of Akron. It seemed like old times to have Bro. Joe with us. I am sure that everyone present received great blessing in listening to the message brought to us, as he was inspired to speak.

Bro. Henry and Sis. Louise Sabo and daughter, Sis. Dorothy, were our guests on Sunday, Jan. 30. We are always glad to have them visit us.

Sis. Esther Saylor and husband, also Sis. Charlotte Emch, have been spending some time in New York State, near Troy, where their

son, Robert, underwent surgery.

Bro. Ernest Hafely is convalescing at his home. Neither he nor Sis. Ethel have been able to be in church for sometime. We hope they can soon be with us again.

Several of our members and friends are spending time in Florida this winter. Bro. Ludwig Mauser was down and is home again. The Frank Emchs, Joe Emchs and Orrie Stolls are still enjoying the Sunshine State.

### ROCKVILLE, CONNECTICUT

Reporter: Carlton J. Lanz

At our annual business meeting held on Jan. 13, Bro. Ben Moser was elected to serve on the board of trustees, for the three year term ensuing. The treasurer, auditor, superintendent of Sunday School and usher currently serving, remained unchanged. That each one succeed himself were the nominating committee's recommendations. Several other items then were discussed. Adjournment followed, by the singing of a hymn and prayer . . . offered.

A son, on Jan. 30, was born to Bro. Wilbur and Sis. Marjorie (Honegger) Schneider. He has one brother and four sisters. His parents chose for his name, Timothy John.

Bro. John Erismann, whose name has appeared in one or two recent issues of Silver Lining is again confined to his home. An attack of bronchitis has aggravated his already ailing condition. However, some improvement has been reported and his situation is hopeful—

### A Poem . . . A Parable

Overheard in an Orchard.  
Said the Robin to the Sparrow,  
"I should really like to know  
Why some anxious human beings  
Rush about and worry so."

Said the Sparrow to the Robin,  
"Friend, I think that it must be  
That they have no Heavenly  
Father,  
Such as cares for you and me."

### ELGIN, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Louise Steffen

#### The Clock of Life

The clock of life is wound but  
once

And no man has the power  
To tell just when the hands will  
stop,  
At late or early hour.

Now is the only time you own;  
Live, love, toil with a will.  
Place no faith in tomorrow, for  
The hands may then be still.

Jan. 13, Bro. Ed Hohulin and his wife, Sis. Carolyn, visited here. Bro. Ed had a very impressive sermon on the sheepfold. Visitors with them were Bro. Ira Rocke and Sis. Caroline, Bro. Willis Wiegand and Sis. Betty, all of Goodfield.

Gary Steffen, 3-yr.-old son of Bro. John and Sis. Wava Steffen had his tonsils out Jan. 16.

Jan. 20, Bro. Clarence Dietrich was elected for trustee, a term of 3 years. Bro. Edward Schambach was elected for treasurer, a term of 5 years. The other trustees are Bros. Pat Kinsinger and Adrian Kellenberger.

Bro. Dave Kellenberger broke his ankle Jan 10. Bro. Bob Schietlin had surgery, but is improving. Henry Weck has been hospitalized for quite sometime. We wish them the help and grace of God.

Jan. 27: Visitors today were Sisters Lavonne and Diane Grimm and Frances Gerber of West Bend.

A son was born to Bro. Michael and Sis. Elizabeth Schumacher on Jan. 28. His name is Michael George. Also, a son was born to Alvin and Sis. Donna Bell Nelson, Feb. 5.

Warren Priess, son of Sis. Rosa Priess, was wounded in the neck and shoulder over in Saigon Viet Naum. His mother received word Dec. 24, but none since. It evidently was not serious.

Philip Schmidgal, son of Bro. Joe and Sis. Ann, is stationed in Thailand as an X ray technician. His address is:

Philip Schmidgal US 55721494  
136th Med Det  
APO San Francisco California

Cathy Kellenberger, daughter of Bro. Nathan and Sis. Minnie, is repenting. May the Lord supply what is needful for a true repentance. We wish it for our many friends.

The young folks went to a singing for Bro. Dave and Sis. Lydia Kellenberger on Feb. 9, at their home.

Since this report was made out, I've had the experience of how true the poem is which I wrote at the beginning of the report. My father, Theo Steffen, went to church Sunday morning. When he got into church and sat down, he was taken with a heart seizure and passed away in a few minutes, before he could be taken out. He had not complained of not feeling well when he left home. It came as a severe shock to us all.

### OAKVILLE, IOWA

Reporter: Mrs. Ezra Gerst

Our elder, Bro. Noah Schrock, read the memorandum on Jan. 20. May God bless the efforts of these elders, and may we do our part by being obedient.

Our community was saddened by the death of Bro. Joseph Wiegand, who passed away Jan. 28. We will certainly miss the friendly smile that he had for everyone. He had a great love for his church and his family. Survivors include his wife, Sis. Edna, and children; Bro. Joseph Jr. and Bro. Albert, Sisters Elizabeth Grimm and Joan Lanz of this community; Sis. Eunice Wuthrich from Morton; and Sisters Hazel Geyer and Sharon Hodel from Peoria.

Bro. and Sis. Leslie Gerst went to La Crosse to get their daughter, Sis. Lois, who will spend a few days with her parents. Lois husband, Bro. Gary Bucher, was called into the service. She is waiting for him to get located, and she will join him.

Adolphus and Harold Massner, sons of Bro. Adolph and Sis. Rose Massner, gave their testimonies and were baptized by Elder Bro. Noah Schrock on Sun., Feb. 10. We rejoice with them and welcome them into the fold.

Bro. Earl Massner was in the hospital for several days, but is home again. Sis. Rose Heining is still gravely ill. She has been bed-fast for about five months and is getting weaker. May the Lord be with her in this trying time.

### ROANOKE, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Irene Hodel

These souls betrothed before Thee stand;  
Thy blessings we implore.  
Unite thou them in heart and hand,  
And guide them evermore.

Sis. Mary Jane Schumacher & Bro. Harold Knapp were united in marriage on January 13. Bro. Gene Bertschi officiated. Parents of the couple are Bro. Walter Schumacher of here and Mrs. and Mrs. Mike Knapp Sr. of Goodfield.

Bro. Bill Bucher was laid up several weeks from a fall on the ice.

Bro. and Sis. Emil Pelsey of Francesville were at the home of their daughter and family, Bro. John Martin, several days.

Bro. & Sis. Dave Keiser, George Kieser, Sam Kieser & Alvin Farney of Princeville were with us for the day, January 20. We enjoyed the services of Bro. Dave very much. We also enjoyed having with us for the day Bro. and Sis. Melvin Huber of Francesville (who plan to return to Brazil soon.), Bros. and Sis. Ed Hubers and Joyce, John Fehrs, Harvey Ifft, and Homer Bluniers.

Sisters Mary Rocke and Minnie Pfister are in the Eureka Hospital.

Bro. Fred Hoffman, who is staying with his son and family, Bro. and Sis. Rudie Hoffman, is in the hospital for observation.

Bro. and Sis. Bruce Leman are parents of their third son, Randall Lee. His brothers are Dennis, 3, and Clark, 2. His grandparents are Bro. & Sis. Wilmer Leman of here and Sis. Mary Traub of Fairbury.

Sis. Carol Legel and Bro. Allen Schrock were united in marriage on January 27. Bro. Noah Schrock of Oakville, uncle of the groom, officiated at the ceremony. Parents of the couple are Bro. Arthur Legel of here and Bro. and Sis. Alvin Schrock of Congerville.

As they go forth upon life's way,  
Sustain them by thy grace.  
May they thy holy laws obey,  
And live in joy and peace.

On January 28, Bro. and Sis. Eugene Bertschi flew to Europe. They are visiting relatives at Basil, Switzerland. Gene is also going to Italy on business. They plan to return the 13th. We wish them a safe, speedy trip back.

Bro. and Sis. Leroy Huber were with us for services Wednesday night. We enjoyed his inspiring message, and welcome him any time he can come.

We were happy to have Bro. and Sis. Russell Rapp and family of Morton as guests, Sunday, Febru-

ary 6. I'm sure everyone enjoyed a blessing from his services.

Bro. and Sis. Merle Kaisner and family of Fairbury, Bro. and Sis. Elmer Witzig, Bro. and Sis. Harold Schmidgall of Gridley visited us on February 10. We received many blessings from them. Bro. Elmer gave us an inspiring message on faith, and Bro. Merle on the "Importance of Prayer". We certainly enjoyed their visit.

O sanctify our heart and mind,  
That we, Thy chosen ones, may find

The path from this turmoil on earth

To God's bright home of peace and mirth.

### ATHENS, ALABAMA

Reporter: Clara Heiniger

Sun., Jan. 6, our visitors were Bro. and Sis. Ernest Anliker of Iowa; Bro. and Sis. Sohn of Forrest; Mrs. Ed Suttor, Eureka; and Sis. Gene Hangartner and children of Roanoke.

Worship service was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Barnett on Wednesday evening, for friends and neighbors.

The afternoon of Jan. 18, a blessed time of fellowship around the word of God was held at the home of Sis. Charlene Robinson, for the sisters and friends. Singing was enjoyed by all.

Bro. Henry Perry had been very sick, and not able to get out for the past several weeks. He appreciates prayers of everyone.

Sat., Jan. 19, Bro. and Sis. Noah Bauman, Richard and Sis. Melba Miller, and Bro. and Sis. Harvey Gasser of Rittman visited the three churches.

### Maywood History

There were no churches of our faith in California in 1930, when John and Julia Dapper were converted to the faith of the Apostolic Christian Church.

However, a few members and friends began regular meetings in various homes. It soon became apparent that a regular meeting-place would be best, and Brother John and Sister Julia opened their home for this purpose.

Bro. John was ordained a minister in 1934, and for over four years more continued to hold services in their home, until the assembly grew beyond the capacity.

So with the help of the mother churches, a lot was purchased, and the first small church erected on the corner of 60th Street and Almo.

Bro. Joe Klotzle and Sis. Helen came to California in 1948, and Bros. Joe and John shared the duties of ministers.

By 1952, many more members had arrived in California, and the small church was no longer adequate. So the families in Altadena began preparations to establish a church in their area.

At this time, two new ministers were ordained, Bro. Carl Kinsinger, to minister in Altadena with Bro. Joe Klotzle, and Bro. Albert Kaisner to minister in Maywood with Bro. John Dapper.

A larger addition was added to the original Maywood church. Dedication services were held in Feb., 1953.

We are still a small congregation, but we now have young members with small children, giving us hope for continued growth, if God is willing.

## THE SILVER LINING AND ITS PURPOSE

Over twenty years ago, during World War II, clouds were hanging low. All seemed very dark. Many homes held vacant chairs, some to be reoccupied when the boys came home again, some to remain empty. Families, churches, and Sunday Schools were rent apart. The writer was teaching an adult class of about sixty-five members. Thirty were called to service.

Yes, clouds were hanging low over many families. In the writer's

own home, the morning came when we took our son to the station. Soon, too soon, the bus arrived. He was off to war. We watched the bus as long as we could see it, but too soon it was out of sight. Along came the Korean War, and another son was called. We still have the telegram stating, "Am leaving for Korea today by plane . . ." He also spent months on ship at the front.

Oh how all parents longed to see a silver lining through the dark



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Illinois.

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clouds, as they anxiously waited for war to end. "Where is my boy tonight . . ." they wondered. "Is he still alive?" All that was left was to trust in the Lord and offer prayers day and night. We all passed many sleepless hours, I am sure. We could only trust in a Higher Power.

And the anxiety of the boys . . . they longed to be home, not knowing whether that time would ever come for them again! Boys far away hoped for word from home every time the mail man came around. Some boys received letters regularly, and some received none. Those who received mail sympathized with those who didn't and shared their news with them. We at home looked daily for letters from our boys.

My father, Henry Souder Senior, told us children this story. When he was young, his father died. His mother had to put the children out, to help support the family. He said that he used to get so lonesome that he thought, if only he could see the bonnet of his mother from a distance, how that would help.

Our boys were too far for even a glimpse of a loved one and depended completely upon mail. Here at Leo, we thought that we must find a way to keep in contact with our Sunday School members who had gone to war. This was the beginning of the "Silver Lining", a paper printed to supply our boys with spiritual food and news from home. Our first mailing list was thirty-five. Our boys and others also read it, because all word from America was appreciated. The Silver Lining continued to grow. Soon, many more boys in service received it, and also hundreds of families at home. Today, we mail nearly 3500 copies in this country and overseas.

The "Silver Lining" is published once a month, at a total cost of around \$400.00 per issue. The original editor was Henry Souder Jr. When the "Silver Lining" was ac-

cepted as our official church paper about three years ago, it was confirmed he was editor by the elders.

The staff has received hundreds of very encouraging and uplifting letters. Some have come from families who live far away from church, some from shut-ins unable to attend services, some from those who have left the church. We will quote from just one letter. This came from the Albert Banwart family of West Bend: "Its name truly describes the paper, for it does indeed give a 'silver lining' to any cloud that may hang overhead, when you spend time in reading it." We say "Thank you" for your letters. We would also like to thank our news reporters, contributors, writers, and all who have offered prayers. May God bless every one of you for your help.

Some have sent contributions especially to provide for copies to be sent to those whom it might help spiritually. It is felt that the "Silver Lining" might be a blessing to some spiritually crippled, lying in the wilderness, somewhere. Therefore, we ask everyone who feels that someone would profit from it to please send the address. If you know of someone who is missing from the congregation, or if there is anyone who would like to receive the "Silver Lining" and is unable to send any money, you should send the name and address. We will gladly send it to them. Have we done all? Are we free? Will there be someone on that great Judgment Day who will say, "If only I had been told once more, warned just once more!" Are we passing someone by, to whom when he is gone from this life, we will

feel that we should have talked just once more?

Any suggestions that you have will be appreciated. You are entirely welcome to write to the "Silver Lining" or the counselling elders.

May God's richest blessing abide with you one and all.  
—Elias Souder

"There were ninety and nine  
that safely lay  
In the shelter of the fold,  
But one was out on the hills away,  
Far off from the gates of gold—  
Away on the mountains wild  
and bare,  
Away from the tender Shepherd's  
care . . .

"Lord, Thou hast here Thy ninety  
and nine;  
Are they not enough for Thee?  
But the Shepherd made answer,  
"This of mine  
Has wandered away from me,  
And, although the road be rough  
and steep,  
I go to the desert to find my  
sheep . . .  
I go to the desert to find my  
sheep."

HISTORIES . . . Here's the ones on hand and not printed: Morton, Goodfield, Rittman, Cissna Park, Ft. Scott, Mansfield, Burlington, (Iowa), Roanoke, Bremen, Sabetha, Wichita, Francesville, Bern, and Elgin (Iowa). These will, we plan, appear one or more each time.

The next feature we plan, in addition to the histories, is on the Sunday School.

MOVING? OR HAVE MOVED?

Let us know, or tell a reporter. When the postal department gives the information you have moved, the cost to the Silver Lining is 10 cents, for each form.

Let us know both your old address (as it was printed on the paper) and the complete new one.