

"And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.

And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul:

neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common.

And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all."



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

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RESURRECTION

Bro. Samuel Anliker

We are nearing the time of year when all Christian nations will celebrate Easter.

It is of great importance for every true believer and everyone that would dwell earnestly on the eternal significance connected with this holy day, to be concerned with the resurrection of the body of Jesus Christ, which is the most remarkable manifestation and declaration of the power of God.

Many of His deeds and words revealed His power, but when God raised the body of Jesus Christ from the grave, after they made it secure, God showed the exceeding greatness of His almighty power (Ephesians 1:19-20).

He not only raised Him from the dead, but set Him at His own right hand in the heavenly places, as a mediator between God and man. Christ was crucified through weak-

ness, yet He liveth by the power of God (II Corinthians 13:4).

How many in this world and time know Him? Perhaps many on the same level as the Apostle Paul on the way to Damascus, or as children who are taught by their parents that Jesus is the son of God. But when the Apostle Paul was called of the Lord, he had this to say in regard to knowing the Lord, To know Him, and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, we must be made conformable unto His death. We know the Lord through true repentance and confession of our sins, having had the fellowship of His sufferings and the experience of His resurrection through the burying of the old man and arising unto a newness of life.

Let us never forget, we have this precious treasure in earthen ves-

sels, and God is ever ready and willing to give us the fullness of His power for our daily life and labor, without which we would surely fail.

Oh, if only our dear friends would let their hearts cry out for His mercy, grace and truth, which alone comes by Jesus Christ. Are you willing to go with Him to Calvary's hill, where He died and shed His precious blood as a ransom for all those who acknowledge they are sinners? You must humbly beg for grace, to go through true repentance and a consuming of the things that pertain to this world by a purging and cleansing of the heart with the shed blood of Christ. Then, by a confession of your faith in this crucified Christ, you can also experience a spiritual resurrection and a great joy and hope of life eternal.

REGARDING THE RESURRECTION

Bro. Sam Aeschliman

Regarding the resurrection from the dead, we read in the Holy Scriptures, in St. John, chapter 11, verses 25-26, . . . Christ said to the sister of the dead Lazarus, "I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live" . . . and He continued ". . . whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die". After these words were spoken by our Lord, He proceeded to prove them by resurrecting his friend, Lazarus, from the dead, **AFTER** corruption had set in, for as Martha had told the Lord, her brother had already been dead four days. This act of resurrection proved to all the almighty power of the Son of God.

Men of God believed in the resurrection from the dead many centuries before Christ came to earth. We read of God's servant Job, Job chapter 14, verse 14, "If a man

die, shall he live again? All the days of my appointed time will I wait, till my change come." We also read of Job, after he had gone through fiery trials, in chapter 19, verse 25 and 26 ". . . I know that my redeemer liveth . . . And though after the skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God".

To Daniel, the faithful prophet of the Lord, it was revealed (and we read it in the book of Daniel, chapter 12, verse 2), "And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt." In the 13th verse of the same chapter, Daniel heard the comforting words, "But go thou thy way till the end be; for thou shalt rest, and stand in thy lot at the end of the days."

Let us carefully consider the

words of our Saviour, in St. John, chapter 5, verses 28 and 29: "Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation."

It seems that any of us who believe that the Holy Bible is the inspired Word of God should also believe that we should live as we are taught in the Word; to make preparation for the hereafter while we have the opportunity, for as sure as the night follows day, judgment follows after death. Then, each of us shall hear what our lot will be in all eternity. If we have spent our time in the service of our God, we can rest assured we shall hear, **Go ye into life eternal.** If we have served the prince of this

world, we can likewise be assured we shall hear, **Go ye into eternal punishment.**

Dear reader, very soon even nature will reveal to us the mighty

power of our God. We will behold the grass, trees, flowers, and many other things that at this time seem to be lifeless, come to life . . . their drab colors will be replaced by the

glorious hues which a wonderful Creator created. This also proves the mighty resurrecting power of our God, for at His appointed time all nature will put forth new life.

HALL OF HIGHEST LEARNING

Henry Souder Jr.

Man observes, pieces together parts of a perfect plan.

That is learning.

A thought is centered far in space. Light is sought, to find as near as possible where is its perfect place. A surgeon nimbly and skilfully blazes a new trail.

But all good must be found between the poles of knowledge God has planted. He has created and established first.

The dawn of a new world flames beyond stardust and dream of scientist. Humble children live the deepest of miracles . . . having come home to the Father. Measured time itself no longer contains. Life is felt and lived where all is continuously eternal.

" . . . speak thou the things which become sound doctrine."

For eternal purpose, goals are so great we must lean on God.

We little know of knowledge, if we fail to lean on His word. Borrowed thoughtlessly of the world, a seed is sown. Quickly it springs; hastily it spreads. It is leafy and showy . . . but a thought not knowledge nor leaning on knowledge is danger.

It exacts a costly charge, where solid profit could have been. It withers. It dies. All because we didn't do the way God says.

To save ourselves needless waste of time and energy, we have to be peculiar in seeking the best, from Him.

We should study His illustrations. There is purpose in His plan, "That the aged men be sober, grave, temperate, sound in faith, in charity, in patience."

The aged who learn in such a schoolroom are fitted for place.

They learn to avoid problems otherwise unavoidable. Delicious waters of experience are stored. Men of keen spiritual intellect will feast on heavenly pages of life written of God.

The place of use of the aged not filled, the situation is somewhat less than it could have been . . . but some riches are not there. Supplied, the chorus is full, the harmony rich.

"The aged women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things;"

It is a wonder what a single ray of benefit from God will do.

You hold a lamp we need! Your talent is important. The behaviour that becometh holiness is a secret revealed in God's word. The search holds the key to help the church much . . .

"That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed."

The assembly is a priceless picture. We love to have the little ones joining in praise! The aged, those of middle years, the young, the children . . . all makes a whole picture.

Do you know how much priceless service has touched that picture? To the brothers belong the speakings. To the sisters belong kind words and deeds of sisterhood. They quietly influence others to eternal benefit.

Somewhere a sister shone. . . . Though success is not itemized per person, her importance and impress is there!

" . . . the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;"

How does God define happiness in this present world? Two realities . . . death on the cross and resurrection . . . we die and we live.

Dying, we deny. Living we rejoice in joy unspeakable and full of glory.

Our Teacher emphatically explains what is denying. He never takes away, but that He gives beyond comparison. The cross is the narrow way; but the shining light of life is resurrection radiance, with glorious things to come. . .

"Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;"

Simply . . . intently . . . joyously, Looking. We warm up to joys . . . a day is lifted by what is in store. Now, why so? Our soul is expecting things it likes. There is glorious delight awaiting our exploration of "Looking".

Moments spent in the easy chair of God's comfort are heart-warming. We gather in home circles in heaven. We gladden to familiar joys. We come away with an afterglow only God can impart. . .

"Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works."

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BERN, KANSAS

Reporter: Mrs. Lester Hartter

In receiving the letter from our "Ed" on Jan. 30, he stated we should try for an Easter issue.

Gratitude for Easter

"When this passing world is done,
When has sunk yon glowing sun,
When we stand with Christ in
glory,

Looking o'er life's finished story,
Then, dear Lord, shall I fully
know . . .

Not till then . . . how much I
owe.

"When I stand before the throne,
Dressed in beauty not my own,
When I see Thee as thou art,
Love Thee with unfalt'ring
heart,

Then, dear Lord, shall I fully know,
Not till then, how much I owe.

"When I hear the wicked call
On the rocks and hills to fall,
When I see them start and shrink
On the fiery deluge brink,
Then, dear Lord, shall I fully know,
Not till then, how much I owe."

Bro. Jake Wenger, who has been ill in the hospital, is again back at church. Sis. Lydia Hanhart has been hospitalized, for observation and treatment, and is again in attendance.

We have recently acquired a new well, as the old one wasn't adequate.

Bro. and Sis. Urban Bauer, Cissna Park, and Bro. and Sis. Ray Heinold, La Crosse, spent a Sunday here. Their sons, Keith Heinold, Fort Riley, and Philip Heinold, Fort Chaffee, Arkansas, who are in the service, came to be with them for a nice visit.

Joseph Wittmer

Elder Joseph Wittmer, 75, died at his home near Bern, Sunday, Feb. 24, after a long illness.

Born in West Union, Iowa, he moved with his parents, Jacob and Sis. Lena Wittmer, to Kansas, when a boy of five. He lived in this community all the rest of his life. He became a minister in 1939, and was ordained elder in 1946.

Surviving are his wife, Sis. Emma; a son, Harlan Wittmer, of Bern; five daughters, Evelyn of the home, Sis. Lola Luthi, Bern; Mrs. Eldora Isch, Morrill, Ks.; Mrs. Neil Emigh, Henderson, Nev.; and

Mrs. Lloyd Luthi, Lamont; five sisters, Mrs. Alvin Lear and Mrs. (Sis.) Joe Marti, Bern; Mrs. (Sis.) Wm. Hartter & Mrs. Dan Strahm, Sabetha, and Mrs. Hiram Olson, Story City, Iowa; two brothers, John Wittmer, Bern, and Ben Wittmer, Seneca; and 13 grandchildren.

Services were conducted Feb. 27, by Bros. George Yergler and Samuel Anliker.

Reporter's note: This peace-loving watchman will be greatly missed in our church, but we do have many, many precious memories.

Bro. Joe was the instigator and had the dream of starting the home for the aged here, and he did much in founding it.

It is with sadness we report no more "Uncle Joe to go to for advice, from his great store of past experience. However, we do not wish him back, as he is in a better place. As we visited him in his last illness, he said, "I tried". And we know he did! He also said, "There are some things we don't like very well in this life, but as a whole, I really enjoyed my short stay on this earth".

GOODFIELD, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Marian Wiegand

Kay, daughter of Elmer and Mildred Bauman, has given her heart to God in repentance.

Bros. LeRoy Huber and Vernon Leman of the Eureka church ministered to us Wednesday evening, February 27. We are thankful to them, as our ministers were gone or unable to attend services.

Another dear friend, Fred Kreeb, was laid to rest on March 3. After an illness of twenty months, he closed his eyes to the world. He had reached the age of 79 years. He was born January 27, 1884, in Germany. His wife, Minnie, survives.

Psalm 121 was chosen for meditation at his funeral, which is the same Psalm that was read at his wedding. May it still give the comfort and help to Minnie, as it has in the nearly 55 years of their marriage.

It seemed good to have Bro. Frank Woertz back on the pulpit on March 3, although it was via a wheel chair and crutches. He reports he is recuperating nicely from his fractured ankle.

Spring is soon here! With Spring, we think of so many wonderful things—the trees beginning to bud, the flowers peeping their heads through after a long winter, mild weather, the return of the song-birds, and EASTER.

Our nation sets aside a day to remember the victorious raising from the dead of our Lord. But prior to this glorious victory, there were sad and sobering hours. It was—

Good Friday

He was only thirty-three years of age. On his head was His crown—not made of gold, but of thorns. As He stood in silence, waiting, the blood trickled down His face, and they spat in His face.

He had tried so hard; He had taught them with parables; He had warned them of their fate. Did they listen? Did they take heed? Yes, some did, and others scoffed at Him.

Where were His friends at this trying hour? They had forsaken Him. Judas had betrayed Him; Peter had denied Him; and yet He was ready to make the biggest sacrifice He could make—He was willing to give His life. Think of it, after they all fled and forsook Him, He was still willing to give His life for them.

They led Him away; away to a lonely hill . . . to Calvary. The huge cross was laid on the ground.

Was there a curse on His lips for those who were carrying out Pilate's orders? No, His plea was, "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do."

It was daytime, yet for three hours the sun was darkened, not only at Calvary, but there was darkness over the whole earth. The soldiers, many women, and His friends stood in awe and reverence of their friend, their teacher, and their king.

He cried with a loud voice, "It is finished".

The huge curtain at the temple was torn from the top to the bottom; the earth quake, and the rocks rent; the graves opened, and many bodies of the saints arose.

As one sits and ponders over these things, we can't help but agree with the centurion who said "Truly this was the Son of God".

They pierced His side, and out flowed His blood—for you and for me!

MILFORD, INDIANA Reporter: Arthur Haab

Elder Bro. Theo Beer spent several days in the hospital, as the result of a fall on the ice. Sis. Laura Wuthrich is home from the hospital. Sis. Alice Beer was confined to her home with a blood clot in her leg. Bro. Alan Beer has heart trouble & must take a complete rest May the Lord grant them a swift recovery.

Our visiting ministers were Bro. John Bollier from Leo, Elder Bro. Leroy Huber and Bro. Vernon Lehman from Eureka. We are thankful for their efforts and for the inspiration their words brought to our souls.

The Charityettes recently entertained the high school Bible class with a mystery supper.

On Feb. 17, we had a singing at the church.

Bro. Howard and Sis. Eleanor Beer celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on Feb. 26 in their country home southwest of Mil-

ford, with their children, relatives and friends present.

Cindy Rapp is spending several months in bed, to recover from a serious illness. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Rapp. The Sunday School sent her a sunshine basket, to cheer her up.

The engagement of Mary Helen Rassi, daughter of Bro. Louis and Sis. Ann Rassi and John Rose was announced. Sis. Esther Getz had a bridal shower for her.

Friends Russel and Valerie Hite were honored with a bridal shower. Russel is the son of Mr. Harry and Sis. Lucille Hite.

Bro. Harlan and Mrs. Phyllis Beer are the parents of a baby girl, Tracey Lynn.

We have had a cold, stormy winter, with drifts higher than the cars, but one of the signs of spring is the opening of Bro. Ott Beer's maple sugar camp, tomorrow, Mar. 4 With the resurrection of life again in the plants of the earth, one feels closer to his Maker.

vived by his sons, Edward, William, Howard, Homer, Elmer, Herman, Robert, Leonard, and his daughters, Mabelle Graf, Helen Hartzler, Martha Lott, and Esther, at home. Esther has accompanied Mabelle to California, to spend some time there.

Reporters: Alice Graf and Ruth Taylor

A PRAY'R

August Mueller, Union City

Our Father which art in heaven. Hallowed be Thy name. Thou art the creator of heaven and earth and all that is therein and thereupon, the seas and the fishes therein. Thou didst create the sun, the moon, the stars, the cattle upon a thousand hills, the wild beasts, the fowls of the air. The whole earth before Thee bows and adores Thy great creation. Thou rulest the universe. Thou rulest the nation with a strong and mighty arm. Thou didst create man to Thy image, that they should love and adore Thee, but not all men believe. We thank Thee, Heavenly Father, that Thou didst remember us in this time of grace and didst draw us unto Thee in this acceptable time, with Thy cords of love and mercy, that we can call Thee our Heavenly Father, and Thou didst accept us as Thy children. We need Thy grace and strength, so that we may stay faithful to the very end, and that we may gain something with that pound which Thou didst entrust unto us. We pray for the sick, the afflicted, the widows and orphans, for those that are in high age, for those that cannot find words to pray, for those that are near the end of their life's journey. We pray that all may come to a blessed ending.

We pray for all mankind, but especially for the souls that know Thy way. Heavenly Father, wouldst Thou look down in mercy and rescue all that have a spark of love for Thee, ere the Master of the house will arise to shut the door, and none can be saved anymore. Hear our pray'r, Heavenly Father, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, for ever and ever, Amen.

EASTER THOUGHTS

Forest Ritzman, Akron

To all true believers, the resurrection of Christ should be meaningful and inspiring, as it was the fulfillment of God's plan of Salvation. His Son overcame death and the grave, triumphantly arose as the living Son of God. Thus, he opened the way for mortal man to be resurrected from the dead, in spirit, unto a new life in Christ Jesus and God.

As we read the resurrection accounts in the four gospels, there should be no doubt in any human mind as to the truth and actual happenings of the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ.

The confidence and peace of mind and heart granted to all born-again individuals assure the authenticity of these accounts. Had it not so occurred, then as Paul said, Your faith would also be in vain.

We should all be thankful to God for this perfect plan of salvation, and to our loving Saviour, who became willing to do the Father's will, to bring this, so great a salvation, within the realm of all who will receive it.

At the Easter season again, all have reason to rejoice and bring

praise to God, and our hearts should be filled with charity toward Him and our Saviour.

A daughter, Laurie Beth, was born Jan. 2 to Emmett and Martha Lott.

Our blessings were multiplied this month, when several visiting ministers served in our pulpit. They were Robert Stoll, Joe Ramseier, and Homer Reineck.

Ed Greenbank and Sue Gascoyne were married March 18. They are making their home in Wadsworth.

Elizabeth Barna had surgery and was able to come home March 7. Her family reported satisfactory progress for her. Herman VonGuntzen is home, after spending some time in the hospital, trying to avert a heart attack.

Bro. Pete Dockus passed away Feb. 11, leaving an empty spot in our church, which he had filled for many, many years. When we see the empty seat that he occupied for each service, we will long remember his pleasant steadfast way. He served as a trustee, giving much time and effort to his church. His wife, Mary, passed away about a year ago. He is sur-

Rejoice, the Father loves us here; in sympathy remembers, and when we observe from whence He has drawn us and whereto He will lead us, we have reasons enough to rejoice and to humble ourselves before His throne of grace, to bring thanks and praise, honour and glory unto His high and holy name.

We were reminded today of our duties here, upon this earth, that we should love one another, that we should rejoice with those that rejoice and weep with those that weep, and so help one another along, upon life's pilgrim journey. We thank God, our Heavenly Father, for all His blessings. Amen.

ATHENS, ALABAMA

Reporter: Clara Heiniger

Bro. and Sis. Marion Beer and children of Milford spent a week visiting families, friends and the Alabama churches.

Wednesday evening, Feb. 21, worship services were held in the home of Bro. and Sis. George Kelly for friends and neighbors in the Prospect area.

Worship services are being held every other Sunday afternoon in the Lester, Ala., area, where Bro. Wesley Long and some of his families live.

Wednesday night, Feb. 27, at the home of Bro. and Sis. Marvin Moss at Prospect, worship service was held for young and old.

BAY CITY, MICHIGAN

Reporting this month: Marlene Mosher

Visitors to Bay City were Bro. and Sis. Art Gudeman and family of LaCrosse.

On February 14, a daughter, Karmin Karol, was born to Bro. Clifford and Sis. Carol Wieland.

Bro. Fred Ruegsegger Sr. underwent surgery, but has now returned home. Sis. Hannah Stevig has been in the hospital, and has also returned home. Our reporter, Sis. Faye Wackerle, is undergoing treatment at the Detroit Osteopathic Hospital. May our Lord bless and comfort the ill, wherever they may be.

It Is Easter

It is Easter on the hilltops
With the beauty of the green,
And the Lord of earth and heaven

Walks with us where winds blow
clean.

It is Easter in the garden,
With the lilies white and fair,
And the risen King and Saviour
Hears our call, and meets us there.

It is Easter in the woodland
In the leafy bough and fern,

And the great Redeemer carries
On the path of spring's return.

Hallelujah! Christ is risen!
Oh what joy this message gives!
Hallelujah! Christ is risen!
Lord of Life, He lives; He lives!

We are sorry to report that on March 4, Bro. Dan Wieland passed away.

EASTER

Bro. Ronald Nelson, Burlington, Okla.

In the springtime, the beauty of nature comes into view. A new season comes about, and man refreshes his memory by viewing God's creation. It is during this time of year that Easter is celebrated, and man's soul is refreshed with the memory of Jesus Christ's victory over the grave.

Many people lose sight of the true meaning of Easter, and lightly pass it by. Easter is so important, because Jesus fulfilled the law and gave mankind the blessed hope of everlasting life.

Man makes acquaintances and chooses many friends, but he does not have the companionship he has with Jesus.

It is at this time that a new day dawned. A new day was born for the true believer in Jesus Christ.

And when a soul looks upon the cross, he knows that "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." St. John 15:13.

We were richly blest this past month, having had two visiting ministers, & are thankful for all who take time on their journeys south & southwest, to stop & visit our congregation. On Sunday, Feb. 10, Bro. Paul Fehr of Morris ministered to us. On Tuesday evening, Feb. 19, Bro. Fred Grimm of Taylor was our guest minister.

Sis. Martha Roth is now convalescing at home, following major surgery and a month's stay in the hospital. Bro. and Sis. Raymond Roth are staying with her and assisting in the home.

On March 3, funeral services were held for Bro. Ed Farney, age 68, who passed away at the Kiowa Hospital, Feb. 28. Bro. Eli Sommerhalder officiated, assisted by Bro.

Geo. Lambert of Wichita. Bro. Ed has been seriously ill for some time, with cancer of the throat and tongue. He was preceded in death by his wife, sixteen years ago, and is survived by one daughter, Edyce Jean.

Bro. Ed. Kircher was a hospital patient this past month. A number in our community are ill with the flu, including some cases of the dreaded Asian flu.

Reporter: Mrs. Raymond Roth

CROGHAN-NAUMBURG, N. Y.
Correspondents: Mrs. Lawrence Farney and Mrs. David Schamback

During the month of February, the Naumburg church has been undergoing alterations, so the congregation from there united with the Croghan congregation for worship at Croghan. In spite of unfavorable weather conditions, the attendance was good, and the feeling of unity and fellowship was uplifting to all.

Sis. Luella, wife of our Elder Brother Widrick, is convalescing at her home, after undergoing surgery on Feb. 16.

On February 14, a daughter, Kristina Mae, was born to Ministering Brother Leland and Sis. Bernice Hirschey. Although she has nine brothers and four sisters, there is still plenty of love and room left in their hearts for her. We pray that she will always be a joy to them.

Sis. Isavelle Virkler of Castorland is spending some time with Sis. Verah Virkler, whose aged mother, Sis. Laura Virkler (widow of John F. Virkler) passed on to her reward on February 3.

Palm Sunday

They cut the branches from the trees

and strewed them in the way,
Because they knew their Lord and
King
would come along that day.

They sang Hosanna to the King
and praised His holy name;
Now even in this modern day,
we, too, should do the same.

The Christ who came that palm-
strewn way
to enter in the gate
Will enter in your heart, do pray,
so do not make him wait.

That palm-strewn path of long ago
is still a victory sign
That Christ still comes along the
way
into your heart and mine.

ELGIN, ILLINOIS

Reporters: Louise Steffen and
Katie Kachelmuss

It was dark to Mary of Magdala,
As she stole from her lonely
room
And sped away, ere the break of
day
To the place of the rich man's
tomb.
It was so tearful in her mournful
soul,
For the hope of her life had fled,
For cries had won and the deed
was done,
And the Son of God was dead.

"Rabboni!" Only one word she
said,
But her heart was in the cry.
There He stood, her Christ, and the
sight sufficed,
Although she had seen Him die.
And for Mary of Magdala, through
the power
Of that Resurrection Day,
All the dark and the night, all sin
and blight
Had forever passed away.

Sis. Mary Clauss, wife of Bro.
Samuel Clauss, underwent surgery
on Feb. 10, from which she did not
recover. She passed away on March
5. Bros. Sam Kilgus and Clarence
Kachelmuss conducted the funeral
services.

Sis. Mary Oettinger, who will be
86 years old on March 21, has been
unable to assemble with us for
some time. Her address is 620
Grand Avenue, Elgin, Ill. She is

anxious to come to the assemblies
again as soon as her health and
the weather permit; in the mean-
time, she enjoys her Bible, her
Zion's Harp, and the Silver Lining.

Another one of our older sisters,
Ernestine Stettner, has had sur-
gery. She got along very well, and
is at her home again. We will be
glad to see her back among us also.

On Feb. 28, Sis. Pauline, wife
of Bro. Karl Assenheimer, of Cu-
dahy, Wisconsin, passed away un-
expectedly. They attended our El-
gin church. Bro. Albert Scheitlin
conducted the service at Cudahy,
on March 2.

ELGIN, IOWA

Reporter: Mrs. George Butikofer

According to the calendar,
springtime is yet a few weeks
away, but just the mere thought
of the word "Spring" gives one a
surge of new hope and courage.
The moist fragrance of new black
earth in a springtime garden, the
first note of the robin, the blue of
the bluebird's wing, the fresh
green of the meadow and lawn, in-
terspersed with the glorious rays
of sunshine filling the earth, make
us realize anew of how God loves
us and has provided for us in ev-
ery detail. The most important, of
course, is the plan for our salva-
tion.

With the realization of a spring-
time awakening of nature, we im-
mediately think of Easter, the
glorious day of Christ's awaken-
ing from the tomb. May we take
more serious thought of the great
sacrifice He was willing to give,
that we poor mortals, too, might
have life after death.

Out onto Calv'ry's hill,
Where Jesus died, I'll go,
To hear the words He speaks,
To see Him in His woe.

How great the pains, O Lord,
Afflict Thee on this day;
"My God, my God," He calls,
"Forsake Me not, I pray."

No vengeance fills His heart;
For them I hear Him plead;
"They know not what they do;
Forgive them for this deed."

Now Mary weeps for Him;
In love, He soothes her lot;
"See, mother, thine own son!"
"Thou friend, forsake her not!"

The thief in penitence,
Is pardoned ere he dies:
"Today shalt thou yet be
With me in Paradise."

"I thirst," He cries in pain,
For there is no distress
Which Christ, the Friend of Man,
Endured not at His death.

He bows His head and cries,
"Tis finished, all is done."
"O God, receive my soul."
Life's victory is won.

We were blessed with a visit
from our Elder Bro. Paul Banwart,
on Sunday, Feb. 24. We thank him
for the spiritual message he gave
us in the pulpit service.

Sis. Ruth Schupbach is home at
present. She has been at Maywood,
Ill., since last Nov., in the Emmet
Morris home. Mrs. Morris is at
present hospitalized. Ruth plans to
return to Maywood as soon as Mrs.
Morris is released from the hos-
pital. We are always happy to have
her in our midst.

Robert, son of Mr. and Mrs.
George Schupbach, now in the
Marines, has recently completed
his course in the C School and has
a new address:

Pvt Robert Schupbach 2004986
USMC
Marine Detachment
USS Bennington
c/o Fleet P.O. San Francisco, Calif.

We anticipate being hosts for
the annual get-together of the
Bible classes from Morris, Win-
throp, Lester and West Bend, some
time in June. We all sincerely hope
that the blessings derived from
this occasion will be manifold.

Bro. Werner Moore and Bro.
Paul Butikofer recently read the
conference memorandum to us.

We are resuming our weekly
Thursday evening meetings. Dur-
ing our extremely cold weather, it
was deemed wise to discontinue
them. We assemble at our church,
and either enjoy a singing or have
an hour of Bible study.

At this writing which is the 6th
day of March, we are experiencing
a real wintry spell. Yesterday, it
snowed all day. We now have about
7 inches of new snow.

FORT SAM HOUSTON, TEXAS

Reporter: Norman L. Haerr

With the coming of February
and March, the people of San An-

tonio start putting away their portable gas heaters and begin working in the yards. Yes, spring comes a little earlier in Texas than it did back home. Maybe it's a good thing, because it makes being in Texas and being away from home a little more bearable! Actually, even a spring in Texas is quite an enjoyable experience. It is always good to see the buds and small sprouts unfolding unto a newness of life, just as we will, some day, if we stay true to our Lord. Yes, that will truly be an enjoyable "Spring" when all of God's chosen ones will "bud forth" in heaven above. May each one's prayer be that they might be among God's chosen few.

The month of February did not pass without an enjoyable number of visitors. We especially enjoyed the ministering brothers who spent a short but enjoyable time with us. On the weekend of February 9 and 13th, Elder Bro. Herman Kellenberger and his wife, Della, of Elgin, Ill., were with us, as also were Elder Bro. Fred Grimm and his wife, Louise, of Quincy, Ill. The week end of the 23rd, Bro. John Dapper of Maywood was with us. It can not be put into words how much we appreciate hearing God's word and also the effort put forth by our ministers — thanks!

There are several additions to the Ft. Sam Group since the last writing. Bro. Garry and Sis. Lois Bucher of La Crosse arrived here and reside at 115B Pershing, San Antonio 9, Texas. Garry is in basic training here, as is also John Kaupp of Gridley, Ill. John's address is:

Pvt John F Kaupp
Co D 3rd Bn USAMTC
Ft Sam Houston Texas

The following are the address changes since the last writing:

Mr and Mrs John Steiner
115 Davis Ct
San Antonio 9 Texas

Mr and Mrs Paul Haab
205 Queen Anne Ct
San Antonio 9 Texas

Also, I want to put a telephone number in this writing. Sometimes, it is quite hard to get in touch with anyone down here in

case an emergency arises. I have had installed in my apartment a telephone, and if anyone wants to quickly get in contact with any of the group here, please feel free to use this number. It is Area Code 512 - TA4-6585.

The following is a schedule of visiting ministers: April 14, Bluffton; April 28, Peoria; May 12, Akron. When coming to San Antonio, please contact someone of the group as to who is coming, when and how. Thanks.

As a continuation of last month's writing, I will tell in general terms what some of the rest of the boys in the Ft. Sam group do. Another person who is in the USAMTC area is Paul Haab. He is a clerk-typist for the pay section of the Personnel Division of the USAMTC. It is his job to assist in the paying of the trainees, which consists of typing up pay vouchers; class Q allotments, etc.

Ron Blumenshine is assigned to the Doctrine and Organization branch, Combat Development Agency of the Army Medical Service, Medical Field Service School. It is his job to help calculate such things as weight distribution and gross weight per vehicle; number of vehicles needed for certain medical combat maneuvers, etc.

Most of the jobs we have are not hard, as a matter of fact, some of the time we are not working at all. However, we do have to be here, and we are indeed thankful that we can serve our country in a non-combat status. We are thankful that America is not involved in a major war. We all can truly be thankful for this.

FORT SCOTT, KANSAS

Reporter: Marie Zaugg

Bro. and Sis. Jake Koehl and son, Joseph, of Morris were here February 13 and attended our Wednesday evening church service.

On February 17, Bro. and Sis. Joe and Ella Banwart celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary, with open house. All their children and many of their grandchildren were present. Sis. Elizabeth Cordill, mother of Sis. Ella, was one of the guests.

On March 3, our elder brother, Sam Anliker, ministered to us and also read the Memorandum. Bro.

and Sis. Ben Braker and family of Lamar were with us this day, also.

Bro. Will Sinn is still in Topeka Hospital. He is getting along fairly well, and plans to be home soon. We will all be glad to have him back in our midst.

EUREKA, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Cathryn Wettstein

Easter Day

At Easter-time our hearts look up to see
The resurrected Christ. Then swells our song
Triumphant; and in the past are the long
And weary hours spent in Gethsemane.
A risen Saviour waits; and in His hands
He holds our lives; not just on Easter Day,
But all year long and through all years,
He lives, He loves, and understands.

Feb. 6, on Wednesday evening, the Roanoke congregation gathered with us. Bro. Joe Zimmerman had the services.

Another friend has found the Saviour in repentance. She is Patricia Stoller, the daughter of Bro. Willis and Sis. Wilma Stoller. May God help her along, on this new pathway of life.

Feb. 24, the monthly singing was held at the church. A good crowd was present to help. Also, the Junior Bible class sang two hymns, and a group of sisters from Roanoke and Eureka sang three hymns. Again it was mentioned that anyone and everyone interested in spending an hour of singing is welcome to attend.

March 3, our guests were Bro. Michael Weyeneth from Peoria and Bro. Edwin Ringger from Gridley.

The sick folks are the following — Sis. Christina Unzicker remains a patient at the Eureka Hospital. Bro. Sam Hartter has returned to his home, after being a hospital patient recently. Sis. Helen (Woertz) Martin recently underwent surgery at Eureka Hospital, but has returned to her home. Little Karen Jean Blunier has returned home from the hospital, after having surgery. She is Henry and Sis. Wilma Bluniers' daughter.

May God be ever near all these that must go through pain and suffering, for He has promised to help in time of need.

Yesterday He helped me.
Today I'll praise His name,
Because I know tomorrow,
He'll help me just the same.

MOVED TO HEED

Reporter: Jesse C. Emch

The psalmist, David, has said, as we find in Psalm 103, "Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits . . ."

How many are the times we have heard it said by others, or have said it ourselves, that we live in a land of freedom of worship, and express our thanks to God for this great privilege. I wonder, then, if we who enjoy such great blessings in the midst of so much hustle and bustle fail to bless the Lord, O my soul, and do forget all His benefits.

This reporter is moved to include here a few lines that were written by a young soldier, just before going into battle, and found by the stretcher-bearers, hoping that, as we read it, we may be moved to heed God's word today:

"Look, God, I have never spoken to you,
But now I want to say, How do you do.
You see, God, they told me you didn't exist,
And like a fool I believed all this.

I wonder, God, if you'd shake my hand;
Somehow I feel you would understand.
Funny I had to come to this place
Before I had time to see your face.

Well, I guess there isn't much more to say,
But I'm sure glad, God, I met you today.
I guess the "zero hour" will soon be here,
But I'm not afraid, since I know you're near.

The signal! Well, God, I'll have to go;
I like you lots and I want you to know.
Look now; this will be a horrible fight.
Who knows, I may come to your house tonight.

Though I wasn't friendly to you before,
I wonder, God, if you'd wait at your door.
Look, I'm crying! Me! Shedding tears!
I wish I had known you these many years.

Well, I have to go now, God; good-bye!
Strange, since I met you, I'm not afraid to die."

We are very thankful that the Lord is still calling souls to come and give their hearts to God and are willing to serve Him. On Feb. 17, we could make known to our congregation that four friends, Donald and Monell Stoll and Everett and Marie Lewis, have peace with God and would like to be baptized and become members of His body.

Sis. Sadie Sladen was 90 years old in January, and Sis. Lydia Klotzle is nearing her 90th birthday, which is March 17. Both are very dear sisters. It is always inspiring to be able to visit with them. May the Lord bless them in the time they have to be here with us.

A son, Scott Elliot, was born Dec. 21 to Mr. and Mrs. Paul I. Emch of Spring Valley, New York. Paul is a son of Bro. and Sis. Jesse and Marie Emch.

GRIDLEY, KANSAS

Reporter: Mrs. Rudy Bahr

We thank Elder Bro. Sam Anliker for bringing us the memorandum on Wednesday evening, Feb. 13, and also Bro. Robert Young, who ministered to us on Feb. 17.

The engagement of Bro. Dan Kraft and Sis. Leona Lehman, Lamar, was announced March 3.

The congregation voted to repaint the Sunday School rooms.

We'll all be glad to see spring and the sunshine chase away the illness, but I am not in a hurry for it to arrive . . . we've enjoyed our

evenings with our little family (soon the farmers will be working from dawn to dusk and then some) . . . and my Dad, just before he passed away, was right when he said, "Eileen, you live in a little world all your own—your family, friends and church all together." And what a blessing God has bestowed on us, if we only take time out to look for them . . . the jewels in little boys' eyes when they say "cookies!" . . . warm from the oven (the sugar cookies reminded me of grandmother on the farm long ago) . . . the privilege of going to church and "belonging"—we left at noon, Sunday, to make an out-of-town visit, and that evening, we both felt like we had "missed" something . . . we could go on and on counting our blessings, but I believe one of the most precious blessings is to 'Have a Little Talk With Jesus', together, before ending our busy, tired, and sometimes troubled day, and receiving the peace of mind . . . "He Makes It Right." Then, how very much we have to sing "How Great Thou Art" and am reminded of how good God is to us, how patient and forgiving: and it shames me when I think how childlike we are to God, our Father, and what kind of parent am I with our children? Teach me PATIENCE, Lord. The thought came to me—we forget what an important "missionary work" we have in our own homes—that actions speak louder than words . . . had Christ just preached and not followed His teachings, there wouldn't be the joy to look forward to, especially at Eastertime.

HILLSBORO, ALABAMA

Reporter: Clara Heiniger

Feb. 14, Bro. and Sis. Henry Beer spent one night here, visiting Mrs. Ruth Wade and Sis. Martha Evans, and attended singing school in the evening at the Landersville church.

Mrs. Ruth Wade, 82, of Hillsboro, died at Colonial Rest Home, Tues., Feb. 19, following a long illness. She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Inez Brooks of Milford and Mrs. Wilma Turner, Chicago; four sons, Russell, Thomas, Lee, and John; one sister, Mrs. Martha Evans; two brothers, Henry and Lonnie Stricklin. Ruth has been a blessing to everyone that met her, and appreciated all

visitors, whom were welcomed with a cheery smile. She worked in piecing many lovely quilts for others, while in her wheel chair . . . always smiling, bringing cheer to many a soul in the Rest Home . . . so no one was a stranger to her.

The poem "Leave it with a smile" reminds of Ruth.

Leave It With A Smile

When I must leave this world, I
hope

I leave it with a smile;
You see, this world is not my home,
I'm here for just awhile.

I've no complaints with how its
run;

Its fame is not my goal.
When I must leave this world, I
hope

There's peace within my soul.

When I must leave this world, I
hope

There's nothing that I've done
That I've not asked forgiv'ness for,
From God or anyone.

I want to feel I've done my best,
And life has been worthwhile;

When I must leave this world, I
hope

I leave it with a smile.

When I must leave this world, I
hope

My friends shall not feel sad;
Just keep in mind I'll be with
Christ,

The dearest Friend I've had,
And though the valley to my home
Is only just a mile,

When I must leave this world, I
hope

I leave it with a smile.

When I must leave this world, I
hope

That God is pleased with me.
I hope I'll hear Him say "Well
done;

Come, heaven waits for thee",
And if those left behind I'll meet,
In just a little while,

Then, when I leave His world, I
know

I'll leave it with a smile.

ILLINOIS STATE NORMAL UNIVERSITY

Reporter: Joyce Kaufmann

Bro. Emmanuel Gudeman from Cissna Park was our guest speaker on February 14. The message was quite appropriate to the day, as it was built around the heart.

On February 21, Bro. Mike Weyeneth from Peoria spoke to us. One thought remains vivid in our minds—the one in which he reminded us to wear a smile; we should be the happiest people on earth, because of our great spiritual wealth.

Our guest speaker on February 28 was Vernon Lemman from Eureka. After presenting a very inspirational message, Bro. Lemman was succeeded by a program of singing, presented by the Prairie Choristers.

On March 7, Lowell Stoller from Princeville was our guest speaker. The text was taken from the 17th chapter of St. Luke. Emphasis was placed on the ten lepers, and on retaining and holding onto the peace we have.

LANDERSVILLE, ALABAMA

Reporter: Clara Heiniger

A blessed time of worship was held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cully Norton, for young and old, Friday evening, Feb. 8.

Words can not begin to express our deep appreciation to the Lord for opening the way to have Singing School, which was held at the Landersville church, Wed. evening, Feb. 14 through Feb. 19. We praise God for the brothers, Harold Gutwein and Bob Wuethrich of Francesville, in giving their time to come and teach us all the beginning of singing notes. It was indeed a rich blessing to us. We pray God's richest blessings upon the brothers, and do pray they will come back and teach us more of God's wonderful praises in song.

Sunday, Feb. 17, a birthday supper in honor of Bro. and Sis. Richard Frost, at their home, was enjoyed by Bro. Harold Gutwein, Bro. Bob Wuethrich, Bro. and Sis. LaVoyed Moore and children, Bro. and Sis. John Wagler and Susan, Bro. and Sis. Junior Hale and children, Sis. Peggy Porter and Sis. Clara Heiniger. A blessed time of fellowship was enjoyed by all.

Wed. evening, Feb. 20, a blessed time of fellowship was enjoyed at a supper in honor of Sis. Bertha Harville. Her guests were Bro. and Sis. Marion Beer and children of Milford.

LATTY, OHIO

Reporter: Mrs. Ray Sinn

Those in the hospital this month

were Lucette Stoller, daughter of Bro. Eugene and Sis. Minervia Stoller, Bro. Kenneth Laukhuf and Sis. Minervia Stoller. At this writing, all are recovering as good as can be expected. We also have many who are confined to their homes, recovering from colds and the flu.

On February 17, the engagement of Sis. Evelyn Stoller, daughter of Bro. Dan and Sis. Laura Stoller, and Bro. Carl Hackenjos from Bluffton was announced. On the same Sunday, the engagement of Sis. Nancy Gerber, daughter of Bro. Fred and Sis. Katie Gerber, and Bro. Keith Honegger from Bluffton was made known. We wish the engaged, the Lord's richest blessing throughout life together, as they take the second most important step in life.

On February 24, Elder Bro. Joe Waibel from Bay City spent the week end with us and brought unto us God's blessed word. Bro. Joe stayed with us for evening service also. Quite a number from the Junction congregation gathered with us. Other visitors that week end were Bro. and Sis. Dave Schlatter from Bay City and Bro. and Sis. Dan Knochel from Detroit. We thank all our visitors for their visit, especially Bro. Joe for bringing unto us God's precious word.

On March 3, Bro. Gary Eisenmann, son of Bro. Will & Sis. Lillian Eisenmann, was united in marriage to Sis. Rosemary Gerber of the Bluffton congregation. We trust that God will richly bless them.

Susan Lanz, daughter of Bro. Elmer and Sis. Clara Lanz, replaces Minnie Sinn as treasurer of the adult Sunday School Class.

Wayne and Lydia Ann Miller have been released from Service, after his six months of active duty. They are now living at their home in Grand Rapids, Michigan, where they both are employed in a hospital. Lydia Ann is the daughter of Bro. Charles and Sis. Laura Dunham.

LESTER, IOWA

Reporter: Emelie Knobloch

May the blessings of the Lord rest upon Bros. Noah Schrock, Silas Leuthold, Henry Koehl and Paul Fehr for sharing the Memorandum with us.

Our community was deeply sad-

dened over the passing of our two sisters, Pauline Moser and Pauline Feucht. It was revealed in the services, that two pillars will be missing in our congregation.

The Lord relieved Sis. Pauline Feucht of her suffering February 6. Funeral services were held February 8. Sis. Feucht was born in Germany, May 23, 1881, and came to America, this community in 1890.

Fifteen children mourn her passing; Sam, El Monte, California; (Martha) Mrs. Lester Wagonbach, Peoria; John, Elgin, Ill.; (Emelia) Mrs. Ervin Banwart, West Bend; (Pauline) Mrs. John Schick, Morton; Emil, Paul, Ernest, Ben, Carl, August, (Emma) Mrs. Theodore Gerber, (Lydia) Mrs. Phil Mogler, Alfred and Raymond, of this community. Sixty-two grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren survive. Her husband, Bro. Carl, preceded her in death.

Sis. Pauline Moser passed away very suddenly of a heart attack, February 8, and funeral was February 12. Sis. Polly, as known by all, attended funeral services of Sis. Pauline Feucht, and remained at church, visiting awhile, before suffering her attack at home and passing away that evening. Sis. Moser was born in Germany, May 14, 1882, and came to this community in 1892. She leaves to mourn her passing eleven children (Louise) Mrs. John Tolvstad, Dundee, Ill.; William, (Christine) Mrs. Glen Benson, Otto, Sam, Martin, Karl, Adolph, Louis, Harry, and Kenneth of this community, thirty-one grandchildren and fourteen great-grandchildren. Her husband, Sam, preceded her in death.

These two sisters had lived neighbors for many years.

It is a good example that we sure have no promise for tomorrow.

Our sympathy goes to the families, and may the Lord grant his blessings of comfort to these folks during their hours of loneliness.

Bro. Jacob Knobloch is recovering from surgery.

Susan De Haan, daughter of John and Sis. Ione De Haan, and Arlyn Van Der Wolde were united in holy matrimony by Bro. Leo Moser.

To Bro. and Sis. Wilbert Knobloch, a daughter was born February 15, named Rita Pauline. Sis. Pauline Schambach and Ernest

Schambach of Chicago spent a few days with them.

MANSFIELD, OHIO

Reporter: Aaron A. Sauder

Our best wishes to: Lois Sauder and Ronald Lotz, who were married on February 16 by Bro. Rudolph Graf, at the bride's home. Lois is the daughter of Bro. Bob and Sis. Wilma Sauder.

And to Sue Baker and Joel Beer, who were united in marriage on February 16. Joel is the son of Bro. Dave and Sis. Lena Beer.

"To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: A time to be born . . ." Our congratulations and welcome to: A son, Jeffery Allen Wenninger, born February 14 to Harold and Sis. Ramona Wenninger. He was welcomed by his brother, Timmy, and his aunt, Sis. Eilene Yackley of Phoenix, who spent several weeks with her sister, Ramona. We enjoyed Eileen's visit, and hope she will come back to see us again soon.

And a son, Wm. Joseph Cordrey, born February 14 to John and Sis. Joyce Cordrey. Cherie and Johnny are both happy with their new baby brother.

". . . and a time to die." Ecclesiastes 3:1,2

After suffering a heart attack and several strokes, Br. Ezra C. Sauder was taken to be with the Lord on February 19. During the months of his illness, he often expressed his desire to "go home", and though parting is a time of sadness, we also rejoiced that his prayers were answered. He is survived by his wife, Sis. Josephine Bucher Sauder; four daughters, Mrs. Helen Marshall, Mrs. Clara Snell, Mrs. Joy Miller, and Mrs. Geraldine Musille; and 15 grandchildren. He is the first of a family of one girl and ten boys to be called to the "other shore." There was consolation, mingled with the sorrow, that the sister and all the brothers could gather together for the last services for Bro. Ezra, which were conducted February 22 by our Elder Bros. Rudolph Graf and Noah Bauman. The sister and brothers from Mansfield are Anna Hoffman, Aaron, William, Herman; from Illinois, Albert and Silas; from Gallipolis, Ohio, Clarence; from Indiana, Lewis; and from California, Noah and Ora.

Many other relatives and friends from out-of-town were with us also. We extend our sympathy and love to his family and the comfort of this passage which brings healing to the soul: "I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live". John 11:25. What a glorious promise — Jesus Christ is alive, and those who believe in Him live, also.

"Why seek ye the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen . . ." From St. Luke 24:5,6. These words of the angel at the sepulchre of our Lord inspire us to give thanks, that Christ did not remain in the tomb, but that He arose and lives! He broke the bonds of death and brought salvation to all who will believe in Him and follow in His ways. From time to time, we are again reminded of the precious love God had for all mankind, and that out of and through this love, He sent His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into this world to suffer and to die in our stead and to bear our sins on the cross. Not only at this Easter season, but each and every day, may we keep this in mind and strive to live to His praise and honor. "Sing forth the honour of his name: make his praise glorious." Psalm 66:2.

MORTON, ILLINOIS

Mrs. Solomon Rapp, substituting for Mrs. B. E. Getz, while they are on vacation.

Funeral services for Bro. Wm. Welk, age 70, who passed away at the Restmor Home, were held on February 9. Bro. Henry Grimm officiated.

Our visiting ministers on Sunday, Feb. 10, were Bro. Lowell Stoller of Princeville and Bro. Jim Hoerr of Peoria. It was a blessed day.

Karen Kaiser, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Vernon Kaiser, has repented and is announced, for a later date, to bring her testimony before the congregation. Also we are happy to report, we have three more new converts. They are Don and Larry Bertschi, sons of Bro. and Sis. Rudy Berschi, and Gene Strunk, son of Bro. & Sis. Wm. Strunk. We wish them God's grace and blessings.

The Eureka chorus sang several numbers at our monthly Song Ser-

vice, along with the Morton chorus. Bro. Jim Hoerr was also present.

Bro. David Wiegand, son of Bro. William Wiegand of Peoria, and Sis. Mary Domnick, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Alvin Domnick of Peoria, were united in marriage on Feb. 24. Bro. Joe A. Getz performed the ceremony, in the Morton church. Bro. David is in the Service, stationed at Fort Chaffee, Arkansas.

Patients who were in the hospital this month, were Sis. Verna Getz, Sis. Emma Rapp and Mrs. Mary Jones. Still in the Methodist Hospital is Sis. Laura Hauter, who has a heart condition. Bro. Geo. Yentes and Bro. Tony Widmer also are patients in the hospital.

Sis. Naomi Witzig is recuperating at home from an accident they had on their way home from Florida.

Sis. Sara Rapp suffered a broken leg, near the knee, when she fell on the street downtown. She was taken to the Methodist Hospital in an ambulance, and now has her leg in a cast. She is technician and receptionist at the office of Dr. Joseph Arnoff.

MORTON HISTORY

Submitted by Mrs. B. E. Getz

The first Morton Apostolic Christian Church building was erected in 1867. In 1891, this building was demolished, & replaced with a large, two-story frame building, with a seating capacity of about 750 on the second floor. On Dec. 12, 1912, this building was completely destroyed by fire, started by a Christian Messer, who was pronounced & sentenced as a religious fanatic. He apparently secluded himself in the building on Wednesday night during the church services, inasmuch as the fire was started about 4:00 A.M. on the following morning.

In 1913, the present two-story brick building was built, with a seating capacity on the second floor of approximately 1000, at an estimated cost of \$50,000.

In 1960, the seating capacity was increased by about one-third.

The first elder of the church was Bro. George Welk, from 1867 to 1895; the second, Bro. Andrew Rapp, from 1895 to 1911; then, Bro. Barthol Rapp, from 1911 to 1924. Bro. Carl Rassi was ordained in 1932. Our present elder is Bro. Joe A. Getz.

The original burial ground was

the Kaufman Cemetery, located 1½ miles southwest of Morton. The ground was purchased from Jacob Kaufman in 1876 for \$10.00.

The present church cemetery is located south of Morton. The ground was donated by Bro. John Zobrist in 1910.

PORTLAND, OREGON

Reporter: Mrs. Paul N. Rumbold

Sis. Elva Unsicker became suddenly ill on Feb. 11 and spent several days in the hospital. We are thankful to report, she made a speedy recovery.

Sis. Clara and Jake Kaufman observed their fortieth wedding anniversary on Feb. 24, with open house at the home of their daughter, Carolyn, and family. Sis. Clara, whose health has been quite poor, is able to attend church regularly.

We feel fortunate to have our elder brother, Noah Schrock, and his wife visiting our congregation, on Sunday, March 3. Communion was served, and it truly was a blessed day for all.

Humbled and Exalted

The Maker of the Universe
As man, for man, was made a
curse;
The claims of law which He had
made,

Unto the uttermost He paid.

His holy fingers made the bough
Which grew the thorns that
crowned His brow.
Metal that pierced our Lord was
mined
In secret places He designed.

He made the forest whence there
sprung
The tree on which His body hung.
He died upon a cross of wood,
Yet made the ground on which it
stood.

The sky that darkened o'er His
head
By Him above the earth was
spread . . .
The sun that hid from Him its
face
By His decree was poised in space.

The spear which spilled His
precious blood
Was tempered in the fires of God;
The grave in which His form was
laid
Was hewn from rocks His word
had made.

The throne on which He now
appears
Was His from everlasting years,
But a new glory crowns His brow,
And every knee to Him shall bow.

AN EASTER THOUGHT

Harold Gramm, Morris

From St. Luke 24.

"Now upon the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they came unto the sepulchre . . . they found the stone rolled away . . . And . . . behold, two men stood by them in shining garments . . . they said unto them, Why seek ye the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen . . ."

Truly, the victory was won. Jesus shed His blood for our salvation. The ransom now is paid. Let us serve our risen Lord, whose divine love surely deserves our all.

What will you do with Jesus? Neutral you cannot be. Some day your heart will be asking, "What will He do with me"?

Debra and Richard Voeller had tonsilectomies. Sis. Sophie Luthi is home from the hospital and is

able to worship with us again. Bro. Glen Domnick went to Rochester, Minn., Feb. 18, where at the end of Feb. he underwent surgery. He should be home in a few weeks.

Bro. and Sis. Raymond Luthi had a son, William, born Feb. 12. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Heil have a son, John Michael, born Feb. 15.

Our best wishes to Bro. and Sis. John Schmidgall, who celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary, by having open house at their home Feb. 23. All their children were home except their son, Bro. Kenneth, of Phoenix.

Bro. Carl Griener was in the hospital for several weeks with a broken ankle. He is happy to be back at the Braaten Rest Home in Hancock.

Bro. Wm. and Sis. Lillian Zeltwanger observed their 45th Wedding Anniversary March 6.

Bro. and Sis. Howard Mogler of Lester spent Sunday, Mar. 3, with us, and helped celebrate Sis. Minnie Luthi's birthday. We are happy to have Sis. Minnie assemble with us again, after a short stay in the hospital.

CISSNA PARK, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Mrs. Jeff Young

Among those who have been hospitalized the past month are Sis. Bertha Reineke, who submitted to an appendectomy.

THOUGHTS ON EASTER

Bro. Clarence Yackley, Phoenix

Easter is a day set aside for Christians to commemorate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ the Saviour, who is the first fruits of the Resurrection (note how Matthew 27:53 confirms this).

The Resurrection is the most inspiring message, since it gives us hope through life and takes the sting out of death. If it were not for the Resurrection, we'd still be in our sins and those that have passed on would be perished (I Corinthians 15:17-20).

The word "Easter" appears only once in the New Testament (Acts 12:4). To settle a controversy, since Easter was observed on different days by different churches, the Council of Nicea in 325 A.D. ruled Easter should be observed on the first Sunday after the first full moon after Spring begins (the Vernal Equinox). (Bro. Clarence also mentioned that it is interesting to notice that it is impossible for there to be a solar eclipse around this time. Thus, this disproves the "theory" of some who say that the darkness during the crucifixion that Matthew 27:45 speaks of was only a coincidence, instead of crediting God with power over heaven and earth.)

With the coming of March, we all look hopefully forward to Spring, for we know that it is not too far off now. Spring is a wonderful time of the year, because at the time God touches the earth with His loving hand, and life and beauty is renewed and regenerated in the dormant, almost-dead plants.

Spring also is synonymous with Easter. Easter, which commemor-

Sis. Jane Stock is quite ill at this writing.

David Lee was born to Bro. and Sis. Max Yergler on Feb. 13.

On Feb. 11, we laid away our aged sister, Emma Kuebler. She was past 96 years of age, being the oldest member of our congregation. She served the Lord 80 years. Funeral services were held by Bro. Josh Broquard.

Funeral services were held for Sis. Nettie Geyer on Feb. 27, with Bro. Emanuel Gudeman officiating.

ates the resurrection of our loving Saviour, is very much like Spring. Just as Spring signifies the renewal of plant and animal activity, so the Resurrection of our Lord signifies the hope of the renewal of life in our souls—life eternal—out of the dark winter of sin and the cross.

Easter

This is our creed: that God's own Son was sent on earth to pay—the price of our salvation, and to show lost souls the Way buying our redemption on the cross of Calvary—marking out the path of wisdom, peace and charity.

This is our faith: that Mary found an empty sepulchre—and as she wept in sorrow, there the Lord appeared to her . . . He, the Christ, had risen in the quiet morning hour. He the King of light and life had broken death's dark power.

Mourner, this is Eastertide, the resurrection day. Turn to Him in faith, and He will wipe your tears away. He has proved the final truth of immortality. Love survives the change called Death. Love lives eternally.

Our congregation was very blessed by the testimony of our dear friend, Doris Kokanovich, who was baptized and became a Sister in the faith on February 17. This was a wonderful day for us. We were very thankful and praised God

that another lamb had been added to the fold.

The congregation was pleased to have the opportunity to hear the reading of the memorandum of the Brotherhood Conference. It was a blessing to us to hear how brothers meet and work together in love, with God's direction and blessings, and accomplished much good. Visiting Elder Bros. Noah Schrock and Silas Leuthold assisted our Elder Bro. Roy Farney in the reading.

We are happy to report, Sis. Lillian Messner is recuperating nicely, after surgery last month. Also, your reporter had surgery and is thankful for a speedy recovery.

We are having many winter visitors here. One Sunday in February we had visitors from fifteen churches. The homefolks had a treat, when the visitors were host at a picnic at South Mountain Park, February 19. It was a beautiful day. The temperature was 73°, and relative humidity was 19%, a perfect day for an outdoor lunch, which was provided and served. Everyone enjoyed the beautiful bright sunshine and the fellowship. All joined in singing of hymns before lunch.

Some of our brethren went to Tuscon March 7, to visit Bro. Jay Bertsch, who is in the hospital. He fell and broke his right leg. Jay is partially disabled, and has suffered much from a previous accident several years ago. May God be near him in his hour of distress and need. His home address is: 5957 E. 20th Street, Tuscon, Arizona.

Sis. Christine Dubach submitted to the second operation on her leg that she had the misfortune of breaking over a year ago. She will be in a cast again for some time. We pray that this may prove satisfactory this time and she may have a speedy recovery. Her home address is: 8019 N. 5th Ave., Phoenix, Arizona.

Reporter, Averil Stevig

PRINCEVILLE, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Ruth Ricketts

We are very happy and thankful for the safe return of Bro. Silas and Sis. Mary Leuthold and Bro. Sam and Sis. Lucille Kieser and Bonnie. During their absence, sev-

eral more souls turned to the Lord in repentance, for which we are most thankful. Their names will be mentioned as they are announced for proving.

Bro. Chris Martin had the tip of one of his fingers taken off, when he caught it in a gear of a cornsheller. Although quite painful at first, it is getting along nicely now.

Three little girls have been born this past month. Bro. Edwin and Sis. Carol Baurer have a daughter, Rene, born February 16. A little sister, Cynthia, welcomed her. Karen Mae was a welcomed sister to Raylene, Rodney, Daryl and Curtis, as well as to the parents, Bro. Raymond and Sis. Betty Wagenbach, born February 20. On March 4, a daughter was born to Bro. Jeff and Sis. Ruth Streitmatter. Her name is Katrine Rene. She has a little sister, Gloria.

AN EASTER THOUGHT

Bro. Earl Kilgus, Remington

May our thoughts be led to Calvary, where Jesus suffered, bled and died, and then think of that glorious resurrection, completing the way of salvation. Jesus paid the price for the sin of all the world. Now, Jesus is tenderly calling to mankind to take up the cross and follow him, namely, that we give our lives to Him and let Him do with us as He will. When this can come about, the soul finds its lost condition and is led into true repentance. Gladly does such a soul come confessing and asking for forgiveness of sin. Then does the soul experience forgiveness and peace of heart and mind. A soul then realizes what the Saviour suffered on the cross at Calvary . . . then to complete the plan, that glorious resurrection from the tomb, that man might have life, and have it more abundantly.

Sat. evening, Feb. 23, we gathered to hear the testimony of Carol Schieler. Bros. Joe Waibel and Irvin Lehman were with us, as well as many visitors from various places. Carol was baptized on Sunday. We surely wish her the grace of God in her new life.

Bro. Ed and Sis. Lora Zahner and their son, Craig, of Rockville spent a week visiting relatives here.

If There Were No Easter

How would it be, if I had to go
Into the dark, alone?
What would I do, if the Lord had
not
Made my last pathway known?
How would it be, if the Lord had
not
Fashioned a place for me?
What would I do, should His love
not last
Throughout eternity?
How would it be, if I could not
greet
Him, and my loved ones, There?
What would I do, if it could not be
He is my answered prayer?
How would it be, had He not
assured—
So I could always know?
"If it were not as I promised you,
I would have told you so!"

Reporter: Emily Kilgus

SARASOTA, FLORIDA

Reporter: Velta Laukhuf

We were richly blessed with four visiting ministers, Bro. Roy Sauder, Peoria; Bro. Philip Gutwein, Francesville; Bro. Henry Beer, Milford; and Bro. John Yergler, Bluffton. We all enjoyed the scripture readings and the messages that were delivered. Services were held on the evenings of Feb. 10, 14, and 17.

Our congregation here has grown from a few to a very large group, for which we are thankful to God for the increase. On Sunday, Feb. 24 we had 20 churches from the north being represented.

Our visiting minister on February 24 was Bro. John Bahler, from Rockville. We were all inspired by the sincere message delivered by Bro. Bahler. On February 26, a singing was held at the Dove Trailer Court, which was enjoyed by all.

We appreciate the coming of visiting ministers, and hope they will return again.

Bro. August Laukhuf is convalescing at his home at the Sunset

Trailer Court, Lot 29, Bradenton, Florida. He is improving very slowly, after having major surgery. With the help of God, we all wish Bro. Gus a speedy recovery. Bro. Gus appreciates hearing from his loved ones back north. He also wishes to thank those who have remembered him with cards and letters.

The Sarasota congregation wishes to express their deepest and most sincere sympathy to Sis. Fannie and Bro. George Sauder of Eureka, in regard to the death of Sis. Fannie's mother, Minnie Pfister.

TOLEDO, OHIO

Reporter: Emily Frautschi

On Feb. 10, the announcement was made of the engagement of Sis. Marie Rehklau to Bro. Charles Kieser of Princeville. Plans are being made for a June 2nd wedding. We do wish them both much grace and happiness from the Lord.

On Feb. 17, our Elder Bro. Rudolph Graf and Sis. Betty Graf visited us. It was a blessed day, as we together were privileged to partake of the Lord's Supper. Bro. Graf also read to us the Memorandum from the Brother Meeting. Other visitors that same Sunday were Bro. George and Sis. Esther Kieser, Bro. Charles Kieser and Sis. Dolores Kieser, all from Princeville.

Bro. Rowan and Sis. Judy Schar are the parents of a new little daughter, Jonelle Lyn; and Bob and Dorothy Stevens are the parents of a new little daughter, Barbara Kay.

TREMONT, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Esther Schmid

The Easter season will soon be upon us, and as the weather moderates, plants will soon spring forth from the rain and the warmth of the sunshine. It reminds me of the Resurrection — as Christ arose from the grave to life, so the dormant plants again spring forth to life.

Our midweek evening services have been changed from Thursday to Wednesday evenings, starting at 7:30 P.M., Standard Time.

We are happy to report, three more souls found grace to repentance. They are Kay Schupbach, Paul and Florence (Zimmerman) Koch.

Hospitalized is Paul Koch, who was painfully injured at home when cutting down a tree, part of it striking him as it fell. He has a skull fracture, a broken leg, and his sight seems to be impaired. Many prayers are being offered for his return to good health, if it be the Lord's will. Paul is the father of four small children.

I am including a brief report on one of our Sunday School classes, written by their teacher, Sis. Lydia Brunner.

We have seventeen pupils in the second grade. The past month, we have been learning the Ten Com-

mandments, beside our regular Sunday School lessons. We have learned to be obedient, that Jesus is the Son of God, and about His great miracles, such as: making the blind to see & the lame to walk and feeding five thousand people with a small amount of food.

The whole class was very much concerned about the serious accident of Paul Koch (one of the pupil's father). The children know that Jesus is not here, to help his sight and raise him to walk. One of the children spoke and said, "We could all pray to Jesus for His help, so he can see and walk again."

THE MEANING OF EASTER TO A CHILD OF GOD

Bro. Carl Hartman, Sabetha

To be a resurrection, there must first be a death, and as we draw near to Easter, we can not pass by the cross on which the Lord suffered and died.

There, he paid the price for sin, and opened the way for reconciliation between man and God. His life on earth in the form of man came to a close there, as he said, "It is finished".

But his return to his heavenly Father and the glory that he had before he came to the earth was his desire, and he attained it by the power of God.

In the scriptures, we read very little of the word Easter, but there is much mentioned about resurrection morning. It is a record that draws us closer to God as we read it. **There** is the account of the first-fruit of the grave.

True: we read in the scripture of other men that were raised from the dead by the Lord, as he taught and labored on this earth, but each one of those again went to the grave in due time. But the Lord Jesus became victor over death and the grave. His ascension was witnessed by the disciples.

So Resurrection morn or day has a great deal of meaning to a re-born child of God.

Most all souls have an inborn desire to attain everlasting life. The wonderful thing of it all is that life eternal is within the reach of all. Fulful the works of faith and come to God in repentance, and the gift of peace can be yours. Then, the hope of a resurrection like unto the Lord is the assurance that

God's word gives us, and Easter can bring much joy and happiness.

What would life on earth be if there were no hope for a resurrection or immortality. We would be most miserable to be without a Saviour.

The grave could not hold him,
my wonderful Saviour,
Though sealed was the tomb
where he lay.

An angel descended with heavenly power

And rolled the great stone
away.

Feb. 10 was Bro. Charley and Sis. Mary Bieri Metzgers' 56th wedding anniversary. Bro. Charley is one of our senior brothers; Sis. Mary is our oldest sister. She is past 84. They seem to be blessed with fairly good health. This winter so far, they have attended church every Sunday. They both are active. Sis. Mary keeps busy by piecing quilts; she has started on her 5th one for this winter. Bro. Charley handles Rawliegh products, some fresh fruits and vegetables.

Bro. Phillip of Sabetha and Sis. Esther (Elmer) Banwart of West Bend are two of their children. They have 23 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

We wish them God's continued blessings in their golden years.

The engagement of Sis. Jean Seidel of Taylor and Bro. James Metzger was announced. Brother James is attending Kansas State University, Manhattan, studying to be a pharmacist.

Sun., Feb. 17, we were blessed with the inspiring word of God, through our Elder Bro. Sam Anliker. He also read and meditated on the Memorandum. Bro. Lester Hartter was also present to assist Bro. Sam. Let us not only hear, but be receptive to God's will.

Trela Dawn is the name chosen for the new baby daughter born Feb. 18 to Sis. Mary and Bro. Eugene Marti. She has two sisters and a brother to welcome her.

Sis. Emma Geisel is now at the Apostolic Christian Home here.

March 9 will bring back memories to Bro. Joe and Sis. Ida Aeschliman Hartter. They were married at the Apostolic Christian Church near Bern; the Lord willing, they will observe their golden wedding anniversary, Sun., Mar. 10. Their children plan to be home for the occasion. There are George, of Boulder, Colo.; Mildred Gillispie, of Lawrence, Kans.; Earl of Overland Park, Kansas. They also have 18 grandchildren. Bro. Joe is a retired business man. He and Sis. Ida keep busy in their home, making many lovely things. God grant them many more years together.

Reporter: Mrs. Theodore Locher

VALPARAISO, INDIANA

Reporter: Donna Bucher

A buffet supper was held on February 10 at the church. A business meeting immediately followed the supper.

February 17 the junior and senior Sunday School classes went to Mr. and Mrs. Orville Buchers home for a hot supper and a "taffy pull". Everyone enjoyed the day very much.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Frieden of Wheatfield held the ACY party in their home on February 24th. The evening, with refreshments, was enjoyed by the young group.

Visitors for the month of February were: Lynn Fellers, Charles Rinkenbergers, Merle Buchers and Ed Franks, all of LaCrosse, and Wally Buchers of Francesville. We enjoyed our company very much, and sincerely welcome anyone who would like to visit us.

Seven Wondrous Words

Last words are precious words: how we cling to them, and let them gently stir through the memory and persist through the years. Men build about them great paeans and songs.

The last words of Jesus, matchless for pathos and forgiveness and trust, form a garland of seven flowers that do not fade.

The first is the word of intercession: "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do". These hired soldiers who are driving the nails and raising the cross He would forgive them.

The second word is the word of hope beyond death, spoken to the penitent thief: To day shalt thou be with me in paradise." The third word is one of loving provision, "Woman, behold thy son!"—One of the tenderest acts in all history. Jesus did not forget His mother; He was a son as well as a Saviour,

a son to the last. The fourth: "... why hast thou forsaken me?" spoken in the awful darkness, we need much more to understand. It is the word of loneliness. The first three were spoken for others: He cared for others before He thought of Himself: The great heart broke and He cried, "My God." He lost His sense of God with Him, for a moment, but not His trust. He speaks three more words — "I thirst" . . . "It is finished", the word of victory . . . and the seventh word is the word of trust—"Father, into Thy hands . . ." Father! a precious word for God, the word of supreme confidence, of assurance, of victory.

far as Bethany and blessed them, and then parted from them. They returned to Jerusalem with great joy.

So also is the joy in every heart who experiences a true repentance, and the Lord speaks peace to the heart. Let us thank God, which giveth us victory over death through our Lord Jesus Christ.

THE GLORIOUS RESURRECTION

Bro. Earl Banwart, West Bend

At this Easter season, we are reminded of the victory over death, through our Lord Jesus Christ, and His rising victorious from the grave the third day.

It was God's plan to send upon earth the Lamb of God, One without spot or blemish (or sin). It pleased God that He should suffer, and that He should pay the supreme sacrifice for the sins of all the world.

The Lord was obedient unto death because He loved us, so through His dying, shedding His blood for our cleansing, He brought forth a new era of time, that man can now be saved by grace, since He has risen from the grave.

When the Lord Jesus was with his disciples, He told them that the people would scourge Him and put Him to death, and the third day He would rise again.

Another time, Jesus went into the temple and drove out those who sold oxen, sheep, doves, and the money changers, because it was God's house. He told them, they made it a den of thieves. Then they wanted Him to show them a sign, seeing He did these things. Jesus said to them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." Then the Jews said, "Forty and six years was this temple in building, and wilt thou rear it up in three days?" But Jesus spoke of the temple of His body.

So we can see how He was to lay in the bosom of the earth three days, then rise to this glorious

resurrection from death and grave. The Lord, victorious, arose by the power of God and became the first fruits of the resurrection of the dead.

Now all who believe, repent and become renewed in heart and spirit shall also be partakers of the resurrection of the living. "For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming." Then His redeemed can die no more, for we will be equal to angels and are the children of God, being the children of the resurrection. Blessed are they who rise on that first resurrection.

Coming back to the morning when Jesus had risen from the grave, the disciples were sad because their Lord had been crucified. When they were told the grave was empty, they felt lost and in despair, as sheep without a shepherd. They felt their hope had all vanished. But little did they realize, God had planned this way of salvation and how the Lord should rise the third day, until the time the eleven disciples were together and the Lord came in their midst and said, "Peace be unto you." Then, he opened their understanding that they could understand the scripture, and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations.

After that, he led them out as

On February 20, a daughter, Lynn Maxine, was born to Bro. Dwaine and Sis. Lucille Schmidt.

Bro. Fred Traub has a heart condition, and is doing quite well at this time. He is home from Iowa City, but has to go back again for check-ups.

We are happy to report that Sis. Mary Fehr is continuing to improve.

All children that were 4 years old before March 1 will start Sunday School on March 3.

Bro. Eddie Knobloch and Sis. Frances Gerber were united in marriage on March 3, by Bro. Paul Banwart.

Reporter: Anna Schmidt

WINTHROP, MINNESOTA

Reporter: Marguerite Messner

Mother Miller has been on the sick list for four weeks, but we are happy to report, she is able again to assemble with us.

In the hospital this past month were Bros. Levi Messner and Fred Messner and Mrs. Walter Messner. We are happy to report, they are all home again and getting along well.

Bros. Noah and Carl Miller, Sisters Pearl Lienemann, Carrie and Esther Messner visited their aunt, Sis. Mattie Olson, at Cashel Nursing Home in Worthington. She has been there a year. She enjoys visitors, and loves to get mail. Her address is, Mrs. Mattie Olson, Cashel Nursing Home, Worthington, Minnesota.

Sis. Marguerite Messner is in the hospital at Rochester for surgery.

Our visitors for the month were Bro. and Sis. Glen Domnick, from Morris. They were on their way to the Rochester Clinic.

BREMEN, INDIANA

Reporter: Joseph L. Bauman

A traveler who recently visited in the Soviet Union for a number of years, which enabled him to associate with many of the common

people, brings back a report that may be interesting to many of us. He reports a real hunger for religious services on the part of many. One church in Moscow with a capacity of over one thousand people is filled to overflowing each Sunday, and there are hundreds standing during the service. This may come as a surprise to some of us who have sent ourselves from church services for every trifling reason. The writer states that he returned to America with a heavy heart, and witnessed that many people in so-called godless Russia have more sound moral principles than many in so-called Christian America.

It was good to have Bro. Robert Klopfenstein with us again in the church service last Sunday. Bro. Robert had been confined to the hospital and his home for quite some time, following injury to his leg.

A bus-load of the young folks

from the Fort Wayne church literally fulfilled the words of their song, "Make Me A Blessing to Someone Today," when they visited us. We wish to thank everyone who made the effort to come.

Sis. Marie Germann has been released from the hospital and is home, reported improving nicely at this writing. We pray God's continued blessing of improved health upon her.

Sis. Mae Schumacher has been in somewhat failing health recently. We hope and pray for her speedy recovery.

With the cold weather subsiding, the sun gaining in strength, and the lengthening of day, the robins once more returning to us . . . we look forward once again to the coming of spring, also the sacred Easter season, which to all Christians should be a season of deep gratitude and reverence. May this season bring blessings to each and everyone.

A SHORT MEDITATION ON EASTER

Bro. Alfred Bahler, Wolcott

It always seems to me that consideration of our Saviour's trial, crucifixion, and resurrection should cause us all to carefully evaluate our own lives in the light of circumstances as they existed at that time. By comparing them with today, it can help to enlighten us to our standing and position in life.

The scripture relates that the crowd cried out relentlessly, "Crucify him, crucify him." It would be unusual if there were not those there that heard and witnessed the mockery of Christ that were perhaps undecided in their opinion, yet for fear of the popular majority, went along with the frenzied group in denouncing Him. How this coincides with today! There are those who deny the existence of God. They would advocate doing away with godliness completely! Today also, there are those who are undecided. Lacking faith or desiring popularity in this life, they are carried along, unprepared, to destruction. Not everyone who goes carelessly along this way has their heart in hating the ways of God, yet the Word gives no hope to these poor souls. Jesus said, in effect, either we must love Him and hate the things of this world,

or love this life and reject Him.

Then we read, there were those near to Him, who wept and lamented over His suffering, and then later could have great joy in their hearts (Luke 24:52).

May our lot be, through unashamed service to Him, to rejoice with Him in the new Jerusalem, where praises shall resound, rather than cries of hate and envy.

On February 17, we enjoyed a blessed day, with Bro. LeRoy Huber of the Eureka church in our midst. In the evening, the Remington members, along with Bro. Joe Waibel from Bay City gathered with us for consideration of the memorandum of the Francesville Conference.

Our friend, Donald Furrer, has been announced for proving. We trust it can soon be the Lord's will that he can have a furlough, can come home and be added to the fold.

On March 4, the Sunday School teachers and ministers from Remington and Wolcott met to organize for our annual combined Vacation Bible School, which will be held early in the summer.

Reporter: Arles Kropf

LAMONT, KANSAS Reporter: Mrs. Bernie Emch

Sis. Kathryn Anliker is again able to assemble with us, after recovering from surgery. We want to give God thanks for all he has done for her.

Nancy Kay Wernli, infant daughter of Bro. Roy and Sis. Betty Wernli, entered the Emporia Hospital Feb. 26, for 6 days of treatment, and was transferred to K. U. Medical Center at Kansas City for observation and treatment. We committ her into God's hands and ask His will be done.

Another one of our aged has passed on to her reward. Sis. Mary Emch, almost 95 years old, passed away Feb. 11, at her home in Emporia. Funeral services were conducted by Bro. Samuel Anliker at the Lamont Apostolic Christian Church, Feb. 13.

We appreciate and want to thank Bro. Loren Strahm, for rendering his services and messages unto us March 3, and assisting Bro. Roy Wernli.

WICHITA, KANSAS Reporter: Mrs. Harvey Smith

An individual can truly marvel at the greatness of God during the Easter and spring seasons. The spiritual and the temporal aspects are very beautiful. The human eye can witness the transition of drab, dormant plant life into the budding and blooming of beautiful flowers and trees. The spiritual faith can visualize the victory over death and the grave, the resurrection of Jesus Christ to a newness of life, so that all may have hope of life eternal. The beauty of the season should prompt us to become more dedicated to Him, so that some small portion of his great love might blossom from us for his honor and glory.

Elder Bro. Fred Grimm and Sis. Louise visited our congregation on the evening of Feb. 20. We sincerely appreciate their sharing an evening with us.

Jerry and Donna Farney are parents of a boy, Brian Trent, born Feb. 26. Bro. and Sis. Harvey Farney are paternal grandparents.

We are happy to report, Sis. Lydia Schrock is much improved and able to receive visitors. She is presently at the Woodlawn Nursing Home, 1611 South Mission, Wichita, Kansas.

EASTER

Bro. Michael Weyeneth, Peoria

Spring is here . . . and the Easter Season. How sad it would be if we had no Easter. If Christ had not risen from the dead, we would be of all people most miserable. We would be without hope in this world. It is written, "And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins."

It is nearly two thousand years since that glorious scene took place in the garden. Early in the morning, the women came to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away. While they stood there, not knowing the next step, "two men stood by them in shining garments." "Why seek ye the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen." This is the glorious message that should be sounded throughout the whole earth.

In Revelation 1:8, we read, "I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty." How blessed to know that we have a risen Lord, One who is always there for us. He is our all, and in all.

He is the power in the church. Without Him, nothing can be accomplished. Did he not say, "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth."

So many times, we take things in our own way of thinking and doing, and find out later, God was not with us, or we went ahead of Him. His voice is as the sound of many waters. Our Lord has the last word. Man dare not lift his voice above that of the risen Lord. So let us not trust in ourselves or man, because no one is perfect but God alone.

The Lord is in the midst of the church with a sharp two-edged sword proceeding out of his mouth. The sharp two-edged sword is, without doubt, the word of God. Hebrews 4:12 tells us that . . . "the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword." Here, we see the place of the word of God, the Bible in the church. It is the word of God that "is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth . . ."

Think what it will be on that

glorious day, when the heavens will open, and the Lord Jesus Christ will descend with a shout. It is then the rapture of the true church will take place. The true church is made up of all born-again believers, out of every kindred, tongue, and tribe. Why not be occupied with getting ready for that day when we shall stand in his presence.

Today, while we are observing Easter in commemoration of the most wonderful day in history, there are thousands that are worshipping a dead Christ. How we need to reach them with the words of our Lord, "I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive forevermore . . ."

In last month's issue, there was a mistake in names in the baptisms. It should of read, Ruth and Evelyn Klien.

Bro. and Sis. Gottfried Witzig celebrated their 60th anniversary on Sunday, Feb. 24, with an open house at the home of their son, Bro. Walter Witzig. They were married Feb. 22, 1903.

Bro. Peter Weber was called to Switzerland Thursday, Feb. 14, on account of the serious illness of his father, Bro. Ernest Weber. Bro. Peter and his daughter, Margaret, spent 17 days there, returning March 2.

We appreciated the visit of Bro. Russell Rapp of Morton, Sunday, Feb. 10. Bro. Russell had an inspiring message, which we all enjoyed.

Our monthly hymn-sing was held Sunday evening, March 3. The Eureka men's group sang a few numbers. Our adult singing group sang a few numbers, and there was also congregational singing. Fellowship was held after, in the basement, and a lunch was served. It was a blessed evening.

Bro. LeRoy Hartman entered the hospital on Sunday, April 28. He had surgery the following day. At this writing, he is improving. We hope he will soon be able to be with us again.

Sis. Lydia Pfister, who has been a shut-in for many years, had her 90th birthday Feb. 19. Her sons, Bro. Elias of Indiana and George of Nebraska, and her daughter, Sis.

Kathryn, of Cissna Park, came to join the rest of the family to be with her.

The teachers of the Bible Class took the class to the Bellwood Nursing home to sing, Wednesday evening, Feb. 20. Lunch was served at the Paul Meister home afterward.

Sis. Esther Stoller is confined to the hospital at this writing. Bro. Joseph Plattner had a slight stroke, Sunday, March 3. Sis. Lydia Grimm has been confined to her home for many months. Her address is 3121 Isabel Street. We know she would enjoy mail. Sis. Edna Wiegand has also been ill for a long time. Her address is R. 2, Washington, Ill.

Let us always remember the sick, the aged, and the less fortunate.

Reporter: Mrs. Michael Weyeneth

FAIRBURY, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Joyce Huber

Easter—the greatest event of the year; making the Victory unto life the most treasured in the world. The greatest victory was won—the Resurrection! I marvelled at the work God had done, and I thought of the work He gave Mary in His first command after the grave at that site. ". . . go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father . . ."

We praise God that Dave Kaiser has seen his lost condition, and is repenting.

We sympathize with Bro. and Sis. John Huette, as the baby girl they were adopting became very ill, & passed away at the age of 10 weeks. Funeral services were held Sunday, Feb. 10.

Bro. and Sis. Amos Bertsch and Bro. and Sis. Joe Meyer of Bluffton were guests of Bro. and Sis. Amos Meyer Sunday, Feb. 10.

Emma Welk, who was brought from Chicago to Fairview Haven, was transferred to the hospital, and passed away March 7. She had been converted and desired baptism. This had been performed by Bro. Josh Broquard, Sunday evening, Feb. 17.

We were happy to have Tremont guests with us Sunday, March 3: Bro. and Sis. Earl Sauder, Bro. and Sis. Bob Sauder, Bro. and Sis. Harlan Bolliger, and Bro. and Sis. Elton Rapp.

HOW GOOD TO REMEMBER

Bro. Uriel Gehring, Burlington, Iowa

As the Easter season is near at hand, I wonder if we fully grasp the meaning of the resurrection from the dead of the Saviour of the world. Jesus' resurrection was the final victory, which proved that death itself could not contain the Son of God. This was an evident token to the world that the power of Satan and the wickedness of his followers could be overcome and put to shame by faithfulness in Almighty God. Jesus proved that faithfulness to God had its eternal reward (for today He sitteth at the right hand of God), and He is our example. How long was He faithful? Until the end; this is why He said when he was living, "... he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved." He knew that he would have to endure to the end to complete the mission that the father had given him. When we promise our Heavenly Father to be faithful till life's end, we must endure to the end if we expect to be saved in all eternity.

Oh, the joy that must have filled the hearts of the women that came to the sepulchre, where Jesus body was laid, and they found it not, but two men in shining garments said to them, "Why seek ye the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen: remember how he spake unto you when he was yet in Galilee, Saying, The Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again." And they remembered his words.

How good for us to remember His words and obey them. By doing this, we can properly commemorate and grasp the true meaning of Easter, and this not of ourselves; it must be revealed to us.

We are glad to have Bro. and Sis. Ben Wagler back with us. They have returned from a vacation that took them through Phoenix, where they visited our church, Altadena and Maywood, where they also visited our churches. They spent considerable time in California, where they visited Sis. Esther's sister and husband. While in California, they went to San Diego, where they saw their son, Paul, who is in the US Navy, and has just returned to the

states on the Bon Hamme Richard, after having spent some time in Japan. Paul is now attending school at Lemoore, Calif., where he is receiving electronics training. Bro. Ben states that the fellowship at our far western churches was inspiring and encouraging. May we always thank God for the privilege of true Christian fellowship, whereby we are strengthened.

George Knapp, brother of Sis. Sarah Gerst, passed away recently. His address was Wever, Iowa. We extend our sympathy to Sis. Sarah.

Tuesday evening, March 5, about 12 couples gathered at the home of Bro. and Sis. Chris Rinkenberger, to help Bro. Chris celebrate his 68th birthday. Sis. Alice served us a fine supper, and the evening was spent singing hymns. We wish Bro. Chris God's continued blessings, as he begins another year on his pilgrim journey through this life.

FT. LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA

Reporter: Florence Sutter

We are happy and thankful to report, two souls have been added to our congregation just recently. Our children, Richard and Judy Sutter, have repented, and gave their testimonies Friday evening, Feb. 8, and were baptized Sunday, Feb. 10. We wish them God's richest blessings, and hope they will always be faithful children of God.

We have also enjoyed receiving holy communion, Wednesday evening, Feb. 27, with a goodly number attending. Our Sister, Vi Gerber, has been with us for church services, and also was able to receive the blessed sacrament. After the baptisms on Sunday, a church supper was held. Many were present from far and near. It was indeed a blessed day.

We were saddened by the sudden passing of our brother, Lewis Hermann, of Peoria. He will always be remembered for his kind deeds and good works. May God comfort our hearts who loved him.

We have the new address of our friend, Walter Betz, and wish many would remember him with cheery cards and letters, as we know they are welcome and appreciated.

Pvt Walter H Betz
584th Medical Co (AMB)
Ft Bragg North Carolina

FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

Reporter: Mrs. Albert E. Kipfer

Sis. Ida Sinn is now recuperating at her home at 221 Lincoln Highway East, New Haven, Indiana, after undergoing an emergency appendectomy operation at the St. Joseph Hospital on February 12. We miss Sis. Ida from our midst and wish her a speedy recovery.

We were happy to see Sis. Joan Stoller back in our midst today, March 10, after being confined to her home and the hospital since Jan. 23.

Sis. Elizabeth Poe has been confined to her home for the past three weeks with bronchitis.

Also, Bro. and Sis. Herman Bertsch and son, Rodney, are on the sick list. We understand they have the flu. We wish you all a speedy recovery.

On February 24, the adult classes of the Sunday School were invited to the Bremen Church for the day. A bus was chartered, driven by Bro. Ben Kaufman, and 38 made the journey to Bremen. Everyone had an enjoyable time, and we want to thank the Bremen church for the love shown to us.

Our Easter program will be held Sunday, April 14. Those sponsoring the program are: Bro. and Sis. Richard Aeschleman, Bro. and Sis. Myron Hackenjos, and friend Robert and Sis. Janice Pfister.

The ministers who assisted in serving us since the last issue of the Silver Lining are: Bros. Earl Zeltwanger, Irvin Stoller, John Yergler and Otto Norr.

He Did Not Die In Vain

My blessed Lord was crucified;
The day was dark, and grief was wide,
For hope was crushed and all seem'd vain,
Until that Saviour rose again.

He brings His great salvation nigh,
And on His love bids us rely;
He bought our peace, thro' grief and pain,
But oh, He did not die in vain!

O, wond'rous news of life and love!
That Jesus lives and reigns above!
He made the path to glory plain;
Ah, no, He did not die in vain.

Chorus:

Ring out the blessed news again!
Oh, bear aloft the strain.
The mighty Lord is ris'n in power;
He died, but not in vain!
(Words written by: Mrs. Frank A. Breck)

GRIDLEY, ILLINOIS

Reporter: **Mary Alyce Witzig**

Ruth and Arthur Stoller are the parents of their first child, Roger Dean, born February 20.

John Albert is the new son of Connie and John Grusy. John was born February 14, and has one sister. The March 7 arrival in the family of Bro. Clyde and Sis. Wilma Kuntz has been named Roland Clyde. Other children are Sonia, Sara, Donna, Richard and Russell.

Bro. Joe Klopfenstein suffered a heart attack, Sunday evening, February 25, was taken to Mennonite Hospital, Bloomington, and is showing some improvement.

Sis. Elizabeth Stoller also spent some time in the hospital, due to a heart attack, but is now convalescing at home.

Our friend, Louise Rich, is in Mennonite Hospital at Bloomington, having submitted to an emergency appendectomy on February 28. At this writing, her condition is fair.

Only Borrowed

E. Geraldine Mundy

When Christ was born in Bethlehem, the Lord of all the earth,
There was no room in house or inn
for such a noble birth.
In vain they sought through city streets,
and Mary greatly sorrowed,
At last they found a manger bed,
but it was only borrowed.

The baby Jesus grew and grew,
waxed strong with God and man,
And when at thirty years of age,
His public life began.
He had no place to lay His head,
for that He never sorrowed,
For when His strength with cares
was rent,
a place to rest He borrowed.

When to Jerusalem He rode
through shouts of loud acclaim,
They hailed Him King, and sound-
ed forth Hosannah to His name.

He did not ride a royal coach,
for that He never sorrowed;
He meekly rode an ass's colt,
and it was only borrowed.

When in the shadow of the cross,
He with His friends did dine,
In memory of His sacrifice,
He blessed the bread and wine;
He had no room to be a host
to His close friends who
sorrowed,
He took them to the upper room,
and it was only borrowed.

This world had naught to offer
Christ that He could call His
own,
Except a crown of thorns, and
cross where He could die, alone.
While bearing it up Calvary's hill,
beneath its load He sorrowed.
The cross He bore, the crown He
wore were His; they were not
borrowed.

They took His body from the cross,
from mockery and scorn,
And laid it in a new-hewn tomb,
awaiting Easter morn.
He broke the hush of death, came
forth, and greeted those who
sorrowed;
Death could not hold the Son of
God! the tomb was only
borrowed.

LAMAR, MISSOURI

Reporter: **Marie Marti**

First Easter

Along our daily, narrow way,
We pause in humbleness today.
With greed and envy laid aside,
We greet the sacred Eastertide.
With misted eyes again we see
A garden called Gethsemane,
A supper with a host divine,
The broken bread—the ruby wine.

And once more we remember
this—
Denial—and a traitor's kiss.
A cross, a crown of thorns we
know,
The sepulchre of long ago,
But from that Resurrection Morn,
Our blessed Eastertide was born,
And now, each year, we watch
unfold
An Easter dawn of rose and gold.

The engagement of Sis. Leona Lehman and Bro. Dan Kraft of Gridley, Kansas, was announced Sun., March 3.

LEO, INDIANA

Reporter: **Mrs. Elias Souder**

Sun., Feb. 17, we were privileged to have Henry Sabo of Mansfield hold our services.

Sun., March 13, two groups visited two Nursing Homes in Butler. A group of young people and children were along to help sing. On their return, there was a gathering at the Fellowship Center for song practice.

Correction in last month's news; Leon Stoller will serve as an extern instead of intern as stated.

Announcement to give testimony and be united to the church has been made of Friend Sylvian Pulfer. There is much rejoicing here and also in the presence of the angels in heaven.

Mrs. Jos. Conrad has been very ill at the home of her daughter, Dorteia Winzeler.

Bro. John Bollier Jr was in the hospital, but is in attendance again.

Who Shall Roll The Stone Away?

A nameless chill pervaded all the air
On that gray morn, long centuries ago,
As through the city's narrow streets there crept
Some women, on their way to the sepulchre.
The fragrant odors of sweet spices told
Of their sad errand to the tomb of Him
They loved. And as they neared the garden where
Their blessed Lord was laid, a sudden fear
Took hold upon their eager, loving hearts—

(The sepulchre was hewn from solid rock;
A great stone had been rolled before the door,
And sealed with Pilate's royal signature)—
They felt their weakness and in anguish cried,
Who shall roll for us the stone away?
But love kept on; they urged their faltering steps—
When lo! they found an angel from the Lord
Had rolled away the stone, and sat thereon!
Thus, often, when with loving zeal we seek

To serve the Lord, a great fear
chills our hearts.

The door of opportunity seems
closed

And in our weakness and distress
we cry,

Who shall roll for us the stone
away?

But when with faith, in courage,
we press on,

We find the angel of the Lord hath
gone

Before... And lo, the stone is
rolled away!

NEW MARTINSVILLE, W. VA.

Reporter: Mrs. Gus Weltz

We were fortunate the week of March 1, when the Ohio River, like all rivers in the upper watersheds, overran their banks. We had a 24-hour downpour of rain, which resulted in moving some of the ice and snow that have gorged the rivers for weeks. While we did have a small flood, it did no damage here; many of the lowlands were flooded, and all basements in the business district were filled with the water. No business houses were forced to move their merchandise.

"Dud" Snodgrass passed away in Bethesda, Md., in late February. Funeral services and interment took place here. His wife, the former Leta Johnson, passed away several years ago.

George Emch has been confined to his home most of the winter, but is improving. Mr. and Mrs. Sam Kaufman have both improved and are able to get around the home.

Dan Witschey and Albert Riggenbach are both able to be out again.

E. B. Frumm, the husband of the former Lucy Witschey, celebrated his eightieth birthday at their home in Jeannete, Pa., on March 8.

Miss Margaret Durig, who has been very ill for several weeks, is still hospitalized, but slowly improving.

Bonnie Riggenbach, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Riggenbach, has been a patient in the local hospital for several days and shows slight improvement.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Schupbach have both improved and were happy to have their son, Homer, visit with them the first of March. He also had been seriously ill for several months.

Albert Durig continues to keep going and loves to have company, lives by himself and manages his own home.

A. E. Riggenbach will celebrate his 85th birthday on April 28.

Mrs. Ione Oblinger Harris passed away very suddenly on March 7, at the home of her sister, Miss Clara Oblinger. Her husband died February 26, this year. She was a daughter of the late Levi C. and Caroline Rist Oblinger. Funeral services and interment took place on Sunday, March 10, in New Martinsville.

Mrs. Emma Berger continues to live here with her son, Clarence, and wife and is in good health. In a telephone conversation with her recently, she was very happy, and hoping for good weather that she might be able to visit with friends.

TAYLOR, MISSOURI

Reporter: Mrs. Eli Sutter

Our Elder Bro. Fred Grimm read the memorandum to us on Sun., Feb. 3. He reminded us of the danger that lies for the church, if we do not stay close to the teachings that were handed down to us from our forefathers. May we all show our appreciation by being obedient.

Bro. Fred Grimm was called to Node, Wyoming, on March 1, to conduct the funeral services of Sis. Aline Klopfer.

The following is a copy of the obituary.

Aline Sophie Klopfer was born near Morges, Switzerland, Nov. 9, 1873. At the age of seven, when her father died, she came to America to live with an aunt and uncle at Fairbury. There she grew to womanhood, and became a seamstress and mercantile clerk. She returned to her homeland at the age of 19, for a visit to her mother and family.

In 1911, upon doctor's advice, she came west and homesteaded at Node. She was later joined by her sister, Bertha, her brother, Fred, and his daughter, Ida, who made their home with her. For many years, they made a home for various boys who needed their love and care.

Feb. 27, she died in her home, after a short illness. Preceding her death were her brothers Henry, Fred and John, and sisters Bertha, Marie and Elise, and her niece, Ida.

Surviving her are two nieces,

Marguerite Fietz of Lusk, Wyo., Marie Cartier of Switzerland, and a nephew, Pete Germann, of Node.

She was a faithful member of the Apostolic Christian Church.

This additional information was given to Bro. Fred by Pete and Mary Germann and others. . . Aunt Aline, as she was known to many, was a devoted Christian and faithful to her church. It was a joy to visit her, as she had a very pleasant personality. Among the many deeds of kindness, she will be especially remembered by her neighbors for her willingness to take any and all boys into her home, for as long a time as they wished. Many of them were not known beforehand by the Klopfers, but they all loved their home here.

From 1911 on, her stepfather, John Studer, made his home with her, and she also cared for an aunt, Louise Honegger, until their deaths. She enjoyed to have the members of her church stop to visit her, as they traveled across the country.

In 1919, Sis. Aline's niece, Ida, lost her life by a fall from a pony. Bro. Fred's father, Bro. Ed Grimm, conducted her funeral in Node.

Sis. Aline received the Silver Lining and read it with great interest from beginning to end, and also gave it to relatives and friends to read.

We have had a cold winter, but not as much snow as usual, and now with the first rains of the season, we can feel that spring will soon be here. When this is being read, the early spring flowers will be blooming, even now the jonquils and crocus are peeping through the ground. Soon, all nature will be coming to life, after a long winter of rest, reminding us of the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, who said of Himself, ". . . I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live". St. John 11:25.

BLUFFTON, INDIANA

Reporter: Frieda Kipfer

Grave-side services were held on Feb. 15 for the infant daughter of Lloyd and Pauline Kipfer Fiechter. Bro. Aeschliman officiated. Surviving, beside the parents, are a sister and two brothers.

Announcements were made on Feb. 17 of the engagements of Sis.

Nacny Gerber, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Fred Gerber of Latty, and Bro. Keith Honegger, son of Bro. and Sis. Alvin Honegger, of Bluffton; and Sis. Evelyn Stoller, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Dan Stoller, also of Latty, and Bro. Carl Hackenjoes, son of Bro. and Sis. Andrew Hackenjoes of Bluffton.

Bro. Cornelius Baumgartner, 70 passed away at the Decatur Hospital on Feb. 20. He was the son of Joel and Rosina Schwartz Baumgartner. Surviving are the wife, Sis. Fanny; five sons, Milo of Ft. Wayne, Bros. Herman and Chester of Bluffton R. R., and Walter and Wayne at home; seven daughters, Sis. Alice (Everett) Geisel, Sis. Violet (Harold) Meyer, and Mrs. Aobert (Nova) Steffen, all of Bluffton R.R., Rosina Baumgartner of Syracuse, Mrs. Carl (Frieda) Steiner of Hunteertown, Mrs. Herald (June) Lehman and Sis. Eileen (Glenn) Furrer, both of Wolcott; two brothers, a sister and 23 grandchildren. Bro. John Yergler had the service. Burial was in the Church cemetery.

Edward Kipfer Jr., 32, passed away at the home of his parents, Bro. Edward and Mildred Kipfer, on Feb. 23, after an illness of one week. Surviving in addition to the parents are two sisters, Mrs. Barbara Kumfer of Ft. Wayne and Mrs. Shirley Stauffer of Bluffton; two brothers, James, of Bluffton and Donald of Bremerton, Wash. Bro. Sam Aeschliman had the service at the Thoma Funeral Home. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Phil Moser, who is stationed in France, has had a change of address.

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Sis. Rose Mary Gerber and Bro. Gary Eisenmann were united in marriage on March 3, Bro. Aeschliman officiating.

Visiting ministers in the past month were Bros. Simon Wagenbach, George Sinn and Henry Beer.

A group of brothers here have been singing for the aged and shut-ins. Those visited were Bros. William Frauhiger, Jacob Kaehr, and the Cooper Rest Home in Bluffton.

Those in hospitals recently were Bros. Walter Fiechter and Daniel

Lantz, Sisters Anna (Cornelius) Steffen and Tena Reinhard.

Births: To Herbert and Betty Gerber, a son, on Feb. 14; to Gene and Elaine Baumgartner, a daughter, on Feb. 21; and to Bro. and Sis. James Reinhard, a son, on March 8.

FRANCESVILLE, INDIANA

Reporter: Mrs. Elmer Bucher

Assistant Reporter: Mrs. Perry Neihouser

"And straightway in the morning the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council, and bound Jesus, and carried him away, and delivered him to Pilate. (St. Mark 15:1)

One Solitary Life

Here is a man who was born in an obscure village, the child of a poor woman. He grew up in another village.

He worked in a carpenter shop until He was thirty, and then for three years He was a preacher and a teacher.

He never wrote a book. He never held an office. He never owned a home. He never had a family. He never traveled two hundred miles from the place where He was born. He never did one of the things which accompany worldly greatness.

While still a young man, the tide of popular opinion turned against Him. His friends ran away. One of them denied Him. He was turned over to His enemies. He went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed upon a cross, between two thieves.

His executioners gambled for the only piece of property He had on earth, while He was dying, and that was His coat. When He was dead, He was taken down and laid in a borrowed grave through the love of a friend.

Nineteen wide centuries have come and gone. Today He is the centerpiece of the column of progress. I am far within the mark when I say that all the armies that ever marched, and all the navies that were ever built, and all the parliaments that ever sat, and all the kings that ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of a man upon this earth, as has that One Solitary Life.

A little daughter, Kelli Ann, was

born to Mr. and Mrs. Dean Norman.

Sis. Maxine Novotny has been ill with scarlet fever.

ROANOKE, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Irene Hodel

There is softness in the Spring,
Found no other time of the year.
May you share many pleasant
thing,
With friends and loved ones dear.

Bro. and Sis. Eugene Bertschi returned home the 13th, after spending two and a half weeks in England, Switzerland, Italy, France and Germany. They enjoyed their trip very much, and were happy to meet relatives they never saw before. Their biggest problem was trying to keep the time straight. Since, Bro. Gene was very sick with a bad case of flu. We are glad to have him with us again.

Bro. Harold Roth, who has been in the hospital several weeks with injuries due to a fall from the hayloft on his farm, is home again recuperating.

Sis. Mary Rocke, who has been in the hospital, has returned home, and is being cared for by Sis. Florence Hangartner.

Bro. Fred Hoffman, who was in the hospital, is now at the Roanoke nursing home. He is the father of Bro. Rudy Hoffman.

Bro. Walter Schumacher, who has been in the hospital several weeks for surgery, is home again, being cared for by his daughters, Sis. Mary Jane Knapp and Joyce Crawford.

Bro. John Diggles have a little girl, Kathryn Lynn, born Feb. 24. They also have one son, John Jr., 11; and three daughters, Jane 9, Debby 5, and Tammie 4. Grandparents are Sis. Rose Blunier Funk and Henry Diggles, all of Gridley.

Sis. Minnie Pfister, 86, passed away Feb. 24 at the Eureka Hospital. She was the daughter of Bro. John and Sis. Verena Landert Minger. She leaves to survive, her husband, Bro. Sam; five daughters, Sis. Fannie Sauder, Eureka, Sis. Verna Getz, Morton, Sis. Esther Getz of here, Mrs. Geo. Schroeder, St. Petersburg, Fla., Mrs. Warren Brown, Peoria; three sons, Wm. J. of Danvers, Raymond of Pasco, Wash., Gilbert of Alton; two sisters, Mrs. John Rocke of Morton, and Sis. Fannie Minger of here,

and also Sis. Anna Hernfelt, who has made her home with the Pfisters for years and helped care for them. May the Lord bless her for her good deeds.

"When we asunder part,
It gives us inward pain.
But we shall still be joined in
heart,
And hope to meet again."

Sis. Mildred Aeschleman, who has been laid up several weeks, suffering torn ligaments in her ankle due to a fall, is able to be with us again.

Sis. Rose Sauder, who has undergone surgery in the hospital, is back with us again.

Bro. Ben P. Martin, who was in the hospital several days, is improving at home.

Sunday, March 3, we were happy to have with us Bro. and Sis. Francis Rother and family, Bro. and Sis. George Belsley and Sis. Ida of Morton, visiting their sister and daughter, the Don Sauders. We all enjoyed the blessings from Bro. Francis' sermons.

March 4, graveside services were held for the infant son of Bro. Lyle and Sis. Mary Lou Martin, who was stillborn on the 3rd. Surviving beside the parents are a brother, Randy, at home, and the grandparents, Sis. Mary Aeschleman, Bro. and Sis. Ben H. Martin, all of here.

If the Sorrows of the case,
Seem peculiar to thee,
God has promised needful grace,
As the days, thy strength shall be.

Sunday morning, March 10, Bro. Joe Zimmerman was pleased to have Bro. Leroy Huber of Eureka deliver the message at the nursing home here. We all enjoyed his services, including the many old folks who cannot attend church services. With Bro. Leroy was his wife, Sis. Mildred, and Bro. and Sis. Chris Hodel, also of Eureka. Sis. Hodel has a sister at the home, Sis. Tillie Fehr. Bro. Joe Zimmerman has a half-hour service and some singing every Sunday morning for these older folks. We know he appreciates help of others.

As Springtime approaches with beckoning hands, and the promise of things "born anew", And Easter draws near with its myriad of plans, — Just what does it mean to you?

On Easter Morn they looked for him

And found He was not there.
He left behind these things for us,
Love and hope and prayer.

Looking Forward . . . We plan to publish an article by Bro. Theo Beer, "The Pure Word Of God" . . . A continuation, "Froehlich Proved The Spirits" . . . and the final article in this series, with a picture

of the grave and tombstone of Froehlich . . .

An article, "The Believer's Marriage" by Bro. Noah Schrock.

Also, we have a family feature of Andrew and Bertha Beer of Milford . . . and one of the family of Gottlieb Herman (Princeville).

We plan to publish part of an old letter of Bro. Schupbach of Elgin . . . and a spiritual recipe of Froehlich . . .

And other treasures to open . . .

WHAT DOES EASTER MEAN TO US?

Bro. Clarence Kachelmuss, Forrest

As the Easter season is again near, let us all journey to Calvary and review the sufferings of Christ, our dear Lord and Saviour.

We hope and pray the true meaning of Easter will always burn within our hearts. It is not that we shall seek after the traditions that men of the world seek to set up, but that we read and believe the true record of the holy Bible, the purpose of our dear Lord and Saviour coming into the world, giving His life as the supreme sacrifice, and for the shedding of His blood for the atonement for the sins of men.

How it must have grieved the Father in heaven, when He saw how His dear Son was being rejected by those whom He was sent to redeem. How they abused and mistreated Him! We believe that in all this, God is able to reveal unto man how great His love is to all who find themselves without a hope! And we who have been redeemed would also realize we must take upon us our cross and follow in our dear Lord and Saviour's footsteps, if we would wish to inherit life eternal.

May we often take the journey to without the gates of Jerusalem to Calvary with the good Lord, and realize that it was for us He endured all of this, and finally laid down His life that we might live. The love of God does not stop here, but also went into the grave, and there God Almighty was able to resurrect our Lord from the grave. So likewise, we, by the grace of God, who have died unto sin, can be buried into the death of Christ and arise unto a new life in Christ, and enjoy the peace that has been placed in our heart by God.

May the love of God within our heart burn fervently, that we may forbear in love and serve one another, as our dear Lord has set an example for us. May the true meaning of Easter go with us every day of our life.

We are thankful that three souls have returned to the Lord in repentance. They are Shirley, daughter of Bro. Clarence and Sis. Laura Kachelmuss; Marjorie, daughter of Bro. Sidney and Sis. Helen Leman; and Mary Kathryn, daughter of Bro. Oscar and Sis. Kathryn Schneider. We wish them much grace.

Sis. Martha Honegger spent two weeks at the Ottawa Arthritis Hospital. She is much improved at this writing, and has been able to attend church again.

Bro. Bob and Sis. Judy Zimmerman are the parents of a baby boy, Brian Keith, born Feb. 27. Born to Bro. Robert and Sis. Delores Kiefer, Feb. 27, a girl, Brenda Lea.

Reporter: Nancy Honegger

CONGERVILLE, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Ruth Schumacher

A baby boy, Michael Guy, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Bill Jones of Redonda Beach, California, on March 7. His mother was the former Mary V. Sides.

Sis. Naomi Schrock spent about two weeks in the hospital with a respiratory infection. We are glad that she is out and back to work again.

Bro. and Sis. Art and Donna Wettstein and family have moved from our community to a farm near Eureka, so they will be going to church there. We are sorry to have them leave our congregation.

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THE SILVER LINING

Sis. Marjorie Knapp suffered a broken arm, while helping at home. She has the sling off now, and is able to be on the job at Hopedale Hospital.

Sis. Rosemary Marti spent a short time in Mennonite Hospital with a throat infection, but has recovered and is enjoying the fellowship again.

Mahlon Zimmerman, who had back surgery some time ago, is able to be up and about now. He will need to wait awhile before taking up his regular duties at the elevator.

Cathy Prince, 2½-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Prince (Della Mae Sides) has been ill for some time, and is now in Chicago Research Hospital undergoing tests and treatment.

We were glad to see Bro. Jake Miller at church on March 3, for the first time since his fall last summer.

The Real Meaning Of Easter

By Sis. Mary Sides

When Easter comes, our thoughts turn back

To an ordeal of long ago,
When our Lord with a Cross upon
His back

Walked out to Calvary's brow.

Upon that Cross He knew He'd die
When He came to His journey's
end;

But still He went so willingly
For me — and you, my friend.

So, not just at Easter, we should
bear it in mind,

But every hour of the day.
Let's all give thanks that He loved
us so much.

Remember — He searches our
hearts when we pray.

Be careful — ask nothing that per-
tains to this world,

Things purchased with silver and
gold.

He came not to die for things that
decay.

He's concerned only with our un-
dying soul.

OAKVILLE, IOWA

Reporter: Mrs. Ezra Gerst

A son, Keith Milton, was born to Sis. Joan and Bro. Edward Lanz Jr., on Feb. 16.

Sis. Bertha Cordill was in the hospital for pneumonia. Sis. Liberty Gerst had surgery on her foot. Both are home again and recovering nicely.

There has been quite a number from the church sick with colds and influenza. The weather has been quite changeable and wintery. We will all be glad to see spring.

My mother, Sis. Rose Heiniger, has been relieved of her earthly life and suffering. She passed away Feb. 19, at the age of 83 years and 10 months. She repented at the age of 17 and lived for the Lord almost 67 years. In that time, she experienced many joys and many sorrows. In her possession, we found, in her handwriting, these words—"we will never have a trial so great but the Lord can see us through." Surviving are 9 children, all in this community: Bro. Harvey, Bro. Clem, Joe and Phil, and Sisters Hilda Moser, Sara Miller, Mayme Gerst, Pearl Vierling, Ione Stoller. Her daughter, Mildred Sullivan, and her husband, Bro. John Heiniger, preceded her in death. Bro. John Wagenbach officiated, assisted by Bro. Gust Schietlin.

Bro. Ronald Barth was transferred to Fort Riley, Kans. Otherwise, his address is the same as before.

Margaret Eisenman Kotteman was suddenly taken out of this life, having had a heart attack. They lived in Iowa City and had three small children. She was the daughter of Bro. and Sis. Joseph Eisenman. Bro. Harvey Heiniger assisted at the funeral service. This should be a warning for us all, as we know not when the Lord will call us.

Bro. Noah Schrock and his wife, Sis. Hattie, returned safely from their trip to Arizona, California, etc. A few words from Bro. Noah's prayer Sunday in church were, "Help everyone to bear and endure

what has become their lot in this life, that they can look to the end of all things and to the resurrection as the apostle Paul directed, also his faith that he had hoped he would attain unto resurrection of the dead, not that he already had attained or had already apprehended. So with this objective and purpose and by the grace of God, we wish to press onward to the goal, and we are thankful that we can assemble ourselves for the purpose of being strengthened in our faith and being edified."

MAYWOOD, CALIFORNIA

Reporter: Christine Locher

Bro. Henry and Sis. Emma Ringler of Gridley, Ill., have been spending some time with their sons. We enjoy having them worship with us.

Bro. Paul Fehr ministered unto us on February 13, which was our mid-week service. Accompanying him were Sis. Anna, Ruby and Nancy Fehr, and Sis. Marjorie Mogler of Lester.

We were truly blessed on Sunday, February 24, when Elder Bros. Noah Schrock, Oakville, and Silas Leuthold, Princeville, visited our congregation. Accompanying them were their wives, Sis. Hattie Schrock and Sis. Mary Leuthold.

Other visitors for the month were: Bro. Sam and Sis. Lucille Kieser, Princeville; Bro. Joseph and Sis. Ida Kaisner, Forrest; Bro. Gerald Ludwig, Rockville; Sis. Rose Preiss, Diane, Cynthia and Janet, Elgin; Bro. and Sis. Ed Gerber, Lester; Frank and Sis. Peg Grazl, Mansfield.

Bro. Alf and Sis. Lillian Witzig, Gridley, and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Rocke, Roanoke, worshipped with us February 24. They were visiting their son and daughter, Eldon and Linda (Rocke) Witzig.

Next month, we will have an account of the Graf-Bahler wedding in the Rockville news. Altadena news will include the moving of the Pulver and Matt families to that area. Also, we have a poem on "Springtime", to be with Cissna Park news. We will go to our previous pattern of news next month, without the larger headlines as used this time. —the editor.