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THE PURE WORD OF GOD

Bro. Theo Beer

And Elisha came again to Gilgal: and **there** was a dearth in the land; and the sons of the prophets were sitting before him: and he said unto his servant, "Set on the great pot, and seethe pottage for the sons of the prophets."

And one went out into the field to gather herbs, and found a wild vine, and gathered thereof wild gourds his lap full, and came and shred **them** into the pot of pottage: for they knew **them** not.

So they poured out for the men to eat. And it came to pass, as they were eating of the pottage, that they cried out, and said, "O **thou** man of God, **there** is death in the pot." And they could not eat **thereof**...

But he said, "THEN BRING MEAL." And he cast it into the pot; and he said, "Pour out for the people that they may eat." And there was no harm in the pot.

(II Kings 4:38-41)

We are living in a time of great dearth, spiritually speaking. Elisha represents the true prophet of God, who is preaching the old-time gospel of Christ, which is supposed to feed the people, especially the young sons of the prophets, the truth of the gospel.

The pottage is the gospel. It in-

cludes repentance, faith in the shed blood of Christ, death to sin, the crucifixion of the old man of sin, the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and the doctrine of the second coming of Christ.

OUR CHILDREN

"Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD"

"... thy children like olive plants round about thy table.

"Rid me, and deliver me from the hand of strange . . . That our sons may be as plants grown up in their youth; that our daughters may be as corner stones, polished after the similitude of a palace:"

"Happy is that people, that is in such a case: yea, happy is that people, whose God is the LORD."

From The Book Of Psalms

But, alas, some young men, sons of the prophets, have gone out into "the field", and here they found a "wild vine," deceptive or contradictory teachings, for example: accept Christ without repentance,

consecration without death unto sin, eternal security, pride instead of humility, and many other wild gourds. They have shred them into the pot, until it is spiritual death to eat of the pottage.

What shall we do about it? Cast out the pottage? Not so, said Elisha. His reply was, "THEN BRING MEAL."

What is the significance of the meal? In Old Testament times, every sacrifice had to have with it a meal offering, composed of fine flour mingled with oil. Fine flour represents the well understood and inspired Word of God, and oil, all through the Bible, represents the Holy Spirit of God.

The true Word of God, recorded in the four gospels and the letters of the apostles, conveys the whole counsel of God, is the Living Bread, which will keep the true believer on the pathway of life, and will serve as the meal to keep the message pure, so that spiritual life may be the result of those who eat of the pottage.

It is the duty and the responsibility of God's holy church to feed the sons of the prophets the pure Word of God, even as the prophet did long years ago.

With God's help we shall not fail.

TRUE REPENTANCE AND WE JAPANESE

Yoshio Yamazaki

I read Brother George Sinn's "True Repentance" in the Silver Lining, January, 1963, and it was really interesting and gave me courage to serve the Lord here in Japan. I am really thankful to

translate this into Japanese and pass it to our members, seekers and friends. I truly believe our church members also will be interested and understand more about what is true repentance.

I also believe this article tells us the most important thing that we have to do while we live here upon the earth, especially our Japanese people.

I am thinking, really it is very

difficult to understand what is the true repentance, for our Japanese people, because we don't know very much about sin as the Bible teaches. Accordingly, also we do not know even God's eternal punishment, which is in the future, of course. Probably we do not try to understand it, even some not want to. I am thinking that perhaps those ideas come from the oriental philosophy.

However, when we look to the Japanese history, we find many Japanese people were taught and believe vaguely we will be born again some time in the future. For example, in the old times, a Japanese warrior said, "We will be born seven times and try to destroy the enemies," but I believe this is not like being born again or the resurrection we Christians believe. It surely came from the Buddhist religious influence to us; that's what I believe. Even our Japanese people keep up appearances, re-

spect to the traditions, and are proud for the old customs and morals. Also, especially the family system is very strong here in Japan. We can't deny it, even Shintoism is deep in the heart of our Japanese people. But anyway, Japan is very much changed now. We have many new religions here, but all of them come from these two main religious systems. Marriages, funerals and all kind of Japanese festivals, etc., are connected with Japanese religions.

I always thinking, we Japanese people are faithful to such kind of religions because we were born in these customs and family system. When we read the Bible, Acts 17th chapter, from 22 to 34, we see it is really difficult to preach the Word of God here in our country, the Land of the Rising Sun. Yes, it is very difficult to lead them to the Lord and try to keep them in faith until end. Brother Ehnle and his family were living in Japan and

tried to get his standard of living low as the Japanese, and 12 years after our church is standing faithfully. I saw here in our land, too, if we ask Him in humble heart, He gives us everything which we need.

In hope he believed against hope, that he should become the father of many nations; as he had been told, 'So shall your descendants be.' Romans 4:18. It is good encouragement for me. I surely believe, when we Japanese people give up our worldly pride and look at ourselves as the prodigal son in the Gospel of St. Luke, 15th chapter, then we will understand more about sin, and also true repentance, by His guidance and blessing.

In closing, I would ask you brethren, please, especially pray for missionary work here in Japan, and that the Lord our Father will give us more strong faith before Him, and patience, courage and love through Christ Jesus our Lord.

FROELICH PROVED THE SPIRITS

(The following is part of a letter, an answer of Bro. Froehlich to some who wanted him to attend a certain group. His keen mind was awake. With his example, we too may be better able to watch and pray.—the editor)

You have honored me with a written invitation to your conference. As I am not in position to accept, I at least feel obligated to reply, giving a few reasons.

I have a poor opinion of the benefit and results of such conferences, especially as they concern the truth and the kingdom of God. They remind me too much of where men desired to replace the missing truth, by means of human inventions and wisdom, to great harm. Just as there is only **one** truth, so also is the true church just **one**. This oneness has not to **first** be discovered or established by means of conferences.

Jesus did not pray the Father that many existing organizations, each resting on its own foundation, might be merged into one. Rather this was the prayer, that all who are converted to Him and through the word become believers on Him,

be completely one, even as He and the Father are truly **one**.

This unity is accordingly given, exists in the true faith and should not be achieved later on, between various separately-established organizations, by means of all sorts of human endeavor.

On the basis of the divine truth, therefore, such an intended union is impossible. The divine truth is not the foundation of these individual organizations; otherwise, one would not primarily have to bring it (the union) into existence artificially.

If a church rests on the foundation of the truth, it will not afterwards confer with other organizations. It would, otherwise, mix the truth with strange additions and errors. What is worse, no organization resting on a foundation of error is inclined to relinquish its false principles.

Where the foundation is one, there the hearts are already one. Where the foundation is false, the individual hearts must make a new beginning.

Now, many have already passed judgment on me, that my doctrine

and my baptism are wrong . . . in that I do not permit baptism to be a formal confession, and that as a result, I teach that he who by baptism is born again is no longer a sinner, but has become a child of God, in order to walk in a new life.

I maintain, therefore, that every organization which teaches and believes that the man in Christ is a sinner, also like the man in Adam (I John 3) stands on false foundation.

No apostle of the Lord would acknowledge them; inasmuch as they say, that the various organizations, **regardless** of the difference of their views, should work together for the kingdom of God

Submitted by Bro. Noah Schrock

It is suggested that for each subscription of the Silver Lining per year, where it works no hardship, two dollars be given. If you have paid or will pay for some one, tell them.

Might we suggest you send the Silver Lining to someone you are lovingly concerned about. Don't overlook any tool to accomplish God's work.

TREASURES FOR TEACHING

Henry Souder Jr.

On the farm is memory for many. The old farm home can be pictured. Memory can go from room to room. Even details can be recalled.

We grew familiar with it. That's the way we should be with the ways of God.

"Even so ye, forasmuch as ye are zealous of spiritual gifts, seek that ye may excel . . ."

Old Brother Schwartz has been gone many years. He was a preacher in the old days, here at Leo. He said that it is not only the gift; you have to work it.

Out on the farm, success comes by knowing the ways of good farming. And, you cannot gain good toil but by showing the marks of the soil.

A wise man it is who, room by room, verse by verse, grows familiar, especially with the New Testament of God. A wise man it is who digs in, row after row, methodically, patiently, to the work of God.

" . . . in the church I had rather speak five words with my understanding, that by my voice I might teach others also, than ten thousand words in an unknown tongue."

Our voice needs tailoring of God, fitting it for the purpose He intended.

We have to get the message across to the hearer. A teacher should, with his understanding, translate the word to the student's understanding.

A good teacher looks with loving interest on the response of the student. Facial features show much. and words tell their story. Improvement is always in order. Success is the motivated use of tools at hand . . . not soared to all at once, in one day, but adding a little here, a little there . . . a step at a time.

" . . . and there come in one that believeth not, or one unlearned, he is convinced of all, he is judged of all: And thus are the secrets of his heart made manifest;"

Suppose a death notice should be written for some accountable young soul! What would be your thought?

Suppose the avenue ended. The soul slipped into eternity. All the fears of the years would come crushing down in hopelessness.

We are in a battle to the finish!

Our children have enemies today. Huge, hard demons rush in to devastate the heart. They want to wreck the heart. They are merciless.

For all age groups, we need to plant. With God's ideas sown in the heart, we help shelter them against the cruelty of heart so rampant in the world today.

"How is it then, brethren? when ye come together, every one of you hath a psalm, hath a doctrine, hath a tongue, hath a revelation, hath an interpretation."

Together . . . in the assembly where the church comes together, many brothers have many beautiful parts.

Together . . . that's the way the large press in the print shop works.

Working parts bring the large sheets of paper into motion. The large roller turns as the inventor intended. The type moves into position. The paper is in contact and printed. On it moves to the other end. There, other parts stack in nice order.

Together . . . the moving marvel of God performs miracles. Mother, father, preacher, elder . . . teachers, all brothers and sisters, are each a needed part in their place. Our success is furthered by the working together of the other.

"Let all things be done decently and in order.

It is the noise, the mistakes, the errors that makes things difficult.

Knowing what to do and how to do it is important. Down in the valley, where man's wisdom looks not, is the treasure. All the while, there are the tools that are just the treasure we need.

It takes a plan and a command for order. The rule must be posted in the pupil's heart before it can be obeyed. We need to follow God's example with us. He often repeated (and many times) something He wanted us to do. He is patient and longsuffering, sweet and kind.

And sometimes, sparingly, He talks sternly.

Living in rooms with Him, we find ourselves loving as He does. We find ourselves giving as He does. We do as He does.

The wise grasp the key to His beautiful simplicity.

The following was sent to Bro. Eugen Christ by his aunt and uncle in Germany.

A good recipe from Bro. Froehlich to strengthen one's faith: Mix 1 part sorrow, 30 parts patience, 20 parts moderation, 15 parts deep humility, 30 parts generosity. Mix well in the mortar of strong faith, with the pestle of steadfastness. Stir in one half pound hope, and put in a skillet of truth. Set this on the fire of godly love. Stir with a spoon of prayer, and pour it gradually into a dish of steadfastness. Seal it well, that the mold of self-esteem does not enter in. Apply this ointment thoroughly every day, morning and evening. It helps unfailingly, and can be had in the apothecary of contentment.

Looking Forward: We have an article about Bro. Henry Dotterer Sr., sent by Bro. Will Stettner. This gives a picture between true business and risky steps. Also, we have Sunday School features of Tremont, Bremen, Lester, Latty, Chicago and Roanoke.

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NEWS

ALTADENA, CALIFORNIA

Reporter: Doris Graf

Sis. Lena Ludwig is staying here for several months, visiting her daughter, Sis. Ruth. She was accompanied here by her son, Bro. Gerald, from Rockville. Sis. Esther Dockus is also staying here several months, visiting her sister's family, Bro. and Sis. Clarence Grafs.

We are happy to have two new families in our community. One is Mr. and Mrs. John Pulfer and son Shane, from Phoenix. Their new address is:

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Also, Russell and Sis. Marguerite Mott and family moved here from Cissna Park. Their address is: 3205 Burton Ave., Burbank, Calif.

Visitors in March were Bro. and Sis. Gary Eisenman, Latty; Sis. Kate Blumenshine, Mansfield; Fred Traub, Lester; Sis. Verna Getz, Morton; Mrs. Carolyn Geran, Jackson Heights, New York.

We were happy to have Bro. Louis Somerhalter back at church. He fell and broke his ankle about 6 weeks ago.

ROCKVILLE, CONNECTICUT

Reporter: Carlton J. Lanz

When tripping on ice, Sis. Shirley Lanz suffered an arm fracture. Also, Sis. Frieda, (Bro. Richard Lanz's wife) broke her ankle when descending on a flight of stairs. We are glad to report, however, that both have recovered sufficiently to be out again.

On Feb. 28, a little girl, Beth Ann was born to Bro. Roy & Sis. Joyce (Wagenbach) Schneider. This is their first child.

We were privileged and happy indeed to have Bro. Arthur Gudeman and his wife, Sis. Mary, spend several days here with us. In the wonderful messages, words of life, and in the offerings of prayers which he brought us, we were truly blest.

Bro. Roy Luginbuhl, on a sabbatical leave (with his family), is at present in India. He expects to be absent for several months.

On Sunday, March 10, Bro. John Bahler, (our elder) solemnized the

marriage of Bro. Arthur Graf and Sis. Audrey Bahler. The text, from Judges, Chapter 14, "... she pleaseth me well", was expounded, as it seemed so appropriate for this occasion. The wedding, unpretentious, was well attended. All was carried out in an atmosphere conducive to a long, happy married life, with God's blessing attending. Bro. Rudolph, father of Arthur, offered the closing prayer.

They will live at Akron, on returning from a brief stay in the South. The couple has our best wishes.

We enjoyed many blessed hours together with Bros. Simon Wagenbach and Edmund Kloter of Tremont and Fairbury, respectively. With their wives, they spent several days here visiting relatives, among other things.

Bro. Edmund, his wife and other members of the families, on April 1, joined their parents, Bro. Henry and Sis. Lizzie Kloter, in celebrating their fifty-sixth wedding anniversary. Bro. Henry is 85 and Sis. Lizzie 84. Both still attend services nearly every Sunday. Their six children, all members in faith, live here, with the exception of Bro. Edmund, who as noted above, lives with his family at Fairbury. We extend our good wishes.

Lydia (Trittenbach) Heiberer, 90, died March 31. She leaves several children, also grand and great-grandchildren. Until his death in 1917, which occurred suddenly while finishing his noonday meal, her father, Bro. John Trittenbach, was our elder here at Rockville. Officiating at her services were Bro. John Bahler and Bro. Simon Wagenbach of Tremont. Burial was in Ellington Centre Cemetery.

BERN, KANSAS

Reporter: Mrs. Lester Hartter

While going through a book of the late Sis. Lydia Brack's this poem was found.

We Can't Fool God!

We can fool the hapless public;
We can be a subtle fraud.
We can hide our little meanness,
But we can't fool God!

We can advertise our virtues;
We can self-achievement laud.
We can load ourself with riches,
But we can't fool God!

We can criticize the gospel;
We can be a selfish clod.
We can lie, swear, drink, smoke,
gamble,
But we can't fool God!

We can magnify our doings;
We can hear the world applaud.
We can boast ourself somebody,
But we can't fool God!

Isn't it true, He knows every thing we do, say, and think? And with His tender love, He cares for our youth in Sunday School.

The Bro. Harold Waibel family of Remington and Sis. Lizzie Hartter of Congerville visited here. Sisters Arleta and Lizzie were formerly from our Bern church.

As long as this world stands, God's eternal pattern of springtime is heralded by the returning birds, as their singing proclaims, Spring is here! It is very thrilling, after a cold winter. Gardening is the order of the day, which is always a renewal of faith, to see the seeds come up. We have some good green thumbs in and around Bern. I like to remember back to my departed Grandmother Wittmers' and Grandmother Aeschlimans' wonderful gardens, when they could do this work.

It has been decided to do some interior redecorating at church. Then it will be nice and fresh for spring.

Dick Tanner of Princeville, who is going to mechanics school at Omaha, spent from Friday evening to Sunday evening in our home recently. It was quite interesting to hear of his families 120 acre fruit orchard, back home.

The Asian flu with complications, has stricken many in these parts.

To the visitors who were with us this month, we take this opportunity to invite you to come again. Bros. Leo Moser of Lester, Lowell Stoller of Princeville and Henry Sabo of Mansfield ministered to us with the wonderful word of God.

MILFORD, INDIANA

Reporter: Arthur Haab

Bro. Jesse and Sis. Shirley Beer have a baby boy, Samuel Paul. Bro. Dick and Sis. Clara Kaiser have a baby girl, Lynn Ellen.

Bro. George Lambert and his wife from Wichita were with us on Sunday, April 7. Bro. George ministered to us, and helped with our Sunday School program in the evening. In addition to our Sunday School classes and the adult choir, a quartet from Bluffton also took part in our Easter program.

We have about 125 children in nine Sunday School classes, and an adult class for young married couples, taught by a minister.

The nursery class of three-year olds is taught by Sisters Helen Kaiser and Martha Ruch. Sisters Carol Weisser and Rebecca Doll teach the Beginners' Class. The Kindergarten is taught by Sisters Mary Ann Haab and Eleanor Beer. First graders are taught by Sisters Evelyn Beer and Helen Steffen. Sisters Edna Lehman and Laura Kammerer teach the second grade. Third and fourth graders are taught by Bro. Robert Hoerr. Bros. Victor Beer and Arthur Haab teach fifth and sixth grade. Bros. Walter Steffen and Morris Beer teach Junior Hi, and Bros. Carlton Beer and Philip Beer teach the High School Bible Class. About 30 children are in the choir, directed by Bro. Victor Beer.

The coins brought in by the children are used to support worthwhile projects, especially those connected with our church. At the Christmas season, time is spent by the upper classes in caroling. Our teaching brothers and children always look forward to youth Fellowship Day. We certainly welcome visiting Sunday School teachers and children to our Sunday School.

Our teachers meet with the ministers four times a year, to plan for our Sunday School programs during the winter, and to insure close cooperation between the church and the Sunday School.

We are thankful that Sis. Flossie Hartter is worshipping with us again, after spending two weeks at Mayo's, for tests and observation.

Andrew and Bertha Beer

Bro. Andrew and Sis. Bertha

(Moseman) Beer are the oldest living couple of our church.

They were married August 31, 1905, at Watseka, Illinois and came to Milford in March, 1907, with the large group that came from Cissna Park by train. They settled on a farm, one mile east of Milford and still live on the same farm, which a son now owns.

There were seven children born to them. Two boys and one girl preceded them in death. The four living are Sis. Rose (Elmer) Haab, Syracuse, Ind.; Sis. Mary (Urban) Baurer, Cissna Park; Walter Beer, Bremen; and Bro. Don Beer of Milford.

Bro. Andrew's parents were Bro. Ulrich and Sis. Magdaline (Lanz) Beer, and Sis. Bertha's parents were Bro. Gottlieb and Sis. Marianne (Rothenbeuhler) Moseman.

Bro. Andrew will be 80 years old March 6, and Sis. Bertha will be 80 October 6.

This past month they served as baby sitters for Bro. Don and Sis. Ruth Beer, while they were in Florida.

They are faithful attenders of our church, setting an example for all of us, by being there every Sunday.

Sis. Bertha always makes pink popcorn balls, to give to the carolers at Christmas.

PRINCEVILLE, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Ruth Ricketts

Bro. Walter Rehklaue and family of Toledo were with us the week end of March 9 and 10. We were very thankful for the inspiring messages Bro. Walter delivered on Sunday. One of the teachings was, instruction on building one's spiritual life. Just as we build material buildings according to certain specifications, so should we consider our spiritual life. Gird your loins with truth, and pray in earnest to receive the best gift, to be child of God.

Bro. Noah Schrock of Oakville, came March 30, to assist Bro. Silas Leuthold with the provings of six friends, who were baptized the following day. Barbara, daughter of Bro. James and Sis. Lyola Rinnger; Don Duckworth, a friend, who only learned of our faith in the past few months; Fred Schafer, husband of Sis. Esther Baer Schafer; Kenneth, son of Bro. Herman and Sis. Hilda Dietz; Jack, son of Bro. Edward and Sis. Lucille Knobloch; and

Ronald, son of Bro. Louie and Sis. Anna Rumbold, gave their testimonies before a large congregation, which proved beneficial to all who were present. The church was filled on Sunday, to witness the baptisms of these six dear souls. We wish them God's nearness and help, to walk the new path of faith and truth.

We were thankful for the visit of Bro. Harvey Grimm of Sabetha, Sunday morning, April 7. He left at noon to attend services at Peoria. Those who heard him were inspired by his timely message.

On March 10, the children of Bro. Henry and Sis. Mary Endress held open house for them, in observance of their fiftieth wedding anniversary on March 9. Many friends and relatives were present to offer congratulations.

A reception was held March 17 for Bro. Eddie and Sis. Frances Knobloch, who were married in West Bend, March 3. Many of their friends and relatives also were present to offer congratulations, in their early beginning of life together.

A group of neighbors went to sing for Sis. Josephine Endress on her 80th birthday, March 18. Another group of young married couples spent two evenings singing for the shut-ins, and could feel the joy they brought to them.

Bro. Alvin and Sis. Marie Farney and Ann have moved from our midst and are attending church at Congerville.

A son, Douglas Lee, was born to Bro. Walter and Sis. Betty (Dietz) Herrmann, on March 10. Douglas has two little brothers to welcome him.

On March 24, the engagement of Sis. Nancy Tanner, daughter of Bro. John and Sis. Margaret, and Bro. Herb Stoller, son of Bro. Ezra and Sis. Martha of Gridley, was made known. We wish them God's blessings.

There have been quite a number on the sick list the past month, due to virus infections, etc. Sis. Ida Huber, who has been confined to her home for more than a year, was in bed for a few days again, but now is somewhat improved and able to be up, part of the time. Our friend, William Begner, who is nearly 90 years old, is very sick in the hospital, suffering with gangrene in his leg, resulting from a blood clot. His wife, Sis. Mary, is

not very well either, and it is so hard for her to see her husband suffer so.

Our friend, Martha Elsasser, had surgery on her foot, and suffered infection, so has been confined to her home for some time. She had been a hospital patient for several days. Her husband, Phillip, was also recently a hospital patient, but has recovered again.

Dick Tanner, son of Bro. John and Sis. Margaret, miraculously escaped severe injury, when he fell asleep at the wheel of his car and went over an embankment. He received facial lacerations and a badly broken jaw, but is now recovering at his home. He was on his way to Omaha, Nebraska, where he is attending school, after a visit with his parents and family.

Little Steven Leuthold, son of Bro. John and Sis. Shirley, has recovered nicely from what they hope is the last of a series of operations.

Family Feature

With the help of relatives, and from information in a letter he wrote to a cousin, I have gathered the following about the family of Gottlieb Herrmann.

Gottlieb Herrmann, the son of John George and Rosina Yeiter Herrmann, was born April 1, 1865, in Stollenhof, Wuerttemberg, Germany. Ernest, Rosina (Belk), Maria, August, Carolina (Stahl), and Albert were his brothers and sisters. All are deceased.

The family was poor and had many struggles in Germany, so when some relatives in America sent some money to them, they decided to move to America. They had a sale, sold their household goods and also a cow they had recently purchased at a market at Bachnang. Gottlieb had to lead the cow to his uncle, who lived about twenty-four miles away.

On the first day of May, 1880, they started their journey, going by rail to Mauheim, then on a ship on the Rhine River to Koln, then by rail to Antwerp, Belgium. Here they boarded the ship "Vaterland". They were on the water about 13 days. At New York, they boarded a train and came to Upper Sandusky, Ohio, where they stayed a few days with relatives. They then moved to Indiana, near Leo, where they attended church. Gottlieb repented as a young man and was

baptized in a river near Leo. His father passed away in 1882.

When the family left Ohio, Gottlieb's Uncle Danenhauser gave him a half dollar. He saved it. Another uncle, David, gave him two dollars. He built fires at the schoolhouse for six cents a fire, which he also saved. He then decided to buy a watch, but his Uncle David advised him to put it into something that would grow. He took the advice and bought a sow with two pigs for \$5.00. In the fall, that sow raised eight pigs, which he sold for \$88.00. He worked in Fort Wayne, helping on county ditches, for fifteen cents an hour, so now had saved about \$200.00.

Two cousins, John and Jacob Frank, came from Morton one winter and wanted Gottlieb to go to Illinois to work. Another cousin, Fred Yeiter, wanted to go, so he went instead. In about two months, Fred wrote to Gottlieb and said he didn't like it, so Gottlieb went to take his place. This was the year 1884. In 1885, he went to Indiana for his mother, brothers and sisters, as he had rented sixty acres near Morton.

They lived here four years, and then Gottlieb was married. He married Sophia Streitmatter, daughter of Jacob and Sophia Streitmatter, in 1889, in the church at Streitmatter Prairie, near Princeville, of which Sophia's father was one of the founders. Gottlieb and Sophia lived on a farm near Morton until 1896, when they moved to a farm near Edelstein, Illinois. The trip of forty miles was made in a spring wagon, bringing all their material possessions on the wagon.

They attended church at Streitmatter Prairie. Gottlieb was one of the first Sunday School teachers. Jacob Woertz, who was the father of our elder brother, Frank Woertz, of Goodfield, and Eddie Woertz of Princeville, was the other teacher.

Gottlieb and Sophia had two sons, Albert and John, who always sat with their father on the front bench in church. One Sunday, about the year 1908, their father was called to go on the pulpit. He served as minister for thirty years, until his death, preaching in his mother tongue.

When John was married in 1920, his parents moved to the village of Princeville, near the new church, where they lived until their death.

Gottlieb was very influential in

building the church in town, which was completed in 1921, giving freely both of his time and money to that end. Their home was very modest and humble. He was deeply religious, and a fine Christian gentleman, friendly and kind to all. He was held in the highest esteem in the community, both by members of his own faith and those of different religious beliefs. He passed away in his home, October 7, 1938, after an illness of six weeks, although he had been in failing health for two years. Brothers David Mangold, Emil Schupbert, Ben Heiniger, and Carl Rassi all assisted in the services. He was laid to rest in the church cemetery. His wife, Sophia, passed away April 24, 1940. She, too, is at rest in the church cemetery.

Their son, Albert, married Louise Siebenthal. They were the parents of five children, Margaret, Eugene, Noah, Harry and Walter. They were God-fearing parents, and were blessed to have all their children turn to the Lord in their youth. After the boys married, Albert, Louise and Margaret moved to Princeville, in a home they had built. After a short time, Sis. Louise was stricken ill. After much patient suffering, she received her rest on October 16, 1959. The following year, Bro. Albert, who had been a faithful worker in the church, suffered a heart attack, and passed away a few days later, on November 8, 1960. They were both laid to rest in the church cemetery.

Sis. Margaret lives at home, and her brothers live on farms. All attend church at Princeville. There are eleven grandchildren at the present time.

John married Martha Gensel, and although they are both converted, none of their children have followed in their footsteps. They have three daughters, Oleda, Gladys, and Carol; two sons, Harvey and Harold; and four grandchildren. One daughter, June, was fatally injured a few years ago in an auto accident in California.

John and Martha live in Florida several months during the winter, but when in Illinois attend church at Princeville.

RITTMAN, OHIO

Reporter: Mrs. Alvin Zollinger

DEDICATION — The date for the dedication of our new church

at Rittman has been set for the first Sunday in June — June 2, 1963. We wish to extend an invitation to anyone who might wish to visit us on June 2.

We hope and pray that the church can and will be dedicated to the purpose for which it was intended and built. May it be a place where people have a desire and joy to come, and where they can receive spiritual food and divine guidance. May the word and will of God the Father and the Lord Jesus be proclaimed in truth. We pray that within its walls there may always be righteousness and love and peace.

May not only the building be dedicated to the worship of God, but may the whole congregation be dedicated to the service of God, and to the work that is to be done for our dear Master and for the children of men and their salvation.

We invite you to come and share in this service. Please inform us a few days in advance, who or how many will be here.

SUNDAY SCHOOL—On April 7, we began another season of Sunday School, after a short winter vacation. The following was from a message delivered to the Sunday School by our elder brother, Noah Bauman: "How precious it is that we have a house where we can come together, that has been provided for us, and where we can assemble and learn the ways of God. It is something we should all appreciate, and it is something we should all be interested in. We are thankful that there has been so much interest shown this morning, that the room is well filled, and we hope and trust that the Lord will bless the efforts that have been put forth."

We have 28 Sunday School classes this year, and there are 39 teachers who take part each Sunday. Last season over 450 students were enrolled. Our Sunday School is held from 9:30 to 10:25 o'clock on Sunday morning, with church services beginning at 10:30. The Sunday School students then attend the morning worship services. We appreciate having our young people worship with us on Sunday morning. The voices of both young and old are raised together in songs of praise to God, and together we can all receive a blessing.

Bro. Alvin Steiner and Bro.

Ralph Weber are the Sunday School superintendents.

Sis. Sarah Tanner and Richard Tanner wish to thank all who have remembered them and helped them during Richard's recent illness. Sis. Sarah is now in Phoenix, where she is receiving treatment for her eyes. She is staying with Sis. Marie and Bro. Richard Beery. We hope she will soon be able to return home.

A son, Timothy Alan, was born to Sis. Carol and Bro. Donald Gasser on March 19.

Sis. Lena Blatter, age 93, has been ill with a heart condition. Recently, she was confined to her bed all day—the first time in 26 years.

Services were held on March 24 at the Glendora Nursing Home for Sis. Emma Maibach.

Bro. Amos Hartzler, age 90, who has ministered here for 45 years, is suffering from the infirmities of old age. He has not been able to assemble with us for over seven weeks. May the Lord bless him and provide strength again, if it can be His will.

Sunday evening, April 7, we held Communion Services here. Elder Bro. Rudolph Graf from Akron assisted Elder Bro. Noah Bauman.

Sis. Esther Ramsier and Sis. Lillian Beery are hospitalized at this time. Sis. Kathryn Laukhuf has been in the hospital for several days. We hope they will soon be able to return home.

Church History

Around 1855, Elder Bro. Isaac Gehring of Monroe County, Ohio, being led by God, came by foot to the Rittman area for the first time. It has been told that he said he would go "where the Lord would open the door." He came to the Daniel Steiner residence, just east of the present church (now the Ernest Hartzler residence), and there found the door open. It is not known how many trips he made out here from Monroe County, but it is believed he came by foot at least twice, and sometimes on horseback.

The first to repent and be baptized here was Sis. Anna Steiner, in about 1860. Later, her daughter, Barbara Steiner Horn, repented and was baptized. Others then followed. Many of the first members had been of the Mennonites, as they had a church at that time by our present church cemetery.

As the little flock grew, it was soon found necessary to build a meeting-place. In 1874, a white wood building was constructed on the ground of our present building. In 1903, a 20 foot addition was erected on the south end of this building.

The first minister here was Bro. Daniel M. Steiner. Up until 1902, other ministers were Bros. David Steiner, Jacob Summer, John Meyer and David Hilty. In about 1916, Bro. Noah Hartzler was put in as minister.

Until about 1918, most, or all, of the services were spoken in German. In 1918, ministering Bro. Robert Bauman started preaching mostly English.

The little flock continued to grow, as many moved here from the Monroe County area. Again, more room was needed, so after much planning, the decision was made to move the white frame building. The building was moved across the road from the present church, and still remains standing on the farm of Bro. and Sis. Alvin Laukhuf. A brick building size 40x62 feet, was then constructed on the same ground. This was completed in 1918, and remains as the north end of our present building.

In 1918, Bro. Amos Hartzler was requested to assist in the ministry. Bro. Elmer Zollinger began in the ministry in 1935 and Bro. Noah Bauman in 1938. In 1947, Bros. Joseph Ramsier and Ben Hartzler were requested to assist in the ministry. Ministering Bro. Fred Marty of Sardis moved here in 1961 and is now serving also.

Until 1936, our congregation did not have its own elder. Those who had served as elder were Bros. Isaac Gehring (Monroe), Henry Schwier and Samuel Engwiller (Mansfield), and Ernest Graf (Akron). It was in this year that Bro. Noah Hartzler was ordained as elder and was able to serve our congregation until he passed away in 1947. Bro. Rudolph Graf of Akron then served as our elder until Bro. Noah Bauman was ordained elder in 1948.

In 1948, it was necessary to enlarge the assembly room again. A 40 x 60 foot addition was constructed at the south end of the brick building.

God has continued to call souls to repentance, and as our flock continues to increase, we have found

it necessary to once again make more room. At the present time, the new assembly room, constructed south and east of our present building, is large enough to seat 1000 people.

We pray that we may continue to grow, not only in number, but also in love, faith and unity.

(Most of this information was submitted by Bros. Amos and Ben Hartzler, Fred and Noah Bauman, Sis. Katherine Bauman and Elizabeth Widmer and Lucille Hartzler.

UNION CITY, NEW JERSEY

Reporter: August Mueller

Thursday, March 21 . . . This morning, at 3:20 o'clock, nature awakened from her deep sleep.

She took off her heavy winter coat here in Union City, which was snow and ice, and put on the spring coat, ready to go to work for her Creator, like a man that had a good, long rest. Soon, we will see the grass come out of the ground, the hedges will get green, the flowers will bloom, and the leaves on the trees will shoot forth.

It is just wonderful to behold the wisdom of God, how He in His wisdom divided the year into four seasons. It is our prayer that the Lord would also awaken our hearts to new life to serve Him and live according to His will. Amen.

Sunday, March 24. Today, we had Bro. Chas. Scheitlin from Rockville with us. March 31, Sis. Betty Luginbuhl from Rockville was with us. We are always glad to have visitors from other congregations with us. Bro. and Sis. Ed Welti returned from their vacation in Florida. We are very glad to have them in our midst again.

WINTHROP, MINNESOTA

Assistant Reporter:

Esther Messner

Easter season is here. We are all reminded what all our dear Lord suffered for us, while traveling on this earth.

We are enjoying warm spring weather at this report, after having a cold winter . . . not too much snow, but cold.

March 10, Bro. Al and Sis. Ellen Koehl and family from Morris spent the week end with members and friends.

March 17, Chris and Sis. Ida Schmidt and family from West Bend spent the week end with their children, relatives, and friends.

We are happy to report, Bro. Fred Messner is home from the hospital and is recuperating nicely, after having surgery this past month.

Sunday morning, Bros. Leo Moser, Gust Knobloch, Eugene Nester, Lawrence Wolf and Rolland Messner and Sisters Marjorie Mogler, Pauline Gerber and Vi Knobloch went to hold service in Minneapolis. They all came back to Winthrop for supper and evening singing.

Dates for church service in Minneapolis for the month of April are: April 14 and 28: Sunday School, 12:45 P.M., and Church Service, 1:30 P.M. The address is the Y.M.C.A. Building, 1845 East Lake St., Minneapolis, Minnesota.

March 24, Sisters Gladys and Betty Knobloch from Lester spent Sunday with relatives and members. We welcome all visitors and hope they will all come soon again.

Our reporter, Sis. Marguerite Messner, came home March 30 from the hospital at Rochester, where she was almost 5 weeks. We are happy to report, she is recuperating very nicely. May God bless her with good health. Our hope is she can assemble with us soon.

Sun., Mar. 31, it was made known to our congregation that our dear friend, Joyce, wife of Bro. Mike Messner, has peace with her God. May God bless her and her family. We are so thankful to our Lord that He is still calling souls to repentance.

We have two friends that left this month to serve our country. They are John Messner, son of Walter Messner, and Glen Meyer, son-in-law of Bro. Harold Messner. He will serve six months, and John three years.

BAY CITY, MICHIGAN

Reporters: Faye Wackerle
Marlene Mosher

Thursday evening, March 28, Bro. Joe Zimmerman from Roanoke was our visiting minister. Bro. Joe and his wife, accompanied by Bro. and Sis. Lou Zimmerman, came to spend a couple of days with Sis. Marie Wieland. She is Bro. Joe's sister.

Bro. and Sis. Ed Feller from Cissna Park were here a few days visiting their daughter, Sis. Arlene Wieland. Traveling with them from Cissna were Sis. Cora Kaufman and Sis. Mary Yergler.

Welcomed into his new home was Tod Alan. The happy parents are Bro. and Sis. Wayne and Erma Wieland.

All I have seen teaches me to trust the Creator for all I have not seen.

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

Since we had an abundance of snow this winter, with no thaws of any consequence, there has been quite an accumulation. Following a spell of unseasonably warm weather, our vicinity is experiencing an unusual amount of flooding. Since two rivers converge near Castorland, a large territory around there is inundated. Among those most affected are Ministering Brother Leland Hirschey and family.

We are glad to report that Bro. John Merz is improved, after having been ill most of the winter at his home, and at times in the hospital. We are also glad to have Bro. Arthur Virkler back to worship with us, after being confined to his home for sometime with a back ailment.

We are sorry to report the death of Sis. Rose Farney, on March 18. She is survived by Bros. Hiram, Philip, and Jerome Farney of Croghan and Ernest Farney of Lowville.

On their way home from the Graf-Bahler wedding at Rockville, Sisters Bertha and Charlotte Steiner from Illinois spent a couple of days as guests of Sis. Nina and Bro. Ralph Beyer.

Our sympathy goes out to the family of Bro. Webster and Sis. Elvena Farney, in the deaths of a grandson and daughter-in-law. The infant lived only a few minutes, and was followed four hours later by his mother, wife of their youngest son, Wilbur. Wilbur is the mainstay of his mother, who is an invalid. She is lifted from her bed to the wheel chair.

Bro. David and Sis. Lois Schamback have been called to Elgin because of the critical illness of his father, Bro. Louis Schamback.

FORREST, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Nancy Honegger
Assistant: Martha Stoller

Bro. Joe and Sis. Ida Kaisner returned to their home on March 25, after a five-week visit to various

churches and with relatives, at California, Oregon, Arizona and Colorado. We are happy to have them assemble with us again, and thankful the Lord has granted them a safe return.

Sis. Anna Wenger has been a patient at the Fairbury Hospital, but is at home again and improving. We miss Sis. Anna in our congregation. She, being one of our older sisters, always has a smile and a cheery word. The Christian fellowship which we enjoy cannot be expressed in words. It is something to be cherished, when young and old make an effort to stop and greet one another with the holy kiss. We hope this will be carried on into the church of tomorrow. However, we realize in the larger congregations it is impossible to meet and greet everyone.

Our elder, Bro. Henry Kilgus, has had a setback, with an attack of the flu, but is improved at this writing and has been able to attend services for a half day again.

Sis. Elsie Waibel had the misfortune to fall, and is confined to her home with a badly sprained ankle.

Sis. Jean Aberle has a new responsibility, since she was chosen to assist in the Sunday School. We wish her much grace, patience and trust. She will receive many blessings in her service with the children.

Sis. Luella Sohn was hospitalized for a short time, but has returned home and is recovering nicely.

JAPAN

Reporter: Yoshio Yamazaki

We had terrible bad weather here in Japan. Many people were killed by such weather, heavy snows, a snowslide and a flood, in the northern part of Japan. Also, most precious souls are lost by traffic accidents and other problems. Even so, people do not listen to the Word of God. It is just like the story of Noah's Ark in Old Testament, I believe. I myself am thinking, we Christians should look around at these pitiful things, and feel more responsibility to lead them to the true living God, in our faithful prayer and daily testimony.

Our Wednesday night English Bible Class is growing, one by one. Many young people are coming very faithfully. I believe it is very good chance to them for knowing

the real, true, living God and also to know what happened to the disobedient kings in the Old Testament. Actually, most of them are coming to the Sunday morning services through the Bible Class. They are much interested to hear the Word of God. Last Sunday afternoon, Bro. John Klaus and I went to a young gentleman's home near our church here in Kaneko. His name is Mr. Fusao Yamaguchi. He attends Wednesday night Bible Class. He asked us about the truth and what is the true repentance, because he doesn't know why should he repent. Maybe we, all Japanese people ourselves, actually don't know what sin is . . . sin according to the Bible.

Last month, an American came to visit our church whose name is Mr. Jerry Cargill, of Gridley, Illinois. His ship docked at Yokosuka for a few weeks. That's why he came to see Bro. Ehnle at our church. We had a nice time with him and showed him the love of God.

Bro. and Sis. John Klaus and their two girls are planning to go back to United States, after their 18 month's life here in Japan with our Christian fellowship. We are really thankful to them for helping our Christian faith, and I believe all of us brothers and sisters surely appreciated their kindness, love and patience among the Japanese. Also, we never forget Bro. John's energetic activity in our heavenly Father, through His only Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Bro. Ehnle and his family returned to Tokyo from our country church last Wednesday. Sis. Lois and two children are all fine. I hope they will help our spiritual life and encourage us in Christ. I am really thankful to you brothers and sisters in Christ, because our beloved brother Yoshito Inoue is getting much better now, and hope he will be working with us in His name. I ask you to again please continue praying for him and also that our young people will come to the Lord.

MAYWOOD, CALIFORNIA

Reporter: Christine Locher

Our little congregation was reminded on Sunday morning, March 10, that the angels in heaven rejoice over one soul who turns to the Lord, with the announcement that our dear, aged friend, Pete Schick,

has repented and found peace. We pray that the Lord will open the way that he can be added to the fold in the near future. Pete is the husband of Sis. Mary Schick.

We pray the Lord will comfort Sis. Eva Fuhrer, who fell and broke her arm. It is in a cast, but she has been able to attend church regularly. We will greatly miss Bro. Eli and Sis. Esther Reineck of Bluffton and Bro. Henry and Sis. Emma Ringger of Gridley, who have returned to their respective homes, after spending many blessed hours with us during the past months.

In place of the annual Easter program, which is normally presented to the congregation on our third-Sunday-of-the-month dinner and singing, the Sunday School children and their parents plan to meet at the home of the teacher, Sis. Julia Ann Dapper, on Good Friday evening. The children will be told of the sufferings of our Lord and Saviour, when he paid the ransom for all. The children will also enjoy singing their Sunday School songs for their parents.

REMINGTON, INDIANA

Reporter: Emily Kilgus

On Saturday, March 9, funeral services were held for Sis. Emma (Claus) Welk. She was formerly of Chicago, and passed away at the Fairbury Hospital, at the age of 65. When her health failed, she realized she was not prepared to die in the Lord. Even though her illness somewhat curtailed her speech, and even at times her power of reasoning, she did not give up, till she could say she had the blessed assurance of peace in her heart. Only a few weeks before her death, she was baptized in the Fairbury Hospital by Bro. Joshua Broquard. The comment of her family was that God had just been especially merciful. She is survived by four children, seven sisters, and three brothers. Services were conducted by Bros. Al Fisher and Clarence Kachelmuss. It was also their feeling that, if she could yet speak, she would say, "Do not wait so long."

We enjoyed an evening blessing, when we were visited by Bro. Noah Schrock, on March 22. He was accompanied by his wife and Bro. and Sis. Ellsworth Stoller.

We rejoice in Orlan Siebenthal's announcement for proving.

Ed Frey is in the hospital at this time. Our prayers go out for him. We hope for a good recovery.

Our average Sunday School attendance is about 75. Our teachers are the following brothers and sisters, beginning with the 3-year-olds, and on through the Bible class: Esther Bahler, Lavina Beckley, Mary Kilgus, Marie Schieler, Marvin Clauss, Albert Schini, Ray Steffen, Bob Clauss and Al Knochel. Bro. Edwin Bahler spent a number of years as a teacher in the Sunday School, so I have asked him to give us his thought on this matter.

The Sunday School

In the place where the tree falleth, there it shall be. (Ecclesiastes 11:3) And now also the ax is laid unto the root of the trees: therefore every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. (St. Matthew 3:10)

These are familiar words to us all, and as we contemplate them, the great responsibility we have as ministers, teachers and parents toward our children should be impressed deeply on our hearts . . . for to this we might add, "A tree will not only lie as it falls, but it will fall as it leans." In the proverbs of Solomon we read, "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

However, as a teacher, it is difficult to accomplish too much if the parents at home have not already done their part to prepare the seed bed . . . not only in reading of the beautiful stories of the Scripture, but in teaching of a respect for the church and the true fear and love toward God that should be already in the heart of every believer.

The first great gift we can bestow on our children, as parents or teachers, is a good example. "Not the cry, but the flight of the wild duck, leads the flock to fly and follow."

As a child of God, we often look to heaven, and think of the joy and rapture that the true and faithful will share: but somehow, it just does not seem that it could be complete without our children there.

SABETHA, KANSAS

Reporter: Mrs. Theodore Locher
Bro. Otto Rauhaus, who has been

attending church services with us now for sometime, has entered the Spear Clinic at Denver for treatment. He intends to be there for several more weeks. His address is

c/o Spears Osteopathy Hospital
East 10th and Gersey
Denver Colorado

Bro. Joe Stoller has returned home from the hospital, where he has been a patient. He is feeling much better.

Sis. Marie Kellenberger is convalescing at her home, after recent surgery.

Let us always be mindful of the afflicted, and of those who often need a word of comfort and cheer.

Bro. Silas and Sis. Ida Banwart of West Bend have been visiting in the home of their daughter, Sis. Phyllis and Bro. Elmer Strahm.

Bro. Andy and Sis. Irene Lehman and daughters have moved from the farm to their home in Sabetha, at 1215 Virginia St.

We trust the Lord has blessed each and every one. Our visiting ministers were Bro. Henry Sabo of Mansfield, Bro. George Lambert of Wichita, Bro. Lowell Stoller of Princeville and Bro. Leo Moser of Lester. Many visitors from various congregations attended the wedding of Sis. Sally Wysong and Bro. Norman Haerr, Sunday, March 24. Bro. Sam Anliker officiated. We wish them God's blessings. Their address, 611 Ogden Lane, San Antonio, Texas.

Sis. Sally will be missed. She taught the kindergarten class in our Sunday School. It consists of ten 4 to 5 year old children. Sis. Carol Metzger is now teaching.

When a little child enters Sunday School, it presents a great challenge to both teacher and child. They are so eager to learn about Jesus.

When a pre-school child of this age was asked, Do you go to school? "Yes," it replied, "I go to Sunday School." We wish Sis. Carol much grace in teaching these dear and tender little souls.

Sis. Leota Grimm has had many years of experience teaching Sunday School. There are thirteen children in her class of 1st and 2nd graders. Much of the year so far has been spent in studying the Old Testament and memorizing the Ten Commandments. During the Easter season, they are talking

about the crucifixion and resurrection of Christ. The class period is spent coloring a picture which corresponds with the lesson. One of these precious little ones expressed its desire, wishing they could go to Sunday School every day.

Sis. Delores Metzger has six in her class of 3rd and 4th grade pupils. At this age, they like to read aloud the Bible stories, and also participate in question and answer tests. Time was spent memorizing the Lord's prayer, the Ten Commandments, the names of the Old and New Testament books, and the Beautitudes.

There are thirteen in the class Bro. Aberle teaches, children of the 5th and 6th grades. These children are of the age when they wish to go deeper into the life of Christ and his apostles. They read the Bible stories and take part at Question and answer time.

This class includes the 7th, 8th and Freshman and is taught by Bros. Walter Strahm and Velmer Meyer. The Hurlbut's Bible Story Book is used. We like this book very well, and think this is a good book for our young people to learn the ways of Christian life. In class, each one is called upon to read a paragraph or two. We try to bring out the spiritual meaning and how it applies to us. The theme of our lessons are nothing new, but Jesus Christ and him crucified. It is often needful to use different angles to get it across to their precious hearts. We look to our youth to be our future church and hope it can be preserved, and always be as we have found it.

(Submitted by Bro. Velmer.)

The Senior Bible class consists of the upper three grades of high school and older. The teachers are Bro. Richard Aberle and Bro. Elmer Strahm. Their lessons are taken from the New Testament, although they also refer to the Law and Prophets of the Old Testament whenever necessary, to obtain the whole plan of salvation and the promises of God and their fulfillment.

The theme of our lessons are ever and always Jesus Christ and him crucified, and resurrected.

While teaching, it is the aim to draw the children into the discussion as much as possible, for we believe that if the pupil can discuss these subjects of life and death,

they will have a better understanding of the plan of salvation.

(Submitted by Bro. Elmer.)

The untiring efforts, through the grace of God is rewarding for a Sunday School teacher and all concerned, when a soul sees their lost condition, and can accept Christ as their personal Saviour.

There are 75 in our Sunday School attendance. Sunday School starts at 10:00 A.M., and is done at 11:15. We take two months, July and August, intermission, and then resume Sunday School again.

WEST BEND, IOWA

Reporter: Anna Schmidt

Births this month were: To Bro. Larry and Sis. Carole Fehr, a son, Terry Allan, born March 18; to Robert and Kay Banwart, a son, Timothy Robert, born March 20; to Bro. Alvin and Sis. Phyllis Banwart, a daughter, Marcia Dee, born March 23; and to Leonard and Helen Anliker, a daughter, Brenda Lee, born March 25.

Sis. Martha Frieden was laid to rest on March 10. She was born in Elgin, Iowa, to Joshua and Marie Braker, and moved to West Bend when she was 17 years old. In 1902, she married Ernest Frieden, who passed away in November of 1946. She is survived by three sons and one daughter. Sis. Martha attained an age of 80 years and was a faithful member.

Sis. Joyce Banwart had surgery on her knee. She is up and around again.

There were quite a number from the Lester congregation here on March 17, They are remodeling and were unable to hold services. We enjoyed having them gather with us.

Bro. Henry and Sis. Louise Sabo and daughter, Sis. Dorothy, of Mansfield, spent the evening of March 27 with us. We were thankful that Bro. Henry ministered to us. We appreciated their visit.

We have about 150 in attendance in our Sunday School.

The classes are divided as follows: The pre-school teachers are Sisters Amy Banwart and Hazel Anliker; Kindergarten, Sis. Elma Mogler; First Grade, Sis. Evelyn Benninger; Second Grade, Sis. Mabel Zaugg; Third and Fourth Grades, Sisters Clara Banwart and Berniece Banwart; Fifth and Sixth Grades, Bros. Silas Metzger and

Ray Anliker. Seventh, Eighth, and Ninth Grades are considered the Junior Bible Class and the teachers are Bros. Elmer Fehr and Walter Banwart. Bros. Earnie Schmidt and Elmer Banwart are the teachers for the Bible Class.

Bro. Earnie Schmidt has taught Sunday School the longest, of the present teachers.

The Bible Class has singing every other Thursday evening at the church, and the Junior Bible Class gathers at the homes once a month, usually the second Thursday of every month. Lunch is served for both classes.

The teachers enjoy teaching and working in the spirit with our youth, and hope that God will bless their efforts.

Our elder and ministers approve of the way our Sunday School is taught. The church as a whole is very much concerned about our youth, for they are the church of tomorrow. May they remember the sacred teachings they are taught, as we read in the Bible, Remember thy Creator in the days of thy youth.

AKRON, OHIO

Reporters: Ruth Taylor and Alice Graf

Bro. Ned Baumgartner has been elected to serve as our new trustee. The position was left to be filled, with the passing of Bro. Pete Dockus. Bro. Larry Ries was appointed to serve as usher.

We are a small church, and are especially happy to welcome two newly-married couples to our congregation. Arthur and Audrey Graf were married in Rockville, on March 10. Their address is 35 Manor Road, Apt. C, Akron 13, Ohio. Eva Wenhardt and Manfred Grawunder were married March 16, by Rudolph Graf. Their address is 495½ Koerber Avenue, Akron 14, Ohio.

The Akron Sunday School

We have seven classes.

Ernest Graf Sr. has been teaching the group that is made up of members and older friends. They use the Bible for their study, and all participate in the discussion.

Our next group is made up of high school and college-age people. Larry Ries and Forrest Ritzman alternate teaching, every other Sunday, using the Bible for their lessons. It seems to us this is the

age when many weight life's matters, and decide which way they will go—the Lord's way or the world's way.

Junior High students make up the next group, with Ellsworth Graf teaching. Recently, he has been using special, printed material. Ellsworth does a good job of explaining our church's ways to them, and brings this in wherever it fits in with the lesson.

Elmer Graf Jr. has the 4th, 5th, and 6th graders. The class is made up of all boys but one. They use the book, "Story of the Bible", which has been used in our church many years.

The 2nd and 3rd graders meet in the conference room, with Edith Graf supervising. They use Sunday School papers specially prepared for this age group. The children have always been fond of Edith, who seems to fit in with any age group.

At times, our Beginner's class becomes large, because of the wide range of ages. Eleanor Pamer and Margaret Dockus have been working with these children. They have their own songs, and don't join with the other Sunday School classes for group singing and prayers.

ELGIN, IOWA

Reporter: Mrs. George Butikofer

On Thurs., March 28, we were blessed with a visit from Bro. and Sis. Henry Sabo and daughter, Sis. Dorothy, from Mansfield. Bro. Henry conducted an evening church service for us, on the evening of their arrival. It was pointed out to us again, of how we are living in the latter days, and of how the really important thing in our lives is to be ready to meet our Creator. We did enjoy having these folks with us, and hope that they may come again.

Sis. Sarah Schupbach is not enjoying her usual good health, and is at this time taking treatments at a Rochester, Minnesota, clinic. We miss her fellowship. May God grant her sufficient health that she can soon assemble with us again.

Since Christmas day, Sis. Martha Frieden has been staying with her daughter, Rose, and husband, Rudy Possehl, who live on Martha's old home in the country, close to Elkader, Iowa. We are looking forward to Martha's return to her home here in Elgin, in the near

future. Then we will be able to see more of her and fellowship with her more often.

We have new benches in our Bible class room, and also have new book cabinets that serve nicely as book storage for the four lower grades. We agree with the old adage, that one should have a place for everything and keep everything in its place. Now its up to us to do according to our knowledge in this respect.

BLUFFTON, INDIANA

Reporter: Frieda Kipfer

Bro. Jehu Gerber, 89, passed away on March 13 at the Clinic Hospital, where he had been a patient three days. Surviving are seven daughters, Sisters Helen (Roy) Gerber, Leona (Ralph) Schwartz, Minnie (Homer) Aschliman, Anna (Ervin) Isch, Josephine (Edward) Schwartz, Alice (Ervin) Schwartz, and Sarah (Roland) Beer; seven sons, Brothers Gaius, Sylvan, Alvin, Floyd, Lloyd and Truman of Bluffton, and Edward of Ft. Lauderdale; 42 grandchildren; and 5 great-grandchildren. Ministering Brothers attending the funeral were Joel Souder of Leo and Joe Ramsier and Ben Hartzler of Rittman.

Tom Kipfer, son of Bro. and Sis. Herman Kipfer, was inducted into the service on March 13. His address is

Pvt Thomas L Kipfer US 55748959
Co D 3rd Bn USAMTC
Class 10B
Ft. Sam Houston Texas

Max Reimchisel has been transferred to Ft. Riley. His new address is

Pvt Max E Reimchisel
US 55748617
Co B 1st Med Bn
Ft Riley Kansas

Another address which has been changed is that of

Pvt Emanuel Gerber US 55748718
Class 66A Co A 1st Bn USAMTC
Ft Sam Houston Texas

Bro. Alfred Bahler of Wolcott visited us on March 24, and Bro. Albert Schneider of Rockville on March 31. We hope they will visit us again. We also enjoyed the pres-

ence of many others throughout the month.

The flu has made its rounds in our community, as in other places. Several were hospitalized with surgery and other ailments.

Bros. Joseph Aeschliman, Bob Gilliom, Joel Maller, and Sis. Berniece Maller have returned to their homes. Sisters Ruth Reinhard, Mary Fiechter, Stella Aeschliman, Rose Mary Gerber and Bros. Joel Aeschliman and William Aschliman are still confined there.

Births: To Bro. and Sis. Melvin Frauhiger, a son, on March 14; to Bro. and Sis. Paul Dotterer, a daughter, on March 14; to Bro. and Sis. Harry Gerber, a daughter, on March 15; and to Bro. and Sis. Paul Gerber, a son, on March 30, in Landstuhl, Germany.

MORTON, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Mrs. B. E. Getz

Funeral services were held March 4 for Laura Jean Schupbach, age 7, daughter of Walter and Emma Pfleiderer Schupbach.

Bro. Elmer Witzig of Gridley, Ill., spent Sunday, March 31, with us, and Bro. Herman Kellenberger of Elgin, Ill., was with us Sunday morning, April 7.

A daughter was born to Bro. Harry and Sis. LaVerne Huette Kaisner, March 14. A son was born to Bro. Bill and Sis. Janice Kilgus Dorris, on March 30. A daughter was born to Bro. James and Sis. Wilma Baurer Fischer on March 28.

Our monthly Song Service was held on Palm Sunday.

Sis. Laura Hauter is home from the hospital, after suffering a heart attack.

Bros. George Yentes, Richard Teubel and Richard Barth have been released from the hospital, after having surgery.

Sis. Sarah Rapp is improving, but must remain at the Methodist Hospital in Peoria for sometime. She broke her leg in a fall on the ice, in February.

Sis. Mary Alt, also a patient at the Methodist Hospital, is slightly improved.

Bro. Myron Springer has been elected trustee, to fill the expired five-year term of Bro. Ben Getz.

Bro. Arnold Rassi of Tremont taught combined Bible classes at Sunday School, March 10.

EUREKA, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Cathryn Wettstein

Since the last issue of the Silver Lining, our visiting ministers have been Bros. Jesse Schrock and Frederick Knapp from Congerville and John Wagler from Alabama.

March 30, Saturday evening, the two friends who recently repented were given time to give their testimony before the congregation. They were Douglas Leman, the son of Bro. Sam and Sis. Aldena Leman, and Patricia Stoller, the daughter of Bro. and Sis. Wilma Stoller. Bro. Joshua Broquard from Fairbury assisted Bro. Leroy Huber in this work.

March 31, Douglas and Patricia were baptized and taken into the fold. We can all rejoice with them, as they are now a new sister and brother in the church. May God ever be with them as they go along this new path of life.

March 31, was the monthly singing at the church, in the evening. The time in singing praises to our Lord was enjoyed by all present. Maxine and Gail Kempf sang two songs.

Birth: To Elton and Sis. Loretta (Strahm) Wiegand, a son, Stanley Ray, born April 3.

Sis. Christina Unzicker remains a patient at the Eureka Hospital. These have been in the hospital, but have returned to their homes: Sisters Irene Hartter, Katherine Hartter, Wilma Lehman, and Bro. Ed Geiger.

April 7, a most blessed day was experienced by all, because Communion was served. Bro. Silas Leuthold from Princeville helped in this impressive service. It was also Palm Sunday, so it was very good to be refreshed and reminded of how Jesus suffered and died for the sins of the whole world. He arose again and has gone on to prepare a place in the heavens for all the true and faithful.

Sis. Esther Klaus is anxiously waiting for her son, Bro. John and Sis. Betty and family to get back home, after being gone nearly nineteen months. They have been helping in Japan. May God be with them, on their way home.

FORT SCOTT, KANSAS

Reporter: Marie Zaugg

"And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone

from the door, and sat upon it.

His countenance was like lightening, and his raiment white as snow: . . .

And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified . . .

He is not here: for he is risen . . ." From St. Matthew 28.

On March 10, Bro. and Sis. Chuck Koehl of Morris were here for the week end. They were on their way home, after spending some time in Florida.

Sis. Mary Raaf, Sis. Anna Raaf, and Arlie and Eileen Grimm came for the day on March 31. Sis. Mary worked here several years ago. We welcome anyone who would wish to come and visit with us.

JUNCTION, OHIO

Reporter: Mrs. Alvin H. Manz

We were blessed with two visiting ministers this month. Bro. Elmer Zollinger of Rittman was here with his daughter and family, Bro. Henry and Sis. Martha Dotterer & children, also of Rittman. Bro. Joe Zimmerman also ministered to us; with him was Bro. Lou Zimmerman, both of Roanoke. We wish to thank Bros. Elmer and Joe for bringing us much food for the soul. We welcome them back whenever they can.

We were also pleased to see Bro. Aaron Fetters, Sisters Rebecca and Ida Fetters with us, from Toledo.

Sis. Evelyn Manz was on the sick list, and several were out with the flu. Bro. Andrew Dotterer's and Sis. Lena Manz's conditions remain about the same. Sis. Naomi Rehk-lau is in the hospital. Her condition is fair.

Do you see God as you live each day?

Do you see His love as you work His way?

Do you see Him smile, nod and say, "I'm happy, child, for you have used this day?"

Do you hear His voice, and you guide the feet

Of a dear, old lady cross the street?
Is His love smiling down on eyes of blue

As a dear baby reaches arms out to you?

Do you hear Him give, when the pounding rain

Goes rushing down your window-pane?

Do you see God, as you live each day?

Do you follow His voice and work His way?

It was decided to have a collection for the Silver Lining twice a year, in April and October, to make it easier sending in the money with the news.

"Though I tremble as I stand on the rock,
The rock never trembles under me!"

SARASOTA, FLORIDA

Reporter: Velta Laukhuf

On March 24, Bro. Ben and Sis. Lucille Maibach and family of Detroit spent Sunday with us. We were all inspired by the sincere message delivered by Bro. Maibach.

On March 28, Bro. August Laukhuf was flown by ambulance plane to his local community of Latty. He is now convalescing at the Van Wert County Hospital, Van Wert, Ohio.

The month of March is always a time of deep concern, for it is the parting time for the different families, to return to their respective places of abode in the North. During the winter months, we become closely associated, like one big family, and the parting brings serious thoughts. Will we meet here again? Or will it be on yonder shore? Only God knows.

Bro. Phil, our minister, and Sis. Fern Wingeier would like to thank everyone that attended the Sarasota church, for their deeds of kindness, good co-operation, love, and hospitality that was shown to them during this winter season.

The last service of the season was held March 31, and as it says in the good book, "To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven". And so it is with our blessed church 1963 season here in the sunny southland. It has now come to a close, and may God grant it, that in 1964, we may all meet again.

CISSNA PARK, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Mrs. Jeff Young

Our friend, Ron Kaufman, was proved and baptized on Sunday, March 17, by Bro. Joe Getz. Many other visitors attended.

A son, Tal Hichard, was born to Don and Dorothy Holmes on March 11. Mrs. Holmes was formerly Dorothy Clauss. A son, Gary Lee, was born to Jim and Anna Mae Frank, on March 4. Bruce and Myrna Zimmerman are the parents of their first child, born on March 7. He was named Marten Bruce.

We are happy to have Bro. Christ Sinn back in our midst, after a long period being shut-in.

Our friend, Glen Gudeman, and Sis. Margaret Rudin underwent surgery the past month.

Sis. Minnie Farney was in the hospital a few days for medication.

Bro. Bert and Sis. Ann Gudeman are back with us again, after spending the winter in California.

Our Sunday School has planned their Easter program for Good Friday.

New addresses for our friends:

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COD 3DNB USAMTC CLASS 1013
FT SAM HOUSTON TEXAS

Pvt Dale A Feller US 55746620
CO B 1st MED BN
Fort Riley, Kansas

Next month we will be on DST
Sunday School, 10:15
Morning Worship, 10:30
Afternoon Worship 12:30
Thursday Eve. Worship, 8:00

Springtime

Some people just think springtime
A seasonable event,
With birds and bees and flowers,
Which nature's hand has sent.
To me Spring is the season
when heaven does bestow
on earth its tenderest blessings
and causes things to grow.

If things which are created,
are truly fair to see,
How beautiful and perfect
Must the Creator be!
I hope to live in heaven,
Its joys sublime to share,
For it excells in beauty—
It's always springtime there!

ELGIN, ILLINOIS

Reporters: Louise Steffen and
Katie Kachelmuss

Sis. Mary Leuthold fell, March 7, and suffered a badly sprained ankle. She has improved so that she is able to attend services again.

Visitors on March 17, were Bro. and Sis. Elmer Witzig, Bro. and Sis. Ezra Stoller and daughter Sis. Doris, and Sis. Carol Schlipf, of Gridley, Ill. We enjoyed Bro. Elmer's sermons and hope they will visit us again soon.

On March 18, Sis. Phyllis Kap- tain was taken to St. Joseph Hos- pital with pneumonia and was very sick. She is home now and is slow ly recovering.

Visitors on March 24 were Bro. and Sis. Clarence Kachelmuss and daughter Shirley and Bro. and Sis. Gus Scheitlin of Oakville. Both sermons were very impressive. Bro. Clarence brought out, how we must take a step forward each day, and Bro. Gus spoke about the two kinds of shelters. The Lord is our shelter.

For our evening service on March 27, we were blest to have with us Bro. and Sis. Al Fisher of Chicago, also Sis. Mattie Fisher of Peoria.

On March 31, Bro. Clarence Diet rich was in Sunday School for our program practice, and he was asked to speak a few words on "What Easter means to me", on from the beginning, on through the cross and resurrection. He said that he does not think there is anyone who can fully grasp how great the love of God is in sending His Son to die on the cruel cross. Bro. Nathan Steffen then added that we could surely feel that Bro. Clarence was inspired by God, and he asked that we sing the hymn, "The Love of God."

Bro. Wm. Stettner was with us again on March 31, having been at home for some time with a bad cough. In the afternoon, he brought to us a very inspiring mes- sage, about how we hear about the flu spreading from place to place, which is only a bodily affliction, but the spiritual pestilence will last in all eternity. We were glad to have him and Sis. Lydianna Moser, Sis. Mary Oettinger, and Bro. and Sis. August Greiner with us again.

On April 7, Palm Sunday, we had our Sunday School program, in the evening. It was all very inspiring, and the children did well. We have twelve teachers, six brothers and six sisters, as follows: Pre-Kinder- garten-Julia Graf, Kindergarten- Helen Liebig, First Grade-Louise Steffen, Second Grade-Ruth Metz- ger, Third Grade-Katherine Kach- elmuss, Fourth Grade-Marie Hugh,

Fifth Grade-William Gudeman, Sixth Grade-Melvin Schrock, Seventh Grade-Elmer Getz, Eighth Grade-Gene Moser, Ninth and Tenth Grades-Nathan Steffen, Eleventh and Twelfth Grades-Albert Schambach. Bro. Gene Moser is superintendent and Bro. Nathan Steffen is treasurer.

FAIRBURY, ILLINOIS Reporter: Joyce Huber

Funeral services were held for Emil Wenger on March 14 ;and on March 17, for Bro. Will Wagler. Visiting ministers that Sunday were Bro. Henry Sabo, Mansfield; Bro. Henry Grimm, Morton; and Bro. Al Fisher, Chicago, who ex- plained that the Holy Spirit direct- ed Philip the evangelist to go to the Ethiopian, to tell him about the Lord, and he believes the Spirit today still directs individ- uals to go tell others of the Saviour.

Bro. Richard Steffen was home for two weeks, on a furlough from his Army duties in Texas.

We were happy to have Bro. and Sis. Philip Gutwein, Bro. and Sis. Fred Gutwein, and Sis. Angela Von Tobel of Francesville. March 24. Bro. Gutwein meditated on faith and love. As to faith, the Lord said to His disciples: **Ye of little faith**; and so, he said, if the disciples, the very ones we would look to for strong faith, had only little faith, then just what does the Lord say about our faith. As to love, he said, there are some that believe to "eateth all things" and some to "eateth herbs", but do we have the love that we not judge, nor despise, because "to his own master he standeth."

A group of 13 from Roanoke were here Sun., March 24, having dinner at Sis. Leona Nussbaum's, and in the evening sang hymns at Fairview Haven.

We were happy to have as guest minister on Sun., April 7, Bro. Francis Rother, Morton, who, along with those accompanying him, were dinner guests of Bro. and Sis. Edw. Huber. This being Palm Sunday, Bro. Rother read Luke 19, and said that Christ went through the Golden Gate, the East- ern Gate of Jerusalem, and his prayer is that some day we may all enter the Gate into the Heavenly Jerusalem.

The number of residents at Fair- view Haven has increased to 29 now, with more applications of

some preparing to enter. Bro. Eli Leman, Adm., reports they will need a full-time girl, preferably a LPN, for the 3-11:00 shift after June 1, and anyone interested should contact him. The Home has welcomed volunteer work, and so those of our local church who have recently donated their time and service on a Sunday to relieve the paid staff were: The Lloyd and Ralph Zimmermans, Pat Hartman, the Willis Bachtolds, the Lyle and John Huettes, the John Fehrs, the Reuben Bachs, and Joyce Huber.

Our Sunday School

In our Fairbury congregation of approximately 200 members, our Sunday School is comprised of about 140 children. We have much talent in our church, and our teach- ers have done many interesting things for the children.

Our present teachers have been in Sunday School a long period of years. Lydia Wiedman has been in for 31 years; our Supt., Ori- e Stoller, 22 years; Eli Meiss, 21 years; Leona Broquard, 19 years; Ruth Walter, 18 years; Alden Nuss- baum, 12 years; Reuben Bach, 11 years; Leona Nussbaum, 9 years; Dick Weigand, 7 years; Ralph Bah- ler, 7 years; Vernon Hartman, 7 years; and John Huette, 2 years.

Bro. Dick Weigand directs the Bible Class choir of about 40, and receives good cooperation in prac- ticing at the Sunday School during the week and in singing in the Christian Endeavors.

The youngest children in Sunday School bring a monetary gift to the Lord each Sunday, dropping in their pennies and nickels; and as charity needs arise, their teachers discretely disburse it.

GRIDLEY, KANSAS Reporter: Mrs. Rudy Bahr

Sis. Lizzie Beyer was in the hos- pital for several weeks with the flu and its complications, and is slowly improving at their home. Sis. Liseten Strahm was hospital- ized for a week recently. We hope they will both be back in our midst soon.

Bro. Harold Somerhalder arrived here April 12 from California, to settle his father's estate. He hopes to return to California in about a month.

SUNDAY SCHOOL — I asked the other evening at a little infor- mal discussion, if they felt that

Sunday School had a direct effect on getting them started "on the path to heaven" . . . some felt their parents had more effect on them, but all thought Sunday School was necessary . . . so here comes my "side"—I was the only one present not from "believing parents" (I know that my parents believed in God, or they wouldn't have made the effort to see that we got to Sunday School very Sunday, nor taught us good moral standards at home) . . . but for my part, Sunday School was the only important source of learning that there are "but two roads to travel." Any little gift . . . (I still have the little book my first teacher, Sis. Mary Leuthold, of Elgin, Ill., gave me, although tape has had to come to its rescue since our children look at it) . . . Sunday School picnic, or gathering was treasured . . . you see, we left church immediately after Sunday School, and there was no chance of fellowship at noon, or at singings with children of "members."

That is why I feel strongly that Sunday School is so important . . . that we all should be concerned and give our support. When I think of how much the Lord has done for us, and wonder just what little thing I can do to partially repay this debt, the thought has come, "feed my sheep", and where can we find any more precious lambs than in Sunday School . . . and EVERYONE can help . . . from the watering, feeding, etc., right down to the "bedding" which aids in better growth.

We have a nice little Sunday School, with the children eagerly awaiting their "fourth birthday", so they can enter Sis. Bertha Beyer's pre-school class, which has 8 pupils at the present time; using "First Steps For Little Feet" by Foster and supplemented by a Standard teacher's book and flannelboard. Sis. Eileen Bahr has 8 pupils, in the first grade, using the Gospel Light books most of the time. Sis. Ella Raaf has 9 pupils in the 2nd and 3rd, using Gospel Light books, plus memory verses. Bro. Ivan Beyer has 11 pupils in the 4th and 5th, using Standard books at present. Bro. Lloyd Kraft has 10 pupils in the 6th and 7th, using Hurlburt's book, supplemented by the Bible. Bro. Roy Bahr has 6 pupils in 8, 9, 10th grades, using the Bible. Bro. Kenneth Beyer,

Sunday School Superintendent, has approximately 14 in the adult class, including three Jr. and Sr. high students, studying from the Bible.

LA CROSSE, INDIANA

Reporter: Mrs. Chas. Rinkenberger

Bro. Joe Schrock, his wife and several others from Congerville were with us March 31: on Saturday evening, Bro. Joe showed his pictures which he took on his trip to the Holy land. He also gave an interesting commentary.

On April 7, we held communion, with Elder Bro. Theo Beer assisting Bro. George Yergler.

There was a feeling of much need for more ministers here at the La Crosse church. So after voting and casting lots, the duties fell on Bros. Edward Frank and Merle Bucher. May God be with them and give them the much needed grace to carry out their duty.

Sis. Lena German entered the Fairview Haven at Fairbury, on March 24.

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LAMONT, KANSAS

Reporter: Mrs. Bernie Emch

We see and behold the beauty of new life springing forth everywhere, man busy preparing the soil, sowing the seed, and then, how disappointing, if the plants do not spring forth. Each lays as it was planted, and then, no harvest. Likewise, God is continually sowing His seed in man's hearts. It must be sad unto Him also to see it return unto Him with no harvest, instead as according to Luke 8:15.

God knows more about us than we know about ourselves. God is our Creator; He gave us life. He knows all about our life, our failures and successes, joys and sorrows, pains and pleasures. Because He knows all, we can go to Him for guidance and help. He understands.

He knows the bitter, weary way,
The endless striving day by day,
The souls that weep, the souls that
pray.

He knows.

He knows how hard the way has
been,
The clouds that come our lives
between,

The wounds the world has never
seen.

He knows.

We are glad to have Bro. Pete and Sis. Katie Fankhauser home again to assemble with us, after spending several months in Phoenix.

Nancy Kay Wernli, daughter of Bro. Roy and Sis. Betty Wernli, spent 2 weeks in the K. U. Medical hospital, but is home now. Her health has improved. Thanks be to God for all he has done.

Bro. Donald and Sis. Ione Broquard and children of Fairbury assembled with us March 31, and visited her parents, Bro. Sam and Kathryn Anliker and brother, Bro. Glenn and Lorean Anliker and family.

BURLINGTON, IOWA

Reporter: Uriel Gehring

Sisters Mary Hohulin, Evelyn and Ruth Klein of Peoria spent Sunday, March 10, with us. We enjoyed their visit.

Sunday, March 17, Bro. Fred Grimm of Quincy ministered to us. Immediately after our afternoon service, the conclusions of our last brotherhood conference were reviewed by our elder brethren, Fred Grimm and Noah Schrock. This was encouraging and uplifting to us all. We also had many other visitors that day, including Bro. and Sis. Jim Pflederer and family of Tremont, Bro. and Sis. Jack Prather and family of Eureka, Bro. and Sis. Paul Michael of Tremont.

Sis. Lydia Kuntz and her husband, John, of our community, were in church on Sunday, April 7, for the first time in many months. We were happy to have them back with us. They are both in their 80's.

With spring bursting forth in all its glory, we are reminded of the greatness of God and His control of the universe. As our mortal eyes see the trees shooting forth their leaves, the grass breaking through the earth, and feel the warm breezes against our faces, we remember that God promised Noah, after the great flood, that as long as the earth remained, there would be cold and heat, summer and winter, and seedtime and harvest. How faithful God has been.

It seems that springtime is the most welcome of seasons, because

our vegetation is coming to life again, our children can romp and play in the great outdoors, and our cumbersome winter clothing can be put away for awhile. There is a newness and freshness about almost everything.

May our faith in Almighty God take on a new freshness, too. If we have been rather dormant through the winter, let us become alive and full of zeal for the Lord and His posterity. We don't have to travel to far and distant lands to perform a service for the Master; we can brighten the corner where we are. We and our families should attend our church services regularly and on time.

We should support church order. We should visit the widows and widowers, the afflicted and aged, the lonely and destitute. We should distribute to the necessity of the saints. We should fellowship with and encourage our brethren and sisters in the Lord. His blessing will most assuredly follow. The Lord's ever watchful eyes notice the seemingly "little" things that his children do for others, and they don't go unrewarded. Let us never get so "wrapped up" in ourselves that we forget our obligation to others.

FRANCESVILLE, INDIANA

Reporter: Mrs. Elmer Bucher

Ass't. Reporter: Sally Neihouser
Old and crooked, bent with years . . . the ancient trees still grow . . . young and lovely at this time . . . when fairy blossoms blow . . . pink and white upon the boughs, where thrush and blackbird swing . . . flinging down the fragrant wind, the golden notes of Spring . . .

Year by year the new sap rises . . . in the hidden root . . . The marvel is performed again . . . the buds that bring the fruit . . . burst into a cloud of glory . . . like a miracle . . . changing stark and mishapen things to forms most beautiful . . .

Call it Nature, if you will . . . but we shall call it from God . . .

No blind force could conjure all this beauty from the sod . . . that same Mind which sowed the stars along the Milky Way . . . brought the bloom out of the earth and set it on the spray.

Believe in God for, your neighbors,

your work, your ultimate attainment of more complete happiness. It is only the farmer who faithfully plants seeds in the spring, who reaps a harvest in the autumn.

Christ has outlived the empire which crucified Him nineteen centuries ago. He will outlast the dictators who defy Him now.

"I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance." St. Luke 15:7
Once more, we rejoice that two of our friends, Fred and Carol (Getz) Howat, have been given the grace unto repentance.

Marshall and Marcelle (Neihouser) Putt are the parents of a little daughter, born April 8, their first child.

Sis. Catherine, wife of Bro. Pierre Neihouser, had surgery this past month and is recuperating nicely.

Sis. Mary Wuethrich was hospitalized for a few days for observation.

Even though 102 years of age, our dear Sis. Catherine Pelsy commented recently how much she enjoys having the Silver Lining read to her.

LEO, INDIANA

Reporter: Mrs. Elias Souder

Testimony was given by Sylvon Pulfer on Sunday morning, March 31. He was baptized Sunday afternoon, and received into the church. Following, the church partook of Holy Communion, Bros. Samuel Aeschliman and Theo Beer officiating. A carry-in-dinner was served to about 200 at the Fellowship Center. Visitors from various church spent the day with us.

David and Mary Lantz had just returned home from Norfolk, Virginia, where they had visited their son, Lowell, and his wife. They had kept their little boy (Dave and Marys' grandson) and took him to his parents. On Sat., Lowell was rushed to the hospital for an emergency operation. However, we are happy to report, he is doing all right. Lowell is in the Navy.

Frieda Bertsch became very ill and is at this time in the Parkview Hospital at Fort Wayne.

The first Sunday of the month, April 7, two groups went to two rest Homes at Butler, Indiana. Again, we found a face missing.

One had slipped away from earthly day. One of the blind patients accompanied us back to the Fellowship Center, to attend singing practice for the children and young people, and also dinner was served there.

Services are planned on Good Friday evening at the church. Sunrise Services are planned for 6:00 o'clock at the Fellowship Center. An Easter program is planned for the evening by the Sunday School. We are at all times on Central Daylight Time. Our church begins at 10:00.

Note: Since the Leo news has been set up, Bro. Dave Lantz informs us our friend, Lowell Lantz, has talked to Sis. Mary by phone. Lowell said he did not have appendicitis, (for which he was operated). He still is not well.

Remember him in your prayers.

LATTY, OHIO

Reporter: Mrs. Ray Sinn

This past month we were richly blessed with visiting ministers: on March 10, Bro. Philip Sauder from Cissna Park and Bro. Clarence Kachelmuss from Forrest; on March 24, Elder Bros. Noah Schrock, Sam Aeschliman & Joe Wai-bel; on March 31, Bro. Joe Zimmerman from Roanoke, Bros. Lester Huber and Wendell Gudeman from Francesville; on April 7, Bro. Ernest Graf from Akron. We are certainly thankful unto God for the blessings that we can enjoy when ministering brethren visit our congregation. We trust that God will richly bless each of them for their efforts.

A son., Duane Kurt, was born to Bro. Kent and Sis. Gloria Miller. Duane was welcomed into their home by his sister, Yvonda.

In the hospital this past month were Sis. Eunice Gerber, Connie Schlatter, (daughter of Bro. Dick and Sis. Viola Schlatter), and Sis. Marguerite Stoller. All are improving at this writing.

Gregory and Neil Gerber both had the misfortune of breaking their arms. Both have their arms in casts, and are recuperating as good as can be expected. They are the sons of Roger and Sis. Eunice Gerber.

MANSFIELD, OHIO

Reporter: Aaron A. Sauder

"Make a joyful noise unto God, all ye lands: Sing forth the honour

of his name: make his praise glorious." Psalms 66:1, 2. We were privileged to have a group from Ft. Wayne worship with us on Sunday, April 7. Later in the afternoon, we met at one of our city park pavilions, where we all joined in singing hymns. The Ft. Wayne choir then presented a program in song, telling the wonderful story of salvation, and reminding us that we should "Be a Blessing to Someone." Also with us to enjoy fellowship on this day were Sis. Della Manz and her daughter; Bro. and Sis. Jake Bahler from Remington; Sis. Clara Steffen from Fairbury, who is spending several weeks in our community, visiting her sister, Louise Sabo; Henry and Dale Steffen, from Fairbury.

Our visitors on March 24 were Bro. Aaron and Sis. Loretta Steffen from Alto, and on March 31, Bro. and Sis. Adam Manz and children from Paulding.

After spending the winter months in warm climates, we welcome home Sis. Katherine Blumenschein, who visited in Arizona and California, and Bro. John and Sis. Katherine Fuhrer, who were in Florida.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Beer, on the birth of a baby daughter.

Best wishes to Marjorie Davis and Paul Hollinger, who were married March 10. Marjorie is the daughter of Bro. Dave and Sis. Lena Beer.

Because of poor health, Sis. Katherine Heilman was confined to a rest home and was unable to attend church for a number of years. On March 24, at the age of 89 years, she was taken to be with the Lord. Funeral services were held on March 27.

At Home 'tis well!
With God in close relation,
The soul forgets
The sorrows it has borne;
With pains o'ercome,
On that bright golden morn,
Rejoices in our God's sublime
salvation.

MORRIS, MINNESOTA

Reporter:

Mrs. Kenneth Zeltwanger

A son, Todd William, was born to Bro. and Sis. Carl Moser on March 20. He has one brother, Brian.

Bro. and Sis. Albert Steiner of Cissna Park and Bro. and Sis.

Jonas Ball of Peoria visited here the week end of March 10. While here, relatives helped Bro. and Sis. Steiner observe their 25th wedding anniversary.

Bro. Gien Domnick, who underwent surgery at Rochester, returned home on March 11, and is enjoying good health again.

Kenneth Koehl and Jerald Joos submitted to appendectomies. Both got along real well.

Donald Joos arrived home March 24, after serving in the Armed Forces. Charles Kellenberger completed his basic training and is spending a few days at the home of his parents.

On Saturday evening, April 6, we all rejoiced to hear the testimonies of our dear friends, Lyle and Marilyn Zeltwanger and Leroy Fehr. On Sunday, they were baptized. Visiting elders assisting Bro. Koehl were Bro. George Sinn of Latty and Bro. Paul Banwart of West Bend. Accompanying Bro. Sinn were his wife, Sis. Clara, and Bro. and Sis. Carl Sinn. Other visitors were Bro. Leo Moser of Lester, as well as others from Lester, West Bend and Minneapolis. We are very thankful for these new members, and hope many more can yet turn to the Lord. We had a very blessed day on Sunday, receiving many good teachings from the visiting ministers, and invite them all to come again.

OAKVILLE, IOWA

Reporter: Mrs. Ezra Gerst

A baby girl, Tamata June, was born to Bro. Jess and Sis. Elizabeth Grimm on March 22.

Sis. Edith Schrock was in the hospital for a few days, but we are glad to report that she is home again.

We had our annual election on Thursday evening, April 4. Bro. Robert Frank succeeded Bro. John Perdelwitz as trustee. Bro. Leon Kuntz succeeded Bro. Roger Moser on the cemetery committee. Sis. Virginia Kupferschmid succeeded Sis. Viola Perdelwitz on the food committee. They had completed their three years of service.

The blessings of Easter are many
For all of us to share,
Left by our Loving Saviour,
To show us He does care:

Nature, with its wonders
Of sea and sky and sod,

Tended very patiently
By the hands of God.

The peace we find in prayer,
As there, on bended knee,
We find new strength and courage
To face the days to be.

A soft word, kindly spoken,
A kindly helping hand,
The cheer we bring to others,
All hearts can understand.

God left these blessings for us,
When He rose on Easter day,
To show us how to live
In peace along the way.

PEORIA, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Mrs. Michael Weyeneth

Bro. Alex Simon, age 76 years, passed away Sat., March 9, at St. Francis Hospital, where he was admitted on Thursday, March 7. Bro. Simon went quite suddenly, being sick only a few days, although he had been not so well the last few weeks. He attended church regularly, and enjoyed singing with the adult group. Surviving are his wife, Lydia, and one son, William. Two sons preceded him in death. He will be missed by his many relatives and friends. Funeral services were held Monday, March 11. Burial was in Tremont.

Sis. Louise Schmeid and her brother, Jim Vierling, went to Phoenix, Sat., March 23, to bring their mother, Sis. Marie Vierling, home. Sis. Vierling had a slight stroke while visiting there, and was brought home by plane. She is now at the Americanna Nursing Home, 5600 Glen Elm Dr., Peoria, Ill. She is improving some. We hope she will continue to improve.

Bro. Joe Schrock of Congerville presented his pictures of the Holy Land to the 6th through 12th grades of the Sunday School classes, Saturday evening, March 16, at the Y.M.C.A. Parents, teachers and others were also there.

Sis. Pauline Clauss has sold her home, and is now staying at the Theo Heafli home. Sis. Clauss is almost blind and not too well. Her birthday is April 30. The address is 1015 W. Armstrong.

A gathering and supper was held at the Apostolic Christian Home for Sis. Mary Wyss (a shut-in), for her birthday, Sat. evening, April 6. Bro. and Sis. Herman Kellenberger of Elgin, Ill., and Bro. and Sis. Gus Scheitlin of Oakville were here.

Mary is their stepmother. The Hohulin sisters, who take care of the Home, invited others, including some of the ministers from here and Morton. It was a blessed evening, enjoyed by all, and especially the other shut-ins. Many thanks to the Hohulin sisters for their hospitality and love shown in many ways, from time to time. Surely it pleases God to do kindness to the sick and aged, and to each other.

The adult singing group, led by Bro. Arthur Moser, sang at the Bellwood Nursing Home, Wed. evening, April 3. We know it brought much joy to the less fortunate. Let us not be slack in doing good wherever we can, tho' it be only a word of encouragement, or a visit to someone who needs someone. A lunch was served later at the Bro. and Sis. Frank Lambert home.

Bros. Albert Fisher of Chicago, Uriel Gehring of Burlington, and Joe Kaisner, of Forrest were our guest speakers the past month. Their wives and Bro. Joe's son, Leon, were with them.

Bro. John Streitmatter is at Proctor Hospital. He had a serious operation. Bro. Chas. Schmied had a heart attack; he is at Proctor Hospital. Norman Rocke is also at this hospital. Lewis Heller has been at a hospital, but is home now, convalescing. Sis. Ella Eberhardt is confined to her home. Sis. Phoebe Eberhardt is also ill. We hope and pray for them to get well again. May God be near each one.

Bro. Ernest Weber, father of Bro. Pete Weber, passed away in Zurich, Switzerland, early Sunday morning, March 3, approximately 20 hours after Bro. Peter and their small daughter, Margaret, had left Zurich again for Chicago, by Luft-hansa plane. They are thankful that they were permitted to spend 2½ weeks with Grandpa Weber, before he went to his eternal rest. Margaret enjoyed her stay in Switzerland, & her Swiss cousins were happy to meet her & be with on her first birthday. The weather was exceptionally cold. Lake Zurich froze for the first time since 1929. They flew at 39,000 ft. altitude over Greenland and Labrador, at 45 degrees below, outside. Thanks be to the Lord for His guidance and protection on all our ways.

The Peoria Sunday School has now and in the past, many good

and old-time teachers. One of the oldest is Bro. Dave Hoerr, who was a teacher and then superintendent for about 25 years, until the rotation system was voted in about 2 years ago. In those years, he became acquainted and very close to a good many boys and girls who now are members of our church. He will never be forgotten for what he did for our Sunday School.

Bro. Walter Knepp was also a loyal teacher and assistant superintendent for many years. The good seed that he sowed in his years of teaching has brought much fruit.

Bro. Richard Binkele also taught the Bible class for years. We all miss him very much and hope he will be voted in again in due time.

Bro. Robert Weyeneth has also taught the Bible class for years and has always given generously of his time and talent to teach the children God's word. May his reward be in heaven.

Bro. Walter Geyer gave much time and effort to teach the Junior Bible class with Bro. Francis Meier, who also has led the singing in Sunday School for many years. May God bless their efforts.

Bros. Wilbur Hoerr and Wm. Klein teach the 7th and 8th grades. This is the largest of our classes and consists of 38 boys and girls.

We won't have room in this article for all the names and classes, so will only say that there are 267 pupils; 11 classes; 12 men teachers and 10 women teachers.

A few weeks ago, the Peoria Bible classes adopted two orphans through our church in Japan. The students have pledged 50c each, per month (\$15.00 per month for the two classes). The orphanage in Japan furnished a list of eligible children for the Sunday School to choose from.

The money is used for food, clothing and medical care (as needed). The students will exchange one letter a month, with the orphanage acting as interpreters.

Conrad Woerner, Supt.

PHOENIX, ARIZONA Reporter: Averil Stevig

Again the valley is so fragrant, as the citrus trees are in bloom. The smell of the orange blossom is so sweet. Many winter flowers are still in bloom. A rare sight here is a family garden, but upon visiting at the homes of Bro. Carl and Sis.

Kate Blumenschein and Bro. Richard & Sis. Barbara Schupbach, we find that they have been growing vegetables all winter, and still have lovely gardens.

Sis. Anne Reiger was pleasantly surprised on her birthday, and wished to have her thanks conveyed through the Silver Lining for all the many kind deeds the brethren have bestowed on them during the years that Bro. Ed has been ill. It has been a great trial for them, and they appreciate the mail they receive and every word of encouragement. They enjoy it here in Phoenix very much. Their address

4204 N. 9th Street B-18,
Phoenix, Arizona

A baby girl, Rebecca Ellen, arrived March 7 at the home of Lester and Delores Moser. Bradley, her small brother welcomed her, too. Sis. Emma Moser, Rebecca's grandmother, is here for an extended stay.

Pvt. Robert Lemons visited his family, Bro. and Sis. Floyd Banwart, while on a two-week furlough. His new address is

Pvt Robert D Lemons US 56337987
Hq & Hq Co USAMPS
Ft Gordon Georgia

Bro. Joe Beer, who is also in the Service, received the "Soldier of the Month" award for February at the Letterman General Hospital in San Francisco. Bro. Joe is a medical specialist. We are looking forward to the time this summer when he will receive his discharge, and he and his wife, Sis. Connie, will be able to return to our congregation.

We enjoyed the visit one Sunday of a friend, Rudolph Frey, from Switzerland, who is touring the U.S., and has visited our church in Francesville. He had not heard of our church in Switzerland, but we hope through his contact with us here in the U.S., he will look up the church there, when he returns in May.

Sis. Mary Sitzler had the misfortune of having an infection in her hand, from an insect bite. It was very serious, but we are thankful that she is recovering satisfactorily.

Palm Sunday was an especially blessed Sabbath for us, for our congregation partook of Holy Communion on that day. We were all

spiritually strengthened, uplifted, renewed and made to realize more the great sacrifice that our Saviour made in dying for our sins. With renewed hope and joy, also, we look forward to the blessed day when we will be able to partake of Communion with our Lord.

Sunday School:

Back in 1950, when church services were first held here in the Valley, our Sunday School consisted of 12 children, divided into 3 classes. Classes were held in small, rented buildings and in the mountains. We now have 30 children and 4 classes, which are held in a nice, modern Sunday School room, with separate, divided rooms for each class. We are very thankful for this increase that the Lord has provided. We pray this growth may continue and bless our congregation here.

Out of This Life

Out of this life I shall never take
The things of silver and gold I
make.

All that I cherish and hoard away,
When I leave this life, on earth
must stay.

All that I cherish and all that I
keep
I must leave behind when I fall
asleep.
What shall He find and what shall
He see,
In the soul that answers the call
for me?

Shall the Great Master find when
my life is thru,
That my soul has gathered some
treasures, too?
Or will it be mine, at last, to find
That all I laboured for, I have left
behind?

PORTLAND, OREGON

Reporter: Mrs. Paul N. Rumbold

The Silverton congregation enjoyed the visit of Bro. Joe and Sis. Ida Kaisner from Forrest, on Friday evening, March 15. They spent Sunday the 17th with our church at Portland.

Also visiting Portland for several days this month was Bro. Ray Feucht from Lester, Iowa. He is a nephew of Sis. Rose Knapp.

Our friends, Reuben and Bertha Klopfenstein, have returned from a safe tour of the Eastern States.

The new address of

Pvt John Affolter RA 19731201
Hq & Hq Co
1st Airborne Btl Grp 502nd Inf
Ft Campbell Ky.

Sis. Margaret Werner left Thursday, April 4, for several months of visiting churches and relatives in Illinois and Rockville.

TAYLOR, MISSOURI

Reporter: Mrs. Eli Sutter

We enjoyed having Bro. Paul Butikofer minister to us on Sunday, March 17. He was accompanied by his wife, Sis. Mildred, and son, Timmy, also Sisters Ruth Butikofer, Mary Ann Metzgar and Fanny Frieden. Bro. Pauls' lived here until a year ago, when they moved to Elgin, Ia., so we were glad to have them with us again.

Bro. Bill Heimer spent several days at the hospital the past month, hoping that therapy treatments would be a benefit to him, but they were unable to give him any, because of the condition of his back.

Jeanie, daughter of Bro. Roy and Sis. Dona Grimm, is in the hospital at present, where she is to undergo an orthodontic operation.

Bro. Fred Grimm went to St. Louis to have his six-month physical check up. He got a good report from his doctor, for which we are all thankful.

We have two new beginners in Sunday School this quarter. They are Brent, son of Bro. Robert Hoerrs, and Jimmy, son of Bro. James Sutters. We are glad to see our Sunday School grow.

Several families from our congregation went to Sabetha to attend the wedding of Sis. Sally Wyson and Bro. Norman Haerr. Bro. Norman is the son of Rudie and Sis. Lena Haerr.

TOLEDO, OHIO

Reporter: Emily Frautschi

Another precious soul was added to our little flock on March 24—Margie Reineck, daughter of Bro. Homer and Sister Jo Reineck, gave her testimony to the church, was baptized and added to the fold. Bro. Rudolph Graf, our elder, officiated. As Margie attends Kent University and Akron church there were other visitors, including Bro. Ernest and Sister Louise Graf and some of their family, and the following relatives: Bro. Al and Sis-

ter Marge and Edward Frautschi, and Sisters Rose, Diane and Adele Conrad of the Leo Church; Bro. Carl and Sister Ann Frautschi, Sister Janice and Bill, Bro. Ralph and Sister Elsie Troxel and family of Bluffton.

It was a blessed day for all to be together to worship our Lord.

TREMONT, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Esther Schmid

We had several visiting ministers the past month, including Bro. Russell Rapp of Morton on March 10; Bros. Joe A. Getz and Francis Rother of Morton on Wednesday evening, March 20; Bros. LeRoy Huber and Walter Anliker of the Eureka congregation on March 24; Bro. Philip Sauder of Cissna Park and Bro. Lowell Stoller of Princeville on April 7. We enjoyed having them visit us and were blessed by their inspiring messages.

On Sunday evening, March 17, we were privileged to have as our guests for Christian Endeavor the Sunday School Bible classes and their teachers from Peoria, Goodfield, Congerville, Roanoke, Forrest, and Gridley, and on Sunday evening, March 24, from Princeville, Morton, Eureka, and Fairbury. We enjoyed the singing, and want to thank all who took part, the young folks and their teachers.

A long distance telephone call was received by Bro. Daniel Steiner's family on March 28, from their son, Richard, who arrived in New York from overseas duty, where he has been stationed in Germany for the past fifteen months. Richard repented and found peace with God shortly before he was sent overseas, and we feel God has protected him while he was away from his home, his loved ones, and the church. We are all anxious for his return. He will be discharged from service on April 16.

Paul Koch is home from the hospital and gets around in a wheel chair. We are glad he is again united with his dear wife and children.

Bro. Ray and Sis. Barbara Moser are the parents of a daughter, Melisa Kay, born April 4.

Egermeier Bible Story books were recently purchased by the Sunday School, and are being used be the fourth grade. In our new church, most of the basement will be classrooms, with rooms to spare, planned for future use by our faithful building committee. May they

and all the teachers be rewarded from above for their efforts.

Our Sunday School of today is the church of tomorrow. **One generation passes on and another rises up.** The Sunday School classes presented a nice Easter program on Palm Sunday, attended by a large number.

Five of our friends who recently repented have been announced to give their testimonies and be baptized in the near future. They are Richard Steiner, Harold Steiner, Maurice Schaefer, Ernest Herman, and David Koch.

Mrs. Luise Bernhard from Itteingen, Baden, has been visiting at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Fred Endress Jr., and family for the past sixteen months. She is returning home by plane, April 18. She enjoyed being with her three grandchildren while here. We hope she can come back to the United States again.

FT. LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA

Reporter: Florence Sutter

Most of our winter residents have left the sunny south, to join their families at home.

If it is God's will, we hope they will join us again for the coming season.

Bro. Ben Maibach, Sis. Lorene and three of their children visited us Wednesday evening, and also through Sunday, March 31.

We enjoyed his inspiring messages.

A Pot-luck supper and singing was attended by many in the evening.

Bro. Phil Wingeier and Sis. Ferne were recent visitors here in Ft. Lauderdale. Church services were held on Tuesday evening, conducted by Bro. Phil and Bro. Dave Mangold.

BREMEN, INDIANA

Reporter: Joseph L. Bauman

Several months ago, a little note was included about young Janna Zeltwanger. We are very pleased to make the report, that she has been able to come to Sunday School a number of times recently. We do hope and pray for her continued improvement.

Sis. Audrey Laidig underwent a minor operation in Jackson, Michigan, recently. She has returned home, and at this writing has improved nicely.

Our minister, Bro. Robert Hueni,

and Sis. Letty are parents of a new baby boy. We wish them and all their children many, many blessings and best wishes for a happy family life.

Bro. Ed Sutter and wife, Carolyn, are parents of a new baby boy. Both Carolyn and baby are doing fine.

Sis. Mae Schumacher is feeling much better. We are so glad to have her back in services with us.

God's word teaches that if the Son shall make us free, we shall be free indeed. Indeed, it is the only true freedom we can ever know in this life. Having made this experience in our congregation the past month was Sis. Helen Martin. We all rejoice with her in her new life, and pray that God may sustain her all the days of her life. This, especially since only recently her husband was suddenly taken from her. Officiating elders were our elder brother, Theo Beer, and visiting brother, Sam Aeschliman.

Visiting our congregation recently were our brother, Arthur Yergler, and family. Our congregation received many blessings from their visit.

BURLINGTON, OKLAHOMA

Reporter: Mrs. Raymond Roth

Bro. and Sis. Sam Schupbach returned home March 8, after spending a month in Phoenix, where they visited their children, Bro. Richard Schupbach and family and Sis. Dan Kokanovich and family, and also witnessed the proving and baptism of Sis. Kokanovich. Sis. Doris was formerly of this congregation. We wish her much happiness in her new walk of life.

At our annual business meeting, March 17, Bro. Arnold Ott resigned, after serving thirteen years as a trustee and treasurer. Bro. Claud Springer was chosen to take his place. Bro. Ulysses Farney was chosen for the Hail Aid Board, to take the place of Bro. Richard Guthrie, who also resigned after serving a number of years.

Miss Helen Heide, a refugee from Russia and Berlin, is staying with Sis. Ida Tanner, and helping care for her. We welcome Miss Heidi to our community and to attend services with us.

A very blessed day was enjoyed Sunday, April 7, when our elder,

Bro. Noah Schrock of Oakville, ministered to us and also served us Holy Communion.

Sis. Anna Kisling, a resident in the Kiowa Nursing Home, spent several hours at the home of her daughter and family, Sis. Marie Schurter, Sunday, March 24, where she and her husband, Bro. M. A. Kisling, were honored on their 56th wedding anniversary. All members of the family and several other relatives and friends visited with them.

Hospital patients this past month were Bro. Ulysses Farney and Sis. Raymond Roth.

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Mrs. Ernest Knecht

On March 15, our aged brother, Will Wagler, passed away at the Baker home in Peoria. Bro. Will spent many years with our congregation here in Chicago. He loved singing spiritual hymns. He was song leader here for a number of years. His body was taken to Fairbury for funeral services and burial.

There he had spent many of his younger years. Bro. Will's wife, Sis. Emma, is also laid there to rest.

On March 31, we were privileged to have Bro. Phil Sauder from Cissna Park minister to us. We had a blessed day.

CONGERVILLE, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Ruth Schumacher

A baby daughter was born March 22 to Glen and Wanda Sides. She is their first child and has been named Kimberly Sue.

Mrs. Clarence Miller is convalescing at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Bob Williamsons, after surgery at Eureka Hospital.

We welcome Bro. and Sis. Alvin and Marie Farney and their daughter, Ann, to our congregation. They have moved from Princeville to a farm near McLean.

Bro. Fred Knapp Sr. has moved to Congerville from Eureka, and is now making his home with his sister, Sis. Lydia Grieder. We're glad to have him in our midst.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Knapp are the parents of a baby boy, Kevin Lloyd, who was born on the 24th of March. Kevin has one brother, Adair, and two sisters, Victoria and Kim.

My Mother

By Sis. Mary A. Sides

When as a helpless babe I lay,
Who watched o'er me night and
day?
Who held me then in loving arm?
Who guarded me from every
harm?

My mother.

Who washed my clothes and comb-
ed my hair?
Who sewed on buttons and mend-
ed tear?
Who trimmed my nails and cleaned
my shoes?
Who tended every scratch and
bruise?

My mother.

Who sent me off to school each
day?
Who prayed for safety on my way?
Who watched for me 'til I re-
turned?
Whose loving, anxious heart did
yearn?

My mother.

GOODFIELD, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Marian Wiegand

Harold and Shirley DeBolt are
the parents of a son, Gary.

Bro. and Sis. Ben Tanner are the
parents of a son, Mark Kevin, born
March 8.

We enjoyed the messages
brought to us March 10 by Bro. Si
Wagenbach of Tremont and Bro.
George Wagenbach of Princeville.

Sis. Persida Wiegand was a surg-
ical patient at the Eureka Hospital.
She has returned home and is con-
valescing satisfactorily.

Scott Jeffrey, 3-month-old son of
Robert and Loretta Hess, has been
hospitalized for tests.

Mother's Day

A bit of heaven's in her eyes,
Because God puts it there.
The silver lining of the clouds,
He places midst her hair.

A thoughtfulness and kindness,
He does to her impart.
A way of understanding things,
He plants within her heart.

He gifts her with courage;
With godliness does impart.
It's a day to be remembered,
When mother has a Christian
heart.

Sunday School

Sunday School!

What is Sunday School? It could
be called a "School of Love!"

One of the first lessons we learn-
ed on that first, exciting Sunday
when we could go hand-in-hand
with our little friends to Sunday
School was, "Love God; love Mom-
my and Daddy; love others."

Then, as the years went by, and
we were promoted to the higher
classes, the theme changed some-
what: We began to learn of the
sacrifices of true and abiding love.
We learned of the sacrifices Jesus
made—to come down to earth
from His beautiful home with God.
We learned how cruel men can be
without love. We also learned how
men wished to lead a good life, but
there was an opposition which they
could not overcome.

What was this opposition? None
other than Satan.

And as we think of our Sunday
School days, we must also confess
there were times when we felt an
unknown opposition. The plans we
had the night before or the next
week seemed so much more dra-
matic, and we crowded out the les-
son of love.

A few weeks ago I read an article
which stated it has been proven,
that if a child is not loved, it would
die. That seems almost incredible.

How about ourselves? If we do
not have love, will we die?

The lessons began to get harder
and deeper. We learned we were to
love our enemies. We learned if
someone smote us on the cheek, we
were to offer also the other.

We learned there was yet more
required of us: If we wished to live
eternally with God, we must love
Him, not only with our lips, but
with our deeds. We must keep his
commandments.

But how, as human beings, could
we possibly do all this? Then came
the simple solution, **Seek first the
kingdom of God and all these
things shall be added.**

Love is sure! Love will abide!
GOD IS LOVE!

LAMAR, MISSOURI

Reporter: Marie Martá

Bro. and Sis. Will Steffen and
Bro. Chris Welker from Frances-
ville visited here during March.
They have purchased farms in our

community and hope to move here
in the near future. We are happy
that they are planning to be a part
of our congregation.

Sis. Leona Lehman and Bro. Dan
Kraft were united in marriage
April 7. They will live in Gridley.
Elder Bro. Sam Anliker and Bro.
Sam Huber were with us April 7
and brought to us some wonderful
messages. Obedience, as well as be-
lieving, is important, and is a re-
quirement in striving for and
reaching our goal. This was one
of the main thoughts expressed on
that day. We appreciate their com-
ing, and hope they will visit us
soon again.

Sisters Clara Franks and Ruth
Schrock were here visiting their
parents. They came with Bro. and
Sis. George Kuntz.

**ILLINOIS STATE
NORMAL UNIVERSITY**

Reporter: Joyce Kaufmann

Bro. Joe Schrock was our speak-
er on both March 14 and March 28.
Since we finished the book of St.
Matthew last month, we began in
Mark's gospel. We will continue to
peruse this book, chapter by chap-
ter. Some cross reference with the
other gospels is also pointed out,
for purposes of clarification.

March 21 brought Bro. Russell
Rapp, from Morton, to the campus
to speak with the students. The
message was quite enlightening
and uplifting.

The annual Easter program put
on by the students at the univer-
sity was held on April 4. We can
rejoice with St. Luke as he rec-
ords in his gospel, ". . . Why seek
ye the living among the dead? He
is not here, but is risen . . ." (St.
Luke 24:5-6).

WOLCOTT, INDIANA

Reporter: Arles Kropf

We are indeed thankful to our
God that He has restored our be-
loved Elder Bro. Irvin Lehman to
better health, following surgery on
March 9. He was able to be back
in church on March 31, and we
trust will soon be able to be back
on the pulpit.

My mother, Sis. Emma Kropf,
has also been a hospital patient,
following a light stroke, but I am
happy to report she has made won-
derful recovery, and is again able
to be up and about the house.

Bro. Wendell Gudeman of Francesville and Bro. Earl Kulgus of Remington were our visiting ministers during the last month. We thank them for bringing to us precious teachings. May God bless them for their efforts.

Our Sunday School children plan to present their Easter program on Easter Sunday.

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS Champaign, Illinois

Submitted by Bro. Ed Hohulin

Arrangements have been made, under the direction of Bro. Joe A. Getz, to have Sunday Services on the first and third Sundays of each month, for the people of the Champaign — Urbana, Illinois, area.

Services will be held in Latzer Hall of the Y.M.C.A. building, 1001 South Wright Street, in Champaign, Illinois. The morning services start at 10:00 a.m., and the afternoon services at 11:45 a.m.

There will always be plenty of room, and visitors will be most welcome.

The first services were held on April 7, attended by many visitors from Cissna Park, Roanoke, Forrest, Fairbury, Normal and Goodfield.

Bros. Emanuel Gudeman and Edwin Hohulin held the services.

The nearness of the Lord could be felt in our midst. Much prayer is needed from our brethren so that the Gospel can yet be extended to many, especially our young folks in the service and in the schools.

GIRARD, OHIO

Reporter: Jesse C. Emch

We can all rejoice when souls have peace with God, and express their desire to become a member of His body. Then, there is greater reason to rejoice when these souls can give their testimonies to the church, then to be buried in the waters of baptism, into the death of our Lord Jesus, and arise unto a newness of life. We here in Girard could enjoy such a blessing. On Saturday evening, March 16, our elder Bros. Rudolph Graf and Noah Bauman were with us, and the four friends, Everett and Marie Lewis and their daughter, Monell Stoll and her husband, gave their testimonies before the congregation. On Sunday, March 17, they were baptized and welcomed into the brotherhood. There were many other visitors. We surely had much

to be thankful to God, from whom all blessings flow. Supper was served at the church, and all were invited. We hope and pray that the Lord will stir the hearts of other friends to come and give their hearts to Him.

Sisters Emma Tochtenhagen, Blanch Baun, Eva and Marie Emch have not been able to attend church service, due to illness. We want each to know that they are missed in the assembly. May the good Lord be their comfort.

A daughter, Heidi Joan, was born March 29 to Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Brown of Akron. Heidi's mother is Joan Emch, a daughter of Oscar and Marjorie Emch.

We were glad to see Jacquelyn Emch, a daughter of Oscar and Marjorie Emch, in church on Sun., April 7. Jackie is attending New York University, majoring in Sociology. Along with her advanced studies, she is associated with the Edward Gould Foundation. This brings her in contact with foster children and foster parents. We wish Jackie well in her work.

FORT SAM HOUSTON, TEXAS Reporter: Norman L. Haerr

The month of March brought several visitors to the San Antonio area. Also during this month, spring really arrived here in Texas. The grass is the "greenest" green ever; the roses are all blooming, with beautiful colors of peach-blossom-pink, snow-white, and the beautiful deep red that a person sees back home on fences and trellises. Yes, it's great to be alive and have the blessed privilege of seeing the wonderful things that God has given us. How wonderful it is if we can see the beauty of little things and not be burdened down with too many cares of this earthly life.

During this month, the Ft. Sam group enjoyed hearing the Word, when Bro. and Sis. August and Carrie Bolliger of Tremont were here. On the 24th, Bro. and Sis. Joel Souder of Leo journeyed to Texas and were with us. We truly want to thank these loved ones for putting forth this effort to be with us.

During the past couple of months, the visitors to Ft. Sam have been quite regular, of which we are very happy. Our visitors mainly consist of parents of the

boys stationed here, or of the boys who have just completed their training and are being shipped to other parts of the States or to assignments overseas. Visitors, were Rudie and Sis. Lena Haerr of Taylor; Bro. and Sis. Henry Kellenberger of Elgin, Ill.; Bro. and Sis. Leslie Gerst and Edra of Oakville.

Bro. and Sis. Dave Wiegand, who are presently stationed at Ft. Chaffee, spent an enjoyable week end with us.

Bro. and Sis. Isaac Rufener of Rittman, visited their son, Glenn, who will complete his medical training very shortly.

With an increase in the draft call for the month of March, the group has had several additions — Rishard Moser of Cissna Park; Tom Kipfer of Bluffton; Glen Joos and Bro. Jim Hohulin, both of

Goodfield. Their addresses are:

Pvt Richard Moser, Pvt Tom Kipfer, Pvt Glen Joos, Pvt Jim Hohulin, all:

Co D 3rd Bn USAMTC,,
Class 10B,
Fort Sam Houston, Texas

The following are the address changes:

PFC Philip R Moser US 55712853
555 Med Co (Amb)
APO 219 New York N Y

Pvt Emanuel Gerber US 55748718
Co A 1st Bn USAMTC Class 66A
Fort Sam Houston Texas

The following is a schedule of visiting ministers: April 28, Peoria; May 12, Akron; May 26, Fort Wayne.

Included in this final writing of jobs performed by the permanent party here, I will tell what Bro. Richard Steffen does. Rich is assigned to a medical ambulance company that is a Strike unit. This means that, if a crisis should break out, this unit will be at the scene within 72 hours. His unit also gives ambulance support to the student officers here at Ft. Sam. Rich has somewhat of a harder duty than the rest of us, because his unit is a "Strike". However, we all help each other out when we get "down-in-the-dumps", and I can say from experience, this truly means a lot.

I am connected with the Dental Science Department of the Medical Field Service School. In our section, a student is trained to assist

a dentist in any way possible. He is taught the different instruments, X-ray technique, clinical conduct, and anatomy of the oral cavity, etc. I am one of the instructors, of which we have 20.

Bro. Ben Wysong is associated with the group here, but he is stationed at Ft. Hood, Texas, which is 150 miles north of San Antonio. Ben is with us about every week end. He is assigned to the hospital at Ft. Hood, where he works at the information desk. It is his duty to assist anybody who is seeking information about the hospital.

In the last three writings, I have tried to give you, in general terms, what the boys who are permanently assigned here do. I hope you have received from this some insight as to what we do. Some of our jobs are harder than others—some are more interesting. But we all are serving our country in some small way, and after our time is completed, how wonderful it will be to "go home".

GRIDLEY, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Mary Alyce Witzig

Bro. Lynn and Sis. Ruth Rinckenberger have a new adopted son, Gary Lynn. Gary was born March 10, and has an adopted sister, Sharon.

Paul and Wilma Zehr were given the opportunity to give testimony before the church of their repentance and conversion, on March 9, and were baptized the following day. May the Lord guide them in their new life for Him.

During the past month, we have had several in the hospitals. Sis. Anna Louise Gramm had surgery, and is improving nicely at home. Elmer Rich had major surgery, and is still in the Mennonite Hospital. Sis. Lydia Kuntz also had surgery, and is now at home recuperating.

Sisters Eunice and Lydia Kammerer, Sis. Emma Grusy, Louise Rich, and Bro. Joe Klopfenstein are still recuperating at home, as previously reported.

I'm sure all of these people would enjoy your visits, cards, letters and prayers.

The group of ladies which meets on the second Tuesday of each month has been quite busy with their projects for charitable organizations. Each month they have a new project of sewing and other hand-made things. Everyone is welcome.

LESTER, IOWA

Reporter: Emelie Knobloch

Bro. Leo Moser held services in Minneapolis, March 17. Two other cars of folks also attended, and many others spent the day in other churches, as we were unable to have services here on account of remodeling. As to the progress of our remodeling, the assembly is to be painted this week. But we are waiting for floor tile for the basement.

The Lord has blessed us with the calling of a soul to the fold, Lena Maurer. We wish her God's blessings in her undertaking.

Bro. John Moser was ill, but is feeling better. John DeHaan had the misfortune of getting his hand in a power take-off and breaking some bones. He has his hand in a cast. Bros. Jacob Knobloch and August Feucht are recuperating from recent surgery. Both are able to attend services again. Sis. Carrie Metzger was hospitalized for several days, but is much better at this writing. Quite a few folks have been absent from services, due to the flu.

We had two bad fires, one at Franklin Mosers, and the other at Carl Knoblochs. Both were fortunate, considering everything. Carl Knobloch suffered painful burns about his hands.

NEW MARTINSVILLE, W. VA.

Reporter: Mrs. Gus Weltz

Mrs. Emma Berger and daughter-in-law, Mrs. Clarence Berger, attended services at the Monroe Church on Sunday, March 31.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Witschey and Joe Witschey of Doylestown, O., Dan Witschey and daughters, Margaret and Elizabeth, Will Witschey and daughter, Mary, Mr. and Mrs. Verda Fankhouser of Pine Grove were Sunday dinner guests of Miss Della Witschey, on April 7.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Barth of Parkersburg spent Sunday, April 7, here with relatives.

Albert Riegenbach is very well at this time, able to drive his car again, and is helping with the planning of building of a new home for a friend.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Berger are the parents of a new baby girl; Mr. and Mrs. Carl Berger are the grand-parents and Mrs. Elizabeth Isinghood is the great-grandmother.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Williams of Port Charlotte, Florida, visited here with her sisters during Easter week, on their way back home, after spending several days with their families in Akron.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Witschey and son, Paul, of Moundsville spent Sunday, April 7, here with relatives.

Mrs. Emma Berger spent a day with Mrs. Will Emch and two days with Mr. and Mrs. John Froelich, in early April.

Mrs. Elza Ritz and Mrs. Chauncey Wade were Wheeling business visitors on April 4.

At this time, there have been no plans made for services at the country church. We hope to have information in our next letter.

PULASKI, IOWA

Reporter: Mrs. Ray Martin

On March 3, our friends, Kathryn Williamson and Emma Kinsinger, gave their testimonies of repentance and were baptized by Elder Brother Fred Grimm. Others that assembled with us that day to witness the proving and baptism were Sisters Louise Grimm and Susanne Cottrell, Bro. James and Sis. Lois Sutter of Taylor, Bro. R. O. and Sis. Leah Kinsinger, and Bro. John and Sis. Wava Steffen of Elgin, Illinois. We rejoice with them both that they have found the Lord, before it is too late and the door of grace closes.

Bro. R. O. Kinsinger has been here for a couple weeks, helping Sis. Kathryn care for their sister, Emma, who has been sick. They took Sis. Emma to the Bloomfield Hospital now. We pray the Lord will be with her and help her bear her burdens, as she has considerable pain at times.

Checklist for Contentment

Grace enough to confess your sins and overcome them. Charity enough to see some good for your neighbor. Love enough to move you to be useful and helpful to others. Love enough to remove all anxious fears concerning the future. Faith and hope enough to make real the things of God. Patience enough to toil until His good and goal is accomplished. Strength enough to battle with difficulties and forsake the world. Wealth enough to support your needs.

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ROANOKE, ILLINOIS
Reporter: Irene Hodel

Mrs. Harry Leman (Sis. Milly) is reported to be recovering satisfactorily from surgery she had several weeks ago.

Sunday, the 17th, we enjoyed having Bro. and Sis. Mike Weyeneth of Peoria. Bro. Mike delivered inspiring messages, which gave us much food for thought and action.

Sis. Lavina Leman is home improving, after surgery. We wish her a quick recovery.

Sis. Luella Pelsey and her two sons of Francesville spent several days with her parents, Bro. and Sis. Herman Lugenbuhl. Bro. Elsworth came for them over the week end.

The 24th, we were happy to have Bro. and Sis. John Wagler and Sis. Susan of Alabama with us. We appreciated the service of Bro. John and feel the Lord is blessing his work in the Alabama churches.

The 31st we were pleasantly surprised to have Bro. and Sis. Al Schietlin of Elgin, Ill., with us for services. They were visiting their daughter and family, Sis. Doris Mangold. We were reminded in his sermon, "It is better to reason than argue", which is a very good teaching we can apply to our everyday living. Also, to talk about someone or spread a rumor is the same as judging, and what have we to judge when we examine ourselves?

Bro. and Sis. Ed Hohulin of Goodfield were with us for afternoon services, which we appreciated very much. We experienced the blessings of God throughout the day.

There were some here from Cissna, Morton and Gridley, to help celebrate the 60th Wedding Anniversary of Bro. and Sis. Dave Fehr. If the Lord wills, may they have more happy years together.

Miss Louise A. Foerter, 79, passed away the 25th, at the Roanoke Manor Nursing Home, where she had been a patient five days. She was a daughter of Christ and Madeline (Belsley) Foerter. Surviving is a sister, Sis. Mary Aeschleman,

and nieces and nephews, who will miss her.

We all rejoice when we hear a soul is turning to the Lord, just as the angels in heaven rejoice over every soul that repents. Our friend, Bob Schumacher, son of Bro. Walter, has accepted the call of the Lord. We wish him very good blessing.

O, now my Saviour do thou take,
My heart and make it thine.
I'll follow thee a servant true,
Within thy fold divine.

Sis. Eunice Steffen was a patient in the hospital several days.

Sis. Elizabeth Schlupp, who was home from the hospital for several days, has returned for surgery. We wish her the Lord's blessings, and hope she can soon be home again.

John Elmer Wiedman was born on April 2, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Wiedman. He has four sisters and one brother. His grandmothers are Mrs. Rose Bechman of here and Sis. Pauline Wiedman of Morton.

We had a blessed day the 7th, with Bros. Ringger and Bahler delivering the messages.

We are glad to have our elder, Bro. Dave, and Sis. Anna Mangold back with us again, after a three-month stay in Florida. We feel it was a wonderful opportunity and a blessing from God that he could gain strength in a warmer climate, and hope he can continue this way.

Sis. Mary, wife of Bro. Joe Leman,, will have her 93rd Birthday, April 9. She has been bedfast for several years.

O when shall I by thy grace,
See the Saviour face to face?

The wedding engagement of Sis.

Judy Aeschleman, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Clarence Aeschleman, and Bro. Leslie Lugenbuhl, son of Bro. and Sis. Herman Lugenbuhl, was announced April 7. We wish them God's blessings in their undertaking.

Yield in true submission
And in love be fervent,
Each to be the others servant.

Love is void of envy,
Full of kind forbearance,
And unlimited endurance.

Love increase, Never cease,
Love's sweet flame to Cherish,
Lest it wane and perish.

WICHITA, KANSAS

Reporter: Mrs. Harvey Smith

Rose Ann Reeves, daughter of Bro. Jeff and Sis. Frieda Frieden, gave her testimony and was baptized by our Elder Bro. Sam Anliker, on March 10. We rejoice and welcome her as our sister in faith.

We are very happy to have Larry Farney, son of Bro. and Sis. Harvey Farney, back home again, after serving in the Navy.

On March 17, Bro. Arthur Wullschleger, teacher of the Junior Intermediate Class, took the children to visit Sis. Lydia Schrock. He stopped enroute at the greenhouse, so that the children could buy some flowers. They sang a few hymns for her. Some of the other patients came into her room to listen. The children were very much pleased to do such a thing for others.

We enjoyed having Bro. Ronnie Barth and Friends Dale Feller and Max Reimchisel from Ft. Riley, Kansas, with us the week of April 7.

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