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BROTHER HENRY DOTTERER SR.

Bro. William Stettner

Bro. Henry Dotterer Sr. was the father of elder Eli Dotterer of Junction and minister Henry Dotterer of Bluffton, both deceased, also Bro. Andrew Dotterer, a minister of our Junction church, and Bro. Ben Dotterer, who is living at Mansfield.

Bro. Henry Dotterer was born September 29, 1836, in Baden, Germany. He came to America, to Ohio, with his parents, in 1849. He preached the gospel for about 35 years, and was ordained elder in April, 1893, by Bros. Rudolph Witzig and Jacob Honegger.

He bought a small farm of 80 acres, and worked hard to clear the land. He died during the year of 1905, at the age of 68 years. All of us who remember him must say that he was a true, humble, kind-hearted brother, and a good example to the whole brotherhood.

Now, to explain about a purchase of land which he made, and how he made the deal, we will have to go back some 60 years. Some of our older brothers may remember how, in the nineties, there was a spirit of land speculation which swept over the midwestern states. Most of all in Illinois and nearby states, men would buy land and farms, not with the thought of tilling the soil or making a home for their families, but to make a quick sale, selling at a large profit. This raised the price of land and caused a hardship for such men who wanted to buy a farm for a home and make an honest living for themselves and their families.

Now the sad part of all this was, that some of our brothers were en-

ticed into this evil of speculation. So, in order to curb this evil, our elders found it necessary to call a brother meeting, which took place at Morton. The exate date is not recalled, but it was around the year 1902, more or less. At this meeting, a number of brothers were called upon to explain, to give an account

GOOD NEWS FOR THE SINNER!

"And it came to pass, as Jesus sat at meat in the house, behold, many publicans and sinners came and sat down with him and his disciples.

And when the Pharisees saw it, they said unto his disciples, Why eateth your Master with publicans and sinners?

But when Jesus heard that, he said unto them, They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick.

But go ye and learn what that meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice: for I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance."

From St. Matthew

of their land dealings. Brothers Rudolph Witzig and Christ Gerber, from Gridley and Fairbury, and Bro. Joseph Huber from Kansas occupied the pulpit. One brother made an open confession, that he was willing to pay back the profit which he made on his farm deal. Other brothers were questioned.

There was quite a discussion about this matter.

Then, all at once, Brother Henry Dotterer arose, spoke in his soft, gentle way, and said, "Brothers, I also bought some land, and I will explain how I went about it. I had a small farm, and my boys were growing up, so I felt if I could buy a piece of land next to my farm, I would have work for them and be able to keep them at home. Now, this is the way I went at it. I took my concern to God in prayer, and asked the Lord for a token if it could be His will that I buy that land. I prayed that, when I go out on the road, the owner of that land should meet me on the road. So, when I went on the road, here came the owner of that land. We spoke with each other about me buying his land. We came to a peaceful agreement and made a satisfactory deal." Then, Bro. Dotterer slowly sat down again.

It was stated from the pulpit, that the other brothers who bought and sold land should compare their dealings with the Bro. Dotterer way. Here was much food for thought.

We can take a wonderful lesson from this, and we do well in all important matters, if we first seek the advice and counsel of God. In so doing, we honor our God, and the blessing will follow.

I Timothy 6: ". . . Godliness with contentment is great gain But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition. For the love of money is the root of all evil . . ."

MY SOUL IS SAVED AND I AM COMFORTED

(The first part is from a letter (part of which was in last month), where Bro. Froelich so ably answers an invitation to a meeting unapproved of God. Samuel Froelich's words at sunset should be a comfort to all who are holding true. The editor)

By a formal union, all those who teach otherwise would have the right to teach in our church, without the inner unity of the doctrine of Christ. That shall not be.

We would have to unite with such organizations that have accepted those who departed from us

or who were expelled, whereby they prove sufficiently that we do not belong to **one** church, for the one church of Jesus Christ has not many entrances, but only one.

This I know, that the true brotherly love rests only on the truth, as it is in Christ Jesus . . . Where the truth is and conquers, there is the community of saints, of itself and without conferences.

In one year, Brother Froelich held up to 450 meetings, generally consecutively, chapter for chapter, verse for verse, of various books of

the Bible. He held many children's instruction meetings, undertook visitations and tiring journeys . . . wrote from 200-300 letters annually, and his diary.

Samuel Heinrich Froelich died January 15, 1857, at the age of 53½ years.

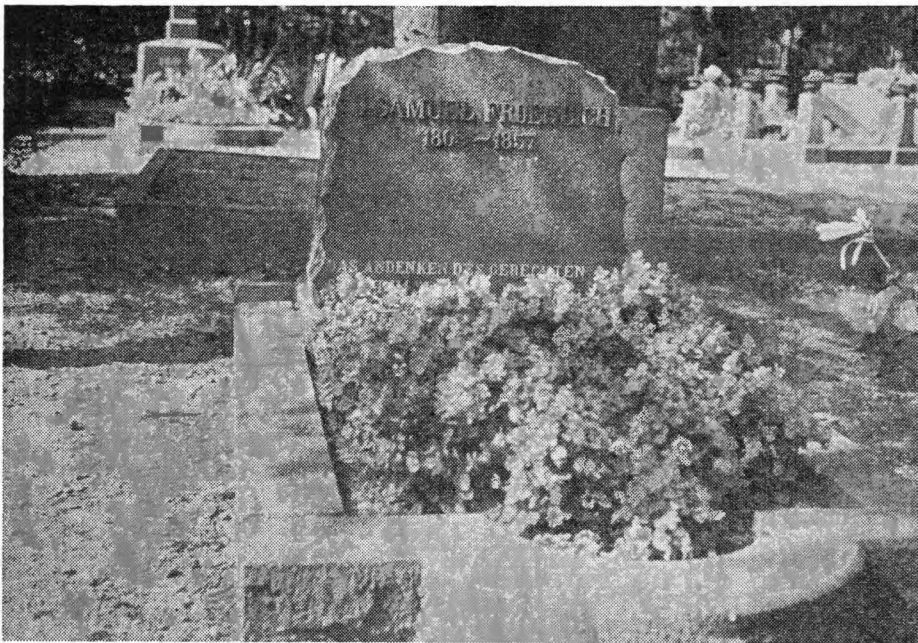
The mortal remains were buried in Strassburg, where he had taken refuge during the period of persecution. A simple gravestone in the St. Helena Cemetery marks the end of his earthly pilgrimage.

Toward the last, he said:

"I shall die, Lord my God. Mayest Thou keep Thy holy ones from temptation that is in the world, that they may not perish, but abide in Thee, and give them eternal life . . . For the prince of this world is prepared with his whole power of darkness, and preachers of unrighteousness who seek to destroy Thy work, to mislead Thy elect. Thou knowest that I have not sought glory before men, but only to further Thy glory and have declared Thy name before all, and have not been ashamed of Thee, and have fought until this hour."

Then, after speaking with Brother Weiler, who had watched at his bedside, about experiences of faith and his fears, and about the congregations and his family, he committed himself to the Lord, saying,

". . . I do not regret our going out; we would and should let nothing frighten us, and if all unite to honor God, then there is no enmity and no foreign spirit can work among us. My soul is saved, and I am comforted in the Lord."



This is a view of where the body of Samuel Heinrich Froelich is asleep. Engraved are the words, "Das andenken der gerechten"—The memory of the righteous.

DAY OF JUDGMENT

Henry Souder Jr.

There will be stir.

The guilty will wake up to face awful sentence. The whole head is heavy. The heart sick. Sleepless-tossed moments meet the dreadful hour.

Over on the backward horizon, those little clouds will be smaller and smaller. That? Life, forever gone!

A sinner facing a righteous judge . . .

". . . I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment."

An amazing fact is how strictly familiar the evidence will be. We will be presented with our inside feelings. The thoughts we meet will be, strangely, so personal. The deeds will be our own picture in action.

How perfect is the recording of

God. It picks up the slightest sound of the soul.

What a shudder to the soul, to stand there, guilty!

"He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day."

When the sounds of today are played back in the volume of eternity, how shall it be?

Buried someplace in the soul, now, is the answer to that fate-filled hour. God can demand thy soul tonight. His word sets forth plainly that we should not boast of tomorrow. He says that we know not what a day will bring forth.

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life."

Dawn in the soul brightens gloriously.

Sin at its best is darkness. It is full of toils to a hard master. Laughs and pleasures of the vapor vanish. Day ends in turmoil and unhappiness. Days are broken fragments of what once was the Master's

Remember how Jesus said that the one that comes to him shall never hunger? He tells about life that takes in all of ourself. He satisfies the soul. He is the bread of life.

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that

hear shall live."

He is waiting. His loved ones know how warm is that heart that whispers, Come!

Just think, if today you could begin . . . that after long anguish and fear, you could breathe a deep sigh of relief, that you had started . . .

We must cry out to God, to please help. He knows the things that perplex the poor mind. He knows we are not able, and can't. But God can . . . he can overturn the blocks and roll away the sins. You'll be delighted what He can do.

One step . . . done . . . the second step . . . really doing, and soon, He gives peace. Then, comes the glorious baptism. Then, after this Jesus comes into our heart.

"For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself; And hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man."

The time is limited when we, in love, can long for you. The hearts of those who will never hear grow harder. The dead no longer feel the prick of the pins.

What seems near now? What looms large? The room . . . the people about . . . things that make up what we look at.

When we stand in judgment, what will be the vision looming large? That is a day when **actually** we shall look about, and it will be judgment.

"Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation."

When we think about the place of the joy of our Lord, our heart at peace can glow with hope. The troubles, the little and big that bring grief, are gone. Past are all the ups and downs. Health will be radiant and perfect, without a blemish. The little fears, the little mistakes, the big things, like death, are substracted. One by one of such, there is such a chorus, we live in satisfaction above all we can dream.

Come!

NEWS

AKRON, OHIO

Reporters: Ruth Taylor

Alice Graf

Although Dan Kaufman suffered a stroke April 22 in Florida, he was able to return to Akron with his wife, Martha, and daughter, Dorothy Stavenik. Here, he is recovering under the watchful eye of a loving family.

We enjoyed the visit of Sisters Olga and Kay Bahler, Russell Bahler, and Ben, Glenna, and Judy Moser on April 14. Especially now that Audrey Bahler Graf is living here in Akron, we hope Rockville friends and brethren will visit us frequently.

Gregory John is the fourth and newest son of Richard and Evelyn Baumgartner.

Diane and Earl Ritzman have a little daughter, Amy Elaine.

Two of our boys, Paul Ritzman and Neil Graf, spent a few days in hospitals this month. Paul had a tonsillectomy and is fully recovered. Neil has just returned home,

after having adenoids removed.

Sunday, April 28, some of the Forrest Ritzman family and Barbara Eiler visited Bob Ritzman, on campus at Ohio Northern U. Some of Sis. Marie's family from Indiana joined them there also.

ATHENS, ALABAMA

Reporter: Clara Heiniger

"Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any men love the world, the love of the Father is not in him." I John 2:15
How we need to love God more!
How our hearts need to be emptied of every love that is greater than our love for God!

How wonderful we can rejoice through the love of God, for all visitors, in taking time out to fellowship and worship with all the loved ones in the South. March 3, Bro. and Sis. Herman and Bro. and Sis. Henry Kellenberger of Elgin held services Saturday evening in the home of Bro. and Sis. Jim

Goode, and on Sunday at the Athens and Hillsboro churches.

Bro. and Sis. Ben Maibach and children of Michigan visited the Athens church, enroute to Florida, March 17.

Sisters Mae Schrock of Congerville and Sis. Nettie Rocke of Eu-

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reka, who were in Florida and were returning home, stopped to visit at Athens and Hillsboro areas.

Two boys stationed at Ft. Benning, Ga., William J. Wuthrich of Bloomfield, Iowa, and Harvey R. Kaisner of San Gabriel, Calif., visited the churches.

A working group of young folks whom were a blessing to all, young and old, visited over the Easter week end.

To the Cissna Park church group:

We all wish to thank you in Jesus' name. Words cannot express our sincere thanks and appreciation for all the time spent in preparing our V.B. School projects. Again, 'tis the Love of God that led to open house and heart, with willing hands to prepare the material for so many unfortunate children. It is all a real thrill and a blessing to each little child. May God richly bless each worker and leader in doing so, and we again can see how wonderful God's love is, in sharing and giving unto others.

April 19, our visitors were Bro. Bill Knobloch, stationed at Penn, who is from Lester, and Bro. and Sis. Chris Hodel of Eureka. We have all appreciated their help and the love and fellowship with one another.

Worship service and Sunday School has been held in the evenings of various homes during March and April: Bro. and Sis. George Kelly and Bro. and Sis. Marvin Moss in the Prospect area and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Barnett at Athens. The Unseen Guest rewards all with rich blessings.

Births: To Buddy and Sis. Betty Chambers, a little girl, Linda Gail, born March 6; to Clifton and Sis. Jewel Moss, a girl, Regena Diane, born March 29.

BLUFFTON, INDIANA **Reporter: Frieda Kipfer**

A large crowd attended the Sunday School's program on the evening of Easter Sunday. Bro. John Yergler gave the talk.

Bro. Louis and Sis. Anna Magyar of the Detroit congregation visited us on Easter Sunday.

Louis, his wife and five children fled from their home in Yugoslavia when the Russian armies entered in 1945. They found refuge in Austria, where his wife later passed away.

While in Austria, he helped with

the distribution of food and clothing to the needy and refugees.

He brought his family to America in 1949, and Anna came in 1952. They were married in 1958.

Anna came from a family of bakers, and had to bake for the Russians.

Louis and Anna operate a bakery and coffee shop in Livonia, Michigan. They appreciate our country and all the freedoms they can enjoy here.

Bro. Louis also spoke about the persecution our people endured in Yugoslavia. The Roman and Orthodox Catholics, the State churches, would enter their assemblies, take their names and addresses, and cause them to appear in court on the following week. Sometimes the brethren would gather in stables, where they could worship in quiet.

When a friend repented, he had to go to prison for as long as ten years, on refusal to carry arms.

The law also entered member's homes and took their babies to be baptized.

Do we appreciate our freedom of worship?

We enjoyed the presence of Bros. Arthur Gudeman and Edwin Bahler, on April 21. Their wives accompanied them.

Bro. John Kaehr and Sis. Josephine Gerber, who were in the hospital, have returned to their homes.

Births: To Bro. and Sis. Ezra Reinhard Jr., a daughter, born Apr. 14; and to Bro. and Sis. Raymond Stoller, a son, born April 16.

BURLINGTON, IOWA **Reporter: Uriel Gehring**

Bro. Harvey Heiniger ministered to us on Easter Sunday. We had quite a number of visitors, including Mr. and Mrs. Jack Adams and family of Davenport, who formerly lived in Burlington.

The oldest member of our church, Sis. Mary Wagler, celebrated her 89th birthday recently. She is in fair health and gets around the house quite well, but cannot go outside, and is unable to attend church. She always appreciates visitors.

Bro. Pete Mauer passed away Sunday, April 21, at his home in Morning Sun, Ia. He is survived by three sons, four daughters, and four sisters, Emma Eberhardt, Anna Reeb, Leah Hoffman, and Ida Myer. Funeral services were conducted Wed., April 24, at the Morn-

ing Sun Funeral Home and the Apostolic Christian Church near Oakville, by Bros. Uriel Gehring and Noah Schrock.

Sis. Louise Keurth of Gridley, Ill., is visiting her brother, Chris Rinkenberger, and family for an indefinite period. We are glad to have her in our midst again.

How beautiful and meaningful are the hymns we sing together in church. Before our evening service this evening we sang No. 66 from **HYMNS OF ZION**, entitled "Beyond the Smiling and the Weeping". In it, the author yearns for the heavenly home, as he says, "Beyond the smiling and the weeping, beyond the waking and the sleeping, Beyond the sowing and the reaping, I shall be soon." What a glorious thought, that beyond this life there is a mansion in heaven awaiting the faithful — the hope of immortality. Verse 3 reads, "Beyond the parting and the meeting, beyond the farewell and the greeting, Beyond the pulse's fever beating, I shall be soon." One of the saddest things in this life is the thought of parting from our loved ones, and this time comes for all of us, but not so in eternity. The chorus reads, "Love, rest, and home, sweet, sweet, home. Lord, tarry not; Lord, tarry not, but come." May these words be in our hearts now, that they may become reality when the Lord sees fit to call us to eternity's shore.

CISSNA PARK, ILLINOIS **Reporter: Mrs. Jeff Young**

We were happy to have Bro. Arthur Gudeman as guest minister on April 14. His wife and others accompanied him. We indeed appreciated such visits.

Among those who were hospitalized this month were: Sis. Arvilla Yergler, who had back surgery; Sis. Lydia Maul, who remains quite ill at her home; and Bro. Ed Feller, who spent a few days in the hospital.

Births: A girl to Bro. Melvin and Sis. Erma Walder on April 20; She was named Kathryn Rose; and a daughter, Jacqueline Kay, to Don and LaVern Bell, on April 22.

Our sympathy goes out to the family of Ruth McGuinnis, who was the victim of a car accident at Fort Worth, Texas. She was brought here for funeral services on April 23. Bro. Emanuel Gudeman officiated. Ruth was the

daughter of Bro. and Sis. Bill Stock.

A reunion will be held at Cissna Park on Saturday, July 13, for all those who trained at Camp Pickett, Virginia. A hearty welcome is extended to all concerned.

EUREKA, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Cathryn Wettstein

Our Eureka Sunday School

By Harry Roche, Superintendent

Our average Sunday School attendance was 120, when we started in our new church in September, 1957. Our enrollment today is 199.

When we started our church in Eureka, we had from Roanoke six brothers who were teaching and 4 sisters. We now have 12 teaching brothers, one superintendent, and 8 teaching sisters.

Our sisters teach the 4-yr. olds, 5-yr. olds, and 1st and 2nd grades, with two sisters in each room.

Our brothers teach the 3rd grade on up, with the 7th and 8th in one large room as the Junior Bible class, and the Bible Class in the large assembly room. Each class has two teaching brothers.

We have a rotation plan, whereby each year every brother has a new partner and a new class. Our sisters are also on this plan.

Starting in 1962, we now elect two new teachers each year, and the two who have served the longest now go out. They can be re-elected after they are out one year. We are now starting this plan for our sisters, also.

We try to teach our children and young people here in our Sunday School that, first and above all, we must have respect. We feel that God's house should be a house of order. We cannot force our young people to listen, but try and get the point across to them, how important it is to show respect for God's house, their teachers, and also the friends who are sitting around them, who may be trying to gather all they can.

We hope and pray that, by our feeble efforts, we are helping our children and young people to get started on the right road, and that in due time we all can reach the goal for which we are striving.

April 21, on Sunday afternoon, communion services were held at the home of Sis. Anna Stoller. She has been a shut-in for many years. Her daughter, Sis. Edna Stoller,

lives with her and cares for her. It was announced that any that were not at the communion which was held at church two weeks earlier were invited to Sis. Stoller's home, and would be served there. Bro. Leroy Huber was in charge of this, and Bros. Walter Anliker and Vernon Leman were also present.

April 28, Bro. John Klaus and his wife and two little ones were present. They have returned from Japan, after being absent nearly nineteen months. We are glad to have them back with us; however, they will be missed by the folks in Japan. May God bless them for all they have done in helping with the plan of salvation for those people.

April 28 was the evening of our family singing. The crowd was small, but yet it seems that all that were present enjoyed singing praises to our Saviour. Also, seven girls from the Bible class sang two songs.

Birth: A son, to Waldo and Sharon (Bowald) Remmert, born March 20; he has been named Kent Douglas.

Among the sick folks — Sis. Anna Bittner, the wife of Bro. John Bittner, is a patient in Eureka Hospital. Also, Sis. Christian Unzicker remains a patient there.

May 1, at our mid-week services, the Roanoke congregation assembled with us. A large crowd was present. Bro. Dave Mangold had the sermon, and Bro. Gene Bertschi spoke a few words.

We are now on Daylight Time, so our Sunday services start at 10:30 a.m., and our Wednesday evening service at 8:00.

Plans are being lined out now to have vacation Bible School again, when the children are out of regular school.

FORREST, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Nancy Honegger

Asst. Reporter: Martha Stoller

On Good Friday evening, we enjoyed a blessed evening of worship service and a short Easter program put on by the children in the fifth grade and older. Although we should be mindful of Christ's suffering all year long, it is inspiring to be reminded on the days set aside, to remember his death and resurrection.

Sis. Margaret Wanner, Silverton, Oregon, arrived here on April 4, for a short stay, while enroute to visit her sister, Sis. Tillie Gerber,

at Rockville. She also spent some time with relatives at Morris, Ill., where her sister, Mrs. Lydia Walsh, had passed away very suddenly, following a stroke.

Gene Metz, son of Bro. Joe and Sis. Mary Metz, spent a 14-day furlough at his home here, following his basic training at Ft. Knox, Ky., and is now stationed at Ft. Gordon.

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Bro. Virgil and Sis. Gladys Koehl are the parents of a baby boy, Joseph Dean, born April 20.

A boy, John David, was born to Bro. David and Sis. Ethel Wiegand on April 30.

We have been richly blessed by having visiting ministers with us recently. On April 21, Bros. Noah Bauman and Ben Hartzler from Rittman and Bro. Earl Kilgus from Remington were with us. On April 28, we enjoyed a blessed day with Bro. Jim Hoerr, Peoria, as our visiting minister.

We have now changed to Daylight Savings Time. Sunday services will begin at 10:00 as usual, and Wednesday evening services will start at 8:00.

An elderly lady recently stated, there are two virtues it is well for us all to strive after. They are patience and selflessness.

This gave us much food for thought: Patience, when the cares of this life seem heavy — patience in sickness and bodily afflictions — and patience with our fellow man.

We need not look far for an opportune time to carry out these virtues. They can be practiced in our daily lives, in our own household, toward our next door neighbor, our employer or employee, our associates in general.

By concentrating on the needs of others, we forget our own selfish wants and desires.

Let's not be weary when asked
To do little things for others.
We can only show our love for Him
By serving our brothers.

Sunday School

As many know, our two country churches, known as the Southside and the Northside churches, consolidated in 1949.

The teachers who were serving in the two country churches at that time were requested to keep their positions, as we moved into the new church building in Forrest.

We now have approximately 190 children. Nine brothers and eight sisters are serving in the Sunday School. Only God can be praised for the unity which has existed in the two churches coming together.

Bro. Perry Zimmerman is at present our superintendent, an office which is held for 3 years, and then taken over by another brother.

Bro. Byron Nussbaum leads our children in song service, devoting much of his time in practice, and always accompanies them whenever Christian Endeavor is held in the various churches.

We believe it is the goal of all our teachers to explain to our young people the fundamentals of our salvation, which are based on God's word, the Bible, and accepting only books which have been approved by our elders. There is no higher book of education than the Bible. To live for God is the highest school of training that one can enter.

There has probably never been a time in the history of our church when religious literature and false doctrine has been so prevalent as it is today. It should be the concern of not only our Sunday School teachers, but parents as well, to see that our young people are instructed in the same true Apostolic Christian faith which our parents and grandparents handed down to us.

Our Sunday School, as in many of our churches, is filled to capacity, which is very encouraging, as our children of today are our future church.

Sunday School is held during the morning worship services. Since our school room adjoins the dining room, our children are kept in order until the prayer at the table has been offered, and then one more hymn is sung before they are dismissed.

GRIDLEY, KANSAS

Reporter: Mrs. Rudy Bahr

The basement, including our Sunday School rooms, looks so fresh and light with the new painting. Now the congregation voted to have the outside of the church painted.

A Bible School teacher's meeting

was held April 15 at the home of the Rudy Bahrs. Our school will start May 27, and last for two weeks, with the theme, "Christ's Way, My Way."

We are happy to have a new addition to our church, Sis. Leona Kraft, formerly of Lamar. May God bless her and Bro. Dan richly in their new life together.

Yesterday, May 1, warmer clothing was put back into use—with the lowest reading on record this late in the year. . . 26 degrees! A lot of us lost tomatoes, beans, & potatoes . . . not to mention some of the corn! However, there was not as much corn planted and up as usual, because of very dry conditions . . . There wasn't any "measureable" rain since the early part of March, until some of us had scattered showers Sunday morning — the largest amount was around 1 inch, and many didn't receive that much.

HILLSBORO, ALABAMA

Reporter: Clara Heiniger

Sis. Sylvia Meyers of Elgin spent several days in this area, visiting all churches, many homes of loved ones, also the Youth fellowship, where a blessed time of singing and searching the Scripture is open to many dear souls. Around 28 attended in the last meeting.

Bro. and Sis. Marion Beer (he is attending school in Nashville, Tenn.) visit us every other week end. We have visited in the home of Bro. and Sis. Chester Simmons, Landersville, and Bro. and Sis. Geo. Kelly and Bro. and Sis. Marvin Moss at Prospect, Tenn., and Clifton and Sis. Jewel Moss, Sat., April 27.

April 17, Bro. and Sis. Junior Hale held services at Lester, Ala., in the home of Bro. Wesley Long. His families and friends in the area attend.

April 3 and 4, our visitors, Bro. and Sis. Charles Huber of Elgin, Bro. and Sis. John Heinold and Bro. and Sis. Orville Bucher of Valparaiso visited this area. In the evening, all attended the worship and Sunday School service at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Riley Terry in the Courtland area, where Bro. Jr. Hale was in charge of the meeting. A blessed time of singing and fellowship was enjoyed around the Word of God. The next day all left for their home. Sis. Sylvia Meyer returned with the Hubers.

Sunday, April 29, our visitors

were Bro. and Sis. Richard Dreeste, Bro. and Sis. Matt Nothum of St. Louis. All enjoyed a blessed time of fellowship in all the churches.

LA CROSSE, INDIANA

Reporter Martha Rinkenberger

Bro. Phil Heinold was home from service for 9 or 10 days.

Our young members entertained some young members of Cissna Park.

Esther Bucher had surgery, and is getting along fine. May God be with her.

We enjoyed having a number of Francesville folks, a few from Cissna Park, and Bro. Frederick Knapp of Congerville with us the 28th of April. We all enjoyed his message. May God bless him and all of us.

Vernon Neust and Kathy Cannon were married in April.

LANDERSVILLE, ALABAMA

Reporter: Clara Heiniger

A blessed time of singing and worship around the Word of God was held on Friday evening in many homes during the month of March and April. The Sunday School children, young and old, enjoy the fellowship with one another. The homes opened for Service were: Lonnie Horton, March 1; Bill Horton, March 15; Dyar Harville, March 8; Billy Dutton, March 22; Bro. and Sis. Chester Simmons, March 29; Billy Blankenship, April 5; Edd Harville, April 11; Lemman LouAllen, April 12; John Fuller, April 19; and Will Posey, April 26.

Many loved ones enjoyed the birthday supper of Sis. Barbara Simmons, Feb. 8, and a blessed time of fellowship was enjoyed by all.

LATTY, OHIO

Reporter: Mrs. Ray Sinn

Sunday School

Our Sunday School is made up of pupils age 4 years and upward. Four of the classes meet in the morning, due to the limited space in our Sunday School room, and the rest in the afternoon.

Our Sunday School teachers serve for six years. We, the church, elect two new ones each year. Our Sunday School teachers at present are: Sisters Dorothy Stoller, Helen Stoller, Dolly Laukhuf, Helen Schlatter, Ellen Stoller, Viola Schlatter, Mary Ella Klopfenstein; Bros. Marvin Klopfenstein, Joe Schlatter, Merl Laukhuf, Willis

Stoller, Wayne Stoller and Ray Sinn.

Each of us who are God's children can look back at our Sunday School days, and can realize and appreciate the wonderful blessing it is, that we in our youthful years can be taught about our Lord and Saviour.

The following article was written by Bro. Loren Stoller.

WHAT IS SUNDAY SCHOOL

Going to Sunday School is the beginning of heeding the warning, "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them;"

(Ecclesiastes 12:1)

Parents and teachers place trust and hope in the promise, "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." (Proverbs 22:6)

Children spend ten to twelve times as many hours in school as they do in church. If the home and the church can deeply enough impress about God and His will upon each child, the child in turn will remember God in everything and make the best of all things. The child, like the Saviour, will have compassion for mankind; he will be able to love his neighbor as himself. At the speed our child will be able to travel, every man on earth will be his neighbor.

God has created an inquisitive mind in every child. Science has learned that the average child's ability to learn, grasp and remember knowledge constantly increases during childhood and reaches a peak at 16 years of age, and remains at that level for many years.

During this quest for truth and knowledge, youth is being taught in home and church, "I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live. And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die."

This is Sunday School.

On April 14, Bro. Walter Reklau from Toledo ministered unto us; also on June 5, Bro. Maurice Frank from Chicago was with us. We thank the visiting ministers for their efforts in bringing us God's Word.

In the hospital were Diane Klopfenstein (daughter of Bro. Floren

and Sis. Mary Ella) and Marlene Schlatter (daughter of Bro. Ben and Sis. Helen). Both are released and well again. Also, Bro. Irvin Stoller, who was in a Ft. Wayne hospital for surgery, is home and improving steadily.

Bro. Kenneth and Sis. Esther Stoller adopted a little girl, Sally Jo. We wish them God's blessing in this undertaking.

Elder Brother Sam Aeschliman from Bluffton was with us for mid-week services, Wednesday evening, May 1.

Bro. Walter and Sis. Renee Sinn were blessed with a baby boy, Todd Walter, born May 3.

MANSFIELD, OHIO

Reporter: Aaron A. Sauder

We are going down the valley one by one,

When the labors of the weary day are done;

One by one, the cares of earth forever past,

We shall stand upon the river bank at last.

After an extended illness, Levi Beer passed away on April 10, at the age of 83 years, funeral services were held on April 14. Levi was from one of our oldest church families and will be deeply missed by our congregation, as he worshipped with us regularly, until failing health prevented his assembling with us. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to his wife, Marie Fernyak Beer, his two daughters, Clara Taylor and Joann Santilli, and his brother, Jesse Beer.

Blessed hope that in Jesus is given,
In our sorrow to cheer and sustain,
That soon in the mansions of heaven,
We shall meet with our lov'd ones again.

"But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another . . ." I John 1:7. On Easter Sunday, we enjoyed the fellowship of visitors, as we were again reminded of the resurrection of our Saviour, that we, too, might have life everlasting. Our visitors were: Bro. Amos and Sis. Mary Steffen of Milford; Bro. Kenneth and Sis. Wilma Ramsier and children of Rittman; Bro. Donald and Sis. Dorothy Mayer and children of Bluffton; Bro. Ezra and Sis. Aldine Steffen and son Albert

of Fairbury; Darlene and Jim Doaz of Muncie.

On April 21, our visitors were Bro. Bill and Sis. Elizabeth Pfister of Bluffton; Bro. Ted and Sis. Rhea Beery and children of Rittman.

MORTON, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Mrs. B. E. Getz

If it is the Lord's will, Bro. LeRoy Huber of Eureka will be with us Saturday evening, May 4, to hear testimonies of four who want to be baptized Sunday. They are Donald and Larry Bertschi, sons of Rudolph and Irene Sauder Bertschi; Karen Kaiser, daughter of Vernon and Anna Kaufman Kaiser; and Eugene Strunk, son of William and Ruth Wasner Strunk.

The Christian Endeavor will meet here Sunday evening, May 5, to sing. The Bible Classes of Goodfield, Congerville, Fairbury, Forrest, Eureka, Roanoke, Peoria, Princeville, Tremont and Gridley will be included. After the singing, the superintendents and Bible Class teachers will meet to exchange matters pertaining to Sunday School work.

Bro. Elmer Witzig, who was critically ill for several weeks, is recovering nicely and is able to be home from the hospital.

Sis. Marie Belsley is home also, after spending some time in the Methodist Hospital in Peoria.

Sis. Louise Ackerman is spending several weeks with her daughter in Piper City. She had been to the Mayo Clinic in Rochester.

Sis. Sarah Streit is a patient at the Methodist Hospital.

A daughter was born April 24 to Bro. Robert and Sis. Rosemary Huetten Frank.

Bro. Walter and Sis. Elizabeth Oberlander Gerber celebrated their 25th Anniversary on May 1.

PEORIA, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Mrs. Michael Weyeneth

Provings and baptisms were held Saturday and Sunday, April 6 and 7th, for six souls. They are Ida Otto; Mary Haynes, Nancy Staub, Sally Weigand, Linda Klien, and Randy Kellenberger. May God keep them in His care, so they hold fast to their promise. We hope many more will answer the Lord's call. In Revelation 3:20 we read, "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock; if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and

will sup with him, and he with me."
 "Open now to Him your heart;
 Let the Saviour in.
 If you wait He will depart . . .
 Let Him in."

Why linger in darkness and sin,
 Rejecting the dear son of God?
 He is real — With a heart full of
 love.
 He walked where others have trod.

He is standing outside the closed
 door
 Of your heart; O hear Him today.
 Accept Him as your loving
 Saviour;
 He will gladly show you the way.

There were many ministers, elders,
 relatives and friends here for
 the proving and baptism. Supper
 was held at the church for over
 300. It was a blessed day. We praise
 God, from whom all blessings flow.

Our monthly Hymn-sing, combined
 with the Easter program was
 held Sunday evening, April 7. The
 adult singing group, led by Bro.
 Arthur Moser, sang several selections.
 The Sunday School, led by
 Bro. Paul Meister, also sang several
 selections. There was also congregational
 singing. A lunch was served,
 and fellowship was held in the
 basement, after the program.

Many guests, relatives, and
 friends were here for the wedding
 of Sis. Shirley Stoller and Bro.
 Kenneth Sauder, Easter Sunday,
 April 14. Bro. Roy Sauder performed
 the ceremony of his son. A
 reception was held after the ceremony.
 We wish them much happiness
 in their new walk of life. Their
 address will be Washington, Illinois.

Sis. Esther Herman is taking
 over the duties at the A. C. Home
 for a few weeks, while the Hohulin
 sisters, Leah and Lillie, are in California
 for a much-needed vacation.
 They will visit their sister there.
 There are others that are volunteering
 to help Sis. Herman part-time.

Bible Class was held Tuesday
 evening, April 30, as usual. Bro.
 Francis Rother of Morton had
 charge of the class.

Sis. Louise Nagel, age 82 years
 and a resident of Peoria for 38
 years, passed away Saturday morning
 at the St. Francis Hospital. She
 had been sick only a few days.
 Her brother, Fred, and Louise lived
 together for many years. She also

had one sister, Sis. Mary Schlipf.
 We sympathize with them. The
 funeral was held on Monday afternoon,
 April 29.

Bro. and Sis. Richard Plattner
 celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary,
 Wed., May 1, with open house
 at their home. Many friends
 and relatives wished them well.

Some of the teachers of the Bible
 class were gone, Sunday, April 28.
 Bro. Henry Leman substituted.

Sis. Marie Moser, mother of Bro.
 Arthur Moser, was taken to Proctor
 Hospital for an operation, Sunday,
 April 28. Sis. Mary Seibenthal is
 also a patient there. Sis. Mollie
 Perdilwitz has been ill for several
 weeks. Anna Kipfer is a patient at
 Methodist Hospital. Sis. Rose
 Heinsman suffers a lot with rheumatism.
 We trust the Lord will be
 near all the sick. May they find
 much comfort, knowing He is near.

This month, we are again reminded
 of Mother's Day. We are called upon
 to honor the one to whom we owe our
 life and many gifts of joy and happiness.
 If your Christian mother is gone,
 you have sacred memories. (In the
 writer's case, mother died when I was
 quite young, but I believe her prayers
 were not in vain, and are answered
 from time to time.) If your mother
 is still alive, you have a responsibility
 to express your appreciation for her
 love. One has been highly favored
 of the Lord if he has had a Christian
 mother.

Dear Mother, all you have been
 And done for me from day to day
 Mere words can scarcely here
 express—

My debt, I never can repay!

Read Ephesians 6:1,2.

PRINCEVILLE, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Ruth Ricketts

Bro. Harvey Grimm ministered
 to us the morning of April 7. We
 were all thankful for his short visit
 and for his inspiring message. He
 attended church with his family in
 Peoria in the afternoon. He and his
 family are always welcome visitors.

On April 10, Sis. Mary Begner
 went to the hospital, to be with her
 husband, William, who had his leg
 amputated. It was their 64th wedding
 anniversary, and they wanted to
 spend it together. Despite his
 advanced age, our friend William
 came through the operation real

well and is about as good as one
 could expect. Some days he is very
 bad and then again recovers.

Bro. Arthur Baurer is home,
 recovering from an emergency
 appendectomy. He is getting along
 very nicely.

Our friend, Martha Elsasser, is
 in the hospital for a complete rest.
 We hope her shut-in days will soon
 be over, for she has been confined
 for some time with other ailments.

We are so happy to have Sis.
 Emma Streitmatter with us again.
 She has been shut in all winter,
 following a bout with pneumonia.
 Bro. Karl Klumpp is better again
 and glad, too, he is able to worship
 with us again. Sis. Louise Greiner,
 who fell some time ago and fractured
 her hip, is able to get around a
 bit, with the use of a cane.

How happy we are to have had
 more young souls turn to the Lord
 in repentance. On April 30, it was
 made known that Eugene Seibenthal,
 Marvin Knobloch, Janet Elsasser,
 Doreen Meyer, Caroline Banwart,
 Elmer and Janet Martin are at
 peace with God and man, and ask
 for a time to give their testimony
 of this new-found faith. We wish
 them the Lord's blessings.

A group of neighbors went to the
 home of Bro. John and Sisters
 Louise & Mary Lou Joos, May 2 to
 sing for Sis. Lena Bach, in observance
 of her 88th birthday, which was
 May 5. Sis. Lena has made her
 home with her daughter, Sis.
 Louise, the past several months,
 and when someone comes to sing,
 she joins in with a hearty voice.
 May she receive many blessings in
 the sunset years of her life.

Since we now observe daylight
 Time, we have discontinued
 Wednesday evening services during
 the summer months.

Our Sunday School

The Sunday School is our delight;
 We love it more and more.
 'Tis here we learn to do the right,
 And live forever more.
 We hear the truth, so pure and
 clear,
 Of Jesus' love so sweet and dear;
 There we are taught to lift our eyes
 To him who lives on high.

We thank you, loving teachers, too,
 For all your love and care.
 You teach us of the heavenly home,
 How we may enter there.
 And when we leave our Father's
 house,

And journey thru this world of strife,
Oh, may your loving counsel then,
Show us the path of life.

How blessed 'tis when we as lambs
Are gathered 'round our Lord
In youthful years, with tender hearts,
To hear the Master's words.
We love to hear the words of truth;
We'll do our best in days of youth,
That we may sit in realms above,
To share in Jesus' love.

Many precious hours are spent in Sunday School with our precious youth. How thankful we are for all of them who so faithfully assemble with us each Sunday, to hear the truth taught by teachers who are willing to give their time to help them learn the true way of salvation and, after a faithful Christian life, win the promised prize of life eternal. We are so thankful for the parents, too, who so willingly bring their children to the house of worship.

Bro. David Kieser, who was a Sunday School teacher for a number of years, before being chosen for the ministry, has written the following words.

When we think of school, we think of education. But when we think of Sunday School, we think of spiritual knowledge and treasures which receive no diploma or degree in this life, but are more precious than silver and gold, if we are willing to learn and obey the teachings of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Solomon wrote in the Proverbs, "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." We as parents have a solemn duty to train our children (which are gifts of God) in the ways of the Lord, so when they grow older and come to the crossroads of life, they will know which way to turn.

When they are young, we can take them to Sunday School, but when they get older, we can only ask and encourage them to go. So there is only one training period that is ours, and that is when they are young, WITH GOD'S HELP.

We know that God alone can cause the pure seed of His word to germinate and grow, but if it is never sown, it is certain it will never grow.

We as parents try to give our

children what we can, but without love and faith in Jesus, they are poorly equipped to meet the realities of life.

Paul wrote to Timothy "that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus."

A child with the opportunity to go to Sunday School, where the true teachings of the Lord are taught, is most fortunate, and will only appraise its true worth later in life.

So, dear youth, let the love of God lead you to Sunday School each Sunday, to hear the precious teachings of God and Jesus, so the love of God (when you reach the years of accountability) will draw you to true repentance, and you can become a true child of God, and after death receive the gift of God, which is Eternal Life in Heaven, which without, no life will have been worth living.

I go to Sunday School to learn The precious teachings of my Lord. Someday my heart will truly yearn To be with Him in full accord.

Bro. Wm. Huber taught faithfully for thirty-three years, until he asked to be relieved a few years ago. He was the first teacher for many of us, and I'm sure we all remember some of his teachings. The following is an account of his life, which he was willing to share with us.

Wm. Huber was born near Heilbronn, Wuerttemberg, Germany. When he was sixteen years of age, he worked for a Stahl family. His old aunt, Hanna Huber, also lived there, she being a sister in our faith. Will's parents were very strict Lutheran Christian, and his father was very much against our church. His last word in parting from Will was that he promise not to go or attend this church; however, he did not answer him.

Late in March, 1905, he left Germany. After a very stormy trip, he arrived in Hoboken, N. J., on April 3. He had no place to go; he went with his friend and companion, Emil Stahl, to Peoria, where he found work with a Woertz family. Old Father and Mother Woertz and Grandpa (George) Streitmatter were faithful ones in the Lord, Father Woertz

being a minister. Soon they talked to Will about the new way, but he resisted them shamefully. However, as time went by, by the love and grace of our Lord, his eyes and heart were opened, so that he could break down and ask the Lord, "What must I do to be saved?" After a long and bitter struggle with himself, when he could completely give himself in the Lord's hands, he received help and peace in his heart. God be forever praised. He was baptized in the church at Streitmatter Prairie.

In the year of 1919, he was united in marriage to Sis. Ida Wieland. Until this day, they have lived a happy life. They had no children of their own, but raised several children of Sis. Ida's brother. These children's mother died when they were young.

The same year of his marriage, he was asked to help in Sunday School. All their efforts at that time were to teach the children the German language, but it wasn't long until they could see that, if they wanted to tell the youth of the love of God and of our Lord Jesus Christ, they would have to talk to them in a language they understood. It was then they began teaching in English.

With God's help and grace, he was able to serve in Sunday School for thirty-three years, and had some very faithful brothers to help. Bro. Chris Martin, who started teaching about ten years after Will, is still giving his service today. Bro. Joe Stoller moved from Ohio and held an important place in the Sunday School, until ill health prevented him from continuing. He is still missed by those who knew and loved him. Bros. Dave Kieser and Lowell Stoller, Joe's son, taught a number of years and are now both ministers and much loved by everyone. Richard Seidel and James Ringger, very loving brothers, also served with Will.

The most interesting thing Brother Will observed while in Sunday School was to be kind and loving to all the children, rather than too strict, for it will bear more fruit. The many blessed hours we spent together in Sunday School will ever be remembered. Bro. Will still loves to assemble once in a while with the brothers and sisters in Sunday School, to spend an hour with our beloved youth. We teachers warmly welcome him and enjoy

his presence. Brother Will's prayer is, that our dear Lord and Saviour, who was once a child here on earth, may ever bless our Sunday School, for there is where the cornerstone of a Godly life is laid.

We have about 175 children who attend Sunday School, and have six classes, with eight brothers and three sisters as teachers. Bro. Chris Martin is our superintendent, and has been serving faithfully since May, 1927. It is his aim to keep order in Sunday School, teaching respect for the house of worship. He has the full support of all the teachers, ministers and our elder brother, Silas Leuthold.

The Bible is used for the youth of high school age, who are ably taught by Bros. Chris Martin, Richard Seidel, James Ringger, and Joe Stoller. Richard and Joe have charge of the singing, and meet regularly with the Bible Class for practice, as they enjoy meeting with the youth of other Sunday Schools, for a blessed evening of singing occasionally.

Hurlbut's Story of the Bible proves interesting for seventh and eighth grade students. Bros. Nathan Stoller and William Elasser are their capable teachers.

Egermeier's Bible Story Book holds the interest of the children of the fifth and sixth grades, who like to discuss the stories with their teachers, Bros. Arthur Baurer and Nathan Martin.

The third and fourth grade children love the stories read to them by their teacher, Sis. Elizabeth Kieser, from **The Child's Story Bible**, by Catherine Voss. This Class has recently learned the 23rd Psalm.

Bible stories with the same value, but of a simple nature, are found in Marian's **Big Book of Bible Stories**, which is used by the first and second grade pupils. Sis. Dorothea Kieser has been teaching a good many years, and enjoys teaching these tender little hearts. Not long ago, she taught her children **The Lord's Prayer**.

First Steps for Little Feet is a book filled with simple stories, easy to understand, by the preschool children, four and five years old. It is rewarding to find how much a little heart can absorb. I, Ruth Ricketts, have been teaching these dear little souls for many years, and feel there is not a Sunday that

I do not learn something from them, their innocence, faith and deep trust. Then too, I am touched when the older youth come in repentance and mention their first Sunday School days. I am so often reminded how innocent they are while in conviction, just as they were when they began their Sunday School days, and must tell them how I compare them now to the time when they came as innocent little lambs to my room.

The two classes of smaller children love to sing together. How heart-warming it is to hear their clear little voices sing out, "Yes, Jesus loves Me". We hope and pray He loves us all, as we try to do His will in teaching these dear children, our youth.

ROANOKE

Reporter: Irene Hodel

Our Sunday School by Bro. Don Sauder

Our Sunday School was held in a separate building to the rear of the church, before the church was remodeled in 1930. Many older members will also remember that evening singing classes were also held in this building during the winter months. After remodeling, one large room was provided in the basement for Sunday School. Since then, two additions have been built to provide more Sunday School rooms.

The present superintendent of our Sunday School is Bro. Richard Moser, who is completing the second year of a two-year term. We have a rotation system in effect for superintendent, and also a rotation system covering all teachers: Briefly — no superintendent can be re-elected for successive two-year terms unless it is with unanimous consent of all teachers. Our first superintendent under this system, Ralph Knepp, was unanimously re-elected and served four years. Teachers are rotated out of the Sunday School after serving five years. They can be recalled to Sunday School service after being out one year.

Bro. Joe Hoffman is our oldest former teacher, and will be 91 years old on May 2. It would be nice if his many former students would remember him with a "Thank you" note. Many brothers and sisters have served us long and faithfully in this important work and deserve

our thankfulness and commendation.

Sis. Molly Beer is our oldest former teacher among the sisters. Many of her former pupils, now adults, can still quote the precious scripture verses that she taught them. She was 77 years old on Jan. 24 and taught approximately 34 years. Wouldn't it be inspiring if she would receive a card of "Thanks" from each one of her pupils that have become children of God and others also?

We also remind ourselves of the passing in June, 1962, of our Bro. Ed Moser, who served faithfully in this vineyard, from young manhood until a few days before his death. At a Thursday night meeting of Sunday School teachers, Bro. Ed turned in his resignation — no longer would he teach the young men and women for whom he felt a deep concern and great love. After many kind thoughts of love and esteem toward Bro. Ed, the meeting adjourned. Bro. Ed had worked up to the last — he went to rest, unexpectedly, the following Monday. May God's richest blessings follow him and all who labor so diligently in this field.

Our enrollment at present is about 350, of which the Senior Bible Class, including freshman, sophomores, juniors and seniors, totals 50 students. The youngest class, our 4-year olds, has 31 children.

Our goal is to train the children in the way they should go, to be faithful in our responsibilities as children of God, that God be not hindered in bringing salvation to those children that have reached the age of accountability. May we, by the grace of God, be such servants that the Lord might speak of us, even as of Abraham of old, "For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the LORD, to do justice and judgment; that the LORD may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him." What had the Lord told Abraham? And He brought him forth abroad, and said, "Look now toward heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them: and he said unto him, So shall thy seed be".

Bro. Edw. and Sis. Nancy Aeschleman, who had been visiting here for almost two weeks, left for their

home in Wilmington, Delaware. Their parents are Sis. Mary Aeschleman and Bro. and Sis. Carl Sauder. They were called home for the funeral of his aunt, Sara Foerter.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Vromen of Glendale, California, were weekend guests of Sam Belsley and sisters, Louise and Ella Belsley, visiting many of their relatives. Mrs. Vromen is the daughter of the Mose Belsleys, who are well known here. Bro. John and Sis. Ida Schrock of Kiowa, Kansas, came to be with them, too, staying several days, visiting her sister and brothers.

Bro. and Sis. Feller, Bro. and Sis. Bill Yergler were with us Sunday, the 14th, visiting their daughter and sister, Bro. and Sis. Richard Zimmermans.

Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love.
The fellowship of kindred minds,
Is like to that above.

Announcement was made Sun., April 21, of the engagement of Glenna, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Walter Blunier, to Bro. Darrel Lober, son of Bro. and Sis. Alf Lober of Cissna. Glenna is teaching and attending school at the University of Illinois where she will receive her Master's degree in June. He is an accountant at Honegger's. We wish them the Lord's blessings.

Bro. Fred Hoffman, 70, originally of Rockville, passed away Sun. night, the 21st, at the Roanoke Manor Nursing Home, where he had been a patient for six weeks. Before that, he was staying with his only son, Rudy Hoffman and family, who faithfully cared for him.

His only daughter, Sis. Helen Kloter, and son, Eric, of Rockville were called here by his death. We had visitation at the funeral home here Tuesday and services Wed. morning. His body was then taken to Rockville for services and burial there, Friday, beside his wife.

Oh how sweet it will be in that
beautiful land,
So free from all sorrow and pain,
With songs on our lips, as we clasp
our hands,
To meet one another again.

Sis. Martha Mangold, who had been called to Rockville due to the illness of her Mother, returned

home again with Bro. and Sis. Rudy Hoffan, Bro. and Sis. Dave Hodel and Bro. Joe Zimmerman.

We are sorry to hear Sis. Dena Leman is in the hospital again. Our thoughts and prayers are for a rapid recovery.

Bro. and Sis. Henry Wackerle of Bay City were with us for services Mon. night, the 22nd. Many were here from Eureka, and we all enjoyed his inspiring message. It gave us many good teachings to use, as we go along this path of life.

Sis. Elizabeth Schlupp, who had surgery, is home, improving very nicely.

O faithful Lord, Thy love and truth
sincerely,
Thou dost bestow on us each day,
so clearly;
So grant that we also, each day
anew,
Become more faithful, loving, kind
and true.

SABETHA, KANSAS

Reporter: Mrs. Theodore Locher

Sis. Lizzie Dornes passed away at the age of 84, at the Apostolic Christian Home, April 7. She worked as a telephone operator in Sabetha for 28 years. Funeral services were conducted by Bros. Carl Hartman and Harvey Grimm.

Bro. Eli and Sis. Esther Reineck, Bluffton, spent the week end of April 12-16 with us here. They were returning from California, where they spent the winter visiting two sons, Richard and Kenneth, and their families. From here, they were stopping at Scott A.F.B., Ill., to visit another son, Capt. Raymond Reineck.

Bro. Dave Brunner entered the hospital April 20 and had surgery, but is now able to assemble with us again.

Our Elder Bro. Sam Anliker spent Saturday evening with us, and on Sun., the 21st, he served us Communion. Bro. Eugene Marti also helped. We were richly blessed with the inspiring message and teachings.

We are glad to report, Bro. John and Sis. Emma Greiner are back from Phoenix. Bro. John is recuperating nicely.

Eugene Hartman, son of Bro. Carl and Sis. Louise, has arrived home from fifteen months overseas duty in Pakistan. He has served in the Air Force the past 4 years, and has now received his release.

Eugene looked forward each month, when he would receive the Silver Lining, and enjoyed reading it. He is now working in the office of the Mcfall Motors in Sabetha.

A butane gas explosion caused a fire to destroy all the contents of the farm home of Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Hartter and family, Tues. evening, April 23. The farm is owned by Eldon's mother, Sis. Lucy Hartter, of Sabetha.

Arlene Strahm, a graduate nurse at the Stormont Vail Hospital at Topeka and the daughter of Bro. Reo and Sis. Verna Strahm, is engaged to be married June 9 to Bill Hawley, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Hawley, Topeka. He is a graduate from Washburn College, and has been accepted at the K.U. Medical Center, Kansas City, where he will continue his schooling in the fall. We wish them God's richest blessings through life together.

TAYLOR, MISSOURI

Reporter: Mrs. Eli Sutter

The engagement of Faye Yackley to Ronald Hoenes was announced by her parents, Bro. Perry and Sis. Clara Yackley. A June wedding is planned.

The Sunday School pupils and teachers presented the Easter program on Good Friday evening. The kindergarden and primary grades sang appropriate to the season, and the four upper classes re-enacted the Easter story, including Palm Sunday, the trial, the crucifixation, and the resurrection of our Lord.

On Easter Sunday, we were privileged to have with us ministering Bros. George Lambert, Wichita, and Ezra Feller, Cissna Park. Their wives accompanied them.

Other visitors were Bro. Paul and Sis. Kathy Haab, San Antonio, Texas, who visited her parents, Bro. Fred Grimms. This is their first visit since their marriage in October.

Dorothy, daughter of Bro. Perry and Sis. Clara Yackley, was proved on Saturday evening, April 20, and was baptized on Sunday afternoon. We pray the Lord will bless her in her life of faith.

After the baptism we took Communion, served to us by Elder Bros. Fred Grimm and Noah Schrock. Bro. Noah also helped with the proving and baptism. Many relatives and close friends were here. It was a blessed day for all of us.

All church services are on Day-

light Saving Time, at the usual time, except for the Wed. evening service, which will be at 8:00, instead of 7:30.

TREMONT, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Esther Schmid

Born on Easter Sunday, April 14, was Mark Alan, the son of Bro. Ronald and Sis. Marie Wagenbach.

On April 27 and 28, we had with us Bros. Joe A. Getz and Silas Leuthold, and heard the testimonies of four dear friends—Ernest Herman, Harold Steiner, Maurice Schaefer, and David Koch. May God always keep them in His care.

Baptismal services were held on Sunday, April 28, with a large group of members and friends in attendance. It was a very blessed day.

Back To The Fold

'Twas a sheep, not a lamb, that strayed away
In the parable Jesus told;
A grown-up sheep had gone astray
From the ninety-nine in the fold.

Out on the hillside, out in the cold,
'Twas a sheep the Good Shepherd sought,
And back to the flock, safe into the fold,
'Twas a sheep the Good Shepherd brought.

And why for the sheep should we earnestly long,
And as earnestly hope and pray?
Because there is danger . . . If they go wrong,
They will lead the lambs astray.

For the lambs will follow the sheep, you know,
Where ever the sheep may stray;
When the sheep go wrong, it will not take long
Till the lambs are as wrong as they.

And so with the sheep we earnestly plead,
For the sake of the lambs today;
If the lambs are lost, what a terrible cost
Some sheep will have to pay.

Sunday School Feature

Assistant Reporter

Mrs. William H. Beutel

The articles on Sunday School sound as though they will be quite interesting.

I remember, when I was about

ten years of age, one of our song leaders would roll the "R" in "Ruh, Ruh" (Hymn No. 10 in the long book). As long as I was home, whenever my sister and I sang that song, we would try to make our "R" roll the way that brother did.

We didn't get to church every Sunday, as our children and grandchildren do. We lived about six miles in the country and didn't have a car until after my eleventh birthday. When we drove the carriage and horses, there wasn't enough room for all of us.

I can well remember the times when I did go to Sunday School. When I was in the older class, the one brother would stop speaking and say, "Listen, Boys" (in German of course), and all of us would pay more attention for awhile. In the younger class, the lesson consisted of reading a story and then writing from the lesson what we had read in German, as far as time permitted.

My father lived to be 80 years old and was a bed patient the last year of his life. Among the many cards he received were some signed, "Your former Sunday School pupil". This was very touching, but does show that the seeds planted in young hearts do not all fall on stony ground — many fond memories remain in the hearts of both the children and teachers.

At present, there are six brothers and six sisters teaching in our Sunday School. Bro. Arnold Rassi is our superintendent. The past month, our attendance has averaged 159 per Sunday. I believe that God is pleased with the efforts of our brothers and sisters, who give their time for this work, and as parents, we should advise our children to realize what is being done for them.

The oldest teacher (in age) at present is Sis. Hannah Koch. Hannah has been teaching since January, 1946, and during these seventeen years, has had 118 different children in her class. She began teaching fifth grade only, but soon had both fifth and sixth grades. She remembers her students (both present and former) with cards on their birthday and at Christmas. She has been very helpful to souls when they repent, and the time she spends writing letters to converted souls who are on their tour of duty in the service of the government

and away from home at school is very much appreciated by those who receive these letters.

Most of Hannah's students well remember the very wonderful object lesson stories she tells. Such lessons on "Faith", "How God Feels About a Hypocrite", "Climbing the Steps to Heaven", and many others really impress young souls. Upon the suggestion of one of her first pupils, Sis. Hannah began compiling these lessons, poems, and stories into a scrapbook for each one and has continued to do so throughout all these years.

Sis. Hannah carries out her duty in a quiet, humble manner and wishes no praise. She only wants to do this work in a way pleasing to the Lord.

Sisters Ella and Lucille Schweigart and Vi Koch were put in as teachers the same Sunday as Sis. Hannah. They, too, have been very loving, patient, and kind, and have sown many good seeds into the tender hearts of our young children, in their seventeen years in this work. May God continue to richly bless them.

The children in our Sunday School are anxious to get into our new church. It will be so nice when they can all assemble together in one room again for the Opening and Closing Song Service and Prayers, which they have not been able to do for quite some time, due to the very crowded conditions now existing.

UNION CITY, NEW JERSEY

Reporter: August Mueller

Sun., April 7. Today is Palm Sunday. This was the last Sunday our Lord Jesus spent with his disciples on this earth. We can believe that his heart was filled with grief and sorrow, to know that he only had a few more days to spend with his disciples whom he loved so dearly, and that he has to leave them in this dark world and time. We can thank God that we do not know when, where, and how we die. If we would know when, where, and how we die, it would darken our lives a great deal.

This is also Easter week, the most holy week of the whole year and also the darkest week for our Lord Jesus. We can believe that he spent most of the time praying to his Father for strength, so he could endure the sufferings that were

awaiting him. He knew that sinful men would smite him, spit in his face and mock him, and that they, would put a crown of thorns upon his head. Yes, Jesus had the power to destroy them, but he did not come to destroy life, but to save. He saved the murderer on the cross, who in the last minute believed on him. Our Lord Jesus was not compelled to sacrifice his life. It was an agreement between Father and Son, as he said, "I and my Father are one".

He told the multitude, "No man taketh it from me . . . I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received from my Father.

If the agreement would have been broken, there would be no plan of salvation. There would be no covenant of grace. There would be no first resurrection. We would still be in our sins, without promise of eternal life. We thank our Lord Jesus that He never did and never will break a promise. Out of pure love to mankind and to His heavenly Father did he lay down his life. He won the victory over death and grave and we have His promise that we should also arise and be where he is, if we stay true and faithful till the end. He arose; he arose. Hallelujah, Christ arose!

Sun., April 21, Bro. and Sis. Aschliman and children returned from their vacation in Roanoke. We are glad to have them with us again.

Sun., April 28, We had visitors from Rockville, including Bro. and Sis. John Bahler.

Bro. Bahler delivered the messages unto us. They were very important in this time wherein we live. May God grant that the word which we have heard today may have fallen on good ground and bring forth the good fruit, thirty, sixty, and an hundred fold. Amen.

Today we changed from Standard to Daylight Savings Time. Service starts at 10:00 a.m. We invite members and friends to visit us.

VALPARAISO, INDIANA

Reporter: Mrs. Donna Bucher

We had a very blessed Easter month. A special program was held Good Friday evening, followed by Easter services on Sunday. On the 28th, a number of visitors were

here from Cissna Park, Bluffton, Milford, and LaCrosse. Two inspiring sermons were given by Bro. Harry Bucher. Following the services, a call was made at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cort Bucher. A buffet supper was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Frieden, for all the guests. After the supper, the group sang hymns of praise and thanks to our dear Lord and Saviour.

Our Sunday School

On June 10, 1962, the first Sunday School classes were held. Our roll call at that time included 18 children. At the present time, we have 27 students that attend regularly. We feel the Lord has richly blessed us.

We have four classes. They are as follows (with each teacher): Beginners—Evelyn Bucher; Primary—Aldene Frieden; Juniors—Matilda Bucher; and Seniors—Cort Bucher.

Collections are taken each Sunday. This money is distributed to charity at regularly intervals.

We feel the Sunday School is vitally important, because these young hearts will some day be our future church. We give all praise, glory and honor to our Lord, who has blessed us all so richly.

WEST BEND, IOWA

Reporter: Anna Schmidt

We had holy communion on Sunday, April 21. Bro. Paul Banwart served, with the help of Bro. Alfred Fehr.

Bro. Victor Banwart had the misfortune of injuring his index finger, while using an electric drill. It required 50 stitches, and is healing quite well at this time.

Bryan, the son of Bro. and Sis. Eugene Bruellman, returned home from Iowa City, where tests were taken. He is now under medication and is able to attend Sunday School and school.

Bertha Carroll passed away April 30. The funeral will be May 3. She was 95 years of age.

Some of the children have been having measles and chicken pox.

The Bible Class is having singing at the church this evening, May 2.

Bro. George and Sis. Ruth Martin, Sis. Edna Anliker of Eureka and Bro. Emil and Sis. Esther Fisher of Roanoke were visiting here for a few days.

WINTHROP, MINNESOTA

Assistant Reporter:
Esther Messner

Mother Miller is not feeling very well, seems to be getting weaker and has not been able to come to church. One thing she surely enjoyed and looked forward to, was to go to church and worship the Lord and sing the beautiful hymns.

We are happy to report, Sis. Marguerite Messner has improved, so that she is again able to assemble with us.

April 14, Bro. and Sis. Richard Schmidt and family from West Bend, Mr. and Kenneth Schmidt and family from Minneapolis, spent Easter Sunday with their mother, Sis. Emma Schmidt, and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Messner and family from Minneapolis spent Easter Sunday with his mother, Sis. Carrie Messner.

April 21, Bro. and Sis. Arnold Gerst and family and Bro. Glen Moser from Minneapolis spent the day with us.

On Sunday, April 28, we enjoyed having our Elder Bro. Henry Koehl, Bro. and Sis. Henry Schmidgall and Bro. and Sis. Edwin Koehl from Morris with us. In the afternoon, we were surely blessed, as our dear friend, Joyce Messner, was proved and baptized. May God bless her and always be near her side. She is Bro. Mike Messner's wife.

April 21, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Miller and their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Miller, from Minneapolis, were here to visit Mother Miller and relatives. Larry was home on leave; he is in the Navy.

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Mrs. Ernest Knecht

This little poem and Sunday School writing was given to me from one of our Sunday school teachers, a little something from our very small Sunday School.

Our Sunday School enrollment is rather limited, but Sunday by Sunday, we lean on His precious promise that where even two or three are gathered together in His name, He will be with us. High school and college students find the Bible a textbook which yields great blessing. For our young children, the beloved Bible stories in simple form help them to understand how God

can work in their own hearts. As we prepare for our Easter program, these few lines seem to express their attitude.

Easter Praises

Little voices praises sing
To our risen Lord and King.

Little hands can help to do
Everything God wants us to.

Little lips can sweetly say,
"I will follow day by day."

Little feet can gladly go
In Christ's footsteps here below.

Little hearts can give Him praise
In a hundred different ways.

Little children too can bring
Praise and love to Christ the King.

On April 28, our elder brother, George Yergler, and Sis. Ida visited us. Immediately after the afternoon service, the conclusions of our last brotherhood conference were read.

Other visitors that day were, Bro. and Sister Sam Heiniger from La-Crosse, Bro. and Sis. Carl Frautschi and family from Bloomington, Bro. and Sis. Raymond Winzeler and son from Leo.

A son, Stephen Dale, was born on April 11 to Bro. and Sis. Dick Schrenk.

ELGIN, ILLINOIS

Reporters: Louise Steffen and
Katie Kachelmuss

Somebody's Mother

The woman was old, and ragged,
and gray,
And bent with the chill of the winter's day.
The street was wet with a recent snow,
And the woman's feet were aged
and slow.

She stood at the crossing and
waited long,
Alone, uncared for, amid the
throng
Of human beings, who passed her
by,
Nor heeded the glance of her
anxious eye.

Down the street, with laughter
and shout,
Glad in the freedom of "school let
out,"
Came the boys, like a flock of
sheep,
Scattering the snow, piled white
and deep.

Past the old woman so old and gray
Hastened the youngsters on their
way,

Nor offered a helping hand to her,
So weak, so timid, afraid to stir,
Lest the carriage wheels or the
horse's feet

Should crush her down in the
crowded street.

At last came one of the merry
troop—

The gayest laddie of all the
group—

Who paused beside her, and
whispered low,

"I'll help you across, if you wish
to go."

She lifted her tired eyes to meet
The pitying glance of his brown
eyes, sweet,

As her aged hand on his strong
young arm

She placed, and so, without hurt
or harm,

He guided the trembling feet along,
With the steady step of his own,
so strong.

Then back again to his mates he
went,

His young heart happy and well
content,

"For she's Somebody's Mother,
boys, you know,

For all she's aged, and poor, and
slow.

And I hope some fellow will lend a
hand

To help my Mother, you under-
stand,

If ever she's poor, and old, and
gray,

And her own dear boy perhaps far
away."

And "Somebody's Mother" bow'd
low her head

In her home that night, and the
prayer she said

Was—"God be kind to the stranger
lad,

Whose heart can pity the old and
sad;

And guide and lead till life's Jour-
ney is done,

The kindly boy who is Somebody's
Son."

One of our Sunday School teach-
ers can recall the time when Bro.
Wm. Stettner was teaching and
had this poem on Mother's Day.

Bro. Louis Schambach passed
away at the age of 76 years, after

five weeks in the hospital. The
funeral was on April 12. Bro. Joe
Kaisner had the services.

Henry Weck, age 65, passed
away April 18. Funeral services
were held by Bro. Al. Fisher on
April 20.

Sis. Lena Steiner had surgery,
but is home again. We wish her
God's help.

Sisters Luise Messerschmidt and
Karoline Kuehner left by plane,
for a visit with their niece and
nephews in California.

Sis. Pauline Deihls left on April
23, by boat, for a visit in Germany.

Merle and Sis. Madeline Tobler
have a son, born on April 23, and
have named him Jeffrey Phillip.

Any Strahm (brother of Sis.
Leah Kinsinger), who is 71 years
of age and lives in Sabetha, flew
his own plane here on April 20. On
the way, he got into a storm and
had to land in a wheat field, but
made a safe landing. He left on
the 24th, and got home again
safely.

FT. LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA

Reporter: Florence Sutter

As the cool, fresh rains swept
our city in this early A.M., I was
thinking of the goodness of our
God and how he satisfies even the
thirsty shrubs and grass . . . Also
much more our spiritual and bodily
needs, for which we cannot express
enough our thankfulness.

Bro. Ben Stavenik of Mansfield
ministered to us Sunday, April 21.
Bro. Ben flew here to join his wife,
Sis. Dorothy, and her parents, Dan
and Sis. Martha Kauffman, who
spend their winter months with us.

A picnic was enjoyed by all, Sun-
day, April 28, at Plantation Park.
Recent visitors were Bro. Alvin
Gerber, also Tom and Helen Wood-
ard, of Bluffton.

Bro. Robert and Sis. Doris Huber
are happy parents of a baby girl,
Laurie Kay, born April 27.

Sis. Leona Nussbaun suffered a
heart attack while visiting her
daughter, Sis. Doris Huber; how-
ever, her condition seems to be
much improved. We hope she will
continue to gain strength, as we
know she is anxious to return home
to her family and loved ones.

Throughout the month, we have
been having weekly meetings at
various homes to discuss our
church plans.

FORT SCOTT, KANSAS**Reporter: Marie Zaugg**

April 12, Good Friday evening, Communion Services were held here. Our elder brother, Sam Anliker, of Lamont served us. May we all have new faith and zeal to follow in our Saviour's ways.

Bro. Roy Wernli ministered to us this evening also. With Bro. Sam Anliker were Bro. and Sis. Bernie Emch, Sis. Lorene Anliker and Bro. Roy Wernli.

Bro. Sam Huber of Burlington, Kansas, had our Easter Sunday services. It is always a joy to hear and meditate upon God's word. With Bro. Sam Huber were Sis. Mary and their family.

A church picnic was enjoyed at the Bro. and Sis. Wayne Miller home in the evening. The Sunday School children presented their Easter program. It was very nice. May the children receive a blessing for the efforts put forth.

Our Sunday School

There are 28 children in our Sunday School. They are divided into four classes. Our present teachers are: Sis. Wanda Kraft, Sis. Ruth Sinn, Bro. Martin Hohulin and Bro. Danny Sinn.

Sis. Wanda teaches the Beginner's class. She uses the Gospel Light publications. At this age or even before they are in Sunday School, the writing holds true, "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

Sis. Ruth Sinn teaches the primary class. She also uses the Gospel Light work books. Right now, they are memorizing the books of the Bible.

Bro. Martin teaches the Junior class. They have completed the books, **Footsteps To Zion** and now are using **Hurlbut's Story of The Bible**.

Bro. Danny teaches the Bible class. They are studying the lives of the apostles.

All the teachers expressed themselves to the fact that they enjoy teaching, and that the children take an interest in Sunday School.

FORT WAYNE, INDIANA**Reporter: Mrs. Albert E. Kipfer**

On April 7, the Fort Wayne choir journeyed to Mansfield for the day.

The trip was a very enjoyable one. We want to thank the brothers and sisters in Mansfield for the love and kindness shown to us to make it a blessed day.

Bro. and Sis. Lee Eisenmann are the happy parents of a baby girl; born April 11, at the Parkview Memorial Hospital. She has been named Rosemary Lynn. Congratulations!

Bro. George Lambert of Wichita visited us on Tuesday, April 9. We enjoyed the message which he brought to us, and trust, if the Lord's willing, he will come back again and visit us.

Sis. Mayme Getz, wife of Oscar (Dick) Getz, underwent surgery at the Parkview Memorial Hospital on April 23, but is now convalescing at her home, 625 W. State Street, Fort Wayne, Ind. She is getting along fairly good at this writing. Anyone wishing to drop her a card, I'm sure it would be appreciated. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Sis. Elaine Pulfer, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Raymond Pulfer, and Bro. David Bahler, son of Bro. and Sis. Irvin Bahler of Remington, were united in marriage April 28. Bro. Sam Aeschliman officiated at this rite. The reception and supper was held at the Fellowship Center in Cedarville. Bro. and Sis. Bahler left on a 10-day wedding trip to Texas, and upon their return will reside at 125½ West Creighton Ave., Fort Wayne, Ind. Congratulations and Best Wishes to both of you, and may God bless you as you journey through this life together. There were guests from Illinois, Michigan, Ohio and Indiana.

Sis. Joan Stoller, wife of Bro. Norman Stoller, underwent surgery at the Parkview Memorial Hospital on April 30. She is getting along nicely at this writing, and if all goes well, plans to go home Monday, May 6. Her home address is 119 Tanglewood Drive, New Haven, Indiana. We wish Joan a speedy recovery.

Please note change of address: Bro. and Sis. Richard L. Aeschliman have moved recently to: 8819 Fortuna Way, Fort Wayne, Ind.

Those who have ministered to us the past four Sundays are: Bros. Irvin Stoller, Will Fiechter, David Bertsch, John Bollier, Alfred Bahler, and Sam Aeschliman.

**ILLINOIS STATE
NORMAL UNIVERSITY****Reporter: Joyce Kaufmann**

On April 18, Bro. Edwin Ringger from Gridley was our guest speaker. We always look forward to our meetings, especially after a vacation such as we had during the Easter season.

Bro. Fred Knapp from Congerville was with us on April 25. His message, based on The Acts, was both instructional and enlightening, and thus helpful, too.

May 2, Bro. Joe Schrock had the lesson. He chose to present St. Mark 7, since we are now perusing this particular book.

JAPAN**Reporter: Yoshio Yamazaki**

It is a very wonderful season coming here in Japan, and we are really thankful for blessings and grace given us from our Heavenly Father. Our church here in Tokyo has much blessings from our Heavenly Father, so our church attendance every Sunday morning is showing much progress now, and many young people are coming to the services.

Past Easter, we had a Sunrise service on the hill near our church here in Kaneko, and we thanked God, for He gave us proof of come to life again through Christ Jesus our Lord. Then, after that, we had a regular service in the church. In that time, Bro. John Klaus had taken care of his last sermon here in Japan and gave us a good, weighty message. Miss Hideke Shimada was baptized in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, after the services. Bro. Willis Ehnle was taken care of her baptism.

Bro. Ehnle is going to the our country churches every Friday and teaching English to the high school students and taking care of Sunday morning services there every other week. Bro. Akito Inoue of Tamahata church is also teaching English Bible class to high school girls there.

April 29 is a Japanese national holiday (Emperor Hirohito's birthday), so we church members and friends here in Tokyo went to Jimba-Kogen, which is about 40 miles from our church. It was very wonderful time we have on the hill and singing hymns, reading the Bible and talked about God's blessings and so on. Everybody forgot

their tiredness and praised the Lord together.

Sunday School Report From Japan

Our Sunday School here in Japan is very difficult today . . . I believe not only Japan, but perhaps many countries in the world. As you know that we are having TV, radios, and other interesting things spread among the people, so children are very hard to get out from their own home. Another problem, their parents are not very much understanding about Sunday School, nor all kind of true Christianity, I believe. That's why most parents are giving the children time to study hard on Piano, English, and other kinds of subjects.

Here in our Sunday School in Tokyo, we have not enough teachers; only two, Sis. Atsumi Satoyoshi and myself now, so we made two classes. We divided; one is from small children to 4-year primary school children, and another class is from 5 year to Junior high school children. It is not good, ideal system, but we can't help it right now. The Sunday School superintendent is myself. We are teaching from Old Testament story to them. It's about 35 to 40 children coming most every Sunday.

At the country churches also, children come to church very little, by the same problems as above. At the Shioda church, Sis. Kiyo Asakawa, who is the oldest member of our church, Bro. Kimio Akao and Sis. Akiko Hatsuumi are the teachers. Recent attendance is 10 or 11 regulars on Sunday. Country has not very good transportation, so Bro. Takeshita has the Sunday School in his own home, and Sis. Junko Hatsuumi is taking care of that. Even after that, Sister Junko has her own Sunday School at her home, after the morning services. She is very honest and a faithful sister before the Lord.

At the Tamahata church, we have another Sunday School started, since six months ago, and Bro. Akito Inoue and Sis. Inoue are taking care of that. They have just 2 classes there too.

JUNCTION, OHIO

Reporter: Mrs. Alvin H. Manz

There were some of us ill with colds, etc., this month, but most of us are now back in church now, and well. Bro. Andrew Dotterer's and Sis. Lena Manz's conditions

remain about the same. Sis. Naomi Rehklaue is now home from the hospital.

The Junction Apostolic Christian Church

Submitted by Ben J. Schlatter

Our Junction church is located approximately 8 miles northwest of Paulding, or 11 miles southwest of Defiance: State Route 111 to the Junction of State Routes 11 and 637, thence ½ mile south on Route 637, and ½ mile east on a gravel road. The church house is located on a presumed hilltop, alongside a farm pond.

The church is named after the hamlet "Junction", which derived its name from being located and built at the junction of the old Miami and Erie Canal (which extended north and south between Toledo and Cincinnati) with the Wabash canal, which junctioned here and went west to Fort Wayne. These were barge canals and were traveled by flatboats, drawn by mules on each bank of the canal. Incidentally, our church is located just one-half mile west of the former aqueduct of the Miami and Erie Canal and the Flat Rock Creek, a historic spot.

Our members are mostly farmers or retired farmers; a few have worked in factories and various other occupations. We, being northeast of Paulding, seem to be on the outskirts of what the writer has heard referred to as the "Garden Spot of a Nation", this particular "spot", lying south and west of Paulding, being quite level and rather productive soil.

Our soil tends to be heavy and needs to be farmed carefully, to be productive, which continually reminds one of the Christian life. The land here is rather level, some being a little rolling, which is appreciated, for we rely much on surface drainage.

There is considerable timber and what we call "second growth" in our locality, and there are a number of sawmills in the vicinity.

We also have a large stone quarry about 2 miles east of the church, near where the Flat Rock Creek empties into the Auglaize River, which flows north to Defiance and empties into the Maumee River at Defiance and thence on to Toledo and Lake Erie. State Route 111 follows the Auglaize

River between Defiance and Junction, making a very scenic drive.

MILFORD, INDIANA

Reporter: Arthur Haab

Bro. and Sis. Philip Beer have a baby girl, Heather Mary.

Bro. Paul and Sis. Kathy Haab, from Texas, spent part of their leave with his parents, Bro. and Sis. Elmer Haab. While they were here, they attended a Beer family get-together, in honor of their grandparents, Bro. Andrew and Sis. Bertha Beer.

We are saddened by the death of the oldest member of our congregation and our precious sister, Eliza Haab. She died May 2. She almost reached her 91st birthday. Her greatest sorrow was not being able to attend church, because of ill health for the past several months. Her last days were brightened by visits from visiting ministers and those near and dear to her and having them read from God's word. She did fancy work and made a rug this past winter, besides knitting dish cloths. She is survived by 8 children, 27 grandchildren, and 45 great-grandchildren. Funeral services will be on Sunday, May 5.

MORRIS, MINNESOTA

Reporter:

Mrs. Kenneth Zeltwanger

We enjoyed the Easter program, presented by the Sunday School and Bible class on the evening of April 10.

Nancy, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Richard Schmidgall, and Kevin, son of Francis and Mabel Schmidgall, both had the misfortune of falling, while playing, and breaking their left arms.

Bro. Noah Gerber, of West Bend was our visiting ministers April 14, Easter Sunday. He was accompanied by his wife and children. There were quite a number of other visitors spending the Easter week-end with relatives.

A son, Bruce Jay, was born to Bro. and Sis. Richard Schmidgall on April 25. He has one brother, Robert, and three sisters, Nancy, Mary and Brenda.

REMINGTON, INDIANA

Reporter: Emily Kilgus

Bro. Gus Knochel has undergone surgery, and is now convalescing at home.

Ed Frey has been dismissed from

the hospital and is slowly improving.

Sis. Lena Knochel has been seriously ill, after being stricken with a form of meningitis. Lena is the cook at one of our country schools, where she is greatly missed. She is also missed in the church, where she has been a faithful member and, I might add, that on Sunday noon she is one of our most faithful and willing workers in the kitchen. We are thankful that she is improving at this time.

Maurice and Sis. Eileen Getz are the parents of a son, born May 1. They now have two sons and one daughter.

WICHITA, KANSAS

Reporter: Mrs. Harvey Smith

We have a large Sunday School, for the size of our church. The classes are divided into five age groups. Sis. Dora Young has the children 4 and 5 years of age. Sis. Ann Farney has the first, second and third graders. The fourth and fifth graders are with Bro. Arthur Wullschleger. Bro. Howard Warner teaches the sixth, seventh and eighth graders. Bro. Bruce Dopps, Sunday School superintendent, has ninth graders and high school. The three older classes use the Bible.

We have a Bible Class on Wednesday evening, conducted by our minister, Bro. George Lambert, which is enjoyed by both children and adults. The children learn Bible verses for this class. The adults participate in a discussion of various Bible subjects. We feel that the children learn in their youthful days. "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6. It is our sincere prayer that we will not fail in our duties to these little ones.

Bro. Robert Young spent 10 days in the hospital. He is now at home, and reported much improved.

Bro. Geo. and Sis. Ann Griener have been transferred from Biggs, AFB, El Paso, Texas to Altus AFB, Altus, Oklahoma. Bro. Geo is with the Boeing Co., Wichita, and was sent to Texas to work on the Sky Speed B 52 Modification Program. We miss them and are happy they were moved closer to home. We are looking forward to the time they will be back with us again.

Bro. and Sis. Eli Somerhalder and Bro. and Sis. John Somerhalder

spent Sunday, April 21, with us. Their messages were very timely. We do hope these Burlington, Oklahoma, ministers will visit us again soon.

It was a year ago this month that our dear brother, Harry Aeschleman, was suddenly taken from our midst. He is greatly missed by his wife, children, and the Wichita congregation.

How joyful is the hope that lingers,
When loved ones cross death's sea,
That we, when all earth's toils are ended,
With them shall ever be!

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BURLINGTON, OKLAHOMA

Reporter: Mrs. Raymond Roth

The Sunday School

Bro. Ronald Allenbach

Sunday School Superintendent

"The Sunday School is our Delight", as we sing in the hymn, can be truly said. It is a joy to me each Sunday to see the eager faces ready to learn about God and His wonderful plan, for here is the future church, and the thoughts and ideas that are planted now will help to determine their life's course.

In our Sunday School, we have five classes, with about 40 students. Sis. Mary Kisling has grades 1 and 2; Sis. Mildred Frieden, grades 3 and 4; Bro. Huber Farney, grades 5 and 6; Bro. Arnold Ott, grades 7 and 8, and myself, the Bible class.

Each year, the Sunday School presents a program at Easter and Christmas. During the regular school year, the Junior choir, consisting of students in grades 4 through 8, meets for practice twice a month. The Senior Choir meets when necessary, at the present time. We are grateful to Bro. Huber Farney and Bro. John Somerhalder for working with these groups.

Teaching is a responsibility

which few actually desire, but one from which deep spiritual satisfaction can be gained, if approached with humility.

Our present Sunday School would not be what it is, if it were not for the hard work and thoughtfulness of former teachers. One of these teachers, Sis. Marie Farney, devoted 30 years to teaching the youth of our church. She has taught many of our congregation, as well as their children. Some of her former pupils are now serving the Lord as ministers in our church. Even though she retired a few years ago, Sis. Marie still shows a great interest in the Sunday School.

The Sunday School students presented a very appropriate, short Easter program, just before afternoon services on Easter.

As this is the month a day is set aside to honor all mothers, I'd like to also pay a special tribute to a few of our eldest sisters in faith, sisters who have layed steppingstones for us to follow in this pathway of life.

Sis. Frederricka Schif, born Aug. 22 1877 in Germany, came to this country with her parents at the age of five, and lived in Gridley, Kansas, and took care of her father, Bro. Adam Schif, until he died at the age of 94. Later, she moved here, and lives with her two sisters, Sis. Minnie Schupbach and Sis. Lydia Ott. Sis. Ricka, as she is called by all who know her, hasn't been able to attend services for over two years, because of painful and crippling arthritis.

Sis. Anna Kisling, age 84, whose life history I had in the Silver Lining of Feb., 1962, is now a resident of the Kiowa Rest Home for one year. Sis. Anna's health is failing. She has nine living children.

Sis. Minnie Schupbach, born Aug. 4, 1879 in Germany, came to this country at the age of two. Sis. Minnie is a widow for four years, lives in Burlington, and has two sons.

Sis. Ida Tanner, born May 14, 1882, in Wellington, Kansas, was widowed last October, lives on a farm near Burlington, and has five children.

And Sis. Eva McGuire, a widow for thirty-two years, was born Dec. 25, 1882, in Rush County, Kansas, and now lives in Kiowa. She has one son.

Bro. Raymond Roth reluctantly took over the duties as church treasurer, after Bro. Arnold Ott resigned, not only from the board of trustees, but as treasurer.

A meeting was held after our midweek services, April 17, and the members voted to have a new combined gas furnace and air conditioner installed. A natural gas line has recently been laid by our church and on over to Burlington. Work has already started in installing the new furnace and air conditioner. The building has also been insulated.

Sis. Eileen (Lester) Bahr had a bone graft taken from her pelvic bone, to place in her wrist, at the St. Francis Hospital at Wichita, April 22. Sis. Eileen broke her wrist last October in a car accident. It has never healed properly. Sis. Eli Frieden and Bro. George Miller are hospital patients at this writing.

CONGERVILLE, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Ruth Schumacher
Father

By Sister Mary A Sides

If all the dads upon this earth
Were standing in a row,
And I could choose my favorite one,
I know to whom I'd go.

I wouldn't look for handsomeness,
Nor costly shoes and clothes,
I wouldn't chose a stately king,
From whom a wealth would flow.

I'd go pick my dear old dad,
The one God picked for me;
I know a girl has never had
A more faithful dad than he.

This dad has always suited me;
I could never love another.
You're the sweetest dad upon this
earth,
And this also goes for mother.

Correction: In the last issue, we told about a new baby born to "Glen and Wanda Sides". We should have said, "Glen and Wanda (Sides) Stahl".

A new daughter has come to bless the home of Bro. and Sis. Stanley and Naomi Vogel. They have named her Patti Jo. She was born on April 22 and is their first child.

Also newly arrived — at the home of Bro. and Sis. Gene and Carrie Lou Hartman — is a new son, Robert Loyd. He was born on

May 2, and is welcomed by two brothers, Mike and Jimmy.

Sis. Inez Mogler has been in the Eureka Hospital for tests and X-rays. She is back home, after a stay of about 10 days.

Congerville Sunday School

Approximately 106 children attend Congerville Sunday School, ranging in age from 3 years through high school. The following shows the number of students in each class, and the present teachers: Bible Class, 20, Frederick Knapp and Ben Knapp; 7th and 8th grades, 8, Duane Steffen (and formerly Art Wettstein); 5th and 6th grades, 18, Bob Knapp and Harvey Schieber; 3rd and 4th grades, 16, Don Schrock and Ed Steffen Jr.; 2nd grade, 7, Ruth Schumacher; 1st grade, 10, Marjorie Knapp; 5-year-olds, 5, Doris Knapp; 4-year-olds, 12, Irene Schrock and Polly Schrock; 3-year-olds, 10, Betty Miller, Jeanette Knapp and Alice Schieber (Including one to substitute for all women's classes); Superintendent, Fredrick Knapp.

In 1959, a rotation system was adopted, with the help of Goodfield Sunday School people, who had already practiced it. It has worked out very well. Under this system, teachers serve for 4 years, and then are out of the service for one year. After one year, they are eligible to be elected to teach for another 4-year term.

Men teachers are chosen by majority vote of the congregation. At a meeting of the teachers, ministers and trustees, following this election, the superintendent and women teachers are chosen by majority vote of this group.

At an election held Wednesday, May 1, Bros. Keith Roth, John Schieber and Chris Miller were chosen to replace outgoing Bros. Frederick Knapp and Duane Steffen, and also Bro. Art Wettstein, who has moved to Eureka. Following this election, at a meeting of teachers, ministers and trustees, Bro. Bob Knapp was elected superintendent and Bro. Harvey Schieber, assistant superintendent. Sis. Alice Schieber will now teach 4-year-olds, in the place of Sis. Polly Schrock, whose term expires this year. Sis. Sarah Dietrich was elected to serve as a substitute teacher.

The regular Sunday School term coincides with the regular school term. We do hold classes in the

summer for those who wish to attend. However, during these months, absence is not counted against the attendance record. Awards for perfect attendance are given at a picnic, held at the close of the regular term. Attendance is counted in the case of an unavoidable absence, if Sunday School is held at home instead.

We can probably speak for all the teachers when we say that we learn much for ourselves, in trying to teach the children the Truth.

FRANCESVILLE, INDIANA

Reporter: Mrs. Elmer Bucher
Assistant Mrs. Perry Neihouser

This past month, two of our dear brothers, Herman Erb and Romey Gudeman, were taken from us. Bro. Herman suffered a heart attack on April 18, and passed away suddenly. Bro. Romey has not been well for several years. Our sympathy goes out to the families, as we know the pain and heartache that comes when family ties are broken. They will certainly be missed in our congregation. May the bereaved find comfort in Revelation 21:4, "And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away."

My Mother

She was gentle and quiet in
manner;
She was gracious and kind and
true—
She was willing and always ready,
Far more than her part to do.

Her sympathy given to others,
So honest, so heartfelt, so real,
Was comforting, soothing and
cheering,
Was something one really could
feel.

And through all of her years of
good doing,
Tho' sacrifice played a great part,
She unsparingly gave to those
round her,
The love that was stored in her
heart.

Her sweet, loving service to others,
Though unwritten, unsung and un-
told—
Yet blessed her own life through
the giving,
With riches of grace manifold.

Sunday School Report

Even though most of us were fortunate enough to have believing parents who brought us up in the light of the word, we feel that Sunday School was instrumental in helping us find our salvation. We are sure many of you can recall precious memories from your Sunday School days, and we hope our youth will be able to do the same.

Our Francesville Sunday School, consisting of approximately 200 students, is composed of three and four-year olds, and includes all classes to the 5th grade. They meet each Sunday morning for "worship hour" services, and then gather for their individual lessons. The teachers for these little children are Sisters Frances Leman, Sally Neihouser, Lorna Putt, Valera Culp, Helen Huber, Helen Eschleman, Elaine Erb and Maxine Gutwein. For her many years of devotion and patience with the little beginners, we are especially grateful to Frances Leman.

The teachers for the next group, ranging from the 5th through the 8th grades, are Bros. Richard Wuethrich, Walter Culp, Willis Gudeman, George Erb, and Arthur Novotny. They, also, have a period of singing and a prayer, before going to their individual classes.

The high school and adult classes are taught by Bros. Sidney Leman, Bill and Wayne Huber and Elmer Bucher, and the singing is led by Bro. Harold Gutwein. Bro. Nate Gutwein is our Sunday School superintendent.

We feel that an outstanding feature in our Sunday School is our choir of about 25 voices, directed by Bro. Harold Gutwein. Bro. Harold has worked with the choir for about seventeen years, and we are thankful he has let the Lord use him in this field where he is so gifted.

May we ever strive to show our appreciation for the effort put forth by our teachers.

GOODFIELD, ILLINOIS Reporter: Marian Wiegand HISTORY

The history of the founders of the Apostolic Christian Church of this congregation dates back to 1888. The village at that time was called Guthville. At that time, they worshipped at Slabtown church (now called Mackinaw

Dells) on Sunday, and in the home of Bro. Gottlieb Hohulin on Wednesday evenings. Because of travel conditions, it was decided to build a house of worship in Goodfield. At the cost of approximately \$20,000 and many hours of hard work, the church building was finished in 1918. Approximately 25 families were on the lunch-serving list.

The first trustees were Bros. Sam Goetzinger, Joe Dreyer and Peter Birkey. Bro. Sam Hohulin, who had ministered at the Mackinaw Dells church, was the first minister at the Goodfield church. Ministers since were Bros. Wm. Herman and Fred Herman, Sam Schumacher of Eureka (assisting for a short time), Frank Woertz, Simon Wiegand Sr., Leo Grusy, Edwin Hohulin and John Rokey. All of these brothers have gone to sleep in the Lord, excepting Frank Woertz, Edwin Hohulin and John Rokey, who are our present ministers.

The following brothers served as elders: Bartel Rapp of Morton, Eli Winzeler of Tremont, Emil Schubert of Peoria, Carl Rassi of Morton and Frank Woertz of Goodfield.

The church grew and prospered to the point where the Sunday School, assembly room and the dining area became much too small. On February 28, 1961, ground was broken for an addition to the old building. Dedication of this new building to the Lord was held June 17, 1962. Bros. Joe A. Getz, Dave Mangold and Theo Beer conducted the services.

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

Glen Joos, son of Bro. and Sis. Wm. Joos, and Bro. Jim Hohulin, son of Bro. and Sis. Ed Hohulin, have been inducted into the service. Their addresses are:

Pvt Glenn W Joos US 55758604
Co D 3d BN USAMTC
Class 10-B
Fort Sam Houston Texas

Pvt James L Hohulin US 55758616
Co D 3d BN USAMTC
Class 10-B
Fort Sam Houston Texas

With grateful hearts, we welcome six new converts. They are: Arlene Tanner (daughter of Bro. Wm. Joos, and Bro. Jim Hohulin, son of Bro. and Sis. Ed Hohulin), Melvin and Mary Helen Heinfeld, their son, Donald and Laura Steffen.

Sis. Rita Siebenthal has gone to Phoenix to spend some time.

A special meeting was held April 20, to ordain an additional minister for our congregation. Elder Bros. Dave Mangold, Joe Getz and LeRoy Huber assisted. The lot fell upon Bro. Robert Grimm. It is encouraging to have young men who are willing to give their time and ability to God's service.

A supper and singing was held for the single sisters over 40 years of age, on May 5. The Dells, Eureka, Roanoke, Gridley, Morton, Peoria, Tremont, Princeville and Cissna Park churches were represented.

Bro. Willis Wiegand was elected as trustee, to replace Ben Hohulin, whose term has expired.

In memory of our fathers—

My Father's Voice In Prayer

In the silence that falls on my spirit,

When the clamor of life loudest seems,

Comes a voice sweet in his tremulous notes,

Far over my sea of dreams.

I remember the family altar,

And by father kneeling there;

And the old tones thrill with the memory still,

Of my father's voice in prayer.

'Neath the stress of that marvelous pleading,

All childish dissensions died;

Each rebellious will sank conquered and still,

In a passion of love inside.

Ah, the years have held dear voices,

And melodies tender and rare,

But tenderest seems the voice of my dreams—

My father's voice in prayer.

GRIDLEY, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Mary Alyce Witzig

Elder Brothers Joe A. Getz, Dave Mangold, and Silas Leuthold were with us on Sunday, April 21, to assist in the ordination of Bro. George Gramm as elder, to help our elder Bro. Joe Klopfenstein because of his failing health. Bro. Klopfen-

stein was also present and assisted in the ordination.

Bro. Harold and Sis. Ila Gramm of Hancock were visitors on April 21. Services were held in the evening, in which Bro. Harold delivered a very inspiring message. Sisters Doris Zeltwanger, Marian Schmidtgall and Sharon Olson were also with them.

Donald Funk, son of Bro. Leo and Sis. Clara Funk, and Janet Schlipf of Fairbury were united in marriage on April 21. We certainly wish them the blessings of God.

Sis. Mona Stoller has been in the hospital for several days and is now home.

Sis. Marlene Leman of Elgin has been spending several days with her parents, Bro. Ezra Stollers, recuperating from minor surgery.

Marvin and Annette Kaupp, who are stationed at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, have a three-week leave, which they are spending in Gridley. John Kaupp is also on leave from the service.

LESTER, IOWA

Reporter: Emelie Knobloch
Our Sunday School

It is wonderful how the children enjoy and have the opportunity to hear God's teachings today. In my youth, we never had the convenience to have Sunday School for the children, unless one was able to read.

Sis. Pauline Feucht said, When our church first started in the 1890's, the mothers had Sunday School after church services, around an old wood heater in the center of the assembly.

We at present have six brothers teaching, Alvia Meyer, Martin and August Knobloch, Raymond Feucht, Philip Mogler, Elmer Metzger; and five sisters, Marjorie Mogler, Naomi, Betty, Paulina, and Emelie Knobloch. Bro. Elmer Metzger is Sunday School Treasurer. Bro. Meyer has taught for the longest period of time. We have several brothers who have been released due to illness or age.

At the close of our Sunday School in January, we had approximately 145 children. We have Sunday School in the morning, as this seemed to work out better for all. I am not sure as to teaching, vacation, or age procedures at this time. I think some changes may be made when we move into our new rooms. We are to have several

new individual rooms, some divided with folding curtains, utilized from our old rooms. Our Sunday School will be in the new portion of the basement.

I am sure the teachers and children will enjoy resuming Sunday School in our new spacious rooms.

May God be with us all through this coming year.

Among the ill: Sis. Carrie Metzger has not been feeling well. Bro. Jacob Knobloch is hospitalized at present, following a heart attack. Bro. Elmer Metzger had surgery on his knee.

Birth: Bro. and Sis. Ezra Knobloch, a daughter, Gloria Lynn, on April 10.

We enjoyed the many visitors who spent the Easter Holidays with us.

The tile for the Sunday School has not been laid. Our painting is progressing nicely.

PHOENIX, ARIZONA

Reporter: Averil Stevig

At this time of the year, many students graduate from various levels in the schools of our land. Graduation is a most memorable occasion, for it marks the successful culmination of several years of study and, in many cases, the beginning of several years more in high school or college. On the occasion of this milestone in our education, on this world, the importance of education is brought to our minds, and we see how very fortunate we are in this land, where we all have the opportunity of education. Paradoxically, important as it is in our lives, education should only be secondary to us, for our spiritual life should occupy the peak of our attention at all times. All of us are attending the School of Life in preparation for the one, great, final Graduation. Let us pray earnestly and work fervently that we may receive the diploma of Everlasting Life in Heaven, on that day.

Easter Sunday was a most blessed day for us. About 45-50 members and friends gathered early in the morn at South Mountain Park. On a little mountain overlooking the city and the sunrise, we sang hymns, telling of our Lord's suffering, shameful death on the cross, and of his glorious, eternal resurrection. Afterwards, breakfast was prepared, and we ate un-

der the ramadas in the cool, morning air—no doubt, it was much like the morning when Mary went tearful to the grave of our Lord, only to find that death no more immured the Saviour.

We were so happy to have visiting with us, Bro. Joe and Sis. Connie Beer. They stayed at the home of Sis. Connie's parents, Bro. Richard and Sis. Barbara Schupbach. Bro. Joe, who is stationed in San Francisco in the service, will receive his discharge in August.

We wish to report our friend Bob Lemons' change of address:

Pvt Robert D Lemons US 56337987
Service Co USAG 3165
Ft Gordon Georgia

Sis. Clara Banwart is improving satisfactorily, after suffering for several weeks from a blood clot in her leg.

We are happy to have Sis. Rita Siebenthal from Goodfield in our midst. She is here to enjoy our warm sunshine, relax, and regain her health.

Mother

Every time I think of you
Throughout the busy year,
I feel a little extra glow
Of happiness and cheer—

And to myself I smile, and wish
That somehow I might say,
The thoughts that creep into my
heart
In such a happy way—

So if you'll read between these
lines,
As I have hoped you'll do,
You'll find each happy little
thought
That I have had of you!

ROCKVILLE, CONNECTICUT

Reporter: Carlton J. Lanz

The Easter season, much more so than others, brings to mind the "Great Sacrifice" that Christ our Saviour made, to bring salvation to the souls of mankind. That to know its purpose, in this we can rejoice.

We enjoyed a good many pleasant hours together during the past holidays. Bro. John Widrich of Croghan, (who recently was ordained elder) helped Bro. John Bahler, our elder, serve communion here, on the Sunday following Easter. As it appeared, the number

partaking of this holy rite was unusually large.

The funeral of Bro. Fred Hoffman, 70, who died April 22, at Roanoke, was held on April 26. Bro. Fred, who had lived in Ellington most of his life, had in recent years shared his time between his son and daughter, Bro. Rudolph of Roanoke and Sis. Helen Kloter, here at Rockville.

Brought here by train, his body was accompanied by Bro. Joe Zimmerman. Also here for the funeral were Bro. Dave Hodel and his wife—all from Roanoke.

Services were conducted by Bro. Joe Zimmerman and Bro. John Bahler. Burial was beside his wife, in Ellington Center Cemetery.

BREMEN, INDIANA

Reporter: Joseph L. Bauman

A very important part of the church is the Sunday School. Who can fully know the importance the Sunday School plays in the lives of our young people? From childhood, an old school motto has always remained with me. It read, "Not for school, but for life we learn."

The Sunday School has a very important function of teaching not only moral principles for this life and how to live it. Its obligation is the all important one of teaching the truth and the way to eternal life, as well.

The Bremen Sunday School has made steady growth and continues to grow. Our building facilities have been somewhat inadequate to meet the needs of all our classes. Our dining room space is entirely used for Sunday School rooms. Our Sunday School superintendent is Manny Steffen. Our Sunday school attendants are divided into seven classes. A hearty welcome always awaits anyone who would care to visit our Sunday School.

We regret our failure to report, last month, the visit of Bro. Joe Zimmerman from Roanoke. His visit was a blessing to our congregation, as well as to quite a number of visitors from Milford. We were most grateful for his visit.

Sunrise services were held in the Bremen church Easter morning, following which a breakfast was served. All those who attended received a great blessing from this service.

Sis. Audrea Ladig is recovering

from a recent operation, but is still not feeling able to attend services. We hope for her complete recovery soon.

FAIRBURY, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Joyce Huber

We were happy to have Elder Bro. and Sis. Noah Bauman, Bro. and Sis. Ben Hartzler, and Bro. and Sis. George Riggenbach from Rittman, on Sun., April 21. In inspiring messages, Bro. Bauman and Bro. Hartzler brought out that, even though God knows that of which we have need, He commands that we ask for it. All that we have is from the Lord, and we ought to praise and exalt Him continually.

Bro. and Sis. Lloyd Bachtold were blessed with a new baby girl, Jean Ann, who is also welcomed home by two sisters.

Bro. and Sis. Lowell Stoller, Princeville, Bro. and Sis. Ed Ringger, Bro. and Sis. Al Ringger, Gridley, visited us Sun., May 5. Bros. Stoller and Ringger brought to our remembrance our duties after we're converted: We must accumulate faith, virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness, brotherly kindness, and charity.

Bro. Eli Leman, Administrator for Fairview Haven, our A.C. "Home for the Aged" which has been in operation since Nov. 1962, reports they have 29 residents (capacity is 43), and approximately 15 full-time employees. The residents rise early and are ready to retire early, and as a whole, all seem very contented. They appreciate visitors, and especially wish to invite groups to come and spend an hour singing for them and with them. Anyone wishing to favor them with such a treat should notify them. In the evenings, sisters of the church take turns donating time and service to help the residents at bedtime. The volunteers are: Edna Stoller, Lorene and Leona Broquard, Mary Beth Maurer, Gertrude Moser, Louise Sohn, Martha Stoller, Jo Zimmerman, Laura Wenger, Lorene Geyer, and Joyce Huber.

GIRARD, OHIO

Reporter: Jesse C. Emch

Many of our congregation enjoyed a blessed Easter morning at the home of Bro. Harold and Sis. Kathryn Emch. Along with Sunrise Services, breakfast was served to all. Easter Sunday is now just a

few weeks in the past, but may we ever anew refresh our minds of what we were taught and how much it should mean to us.

Our guests on Sunday, April 28, were: Bro. and Sis. Elmer Blough, Sisters Florence and Annabel Hartzler and Ruth Ingold of Rittman. Bro. Elmer was a very welcome guest, as our song leaders were all away, and he took care of us so nicely.

Guests on Sunday, May 5, were Bro. Jim and Sis. Wieland and Bro. Daryle and Sis. Edith Wieland of Bay City, Orin Rufeners of Rittman, and Sis. Anna Hanla and her husband of Akron. It always brings back memories when Sis. Edith Wieland visits us, as she used to be one of our girls.

We are also very happy to have Sis. Louise Lance home with us for a few weeks. She has again returned to be with her son, George, in Iowa City. Sis. Louisa came home just in time to welcome a new grandson, Kenneth Charles, born to Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Lance of New Castle, Pa.

At this writing, Mrs. Alice Ancik is in the Warren Memorial Hospital, where she has undergone surgery. If all goes well, she should be home in a few days. Alice is a daughter of Sis. Gertrude Hecker. Bro. Harold Emch was in the Youngstown Hospital for a few days. Indication was that it was a heart attack; however we thank the good Lord it proved to be otherwise. Mr. McLean Sarle, who is now 84 years of age has had his share of misfortune and suffering. Within the last two years, he has fallen twice. The first time, he fell on ice and broke both wrists, the second time, he fell down a stairs in a large home, while figuring a decorating job. This time he broke both shoulders, one arm and one wrist. He has been in the hospital for over a month, and has needed special nurses round the clock. He made the remark to one of our brothers, that it requires faith in God. To acquaint us all with Mr. Sarle, he is a business associate of Sam Emch, who is a brother of Sis. Charlotte Emch. We hope and pray for a good recovery for Friend McLean, better known as (Muck) Sarle.

OAKVILLE, IOWA

Reporter: Mrs. Ezra Gerst

A baby boy, J. Richard, was born

to Bro. Jim and Sis. Betty Anliker. The baby girl born to Bro. and Sis. Willbur Seggerman was dead at birth. We sympathize with them. There was an error in the name of the baby girl born to Bro. Jess and Sis. Elizabeth Grimm. It should have been Tamara June. Sorry.

Sis. Minnie Freidinger, who makes her home with Bro. and Sis. Bernard Schear of Tipton, was ill and unable to attend church for several weeks, but we are happy to have her worship with us again. They live about 65 miles from the church, but seldom miss. We are thankful for such faithful ones in the church. Sis. Minnie just had her 78th birthday, and appreciated the cards sent to her.

Sis. Margaret Grimm was in the hospital for a week, but was again able to attend church services. Bro. Roy Kuntz was in the Burlington Hospital several days, and then transferred to the hospital at Iowa City. He is suffering from tetanus. His condition is still critical, but we hope by the time this goes to print, he will be much improved.

We were happy to have Bro. Joe Schrock minister to us on May 5. His wife accompanied him, also Bro. and Sis. Alvin Schrock. Bro. Joe brought us an inspiring message and reminded us of the time in which we are living. Bro. Gary Bucher and Sis. Lois and Bro. Conrad and Sis. Rolletta spent Sunday with us. They are home on leave from Fort Sam Houston and are visiting Bro. and Sis. Leslie Gerst, also Bro. Arnie Gerst and family from Minneapolis.

We had quite a bit of storm damage in our community. There were turbulent winds and hail. Many buildings and homes were damaged, but we are thankful no one was hurt. Quite a few places, the trees were broken down, and surrounding the house and other buildings, some huge trees taken out by the roots. Quite a number of men got together and helped the ones most hurt by the damage. Some of the wives helped prepare the food.

Sunday School

Having been asked to write something about the Sunday School, I asked the Sunday School superintendent for a few words. He said, "We like to think of our Sunday School as we do our garden. Our garden is to provide for the future. We give it our love and

care by planting, watering and weeding. By God adding His blessing to our work, we can expect a harvest.

Sunday School works in like manner. We try to plant the seed of the word in the hearts and minds of our youth. We water the planting weekly, by adding more of the stories of the Bible to the youth. We weed, by teaching to do good and shun evil. When the Lord adds His blessings, this garden of youth becomes the church of tomorrow."

I asked a little boy of eight what he had learned in Sunday School that day, and was amazed to hear him tell the story so complete. How important it is to have faithful teachers to teach them the wonderful life of Jesus in its truth and purity.

Talking to one of our ministers, he said, "The Sunday School bridges the gap between the home and the church. Children with proper home influence can learn, while still very young, those things in Sunday School which supplement the home instructions.

Here, in the painting of pictures and in hearing in simplicity of the life of Christ and his disciples, a deep impression is made, which grows and broadens as they advance from one class to another. By the time they leave Sunday School, they are able to understand the word spoken from the pulpit much better. They have a broader understanding of the Bible's historical background, and also have a better understanding of what God expects of them and their purpose in life.

Occasionally, we hear a convert state that, while they were out in the world, even looking for a church that would satisfy, the words that they heard while attending Sunday School resounded in their hearts and drew them back to the true church. These statements reflect some of the value that Sunday School imparts to those who attend."

May God bless the efforts of all these teachers.

RITTMAN, OHIO

Reporter: Mrs. Alvin Zollinger

As reported previously, the date for the dedication of our new church has been set for the first Sunday in June — June 2. We wish to extend an invitation to anyone who might wish to visit us. Please inform us a few days in advance,

who, or how many will be here.

Mrs. Rudy (Brenda) Zollinger had surgery recently. We are glad she is able to be at home again with her family.

On Easter Sunday, a daughter, Jill Lynn, was born to Lois and Jim Beres. The baby's grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Minnie Bauman.

Sis. Lillian Beery is convalescing at her home, after a major operation. She is slowly regaining her strength.

We are thankful that God still calls friends to repentance. Gary Maibach, son of Elmer and Sis. Alma Maibach, has accepted the invitation of the Lord.

On April 28, the engagement of Sis. Jeannette Imhoff and Bro. Dale Stoller was made known. Jeannette is the daughter of Bro. Clarence and Sis. Naomi Imhoff, and Dale is the son of Bro. and Sis. Mary Stoller. We wish them God's blessings.

Recently, Sis. Ruth Beery, wife of Bro. Karl, was hospitalized for two weeks. We hope she will soon be feeling well enough to assemble with us again.

Steven, eleven-year-old son of Bro. Herbert and Sis. Bernice Bauman, had the misfortune of being bitten by a dog. He received facial injuries, but was able to attend Sunday School recently.

Bro. Kenneth and Sis. Jane Hartzler are the parents of a son, Keith Edward, who was born May 6.

Once again, another school year is drawing to a close. Our young people will be graduating and going forth to face a future filled with many decisions and new responsibilities. May each one commit their ways unto the Lord, for God's word says, Seek first the kingdom of God, and all other things shall be added. His promises are true. He will lead the way and provide for all who put their trust in Him.

FORT SAM HOUSTON, TEXAS

Reporter: Norman L. Haerr

During the month of April, the Fort Sam group had a first . . . one of our boys got married. Emanuel Gerber, son of Bro. and Sis. Obed Gerber of Bluffton, was married to Jennie Schultz, daughter of Sis. Rozella Schultz, of Naumburg, New York, on the 14th of April. This is the first time the group has been privileged to witness a wedding down here, and it was quite

enjoyable for all of us . . . especially for Emanuel and Jennie.

The matron-of-honor was Doris Lyndaker, sister of the bride; bridesmaids were Carol Charter and Lila Moser, friends of the bride . . . all from New York. The groomsmen were Virgal Graf, California, who is stationed here at Ft. Sam; Gary Ringger of Bluffton, and Lyle Young, who is stationed at Ft. Hood and is a friend of the groom. Elder Bro. Sam Aeschliman of Bluffton performed the ceremony.

Among others in attendance were Bertha Albers, aunt; Norman Schultz, brother; Sis. Rozella Schultz, mother of the bride; and his parents, Bro. and Sis. Obed Gerber.

The weekend of the 28th, we enjoyed having in our presence Bro. Michael and Sis. Emma Weyeneth of Peoria. Bro. Michael ministered unto us at our usual services. We especially appreciate the effort put forth by him, in coming so many miles to be with us. He was in the Army during World War I, and it was quit interesting to hear about his experiences. It also made us realize and appreciate the fact that we are not involved in a major war, as he was.

The following is a schedule of visiting ministers: May 26, Fort Wayne; June 9, Milford; June 23, Congerville. We ask you again—when coming to San Antonio, please contact someone of the group.

As the days turn into weeks and the weeks into months, it makes a person realize that our time in the Army is progressing—but it is moving on. However, maybe not as fast as we would like, more important than thinking about our total time left is how are we living today—we must live one day at a time, because this is the important "time" of our life. "Today, I will live as I hope to be living when Christ comes", should be our thinking—Yes, today is the time to be thinking about—not two years from now, but now. Let us all pray for, **Grace sufficient for the day.**

MAYWOOD, CALIFORNIA **Reporter: Christine Locher**

Sunday, April 14, was a blessed day, when Pete Schick was proved and baptized. We rejoice with Bro. Pete, and wish him God's grace.

Sis. Eva Fuhrer mentioned that

she would like to convey her thanks and appreciation for the cards, gifts, notes and words of comfort expressed, while she was handicapped with her broken arm.

My mother, Sis. Julia Dapper, has submitted to a second operation on her back. She is confined to the hospital and will be for quite a time. God has heard our prayers and has watched over her. We trust he will be near her during the many months ahead. Her address is:

St Francis Hospital Room 504
Century Blvd and Imperial Hwy
Lynwood California

Our visitors for the month were Bro. Joe and Sis. Connie Beer, stationed at San Francisco, their home being Phoenix; Bro. Levi and Sis. Lillian Pfister, Winthrop; Ruth and Sis. Emma Strahm, Sabetha.

NEW MARTINSVILLE, W. VA. **Reporter: Mrs. Gus Weltz**

Mrs. Emma Berger was very painfully, but not seriously, hurt when she fell down two steps of a stairway in the home of her son, several weeks ago. She has been confined to her room, but is improving nicely and will soon be able to be out again.

Mrs. Mary Burgess visited recently with her daughter in Monroe Height, Pa.

Mrs. Lucy Baysinger of Butler, Pa., and Mrs. Elizabeth McGuiet of Washington, Pa., were recent guests of their aunt, Della Witschey, and other relatives.

A. E. Riggenbach, Mrs. C. O. Wade, Mrs. Elza Ritz and Mrs. Gus Weltz attended services at the Monroe Church on Sunday, April 28

There will be an all-day service at the country church on Sunday, June 30, beginning at eleven a.m. with a hymn sing, lunch will be served at the church at noon, and an afternoon service held. Facilities are not so good, but we plan to have light refreshments, coffee if the weather is cool, and cold drinks if the weather is hot. Everyone who can come will be welcome; we will do our best to be good hosts for the day.

We are happy to hear of the Dedication of the new Sanctuary at the Rittman Church on June 2,

and we plan to be there if conditions permit.

J. W. (Bill) Witschey died very suddenly on Wednesday, April 10. He was the son of John E. and Elizabeth Emch Witschey, and had always been a farmer. He was past 83 years of age; his wife preceded him in death. He is survived by three sons and five daughters, two sisters and three brothers. Services and interment took place on April 13.

Mrs. Emma Harris, a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Hassig, passed away on May 2. She was a resident of Sistersville, W. Va. She is survived by five daughters; two brothers, John Hassig of Sterling, O., and Albert Hassig of New Martinsville; and two sisters. Services and interment took place on May 4 in Sistersville.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Witschey of Carbondale, Colorado, visited with relatives and friends here on May 6, 7, 8. Mr. Witschey was born and raised in this community, but has lived in Colorado for many years.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Durig and son, Keith, of Girard spent the week-end of May 12, here, with the Barth families.

PORTLAND, OREGON **Reporter: Mrs. Paul N. Rumbold**

Mark and Janet, children of Bro. Robert and Sis. Nilah Fischer, are back in Sunday School, after having been confined to their home for several weeks with the mumps.

The Sunday School gave their program on Easter. We always enjoy hearing the children express themselves.

Bro. John and Sis. Betty Klaus and children spent several days in Portland, enroute from Japan to their home in Eureka. Their experiences there were related. This was interesting.

PULASKI, IOWA **Reporter: Mrs. Ray Martin**

Our congregation was saddened by the death of our dear sister, Emma Kinsinger, age 79, who died April 14 at the Davis County Hospital in Bloomfield, after an extended illness. We surely will miss her in our congregation.

Surviving are a sister, Sis. Mrs. Kathryn Williamson of Pulaski, and a brother, Bro. R. O. "Pat" Kinsinger of Elgin, Illinois. She was preceded in death by her par-

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Illinois.

ents, three brothers and three sisters.

Funeral Services were held on April 16 by Bro. Fred Grimm of Taylor. Assisting with the funeral services were Bro. Albert Wuthrich of Pulaski and Bro. Herman Kellenberger of Elgin.

Those attending the services were from Morton, Elgin, Winthrop, Taylor, and Pulaski.

On Easter Sunday, those attending with us were Bro. and Sis. Rueben Stoller of Gridley; Andy Miller and family of Ottumwa; and Alice and Bill and Barbara Haney of Clearfield.

Friend Billy Wuthrich, son of Bro. and Sis. Albert Wuthrich, is discharged from the Army now. We are glad he can be back with us again.

ALTADENA, CALIFORNIA

Reporter: Doris Graf

On Easter, we had Sunrise services in the mountains overlooking Altadena, and a picnic breakfast at Farnsworth Park. Visiting with us that day were: Bro. and Sis. Joe Beer, San Francisco; Mr. and Mrs. Norman Shock and daughters, Lori and Loni, and Suzanne Preiss, from Elgin, who were visiting their mother and family in Escondido, California.

We were so very glad that Bro. John and Sis. Betty Klaus and Faith and Melody could visit with us a few days, while on their way home from Japan.

Other visitors this month were Sis. Marie Foell, Elgin; Roy and Sis. Matilda Alt, from Gridley, Ill.; who visited their daughter's family, the Salisburys.

Bro. Bill Witzig flew home to be with his family in Morton, during his father's recent operation. We are happy to hear that he is doing so well. Also, Sis. Evelyn Lehman flew back to Remington, to be at her father's bedside. Both have returned.

In the hospital this month were our Elder Bro. Carl Kinsinger and Sis. Rose Langjahr. I am happy to report that Bro. Carl is well again, and also Sis. Rose was able to come to church recently. Bro. Joe Lorenz,

who has not been able to worship with us lately, was again present. Bro. Joe and his wife, Sis. Clara, are going to move in the near future. Their new address is:

1289 E Orange Grove
Pasadena California

LEO, INDIANA

Reporter: Mrs. Elias Souder

This month, we find little Dean Allen, son of Ernest and Dean Stoller, was among our sick ones. Dean Allen, with his parents, made several trips to the University Hospital at Ann Arbor, Michigan. However, both parents and doctor are pleased with the improvement shown.

Leah Conrad is also improved and able to be out again.

Frieda Bertsch spent a number of weeks in the hospital, and still is very ill. She has been moved to her home.

We had most of our group that worked on the last edition of the Zion's Harp present, Sunday, April 21. Katie and Fred Gutwein were not able to come. Sam and Minnie Aeschliman and Raymond and Ida Gerber joined at dinner at the Fellowship Center.

From Bremen, William and Annie Lemman, Henry and Leah Souder, and Stephen and Ida Stuart came. Henry Beer had the morning service; Henry Souder, the afternoon. John Baumgartner assisted in Sunday School.

Stephen Stuart told our editor, his thoughts, going through his mind, had been of Pete Schick.

During or near the time of World War I, they had been roommates together in Akron. Then, he read in the Maywood news the item about Pete Schick, that he was to be united with the church.

Other guests from Latty and Bluffton were present. Some were guests of Emmajean and Oliver Stieglitz.

At our midweek service, May 1, a group from Ft. Wayne visited us. It was a surprise for Joel Souder, on his 76th birthday.

Norman Stoller's meditation ended with, Let none be among those at that great judgment day, that the Lord must say those four terrible words, "One thing thou lackest".

We appreciated and enjoyed the Vesper Choir from Mansfield, Sunday, May 5. Long will it remain in our memory, how they rendered so beautifully, "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere". Our young friend, Larry Bocka, travels with the choir. He shows a doing we do well to note. Some years ago he had polio. Only a short while ago, he lost his dad, in a silo accident. One verse, touching and impressive, he spoke from his wheel-chair:

Somewhere the day is longer;
Somewhere the task is done . . .
Somewhere the heart is stronger;
Somewhere the guerdon won.

Dinner was served to about 200 at the Fellowship Center. Other guests from Milford, Bluffton, Rittman and Ft. Wayne were present.

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