

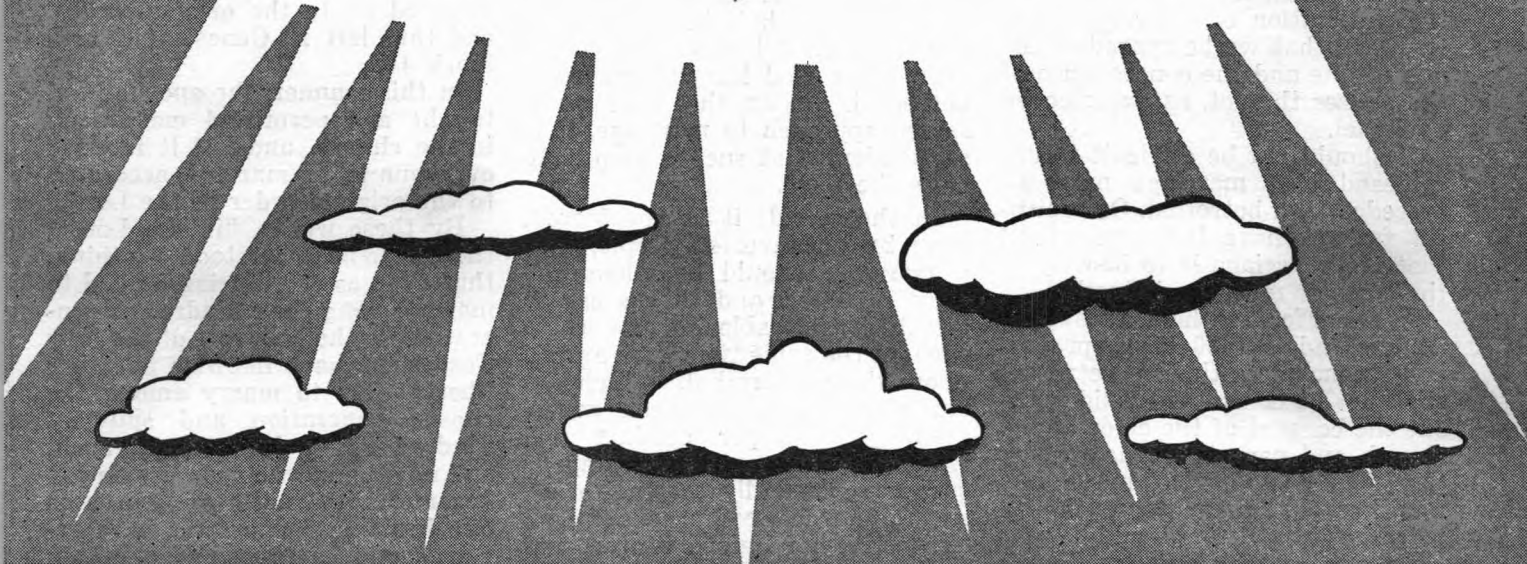
“Charity suffereth long,  
and is kind; charity envi-  
eth not; charity vaunteth  
not itself, is not puffed up,

Doth not behave itself  
unseemly, seeketh not her  
own, is not easily provoked,  
thinketh no evil;

Rejoiceth not in iniquity,  
but rejoiceth in the truth;

Beareth all things, be-  
lieveth all things, hopeth  
all things, endureth all  
things.

Charity never faileth:  
...”



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

# THE SILVER LINING

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THE REASON FOR SUCCESS IN GOOD THINGS NEEDS TO BE LOOKED AT, CLOSELY. IT DOESN'T HAPPEN BY CHANCE. ALWAYS ACT TO HOLD WHAT IS PROVEN GOOD.

## THE BELIEVER'S MARRIAGE

Bro. Noah Schrock

To the readers of The Silver Lining and all true Believers:

I have felt constrained for some time to submit an article on the important subject, "The Believer's Marriage". Therefore, I humbly submit the following, trusting it may be of some value, especially to the lambs of Jesus' flock.

The words of our Lord Jesus Christ, Mark 10:1-10, clearly indicate His concern that the New Testament church recognize the primitive institution of marriage as of God, and that we be spared of the misfortune and the consequence of the abuses thereof, as experienced by Israel.

It should not be difficult to understand that marriage must be preceded by a betrothal. Our faithful fathers have long recognized that if a marriage is to be only in the Lord, so must the betrothal.

In a conference held at Zurich, Switzerland, in 1850, it was prayerfully concluded that a betrothal shall not be considered valid without the consent of the elder of the church and parents. In the century that has passed, the church has found value that the approach of a betrothal to a sister should be preceded by seeking out the Lord's directive, through earnest prayer, and upon gaining such directive, to share his experience with his elder and parents.

Such evidence of the Lord's permission till shared, rests on one witness. Such weighty matters should rest on the testimony given of God to two witnesses. Therefore, the brother's testimony is conveyed (preceded by his assurance that he is standing in grace, being free from sin) to the sister, by his elder or whatever brother has been entrusted to such duties, with the exhortation to seek through earnest prayer the Lord's directive and also to examine herself, if she is pure in heart. In the event she receives a testimony of the Lord that God has directed her to accept the proposal, and upon her answer

being conveyed to the brother, this arrangement now assumes the status as being betrothed in the Lord.

A betrothal was considered valid in the law of Moses. If a betrothed virgin consented to being seduced, the penalty of death awaited her, the same as a married woman. Deuteronomy 22:23-24.

I realize that the church is subjected to ridicule because it seeks to safeguard the sanctity of a God-directed betrothal, in the procedure to which it has adhered. However, since God has recognized a betrothal, under the law, as a sacred approach to marriage, it is self-evident that such a step is to be in the Lord.

In the world, it is considered, even by unconverted people, that a marriage should be solemnized by a minister, and they seem to attach considerable importance to such, at the same time have agreed upon their betrothal, which, in many instances, has been generated by improper conduct and would be very embarrassing if such were generally known. For us, such a church wedding would be a hypocritical, religious veneer, and in the eyes of God would desecrate, rather than sanctify marriage.

Inasmuch that it is generally accepted by people of all walks of life that a marriage should be solemnized by a minister, why should it seem ridiculous that a betrothal should not also be considered of sufficient importance, that would suggest that a minister who is provided by the church be asked to be helpful in this weighty matter and bring it to a conclusion in the Lord?

The Believer's Marriage has been a weighty matter for centuries, among God's people. I herewith submit an article, taken from "Martyr's Mirror", written on April 21, 1632, in a Confession of Faith at Dort, Holland, entitled the "State of Matrimony".

### The State of Matrimony

We confess that there is, in the church of God, an honorable state of matrimony of two, free, believing persons in accordance with the manner after which God originally ordained the same in Paradise, and instituted it Himself with Adam and Eve, and that the Lord Jesus Christ did away with, and set aside all the abuses of marriage which had meanwhile crept in, and referred all to the original order, and thus left it. Genesis 1:27 and Mark 10.

In this manner, the apostle Paul taught and permitted matrimony in the church, and left it free for everyone to be married, according to the original order in the Lord.

By these words, "in the Lord", there is to be understood, we think, that even as the patriarchs had to marry among their kindred or generation, so the believers of the New Testament have likewise no other liberty than to marry among the chosen generation and spiritual kindred of Christ, namely such, and no others, who have previously become united with the church as one heart and one soul, have received one baptism, and stand in one communion, faith, doctrine, and practice, before they may unite one with another by marriage. Such are then joined by God in His church according to the original order; and this is called marrying in the Lord, I Corinthians 9:5, Genesis 24:4, 28:2, and I Corinthians 7:39.

After a betrothal has been consummated after godly order, the final step is the uniting of the two in holy matrimony. This is accepted as the second most important step in life and here again, there should be a difference between a marriage of believers and others.

The solemnity of this act should prevail throughout all of its aspects. Simplicity and modesty should grace the scene, from every angle.

The question of a wedding ring has been discussed, and advocated by, fortunately, only a few. On this subject, I would only say that we use the Scriptural passage, "What therefore God has joined together, let not man put asunder".

Do we have to resort to a cold, lifeless object, to confirm what God has done?

When Aaron made the golden calf, he did not intend to commit sacrilege, but the people wanted something visible to confirm what God had done. It met with God's displeasure.

If a ring is needed to remind us what God has done, we are accepting a **man-made** form. We humbly accept a testimony of faith, that our sins have been forgiven, and that we belong to God through Christ. The very thought would be repulsive to wear a crucifix or some other insignia, to confirm our

blessed standing in grace.

It is said, of the need of a wedding ring, it is a protection, so they would escape being molested by evil men, etc. If married, believing women exercise the modesty and outward appearance prescribed by the word of God and they possess the inner purity, their very countenance, beaming with joy in the Lord, is a better and more convincing testimony and offers a greater safeguard than **any outward, metal band.**

I doubt if, in this evil world and adulterous generation, the rank and file of people concede that it necessarily follows, a woman with a wedding band is virtuous. The ring might indicate that the two are married, but does not prove that they are married to each other.

If the ring offers a measure of protection to the wearer. what

then does the unmarried, believing woman have to ward off the would-be seducers?

The conclusion of the matter can, perhaps, best be summed up by the experience our faith has made and the blessings our church has received, by following the example of the Holy Scriptures.

It can be said, without question, that marriage in the faith by the children of God has certainly proven true the words of the **Zion's Harp Hymn:**

This union of our hearts  
Shall stand through grace in Jesus;  
We walk the path of life  
While cheer and trust increases.

Where God in truth abides,  
Where two join hand and heart,  
We find a threefold cord,  
Not lightly rent apart.

## CITY OF GOD

Henry Souder Jr.

So **this** is the end! **It's** not strange.

These are the things we love!  
Our heart is here!

The heavenly home, how beautiful is it! The speakings cannot be spoken. The harps and the hymns are heavenly. These are our people!

We are come to this.

"... ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem..."

Address change... the city of God... our name is written in heaven. Our hearts are there.

Home is the loveliest place of all. It is nice to wonder about that mountain view... to think about dear hearts... and to ponder how real and at home it will be inside those limits.

Then... when Jesus returns to earth, home will be here. All his saints will come with Him and be at home. Again, its the beautiful, high, far off view...

Then, kept with Jesus, we shall see a fiery, blazing end of the first heavens and the first earth.

With no end is the home of the

ages of ages... When John was to be shown the new Jerusalem, he was taken to a great and high mountain. The design, the proportions, the colors described give reason for our hearts to beat with joy.

Home is where the heart is satisfied.

"Let brotherly love continue."

Do you know how it will feel to be in that city?

Love abideth and never fails... love will flow in that city. God is love. To know the Father and the Son is eternal life.

It is wonderful, something we know, the life of that city.

Now, faith works by love. Also, love hopes.

Love is an undividable unity. Therefore, it follows, that the more we do the things that love is, and do not the things it is not, the brighter the hope.

"Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee."

When the Hebrews listened to

this word, "conversation", they pictured their pilgrim walk. It includes more than talk; it is the entire conduct.

Our Lord's presence, and therefore hope, hinges on our conduct. Further, how rich the blessings are depends on how **close** the walk.

To covet is to wish for some **thing** that belongs to someone else. It can be money and property...

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but it can be more than this. The world's productions are a grouping of its desires . . . sinful wantings, that crane into what is another's.

Heroes want to deny, to win.

It takes real manliness to face up to real things. Jesus has fitted and prepared each of us a hero's role. Heroes are in the thick of the fight, and where needed . . . right down to the end.

"Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the word of God: whose faith follow, considering the end of their conversation."

If you are not satisfied, stay. If you are away, return. These words are all important to you. With love in our hearts . . . thinking of etern-

ity . . . we plead, RETURN. One of the pictures of the false prophet of II Peter 2 is that he despises government.

We want you with us on that great day.

It is pleasant and very lovely to "Remember". In the memory of good is that which abides for ever. There is soft glow and peace in thinking on a hymn . . . or feasting on a thought from the word and a sermon . . . or remembering a brother heart, with us for ever.

" . . . here have we no continuing city, but we seek one to come."

A new melody sometimes brings hesitation. When we learn, and step right in, we learn by doing. We leave each past imperfection. Each step becomes a new base for

what's ahead. The gems are beautiful.

High above breaks the light. Up there, hope views a wondrous skyline. Clouds may encircle here. There, soars our beautiful loveline.

A life that breaks down into days must soon be over.

To meditate in His word is to find success . . . Reading . . . thinking, but most of all, letting it come to grips with us, every moment, in our conduct, our conversation.

It is in doing we learn. In learning, we press on.

The gems are beautiful.

Perfect is the way of the Lord.

"By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name."

## SO EAT AND DRINK JOYFULLY

A letter from Bro. Schubach of Elgin, Iowa, to Mother Jacob of Rapperswil, Switzerland

This letter was given to our reporter at Princeville by Bro. Chris Martin.

Part only of the letter is printed.

Come now to the store, for I wish to give an order which contains my needs.

I have heard that because of the fear of God, you keep the Lord's Day, and lock the store, that the bell will not disturb your prayers, in concern for the salvation of your soul.

I have a warm trust toward you, that your dealings are upright.

Because you have given me much joy, I wish for you to retain all gain, which is more than anything earthly.

My order is as follows:

From your Lord's goods, take from the bolt labeled LOVE, a large amount, which I need for garments to keep the heart warm . . . the color to be clear white. The more this material is washed, the brighter and stronger it becomes. It is strong as death, we read. I have seen, myself, that you and your children have worn this for years. Cut as much as you can, give a good measure, for with the measure you mete, there will be mea-

sured unto you again from the Lord. Therefore, you will have no loss.

From the bolt labeled PEACE, I must have much. This material makes good, everyday clothing. My Father's children must have clean garments to labor in His vineyard, on the Sabbath, and in His house.

From the bolt labeled JOY, send many yards. These garments must be large, to enable us to praise God. Give some extra, because the weather is not always fair.

I know of no better material for such than the goods labeled "FRIENDLINESS", for since the children are still in school, and on the streets meet with others, they must be dressed in fashion, so that they are not mocked or ridiculed by others. In these garments, they need not be ashamed, because the richest Lord came in this fashion.

Now, I yet need, from the bolt labeled PATIENCE AND MEEKNESS, for head-coverings, so the children do not become irritable and easily provoked, one with another, for by this they will know one another, where they are from, and the virtues they have.

From the bolt labeled MERCY, which is velvet, I will need material, to make wherein the children can carry their lessons. So that the children do not become too much discouraged, they must be interchangeable.

Now, I should yet have boots and shoes. We need these, to be able with joy to hear the gospel preached.

Pray joyfully in the Lord, until we meet. I wish for you the rest on Sunday. You now have the pleasant time where your soul is refreshed and fed, so eat and drink joyfully.

Announcements of births, especially with the names, can be put to valuable use. For the Sunday School, it can be put on record, and thus keep a recording of little ones growing up. In getting to know them, even at an early age . . . all in the church can jot it down, memorize and can let Christian charity be bright, even from tiniest years . . . Knowing the name is important.

the editor

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS?

Write us, or tell one of the reporters, if so.

# NEWS

## BAY CITY, MICHIGAN

Reporters: Faye Wackerle  
Marlene Mosher

Several weeks ago, Bro. Joe Aberle and family from Sabetha visited here. We enjoyed Bro. Joe's message that he imparted to us. We wish to thank him and all visiting ministers who take the time to spend a Sabbath day with us.

There also were visitors with us recently from Roanoke, Goodfield, Eureka, Morton and Fairbury.

A fourth son, Blair, was born to Bro. and Sis. Roy and Margret Wieland.

Sis. Elsie Pashak is in the hospital. We hope she can return home real soon.

## PORTRAITS

### Please, Lord

Lord, I ask Thee to remember  
... Favors which I seek today ...  
For my many truly loved ones ...  
And the friends for whom I pray  
... See that all of them are happy  
... In the things they have to do  
... So that they throughout each  
hour ... Keep their gentle faith  
in Thee ... Give to them, dear  
Lord, Thy blessings ... When a bit  
of help they need ... And when-  
ever they may falter ... Show  
them where Thy pathways lead ...  
Send to them Thy guarding angels  
... To protect them in the night  
... Till the dark, expansive heaven  
... Brings to them the morning  
light ... Lord, I ask Thee for these  
favors ... With a fervent silent  
plea ... And if then Thou wilt yet  
do it ... Please think kindly, too,  
of me.

I believe if we all prayed more  
like this, it would be a much better  
world to live in.

## BERN, KANSAS

Reporter: Mrs. Lester Hartter

The Sunday School is vital and  
important, with its far-reaching  
arm, in teaching our unsaved  
friends and our children the way  
to heaven. Aren't we grateful to  
the many teachers, past, present  
and future, that give of their time  
and effort for this heavenly goal.  
Bro. Ben Leuthold is convaless-

cing, after an accident involving  
the truck which he was driving.  
For many years, he has maintain-  
ed roads.

Sis. Rose Ulmer attended serv-  
ices again, after being confined  
with a heart condition.

Ministering Bro. Carl Hartman  
and his wife, Sis. Louise, spent  
Sunday, May 19, in our church.  
Other visitors were Bro. and Sis.  
Matthias Strahm, who years ago  
lived near here, Bro. and Sis. Joe  
Stoller and Sis. Louise Stavenik,  
all from Sabetha, with the excep-  
tion of the Strahms, who reside in  
Yates Center.

As our son graduated, he receiv-  
ed some very inspiring advice, en-  
titled "If". It is good for all.

If you can keep your head when  
those about you are losing theirs,  
and blaming it on you,

If you can wait, and not be tired  
by waiting,

Or being lied about, don't deal in  
lies,

Or being hated, don't give way  
to hating,

And yet don't look "too good"  
nor talk too wise,

If you can think, and not make  
thoughts your aim,

If you can meet with triumph  
and disaster,

And treat those two life's chart-  
ings just the same,

If you can bear to hear the truth  
you've spoken,

Twisted by knaves to make a  
trap for fools,

And stoop and build 'em up with  
worn-out tools,

If you can talk with crowds and  
keep your virtue,

Or walk with kings, nor lose the  
common touch,

If neither foes nor loving friends  
can hurt you,

If all men count with you, but  
none too much,

If you can fill the unforgiving  
minute

With sixty seconds' worth of dis-  
tance

Yours is the earth and you'll be  
a man, my son!

Our prayers for the new grad-  
uates are that they will not forget  
the most important thing. I'm sure

they all know what we as parents  
and their Sunday School teachers  
have tried to impress and instill in-  
to their hearts—living for God!

## BURLINGTON, OKLAHOMA

Reporter: Mrs. Raymond Roth

Bro. and Sis. Reuben Farney re-  
turned home May 23, after spend-  
ing the past five and one-half  
months in Maywood.

Our annual cemetery and  
church-yard cleanup was the  
morning of May 23.

Bro. and Sis. Ronald Allenbach  
spent Sunday, May 26, in Gridley,  
Kansas, where Bro. Ronald attend-  
ed the meeting to make plans for  
a Sunday School Youth Fellowship  
this summer.

The Sunday School's annual pic-  
nic was held Sunday afternoon and  
evening, May 26, in Earl Diel's pas-  
ture. As the sun was setting in the  
west, the young and old gathered  
together and sang hymns, follow-  
ed by a benediction from Bro. Ron-  
ald Nelson.

The 1963 wheat harvest started  
here the last week in May, several  
weeks earlier than usual. Yields  
are not expected to be high, since  
this area has had no appreciable  
rainfall since last summer, and no  
covering of snow. This year's crop  
has largely been made on subsoil  
moisture. At this writing, harvest  
is delayed because of several days  
of rain, which will be beneficial for  
the sorghum grains that have been  
planted.

Sis. Lydia Ott has been a hospi-  
tal patient this past month.

Funeral services were held Sun-  
day afternoon, June 2, for Sis. An-  
na Kisling, who passed away at the  
Kiowa Rest Home on May 31. She  
is survived by her husband, Bro.  
M. A. Kisling, and nine children:  
George of Hazelton, Kan.; Sis. Ma-  
rie Schurter, Burlington; Elmer,  
Hazelton, Kan.; Sis. Edna Reed,  
Carmen, Okla.; Ralph, Nash,  
Okla.; Sis. Ruth Schurter, Elgin,  
Ill.; Mabel Bangerter, Leoti, Kan.;  
Bro. Frank, Burlington; and Ado  
Goeken, Cherokee, Okla.

Donna Schupbach, daughter of  
Floyd and Sis. Matilda Schupbach,  
was united in marriage, in the

bride's home, to Glen Piper of Dodge City, Kansas, on June 7.

**CROGHAN-NAUMBURG, N. Y.**  
**Reporters: Mrs. Laurence Farney**  
**and Mrs. David Schambach**

On May 11, two funerals took place in our church at Croghan. In the forenoon, Elder Brother John Widrick officiated at services for friend Jonathan W. Farney, ninety years old, father of Sisters Lydia (Mrs. Abner) Virkler and Loretta Graves. He had attended the church for many years. His wife, Sis. Matilda Hofer Farney, preceded him in death in May, 1937. He is also survived by another daughter, Mrs. Elmer Steiner, and a son, Merle Farney.

In the afternoon, Elder Brother John Bahler officiated at services for friend Leroy Virkler, brother of Sis. Cora Beyer (widow of Elder Philip Beyer), Bros. Leon and Sidney Virkler, and friend Michael Virkler.

On the week end of May 12, we were greatly blessed by the visit of Elder Brother John Bahler. He was accompanied by Sister Julia and Bro. Walter and Sis. Leah Gerber. Union services were held in the Croghan church on Sunday. Following afternoon service, he administered Holy Communion, assisted by Elder John Widrick. There was evening service in the Naumburg church. Between services, they served the Holy Supper to shut-ins, in their homes. Bro. Will and Sis. Martha, together with Bro. Roy and Sis. Joyce Schneider from Rockville, came for the Virkler funeral and met with us on Sunday. We were also glad to have with us several other visitors from Rockville for the Sunday services.

Bradley and Sis. Regina Herzig are parents of a daughter, born May 22. She has been named Gwendolyn Sue, and has a sister and a brother.

Sis. Anna Virkler from Castorland recently spent a few days in the hospital for tests and observation.

Bro. John Merz is again a patient in the Lowville Hospital.

Sis. Vera Virkler is now staying at Bender's Nursing Home, and Sis. Isabel Virkler, who has been staying with her, has returned to her home in Castorland.

A2c Wayne Virkler has returned

to Lowry Air Force Base, after a 30-day leave, which he spent with his parents, Bro. and Sis. Bernard and Carolyn Virkler. Judy and Gary Schambach of Naumburg accompanied him back to Colorado. Paulette Schambach, daughter of Bro. John and Sis. Elizabeth of Elgin, Ill., also went with them.

**THE CROGHAN SUNDAY**  
**SCHOOL**

**Reporter: Mrs. Lawrence Farney**

Our Sunday School numbers about sixty, divided into five classes.

The beginners, of pre-school age, have a class room of their own, and are taught by Sis. Rita Petzoldt, with Sis. Regina Herzig as assistant. Besides teaching them songs and reading them Bible stories, they have cards to color that illustrate the stories.

The Primary class is taught by Sis. Doris (Mrs. Norbert) Steiner, who uses some outside material. The next class, taught by Sis. Amelia Belle (Mrs. Theodore) Virkler, uses the Bible for their study. The Juniors, under the instruction of Sis. Lillian (Mrs. Clayton) Virkler, use Egermeier's Bible Story Book.

The Senior class is taught by the superintendents, Bros. Lawrence Farney and Floyd Graves, with the Bible as their textbook. Since this class is composed of all the young folks from the age of thirteen and up, there are over twenty regular attendants, and the discussions are lively and interesting. The classes, excepting the beginners, meet in the dining room of the church, and coincide with the afternoon worship service, which convenes at 12:45. The class study is preceded by song and prayer for the entire group.

Although inactive in the Sunday School at present, we still have with us teachers who have many years of service to their credit. Among them are Bro. Reuben Farney (over thirty years), Bro. Leon Virkler, Sis. Barbara (Mrs. John K.) Virkler, and Sis. Katie Farney.

We were very pleased with the splendid attendance of little folks, as our young, married friends also are very faithful in having their children in the Sunday School. Our elder, John Widrick, comments: "It must be gratifying to our Sunday School superintendents and all our teachers that they have such

splendid cooperation and interest shown in the Sunday School. We thank the Lord for His rich blessing upon their labors, hoping we can be instrumental as ministers of the gospel, that our children's continual progress will be a glory to our Lord. We have the promise that His word will not return unto Him void, but that it will accomplish the results whereunto He sent it. "... Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God." St. Luke 18:16".

**NAUMBURG SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**Reporter: Mrs. David Schambach**

We are a small church; therefore, our Sunday School is relatively small compared to others. We use our dining room for classes, so have our Sunday School in the afternoon, with an enrollment of 30 pupils, which make up four classes.

Sis. Natalie Herzig has the pre-school class of three of Bro. Leland Hirschey's children. She has been the teacher of this class since 1957, and uses "Little Learners" for material.

Sis. Carolyn Schieler Virkler has the second class of six boys, ages 8 to 11. She has also taught since 1957. They completed "Footsteps to Zion", and recently started "Hulbert's Story of the Bible". Sis. Carolyn has found that by reading to them, they learn much more, and they are more interested. By taking the stories in consecutive order, the children are reluctant to miss a Sunday's story, as they miss the sequence.

The third class consists of 9 pupils, 2 girls and 7 boys, in the ages 12 to 13. They are taught by Sister Nina Schieler Beyer or Brother Raymond Stockburger, who has also served as superintendent since 1961. Their study book is the Bible. Sis. Nina has taught since 1957.

The fourth class is our Bible class of 12 pupils, taught by Bro. David Schambach. The Bible is their only source of material, and frequently they have quizzes or discussions on previous lessons. Bro. Dave has taught since 1948, starting with the Primary class and progressing up through the Sunday School with them. Some of the present Bible class are of the original Primary group that he started with. Along with teaching

these classes, Bro. Dave served as superintendent from 1954 to 1958.

It might also be added that our older Bible class looks forward to fellowshiping with the Croghan Sunday School class, as this more than doubles their number. Our two churches have union services at one place or the other, whenever we are privileged to have a visiting minister, as we are only a few miles apart.

### FAIRBURY, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Joyce Huber

"The Lord added to the church . . . such as should be saved." Once again God filled our cup to overflowing, as Sunday, May 19, Dave Kaisner, Mary Etta Knapp, and Lillie Ann Moore were baptized, after testifying of the wonderful, transforming power of Christ. Visiting Elder Bro. Joe Getz told them, the way of further blessings is by prayer, being studious in reading the Word, and striving for the fruits of the Spirit. We were happy to have Bro. August Bolliger of Tremont and many other visitors that day.

Our church voted for two new Sunday School teachers to fill the vacancies left by Bros. Ori Stoller and Eli Meiss. The chosen ones were Bros. David Kaeb and Reuben Huber.

Bro. and Sis. Sam Zehr were hosts at dinner on Sunday, May 26, to Bro. and Sis. Dave Kieser and others. Bro. Kieser inspiringly explained that the Israelites' sacrifice was to be a perfect lamb; and so, thus, our efforts and offerings to the Lord must not be crippled ones or according to our model, but be perfect and whole-hearted.

Bro. and Sis. Jim Hoerr and family, Bro. and Sis. Curtis Zeuker and family, of Peoria; Bro. and Sis. Richard Fehr and family, and Bro. and Sis. Bob Hohulin and family of Roanoke visited here Sunday, May 26, and were guests of Bro. and Sis. Dick Weigand. Bro. Jim also had an inspiring message.

### PEORIA, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Mrs. Michael Weyeneth

Our beloved sister in faith, Marie Moser, mother and grandmother, age 82 years, passed away Friday, May 3, at Proctor Hospital, where she had been a patient only a few days. She was a kind and loving person. All who knew her loved

her. We will miss her kind words and deeds. She lived with her son, Bro. Arthur Moser, and her grandchildren, who so dearly loved her. She also spent some time with her daughter, Sis. Ruth Steffen, and her family in Bremen. They will miss her visits. She leaves to mourn, her son, Arthur; daughter, Ruth; and the grandchildren. Her funeral was held Monday, May 6. A large number of relatives and friends attended.

Sis. Kathryn Pfaffman had the misfortune to be in an auto accident May 12. Her leg was fractured. She is suffering much pain. She is at Methodist Hospital and will be there for some time. We know she would enjoy mail. Her room number is 817.

The adult choir, led by Bro. Arthur Moser, sang at the Rest Moor Home for the sick and aged, Thursday evening, May 9. Bro. Michael Weyeneth accompanied them and had a short service. It was an evening well spent.

The A.C. Sewing Circle, who meet every Thursday at the church to sew were informed by the Cancer Society they have sufficient cancer pads until September. However, we still meet to sew for the hospital. Everyone, friends and members, are welcome to help.

Our Bible class, 40 in all, took a bus trip to Navow, Illinois. The trip included a trip through the cheese factory (Navow is noted for its bleu cheese). The scenic view along the Mississippi River was beautiful. Supper was served at the Hotel Navow. Hymns were sung on the way, and all in all it was a nice outing. The teachers accompanied the class.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Blumenshine, who are at Fort Sam Houston, were home for one week. Mrs. Blumenshine is Janet Wagenbach, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Lester Wagenbach. Janet was proved and baptized June 2. Many friends and relatives were here for the occasion. It was a blessed day. We are so happy for Janet. They will return to the Army camp.

Our Vacation Bible School, under the supervision of Bro. Arthur Moser, will begin June 10 and last two weeks. We are thankful for the volunteers who will assist and teach the different classes, also the mothers who will make cookies for the smaller children and help

along. How important it is to help along as a family in the house of God!

Wednesday, May 29, a son was born to Bro. and Sis. Marshall Heinold. His name is Curtis Dale. He has two sisters to welcome him, Elaine and Evelyn.

Those in the hospital at the present time are Sisters Emma Schaffer, Louise Mueller, Phoebe Eberhardt, Molly Perdilwitz and Anna Kipfer. Any good deeds we can do for the less fortunate, or to each other here on earth, will bring forth their harvest in eternity.

Sis. Anna Baer left for Germany, Wednesday, May 29, by plane. She is visiting her sister there, and expects to be gone three months.

### REMINGTON, INDIANA

Reporter: Emily Kilgus

On Sunday, May 5, the Cissna Park Bible class and several parents and teachers spent the day with us. Bros. Ezra Feller and Philip Gutwein were our guest ministers.

On Sat. evening, May 4, we gathered to hear the testimony of Orlan Siebenthal. He was accepted into the fold of God's children and was baptized on Sunday. Bro. Theo Beer and Bro. Irvin Lehman, also relatives from Gridley and Bay City were present for this holy act. It was heart-warming to see how the little children wanted to gather closely, in order to see this baptismal act in fullness. Many of them were absent at our baptism last winter. They were eagerly looking forward to this, because for several it was the first they remember witnessing. May it leave a lasting impression.

Bro. George Waibel received a painful leg injury, while operating a garden plow, and was hospitalized several days. We are thankful that he is again up and about.

Our graduating seniors this year are Marlene Schini, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Albert Schini, and Larry Pitman, son of Bro. and Sis. Odell Pitman. We wish them God's guidance and protection in whatever their undertakings may be.

### Do You Just Belong?

Are you an active member, the kind that would be missed?  
Or are you just contented that your name is on the list?

Do you attend the meeting and mingle with the crowd?  
Or do you stay at home, and crab both long and loud?

Do you ever go to visit a member who is sick?  
Or leave the work for just a few and talk about the clique?  
There is quite a program scheduled that means success if done,  
And it can be accomplished with the help of every one.

So attend the meeting regularly, and help with hand and heart.  
Don't be just a member, but take an active part.  
Think this over, member, are we right or are we wrong?  
Are you an active member, or do you just belong?

### UNION CITY, NEW JERSEY

**Reporter: August Mueller**

Sun., May 5. Today, we had visitors from Rockville, Bro. Carl Erisman, his daughter, Sis. Rosila, Sis. Louise Aberle and her daughter, Sis. Hilda Hany. We were very glad to have them in our midst. It was a day of joy and blessing, of which the world knoweth not. It is a great privilege and a blessing to enter into the house of God and to receive spiritual food and drink for our inner man.

We read in the psalms of David, how happy he was when they said to him, Come, let us go to the house of God. There, he found what he was in need of. He was not under the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ like we are. Nevertheless, he delighted in the law of Moses, and the Lord loved him for that and called him a man according to His own heart. How much more will God love all those that are redeemed through the precious blood of Jesus Christ, our Saviour, his only begotten Son, who gave His life for the sins of the whole world, that whosoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have everlasting life.

Sis. Ida Knecht was hospitalized five days, due to a severe loss of blood. We are thankful that she is home again, and hope that she will be among us soon again.

Sun., May 12, our visitors were Bro. and Sis. Clifford Farney from Rockville.

Sun., May 19 . . . Today, we only had morning service. The reason: Sis. Flo Keyser is still in the hos-

pital, where she went last August, and she can only be visited Sunday afternoons from two to four. It takes over an hour to get there from Union City. So our minister, Bro. John Diggelman and his wife decided to visit her. This was the only way he could do it. We only have one minister.

Bro. John is our ministering shepherd, and he is concerned about the welfare of his sheep, as a good shepherd should be. He has a big responsibility. It is good that we pray for him, but not alone for him but for all the ministers and elders.

Sis. Ida Knecht was with us today. Thanks be to God.

Sun., May 26 . . . Bro. Diggelman tells me that Sis. Flo Keyser is about the same. She needs the prayers of everyone. Today, we heard of the heavenly mansions which are not made with hands, and which only those will inherit that love and serve the Lord with all their heart and stay true and faithful till the end. We pray for grace and strength that we may be found worthy to enter into one of them, when our journey here will come to an end. We thank the Lord for all the blessings He does bestow on us.

### ELGIN, ILLINOIS

**Reporters: Louise Steffen and Katie Kachelmuss**

Bro. Dave Mangold was with us on May 5, for the morning service. He left at noon to perform the marriage of Betty Martin, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Carl Martin, and Arthur Metz, of Forrest.

A daughter, Heidi Jo, was born to Bro. and Sis. Howard Schifferer, on May 5.

Lorie Schock, 9-year old daughter of Bro. and Sis. Richard Schock, had an emergency appendix operation, on May 13.

On May 19, some of the young married couples of Bay City visited us.

On May 26, Bro. Art Gudeman and family visited our church. Bro. Art ministered to us. We received many teachings, and could learn from the messages if we were attentive to the Word. We thank him for coming, and hope he will come more often.

Sis. Gladys Weiss was hospitalized for a while, but is recuperating. Sis. Rose Lanz had surgery

on May 27. May the Lord be with them.

Bro. Joe Schrock, his wife, and his son, Byron, were with us for Bible Study on Tues. evening, May 28. The text he used for the lesson was Matthew 24. It was very inspiring and beneficial for all of us. Bro. Al. Fisher and his wife were also among us. We are glad for all our visitors.

Jim and Shirley Wewetzer of Lynchburg, Va., have a little girl, Sharon, born May 20. Jim is the son of Bro. and Sis. Albert Wewetzer of Elgin.

One of our aged sisters, Minnie Weiss, fell and broke her hip. She has been living at a home for the aged, where she fell, and was taken to St. Joseph Hospital, Elgin, Ill. We wish her God's help and strength in her affliction.

We had the privilege of having with us, on June 2, Bro. Earl Zeltwanger of Bremen. We were richly blessed, and the messages and teachings to us were very upbuilding.

### EUREKA, ILLINOIS

**Reporter: Cathryn Wettstein**

Visitors the past month have been as follows: Bro. Earl Kilgus—Remington; Bro. Vernon Schwab—Wolcott; Bro. John Rokey—Goodfield; and Bro. Leroy Hartman—Peoria. We are always grateful for all who visit us, and we hope they will return soon.

Births—To Allen and Nathalia (Stoller) Getz, a son, born May 3. His name is Wayne Allen; To Bro. Richard and Sis. Marge (Leman) Rocke, a son, born May 7. His name is David James.

May 13, Kay Lynn was born to Richard and Sis. Nelma (Aeschlieman) Eastman, but the little girl failed to survive, after two days. Graveside services were held May 16, at the Roanoke Apostolic Cemetery. Bro. Vernon Leman was in charge.

Those in the hospital at this time are—Sis. Christina Unzicker, Sis. Anna Bittner and her husband, Bro. John, Sis. Rose Wuetrich, Sis. Lena Wiegand, and Sis. Rose Wettstein. May God be near each one and help to make all pains bearable, for He has promised to help all who ask for grace and strength in times of need.

May 26 was our monthly singing at the church. The "Mortonaires" were special guests. They sang



several songs, which were enjoyed by all present.

May 29, George Haecker, aged 76, passed away very suddenly at the Eureka Laundromat, where he was manager. His funeral was Friday afternoon, May 29, at the church. Bros. Leroy Huber and Michael Weyeneth were in charge. Burial was in Olio Cemetery in Eureka.

Vacation Bible School will begin June 3, and will be held for two weeks.

These are our shut-in folks—Sis. Anna Stoller has been shut-in for a number of years. Sis. Sarah Knepp has been shut-in for a long time, too. Sis. Elizabeth Bradle has sold her home and has gone to live at the A.C. Home in Peoria. She hasn't been able to assemble with us recently. Ned Kempf has nearly lost his sight, but is planning to have cataracts removed, and then he may be able to see again. Sis. Bertha Walder, from Cissna Park, who has been staying with her sister, Sis. Tillie Wittmer, for some time, hasn't been able to come to church either.

#### GOODFIELD, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Marian Wiegand

On May 19, Bro. Fred Grimm of Taylor brought an inspiring message to our congregation.

Bro. Hans Hinrichsen was able to return home, after spending about a week at the hospital.

Glen Joos and Bro. Jim Hohulin are home on furlough from Ft. Sam Houston.

About 20 pupils of the Bible Class spent Sunday, May 26, at Taylor.

Bro. Elmer Bauman received emergency treatment at the Eureka Hospital, after a mishap on the farm. It was necessary to use 18 stitches to repair the damage to Bro. Elmer's jaw.

We are in the midst of our Vacation Bible School. Approximately 70 children are attending.

The following is a corrected reading for a news item from the April Silver Lining . . . the editor.

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

#### ILLINOIS STATE NORMAL UNIVERSITY

Reporter: Joyce Kaufmann

On May 9, Bro. Henry Grimm from Morton was our guest speaker. Acts 1 was the basis for his message and the discussion which followed.

Bro. Walter Anliker from Eureka was our guest speaker on May 16. After the services, the men's octet from Eureka and Roanoke presented a short program of some of their favorite hymns.

Our Bible Class was conducted as a study group on May 23. The discussion, along with the scriptural reading, was conducted by Bro. Carl Frautschi from Bloomington.

May 30, the last Bible Class this semester, Bro. Maurice Frank from Chicago was our guest speaker.

#### MILFORD, INDIANA

Reporter: Arthur Haab

The Silver Thimble had a mother-daughter tea. They are planning a trip to Westville State Mental Hospital on June 4. The Charity-ettes had a mother, father, and daughter banquet.

Visiting ministers at the funeral of Sis. Eliza Haab were Bro. Vernon Leman, Eureka; Elder Bro. George Sinn, Latty; Bro. Robert Beer, Mansfield; and Bro. Carl Kipfer, Bluffton. The following article was found in Sis. Haab's Bible after her death:

The following notice was found on a church door. It might be applied to any church.

"Missing: Last Sunday, several families from the church. Stolen: Several hours from the Lord's Day, by a number of people of different ages, many of them dressed in their Sunday clothes, some dressed in their work clothes: Strayed: Half a score of lambs, believed to have gone in the direction of "No Sunday School." Mis-laid: A quantity of silver and copper coins on the counters of amusement centers.

Whoever assists in the recovery of the above will in no wise lose their reward."

On June 2, we were blessed by a large group of Sunday School children and their teachers from Francesville. We want to thank them for their help and the program in which they took part.

We are happy to report that we have no sick shut-ins at this time.

#### MORTON, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Mrs. B. E. Getz

Bro. LeRoy Huber of Eureka, Bro. Phil Sauder of Cissna Park, Bro. Gene Bertschi of Roanoke and their wives spent Sunday, May 5, with us. Bro. Huber helped with the baptism of Donald and Larry Bertschi, Karen Kaiser and Eugene Strunk.

Bro. Ezra Feller of Cissna Park brought us an inspiring message on May 19. He was accompanied by his wife and daughter, Bro. and Sis. Wm. Feller, Bro. and Sis. Earl Feller, the Henry Knapps, Chris Sinns, Joe Waldbesers and Albert and Laverne Kaufman.

We enjoyed the blessings of Holy Communion on May 26. Bro. Fred Grimm of Taylor and Bro. Frank Woertz of Goodfield assisted Bro. Joe A. Getz. Their wives also spent the day with us.

Funeral services for Louis Burger, age 62, were held May 9.

Sis. Lydia Miller, wife of Bro. Caleb Miller, fell and broke her hip.

Sis. Mary Alt was able to be brought from the hospital to the Restmor Nursing Home.

Bro. Carl Huber had the misfortune of breaking his heel.

Sis. Sarah Rapp had the cast removed from her leg, but will have to remain in the Methodist Hospital in Peoria for some time, for treatments.

A baby girl was born to Bro. and Sis. Lester Kaiser, on May 19.

Sis. Marie Schock, wife of Levi Schock, underwent surgery, but is recovering nicely.

#### PRINCEVILLE, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Ruth Ricketts

Bro. Walter Rehklaum ministered to us May 5. We are always glad to have him and his family visit us, as we all received many blessings from the precious word.

A number of visitors were present May 12, to observe Mother's Day with their mothers. We were happy to have Bros. Lester and Nelson Martin and Maurice Knapp of Eureka with us in Sunday School. We always welcome visiting brothers who are willing to help teach.

Our church was well filled with friends and relatives of our seven friends, who gave their testimonies of their new-found faith in Jesus Christ, our Saviour, Saturday evening, May 18. On Sunday, May 19, the following were added to the

fold: Eugene Siebenthal, son of Bro. Dan and Sis. Anna Siebenthal; Marvin Knobloch, son of Bro. Clarence and Sis. Emma Knobloch; Carolyn Banwart, daughter of Bro. Silas and Sis. Ida Banwart of West Bend; Doreen Meyer, daughter of Bro. Alvie and Sis. Emma Meyer of Lester; Janet Ellsasser, daughter of friends Phillip and Martha Ellsasser; and Elmer and Janet Martin, the son and daughter-in-law of Bro. Sam and Sis. Louise Martin. Bros. Joe A. Getz of Morton and LeRoy Huber of Eureka were present to help our elder brother, Silas Leuthold, in the provings, which was indeed a blessing for all. We all received many blessings, teachings, and encouragement in listening to the experiences of our dear friends.

Bros. Ernest Knobloch and Noah Gerber of West Bend, Albert Wuthrich of Pulaski, and Roy Sauder of Peoria were also present and ministered to us May 19, a truly blessed week end for all present. Evening services were held, with Bros. LeRoy and Noah lending themselves. May the Lord richly repay them for their services.

We were glad for the support of Bros. Arthur Leuthold and Alvie Meyer of Lester and Edwin Banwart of Oakville in Sunday School, the morning of May 19. May they, too, be rewarded for their efforts. I'm sure our young folks always appreciate visitors

A son, Joseph Alan, was born April 26, to Bro. Jerry and Sis. Wilma Kieser. A little sister, Barbara, welcomed him. On May 22, a son was also born to Bro. Alfred and Sis. Virginia Streitmatter. Scott William has two sisters and two brothers. Dean Alan was the third son born to Bro. Noah and Sis. Evelyn Herrmann, born on May 23. Bro. Alfred Hausman and Sis. Verla Stahl are the parents of their first child, a son, born May 28.

A most pleasant evening was enjoyed on June 1 by twenty-two handicapped people, who were guests of Frieda Kieser. There were six who came in wheel chairs. This group meets occasionally, and have learned to help each other with their various afflictions. They are all happy and carry their cross with a smile. Doesn't it give us all something to think about? Do

we appreciate our blessings and health enough?

A large number of our members were absent from our congregation June 2, as many went to Toledo to witness the wedding of Sis. Marie Rehklaue and Bro. Charles Kieser. The church was still well filled, as we were blessed with visitors from Chicago, Pulaski, and various places. Bro. Maurice Frank of Chicago and Bro. Cleo Rinkenberger of Pulaski ministered to us, and left us with much food for thought for the coming days. The brother's families were also with them. Sis. Esther Rinkenberger, however, spent the day in Peoria with her mother, Sis. Mollie Perdelwitz, who is quite ill.

Dick Tanner, son of Bro. John and Sis. Margaret Tanner, who was seriously injured in an auto accident in March, plans to leave in the next few days, to resume his studies at Omaha, Nebraska.

#### WOLCOTT, INDIANA

Reporter: Arles Kropf

A son, Steven Alfred, was born May 12 to Bro. Ted and Sis. Lynetta Hofstetter.

Allen Oberlander has been spending a furlough here with his parents, Bro. and Sis. Albert Oberlander, and family.

Our Vacation Bible School is being held the first week in June. The children from Remington are gathering with us. Our theme is "The Life of Christ."

Levi Kyburz submitted to surgery recently, but is again at home.

#### Sunday School Report

Our Sunday School at Wolcott is not a large one, having an enrollment of approximately 60 children, beginning with 4-year olds. They are divided into 6 classes, with 8 teachers.

Bro. Vern Lehman is our superintendent. Other teachers are Bros. Leon Waibel, Vernon Furrer, and Ted Hofstetter, and Sisters Gladys Widmer, Lena Lou Reuter, Irene Lehman, and Arles Kropf. The teachers are elected each year at our annual business meeting, with each serving a two-year term. They must have one year out before being re-elected.

Our Sunday School is held in the afternoon, rather than in the morning, as is the practice in most churches. By having it in the afternoon, it keeps our young people in

church all day, as they attend services in the morning and Sunday School in the afternoon.

We have around 30 children on our cradle roll (those under 4 years), so if it is the Lord's will, our Sunday School will be quite a bit larger in the next few years.

Our prayer is that these young children might receive, during their Sunday School years, sufficient understanding of the love of God that they will hold to our church as they get older, and can find grace to repentance when they reach the age of accountability.

#### DETROIT, MICHIGAN

Reporter: Vi Barton

We do thank the Lord bountifully for his love and mercy, in restoring to us Bro. Willard Belsley, who is able to attend church services once again, after a most serious automobile accident. Bro. Willard is still in a cast from chest to hips, but he is thankful he can get to church. We are also happy to have back with us in Sunday School, Bonnie Wieland daughter of Bro. Floyd and Sis. Perseda, who had an emergency appendicitis operation.

Our young singers met last at the home of Brother Paul and Sis. Esther Waibel. Periodically throughout the winter and spring, they sang at several neighborhood Convalescent and Old Folks homes, then meeting in the various homes for a light lunch.

We were exceptionally blessed May 19, when two elder brothers served us communion: Bro. Joe Waibel, Bay City, and Bro. Rudolph Graf, Akron.

Following was a church supper, to which all were invited. Many stayed for singing, at which time we had Bro. Bob and Sis. Marion Knochel and family from Bay City join us.

On May 26, we had Bro. Earl and Sis. Mary Ramsey and family of Bay City and Ernie Wiegele of Alto with us for a blessed day.

We would like to remind all, of our earlier starting time for church services. Services begin at 10:30 a.m., instead of 11 o'clock, as it had been for many years. Sunday School also begins at 10:30 a.m., and our afternoon service begins at 12:45 p.m.

Our Sunday School teachers are Sis. Arlene Belsley, pre-school to 1st grade; Sis. Linda Shaw, 2nd

and 3rd grades; Sis. Ruth Knochel, 4th and 5th grades; Bro. Paul Wai-bel, 6th and 7th grades; and Bro. Dan Knochel, 8th grade and up. We have approximately 65 in Sunday School, our latest addition being Sheryl Maibach, who was 4 years old last month. We pray for our growth, not only in numbers but in love also. May all our youth continue to grow in grace.

### FORREST, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Nancy Honegger and Martha Stoller

Bro. Ed Wenger submitted to surgery at the Fairbury Hospital on May 3. He has since returned home and is making a satisfactory recovery. His wife, Sis. Anna, is also recovering from her recent illness and has been able to attend church services several times. Their daughter, Sis. Aldine Wackerle, has spent some time here, to assist in caring for her parents during their illness.

On the way to Morton and Christian Endeavor, the Bible Class ate out with several Sunday School teachers and parents.

Bro. Carl Sohn has been on our sick list and has been confined to his home for some time.

Bros. Vernon Leman of Eureka and Wendell Gudeman of Francesville, with their families, were with us on Sunday, May 19. Their meditation was taken from Chapter 13 of St. Matthew, and was very fitting for this season of the year, comparing this season of spring-time sowing with the spiritual sowing of God's word. We were reminded that, in order to receive a blessing, we must have our hearts, as the seed beds, prepared and cultivated, so the good seed might find soil to take root and grow.

Bro. Sam Kilgus and his family from Remington were with us on May 26.

Sis. Rose Roth is a medical patient at the Fairbury Hospital at this writing.

### OAKVILLE, IOWA

Reporter: Mrs. Ezra Gerst

Our hearts were saddened by the death of Bro. Roy Kuntz. We sympathize with his wife, Sis. Ruth, and boys, Bobby 15, and Keith 12 . . . also his mother, Sis. Marie Kuntz, and Sis. Ruthie from Burlington. We surely will miss his presence in the church, as he was a faithful member.

Surgical patients at Burlington Hospital were Sisters Margaret Grimm and Wilma Stoller. Both have left the hospital and are recovering, but have not yet been able to worship with us. Sis. Rose Massner is in the hospital, but we hope that she, too, will soon be going home. Bros. Silas Leuthold and Dave Mangold visited us Thursday evening, May 23, and brought us the evening message. Their wives came with them. We appreciated their visit.

We are now on Daylight Saving Time. Our church services are at 10:30 A.M. and 12:45 P.M.

A baby boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Pflum on May 25. They named the baby Keith Alan. Mrs. Pflum's parents are Bro. Ernest and Sis. Bernice Frank. A baby boy, Scott Daniel, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Danny Anliker. Mrs. Anlikers parents are Bro. John and Sis. Bertha Wagenbach. A baby girl, Lynette Ione, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Earl Stoller Jr on May 27. Mr. Stollers parents are Bro. Earl and Sis. Ione Stoller.

### PHOENIX, ARIZONA

Reporter: Averil Stevig

#### The Day's Results

Is anybody happier because you passed his way?

Does anyone remember that you spoke to him today?

The day is almost over, and its toiling time is through;

Is there anyone to utter now a kindly word to you?

Did you give a cheerful greeting to the friend who came along . . .

Or a churlish sort of "Howdy," and then vanish in the throng?

Were you selfish, pure and simple, as you rushed along your way?

Or is someone really grateful for a deed you did today?

Can you say tonight, in parting, with a day that's slipping fast, That you helped a single brother of the many that you passed?

Is a single heart rejoicing over what you did or said?

Does a man whose hopes were fading, now with courage look ahead?

Did you waste a day, or use it?

Was it well or poorly spent?

Did you leave a trail of kindness, or a scar of discontent?

As you close your eyes in slumber, do you think your God can say . . .

That He's stored away in heaven for the work you did today?

We are happy to have with us Janet Wullschleger, from Wichita, who has obtained a job here and plans to make Phoenix her home.

Bro. Ed and Sis. Ann Reiger wished to express their thanks for the many cards, gifts, and letters received by them on Bro. Ed's birthday. It's hard for us who are well to realize how much a shut-in appreciates visitors and mail.

### SARDIS, OHIO

Reporter: Ruth Headley

On May 19, Bro. Fred and Sis. Erma Marty and Margaret and John Marty of Seville, Charlie Marty and wife of Bridgeport were our visitors.

Sis. Addie Grossenbacher, with her son and his wife, of Sterling, worshipped with us on May 26.

Sis. Emma (Mrs. Ferd Riggenbach) is slowly regaining her strength, since her fall almost two years ago. She is now able to attend services regularly.

Sunday, May 26, Sis. Hazel Riggenbach, Betty Riggenbach, and Sis. Ruth Headley visited at the home of Sis. Ada Riggenbach, who has been unable to attend services regularly for several years. She thoroughly enjoys all visitors and any cards she may receive. We wish her God's richest blessings. Anyone wishing to remember her may address mail to

Ada Riggenbach

Route 2

Sardis Ohio

### BLUFFTON, INDIANA

Reporter: Frieda Kipfer

Three of our brothers have finished their course, and were laid to rest, in the past month.

Bro. Joel Aeschliman, 78, passed away at his home in Bluffton on May 23. Death was attributed to a heart attack. He had been ill four years.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Charles (Marion) Wilhelm and a foster daughter Sis. Clara (Harry) Tonner; eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; eight brothers and sisters, John of Elgin, Bro. Sam and Sisters Mary Krumpfen, Emma Isch, Martha Liechty, Minnie Isch, Saloma Fiechter, and

Elizabeth Graber, all of our congregation. Bros. John Yergler and Eugene Bertschi of Roanoke had the funeral service. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Bro. Amos Bertsch, 72, passed away on the same day, at the Clinic Hospital, after an illness of ten days.

He is survived by the wife, Sis. Margaret; three daughters, Sis. Goldie (Howard) Stettner of Ft. Wayne; Mrs. Sidney (Viola) Friedman of Skokie, Ill., and Wrs. William (Lavera) Roberts of Elgin, Ill.; two sons, Harry, of Lagrange Pk., Ill.; and Sylvan of Bluffton; three brothers, Bros. Otto and Herman of Grabill and Bro. Aaron of Tremont, two sisters, Sis. Mary (Oscar) Martin of Ft. Wayne and Sis. Louise (Carl) Rager of Latty; and seven grandchildren.

Bros. Herman Kellenberger of Elgin and Homer Reineck of Toledo officiated. Other ministers, present at both funerals, were Bros. Joel Souder, Otto Norr, and David Bersch of Leo.

Bro. William Aschliman, 78, passed away on June 1, after an illness of nine months. Surviving is the wife, Sis. Lydia; two sons; Bro. Harry of Decatur, RR 4, and Alfred of Bluffton, RR 3; a foster daughter, Elsie Aschliman, of Ft. Wayne; six grandchildren; three brothers, Dan, of VeraCruz, Bros. Joe and Noah of Bluffton; six sisters, Mrs. Bertha Overmier of Louisiana, Sisters Aldine Heyerly, Delphia Reinhard, Aldula Gerber, Mary Fiechter and Sylvia Isch, of our congregation.

Funeral services were held on June 4, Bro. John Yergler officiating.

Burial was in the church cemetery.

Bro. and Sis. Raymond Gerber and Sisters Delutha Moser and Caroline Gerber are vacationing in Switzerland, Germany, and other points of interest.

Tom Kipfer of Ft. Sam Houston, has arrived home on a ten-day leave.

Bro. Albert Fisher of Chicago visited us on May 12, Bro. Theo Beer on May 19, and Bros. Elmer Hartter of Milford and Merle Bucher of LaCrosse on June 2. Their wives accompanied them.

Sis. Phyllis Isch and Bro. Nile Bucher were united in marriage, by Bro. Sam Aeschliman, on June 2.

Quite a number from here attended the dedication at Rittman, and enjoyed the services, fellowship, and hospitality shown us. We hope they can enjoy their new church for many years.

Births: To Bro. and Sis. Ernie Isch, a boy, on May 18; to Bro. and Sis. William Neuenschwander, a boy on May 23; to Bro. & Sis. Richard Reimschisel, a boy, on May 24; to Herman & Sis. Phyllis Fiechter, a boy, on May 26; to Ralph and Josephine Meyer, a boy, on May 26; to Bro. and Sis. Wayne Fiechter, a boy, on May 28; and to Bro. and Sis. Daniel Reinhard, a boy, on May 30.

### Sunday School

Our Sunday School has 625 pupils, ranging from kindergarten to adult Bible classes, some married. All are non-members, as converts attend regular church services.

Bros. Joe Isch and Laverne Ringger, who furnished this information, are superintendent and assistant superintendent respectively.

There are twenty-four classes, 28 men teachers and 15 women teachers.

Flannel graphs are used in kindergarten, Egermeier's Bible stories in the next class, Katherine Voss' Bible stories in the second class, and various Bible stories used, to the fourth grade.

The 5th grade to the 10th study the New Testament, and the rest are divided into three Bible Classes.

The pupils elect their own officers each year, who take care of all business that comes up. They have charge of all money collected, buy flowers for those in hospitals, shut-ins, and when someone dies. They also furnish baskets for shut-ins and the aged at Christmas time.

Teachers serve as long as they wish. When one resigns, the others vote on a replacement, who, if approved by our elder, starts in one of the lower classes.

Sunday School is held all year, and starts at 10:30, the same as our morning service.

Visitors are always welcome.

### GRIDLEY, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Mary Alyce Witzig

Sis. Viola Witzig broke her hip and is in the Mennonite Hospital,

Bloomington. Sis. Viola was just recovering from a broken leg and will appreciate your cards and letters very much. She expects to be in the hospital until after the middle of June.

Sis. Ruth Ann Schlipf fell at work, chipping a bone in her ankle and tearing ligaments in her foot and ankle. She is at home and getting along nicely.

Our 15-year-old friend, Joe Funk, son of Alwin and Alice Funk, is confined to his bed with mononucleosis. He will be in bed for some time. I'm sure he will very much enjoy your cards and letters.

Sis. Violette Funk cut a tendon in her hand and has it in a cast.

Sis. Emma Yergler was taken to the hospital June 3. She is suffering from complications of arthritis in her knees.

Sisters Eunice and Lydia Kammerer have again been able to be in church, after quite some time at home following their automobile accident last winter.

David Kyle Brummitt, born May 27, is the first child of Karon and Dave Brummitt of Bloomington. He is a grandson of Bro. Alph and Sis. Lillian Witzig.

Vacation Bible School started May 29, with approximately 120 children present.

### JUNCTION, OHIO

Reporter: Mrs. Alvin H. Manz

Our sick members are about the same as last month, except Sis. Lena Manz, who plans to be in church on Sunday, June 9, the Lord willing. It will be good to have this dear member with us again.

The Rehklau Sisters request visitors now, to sing and pray with them.

Bro. Andrew Dotterer's condition remains fair. His son, Bro. John and Sis. Betty Dotterer and family from Rittman were with us one Sunday, and Bro. John helped in the Sunday School. Bro. Ben Dotterer was also with us and visited with his brothers and Sisters Emma and Helen Schlatter, from Bay City.

Bro. Bob and Sis. Wilma Sauder and family from Mansfield were with us this past month, Bro. Bob also helping in the Sunday School and song leading.

A group of young folks from Latty came this month. We enjoy-

ed greatly their help in the singing. Bro. Lyle Stoller helped out in the Sunday School.

We have been truly blessed this month and always welcome visitors.

It would be nice to send cheer cards to these members who are ill or shut-in, because of age, etc.:

Mrs. Henry Manz  
220 N Main Street  
Paulding Ohio

Mr Andrew Dotterer  
Route 1 Charloe Trail  
Paulding Ohio

Rehklau Sisters  
626 N Main Street  
Paulding Ohio

Bro. Henry Manz and daughters, Sis. Henrietta and Sis. Madeline, prepared the following thoughts on:

### THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

I am much inclined to feel that, as a twig is bent, so the tree will grow. In youth, the heart is receptive to influence, and I believe right is often identified with a teacher, whether it is sound teaching or not. The example of the child that stated, "What Mama says is so and if it 'taint so it 'tis so," just goes to show the faith a child has in his parents and teachers, too, I believe. How important then to be a true example and light to those around and about us.

In Sunday School, we gradually pick up feelings and ideas which add up to our eyes being opened to God's plan, and we believe when we're small, the undoubted faith of a teacher is a feeling implanted into the hearts of the students that stays throughout life, even if that friend does not repent until older. That spark is there.

In Bible Class, it seems, although we've heard sermons for years, we hear the meaning of peace and repentance discussed, and its meaning seems to unfold. Gradually, we realize how nothing we are. God's ways are discussed more at the level of the child, and therefore I feel often more is learned this way. Also, question and answer periods keep them more alert.

It made a deep impression on me, many years ago, when my Sunday School teacher, Bro. Joe Reineck, asked the class where the Lord wants to live, since we don't

have the temple. Everyone missed the question until the last one, a member (also in the class) answered, "In a cleansed heart." This answer was given in German, when we still had German Sunday School. So we can see how blind we are until enlightened.

Attitudes of kindness, too, are long remembered. A teacher then is often a child's image of a true Christian, so Christian, walk carefully.

At present, we have four Sunday School classes in the Junction church. Bro. Elias Manz is the superintendent.

Bro. Elias Manz has nine in the Bible class. The ones in this class are those from the middle of the seventh grade on up. Classes are changed as of January 1 of each year. This class uses the New Testament.

The next class, the Intermediate Class, taught by Bro. Emanuel Manz, has nine students. The ones in this class are from the middle of the fourth grade to the middle of the seventh grade. They use Hurlbut's Bible Story Book.

The next class, the Primary Class, with Sis. Ruth Manz as teacher, has eight students. These are from the middle of the first grade to the middle of the fourth grade. Egermeier's Bible Story Book is used in this class.

The Kindergarten class, taught by Sis. Frances Dotterer, has eight little boys and girls. These are from four years old to the middle of the first grade. Sis. Frances reads and explains Bible stories to these little ones. They color pictures.

It was decided that, every two years, on January 1, two new teachers would be elected, one brother and one sister. The sister who has taught the kindergarten class moves up to the primary class, and the brother who teaches the Intermediate class moves up to the Bible Class for the next two years and is superintendent for those two years. Thus, each brother and each sister is to teach a total of four years. The sisters teach the two classes of younger children, and the brothers the two classes of older children.

I hope I have not included too much visiting news this month, and I've tried to eliminate dates, as this is not important at all, I feel.

Also putting in the dates tends to make one "list" the events instead of "reporting". What do you think?

We are small in number and without visitors we'd have nothing to report. Thank you for your patience. Sincerely, Sis. Betty Manz.

### LAMONT, KANSAS

Reporter: Mrs. Bernie Emch

Mary Starrer entered the Emporia Hospital April 28 for observation and treatment. Surgery was performed for gall stones two weeks later. She is now improving.

Bro. G. Gruber, our oldest member, 96 years, was in the hospital also for observation and treatment, and is now in the home of his daughter, Sis. Hulda Jacobs, in Emporia. Our prayers go out for the old, that they will be granted strength to hold fast until their life is terminated.

We had visitors of the Bern and Sabetha churches, May 26, including Bro. Lester Hartter. He delivered the morning message. His meditation was from I Cor., 6th chapter, was a timely message, and left the thought with us: For you are bought with a price: Therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's. We the guilty ones should have had to hang on the Cross, instead of our dear innocent Jesus.

On Sunday, April 28, we were served Holy Communion by our elder brother, Samuel Anliker. How unworthy we do feel to partake, but we do ask for stronger faith and zeal to serve Him.

### LATTY, OHIO

Reporter: Mrs. Ray Sinn

Those in the hospital this past month were Sis. Nancy Rager, Pauline Riegenbach, Sis. Elsie Schlatter, Sis. Marguerite Stoller, Bro. Eugene Stoller, and Sis. Elizabeth Kupfersmidt. We wish for those who are sick, God's nearness and healing power.

We are thankful that Bro. Irvin Stoller has regained his health and is back in the ministry again.

Bro. Rex and Sis. Ann Plummer were blessed with a baby girl, named Janis Marie, born May 28.

On May 29, Ralph and Ruth Stoller welcomed a new baby girl into their family. They named her Lisa Annette.

We are busy planning our Bible

School program. Classes are to start June 10 and continue for two weeks. The hope and prayer is that God will bless our efforts in this undertaking, and that He will help each one of us to do our part.

### LESTER, IOWA

**Reporter: Emelie Knobloch**

Birth: To Bro. and Sis. Nathan Knobloch, a son, on May 31, named Dennis Algo.

Illness: Kelvin Kobloch is ill and receiving treatment in Indiana. Bro. Jacob Knobloch and Sis. Carrie Metzger are much improved.

We are happy to report, our floor tile and carpet has been laid, so we resumed our Sunday School services, after several months of absence. Bro. Philip Mogler has been voted in as our superintendent. We had an enrollment of 174 children.

Brothers and Sisters Noah Schrock, David Mangold, Silas Leuthold, Henry Koehl, Bro. Paul Banwart and Bro. and Sis. Edwin Koehl spent the evening of May 24 at the Lester church. We received many blessings from the inspiring messages and teachings given to us.

We are happy and thankful that we do not have what would be considered a shut-in, in our congregation.

### MAYWOOD, CALIFORNIA

**Reporter: Christine Locher**

Our visitors for the month were Bro. Joe and Sis. Katie Hodel, Roanoke; Roy and Sis. Mathilda Alt, Gridley, Ill.; Sisters Marilyn, Eunice, Marjorie and Doris Bahler, Rockville.

Sis. Julia Dapper is recovering satisfactorily from surgery. She is confined to the hospital, and will be for an indefinite time. She enjoys the cards and notes, and wishes to thank everyone for remembering her.

### OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL

After reading the reports of our Sunday Schools from other congregations with their large enrollments, it behooves us to report the enrollment at Maywood, which numbers only 13. Our regular pupils range in age from 2 to 8 years, so mostly we have only one class. The pre-school children show much interest and desire. As we have room for them, they are gladly accepted.

We have been reading Bible

stories to them, and they have memorized numerous prayers, including the Lord's Prayer. They enjoy singing the many songs they have been taught by Sis. Julia Dapper, who has been teaching for four years, and is a great inspiration to the little folks. Bro. Leonard Locher is superintendent.

We have no set pattern or rotation system, but teachers are elected at our annual business meeting.

We have a Sunday School picnic annually, usually before school starts. The children present a program to the church at Christmas, and to this they eagerly look forward.

Teaching Sunday School is up-building to us teachers, too, for it sort of fills us in on what we perhaps missed out on when we attended as children.

### NEW MARTINSVILLE, W. VA.

**Reporter: Mrs. Gus Weltz**

The following attended the dedication of the new sanctuary, lobby and balcony of the church in Rittman, on Sunday, June 2: Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Froelich, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Berger, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Berger, Albert and Ellwood Riggensbach, Mrs. Elizabeth Isinghood, Mrs. C. O. Wade, Mrs. Elza Ritz and Mrs. Gus Weltz. We had a very enjoyable day together. We are all very happy for the congregation there. They can be very happy in their lovely new building. Congratulations, indeed.

Mrs. Emma Berger continues to improve, is able to get out again and will soon be going back to her daughter in St. Marys, W. Va.

D. S. Witschey was very unfortunate, on June 1, when he missed a step and fell into the yard. No bones were broken, but he received several deep bruises and two black eyes. He is recovering nicely and able to be out again.

Miss Della Witschey was the dinner guest of Mrs. J. G. Burgess, on Sunday, June 2.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Witschey and family of Pittsburgh, Pa., and Mr. and Mrs. John Witschey and family of Charleston, W. Va., were the week-end guests of their father, D. S. Witschey, on June 1 and 2.

Services will be held at the country church on Sunday, June 30, beginning with a song service at eleven o'clock. Lunch will be served at noon, and there will be a regular

service at one o'clock. All are invited to attend.

The cemetery was well cared for at the Decoration Day period. We were out to care for our father's grave. The lawn had been mowed. Many had been there to care for their loved ones' resting place. It is well cared for during the summer period.

### SABETHA, KANSAS

**Reporter: Mrs. Theodore Locher**

Bro. George Kohler, age 95, passed away May 2 at the Apostolic Christian Home. Bro. Carl Hartman mentioned in the sermon, how easy the tears would flow when they would have a visit with him. We don't know what burdened his heart; then again, they could have been tears of gladness and thankfulness that the Lord did give him grace to repent in later years.

How important it is to be ready to meet the Lord, when he calls us from this life.

Our son, Robert, and Suzanne Gleason were married May 11. Robert is employed by the Chicago Great Western R.R. They make their home at Waterloo, Iowa. We wish them God's richest blessings.

During this past month, Sis. Kate Grimm spent a number of days in the hospital, with a heart ailment, but is at home again. Bro. Chris has not been feeling too well. At this writing, they are both able to be up and about their home. Our trust is, God will restore them to better health, if it be His will. Their daughter, Elsie Hess of Peoria, came Saturday, June 1, to stay with them for a week.

Sun., June 2, Bro. Eugene Marti performed the wedding of Sis. Janice Aberle and Bro. Ben Wysong. Bro. Ben is stationed at Ft. Hood, Texas. We also wish them God's richest blessings through life together.

Our visiting ministers this Sunday were Bro. Henry Wackerle and Bro. Ben Stavenik, Mansfield. In Bro. Ben's sermon, he mentioned, how much of our time do we give to the Lord from one Sunday to the next . . . "Just what is left over"? We shall give our first time to the Lord, and stand firm with God, because we have a common enemy, for we trod on enemy territory every day.

Bro. John and Sis. Emma Greiner, their children, Laina and John, will be missed from our congrega-

tion. They are leaving June 3 for their new home at Tremont. May the Lord bless them.

### WICHITA, KANSAS

**Reporter: Mrs. Harvey Smith**

After five dry months, Wichita was blest with 6.73 inches of rain in the past week. We also suffered a very damaging hail storm, with some hail measuring as large as 5½ inches in diameter, resulting in large property damage.

Our annual election was held on May 5. Bro. Al Langhofer was elected as the new Sunday School superintendent, Bro. Harvey Smith teacher of the intermediate class and Sis. Ethel Smith of the Kindergarten class. The system of Sunday School teachers being elected for a two-year term was initiated. A teacher cannot be re-elected for a year. Sis. Ann Farney and Bro. Arthur Wullschleger will serve another year in their respective classes.

The purchase of the property south of the church has been consummated. The property consists of a large lot and an old house, which will be torn down or moved. The church felt the need to take the opportunity of purchasing this property for future expansion. We indeed hope that we will need to expand!

We had a very blessed day on May 19, when our Elder Bro. Samuel Anliker was here to serve Holy Communion. It gives us strength anew, when we can partake of this feast and remember our Lord in his suffering.

### AKRON, OHIO

**Reporters: Ruth Taylor  
Alice Graf**

Diana Fritz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Fritz, was married to Duane Stingley, April 20. They are making their home at Westgay Drive 85, Apt. D., Akron 13, Ohio.

Our church doors were closed for two weeks, while some outside repair work was being done. Many of our congregation visited neighboring churches, but for those who had to spend the Sunday at home, the reopening was welcome.

Marie Ritzman had surgery, following a gall bladder attack. She has returned home and says she is feeling fine. Marie appreciated everyone thinking of her, with many cards and well wishes.

### FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

**Reporter: Mrs. Albert E. Kipfer**

Bro. Henry Beer of Milford conducted our Thursday evening services on May 16. He was accompanied by his wife and Bro. and Sis. Robert Kaiser. After the services, everyone was invited to the home of Bro. and Sis. Richard Aeschleman for lunch.

We want to extend our heartfelt sympathy to Sis. Mary Martin, Sis. Louise Rager, and Bro. Herman Bertsch, whose brother, Amos Bertsch of Bluffton, passed away May 23.

Bro. Norman Stoller and Bro. Lee Eisenmann drove to Fort Sam Houston, arriving there Saturday noon, May 25. A picnic and song service was held Saturday evening, with 28, including 5 or 6 of the wives, partaking. Also, Bro. and Sis. John Klaus and family, who have just recently returned from Japan, were there with them. Sunday services were held at 12:30 noon, and then in the afternoon, the brothers left to return home. They had a very enjoyable trip.

Bro. and Sis. Al Fisher, accompanied by Bro. and Sis. Carl Lehman, Bro. and Sis. Howard Hay and Bro. and Sis. Maurice Stedman of Chicago came to visit us May 25 and 26. Phil and Sis. Emma Clauss invited the congregation to their home on Saturday evening for a singing. Bro. Al Fisher gave an interesting talk of his conversion, and how much singings meant to him from his youth on up . . . also, how we should strive more and more to keep the unity of love aglow amongst our members. A closing prayer was given, and a nice lunch was served to all.

Bro. and Sis. Verlin Stoller's baby, Dennis Allen, has been ill with the flu and had been confined to the Parkview Memorial Hospital for five days. He was taken home from the hospital on Sun., June 2, and is getting along nicely at this writing.

The Fort Wayne choir sang at the Allen County Old Peoples' home, Monday evening, June 3.

Bible school will start Monday, June 10. Also, adult classes will be conducted Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings at 8:00 o'clock, for two weeks, Bro. Norman Stoller in charge.

Bro. Herman Bertsch was admitted to the Parkview Memorial Hospital, and was to undergo surg-

ery on his jaw. At this writing, I do not have a report of the outcome of the operation.

Visiting ministers who served us recently were Brothers Joel Souder, Al Fisher and David Bertsch.

### GRIDLEY, KANSAS

**Reporter: Mrs. Rudy Bahr**

We were blessed with visiting ministers Bros. Robert Young, Wichita, and Lester Hartter, Bern, this past month.

The Sunday School superintendents and families and the Board of Directors for the Youth Fellowship gathering, from Taylor, Lamar, Ft. Scott, Wichita, Burlington (Okla.), Lamont, Bern, and Sabetha, met Sunday afternoon, May 26, here. A basket supper was held at Kelley Hall, afterwards.

Elder Bro. Sam Anliker spent Sunday, June 3, with us and served Holy Communion to us. It indeed brings forth such a good spiritual uplifting.

We are in the midst of Bible School. I think it is a very "busy time", but it feels good to be part of the "team", working together—the grandmothers, "sitting", the mothers serving refreshments, bringing the children to church, the teachers, and the men folks "at home" . . . may the good Lord add His blessings upon this work. We have about 60 children, helpers, and teachers. The two oldest classes are planning to go "caroling" Sunday School songs at the hospital and Golden Age Lodge in Burlington, making "sunshine sacks" for the elderly folks at the home.

Sis. Elizabeth Beyer still is unable to attend services with us. May the Lord be with her and strengthen her.

Bro. Harold Somerhalder plans to return to California, Wed., June 5.

### CHAMPAIGN—URBANA, ILL.

**Reporter: Doris Reutter**

Church services, in Latzer Hall of the YMCA, 1001 South Wright Street, Champaign, Illinois, have been held on May 5, May 19 and June 2.

Visiting with us on May 5 were Bro. Roy Sauder from Peoria and Bro. Ed Hohulin. Our largest crowd was present on May 19, when Bros. Ed Ringer and Emanuel Gudeman were here June 2,

Bros. Ed Hohulin and Frank Woertz spent the day with us.

The last Wednesday evening Bible Class of the school year was held May 29 in the Illini Union. Bro. Joe Schrock of Congerville had the message. Wednesday evening Bible Class meetings will be discontinued until the fall semester. However, Sunday services every first and third Sunday of the month will be continued throughout the summer. We extend an invitation for everyone, to come visit with us.

### CONGERVILLE, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Ruth Schumacher

A blessed day was enjoyed, when we had visiting ministers from Indiana—Bro. Alfred Bahler from Wolcott and Bro. Earl Kilgus from Remington, on Sunday, May 19. They were invited by Bro. and Sis. Keith and Pauline Roth and Bro. and Sis. Glenn and Jeanette Knapp.

Our friends, Ben Joyce Grieder, are the parents of a new son, Rance David. Rance was born on Tuesday, May 22, and is their first child.

The daughter of Bro. and Sis. Merion and Esther Miller (Mrs. Marjorie Myers) received a fractured skull, when she fell from a moving car, Wednesday evening, May 29. She is in Eureka Hospital.

### JAPAN

Reporter: Yoshio Yamazaki

May of this year was very unusual weather, and most of the days were rainy, with high temperature, here in Japan. From now on, we have the rain season, so we can hardly expect sunshine until first of July.

Few weeks ago Sunday, Bro. Willis Ehnle announced two young ladies here in Tokyo and another young lady at the country church, Shioda, to be baptized first of August, if it is the Lord's will. Their names are Miss Hiroko Utsuki, Miss Hiroko Natori, Tokyo church and Miss Suzuyo Hirose of Shioda church. I will put their addresses down, so I wish for you brethren to pray and encourage them they might be very happy.

Miss Hiroko Utsuki  
734 4 Cho-me Setagayaku  
Setagaya  
Tokyo Japan

Miss Hiroko Natori  
c/o Mr Suzuki  
655-7 Okubo Narashino-Shi  
Chiba-Ken Japan

Miss Suzuyo Hirose  
Sueki Ichimiya-Cho  
Higashi Yatsushiro-Gun  
Yamanashi-Ken Japan

Mr. John Richard Galat of Portland, Oregon, visited here the 29th of May and gave us wonderful testimony of how he heard the call of the Lord, in the English Bible Class. He said he will stay in Yokosuka Navy base six weeks, by way of electric engineer, and after that return to the United States.

### PORTLAND, OREGON

Reporter: Mrs. Paul N. Rumbold

Sis. Clara and Jake Kaufman left May 26, to visit her mother, Sis. Lydia Bach, at Fairbury. Accompanying them are Mrs. John Kaufman and three children, who will visit her parents, Bro. Gottlieb and Sis. Dorothy Hari, at Morton.

On the sick list this month was Joey Hohulin, having the chicken pox, and Mark Fischer, having a tonsilectomy.

Sis. Irene Baer will be leaving by plane on June 7 for her native Germany. Enroute, she plans to stop at Peoria, to be with friends and relatives. We have enjoyed having her in our midst. Her address will be:

Miss Irene Baer  
Caecilien Strasse 39  
71 Heilbronn Neckar  
Germany

Pvt John Affolter is home for a several-week leave from Ft. Campbell, Kentucky.

### THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

By Garth Steffen

The Portland Sunday School was started in October, 1946, with the arrival of Bro. Paul Rumbold from Morton. There were seven pupils in the first Sunday School, with Bro. Paul the only teacher. The following year, another class was added, when Bro. Edward Unsicker, moved West from Peoria and became the second teacher.

The Sunday School has grown to a present number of 25 children, with three teachers: Sis. Nilah Fischer teaching the 4-6 year group with Gospel Light material, Bro. Garth Steffen teaching the 7-

10 year group with Egermeier's Bible Story Book, and Bro. Ray Cooper teaching the 11-16 group with the Bible.

Periodic trips are made with the older children to Oregon's scenic places, where God's beauties have been little altered by man. We feel that this is essential to keep the children together, as we feel a definite disadvantage in not having other Sunday Schools with which to associate.

### TAYLOR, MISSOURI

Reporter: Mrs. Eli Sutter

Many of our little ones were quite sick with the measles the past month. Curtis, son of Bro. Bill Heimers, was in the hospital several days with throat infection, Susie Feller was in a few days with pneumonia and measles, and her brother Johnny had his tonsils removed. They are children of Bro. Don Fellers.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Frieden and little daughter, Kristie Ann, of Garden Grove, Calif., were called home by the serious illness of her brother. They are staying with his folks, Bro. Eli Sutters. While here, Bob became ill and was in the hospital several days with a throat infection. He was able to return home again.

Sis. Charlotte, daughter of Rudie and Sis. Lena Haerr, is graduating from the University of Mo. School of Nursing at Columbia. The exercises will be held on June 4. Faye, daughter of Bro. Perry and Sis. Clara Yackley, graduated from Northeast Mo. State Teachers College at Kirksville, on May 24.

Our Bible Class and their teacher, Bro. James Sutter, entertained the Goodfield Bible Class of about 20 pupils, their teachers, Bros. Elmer Bauman and Richard Hartter, and also some of the parents. Two from the Pulaski Bible Class were also here. After church, they took a trip to Hannibal, Missouri. It was a blessed day for all of us.

### TAYLOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

We begin our Sunday School service by having the congregation sing a few songs with us, followed by a prayer. Since our congregation and Sunday School are small, we are able to so do this.

We have 37 pupils, ranging from the age of 4 years through high



school, and have 6 classes. We do not have enough pupils or room to have a class for each grade, so we group or combine the grades as necessary, sometimes only one grade, and seldom more than two.

We have vacation during August, but the teachers or substitute teachers are always there to teach, as many children prefer going to Sunday School, but those that do not come are not counted absent if they attend church services instead.

The two small classes bring their pennies every Sunday, and the rest bring their offering the first Sunday of each month. They are generous in their giving, and we like to use it for a good cause, such as American Bible Society, helping the hungry, and for the work in the Alabama and Japan churches.

I have asked our Elder Bro. Fred Grimm, and each of the teachers about their class, to add some comments to this article.

Bro. Fred Grimm—When we consider the importance of the church, we come to the conclusion that our Sunday Schools are a very vital part. How valuable is it to teach our children the ways of the Lord? The wisest man, king Solomon, said, "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6. Even before this, God instructed Moses to say to the children of Israel, "And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest down in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up." Deuteronomy 6:6,7.

It is true that, first of all, this is the responsibility of parents, but without the help of the Sunday School, much of the teaching could not be fully accomplished. For this reason, we have always tried to have a well-organized Sunday School and to do the utmost for our children.

Several years ago, we found it very valuable to institute a two-year rotation system for the teachers. This gives more of our brothers and sisters an opportunity to use their talents, and the children tend to keep their interest better when new teachers take over these

duties. Fortunately, we have had faithful teachers who have taken a real interest in the work, and who fully support our church and doctrine. In this manner, a great deal can be accomplished, when children are taught to respect the church and its leaders. Eternity alone will reveal how many souls repented and turned to the Lord because of the seed sown in their youthful hearts.

Sis. Mardell Grimm—I teach a class of 11 primary children and enjoy it very much. It is most interesting and inspiring to see the interest they take. We are using material from Gospel Light Publications.

Sis. Dona Grimm—I teach the children who are in the first grade, which consists of 4 girls and 2 boys. I find that they are very attentive and are eager to learn stories from the Bible. This makes teaching very enjoyable. When a person sees how impressed these little ones are with the stories they hear, it makes one realize how extremely important it is that the right kind of seed is sown in their tender hearts. I think it should be the prayer of every believer, that the Sunday School teachers can sow only the right kind of seed into these little ones' heart, so they might someday be able to grasp the perfect plan of salvation.

At present, we are using *My Bible Story Book*, by Gospel Light Publications. We are happy that there is now a committee preparing uniform, approved material for all of our Sunday Schools.

Sis Elizabeth Sutter—I teach a class of 6 pupils from the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th grades, the only one with three grades. We use the Gospel Light material. At present, they are memorizing the 121st Psalm.

It has been my privilege to have taught for about 25 years, until the rotation system was adopted, and now am teaching the first year of my 2-year term. I have in my class children of my former pupils. It is a great responsibility to teach those little ones, but also a pleasure when it is work we enjoy doing.

I often think of the time, when I started in Sunday School, we learned to read the German language, and it wasn't until we were in the higher grades that we had Bible Stories. As soon as the little ones start Sunday School now,

they can learn of Jesus, and as they progress, they also learn of sin and its consequences, the price that was paid for our redemption, and what they must do to be saved. Thus, the seed is sown and nurtured, as they hear the Word preached, and then God can give the increase.

Bro. Marvin Wiegand—Our fifth grade class has 5 members. As you can see, our class is quite small. Because of this very fact, we can easily do things together outside of the Sunday School context that would be more difficult with a large class. This, we believe, draws us more closely together as a learning, cooperative group.

We used, primarily, the Egermeier text until recently, when Hurlbut's text was introduced. Both books have greatly helped us to see the outstanding contrast between the fruits that we reap as a result of obedience to God's Word and the fruits that we reap as the result of disobedience to God's unchanging Word. We are deeply grateful for our opportunity to learn together the will of our loving Creator in each of our lives.

Bro. Louis Hoerr—My class consists of sixth and seventh grades. At present, I have four students, which make up an interesting class. We use the Hurlbut's Story of the Bible books, presently studying in the Old Testament. When we think of how important it is for our children to know God's plan of salvation and that we should do all we can to instruct the children in their youth, it indeed makes us teachers feel humble.

One must seek help and guidance from the Lord, and in doing this, He can use us as instruments in His Hands, to sow seed in the tender hearts.

Bro. James Sutter—The Bible Class consists of five girls, who are in the ninth grade and up. I feel very close to those in my class and hope that some day they will find this great joy and peace in their dear Saviour that we have found. I feel it a great responsibility to teach those whom we love so much. May the Lord help us in this important work.

TOLEDO, OHIO

Reporter: Emily Frantschi

On May 19, Bro. Joe and Sis.

Setta Klopfenstein from Gridley, Illinois, and Bro. Ephraim Oberlander and his wife, Mabel, from Peoria, visited in Toledo.

On June 2, the wedding of Sis. Marie Rehklau and Bro. Charles Kieser of Princeville was solemnized by our Elder Brother Rudolph Graf of Akron and Elder Brother Silas Leuthold of Princeville. We wish them both much grace and happiness from our Lord, as they live together for Him. Other visiting ministers were — Elder Brother George Sinn of Latty, and Bro. David Kieser of Princeville. Guests were from various congregations: Princeville, Peoria, Roanoke and Morton, Ft. Wayne, Akron, Latty and Mansfield.

We are sorry to report that Sis. Sylvia Jewell is still in the hospital, and her improvement is slow.

### VALPARAISO, INDIANA

Reporter: Mrs. Donna Bucher  
Assistant Reporter: Mil Bucher

Commit thy ways unto the Lord and He will direct thy paths. (see Proverbs 3:6)

What a comfort, during discouraging times and persecution, to know the Lord's hands are in all things, and for every valley there is a mountain-top. May we remain humble, so that the Holy Spirit can continue to be effective through the Lord's servants. May all God's children remember to pray for one another, as well as the unsaved.

We extend a welcome to summer visitors. Our area is noted for the beauty of God's creation. Our lakes and dunelands are ideal for vacations of peace and quiet rest. The Apostolic Christian Church at Valparaiso is located at 805 East Jefferson Street. Following is a schedule of our services:

10:15 Sunday School and Bible Class; 10:45 First Worship Service; 12:00 Second Worship Service.

Mothers and daughters enjoyed a blessed evening of fellowship at a dinner on May 9, honoring the mothers. The Lord's prayer was recited in unison, followed by a bountiful meal. A short program was held, after which awards were given to high school graduate, Carolyn Ames; oldest mother, Sis. Lena Heiniger; youngest mother, Sis. Donna Bucher; youngest mother with the largest family, Mildred Ames; the minister's wife, Sis. Lena Bucher. The song,

"Sweet Hour of Prayer", was sung in closing.

A short Mother's Day program was held on Sunday, May 12, which included: "A Mother's Bible", by Charles Tarner; "Mother is Never too Weary", by Penny Bucher; and "The Heart of the Home", by Lynn Frieden.

During the month of May, we had visitors from Bluffton, Fairbury, Toledo, LaCrosse and Chicago churches.

Our Elder George Yergler visited us Sunday, May 26, and held special services.

Officers and sponsors of the Sunday School met in the fellowship room, to plan Sunday school activities for the summer schedule. A committee was chosen to carry out the plans.

### A Tribute To Father

God give us men in times like these,

With hope and courage strong,  
Men like Daniel in days of old

Who'll stand against the wrong.

God give us men in times like these,

With hearts and purpose true,  
Who'll stand for right with all their might,

Despite what others do.

God give us men who will not swerve

From all that's fair and just,  
With faith in Thee through war or peace,

A steadfast, perfect trust.

God give us men with vision keen,  
Men of integrity,

Men who will put their hand in Thine,

Lead with humility.

### TREMONT, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Esther Schmid

Since we are now on Daylight Saving time, our mid-week services on Wednesday evening starts at 8:00 p.m.

On April 30, a son, David Alan, was born to Bro. Glen and Sis. Marilyn Dill.

On Sunday, May 26, we were privileged to have Bro. Vernon Le-man from Eureka and Bro. Fred Knapp from Congerville spend the day with our congregation. We enjoyed the inspiring messages they brought us.

Quite a number of folks from here were hospitalized this month,

as follows:

Bros. Will Unsicker, Merle Getz and David Koch, Sisters Frances Koch and Anna Lehman. . . .

Steven Pflederer, son of Bro. James and Sis. Doris Lee Pflederer, and Kevin Pflederer, son of Bro. Chris and Sis. Ruth Pflederer. . . .

Sis. Anna Musselman is at Restmor Nursing Home in Morton, after suffering a stroke several weeks ago. Sis. Mary Winzeler is a shut-in the last few weeks, too. . . .

Sisters Vera Aberle and Matilda Koch were ill at home several weeks, but are again able to assemble with us. . . .

If it be the Lord's will, we wish all could again be restored to good health.

Vacation Bible School will be from June 3 through June 14. We have 125 children enrolled.

We are now looking forward to assembling in our new church in the near future. May we all never forget to thank God for providing willing hands and hearts, that a larger house of worship has been provided. May we ever count our many blessings. To God be the honor and praise.

### A SPECIAL REPORT

The scrapbook idea grew from the suggestion of a fifth grade Sunday School pupil many years ago, telling her teacher, Sis. Hannah Koch, "We ought to make a scrapbook of these. Maybe someday I will be a Sunday School teacher."

Sis. Hannah thought, if the children would like a scrapbook on the object lessons, she would try to make one for each pupil in her class. Her aim is to make a Bible ABC book (each child is to find a Bible verse starting with each letter of the alphabet). Through the years, they have also tried to find as many names as possible that are used in the Bible for God or Jesus, as: Almighty, Bright and Morning Star, Comforter, and others. It is now beginning to be more difficult to find new names that are not already listed.

Bro. Willis Sauder has been very helpful by sharing the use of his mimeograph and office help to make the many copies needed. The object lessons, along with their regular lessons, seem to hold the children's interest, and are long remembered after their Sunday School days are past.

It really is remarkable what we

all can learn when we search the Scripture and are attentive listeners. Some of the illustrations Sis. Hannah received through sermons. Sis. Hannah has quite a collection of these object lessons.

The pupil who suggested the scrapbook was Sis. Nancy Beutel. She now is a Sunday School teacher of the five-year old children. Both her father and grandfather were Sunday School teachers, too.

### TALKING WITH GOD



A telephone cannot be used unless it is connected with the telephone system, of wires and other telephones.

We cannot talk with God unless we have the line of FAITH connected with Him.

A telephone is a sending and receiving set. We send our prayers to God. God sends His blessings and answers to us.

Sometimes people do not answer phones. God always answers prayers.

At times, people are away or sick. Then it is impossible for them to answer. It is always possible for us to talk to God, no matter where we are. God is always ready and willing to hear.

To use a phone, we must find the number, lift the receiver, give or dial the number, and then talk.

There are certain things required in prayer. "Have faith" — Call God's number — (always "1", for God is first), and "pray" or "ask."

The answer over a telephone isn't always what we want to hear. Sometimes God's answer is "No", but God knows best and is always right.

We use the telephone to learn how to do things. God through prayer and His word tells us what to do and how to do all things.

### LESSONS FROM A PEN

A pen is made for a definite purpose. Our lives are given by God to us for definite work.

With a pen, we can write beautiful and wonderful things, or bad and terrible things. With our lives, we can write beautiful and wonderful things, if we allow God to guide

us; if not, we will write sinful things.

A pen must be filled. Without, it is useless. Our lives, if filled with the pure love of God, will write only that which is good. If life is to be useful, it must be filled with God's love.

A pen must be guided by the hand of man. Our lives should be guided by the hand of God.

A pen must be cleaned and refilled regularly, so it can continue to write. Our lives should be cleaned from impure things and refilled regularly from out of God's word, prayer, church attendance and Christian service.

A pen never complains. A good Christian should never complain, but serve God and man, wherever he finds himself.

### CISSNA PARK, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Mrs. Jeff Young

Our vacation Bible school is now underway, from June 3 thru June 14, preceded by the Bible Class lessons on Thursday evenings, for six weeks.

Among the sick the past month is Sis. Anna Lober, who is quite ill at her home. We pray she may regain her health again. Bro. Aaron Bauer was hospitalized, is home again and getting along very well.

Births: A daughter, Joan Carol, to Bro. and Sis. John Walbeser, on May 4; to Bro. and Sis. Lester Stock, on May 22, a boy; he was named Tommy Allen.

Isaac Steiner is visiting relatives in Switzerland. He went by plane, to attend a funeral of a brother.

On Memorial evening, services were held. Bro. Bob Grimm of Goodfield brought us an encouraging message, for which we are so very thankful. We hope Bro. Bob will be back again soon.

On Sat. evening, June 1, our friend, Rosie Young, was proved and baptized. Bros. Joe Getz and Fred Grimm served at the occasion. Sis. Rosie, although advanced in years, is rejoicing in the new path of life. The brothers were our guest ministers the following Sunday.

We have three friends announced for proving. They are Gloria Hodel, Alta Zbinden and Debbie Beer. We wish them the Lord's blessings.

Our friend, John Laubscher, was inducted into the Army. His address is:

Pvt John Laubscher C O B 4th  
Battalion  
3rd Training Reg Basic  
Ft Leonard Wood Mo

An invitation is extended, by the committee of the reunion, to be held in Cissna Park on July 13, to all the boys who trained at Camp Pickett.

### CISSNA PARK HISTORY

A few members of the Apostolic Christian faith immigrated to this community in the year of 1863. In the years between 1870 to 1880, a number of families moved here. It was mostly prairie land at that time. Most all families were farmers.

Services were held in homes, with lunch and fellowship at the noon hour. Services were in German, although in about 1879, Bro. Fred Lauks visited the congregation and preached, we believe, the first English sermon to the American people, in a schoolhouse.

In 1881, a church building was purchased near Fountain Creek. Bro. Henry Ziegenhorn was the first local minister. He settled here in about 1876. In 1881, Bro. John Eisenman, with his family, immigrated from Europe, serving the church until his departure, in 1888.

In 1889, the old church building was dismantled and rebuilt across the highway of the present site. On the opposite side, Bro. Reeb resided at that time.

In 1891, it was necessary to remodel and enlarge. The building was increased to double its capacity. It was enlarged again in 1894.

In 1900, Bro. Reeb passed on to eternity, after a year of illness. This was indeed a great loss to the community, and again left the growing congregation without a local elder. Elders from other churches served until 1906, when Bro. Eugene Schladenhauffen was ordained.

The Cissna Park residents would ride out to church in a horse-drawn hack, which would accommodate approximately 15 passengers. At the church, there were horse stables to accommodate well over one hundred teams. Later on, the stables were remodeled and used to park cars, and still later were completely torn down, the space being used for parking.

The congregation grew. New converts were added in the year

1911. One hundred souls were added to the fold, and again a goodly number in 1918.

Bro. Schladenhauffen was called to his eternal rest in 1926. Again this church was so well supported by other elders. Bro. John Laubscher was ordained elder in 1940. He served only two years before his passing.

The congregation was richly blessed with trusting shepherds through the years, and in 1945, Bro. Philemon Aeschleman was ordained elder. He served for 10 years.

In 1949, it was found necessary, and agreed upon to erect a new building. It was erected on the opposite side of the road. The assembly room capacity was 800. Arliss Hari, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Joe Hari, was the first soul to be baptized in the new edifice, on Dec. 11, 1949. She was called to her heavenly home in 1951.

The church experienced many spiritual blessings. Bro. Josh Broadward served faithfully for five years as elder. New converts were added to the fold every year, although sometimes not of great number.

Bro. Dave Mangold is presently serving the Cissna Park congregation. Thanks be to our Lord for his great mercies and blessings bestowed upon us, to this day.

We owe manys thanks to Bro. Wm. Baumgartner and sisters for giving this information.

Local elders and ministers that served in the church up to this present time are: Henry Ziegenhorn, John Eisenman, John Spics, Fred Young, Adam Reeb, George Hartter, Eugene Schladenhauffen, Ed Haab, Ulrich Beer, Fred Weutrich, Ben Gudeman, Albert Kellerhals, Dan Gudeman, Carl Schmidt, John Laubscher, Philemon Aeschliman, Gus Meiss, Ben Walder, Ezra Feller, Phil Sauder, and Emanuel Gudeman.

#### **FORT SCOTT, KANSAS**

**Reporter: Marie Zaugg**

May 19, it was a blessing to have Ministering Brother Ronald Nelson of Burlington, Oklahoma, speak the true word of God to us. Bro. Arnold Ott and his son, Sammy, were with Bro. Nelson.

Bro. and Sis. Robert Hoerr and family, Bro. and Sis. Louis Hoerr and Rachell, Taylor, Bro. and Sis. Art Banwart and family, Lamar,

were visiting here this week end, also.

Bro. and Sis. Elden Schurter of Chicago worshiped with us on the 26th. They were on their way home, after visiting in Oklahoma.

Glenda Banwart, her daughter, and Glen and Ruth Banwart were in the hospital a few days this month.

Sis. Louise Banwart had been in the hospital a couple weeks. She is now at home, and wishes to thank each and everyone for cards, letters and gifts given her while she was there.

#### **HISTORY**

The following was submitted by Bro. Fred Sinn.

The first families settling here, in the fall of 1894, were Chris and George Knapps, John Rager, George Knapp Sr. and Bro. Fred Greiner Sr. All moved here from Arkansas.

Part of Bro. Fred Greiner's family came here from Germany in 1897. Fred Jr., Pauline and Rose were here before.

George Sinn moved here from Arkansas in February, 1895, with his family. Bro. Charley Ehule, from Illinois, and Bro. Gotlieb, Bro. Henry Kellenberger, and Bro. Jacob Pfister Sr., from Oklahoma, moved here in 1901. Bro. Will Bruner and family moved here from Sabetha in 1900. Jacob Merchold and family came from Warsaw, Missouri, in 1904. Bro. Peter and Bro. Adam Mauer moved here from Iowa in 1917.

Between 1920 and 1923, five families came here from Minnesota: the Bro. Joe Banwarts, Bro. Emil Banwarts, Bro. Wm. Rebers, Bro. Tim Hohulins, and Bro. John Zauggs.

Services were held in different brother's, sister's and friend's homes, until the present church was bought, from the Presbyterians in 1921. It is located at 12th and Scott Avenue.

Bro. George Sinn Sr. was minister for nearly 30 years. Bro. Jacob Pfister Sr., until his death in September 1930, assisted Bro. Sinn. Bro. Sinn passed away in January, 1931. He was succeeded by Bro. Jacob Pfister Jr. Bro. Gus Sinn assisted Bro. Pfister for nearly 12 years.

Assisting Bro. Pfister now are Bros. Jim Bahr and Wayne Miller.

At the present there are 15 on the serving list.

Over the years, occasionally, a family would move here, and again one would move away, the serving list staying about the same. We now have 36 members and 26 children in Sunday School.

The first convert here was Gus Rager, in 1900.

#### **BURLINGTON, IOWA**

**Reporter: Uriel Gehring**

On Sunday, May 5, we enjoyed having with us some sisters in faith from the Peoria congregation. They were Florence Hoerr, Margie Hoerr, Verena Schneider, Eva Jean Knapp and Mary Ehle.

Bro. Herber ErKert and family of Peoria spent Sunday, May 26, with us. This was their first visit to the Burlington church. We hope they enjoyed it as much as we did.

Bro. Dave Massner and his wife, Sis. Carrie, and Sis. Mary Reber of Ft. Scott visited our church in the forenoon of Sunday, June 2. They also visited Sis. Rose Massner, wife of Bro. Adolph Massner, who is presently in the Burlington Hospital. After leaving Burlington, they planned to stop at Taylor, to visit relatives there.

#### **HISTORY**

**Mrs. Ernest Anliker**

It was sometime about the year of 1935, that a little group here, and several young sisters and friends who had positions in Burlington, felt a desire for fellowship during the week. Thus far, I have been able only to get the names of the Stoller and Wagler families, living here then.

Sis. Sophia Stoller opened her home for evening services once a week. Many friends who attended services then are our brothers and sisters in faith now.

In later years, services were held in various places that could be rented, and again, when no other place was available, we gathered in each other's homes.

In 1955, there was a small church for sale, which was purchased. We kept on meeting only for evening services, and on Sundays went out to Oakville, which is about 18 or 20 miles.

In the summer of 1958, we did some remodeling. On Oct. 19, we had our first Sunday services. Our ministers from the Oakville congregation shared with us.

Thus, another church had its beginning, and we thank and praise God for making it possible to have another church with open doors, for those who seek God's word in its truth.

### MANSFIELD, OHIO

Reporter: Aaron A. Sauder

"It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto thy name, O most High: To shew forth thy lovingkindness in the morning, and thy faithfulness every night". Psalm 92:1,2.

The Vesper Choir felt richly blessed, when they sang the hymn, the 92nd Psalm, and other hymns of praise at the Apostolic Christian Home, on the evening of May 15; the remainder of the evening was spent in visiting with the residents of the home. On May 29, the choir sang for the unfortunate at the Richland County Home. After church services on Sunday afternoon, May 26, all were invited to gather at one of our city park pavilions, where we enjoyed an afternoon and evening of fellowship, which included general singing and a program by the Vesper Choir, followed by a delicious supper. We enjoyed the many visitors who assembled with us, including several cars from our Rittman congregation.

We extend congratulations and best wishes to two new arrivals:

A son, Timothy Edward, to Charles and Joanne (Sauder) Tingley, on May 14. Two sisters and a brother also welcomed the new baby.

A son, Scott Allen, to Dale and Donna (Beer) Gabor, on May 14. Scott is the first child for the Gabor.

We appreciated our visitors this past month, among whom were Bro. and Sis. Fred Marti and Sis. Grossenbacher from Rittman, on May 12. We thank Bro. Marti for the messages he shared with us during morning and afternoon services.

Bro. and Sis. Harold Widmer and children and Bro. and Sis. Dale Hartzler and children of Rittman, spent May 19 with our congregation.

### THE MANSFIELD CHURCH

"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." St. Matthew 18:20.

Sometime during 1850, our Mansfield church was founded by Bro. Weyeneth and Bro. Crabill (Kreinbiel).

At first, the services were held in the homes, but before long, a church building was erected. Our first church was built in 1860, on Park Avenue East, in Mansfield.

Many immigrants from Europe came to our community and assembled for services.

Our first minister was Bro. Lantz. The first elder brother who cared for our congregation was Bro. Joseph Bela, who spent much time between our church and the Monroe County church. Bro. Sigmund Sorg was the first home elder. He was followed by Bros. Henry Schwier, then Bro. William Matthes, and Bro. Samuel Engwiler. At the present time, our church is served by Elder Bro. Rudolf Graf from Akron, assisted by Elder Bro. Noah Bauman of Rittman.

Our present church was built in the year 1887, and is located in the center of Mansfield, just south of the Richland County Court House. Our church membership numbers approximately 150 members. We are also thankful for the many friends who join with us for worship and who are so willing to help wherever they can. Our Sunday School teachers have better than 150 children and young people who attend classes to learn of our Heavenly Father and His Son, Jesus Christ, as recorded in the Holy Bible.

It is our hope and prayer, that the church should prosper and grow, that all would claim the promise recorded in Romans 6:23, "but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

### WEST BEND, IOWA

Reporter: Anna Schmidt

Sis. Mary Fehr has been assembling with us one-half day each Sunday, since Easter. We hope she can continue to come.

Leonard and Helen Anliker have their baby in Iowa City for surgery.

We are sorry to report that Raymond Wilson had a heart attack and is in the hospital in Fort Dodge. We hope he will be restored good health soon.

We are thankful that our friend, Edwin Wirtz, has found grace to

repent. We rejoice over every sinner that repents, and have faith that many more will hearken unto the call of the Lord.

### WINTHROP, MINNESOTA

Assistant Reporter:

Esther Messner

We are now on Daylight Saving Time. Our service starts at 10:30 a.m., as usual.

Mother Miller seems to be getting weaker. She was in the hospital 17 days in May, for X-rays and treatments, but is home now. We pray the dear Lord will be with her and help her bear her burdens, as she has considerable pain at times.

Arlen, son of Bro. and Sis. Conney Messerli, had the misfortune of breaking his left arm, while in school.

Bro. and Sis. Glen Moser and daughter and Bro. Arnold Gerst from Minneapolis spent Sunday, May 19, with us.

May 25, Bro. David and Sis. Sharon Pfister from Fort Wayne, Sis. Carolyn Gudeman from Congerville, children of Bro. Levi and Sis. Lillian Pfister, and Mrs. Ray Grote from Fort Wayne, sister of Sis. Lillian Pfister, came to the wedding of their sister and niece, Linda Pfister, to Robert Rengstorf of Winthrop.

Our friends, John Messner and Glen Meyer, were home from service 9 or 10 days. John will be going to Alabama, and Glen to Missouri.

### ELGIN, IOWA

Reporter: Mrs. George Butikofer

At the time of this writing, the folks in the countryside are busily engaged in various outside activities, hay-making, cultivating corn, caring for gardens and truck patches, etc.

'Tis indeed a lovely time of the year; as the poet has expressed it

"June, month of roses,  
White, yellow and red,  
Their fragrance all over  
The garden is spread."

God must love beautiful things, for He has indeed made so many lovely creations for us to enjoy.

We are so happy to be able to report, that our sick folks, namely Sis. Sarah Schupbach and Sis. Alta Thoman, who had missed some church services, are now both able to assemble with us.

Sis. Rose Frieden, from Taylor, has been here visiting her daughter, Mrs. Clem Meyer, and husband and other relatives and friends. Rose grew to womanhood in this community, so this spot holds many memories for her. We are always delighted to see her.

Another pleasant surprise we had was to see Sis. Ida Pulver in our midst, at one of our Thursday evening services a few weeks ago. She enjoyed a vacation from her duties in Gridley, Ill., and spent part of it with her three sisters in the southern part of Iowa, part with her daughter, Lois, who works in Oelwein, Iowa, and some time with her daughter, Sis. Norma, and husband, Bro. Wm. Butikofer, and family at Davenport, Ia.

Bro. and Sis. Ernest Welti from Rockville visited here with their daughter, Sis. Evelyn, her husband, Paul Pulfer, and their family. While giving us an account of their way here, we learned that a highlight of their trip was the 100-mile boat ride on Lake Michigan, from Ludington to Milwaukee which was a six-hour trip. We are always delighted to have these folks with us.

In answer to a query, "What has life taught you"? a brother in faith said this, "Life has taught me never to try to overcome a besetting sin by ourselves, rather confide in some one, and Satan will flee in shame. This same brother also confided, that he had learned that to live and to live for the Lord are two different things, as emphasized in St. John 10:10. "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly."

The Jack Willetts of Cedar Falls, Iowa, have a baby girl, whom they have named Esther Anne. Besides this little miss, they have a pair of twin boys, who will be starting school this coming fall. Mrs. Willlett is the former Eunice Gehring, daughter of Sis. Bertha and Bro. Jake Gehring.

We have been blessed with visits from a number of ministers these past months, namely, Bros. Paul Banwart, Leo Moser, Noah Shrock, Al Scheitlin, Edward Gudeman, Silas Leuthold and Earl Banwart. Sisters Scheitlin, Banwart, and Shrock accompanied their husbands.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Curtis and

children, Bobby and Mary Beth, from Minneapolis, visited in the home of the latter's mother, Sis. Elizabeth Schneider, over Mother's Day. Mrs. Curtis is a sister of the reporter and, needless to say, we are always happy to see the Curtis family on the scene.

Bro. and Sis. Al Schmidgal, from Elgin, Ill., visited us May 26. It was a pleasure to have them in our midst.

#### FRANCESVILLE, INDIANA

Reporters: Mrs. Elmer Bucher  
Mrs. Perry Neihouser

What time I am afraid, I will trust in thee. In God I will praise his word, in God I have put my trust; I will not fear what flesh can do unto me. Psalm 56:3,4.

About five weeks ago, Bro. Louis Huber, age 69, was required to make a decision which few people in life ever come to face. It was discovered that gangrene had set in his right foot and, without amputation of the foot, death was inevitable. Poor blood circulation which was the primary cause of the gangrene, was due to a poor heart condition, and neither Bro. Louis nor his family felt that he could survive an operation of this kind. Knowing that without surgery, death would come soon, he put his trust in God that all things will work together for good to them that love Him (Romans 8:28). On May 3, he was taken to the hospital. The right leg was amputated above the knee, on May 8, and he has made a wonderful recovery since that time.

Bro. Louis and his family well realize that countless prayers have ascended to God on high, that His will might be done and that God has performed a miracle in granting recovery thus far. They are very thankful for this manifestation of love.

On May 23, he returned home from the hospital and has been able to get around some in a walker; however, this is very difficult for him as yet. When visitors come, he always meets them with a smile. It is of great consolation to us all to know that God is his refuge and a very present help in time of need. He appreciates mail very much.

A baby daughter, Angela Dawn, was born to Dale and Ann Ward, on May 17.

This past month, Sis. Barbara

Wuethrich and Bro. Carl Gutwein had surgery. They are both getting along nicely. May God grant them a speedy recovery.

#### When Father Prays

When father prays, he doesn't use the words the preacher does;  
There's different things for different days, but mostly it's for us.

When father prays, the house is still . . . his voice is slow and deep.

We shut our eyes; the clock ticks loud, so quiet we must keep.

I can't remember all of it, I'm little yet, you see;

But one thing I cannot forget, my father prays for me!

Some of us do not have fathers with us anymore, but for those who do, let us appreciate our Christian fathers, not only on Father's Day, but every day, for only too soon they are taken from us. May God bless every father.

#### FORT SAM HOUSTON, TEXAS

Reporter: Norman L. Haerr

The months of May and June contain two days which should be somewhat special to us . . . especially to those of us who are stationed away from home. These two days are Mother's day and Father's day. We should actually celebrate these two days all through the year, but it seems as though we take people and things for granted if we aren't reminded. This is why a day has been set aside for our "Moms" and "Dads". In the course of conversation with each other here in the service, I have heard it said, time after time, how much we miss home. I've heard it said, "You know, I didn't know how wonderful home was." Yes, when we are away from home, we realize how great home is. And it's those two people who make it so great . . . Mom and Dad! Actually, there isn't any way we can completely repay our mothers and fathers . . . we can only pass on their kindness. We can live as they would have us to live, and we can also try to make a home for our children, as our parents did.

The visitors for the month were few, but we are glad for the ones

who did come. Bro. and Sis. David Bahler of Ft. Wayne spent a Sunday here, while on their honeymoon. Bro. and Sis. John Klaus and daughter, Faith, and Bro. John's mother, Sis. Esther Klaus of Eureka were also able to stop in. We especially enjoyed viewing some of their slides of Japan and Korea. Also here were Bro. Lee Eisenmann and Bro. Norman Stoller of Ft. Wayne. We thank Bro. Norman for presenting God's word unto us.

The following is the schedule of ministers: Congerville — June 23; Elgin, Ill.—July 14; Roanoke —July 28.

### LEO, INDIANA

Reporter: Mrs. Elias Souder

As the shades of evening fell and deepened into night over the waters near Fellowship Center, May 8, the Prairie Choristers concluded their evening program with the beautiful hymn "Prayer at Eventide" . . . Abide with me, 'tis even tide. They were accompanied by Bro. Eugene Bertschi and others.

Sunday, June 2, was the Sunday for our church to visit the two nursing homes at Butler. Two groups went, one to the Hotel Butler Rest Home and the other to the Sheehi Nursing Home. The usual group was present, but I noticed one lady kept her eyes covered while we were there. So when we left I stooped over to speak to her and I heard her say just above a whisper, "God bless you." So my wondering if it was worth the effort ended, and we should not become weary.

Friend Frieda Bertschi is still ill at her home.

Sharon Schlatter, daughter of Thelma and Philip Schlatter and Fritz Hepler were united in marriage at the bride's home, on June 2. The bride is a graduate nurse, and the groom studied music at Indiana University.

### MORRIS, MINNESOTA

Reporter: Mrs. Kenneth Zeltwanger

We assembled at church to sing hymns, Sunday evening, May 5, and will have singing the first and third Sunday of the month, during summer and fall.

A son, Lowell Williams, was born to Bro. and Sis. William Moser on May 9.

A daughter, Sara Leigh, was

born to Bro. and Sis. Leo Dogotch on May 20.

Sis. Minnie Luthi was hospitalized a week, this month. She is still very ill and unable to assemble with us, and is staying at the home of Bro. and Sis. Leonard Wulf at the present time. Sis. Lillian Mogler of Lester and Sis. Wilma Kuntz of Gridley have spent some time here with her. She has always had much faith and courage and her main concern has always been of others. May the Lord be with her in this trying time.

We turned to Daylight Saving Time on May 26.

We are thankful to Bros. Noah Shrock of Oakville, Silas Leuthold of Princeville, Dave Mangold of Roanoke, Paul Banwart of West Bend and Leo Moser of Lester, for spending the week end of May 26 with us. On Sunday, we heard inspiring messages, which gave us much food for thought.

At a meeting on Monday evening, through the sentiment of these brothers and the congregation, Bro. Paul Fehr was chosen as deacon, and Bros. Ernest Kellenberger and John Zeltwanger as song leaders. Due to his age and infirmities, Bro. Jake Nohl was relieved of his duties as minister, after having served many faithful years.

May the Lord always bless and give courage to these elder brothers who sacrifice so much for the welfare of the churches.

Sis. Reka Messner observed her 86th birthday, June 4.

### Sunday School Report

Approximately 150 children attend our Sunday School, ranging in age from 4 years through high school and older.

The number of students in each class and the teachers are as follows: 4-year-olds, 14, Sis. Marian Schmidgall; kindergarten, 14, Sis. Esther Schaefer; 1st grade, 10, Sis. Ann Meiss; 2nd grade, 14, Bro. Henry Nohl Jr.; 3rd grade, 11, Sis. Esther Koehl; 4th through 6th grades, 36, Bros. Alvin Nohl and Wayne Schmidgall; 7th through 9th grades, 25, Bros. Edwin Koehl and Alpai Moser. These classes are held in the afternoon.

Bro. Alvin Nohl has been teaching the longest of the present teachers.

Submitted by Bros. Ernest Kellenberger and Floyd Schmidgall. (Bible class teachers)

Our Senior Bible Class is held in the morning, from 10:30 to the noon hour intermission. It is composed of from 25 to 35 young people, from sophomore to college age. We begin with the singing of hymns, then there is prayer, and reading a chapter (more or less) of scripture, which becomes the basis for our discussion. Questions are always encouraged and welcomed. True and sound doctrine is emphasized, and answers to questions are substantiated with quotations from the Bible, especially New Testament teachings. Sometimes questions are carried over from Sunday to Sunday, until appropriate answers are found in scripture.

Our Bible Class enjoys getting together for hymn singing. We do this quite regularly, in the homes of our members and friends, sometimes weekly or every other week. We try to encourage harmony and the blending of voices, to the honor and praise of our great and gracious God. A lunch is usually served, during which the young folks have a short social period.

We also have an annual Bible Class gathering between five churches, Elgin, West Bend and Lester, Winthrop and Morris. It is to be held at Elgin, Iowa, this year. About 150 students usually participate. This fellowship is eagerly looked forward to by our youth.

We have an Easter and a Christmas program, in which the entire Sunday School takes part. The younger children speak appropriate pieces, and some sing. The Bible Class does most of the singing.

We have learned to love these young folks, and can't appreciate enough their loyalty and cooperation in making an interesting Bible Class, by their good attendance, class participation and very evident desire to learn of the "Way of Truth and Salvation." Some day we hope God will reward them for this.

Many converts have expressed their appreciation for teachings learned in Sunday School, which helped them to find eternal salvation. So may God bless both our Sunday Schools and churches, and continue to enlighten us one and all, to preserve our precious faith.

### RITTMAN, OHIO

Reporter: Mrs. Alvin Zollinger

On Tuesday evening, May 14, a group of members and friends sang hymns for the old people at the Crown Hill Mennonite Home.

A wedding reception was held May 19 at the home of Bro. and Sis. Henry Kiser, for their daughter, Marilyn, and Mr. Russell Boyes, who were married recently. Mr. and Mrs. Boyes are living in Akron.

Bro. Joseph Maibach received ear and chest injuries in an accident which occurred several weeks ago. We are glad he has been able to assemble with us again.

Funeral services were held Saturday, May 18, for the infant son of Bro. Joe and Sis. Lilas Rufener. The baby lived only a few minutes after birth.

Billy Rupp, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Rupp of Seville, is home again, recovering from rheumatic fever.

Ed Roth, of Sterling, had an appendicitis operation. He is at home and feeling much better again.

Bro. Elton Rufener was hospitalized several days for observation.

A son, Jonathan Michael, was born to Bro. and Sis. Vincent Hartzler, on June 1.

The 16-month-old son, Danny, of Bro. and Sis. Donald Stoller received internal injuries and a broken leg when a tractor ran over him, at his home.

Dedication services were held June 2 for our new church here in Rittman. Many members, friends and ministering brothers spent the day with us. Bro. Noah Schrock and Bro. John Widrick held the main services.

### BREMEN, INDIANA

Reporter: Joseph L. Bauman

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Schini have recently made the wonderful experience of having born to them a baby boy. We wish them many blessings with the new little child the Lord has entrusted unto them. The name of the new little boy, born on May 6, is Quinton, and his grandparents are Dan and Viola

Schini.

Sis. Katy Von Bergen has recently been hospitalized, for the purpose of undergoing a minor operation. We wish our dear elderly sister, who is well along in years, a rapid recovery, and much grace from the heavenly Father to bear patiently the burdens which have been placed upon her. She is in the Bremen Community Hospital. Remember her in your prayers.

Sis. Audrea Laidig has been returned to the hospital for the second time, for surgery. We sincerely hope, with this, that her difficulty will have been corrected, and that from now on, she will be on the way to a speedy recovery. We have greatly missed her in our assembly the past month.

Bro. Larry Hartter has returned from Purdue University, where he is an engineering student, to spend summer vacation. We will be very glad for Larry's smiling face in our midst during the summer months. Larry will be a senior this coming Fall.

The old epigram is still true in our time,

"What I gave, I have;

What I spent, I had;

What I kept, I lost". The essence of generosity is in self-sacrifice

We are reminded, that "good things to give are, to your enemy, forgiveness; to an opponent, tolerance; to a friend, your heart; to your child, a good example; to your father, reverence and respect; to all men, charity."

"Give of your faith in God supreme,

Give and make giving your daily theme.

Give to the utmost, tho' thanks be few;

Give, since Christ gave all for you.

The congregation at Bremen, last Sunday, was blest by a visit

from Bros. Otto and Robert Norr. Tho', regretfully, this reporter was not able to be present, reports of many blessings have been heard as a result of their presence among us.

Bro. Otto has long been a faithful laborer in the vineyard of the Lord. As a child in my home church at Wayne Co., Ohio, a sermon he delivered there is still remembered. His plain, simple gospel messages, over the years, have been a great blessing to many. May the blessings of our heavenly Father ever continue to rest upon him. We are always grateful for his visits.

### FT. LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA

Reporter: Florence Sutter

Sunday, May 12, we had as our guest, a minister, Bro. Cottrell and his wife, Sis. Ruth. Their traveling companions were Bro. and Sis. Hoerr, all of Taylor.

Recent vacationers were Sisters Olga and Ida Laubscher of Chicago. We enjoyed many pleasant hours with them.

An outdoor supper was enjoyed by all, Sunday, June 2, Out-of-town guests were Bro. Bryon Nussbaum, his wife, Sis. Marion, and their three children, Devon, Kevin, and Dana, and Sis. Janice Nussbaum all of Forrest. Also with us at this occasion was Bro. Al Frautschi, his wife, Sis. Marge, and their son, Edward, of Grabill, home of the Silver Lining. It was most interesting to hear how they all get together and prepare it to be sent to each subscriber.

Sis. Marion Bachtold, Roberta and Herbie, also Loretta Kupferschmid, are visiting the Carl Bachtolds at this time.

We have enjoyed Bro. Bill and Sis. Emma Moser of Bluffton, as they have tarried a little longer here with us than usual.

News of shut-ins has been a regular part of our paper. We have some special features on shut-ins now on hand, that are interesting and helpful. More are expected later.

Sis. Esther Wagner of our Detroit Church is quoted as saying that the Silver Lining is "Like the biggest letter from home." We want the Silver Lining to give you pleasant hours and leave a glow of love.

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

the editor