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## OUR OPPORTUNITY

Willis R. Ehle

Six or seven years ago I was told by a university professor that it is practically a hopeless case to try to establish churches in rural Japan which will continue on down through the years; the old, old customs of the Japanese people which bind them together as a family and as a group of families eventually smother out the church as time goes by. He cited an example of a rural community, which some 50 years ago had a rather active, professing Christian church, but today very little, if any, trace is found of it.

In the cities, the customs are not so strong, but the barriers are still numerous. People hesitate to go to a strange place unless they are accompanied by a person who knows the place, or unless they have a particular reason for going there which is acceptable in their society.

Obviously then in order to reach more people with God's Word, we must find a way to make friendly, personal contact with them. It is at this point that the intense desire of the Japanese people to learn the English language becomes of interest to us.

God has so destined that you

and I were born in the United States, where we have the greatest wealth with which to do good that has ever been known to man since his creation. But we also have the English language, that great asset which so much of the world covets after, but which we acquired naturally from our earliest youth. The

### Inspired Truth Says

"Salute one another with an holy kiss . . ." Romans 16:16  
". . . Greet ye one another with an holy kiss." I Corinthians 16:20  
"Greet one another with an holy kiss." II Corinthians 13:12  
"Greet all the brethren with an holy kiss." I Thessalonians 5:26  
"Greet ye one another with a kiss of charity . . ." I Peter 5:14

Holy Scriptures teach us that we must give an account to our Master as to how we have used our talents, and surely our material wealth and our mother tongue, the English language, are talents for which we will need to give an account. The English language is a valuable tool in the hands of God's

people. No other means of expressing oneself is so widely accepted throughout the world.

Presently, at two of our three churches in Japan, we have classes where lessons from the Holy Scriptures are taught in the English language. While it is true that God has not commissioned us to be teachers of language, what a blessed opportunity is ours by this avenue, to reach new men and women with the message of the condemnation of sin and its forgiveness, cleansing, joy and peace to be found only in the Lord Jesus Christ. When a person comes to one of our classes to learn English, he is exposed to the power of the Holy Spirit through God's Word, and the barrier which has kept him away from the house of prayer has been broken. Church attendance has increased as a result of our classes in English.

Surely, God is just beginning to use us. Greater avenues of service lie ahead, if we faithfully and prayerfully, seek to be led, when the Lord Jesus Christ, through the power of the Holy Spirit, graciously opens the door for us to be a greater witness and testimony for Him.

## SHUT-IN

Henry Souder Jr.

There are wonderful possibilities to explore.

A shut-in, we usually consider, is one who must stay in because of limitations of the body. To be shut-in is broader than this. We all must

learn this life of shut-in. Wherever there is some confining, limiting, or trial allowed of God, we are shut-in.

God lays out our paths. All his methods are good.

We are shut-in to our own talents and to our own work. That is good. The all things that work together keep us in our own doings . . . we are limited to freedom to work His work. The interest-bearing

ing accounts of God must be wrought with His methods.

"... I would ye should understand, brethren, that the things which happened unto me have fallen out rather unto the futherance of the gospel."

Paul was a shut-in. He was a prisoner.

That metal chain was an outward appearance. We have temptations, pain, various things outwardly that seem to shut-in. Paul said he was a prisoner of Jesus Christ. That makes the difference, whatever the affliction.

The day of little things is always at hand. When we are little in our own sight, that is good. The word of God is not bound. Our own thoughts can tie down. But, like the ropes that bound Samson, so our own limitations snap as tow, with the mighty strength of God.

"For if there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not."

If we could do this always... Do with Him, with what we have, the potential is marvellous.

We do not come naturally this way. We wish for something else, if we had not been treated as we were, or if we just had some other tools. The work we are doing gets interrupted, and we get aggravated.

We make a mistake in numbering our own resources. When we come to gifts of God, we face limitless possibility. Jesus is the same, yesterday, today and forever. With God there is no variableness. The power is still there. If there is limiting, it is us.

"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

When Peter looked to the word of Jesus to come, he walked on the water. When he looked to the wind boisterous, he began to sink. Even then, a strong Hand reached out to hold him.

We can learn a lesson. Even the minute before sunset may garner its sheaves. It is to do, at the word of Jesus. Grasp what He says, and even dark moments have His upholding. Grasp, when winds and waves are fierce. In the weak, He shows His might. Do.

Needles and drills, pains and throbs go along with this life. Looking away to Him is to the secret of a successful life and bearing the pain. Look away to Jesus.

"As sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things."

With God's subtraction, we learn His multiplication.

We need to everyday stir the fire in our hearts! Like the golden sun freshens a new day with radiant light, so would He renew us.

There are things to do, a mission to be accomplished. There is a love to make being in the room pleasant. There is pain to be borne in peace. There is a smile... a letter... a prayer for others... so many things our Lord will make us aware of, if we pray.

"For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day."

Man here takes in all His own.

Just as a child is trained and corrected, we need to train our thoughts to "day by day". This is the only day He has called upon us to bear this pain or this problem. Jesus does not want us to

make a huge sounding board of days, pains and problems that echo back and forth and terrify us. Casting our cares on Him, and carrying His thoughts make the hours pass pleasantly.

"For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory;"

There are sweet thoughts in His love.

Centuries... hours... history... we grasp these by long and short, by start and finish. Our thinking multiplies these, or even thinks of the line of long, long multiples. Numbers limit.

Eternal is without time. There is no end.

Like a beautiful day with morning blue, and happiness ahead, it will be beautiful, limitless expanse. When we stand there, it will indeed be always. There is joy in the sweet pondering of holy wonders... His is everlasting life.

"... godliness with contentment is great gain."

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## NEWS

### ATHENS, ALABAMA

Reporter: Ann Wagler

Athens Vacation Bible Scholl is being held July 1-5, from 7:30 to 9:30 each night. While the children have their Sunday School lessons and handcraft, the adults stay in for preaching. It warms our hearts to see the good spirit among the folks and their willingness to help.

On Wednesday nights, we alternate between the homes of George Kelly, Marvin Moss and Roy Bar-

nett, for preaching or Bible study.

Visiting were John and Betty Klaus, Faith and Mrs. Esther Klaus of Eureka.

Bro. Earl and Sis. Marge Zeltwanger visited with us, along with Kay, Gayle, Mark and Jane, on June 30. Earl ministered at our three churches.

The Lord chose to call Linda Gail Chambers, three-months-old daughter of Buddy and Sis. Betty Chambers, from this life, on June 12. Funeral services were held at Lester, Alabama.

### BAY CITY, MICHIGAN Reporters: Faye Wackerle and Marlene Mosher

June 1, Kenneth Mosher was united in marriage with Shirley Walter. He is the son of Winsor and Sis. Loretta Mosher.

Ben Zimmerman was our visiting minister on June 9.

This month we have had visitors from Gridley, Fairbury, Detroit, Alto, Connecticut, and Roanoke.

Friend Gladys Wieland has been in the hospital and has had surgery.

Friend Barry Wackerle is now in Peace Corps training in Berea, Kentucky. His address is Box 2158, Berea College Station, Berea, Kentucky.

On Saturday, June 22, there was the proving of David Wieland. On Sunday, June 23, there was baptism for Dave. Holy Communion followed, with our Elder Brother Joe Waibel and Brother Rudolph Graf presiding. It was a very blessed day and evening for one and all. Also, visiting with Bro. Rudolph were his wife, Sis. Betty, and Bro. Art and Sis. Audrey Graf.

#### One of Our Shut-ins

One afternoon recently, I paid a visit to Sis. Marie Wieland, a visit that was long overdue. I think it would do us all good to visit our shut-ins more often.

Sis. Marie has been at the Colonial Rest Home for about two years. In 1961 she fell and broke her hip. As age creeps upon us, our bones don't always heal properly, which happened to her. As the result, she is confined, either to bed, a chair or wheel chair.

She likes to receive cards, but she told me she can't write and answer them. She has the sermons brought to her every week, with tape recordings, and she really enjoys that.

Sis. Marie sought the Lord when she was 16 years old.

She was born in Gridley, in 1887. Her parents were John and Katharine (Schrock) Zimmerman. There were eight children born to that union, all of which became converted.

In 1918, she married Bro. George Wieland. Bro. George passed away in 1956. She has two children, Bro. Gerald, and Sis. Hermine Kaeb, and 7 grandchildren, all of Bay City.

The days at the Rest Home do get long, but her faith in God and the hope of eternal rest help to sustain her, through all the pain and trials she must bear. Her address is

Colonial Rest Home  
2394 Midland Rd  
Bay City Mich

#### BERN, KANSAS

Reporter: Mrs. Lester Hartter

With rather a small church, there isn't so much to send. Sis. Emma Wittmer submitted this:

As we assemble ourselves at

church, let us be deeply mindful that we are now entering GOD'S sacred house of worship.

"Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer."

Psalm 19:14.

LET US—Go early to church, not only be punctual, but be in our place before the hour announced for the service to begin. LET US—Go in a reverent spirit, on the way remember whither we go. Avoid lightness of manner and conversation on worldly topics.

LET US—As we enter, breathe a silent prayer of invocation for the influence of the Holy Spirit.

LET US—As we take our place, bow our head reverently in prayer for ourself and for all others who enter the church.

LET US—Resolve that we will be quiet, foster no evil thought, fix our eyes on no object that would detract our thoughts, utter no word that will tend to divert our mind from the holy purpose for which we have come into the church.

LET US—As the minister enters the pulpit, offer an earnest, silent prayer in his behalf.

LET US—In all service, take an active part, as hearer, as worshiper.

LET US—At the close of the service after a moment of prayerful silence, depart with cheerfulness and good will to all whom we happen to meet, remembering that Christian fellowship is part of Christian worship.

Bro. Lester and many others quoted the following: You cannot repent too soon, because you do not know how soon it may be too late.

The Harold Hartter family, whose home burned, are now living in a trailer house.

Roy Lehmann and his wife, Elva Meyer Lehmann, who were both hurt badly in a car accident, are recuperating.

A few of us recaptured the joys of childhood, in picking wild strawberries, also a few gooseberries, for a taste treat. While in the woods, we admired the brilliant oriole and other birds and some pretty wild daisies which I had not seen for many years. Isn't God's great out-doors wonderful?

Leroy and Helen Menold Meyer have named their first child, a son,

Duane Leroy.

We had a refreshing this month, with Elder Lester Hartter serving us Holy Communion.

According to Thy gracious word,  
In meek humility,  
This will we do, our loving Lord:  
We will remember Thee.

Thy body broken for our sake,  
Our bread shall be,  
Thy sacramental cup we take,  
And thus remember Thee.

Can we Gethsemane forget?  
Or there Thy conflict see,  
Thine agony and bloody sweat,  
And not remember Thee?

When to the cross we turn our  
eyes,  
And rest on Calvary,  
Oh Lamb of God, our sacrifice,  
We must remember Thee.

We regret parting with Sis. Eva Hohulin, who has gone to make her home in Peoria. She has been with the Apostolic Christian Home for the aged. Sis. Pearl Meyer will now take her place as matron.

The last week-end of the month, our young people entertained quite a few youth from West Bend, Fort Scott, Princeville, and Sabetha. Their presence was warmly welcomed at worship.

Our visiting ministers were Bros. Henry Wackerle, Bay City; Albert Wuthrich, Pulaski. Bro. Henry's sermon was timely and direct. Bro. Albert, in speaking to our youth, said: How the world entices, but it is better to "tune" in to God and not to the world.

#### PULASKI, IOWA

Reporter: Mrs. Ray Martin

Those who visited our church on June 16 were Bro. and Sis. Elmer Martin and family of Princeville, Sis. Minnie Frank, Sis. Louise Ruff, Bro. and Sis. Chris Leuthold of Peoria.

Bro. and Sis. Allen Marti and family of Gridley, Ill. were with us this past month, too.

#### The Fountain of Good

Your're fretting about all the worldly pleasure,  
Regretting your lack of some earthly treasure.

You're wishing and wanting, but failing to get,

And feeling the world has not paid its debt.

All your hours have gone wasting, awaiting the day  
When good luck will likely be coming your way.

You despair of your fate, and enlarge on your sorrow,  
You live in the hope all will change, come tomorrow.

And then you can hear some small voice in you say,  
"When tomorrow arrives, it will be your today."

Today, here and now, is your minute for living;  
If you lose it or waste it, you sin unforgiving.

Opportunity passes all those who spurn it;  
Success will come only to you if you earn it.

No more idle wishing! Indulge in right thinking!  
Then soon, from the Fountain of Good you'll be drinking.

### EUREKA, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Cathryn Wettstein

Our visiting ministers the past month were Bro. Joe Schrock from Congerville; Bro. Dave Mangold, Bro. Joe Zimmerman and Bro. Gene Bertschi from Roanoke; and Bro. Lorn Stoller from Latty.

Vacation Bible School was held June 3 through June 14, with an average attendance of 174 children. There were 22 teachers helping with this program. Also, several extra helped serve refreshments each day. May God bless the good seed that was sown in all the childrens hearts these two weeks. May a special blessing be showered on all who helped with this year's program.

June 23, our monthly singing was held again. Six sisters from Peoria were special guests. They sang four songs for us. The evening was enjoyed by all who were present. Everyone who enjoys singing is welcome to come. It refreshes the soul when we can sing praises to our God in heaven, and is a very important part of our worshipping Him.

Those in the hospital are Sis. Bertha Weuthrich; Sis. Christina Unzicker; Bro. Ed. Geiger; and Sis.

Irene Hartter.

We have two friends that are repenting. They are Merle Rocke, the son of Bro. Virgil and Sis. Pauline Rocke, and Doris Fehr, the daughter of Bro. Ralph and Sis. Lula Fehr. We are so happy, and are hoping and praying that many more will seek the Lord before it may be too late.

### FT. SAM HOUSTON, TEXAS

Reporter: Norman Haerr

The month of June contained two happenings here at Ft. Sam, of which we would like to share with all. During the month, two boys who were away from an earthly home felt they needed someone to guide and watch over them. Therefore, they turned to the Heavenly Father and asked Him to be their Guide. Richard Moser, who is from Cissna Park and who has just completed his basic training, felt he wanted to repent, but didnt know how. As we all know, because we all were in this situation, this is the beginning of a life with Christ.

Emmanuel Gerber, who is from Bluffton and who is now somewhere in Germany, felt he just had to repent. He knew he wasn't doing right by not repenting, and he also knew that, if he expected to get to Heaven, he must repent, so he also yielded unto the Saviour's gentle call. How wonderful it is to see young men turn to the Lord: this truly makes us rejoice here at Ft. Sam.

On June 9, Elder Brother Theo Beer and his wife, Naomi, were with us. We greatly rejoiced in having Bro. Theo here, and in being privileged to listen to his words of encouragement. How we could see that he is a true servant of God! Bro. and Sis. Charley and Mary Speheger of Bluffton also were here, as was Becky Hoerr of Milford, a granddaughter of Bro. Theos.

The same week end, Bro. and Sis. Carl and Lydia Moser of Cissna Park were here. They had an enjoyable week end with their son, Richard.

The 23rd of June, Bro. Ben Zimmerman and Bro. Ben Knapp of Congerville were with us. Even though Bro. Ben is somewhat older, he still journeyed all the way down here to present the Word unto us. For this we were truly grateful.

The following are the address changes:

Pvt James L Hohulin US55758616  
Co D 2nd Bn USAMTC  
Class 92A  
Ft Sam Houston Texas

Pvt Thomas L Kipfer 555748959  
Co D 2nd Bn USAMTC  
Class 92A  
Ft Sam Houston Texas

Pvt Glenn W Joos 55758604  
Co D 2nd Bn USAMTC  
Class 93-A  
Ft Sam Houston Texas

PFC Donald Furrer  
C Btry 1st Msl Bn  
60th Arty  
Munster Indiana

Pvt Emmanuel L Gerber 55748718  
35 Field Arty Bn 2nd How  
APO 139  
New York New York

Bro. Joe Steiner and Albert Steffen arrived here for basic training. Bro. Joe is from Tremont, and Albert is from Fairbury.

Pvt Joseph E Steiner 55759525  
Co D 3rd Bn USAMTC  
Class 12-B  
Ft Sam Houston Texas

Pvt Albert D Steffen 55759976  
Co D 3rd Bn USAMTC Class 1-B  
Ft Sam Houston Texas

The following is the schedule of ministers: Lester, August 11; Bay City, August 25.

### FORT SCOTT, KANSAS

Reporter: Marie Zaugg

June 9, Carol Sinn and Earl Carter were united in marriage by Elder Brother Samuel Anliker. The wedding and reception were held at the home of the bride's parents. Carol is the daughter of George and Sophie Sinn. We wish Carol and Earl God's blessings in their new life together.

Sis. Elizabeth Cordill, Sis. Olive Marti, Bro. and Sis. Charles Marti of Lamar came for the wedding.

We wish to thank Bro. Anliker for his messages of truth, at our church service.

Other visitors for the month were:

Bro. and Sis. Art Wettstein and family, Eureka, worshiped with us on Sunday. They were on their way to Texas.

Bro. and Sis. Howard Sauder

and family, Roanoke, were vacationing in the Ozarks. They came over on Sunday and had fellowship with us.

We were privileged to have with us on July 2, Bro. and Sis. Joe Klotzle of Altadena, Bro. and Sis. Reuben Farney of Maywood.

We thank Bro. Klotzle for his inspiring message of truth.

### GIRARD, OHIO

Reporter: Jesse C. Emch

On Sun., May 19, we were very happy to have as our guests several families from Akron, Bro. Ernest Graf was our guest minister. The Lord provided much spiritual food for us all. We enjoyed having Sis. Riggerbach of Sardis and Mrs. Harris of Wheeling (W. Va.) worship with us, while they were visiting their sister, Mrs. Margaret Kincaid of Girard. Sis. Louisa Lance has left again for Iowa City, Iowa, after being with us for several weeks.

Since our last news item in the May issue of the Silver Lining, we can report those who were in the hospital at that time are home and doing very well. Sisters Emma Tochtenhagen, Marie Emch, and Lena Deislinger were hospitalized during this period, and we are glad to report, they are all home again. Sisters Ethel Hafely and Lydia Klotzle were confined to their homes for several weeks due to illness.

A son, Michael James, born June 23, is a welcome guest in the home of the Bud Browns. Bud is a son of Stanley and Sis. Inez Brown.

Sis. Elizabeth Games is back home again, after spending several weeks with her sister, Mrs. Joe. Burgess of New Martinsville. We were glad to see Bro. Carl and Sis. Freida Gasser home, after spending several weeks vacationing through the western states. Bro. Robt. Stoll spent two weeks in Norfolk, Va., with the Navy Reserve. The family spent one week with him also.

On Sunday, June 30, several from our congregation went to New Martinsville for church service. This reporter is touched to see how much interest is shown by many of the friends who have attended service in the little old church that is nestled so nicely on top of one of the West Virginia hills.

Many were the souls that heard

the true word of God preached and were converted to become followers of our Lord and Saviour. God, who sees into the heart of man, does wonderful things. It would surely make many hearts happy to see new converts take up where our parents left off. We sing in the 86th hymn, "The Lord will provide." Another place we sing: "Let the Saviour in." Jesus stands at the door, to see the latch pulled, so the door will open to your heart. Will some heart let Him in?

Time of our Church Services (Daylight Saving Time)  
 Sunday School: 9:30 — 10:30 AM  
 Morning Service: 10:30 — 11:30 AM  
 Afternoon Service: 12:30 — 1:30 PM

### HILLSBORO, ALABAMA

Reporter: Clara Heiniger

Bro. and Sis. William Cottrell and Bro. and Sis. George Hoerr of Quincy, Ill., visited the Hillsboro and Landersville area, enroute home from Florida.

Births: Jack and Eveline Bradford are happy to welcome a son, Carlton Eugene, born May 29; and Leldon and Minnie Parker, a daughter, Balinda Kay, born May 30. They are Bro. and Sis. Henry Stricklin's grandson and great-granddaughter.

Bro. Junior Hale held worship service at Lester, Ala., at the home of Bro. Wesley Long, Sunday, June 16.

Vacation Bible School was held 7 miles southwest of Hillsboro, in Mountain Home area, every night during June 17-21. Due to lack of room in the basement for all classes, the primary class of 20 children were carried to Sis. Clara's place, and Bro. Junior Hale had preaching service in his home, across the road, for all the older folks. The children did a wonderful work in learning and hiding God's Word in their hearts.

Sis. Lena Heiniger visited for about three weeks in the Mountain Home area, near Hillsboro.

Bro. Junior Hale and Bro. John Wagler held worship and Sunday School service in the home of Bro. and Sis. Chester Simmons, Friday evening, June 14.

### LA CROSSE, INDIANA

Reporter: Martha Rinkenberger

Ministers visiting us were Bro. Otto Norr of Leo, Bro. Ralph Bey-

er of Naumberg, and Bro. Edwin Bahler of Remington.

We are happy to have Bro. and Sis. Nile Bucher with us. They were married in June.

Those home from the service were Bro. and Sis. Gary Bucher, Bro. and Sis. Alvin Nuest, Richard Nuest, Keith Heinold, and Dennis Bucher.

### La Crosse Sunday School

There are 70 children in our Sunday School, beginning at 4 years old. The students are divided into seven classes. Because of lack of space, the three older classes are held in the morning and the remaining four in the afternoon.

Presently, our teachers are Sisters Elizabeth Pfladderer, Erma Moser, Lorene Moser, Grace Heinold, and Bros. Arthur Bucher, Jack Nuest, Kenneth Bucher, Lynn Feller, Virgil Heinold, Aaron Heinold, Harvey Banwart, Roland Meiss, and Superintendent Harold Heinold.

In our third and fourth grade class, we teach from Bible Stories by Arthur Maxwell; the fifth and sixth graders use Egermeir's Bible Story Book; Hurlburt's is taught to the seventh and eighth graders. The upper classmen are taught from the Bible.

The Bible Class has elected their own committee to handle any business affairs and the distribution to the needy and other charities, the money contributions made by the students. At the present time, the members of this committee are Janet Heinold, Peggy Heinold, Arthur Luthi Jr., and Gene Heinold.

For a number of years, we have used our own Sunday School teacher rotation system, and have found it very successful. In our system, the three men who have served the longest time are the nominating committee to choose two men each year. The two nominees are approved by the ministers, whereupon, all the teachers vote to elect one of these men to replace the teacher that has served the longest period of time.

Every two years the same procedure is used to select a replacement for the ladies.

The superintendent is elected by vote of the group of Sunday School teachers. He is to serve in this capacity for three years.

At the beginning of the school

year, the men select a class for each man teacher, and the ladies follow the same pattern for the lower classes. We have adopted this plan to avoid the students continuing to have the same teacher year after year.

Anyone is eligible to be a teacher again, after one year of retirement.

On Sunday afternoon, July 28, we will be having our annual Sunday School picnic, to which the entire church is invited. At the picnic, the attendance awards are given by each teacher to his or her respective students. We do not have Sunday School during August, and then September 8, the readjusted slate of teachers and their students begin the new school year.

#### LESTER, IOWA

Reporter: Emelie Knobloch

We enjoyed a blessed week end June 16, when Elder Bro. Henry Koehl spent the day with us, serving Holy Communion, with Bro. Leo Moser assisting.

We are making plans for our annual Sunday School-Congregation picnic, which is to be held July 14.

We are happy that friend Lena Maurer has found peace and has been announced.

We have enjoyed the short visits by different people, enroute on vacation.

On June 30, the wedding of Emma (Emy) Knobloch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Knobloch, and Paul Banwart Jr of West Bend was solemnized by his father, Elder Bro. Paul Banwart. It was a home wedding with dinner and reception in Hills, Minnesota. They will make their home at West Bend.

Bro. William Knobloch, son of Bro. and Sis. Emil Knobloch, has had an early release from service to help his father farm.

Illness: Bro. Herman Stickling seems to be quite well again, after being burned by acid, when a valve on a liquid fertilizer spreader blew off in his face. Kelvin Knobloch is still taking treatments in Indiana.

Birth: To Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Moser, a son, Bradley Dale, on May 29.

Many folks from Princeville, Morton, Goodfield, Peoria, Oakville and West Bend spent June 30 with us, attending the Knobloch and Banwart wedding. Elder Bro.

Paul Banwart and Bro. Earl Banwart bestowed God's teaching that day.

We were very thankful for the two inches of rain we received last week, with the hot and humid weather we are having.

Our remodeling seems to be nearing completion. Our benches have been assembled, finished, and put in place.

Most of the work remains in the new baby room.

We had 194 children at Sunday School, on June 30.

#### PRINCEVILLE, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Ruth Ricketts

On the afternoon of June 12, our aged friend, William Begner, passed from this world. Had he lived until June 28, he would have been ninety years old. He had his first stay in the hospital a few weeks before, when he had a leg amputated. Only recently, he and his wife, Sis. Mary, observed their sixty-fourth wedding anniversary together, in the hospital. Bros. Silas Leuthold and David Kieser were in charge of the services, held in the church on June 15. He was laid to rest in the church cemetery. His aged wife, Sis. Mary, eight sons, and a number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren survive. May the dear Lord comfort our sister and her family in their time of sorrow.

Jordon, son of Bro. Chris and Sis. Lelia Elsasser, who has been serving in the Army in Korea, was recently discharged and has returned home. Thankful are we for his safe return.

Many relatives and friends came June 23 to attend the reception for Bro. Charles and Sis. Marie Kieser, who were recently married in Toledo.

Sis. Marie's father, Bro. Walter Rehklau, gave us many words of inspiration, comfort and admonishment, for which we are indeed thankful. Do we always surrender all, or do we sometimes hold a part back? This was the thought brought out, after reading about Ananias and Sapphira. In the evening, quite a number gathered for hymn singing, followed by reading and meditation by Bro. Rehklau. May he be richly rewarded for the services rendered us.

Our friends, Raymond and Joann (Berchtold) Rumbold, are the parents of a daughter, born June

25. She has a brother to welcome her home.

Since a number of us are leaving on vacation to various places, we ask for the dear Lord's protection on our way. One time, as we were leaving a motel, the following words were found at the door, and I feel they hold much thought:

May God uphold you in the coming days,

Guide and protect you, keep you in His ways,

Show you His paths, the wisdom of His will,

And His good promises to you fulfill.

Lo, He is with you always, to the end.

Therefore, be strong and of good courage, friend.

#### MORTON, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Mrs. B. E. Getz

Funeral services for Bro. Carl Bauman, age 75, were held June 4. Bro. J. A. Getz officiated. Surviving are his wife, Ida Hauter Bauman; a daughter, Louise Ross; and a son, Benjamin.

Funeral services for Ray Roeschley, 36, were held June 8. Bro. Getz and Bro. Frank Woertz officiated. He leaves to mourn his loss his wife, Sis. Mabel Bauman Roeschley, and six children.

Funeral services for Ernest Heubach, age 67, were held June 27. He was the son of Gottlob and Fredericka Zeeb Heubach. Bro. Getz and Bro. Leroy Hartman of Peoria had the services.

Bro. Sam Hoerr, age 69, passed away June 28. Funeral services were held July 1. Surviving are his wife, Louise Geiger Hoerr; and four sons, Vernon, Louis, Alvin & Don; and two daughters, Norma and Sis. Virginia Hunziker.

We were very happy to have Bro. Noah Schrock with us Sunday morning, June 10; Bro. Joe Aupperle of Sabetha, Sunday morning, June 16, and Bro. Jim Hoerr of Peoria, Sunday, June 16. Their wives accompanied them.

Bro. Ernest Gerber of Rockville brought us an inspiring message, June 23.

The two daughters of Bro. and Sis. Earl Farney have repented and have been announced for baptism.

A son was born to Bro. Marvin and Sis. Lois Zimmerman Getz,

June 20, and a daughter was born to the Glenn Getzs on the 28th.

Sis. Sarah Rapp was able to return to her home, after a long stay at the hospital.

Sis. Minnie Huette suffered a stroke and is at the Restmor Nursing Home.

On May 5, the Morton Bible Class was host to the following churches for the Christian Endeavor singing and fellowship, with an attendance of about 350 students and many parents and friends — Goodfield, Congerville, Fairbury, Roanoke, Forrest, Peoria, Tremont, Eureka, Gridley and Princeville.

We had Vacation Bible School from June 3 to the 14. The enrollment was 290, and average attendance was 249. Bible School was held in the evening, 7:00 to 8:30, with a 10% increase in attendance.

Bro. and Sis. Ralph Roecker and three children will move to Glen Ellyn, where they have purchased a home. Bro. Ralph will work for a paint company, and Sis. Gloria will teach school.

In the future, all mail coming to Morton should designate the zip code number, 61550.

### PORTLAND, OREGON

Reporter: Mrs. Paul N. Rumbold

PFC John Affolter has returned to his base at Ft. Campbell, Kentucky, after spending ten days with his parents, Ernie and Laura Affolter.

Bro. Phil and Sis. Bertha Metzger and daughters, Sis. Carol and Cheryl, from Sabetha, spent Sunday, June 16, with us. Sis. Bertha and daughter Cheryl are staying until July 4, to visit with her mother, Sis. Elizabeth Dirawacht-er and son, Clayton, and family.

Sis. Margaret Banwart left June 21 for West Bend. She will be visiting relatives and friends there.

The Silvertown community was saddened, when a dear friend, Reuben Klopfenstein, suffered a heart attack Monday afternoon, June 17, and passed away. We will all miss him. He is survived by his wife, Bertha, and two sons, Richard and Howard, both of Salem, Oregon.

Bro. Edward and Sis. Elva Unsicker and children left June 30 for a month visiting in the east.

Little Danny, son of Bro. Garth and Sis. Connie Steffen, had the misfortune of breaking his arm.

### RITTMAN, OHIO

Reporter: Ella Mae Trent

Many witnesses gathered by the baptismal water, June 9, to hear the testimony of Friend Gary Maibach, and to witness his baptism. We rejoice that Gary, son of Sis. Alma Maibach, could be united with our brotherhood. We pray that he can keep the covenant he made with God until life's end.

God hath not promised skies always blue, sun without rain, nor peace without pain. The following include those of our congregation who were hospitalized during the past month.

Daniel, infant son of Bro. Donald and Sis. Lucelda Stoller, is progressing satisfactorily in a body-cast, following hospitalization.

Sis. Lillian Beery and Sis. Laura Oplinger are able to attend with us, following a brief hospitalization for surgery. Sis. Laura is now at her daughter's home in California, to complete her recuperation.

Sis. Ella Hartzler, who spent a few days in the hospital for observation, is able to assemble with us again.

Sis. Ruth, wife of Bro. Karl Beery, is still hospitalized at this writing. May God be near her in her hours of trial.

Mrs. Betty Winkler submitted to surgery.

Daryle, young son of Bro. Herbert and Sis. Bernice Bauman, is home, in a cast, following hospitalization for treatment of serious injuries, including fractures of both legs, he incurred from a fall from a hay mow.

Thursday evening, June 20, we enjoyed the ministering of Bro. Sam Kilgus of Remington and Bro. Joe Kaisner of Forrest. We were reminded that each day we are nearer to God than we have been before. We should be watchful and sober, knowing that we are just one heartbeat and one breath from death.

We extend our sympathy to the Alvin Winkler and Clarence Imhoff families, as each laid a loved one to rest.

Ellis, son of Bro. Alvin and Sis. Stella Winkler, died June 17, following a long illness. He is survived by six brothers and five sisters. It is consoling to believe that he has gone to a home where there is no more suffering nor pain.

Out of the pain of night . . .  
 watching removed,  
 Into the sleep that God gives his  
 beloved,  
 Into the dawn of a glad  
 resurrection,  
 Into the house of unbroken  
 affection,  
 Into the joy of his Lord . . .  
 thence confessing  
 Death in disguise is his angel in  
 blessing.

Bro. Clarence Imhoff died, following injuries incurred in an industrial accident, June 25. He is survived by his wife, Sis. Naomi, and two sons and five daughters. We were reminded that in a moment, in a twinkling of an eye, we can be called from life to eternity.

William Rhoads and Marjorie Winkler, daughter of Bro. Alvin and Sis. Stella Winkler, were united in holy matrimony on June 29. May God bless their walk through life together.

A daughter, Miriam, was born to Bro. Walter and Sis. Mary Gasser on June 20.

Edna Grossenbacher, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Grossenbacher, has surrendered her all to the Lord in repentance. We wish her God's grace and blessings in her new walk.

We have enjoyed the fellowship of visitors, representing about eleven congregations. May you include Rittman on your itinerary again.

We were happy to have Bro. and Sis. Ernest Gerber of Rockville with us on July 7. We were richly blessed with his labors.

### UNION CITY, NEW JERSEY

Reporter: August Mueller

Sun., June 2 . . . Awake my heart and honor, with praise and thanks and might, Thy God and Thy Creator and sentinel at night. The morning sun, with splendor, proclaims its Maker's fame. Anthems of praise do render, All ye who bear his name.

We have at all times many reasons to praise and honor His holy name, when we review what He has done for us, how He did call us out of this world of sin, to serve Him and to follow in His footsteps. We did not seek Him, but He met us even better than halfway.

How fortunate are we to have our Lord Jesus as our shelter in this dark world and time. This

shelter can not be destroyed, and it is our wish and prayer that all the souls that know the way could yet be saved, ere the door of grace will be closed and no man will be saved anymore. The invitations are sent out every time the word of God is proclaimed. As I read the Silver Lining, I find that yet souls are saved, and I thank God for every soul that can be saved.

Sun., June 9: Today, we had visitors from Rockville, Sis. Emma Marty, Sis. Elsie Diggelman, Sis. Norma Diggelman and Jeanny Heintz. We are always glad to meet and greet members and friends from other congregations. We invite them to visit us again.

Friend Arthur Krotzner & Mildred Gordon were united in marriage Saturday afternoon, June 15. We wish them God's richest blessing.

On Friday, June 21, Friend Richard Diggelman left home for Rochester, N. Y., where he obtained a postion. We wish Richard Diggelman much success in his new undertaking. His father and mother, Bro. John and Sis. Mary escorted him, in order to set him up in his new home. From there, they went to visit the members in Croghan and Naumberg. They will come home oMnday. We want to thank Bro. Ernst Lugenbuhl and Bro. Al Schneider for substituting for Bro. Diggelman (and the members that came along with them). We invite them to come again soon. The messages they brought to us were very important. It was a word spoken in due season. If we follow the instructions we have received today, it will go well with us.

Let us not grow weary in serving the Lord. Let us do what we can in his vineyard, that we may receive the blessing here in this time and much more in eternity. We wish Richard Diggelman much success in his new undertaking.

It is with deep regret and sorrow that I report the passing on of our oldest daughter, Mrs. Margaret Mueller Schramm, at the age of 46 years. She died Wednesday noon June 26, after a lengthy illness. The funeral was held Saturday, June 29, at 1:00 o'clock. My family and I wish to express our thanks to all those who sympathized with us in the hours of bereavement. God bless one and all. Our sorrow was eased somewhat through the pres-

ence of our daughter, Sis. Louise Mueller Akel. She came from Miama, Fla., to attend the funeral . . . a great loss.

#### WEST BEND, IOWA

Reporter: Anna Schmidt

We are happy to report that Raymond Wilson is home from the hospital and improving satisfactorily.

Sis. Ida Banwart had the misfortune of breaking both bones in her leg, above the ankle. We wish her a rapid recovery.

Kevin, five-month-old son of Dean and Nadine Grimm, suffocated in his crib, on June 18. Dean is the son of Bro. Eli and Sis. Lena Grimm.

Mary Ellen, the infant daughter of Lowell and Janet Fehr, passed away June 13. Lowell is the son of Sis. Nima Fehr.

A daughter, Ellen Joy, was born to Bro. Richard and Sis. Betty Schmidt on June 5.

Visiting ministers for the month of June were: Bro. Paul Fehr, Morris; Bro. Harvey Heiniger, Oakville; and Bro. Herman Kellenberger, Elgin, Illinois. We always enjoy having visiting ministers gather with us.

There were several here from Morris; Gridley, Illinois; Oakville; and Elgin, Iowa, for the Habeger reunion on June 23.

#### WINTHROP, MINNESOTA

Assistant Reporter:

Esther Messner

On June 23, we enjoyed having with us Elder Paul Banwart and son, Arnold, Elder Henry Koehl, Bro. and Sis. Paul Fehr of Morris, and Bro. and Sis. Leo Moser and family.

Maryann Ohland and family from Michigan spent a short time with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Messner, and her brother, John, who was home on leave at the time.

June 29, Donna, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Conney Messerli, was united in marriage to John Olson, son of Everett and Sis. Katie Olson of Minneapolis, at the bride's home. Elder Bro. Herman Kellenberger of Elgin, Ill., performed the marriage ceremony. His wife, Sis. Della, accompanied him here. Relatives and friends from Elgin; Peoria; Minneapolis; Morris; Lakeville, Minn.; and Cleveland, Ohio, attended the wedding. After a

short trip to northern Minnesota, they will make their home in Minneapolis.

June 30, Bro. and Sis. Ray Schmidgall celebrated their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary, with open house. Their children and many relatives and friends were there to congratulate them.

We enjoyed having Bro. and Sis. Herman Kellenberger with us over the week end, and hope they will come soon again.

Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Schmidt and family from Gridley, Ill., moved here to make their home; Darrell is a son of Sis. Emma Schmidt. We welcome them home.

#### WICHITA, KANSAS

Reporter: Mrs. Harvey Smith

Sis. Earlene Yergler and son were here to spend a couple of weeks with her parents, Bro. and Sis. George Lambert.

A church picnic was held on June 9 for the visitors. Those visiting were Bro. and Sis. Raymond Banwart, Ft. Scott; Bro. and Sis. Charles Gleichman, Harper; and Sis. Ruth Dominick, Morton. Sis. Dominick came to visit her brother, Dave Gleichman, who is seriously ill in a Wichita hospital.

Elder Bro. Theo Beer and wife and Bro. Charlie and Mary Spehger were here for midweek services.

We are happy to report, Sis. Lydia Schrock has returned home and is doing quite well.

On June 26, Bro. and Sis. Joe Klotzle of California and Bro. and Sis. Albert Wuthrich of Pulaski, visited. Bros. Joe and Albert ministered unto us. We are grateful to the Lord for allowing them to labor to the Wichita church.

#### History

The Apostolic Christian Church at Wichita, located at Lulu and Lincoln, was erected in 1938. The contractor was Bro. Joe Lorenz, presently living in the Los Angeles area.

For several years, ministers of neighboring churches conducted services, under Elder Brother Schubert of Peoria. It was during Bro. Schubert's oversight that Bro. Robert Young was appointed minister, becoming the first resident minister to serve in the Wichita congregation.

Later, Elder Brother Gleichman was appointed over this congregation, until the time of his death.



Bro. Noah Schrock then was appointed elder, to serve for a number of years. It was during his eldership that Bro. Clarence Yackley was elected to the ministry. He later moved to Phoenix, where he still resides. Bro. John Barth became the third minister, having served the Harper church before moving to Wichita. Bro. John passed away, after a number of years of faithful ministering to this congregation.

In 1952, Bro. George Lambert was elected, to minister with Bro. Young. Bro. Young has moved to Virgil, Kansas, some 90 miles from Wichita, but still comes faithfully, when weather and health permit.

Having weathered many storms, the little congregation today lives peacefully, enjoying love and unity, which the Lord through much patience has brought about. We are very thankful for His great love, tolerance and forbearance, for we have really learned how precious He is, to all that have a desire to know more about Him.

The church (at the time this was written) has 41 members and approximately 86 children and friends. We are thankful for all of them, and are looking forward to a spiritual harvest among the friends and children, who lay so heavily on all our hearts.

The writer wishes to extend his invitation to all our members and friends of other congregations to visit us, whenever it is convenient, as we do enjoy sharing our mutual fellowship with you. In traveling west, take time out to spend a Sunday or a mid-week service with us.

#### **BURLINGTON, OKLAHOMA**

**Reporter: Mrs. Raymond Roth**

Mary Armbruster, a shut-in for some time, was proved and baptized in her home, the afternoon of June 17, by Bro. Sam Anliker of Lamont. May Sis. Mary enjoy many happy hours serving her Lord the remaining days of her life.

We appreciated the visits of three ministers this past month: Bro. Sam Anliker of Lamont, June 2; Bro. Albert Wuthrich of Pulaski, June 23 and Tuesday evening, June 25; and Bro. Joe Kloetzle of Altadena. We wish to thank the brothers for the messages they shared with us.

Hospital patients this past month were Sis. Doris Daughhete, and

Sis. Lydia Ott, Mary Armbruster and Sis. Ida Tanner.

Sis. Roy Farney, of Phoenix and formerly of this community, spent nearly a month here, helping care for her mother, Sis. Lydia Ott, who suffered a heart attack on June 2.

#### **CHICAGO, ILLINOIS**

**Reporter: Mrs. Ernest Knecht**

On Sunday, June 23, our annual Sunday School and church picnic was held at Schiller woods. Everyone enjoyed the fellowship together.

Since our Sunday School is very small and many go on vacation during the summer months, we will have no Sunday School during July and August.

On May 5, a daughter, Gail Elaine, was born to Bro. Boyd and Sis. Lois Metzger.

We rejoice with Carol Schrenk, daughter of Bro. John and Sis. Pauline Schrenk, for having found peace with God. Carol has been announced for proving and baptism.

Sis. Mary Wittmer and Marge Gerber from Morton, Sis. Janice Honneger from Forrest and Myra Rokey from Goodfield are affiliating for three months of nurse's training at Children's Memorial Hospital. Sis. Fern Goetzinger from Goodfield is affiliating at Cook County Hospital. Bertie Blunier from Eureka is taking her three years of nurse's training at Cook County Hospital.

Bro. Curtis Rockey of Eureka graduated from De Vry Technical Institute, after two years here in Chicago. We enjoyed having him with us and hope he will visit us often.

Bro. Boyd and Sis. Lois Metzger moved to Terre Haute, for two years of Public Health service, after completing specialty training at Michael Reese Hospital. Their address there is:

3021 South 10th Street

Terre Haute Indiana

Bro. Metzger and family have been with our congregation for four years. We will miss them. We wish them God's blessings, and hope they will be back.

Sis. Loretta Haerr has gone to her parent's home in Taylor for the summer. She will return in September.

Bro. Ernest Knecht has been in the hospital for the past four weeks, because of surgery. He expects to be home in a few days.

Whether you come to Chicago to work or to attend school, we welcome you to come and worship with us on Thursday evening at 8:00, and on Sunday at 10:00, and again at 12:00.

#### **FT. LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA**

**Reporter: Florence Sutter**

We are continuing our weekly meetings in different homes, to discuss our church plans. We have purchased our land, and zoning has been approved. Our plans are to start building in the near future, and the hope is to keep our cost at a minimum.

Andrey and Sis. Louise Betz are vacationing in Colorado.

A picnic was enjoyed at the lake, for Bro. Charles Novotney and Sis. Kathryn, also their children. Bro. Art and family, Ray and family of Chicago, and Rudy Frye of Switzerland.

Sis. Emma Moser and granddaughter, Robin, are touring the southern states. Their traveling companions are her sister, Lou Klopfenstein, and daughter of Miami. They plan to visit Lou's son, who is stationed in Texas.

Sis. Lydia Bollier of Leo was a recent visitor of Clarence and Thelma Sipps, also Larry and Meloney Knapp.

Bob and Judy Leuthold of Peoria are now spending their honeymoon in Ft. Lauderdale. They attended Ft. Lauderdale church. We enjoyed a pleasant afternoon and evening with them.

Sis. Wanda Gerber had major surgery and is convalescing at her home. We wish her God's help and a speedy recovery.

#### **LAMAR, MISSOURI**

**Reporter: Marie Marti**

Christian fellowship is so precious. How good it is to meet and greet those dear ones from a distance that we have not seen for some time.

Bro. Joe Klotzle from Altadena brought to us an inspiring message of love, on the evening of July 3. He was accompanied by his wife, Sis. Koltzle, Bro. and Sis. Farney, and Bro. Fred Luthi.

During the month of June, we were privileged to have with us Bro. and Sis. Carl Hartman from Sabetha. Bro. Carl gave us an exhortation concerning the importance of our walk of life and the great impact it has on our lives and

the lives of those around us.

Sis. Alma Cordell from Chicago spent several weeks with her mother, Sis. Elizabeth Cordell, who is 96, while Sis. Olive Marti, with whom Sis. Cordell lives, visited her children and their families in Illinois and Indiana.

### PEORIA, ILLINOIS

**Reporter: Mrs. Michael Weyeneth**

Our visiting ministers the past month were Bros. John Wagenbach of Oakville; Silas Leuthold and George Wagenbach of Princeville; Carl Feucht of Lester; Clarence Yackley of Phoenix; Joe Getz of Morton; Albert Fisher of Chicago; Simon Wagenbach of Tremont; and Edward Unsicker of Portland.

The Sunday School picnic was held Sunday, June 9, at Keenland Park. It was a beautiful day and was enjoyed by all.

Our Thursday evening church services are discontinued until Thurs., Sept. 5. Our Tuesday evening Bible Class is also discontinued until September.

Our Vacation Bible Class ended June 21. The last day was visiting day for mothers.

Many of our members and friends are on vacation this month. We hope and pray they will all return home safely.

Many of our sick and shut-ins who have had their names and addresses in the Silver Lining mentioned that they want to have their thanks given for cards and letters sent to them. It is hard for us, who are well, to realize how much a shut-in appreciates mail.

George Kibler, age 58, passed away at 6:15, Sunday, June 30. He was born in Lamar, the son of Jacob and Rose Schlupp Kibler. He married Vera Stoller, in Peoria, on Aug. 5, 1936. Surviving are his wife; a son, Kenneth, of Iowa City; a grandson; 3 brothers, William, John and Walter of Lamar; and a sister, Nettie Weiland of Peoria. We sympathize with Sis. Vera and the family. George will be missed by all of us. His funeral was held Wed., July 3. Many relatives and friends attended.

Sis. Lydia Knapp, who is staying with her daughter, Sis. Verna Hoerr and Bro. Dan, has been quite ill, but is some better at this writing. We hope she continues to improve.

Sis. Irene Baer spent a few days

here. She and Sis. Martha Langjahr left for Germany, for a visit with relatives. Bro. and Sis. Walter Plattner and their family, Lena Hoerr and Anneliese Sinn are also overseas. We wish them a safe return.

We welcome Sis. Eva Hohulin of Sabetha. Sis. Eva and her husband, Herman, lived here many years. Her husband passed away; she then went to Sabetha, to take care of her mother and father. They both passed away the past year. She will now make Peoria her home. Her address is 916 E. Maywood.

Bro. Edward Unsicker and family of Portland are visiting here. Bro. Edward formerly lived here. A picnic supper was held for many relatives and friends, to visit with them. We were blessed with Bro. Edward's sermon on Sunday.

Bro. Ernest Knobloch of Lester was in our midst, Mon., July 8. He came to see his son, Bro. Clarence, who is at the hospital. He was in a car accident a few days ago and was seriously hurt.

"Sis. Katherine Pfaffman is still patient in the Methodist Hospital. Her recovery is slow, but she is getting along fairly well now. She broke her leg in a car accident on May 12 near Carthage. Bro. Peter Weber and his family had invited the Pfaffmann's for a ride to Keokuk, Iowa, on Mother's Day. They became the victims of a 4-car collision near Carthage, on the way home. The dangers and hazards of the road are so evident today, and we have reasons to thank the Lord for His protection and safe-conduct each time we complete a trip."

### PHOENIX, ARIZONA

**Reporter: Averil Stevig**

"I do not try to use God. I let Him use me." This quote which I recently read expresses the main thought of a recent sermon of Bro. Richard Schupbach's. In Acts 8:26-27 we read, "And the angel of the Lord spake unto Philip, saying, Arise, and go toward the south unto the way that goeth down from Jerusalem unto Gaza, which is desert. And he arose and went . . ." "Most people today don't believe that the Lord speaks unto mankind as He did in the days that are recorded in this, and other passages of scriptures," Bro. Richard said. "However," he continued, "maybe it's because we are so busy with

the things of this world that we don't hear the Lord's voice." He is still there, and he is still desiring to talk to us, to instruct, and to lead us; but we are too busy to hear Him. Bro. Richard also said, "The angel of the Lord gave Philip specific instructions as to what route he should travel. Philip did not know why he was being sent on on this route, but he obeyed." If we read further in this passage, we find that Philip met the Ethiopian, who was reading the scripture, but failing to understand. Therefore, Philip interpreted and explained the scripture, and the Ethiopian believed and was baptized. Thus, Philip was the Lord's tool, specifically guided and maneuvered. The result of his faithful obedience was a saved soul. So, let us not try to use God. Let Him use us.

### Have Thine Own Way, Lord

Have Thine own way, Lord. Have  
Thine own way.  
Thou art the Potter; I am the clay.  
Mold me and make me after Thy  
will,  
While I am waiting, yielded and  
still.  
Hold o'er my being absolute sway.  
Fill with Thy spirit, till all shall  
see  
Christ only, always, living in me.

We are sorry to report that Bro. Sam Farney spent some time in the hospital, after suffering a heart attack. However, he is now feeling better and has returned to his home. We pray that the Lord will grant him a speedy recovery and good health.

The first Sunday of every month, a number of our congregation gather at the Palms Nursing Home in Sunnyslope, to sing for the people there. We also have a scripture reading and short meditation. The meeting is enjoyed by all.

Lynn Marie and Bonnie Jo Wuthrich, daughters of Bro. & Sis. Willis Wuthrich of Eureka are here visiting their grandmother, Sis. Marie Wuthrich, and their aunts, Sisters Helen, Elva, and Ruth.

### REMINGTON, INDIANA

**Reporter: Emily Kilgus**

Sis. Marie Schini has undergone a very serious hip operation at Wesley Memorial Hospital at Chi-

cago. At present, she is still in the hospital, but we hope she can soon return home. Since she expects to be confined for some time, a note of cheer would surely be appreciated. Her address is Remington, Indiana.

Bro. Ralph and Sis. Nina Beyer and sons of Lowville, N. Y., visited the Schieler families. We appreciated the messages Bro. Ralph was inspired to deliver to us.

Bro. Dick and Sis. Doris Zeltwanger and family of Bremen spent Sunday, July 7, with us. Due to the illness of their daughter, Jana, they had not been here for a long time. We thank God that she was again able to come and be with us.

We are thankful that Sis. Lena Knochel is again able to assemble with us.

#### VALPARAISO, INDIANA

Reporter: Mrs. Donna Bucher and Mil Bucher

We found it interesting that several of our visitors who worshipped with us last month learned of our church and its location through articles appearing in the Silver Lining. We would encourage each church to use this medium as a means of bringing a closer bond of fellowship between the various churches. Our little church in Valparaiso, located at 805 Jefferson St., has just celebrated its first birthday. A special service was held on Sunday, June 9, to commemorate this day. Bros. Edward Frank and Otto Norr were our guest speakers. We humbly give thanks to God, who has led us and richly blessed us.

#### A Church Does Not Just Happen

A church does not just happen.

It is born

When there is need and faith, and it is fed

By tireless service, sacrifice and prayer,

By love and loyalty to Christ, its Head.

It grows through vision and the zeal to dare,

Through ministry of loving word and deed,

By learning to forgive and to forbear,

By willingness to freely give and share.

So this, YOUR CHURCH, was born and so it grew . . .

The story of its future rests with YOU.

In I Peter 2:9, we read: "But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light". May we be diligent in our calling and fruitful in our labor for the Lord, remembering always to keep His house a house of praise.

Fathers and sons enjoyed an evening of blessed fellowship on June 6, honoring the fathers. There were thirty-four in attendance. A bountiful meal was enjoyed, and Bro. Harry Bucher closed the meeting with a prayer.

We extend a welcome to Clyed and Charlene Knobloch and their son, Barry. They have moved from Peoria to La Porte (Indiana). Clyde is employed by the Household Finance Company.

Our best wishes to Charles and Kathleen Turner, who are parents for the first time. A son, whom they named J. Thomas, was born on June 16.

Visitors for the month of June included members and friends from Goodfield, Gibson City, Peoria, Cissna Park and Freeport (Illinois); Hillsboro; Lester; La Crosse, Leo, Remington and Francesville. Visiting ministers were Bros. Otto Norr, Edward Frank, Edwin Bahler and Merle Bucher.

Stanley Moser, son of Wayne and Rosie Moser, has been ill for five or six weeks. He has now recovered. Our Sunday School was happy to welcome him back, the first Sunday in July. We are sorry to report however, that another of our Sunday school students, Connie Jones, daughter of Edith Jones, is hospitalized at the present time. She is undergoing a series of tests. Our prayers and best wishes go out to her.

#### WOLCOTT, INDIANA

Reporter: Arles Kropf

Our Vacation Bible School, which was held the first week of June, was very well attended, with an enrollment of approximately 90 children, from the Wolcott and Remington churches. The closing program was held on Friday evening, June 7.

New arrivals during June were Dean Anthony, born to Wayne and

Shirley Lehman on June 1; and Eric Eugene, born to Judy and Ebert McGill on June 7.

Sis. Priscilla Anker has been a hospital patient the past week, for observation, and is to undergo surgery this coming week. Sis. Edna Kyburz is also scheduled for surgery this week. We pray for their recovery, and that they will both be able to gather with us again soon.

A blessed day was had by all, on June 30, when Donald Furrer brought his testimony and was added to the fold through baptism. Such days are indeed an inspiration to us all, and we pray yet for our many friends, that they might heed the call, while yet there is grace afforded. Bro. Art Gudeman and family were also with us.

On Wednesday evening, June 26, Bro. Ernest Gerber from the Rockville church was with us for evening services.

#### AKRON, OHIO

Reporters: Ruth Taylor Alice Graf

A large group attended our mid-week service on Thursday, June 13, when Bro. Joe Aberle visited here. Other visiting ministers were Ben Hartzler, Joe Ramsier, Noah Bauman and Bob Stoll.

Another special day for us was Friday, June 28, when Ralph Beyer, Joe Kaisner, and Sam Kilgus spoke for our church service.

William Von Gunten had surgery this last month. He is home now and able to look after his favorite hobby, gardening.

Joe Hanla also had surgery. He has been well enough to attend church and do some visiting.

Our other surgical patient this month is Maude Kaufman. She is recuperating at her home, 634 East Ave., Akron 20, Ohio.

We have two new baby girls. One, Christine Marie, was born to Marjorie (Kaufman) and Duane Collins. The other is the daughter of Alex and Kathy Bako; Margaret Esther is her name.

Barbara Eiler and Bob Ritzman were married July 6. Many of Sis. Marie Ritzman's family came for the wedding and attended our services on July 7. Bob and Barbara are making their home at 472 Homer Ave., Akron 20.

Sunday school teachers of the two youngest groups met with

others of our congregation, young and old, for a picnic.

#### "Shut In Feature"

In the past year, we have had a number of news items, reporting the illnesses and convalescence of our sister, Mary Zollinger. Her calmness, patience, and pleasant attitude throughout her long, serious illness was a living lesson to all of us who could observe and hear her.

When asked how it felt when faced with a serious, rare operation, she answered that she was surprised that she could bear it as well as she did. She felt it was the prayers and good wishes of the members that helped her. She also remembered and agreed with a remark that Elder Ernest Graf, her uncle, had made before his operation. He said he almost wished to wake up in the beyond. Then, when she had survived and gained strength, she was still glad to go home again and be among the living.

Often, her meditations turned to recitation of the Sunday School songs and verses in the German language.

Mary also found how very much letters and cards mean to one who is shut-in.

Mary had a rare form of heart trouble, caused by a thick crust encasing it, so that could not beat properly. When this crust was removed surgically, it turned out to be tubercular.

Mary spent six months in the sanatorium and now makes her home with her sister's family, the Phillip Webbers, at 557 East Avenue, Akron 20, Ohio.

#### BLUFFTON, INDIANA

Reporter: Frieda Kipfer

Vacation Bible School was held in June, with about 225 enrolled. A nice program was given on the last evening.

Marilyn Baumgartner and Thomas Baumgartner were married on June 16. Bro. Aeschliman officiated.

Bro. Godfrey Rauch, who is very ill, is being cared for in the home of his daughter and son-in-law, Bro. John and Sis. Leah Bertsch.

Sis. Minnie (Elmer) Isch is in the hospital at this writing. Sisters Gladys (Walter) Fiechter and Lydia (John) Steffen, and Bro. John Moser have returned to their

homes.

Visiting ministers in the past month were Bros. Theo Beer and Elmer Hartter of Milford on Wednesday evening, June 19, and Bros. Michael Weyeneth of Peoria and David Kieser of Princeville on June 30. We enjoyed them all and hope they will visit us again.

Births: To Bro. and Sis. Neal Edington, a daughter, Kammi Lynne on June 8; and to Bro. and Sis. Richard Stoller, a daughter, Shari Lynne, on June 9.

Confined to their homes are Bro. William Frauhiger, 87, who is almost blind, and Sisters Elizabeth Graber, Elise Isch, Elizabeth Gilliom and Rosie Speheger, all 87 or over, Sisters Mary Dotterer and Bertha Dumach, who are younger, but in poor health. (Editor's note: We have a feature of another shut-in for a future issue.)

#### CISSNA PARK, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Mrs. Jeff Young

On June 13, Bro. Henry and Sis. Ida Wackerle were with us for mid-week services. We thank them and hope they can come again soon.

Bro. Christ and Sis. Elizabeth Sinn are visiting relatives in Germany and Switzerland. They expect to stay for six weeks.

Bro. Wayne Hauptli was hospitalized a few days. Among others who were in the hospital in the last month are Sis. Viola Barth, who had surgery, and Bro. Ed Feller, who had surgery done. They are all improving very nicely.

June 22, three dear souls gave their testimonies. They were Gloria Hodel, Alta Zbinden and Debbie Beer. Baptism was on Sunday, June 23. Bros. Joe Getz, Dave Mangold and Fred Grimm served at this occasion.

On July 4, Bro. John and Sis. Anna Hodel visited relatives here. They were accompanied by Bro. Fred and Sis. Louise Grimm. They attended our mid-week services while here.

Sunday, July 7, a group from the Milford congregation visited us. Bro. Elmer Hartter ministered to us; Bro. Fredrick Knapp from Congerville was also guest minister on that Sunday. We thank these brothers for their uplifting messages and welcome them back.

June 17, a daughter, Audrey Kay, was born to Bro. Wallace and Sis. Evelyn Yergler.

Richard Moser, son of Bro. and Sis. Carl Moser, of Ft. Sam Houston was home on leave. We are happy to announce that Richard has given his heart to the Lord. We wish him much grace in his undertaking.

#### OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL

By a former Superintendent,  
Bro. Arron Bauer

We have an enrollment of approximately 300 children in our Sunday School. It is quite an inspiration to see so many children in our Sunday school rooms, where they are taught God's word and the plan of salvation, based on scriptural truths.

At the present time, Bro. Edward Alt is our superintendent. Our Sisters teach the kindergarten class and first, second and third grades. We have brothers teaching the 4th to the 8th grades, and of course the Bible class.

In addition to our superintendent, we have thirteen brothers and ten sisters teaching, three in the Bible class, four in the kindergarten room, and two in each of the other classes.

Our brothers serve for a period of seven years, and our sisters for five years. We have a rotating system, whereby we elect two brothers and two sisters each year to replace the ones retiring. This plan seems to work out very satisfactorily.

One of our eldest former Sunday School teachers is Sis. Anna Hodel, who now resides at Fairview Haven at Fairbury. Although memory is from some fifty years ago, her devotion and patience is not forgotten.

Bro. Phil Aschilman is also one of our former Sunday School teachers. He was teacher before he was chosen in the ministry.

May God bless the efforts of all the Sunday School teachers of today and the past.

#### CROGHAN-NAUMBURG, N. Y.

Reporters: Mrs. Laurence Farney  
and Mrs. David Schamback

Sis. Lydia Virkler (Mrs. Abner) is home, after spending some time in the hospital, after falling and breaking her hip. Sis. Lydia has been a semi-invalid for some years, and only rarely is able to attend worship with us.

On Sunday, June 23, the congregations from our two churches

joined for services at Naumburg, when Bro. John Diggelman and family from Union City visited us. We enjoyed his sermons and were blessed by the fellowship and love shown us.

On the evening of June 27, both congregations gathered at the Croghan church, to listen to sermons by Bro. Joseph Kaisner from Forrest and Bro. Sam Kilgus from Remington. They spent a little time with us, enroute from Rockville to their homes.

Sisters LaVeda and Edith Herzig are recuperating at their home, after undergoing major surgery. We wish them a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Gerald Grau is also recovering from a recent operation.

### DETROIT, MICHIGAN

Reporter: Vi Barton

We have been blessed this past month with many visiting brethren, ministers, and friends. The last week end in June some young folks from Bay City gathered with us. Our Sunday School children and parents had an outing at the park Saturday evening, after which all were invited to the Leonard Hitz home, to continue the singing we had started in the park.

Among our guests were Sis. Marlene Moser, Neola Wackerle and friends Diane, Beverly, Brenda Wackerle, Sally Schlatter, Lynn Rylance and Earl Hartzler of Smithville, Ohio. Earl is working in the Detroit area for the summer, and we are happy to welcome him in our midst. Also working here for a year's time is Jerry Cargill of Gridley. Jerry has had many interesting experiences in working with the American Indians on their reservations in Montana, before coming to Detroit.

On June 26, on Wednesday evening, we welcomed Bro. and Sis. Elmer Getz and son of Elgin, Ill. Before her marriage, Ruth Ann was with us for three years, while getting her nurse's degree in Detroit, and we were all glad to see her again.

On Friday, July 5, Bro. and Sis. John and Betty Klaus of Eureka visited with the Ben Maibachs, at which time Bro. John showed slides of Japan and Korea. How joyful were our hearts to see pictures of our beloved brothers and sisters in Japan, and to think of being one in the Lord, even though we have never met, and probably

never will on this earth.

With many of our small congregation on vacation during the summer weeks we were glad to have visitors on July 7 and especially welcomed the children that came. Bro. Joe Ramsier of Rittman and Bro. Loren Stoller of Latty ministered to us on this day.

Last, but not least, we welcome little Jackie Bertsch as our latest addition to the Sunday School class.

### ELGIN, ILLINOIS

Reporters: Louise Steffen and Katie Kachelmuss

On Saturday evening, June 8, we had the proving of Tom Schifferer and Cathy Kellenberger. Bro. George Gramm of Gridley assisted our elder brothers. We also had a number of visitors, Bro. Gramm's wife and some young folks. The baptizing took place Sunday afternoon. It was very impressing to see so many children sitting in the front of the church to witness it. We are happy that there are yet some repenting here, Sue Schock and Martha Zierke. We wish them the necessary grace from Above.

Richard Schock Jr. fell through the glass at their greenhouse and cut his arm very badly. He was hospitalized for some time, and while he was there, his sister, Lori, who had an appendectomy, had to return to the hospital because of infection and was in the same room with him. We're glad they are both back in Sunday School with us again.

Richard Anliker, son of Bro. and Sis. Joseph Anliker, and Audrey Glomp were married at his home on June 8, by Bro. Herman Kellenberger.

On June 9, a baby girl, Sandra, was born to John and Ella Martin of Marengo, Illinois.

June 13, our Sunday School picnic was held at Lord's Park Pavilion. The attendance was about 250. Bro. Earl Moser opened with a prayer, asking the Lord's blessing on our gathering, in His Name.

Charles & Adair Wuethrich welcomed a little boy on July 1. His name is Daniel Alan.

Sis. Rose Viellieber had a freak accident on the way to visit her sister, Lydia Kupferschmid, in Iowa. She and her sister, Emma, stopped off at Aurora, and in some way, Rose caught her hand in a door and suffered a hair-line fracture. She

will have to keep it in a cast for some time. Our best wishes are extended to her for a complete recovery.

On June 27, Edward Farney, son of the late Bro. and Sis. Aaron Farney of our congregation, passed away. Funeral services were conducted by Bro. Albert Scheitlin on June 19. Edward was a brother of Sis. Anna Holiday.

Among our members, we have an aged sister, Amelia Bolliger, widow of Bro. Henry Bolliger. She lives with her daughter, Sis. Edna, at 456 Ann Street, Elgin, Ill.

She has been a good example to many of us, with her life of faith, patience and contentment in accepting her lot, having been a wheel-chair patient for about fifteen years, when she had a stroke and was bedridden for nine months. After that, she could get around just a little, with help, but for the last ten years she cannot walk at all. She does some handwork, crocheting rugs.

She loves receiving mail and hearing from her friends. She also enjoys visitors, and appreciates that she does have many visitors, as our guest ministering brothers always visit her, if it is at all possible. She and Edna feel they are blessed in this.

She has a good appetite, sleeps well, and has no pain.

She misses assembling with God's people, but she hears the sermons from tape. She is thankful for that. She is firm in the faith, that the Lord who has helped until now, will help her until her end. She said that she had to learn to have patience, and others will have to learn also.

One of her favorite hymns is No. 93 in the Zion's Harp.

She says she has much to be thankful for, and is glad she has those of her family to take care of her. Edna so faithfully took care of her father until his end, and has been so tenderly caring for her mother. Bro. Henry passed away in January of 1962, and the mother feels that this is the hardest of anything that she had to go through. She misses him so much, as they sat together day in and day out, for so long a time. She hopes she can go soon to meet him in heaven.

May God bless her and Edna in all their ways.

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

A baby girl, Gwen Michelle, was born to Bro. and Sis. Merle Kaisner on June 12.

Bro. Ernie Gerber of Connecticut was guest minister a few times, while he and his wife were spending some time here.

Bro. and Sis. John Wiedman were dinner hosts to several Morton couples who visited here on Sunday, June 23.

Sis. Anna Leonhardt passed away, after a long stay at the hospital, and funeral services were held June 29.

Bro. and Sis. Kenneth Furrer, Bro. and Sis. Vernon Schwab, Bro. and Sis. Bob Schieler, Bro. and Sis. Elmer Bahler, Bro. and Sis. Gene Lehman, and Mr. and Sis. Lowell Bahler of Wolcott; and Bro. and Sis. Henry Sabo of Mansfield visited here and were guests of Bro. and Sis. John Fehr. We thank Bros. Schwab and Sabo for their inspiring sermons.

Fairview Haven wishes to express their thanks to the Oakville and Burlington groups for making and donating gowns for the residents of the Home.

**A Shut-In**

Sis. Caroline (Baer) Meyer, who has had much distress, a heart attack, and is now confined to a wheel chair because of a painful amputation of a leg, said: "It is no use to get worked up over something. . . just have to put myself under the Almighty Hand of God, and He is the only one that can help. He gives the doctors wisdom, too."

During her hospitalization, to remove her infected leg, in 1961, many came to visit, and brothers would pray with her. She states: "I know the prayers helped me."

She is now making her home here in Fairview Haven. Visitors and cards bring her much joy. On April 13, she received over 100 cards, on her 81st birthday.

She was born in Germany, ventured to America, making her home in Peoria, where she was converted. She then married Bro. Alfred Meyer. They lived on a farm at Roanoke, then moved to Morton to handle an elevator business, and later moved to Chicago.

Some other members moved to Chicago and the Meyers offered their apartment for a gathering

place, so they could have church services. Bro. George Yergler was called upon, and this began the church group in Chicago.

She has 5 great-grandchildren, 14 grandchildren, and their 5 children living who are: twins, Emil of Huntley and Emily Rudin of Cissna Park; Naomi Swarz of Altadena; Fred of Skokie; Louise Wreath of Hot Springs. Walter and Alfred are deceased. In 1934 her husband passed away.

Sis. Caroline owned and managed a lunch room, and always kept a Zion's Harp there, to read during spare time. Now she knows most of the songs by memory, in German.

She has some wonderful virtues, and she always has a kind and loving personality and smile. She said: "I always made the best of it."

**LEO, INDIANA****Reporter: Mrs. Elias Souder**

Otto Norr spent a couple of weeks at the hospital, but is home again. We were happy to have him at our church service on Sunday afternoon, July 7.

The Lowell Lantz family arrived home safely. Lowell had been in the U.S. Navy. They are making there home with his parents, David and Mary Lantz, for the time being.

The children of the Summer Bible School gave a program at the church on June 23. It was well attended. This was the close of two weeks of Bible School. Some of the topics discussed and taught were "Learning God's Way," "Walking in the Light", "Study of the Homeland of Jesus", and "Travels of the Apostle Paul." There was a picnic on Sat., June 22. Display of art and craft were shown in the dining room after the program.

On July 7, we were privileged to have Bro. Art Gudeman from La Crosse, and Bro. Fred Grimm of Taylor. Bro. Art held the forenoon service, Bro. Fred the afternoon. Bro. Fred assisted in Sunday School in the forenoon (Just before the close of the afternoon service, Bro. Art quoted the beautiful hymn that starts, "In the silent midnight watches, List-thy bosom's door. How it knocketh, knocketh, knocketh. . .") It was one he had learned to sing when a boy.)

Nelson Klopfenstein, son of J. M.

Klopfenstein, died Sat., July 6. Funeral services were July 10. He leaves to mourn, his wife, Golda; two daughters; two granddaughters; two sisters, Mrs. Esther Bender and Mrs. Mabel Hall; four brothers, Herman, Lloyd, Vernon and Aaron, all who live near Grabbill. Nelson had been in the hospital, very ill, for a little while and seemed conscious that his time here on earth was completed.

One beautiful evening in June, Bro. Michael and Sis. Emma Weyeneth of Peoria visited the Silver Lining. Sis. Emma is our reporter for the Peoria church. These lines from Henry Beer's beautiful poem, "Friendship", express our feeling:

There are friends that we cherish  
In our daily walk of life,  
Friends with whom we meet and  
labor  
In our earthly toil and strife.

Friends whose hearts are up in  
heaven,  
Though their feet traverse the  
sod,  
Find a place of highest merit  
In our fellowship with God.

There is mutual understanding  
And a sympathy so kind  
In the tie of Christian friendship  
As on earth in Him we find.

**LEO SUNDAY SCHOOL  
FEATURE****Why Have Sunday School?**

Probably anyone who has ever been in Sunday School work at one time or another has wondered if it was worth the effort they had to put forth. A number of people were asked the above question, in different forms. Here is a summary of their replies.

1. We need Sunday School to teach young people the way to salvation, and how to live a Christian life, by teaching them what the Holy Bible says and how we should apply it to our lives.

2. Youth can be taught at their own level. Those in Sunday School have a chance to ask questions and solve their personal problems better. A desire to express themselves can be done in a proper and orderly manner.

3. (A friend, Dwight Souder, gave this one) "I send my children to learn the ways of the church." (It is true that Sunday School gives us a chance to explain to the

students why our members follow the Bible in their lives and services the way they do.)

4. Our young people become better friends with each other. They are then more apt to stay together and with the church.

5. It fulfills the verse, "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of God."

6. The members who teach greatly improve their knowledge of the Bible and have the privilege and satisfaction of serving the Lord in this.

7. Sunday School makes better citizens for the community.

8. It helps young folk to live better and more happily. Little moments used for sowing make a lot of difference. They learn basic laws like thrift that come about naturally, when you do not waste money, time, and health on such things as legal-offense fines, tobacco, narcotics, etc. It gives them something good to think about all their lives—things they will always remember.

9. Children acquire better conduct, so that they behave better during church services.

10. It makes children more ready for school.

Can you add to this?

Our present Sunday School is divided into two departments, Junior and Senior. Except for the adult class, each class has one teacher who is elected for a two-year period. He may be reelected when his time has expired. Each teacher chooses his assistant, who is approved by the ministers and Sunday School superintendent. The assistant is requested to teach at least twelve times a year. The superintendent is elected for a two-year period and is an adult class teacher. The second full-time adult class teacher is also elected for a two-year period and is the assistant superintendent. The Junior superintendent is the teacher of the third and fourth graders.

Our present staff is as follows: Superintendent, Ed Souder, Assistant superintendent, Pete Maxfield; teacher, seventh and eighth grades, Bill Klopfenstein and Marvin Stieglitz (assistant); fifth and sixth grades, Lynn Klopfenstein and Al Frautschi (assistant); third and fourth grades, Jim Winzeler (Junior superintendent) and Ernie Stoller (assistant); first and sec-

ond grades, Pearl Winzeler and Marie Bertsch (assistant); primary class, Dean Stoller and Irene Pulfer (assistant); and beginner's class, Marie Winzeler and Imogene Stieglitz (assistant).

Going back for a total of about thirty-five years, our past superintendents have been Elias Souder, Bill Klopfenstein, and Dave Lantz. Many dear souls have served faithfully as teachers. The Lord will reward them.

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

Bro. Theo Beer of Milford, ministered to us on the evening of June 5. He was accompanied by his wife, Naomi, and granddaughter, Becky Hoerr, also Bro. Charles and Sis. Mary Speheger of Bluffton. A lunch call was planned at the Bro. Bill Heimers, and there, Eli and I were pleasantly surprised at an open house for our 40th wedding anniversary. Our children were all there except Sis. Joyce (Bob) Pohl of Burlington, Ia. They are Bros. James, Gerald, and Dick Sutter, Sis. Naomi Heimer and Bob Frieden of Garden Grove, California. Three other couples who celebrate their wedding anniversaries the same day were also there. They are Bro. Fred and Sis. Louise Grimm, Bro. Geo. and Sis. Betty Hoerr, and Bro. Dick and Sis. Charlene Sutter. We all spent a blessed evening together.

Bro. Henry Wackerle of Bay City spent Wednesday evening, June 12, with us. His wife, Sis. Ida, and Bro. and Sis. Ernest Bauer of Cissna Park were also here. On Friday evening, the 14th, Bro. Clarence Yackley and his wife, Sis. Vera, were with us. Bro. Clarence grew up, repented and was baptized here, so we are always especially pleased to have him with us.

Sherri, daughter of the Bro. Roy Grimms, submitted to a tonsillectomy, and Stan, son of the Bro. Bill Heimers, broke his arm and will have it in a cast for several weeks.

We had our annual Sunday School picnic on Sunday, June 30. We had as our guests the pupils and teachers of the Fort Scott church, also Bro. and Sis. Joel Banwart of Keokuk, Ia. We all look forward to this occasion, to hear the children sing and to spend the time with our Sunday School.

Sis. Lauretta Hoerr is spending

her vacation with her parents, Rudie and Sis. Lena Haerr. She teaches in Skokie, Illinois.

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

The services at the country church on June 30 were well attended, many coming from distant points. The fellowship was enjoyed, the refreshments were plentiful, and the sermons by Fred Marty and Delbert Indermuhle were inspiring and helpful. The West Virginia Hills was sung by the group who knew the song at the request of John Hassig, who joined in the singing. Thank you all for coming.

Mrs. Elizabeth Games of Girard and Mrs. Josie Wiseman of Youngstown, O., have returned to their homes, after spending some time here with their sister, Mrs. J. G. Burgess, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Thomas of Niles, O., attended the Durig family reunion here on July 4, and visited with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Durig and son Keith of Girard stopped off for a brief visit, on their way home from a vacation spent with the Ray Williams family in Port Charlotte, Florida.

Lloyd Durig has been very ill. At the present time he is a patient in the University Hospital in Morgantown.

Mrs. Emma Berger is still visiting here with her son, but expects to go to St. Marys within a short time. She was able to go to the services in the country on June 30, and enjoyed meeting all her friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Weltz spent July 10, 11, and 12 with friends in Clarksburg, W. Va.

Mrs. Edward Berger and children visited with relatives in Tennessee, the first part of July.

Mrs. Fred Berthel of Wheeling was the week-end guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Froelich, on July 7.

Mr. and Mrs. John Widmer of Sterling visited with relatives and friends here on July 8.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Witschey of Moundsville, W. Va., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 30. Several relatives from here attended.

Mrs. Emma Berger, Mrs. J. G. Burgess, Mrs. Elizabeth Games of Girard, and Mrs. Josie Wiseman

of Youngstown, O., were the guests of Miss Della Witschey, for the day on June 27.

A poem was handed to our reporter, Minnie B. Wetzl, by Miss Della Witschey.

### She Will Sleep Tonight

A shadowy gleam of the life arc  
lies

Around the lids of her slumbering  
eyes,

And her lips are closed, as in fond  
delay

Of the loving words she had to  
say . . .

But the gentle heart forgot to beat,  
And, from busy head to busy feet,  
She is strangely quiet, cold and  
white.

The pain is gone — she will sleep,  
tonight!

Put by her work and her empty  
chair;

Fold up the garments she used to  
wear.

Let down the curtains and close  
the door;

She will need the **clock of time** no  
more,

For the task assigned her under  
the sun

Is finished now, and the kingdom  
won.

Tenderly kiss her, and put out the  
light,

And leave her alone — she will  
sleep tonight!

O blessed sleep, that will not break  
For tears . . . nor prayers . . . nor  
love's sweet sake . . .

O perfect rest that knows no pain,  
No **care**, nor thrill of **time** or brain.  
O life sublime beyond all speech,  
That only the pure, through dying  
reach!

God understands, and his ways are  
right.

Bid his beloved a **sweet** "Good-  
night."

Weep for the day that will come  
no more,

For the sunbeam flown from  
hearth to door . . .

For a missing step, for the **present**  
grace

Of a tender voice and a loving face,  
But not for the soul whose goal is  
won,

Whose infinite joy is just begun,  
Not for the spirit enrobed in light  
And crowned where the angels are,  
Tonight!

### TREMONT, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Esther Schmid

Our brother, Joe E. Steiner, was called into the service in the Army. His address is:

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Beth Schupbach, small daughter of Bro. Ed and Sis. Eunice Schupbach, had the misfortune of breaking her arm, which will be in a cast for some time.

We welcome Bro. John and Sis. Emma Greiner and children, who assemble with us now, as they have moved here from Sabetha.

The annual Sunday School Picnic was on June 16, and was enjoyed by the children and adults, with a good attendance.

Visiting ministers this month were Bro. Clarence Kachelmuss from Forrest, Bro. Joe A. Getz of Morton, and Bro. Joshua Broquard from Fairbury.

On Saturday evening, June 29, we heard the testimonies of four dear souls, Richard Steiner, Kay Schupbach, and Paul and Florence Koch. On Sunday, June 30, all four were baptized into the fold. Bro. Joshua Broquard assisted our elder brother, Joe A. Getz. We were reminded to be careful in small and seemingly unimportant matters, as it is so clearly explained in our Zion's Harp song book, No. 179, "Faithfulness in Small Things". Baptismal services were attended by a goodly number of members, friends, and relatives, who witnessed this holy act and command as given by our Lord—"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost" (Matthew 28:19). We wish them all God's grace and wisdom from above.

Most of our sick folks are again restored to reasonable health and are now able to assemble with us. Our friend, Emma Getz, is still hospitalized.

Bro. Robert Wagenbach was painfully injured when a piece of wire was run through his foot, while operating a weed-mower.

One more soul in our congregation is seeking the Lord, Janice Herman, daughter of Bro. Clarence and Sis. Emma Herman.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Oswald Jr. are the parents of their first child, a

son, Richard Wayne, born June 21. Grandparents are John and Sis. Lyla Moser.

The Lord willing, our plans are to have our first worship services in our new church building on July 21.

### CONGERVILLE, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Ruth Schumacher

The congregation was saddened by the death of our dear friend, Mrs. Ernest (Mary) Moser, on Friday, July 28. The funeral services were held by Bro. Ben Zimmerman on Sunday, June 30.

Our friend, Ronald Schieber, son of Bro. and Sis. Carl Schieber, was married Sunday, June 30, to Deanelle McClure of Danvers. Phyllis Schieber came from New York City for the wedding and visited friends and relatives for a few days. Bro. and Sis. John Schieber and daughters drove to New York, to combine a vacation trip with a return trip home for Phyllis.

We were blessed by a visit from Bro. Noah Schrock on Sunday, July 7. He and many other members of the Schrock family gathered at the home of J. B. Schrock, after church services.

### FORREST, ILLINOIS

Reporters: Nancy Honegger  
and Martha Stoller

A number of couples attended the India Soldiers' Reunion, which was held at the home of Bro. Perry and Sis. Dorothy Zimmerman, and were with us on June 9. Bro. Carl Kipfer of Bluffton and Bro. Ernest Gerber of Rockville were visiting ministers. Bro. Ernest, and his wife, Sis. Tillie, have spent the past month here with their daughter, Sis. Rosetta Stoller, and her family.

Sis. Margaret Wanner of Silverton, Oregon, has also been visiting here with the Gerbers.

Funeral services were held June 5, for Fred Farney.

On Sunday, June 16, Shirley Kachelmuss, Marjorie Leman, and Mary Kathryn Schneider gave their testimonies of having been called to repentance and receiving the peace of God in their hearts. Bro. Leroy Huber of Eureka assisted Bro. Josh Broquard of Fairbury, who is relieving our elder, Bro. Henry Kilgus, of his duties, since his recent illness. Bro. Walter Anliker of Eureka was also with us in



the evening, when baptismal services were held.

Bro. Leroy stressed very strongly, not only to the new converts, but to the whole congregation, the importance of exercising our minds. He made mention of trying to concentrate on the fruits of the Spirit which are found in Galatians 5:22, 23, and when doing this, we will have no time to give heed to what the world has to offer.

Our aged sister, Rosa Roth, 92, who has made her home with her son, Bro. Harry, and his wife, Rachel, for several years, has gone to Fairview Haven in Fairbury to make her home. Sisters Laura Wenger and Lucille Sohn, who had assisted in caring for her, are both needed at home this summer, because of illness in their own families. We feel it is wonderful when anyone can adjust themselves to circumstances in their declining years as Sis. Rosa has. She has proven herself pliable in her Maker's hands.

Bro. Gerber mentioned in one of his sermons, that we often say friends are proved when they come before the congregation. At that time they give their testimony, & the proving is not over until we have reached our goal.

Jane and June Rieger, twin daughters of Harvey and Sis. Dorothy Rieger, had the misfortune to be in an auto accident on Saturday, July 6. Jane suffered a broken arm and facial lacerations and is still in the hospital at this writing.

Bro. Wayne and Sis. Judy Anliker became the parents of a baby boy, Robert Allen, on June 26.

Born to Bro. Allen and Sis. Carolyn Zimmerman, July 1, a girl, Holly Jo.

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#### SHUT-IN

By Sis. Martha Stoller

Since it has been suggested that we write an article on a shut-in, we would like to share with you Sis. Martha Honegger's experience in her recent illness. While this is our reporter, Sis. Nancy's mother, naturally she was somewhat reluctant to carry this out; but, they feel if they can help someone else who may have lonely, shut-in

hours, they were both willing to cooperate.

Sis. Martha was stricken with rheumatoid arthritis last year. It became progressively worse, so that she was confined to her home, spending many hours in a wheel chair, from July until February of this year. At this writing, she has improved considerably, and is able to attend church services, although she still spends some time in a wheel chair.

Bro. Paul and Sis. Martha built a new home and moved into Forrest in Sept., 1955. At that time, they had three daughters at home, Sis. Nancy, who is still with them; Sis. Eileen, who is now married to Maurice Getz at Remington, and Sis. Viola, who married Bro. Lloyd Bachtold of Fairbury. With the help of their family, they often entertained visitors in their home, and enjoyed doing it. To us, their home was an example of what a Christian home should be. Many times we were invited in, and could feel the love and hospitality which they so freely gave.

In our Forrest congregation, we select a brother who is to be notified when someone passes away. He and his wife take over any duties pertaining to the funeral arrangements. Bro. Paul and Sis. Martha very capably served their three-year term in this office. They were the first ones elected to carry this out in our new church.

Sis. Martha was also one of the twelve sisters who take their turn at the coffee urns each Sunday. Two sisters work together every six weeks, thus relieving the party who is serving lunch of any coffee-making responsibilities.

We all know it is trying, for one who has led an active and useful life, to yield to sickness and disability. There are many adjustments to make, not only for the one who is afflicted, but for everyone in the household.

Sis. Martha says, she accepts her illness as something the Lord has left come over her, to the good of her soul's salvation, and she hopes, by His grace, to willingly endure and not give way to murmuring and complaining.

She has been well remembered with cards and visits during her illness, and says our Christian fellowship cannot be measured in value to a shut-in. She gave us a

poem, which she thought others might also enjoy, as she has.

#### Indifference

We never know another's pain;  
We only feel our own.  
We never know real loneliness,  
Till we are left alone.

Too oft, it seems, our real concern  
Is just our selfish gain,  
And so we often shut our eyes  
On someone else in pain.

#### BURLINGTON, IOWA Reporter: Uriel Gehring

Nathan Banwart, his wife-Sis. Esther, and three of their daughters, Sisters Florence, Doris and Joyce of West Bend visited our church, Sunday afternoon, June 16. Nathan and Esther are Bro. Joel Banwart's parents. Sis. Lillian Landes of Peoria spent the day with us also.

Three sisters in faith from the Peoria area spent the afternoon of June 23 in our church. They were Doris and Annie Widmer and Mary Mae Traub.

A singing was held at the home of Sis. Mary Wagler on the evening of Sunday, June 23. It was well attended. All who were present should have received a blessing. Sis. Mary is always grateful for visitors.

Bro. Lyle Fisher and family of Ft. Scott spent the forenoon of Sunday, June 30, at our church. Our elder brother, Noah Schrock, served us Holy Communion, immediately after the afternoon service. It is wonderful how the Lord provides for his people, occasions such as this, wherein our faith in what the Lord Jesus did for us might be rekindled. How blessed we are if we keep his commandments.

With the summer season upon us and vacation time becoming a part of much of our summer planning, let us be thankful to Almighty God that He has given us churches in many parts of our great nation, where we can worship Him with our brothers and sisters in faith, and rejoice in the blessed communion with the saints, which is so much an integral part of our most precious faith. In my humble opinion, a vacation that extended over a Sunday would be incomplete if it did not include attending a church service with God's people, where His Spirit was present to

guide and direct them on paths of righteousness.

Sis. Mary Wagler, who celebrated her 89th birthday recently, is our oldest "shut-in". I visited her earlier this evening, and she related the following events of her life to me. They are a source of inspiration to the young in faith and a source of comfort to the older in faith.

Mary was born in Baden, Germany, and came to America at the age of two years. She repented at the tender age of 17 and was baptized in a pond, across the road from a country church located near Gridley, Kansas, in the month of January. She was baptized by her father, Bro. Joe Huber, who baptized all of his five children. This church later burned down, and a new one was built in the town of Gridley.

At the age of twenty, she was married to Bro. Christian Wagler at Gridley, Kansas, the ceremony being performed by her father. At the time of her marriage to Bro. Christian, his father and her father were both ministers of the gospel.

She had nine boys and three girls, five of whom have passed away. Three of her children, Ben, Paul and Tillie, are members of the Apostolic Christian Church and attend at Burlington. All her children live in the Burlington community, except Tillie, who lives at Salem, Iowa, and Mike, who lives at Little York, Illinois. She has eighteen grandchildren, thirty-five great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren. She has one sister living, Anna Pfister, of Ft. Scott.

Her husband passed away about seven years ago. Since then, her son Paul has lived with her and cares for her very faithfully. He records both sermons on Sundays and the Wednesday evening services, to which she enjoys listening.

It has been nearly two years since she has been able to attend a church service. She would like to attend church again, if she were able, and enjoys having company in her home. She says she has many, many lonely hours, but finds comfort in reading the Bible and the Silver Lining, which she reads with the aid of a magnifying glass. She can read for fifteen or twenty minutes at a time. She also hand weaves rugs on a frame, from rags

that she has sewn together.

She has had many hardships in this life, but says they have made her faith in God grow stronger, a living testimony for the true faith. May the faith in God that has carried her through this life carry her someday to eternity's shore.

Her present address is  
Mary Wagler  
1203 Washington St  
Burlington Iowa

### ALTADENA, CALIFORNIA

Reporter: Doris Graf

Visiting were Sisters Margie, Marilyn, Doris and Eunice Bahler, from Rockville; Mr. and Mrs. Hal Strahm from Lakewood, Calif, and their aunt, Sis. Emma Strahm, who has been staying with them and also with Sis. Rose Langjahr of Altadena.

Bro. Donald Duckworth, Princeville visited us while attending two weeks of reserve duty at Camp Pendleton, in San Diego.

Bill Graf, Akron, visited relatives here and traveled to North California for two weeks.

On Sunday, June 23, Communion services were held for both Maywood and Altadena congregations, in Maywood. We were so happy to have Bro. Roy Farney of Phoenix visit us and help our Elder Bro. Carl Kinsinger with this Holy Sacrament. It was truly a blessed day for all. Also visiting were Bro. and Sis. Roy Stevig and their son, Bro. David, of Phoenix, who will attend the University of Southern California in September.

Sis. Esther Dockus returned to Akron, after visiting for several months. She accompanied Sis. Anna Vly, Maywood, who is now moving to Mansfield permanently.

Mr. and Mrs. John Pulfer traveled to Phoenix, where he received his diploma and B.S. Degree from Arizona State University, at Tempe. They are now living here in Glendale.

Those who have not been able to be with us for some time because of illness are Bro. Joe Lorenz, Bro. John Steiglitz, and sometimes Bro. John Paternoster.

### GRIDLEY, KANSAS

Reporter: Mrs. Rudy Bahr

We have certainly received bountiful spiritual food this past month—Bros. Jake Pfister, Ft. Scott; Clarence Yackley, Phoenix; and Joe Klotzle, Altadena, with

their wives were with us. Bro. Klotzle met his daughter and family, Bro. Daryle and Sis. Edie Wieland of Bay City, here over the week end. Bro. Matt and Sis. Lydia Wieland accompanied them.

Sis. Elizabeth (Frank) Beyer has been a shut-in now for several months, but we are looking forward to the time she can once again assemble with us. She contracted flu earlier in the year, which left her in a very weakened condition. She hasn't been able to have much company, so we feel prayers in her behalf would be in order.

Zip code for Gridley, Kansas — 66852.

### ILLINOIS STATE NORMAL UNIVERSITY

Reporter: Janice Frautschi

Since our 8-week summer session began on June 17, our first meeting for the summer was held on June 20. Our sponsor, Bro. Joe Schrock, was our minister for the evening. We read and discussed Mark 8. There were 27 in attendance.

June 27, we were pleased to have Bro. Josh Broquard from Fairbury for our guest minister. His topic for the evening centered around John 12:23, with 34 attending.

We would especially appreciate any visitors during the summer meetings, for many of the regular students are in their home communities.

### LAMONT, KANSAS

Reporter: Mrs. Bernie Emch

Bro. Albert and Sis. Elizabeth Wuthrich of the Pulaski church were with us for church services, the evening of June 28, Bro. Joe and Sis. Helen Klotzle of Altadena, on the evenings of June 30 and July 4. We do thank these ministering brothers for relinquishing their time for us. May the Lord richly bless them for their humble, sincere, and true Bible preaching and for the spiritual nourishment for our inner man. Bro. and Sis. Reuben Farney accompanied the Klotzles here.

Mary Storrer's health has improved since her surgery, that she can again assemble with us.

Our Sunday School is very small, so a comfort to us is the Scripture of Matthew 18:20, "For where two or three are gathered together in

my name, there are I in the midst of them."

Our enrollment is 25, and we have three classes.

The primary, age 4 to 7, is taught by Sis. Dena Fechter. She uses Bible stories and hand-work.

The Intermediate class, from 8 to pre-high school age, is taught by Mrs. Bernie Emch. We use **Hurlbut's Story of the Bible.**

The Bible class, taught by Bro. Bernie Emch, consists of high school and older and the married friends. They use the Bible for their study.

Our Sunday School is held in the afternoon, beginning at 12:30.

### LATTY, OHIO

Reporter: Mrs. Ray Sinn

On June 16, Sis. Evelyn Stoller, daughter of Bro. Dan and Sis. Laura Stoller, was united in marriage to Bro. Carl Hackenjoes, son of Bro. and Sis. Andrew Hackenjoes from Bluffton. We wish them God's richest blessings, as they walk this new way of life together. Visiting ministers who were with us that Sunday were Bro. Ernest Graf from Akron and Bro. Orville Ringger from Bluffton, who brought unto us God's precious word.

Douglas Stoller, who is in the Army, was home on furlough this past month. Douglas is the son of Bro. Eugene and Sis. Minerva Stoller.

Sis. Sylvia Jewell, who had been in the hospital in Toledo, has been transferred to the Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Bro. Gus Laukhuf, who has been in the hospital the past couple months, is now home and somewhat improved. We pray that God will bless Bro. Gus with returning health.

On June 23, Sis. Nancy Gerber, daughter of Bro. Fred and Sis. Katie Gerber, and Bro. Keith Honegger, son of Bro. Alvin and Sis. Alice Honegger from Bluffton, were united in holy matrimony. May God be with them and bless them. Elder Bro. Sam Aeschliman from Bluffton and also many other visitors from various congregations were with us for the day.

We had our Vacation Bible School, June 10 continuing through June 21, during the morning for the children and in the evening for adults. A program was held Friday evening, June 21. We trust that

God will bless the seed that has been sown, that it may bring forth a glad harvest.

Our Elder Brother George Sinn is in the hospital, under observation, at this writing. We hope and trust he will be released soon.

Janell, three-year-old daughter of Robert and Aldine Price, is also in the hospital at this time.

### MANSFIELD, OHIO

Reporter: Aaron A. Sauder

At Home 'tis well! With God in close relation,

The soul forgets the sorrows it has borne,

With pains o'ercome on that bright golden morn,

Rejoices in our God's sublime salvation.

How fitting are these words, which were sung at the funeral services of Sis. Sarah Dotterer, on Sunday, June 30. Bros. Noah Bauman and Ernest Graf conducted the services for our beloved sister, who after an extended illness was called "Home" on June 28, at the age of 87 years. Burial was in the Dotterer Cemetery at Junction, on Monday, July 1. Born on October 11, 1876, at Junction, Sis. Sarah came to Mansfield 66 years ago, and made her home in our community since that time. In her youth she turned to the Lord, and her life was a living testimony for Him. ". . . walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called." Ephesians 4:1. For many years, she helped in Sunday School, teaching the children the story of salvation; she loved to sing praises to her God, and led the singing when there was need. Young and old alike loved Sis. Sarah and will indeed miss her kind and loving presence. We extend our sympathy to her three sisters, Mary Keitel & Caroline Dotterer of Mansfield and Martha Laukhuf of Paulding, and three brothers, Ben of Mansfield, Andrew and Isaac of Paulding.

"Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ". And we do indeed give thanks for the ministering brothers and other visitors we have been privileged to enjoy this past month. On Sunday evening, June 2, many who had been to the dedication at the Rittman church during the day visited our congregation. Elder Bro. Noah Schrock and Bro. Jesse Schrock proclaimed

the word to us during evening services. Others from many congregations joined with us, from Paulding, Akron, Rittman, Bluffton, Remington etc. Bro. Clarence Yackley of Phoenix and Bro. Noah Bauman ministered to us on Sunday, June 9; visitors were also here from Milford, Akron and Rittman. On Sunday, June 16, Elder Bros. Rudolf Graf and Noah Bauman spent the day with us, speaking God's word in morning and afternoon services. We also appreciated the visit of the sisters from Milford, who visited with us on June 28.

The Sunday School picnic was held on June 23, on Bro. and Sis. John Fuhrer's farm. All were invited and enjoyed an afternoon and evening of fellowship.

Congratulations to Charles and Carolyn (Schauwecker) Roberts on the birth of a daughter, June 3. Linda Marie was also welcomed by her twin brothers.

### MAYWOOD, CALIFORNIA

Reporter: Christine Locher

On June 23, Holy Communion was held jointly with the Altadena church at Maywood. Our Elder Bro. Carl Kinsinger was assisted by Elder Bro. Roy Farney of Phoenix. Different ones told me what a truly blessed day it was and that the Lord's presence was felt. I unfortunately was absent with a case of the German measles.

Our visitors for the month were: Donna Palmer, Akron; Sisters Marilyn Kupferschmid, Lou Ida Kaisner, Forrest; Bro. Ben, Sis. Freda and Diane Beer, Bro. Alvin Sis. Elda and Diane Riggerback, Richard Enderley, Mansfield; Bro. Donald Duckworth, Princeville; Bro. Roy, Sis. Averil, Bro. David Stevig, Phoenix.

On June 9, a farewell gathering for Sis. Anna Vly, who was departing our midst for Mansfield, was held at Bro. and Sis. John Dapper's home. Sis. Anna was one of the pioneers of the Maywood church. May the Lord watch over her.

Sis. Julia Dapper is now at home. Her recovery is quite slow, and she will have many months of lying in bed ahead of her. We are thankful that her progress has been as good as it is.

How encouraging it is to the believer when we see effort and zeal put forth by our brethren. Bro. Donald Duckworth of Princeville

recently spent two weeks in reserve training at Camp Pendleton, 100 miles distant. Yet he had the urge and desire to drive 100 miles and spend a Wednesday evening worshipping with us for a few hours. We thank you, Bro. Don, for the love and fellowship you shared with us.

But then again, how often it is when members and friends come into our area for a few days or maybe even a week or so, and yet how many of them never get to the Maywood church. There are two churches in California, approximately 17 miles apart, and we yearn and desire to also meet and greet our loved ones in faith. It seems that some of you who do come so far wouldn't mind driving a few miles farther to worship with us, too.

Church Services: Sunday morning 10:45, Sunday afternoon 1:15, Sunday School 10:45, Adult Class 10:00, Wednesday mid-week service 7:45.

#### **MORRIS, MINNESOTA**

**Reporter: Mrs. Kenneth Zeltwanger**

A son, Steven Lloyd, was born to Ernest Jr. and Carol Kellenberger on June 10.

A son, Barry Lee, was born to Richard and Lila Watson on June 10.

We enjoyed having Bro. and Sis. Gerald Sutter and children of Taylor visit here several days. Bro. Gerald ministered to us the evening of June 19.

We had a blessed Sunday on July 7, with Bro. Herman Kellenberger of Elgin and Bro. Uriel Gehring of Burlington as our visiting ministers. They were accompanied by their wives. On July 9, we had evening church, with Bro. Uriel having the services. We thank them all for their visit.

We have enjoyed the fellowship of many other visitors the past month.

#### **ROANOKE, ILLINOIS**

**Reporter: Irene Hodel**

Wedding vows were exchanged June 9 between Sis. Judy Aeschleman, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Clarence Aeschleman, and Bro. Leslie Luginbuhl, son of Bro. and Sis. Herman Luginbuhl, with Bro. Dave Mangold officiating. We wish them many happy years together, serving the Lord.

Bro. and Sis. Chris Luginbuhl, Bro. Ronny and Sis. Betty Luginbuhl and Bro. Carl Lanz, who came for the wedding, spent several days here, visiting relatives and friends.

Bro. Leroy Huber of Eureka was with us for Wednesday night services and the proving of our friend, Bob Schumacher, son of Bro. Walter Schumacher, who was baptized the following Sunday. We are all happy to accept him as our brother, the wonderful work of our dear Lord and Saviour.

Bro. Dave Mangold announced the engagement of Sis. Irene Hodel, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Silas Hodel, to Bro. Art Legel of here.

We were very happy to have Bro. and Sis. Ernest Gerber of Rockville with us for services, Wed. night, June 19.

Sis. Wilma Simpson and son, John, of Springfield spent two weeks here with her parents, Bro. and Sis. Lee Scherer. Bro. Robert came for them the last week end.

We were pleased to have Bro. and Sis. Ed. Hohulin of Goodfield with us for services, the 23rd. Many from Cissna were with us for the day, attending the Beer Reunion here.

Sis. Luella Leman, who had surgery, is home now. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Sunday, June 30, we had a blessed day, with Bro. Frank Woertz of Goodfield assisting our Elder Dave Mangold in making the decision of our voting for new ministers. We are well pleased to have Bro. Don Sauder, son of Sis. Mae Sauder, and Bro. Ben Fehr, son of Sis. Tillie Fehr, to assist in this work. We certainly give them our support and wish them the Lord's blessings at all times.

Our Sunday School was brought to a close for the summer months with a picnic at Washburn Park, which was enjoyed by all.

We are glad to hear Sara Diggle, who has been in the hospital several weeks, is improving nicely. We hope she can soon be back with us.

Sun., July 7, we enjoyed the services of Bro. Dave Bertsch of Leo. He and his wife were visiting his parents, Bro. and Sis. Aaron Bertsch.

#### **ROCKVILLE, CONNECTICUT**

**Reporter: Carlton J. Lanz**

Because of the seriousness in

nature of his illness, Bro. John Erismann has been confined to his bed for the past 10 weeks. His son, Bro. Erwin, and wife and son, Ronald, of Bay City, visited him recently. Bro. John had been active until three years ago, when he was forced to undergo major surgery. He is 78.

Bro. Gottlieb Zahner is recuperating in the hospital, as the result of an odd mishap. He was working for a neighbor, and at the time, taking his noonday nap, in the shed, when a farm truck partially loaded with fertilizer rolled over both of his feet. They were badly bruised, and the bone in one leg was broken. His condition is not believed serious, yet he will have to be in a cast, according to his son, Emanuel.

Bro. Gottlieb is close to 86 years.

Also hospitalized is Sis. Lavina Ballasy, where she has undergone surgery. We extend to them all our best wishes.

A little girl, Patricia, was born on June 25 to our friends, Jerry and Judith Webb.

Visiting ministers were Bro. Joe Kaisner of Forrest and Bro. Sam Kilgus of Remington. We enjoyed many blessings in the time that they were with us.

Also visiting here were Bros. Jim Cooke of Tremont, Florin and Richard Streitmatter and Earl Martin of Princeville. We spent many pleasant hours in fellowship together, during their short stay.

We welcome the return of Sisters Eunice, Doris, Marjorie and Marilyn Bahler, who have been absent for several weeks, during which time they visited relatives and other members in California and other states, also Bro. Chris Luginbuhl and his sister Ida. All returned safely.

Bro. Simon Wagenbach and his wife, on vacation, spent a few days here with his daughter and family, Bro. and Sis. Roy Schneider. It was also our pleasure to have him minister to us. The blessings we received were many.

#### **FORT WAYNE, INDIANA**

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

David W. Unsicker, son of Bro. and Sis. Jacob Unsicker, was united in marriage to Deloris Rothenhofer of New Haven, Indiana, on June 15. David graduated from the Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland, June 5, and Deloris is a registered nurse, a graduate of

Parkview Memorial Hospital. They will reside at Athens, Georgia, as David will be attending a Navy Supply School.

Bro. and Sis. Raymond Pulfer and family were in an automobile accident, on their way home from church, Sunday, June 9. They were taken to the Lutheran Hospital for observation. Sis. Mary had 24 stitches taken in her forehead — above the right eye. The others had minor cuts, bruises and black eyes. They were released and are getting along nicely. Their car was in such condition that it had to be replaced, and they can only be thankful to the Lord their lives were spared.

Bro. and Sis. David Pfister have moved from Russell Avenue to 3817 Goshen Road.

The choir went to Bluffton and sang at the Anderson Nursing Home, Monday evening, July 1. This is a convalescent home for the aged.

The visiting ministers who served us in the past four Sundays were Brothers Henry Manz, Henry Beer, Loren Stoller, and Orville Ringger.

Some times we do not realize the deep meaning of our songs when we sing them, until they are put into poetry. This song is in Hymns of Zion:

#### Teach Me Yet More

Teach me yet more of Thy blest ways,  
Thou holy Lamb of God,  
And fix and root me in the grace,  
So dearly bought with blood.

Oh tell me often of each wound,  
Of every grief and pain,  
And let my heart with joy confess;  
From hence comes all my gain.

Engrave this deeply on my heart  
With an eternal pen,  
That I may, in some small degree,  
Return Thy love again.

#### GOODFIELD, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Marian Wiegand

Bro. and Sis. William Hohulin are the parents of a boy, William Matthew, born June 12. This is their third child.

Jane Marie was the name given to the little girl, born June 24, to Bro. and Sis. Harold Hohulin.

August and Nettie Knapp are the maternal grandparents of a boy, Bradley James, born to Don and Fern Davis of Morton.

On July 7, the marriage of Betty Tanner, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Paul Tanner, to Lyle Stahl, son of Bro. and Sis. Wm. Stahl of Princeville, was solemnized by Bro. Frank Woertz, at the home of the bride. They will make their home near Princeville.

The engagement of Carol Wiegand, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Henry Wiegand, to Dennis Martin of Peoria has been announced. A fall wedding is planned.

Kenneth Plattner, son of Bro. and Sis. Lester Plattner, is seeking his salvation through repentance.

#### COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA

Since I don't live near any of the churches now, the Silver Lining is my only source of news of many of my old friends, and I really appreciate it.

Also, if any of the boys from the churches are sent to Fort Jackson or Shaw Air Base, we would be very glad to entertain them in our home. Our phone number is 787-8858.

Inclosed is my \$2.00 for another year's subscription. Thank you, Mrs. Robert Harris.

#### BREMEN, INDIANA

Reporter: Joseph L. Bauman

Bro. Don Klopfenstein, who is stationed at Ocean Air Base, Virginia serving in the Navy, was home for a visit recently. We were glad to have him with us.

Sis. Audrey Laidig is gradually improving and is able to attend services again. It is good to have her with us. We wish her continued good health.

Bro. Arthur Moser and family from Peoria are with us for the summer months, while he is a student at Notre Dame University. Their presence with us is greatly appreciated.

We were pleased to have as visitors over the Fourth of July week end, Bro. Ben Schlatter and family from Toledo, also Bro. Gene Witzig and family from Morton.

The psalmist, David, wrote in 46:10, "Be still, and know that I am God . . ." It seems that if the psalmist were living today in our complex world, he might have even a far greater reason to write these words. There must have been, in the time of David, more time for meditation and reflection. It seems that with the pressures of modern living and the rapid

pace with which we must move about to meet the demands of life, there is so little time to put into practice this tremendously important part of our life, of being still and listening to God.

The writer read recently of a man traveling in a strange country, and before he realized it, was traveling at a more rapid speed than normal, whereupon he further realized that he was lost. The thought then immediately came to him that upon the realization that he was lost, he was traveling faster than usual. It seems that in our present time, many people are rushing, perhaps they know not where, not taking out time to heed David's words, "Be still, and know that I am God . . ."

#### Bremen Church History

Lydia Heuberger

The Bremen Apostolic Christian Church was established in 1911. Services were first held in a small country schoolhouse, used for the church, and later enlarged into a frame house located in the country, approximately 5 miles north-east of Bremen. Horses and buggies were the method of transportation by some in those days. The ministering of the gospel was conducted in the German language; however, by approximately 1920 all the messages were in the English language.

In 1923, a new church building was erected in the town of Bremen. It was brick construction, consisting of the assembly room, a balcony, and a full basement, for Sunday School space and dining area.

In the 1950's it was necessary to remodel the church, because of required space. At this time, the remodeling consisted of additional Sunday School space, a new nursery, carpeting in the sanctuary and a general refurnishing of the interior.

Our first families came from Illinois and were: Edward Getz, John Gerber, William Leman, Jacob Schuch, Jacob Clauss, Fred VonBergen, Gottlieb Yackley, John Hueni, John Laidig, Chris Sinn, Joseph Unsicker, Stephen Engelhardt, Chris Zimmer, Michael Schini, Edw. Hirstein, Carl Traub, and Emil Meister.

Bro. John Gerber was the first minister (for one year). Death ended his labors for the church. He

was followed by the following brothers: Fred VonBergen, Jacob Schuch, Chris Zimmer, Henry Souder, Herman Hueni, and most recently, both Bros. Robert Hueni and Earl Zelwanger. Bro. Herman Hueni was called in death during 1961, and thus our present ministers are Bros. Henry Souder, Robert Hueni and Earl Zeltwanger.

Our present possible attendance is 300; however, average attendance is approximately 100 for Sunday School and 100 for church attendance. Our present membership is 110.

### ELGIN, IOWA

Reporter: Mrs. George Butikofer

#### Contentment

Stars in the sky I cannot buy,  
But I can have their light.  
Ships on the sea are not for me,  
Yet fill me with delight.

Children I meet with look so sweet;  
Their smiles to me they give.  
The birds that sing, the flowers of  
spring  
Will cheer me while I live.

I love what's fine, even though not  
mine,  
And welcome all that's fair  
In sound and sight . . . .  
The heart, if right, finds heaps of  
joys to share.

We are thankful to Bros. Paul Banwart from West Bend, Leo Moser of Lester, and Maurice Frank of Chicago, for spending the week end of July 7 with us. On Sunday, we heard inspiring messages, giving us food for thought. Communion was also served to us after the regular services on Sunday. It was indeed an impressive service, one serving well to bring us to the realization, that without our Lord's supreme sacrifice, there would have been no hope for our eternal well-being.

Bro. Ira and Sis. Doris Farney entertained some of their relatives from Illinois a short time ago. They were Bro. and Sis. Chas. Farney, Bro. and Sis. Earl Farney and children, namely Doug, Janice and Phyllis.

Our graduating seniors this year were Melvin Moore, Marsha Metzger, Sheryl Butikofer and Sharon Schupbach. We wish them God's guidance in their future plans.

We were hosts this year to the annual Youth Fellowship of the

Bible classes from Lester, West Bend, Morris and Winthrop. There were about 175 guests in attendance. Bro. Ben Maibach of Detroit entertained the group Saturday evening, by showing pictures of Hawaii, Japan and Alaska. Sunday afternoon, Sunday School was held for the youth, followed by a question and answer period concerning the Bible. It was indeed inspiring to note the interest shown in spiritual matters. May God's blessings rest upon all the pupils, teachers, and every one that were present at our gathering.

Members and friends sang for the patients at the Clayton County Home last Sunday evening. Bro. Butikofer read some scripture and expounded parts of it. 'Tis always rewarding to note the expressions of appreciation on the faces of the folks living at the home, when they see guests have come to visit and to sing for them.

Sis. Anna Schupbach has a new granddaughter. Her name is Melame Jo and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Schupbach of Hiawatha, Iowa.

Janet Gehring, who is a college student at Iowa City, has work in Washington, D.C., as a computation clerk for an insurance concern, for the summer. She and her sister, Dr. Edith Gehring, share an apartment. The latter is working in Washington, D.C., too.

### GRIDLEY, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Mary Alyce Witzig

Bro. Albert Grusy underwent surgery several weeks ago and is again up and around.

The Vacation Bible School program was held June 12, with about 120 children participating.

Theresa Lynn is the first child of our friends, Betty and Rich Stucky of Evanston. She was born June 19 and is a granddaughter of Sis. Pauline and George Witzig.

The annual Sunday School Picnic was held June 23 at the village park. A short program was presented.

Gloria Klopfenstein, daughter of Bro. Ralph and Sis. Catherine Klopfenstein, and Gary Volk of El Paso were united in marriage on June 7.

#### The Sunday School

There are 203 children enrolled in the Gridley Sunday School, divided into eight classes. Bro. William Funk is the superintendent at

the present time (a new superintendent will be elected this fall).

The Bible class is taught by Bros. Ralph Klopfenstein and Art Gramm. This class consists of students of high school age and over. They use the Bible as their text.

The seventh and eighth grade class also uses the Bible. They are taught by Bros. Roy Hodel and Loren Schlipf.

**Egermeier's Bible Story Book** is used by the fifth and sixth grades, taught by Bros. Ralph Schlipf and Dick Kiefer.

The fourth grade, using **Egermeier's Bible Story**, is taught by Bros. Herb Gramm and William Funk.

Bros. Allen Freed and Bill Romersberger teach the third grade class and use **Egermeier's Bible Story**, also.

The second grade is taught by Sis. Ella Schlipf. She uses Gospel Light material.

Gospel Light material is also used by Sisters Bernice Yergler and Mildred Schlipf for their first grade class.

The two kindergarten classes use Gospel Light material. The five-year old class is taught by Sisters Marilyn Schieler and Joan Aupperle. The four-year-old class is taught by Sisters Ruth Ann Schlipf and Mary Alyce Witzig.

During the summer months, Sunday School is held for all grade school children who care to attend. No attendance records are kept, and classes are combined and taught by substitute teachers, so as to give the regular teachers a vacation.

### JUNCTION, OHIO

Reporter: Mrs. Alvin H. Manz

We were pleased to share our services this month with a number of visitors from Bluffton, Milford, and Fort Wayne; Bay City; Toledo, Rittman, and Mansfield. Bro. Carl Kipfer ministered to us June 23, and spoke to us about humbleness. To quote an example of humbleness that I especially liked, "When the wheat at this time of year holds its head (proudly erect, it is empty, but those that are bowed (humble), are full." And so it is with the proud. Their hearts are empty, and the humble are filled even to overflowing. We also gathered at the home of Sis. Della Manz, for a joyous evening of singing and fellowship.

The sick are about the same. Sis. Lena Manz was with us one Sunday forenoon. She has said it was worth the effort, even for a short time. Bro. Andrew Dotterer was with us for the funeral of his dear sister, Sarah Dotterer, of Mansfield.

Sis. Sarah Dotterer of Mansfield, departed this life June 28, after an extended illness, at her home. After services Sunday in Mansfield, she was brought here Monday for services and interment in the Dotterer Cemetery, east of the church. Bro. Henry Sabo of Mansfield and Bro. Sam Aeschliman of Bluffton had the service. Surviving are three brothers, Ben of Mansfield, Isaac and Andrew, both of Paulding; three sisters, Mrs. Martha Laukhuf, Paulding, Mrs. Mary Keidel and Miss Caroline Dotterer, both of Mansfield.

Following is one of my favorite poems:

**Human Pearls**

Look not at the weight of the pain you bear,  
 Nor think you carry more than your share.  
 The load you are bearing day after day  
 Is only your Father showing the way.  
 The "night bird" so tiny, sits hour after hour,  
 Singing alone to the starry tower;  
 The bell that rings so plain and clear  
 Once lay in the earth, in a cradle dear.  
 The diamond most precious . . . the ruby rare  
 Were hidden away in the depth of despair,  
 For someone to rescue, and polish bright,  
 To reflect great beauty in God's sunlight.  
 The pearl that lies in the ocean deep,  
 Surrounded by slime, and things that creep,  
 Is held as it were, in a sordid mesh  
 Entombed in silence, and the filth of its flesh:  
 Growing . . . developing, increasing in worth  
 Til someone finds and brings it to earth.  
 Like "precious pearls" are the souls of men,

Suffering alone, for all to condemn . . .  
 They must live in the slime, and be tossed about  
 'Til the Saviour of mankind descends with a shout,  
 For He is preparing rare jewels for His crown,  
 And the "Pearls" he has polished will be "gems of renown".

So be patient, my friend . . . 'til He calls you forth,  
 For God in His mercy thinks well of your worth . . .  
 There is never a trial that lends not a ray  
 To the beautiful Crown you shall wear in that Day.

**MILFORD, INDIANA**

Sis. Ilene Kammerer,  
 Reporting for Bro. Arthur Haab

Wealth gotten by vanity shall be diminished: but he that gathereth by labor shall increase." Proverbs 13:11 May this verse be in the minds of all graduates as they labor on this earth.

Sis. Susie Beer graduated from high school, and now is a teller in the Milford First National Bank. Susie is the daughter of Sis. Betty and Bro. Maurice.

Don Haab, son of Sis. Rose and Bro. Elmer, graduated and is employed at Kaser Plumbing and Heating.

Kathy Pfister, daughter of Sis. Marie and Bro. Eli, graduated and now is a student at Fort Wayne Warner Beauty College.

Ann Price, daughter of Sis. Leona and Everett, graduated, and is planning her fall wedding. She will become the wife of friend Bill Troup.

John Graff, son of Sis. Ida and Bro. George, graduated from International Business College and is employed in an office at Latty.

A baby boy, Christopher, was born to Joyce and Bob Wolferman. Sis. Dorothy and Bro. John Martin are the maternal grandparents.

Rosemary and Howard Lehman are the parents of their second girl, Susan Rae. Sis. Tina and Bro. George Lehman are the paternal grandparents.

Kim Hively, a welfare child being taken care of by Sis. Kathryn and Bro. Levi Beer, is recovering from a broken leg.

Glen Kammerer, son of Sis. Laura and Bro. Andy Kammerer,

is spending the summer in the Orient.

Much sadness was expressed, as Lillian Hartter left Milford to return to her former congregation, Peoria. She will be missed greatly, as she has spent many years with us in Milford. We pray the Lord's blessings upon her, as she establishes her new home.

**SABETHA, KANSAS**

Reporter: Mrs. Theodore Locher

Sis. Albertina Steiner spent a number of days in the hospital, and is home again, feeling some better. Sis. Matilda and Sis. Lena Steiner of Elgin, Ill., are here visiting their father, Bro. Meno, and Sis. Albertina and relatives.

Bro. Otto Rauhaus wishes to express his thanks and appreciation for the many cards and letters sent to him, while he was at the Spear Clinic in Denver.

We have all received many blessings from the inspiring messages and teachings given us by our visiting ministers this past month, Bro. Albert Wuthrich, Pulaski; Bro. Edward Unsicker, Portland; and Bro. Joe Klotzle, Altadena.

Sis. Katie Ott is still in the hospital with an injured knee, but is improving.

**History**

The first small meeting place was erected in the fall of 1907 by a group of members, who prior to that time had attended services in the rural church near Bern. After the addition of a larger assembly room in 1914, the original structure was used as a dining room. From time to time, other minor changes and improvements were made.

In later years, the urgent need of a more commodious house was recognized. Several members voluntarily established a building fund, which grew as unsolicited contributions were added. On February 28, 1956, after months of prayerful consideration and discussion, the congregation voted to erect a new house of worship.

On April 16, excavation for the new church was begun, on the site of the old building, which, having been moved a short distance from its location, served as a meeting-place until the new church was ready for occupancy. With humble rejoicing, we held our first Lord's Day service here, on Dec. 16, 1956.

Lloyd & Myrna Moser,  
Strawn  
Illinois.

We were thankful to God that, throughout a drought-stricken, adverse year, He blessed the labor of the builders' hands and inspired hope, faith and courage to consummate the work. We were grateful also to all, both members and friends, young and old, who were moved to spend themselves so freely in the building of the new house of worship.

**FRANCESVILLE, INDIANA**  
**Reporters: Mrs. Elmer Bucher**  
**Mrs. Perry Neihouser**

What a truly blessed Sunday was enjoyed by our congregation on June 2, when the testimony of Bro. Don Erb was heard and he was taken into the fold. We were also served Holy Communion by our Elder Bros. George Yergler, Sam Aeschliman, and John Bahler. We feel so unworthy to partake, but pray that the Lord will strengthen our faith.

Bro. Willis Gudeman has been in bed with rheumatic fever, but is able to be up some now, and is recovering nicely.

Dwight Bucher also is recovering from a case of rheumatic fever, and is getting along as well as can be expected.

Bro. Les Huber has asked for a relief from the ministry for a short period of time, due to an eye ailment. We wish Les the Lord's blessings and pray he will be granted a complete recovery soon.

Due to surgery, Sis. Lena Yaggie has not been able to congregate with us for several weeks. Since she is recovering well, we hope she can be with us again soon.

Bro. Will and Sis. Katie Kahler celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on June 30. They held open house for approximately 200 relatives and friends.

Cheryl, daughter of Leon and Mary (Gerber) Wuethrich, was united in marriage to Larry Schaffer on June 30, at the home of the bride's parents.

The visiting ministers this month were Bros. Vernon Leman of Eureka, Frederick Knapp of Congerville, David Bertsch of Leo, Russell Rapp and Joe A. Getz of

Morton, Art Gudeman and Merle Bucher of LaCrosse and Fred Grimm of Taylor. We enjoyed all their messages very much. Bro. Fred Grimm left us the beautiful thought of how wonderful it is to be able to pray whenever we choose and to take all our cares to our Heavenly Father, knowing He will answer if we only have faith to believe. He also mentioned that it is not only a privilege, but very important in our daily life. Bro. Russell Rapp taught that just as the Apostle Paul's example, we should give God the glory, and not take credit ourselves for that which we have or are able to accomplish.

**Church History**

This information was furnished by our Bro. Philip Gutwein.

It might be interesting to note, that just 50 years ago (now 51), in 1912, the original church building was built and used for worship.

Services, however, were held previous to 1912, beginning with 1907, in the homes of the earliest settlers, members and friends. Two services were held, with lunch being prepared for noon. Later, we assembled in the upstairs of the building now owned by Bro. Schubert, where a wall or two was taken out for that purpose. A pulpit and benches were purchased, unvarnished. Bro. Henry Bolliger and family were among the early settlers. Being a painter by trade, he directed the finishing of this furniture.

The Gutwein family moved to Francesville in the fall of 1906. They came from Fairbury, but originally from Hungary. Bro. Karl Schick, a plumber in Fairbury at the time, had purchased farms here, and was perhaps instrumental in the Gutwein family settling here. He was one of the earliest settlers who moved and lived here for several years.

Other early buyers of land were Joseph Leman father of our dear old sister, Katie Pelsey, and Bro. Henry Leman, Henry and Samuel Schumacher, Will Volmer, a friend at that time and later a brother,

and Bro. Sam Walters. The Albert Gudeman, Ernest Anliker, Jacob Boehning, and Wm. Bechtold families arrived here in 1907. Jacob Boehning died in Aug. 1912, and services were held in his yard by Bro. Mike Mangold, as the church building was not quite finished. Bro. Joe Guingrich of Gridley, Ill., and Eli Weyeneth were also early settlers, together with Nick Alt.

From 1908-1910, more believers moved this way. Included in that group were Bro. David Gudeman, Joseph Pelsy, Albert Schwing and their families, who moved here from Wolcott; the Bro. Emil Marti family, the Kahler family, Julius Honegger family, the Chris Wuethrich family, the Von Tobels and the Henry Schwings from Remington. Anna Banwart was the daughter of Henry. She was married in March of 1910 to Bro. Levi Banwart, and they made their home here. Bro. Levi died in the fall of 1911, leaving Sis. Anna with two little girls.

Grandfather Jacob Honegger, an elder of the church, visited quite frequently and held services both in the Schubert house and also in the new church.

The Ben Tyler family located on their farm in 1911, and the Fred Yaggies in 1912, as did also the John Wuethrichs. The Perry Neihousers moved here in 1913.

The ground for the church building was donated by Bro. Albert Gudeman. It was remodeled and enlarged in 1942, and again in 1952, bringing it to its present structure.

The first minister and later the elder was Bro. Philip Gutwein Sr. He was later assisted by his son, Bro. Philip Jr. Bro. Philip Sr. passed away in December of 1958.

Our present ministers are Bros. Philip Gutwein, Lester Huber and Wendell Gudeman.

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