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## GLORY IN WEST VIRGINIAN HILLS

(Submitted by Bro. Otto Norr)

Sis Emma Barth, now at rest.

I was born January 15, 1876, on Limestone Ridge. My parents, Sebastian and Elizabeth Riggenbach, were born and raised in Switzerland, coming to the United States in the early years of their married life.

My father passed away at the age of 62. He taught all of his children how to work.

We had no heat upstairs. In very cold weather, we would heat bricks in the oven, and take them to bed to keep our feet warm. Our parents never had any electric or gas, but father and the older boys always had plenty of firewood cut for the winter.

Wednesday was wash day. We girls did the washing for the family of eleven in the forenoon. In the afternoon, we went in the fields, to work with father and brothers. When the hour was due and our call came, we all got ready for work. We felt it was our duty to help on the farm.

Mother made work pants and knit all of our stockings. Every other day, she would bake ten to twelve large loaves of bread.

We looked forward to blessed Sunday morning, because we always went to Sunday School and church.

We had a large pine tree in our front yard, which is still standing. My father would take his Bible, after we came home from church, and sit under the tree and read the Bible to us.

John Edward Barth and I were married on October 7, 1896.

One Sunday morning (Bro. Isaac Emch was one of the ministers at that time), my eyes were opened.

God touched my heart. I felt I was a sinner, and I repented.

On April 4, 1897, I was baptized. When we got home that evening, my husband started to repent. It wasn't long until he was baptized. That was the happiest day of my life. Soon, two of my brothers and their wives repented. Later, there were nine that followed right along, one after the other.

Work was becoming too hard for

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### Power With Preaching

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

And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul: neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common.

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

The Acts 4:31-33

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my husband, as he had lung trouble. We had the chance of buying the old Barth home on Limestone Ridge, which consisted of 32 acres of mostly hilly land. We always had enough to eat. The Good Book tells us, if we have enough to eat and wear, we should be content and thankful.

We went to Sunday School and church every Sunday morning, of which we always looked forward to

that blessed Sunday morning. We had a hill to climb, and dirt roads, so if it rained on Saturday night or Sunday morning, the girls would walk to church in their bare feet, carrying their shoes and stockings. We always kept a basin under the church. They would wash their feet, then put their stockings and shoes on. Those were happy days. We could all go together, take our lunch along, then stay for the afternoon service.

My husband's health began to fail. One Sunday morning, he called me to his bedside. "I feel that the time has come for my departure. I know you are going to have a hard time raising those children, but just think if it was you that had to go, what would I do with all those little ones?"

He smiled. "I know you will keep them together. Take them to church, and try to raise them in the right way. I would love to meet you all again."

I was left with seven small children, the oldest, my only son, not quite 14 years, and the baby 20 months. My prayer was daily, that God would spare my life, so I could raise my children. He granted me that prayer . . . I had a lot to be thankful for . . .

My son . . . told me he was going to get married. I knew I had to make a change . . . but what? I went to town to see if I could find a house. I met a lady on the street. She gave me the name of a lady owning the house that looked homey. I went through it alone. I went into a clothes closet, got on my knees, and asked God through prayer to show me if that was his will that I should make the change.

We moved on December 4, 1916.

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Have you counted all the blessings  
That come to you each day.  
Have you taken time for "thank  
yous",  
When good things come your way?

Have you ever thought of trouble  
As blessings in disguise?  
Have you ever seen a rainbow  
Appear in cloudless skies?

If you count your many blessings  
And name them one by one  
And take the time to write them  
all,  
You'll have a mighty score.

I feel that I am nearing my goal,  
and am waiting for that blessed  
hope.  
... our church ... where my

mother carried me in her arms.  
There is where I found peace with  
my God, and where my husband  
and I took our children every Sun-  
day morning. To me, it is the dear-  
est spot on earth. I have had many  
happy days there . . . Those were  
the happy days. I will always love  
the little humble church on the  
West Virginia hills.

## HUSH!

Henry Souder, Jr.

In Elgin, Illinois, a telescope—  
with a very thin wire or hair—  
pointed starward. Silently, ac-  
curately to the precise moment, a  
certain star kept place in the  
heavens. As its quiet course con-  
cided with the line in the telescope,  
it gave measurement for man.  
Man's time-keeping is then timed  
to the stars.

Through pathless space, the  
stars follow beautiful order.

God has placed each star into  
His fabric of creation. He has  
woven universe and universes.  
Each pursues its peculiar path as  
purposed of its Creator. Each is  
where it should be, at the best.

Somewhere God is. Somewhere is  
heaven. We can't see it, but it is  
alive with life, now.

As the appearance of fire, the  
Bible tells us, so is the appearance  
of God. Fire is beautiful. It is the  
fire from the sun that glows the  
the sunset. Glorious rays radiate  
in His assembly. The Bible also  
tells us that the appearance of the  
glory about Him is as the rainbow.  
That is beautiful!

It is priceless privilege to be  
brought in heart into the presence  
of God.

"Be ye followers of me, even as  
I also am of Christ."

We had not been in this way be-  
fore we knew Him. To be risen with  
Christ is to be with Him in heart.  
This is heavenly experience. There-  
fore, Paul was given things to show  
us the way of heavenly prayer and  
prophecy.

"Now I praise you, brethren,  
that ye remember me in all things,  
and **keep** the ordinances, as I de-  
livered **them** to you."

Time and space no longer limit.  
Heavenly dimensions are the deep  
things of God. We sit together, in  
heavenly places.

In the Spirit, we have life that  
had no beginning nor has no end.  
In him, we actually worship the  
Head of even God the Son.

"But I would have you know,  
that the head of every man is  
Christ; and the head of the woman  
is the man; and the head of Christ  
is God."

The hand of God has done won-  
derful in creating. The sky is blue;  
the grass is green, and it is good.  
That's the way it belongs. God put  
it that way. Everything He does is  
perfect.

We have the vast love of Christ  
on the cross. We have the way of  
salvation, and a wonderful peace.  
We have baptism. Everything He  
does is perfect.

For sons and daughters of His  
love, it should be looked for, and  
He does give, complete, correct in-  
structions on conduct.

With Him is wondrous majesty.  
He is clothed with light. We don't  
want to be out of place.

Smallest whispers be come  
shouts in holy presence.

"Every man praying or proph-  
esying, having his head covered,  
dishonoureth his head. But every  
woman that prayeth or proph-  
esieth with **her** head uncovered  
dishonoureth her head: for that is  
even all one as if she were shaven."

Some day, the faithful will join  
in everlasting praise. They'll be  
happy and satisfied, all of them.

The wondrous seraphs, bright  
burners of beauty, have two wings  
to cover their face. Elders clothed

in spotless white cast their crowns  
before the throne. The praise from  
the redeemed swells in sweetness.  
It will be as thunder, and the sound  
will roll beautifully, as many  
waters.

What must that be to be caught  
up in that sheer praise of God!

Here on earth, we want to feel  
the joy unspeakable and full of  
glory in company with our Lord.  
Prayer and prophecy have to do  
with God.

"For a man indeed ought not to  
cover his head, forasmuch as he is  
the image and glory of God: but  
the woman is the glory of the  
man."

The crown of creation belongs  
to its rightful Head.

Our Lord came as a humble babe.  
He walked in meekness as a man.  
He submitted to actual death, suf-  
fering in the flesh on the cross.

He chose the scene of the cre-

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ation He made for the triumph of His own and His church. In Him, there is neither male nor female. But, to crown His achievements, it is the church walking as He walked, in earthly body, in all humility to the creative order of God.

The veil conceals an earthly glory that the heavenly glory may shine about!

"For this cause ought the woman to have power on her head because of the angels."

Angels stand in the presence of God. They see His beauty and bright glory. Then, when they come to us, and glory that don't

belong is seen, there would be some pretty ashamed looks if one could see how the angels look!

Angels help when we need help. They ministered to our Lord in the wilderness. One strengthened Him in Gethsemane. When the eyes of the fearful young man with Elisha were opened, he saw the mountain encompassed with chariots of fire.

It is even so with us. God's words are the facts of life.

"Doth not even nature itself teach you, that, if a man have long hair, it is a shame unto him? But if a woman have long hair, it is a glory to her: for her hair is given

her for a covering."

Did not God create the sunset? Does He not bring out all the starry host and call them by name? Every hue is perfect, every color placed.

We may know God's expression, what He thinks, through His word. He gave about the glory of long hair because that is best. He looked on all His creation and saw that "it was very good."

If we can only find we have finished in faith, how much will be ours. How happy we shall be, on that morn, to be welcome Home!

Hush! For God is listening.

## NEWS

### JAPAN

**Reporter: Yoshio Yamazaki**

Today is August 30, so the very hot summer is almost gone away. However, before fall comes, ordinarily Japan must accept several typhoons.

In this month, we had two baptismal services here in Japan. Three young ladies were baptized, two in Tokyo and one at Shi Shioda. The first baptismal service was held on the 11th of August, at the country church. A Japanese lady, Miss Suzuyo Hirose, was baptized. She has been coming to church for almost three years and is really faithful. I believe she is very happy, and that the Holy Spirit came upon her and is helping her when she has trials or temptations.

The second baptism was held on the 25th of August, here in the Tsutsujiga-Oka church. Two ladies were baptized in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Their names are Miss Hiroko Natori and Miss Hiroko Utsuki. Miss Hiroko Natori is Bro. Yoshito Inoue's cousin, as I wrote in the Silver Lining before, and Miss Hiroko Utsuki is the fourth daughter of Mr. Utsuki. Both ladies have been coming to church for a long time, and their testimonies are all wonderful before the Lord.

According to recent news, Bro. Yoshito Inoue is getting much better now. We all really appreciate that God accepted our daily prayers.

The Ehnle's little boy, Tommy, is getting bigger day by day, and all the family is enjoying in the

grace of our heavenly Father, which He gives as needed. "Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice. Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand. Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:4-7.

### UNION CITY, NEW JERSEY

**Reporter: August Mueller**

Aug. 11 . . . our visitor today was Sis. Frieda Brandy from Rockville. She is always welcome in our midst. She helped us with the singing after lunch.

Sis. Elsie Welti had an operation on her hand. I hear she is getting along well.

Sun., Aug. 18 . . . our visitors today were from Fort Wayne, Bro. and Sis. Richard Aeschliman and family. He is a brother to Bro. Ed Aeschliman of Wilmington. We spent the day singing and praising God for His love and mercy which He at all times bestows on us, His children. Truly, these hours are hours of blessing; they are not spent in vain.

Aug. 25 . . . our visitors today were from Girard, Friend Stanley Brown and his wife, Sis. Inez; from Roanoke, Bro. and Sis. Carl Sauder, who are the parents of Sis. Nancy Aeschliman of Wilmington. It was indeed a blessing to have them in our midst. We could feel that their hearts are filled with love and peace, and that the grace of God was with them.

Only he is called a brother  
Whom the tie of love does bind,  
And the love of God the Father  
Filleth soul and heart and mind.

Sept., 1 . . . today, we had with us Bro. and Sis. Heinz, from Rockville. We thank them for their visit. How fortunate are we that we have a prayer-hearing and a prayer-answering Father in Heaven. He fills our hearts with heavenly gifts. He provides for us according to our needs for body and soul. Let us never grow weary or tired to give Him thanks and praise for all His blessings.

Let us not neglect our duty, to pray for the sick, the afflicted, the widows, and orphans, for those in high age in hospitals, for those that yearn to go home. God grant grace that they may endure to the end. Only when the end is good, then all is good. We should also pray for all mankind, but especially for the souls that know what the Lord requires of them, that they should seek Him while He yet can be found, a kind and gracious God. The time will come when the door of grace will be closed, and no man can be saved.

### History

Our church was built in 1892. Bros. Ringger and Feiberger furnished the lumber. They were in the lumber and moulding business.

Before the church was built, the members from Union City went to Brooklyn for service. They also met in Bro. Ringger's home.

When I came to this country, in 1904, from Switzerland, with my father, mother, sisters and brother, our church was filled from end



to end. Bro. John Diggelman Sr. was Sunday School teacher.

Two sisters had charge of the little children. One was Sis. Bertha Ackerman. She was buried in Rockville last Nov. 11, at the age of 85. Her husband, Bro. Otto, passed away suddenly, in 1950, of a heart attack. He was caretaker of the church.

About 1906 or 1907, many faces were not seen with the assembly anymore, including Bro. Zeug, who was our minister with Bro. Walter Wartman.

That left Bro. Wartman alone for many years. He also had to take charge of the singing for a long time.

New families started to come to church. More members and friends came from Europe, some from out West, and a few came back again.

So, time went on. 1917 came along, which was a year of joy and blessing. Twenty-one souls were added unto the fold, including myself. At that time, we were without an elder. Bro. Drittenbach, our elder, had passed away, so Bro. Mike Mangold and Barthol Rapp came to perform the ceremonies.

Bro. Wartman had two co-workers. One was Bro. Chas Kaegi, and after him, Bro. Chas. Ballasy. They both passed away. In 1946, Bro. Wartman felt that it was time for him to retire, so Bro. Chas. Kroszner was elected minister.

I can not think of anyone that did as much for a church as Bro. Wartman did. Many years, he fired the coal furnace, heating the church. There was no electricity in the church; he had to light the church with gas-lights. Besides that, he served three times, for many years. He also made all the repairs, without being paid for this.

His heart was filled with love for God and for the members. Many times, he told me, his only concern was the congregation. But time comes for everyone, without exception, to depart, so in Jan., 1951, at the age of 90 years, it came for him. At the end of Jan., he was laid to rest, after many years of toil and labor. Bro. John Bahler had the funeral service. Many wanted to come to the funeral from Rockville, but the weather was too bad.

Bro. Wartman will get rewarded in rich measure for his kindness and his untiring labor which he

did for God and man. We still miss him.

In Aug., 1917, Bro. Chris Gerber was ordained Elder for Rockville and Union City.

#### NEW MARTINSVILLE, W. VA.

Reporter: Mrs. Gus Weltz

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Myers of Washington, Pa., were the week-end guests of Miss Della Witschey, on August 25.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Williams of Port Charlotte, Florida, visited here with the Barth families over the Labor Day week-end.

Mrs. Emma Berger, Miss Della Witschey and Mrs. J. G. Burgess spent August 28 in the home of this reporter. We had a great day visiting.

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Witschey and daughter of Charleston, W. Va., visited his father, D. S. Witschey, and family, the last of August.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Leasure of Canton, O., visited with relatives here the last of August. Mrs. Leasure will be remembered as Minnie Hassig.

Mrs. C. O. Wade, Mrs. Elza Ritz, Mrs. Harry Burton, Miss Della Durig and Mrs. Gus Weltz spent August 18 with the Durig families in Girard, and paid their respects to the family of Miss Anna Durig, who passed away on August 16.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Thomas of Niles, O., spent the Labor Day holiday here, with relatives.

Mrs. Emma Berger, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Froelich and Mrs. Gus Weltz attended the services at the Monroe Church, on Sunday, September 1. It was nice to visit with all and happy to see the Akron, Rittman and Fort Wayne folks.

Miss Della Witschey and Mr. Albert Durig were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mullet, at their home on Doolin Road on Wednesday, September 4.

Mrs. Emma Berger has gone to the home of her daughter in St. Marys, W. Va., where she will spend the winter months.

Mrs. Ella Hassig Carlson passed away on September 1, at her home in Washington, Pa. Funeral services and interment took place on September 3 in Washington. She was the daughter of the late John and Mary Hassig, and a sister of John Hassig of Sterling, O., and Albert Hassig of New Martinsville.

#### FORT SCOTT, KANSAS

Reporter: Marie Zaugg

A son, Larry Ray, was born to Bro. and Sis. Jim Bahr, on August 13.

Sis. Emma Bahr came to help at the Bahr home. A few days ago, Sis. Emma had the misfortune of falling and breaking her left arm.

Our visiting minister this month was Bro. John Somerhalder, accompanied by his wife and family. Their home church is Burlington, Okla. May God bless Bro. John for delivering unto us God's word of truth.

Ray Massner, son of Bro. and Sis. Dave Massner, was home for a few days. He is attending a Chiropractor's school at Davenport, Iowa.

#### WINTHROP, MINNESOTA

Reporter: Marguerite Messner

Bro. and Sis. Richard Schmidt of West Bend spent Saturday and Sunday here with his mother, Sis. Emma Schmidt, and family. They attended church, also; we had singing in the evening. We have singing the first Sunday of every month.

We started Sunday School August 11 after having summer vacation. The children were all glad to have Sunday School again.

Bro. and Sis. Ed Lanz and family of Morris visited us the 18th. They brought Patty Schmidgall home.

The 25th, Walter and Sis. Ila Knobloch and daughters, Nancy Jean and Marvella, of Hills, Minnesota were here with us. Friend Nancy Jean is seeking the Lord in repentance. We wish her the best in her new walk of life.

Francis and Mable Schmidgall and family of Hancock were here. They brought Mabel's mother, Sis. Carrie Messner, home. She was with them a week.

Bro. and Sis. Noah Miller took his mother, Sis. Ida Miller, and several others to see Sis. Mattie Olson at the nursing home in Worthington. She seems to be slowly failing in health.

We enjoyed all the dear ones that visited us this month. We thank you all, and hope you will all come back soon.

#### PORTLAND, OREGON

Reporter: Mrs. Paul N. Rumbold

Sis. Rose Knapp wishes to thank all for the loving kindness that was shared at her husband's passing away. Coming from Lester to be

with their aunt were Sis. Lydia Mogler and Paul Feucht.

Bill and Marie Schurter of Tremont spent several weeks around Silverton, visiting relatives.

Bro. Joe and Sis. Esther Grey and children, Estelle, Myra, and Kathy visited our congregation at Silverton.

Three couples traveling together and spending a Sunday with us were Bro. Eli and Sis. Bertha Moser of Fairbury, Bro. Fred and Sis. Nettie Heutte of Morton, and Sis. Mary and Ed Moser of Elgin.

We enjoyed having a visiting minister this month, Elder Bro. Lester Hartter, and his wife, Sis. Ella, from Bern. His message was an inspiration to all. With them were Bro. Emil and Sis. Grace Strahm, also of Bern.

Larry and Delores (Reber) Lombardo and son of Tacoma, Washington, were with us on Sunday, Sept. 1. It gives us great pleasure to report Delores is repenting and seeking peace with God.

Bro. Ray and Sis. Kathryn Klopfenstein and children from Latty are spending several weeks visiting our Portland and Silverton congregations.

Bro. Mel and Sis. Shirley Hohulin left on Thursday, Aug. 29, for a three-week vacation, part of it visiting in Illinois.

### AKRON, OHIO

#### Grace Schuckert

Many were present for services, when Elder Bro. John Bahler and his wife, Julia, of Rockville visited here. Other visiting ministers came from Rittman, Girard and Mansfield. In his service, Bro. Bahler depicted the striking contrast between the love of men and charity, which is the love of God. His exhortation was, that we exercise ourselves in this virtue, whereby men shall know that we are Christ's followers. To our dear friends he said, "Come."

We were grateful for the visit of Elder Bro. Theo Beer and his wife, Naomi, of Milford. In his sermon, Bro. Beer stated that brotherly love should not be for an hour or an evening, but as the Apostle Paul wrote, that brotherly love continue and increase throughout our lifetime. He emphasized that the way the tree falls, it will lie, but also the way the tree leans, it will fall, and that we ponder it in our hearts whether we are leaning in the di-

rection of earthly things or toward God and the redemption of our souls.

Sis. Eleanor and Bro. Eugene Pamer welcomed a second daughter, Carol Ann, now making a family of two girls and two boys. A daughter, Kelly Marie, also was born to friends Edward and Sue Greenbank.

We miss Sis. Marjorie Reineck, who returned home to Toledo on August 23, after attending classes at Kent State University for nearly a year. Bob Ritzman and his wife, Barbara, have returned to college at Ada, Ohio. Bob's brother, Paul, who recently completed high school, is also attending Ohio Northern this year.

Our sympathy goes to Sis. Anna Rupp in the death of her sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Sinnett. Services were conducted at Seville, O., by Bro. Joe Ramsier.

Dan Kaufman was able to attend services for the first time on Sunday, August 18, since suffering a stroke in Florida in the spring. We are pleased to see the good progress he is making in his recovery.

Philip Webber Jr. is recovering well from oral surgery, undergone in an Akron clinic. Andrew Leidal is doing well in Akron General Hospital, after surgery a few weeks ago for his injured limb. Wiley, four-year-old son of Bro. Robert and Sis. Florence Graf, underwent successful hernia surgery.

We are deeply concerned and our prayers are for our dear sister, Elizabeth Gangel, who has been seriously ill for some weeks. She wishes to take this means of extending her gratitude to all who have remembered and lovingly assisted her. We think all of you readers will join us in praying for and wishing Sis. Elizabeth strength during her sickness.

Mrs. Leo Heib and two children have returned home, after a longed for and very enjoyable visit with parents and family in Maienfels, Wurttemberg, West Germany. The Heibs came to this country about 5 years ago.

We welcomed visitors from Illinois—Sis. Doris Stoller of Gridley and Bro. Tom Leman and his wife Marlene, of Elgin. Both girls are daughters of Bro. Ezra and Sis. Martha Stoller of Gridley.

Edward Dockus and wife, Margaret, of Morton, guests of Forest

and Helen Hartzler of Rittman, attended services with us on Sept. 1.

### FT. LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA

#### Reporter: Florence Sutter

Work is progressing very nicely on our new church building. We are very thankful for the contributions from our dear brothers, sisters, and friends.

We have had very few visitors at this time of the year, but we enjoyed Bro. Ben Friedinger and his wife, Sis. Anna, from Morton. We wish them a long and happy married life.

We were sorry to hear that Sis. Carolyn Yergler and Rosie Lloyd's brother-in-law met with a tragic accident. It was possible for them, to fly most of the way to Bluffton, to attend the funeral. They have our deepest sympathy.

### GRIDLEY, KANSAS

#### Reporter: Mrs. Rudy Bahr

One particular thought I think we all shall remember and think about was brought out by Bro. Joe Klotzle in a recent sermon! Remember how Satan asked God to let him take everything away from Job and see if he'd still be faithful? I wonder if Satan hasn't again talked to God and asked this time, "Let me GIVE them, and then see what they will do."

Aug. 11, Bros. Eli and John Somerhalder of Burlington, Okla., were our visiting ministers for morning and evening services. Elder Bro. Sam Anliker came over for afternoon services Sept. 1, and Bro. Roy Wernli Sept. 8. We thank them all for coming.

Lanette Young, 2½-year-old daughter of Bro. and Sis. Ephriam Young, was struck and dragged by a motor scooter at Ft. Collins, Colorado, where they were vacationing. She was hospitalized with cuts and bruises, but we are happy her injuries were not serious, and she's back "to church."

Vola Young, 4th grade daughter of Andrew and Sis. Wilma Young, was recently hospitalized for observation. She was able to return to school.

Julie Strahm, 5th grade daughter of Bro. and Sis. Loren Strahm, fell off their pony and broke her forearm.

Sis. Ida Esslinger entered the Wichita Hospital for minor surgery, is back home and getting along well. Sis. Katie Esslinger also en-

tered the hospital for observation.

Until our annual election in February, Bro. Roy Bahr was appointed to teach the Bible Class. Bro. Lloyd Kraft was moved up to teach Bro. Roy's Teenage Class, and Sis. Wilma Young is now teaching Bro. Lloyd's Junior Class.

### LA CROSSE, INDIANA

Reporter: Martha Rinkenberger

How precious our fellowship is, and how we can feel the love of God in both old and young. Our guests the past month were Bro. John Yergler of Bluffton and many others of there. Also there were visitors from Gridley (Ill.), Cissna Park, Forrest, Taylor, Leo, and Detroit. May God be with us all and help us to love each other more, for we know love is the greatest gift of all. Only love can lead us to our God.

Bro. Bert and Sis. Marie Bucher enjoyed having their family and many friends attend open house for their 50th wedding anniversary.

Willard Yergler and Dale Stewart had surgery—both are well on their way to recovery.

John and Carol Ailes have a new baby girl. Alvin and Janet Nuest have a boy. Alvin is getting his discharge from the service this month. We welcome them home to La Crosse.

Bro. Phil Heinold was home for about three weeks.

### PHOENIX, ARIZONA

Reporter: Averil Stevig

With school having begun again, we are reminded of the challenge of learning. When we begin to study mathematics, for example, we start with the easiest of problems. Having solved these, we go on to more complicated problems, learning and growing all the time. So it is spiritually. Each problem that we are confronted with and (with God's grace) solve makes us better workers in God's vineyard, more fit for the Kingdom. All of us have problems to solve. If our own personal problem seems more difficult than our neighbor's, perhaps it is because God feels we are better able to handle it than he or she is. Meeting the challenges that confront us is like a climb up a mountain, arranged in stages. Each effort brings us to a higher point than before, until at last we reach the summit. Knowing this, we can seize every challenge we meet as a

new opportunity to "come up higher," nearer to God. "As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men . . ."

Galations 6:10

The Phoenix congregation has been blessed with the arrival of two new families. Bro. Allan and Sis. Edith Freed and their children, Alana, Tom, Nancy, and Steven, arrived from the Gridley, Ill., church. They are especially welcomed by your reporter and her family, as Bro. Allan is my brother. Joe and Harriet Reber and their son, Bennie, moved to Phoenix from Tacoma, Washington. Joe is a brother to Sis. Lillian Messner, while Harriet is a sister to Bro. Richard Messner. We all extend a warmest welcome to our new families, and pray that God will richly bless them in their new abodes.

Unfortunately, we report again this month that some of our little ones have had accidents befall them. Four-year-old Timmy Dotterer, son of Bro. Ed and Sis. Ann Dotterer, had his leg severely mangled in the spokes of a bicycle wheel, but it is healing quite nicely. Both of Bro. Dick and Sis. Marie Beery's children, 4½-year-old Robby and Deanna, who will soon be two, received badly smashed fingers. Robby's fingers required stitches, but is healing quite well.

We were happy to receive a letter from Dorothy Bertsch from Tucson and learn that she has recovered nicely from eye surgery. Bro. Jay, her husband, is able now to go to school for the handicapped every other day. His broken leg healed nicely; it's the old injury from his fall that causes him so much suffering and pain. We pray that God will grant them His nearness and strength.

Here is a recipe that every family should try.

#### Family Pie

One handful of forgiveness  
 One heaping cupful of love  
 A full pound of unselfishness  
 Mix together smoothly, with complete faith in God.  
 Add  
 Two tablespoons of wisdom  
 One teaspoon of good nature for flavor  
 Then sprinkle generously with thoughtfulness.  
 One complete pie will serve any size family.

Phoenix's zip code is 850, followed by the zone number of the individual you are writing to.

### SHUT-INS

This month we will give a short report on some of our shut-ins.

Bro. Ed Reiger was born in 1903, into a family of five girls and five boys. Since his parents weren't members, and since they lived on a farm, in his early youth they seldom went to church. Ed does remember, however, going to a funeral as a small boy, where the songs "Going Down the Valley" and "Shall We Gather at the River" were sung. Bro. Ed and Sis. Ann were married in 1953, at which time Bro. Ed repented.

In 1956, Bro. Ed took ill, so they moved to Phoenix on a doctor's advice, looking for a better climate. Ed was able to work for only five months, before his condition forced him to quit. Bro. Ed's illness, known as enaphysema poliothyemia, often makes breathing very difficult, so he must use oxygen. Bro. Ed has made the remark, when a group has come to visit him, that as long as they were singing he didn't need the oxygen. When it's time to leave, tears come to Bro. Ed's eyes. Though he has suffered much, Ed is still thankful and says how much easier life has been since he has learned to obey and do what God says. Bro. Ed says he pities those who don't have a Saviour to lean on and trust in.

In our last few reports, we have conveyed news of the condition of Bro. Sam Farney, who was made a shut-in recently by a heart attack. Bro. Sam is 82, but we are happy to report that he is getting up and around more each day. We hope he will soon feel like coming to church again, as we sure miss him. Bro. Sam enjoys having most of his family near him: his sons, Elder Bro. Roy Farney, and Lewis, who lives in Mesa; his daughter, Sis. Emma Sanders, who lives next door with her family and faithfully cares for him. Most of all, he delights in his grandchildren, Billy Sanders, Bob Farney, and Bob's two little ones, Cheryl and Steven. He has one son in Wichita, Bro. Harvey.

Sis. Emma Moser of Elgin, Ill., came to Phoenix about five months ago, suffering from arthritis. We are sorry to report, she has been unable to attend church for the



last three weeks. Although in pain, Sis. Emma always wears a smile and finds something for which to be thankful. She is staying with her son, Lester, and his wife, Dolores, and their family.

We pray for God to shed His special blessings on all our shut-ins. Often, we fail to thank God for our health. We who enjoy good health must never forget to thank God for it and pray without ceasing for those who are not as fortunate as we. The Bible instructs us to visit the sick, the widows, etc. We will find that our own burdens will be lifted, too, when we visit the shut-ins.

### Vanished Burden

"My burden is too heavy, Lord,"  
I tremblingly said.  
"I can no further carry it!"  
And tears I shed.

Then came a sudden cry for help  
From one sore pressed;  
I ran to seek him, gladly gave  
Him of my best.

Then thought I of my heavy  
burden—  
But, lo, 'twas gone!  
The gloom and doubt had vanished  
quite,  
And love's light shone.

When we another's burden lift  
Or try to bear,  
Love's gentle hand removeth swift  
Our load of care.

The following concerning shut-ins recently appeared in the newspaper. We think it contains a good lesson.

### They're Glad When You Call

Get into your car and drive out to a nursing home.

When you walk into the ladies' end of the main lobby, there on the davenport sits an old lady, staring into space and picking at her dress with her hands. Her mind is gone.

You go on into a room to an old lady, who is pleased to have a visitor for a few minutes, and when you leave, smilingly begs you to call again.

The next room you enter is occupied by two ladies, one with deep wrinkles lining her face and forehead. Her eyes are blackened and almost swollen shut from a fall out of bed. She is pleased to have you

stop by, and when you leave says, "Pray for me." At the other end of the room is a younger lady, bedfast most of the time. She, too, is glad you called.

Room after room is the same. Paralyzed, bedfast, aged, and yet glad that someone visited them.

At the other end of the lobby you greet four men you worked with at the railroad shops. They, too, are glad you remembered to call.

In one room is a middle-aged man, paralyzed from the neck down by a fall from a hay-mow. Tears well up in his eyes as you talk to him. He, too, enjoys visitors and is glad that someone stopped.

Another friend you visit is in a wheel chair. One leg is missing. He loves flowers, so you take him some. "Don't forget to come again, anytime," he says, as you leave.

One goes upstairs, where it is the same. Old men, old ladies. Few friends or relatives take time to call. Some are bedfast, some in wheel chairs, and some able to walk about. All are glad you came. All are human beings. They are part of the senior citizens of our country. They are the forgotten ones.

You go into a room to visit another old friend. He is 97 years old. His mind is keen, his conversation interesting. His sight is gone, so when you leave he always says, "I wish I could see you."

Visit these people. It will please and help them, but it will help you much more.

August 12, upon her faith and testimony, Edna Grossenbacher could be united with our fold.

### RITTMAN, OHIO

Reporter: Ella Mae Trent

August 16, Bro. Eugene and Sis. Kathryn Bachman became parents of a boy, Gregory Allen.

God continues to work in our congregation, awakening souls from darkness unto his marvellous light.

Denny Neiman, son of Bro. Charles and Sis. Delphine, could surrender in repentance, following a troubled, sleepless night.

Edward Trent, grandson of Sis. Ella Steiner, and his wife, Marilyn, daughter of Bro. Harry and Sis. Esther Saurer, could find no place to hide nor any place to run from

the all-seeing God, and can now seek to be able to face their God without fear.

Those making a satisfactory recovery at home following hospitalization or illness include Sis. Martha Dotterer, Bro. John Bauman, Sis. Catherine Hanzie, Sis. Minnie Bauman (wife of Bro. Ben), Sis. Irene Emch, and Sis. Clara Zollinger.

Visiting ministers bringing the scripture to us in bountiful measure were Bro. John Wagler, Alabama; Bro. Andrew Virkler, Bay City; and Bro. Robert Stoll, Girard. God bless you for laboring among us.

### Our Shut-In

Man's life can be contrasted to the flower of the field. The flower flourisheth for a time and soon withereth away. Sis. Rose Froelich, second oldest living shut-in member of the Rittman congregation, could experience such. In her youth, she could flourish and enjoy good health. Now, at 93, the "withering" years are taking their toll, as she experiences hearing and sight impairment, some clouding of memory, and a generalized slowing of physical activity.

Sis. Rose was born on January 25, 1870, into the Christian home of Bro. Gottlieb and Sis. Anna Bachman Froelich, the third oldest in a family of six. She spent her early years in the Monroe County and the West Virginia area. Following her mother's death, while Rose was still young, her father remarried to Sis. Sophia Lance. To this union were born four half-brothers and sisters.

Seeking work, Rose, then about 18, moved near Girard with her two sisters. It was in Girard that she could turn to the Lord, while yet in her flowering youth. It is believed she was baptized by Bro. Isaac Gehring.

Following the death of her last surviving brothers and sisters in 1937, Sis. Rose's sister-in-law, Sis. Ola Froelich, and Ola's son went to make their home with her. Following the marriage of Ola's son, Bro. Paul, in 1954, Sis. Rose came to the Rittman congregation, where she has lived with her half-sister, Sis. Lydia Hassig.

Sis. Rose spent most of her lifetime doing domestic work and could get around well until she fractured her hip in March, 1962.

After about three weeks of hospitalization and nursing care, she returned to the home of Sis. Lydia. She now ambulates with the aid of a walker.

Time appears to go slow for Sis. Rose. With her hearing impairment, she must spend many lonely hours. She has lost contact with news media, as she can only read large print. She makes use of a large print, well-worn German Bible. Although feeble, Rose still does some rug braiding. Sis. Rose attended church until her hip was fractured. Although ambulatory, she does not attend now, because her many physical impairments handicap her from getting much from the sermons.

Almost all of Sis. Rose's family and near friends have passed on. When her last sister died in 1937, Rose hoped that she'd not have to tarry here long. As I visited her, Sis. Rose again said, "I'm glad I can be this old, but I hope I can soon go."

Her nephew related that while Sis. Rose will talk about the unpleasant incidents of her life if questioned, Sis. Rose never brings these up on her own.

Sis. Rose still enjoys company. And while conversation is almost nil, you cannot help but look to her and wonder if you'll be able to await with so much patience the Father's call home.

With few survivors and Sis. Rose's physical impairments, it was impossible to get a concise history. However, the information is presented as it was best related by Sis. Lydia Hassig.

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

This month, our visiting ministers have been Bros. Simon Wagenbach from Tremont and Edmund Kloter from Fairbury.

We have enjoyed many visitors this month, from Goodfield, Detroit, Latty, Fairbury, Toledo, Lafayette, and Peoria.

#### **ONE LIFE**

One life, and one alone, we have to live upon this little earth. One life in which to learn so much . . . to seek and find and prove our worth. So many dreams there are to dream . . . so many

things to know and do. So many rosy peaks to climb . . . so many pathways to pursue.

So waste no time on fruitless quests, that get you nowhere in the end. The gold of time is yours to squander, or with care to use and spend. It's folly to postpone good deeds. Tomorrow never comes, they say. The future times belong to God. Your only chance is now . . . To-day.

#### **BLUFFTON, INDIANA** **Reporter: Frieda Kipfer**

Max Reimschisel, who was home on leave, has returned to Ft. Riley, Kansas.

We enjoyed the presence of visiting ministers last month, Bros. John Bahler of Rockville and Henry Manz of Paulding, on Aug. 14; Bro. Wendell Gerber and family of Ft. Lauderdale, who visited their parents here; Bro. Joseph Kaisner of Forrest, on Sept. 1; Bros. Edward Frank and Merle Bucher of La Crosse and Bro. Homer Reineck of Toledo, on Sept. 8.

Funeral services were held on Aug. 25 for Jerry McKee, 29, son-in-law of Bro. and Sis. John Baumgartner, who was killed in an accident. Survivors are his wife, JoAnn, a daughter, Mary Ann, the parents and a sister. Bro. Aeschliman officiated. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Patricia Isch, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Joe Isch, has been announced for proving in the near future. At this date, seven other young friends have turned to the Lord in repentance.

The Ft. Sam Reunion was held here, with a good attendance. Supper was served in the Bluffton armory on Saturday, and in the church dining room on Sunday. We hope all had a pleasant meeting.

Some of our family made two interesting trips last month.

The first was to Sardis, to visit the little church on the hilltop and its congregation. We enjoyed it very much, and got to talk to almost everybody, young and old.

The building is almost in its original state, having been raised when the basement was added. The foundation is of hand-hewn lime-

stone blocks, of different lengths, and the entrance walks are of large, flat rocks.

The pulpit and pews are original, too, without hymn-book racks.

The cemetery crowds the building on two sides. We saw the grave of Isaac Gehring, who preached there a hundred years ago, and earlier.

We also saw the New Martinsville church, of about the same age.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if these churches can be preserved for future generations?

The second trip was to San Antonio, to visit our nephew, Tom Kipfer, on his last weekend in Ft. Sam.

We met the friendly folks there, at a picnic, then spent the evening singing, in one of the chapels,

Next day on Sunday, we met in the afternoon, in another chapel. They played a recording of sermons by Bros. Ezra Feller & Emmanuel Gudeman of Cissna Park. We sang and prayed with the congregation. Bro. Lester Wagenbach of Peoria offered the last prayer. The Wagenbachs were visiting their daughter and son-in-law, the Blumenshains. Later on, we met again for a meal in Lubbey's cafeteria, then spent the evening at the home of Bro. and Sis. John Steiner.

Altogether, we had a wonderful time.

Sisters Flossie Meyer and Esther Geisel were hospitalized last month.

Bro. and Sis. Lester Meyer have adopted their second child, a boy, Kent Alan.

Births: To Arno and Ella Sonnenburg, a son, Kent, Aug. 12, the first great-grandchild of Bro. and Sis. Sam Aeschliman; to Bro. and Sis. Ned Kipfer, a daughter, Beth Irene, on August 20; and to Bro. and Sis. Tom Frauhofer, a daughter, Deborah Lynne, on Aug. 27.

#### **CROGHAN-NAUMBURG, N. Y.** **Reporters: Mrs. Lawrence Farney** **Ass't: Mrs. David Schamback**

In the past two weeks, three shut-ins from the Croghan congregation have passed on to their reward. First to go, on August 24, was Sis. Katherine Virkler, at the age of seventy-four. She had long been a victim of arthritis and had been a nursing-home patient for eight years. She is survived by two brothers, Bro. Jonas and Andrew Virkler, and a sister, Amelia Steria.



Sis. Katherine never married. After the death of her mother, she kept house and cared for her father, ministering Bro. Andrew E. Virkler, until his death, at the age of ninety-three. We shall miss visiting her, as she was always patient and smiling, even though her lot in later years was not so pleasant and she suffered considerable pain.

Her death was followed two days later by the passing of Sis. Elvena Farney, wife of Bro. Webster Farney, at the age of sixty-one years. She had been ill with multiple sclerosis for the past twenty years, most of which time she spent in bed or a wheel chair, lovingly cared for by her husband and family. Unable to move, except for one hand, she was lifted from bed to wheel chair. Besides her husband, she is survived by three sons, Paul, Herbert, and Wilbur; a daughter, Mrs. Niles Schulz; a sister, Sis. Viola (Mrs. John) Karcher; and a brother, Vernon Farney. Elder Brother John Bahler came from Rockville and officiated at both funerals.

On September 1, Leroy Farney departed this life, at the age of eighty-two years. His wife, Sis. Alice Schantz Farney, died in 1930. He is survived by two daughters, Sis. Pernal (Mrs. Arthur) Virkler, and Mrs. Gerald Grau; three sons, Gerald, Maurice and Elmer Farney; and a sister, Mrs. John Rohr. Elder Bro. John Widrick officiated at his burial. Leroy had been unable to attend service with us for several years, but enjoyed having people come to sing, read, and offer prayers, as did the two sisters who so recently preceded him in death.

Among our many visitors during the past month were Bro. Alfred Bahler, his wife, and traveling companions from Wolcott. On the evening of August 14, our two congregations met in the Croghan church, where he delivered a stirring and inspiring message.

The Croghan Church and Sunday School Picnic was held in Boonville Park on August 10, with 135 present.

On August 17, Bro. John Widrick officiated at the marriage of Sandra Ebersol and Edward Thomas Zehr. Sandra is the daughter of Bro. and Sis. Leon Ebersol. The ceremony was held in the home.

Still critically ill are Sisters Anna Virkler and Nellie Beyer Redelsperger.

We are happy to report that Bro. John Merz is able to meet and worship with us again, after having been confined to the hospital and at his home for some time. Bro. Theodore Rohr is also able to be with us again, after undergoing major surgery.

### EUREKA, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Cathryn Wettstein

Our visiting ministers the past month have been as follows—Bro. Uriel Gehring, Burlington (Iowa), Bro. Irvin Lehman, Wolcott. On Thursday evening, Aug. 15, many elders were in our vicinity, so evening services were held. Bro. Joe Waibel from Bay City and Bro. John Bahler from Rockville gave us the message. Many visitors were with us that night.

Our monthly singing was held on August 25, in the evening. A group of six brothers from Roanoke and Eureka sang three special numbers. The evening is always enjoyed by all who are present. Everyone is invited to come and help sing. As a reminder, this is usually held the fourth Sunday evening of each month.

Birth: A daughter to Bro. Leland and Sis. Lorene Zimmerman. She was born Aug. 27 and has been named Brenda Lee.

Hospital patients are: Sis. Christina Unzicker and Sis. Katherine Hartter. They are both in the Eureka Hospital.

God, the Lord, shall never fail thee;  
He thy cause will undertake.  
All the way His hand shall hold thee;  
Faithful love can ne'er forsake.

### FAIRBURY, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Joyce Huber

Bro. and Sis. John Huette are adopting a baby girl, whom they have named Lisa Marie. The Huettes have one other child, a boy, Calvin.

Our young people were happy to accept an invitation from the Hubers and Anlikers of Francesville, and spent a most enjoyable week end there, Sept. 7 and 8.

### FORREST, ILLINOIS

Reporters: Nancy Honegger  
Martha Stoller

Funeral services for Lizzie Streitmatter (Mrs. Harry) were held on Aug. 30. Bro. Joe Kaisner conducted the services.

Bro. Albert and Sis. Nathalia Wenger are the parents of a new daughter, born on Aug. 27. She has been named Marjorie Elaine.

Bro. Chris and Sis. Hazel Huette have a new son, Robert Mark, born Aug. 24.

Bro. Frank Honegger was hospitalized, and Sis. Lena Bach was confined to her bed during the past month. Both are improved at this writing.

We had an enjoyable and blessed time with a group of Rittman young folks who spent Labor Day week end with us.

Bro. Clarence and Sis. Laura Kachelmuss and Bro. Andy and Sis. Bena Lehmann arrived home safely from a trip to the western states. They visited the various churches in Iowa and Minnesota.

Bro. Clarence stated they were privileged to view some of the wonders of God's wonderful creation, but the most marvelous of all is the fact that a goodly number in several of the churches have turned to the Lord in repentance.

Our friends, Tom Hamilton of Morton, and Earlene, daughter of Sis. Marie Anliker, were united in marriage Sept. 8, by Bro. Henry Kilgus. The couple will reside in Peoria.

### FT. SAM HOUSTON, TEXAS

Reporters: Paul and Kathy Haab

"The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever." Isaiah 40:8. Here in Texas, where we are not so blessed with rain as the Midwest usually is, the only way that the grass and flowers are kept alive is by continuous watering, day and night. How temporal is all life on this planet; yet we are assured that the Word of God shall stand forever. It is indeed a comforting thought.

Once again, during the month of July we were blessed with many visitors from our home churches. Many parents come to spend one last week end with their sons, before they are shipped overseas. Such was the case for Glen Joos, whose parents, Bro. Bill and Sis. Clem Joos and son, Loren, from Deer Creek, Illinois, spent the Aug. 4 week end with him.

Also with us that week end were four sisters from Indiana: Bro. Paul Haab's sister, Irma Haab, Joann and Edith Streitmatter from Milford, and Elaine Norr from Leo.

On August 8, we were privileged to have two ministering brothers with us, Bros. Carl Feucht and Ernest Knobloch of Lester, also Bro. Carl's wife and several of his family. We enjoyed their inspirational messages.

Sis. Doris Graf spent a week with her brother, Virgil Graf.

Vacationing with Bro. John and Sis. Carol Steiner were several of Carol's sisters, Judy, Sharon and Jeanette Wagenbach, Sis. Beverly Hutchison and Sis. Josephine Schaefer, all of Tremont, and Sis. Lydia Bauman of Morton.

Bro. Ben and Sis. Liseten Aberle and their sons from Sabetha enjoyed the Aug. 18 week end with their son-in-law and his wife, Bro. Ben & Sis. Janice Wysong, who are stationed at Ft. Hood, Texas, but drive the 150 miles every week end to enjoy the fellowship of those of like faith.

Visiting from Tremont that week end were Bro. Dan and Sis. Sophie Steiner and children, and their son and daughter-in-law, Bro. Dan and Sis. Shirley, who came to see their son and brother, Bro. Joe Steiner.

Also with us were Bro. Orel and Sis. Rose Steiner and their daughters, Sis. Elaine, Becky and Gwen, of Oakville, visiting their son and his wife, Bro. John and Sis. Carol Steiner.

Bro. Paul and Sis. Kathy Haab also enjoyed a visit from their parents, grandparents and sister, Bro. Elmer and Sis. Rose Haab, Bro. Andrew and Sis. Bertha Beer, and Nettie Haab, respectively, all of Milford. This (Aug. 18), was the largest assembly we have had for some time, and the fellowship and Christian love which flowed from heart to heart was truly heart-warming.

Elder Bro. Joe Waibel from Bay City made the long trip alone, to minister to us on August 25. We were deeply grateful for his willingness to come and for the Word which he spoke unto us in its truth and simplicity.

It always makes us sad to see our boys leave us, after they have completed their medical training here and receive their permanent orders. A few are assigned jobs here at Ft. Sam, but the majority are sent away, many overseas. During this past month we lost only one, John Kaupp of Gridley, who was sent to Germany. Our prayers

go with him, as we think of the many lonely hours he will have to spend. Bro. Garry Bucher was given an assignment here, and his address is as follows:

Mr. and Mrs. Garry Bucher (Lois)  
115-B Pershing Avenue  
San Antonio 9 Texas 78209

Going home to stay, having received their discharges, were Bro. Norman and Sis. Sally Haerr of Taylor and Bro. Rich Steffen of Fairbury. Although we are happy for them, we will surely miss them, as Norm and Sally "took in" the single boys and made them feel that they had a home away from home; and Rich looked after all newcomers, seeing that they were provided transportation to the chapel for services, as well as looking after countless visitors to San Antonio. We trust that the Lord will reward them richly for their many kind and loving deeds.

The churches scheduled to send ministers for the month of September are Gridley, Illinois, on Sept. 8; and Wichita on September 22. We would like to ask that you contact one of the couples here a week or few days in advance, if possible, so that we may make preparations for your visits, which we appreciate so much.

#### FRANCESVILLE, INDIANA

Mrs. Herman (Chris) Wuethrich

In August, Brother Otto Norr visited here and had short services for us. Also his son in-laws, Bros. John Bollier and David Bertsch, gave us God's precious word. (Bro. Otto is our reporter's father)

On August 25, two of our dear old aunts, Sis. Emma and Sis. Rose Wuethrich, of Eureka were brought here to visit their many relatives, by two of their nephews, Lee Blunier and Elwin Fehr. God keeps the aged with hearts of gold.

September 1 was our annual Sunday School picnic. Bro. Elmer Bucher announced for the grandparents to also attend, which really gave them a blessing to see the many dear grandchildren in a Christian fellowship gathering. They are the "church of tomorrow." May God bless the Sunday School teachers for their never-tiring efforts in teaching our youth to start on the straight road of life.

September 8, we had many from Forrest and Fairbury; that was a

real "Christian Fellowship", and we hope it is the Lord's will that they can come again.

Our dear Bro. Philip Gutwein was called quite suddenly to his Heavenly Home, at the age of 78 years, early Sunday morning, September 8. He had services for us the Sunday before his passing, and on Monday (Labor Day), he visited the sick and aged of our church. On Tuesday morning, he had a heart attack. He was born in Sekic, Hungary, and came to the United States in 1904. He leaves to mourn, his wife, Sis. Christine (Stefan); one son, two daughters, sixteen grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. He became a member of our church at the age of 15 years, and was in the ministry over 50 years. Words of comfort were brought to the greatly grieved family by Bros. Joe Getz, Sam Aeschliman, George Yergler, and Henry Beer. Many relatives and friends came to pay their last respects to a cherished brother that we will greatly miss.

#### LAMAR, MISSOURI Reporter: Marie Marti

Beautiful and rich are Christian friendships. We love our friends, not only for what they are, but for what they are making of us. We love them for putting out their hands into our overflowing hearts, passing over our weaknesses which they cannot help dimly seeing there, and for drawing out the good things that no one else had looked quite far enough to find. A man once answered of a secret of his life, "I had a friend." We thank God for our Christian friends, whose influence lingers long after they have departed. Sis. Ruth Schumacher, Sis. Lauretta Haerr, Sis. Rosemary Marti, Sis. Ruth Banwart, Bro. Earl Gudeman, and Bro. Leonard Meyers left us spiritually refreshed, after spending Labor Day week end with us.

"And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity." I Corinthians 13:13. Elder Bro. Sam Anliker on Aug. 25, impressed us with the importance of love in a Christian's walk of life. Bro. Anliker was assisted by Bro. Ben Banwart in serving the sacred sacrament of Holy Communion. Our Shepherd knows what pastures are best for His sheep, and we must not question

nor doubt, but trustingly follow Him.

It is good to visit in Christian homes. One evening in August, our church group drove to the home of Bro. and Sis. Willie Stefans for a few hours of hymn singing and visiting. This gesture was specifically made to welcome them into our community. Their response was heart-warming.

Bro. and Sis. Jake Sneider and Sis. Anna Novoka are here visiting their sister-in-law, Ruth Daetwyler, who is quite ill.

Bro. and Sis. Arnie Guerst and children have moved to Bartlesville, Oklahoma. They spent the week end of Sept. 3 with us. We enjoyed having them, and hope they will come often.

### MORTON, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Mrs. B. E. Getz

Ministers who visited us during the month of August were Bro. John Bahler of Rockville, Bro. Sam Aeschliman of Bluffton, Bros. Leroy Huber, Walter Anliker and Vernon Lemman of Eureka, Bros. Henry Kilgus and Joe Kaisner of Fairbury, Bros. Dave Mangold, Joe Zimmerman and Gene Bertschi of Roanoke, Bro. George Gramm of Gridley, Bros. August Bolliger and Albert Aberle of Tremont, Bro. Joe Ramseyer of Rittman, Bro. Otto Norr of Leo, Bro. Noah Schrock of Congerville, Bros. Lowell Stoller and David Kieser of Princeville. Some of them were accompanied by their wives.

Bro. Ben Freidinger and Sis. Anna Rassi were united in marriage, on August 25, by Joe A. Getz.

Those who were hospitalized and are now recuperating at home are Bro. Ben Pflederer, Bro. Carl Kaiser and Sis. Elizabeth Musselman.

Sis. Anna Kaufman, wife of Bro. Dan Kaufman, is still a patient at the Methodist Hospital in Peoria.

Bro. George Belsley is also a patient at the Methodist Hospital in Peoria, after being injured in a car accident on September 2. Bro. Francis Rother and his wife, Bro. Anton and his wife, and Sis. Kate Belsley were treated for injuries and released. Bro. George is showing some improvement at this time.

Bro. Ben Heiniger and daughters have moved from the country into a new home at 436 E. Edgewood, in Morton.

Funeral services were held Aug-

ust 29 for Clifford Ferguson. He leaves his wife, Hazel Schrock Ferguson, and two daughters, to mourn his loss.

Blessed are they who understand  
My faltering step and palsied  
hand,

Blessed are they who know my ears  
today

Must strain to catch the things  
they say.

Blessed are they who seem to know  
My eyes are dim and my wits are  
slow—

Blessed are they, with a cheery  
smile,

Who stop to chat for a little  
while.

Blessed are they who know the  
ways

To bring back memories of  
yesterdays.

Blessed are they who ease the days  
On my journey home, in loving  
ways.

### PEORIA, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Mrs. Michael Weyeneth

Bro. and Sis. John Somerhalder and family of Burlington, Oklahoma, spent an evening here. A picnic supper was held at the park for many friends and relatives. Sis. Somerhalder, who was Charlene Reuter, used to work in Peoria, and is a sister of Sis. Evelyn Hoerr, from here.

Sis. Emma Schafer, age 58, passed away Tuesday, Aug. 13. She will be greatly missed by her sister, Kathryn, with whom she lived. Together, they owned the Schafer Tea Room, at the place where they lived. She also leaves to mourn six brothers, Chris, Harlan and Elmer of Peoria, Amos of Glasford, Fred of Edelstein and Walter of Chilli-cothe. We will all miss Sis. Emma. She was ill a long time; she was always patient and kind and more concerned about other's welfare and health than herself. We have sweet memories of her. May we all take a lesson. The Lord has taken her to a better home now, and we grant it to her. May the Lord be near her sister, Kathryn, and help her in her lonely hours. Many relatives and friends were here for her funeral. Bro. Roy Sauder had the service.

Our visiting ministers the past month were Bros. Dave Kieser of Princeville, Clarence Kachelmuss of Forrest, Albert Scheitlin of Elgin, Frank Woertz of Goodfield, &

Emanuel Gudeman of Cissna Park. Their wives were with them. We appreciated their coming and the inspiring messages.

We had a blessed day, Sunday, Aug. 8, when Bro. Frank and Sis. Esther Woertz of Goodfield spent the day here. Bro. Woertz had the service at the church. Sis. Woertz went to the A. C. Home to relieve the Hohulin sisters, who work there. Others were invited in for the evening and to help along. It brought much joy to the shut-ins. May we who are able take time off to bring joy to the less fortunate, one who is lonely and alone, if it is only a kind word. God knows every act and deed; even a cup of cold water given in His name will not go unrewarded. We thank Bro. and Sis. Woertz for giving us good in this day. We hope they will come again.

Bro. and Sis. Meno Steiner of Sabetha made known the engagement of their daughter, Sis. Martha, to Bro. Lester Bittner.

Many visitors were here the past month. We wish we could mention them all; space would not permit. We welcome everyone, and hope all visit us again.

Our mid-week Thursday evening services began Thursday, Sept. 4. Our Sunday School began Sunday, Sept. 8, with an enrollment of 266.

Sis. Mary Ott is a patient at Methodist Hospital, at this writing. Sis. Lydia Schmied is confined to her home. We hope they will soon be able to be out and about again.

Bro. Michael Weyeneth had services at the Restmor Nursing Home, Thursday, Sept. 12. Bro. Arthur Moser and his group of singers accompanied him.

We welcome Bro. and Sis. Herbert Stoller, who moved here from Gridley. Bro. Herbert is a student at college, and Sis. Stoller teaches at Richwoods High School. Their address is, 9337 North View Road, Peoria Heights, Ill.

### REMINGTON, INDIANA

Emily Kilgus

Our visiting ministers this month were Bros. Michael Weyeneth and Roy Sauder of Peoria, Bros. Gene Bertschi of Roanoke and Walter Anliker of Eureka. Their wives and others of their congregations accompanied them. We received many good teachings through these visits.

Bro. and Sis. George Waibel have



returned, after spending six weeks on a European tour. They were accompanied by Bro. and Sis. Alpha Strahm of Sabetha.

Services were held at the funeral home for Albert Sutter. Burial was in the church cemetery. His wife, Lizzie (Huette) Sutter, passed away several years ago.

#### Shut-In

I visited Sis. Marie Schini, whom many will remember as the one who so faithfully rendered her service to Bro. and Sis. Philip Gutwein Sr. Sis. Gutwein lived only a few months after Marie came there, but "Father Gutwein", as he was known to us, was an invalid for several years. In all, Marie served there 21½ years. She still comments, from time to time, what an advantage it was to her to serve in such a spiritual environment.

Marie comes from a family which has endured much tribulation. Several times the death angel has thrust his sickle and reaped what we would term as untimely deaths.

Early this summer, Marie went to Chicago for very serious hip surgery. She was in the hospital for six weeks and endured much pain and suffering. She now walks with a walker. Last Sunday, she was brought to church in her wheel chair for the first time.

Marie says, that through all her pain and suffering she feels it is a wonderful privilege to be able to lean on His everlasting arms. She told me that through prayer her pains are made bearable, and she believes that through suffering we are brought closer to the Lord and more fitted for those beautiful mansions on yonder shore.

Her last report is to return to the hospital for more surgery soon. Let us all remember her in prayer. Her parting remark was, that the Lord does not put any more on us than we are able to bear.

#### SABETHA, KANSAS

**Reporter: Mrs. Theodore Locher**

Bro. Joe and Sis. Ollie Strahm recently observed their 55th Wedding anniversary, which was Aug. 16. Their children and grandchildren came in to spend the evening with them. Bro. Joe is one of our retired ministers, and although isn't too well in health, looks forward to Sundays, when he and Sis. Ollie can come to our house of wor-

ship and enjoy the wonderful fellowship in Christ Jesus. This truly is something we cherish and hold fast to. We wish them God's continued blessings in their Golden Years. Just recently I heard someone ask, "What are you doing for your Lord and Saviour?", which reminds us of a question Bro. Joe often had in his sermons, "Are we doing our little little part"?

Mrs. D. A. Steiner (Carrie Minger) passed away suddenly at her home in Bern, Sunday morning, Aug. 18. Memorial services were held by Bros. Eugene Marti and Joseph Aberle Wednesday morning, at the Apostolic Christian Church in Sabetha. Bro. Dan and Carrie had four sons, Dr. Leon E. Steiner of Albert Lea, Minn., and Ray C. of Billings, Montana, and two sons, Delbert and Roy D., preceded her in death.

The Lord has blessed, and the Lord has taken.

Bro. Dan is now a resident of the Apostolic Christian home. His address is 511 Paramount St., Sabetha, Kansas.

The engagement of Bro. Lester Bittner, Peoria, and Sis. Martha Steiner, daughter of Bro. Meno, was announced Sunday, Aug. 28.

We welcome Sis. Jean Metzger into our congregation. Bro. James and Sis. Jean live at Lawrence, Kansas.

Bro. Lewis Bahr was reelected to serve on the board of trustees for the Apostolic Christian home.

We enjoyed quite a number of visitors this past month, and thank God for this fellowship. We extend our invitation to all visitors, whenever the Lord opens the way.

Delwin Meyer, son of Bro. Velmer & Sis. Vila, home on leave from Miramar Naval base, San Diego, California, miraculously escaped with his life in an accident at the Sabetha lake (while water skiing). They hit some waves created by another boat. Delwin was thrown into the water, unseen by another boatman, who passed directly over him, and was struck by the propeller of the boat. He received three deep slashes in the upper part of his leg. We commit him into the great Physician's care. He was able to walk and seems to be getting a long as well as can be expected.

Sunday School began again, after two month's summer vacation. Sunday School starts 10:00 A.M. This brings to mind this thought;

when one comes to the door and it is locked, you look around for the key, find it, and unlock the door. In this thought, it is the door of our heart. God is interested in each individual soul.

Sis. Loree Plattner was a patient at the hospital. She submitted to surgery for double hernia. We are glad to report she is getting along well, and has been able to attend church again.

Sis. Albertina Steiner is showing improvement, too. She can now walk again with some help.

We are sorry to report, Bro. Chris Grimm is in very poor health. His legs do not support him, and he must use a wheel chair.

Sis. Della Heiniger, who has been a shut-in now for over two months with a heart condition, enjoys to have company drop in for a few minutes, to help pass the day. She says she has no pains when she is off her feet, and some days are much better than others. She is always glad for those days. Her children are faithful in coming almost every day. We miss Sis. Della also, and wish her God's blessings, so she can assemble with us again, the Lord willing.

It has been some time since Bro. Charley Strahm was privileged to attend church. He gets about in a wheel chair. Days seem so long when he hasn't work to keep his hands busy. He also enjoys visitors. His children also do things for him when possible. May God be with all who are shut-ins, grant them courage and steadfast faith, and where it is his will, a complete recovery.

#### TAYLOR, MISSOURI

**Reporter: Mrs. Bli Sutter**

Sis. Ruth Cottrell spent several days in the hospital for tests and X-rays.

Bro. Don and Sis. Judy Feller took their little 3-year-old son, David, to the Illinois Research Hospital at Chicago, where he was fitted for his first artificial arm.

Bro. Louis Hoerr, who has been seriously ill, is at present at a hospital in St. Louis, where he is undergoing tests. It has been determined that he is suffering from infectious mononucleosis. We have earnestly prayed on his behalf, and are thankful to know that in time his health can again be restored.

A daughter, Lori Ann, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Hoerr. This

is their first child. Mrs. Hoerr is the former Elaine Hodel.

Bro. Norman Haerr has finished his two years of service in the Army and has returned, with his wife, from Fort Sam Houston. We are happy to have him back again and to welcome Sis. Sally to our community.

We were glad to have Bro. Art Gudeman with us on Sun., Aug. 18. He was accompanied by his wife and Bro. and Sis. Lester Nuest.

Bro. Everett and Sis. Marie Lewis and granddaughters from Girard, who had been visiting his parents in St. Louis, also spent Sunday with us.

Bro. William and Sis. Ruth Cottrell and family returned home from a trip to Colorado. While in Denver, they visited in the home of Richard and Sis. Garnet Mueat, where they met other boys that are also stationed there, and Bro. and Sis. Paul Weiss and family, formerly of Elgin, Illinois. They also visited with Sis. Ruth's cousin, Dr. Grant Steffen, son of Bro. Ezra and Sis. Rose Steffen of Elgin, who is a senior resident at the Colorado General Hospital.

After a month's vacation, Sunday School classes were resumed on Sept. 1. Many of the pupils were promoted to the next class. We are happy for their advancement.

Ron Hodel was home for a brief vacation, before beginning the fall term of school at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale. Ann Hodel enrolled at I.S.U. at Normal, Illinois. They are children of Henry and Sis. Loida Hodel.

Eleanor, daughter of Bro. Perry and Sis. Clara Yackley, has returned to Kirksville State Teachers College.

Bro. Raymond Hoerr started his second year in medical school at Columbia, Mo.

We are fortunate in that we have no shut-ins in our congregation. Sis. Rose Frieden, who is 83 years old, is our only elderly member. Although it is hard for her to walk, she seldom misses church services. She has often said she is thankful to be able to do her own work.

I hope the following poem will be of some comfort to the shut-in.

#### I Needed The Quiet

I needed the quiet, so He drew me aside,  
Into the shadows where we could confide,

Away from the bustle, where all the day long

I hurried and worried, when active and strong.

I needed the quiet, though at first I rebelled,

But gently, so gently my cross He upheld,

And whispered so sweetly of spiritual things;

Though weakened in body, my spirit took wings

To heights never dreamed of when active and gay.

He loved me so greatly; He drew me away.

I needed the quiet . . . No prison my bed,

But a beautiful valley of blessing instead,

A place to grow richer, in Jesus to hide.

I needed the quiet, so He drew me aside.

#### WEST BEND, IOWA Reporter: Anna Schmidt

Brian, son of Bro. Eugene and Sis. Evelyn Bruellman, has been in Iowa City for observation, but is now going to school. Also, their 20-month-old daughter was hospitalized with a touch of pneumonia.

Bro. Jerry and Sis. Judy Schmidts' two-year-old son, Jon Lee, broke his leg and is in traction in the Lutheran Hospital in Fort Dodge. He is getting along real well.

Bro. August Knobloch is in the St. Ann Hospital in Algona, suffering from a stroke, which left him paralyzed on the left side.

On August 25, the engagement of Sis. Lavonne Grimm, daughter of Bro. Eli and Sis. Lena Grimm, and Bro. Verle Kieser, son of Bro. Dave and Sis. Ruth Kieser, was announced.

We were very thankful to have several visiting ministers with us during the past month. Present were Bro. Alphi and Sis. Mamie Strahm and family, Sabetha; Bro. Clarence and Sis. Laura Kachelmuss, Forrest; Bro. Dave and Sis. Ruth Kieser, Princeville; and Bro. Silas and Sis. Mary Leuthold, also from Princeville. Bro. and Sis. Albert and Elizabeth Wuthrich were here over the week end.

We received many inspiring messages.

There were quite a few visitors from Lester, Pulaski, and Eureka for the 40th wedding anniversary

of Reuben and Louisa Anliker.

Sis. Caroline Banwart is staying a week, to be with her mother, Sis. Ida Banwart, who has been in the hospital, but is slowly improving.

"I sincerely wish to thank everyone for your prayers, gifts, cards and letters during my stay in the hospital and since my return home. Sister in Faith, Mrs. Silas Banwart".

It is going on three months since Sis. Ida broke her leg. She has been in and out of the hospital quite a few times, and we hope she will soon be better.

We will write about Sister Bertha (Benninger) Keller, who has been a shut-in for several years.

Sis. Bertha was born in Seebach, Switzerland, on November 14, 1886. She came to this country with her parents, when she was three years old. They lived in Roanoke for two years. Then they moved to Eureka, and later to Congerville. In 1899, they moved to West Bend, where she repented at the age of 17. She was married to Bro. Albert Keller on March 27, 1910. They had five children.

Their youngest daughter passed away at the age of 12 from a ruptured appendix. Her husband passed away in June of 1947. Through all of her sorrows, she held fast to her faith.

Her health began to fail, soon after her husband's death; she became afflicted with Parkinson disease and was unable to live alone. She made her home with her daughter and family, Bro. Earl and Sis. Edna Banwart, for two years. Now, for the past two years, she has been staying at the Good Samaritan Rest Home in Algona, Iowa.

#### WICHITA, KANSAS

Reporter: Mrs. Harvey Smith

August 11, Elder Bro. Sam Anliker spent the day with us. Bro. Al Langhoffer was called upon to be a minister of God's word. We wish him God's blessings, that the word might be proclaimed in its truth and simplicity. Our other ministering brethren are Bros. Robert Young and George Lambert.

We enjoyed the visit of Bro. Al and Sis. Jerry Neukomm and family of Morton, who spent a Sunday

with us. They came to visit her brother, Dale Feller, who is stationed at Ft. Riley. They mentioned what a blessing it is to come to a church where they were not acquainted with anyone, and yet feel the warmth and fellowship of the oneness in Christ. It is truly a blessing of the Lord, that we can feel this wonderful fellowship, and meet and greet our brothers and sisters from afar, who are of a like mind and faith.

It is a joy to have Bro. George and Sis. Ann Griener and Franklin back home again, after having been transferred to various places by the Boeing Aircraft Co.

Sis. Mae Aeschleman gave me this poem. She said it has been a great comfort to her.

Let not your faith in God grow dim;  
The humblest prayer is heard by him,  
And in his wisdom and in his care,  
God shapes the answer to your prayer.

There is no prayer God does not hear,  
Nor faith that will not conquer fear,  
For prayer is like a candle bright,  
Whose glow brings comfort in the night.

#### ALTADENA, CALIFORNIA

Reporter: Doris Graf

Visiting this month were Bro. and Sis. Eddie Hoffman and family, Rockville, who stayed with Bro. Ed's sister and family, Bro. John and Sis. Lois Klotzle.

Bro. and Sis. Richard Laukauf, and their son, Bro. Dean of Latty visited. (Editor's note: Sister Velta reports still the news of the Saratoga church.)

Visiting friends and relatives were Bro. and Sis. Ellis Graf, Diane and Jeff, from Akron.

Also, Bros. Ronnie Gasser, Gary Maibach, Ben Blough, and Glenn Riggerbach from Rittman visited with us

Bros. Joe Lorenz, John Pater-naster, and John Stieglitz have still not been able to assemble with us, due to illness. We hope and pray that they will be able to attend in the near future.

#### ATHENS, ALABAMA

Reporter: Ann Wagler

Mrs. Pauline Witzig, Willis and

Anna Louise Gramm and family of Gridley stopped on their way home from Florida and had lunch with us.

George and Isabel Bauer of Paxton came by for a short visit and brought Sunday School material for our children here.

Herb and Phyllis Hueni and Dwight and Sandy Laidig spent the week end with us. They attended the Athens young people's meeting, held Sat. afternoon, Aug. 17.

Mr. Arthur Blankenship passed away. Graveside services were held at Salem cemetery. He had been blind for 30 years. His daughter is Sis. Alice Kelly of Lester, Alabama.

Susan Wagler left for Chattanooga, Tenn., where she will attend school this year.

Joan Wagler received her black band, and is now a senior at the University Hospital in Birmingham.

Elder Noah Bauman, Noah and Irma Hilty, Albert and Lucille Gasser and Larry Bocka spent a few days, over the Aug. 24 week end. Many visits were made in the homes.

The cotton-fields are ripe to the harvest. Again, the Lord has wrought a miracle—the minute cotton seed brings forth a plant; it blossoms; then, a hard, green boll develops and opens into soft, fluffy, white cotton . . . lovely to look at, but a back-breaking job to hand-pick. The cotton-gins are busy late into the night, separating the seed from the cotton and packing into bales. 1200-1500 pounds of cotton from the field will make a 500-pound cotton bale, ready for shipment.

The Henry Moores and Allen Bernetts from Akron visited. The wives are both daughters of Sis. Cleo Johnson.

Lord, for tomorrow and its needs  
I do not pray.

Keep me, my God, from stain of sin,  
Just for today.

Now, set a seal upon my lips,

For this I pray.

Keep me from wrong or idle words,  
Just for today.

Let me be slow to do my will,

Prompt to obey,

And keep me; guide me; use me,  
Lord . . . Just for today.

#### BURLINGTON, IOWA

Reporter: Uriel Gehring

Our guests on Sunday, Aug. 18,

were Bro. & Sis. Russell Wutherich and family of Pulaski. They visited Sis. Mary Wagler after church.

Sunday, Aug. 25, four of Sis. Sarah Gerst's grandchildren, Jacky, Sandy, Sherry and Edward, attended our Sunday School. We were glad to have them with us.

A. C. Nicholas, brother of Sis. Edna Pohl, was present Sunday, Sept. 1.

We enjoyed having Sisters Phoebe and Emma Eberhardt and George and Sis. Elmmia Rauhaus of Peoria with us on Sunday, September 8.

"Where can I go, but to the Lord"? How true are these few words, taken from an old hymn, and how can we go to Him, except we know Him through the spirit of adoption, whereby we cry "Abba, Father". One of the blessings the true believer receives is the spirit of prayer, whereby he can communicate with his heavenly Father through his Saviour, Jesus Christ.

What a privilege it is to fall on our knees in the quiet of our own home and bring our burdens to the Lord in prayer. The unbeliever also has burdens to bear, but not knowing God as "Our Father which art in heaven", can not properly communicate with Him, and robs himself of the aid he might receive from Almighty God. I hope all who have been purchased with the precious blood of Jesus Christ will remember His words to His disciples, shortly before His crucifixion,

"Watch and Pray".

#### BURLINGTON, OKLAHOMA

Reporter: Mrs. Raymond Roth

Bro. and Sis. John Hoffman celebrated their fifth wedding anniversary with an Open House at their farm home south of Kiowa, Aug. 18. Bro. and Sis. Sam Schupbach, who were attendants at their wedding, were present at the reception.

A very blessed day was enjoyed when Bro. Richard Schupbach of Phoenix, formerly of this congregation, was our guest minister. A covered dish supper, followed by singing, was enjoyed by many, in the church basement in the evening. Bro. Richard was accompanied by his family.

Sis. Ida Tanner has moved from her farm home to a house trailer in Burlington.

Hospital patients this past month were Lena Stiager, Sis Ma-



tilda Schupbach, Sis. Ollie Frieden and Bro. Fred Michel.

### CISSNA PARK, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Mrs. Jeff Young

Our visiting ministers this past month were Bro. Fredrick Knapp of Congerville and Bro. John Sommerhalter of Burlington, Okla. Bro. John spent a week here with friends and relatives; his wife accompanied him.

At the last visit of our elder brothers, Bro. Edward Alt was chosen to help with the ministry. We are indeed thankful to our Lord that there are such brothers that are willing to labor. We wish him the much needed grace in this work.

Sis. Olla Feller was a hospital patient a few days; Sis. Nettie Otto had surgery on her eye. We hope it will be successful. Our friend, John Reineke, had to be taken to the hospital again.

Births this last month are, a boy, Billy Joe, to Bro. and Sis. Calvin Kaufman, on Aug. 31; a daughter to William and Judy Drayer on Sept. 2 (she was named Kellie Renee); Sept. 6, a boy to Bro. and Sis. Roger Hari (they named him Rodney Dale).

Services and singing were held at both homes of the aged at Watseka, on Aug. 25 by a group of our members. This was greatly appreciated by the old folks there.

Sis. Eldora Kaufman entered nurse's training at Brunham Hospital at Champaign.

The young folks enjoyed a fellowship and a picnic in the park on Labor Day. The afternoon was spent singing for the shut-ins.

### ELGIN, ILLINOIS

Reporters: Louise Steffen and Katie Kachelmuss

Sis. Lydia Messerschmidt fell at her home and had to have stitches on her head, having been hospitalized for a few days. Sis. Mildred, wife of Bro. Clarence Dietrich, was in the hospital also, but is now at home again.

A farewell gathering was held at Wing Park for Bro. and Sis. Keith Oberlander, who are leaving Elgin to go to Purdue University.

We have the rotation system in our Sunday School. Bro. Gene Moser, who had been teaching for six years and also had been the superintendent, retired. Bro. Earl Steffen was elected to be a teacher. We

wish him God's blessings in his new duties.

On Wednesday evening, Bro. and Sis. Jake Knobloch and Dale attended our services.

On Saturday evening, Aug. 24, Martha Zierke gave her testimony, and was baptized Sunday afternoon. Many relatives and friends attended, some from Gridley, Ill. Also visiting us on that day were Bro. Merle Kaisner of Fairbury, Bro. Wendell Gudeman of Francesville, and Bro. Vernon Schwab of Wolcott. We had a blessed day and received many good teachings.

On Aug. 27 we had a meeting to take care of Sunday School matters. Bro. Wm. Gudeman will be the new superintendent and Bro. Elmer Getz the new treasurer. Sis. Julia Graf, who taught the pre-kindergarten class for over twelve years, in resigning, and Sis. Betty Walter was chosen to take her place.

Bro. and Sis. Ernest Kellenberger of Morris visited here for a short time. Bro. and Sis. Alfred Luginbuhl and others from Rockville also visited here.

Mike and Josie Kellenberger have a little girl, Teresa Marie, born Sept. 7.

Sept. 8 was the day of promotion in our Sunday School, another stepping-stone in the lives of the students. Bro. Bill Gudeman spoke a few words on this, telling how different it is in attending the public schools, where we learn how to make a livelihood, and in Sunday School we learn how to prepare for eternity.

Elvis and Gail Kellenberger have a little girl, Marjorie Gail, born on Sept. 9.

The John Mosers from Lester visited here for a short time.

Phillip Schmidgall, son of Bro. and Sis. Joseph Schmidgall, has returned home, after fulfilling his duties in the service. He has had many interesting experiences, his last station having been in Thailand, where he saw how different are their living standards as compared to ours in this country. We welcome Phillip back into our midst, and are thankful that God has protected him throughout his being away, and has brought him safely home to his loved ones.

### GOODFIELD, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Marian Wiegand

The engagement of Phyllis Ho-

hulin, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Chris Hohulin, to Gary Sauder, son of Bro. and Sis. Carl Sauder of Roanoke has been made known. A November wedding is planned.

We are so glad to have Bro. Dave Lemman assemble with us again, after having been hospitalized with surgery.

Carol Wiegand, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Henry Wiegand, was united in marriage to Dennis Martin, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Earl Martin of Peoria, by Elder Frank Woertz, on September 9. They will make their home in Peoria.

The call, "Child, come home" has gone out to Bro. Sam Landes. After an illness of several months, he passed away September 9. He had reached the age of 75 years. His wife, Sis. Elsie, seven daughters and four sons survive.

"Some day" we say, and turn our eyes

T'ward the fair hills of Paradise;

Some day, some time, a sweet new rest

Shall blossom, flower-like, in each breast;

Some day, some time, our eyes shall see

The faces kept in memory;

Some day their hands shall clasp our hand,

Just over in the morning land.

### School Days

September is here—the time of the year when children, with books in hand, are riding, walking or skipping gaily to school. There will be tests, new experiences, vacations, and finally they will receive their diplomas.

There is another school, when once begun, has no vacations, and no diplomas are given. It is similar in many other respects: it has many lessons, tests, and new experiences; but instead of a diploma, a great reward is given. It is the School of the Cross. Each student is given a cross. They are not all alike—some are large, and some are small; some are heavy, and some are light; and others are sharp. Each student is fitted individually, and therefore no exchanges can be made.

There is always an invisible hand who is willing to help carry this cross, and it actually becomes light.

After a test, we wish we could

take a peek into the Master's book to see how we scored there, but we must wait until that Great Day, our "Graduation Day," and it will then be revealed, along with our reward.

### GRIDLEY, ILLINOIS

**Reporter: Mary Alyce Witzig**

Bev and Ned Umland are the parents of Juli Kay, their first girl. Juli has three brothers, Greg, Scott and Troy. She was born August 10.

Bro. Harold Stoller received an eye injury on August 11, which necessitated removal of the eye. He is getting along very well and is now able to work part-time.

Sis. Verena Kuerth spent several days in the hospital, but is able to be home again and is getting along very well.

David Ray is the new son of Sis. Verle and Bro. William Funk. David was born August 26, and has three sisters and two brothers.

Sis. Louise and Bro. Richard Kiefer are the parents of a boy, Richard Lee, born September 4. Richard has a sister, Julie.

Two new Sunday School teachers were elected. They are Bros. Harold Schmidtgal and Carlton Klopfenstein. They will replace Bro. Allen Freed, who moved to Arizona, and Bro. William Funk.

Sis. Edith and Bro. Allen Freed, with their four children, have moved to Phoenix. We were certainly sorry to see them go, but wish them the best in their new home.

### HILLSBORO, ALABAMA

**Reporter: Clara Heiniger**

Bro. Junior Hale held services at the home of Riley Terry, Thursday evening, Aug. 22, for all their friends and neighbors.

The young people's meeting was held Aug. 26, with a time of good fellowship, singing and hearing the Word. Refreshments were served before going home.

Sis. Martha Evans went with her son, Louie, to Florida, where he has work, and she is keeping house for him at this time. We all miss her so much in our little church.

I helped with the four days of Vacation Bible School, Aug. 19-22, up in the hills of Tennessee, a drive of 150 miles each day. It was a very interesting sight, driving in the far distant wooded areas, picking up children and mothers interested in the Word of God. We met at the home of Sis. Ora Kelly, who will-

ingly opened her home for all who came. There was an average of 20 children and 10 mothers. It was a blessed time. The children thrilled over any left over VBS material we had from the other churches in Alabama. We ended with a picnic in their backyard. It was a very hot day, beside their cooking on the wood range, to bring forth the delicious food. They have no electricity and are without fans. We were refreshed in the Spirit, and as the good Word says, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." Philippians 4:13.

### LANDERSVILLE, ALABAMA

**Reporter: Clara Heiniger**

Friday evening, Aug. 16, Bible Study and Sunday School was held in the home of Billy and Shelby (Rainey) Dutton.

Worship services for young and old was held Friday evening, Aug. 23, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Craig.

A large crowd gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Fuller, Friday evening, Aug. 30, for Bible Study and Sunday School.

Sis. Barbara Simmons has been on the sick list; her father, Will Latham, who had been in the hospital, is also.

Many schools had been closed, due to polio breaking out. They started again, for the remaining two weeks, after which all the children will be turned out for the cotton-picking season.

The cotton fields are a beautiful sight, while and ready for harvest, but where are the laborers?

### JUNCTION, OHIO

**Reporter: Mrs. Alvin H. Manz**

Fall . . . and this abundant harvest-time reminds one of the words of the apostle in The Acts 14:17— "Nevertheless he left not himself without witness, in that he did good, and gave us rain from heaven, and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness."

Of our shut-ins, we are happy to report, Bro. Andrew Dotterer and Sis. Lena Manz have been able to be at the church, in the automobiles, enjoying the services from a speaker, located on the outside of the church. The Rehklau sisters, however, are about the same as before. They enjoy the visits of the members and ministers who have services in their home, as it gets very lonely for them. Each of our

shut-ins have expressed their thanks to all who so kindly took time to send them a card, note, or gift of cheer. Such thoughtfulness does so much good to those who can't be out, as most of us enjoy the freedom to go and fellowship with one another as we wish.

Services for Noah Schifferly, 79, friend of the church, were held Sunday, Aug. 11, at the Crowell Den-Herder Funeral Home in Paulding. Burial was in the Dotterer Cemetery, Junction. He was a son of John and Elizabeth (Hoffer) Schifferly, and had lived in Auglaize Twp. Surviving are several nieces and nephews. He had been ill for sometime.

Following is a poem sent to me by a dear friend in southern Ohio, who has arthritis:

### The Thorn

" . . . there was given to me a thorn in the flesh . . ." II Corinthians 12:7.

When gifts and graces Thou didst give  
With breath of life to all who live,  
Wherewith to work for Thee,  
A strange and bitter thing's with mine,  
For in Thy providence divine,  
A thorn was given me.

While others serve Thee, glad and strong,  
And lift aloft faith's triumph song  
And scale the heights for Thee,  
I walk alone a hidden way,  
My pain companion night and day,  
The thorn that came to me.

While others harvest golden wheat,  
To lay, rejoicing, at Thy feet,  
To show their love for Thee,  
My unremitting toil is this,—  
To cherish unto fruitfulness  
With thorn that came to me.

Oh, days are lonely, nights are long,  
And far the light, and faint the song,  
And yet, I worship Thee;  
And faithfulness and grace I ask—  
To work with patience at my task,  
With gold that's given me.

And when I see Thee as Thou art  
One humble gift my burning heart,  
Would bring in love to Thee;  
Bedewed by tears, enriched by blood,  
I'll hand Thee back, in fragrant bud,  
Talent Thou gavest me.

**LATTY, OHIO**

**Reporters: Mrs. Ray Sinn  
Mrs. Gale Stoller**

We are fortunate to have some repenting in our congregation. They are Mary Jane Rager, daughter of Wm. and Sis. Elsie Rager; Linda Stoller, daughter of Bro. David and Sis. Irene Stoller; Minnie Sinn, daughter of Elder Bro. George and Sis. Clara Sinn; and Susan Lanz, daughter of Bro. Elmer and Sis. Clara Lanz. How encouraging it is to know that God is still calling unto the souls of men and that the dear friends are answering his loving call. We certainly hope and pray that there will be many more that will seek and find the Lord while He is yet to be found.

Wanita Ringger, daughter of Nathan and Sis. Alma Ringger, was united in marriage to Dwight Pinkerton, on Sept. 7.

Rose Ella Stoller, daughter of Bro. Eugene and Sis. Minerva, broke her leg when she fell from her bicycle. Curtis Rager, son of William and Sis. Elsie, cracked his collar bone. Therefore, he had to have his arm in a sling for awhile. Also, Crystal Eisenmann, daughter of Bro. Gary and Sis. Rosemary, got her hair caught in the power take-off of the tractor, and had to be hospitalized for a day.

We are happy to have Dale Gerber, son of Bro. Fred and Sis. Katie, back with us again, after serving his time in the army, in France. We certainly welcome him home and are thankful that God has protected him.

We have three new babies in our congregation. Bro. Willis and Sis. Ellen Stoller recently adopted a baby girl. They chose the name of Monica Sue for her. Robert and Sis. Janet Williamson have a new baby boy named Jason Benit. And we (Bro. Ray and Sis. Ann Sinn) have been blessed with a baby boy, Gary Ray, in our family. We can not be thankful enough when our babies are born strong and healthy, and pray and trust that God will give us all much understanding to raise our children to His praise.

In the hospital this month were Bros. David Stoller and Emil Stoller. Both have been dismissed and are improving.

On August 18, our Adult Sunday School class sang for Sis. Sylvia Jewell, who has been in the hospital for sometime now. We can

imagine what a help and a blessing it is to those who must be confined to their beds, day after day, when they can hear God's word read and hear songs of praise.

**LEO, INDIANA**

**Reporter: Mrs. Elias Souder**

Mamie Schlatter spent some time back in the hospital. She is at home again, but not feeling as well as she would like to yet, at this writing.

John Bollier Sr. suffered another reoccurrence of his illness. His speech has been somewhat impaired.

We enjoyed having Bro. Sam Aeschliman of Bluffton at one of our Thursday evening services this month.

Also enjoyed were the guests, including our Gridley news reporter, from Gridley, Ill., who spent a Sunday here.

Haile Michael Missginna of Addis Abba, Ethiopia, was the guest of Pearl, Lloyd and Lynn Klopfenstein. At present, he is employed as a principal of the Menelik II School at Addis Abba, which is the largest and oldest school in Ethiopia.

Two of our friends have sought our Lord and want to live for him, Edward Frautschi, who is now enrolled at Purdue University, and Connie Thorton, who is enrolled at the University of Arizona. Let us pray for all of our dear friends who are away from home. May God send His shining angels to watch over them and guide them.

**MAYWOOD, CALIFORNIA**

**Reporter: Christine Locher**

We are enjoying the presence of Bro. Harvey Kaisner in our midst again. He is on Army leave and visiting his parents, Bro. Albert and Sis. Elizabeth Kaisner, and his brother, Donald.

My mother, Sis. Julia Dapper, is slowly recovering from surgery. She wishes to thank everyone who has remembered her during this time and also at the time of her recent birthday.

Recent visitors include Bro. Norman and Sis. Sally Haerr. (Editors note: Bro. Norman has been our reporter of Ft. Sam Houston. Now he has faithfully concluded this part of his journey.)

Visitors included those from Fairbury, Taylor, Phoenix, Sabetha, Remington, Akron, Francesville, Mascoutah, and Rockville.

**OAKVILLE, IOWA**

**Reporter: Mrs. Ezra Gerst**

Bro. Alfred and Sis. Lydia Luginbuhl, Sis. Emily Hoffman from Rockville and Sis. Mary Troxel from Leo made an overnight stop at the Ed Lanz home, on their way to Lester. Their visit was enjoyed very much, on Aug. 22.

Our Oakville church is back on Standard Time again. Church services are at 10:30 and 12:45, Thursday evening services at 7:30.

Visitors this month included Brothers and Sisters David Keiser, Art Baurer, Elmer Martin, Duane Elsasser and Alf Streitmatter, guests of Bro. and Sis. Glenn Martin. (Editor's note: Bro. David is our minister from Princeville.)

Our Sunday School election was held this month. May we always realize how important our Sunday School is. How a little child is molded and how impressive are these tender years! I was again reminded Sunday, when my little grandson, not quite four, took hold of my hand and said, "Quick Grandma, let's go; the singing has started".

A new method was used in Sunday School election. After it is in effect, a new officer will be elected each year for a term of four years. After being out for one year, they can again be elected. New officers are Bros. Edwin Banwart, four years; Rod Moser, three; Joe Wiegand, two; and Earl Stoller was re-elected superintendent for one year. Alternates are Bros. Paul Wagenbach, Orel Steiner, Ed Lanz Jr. and Hartzell Schmidgall.

An enjoyable afternoon was spent at Bro. and Sis. Bernard Sherers, when a group who came from Princeville and some from this community had a pot-luck dinner. After dinner, hymns were sung. Sis. Minnie Freidinger, age 77, who lives with the Sherers, joined in the singing, and gave her favorite song, No. 10 in the long book, "The Heavenly Home". Sis. Minnie said her parents passed away when she was nine. She went to live with Sis. Lena Ackerman, who, she said, read the Bible to her, talked to her of the Saviour and how nice it was to be a child of God. She repented at the age of 14. She said she enjoys the "Silver Lining", also enjoys letters and visitors.

Let there be peace on earth;  
Let it begin with me.



Let there be peace on earth,  
Peace that was meant to be,  
With God as our Father.

Let me walk with my brothers and  
sisters  
In perfect harmony.  
Let this be the moment now  
To take each moment and live each  
moment  
In peace, eternally.

### PRINCEVILLE, ILLINOIS Reporter: Ruth Ricketts

On August 11, we enjoyed the visit of several Stoller families from Latty, Fort Wayne, Francesville and other places. We received many blessings from the messages brought to us by Brothers Irvin Stoller of Latty and Norman Stoller of Fort Wayne, who reminded us that as long as a child of God remains obedient, sincere and asks God's help, he will continue to receive blessings.

August 18, Joe Aberle of Sabetha ministered to us, for which we were all very thankful. Many others were here to witness the wedding of Sis. Jean Seidel and Bro. James Metzger, performed by Bro. Silas Leuthold. May the Lord add His blessings to this union. We wish them a long, happy wedded life.

The engagement of Bro. Verle Kieser, son of Bro. David and Sis. Ruth Kieser, and Sis. LaVonne Grimm, daughter of Bro. Eli and Sis. Grimm of West Bend was made known August 25.

A son, Keith, was born August 12 to Bro. William and Sis. Gladys Knobloch, and on September 7, a son was born to Bro. Loris and Sis. Martha Kieser.

We have had several sick folks the past few weeks, but are happy all are better at this time. Several weeks ago, Sis. Louise Greiner fell in her home. She spent some time with her son and family. She is ready to go to her home again now. Sis. Sally Streitmatter became quite ill and submitted to surgery, but she, too, is convalescing in her home. Sis. Ida Huber was confined to her bed for a time, but is able to be about a little again. Sis. Mary Begner has not been so well lately, but is some better at the present time. Bro. Karl Klumpp was quite ill and had to spend some time in bed. May the dear Lord be their comfort, and give them strength

and patience to bear their crosses cheerfully.

We are happy to report that our church here at Princeville has grown to the extent that, several years ago, it was decided we should make more room. After much prayerful consideration, it was unanimously agreed to build another church. A suitable site was selected at the east edge of Bradford, Illinois, about twenty-five miles north of Princeville. About thirty families plan to attend church there.

Last winter, work was begun on the new church, and at present it is progressing satisfactorily. We expect the church to be ready for God's use in the spring of 1964. Bro. James Ringger, who was recently selected to be a minister for the Bradford church, has been promised some help when the Lord opens the way.

We hope this new church may be a haven of rest for many weary, wandering souls.

### ROANOKE, ILLINOIS Reporter: Sara Aeschleman

We very much enjoyed the visit of Bro. Loren Stoller, his wife and several couples from Latty, who visited our congregation on Sunday, Sept. 8.

Bro. John and Sis. Esther Sauder are the parents of a new son, Steven Jay, born Aug. 20.

Engagement has been made known of our friend, Gary Sauder, son of Bro. and Sis. Carl Sauder, to Phyllis Hohulin, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Chris Hohulin of Goodfield.

Those visiting in our community (from further away) the past month were Sis. Julie Dapper, Maywood; Sisters Harriet Welty, Susan Lanz, Dorothy Schneider, Ethel Gerber, Rockville; Bro. Melvin and Sis. Shirley Hohulin of Portland.

He loveth us; that is enough  
To fill our hearts with gladness;  
He loveth us; that is enough  
To banish every sadness.  
Lord, grant that we  
Love also Thee,  
With love true and unceasing,  
Yea, ev'ry day increasing.

### TOLEDO, OHIO Reporters: Emily Frautschi Marge Reineck

Our annual Sunday School picnic was held August 11. A group of

young folks from Bay City joined us for the day. The fellowship together was enjoyed by all.

Recent births are: To Bro. Al and Sis. Mary Ann Weigele, a baby girl, Kristi Ann; and to Bro. Otto and Sis. Pat Schlatter, a daughter, Carol Ann.

On Sept. 1, Bro. Alvin and Sis. Eldora Steiner, Rittman, Bro. John and Sis. Wilma Steiner, also of Rittman, and Bro. Gordon and Sis. Emily Greenbank, Akron, and their families visited Toledo.

Sis. Beck Fetter recently fell, and her kneecap was cracked. We are happy to report that she is recovering nicely and is able to be in church again.

Sis. Sylvia Jewell is improving somewhat. She is under treatment at Parkview Hospital in Ft. Wayne.

### TREMONT, ILLINOIS Reporter: Esther Schmid

We have had sickness and folks hospitalized this last month—Sis. (Mrs. Chris) Schweigert, Bro. Fred Rowell, Eunice Rowell and Craig Pflederer, small son of Bro. James and Sis. Doris Lee Pflederer. All are convalescing at home now, except Bro. Fred Rowell, who had surgery recently. We wish all a speedy recovery.

There were several births—To Bro. Elmer and Sis. Darlene Kaeb, on August 13, a son, Virgil Alan. To Bro. Ernest and Sis. Frieda Aberle on August 17, a son, Andrew August. He has two brothers to welcome him home, and arrived on his oldest brother's 7th birthday. To Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Sauder on August 20, a daughter, Diana Marie. She has two sisters to welcome her. To Mr. and Mrs. Larry Hild, on August 20, a son, Bruce Alan, their first child. To Bro. Marvin and Sis. Miriam Frank, on August 21, a son, Douglas Keith. To Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Koch, on September 8, a daughter, Judith Lynn.

Mr. and Mrs. Silas A. Koch observed their golden wedding anniversary on September 1, with open house at their home. They are the parents of six children and fourteen grandchildren.

On August 18, Bro. Jess Schrock of Congerville ministered to us, and on August 25, Bro. Roy Sauder of Peoria. We always enjoy their inspiring messages, and hope they will soon visit here again.

Dedication services were held on September 8 for our new church

building. Many members and friends from various states and surrounding churches spent the day here. We feel we have blessings thousandfold and so much for which to be thankful. Bro. Sam Aeschliman of Bluffton had the main service in the morning. Bro. Noah Schrock had the dedication services in the afternoon. At evening services, Bro. Joe Ramsier from Rittman ministered to us . . . as near to the end of one perfect day as we will probably ever get on this earth.

We thank all our visitors for stopping to worship with us at Tremont, and hope they will come again soon.

#### GIRARD, OHIO

Reporter: Jesse C. Emch

Since our last news report, we had visitors from LaCrosse, Eureka, Rittman, Altadena, Akron, Dover (Del.), Mansfield, Barberton, Brookfield, and Sterling (O.), Bluffton, Waukegan (Ill.). All were very welcome guests. Those who ministered to us were Bro. Elmer Zollinger of Rittman, Bro. Rudolph Graf of Akron, and Bro. Henry Sabo of Mansfield. Surely we can be of one accord to say, the messages brought to us were very welcome and inspiring.

On Sunday, Aug. 11, we enjoyed a blessed day, as our elder brother, Rudolph Graf, and family were with us, and we were privileged to partake of the Lord's Supper. Many costly teachings were brought to our attention. Following church service, many went to Bro. Carl and Sis. Frieda Gassers and Christian Fellowship. This took place in their backyard park, Sunday, Sept. 1. All were invited to the home of Bro. Ray and Sis. Doris Riehl for a picnic supper. After supper, we spent the evening with song-service and prayer.

Sunday afternoon and evening, Aug. 18, the yearly reunion of the G. A. Emch family was held at the Boardman Township Park. There were 79 present.

Sis. Anna Durig passed away on Aug. 16. The funeral was Monday, Aug. 19. Bro. Rudolph Graf held the service, assisted by Bro. Robt. Stoll. Sis. Anna had endured much pain and discomfort for several years. We will all miss her very much, but our loss will be her gain. We believe she has been piloted over to yonder shore, where all

earthly cares are forgotten, and peace and rest are enjoyed.

In behalf of our congregation, this reporter extends a hearty invitation to anyone traveling this way to visit us.

#### MANSFIELD, OHIO

Reporter: Aaron A. Sauder

Come, come, sweet death, which leads to God

And brings us to our blessed Saviour.

In that blest place, where face to face

The ransomed host sings to God's praise and favor.

This wish of our dear sister, Eva Gross, came into fulfillment on August 20, when, at the age of 93 years, she went to be with the Lord. Having suffered a series of strokes some time ago, Sis. Gross was unable to speak, but she would often raise her hands heavenward, longing for the sweet rest. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours . . ." from Revelation 14:13. Sis. Gross was born in Europe, but came to our country 59 years ago. We extend our sympathy to her family, who cared for her during her long illness. Survivors include two daughters, three sons, 24 grandchildren, 53 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Many visitors from out of town and out of state worshipped with us during the past month. A number came to our city for the Beer reunion, which was held on August 18, and others came for the Sauder reunion, which was on August 25. We were privileged to have Bro. Henry Beer of Milford minister to us on August 18. On August 25, Bro. Rudy Graf brought us God's word and also officiated at the baptism of our new sister, Mary Kleshinski. We wish her the Lord's blessings and guidance in her new walk of life. ". . . Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." Acts 2:38 "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved . . ." St. Mark 16:16.

#### FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

Reporter: Mrs. Albert E. Kipfer  
Bro Henry Brenkman, the eldest

member of our church, has been confined to the Parkview Memorial Hospital since August 22. He is slowly improving and hopes, if all goes well, to go home the end of this week. He resides with his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Roeger, 1509 Edgewater, Fort Wayne. Bro. Henry will be 95 years old February 23.

Sis. Sylvia Jewell, who had a stroke, is confined to the Parkview Long Term Unit, Ft. Wayne. Arrangements were made for the choir to sing for Sis. Sylvia, as well as other sick folks, on Sunday afternoon, Sept. 8.

I am happy to report that, starting with the next issue of the Silver Lining, Sis. Emma Unsicker will assist as a reporter.

Bro. Richard Aeschleman wrote the following message and poem, which I am conveying to you:

"The following poem was inspired after our minister, Norman Stoller, delivered a message taken from II Corinthians, chapter 5. Throughout this message, the great nations ambassadors of today were compared with the Christian's role as ambassadors for Christ. Heads of government have been made aware that ambassadors who are too long serving in foreign countries become somewhat controlled by the philosophies of the nations in which they are serving. Heads of nations also realize the necessity of calling home their ambassadors from time to time, to reindoctrinate and to redirect them towards their goal.

How true it is that the Christian who serves Christ on this earth must get his direction and his reindoctrination from time to time from the Master. This world, too, has much to offer, and the Christian serving here as an "Ambassador for Christ" occasionally becomes entangled with its philosophies and doctrines. Therefore, it is important that Christ's Ambassadors often be called to return to their manual and guidebook, the Holy Bible, for instructions from "Home" !!

The Poem:

#### Ambassadors For Christ

Ambassadors are we who serve the risen Lord,  
And walk upon the earth according to His word.

While in this foreign land, 'tis important others see,

That only Christ we serve; from  
ungodliness we flee.

Our treasures are in Heav'n, from  
whence our orders come;  
And obedient are we, that we  
might win him some.

Sometimes we do forget our duties  
here below,  
Because the earthly ties are oft'  
allowed to grow.

Then back to Jesus we humbly then  
must go,  
And there upon our knees, His will  
once more we'll know.

Onward to the battle, His will  
again we see;  
Led by the Lord, Ambassadors for  
Christ are we.

The ministers who assisted in  
serving us during the past four  
Sundays were: Bros. Wm. Fiech-  
ter and Kenneth Sauder, August  
18; Bro. Joel Souder, August 25;  
Bro. Henry Manz, Sept. 1; Bro Al  
Fisher, Sept. 8.

#### BREMEN, INDIANA

Reporter: Joseph L. Bauman

The school bells have called quite  
a number of young people from our  
congregation. Bro. Leon Hartter,  
son of Bro. Lawrence and Sis Helen  
Hartter, will be attending Cedar-  
ville College this year, at Cedar-  
ville, Ohio. Bro. Larry Hartter en-  
rolled in his senior year at Purdue  
University. Sis. Karen Laidig has  
returned to Ball State College in  
Muncie, Indiana, and her twin, our  
sister in faith, Sharon, has return-  
ed to North Manchester College.  
Jaunita Laidig will be attending  
Indiana University, to obtain her  
Bachelor of Science degree in nurs-  
ing. Carol Schini, daughter of Bro.  
Dan and Sis. Viola Schini, has  
taken a position in a deaf and dumb  
school. She has served a number  
of years in the same capacity, in  
the care of unfortunate children.  
Our sincere best wishes go with  
each one of our young folks as they  
embark on their respective careers.  
We wish them God's richest bless-  
ings in their undertakings through-  
out the year, and we would say  
with one of old, The LORD watch  
between me and thee, while we are  
absent one from the other.

Young Candace Carmichael,  
daughter of Bro. George and Sis.  
Mary Carmichael, underwent a

rather serious operation recently.  
The operation was successful. Can-  
dace is recovering nicely, at this  
writing.

A recent widely circulated mag-  
azine has a question on the front  
page which concerns us all, the  
present state of morality in our  
country. It also asks the question  
as to whether or not the churches  
have failed. Much of the criticism  
is directed to the young people of  
today, and we have but to read our  
current newspapers to be further  
enlightened regarding the serious-  
ness of the present dilemma. Par-  
ents in our church, as well as in all  
others, have a serious responsi-  
bility to their children, in our pres-  
ent time. The children who are  
privileged to be reared in the Apos-  
tolic Christian homes under the in-  
fluence of the church should con-  
sider themselves indeed fortunate.

#### CONGERVILLE, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Ruth Schumacher

Bro. and Sis. Carl and Lorine  
Schieber are spending some time  
in Africa with their son, Jerry, who  
was sent by the US government to  
teach there. They stopped in Eng-  
land and Italy on the way to Africa  
— and plan to visit Switzerland,  
before returning home.

Bro. Eli Zobrist passed away on  
August 30 at the Mayo Clinic, Ro-  
chester, Minnesota, after an illness  
of about 8 weeks. Services were  
held by Bro. Joe Zimmermann of  
Roanoke, on September 3, at the  
Congerville church. Surviving are  
his wife, the former Elizabeth Zim-  
merman; one sister, Till Smith of  
Morton; three brothers, John of  
Danvers, Noah and Jack of Morton.  
Bro. Eli will be missed by the con-  
gregation.

Our friends, Bill and Sherry Diet-  
rich, are the parents of a new baby  
boy, "William John". He is their  
first child, and was born on August  
31.

Bro. and Sis. Dan and Tillie  
Sauder have gone to Phoenix to  
stay a few months. Bro. and Sis.  
Ralph and Carolyn Gudeman drove  
them there and plan to return in  
two weeks.

#### Our Dim Eyes Seek A Beacon

Our dim eyes seek a beacon  
And our weary feet a guide,  
And our hearts of all life's mystery  
Seek a meaning and a key,  
But a cross shines on our pathway;  
On it hangs the Crucified,

And he answers all our longings  
With the whisper, "Follow me."

Life is a duty — dare it;  
Life is a burden — bear it;  
Life is a thorn-crown — wear it,  
Though it break thy heart in  
twain,  
Though the burden bear thee down,  
Close thy lips and stand the pain;  
First the cross, and then the  
crown.

#### SHUT-IN

Bro. Jake Miller is no longer a  
shut-in, but he went through a  
long period of suffering, beginning  
about a year ago. Last August, he  
fell from an elevator and broke his  
back. He spent three months in the  
hospital, and was shut in for more  
than six months.

Bro. Jake feels that people who  
neglect going to church when they  
can, don't know what they're miss-  
ing. He was unable to come to  
church for 6 to 7 months — but he  
said it seemed longer than that. He  
really missed assembling around  
the Word. He said he had record-  
ings that were a wonderful help —  
but it isn't the same, because the  
fellowship is so precious, too.

The time seemed to pass very  
slowly during the time he was shut  
in — but since he is up and able to  
work again, the time of his suffer-  
ing seems far away — almost like  
a dream. Visits and mail did much  
to make the time pass more swift-  
ly. Bro. Jake realized how import-  
ant it is to visit the sick, as we are  
taught in the Word, and he felt  
that he had neglected doing this  
before his shut-in days. Many of us  
will have to admit that we, too,  
should be more diligent in this.

Bro. Jake feels that this experi-  
ence drew them closer to the Lord  
— and that afflictions are often  
sent for our spiritual good. He had  
many sleepless nights, with much  
pain. Many times, the pain pills  
didn't help. But it seemed that  
when he prayed, he would get re-  
lief and could find rest again. In  
his suffering, Bro. Jake had the  
feeling that many prayers were  
being offered for him. He felt that  
God was always with him, and he  
had faith that he would recover  
quickly.

His faith was wonderfully re-  
warded, as faith was rewarded  
when our Saviour was on earth. He  
remembers that, after he was  
moved to Peoria for therapy, his



therapist was sincerely amazed at the remarkable progress he could see each day — and when he returned to Chicago recently for an examination, the doctor who had operated shortly after the accident was convinced that his recovery was a miracle. Bro. Jake believes that it was surely the hand of God.

The kindness of others was a great help to Bro. Jake. Many times he thought of a letter he had received from Bro. Emanuel Gudeman, right after the accident, when things looked the darkest. This brother reminded him that "only the Great Physician can help." Bro. Jake would like to take this opportunity to express his thanks to Bro. Emanuel, and to the many others who were so kind to them. He also received much encouragement from a friend who was a patient in the room across the hall. This man had once received a similar injury in an automobile accident, and it had taken years for him to recover. Bro. Jake felt that it was God's will that this friend was there, and his daily visits were a big help to him.

As he looks back on his time of suffering, Bro. Jake wonders how he endured it — and how others can bear much longer periods of illness and confinement. He believes that only through the grace of God and prayer can it be done. The prayers of others meant so much — and he feels, too, that suffering teaches us to pray. He agrees with others who have said, "If I didn't know how to pray before — I learned through this."

#### LESTER, IOWA

Reporter: **Emelie Knobloch**

Among the ill: Word was received that Bro. August Knobloch has suffered a stroke at the home of his daughter at West Bend. He is little improved, at the Algona hospital.

Bro. Gilbert Knobloch is feeling better, after a few days of hospitalization.

Sis. Julia Knobloch is hospitalized from injuries received in a fall.

Birth: To Mr. and Mrs. Arlyn Van Der Wolde, a son, Micheal John, on August 21.

Ronald and Dennis Kellenberger, and LaVonne and Alice Knobloch have answered the call of our Saviour and have given their hearts to the Lord. May the love of God be

revealed to more of our friends, so they may feel the need of a Saviour.

Blessings were bountifully provided for us through the teaching and meditation of God's word, given unto us in this past month by Bros. Elmer Witzig, Gridley; Harold Graham, Morris; Silas Leuthold, Princeville; and Clarence Kachelmuss, Forrest.

Some members accepted the invitation for Labor day weekend at Morris. They found it to be an inspiring weekend, meeting folks from far and wide.

#### MILFORD, INDIANA

Sis. **Ilene Kammerer,**

Reporting for **Bro. Arthur Haab**

Diane and Fred Weisser are the parents of a son, Gregory Max. The Weissers have one other boy. Herman and Gwen are the paternal parents.

We were blessed to have Bro. Homer Reinick of Toledo minister to us the morning of Youth Fellowship Day. He spoke of the measurement of time, and about the Lord's coming.

After many years of illness, our aged sister, Mary Haab, passed away. Bro. Theo Beer officiated at the funeral. The older members remember Sis. Mary as being quite active in the church.

Sis. Bertha and Bro. Andy Beer celebrated their fifty-eighth anniversary. The Lord has truly been with this couple, to give them health and happiness together.

The Milford congregation is rejoicing with the angels in heaven over our dear friend, Virginia Hoover, who has turned to the Lord in repentance. She is the daughter of Sis. Flossie and Bro. Elmer Hartter. We wish her the Lord's wonderful grace, and look forward to greeting her as a sister in faith.

Sis. Becky and Bro. Arnold Doll and family visited Sis. Dorothy and Bro. Alan Beer and son in Tuba, Arizona. Bro. Alan, a medical doctor, is stationed there with the Navy, working in the department of Public Health. He and his family would like to extend their invitation for anyone visiting near Tuba to call upon them.

Bro. Dave Buser is still in the Fort Wayne Veteran's Hospital. He would appreciate receiving cards.

Holy Communion will be served in the immediate future. If it be

the Lord's will, Bro. George Yergler of La Crosse will assist in this solemn occasion.

#### MORRIS, MINNESOTA

Reporter: **Mrs. Kenneth Zeltwanger**

Bro. William Sommer, age 83, passed away August 11. He had been in failing health for several years. He is survived by one brother and five sisters, two of whom are Sis. Marie (Henry) Koehl and Sis. Lydia Feuchtenberger. Funeral services were held August 14, with Bros. Noah Miller and Paul Fehr officiating.

We enjoyed having Bro. Elmer Witzig of Gridley with us for evening services, August 14.

Our visiting minister on August 25 was Bro. Silas Leuthold of Princeville. He was accompanied by his wife.

We rejoice that more dear friends have accepted the invitation of the Lord and feel their need for a Saviour. They are: Glenagene Domnick, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Glen Domnick; Sharon and Bonnie Moser, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Ervin Moser; Harvey and Shirley Koehl, son and daughter of Bro. and Sis. Charlie Koehl; Larry and Ruth Nohl, son and daughter of Bro. and Sis. Lawrence Nohl; Harvey and Marilyn Joos, son and daughter of Bro. and Sis. Gottlieb Joos; Wilda Fehr, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Paul Fehr; Ben and Martha Greiner; and Robert Schmidgall, son of Bro. and Sis. Raymond Schmidgall, of Winthrop.

We were happy to have a group of young members from various churches in Kansas, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, and Minnesota spend Labor Day week end here; also other visitors, including Bro. Uriel Gehring of Burlington, who ministered to us on Sunday.

Bro. Clarence Kachelmuss of Forrest was our guest minister, the evening of September 2. He was accompanied by his wife and Bro. and Sis. Andy Lehman.

We have again enjoyed a blessed month of fellowship, meeting loved ones who visit us. We want to thank all who came, especially the ministering brothers, for their efforts in bringing us messages of God's word.

We turned to Central Standard Time on September 3. Our Sunday morning services start at 10:30 a.m., and Wednesday evening serv-

ices are at 8:00 p.m.

David Nohl, son of Bro. and Sis. Henry Nohl Jr., and Eileen Hunt were united in marriage on September 7.

Bro. Jake Pfister of Ft. Scott was our guest minister on September 8, and again for evening services September 10. He was accompanied by his wife and Bro. and Sis. Gus Sinn.

Bro. Henry Nohl Sr. was again able to assemble with us on September 8, after being confined to his home for a month, following a fall, in which he suffered a broken rib.

We have started the rotation system in Sunday School. The new teachers elected are Bros. Leonard Wulf, Robert Haas and John Zeltwanger.

Robert Nohl returned home this month, after serving in the Armed Forces.

Sis. Lydia Feuchtenberger observed her 80th birthday, September 9.

### VALPARAISO, INDIANA

Reporter: Mil Bucher

Visitors at our little church during the month of August included members and friends from Phoenix, Goodfield, Morton, Elgin (Ill.), La Crosse, La Fayette (Ind.), and Decatur (Ind.).

On Sunday, August 4, our annual Sunday School picnic was held at Lakewood Park, with ninety-nine in attendance.

Deepest sympathy from our congregation goes out to Bro. Roy Frieden and his family, due to the death of his sister, Florence Thiebaud, of Lamar.

We extend a warm welcome to Bro. Art and Sis. Earlene Yergler and their son, Billy, who have recently moved to Park Forest, Illinois. Art is a music instructor, coming from Gilman, Illinois, where he formerly taught. We are grateful to God that another family has made Valparaiso church their choice. The Yerglers formerly attended church at Cissna Park, where he had been a Sunday School teacher.

Bill Ames, one of our Sunday School students, had the misfortune of losing his big toe in a lawn-mowing accident. He is getting along fine and able to attend school.

### John Heinolds Honored on Golden Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. John Heinold were

hosts to over 250 guests on Sunday, August 11, in observance of their 50th wedding anniversary. All of their children were present for the occasion. The Heinolds reside at 251 Harrison St., where the many well-wishing friends and relatives attended the open house. A dinner at Wellman's Restaurant followed, with 74 persons in attendance.

During the dinner, a granddaughter, Mrs. James Biddell, read a poem appropriate for the occasion, and a quartet sang "When There's Love at Home" and "Abide With Me". Byron Frieden, a grandson, honored the couple earlier in the day, at church, by reading a beautiful 50th Anniversary poem.

Mr. and Mrs. Heinold are the parents of seven children: Mrs. Aldene Frieden, Mrs. Wilma Stuck, Mrs. Mildred Schoon, Lester Heinold, Mrs. Betty Lou Krueger, Mrs. Edith Jones and Dick Heinold. They also have 23 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Heinold was the former Tillie Hitz, daughter of Gottlieb and Anna Hitz. She has six living brothers and sisters, all of whom were present for the occasion. John Heinold, son of Fred and Emma Heinold, has four living brothers and sisters, who were all present at this happy occasion.

John and Tillie have enjoyed a colorful farm career. They began in Goodwine, Illinois. Nine years later, they purchased a farm at Kouts, Indiana, where they operated a dairy farm and several milk routes, hauling milk to the Bowman dairy plant at Kouts. Some years later they purchased a farm at La Crosse and became affiliated with the Pure Milk Association, through which they won many outstanding awards, such as "Neatest Dairy Farm" in a tri-state area, with over 14,000 farmers participating in the contest. The same year Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. awarded them "Champion Farmers of America", due to their outstanding achievements.

Both John and Tillie have zest for life. We, in the Valparaiso congregation, as well as their many other friends and relatives, wish them many, many more years of happiness together. May God bless them.

### ROCKVILLE, CONNECTICUT

Reporter: Carlton J. Lanz

Bro. Lee and Sis. Maxine Bahler

celebrated their wedding anniversary on Sunday, Sept. 1. They also became parents of a little boy, Lloyd Robert, on July 15.

Bro. Roy Luginbuhl, who spent four months on a Sabbatical leave, has returned safely. His itinerary took him, with his family, to many cities and towns in several foreign countries, where he was to gather information for the Rockefeller Foundation, the sponsor.

Also returning safely from extended trips were: Bro. Edwin Hoffman and several of his family, from the Far West. Likewise, Bro. Alfred and Sis. Lydia Luginbuhl and Sis. Emily Hoffman visited western churches. Bro. Arnold and Sis. Hilda Hany were in Europe. All visited members and relatives respectively. We can always be thankful when all return safely. There are times when they do not.

Bro. Herbert and Sis. Naomi Ramseyer and several of their family visited us here. We enjoyed their stay, even though it was short. We also had many other visitors here this past month. We rejoice in the true fellowship with them all.

A little boy was born on Sept. 6 to Bro. Gene and Sis. Margaret Fehr. Leonard Jay is the little boy's name.

We are indeed sorry to have to report the triple fracture that Sis. Viola Luginbuhl sustained on her right ankle. It happened when, at the edge of her garden, she was forced to turn suddenly, then fell. She will have to remain in a cast for at least six weeks.

Bro. Herman and Sis. Elizabeth Luginbuhl and Sis. Elizabeth Pfister of Roanoke spent a few days here. Bro. Herman spent his earlier days here, before moving to Roanoke.

### History

Compiled by Bro. John Bahler

In order to relate the beginning of the church in Rockville, we have to go back somewhat farther and make mention of the little congregation that was in Williamsburg, New York, Williamsburg being a part of Brooklyn, N.Y., where there were 12-15 members at one time, and an elder by the name of Arlt, at whose house they held their meetings. These members had formerly lived in Vienna, Austria, and had come there in the 1860's. In later times, some mem-



bers from Kanton Zurich, Switzerland settled in West Hoboken, N.J. The Williamsburg congregation dwindled until the remnant was absorbed by the West Hoboken congregation, where a church was built in 1889, which is still used by the members today. West Hoboken today is called Union City.

In 1869, Sis. Anna Kloter from Kanton Zurich came to Rockville with two sons and three or four daughters, who worked in the woolen mills here. Sis. Kloter kept in touch with Bro. Arlt in Williamsburg and visited there several times, where some of her children became members, Williamsburg and Rockville being about 125 miles apart.

In 1872, Nicholas Ludwig came to Rockville from Baden, Germany, with three sons and four daughters, being the first brother to settle here. In 1873, Bro. William Pfunder and wife, also from Baden, came here.

About this time (1875), the members in Rockville were advised to contact Bro. Peter Virkler of Croghan, who then came here several times. He told this little group to meet Sundays and sing a few hymns, and Bro. Ludwig should read and pray with them, and if it was granted to him, he should admonish them out of the Word, which advice he accepted, and was blessed so he could minister unto them, and so preached to them until his death, in 1892. In 1881, Bro. William Heintz and family came here from Alsace Lorraine. He also was made minister and served faithfully until his death in 1924. All these folks were factory workers. Then in 1886, Bro. Jacob Lanz, with five sons and two daughters, came here from Kanton Bern, Switzerland. They were farmers. Also from this time on, several young unmarried folks came here, were converted and married.

Until this time, they met on Sunday either at Bro. Ludwig's or Bro. Heintz's home. The number of members had now grown to between 30 or 35. In 1891, they built a little church on Fox Hill, Rockville.

In 1893, Bro. Urs Isch and Bro. Alfred Schneider and families came here from Switzerland. Both of these brothers had been called to the ministry in their former homes, and so served here.

For a time, Bro. Joseph Bella

looked after the members here, he being an elder, but age prevented him from further work, so in 1895, Bro. Isch was ordained, by Bro. Reeb from Ill. Bro. Isch died, in 1898. The same year, Bro. John Trittenbach from Kanton Zurich came to America and settled in West Hoboken. He was elder in Switzerland, and so had the oversight of the churches in West Hoboken, Rockville and Lewis County, N.Y., where there are churches in Croghan and Naumburg. He served faithfully until his death in 1917.

In the period 1895-1905, several families came here. Bro. Adolph Bahler and Bro. Gottfried Bahler, who had first settled in Illinois, also Bro. Rudolph Gottier, Bro. Fred Hoffman. Bro. Fred Gerber, Bro. Christian Gerber, Bro. Sam Kupferschmid, Bro. Fritz Luginbuhl, Sis. Marianna Wuthrich and their families and others came.

With the coming of these members, the little church on Fox Hill became too small, the number of members being close to 100. More room was needed, and the location of the church was rather inconvenient. Another more suitable place was found, and in 1899, a church was built which could accommodate about 200. This building burned to the ground April 19, 1908. On the same foundation a church was built, which at two different times was enlarged, however, again became inadequate, and a new edifice was started on a new location, Middle Butcher Road, Ellington, Conn., at a cost of \$200,000, in 1953. The dedication of the new church was held November, 1954. In 1961, educational facilities consisting of nine classrooms were added at the cost of approximately \$50,000.

In 1905, Bro. Trittenbach moved to Rockville, and after his death in 1917, Bro. Christian Gerber was ordained elder. He served until 1932. After 1932, Bro. Earnest Graf Sr. of Akron was our elder until 1943, when Bro. John Bahler was ordained. Bros. Ernest Luginbuhl, Ernest Gerber and Albert Schneider also serve our congregation.

Our Sunday School was started in 1887, Bro. Frank Ludwig being teacher in German until 1927, when the English language became necessary.

For the countless blessings received, may the name of God be praised and glorified, and may the children of God always be as a city on a hill, as a testimony of the saving grace of God through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

### BERN, KANSAS

**Mrs. Leonard Baumgartner**

Our visiting minister this month was Bro. Vernon Leman from Eureka, who was accompanied by his wife and two boys.

Some from our church visited the Apostolic Christian Home, to sing hymns and meet with our aged members and friends.

Sis. Anna Garber, who is a resident of the Home, sustained a bone fracture.

On Sept. 1, the Lehman Reunion was held in our community. There were a number of visitors for this gathering.

We enjoyed the many visitors who stopped in our church, on their vacations to Colorado and other parts of interest.

Bro. and Sis. Lou Baumgartner and Emma Hanni have returned from a six-weeks' visit with relatives in Switzerland. They enjoyed visiting our churches in Germany and Switzerland.

A picnic was held in Topeka for Ronnie Strahm and Delwin Meyer, who are home on leave, and for our members and friends living at Topeka.

Our church assembly room was newly papered this month.

Bro. and Sis. Lester Hartter and Emil Strahms are vacationing on the west coast, and visiting our churches there.

The Sunday School started again on Sept. 1. The elected teachers are: Bros. Joe Rokey—Supt., Harlan Stoller, Alvin Strahm, Louis Meyer Jr., Sisters Jeanette Strahm and Lola Luthi. We pray that God will bless our Sunday School this year.

Bro. and Sis. Melvin Rokey and boys spent a week in the Black Hills, and attended the Lester church.

Young people from our church who are planning to start college this fall are Barbara Strahm, Garry Rokey, and Wilfred Strahm.

### SHUT-IN

Submitted by Mrs. Lester Hartter

I asked Sis. Lillian Edelman for a shut-in feature of her mother,



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which she kindly obliged with:

Among our members, we have an aged sister, Sis. Minnie Schrock, widow of Ben Schrock.

Sis. Minnie has been at the Apostolic Home at Sabetha for a year and a half. Jan. 3, 1962, she fell and broke her leg. She has been a wheel-chair and bed patient since. She does some handwork.

She loves receiving mail and hearing from her children and friends, and enjoys visitors.

She misses assembling with her loved ones, but hears the Sunday service by transmission. She is thankful for that.

Sis. Minnie was born near Bern, on March 9, 1880. Her parents were Simon and Elisabeth Bauman. In 1902, she was united in marriage to Ben Schrock, and lived on a farm near Bern. In 1951, they moved to Sabetha. Ben passed away Jan. 25, 1953.

There are three children, George and Delmar of Hazelton, Kan., and Sis. Lillian Edelman of Bern, seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Sis. Minnie is firm in her faith, that the Lord who has helped her until now will help her until the end.

**ELGIN, IOWA**

**Reporter: Mrs. George Butikofer**  
**IF**

If you can keep the faith when those about you  
Are losing it, and seeking some thing new;  
If you can stand the firmer, though they flout you  
As being simple and old fashioned, too;  
If you can put your hand in Christ's and feeling  
The marks of Calvary's scars upon your palm,  
Can gladly say "Amen" to all His dealing,  
Or change the sigh into a joyous psalm;  
If you can smile when human hopes are banished,  
When castles fall and cherished prospects die;  
And just keep on, though earthly props have vanished,

Content to see the pattern by and by;

If you can meet abuse without complaining,

And greet your unkind critic with a smile,

If, conscious that your human love is waning,

You claim a Calvary love that knows no guile;

If you can bear the unjust imputation

Without a murmur or revengeful thought,

And even forfeit rights and reputation,

Because His glory is the one thing sought;

If you can give an honest commendation

To him whose work looms larger than your own,

Or scorn to speak the word of condemnation

To him who falls or reaps what he has sown;

If you can give consent to Calvary's dying,

And live again in resurrection power;

If you can claim the victory, with your trying

And resting in His triumph every hour;

If you can be content with His provision,

Though others seem to prosper and succeed;

Nor let repining mar the heavenly vision,

And simply trust in God for every need;

If you can find in Him your highest treasure,

Let Him hold sway o'er heart and soul and limb,

Then LIFE is yours, and blessing without measure,

And — what is more — **YOU'LL LIVE AND REIGN WITH HIM!**

Sis. Mrs. Marie Butikofer, who submitted to foot surgery at the St. Mary's Hospital at Quincy, is staying at the Will Butikofer home, recuperating. Her doctor informed

her that she may be able to return to her home here about the 19th of September. We are happy to report that she is getting along satisfactorily.

Sis. Sarah Schupbach was delighted to have some of her folks visit here a few days. They were Sis. Eula Maibach, Sis. Emma Wackerle, and Sis. Eldine Wackerle from Detroit, and Sis. Aldine Wackerle from Ft. Lauderdale.

As visiting ministers of the gospel, we were blest by having Bros. Cleo Rinkenberger from Pulaski and Clarence Kachelmuss from Forrest stop by to render us some inspirational messages. Their wives accompanied them. Bro. and Sis. Andy Lehman from Forrest were travelling along with the Kachelmuss'. We thoroughly enjoyed their visit, and hope they can come again.

Bro. Philip Gutwein went home. Often, years ago, Silver Lining readers would see his name and read his message.

Often, his footstep would enter a church where children of God would listen.

If memory is right, he originally prepared the lead leaf, the first printed page not a hymn, of our Zion's Harp hymnal. It was carried over and enlarged from our small hymnal.

Now, his lips are silent, his hand is still, his typewriter quiet. But the good he has done goes on. His deeds take shape in hearts of flesh taught with things divine.

He Spoke of the Cross.

The cross he pointed his crowd to . . . where the clouds were breaking . . . the beautiful shining . . . the glorious cross was his victory. Yes, Brother Philip has gone home . . . but the cross shines on . . . God's children shall gain the heights . . .

We shall gain the victory. Nothing shall be impossible, for faith breaks in our eyes, and the cross is on our soul. the editor

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