

“Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not high-minded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy;

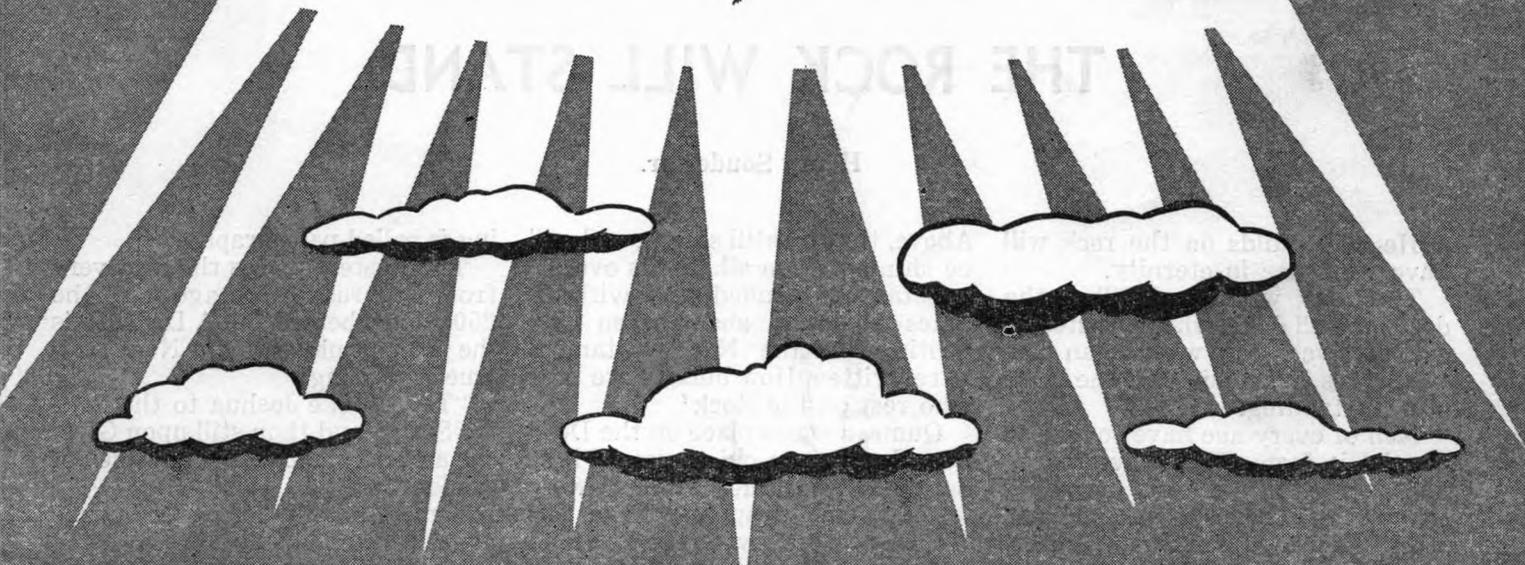
That they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate;

Laying up in store for themselves a good founda-

tion against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.

O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called:

Which some professing have erred concerning the faith. Grace be with thee. Amen.”



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

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STRANGE FAITH

Bro. Willis R. Ehnle

Brother Yamazaki and I were walking toward Omori train station from the bus stop. A nicely dressed, well-built, middle-aged gentleman, who had apparently noticed that Yamazaki was handicapped by the way he walked, began talking to him. The gentleman said something about being cured by faith, but Yamazaki said he didn't believe in that sort of thing. This only stirred his anger, but Yamazaki and I continued walking.

We had purchased our tickets to

return to downtown Tokyo, when I noticed the man had followed us and was talking to us again. In response, I asked him, "Who do you believe on and to whom do you pray for the healing of the handicapped?" (He had said he knew several cases where handicapped persons were healed.)

In reply to my question the man said, "Nichiren." I said, "That's Buddhism, isn't it," and he replied, "Yes." I then said, "Nichiren is an idol, isn't it?" He became a little excited, saying first, "No it isn't",

then, "Yes it is." I said, "We believe in the Almighty God." He replied quickly, "There is no such God."

Brother Yamazaki told me later that the man is a high school teacher, according to the name card received from him.

I am now left to ponder, how it is that a person who at least belatedly acknowledges his god to be an idol, still trusts that god to perform a miracle, while steadfastly asserting that there is no almighty God.

THE ROCK WILL STAND

Henry Souder Jr.

He who builds on the rock will have residence in eternity.

The Rock will stand. When the deeds are all done, when the storms are all over, and when man has taught his last session . . . the Rock will be standing.

Men of every age have sought to cloud His facts. They have reared idols, only to find the swirling sands of time cover them and their idols. They have launched theories, only to blow them apart with new ones. They have excluded God, and God has left them to their own delusions.

"Give glory to the Lord your God . . ."

Man has to strike with the midnight issues of his own soul to reach the sure shore.

To waken to the quickening hand of God, those first hours when light shines in, is to see the landscape as it is. But it is these first, terse engagements that are crisis points of eternity. God can lead out of any terrain. Any mount is surmountable to His power.

"Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

There is only one thing that blocks you from the road to this, and that is blocks in your heart.

Above, the sun still shines, and will be shining when all this is over.

Satan has deluded some with his dates of doubt, about when holy writings of the New Testament were written. How blessed are they who rest on the Rock!

Qumran was a place on the Dead Sea. Some very old copies of holy Scripture and other writings were found. Linen wrappings from this discovery were given a test, to find from what age they were.

Background of the writings shows they come from the same period of history as the New Testament. The general time period pointed to 33 A.D.!

" . . . we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty."

The Rock stands! Through the midnight darkness of every man, at some time or other, the clouds are cleft, and He may see the banner waving. If he would but follow its gleam, sure fact would unveil glory he little dreams.

Records of writing of many ages have been studied. Each age has left its clues. Men have organized it into a system. The study of writ-

ing is called paleography.

This system places the discovery from Qumran in the age from the 250 years before 70 A.D. This is the paleographic style of New Testament writing!

"Then spake Joshua to the Lord . . . Sun, stand thou still upon Gibeon; and thou, Moon, in the valley of Ajalon."

Some of man's time records were gone through. Only those using solar motions were used. The work was careful, and rechecked. The work went forward in ancient re-

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cord to the long day recorded. The answer, Tuesday, July 22. Then, the work went back to the long day. The answer, Wednesday, July 22. One day is missing from man's calendar, 23 hours and 20 minutes.

"So the sun stood still in the midst of heaven, and hastened not to go down a whole day."

Astronomy showed, to someone studying, 24 hours missing. Man's checking showed 23 hours, 20 minutes. The Scriptures in the book of Joshua shows "about a whole day". Forty minutes, or ten degrees on the sun dial, make the full 24 hours. The book of Isaiah

records, ". . . the sun returned ten degrees, by which degrees it was gone down."

Some day all "shall know whose words shall stand, mine, or their's."

We don't want it to be too late. If something should happen, and you would slip into eternity unprepared, the day would be gone.

Ruins of ancient copper smelters, from the time of Solomon, were found on the Gulf of Aqaba. The buildings were so placed that wind, funneling down the valley, would provide draft for the smelting! Pottery fragments show the habitation of the cities in Abraham's time.

Egyptian titles and methods are discovered like some in the record about Joseph.

"Thy word is true from the beginning: and every one of thy righteous judgments endureth for ever."

In the catacombs, there were names recorded in the time of Nero. Many of these are identical with those in Romans 16. Zacchaeus climbed up into a sycamore tree at Jericho. A piece of sycamore wood was found in the ruins of New Testament Jericho!

A certain man who lived in Ohio (Continued on Page 24)

NEWS

BAY CITY, MICHIGAN

Marlene Mosher
Faye Wackerle

Our visiting ministers, who shared their Sabbath with us this past month, were Brothers Ed Ringger from Gridley, Albert Schneider from Rockville, Phil Wingier from Alto, Albert Wuthrich from Pulaski, and George Lambert from Wichita. Their wives were here visiting, also.

We truly enjoyed the wonderful words of life that were spoken to us, and may they impart a blessing to all who heard them. One of the brothers spoke on the lukewarm church, Revelation, chapter 3, that we must ever be on guard against such a deplorable condition.

There were many other brothers and sisters from our various churches who gathered with us. It is always again so refreshing in the spirit, to meet and greet those of our loved ones, whom we haven't seen for some time.

Births: To Bro. and Sis. Floyd and Marian Knochel a girl, Brenda Sue — July 17; to Bro. and Sis. Robert and Betty Schlatter, a girl, Peggy Sue—Sept. 23; and to Bro. and Sis. Joe and Dorothy Ramseyer, a boy, Clay Francis—Sept. 25.

Bro. Daryl Wieland has undergone surgery. He is at home now, doing fine.

Revelation, Chapter 3, Verse 19

"As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent."

Repentance takes place inside a man, but it can be seen on the outside.

Ugly words are replaced, not only by discreet silence, but by outright kindness. Frictions in family life are healed, and healthy agreement takes the place of disagreement. Dishonesty turns into honesty, spiritual disturbance into spiritual composure, and self-righteousness into the reverence and meekness that is characteristic of the forgiven son of God.

For The Believer

Repentance is not a once-in-a-year sort of thing. It goes on everyday, touching the tiniest details of life. It has only one fear, of displeasing God. It has only one motive, to please God. It has only one end, a life full of joy of forgiveness, constantly uplifted by the Spirit of God, and constantly bearing fruit worthy of God's great gift, of true repentance and true faith.

For The Friend

"Repent", said John, ". . . the kingdom of heaven is at hand." Repent, therefore, all you that have ears to hear. Luke 13:3—"I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish."

BERN, KANSAS

Mrs. Lester Hartter

Bro. Louis Baumgartner was re-elected trustee for the Apostolic Home for the aged. Emma Hanni is a new part-time employee there. Bro. Wm. Strahm, a resident, observed his 99th birthday.

The Bro. Alpha Strahms have returned safely from their trip abroad. Sis. Emma Strahm has returned from California.

We enjoyed our scenic trip to the Pacific Northwest and visiting Portland and Silverton church-

es and with Sis. Golda Ditch and her husband, Lowell, at Medford, Oregon and parts of California. Never to be forgotten is the memory of driving in the clouds (big fleecy, white ones) on our return home though "Big Sky" country, and the many beautiful rainbows witnessed through the rain. I believe this was in Montana. Then the Grand Tetons, snow-covered, make one rejoice in God's handiwork.

At this writing, Lester and I have returned from spending Sunday with the Wichita church. It is always interesting to drive through the "Flint Hills," and we especially enjoyed this journey.

"Why not now? Why not now? Why not come to Jesus now?" Morris and Marjorie Edelman and Wilfred Strahm have heeded the call and henceforth wish to live for Him.

Bro. Fred and Sis. Lena Lehman observed their 64th wedding anniversary this month. Their eight children are all married and living in other states, excepting Reuben and Roy, who live in Sabetha and Hiawatha.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

I thank Thee, God, for these—the commonplace:

My home, my bed at night, a child's embrace;

An humble church where I may worship, too . . .

For rainy days and little tasks to do.

I thank Thee, God, that such a lovely thing

As setting sun at end of day can bring

Me ecstasy; for living friends who care.

I thank Thee for the privilege to share

Thy blessings and assurance as I live—and when I err,
I need but ask Thee, Lord; Thou wilt forgive!

History

In early days, this was Indian territory. In 1870, some of our people came. They had some frightening times, we have heard. When enough located, they of course wished to build a church.

On Oct. 14, 1880, a charter was established at Seneca, Nemaha Co., Ks. The purpose of the corporation was for worshipping God, diffusing the word of God and spreading the Christian religion and principles of truth, brotherhood and integrity. The following were founding fathers: John Leuthold, Christian Aeschliman, Adolph Marti and John Wenger. Incidentally, the last named gave 2 acres of land for the church and adjoining cemetery. (Many dear ones are sleeping here.)

After meeting in homes for some time, in 1895 an assembly room of about 42x64 was erected, facing north and south, on a good high location in Washington township. This inviting, white edifice is a landmark for many miles around. There was also a small building, 24x36, north of the new building used as a Sunday School, and in winter, German school was taught, with the first teacher being Gottlieb Hohulin of Goodfield. Other teachers in following years were Bro. Christ Heiniger and his son, John, and Bro. Rudolph Locher. That same year, 1895, an addition was built, to form a T, to be used for dining.

The first trustees were Andrew Rokey, Jacob Reinhart and Johan Messerli. A Bro. Jacob Grunder made a hearse from a spring wagon, with holes in the floor for pegs to hold the casket, and then covered with a black shroud.

An older brother would like me to tell of the love and high esteem shown. One outstanding incident was in 1903. As some brethren passed by, on the road where Bro. John Heiniger was standing, he removed his hat, clasped hands and with bowed head waited till they were gone.

The ministers from 1890 on were Bros. Jacob Leuthold, Gottlieb Streit, John Plattner, Matthias Strahm Sr., John Wenger, Christ Heiniger, Jacob Edelman, Rudolph Locher, John Moser and Joseph Wittmer. These have all gone to their reward. Bros. Lester Hartter, Harvey Grimm and Alpha Strahm Jr. are present workers in the Master's vineyard.

About 15 years ago, remodeling took place, with a full basement and Sunday School rooms, rest rooms, dining room and kitchen.

I wish to thank Bro. Roy Rokey and Bro. Menno Steiner for the information they gave me.

I might mention the elders were John Plattner, Jacob Edelman, Rudolph Locher, and Joseph Wittmer, with Lester Hartter our present elder.

We appreciate Bertha Liechti handing us an old anniversary edition of the Bern paper, covering news from 1889 to 1929.

Her father, Christ, was an early settler. Many of the people in the community came from Bern, Switzerland. This is how Bern, Kansas, received its name. Kansas is the geographical center of our nation.

The first flour mill owner was Simon Leuthy, and the proprietor of a meat market was a Schrock. Before the bank was organized, an old sock or small box served as a depository for funds, until one or the other of the Bern merchants made a weekly trip to Sabetha or Seneca, to do the banking for all.

It mentioned that Bern is located on a high and rolling prairie, at an elevation of 1300 feet.

Leuthold Brothers, these progressive young men operated the dray and transfer line. They were reared on a farm south of Bern, the sons of Bro. Emil Leuthold. They bought the lines of Bro. Ben Hartter. It says they are accommodating and right on the job all the time.

Bro. Dan Steiner and the late Bro. Ed Steiner operated a cider mill, and spent the time between seasons operating their threshing machine. Later on, they converted the mill into one of the first electric light plants in Kansas.

It states that the business district was about wiped out by a fire in 1898. Also, a bad tornado or two destroyed much property.

And the last item: The fastest thing yet is old Father Time, in this fast age and time.

JAPAN

Yoshio Yamazaki

Now Japan is time of harvest, so when we visit in the country, we can see lots of people are growing fruit, vegetables, and other things, such as rice and wheat. We can see that many places in the world receive lots of God's blessings. However, I am thinking the people are busy for these things, but not for serving the Lord. The Scripture says, "Therefore said he unto them, The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few : . ." Luke 10:2. So we Christians should do the Lord's work more earnestly. It is very strange if we Christians do not work harder than the idol worshippers.

On September 22, communion services were held at the country churches, Shioda and Tamahata, and, September 29, also we had the Lord's Supper at Tokyo church. There was pretty good attendance. Tokyo church attendance was 13 members, all together. Our church members here in Japan are 10 brothers and 23 sisters.

On the 15th of September, Sunday afternoon, we had a little fire in the Shioda church, but fortunately, we burned only the kerosene stove. At that time, Obasan was not there, but Bro. Kimio Akao was there. He burned his arm and feet a little bit, but he tried to stop the fire.

Our Sunday School here in Tokyo is growing now. Lots of Sunday School children are coming. Four sisters are taking care of them. Here in Japan, Sunday School is very difficult these days, because TV sets are very popular around Japan even in the country; also, people are much interested about material things, not spiritual.

Praise the Lord, our beloved Bro. Yoshito Inoue is much better now; however, he can't go back to his school yet, because not enough health yet, so I ask you brothers and sisters to pray for him and also our spiritual salvation in Japan.

MILFORD, INDIANA

Arthur Haab

I wish to thank Sis. Ilene Kammerer for the excellent job of sub-

stituting for me this summer, while we were in summer school.

Our visiting ministers this past month were Brothers George Lambert, Henry Souder (Bremen), and Ben Zimmerman. Elder Brother George Yergler was also with us and assisted in serving holy communion. We thank them for their labors and words of inspiration with us.

Sunday School promotion was Sept. 29, with a program in the evening.

Our dear old aged brother, David Buser, continues to be in very serious condition in the Fort Wayne Veteran's Hospital.

Friend Virginia Hartter Hoover, daughter of Bro. Elmer and Sis. Flossie Hartter, is repenting.

It gave us great pleasure to hear the announcement of the approaching marriage of Sis. Irma Haab to Bro. Willard Stoller of Latty. May the Lord bless them in their new undertaking.

WINTHROP, MINNESOTA

Linda and Melva Messner

Sunday evening, Sept. 1, we had our monthly singing at church.

We always enjoy the Christian fellowship of our visitors.

Among those who visited this month were Bro. Duane and Sis. Lucille Schmidt and daughter, Bro. Ivan and Sis. Evelyn Schmidt and family from West Bend. Singing was held at Bro. Elmer Schmidt's home that evening, Sept. 8.

Bro. John and Sis. Lizzie Schmidgall from Hancock spent the week of Sept. 22 in our vicinity, visiting their children.

It has been said, the greatest sermon ever preached is the one that is lived: The more we share our bread to the hungry and cover the naked with garments; the more we relieve the stranger and visit those that are sick; the more kind offices we do to those that groan under the various evils of human life, the greater the recompense we have for our soul.

We have set up a new rotation voting system, and have elected new officers to the different church committees. The new assistant Sunday School teachers are Sis. Lillian Pfister and Bro. Le Roy Messner. Bro. Donald Miller and Bro. Dennis Messner are the new song leaders.

AKRON, OHIO

Grace Schuckert

LOVE AND FELLOWSHIP

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16

Most closely to be compared with this great redemptive love of God, as Elder Brother John Bahler mentioned in his recent service, is the filial love, of which we first tasted in our mother's arms. The tender, profound and sympathizing love of our parents is often not fully realized until the grave closes over them, or we have children of our own. How fortunate we were, who as children, were early taught to pray, by example and practice.

In the adolescent years that followed, the affection and love of our chums and friends became of paramount importance in our lives.

As adults, which meant for some a closer contact with the world, we learned that not always love, but profit and politics sometime rule.

For many of us, ecounter with this noble charity was in seeking our soul's salvation, in taking this most important step in life. We realized this would be impossible, had it not been for the divine love of God which gave His Son to suffer and die on Calvary's cross. It is the love and goodness of God that leads souls to repentance. Grace to do right, a love for God's way, and a hatred for sin comes only through "faith which worketh by love."

The converted soul can say, "the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me."

True love is one that forgives and forgets. An unforgiving spirit can become a very disturbing burden. We are humbly grateful that we can use our mistakes as opportunities to be sorry and make new beginnings.

In days of illness and sorrow, the value of Christian love and fellowship cannot be measured. A letter recently written by a now hospitalized sister in another state reads, "I believe it is the divine love of God which binds true friends together, and by His Spirit we are moved to share with one another our thoughts and cares, as we travel our sometimes steep and thorny path on towards Zion."

The second most important step

in our lifetime, and one where love again holds sway is a Christian marriage. It is a divine institution, and as stated by Elder Bro. Theo Beer, not made by man, but by God. The parents responsibility is bringing the children up in the fear and admonition of the Lord. It is God's intention and will that it be permanent. Along with its burdens and responsibilities, in a marriage between converted persons, what husband and wife with mutual affection for each other have not felt marriage to be a means of grace, an opportunity for advancement in spiritual things, and a great measure of God's love in their hearts?

Quoting from Elder Bro. John Bahler's sermon, he said, "When at last faith and hope shall become sight, only then shall God's great love to us be fully manifest."

By a deeper love and a closer fellowship with the Master, may we prepare our souls for eternity.

The word of God was richly blessed to us all, when Bro. Albert and Sis. Elizabeth Wuthrich of the Pulaski church visited us. He spoke of the experience of a blacksmith, who after his conversion met with many reverses in life, and so was asked by a friend why this should be so. His answer was, that in making a tool, the metal must first be heated, beaten, tempered and formed, and if the metal fails, it is cast aside as a worthless tool. He compared this to the Christian life, in which we, too, are prepared and fitted, and if we fail in any of these processes, we shall likewise on judgment day be cast away, for only by the fulfillment of the word of God, the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and prayer can we have a place in the eternal heritage.

We were privileged to enjoy the visitors who were guests of Bro. Arthur and Sis. Audrey Graf. Coming from Rockville were Audreys' mother, Sis. Olga Bahler, also her brother and cousin, the Owen Bahlers and the Lee Bahlers. It was a surprise and a pleasure to find a former Akronite, Bro. Ben Ammann from Venice, California, in our midst. He and his father, the late Bro. Fred Ammann, were associated in the watch and clock repair business here for many years. Ben moved to the Los Angeles area in 1955. It brought much rejoicing to his father's last days, when in 1958, Ben heeded the call of the

Lord, and was baptized in the Maywood church, the Sunday before his father passed on. Bro. Ben has brothers and sisters living here and at the coast. Many of the Rittman young members worshipped with us.

It was inspiring to our elderly sister, Anna Rupp, and to Bro. Paul and Sis. Gangel, when they later gathered in these homes to sing hymns. It prompted the statement of our dear, sick sister, Elizabeth, that since we can here already so greatly enjoy such sweet melodies of earth, how wonderful heaven must be. It holds the promise of a more glad refrain. Supper was served in the Ernest Graf home, and they then joined us in the evening song service.

Andrew Leidal has returned home and is doing nicely, with the aid of crutches, after ten weeks in an Akron Hospital.

A little girl, Lisa Marie, was born to Mary Ann and Vernon Mullet. Mary Ann is the daughter of Sis. Katherine and Bro. Larry Ries. Gabriel Balazs and his wife, Mary, who reside at State College, Pa., are the happy parents of their first child, a son, Gabriel Bryan. Mary is the daughter of the Philip Webbers.

The Webbers' son, Philip Jr., has recently enrolled and begun his first year at Earlham college in Richmond, Indiana. He will appreciate a visit from anyone in the vicinity. We are glad to have Bro. Robert Indermuhle from Sardis in our midst again. This is his third year at Kent State University. Bro. Paul Gasser from the Rittman church is now employed and living here. He and his brother, David, an Akron University student who formerly lived with the Webbers, are now at home at 607 Allyn St.

Step by Step

Submitted by former reporter,
Ruth Taylor

He does not lead me year by year,
Nor even day by day,
But step by step my path unfolds;
My Lord directs my way.

Tomorrow's plans I do not know;
I only know the minute,
But He will say, "This is the way;
By faith now walk ye in it."

And I am glad that it is so.
Today's enough to bear,

And when tomorrow comes, His
grace
Shall far exceed its care.

What need to worry then, or fret?
The God who gave His Son
Holds all my moments in His hand
And gives them, one by one.

We will revert from Daylight
Savings to Eastern Standard Time,
effective Sunday, October 27.

FORT SCOTT, KANSAS

Marie Zaugg

Ministers visiting our congregation this month were Bro. Ben Banwart, Lamar, and Elder Brother Sam Anliker of Lamont. We thank them for ministering God's Word of truth and Life to us. May we all strive not only to have more faith, but also works, as is becoming a child of God. With Bro. Ben were his wife, Sis. Banwart, and Sisters Marie and Pearl Banwart.

Bro. Clarence Zaugg of West Bend was here a couple days. It was his first visit here.

Bro. Gaylord Blunier of Roanoke spent a Sunday with us, while working near Excelsior Springs, Missouri.

Bro. George Bahr is here for an indefinite stay with Bro. and Sis. Jim Bahr and family.

Bro. and Sis. Harlan Kaiser and son, David, of Morton, visited with Bro. and Sis. Martin Hohulin and family, on their way home from Colorado.

"Forgive Me When I Whine"

With some changes for the glorious
outlook.

Today upon a bus I saw
A lovely maid with golden hair;
A human soul—she seemed so
gay—
When suddenly she arose to
leave.

I saw her hobble down the aisle;
She had one foot and used a
crutch,
But as she passed — a smile,
O God, forgive me when I whine;
I have Thy grace—and heav'n is
mine.

And when I stopped to buy some
sweets,
The lad who served me had such
charm.

He seemed to radiate good cheer;
His manner was so kind and
warm.

I said, "It's nice to deal with you,
Such courtesy I seldom find."

He turned and said "O thank you
sir",
And then I saw that he was
blind.
O God, forgive me when I whine;
I have thy love — —and heav'n
is mine.

Then, when walking down the
street,
I saw a child with eyes of blue.
He stood and watched the others
play;
It seemed he knew not what to
do.

I stopped a moment, then I said,
"Why don't you join the others,
dear?"

He looked ahead without a word,
And then I knew—he couldn't
hear.

O God, forgive me when I whine;
I have so much—and heav'n
is mine.

With feet to take me where I go,
With eyes to see the sunset's
glow

With ears to hear what I would
know,
I'm blessed indeed—and heav'n
is mine.

O God, forgive me when I whine.

FORT SAM HOUSTON, TEXAS

Paul and Kathy Haab

To all who trust in the Lord, the words of the 91st Psalm are of special comfort, but especially so to those who, in the service of their country, are called to go to foreign lands, for it is a testimony of the Lord's guidance and protection. ". . . Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day . . . For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways . . ."

This month, it was the lot of two of our friends to be sent overseas, and we look to the Lord to give His angels charge over them. Tom Kipfer's parents, Bro. Herman and Sis. Gladys Kipfer, and two aunts, Sis. Frances and Sis. Frieda Kipfer, of Bluffton spent the Sept. 1 week end with Tom, before he left for Germany. Also leaving for Germany this month was John Kaupp, of Gridley, Illinois. We trust that you will remember them in your prayers.

Three others received stateside orders: Rich Moser (Cissna Park), who has recently turned to the Lord, was sent to Ft. Monroe, Virginia; Bro. Jim Hohulin (Good-

field) to Ft. Hood, Texas; and Bro. Joe Steiner (Tremont) to Ft. Riley, Kansas. We will miss them all, and we pray that the Lord will provide for them. Bro. Jim will be with us on week ends, whenever possible, driving down from Ft. Hood with Bro. Ben and Sis. Janice Wysong.

This month, we welcomed two new arrivals to our group, Dennis Feucht and Bro. Herman Braun, both of Elgin, Illinois. Their addresses are:

Pvt Dennis Feucht
Co D 2nd Bn USAMTC
Class 4-B
Fort Sam Houston Texas

Pvt Herman Braun
Co D 3rd Bn USAMTC
Class 5-B
Fort Sam Houston, Texas

Other visitors Sept. 1 were Ron and Sis. Janet Blumenshines' families: Mrs. Anna Blumenshine of Peoria; Bro. Les and Sis. Martha Wagenbach of Washington, Ill.; and Sis. Janet's brother and family, Bro. Don and Sis. Marie Wagenbach and children of Tremont.

On September 8, we were privileged to have Bro. George and Sis. Louise Gramm of Gridley, Ill., with us, and appreciated hearing the precious Word spoken to us by Bro. George. Bro. Robert Young, of our Wichita church, flew alone to San Antonio on Sept. 22, to minister unto us. Once again we were blessed by hearing the inspired Word of God.

Visiting ministers for the coming weeks are as follows:

Oakville, October 27;
Wolcott, November 10;
Roanoke, November 24

You may contact any of the couples listed below by mail, or your reporters (Paul and Kathy Haab) by phone: TAYlor 4-6585. We also want to make our phone available to any families who want to get in touch with their sons here. We will be happy to help with any messages or in any other way that we can.

John and Carol Steiner
115 Davis Court
San Antonio 9 Texas

Ron and Janet Blumenshine
202 Carnahan

San Antonio 9 Texas

Garry and Lois Bucher
115 - B Pershing Avenue
San Antonio 9 Texas
(temporary)

Paul and Kathy Haab
205 Queen Anna Court Apt 2
San Antonio 9 Texas

The zip code for all four addresses is 78209.

Following are a few current available address changes:

Pvt Richard Moser US55758531
USA Gar 2124
Fort Monroe Virginia

Pvt John F Kaupp US 55757983
Hq & A Co 24th Med Bn
APO 112
New York New York

Pvt Albert D Steffen
Co A - 3rd Bn USAMTC
Class 18 - A
Fort Sam Houston Texas

LESTER, IOWA Emelie M. Knobloch

Birth: To Mr. and Mrs. Orvie Knobloch, a son, Jerry Gene, on September 19.

Among the ill: Sister Julia Knobloch is recuperating at home and is able to attend church again. Bro. August Knobloch is slowly improving in an Algona hospital.

Sisters Pauline Gerber, Naomi Knobloch, Marion Schmidgal, Sharon Olson, and Bro. William Knobloch spent a few days in New York, where they met Bro. Wayne Gerber, returning from his tour of duty in Europe. Bro. Wayne is a son of Bro. and Sis. Theodore Gerber of this community. The single members of our church were invited to Oakville, October 5, and they met Gerbers, enroute to their home here.

Word was received of the passing of Sis. Marie Veirling of Peoria. Marie was a sister of Sis. Pauline, of this community. May God's word of sympathy be shared unto her and her family.

An announcement was made known of the engagement and approaching marriage of Bro. Alfred Feucht and Sis. Marie Moser of Elgin (Ill.). May God grant his blessing on their future step in life.

Sis. Rose Knapp of Portland wished that I would express her ap-

preciation for all the willing deeds and words of comfort during the illness and passing of her husband. May God shower his blessings on those who shared such unto her.

The following engagements have been made known: Dale Metzger, son of Bro. and Sis. Jacob Metzger, and Christine Knapp, daughter of George Knapp of Goodfield; Rosella Kellenberger, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Henry Kellenberger, and Robert Metzger, son of Sis. Ruth Metzger of Elgin (Ill.); and Linda Knobloch, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Martin Knobloch, and Ralph Knapp, son of Bro. and Sis. Ben Knapp of Congerville. May God's guidance be shared on these young folks, in their new step of life.

RITTMAN, OHIO Ella Mae Trent

A ministering brother visiting our congregation could express the feeling of many of his co-workers, when he said that in the olden days there could be "3000 souls converted, reformed, transformed by one sermon. And today it seems its just the reverse. It takes 3000 sermons" before one soul is transformed and reformed. Truly, the undertakings and responsibilities of our ministers and elders are great, because they concern the souls of men. How encouraging it is to those who minister, and to all of the household of faith, when there are still souls willing to forsake all the "enticements of the world" to seek the blessings of a Christian life. Two more hearts won by the persuasion of our Father's love are Everett Beery, son of Howard and Sis. Lucille Beery, and his wife, Carol, daughter of Bro. Isaac and Sis. Merle Rufener.

New brothers and sisters of our congregation, who on Sept. 28 gave testimony of what God has done for them and on Sept. 29 were baptized, include Sisters Bonnie & Betty Riggerbach, Sis. Joyce Marty, Bro. Andrew Stoller, and Bro. Merle Hartzler.

If man knew the blessing,
We enjoy in Thee,
Far more would be willing
Now to follow Thee.

Those hospitalized at this writing are Sis. Naomi Imhoff and infant Betsy Bauman, daughter of Bro. Robert and Sis. Betty. At home, following a brief hospital-

ization, is Danny Saurer, son of Bro. Harry and Sis. Esther. As our Lord healed sick folk in Nazareth, so can he heal today.

Bro. Paul and Sis. Irene Emch have departed to their new home in Arizona. May God abide with you in your new abode.

Welcomed faces among us again are Bro. John and Sis. Thelma Rigenbach, returned from a tour of military duty in Germany; also, Sis. Lena Blatter, our oldest shut-in, who assembled with us recently. We miss the fellowship of each one who cannot assemble with us and would remember each in our prayers.

Bro. Albert Wuthrich of Pulas-ki, Bro. Lawrence Emch, Girard, and Bros. Ernest and Rudolph Graf of Akron found time to bring God's word to us. May God add the increase to the seeds you have sown.

Bro. Addison and Sis. Gloria Widmer are parents of a new daughter, Tena Marie, born October 3. What an advantage she has to be born into a Christian home.

SABETHA, KANSAS Mrs. Theodore Locher

Go all the way to be a Christian. Life's greatest tragedy is to lose God and never even miss him.

Sunday, Sept. 29, we were blessed with the inspiring Word of God, by our visiting minister, Bro. Sam Huber of Gridley, Kansas. While here, they visited an aunt, Sarah Buckley, who is at the Apostolic Christian home. Sis. Mathilda Beyer accompanied them here, to visit with her aunt, Frederika Schif, who is also at the home.

Bro. Charley Greggs of Topeka has spent several weeks in and out of the Stormont Vail Hospital, suffering with a heart ailment.

Donald Strahm, son of Bro. Paul and Sis. Helen, who is a patient at the Kansas University Medical Center, submitted to minor surgery. He is doing well.

Bro. Joe Stoller passed away suddenly at his home, Sept. 21. Funeral services were held on Tuesday, the 24th, by Bros. Eugene Marti and Lester Hartter. Bro. Joe lent himself willingly to the service of the church. We will greatly miss Bro. Joe.

Change of address:

Eldon Metzger
2337 Edgewater
Topeka Kansas

Births:

A son, born to Bro. Eldon and Sis. Dorene Metzger, on Sept. 18, named Paige Allen; grandparents are Bro. Loren and Sis. Liseten Strahm, Bro. Philip and Sis. Bertha Metzger.

A daughter, Selina Sue, to Linda Sue and Larry Bailey, on Sept. 8. Grandparents are Bro. Louis and Sis. Tillie Wenger, and they are also the grandparents to little Lesha Rae, born Sept. 30 to Mary Lou and Danny Kellenberger. Bro. Arthur and Sis. Marie Kellenberger are also the grandparents to her.

We welcome Sis. Clara Steiner into our midst, and wish her and Bro. Joe God's blessings.

The wedding ceremony of Sis. Martha Steiner and Bro. Lester Bittner was performed on Sunday, Oct. 6, by Bro. Eugene Marti. We wish them the rich blessings of the Lord.

UNION CITY, NEW JERSEY August Mueller

Our House of Faith

In the natural way, when we buy a house, we go and look at it. In most cases, improvements have to be made. We start in the cellar.

First, we look at the foundation. It is most important that the house has a firm foundation; if water comes in, it could have serious consequences. We look at the cellar; it is full of rubbish. We have to call someone to clean it up. The cellar has to be white-washed, the windows cleaned and better light put in. Here we start a new life.

We take a look at the furnace; it has to be replaced with a new one. We call the contractor. He installs a new one; he also installs a new oil tank, which is our heart. The old is past, and, see, all things are new.

Now, we go upstairs. Hold on to the railing, which is the word of God. It protects us from stumbling. Upstairs, we may find some broken pipes or faucets which we can not repair ourselves. We call the repairman, our heavenly Father. He is the Master Builder. He not only builds new houses, He also makes all the repairs. He knows how to mend broken hearts, and He has promised to help us.

The rooms need painting and decorating, and the windows need cleaning. If the light bulbs are too small, we put in bigger ones, with

the help and grace of God. The Master wants a light in every window, when He cometh.

The floors have to be covered with new covering. This is the new Covenant of our Lord Jesus, which we made with Him.

In almost every old house, we find insects which can only be eliminated through the exterminator. They are the lust of the eyes, the lust of the flesh, and the pride of life.

The rooms are finished, but we have to install a phone so our Owner can contact His brothers and sisters in faith.

We must not forget to take a look at the roof. If there is a leak in the roof, we must lose no time to have it repaired. If the roof leaks, it makes stains on the ceiling. And the chimney has to be taken care of so our prayers will ascend to the throne of God without hindrance.

Now, when all this is taken care of, the house is ready for the owner to move in. He waited a long time, our Lord Jesus.

We need oil to heat the house. We can only get that of our heavenly Father. He promised us that, if we work for Him, He will give us the oil free of charge. What more can we ask for?

We start now on the outside. The windows need storm windows. If too much cold air comes in, it takes so much more oil to heat the house, and our Father does not want us to waste the oil, because it is a special oil of which the world knoweth not. The house is shingled, so that also helps to save oil.

There is an old wooden fence which will be replaced with a new one. Our Father wants us to separate ourselves from the world, and not share our deeds with them, only we should be friendly and help them if they need help.

The water spouts also have to be in good order, in order to lead the rain water to the proper place. Now, we have a yard, and it is important that we cut the grass and trim the edges.

We have work to do everyday, and the more work we do, the better our heavenly Father likes it. When our service is completed on earth, and we are called home, we will then hear the Master say, "Well done".

Today, we had Friend Carlos

Meiss of Fairbury with us. He returned from Germany, to be discharged from the army. He was very helpful in singing. We enjoyed to have him. This day was not spent in vain; it was a day of joy and blessing. Many precious words were brought to our hearts. It is now our prayer that we may be found as doers of the Word, and not as hearers alone. Many hear the Word, but only a few are found as doers. It is a blessing to sing hymns of praise and thanks unto the Lord.

Sunday, Sept. 22 . . . today, we had visitors from Rockville, Bro. John Bahler and his wife, Bro. Werner Kupferschmid and his wife; from Castorland, Bro. Arthur Herzig and his wife. We were richly blessed through the precious words which Bro. Bahler proclaimed unto us. We could feel how the Lord looks down upon his children and provides for them for body and soul. We know that our life is but a short span, and we pray daily that we may be prepared for that important day when we will be called out of this life into eternity. I would not neglect to thank Bro. Bahler and the other members for visiting us. They are always welcome.

Sunday, the 29th . . . today, we had visitors from Rockville, Bro. and Sis. John Moser and daughter, also Morine Zahner; from Akron, Sis. Edith Graf and Sis. Margaret Dockus. We had a blessed time together, singing hymns of praise to our heavenly Father and enjoying the fellowship with one another and with our Lord Jesus Christ. He is the head, and we are members of his body.

Bro. and Sis. Diggelman returned from their two weeks vacation, which they spent with her folks in Bluffton. They had a blessed time, and we are very glad that they are with us again.

Sunday, Oct. 6 . . . today, we had many visitors from Rockville. To save space, I will omit all the names. Bro. Ernst Luginbuhl served us with the Word of God, morning and afternoon. Precious and important were his messages. We thank them all for their visit, and invite them to visit us again.

How fortunate are we that we have a kind and loving Father. He provides for us for body and soul. He tells us that in his house there are many mansions, and if we keep

close to him, he will stay close to us. We must live according to his word. We must work for him as long as we have life. We cannot tell him, "I would like to have this or that mansion." He is a righteous judge, and he will give us the one he has ready for us. We praise His mercy with our voice, and we sing hymns of praise and thanksgiving unto his high and holy name. May grace and peace be with us all. Amen.

WEST BEND, IOWA

Anna Schmidt

Our community was saddened by the death of Eli Bruellman, on October 5. His funeral will be Tuesday afternoon, October 8.

Sis. Ida Banwart is improving, and was able to come to church Sunday and hear the sermon through a loudspeaker in her car. We hope she will soon be able to assemble with us.

Jon Lee, the two-year-old son of Bro. Jerry and Sis. Judy Schmidt, came home from the hospital this week. He broke his leg and was in traction for five and one-half weeks. He is starting to walk again.

Sis. Katie Alt was in church Sunday for the first time since she was in the hospital. She seems to be getting along quite well.

Bro. August Knobloch is slowly improving, but still is hospitalized in Algona. Bro. Martin and Sis. Zelma Knobloch, Bro. August and Sis. Florence Knobloch, several of his brothers and sisters, and Bro. Henry and Sis. Pauline Mogler of Lester were to visit him in the hospital.

Bernadine Jurgens, daughter of Sis. Lydia Jurgens, is in the Emmetsburg Hospital.

We had our Bible Class singing Thursday evening, October 3. We have it every other Thursday evening.

Also, we have singing, at the church, the first Sunday of every month. Everyone is welcome to attend. We have been having real good attendance.

FRANCESVILLE, INDIANA

Mrs. Herman (Chris) Wuethrich

As Bro. Ed. wrote and gave suggestions to the reporters to give special features about an "older minister" and "a loved one" at rest, I am humbly thinking of my dear father, Bro. Otto Norr, and my dear departed mother, Sis. Bertha.

Memories are way back to my childhood days of father and Bro. Ernest Graf Sr. (deceased) often being called to preach funerals. They went together. Bro. Graf would usually stay overnight at our home. Before going to bed, we would all kneel by our chairs, and he gave the "good-night prayer."

Now mother is sweetly resting, and father has taken her "passing" in a way I shall never forget. He said, "What a change has come over our home, but I have so much to be thankful for, that mother did not have to suffer long." He has a daughter with him who so willingly "keeps Grandpa's door open to his 19 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren."

God seems to have a special LOVE for the aged, and father always seems to have a special love for God. Father takes his many blessings and his burdens with a "Smile." Often the remark is made—"Keep Smiling like Grandpa Norr."

My memories of mother are that she always enjoyed to be in the house of God for services in all ways. The Francesville Men's Octet so willingly sang at her funeral, which was so touching.

Father and mother's saying often was "godliness with contentment is great gain."

It was so good to see a silver-haired minister on our pulpit again, when Bro. Theo Beer and his dear companion visited us. He spoke that our church lost a father, but we should try, try so hard to walk in the footsteps of our Saviour, and to throw out the lifeline.

God has given to Bro. and Sis. Keith Getz a baby girl, Jody, that her sisters, Jill and Jena, heartily welcomed. James and Sharon (Gutwein) Denton were also blessed with a baby son, Todd.

In the past month, we heartily welcomed many visitors, and are always so thankful when they can return home safely.

The higher we grow in God, the more beautiful our Christian life is.

MANSFIELD, OHIO

Aaron A. Sauder

As we view our beautiful, wooded hills, ablaze with the colors of the trees and foliage, we join with the Psalmist in exclaiming, "The heavens declare the glory of God: and the firmament sheweth his

handiwork." Psalm 19:1.

The green of spring and summer
Has turned to red and gold.
Whence come these tints so
glorious,
Which now the trees unfold?

An artist may be skillful,
But hardly can portray
These trees in autumn's splendor,
In colorful array.

The gold and brown and crimson,
The scarlet with the green;
These colors, all resplendent,
Are made by hands unseen.

On September 8, Bro. Rudy Graf visited our congregation and ministered to us at both morning and afternoon services. Other visitors from the Akron and Rittman churches assembled with us for worship, and for song service in the evening at the home of Bro. Charles and Sis. Marcella Sauder. We were privileged to hear Bro. Lawrence Emch of Girard, when he spoke on God's word, at both services, September 15. Visitors from Rittman, Leo and Bluffton also worshipped with us.

We welcomed Bro. Carl and Sis. Katie Blumenschine, who moved to Phoenix several years ago, due to Bro. Carl's health, and have returned to visit with us for several weeks. We enjoyed the visit of Sis. Anna Vly, who also formerly lived in Mansfield. She has again returned to California, after visiting relatives and friends in our vicinity for a few months.

Several sisters from Bluffton visited us over the week end of September 21 and 22. On Saturday evening, we were invited to the home of Sis. Dorothy Sabo, where one of the sisters showed pictures taken on a recent trip to Europe.

We wish to take this opportunity to thank each visitor and to extend a loving welcome to return as the Lord opens the way.

Our best wishes to Dennis and Sandra (Smith) Beer, who were united in marriage on September 21. Dennis is the son of Bro. Robert and Sis. Kathryn Beer.

Congratulations to Dick and Evelyn Durkin, on the birth of their son, Timmy, born September 26. Another son, Ricky, also welcomed his new little brother.

We extend our sincere sympathy to Sis. Catherine Houston, with the

recent death of her brother, Aaron Matthes; also to Sis. Ruth Pfister, whose brother, Fred Leitenberger, passed away.

My child, I known thy sorrows;
Thine every grief I share.
I know how thou art tested,
And, what is more—I CARE.

"Casting all your care upon him;
for he careth for you." I Peter 5:7.

MAYWOOD, CALIFORNIA

Christine Locher

Our annual Sunday School picnic was held September 28. Our youngsters always look forward to their picnic, which is open to the whole congregation. Due to extremely hot weather the activity was kept to a minimum, yet everyone enjoyed the fellowship.

Bro. David Stevig of Phoenix is attending college in Los Angeles. We enjoy having him worship with us.

Sis. Anna Vly has returned from her visit to Mansfield. With our small congregation, we miss one when they are gone, and rejoice when the Lord brings them back safely again.

Bro. Reuben and Sis. Marie Farney are with us again, after spending the summer in the Burlington, Okla., vicinity.

We had many visitors again this month. We always enjoy meeting and greeting those who take the time to assemble with us.

Jim and Dorothy Skaggs and family from Gridley, Illinois, are now living in our area. We enjoy having them with us.

MORTON, ILLINOIS

Mrs. B. E. Getz

We were richly blessed with the messages brought us by Bro. Harry Sutter of Ft. Lauderdale; Bro. Ben Maibach of Detroit; Bro. Gene Bertschi of Roanoke; and Bro. Albert Aberle and Bro. Simon Wagenbach of Tremont. Their wives visited us also.

Sis. Louise Geiger Haerr has moved from Deer Creek to 116 N. Fifth Street, Morton.

Sis. Ida Hasselbring of Linwood, Michigan, is back in Morton for the winter months.

Funeral services for Anna Belsley, 86, were held September 27. She leaves a sister, Rachel, and a brother, Joe, to mourn her loss.

Funeral services for Bro. How-

ard Yentes, age 52, were held September 11. Bro. Getz officiated. He is survived by his wife, Esther Geiger Yentes, and two daughters, Loretta and Carol.

Bro. Robert Belsley is recuperating at home from leg injuries received in a car accident on September 28. Others injured in the same accident were his wife, Sis. Mabel, Bro. and Sis. Levi Schock and Bro. Vernon Kaiser.

NEW MARTINSVILLE, W. VA.

Mrs. Gus Weltz

Mrs. Bertha E. Kaufman, wife of Sam A. Kaufman, passed away on September 17 at the Wetzel County Hospital, following a brief illness. She was born at Green Hill, W. Va., the daughter of Simon and Mary Neusperli Frei. She leaves her husband; one sister, Mrs. L. J. Hafely of Wadsworth, O.; and several nieces and nephews. Interment took place in Northview cemetery.

The weather has been very dry and cool here for some time; frost has been seen on some of the hill-tops at different times.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Frumm and Mr. Paul Cook of Jeannette, Pa., were recent guests of Miss Della Witschey.

Mrs. Emma Schupbach is recovering from a fall at her home, in which she suffered a broken arm. She was hospitalized for several days.

Chauncey Wade was a patient in the University Hospital in Morgantown recently, but is recovering and will soon be able to return to work.

Mr. and Mrs. John Partlow and children of Monroe Heights, Pa., were recent guests of her mother, Mrs. J. G. Burgess.

Mrs. Elizabeth Witschey Hawkins is able to return to her work, after undergoing neck surgery in the Ohio Valley Hospital in Wheeling, some time ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Witschey & daughter of Charleston, Ray Witschey and daughter of Pittsburg were recent guests of their father, Dan Witschey.

Gus Weltz is back home, after being a patient in the local hospital; then he had surgery in the Ohio Valley Hospital in Wheeling; and then, a patient again in the local hospital for several days.

Attending services at the Monroe church on Sunday, October 6, were Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Froelich,

Paul Berger, A. E. Riggenbach, Mrs. Jessie Bleuer, Mrs. C. O. Wade and Mrs. Gus Weltz.

Mrs. Frank Durig continues to improve very slowly at the University Hospital in Morgantown, where she has been a patient for several weeks.

Mrs. Charles Durig remains about the same in the local hospital, where she has been a patient for several weeks.

Mrs. Emma Berger will observe her eighty-ninth birthday on November 6. Please remember her with a card or a word of greeting. It will please her very much. Her address is:

Mrs Emma Berger
c/o B B Glover
506 Sixth Street
St Marys West Virginia

PEORIA, ILLINOIS

Mrs. Michael Weyeneth

Bro. Harry Sutter and his family, of Ft. Lauderdale, visited here the past month. Bro. Harry had the services at church Thursday evening, Sept. 2. A picnic was held the following Monday for them. Many friends and relatives attended. Bro. Harry and family lived here for many years. He was our song leader, and often, with his group and the ministers, he visited the sick and lonely. While visiting here, he did not forget to visit these same shut-ins and the older folks. It was a blessing to have them in our midst again. We hope they will soon come again.

Our dear sister, Marie Vierling, who has been quite ill for some time, passed away at the Rest-mor Nursing Home. She was a resident of Peoria 45 years. She married August Vierling in 1914. He preceded her in death in 1959. Surviving are three sons, William, Carl and James; two daughters, Louise and Rose Lee; 16 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She will be greatly missed by her children and grandchildren, who she so dearly loved. They went to see her often, and did what they could. Her funeral was held Monday, Sept. 30, with Bro. Michael Weyeneth officiating.

Bro. and Sis. Howard Herman are parents of a baby daughter, Sally Ann, born Sept. 20. Mr. and Mrs. Wade Fehr are parents of a son, Michael Lee, born Sept. 29.

After many years, our Thursday evening midweek services were

changed to Wednesday evening (at 7:30 o'clock).

Bro. Eugene Marti, of Sabetha, performed the wedding ceremony of his father-in-law, Bro. Joe Steiner, and Sis. Clara Thomas, on Sunday, Sept. 22. They received the best wishes of many of the Peoria congregation. After, a supper was held in the church dining-room. The immediate family and relatives attended. Their home will be at Sabetha.

Sis. Ella and Augusta Einbeck, of Castorland, visited at the home of our sister, Mrs. Elmer Farney. Bro. Elmer is deceased; he was a cousin of the Einbecks. Sis. Farney has moved from East Peoria to 629 W. Albany, in Peoria, near the church. Her brother, Bro. Fred Aupperle, lives with her.

The marriage engagement of Sis. Ruth Hohulin and Bro. George Huthmann was made known.

Bro. Chris Leuthold was in a car accident, and is confined to the hospital. He is much better at this writing. Bro. William Herbst is also a patient at the hospital. Bro. Herbst fell and fractured some ribs. Sis. Lillian Meister is home again from the hospital, after having a cataract removed from each eye. Adolph Roecker was injured while at his work in Morton, and is also a patient at the hospital.

Our guest ministers the past month were Bros. Forrest Ritzman of Akron, Silas Leuthold of Princeville, Herman Kellenberger of Elgin, and Eugene Marti of Sabetha. Their wives and others were with them.

Our first Sunday evening Hymnsing of the season (which will be held every first Sunday of the month) was held Sunday Oct. 6. Bro. Arthur Moser is in charge.

PHOENIX, ARIZONA

Averil Stevig — Eileen Yackley

We all like to wear clothes that are becoming to us. In the same way, we can pick out becoming traits of character and disposition. We can clothe ourselves mentally and emotionally in the divine qualities that express our true selves. Here we have perfectly free choice. We can always choose to be kind, thoughtful, loving and forgiving.

When we look in the mirror, we enjoy seeing a reflection of ourself that is pleasing. You and I are the mirror in which God looks to see Himself. What sort of reflection

are we giving God?

Let us be aware of our responsibility for doing those things which are becoming to a child of God! We have been made in His image, and reflect that likeness back to our Creator. We act becomingly as we become what we truly are—sons of the Most High.

St. John 1:12

In our last issue, we mentioned our new families who had recently moved here, and asked God to richly bless them in their new abodes. . . we feel that God has blessed our congregation also by bringing these loved ones into our midst. We are happy to report that Joe Reber answered the call unto repentance and has found peace with God. We wish him God's blessings in his new walk of life.

Sis. Emma Moser, who spent about six months in our valley to seek relief from her affliction, arthritis, has now gone back to her home in Elgin, Illinois. We will miss her. We pray that God will grant her the needed grace and patience to fulfill His will.

Arnold Koehl, son of Bro. Ephraim and Sis. Eunice, of Morris, came to the Valley of the Sun recently and is employed at Sperry Rand.

Recently, Mr. and Mrs. Terry Klaus moved to 125 W. 2nd Ave., Apt. 12, in Mesa, Arizona, from their home in Champaign Illinois. Terry is teaching music in the Mesa school system. We are happy to have them assemble with us.

Bro. Dan & Sis. Tillie Sauder from Congerville are here for an extended visit. As they have spent much time here in the valley in past years, they seem more like home folks than visitors.

Lester Moser (son of Sis. Emma Moser) was sent to North Carolina by Motorola, where he is employed for about three months. While Lester is away, his wife, Delores, and their two small children, Bradley and Becci, are in Illinois with their relatives. We will be happy to have them back, as we miss them in our midst.

Our friend, Janice Frieden, has moved here from Lamar, this past month. She is making her home here with relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Beyer.

A baby boy was born to Bro. and Sis. Kenneth Schmidgall on Aug. 29. Little Jay Joel has two brothers and one sister, Douglas, Dorene and

Alan Dean.

Esther Harmon has returned from spending approximately three months in Ohio. She enjoyed visiting with all her relatives, including a son and his family who live there.

Sis. Christine Dubach has recently returned from an extended trip to Bluffton. It is a joy to have Sis. Christine back in our midst again. She has been an encouragement to all of us, to look always upward. "... all things work together for good to them that love God ..."

Friend Jan Wullschleger has recently undergone surgery on her arm. The Crippled Childrens' Hospital offered their services, and with six months of therapeutic exercise, she has hopes of using her hand to a better advantage.

Our friend, Aldo Yackley, is now Air Force 2nd Classman. Other than this his address in Okinawa is the same.

Fried Bob Lemons is welcomed by his parents and many friends here. Bob is in the army and home for five weeks, before leaving for Korea. We do wish him the protection of our Lord. While home, Bob was united in marriage to Betty Machesky. May they have a happy life together. Bob's address will now be:

PFC Robert D Lemons US56337987
HHD 65th Medical GP
APO 301
San Francisco Calif

I have had a silent assistant reporter for many months, whom I have enjoyed working with and will miss very much, my son, Bro. David Stevig, who has now moved to Los Angeles, California, to attend University of Southern California. His new address is 612 W. 35th Place, L.A., Calif. 90007.

To My Son:

Plastic Clay

I took a piece of plastic clay
And idly fashioned it one day,
And as my fingers pressed it still,
It bent and yielded to my will.

I came again when days were past,
The bit of clay was hard at last.
The form I gave it, still it bore,
But I could change that form no more.

I took a piece of living clay
And gently formed it day by day,

And molded it with power and art—

A young child's soft and yielding heart.

I came again when years were gone;

He was a man I looked upon.

The early imprint still he bore,
But I could change him then no more.

BURLINGTON, IOWA

Uriel Gehring

Our visitors Sunday, Sept. 15, included Sis. Cathryn Wettstein of Eureka (a reporter of the Silver Lining), Bro. and Sis. James Sutter and family and Bro. and Sis. Eli Sutter of Taylor (Mrs. Sutter is reporter from Taylor.) All those from a distance returned to their home that evening.

On Sunday, Sept. 22, Bro. and Sis. Will Reeser of Congerville visited our church. They were on their way home from an extended trip through our western states, where they visited our churches in the far west.

Wed. evening, Oct. 2, Bro. Ernest Gerber of Rockville ministered to us. He was accompanied by his wife, Sis. Tillie, and Bro. and Sis. Walter Gerber, also of Rockville. We appreciated their visit; "... how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!"

We had a number of visitors from Lester with us Sunday morning, Oct. 6. They included Bro. and Sis. Roy Metzger, Bro. and Sis. Ted Gerber, Bro. Wayne Gerber, who was returning home from his Army duties in Europe, and about ten single members. We enjoyed their fellowship. They attended the country church near Oakville in the afternoon.

Our two children, Bradley Clark and Mary Beth, have been hospitalized recently, but are both home again. Bradley had his tonsils and adenoids removed, and Mary Beth had bronchial pneumonia.

In our rural areas, the fall harvest is in full session. How bountifully the Lord has blessed "the tillers of the soil" with the fruits of the earth. The trees along the river bottoms and on the hillsides are also in full glory, beautifully arrayed in their various colors.

The harvest of the crops and the beauty of the trees are both part of the handiwork of God that He

allows all mankind to partake of, but there is something more precious and beautiful than both of these, that God has reserved for the true believer. Our Saviour described it in these words, "... the kingdom of God is within you", and what could be more beautiful than the kingdom of heaven? If we have received this blessing from our Creator, we should be of all men most thankful and willing to be obedient to the teachings of our Saviour the rest of our days. Then, when our days on this earth are over, with the kingdom of heaven being in us, we shall be in the kingdom of heaven. May this hope of immortality ever be a source of encouragement to an unwavering faith in Almighty God.

CROGHAN — NAUMBURG, N. Y.

Mrs. Lawrence Farney

Ass't., Mrs. David Schamback

On September 18, a daughter, Mary Elizabeth, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Widrick. Gilbert is a son of Elder Brother John Widrick.

On October 6, a daughter, Jo Anne, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Newton Mellnitz. Mrs. Mellnitz is the daughter of Bro. and Sis. Elmer Taube.

Janice, the seven-year-old daughter of Bro. and Sis. Clayton Virkler, had the misfortune to break a leg. The condition is such that she will have to remain in bed for six weeks.

Pamela, daughter of Bradley and Sis. Regina Herzig, underwent foot surgery recently. Pammie, in her seventh year, has undergone several operations.

Sis. Minnie Virkler is moving to Syracuse, where she will be nearer her son. Although she has been confined to her home most of the time recently, we shall miss her.

On Sunday, October 6, we had with us Bro. and Sis. Henry Wackerle from Bay City, and their traveling companions, Bro. and Sis. Louis Zimmerman from Roanoke. Our congregations united for the daytime services at Croghan, and in the evening at Naumburg, where we enjoyed and were inspired by the messages brought to us by Bro. Henry. We also had with us a number of visitors from Rockville.

Sisters Edna Beyer and Hazel Schneider and Bro. Webster Farney have been hospitalized during

the past month, but have returned to their homes improved, while Sis. Anna Virkler still remains in a critical condition.

ELGIN, ILLINOIS

Louise Steffen
Katie Kachelmuss

On Sept. 12, a farewell hymn-singing was held for Bro. Herman Braun, who left to enter the service on Sept. 25.

The Tremont Sunday School, some of their teachers and their wives visited us. It's always a blessing to have other Sunday Schools and teachers come to visit us.

Al Schmidgall Jr. and his wife, Kay, spent some time here, visiting their parents. It was good to see them again.

Sis. Emma Moser returned home, after spending sometime in Phoenix. We welcome her back.

Bros. Joe Kaisner and Clarence Kachelmuss were with us for Wednesday evening services; also present were their wives and Bro. Robert Leman and his wife. Bro. Kaisner prayed especially for those entering the Service. Bro. Clarence, who is an uncle of Herman Braun, mentioned among other things that we do not always have sunshine in our lives, but some clouds also, which is so true. It was a blessed evening. We thank God for opening the way that they could come.

On Sept. 22, the engagement of Sis. Marie Moser and Bro. Alfred Feucht was announced.

We had visitors from Princeville, Cissna Park, Chicago; and a group of members from Forrest came for Bro. Herman Braun, before he left.

Ronnie Schambach gave his testimony on Sept. 28 and was baptized on Sunday, the 29th. We are happy for everyone who is added to the flock, and hope there will soon be more.

The presentation of Bible to the 15 students passing into the Bible Class was held on the 29th. Bro. Albert Scheitlin was with us. He spoke a few words on "The Bible." He said it is our guide through life to the end, and it is a book that has stayed down through the ages of time. Visitors on that day were from Francesville, Wolcott, Princeville, Goodfield, Congerville and Eureka.

Oct. 6, Bro. LeRoy Hartman and his wife of Peoria were with us. We had a blessed day. In his sermon, Bro. Hartman compared the nar-

row path with the modern day expressways. He mentioned how, on the expressways, everyone seems to be hurrying and going somewhere, possibly to a destination of worldly amusement. On the narrow path, we don't hurry, but we take time to consider the dangers of getting off to the right or to the left and use the Word of God for our guide.

Sis. Hattie Rein and Sis. Nettie Schurter entertained their sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bartel of Portland.

Alfred Hugh and family enjoyed the visit of his brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Hugh, of Anaheim, California.

Sis. Katie Schumacher visited her son at Denver, Colorado. Sis. Anna Grimm is spending sometime with her daughter, Emma Grimm, who is a nurse at Welsey Memorial Hospital.

Two of our friends are leaving for the service, Richard Osmum, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Osmum, and Ed. Martin, son of Bro. and Sis. Carl Martin.

EUREKA, ILLINOIS

Cathryn Wettstein

Our visiting ministers the past month have been—Bro. Sam Kilgus of Remington and the ministering brothers from Roanoke, as we assembled together Oct. 2 for evening services here in Eureka. Bro. Dave Mangold had the services.

Those in the hospital the past month and some are still patients:

Sis. Anna Bittner was a surgical patient, but has returned home. Sis. Wilhelmina Klaus was a medical patient, but has returned home. Allyn Getz has been a surgical patient and is now improving, Sis. Genevieve Blunier is a medical patient.

Sis. Rose Wettstein is a medical patient. Sis. Christina Unzicker has been taken to a nursing home in Washington, Illinois. Sis. Wilhelmina (Klaus) Anliker is a patient in Eureka Hospital. She was in a car accident and perhaps will be a patient for several weeks. Sis. Minnie Leman is also a hospital patient at this time.

Sis. Bena Mae Fehr is a surgical patient in Eureka Hospital.

May God be by each bedside, to hear all the prayers of all who pray unto Him for help and strength.

Again our monthly singing was held, Sunday evening, Sept. 22.

The small crowd that gathered sang to praise Him who is our Redeemer, Saviour and Lord. It is hoped that more will attend these singings, every fourth Sunday evening of the month. Everyone is welcome.

FORREST, ILLINOIS

Nancy Honegger — Martha Stoller

LOVE AND FELLOWSHIP

We feel it is impossible to put into writing the many blessings of love and fellowship, which we of the Apostolic Christian faith enjoy.

Realizing that it is faith, hope, and charity which make up a true believer's life, let's ever keep in mind that what we do in love for others, in Christ's name, shall go with us into eternity.

We all have our trials in our daily lives, which are for the strengthening of our faith. Yet, we always look forward to the fellowship of our brethren, as we assemble for worship services.

The hour spent in fellowship between our morning and afternoon services each Sunday is invaluable to each one, as we meet and greet one another, and share a few words of like experiences.

This may seem like a lot of unnecessary work on the part of our sisters in the church, to those who do not share in this fellowship; but, let's go back for a moment to the days when our grandmothers baked their own bread, churned their butter, and arose early on Sunday to dress their little ones for the drive with horse and buggy. At the church, the fire had to be kindled and the water carried in from the well, for their coffee.

Surely this was all carried out in love and humility. They have set an example for us to carry out our duties in the same spirit.

When we consider the blessings of health and material means which have been granted us, we should deem it a privilege to be able to serve God's people.

When we have once been at the bedside of a loved one who realized their time here will soon expire, and they can look forward to their departure with anticipation, we can then understand the passage of Scripture, "And now a bideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity."

We are thankful that our elder,

Bro. Henry Kilgus, has gained sufficient strength that he can again bring the message of God unto us.

We had a very blessed day on Sun., Sept. 15, when we were privileged to take part in the sacred ritual of breaking the bread and partaking of the cup, in remembrance of Christ's suffering. Bro. Silas Leuthold assisted Bro. Josh Broquard in serving us.

Bro. Silas Nussbaum, Bro. Alf Bachtold, and Mrs. Phil Sohn have been surgical patients the past month. All are improved at this writing..

Sis. Mary Nussbaum had the misfortune of fracturing her arm in a fall at her home.

The following ministers visited our congregation the past month: Bro. Ben Maibach, Detroit; Bro. Henry Grimm, Morton; Bro. Robert Grimm, Goodfield; Bro. Sam Kilgus, Remington; and Bro. Ernest Gerber, Rockville.

Christian Endeavor was held here on Sept. 22 and 29, with the Bible classes from neighboring churches participating in group singing. Inspirational messages were given by Bros. Ben Maibach and Henry Grimm.

The month of October is a very busy time for the farmers throughout central Illinois. The harvesting of soy beans and corn is now in progress, and although we had a dry spring, we have again been blessed beyond expectation.

FT. LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA Florence Sutter

Very shortly, our winter guests and residents will arrive for the seasonal months.

One of our recent visitors was Bro. Albert Schnieder of Rockville, with whom we had a pleasant evening at Ed Gerbers' home, Wednesday, October 2. Thursday morning, a breakfast was enjoyed by several, before Bro. Albert left for home.

Bro. Robert Yergler was hospitalized recently for several days. He now is much better and is recuperating at his home. Don Lloyd had minor surgery and is recovering rapidly. One of our Sunday School students, Eddie Bolliger, broke his arm while practicing football at school.

Our church is under construction, and we are receiving contributions daily. We wish to thank everyone for their act of love to-

ward us, and those who have supported us in this worthy project. Our Ft. Lauderdale members and friends are still meeting weekly, to discuss our church building plans.

GOODFIELD, ILLINOIS Marian Wiegand

Laura (Heinold) Steffen gave her testimony of repentance and has been baptized.

The following was written by Sis. Clara Nohl:

Golden Autumn

Again we have witnessed the fulfilling of His Word: "... seed-time and harvest . . . summer and winter . . . shall not cease." Genesis 8:22. We've been blessed with a bountiful harvest, for which we give thanks and do rejoice.

Where is the artist to paint as the Creator's hand has so painted the earth in all its beauty and grandeur! There's beauty everywhere! The trees have exchanged their summer greens for bright hues of crimson, gold and brown. How soon will they hear the wind whisper, "Come, little leaves", and go fluttering down to cover mother earth for the coming winter.

Fields and gardens have become barren, to rest for a season—not dead, but sleeping—awaiting the spring sun's warm rays and then the reawakening.

How like the seasons is life itself! If in the springtime of life, our youth, we receive the good Seed into good soil, laboring daily and diligently in His vineyard through the heat and toil of the day, then we reach the golden harvest-time!

Our lives, too, show signs of passing seasons: once golden heads bear hoary tones; the young, fair face is carved with lines, wherein we read life's history as written by the hand of time—our toil and tears, life's joys and sorrows, our achievements and failures — the faltering step and failing strength remind us of approaching winter. And yet we say 'mid cares and strife: "God has been good, has blessed our lives so richly." May then our life reflect the glow of golden deeds and virtues of the bygone days and years and time.

A whispered Voice — "Child come home! "... we return to mother earth from whence taken — not dead, but sleeping — awaiting, too, the glorious reawakening

in His likeness, to witness and receive the fulfillment of His promise — life eternal.

GRIDLEY, KANSAS Mrs. Rudy Bahr

Sis. Elizabeth Beyer is now again home from the Halstead Hospital, where she had been for a week of tests. She remains about the same.

Sis. Katherine Esslinger has returned from the hospital at Wichita and is again back with us at church.

Bro. Louis Somerhalder is temporarily making his home with his aunt, Sis. Lydia Bahr, until there is an opening at the Apostolic Christian Home at Sabetha.

The three smallest Sunday School classes shared their lesson and sang for Sis. Ida Esslinger at her home, Sunday morning, Sept. 29.

We appreciate visiting ministers, and thank Bros. Wayne Miller and Jim Bahr of Ft. Scott for coming to be with us. Their families accompanied them, along with several others. We had a blessed day of fellowship together.

Not Growing Old

Some say that I am growing old—
I've heard them say it times untold
In language plain and bold,
But I'm not growing old.

This frail, old shell in which I dwell
Is growing old, I know full well,
But I am not the shell.

What if my hair is turning gray?
Gray hairs are honorable, they say.
What if my eyesight's growing dim?

I still can see to follow Him
Who sacrificed His life for me
Upon the Cross of Calvary.

What should I care if Time's old
plow
Has left its furrows on my brow?
Another house, not made with
hand,
Awaits me in the Glory Land.

What tho' I falter in my walk?
What tho' my tongue refuse to
talk?
I still can tread the narrow way—
I still can watch and praise and
pray.

My hearing may not be so keen
As in the past it may have been,
Still, I can hear my Saviour say,

In whispers soft, "This is the Way".

The outward man—do what I can
To lengthen out life's short span—
Shall perish, and return to dust,
As everything in nature must.

The inner man, the Scriptures say,
Is growing stronger every day;
Then, how can I be growing old
When safe within my Saviour's fold?

Ere long my soul shall fly away
And leave this tenement of clay.
"This robe of flesh I'll drop, and rise
To seize the everlasting prize"—
I'll meet you on the streets of gold,
And prove that I'm not growing old.

PORTLAND, OREGON Mrs. Paul N. Rumbold

Teresa Kay was born Sept. 29 to Judie and Ed Knecht. She has a sister, Sandra.

Henry and Lottie Bartel left Oct. 1 for a several weeks' visit in the East.

Visiting this month were Bro. Bill and Sis. Emma Reeser from Congerville.

PRINCEVILLE, ILLINOIS Ruth Ricketts

We are enjoying most beautiful autumn weather, one day as pretty as the one before. The sky is so clear and blue and the trees are displaying a riot of color. Farmers are busy gathering in their bounteous harvest once more. Do we pause at the end of the day and thank the Giver for all these beauties and blessings, or are we too busy to be reminded of the work of our Creator?

Jerry Martin arrived home in September from Korea, where he had served in the armed forces. He is with his parents, Bro. Chris and Sis. Bessie Martin, and his sisters. Rolland Scholl returned the first of October to make his home with his mother, Sis. Mary, and family, after attending school in New York State. He has employment near his home and is glad to be back with his family and friends.

Bro. Al Aberle of Tremont paid us a visit on Sept. 15, for which we were thankful. He reminded us how the evil one comes as an angel of light and tries to deceive us, so we must pray sincerely for grace

and wisdom to discern the spirits which are so prevalent today.

Howard and Mary Ann Herrmann are the parents of a son, Calvin James, born Sept. 21.

We are glad to know that Herbert Shick has returned home, after receiving treatment in the hospital. We sincerely pray that each day finds him much improved.

Our congregation was considerably small October 6, as quite a number went to Fairbury, to attend the wedding of Bro. Earl Feucht and Sis. Margaret Broquard . . . a few went to Sabetha to attend the wedding of Bro. Lester Bittner of Peoria and Sis. Martha Steiner of Sabetha . . . there were some who went to Chicago in the afternoon to bid farewell to Sisters Hulda Martin and Marie Kieser of our congregation, and Sis. Matilda Rassi of Morton, who left on a three-week tour of the Near East, the Holy Land and surrounding areas. Our prayers go with them, as they travel the places where Jesus walked, preached and died.

REMINGTON, INDIANA Emily Kilgus

September 29 was our annual promotion day in our Sunday School.

One Sunday evening recently, a group gathered at the home of Charles and Sis. Hazel Vibbert, near Rossville. Services were held by our ministers, and singing was enjoyed by all. The Vibbert family moved here from Alabama. Hazel is the daughter of Bro. and Sis. Henry Perry.

We are thankful that Ed Frey has been able to assemble with us again, after a long absence due to illness.

Our church is happy to be able to due their little part in holding services at our home for the aged in Remington. Every few weeks on Sunday afternoon, they have a half hour of song-service and meditation. Sometimes we may feel that in this time of prosperity, there is little opportunity to help the needy in our community, but if we will but look around us, there is much that we can do to help and encourage the less fortunate, both materially and spiritually.

At the present time, we are confronted with extreme drouth. However, the prospects are for a very bountiful harvest. God has been very good to us. Only recently, we

were reminded that we should not misuse these blessings. We should not have the mind of the man who tore down his barns to build greater, but we should use our gifts wisely, and not forget to reserve at least a small part for the poor and needy.

TAYLOR, MISSOURI Mrs. Eli Sutter

We have had several weeks of dry weather, so the harvest is progressing rapidly. Most of the beans have been harvested, the wheat has been sowed and about half the corn shelled or picked, as of Oct. 9.

We were glad to have Bro. Mike Weyeneth of Peoria minister to us on Sun., Sept. 29. He was accompanied by his wife. They were on their way to Kansas to meet with Sis. Weyeneth's sister and husband, Bro. John and Sis. Ida Schrock, from Burlington, Oklahoma.

Curtis, youngest son of Bro. and Sis. Naomi Heimer, started Sunday School this quarter.

Bro. Lyle and Sis. Lois Stoller have moved here from Latty. Bro. Lyle is going to take a course in Horology at Gem City College in Quincy. We are happy to welcome them to our community.

Pam, daughter of Gene and Irene (Hoerr) Riney, submitted to a tonsilectomy the past month.

VALPARAISO, INDIANA Mil Bucher

Mrs. Donna Bucher suffered severe cuts on her head in an accident, Sunday, Sept. 1, when the family was driving home from church. She lost considerable blood, and it was necessary to take 25 stitches. Donna was hospitalized for several days but, fortunately, is feeling fine again. Other members of the family were bruised in the accident, but no one else was seriously hurt.

Our Junior and Senior Sunday School classes, under the sponsorship of the teachers, enjoyed a trip on Sept. 7. On Sept. 23, we held promotion day. A nice program, with presentation of awards and certificates for good attendance, was held.

On the evening of Sept. 24, a group from the Valparaiso church surprised the Clyde Knoblochs in La Porte. An evening of fellowship was enjoyed, and a luncheon served. The Knoblochs recently moved to La Porte and have been attend-

ing the Valparaiso church regularly. We enjoy having them with us.

Guests for September included visitors from Bremen, Milford, Fort Wayne, Bluffton, Leo and La Crosse; Congerville, Roanoke and Cissna Park; Toledo; Sabetha; and San Francisco.

Visiting ministers for the month were Bro. George Lambert, Sabetha; Bro. Carl Kipfer, Bluffton; and Bro. John Bollier, Leo.

John and Ellen Troxel Observe 50th Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. John C. Troxel, 326 W. 45th Ave., Gary, Indiana, began the celebration of their golden wedding anniversary by attending services at the Apostolic Christian Church in Valparaiso. Services were held by a nephew, Bro. John Bollier of Leo and Bro. Carl Kipfer of Bluffton, who is a cousin of the couple.

Later in the day, approximately 200 guests attended an open house and reception given for the couple by their children and families, at the Glen Park YMCA.

Among relatives in attendance were Mrs. Troxel's brothers, Sam and Ed Groh, Elgin, Illinois; her three sisters and their husbands, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Huber, Elgin, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Drayer and Mr. & Mrs. Amos Schladenhauffen, all of New Haven, Ind.; Mr. Troxel's two brother-in-laws, Fred Virkler, Cissna Park, and Andrew Nussbaum of Remington; his sister-in-laws, Mrs. Marie Troxel, Kalamazoo, Michigan, and Mrs. Andy Troxel of Leo.

Mr. and Mrs. Troxel were married in Bluffton, on October 1, 1913. Mr. Troxel pursued the jewelry trade. After a number of years at various places, the Troxels moved to Gary, in 1936. Mr. Troxel, now retired from the trade, established Troxel Jewelers in Fort Wayne. His three sons, Donald, Gene and Harold, also are in the same business, with Don and Gene located in Gary and Harold in Rockford, Illinois. The Troxels also have a daughter, Mrs. Gerald Young, of Freeport, Illinois, and five grandchildren.

Life's Path Together

Fifty golden, happy years
You've walked life's path
together,

Hand in Hand, in helpfulness,
In fair or stormy weather.
Days of joy so sweetly shared
And of care and sorrow, too—
Yet today they together make
Tender memories for you.

Fifty golden years ago
Your wedding vows were spoken
Reverently and tenderly,
And never were they broken.
Love has made your pathway
bright,
Understanding blessed your
way,
While unselfish words and deeds
Brought new joys from day to
day.

Fifty golden years! No words
Can convey the treasures of
Hopes and memories you've shared,
Wonders of enduring love.
We could never wish for you
Greater joys in God you've
known,
But may God bestow today
Blessings on His loved and own.

WOLCOTT, INDIANA

Arles Kropf

Our Sunday School children, teachers, parents, and grandparents enjoyed a wiener roast and singing at the S and V Camp-ground, after church on September 15.

Bro. John Bollier of Leo and Bro. Roy Sauder of Peoria were our visiting ministers recently.

We are happy to have Sis. Mary Schmidt back with us again, after her operation. We hope and pray God will continue to strengthen her.

The engagement of Alvin Furrer, son of Sis. Emma Furrer, to Phyllis Haffner, of Crawfordsville, has been made known. A November wedding is planned.

BLUFFTON, INDIANA

Frieda Kipfer

Bro. Joel Baumgartner, 64, passed away of a heart attack on Sept. 16. Survivors are the wife, Sis. Martha; a son, Bro. Paul; two grandsons, four sisters, three step-sisters and two step-brothers. Bro. Harry Bucher of Valparaiso had the service. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Sis. Lydia Aschliman, 71, widow of William Aschliman, died suddenly, following a heart attack, on Sept. 18. Survivig are two sons, Alfred of Bluffton, R. 3, and Bro.

Harry of Decatur, R. 4; one daughter, Elsie Aschliman, of Ft. Wayne; six grandchildren, two sisters and one brother. Bro. John Yergler officiated at the funeral. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Graveside services were held on Sept. 29 for the still-born twin sons of David and Rebecca Booker, Bro. Aeschliman officiating. Surviving, beside the parents, are a sister, Linda, and the grandparents. Bro. and Sis. Clifford Gerber are the maternal grandparents.

Announcement has been made of the engagement of Sis. Louise Fiechter, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Ervin Fiechter, and Bro. Robert Reimschisel, son of Dave and Sis. Marjorie Reimschisel.

Bro. Robert Beer of Mansfield and Bro. John Diggelman of Union City were our guest ministers last month.

The following were announced for proving: Rebecca Aeschliman, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Robert Aeschliman; Jean Isch, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Harold Isch; Patricia Fiechter, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Melvin Fiechter; Dema Hackenjos, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Andrew Hackenjos; Kenneth Honegger, son of Bro. and Sis. Alvin Honegger; Dwight Moser, son of Bro. and Sis. Harold Moser; Michael Dubach, son of Bro. and Sis. Leonard Dubach; and Emanuel Gerber, son of Bro. Obed and Leona Gerber. Emanuel is stationed in Germany.

Sisters Violet Isch and Berniece Maller are in the Clinic Hospital, at this writing. Sis. Flonie Meyer and Bro. Godfrey Rauch are still convalescing.

Births: To Bro. and Sis. Richard Kaehr, a son, Gregory Wayne, on Sept. 17; to Carl and Betty Macklin, a daughter, Debra Ann, on Sept. 25; to Bro. and Sis. Harry Baumgartner, a daughter, Rebecca Sue, on Oct. 4; to Bro. and Sis. Howard Baumgartner, a son, Craig Howard, on Oct. 5; and to Bro. and Sis. Charles Shively, a son, Andrew Charles, on Oct. 6.

ALTADENA, CALIFORNIA

Doris Graf

We welcome Bro. and Sis. Reuben Farney, who have returned to their home here, after spending the summer months at their home in Burlington, Oklahoma.

Sis. Eleanor and Janet Schrock of Oakville worshipped with us,

while visiting their brother, Jim, who lives here at Playa Del Rey.

Other visitors this month included Bro. Harvey Kaisner, who was home on leave from Ft. Benning, Georgia.

Delwin Meyer has returned to Miramar Naval Air Base, after being home on leave. His parents, Bro. and Sis. Velmer Meyer, and Brent, of Sabetha, brought him back and visited with us on Sept. 29.

We're happy to have Bro. David Stevig, from Phoenix, live here now and worship with us. His parents, Bro. and Sis. Roy Stevig, accompanied him here, as David has received a scholarship to USC, where he is taking classes toward a pre-med major. His new address is:

David Stevig
612 W 35th Place
Los Angeles California 90007

Several other of our young members and friends are enrolled at colleges here:

LaVonne Kinsinger, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Carl Kinsinger, is a nursing major at Pasadena City College, and will transfer to L.A. State College or UCLA.

Roy Vinch Jr., son of Bro. and Sis. Roy Vinch, is an optometry major at USC.

Sis. Jeri Minger, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Bill Minger, is a nursing major at Mt. San Antonio College, and will transfer to L.A. State College.

Carol Stoller, daughter of Floyd and Betty Stoller, is a journalism major at L. A. State College.

Judy Graf, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Clarence Graf, is enrolled in the Pasadena City College Nursing Program.

Bill Schwarz Jr., son of Bro. and Sis. Bill Schwarz, is an accounting major at L. A. State College, and will graduate in January, 1964. Announcement was made of Bill's marriage, on Oct. 10, to Miss Patty Kirkpatrick, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Kirkpatrick of South Pasadena.

ATHENS, ALABAMA

Ann Wagler

Stanley and Connie Clauss and their daughter, from Oak Park, spent a couple days camping near Athens. They attended Bible study, held at the George Kelly home.

We found much love and good fellowship in the visit of Bro. and Sis. Harry and Florence Sutter from Ft. Lauderdale. This was their first visit to Alabama.

My folks, Chris and Elizabeth Hodel, arrived Sept. 21 and spent over a week with us. We thank the Lord for their good health, that they can visit us during the spring and fall each year.

Aaron and Marguerite Bauer and Dale and Esther Reutter of Cissna Park visited over the September 21 week end. They brought the filled cans and other things made during Vacation Bible School last summer.

We were glad to have with us again Otto and Joan Beer of Milford and Manny and Ruth Steffen of Bremen, Sept. 19 and 20. The night of Sept. 21, Tommy and Mary Pack had supper for our ten visitors. Joan Beer and Ruth Steffen made a double-sized birthday cake for Linda and Marie Pack, who had birthdays that week.

Aaron Bauer and Dale Reutter conducted Sunday School classes, while here. We are always thankful for those who are willing to serve.

Buddy Chambers, who faithfully drove our church bus for about three years, has moved to Harvest, to work on a chicken ranch. His wife is Sis. Betty.

Joan Wagler came home from Birmingham the week end of Sept. 28. We drove to Chattanooga, along with the Chris Hodels and the Junior Hale family, to see Susan Wagler, who is in school there.

The city limits of Athens has been extended and the census now is around 1500. We have had no problem concerning integration as yet.

Henry and Anis Perry are working at the Strain Nursery. They invited some of their co-workers to their home, and a meeting was held Oct. 5, where they were given a message from the Word.

"Not ours to know the reason why,
Unanswered is our prayer,
But ours to wait for God's own time
To lift the Cross we bear;
Not ours to know the reason why
From loved ones we must part,
But ours to live in faith and hope,
Though bleeding to the heart;
Not ours to know the reason
Why this anguish, strife and
pain,

But ours to know a crown of thorns
Sweet graces for us gain,
A cross, a bleeding heart and
crown,

What greater gifts are given?
Be still, my heart, and murmur
not;
These are the Keys of Heaven."

BURLINGTON, OKLAHOMA

Mrs. Raymond Roth

THE DIARY OF A BIBLE

January

A busy time for me. Most of the family decided to read me through this year. They have kept me busy for the last two weeks. Now they have forgotten.

February

Clean-up time. I was dusted yesterday and put in my place. My owner did use me a few minutes last week. He had been in an argument and was looking up some references.

March

I had a busy day the first of the month. My owner was appointed leader of something and used me. I got to go to church for the first time this year—Easter.

April

Grandpa visited us. He kept me on his lap, reading 1st Corinthians 13 for an hour. He seems to think more of me than he did when he was younger.

May

I have a few green stains on my pages. Had some early spring flowers pressed in me.

June

They stuffed me full of newspaper clippings. One of the girls got married.

July

They put me in a suit-case today. I guess we are off for a vacation. I wish I could stay home, because I will have to stay in this for a month.

August

Still in the suit-case!

September

Back home again and in my old place. Have a lot of company. Two "True Stories" and four comic books are on top of me. I wish I could be read as much as they are.

October

They used me a little to-day. One of them is very sick. Right now I am all shined up and in the center of the table. The preacher is coming.

November

Back to my old place. I was look-

ed through for some old papers today.

December

They're getting ready for Christmas, so I'll soon be covered up with packages and wrapping paper.

Farmers in this area have been real busy the past few weeks, cutting ensilage, putting it into trench silos, and drilling seed wheat. Soon, the wheat fields will be one green carpet for the rest of the fall and winter.

A group met at the home of Sis. Lydia Ott, the evening of Sept. 22, and sang hymns. Sis. Lydia has been a shut-in for over four months, following a slight stroke and heart attack. They also sang for Bro. Fred Michel, who is convalescing in his home, following a severe case of the shingles.

Sis. Fred Michel and Bro. Sam Schupbach attended the funeral of their brother-in-law, Pete Bieri, at Seneca, Kansas, Sept. 21.

Sis. Hulda Prather left Oct. 4 for Peoria, where she will help care for her new granddaughter. The parents are Jerry and Carolyn Prather, formerly of this community.

Hospital patients this past month were Bro. Fred Michel, Sis. Wayne Kircher, Mrs. Dale Hood and Bro. Ed Kircher.

The address of Bro. Eli Somershalder, one of our ministers, has been changed from Kiowa, Kansas, to Burlington, Oklahoma, 73722.

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Mrs. Ernest Knecht

We've had many visitors the past two months from the following churches: Peoria, Eureka, Roanoke, Princeville, Tremont, Elgin, Gridley, Congerville, Goodfield, Cissna Park, Fort Wayne, Leo, Bremen, Mansfield, Rittman, and Rockville.

We welcome Sisters Nancy Schrenk and Maureen Frank back to our congregation. They've completed nurse's training at Detroit, and are now working at Hines Hospital. We wish them God's blessings in their future duties as Christian nurses.

For the past two months, Bro. Wm. Grimm and Sisters Marie Kimball and Pauline Schambach were in the hospital and shut in. We are glad to report, they are slowly improving. We pray that God will be with them, give them

much grace, and restore their health again.

Bro. John and Sis. Judy Woerner from Peoria moved here, to the church apartment. Bro. John is a medical student here. We welcome them. May God bless them in their new undertaking.

Sis. Cora Scharlach has gone to Hoopston (near Cissna Park) for a few months, to care for her aged mother. Sis. Clara is back in Winnetka.

CISSNA PARK, ILLINOIS

Mrs. Jeff Young

Ministers who visited us the month of September were Bros. Leroy Huber, Ed Gudeman, and Al Fisher. Their wives were with them. They left many inspiring messages. We hope they can come again soon.

Bro. Christ and Sis. Elizabeth Sinn returned home from a trip to Europe. They enjoyed a very pleasant trip.

Our friend, John Renike, passed away, after a long illness. Funeral services were held on Sept. 17, with Bro. Emanuel Gudeman officiating.

Bro. William Knapp died very suddenly and unexpectedly, on Sunday morning, Sept. 29, although he was in poor health for five years. Relatives and friends attending the funeral were from Bay City, Latty, Elgin, Roanoke, Peoria, Tremont and various other churches.

Bro. Ed. Kambly, Bro. John and Sis. Anna Hodel and Sis. Bertha Sinn, all residents of the Fairview Haven, spent Sunday, Oct. 6, with us. They were assisted by Sis. Bertha Heiniger. We love to meet in Christian friendship.

We are happy that our friend, John Egolf, son of Sis. Anna Egolf, recuperated nicely from injuries received in an auto accident. Bro. Paul Kupferschmid was hospitalized with an injured eye. Others hospitalized for a few days were Sisters Bertha Meiss and Minnie Farney. We are glad to report, they are both home again and getting along nicely.

Sis. Geraldine Farney, wife of Gerry Farney, had a misfortune at her home, breaking her ankle. She is in the hospital at this writing. We wish her a successful recovery.

A daughter, Lacy Jo, was born to Kenneth and Nancy Gudeman on Sept. 16.

Next month, we will again be on Standard Time. Sunday worship is

at the usual time, midweek services at 7:30.

CONGERVILLE, ILLINOIS

Ruth Schumacher

We were blessed two Sundays by the visits of ministering brothers during the past month—Bro. Edwin Bahler of Remington, on September 15, and Bro. Joe Zimmerman of Roanoke, on October 6. We appreciated their coming.

We're thankful for the safe return of Bro. and Sis. Carl and Lorine Schieber from their six-week trip to Africa and Europe. They spent most of the time with their son, Jerry, who is teaching in Africa.

Sisters Emma Schieber and Naomi Schrock from Congerville and Laura Gerber from Ft. Wayne spent a week traveling in Michigan and Canada. In Bay City, they visited Sis. Marie Wieland, who is in the nursing home there.

FAIRBURY, ILLINOIS

Joyce Huber

Bro. Richard Steffen and Carlos Meiss have completed their army service, and we give them a Welcome Home. Bro. Richard was stationed in Texas, and Carlos served overseas in Germany. It has been called to my attention, that just as the boys were drafted by the army, Bro. Richard to serve at home in the States, and Carlos in another country overseas, for the best results of the army plan, so are all of God's people automatically drafted in God's army to serve the Lord. The greatest blessings are received if we yield to the Lord's plan for each one, for He knows best where He wants His children to be serving.

You shall do greater works than these, the words spoken by Jesus were repeated by our guest ministers, Sunday, Sept. 22. We were privileged to have Bro. Russ Rapp of Morton, Bro. Ben Maibach of Detroit, and Bro. Leroy Huber of Eureka, who explained our Saviour's words of John 14:12. They said that it is thought-provoking to take note how our lives affect those around us. Several others accompanied the ministers. A chicken barbeque was held at Bro. and Sis. Lyle Huetter's park.

The Sunday School Bible classes of Gridley and Roanoke assembled with us, Sunday, Sept. 29, and after a chicken barbeque, they sang in

the Forrest program. We hope the high schoolers received a blessing as much as we enjoyed having them.

We were happy to see our church filled to overflowing on the day of the wedding of our elder's daughter, Sis. Margaret Broquard, to Bro. Earl Feucht, son of Bro. and Sis. Dan Feucht of Princeville. They were blessed with a nice day for the many visitors from various places, which included guest ministers, Bros. Dave Kieser and George Wagonbach of Princeville. Bro. Josh Broquard performed the heart-warming sacred nuptials for his daughter, in which he prayed that she might be well taken care of. We hope, along with him, that God will bless them as they serve the Lord together. We shall miss Sis. Margaret from our congregation.

GRIDLEY, ILLINOIS

Mary Alyce Witzig

Sis. Anna Schlipf was in the hospital for surgery, to remove a cataract, and is home again, improving nicely. She will enter the hospital again, at some later date, to have cataract surgery on the other eye.

Bro. Joel Boller is in the Mennonite Hospital in Bloomington, and will appreciate your prayers and mail.

Our friend, Danny Kaufman, is again in the Carl Hospital, at Urbana, Illinois.

Sis. Ruth Ann Schlipf had surgery on her leg at the Brokaw Hospital, Normal, Illinois, and will be there for some time.

Rhoda Kay was the name chosen for the new daughter of Sis. Mariam and Bro. Lynn Klopfenstein. She was born October 8 and has two sisters and one brother.

Just for Today

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.

HILLSBORO, ALABAMA

Clara Heiniger

Bro. Junior Hale held worship services in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Simon Terry, about 12 miles from here in the Courtland area. Sunday School was held for the children.

Thursday, Sept. 8, a little girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Burt Knight. She is the daughter of Bro. Henry Stricklin. They named her Katie Lavern.

We are happy to have Sis. Martha Evans with us again, after several weeks absence in Florida. She is glad to be back in her home again.

Bro. Junior Hale held worship service at Lester, Alabama, in the home of Bro. Wesley Long, Sept. 22.

David and Carolyn Moss were visiting his folks, Bro. and Sis. Marvin Moss. Returning home, they had a head-on collision with a car of colored folks. Again, the Hand of God protected them and their two children; they escaped with minor cuts and bruises.

Little Steve Stricklin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Junior Stricklin, had been very ill with bronchial pneumonia, but is at home again, and does not like to miss Sunday School. He has a brother, Jerry; both boys are always in church every Sunday, and know God rewards all that are faithful in His service.

ILLINOIS STATE NORMAL UNIVERSITY

Alta Kay Zbinden

Since registration for the 1963-64 school year began on September 10, our first meeting for the year was held on September 12. Bro. Ed. Hohulin from Goodfield was guest minister for the evening. We read together from Philemon. There were 48 in attendance, of which 11 were new freshmen.

September 19, Bro. Joe Schrock, our sponsor, was our minister for the evening. His topic centered around Genesis 1, with 70 attending.

We were pleased to have Bro. and Sis. Ben Maibach from Detroit visit with us on September 26. Bro. Ben showed his slides to a large group of 180. We were thankful to see the pictures of the wonderful work which is being done to foster the Gospel truth to the people of Japan.

On October 3, Bro. Edwin Bahler

from Remington was our guest speaker. Daniel 1 was the basis for his message.

Bro. Joe Schrock read to us from Mark 12, on October 10. There were 33 in attendance.

We regularly meet each Thursday evening in the 3rd floor lounge of the University Union, at 8:00 P.M. We extend an invitation for everyone, to come visit with us.

JUNCTION, OHIO

Mrs. Alvin H. Manz

We were happy to welcome visitors from Akron, Rittman, Mansfield, Fort Wayne, Bluffton, and Boston this month. Bro. Lee Eisenmen of Fort Wayne helped in the Sunday School.

Our shut-ins are the same as last month. They have been enjoying service from the automobiles as long as the weather is good. Bro. Andrew Dotterer had an eye infection a few weeks ago, but is much better now.

We are pleased to announce the birth of a new daughter to Bro. Ben and Sis. Esther Schlatter. Bro. Ben is one of our ministering brothers.

Two of our young friends have turned to the Lord in repentance. They are Betty Schlatter, daughter of Bro. Ben and Sis. Esther Schlatter, and Cathy Schlatter, daughter of Bro. Richard and Sis. Juliet Schlatter. We wish them much grace, and are very thankful for them.

You cannot pray the Lord's prayer
and even once say "I".

You cannot pray the Lord's prayer
and even once say "My",

Nor can you pray the Lord's prayer
and not pray for another;

When you ask for "daily bread",
you must include your brother.

Others are included in its each and
every plea.

From beginning to end, it does not
once say "me".

LAMONT, KANSAS

Mrs. Bernie Emch

Sis. Lizzie Young, one of our shut-ins, was 85 years old July 30. She came to this country at the age of eight, from Gubben, Germany, with her mother, Sis. Crolick, and a brother. She married Albert Young at the age of fifteen. They lived in Wabaunsee Co., Kansas, a while, then on a farm between Lamont and Gridley.

She and her husband had promised one another to repent some day, as she was concerned for her soul. At 36 years of age, she heeded her calling, and her husband followed her. Elder Joseph Huber baptized them.

Recently, we visited her after church, and her concern is of her church, asking if many were there, and who. Her affliction is high blood pressure and arthritis. She has much pain and discomfort and hasn't been able to be in our assembly for some time. For her comfort, she said, "Oh yes, I have my God," and it would be unbearable if she couldn't ask Him to carry her through.

In their earlier days, their means of transportation was wagon and horses. They would get so cold, and then the warmth for the body, and more so for the soul, in the house of God outweighed the cold. She was so thankful that God provided a way for them to get to church.

She stated, everyone should go to church while they can, and not wait until the body fails and they cannot go. Often, on Sunday morning, she has to say, "Why can't I go to church today?" In the same thought it comes to her, "I have my God, and how empty life would be if one didn't have Him." It should make us think of our duty in the scripture at Hebrews 10:25, "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching."

She related of the times and hardships they endured, and still God was so good to them. He always provided shelter, raiment and food, although at times a meal consisted of corn bread made with water.

She was the mother of twelve children, four girls and eight boys. Two of her boys have passed on, and her husband, Bro. Albert, departed this life twenty-five years ago. Her youngest son lives with her on the farm. She prepares the meals, but it is a task for her. The daughters and the boys' wives assist in caring for the house.

She stated, each day draws her nearer to her God, and her prayer is that she will be guided to her life's end. It does one good to see the patience she possesses and the expression of love, when one visits her, and she always asks the breth-

ren to read and pray with her.

It does our little church good to have visitors. We appreciated Bro. Carl and Sis. Louise Hartman of Sabetha spending a Sunday with us. Bro. Carl left the thought with us of the power of God, and what little man can do. He quoted the following poem.

TREES

I think that I shall never see
A poem as lovely as a tree.

A tree whose hungry mouth is
prest
Against the earth's sweet-flowing
breast;

A tree that looks at God all day,
And lifts her leafy arms to pray;

A tree that may in summer wear
A nest of robins in her hair;

Upon whose bosom snow has lain;
Who intimately lives with rain.

Poems are made by men like me,
But only God can make a tree.

Sis. Lydia Moser and her daughters, Sisters Erma and Lorene, of Valparaiso, spent a Sunday at our church, on their way to Hot Springs, Arkansas.

LANDERSVILLE, ALABAMA

Clara Heiniger

God has again blessed all the farmers with beautiful fall weather, and the crops of corn and cotton are nearly all gathered in. Children will be going back to school in another week or two. We have had no rain to hold back the workers.

The following worship services, we had during September: Sept. 6, at Mr. and Mrs. John Frosts (parents of Bro. Richard Frost); Sept. 13, at Mr. and Mrs. Washi Frosts; Sept. 20 at Mr. and Mrs. Jim Tom Nortons; and Sept. 27, at Mr. and Mrs. Dyar Harvilles.

Mr. Albert Borden had been very sick in the hospital, but is at home again. He is the father of Bro. Carl Nayler's wife, Mavis.

LEO, INDIANA

Mrs. Elias Souder

At this writing, we find Bro. John Bollier back in his home and quite improved. Sis. Mamie Schlat-

ter is feeling better also, but neither are able to attend church services.

Two groups visited the Butler Rest Homes at Butler, Indiana. One of our dear friends, Noah Grabill, is quite ill at a third rest home there.

Timothy A. is the name given to the new little son of Arnie and Colleen Moser, Colleen and Arnie are living on the Grandpa Conrad farm. We have been enjoying their presence in our congregation the past while.

The serving group has been kept busy making skirts for school-children and comforters for Alabama.

Helen and Harry Joe Stoller of Indianapolis have a new son, born October 11. His name is Christ John.

OAKVILLE, IOWA

Mrs. Ezra Gerst

Bro. and Sis. Mike Weyeneth visited at the home of Bro. Joe and Sis. Ann Eisenman, on Tuesday evening. Their visit was appreciated. A number from Oakville also visited with them during the week, having a pot-luck supper. We gain much by visiting the older ones in the faith, and it gives us courage when we see how firm they are in their belief. Sis. Ann, whose health has not been so good, has much courage and counts her blessings. She has been very faithful in attending church.

A baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Wagonbach. They have named her Tamara Jean. Bro. and Sis. John Wagonbach are the paternal grandparents.

We were happy to have Bros. Simon Wagonbach from Tremont and Ernest Gerber from Rockville minister to us on Sept. 29. Their wives accompanied them. Also present were Bro. and Sis. Walter Gerber and Bro. and Sis. Robert Wagonbach. Bro. Simon mentioned in his message that we should be OF THE DAY AND NOT OF THE NIGHT. Bro. Ernest said, "WHERE THERE IS LOVE, THERE IS GOD. WHERE THERE IS DISUNITY, THERE CAN BE NO BLESSING." The Gerbers visited here for a few days. Mrs. Walter Gerber is a sister of Sis. Anna Lanz. Bro. Ed and Sis. Anna accompanied them to several surrounding churches during the week.

Bro. John and Sis. Carol Steiner (John is the son of Bro. and Sis.

Rose Steiner, and Sis. Carol is the daughter of Bro. and Sis. Simon Wagonbach) had a two-week leave from Ft. Sam. They were to start back there the next day.

On Sunday, Oct. 6, we had quite a number of brothers and sisters in faith visit us from Lester. Among them were the Ted Gerbers and their son, Wayne, who just returned from active duty in Germany. Bro. Wayne said he visited our churches in Germany and Switzerland and had some of their coffee Kuchen. Bro. and Sis. John Schick of Morton and Bro. and Sis. Lester Wagonbachs from Peoria came to visit with them. The wives are sisters and aunts of Bro. Wayne.

Sis. Edna Wiegand was happy to have her brothers and sisters visit her and her family last Sunday. Sis. Mattie Fisher of Peoria and Bertha Siebenthal of Downers Grove, Ill., stayed with her for several days.

ROANOKE, ILLINOIS

Irene (Hodel) Legel

We are happy to have Bro. Sam and Sis. Anna Leman and family move to Roanoke. They have purchased the Chevrolet Garage and are in business here. We wish them much success. (They formerly lived in Eureka.)

Sis. Rose Sauder and Sarah Diggel, who have been in the hospital, are with us again, for which we are thankful.

Bro. and Sis. Harry Sutter and family of Florida were visiting here several days, the week end of the 15th, guests of Bro. and Sis. Dave Mangold & others. We enjoyed his services very much, and feel he is a faithful worker in our church at Ft. Lauderdale.

Sis. Martha Martin, who has been in the hospital, is home, improving slowly. We wish her a speedy recovery.

The 22nd, we were pleased to have visitors with us from Wolcott, Remington, Francesville and Tremont. I'm sure everyone enjoyed the messages given by Bro. Paul Schwab of Wolcott and Bro. Earl Kilgus of Remington. We "Thank" them for their services and their visit.

Bro. Melvin and Sis. Shirley Hohulin of Beaverton, Oregon, have been here visiting several weeks with her parents, Bro. and Sis. Eli Leman, and relatives. We are always glad to see them come

back.

We are very grateful to hear Lewis Martin, son of Sis. Barbara Martin, is home, improving, after being at Mayo Hospital in Rochester, Minn., for several weeks, where he underwent surgery. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Sis. Cynthia and Lloyd Aeschleman celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary, Oct. 2. Sis. Cynthia is the daughter of Bro. and Sis. Philo Fehr of Eureka, and Lloyd is a son of the late Wm. Aeschlemans of Roanoke. They have four children, Sis. Sara Jean, Ronald, DeAnn and Cindy Sue, all at home. We wish them many more happy years together.

Sis. Caroline and her husband, Ben Fehr, flew to Mayo Clinic at Rochester, Minn., for observation and tests for Mr. Fehr, who has been failing in health. We are pleased to hear Ben is seeking his soul's salvation, and we pray the dear Lord be with him at all times.

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble."

Our friend, Janet Diggelman, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Ernie Diggelman, exchanged nuptial vows with Everett Ellis of Bloomington, Oct. 5. They both work for Country Life Insurance in Bloomington and will make their home there. We wish them much happiness together.

We are happy to have Bro. Walter Schumacher with us, after being in the hospital over a week.

Bro. Noah and Sis. Hulda Gerber were with us the 6th, visiting their son, Bro. and Sis. Lloyd Gerber and family. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Michael and daughter, Mary Ann, of Peoria came to meet their cousins here. We enjoyed their visits.

Bro. and Sis. Forrest Ritzman of Akron, accompanied by Sisters Sarah Tanner and Genny Walters of Rittman, were with us for services Sunday night. Sisters Amenda and Sarah Meyers and Bro. Roy Meyer from Bern came to be with their cousins from Ohio. We all had a very pleasant evening and enjoyed the services together.

"O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good: for his mercy endureth forever."

TOLEDO, OHIO

Emily Frautschi

Our young folks are all back in school — some in their hometowns, and some away from home. Janet

Rehklau is going to Bowling Green, and Larry Schlatter is at Purdue. We have quite a group attending Toledo University — Duane Stavenik from Mansfield, Bro. Walter Rager from Ft. Wayne church, Kerry Lanz from Latty, Kathy Whittaker, Connie Laidig, Sister Marge Reineck and Howard Rehklau, all of Toledo.

We are glad to report that Connie Laidig, Sister Katherine Stevens and Sister Marilyn Fetter are all making good recoveries from their recent operations.

WICHITA, KANSAS

Mrs. Harvey Smith

Bro. Lester Hartter visited the Wichita congregation on Sept. 22. He was truly a tool in God's hands, and we appreciated his willingness to be used in his service. We would like to extend a welcome to anyone desiring to visit our church. Visitors are always a stimulus for the spirit to put forth more energy in our daily walk of life, so that we might be found worthy through His grace, to enjoy the fellowship in eternity.

A Sunday School picnic was held on the last Sunday of September. There were approximately 80 children who attended. Wichita has a bright future, should God give the increase when these young children reach the age of accountability.

Bro. Jim Bahr related, in a recent sermon, in regard to our destinations. When we take a trip or vacation, we carefully study the road map, so we will travel the best route possible. How much more important it is to study God's Word just as carefully, so we will make our journey here on earth on the straight and narrow road that will lead us to everlasting life.

BREMEN, INDIANA

Joseph L. Bauman

Births in our congregation currently include a daughter, Lori Lynn, born to our ministering brother, Earl Zeltwanger, and Sis. Marge. We wish them many blessings and God's daily guidance in the rearing of their family, which now number six. Born to Jim and Barbara Laidig is their first little baby, a girl, Donna Sue. Jim is the son of Sis. Pauline and Bro. Silas Laidig. Also born recently to Sis. Betty and Bro. Carl Englehart was a daughter, Beth Ann. To all the parents go our sincere wishes and

much joy and happiness, to accompany the responsibilities that naturally come with rearing of infants to childhood.

Little Brett Carmichael, son of George and Mary Carmichael, is presently hospitalized. Exact nature of trouble seems not positively known. Brett's young sister, Candace, underwent an operation recently, and our sincere sympathy goes out to Bro. George and Sis. Mary for their double portion of illness in their family. Our sincere wishes for Brett's speedy recovery.

A number from our congregation journeyed to Purdue University recently, where services were conducted by ministering Brother Earl Zeltwanger. A good number from various churches, as well as the University, were in attendance.

A number from our congregation were privileged to visit in Milford recently, where ministering Brother Harry Bucher held services. Also, Bro. George Lambert held services there when a number of our congregation were privileged to attend.

Ministering Brother Albert Aberle spent a Sunday, recently, ministering to our congregation in Bremen. His presence was greatly appreciated and enjoyed by all. We would welcome his return at frequent intervals.

Much of the youth of today in our present society are seeking thrills. This they are doing in all sorts of ways; pep pills, happiness pills, dope, nicotine, glue-sniffing, lighter-fluid sniffing, alcohol, wild parties and vandalism. The evening paper in South Bend, Indiana, states that the president is alarmed at the physical unfitness of our land. One wonders what it will take to return these misguided and misdirected young people to sane, sensible living, in accordance with God's laws. The dignity of work and the appreciation of the simple things of life need perhaps to be greatly impressed upon the minds of many of our young people today.

These few lines written by an unknown author contain much food for thought:

I like the simple things of earth:
A daisy on the lawn,
A violet by the garden gate,
A breath of air at dawn.

I like the lovely things of earth:
A rainbow in the skies,

A row of purple irises,
A pair of shining eyes.

I like the solid things of earth:
A firm and rugged tree,
A mammoth boulder on the hill,
A mighty ship at sea.

I like the lasting things of earth:
A faith that conquers strife,
A love that brothers humankind,
A strong and worthy life.

DETROIT, MICHIGAN Violet Barton

Sept. 14 was a day of mixed emotions in our little congregation. It was then that four young ladies graduated from Henry Ford Nursing School: Sisters Maureen Frank and Nancy Schrenk of Chicago; Sis. Mary Schlatter and Judy Collver of Bay City. They have been with our congregation for the past three years, and we have come to dearly love them. We will all surely miss their fellowship and support. We are happy that they finished their course, and yet sad that three will leave us. Judy will stay on at the hospital, but the three sisters will return to their respective homes. Our love and best wishes go with them. Many guests witnessed the graduation and stayed for Sunday, including the parents of the girls, also the Maxfields, Wm. Klopfensteins, Grandma Klopfenstein of Leo, and many from Bay City.

Congratulations were in order for Sis. Tillie and John Hasler, who were married 50 years ago Sept. 27. All were invited to an Open House gathering at their home. Sis. Tillie has been a shut-in for many years, and so has her husband, John. They were very appreciative of the presence of the many who visited them.

We extend a hearty welcome to Bro. Hartzel Kaisner, formerly of Peoria, who moved to Detroit and has joined our congregation.

We are glad to report that Lee Waibel, of our Bible Class, has returned home from the hospital, where he underwent a knee operation, and are also happy to have Sis. Esther Wagner home again, after a 3-week stay at the hospital. We hope they both continue to improve greatly in health.

Our visiting Bro. Albert Wuthrich and Sis. Elizabeth of Pulaski spent a Thursday evening with us. All were blessed by his ministering unto us.

FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

Mrs. Albert E. Kipfer

Mrs. Jacob W. Unsicker

Our annual Sunday School picnic was held at the church, Sunday, Sept. 29, instead of Lawton Park, due to weather conditions. Everyone present had a very enjoyable evening.

We are happy to announce the birth of a daughter to friend Robert and Sis. Janice Pfister at the Parkview Memorial Hospital, Wednesday, October 2. She has been named Nancy Marie.

A son, Timothy A., was born Monday, October 7, to Bro. and Sis. Arnold and Colleen Moser at the Parkview Memorial Hospital.

Also, Bro. and Sis. Lester Pulver are grandparents of a grandson, born October 1, to Carol and David Masel at the Lutheran Hospital. He has been named Timothy Allan.

"Congratulations" to all of you!

Bro. Henry Brenkman, who was confined to the Parkview Hospital for several weeks, was able to go home, but again had to re-enter the hospital for 5 days. He has returned home again and is able to be up and around. Anyone wishing to drop him a card, I'm sure it would be appreciated. His address is 1509 Edgewater, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Sis. Lillian Levy has been bedfast for a couple weeks, due to a blood-clot in her leg. We understand this has been dissolved, but she still is unable to be up and around. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Bro. David Buser of Milford, who is confined to the Veterans' Hospital, is reported as "not very good" at this writing. His wife, Elizabeth, is staying with her sister, Emma Clauss. We enjoy having Sis. Elizabeth attend our church services.

Bro. Jess Stoller and Bro. Dan Blume are listed as shut-ins. We hope and trust both of you get to feeling better and will soon be back in our midst again. We miss you!

Sis. Ann Schott left Saturday, Oct. 12, for Chicago to visit her sister, Ida Frank. Together they plan to go to Albuquerque, New Mexico, for a week or ten days to visit relatives; then on to Los Angeles and San Diego to visit their sister. We wish them a safe and happy trip.

Visiting ministers who served us during the past four weeks were Bros. Henry Manz, Russell Rapp of

Morton, Sam Aeschliman, Theo. Beer and Henry Beer.

It Was God

Have you ever stood on a
mountain-top
And viewed the scenes below,
And you knew in your heart that
it was God
Who planned it, and made it so.

He made the stars that shine at
night,
And the moon He hung up high;
He made the clouds that bring the
rain,
And set the bow in the sky.

He made the sun to shed its light
On His children of every land;
The earth and sky, and the rolling
sea,
Are held by His mighty Hand.

What is man that he should boast
Of the things that he has won;
We are but dust, the Bible says,
When this life on earth is done.

So let us lay our treasure up
Where nothing can molest,
And we shall hear these welcome
words,
"My child, you've done your
best."

LATTY, OHIO Mrs. Ray Sinn

Ministers visiting us this past month were Bro. Roy Sauder from Peoria, Bro. Ernest Graf from Akron, and Bro. Henry Sabo from Mansfield. We thank God for sending them to our congregation.

Roger and Jeannie Eisenmann had a new baby boy, Jon Roger, born September 10.

On September 22, Bro. Millard Stoller's engagement was announced to Sis. Irma Haab, from Milford. Bro. Millard is the son of Bro. Emil and Sis. Annie. Sis. Irma is the daughter of Bro. Elmer and Sis. Rose.

MORRIS, MINNESOTA

Mrs. Kenneth Zeltwanger

A daughter, Kelly Ann, was born to Roger and Judy Hemming, September 20. Bro. and Sis. Carl Joos are the maternal grandparents.

A daughter, Ruth Marie, was born to Bro. and Sis. Ernest Koehl, September 26. She has four brothers and two sisters.

Sis. Mary Luthi was hospitalized for a week, with a blood clot, and is

now recuperating at home.

We enjoyed having visitors from Winthrop spend Sunday, October 6, with us. We wish to thank Bro. Harold Messner for ministering to us.

PULASKI, IOWA Mrs. Ray Martin

On Sept. 29, we enjoyed a blessed day, as Bro. Russel Rapp from Morton ministered unto us. Also, we enjoyed the visit of quite a few families from Morton, this same Sunday.

Bro. and Sis. Allen Marti and family are with us for about a month, to harvest their crop.

Bro. and Sis. Ray Martin are the parents of a baby daughter, Audrey Louise, born Sept. 25. She has one brother, Edwin Ray.

We sure are enjoying a beautiful season of the year right now. The leaves are changing so many different colors. That makes the timbers so beautiful. It is all the wonderful works of God.

ROCKVILLE, CONNECTICUT Carlton J. Lanz

Not long ago on a tour in Europe with his daughter, Bro. Theodore Scheitlin observed much love and Christian affection displayed by the members there. His daughter (who is not of our faith) was especially so impressed.

Bro. Scheitlin, who until only a few years ago (having never known of our church) became acquainted with and interested in it when first invited to our services by members, then employed by him in a cloth-processing business of his.

Though at the time his environment was of a cosmopolitan nature (as was ours), nevertheless, he chose to further assemble with us. By this and in observing the Christian fellowship that only true converted people can rejoice in, he was motivated to want to become a part of this love. This became a reality, when later he found grace to a true repentance and conversion.

Following are a few comments by him with regard to his recent European visit.

July 7, Pfaffen. "Have been there several times, was graciously received . . . Congregation consists of approximately 60 brothers and sisters."

July 14, at Balingen (Wurttemberg) Germany. "Congregation

also of approximately 60 brothers and sisters, 50% of whom are widows. These brothers and sisters are mostly people who, with the help of the Lord, made their way from Yugoslavia after the war's end. During the war, they were Germans captured by the U.S. forces and then sent to Yugoslavia."

"They have formed the above congregation in Balingen. Bro. Ritzman preached. My daughter, Dinah, who was with me on the tour, told me, of all the churches she has visited in her lifetime, never was she so cordially received."

We spent several pleasant hours together with Sisters Edith Graf and Margaret Dockus, of Akron, who visited here early in September. From here, on their return home, they journeyed northward, hoping to see the colorful foliage, now considered at its best.

Each year throngs of people take advantage of this opportunity, to see this once-a-year natural exhibition. We can very readily observe, by the great numbers of people who "flock" or turn out to avail themselves of this occasion, to view this great wonder, that they must realize that it cannot be duplicated with any artist's brush. It can and must be, however, acknowledged only that it is the matchless work and grandeur of the Creator.

Bro. William Wuthrich, 61, died Sept. 14. He had not been well for some length of time, yet he was able to be around with his family. His one brother and three sisters survive him. Bro. John Bahler officiated at his service, assisted by Bro. Ernest Luginbuhl. Burial was in Ellington Center Cemetery.

Rockville zip code is 06066.

We had Bro. Henry and Sis. Ida Wackerle of Bay City and Bro. 'Lu' and Sis. Fannie Zimmerman of Roanoke as guests with us. Truly, we can be of one accord to say, the messages and prayers brought to us by Bro. Wackerle were inspiring and welcome. We enjoyed many blessed hours in fellowship in the few days that we spent together.

As anointed And appointed
To thy presence, Lord,
I will hasten, Lest in wasting,
I lose my reward.

He who loiters in this race
Never shall the crown embrace!

Ezra & Marv Hohulin
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Peoria 4, Illinois

Worldly treasures, Sinful pleasures,
Are alike abhorred.

TREMONT, ILLINOIS

Esther Schmid

A girl, Susan Kay, was born to Bro. Virgil and Sis. Shirley Funk on Sept. 18, their first child. To Bro. Dale and Sis. Joann Sauder, a boy, Paul Joseph, was born on Sept. 20, his father's birthday. A boy, Mark Melvin, was born to Bro. Melvin and Sis. Marlene Kaiser. He is their fourth child and third son.

A visiting minister, Bro. Harry Sutter from Ft. Lauderdale, held Wednesday evening services here on Sept. 18.

Gregg Sauder, 6-year-old son of Bro. Earl and Sis. Glenna Sauder, fractured his leg, when he fell from a swing. He will be in a cast about six weeks.

Bro. Joe Getz spent Sunday, October 6, in our midst. Two new Sunday School teachers were selected. They are Bro. Paul Michel and Bro. Harlan Bolliger. Classes were promoted, and some larger classes will be divided.

Sonfried Kowalzik, from Ludwigberg, Germany has been visiting at the home of his uncle, Bro. Herman Laidig, for the past few weeks. While here, they traveled to see the Blue Ridge and Smoky Mountains and visited other relatives in Ohio and Indiana. He has now returned to his country.

GIRARD, OHIO

Reporter: Jesse C. Emch

Sis. Dianne Emch, daughter of Bro. Harold and Sis. Kathryn Emch, is missed very much here in our congregation. She is now attending Illinois State University. We wish her God's blessing in her endeavor to further her education.

Our visitors during the month of September were few, but much appreciated by all of us. They were from Milford, Rittman, and Lake Milton (Ohio).

We are very happy to have Sis. Lena Deislinger worship with us again, after her recent illness. We hope her health will continue to improve.

It is nice to have Sis. Mary Beard back with us again, after being with her son in Mansfield for some time.

ELGIN, IOWA

Mrs. George Butikofer

ELGIN IOWA BIBLE CLASS

Bro. Ira Farney

We begin singing at 10:15, Sun. morning. The whole congregation is invited to sing with us until 10:30. At that time, those that wish to assemble for main services are excused. Singing is continued until 10:40. Then, a prayer is offered.

We then have our Bible Class lesson, which we try to end as they come down for dinner. We then sing one or two songs, until they are seated at the table. Then I dismiss the entire Sunday School class.

I have been teaching for about three years. I like to think of myself as a student, because one can not teach until he has learned. It is in great weakness and humility that I attempt to teach, and often wonder what approach I should use, or what could be said that would kindle the desire for the students to want to learn about the precious word of God.

I realize the sower can only sow. The increase and blessing is in God's hands.

The substitute teacher is Bro. Bert Butikofer. There are approximately 17 students when they all come, which is on rare occasions.

The students take turn picking their favorite chapter for our Sunday lessons. The students take turns having a monthly Bible class get-together at their house.

WHAT THEN?

When all the great factories of city, have turned out their last finished work,

When merchants have sold their last bargain, and dismissed the last tired clerk,

When the banks have received their last dollar and paid out their last dividend,

And the Judge of earth says, "Close for the night", and asks for a balance—WHAT THEN?

When the people have heard their last sermon, and the preacher made his last prayer,

When the choir has sung its last anthem and the sound has died out on the air,

When opportunity closes forever and pews are empty of man,

And each one stands facing his record, and the GREAT BOOK is opened—WHAT THEN?

When the actor has played his last drama, the mimic has made his last fun,

When film and TV have flashed the last picture and fiction shown its last run,

When the crowds seeking pleasure have vanished and gone into darkness again,

And the trumpet of ages is sounded, and we stand before HIM—WHAT THEN?

When the bugle call sinks into silence, and the long marching columns stand still,

When the captain has given last orders and they've captured the last fort and hill,

When the flag has been hauled from the masthead, and the wounded afield checked in,

And a world that's rejected its Saviour stands in judgment scenes actual . . .

WHAT THEN?

The Rock Will Stand

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had two daughters. One of them, Anna, was very, very sick. She lived about a half-mile away. Dad and mom would go and sit up with her.

This father caught cold. His condition was very grave. Anna died, but they feared to tell him. He lived on a few days.

He told of beautiful music he was hearing. He talked with dear ones who had departed in peace.

Then toward the last, he said: "Why, there is Anna!" "Anna, I did not know that you had gone ahead of me!"

How happy they will be who build on the Rock. "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away."

"Come."