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## THANKSGIVING

Bro. Jacob Frautschi

A dear heart from past years is in a good dwelling-place. His words go on. May we keep our eyes on the city of God, where loved ones shall meet.

The railways and highways will be crowded with rushing people, who plan to spend the day with loved ones. This hurry and rush has brought a situation that cannot be overlooked. The toll of death and injured is so great that the authorities plead!! DO BE MORE CAREFUL.

Must we give up a day of gladness and joy, because of carelessness?

Again from the Atlantic to the Pacific, the faithful are giving thanks for the abundant harvest. Truly, some spots have not produced as in former years, but the

total harvest is more than we can

### TO PLEASANT MOMENTS

“Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD:

And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.

And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart:

And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.”

use. We will continue to send much

to the hungry of other lands. Praise the Lord!

The Pilgrim fathers started a giving of thanks, not for an immense harvest, but for a few measures of grain. They had woods, rivers, faith and freedom. (Most of them left Europe because of bondage and persecution.)

What we have today was of sweat, blood, faith, and God's blessings.

Humbly we give thanks to God, for it is good to praise Him. His mercy is everlasting to those who seek Him. We thank Him for His plan of salvation. We pray we might become more worthy of it. When we count our many blessings, when we name them one by one, then our hearts are filled with deep gratitude and love to the Giver of all perfect gifts. Amen.

## THANKSGIVING MESSAGE

Bro. Michael Weyeneth

Thanksgiving is here again. There has been an abundance of crops, fruits and vegetables. We also have had beautiful weather; it has been a wonderful fall. Let us praise God for all.

Often, we are reminded of the Pilgrim fathers and their first Thanksgiving in America. They endured great hardships. When they had harvested their first good crop, they all joined together to thank God for what they had received from Him. How thankful we should be that we have an almighty

God, who provides for us not only material things, but also spiritual needs. Yes, we have an Almighty God, a holy Shepherd who cares for His own.

How happy the Pilgrims were when they put their feet on the soil of a land that would not hinder their worship of God. We as pilgrims, who have found the Lord, should stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ has made us free (Galatians 5:1), using this liberty as the servants of God (I Peter 2:16). Let us be on the

alert that misuse of our freedom does not become a snare to us. Let us live a true life for Christ . . . “and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free,” indeed (John 8:32).

The new settlers labored hard; they built homes, churches and places of business. Every Christian should labor faithfully, not necessarily in building, etc., but labor in the service of the Lord. “Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord,

forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord." (I Corinthians 15:58). Let us not be weary in well-doing, for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not (Galatians 6:9).

The early Pilgrims sacrificed a great deal; many died. They gave up their bodies for the sake of freedom in a new land. The Christian has a much more important reason to lay down his life . . . "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your

reasonable service." (Romans 12:1)

I believe the pilgrims prayed and thanked God many times, and their hearts were filled with gratefulness as they prayed the first Thanksgiving in the new land, even though they probably thought of their relatives and friends who did not live through the hard year. We who are God's pilgrims have so much for which to be thankful.

Let us praise and honor Him with all our acts and deeds, and do good wherever we can, letting nothing come between us and the

Saviour. He is our true Shepherd and will be the Guardian of our way.

With such a true and wonderful Shepherd, we have nothing to keep us from being joyful, although our hearts are often burdened for those who do not come to the Lord in true repentance. So let us pray for others . . . "Be careful for nothing;" Paul told the Philippians, "but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. (Philippians 4:6)

## HOLIDAY HOUSE

Henry Souder Jr.

Experience underscores the blessings of eternity.

"The elder unto the elect lady and her children, whom I love in the truth; and not I only, but also all they that have known the truth; For the truth's sake, which dwelleth in us, and shall be with us for ever."

Holding the hope . . . while being weary in work, perplexed with problems . . . can accent Rest, when we are done . . . Suffering can underscore how joyful is no pain. In sorrow and loneliness, with bliss we can look forward to a memory-to-be.

Home for the Holiday! Truth makes real to us that house. His idea is to strengthen home ties . . . to reveal the cheer of the Father's fireside, the joy of its fellowship.

"Grace be with you, mercy, and peace, from God the Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and love."

Feelings of emptiness . . . doubts of the delights of eternity's continual joy . . . failure to explore dreams worth dreaming . . . stem from old patterns, our physical feelings, and not listening.

We may have quiet, gentle warmth in the breathing of His word. The serenity of His peace, the delights of His grace, the relief from His mercy give wealth beyond measure.

How sweet to fall asleep with dreams of His giving!

"I rejoiced greatly that I found of thy children walking in truth, as we have received a commandment from the Father."

Winter's white descends when fire burns within. The beautiful white of God's children is perfectly lovely. All the while, they sit by bright flames above.

Scripture reveals joy flowing from love of another. **Because I have you in my heart** is beautiful expression of rich fellowship. The inward heart of Jesus Christ offers beautiful longing and joy. Love is rich in its "giving" consolation.

"And now I beseech thee, lady, not as though I wrote a new commandment unto thee, but that which we had from the beginning, that we love one another."

Dream of His gifts of the morrow. Meditate of sermon and song. Weave into your waking and working minutes the beautiful tapestry of His love.

We must grow if we find new height for delight. When we trust, the very things we meet, work and problems, suffering, mistakes of another, and absence of perfection, is workshop to build.

"And this is love, that we walk after his commandments. This is the commandment, That, as ye have heard from the beginning, ye should walk in it."

We would not know the full extent of the love of our Saviour without the cost of Calvary. Each act endured, each gruelling moment

of suffering provides a look into love that goes beyond our knowledge.

It takes cost to love. In that cost of Calvary, the Cross, we die to the world. Then, we can live in His commands. How many moments are costly to our happiness because we failed to fit them to Calvary!

"For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist. Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward."

Part of joy in heaven rings immensely just because beautiful souls will be there. They have been

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washed white in the blood of the Lamb. They are humble and sincere, speak from the heart. Experience knows the beautiful treasures hidden in His care.

Love radiates a glow that sweetly remains for ever.

Opposite and opposed are the characters who love darkness. How sad for those who must dwell with them forever! Just to think of the difference measures in part the priceless value of truth.

"Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son."

The doctrine of Christ is the teaching of Christ. It is not man's

lengthy, self-learned pages, nor his hurried push, in place of God's grace. It is not enjoining man's own tradition and rejecting the goodness of God's guidance.

"If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed: For he that bideth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds."

Friends in fellowship find feast in God's house.

God burns the lamp. To love is doing His command. It is much different than sometimes thought. Love realizes the darkness of the street outside. To love is to not receive one who does not bring our beloved teaching. To receive an un-

tried heart is to risk getting some of the sin of evil deeds . . . To hurt one's self and not help him!

There is so much good to do in love. Every day is an ever-changing path of a perfect plan. God turns His gem to turn light on another. Life is a challenge.

The mansions are filled with delight. Home ties grow richer. Love grows fonder, the bond of oneness firmer. Come, and let us go together.

"Having many things to write unto you, I would not write with paper and ink: but I trust to come unto you, and speak face to face, that our joy may be full. The children of thy elect sister greet thee. Amen."

## CONFERENCE-TIME

A brother from Milford, Philip Beer, attended. Phil is Bro. Theo's son. In his life's path, time was, he was in a far different place, Korea.

He was telling of his experience, privately, to this brother. He watched hungry children, getting meagre bites. A banana peel, dumped as garbage, would be eaten. An apple core made up part of the menu. Touching to the heart of this Christian were little hearts with hungry appetites. An older one, hungry himself, would give food to a younger.

The conference moved with heart of compassion. A committee was made known, an arm of the church, to look into a way that the brotherhood's funds of love may flow to-

gether toward physical need.

Likewise, the conference moved to look into visiting more the fatherless in their affliction. A committee was made known, to search the facts about caring for children and placing them in happy homes.

Bro. Noah Schrock had some words that will make services more beautiful. He spoke about making some sermons shorter. When the inspiration is complete, sit down. That is the reason other ministers are supplied. Bro. David Mangold endorsed this, That ministers should stay more with the text.

The authority of an elder is spelled out in the Word. It is encouraging to see the elders searching for ways to have success, in harmony with the Bible. Five elder brothers now have authority, where need

shows, to cope freely with a problem. Bro. David Mangold, with seasoned years, wisely said, ". . . according to the seriousness of the problem."

Bro. Silas Leuthold noted the complete zero of the past life of sin.

Attention was brought of a beautiful work of the Lord in a couple of Olympia, Washington. Of their past life, they wanted nothing.

The husband was seen with a set of sports equipment. Instead of going to use them, he was going to get rid of them. The color TV and more was offered, to be sold.

When the road is complete!

Bro. Silas spoke of the end to look forward to . . . a promise of God and a home in heaven.

the editor

## NEWS

### GRIDLEY, KANSAS

Mrs. Rudy Bahr

### HISTORY

(Gathered and written by Sis. Lydia Bahr).

These dates and information were acquired recently by questioning Bro. Jacob Beck, formerly of our congregation. He is a resident of the Apostolic Christian Home at Sabetha. There seems to be no existing records on hand; they may have been destroyed in the fire which ravaged our church in 1910.

This small community of church "goers" must have been settled in

southwest Coffey County sometime during the 1870's. Land was cheap, but crops were made unproductive by drouths, prairie fires, and grasshoppers, which took their toll from the sweat and toil of the plucky pioneers. Many of these pioneers had to break the virgin prairie for cropland . . . some of them returned to eastern churches, where living conditions were more endurable.

There was also a settlement that sought the more productive Verdigris River Valley; these as a rule fared somewhat better. Then, to provide a church midway for the two communities, they met in the newly-organized school district now

known as the Erret district. A family of Mosers lived near there. Members would take their noonday lunch with them and spend their noon hour at the Bro. Moser home, where coffee would be ready.

More people came to Kansas as the land became productive . . . also there was now a promise of a good livelihood in the native grasses, which nourished herds of cattle. The water problem was solved by excavating farm ponds, which were filled by rains in their season.

Later, since transportation to Sunday meeting was only by wagon or open carriages, the folks from the Verdigris valley built a church



about 10 miles farther west. Then, the Coffey County folks soon followed with a building about 8 miles north and east. Thus, there were two small churches built. The first Coffey County Church was built in 1881. Bro. Beck stated, that he came with his parents directly to this community from Germany, in 1883, when he was about 6 years old.

This first church was destroyed by a tornado in June, 1895. It was rebuilt the same year on the same location. Again it was destroyed—this time by fire, in 1910, and rebuilt in the little town of Gridley the same year.

The first ministers in the Coffey County Church (now Gridley, Kansas) were Bros. Joseph Huber and Christian Wagler. Asking Bro. Jake for some of the names of the early members, he named Adam Schief, John and Edward Kaufmann, George Metszer, Leibigs, Nicholas Isch, Shoets, Raafs, Krafts, etc. Later on, Jacob Schuch and Peter Kraft ministered.

Bro. Huber was our elder until his health failed; then we were served by elders from neighboring Eastern churches. Jacob Somerhalder was elder for about fifteen years, from the early twenties.

Jacob Raaf, Henry Bahr, and John Somerhalder were some of our more recent ministers.

Our church is still small—there is no industry near by to keep our young people with us. But we do have and experience much love and harmony amongst our members.

Our life here must needs be simple; we depend on God's blessings for our livelihood, and often experience unproductive years . . . yet have always been bountifully provided.

Our present ministers are Bro. Sam Huber (grandson of Bro. Joseph Huber) and Bro. Loren Strahm. Bro. Sam Anliker, Lamont, serves our church as elder.

We are always glad to have visiting ministers in our church. It is so wonderful to have the same "food" prepared and "fed" to us by a little different method, when we can feel it is always God inspired.

#### CHAMPAIGN-URBANA, ILL. Ben Blunier

Services are now being held in Champaign, the first and third Sundays of each month, at Latzer

Hall in the University YMCA Building, 1001 South Wright St. This is right next to the University of Illinois campus. This is in addition to the bi-weekly Wednesday evening Bible Class that is held in the Illini Union Building, on the second floor.

Bro. Ed Hohulin from Goodfield is in charge of the Bible Class gatherings and also takes turns with Bro. Emanuel Gudeman of Cissna Park, as minister in charge of the Sunday services. A visiting minister from another nearby church is usually present at each service. The morning services begin at 10:00 a.m., and the afternoon services at 12:00, noon. There is a break, in between, at which coffee and milk, doughnuts and rolls are furnished at a nominal fee by the YMCA.

In September, we were privileged to have Elder Brother Joe Getz from Morton as our visiting minister. He had some excellent messages for us and also, especially, for the many students present, who were then about to begin another year of college.

On October 6, a large group gathered and welcomed Bros. George Lambert from Wichita and Vernon Lemman from Eureka. We were richly blessed with the fine sermons, and then after services, there were 97 that enjoyed "dinner out" at the Paradise Restaurant, south of Champaign. Many other visitors from Morton, Cissna Park, Goodfield, and some other churches were also with us this day.

Bro. Roy Sauder from Peoria ministered to us on October 20, and gave us wonderful words on faith and belief. This was the second time Bro. Roy has visited our Sunday services. We thank him very much and wish him God's blessings for his kindness.

Bro. Kenneth and Merna Weerts are parents of a daughter, Julie Ann, their second child. Roy and Sherry Meiss have named their first child, a son, Timothy Roy.

You are cordially invited to attend the Champaign services, especially if you are living or staying in this area. Also, if you should know of someone that may be here and not aware of the services, please extend the invitation to them, and let them know the place and time of the services.

#### JAPAN

##### Yoshio Yamazaki

As you know, our churches here in Japan are three now, two churches in Yamanashi-Ken (Shioda and Tamahata) and one here in Tokyo. Church attendance is more in Tokyo than in the country, because most young people want to come from the country to big cities and find good jobs.

Now, Bro. Willis has a new company's office downtown in Tokyo, and two boys and myself from our church are working with him. I do not know yet, but I believe (if it's the Lord's will), our company will keep going. Bro. Willis's idea is to give jobs to more of our church people.

Here in Tokyo church, the sisters are planning to visit the home of retarded children sometimes, on Sunday afternoon. We went there before Bro. John Klaus returned to the United States, and most of the sisters and friends really like to go there and try to help them very much.

We have talked about having Japanese Bible study every Tuesday night, 7:45 to 8:45. We went to study the teachings of Christ in the gospels. I wish the people surely come and listen to what the Lord says in the Bible.

#### ATHENS, ALABAMA

##### Ann Wagler

On occasion of the Hardy Hale's 44th wedding anniversary and our 22nd, they, along with kinfolks and friends from the Hillsboro area, were with us for supper on Wed., Oct. 16.

Week end visitors Oct. 26 included Emmanuel Gudeman of Cissna Park and Ed Hohulin of Goodfield. Sister Zelma Young had all the folks over for supper Saturday evening, before attending a meeting at Bro. Jim Goodes'. A large group came together, and we had some spirited singing. Bro. Ed Hohulin had the preaching service. Bro. Nathan Steffen taught the teenage class. Bro. Ed and Emmanuel conducted services in the churches on Sunday.

The Athens young people met on Sat., Oct. 26. The devotions was on Luke 15. A weiner roast was held after the meeting.

The Landersville young people met Oct. 22 and visited Shut-in Toni Mae Meyers and her two widowed sisters, who now live in

the housing project in Moulton. They also invited many of their neighbors, who attended with us.

A son, Larry James, was born to Mrs. Judy Pope Collins, Oct. 5.

Brenda Pack is working on week ends as a candy stripper at the Athens Hospital. Her parents are Tommy and Mary Pack.

Jim Pfister from Elkhart visited the week end of Nov. 3, enroute to Fla.

The Sunday School teachers for the Athens church are as follows: Nursery, Betty Chambers and Manlie Hale; Beginners, Doris Moore; Primary 1, Ruby Moss and Peggy Porter; Primary 2, Clara Heiniger; Juniors, Lavoyd Moore; and Bible Class, Ann Wagler. Ministers are Bros. John Wagler and Junior Hale. Visitors are always welcome. Sunday morning services start at 9:30. The entire congregation sings together for a half hour. The children are dismissed for Sunday School classes and the adults have preaching service. City 31 (green) goes by the church, and it is easy to locate.

#### BERN, KANSAS

##### Mrs. Lester Hartter

This month, Bro. Alvin and Sis. Mildred Strahm observed their 25th wedding anniversary. Friends and relatives took well-filled baskets of delicious food. Hymn singing was also enjoyed on that evening.

Sis. Lena Lehman fell, at her home, and broke her hip. Last month, I reported their 64th wedding anniversary. Bro. William Strahm is in failing health at the A. C. Home.

The flu has already made many ill.

Bro. Harlan Stoller has a cast on his hand. He was hurt in an accident.

Bro. Jonathan Bieri, Leavenworth, has been attending church services, the past Sundays, while we enjoy these wonderful fall days and good roads. The wheat is a beautiful carpet of new green, making one think of spring, but we have only to gaze at the trees, for many are bare, having lost their leaves, to know that the autumn season is upon us.

This month, we attended the conference at Bluffton, arising at 1:00 A.M. and driving the miles to our destination. We felt the wonderful fellowship during our stay. The

hospitality and all we derived from the meeting was worthwhile, indeed.

Our church enjoyed the visit of Ministering Bro. Ernest Graf and some of his family this month. They are from Akron and were returning home, after being at Fort Sam one Sunday.

Thanks go to my daughter, Sis. Nancy Baumgartner, for reporting the news one month, while we were on vacation.

Our community was saddened by two different tragedies, where three lives were lost. **Lord, there is none beside thee to help.** (see II CHRONICLES 14:11)

Elder Bro. Samuel Anliker spent a week end here. His home church is Lamont.

#### Autumn Days

We thank Thee, Lord, for rain and sun,  
And for the joy of work well done;  
For every season's steady flow  
That causes life to change and grow;  
For soil and water, grass and trees,  
For all of nature's mysteries;  
And now for autumn's golden days,  
dear Lord,  
Accept our humble praise.

#### LAMAR, MISSOURI

##### Marie Marti

Visiting childhood homes and communities can bring back pleasant memories. Sis. Sadie Metzger visited her brother, John Widmer, and other relatives and friends. Bro. John and Sis. Esther Schaefer and Bro. John and Sis. Elizabeth Schmidgall brought Sis. Sadie for this longed-for visit. Sis. Esther and Sis. Elizabeth were former residents of this locality, too.

Bro. John and Sis. Pauline Schrenk and their two daughters, Sis. Nancy (who had just completed her nurse's training in Detroit) and Sis. Bonnie, spent their vacation in Missouri and Kansas.

It's harvest time again. Bro. Willie Stefan is spending about two weeks in Francesville, harvesting corn. We hope he will soon return safely to his family.

Little Ronald Marti, son of Don and Kay Marti, has been hospitalized more than a month, with a kidney condition. We pray that he will soon be restored to health.

Janice Frieden has gone to Phoenix, where she has found employ-

ment in a bank. We miss her, but hope she will enjoy her new location.

Bro. Frank and Sis. Mary Martin, with her sister and husband, the Stahls, stopped to worship with us, enroute to Hot Springs for a vacation.

As our families assemble around the Thanksgiving dinner this year, may we especially be thankful for the many blessings we have received during the past year. May we hope and pray that God will give us grace and strength to forbear and to persevere, that He will give us courage and a quiet mind, that He will spare to us our friends, and, until death, keep us loving and loyal to one another.

#### MILFORD, INDIANA

##### Arthur Haab

Our visiting ministers this month were Bro. Harry Bucher from Valparaiso and Bros. Henry Souder and Robert Heuni from Bremen.

Bro. David Buser passed on to his eternal reward. We were thankful that Elder Bro. Bahler and Bro. Lugenbuhl from Bro. Dave's former home church of Rockville were here to help with funeral services. We will miss his being with us, but our loss is God's gain.

Sisters Laura Kammerer, Joan Streitmatter, and Carol Weisser held engagement showers for Sis. Irma Haab, who will be married to Bro. Millard Stoller from Latty, on Sun., Nov. 17.

The engagement of Sis. Mary Zimmerman, daughter of Bro. Mike and Sis. Madeline Zimmerman, to Bro. Jack Gerber from Latty, was announced. They are planning a December wedding. We wish them much happiness, and hope that they will include Christ as a third member in all their undertakings.

When pure and upright hearts,  
By flames of love ignited,  
Are by the bond of faith  
More firmly yet united,  
The light of hope beams forth  
In radiance far and nigh,  
Invites us to partake  
The blessings from on high.

Friend Nelson Beer was drafted into the Army. His address is:  
Pvt Nelson Beer US55749978  
Co D 3d Ba USAMTC Class 6B  
Sam Houston, Texas

**FORT SCOTT, KANSAS****Marie Zaugg**

Our visiting minister this past month was Bro. Carl Hartman of Sabetha. Bro. Hartman gave us much food for thought, for our journey on the path of life. His wife, Sis. Louise, was with him.

Bro. Jake Pfister had minor surgery this past month. He is getting along all right.

Linda Sinn was in the hospital two weeks. It was found that she has diabetes. Linda is the daughter of Wayne and Waneta Sinn.

On Oct. 13, the engagement of Sis. Waneta Sinn, daughter of Bro. Charles and Sis. Dorothy Sinn, and Bro. Eldon Plattner, son of Bro. John and Sis. Marie Plattner of Sabetha, was announced.

**PEORIA, ILLINOIS****Mrs. Michael Weyeneth**

Many relatives and friends attended the reception of Bro. and Sis. Lester Bittner, held at the Bro. Ben Stickling home on Oct. 20. Sis. Bittner, who was Martha Steiner of Sabetha, is a sister to Mrs. Stickling. We welcome Martha into our midst, and hope she will like it here.

On Oct. 28, a son, David Eugene, was born to Bro. and Sis. Peter Weber; a daughter, Margaret, welcomes the new little brother. A daughter, Jennifer Kay, was born to Wm. and Sis. Joyce Waibel on Oct. 23. She has two sisters, Jody and Debby, and a brother, Danny, to welcome her.

Bro. Peter Weber's mother, Rose Weber, and his aunt, Lena Baer, of Zurich, Switzerland, are visitors in the Peter Weber home. Peter's mother will stay until January. She is helping care for her new grandson.

We had a blessed day, Sunday, Nov. 3. Members and friends of the Ft. Wayne church, with their minister, Bro. Norman Stoller, was here for the day. We enjoyed Bro. Stoller's message. Our monthly hymn-sing was held in the evening; Ft. Wayne took part in singing, as a group. Visitors were here from Morton, Roanoke and Morton.

Those that are in the hospital at this time are Sisters Bertha Feucht, Mary Reisbig, Julia Honegger, Lillian Koehl (wife of Bro. Adolph Koehl), William Traub, Sis. Fredda Nasser, and Bro. Philip Hoerr.

**LEST WE FORGET****In Memory of****Elder Brother Emil Schubert**

In loving memory of one who was laid to rest, attaining God's kingdom, thirteen years ago, we write a few words, in thanksgiving for the many blessings we and our church received, through the grace of God, in the many years that he served his congregation.

Born September 22, 1874, in Saxony, Germany, he was married to Anna Sieber of Saxony in 1895. They both heeded the Lord's call in Germany. The challenges of the new world brought them, in 1906, to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Seeking the Lord's way, his convictions were tested and strengthened in Philadelphia—life being hard in a new country, especially to one with limited knowledge of the English language. But the Lord makes many impossible challenges blessings in disguise, and within a few years, a new home was found in Peoria. The Lord provided him with the gift of being handy with hands and with a keen mind, thus offering all the ingredients necessary to raise and nourish his beloved family.

For forty years or more, he preached and lived God's gospel—traveling far and wide to expound the living words. His heart was always with those less fortunate, and with the Lord's help, he wept with those that wept and rejoiced with those that rejoiced. Never forgetting his loved ones in the old country, he was blessed with the opportunity to return in 1923, to reaffirm convictions with fellow pilgrims in faith.

He nurtured the Lord's church and was instrumental in planning our present house of worship. The Lord called him home on August 16, 1950.

Only the book of life can detail his many loving sacrifices in spreading the Holy Words. But may we in closing say "Thank You, Lord—King of Kings—for the privilege we enjoyed under his leadership. Amen."

**UNION CITY, NEW JERSEY****August Mueller**

Oct. 13 . . . Today, we had visitors from Girard, Bro. Jess Emch and his wife. Bro. Jess proclaimed the wonderful word of life and truth unto us, morning and afternoon.

It is a blessed privilege to go to the house of God and receive food and drink, of which we are at all times in need. In the natural way, if a person is not able to receive food and drink, one loses strength, and at the end will surely die. How much more should we hunger and thirst after the word of God, without which we cannot live. We thank Bro. and Sis. Emch for visiting us, and invite them to come again soon.

Sunday, Oct. 20 . . . Today, we had many visitors from Rockville, members and friends. To save space, I will omit the names. We thank them for the visit, and invite them to visit us again.

We heard of the heavenly mansions which are awaiting all those that love and serve the Lord faithfully, and how precious is it when we see one or hear of one that served the Lord all their life, and then are called home to inherit one of those mansions.

May we all be found worthy to enter into that heavenly rest, when our life comes to an end, and we have to depart from this time into eternity.

This reporter had the opportunity to see one of his neighbors being carried out of his house, by the undertaker the other day. It made me think how important our life is here on earth, how important the one step is from this world into eternity. We have only two ways to choose, either serve the Lord or serve this world. We pray that when our time comes, we can **meet** our treasures that will last, that we can reap the good fruit from the seed we have sown, and not appear empty-handed. May God grant grace that we can live for him, so that we can die for him.

Today, we changed to Standard Time. Morning service is at 10:00, afternoon at 12:30.

Men live and exist but a short time, and all the world with its pleasures pass away, but One remaineth, and where ever we are and whatever we do, we are in His hands. This was a German song which my father helped sing. It was the last one before he repented.

We can not appreciate enough the love and mercy which our heavenly Father bestowed upon us, that we can be called his children. We are indeed fortunate that we can humble ourselves in this time of grace



and bring thanks and praise unto his holy name.

Many precious words were spoken unto us today. May we take them to heart and live according to them. We sing in a hymn, "Work for the night is coming", and the time we live in is getting darker. We can see how the word of God is being fulfilled.

This afternoon, we heard of Paul, the apostle, and how he was converted in the short time of three days, which reminded me of my father, Kaspar Mueller.

He also was a man that persecuted the church. He did not believe in church. He was a man that loved singing. He belonged to singing societies; he was in the Army band. He played cards, sometimes all night. He played dance music, but the time also came for him when the Lord called him, "Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?" He also was converted in three days.

I would like to mention one case where he, with three of his friends, decided to break every window in the house where the members were assembled. They had their hands full of stones, and when he gave the command, all the stones were thrown at the windows. They heard as it were a lot of glass breaking, so they all ran, each one in a different direction. It was a beautiful, moonlight night, but none saw the other anymore.

The next day, my father passed the house, which happened to be the elder's house. To his surprise, he did not even see one broken glass.

He also met one of his helpers, and he asked him how he felt the night before. "Terrible", was the answer. His friend told him he thought the devil was chasing him.

After my father became a member, he asked the elder, Henry Keller, whether they heard anything, and the elder told him, "No, not a thing."

So a new life started for my father. He started to work for the Lord, and he also had to go through many things, through sickness, through accidents. He lost his first wife and a 16-year-old girl in the time of six weeks. He also was forsaken; no one came near the house. Finally, two sisters came to help him, because he could not walk. He

fell down the stairs and was unable to leave his bed for a long time. He also was put in prison two times, 3 days each time, because he could not serve in the army any longer. But the Lord helped him and led him by his hand.

He was Sunday School teacher for many years, and he also was the leader in singing that was part of his life.

My father was a farmer all his life.

In November, 1909, the Lord called him home. He departed from this world in peace with God and men, at the age of 75 years and five months. My mother passed away also in peace, three days after my father, at the age of 60 years. Bro. Drittenbach held the funeral service for both my father and my mother.

The girl that died received peace before she passed away, so there was a ray of sunshine in the darkest hour.

#### HILLSBORO, ALABAMA

Clara Heiniger

Sis Pearl Stricklin enjoyed her 73rd birthday, with a dinner at her home with several of her children. Sis. Martha Evans fellowshipped with us. All enjoyed a blessed time together. Sis. Pearl is not well, and even with pain in her body, she comes faithfully to church every Lord's Day.

Benjamin Corum of the Primary Sunday School Class accidently dropped a hatchet, which cut his foot. Several stitches had to be put in. He could not walk for a couple of weeks. We miss his smiling face on Sundays, and hope and pray it will not be long before he will be back with us again.

Oct. 26, we all enjoyed a blessed time of fellowship with visiting brothers and their wives. Visitors included Emanuel Gudeman of Cissna Park, Bro. Ed Hohulin of Goodfield who visited the three churches, and some at the Lester, Ala., services.

#### LANDERSVILLE, ALABAMA

Clara Heiniger

The Friday night meetings of worship and Sunday School were, Oct. 4 at Mr. and Mrs. Posey; she has been sick for some time and enjoys the good singing and fellowship around God's word; Oct. 11, we met in the home of Bro. Carl

Naylor and family; Oct. 18 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Craig; and Oct. 25 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cully Norton.

#### MORTON, ILLINOIS

Mrs. B. E. Getz

We were richly blessed with the messages brought us by our visiting ministers, Bros. Uriel Gehring, Burlington; Carl Kinsinger, Altadena; Edwin Bahler, Remington; Jess Schrock, Congerville; Jim Hoerr, Peoria; and Simon Wagenbach and August Bolliger of Tremont.

Funeral services for Molly Seidel, age 73, were held October 28. Bro. Joe A. Getz officiated. She was the daughter of Bro. Leonard and Martha Strunk Seidel.

Funeral services for Mrs. Cleo Steiner, age 53, were held Nov. 4. Bro. LeRoy Hartman of Peoria and Bro. Russel Rapp officiated.

Announcement has been made of the forthcoming marriage of Sis. Joyce Kaufman, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Robert Kaufman of Cissna Park, and Bro. Eugene Strunk, son of the Wm. Strunks of Morton.

Bro. Chris Kipfer fell, broke his hip and is a patient in the Methodist Hospital at Peoria.

Sis. Janet Dorris is also a patient in the Methodist Hospital.

Little Samuel John, born October 6, came to live with Bro. and Sis. Milton Grimm.

A son was born September 14 to Bro. Jack and Sis. Marjorie Zimmerman.

Bros. Albert Schini and Robert Clauss of Remington taught the Bible class on Sunday, November 3.

The Cissna Park Bible Class sang several numbers at our monthly singing, which is the second Sunday of the month.

#### WINTHROP, MINNESOTA

Linda and Melva Messner

As Thanksgiving draws near, we can again see the fields blackened, where a bountiful harvest was reaped. We thank God that he has blessed us so richly in this year.

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

Let the earth hear his voice;

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

Let the people rejoice.

O come to the Father, through

Jesus the Son,

And give him the glory; great things he hath done.

Kenneth Howk, son of Bro. Roy and Sis. Rose Alice Howk, is now stationed at Ft. Leonardwood, Missouri. His address is:

Pvt Kenneth Howk R A 17671976  
E 5-2  
Ft Leonardwood Mo 65475

Bro. Ed and Sis. Marilyn Lanz and family from Morris spent Sunday, Oct. 16, with us.

On Oct. 27, Elder Bro. Carl Kinsinger from Maywood gave an inspiring message to our congregation. His sister, Esther Terry, from Ames, Iowa, accompanied him.

Births: To Bro. Roy and Sis. Rose Alice Howk, a daughter, Colleen Marie, on Oct. 16; to Glen and Patty Meyer, a boy, Steve Allen, on Oct. 23.

Archie Linneman had the misfortune of injuring his hand the first part of the month, while operating a combine. It is reported that he is coming along fine.

#### GIRARD, OHIO

Reporter: Jesse C. Emch

Our guests since last news item were from New Martinsville, Dayton and Salem (O.), Fort Wayne, Sardis, and Iowa City. We wish to express our thanks to everyone who visited us, and welcome all to come again.

Sis. Louisa Lance has returned to Iowa City, after being with us for about two weeks. Friend Frank and Sis. Mina Emch celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Sunday, Oct. 20. There were about 200 guests came, to wish them well. A delicious meal was enjoyed. They received many gifts, cards and telegrams, from far and near. As this news item is being written, Frank and Mina are on their way home from Iowa City, as they were so kind to take Sis. Louisa Lance back to her home again.

Jacob Gasser from Wheeling, W. Va., passed away. The funeral was on Monday, Oct. 21. Jacob Gasser was a half brother to Bro. Carl Gasser of Girard.

Anyone wishing to correspond with Sis. Dianne Emch, her address is: 227 Whitten Hall, Normal, Ill.

#### Thanksgiving Always

We reporters are reminded by our editor and news correspondent that we should seek for news that

is of an inspiring nature.

We are approaching the holiday season, and as we read the president's Thanksgiving proclamation for the year 1963, we are reminded of how, over three centuries ago, our forefathers came before God with a true thanksgiving for many blessings, even in the face of much sadness. Again, when the original colonies gained their independence, George Washington, who was the first president, saw fit to proclaim a day for all citizens to acknowledge their many blessings and to be thankful for them. Again, President Lincoln, at a time when he was burdened with the Civil War, felt the need to remind the people to express their gratitude unto God for bountiful harvest of the fields and freedom of worship.

One hundred years have passed since Lincoln's time. We have reason to be like the author of the hymn, "Count your many blessings", as we still have this freedom of worship, and we still have the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob to call upon in our prayers. So now may we, one and all, at this season and at all times be thankful to our God and our Saviour, Jesus.

In Psalm 75:1, we read what Asaph said: "Unto thee, O God, do we give thanks, unto thee do we give thanks: for that thy name is near thy wonderous works declare."

We here in Girard have so much to be thankful for the harvest of souls. In this last year, we have had six added to our number, and now again. Our dear friend, Orin Stoll, has expressed peace with God and wishes to be taken into the fold. We wish for Orin God's blessing, and pray that others will follow soon.

#### AKRON, OHIO

Grace Schuckert

Many have heard of the landslide in Italy, which caused a huge dam to give way. Its mighty waters left but a human boneyard, as everything material was swept away. No doubt our visiting minister, Bro. Henry Sabo of Mansfield, had this in mind when he referred to recent events, in which many who perished had little chance for a spoken word, scarcely perhaps for a thought of prayer. He urged the friends to accept God in their hearts and disregard

Satan's whispers to "wait a little longer; take a little more time."

We built new friendships and strengthened old ones, when in addition to the Sabos, we were visited by Elder Bro. John Bahler, and Bros. Ernest Gerber and Ernest Luginbuhl of Rockville and others.

The twelve children of Bro. Demetrius (Dan) and Sis. Eva Emery and many relatives & friends gathered at the home of their daughter, Esther, and her husband, Bro. Ellsworth Graf, to extend good wishes to the Emery's, who joined hand and heart in a Christian marriage 50 years ago. They deeply appreciate the many kind remembrances. They thank you for the nice gifts and cards.

Elder Brothers Noah Bauman and Rudolph Graf administered the Holy Sacrament of Communion, whereby we could be strengthened in our faith, as we reconsecrated our lives to God's service.

Friends Carl and Kathy (Gangel) have their third child, another son, named Thomas Carl.

Sis. Elizabeth Kraus, who has been in ill health for a long time and was recently hospitalized a few days, is sufficiently improved to attend church services again. Friend Dan Kaufman, at this time, is confined to his bed with another light stroke.

Our dear sister, Elizabeth Gangel, wife of Bro. Paul Gangel, passed away at the age of 55 years. Funeral services were conducted by Elder Bro. Rudolph Graf and Bro. Forrest Ritzman. She, in her lifetime, was numbered among those quiet fellow-pilgrims who, as it is said of the lighthouses, blow no horns; they shine, and her "shining" was an inspiration and a good example to us all. Bro. Paul's mother passed away in Europe the same week.

#### BLUFFTON, INDIANA

Carolyn Gerber Delutha Moser

We would like to welcome home Bro. Paul and Sis. Mary Jo Gerber, who have returned home, after being absent from our congregation for 18 months, while Bro. Paul was serving with the US Army in Germany. We are thankful that God has protected them and brought them home safely to their loved ones.

Change of address:



Mr and Mrs Neal Edington  
Apt 201  
5110 South Kenwood Avenue  
Chicago 15 Illinois

**Births:** Bro. Doyle and Sis. Bonnie Frauhiger are the parents of a girl—Sherri Lynne. Bro. Arthur and Sis. Loraine Moser are the parents of a boy—Randy Scott.

The week of October 15, 16, 17 was a blessed week, as the annual conference was held here at Bluffton. It was a blessed fellowship to meet and greet so many dear ones from our churches throughout the United States. All of the elders were present, with the exception of one.

We were privileged to hear some very inspiring messages from Bro. John Widrick, Croghan, Tuesday evening; Bro. Joe Zimmerman, Roanoke, Wednesday evening; and Bro. Leo Moser, Lester, Thursday evening.

Meals were served in the church dining-room, with approximately 544 guests on Wednesday and 1550 guests on Thursday.

On October 23, Wednesday, rites were conducted by Bro. Aeschliman for Bro. Aaron Steffen Sr., at the Goodwin Funeral Home. Burial was in the church cemetery.

On October 27, Bro. Francis Rother from Morton was our visiting minister.

On November 2 and 3, provings and baptismal services were held for eight dear souls. They are: Patricia Fiechter, Rebecca Aeschliman, Pat Isch, Jean Isch, Dema Hackenjos, Michael D u b a c h, Dwight Moser, Kenneth Honegger. Elder George Yergler from La Crosse, along with Bro. John Yergler, assisted Elder Aeschliman in this very important work.

At this writing, Sisters Bernice Maller and Violet Isch have been dismissed from the hospital.

#### FT. LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA Florence Sutter

After several weeks dry weather, we received rain in abundance this forenoon. We cannot express in words our thankfulness for such rich blessings from our Creator.

We are having several visitors from our northern churches from time to time.

A picnic was held in Plantation Park, Sunday, October 20. Bro. Carl and Sis. Minnie Leman of Chicago, together with us, enjoyed

a delicious dinner and pleasant evening with Noah and June Claus of Miami.

#### FORREST, ILLINOIS

**Nancy Honegger — Martha Stoller**

Visiting ministers the past month were Bro. Joe Schrock, Congerville, Bro. Maurice Frank, Chicago, and Bro. Sam Anliker, Lamont.

The Bro. Melvin Gerber family has been visiting at the home of his sister, Sis. Rosetta Stoller, and family, the past week.

We have had two engagements announced recently, Sis. Lou Ida Kaisner, daughter of Bro. Joe and Sis. Ida, to Bro. Richard Steffen, son of Bro. Sam and Sis. Anna of Fairbury.

Also, Sis. Miriam Bachtold, daughter of Carl and Sis. Dorothy, to Bro. Ben Metz, son of Persida Metz.

One of our most beautiful autumn seasons is drawing to a close. Soon, winter will have a firm grip on us, as already we can feel its icy fingers sending chilling winds, frost, and the first thin sheets of ice.

Now, the departure of summer could have a note of sadness, but each season brings us something to which one can look forward, the gently falling snow of the season, the holiday season of cheer and goodwill, and then a new year to begin anew.

If we take the time in our hurried, everyday life to observe the wonders of God's creation, we can realize how small we are.

The beautiful display of autumn colors, the sunrise and sunsets, the stars, the gently falling rain, and the rainbow are all ours to enjoy.

A walk in solitude and meditation in the evening raises us up out of the confusion and unrest of this present world to the nearness of our Creator.

May we all who will have the health, assemble at the house of worship on Thanksgiving Day, humbly bow our heads, and say "Thank you, God".

#### LATTY, OHIO Mrs. Ray Sinn

Jack Schlatter, son of Bro. Ben and Sis. Helen, made a trip to the hospital, due to the misfortune of getting a chicken bone caught in his throat.

Ministers who visited us for

Wednesday evening service were Bro. Ben Maibach from Detroit and Bro. Henry Sabo from Mansfield. Their wives accompanied them.

Bro. Tom and Sis. Delores Grant were blessed with a baby girl, Mary Beth.

On October 20, the engagement of Bro. Jack Gerber, son of Bro. Jesse and Sis. Mary, of Latty, and Sis. Mary Zimmerman, daughter of Bro. Mike and Sis. Madeline, from Milford, was announced. We wish them God's blessings in this important step.

Rose Ella Stoller, daughter of Bro. Eugene and Sis. Minerva, is home again, after a two-month's stay in the hospital, due to a fractured hip. We are glad she is improving, and are looking forward to the time when she can attend Sunday School again.

David Laukhuf, son of Carl and Louise, broke his collarbone, when a wheel came off the tractor, which he was driving.

#### ALTADENA, CALIFORNIA Doris Graf

Visiting this month from Fresno were Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Lochner, who were married on Oct. 12.

We were certainly happy to have Bro. and Sis. Henry Grimm of Morton with us this past month. Bro. Henry ministered to both the Altadena and Maywood congregations. We certainly had a blessed day.

We held Thursday evening services several times last month at the home of Bro. John Paternoster, who is recovering from a broken hip. Bro. John is 86 years old, and is improving nicely. It is truly inspiring to see and hear the faith that he has in these times of illness in his latter years. Fortunately, he is still blessed with a sound mind, and is so appreciative of anyone's visiting with him.

A baby daughter, Edith Marian, was born to Sis. Lois and Earl MacDonald, on Nov. 1.

#### BAY CITY, MICHIGAN Faye Wackerle & Marlene Mosher

Bro. Roger Wieland was called into the service of our country on October 7. His mailing address is

Pvt. Roger L. Wieland US55769729  
Class 5B Co D 3rd Battalion  
US Army MTC  
Fort Sam Houston Texas 78234

We are sorry to report that friend Gladys Wieland passed away on October 8. She is survived by one daughter, Blanche.

We were blessed this past week end of Nov. 3 with the proving and baptism of Blanche Wieland. May the Lord bless her in all things, now that she is left alone, and may he stir many more hearts before the day of grace is no more.

On Oct. 8, a daughter, Marsha Jean, was born to Bro. Merle and Sis. Elaine Wieland.

Sis. Rose Lamber has been ill and unable to attend services with us for a couple of weeks, but is now out and around again.

Sis. Minnie Freidinger has undergone surgery, but is now improving.

On Oct. 12, friends Darleen Ry-lance and Jon Cluff were united in marriage.

This month, our ministering brethren have been, Bros. Ben Mai-bach and Robert Stahl. Other visitors have been from Latty, Detroit, Iowa, Elgin, Forrest and Fairbury.

On Nov. 5, we again resumed our Tuesday evening young people's singings. We had a very nice turnout. Such a nice, large group of young people is a wonderful inspiration. It gives us all a lift, and reminds us again that the Lord still works in young hearts to bring them together to sing the praises of the Lord.

### I Thank Thee, God

I shall go to church this morning  
 . . . In the hope that I shall find . . .  
 Words to God which I feel fitting  
 . . . For the needs I have in mind  
 What I want to tell my Shepherd  
 . . . In the hours of this day . . . Is  
 that all my heart sincerely . . .  
 Would my gratitude convey . . .  
 I would thank Him for the favors  
 . . . That my loved ones have re-  
 ceived . . . In the gifts of heavenly  
 riches . . . For success they have  
 achieved . . . And it is my strong  
 intention . . . To include a word or  
 two . . . For the friends whom we  
 gathered . . . As the years about  
 us grew . . . I shall go to church this  
 morning . . . And praise God for  
 many things . . . and be only very  
 thankful . . . For the blessings He  
 can bring.

### BURLINGTON, IOWA

Uriel Gehring

We enjoyed having Kathie

Rocke, who attends the Apostolic Christian Church at Eureka, and her friend, Susie Ulrich, of Meta-mora, Ill., with us Sunday morning, November 10. They were also visi-tors in the Blaine Applegarth home.

Bro. and Sis. Blaine and Betty Applegarth are the parents of a ba-by boy, who they have named Dav-id Arthur. David was born Novem-ber 4 and was welcomed by two brothers and two sisters.

It hardly seems that it is near-ing the time of year set aside by our government as Thanksgiving Day. We learned from our Ameri-can history that the pilgrims set aside a day, after their first har-vest, to thank God for the bless-ings of food in their new land.

Today, we should still thank Him for the blessings of the fruits of the earth that sustain our mortal bodies; I hope we don't just do it on Thanksgiving Day, but every day.

It seems that, in our great na-tion, where the Lord has blessed so greatly in material wealth, there is a trend to remember Him only on certain days, such as Thanksgiv-ing, Christmas, Easter, and so forth, and then forget about His watchful eye and good providence the rest of the time.

Those of us who have become a part of God's plan of salvation, through the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, "Abba, Father", have something more than mater-ial blessings for which to be thank-ful. We have heavenly manna, sup-plied by our father, to sustain our spiritual bodies. This is far more important than the sustenance of our physical bodies (because they shall pass away), but our spiritual lives shall soar back to our Cre-ator from whence they came, awaiting the great judgment day, when we shall be judged according to our works, whether they have been good or evil.

Let us ever thank God for the gift of eternal life, and pray to Him for continued grace to fight a good fight of faith.

### BURLINGTON, OKLAHOMA

Mrs. Raymond Roth

Bro. and Sis. Arnold Gerst and children, formerly of Quincy, Ill., who have been transferred by Bro. Arnold's company to Tulsa, Okla., assembled with us on Sunday, Oct. 13. They were house guests of Bro.

and Sis. Arnold Ott and family. It is wonderful to know that souls will travel over two hundred miles for a weekend of fellowship of like faith and to hear God's teach-ing. We welcome the Gersts back anytime.

We had services at the Kiowa Rest Home on Sunday afternoon, Oct. 13.

A very blessed day was enjoyed Sunday, Oct. 20, when Bro. Roy Farney of Phoenix, formerly of this congregation, was our guest minister. A covered-dish supper, followed by singing, was enjoyed by many, in the church basement in the evening.

Sis. Lydia Ott left Oct. 24 to make her home with her sister, Sis. Frederika Schif, at the Apostolic Christian Home in Sabetha. She will be missed by all, especially her children. We wish her God's rich-est blessings.

Mid-week services resumed Oct. 30 for the fall, winter and spring months, each Wednesday evening at 7:30.

Bro. Raymond Roth was hos-pitalized this past month for a her-nia operation; Bro. George Miller, for a check up and observation; Bro. Lawrence Keifer, for medical treatment; and at this writing, our friend, Lena Stiager, is seriously ill, in a Wichita Hospital, with can-cer.

### CISSNA PARK, ILLINOIS

Mrs. Jeff Young

We were happy to have visiting ministers in our congregation. They were Bros. Vernon Schwab and Alfred Bahler from Wolcott and Bro. Ernest Luginbuhl from Rockville. Their wives were with them.

We greatly appreciated the visi-tors, our elder brothers. May God bless them for every effort.

Our friend, Fred Hari, from Pio-ner, Ohio, passed away Oct. 12. His body was brought here for bur-ial. Funeral services were conduct-ed by Bro. Emanuel Gudeman. Fred was a son of the late Fred Hari.

Among the sick this month: Sis. Deloris Knapp and Anna Neukomm had surgery. Bro. Ben Neukomm was in the hospital a few days, for tests and observations. Sis. Aleen Otto is a hospital patient at this time . . . hope she will soon be im-proved.

The engagement of Sis. Joyce

Kaufman to Bro. Eugene Strunk (of Morton) was made known Oct. 27. Joyce is a daughter of Bro. and Sis. Bob Kaufman.

On Sunday, Nov. 10, we had quite a number of brothers and sisters visiting us. Bros. Elmer Getz, Erwin Luginbuhl, and Daniel Steiner helped in Sunday School. We rejoice over such visits. They are counted great blessings.

### 60th ANNIVERSARY

Bro. Phil and Sis. Leah Aschli-man observed their 60th anniversary on Oct. 13, with a 4:00 supper at their home, for relatives and a few friends.

They were married in Harper, Kansas, Oct. 13, 1903, at the home of the bride's mother, Sis. Bena Ramseyer. They soon found the need of a Saviour, and were baptized by Elder Bro. Gotlieb Kurtz, at Burlington, Okla., April 23, 1905.

They lived on a farm, 3 miles north of Burlington, for two years. Then, they moved to Cissna Park, on a farm one mile west of town, where they lived for 45 years, previous to the present home in Cissna Park, where they now reside. They are both in good health and thankful to Almighty God. Bro. Phil is 83 years old, Sis. Leah 77.

The evening was closed by the group singing their baptismal song, No. 8 (Melody No. 7) in the **Zion's Harp**, which was very impressive. They also sang "When Love Shines In."

Everyone is thanked for making this day a pleasant one.

Bro. Phil and Sis. Leah are able to assemble in the house of worship every Sunday, are ever ready to render deeds of kindness. Their hearts and home is always open to loved ones.

Bro. Phil has one living sister, Sis. Tillie Beer, at Milford. Sis. Leah is left with one sister living, Sis. Lydia Rinkenberger.

We wish them contentment in the Lord in their coming days. May God bless them.

This union of our hearts  
Shall stand through grace in Jesus.  
We walk the path of life  
While cheer and trust increases.  
When God in truth abides,  
Where two join hand and heart,  
We find a threefold cord,  
Not lightly rent apart.

### CONGERVILLE, ILLINOIS

#### Ruth Schumacher

Sis. Lena Schieber is in the Menonite Hospital, Bloomington, with a lung disturbance. We are glad to hear that she's improved, and hope to see her among us at church again, soon.

Our friends, Loren and Evelyn Knapp, are the parents of a new daughter, born October 10. They've named her Cindy Lou. She's welcomed home by two brothers, Dale and Jay, and one sister, Kathy.

Bobby, baby son of Bro. and Sis. Gene and Carrie Lou Hartman, is back home and well again, after spending several days in the hospital with a virus infection.

#### He Maketh No Mistake

My Father's way may climb and turn;  
My heart may throb and ache,  
But in my soul I'm glad I know,  
He maketh no mistake.

My cherished plans may go aside,  
My hopes may fade away;  
But still I'll trust my Lord to lead,  
For He doth know the way.

Though night be dark and it may seem  
That day will never break,  
I'll pin my faith, my all in Him;  
He maketh no mistake.

There's so much now I cannot see;  
My eyesight's far too dim;  
But come what may, I'll simply trust,  
And leave it all to Him.

For by and by the mist will lift,  
And plain it all He'll make.  
Through all the way, though dark to me,  
He made **not one** mistake.

### CROGHAN — NAUMBURG, N. Y.

#### Mrs. Lawrence Farney

#### Mrs. David Schambach

We wish to correct an error in our last issue. It was Sis. Minnie Ebersol (not Virkler) who had moved to a new home near Syracuse, to be nearer her son. She was accompanied by her daughter, Edna Russell, who resides with her and cares for her.

On October 9, Sis. Anna Virkler passed to her reward, after seven weeks in the hospital. She was 78 years old, had become a member of God's family in her youth, and

remained a faithful servant, beloved by all. She is survived by three sisters, Sisters Clara Virkler, Barbara (Mrs. John K.) Virkler, and Minnie Virkler, and a brother, Joel. Funeral services were held in the Croghan church, with burial in the church cemetery. Elder Brother John Widrick officiated.

We are happy to announce that we have two young people who have repented and feel that they have peace with God and are looking forward to baptism. They are Carol Virkler and Theodore Virkler Jr.

On October 16, a daughter, Ruth Ann, was born to Bro. Clayton and Sis. Lillian Virkler. She was welcomed by three brothers and two sisters.

Sister Celia (Mrs. Lowell) Virkler recently underwent surgery and is making a good recovery.

Monday evening, October 21, a social hour was held at the Naumburg church in honor of the fiftieth wedding anniversary of Bro. George and Sis. Deborah Hoppel. The evening was spent in singing, followed by refreshments. The couple received many lovely gifts and cards. Although well along in years, Bro. George and Sis. Deborah enjoy good health and are very active.

God willing, Bro. John and Sis. Barbara Virkler will observe their Golden Wedding Anniversary on November 12, with open house at their home on Elm Street, Lowville. They were married on November 12, 1913, in a double ceremony with her sister, the late Amanda Virkler and the late Silas Virkler, with each couple attending the other. Bro. John and Sis. Barbara have a son, Ralph; two daughters, Sis. Charlotte (Mrs. F. Clifton) Virkler, and Jeane (Mrs. Boyce) Widrick, and twelve grandchildren. Since Bro. John is in failing health, they are unable to attend church regularly.

### ELGIN, ILLINOIS

#### Louise Steffen

#### Katie Kachelmuss

Bro. Harold Messner of Winthrop, visited us. We had a blessed day and received many good teachings. In the prayer, at the beginning of the services, Bro. Harold asked God to give us the power to overcome Satan, as Jesus did when tempted in the wilderness, when He said, "Get thee behind me,



Satan". Afterward, when the brother arose to read the Scripture for meditation, the Bible opened to him at the gospel according to St. Luke, the fourth chapter, which relates this very incident about Christ being tempted in the wilderness. We see how God can manifest His presence among us in many ways.

Sis. Della Kellenberger and daughter, Sis. Caroline Haas, spent some time in Pittsburg, visiting Beth Hoppe and family. Beth is the daughter of Bro. Herman and Sis. Della Kellenberger.

On Oct. 19, Bill Schifferer, son of Ed and Dorothy Schifferer of Marengo, was married to Lana J. DePirro. Charles Kellenberger, son of Bro. Ernest and Tillie Kellenberger of Morris, and Ingrid Haselbecker of Innsbruck, Austria, were married in Elgin by Bro. Herman Kellenberger, on Oct. 20.

Joseph G. Huber, brother of Sisters Nina, Mary and Lizzie Huber, passed away on Oct. 19. Bro. Herman Kellenberger conducted the services. He had the funeral services of Lydia Wright, which were on Oct. 21. Her parents were Bro. and Sis. Fred Traub, who had the bakery shop in Elgin many years ago.

Bro. Meno Steiner came here to make his home with his daughters Sisters Lena and Mathilda.

Sis. Katie Schumacher had minor surgery and was hospitalized a few days. We are glad she is among us again.

Visiting ministers and their families on Oct. 27 were Bros. Roy Sauder of Peoria, Clarence Kachelmuss and Andy Koehl of Forrest. We enjoyed their visit very much and received many teachings and blessings. Bro. Sam Heiniger of Goodfield was also among us that date. He had been spending a few days helping his son-in-law with his harvesting, near Belvidere. When someone asked Bro. Sam how he is getting along, he said that reminds him of how his father answered that question years ago. His answer was, "I cannot boast, and I don't want to complain." We can learn from memories like this.

On Nov. 1, a son was born to Gordon and Marilyn Stettner Bryant.

Ruth Haas Gralow and children visited her parents, Bro. and Sis. Robert Haas, for a month, after

which they left for their home in Maryland, where her husband is a test pilot.

Bro. Noah Schrock visited us on Nov. 3. He read and spoke on the 2nd chapter of Joshua, which he said is a historical record of the two spies which were sent to Jericho and lodged at the home of Rahab. She sensed they were men sent by God, and pleaded for mercy for herself and her father's house. He said that the scarlet thread which they told her to hang from her window is symbolic of the stream of the blood of Christ which flowed at Calvary (as also was the blood which the children of Israel put over their doors and on the posts so that the death angel would pass over). He said, if Rahab had not obeyed the word of the men who told her what to do, and if she had not stayed in the house, God would not have been obligated to save her and her father's house, when the city of Jericho was completely destroyed. The same thing held true with the children of Israel, had they not done with the blood as they were told and stayed in their houses, as they were also told to do, the death angel would not have passed over. This was a very impressive teaching on obedience. After the services, Bro. Herman Kellenberger asked Bro. Schrock to explain the meaning of the Holy Sacrament to us, which he very aptly did. We thank him for his efforts, and hope God will give him strength to go on working in His vineyard.

Bro. Nathan Steffen spoke in Sunday School of his recent trip to Alabama. He said the children there are quite a bit like our children here, they love to sing, and we know that Jesus loves the children everywhere.

A farewell was held at the home of Bro. and Sis. Elmer Getz for Bro. Charles Sauder, who is going into the Service, and Bro. Harold Steiner, who is going back to Trenton.

#### EUREKA, ILLINOIS

Cathryn Wettstein

Our visiting ministers this past month have been Bro. Sam Anliker, Lamont and Bro. Edmund Kloter, Fairbury.

We had two wedding engagements announced — Sis. Charlene Wiegand and Bro. Robert Schumacher (from Roanoke); Sis

Gladys Wittmer and Bro. Frank Fisher (from Chicago).

October 19 (Saturday evening), our two friends who repented were given their chance to give their testimony before the congregation. They were Doris Fehr and Merle Rocke. Doris is Bro. Ralph and Sis. Lulu Fehr's daughter, and Merle is Bro. Virgil & Sis. Pauline Rocke's son. Bros. Sam Anliker and Leroy Huber assisted each other in the proving. The next day (Sun.), the 2 were baptized. May God be ever near them and the Holy Spirit lead them along this narrow path of life, which leads to heaven. There are so many friends that assemble in our church each Sunday, and it is hoped that many will turn to the Lord and repent, before it is ever too late.

Sis. Mildred Huber (Bro. Leroy's wife) is a patient in Eureka Hospital, where she underwent major surgery. May God be by her side and help to regain health and strength again real soon.

Births—a baby boy to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mangold. He was born Oct. 16 and has been named Charles Michael Jr.; a baby boy to Bro. Lewis and Sis. Clara Blunier. He was born Oct. 28 and has been named Daniel Joe.

We are again on Central Standard time. Sunday Services 10:30 A.M., 12:30 P.M.; Wednesday evening, 7:30 P.M.

Sis. Christina Unsicker has passed away, after being ill for more than a year. She passed away November 5 in the Nursing home at Washington, Ill. Her funeral was Nov. 8, at the church, with Bros. Leroy Huber and Vernon Leman officiating.

#### For Thanksgiving

Not alone for harvest yield,  
Though great may be that  
treasure,  
Should we give thanks, but for the  
things  
God gives us without measure:  
The love of family and friends,  
Through days that we are sharing;  
The opportunities we have  
To help at burden-bearing;  
So many splendid things to do  
To add to gracious living;  
So many grateful prayers to pray  
To God for all His giving.  
Then this Thanksgiving Day  
should bring  
Him gratitude for everything!

### FORT SAM HOUSTON, TEXAS Paul and Kathy Haab

Since the weather has grown colder in the North, our visitors have been fewer, and thus even more greatly appreciated. On October 19 and 20, we rejoiced to have with us Bro. Ernest and Sis. Louise Graf, Sis. Mary Ann Graf, and Sis. Janette Hartzler, all of our Akron congregation. The messages which Bro. Ernest brought to us through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit were truly a blessing to all assembled with our small group. We enjoyed their fellowship so much, and were once again reminded what a precious privilege it is.

After having received a "permanent" assignment here at Fort Sam, the recent news of orders for Bro. Garry Bucher to be sent to Korea saddened all of us. In the service of our country—and throughout our entire life—we must always live one day at a time, "Trusting an unknown future to a knowing and loving God." Our sympathy goes to Bro. Garry, as he is separated from his wife, Sis. Lois, and forced to spend many lonely months on foreign soil—and to Sis. Lois, too, during their separation. They will be missed by all of us here at Fort Sam.

Having completed their time in the service, Bro. Conrad and Sis. Roletta Gerst returned to their home at Oakville. They will certainly be missed, as they made their home open to the boys stationed here and to those who came to visit us. Our best wishes go with them as they return to civilian life, and we invoke the Lord's blessings upon them, as they re-establish their home, once again, among their loved ones.

We welcome two new arrivals to our group: Ralph Hofstetter from Peoria and Nelson Beer from Milford. Their addresses are:

Pvt Ralph Hofstetter  
Co D 3rd Bn USAMTC Class 5-B  
Fort Sam Houston Texas 78234

Pvt Nelson Beer  
Co D 3rd Bn USAMTC Class 6-B  
Fort Sam Houston Texas 78234

Dennis Feucht's address was listed inadvertently last month. His correct address is:

Pvt Dennis Feucht  
Co D 3rd Bn USAMTC Class 4-B  
Fort Sam Houston Texas 78234

Other available changes of addresses are:

Pvt Joseph Steiner US55759525  
Co B 1st Med Bn  
Fort Riley Kansas

Pvt Thomas Kipfer US55748959  
31st Med Surg Hosp Mbl A  
APO 757 New York New York

Pvt Glenn W Joos US55758604  
Hq & Hq Btry  
3rd How Bn 35th Arty  
APO 800 New York New York

### LA CROSSE, INDIANA

#### Martha Rinkenberger

Visitors last month were Bros. Emanuel Gudemen and Ezra Feller of Cissna Park, Bros. John Bahler and Ernest Luginbuhl of Rockville. We also enjoyed many others.

Bro. Phil Heinold was discharged from service. We are happy to have him home with us.

Richard and Sis. Garnet Nuest were home for 3 weeks.

Norma Troxel had eye surgery, and is getting along fine.

We are having singing school for a while, in the Sunday School room. Bro. Bert Bucher is in charge.

We have been blessed with new babies.. Bro. Don and Sis. Gwen Bucher have a boy, Dale Aaron. Bro. Tod and Sis. Karon Feller have a boy, Dean Allen. Bro. Kenny and Sis. Carol Bucher have a girl, Lynn Marie. Vernon and Kathy Nuest have a boy, Scott Lee.

### LESTER, IOWA

#### Emelie M. Knobloch

We are happy to report, our church building is near completion, and we are planning to hold dedication services November 17.

Wm. Metzger, son of Bro. and Sis. Jacob Metzger, lost part of his index finger in the corn picker.

Bro. August Knobloch was taken to Des Moines for treatment. He seems to be about the same.

Kathy Knobloch, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Nathan Knobloch, broke her arm.

Other surgical patients are Eugene Metzger, James Gerber, Sis. Evelyn Metzger and Mrs. Lou Moser. All are improving nicely at this report.

Debra Metzger, daughter of Bro.

and Sis. Roy Metzger, spent several days at Iowa City. Debra will have to return for heart surgery in the near future.

The Morris Bible class spent the week end of October 13 with our Bible Class.

Sis. Eunice Knobloch has resigned as Sunday School teacher. Bro. Raymond Feucht was chosen as Sunday School treasurer.

Last month, there was an error concerning Sis. Marie Veirling's sister. It was Sis. Pauline Mogler of this community.

Our church services start at 10:30 a.m. Afternoon 1 p.m. There is singing every first and third Sunday of the month, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

### MANSFIELD, OHIO

#### Aaron A. Sauder

"Praise ye the LORD. O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever." Psalm 106:1. How many times this exclamation is repeated by the Psalmist, and how often we, too, have great cause to join in thanking God for His many blessings.

We are thankful: for the visitors who have worshipped with us this past month, on Oct. 6, from Rittman, Oct. 20 from Bluffton and Leo, and Oct. 27 from Chicago and Girard. Bro. Carl Kinsinger of Altadena ministered to us on Oct. 20. After reading the 63rd Psalm, he reminded us that the Word of God was David's source of strength, and so throughout time, the Word of God is also our source of strength. We were blessed with inspiring messages at morning and afternoon services on Oct. 27, when Bro. Bob Stoll of Girard spoke on God's Word.

We are thankful: that Bro. John Fuhrer and Carol Enderle are able to be with us again, after having spent time in the hospital recently, where each underwent surgery. Also, little Tommy Roberts is again attending Sunday School, after being hospitalized for pneumonia.

We are thankful: for the miracle of the birth of a son, Jerry, to Bro. Dave and Sis. Shirley Roberts on Oct. 25. Cindy and Tommy are also happy with their baby brother.

Our thanks are aptly expressed in this **Evening Prayer**, written by one of our local brothers:

Dear Father, now on bended knee  
I bow before Thy throne of grace,

And pray that Thou wilt hear my plea,  
As humbly, Lord, I seek Thy face.

I thank Thee for this lovely day,  
Which seems now like a vanished dream,  
For Thou hast wisely led the way,  
Though life does oftentimes transient seem.

For blessings for this mortal man  
I give Thee thanks, O Lord above,  
And for the hope salvation's plan  
Does bring to us; and for Thy love.

I thank Thee, Lord. And now I pray  
That Thou wilt keep me through this night,  
And lead me to another day;  
Protect me, Father, by Thy might.

I thank Thee, Father, once again:  
In Jesus precious name—Amen.

"Unto thee, O God, do we give thanks, unto thee do we give thanks: for that thy name is near thy wonderful works declare." Psalm 75:1.

#### MAYWOOD, CALIFORNIA Christine Locher

Bro. Henry Grimm of Morton visited us on October 20. His message was very inspiring. He reminded us that we should be faithful, as in our spiritual race we can all be winners.

Bro. Theo and Sis. Cordelia Locher of Sabetha worshipped with us October 13. They attended the wedding of their son, Wayne, and then visited relatives in our area. Sis. Cordelia is the Sabetha Silver Lining reporter.

Our annual church cleaning was held Saturday, October 28.

Craig Dapper, 6-year-old son of Bro. Ernest and Sis. Marcelle, fell and broke his collar bone. It is mending nicely at this time.

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

The long, dry spell has been broken with a few good rains the past few days, but much more rain is needed by the farmers before cold weather sets in.

Word was received by relatives of the death of Dail Thomas, of near Warren, O., on November 9. He was a son of the late Edward and Clara Games Thomas, and leaves his widow, six children, one

sister and one brother.

Mr. and Mrs. Elza Ritz, Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Wade spent two weeks in Port Charlotte, Florida, with their sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sabo and daughter, Dorothy, along with other friends from Mansfield, visited here overnight on October 12, and attended services at the Monroe Church on Sunday. Very early on Sunday morning, they went to the country church on Limestone and spent a few minutes reminiscing.

Mrs. Mary Burgess has returned from a visit with her daughter and family in Monroe Heights, Pa.

Mrs. Harry Mullett and daughter, Ruth, and Miss Jessie Hassig spent an afternoon with Della Witschey recently.

Gus Weltz was able to return to his work on November 12, after a nine-week illness.

Lewis Zohn, who has been very ill for several days, was taken to the University Hospital in Morgantown, W. Va., where he was given the Pacemaker Treatment for a heart condition. He is slowly improving.

Miss Della Witschey has been taking treatment at the local hospital for her blood condition. She goes in for a short time, and is able to go back home the same day.

Sam Kaufman is living by himself and doing well with the aid of his relatives, namely, Miss Pearl Frei and her sister, Hazel.

#### PHOENIX, ARIZONA Averil Stevig — Eileen Yackley

Thanksgiving—or in other words, Giving thanks to the Giver. I feel this is what most of the world has lost sight of—they may be thankful for what they call the good things of life, but have forgotten how all these things came about and to whom to give thanks. They have also forgotten that many roads we travel in life are not lined with flowers, and there are days when the sun does not break through the clouds to brighten the way, that there are days when we long to hear the birds sing. These are the days the Pilgrims remembered, as they looked back over their journey and were thankful God had so provided for them, though not in abundance, yet sufficient for the day.

Let us be thankful to the Giver, who not only through the beautiful

valley, but gives up a steep mountain and over a dry desert, so we appreciate His beautiful flowers. He who makes us realize that our residence is not here, but we, too, are Pilgrims passing through. Let us often stop and give thanks to God, as we travel along the road. May the words we often sing, "Where he leads me I will follow", become a reality to us. There is just one door to Heaven, and we will never find it alone.

Bro. Richard Schupbach wrote this Thanksgiving thought for us.

In the following poem, we find we should also be thankful for the gifts God withholds from us. Truly, we should say, "Thy will, not mine, be done."

#### A Thanksgiving

For all Thy blessings given there are many to thank Thee, Lord,  
But for the gifts withholden I fain would add my word,  
For the good things I desired that barred me from the best,  
The peace at the price of honour,  
The sloth of a shameful rest,  
The poisonous sweets I longed for to my hungering heart denied,  
The staff that broke and failed me when I walked in the way of pride;  
The tinsel joys withheld, that so content might still be mine,  
The help refused that might have made me loose my hand from Thine;  
The light withdrawn, that I might not see the dangers of my way.  
For what Thou hast not given, I thank Thee, Lord, today.

"If only I could live my life over again." How many times we have heard this statement, but this is not what anyone really wants. What they want is a new life, a different life, a new direction. Let us not long to go back and relive our lives. Now is the time, now is a new life ready for us. "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." II Corinthians 5:17 Our friend, Joe Reber, made this new choice. The Lord willing, he will give his testimony and be baptized Sunday, Nov. 10.

We are happy to have Larry and Dolores Lombardo and their son, Jamie, visiting here from Tacoma, Washington. Dolores is a



daughter of Joe and Harriet Reber. Larry and Dolores also have chosen this new life in Christ, and have found much happiness in fellowship with the brethren in Portland, their nearest congregation.

Our friend, Jan Wullschleger, has accepted the call of the Lord unto repentance. We wish for her the rich blessings of our Heavenly Father—through this most important step in life. “. . . seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness;” and the rest shall be added unto you . . . Jan was formerly from Wichita. Her parents are Bro. and Sis. Arthur Wullschleger.

Bro. David Stevig has flown home, to spend the week end with his folks. This is his first visit since enrolling in school in California.

Sisters Mary Hohulin and Ruth Klein assembled with us a couple weeks. It's always a blessing to meet and greet young members of our other churches.

Bro. and Sis. Alan Beer and small son, Michael, have visited with us several week ends. Bro. Alan is a doctor and is fulfilling his armed service requirements at the Indian Hospital at Tuba City, Ariz. He is a Sr. Asst. Surgeon of the U.S. Public Service Dept. of the Navy.

Bro. Paul and Sis. Irene Enach and three sons, Jerry, Bob, and Bill, from Rittman have moved to Phoenix. We are happy to have them in our midst.

Sis. Shirley Klaus of Tucson spent a week end with us. She is a teacher in the Tucson Primary schools. Connie Thornton accompanied her. The following week end, Connie, and her roommate, Cammy Walstead, visited us. Both Connie and Cammy attend the University of Arizona in Tucson. We were happy to have them in our midst.

Sis. Averil Stevig (one of your reporters) went back to assist her family for several weeks. Her dad had a badly mangled left arm from a farm accident. We are so thankful they were able to save his hand. He is making progress now. Sis. Averil was called back to Phoenix, as her husband, Bro. Roy, was in the hospital for quite a few days during her absence for emergency surgery. He is recuperating nicely.

We are sorry to report that Sis. Ann Reiger has been on the sick list this month. Her husband, Bro. Ed, is not well either, so they have

had quite a struggle taking care of each other. We pray that God will have mercy on them.

Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!

And let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, and declare his works with rejoicing.

Psalm 107

Verses 21, 22

### PRINCEVILLE, ILLINOIS

#### Ruth Ricketts

We have been richly blessed with visitors this past month, for which we are truly thankful. We rejoice in sharing love and fellowship with one another. Monday evening, Oct. 28, services were held, as Bro. Ernest Graf was in our midst. We were reminded of the parables of the ten virgins and of the talents. Although we have heard them many times, one can always learn something new and seek to be more watchful. Bros. George Gramm and Elmer Witzig of Gridley were also with us and rendered their services.

We are thankful, too, for brothers who give of their time and talents and visit in the Sunday School. October 27, Bro. Mike Knapp of Goodfield was our visitor. On November 3, Bros. Eugene and Wayne Huber were guest teachers. May these brothers, as well as the young folks, receive a blessing for their efforts.

Bro. Alfred Bahler of Wolcott and Edwin Ringger of Gridley shared the ministry, the morning of November 3. I'm sure all who were present received a blessing. Many other visitors were present to witness the marriage ceremony of Sis. Charlotte Elsasser and Bro. Dean Stahl, performed by Bro. Silas Leuthold in the afternoon. After a wedding trip to the southern states, they will make their home, at the present, near Brimfield, Ill. We wish them God's blessings, as they begin a new path together.

A daughter, Jaran Lou, was born October 16 to Bro. Earl and Sis. Anna Lou (Stoller) Grimm. Two brothers welcomed her home.

October 20 was a blessed day for all who were present, when Vera Martin gave her testimony of faith, was baptized and taken into the fold. May she always find

the Lord walking by the side, to help her walk the pilgrim journey.

Wayne Guingrich, son of Bro. Ed and Sis. Doris, has returned home, after serving in the armed forces in Germany.

Bro. Sam Grimm is recovering from surgery and is able to be out again. Sis. Ida Herber has been attending morning services occasionally. Bro. George Kieser Sr. is ill and confined to his home. We hope he will soon be feeling better and able to be about. May he receive help and comfort from the divine Comforter. Otto Baer miraculously escaped serious injuries, when he fell asleep in his car and hit an abutment. He was hospitalized a few days, but is out and about again.

Bro. Eugene Siebenthal has been inducted into the Army and was sent to Fort Knox, Kentucky.

### RITTMAN, OHIO

#### Ella Mae Trent

“Unto you therefore which believe he is precious. . . .”

More precious is He than He was  
when I met Him,  
That day when He lifted me,  
wounded, half dead,  
As I lay by the road that led down  
to destruction—  
He took me to shelter and blessing  
instead.

More precious is He than He was  
when He led me  
Across the green pastures through  
sunshiny days,  
When all life was joyful and happy  
thanksgiving  
He “robed me with gladness” and  
“girded with praise.”

Precious, more precious, most precious,  
this Saviour;  
Whatever I treasure, I value Him  
more.  
I dwell in His safety, for He watches  
o'er me—  
He's daily more precious than ever  
before.

Welcoming their first child, a son, Allan Richard, born October 17, are Bro. Carl and Sis. Carol Steiner.

While in the Midwest, Bro. Carl Kinsinger of California took time to bring the work of God to us. May God bountifully bless him.

Many of our congregation have suffered infirmities the past

month. Often, the difficulties must seem like mountains. May the mountains of difficulty have brought each of them nearer to the heights of God's love.

Bro. Herbert Bauman and Joseph Riggenbach are recovering nicely, following traumatic farm injuries.

Bro. William Gasser assembled with us again, following hospitalization. His brother, Bro. Robert, is confined at home.

Sisters Ella Hartzler, Selma Hartzler, and Ruth Beery, and Elaine Rufener are now hospital patients.

### THE PRICELESS VALUE OF CHRISTIAN LOVE

#### Ministering Bro. Joseph Ramsier

We are a very fortunate people, that God has blest us with the ability to reflect his love toward one another.

God loved us so dearly that he asked his Son to leave the glories of Heaven, take upon him flesh and blood, and live among us, subject to the temptations of Satan. Jesus, because of his love for the Father and for us, left his ivory palace and came to earth bringing a new plan of salvation, **Repentance and the remission of sin.**

The price for the redemption of sin was so great that no man could pay the price. Christ, then willing to drink the bitter cup, gave his life and blood for us, that we need not perish, but have everlasting life.

Christ has again returned to the glories of heaven, but we are still here to carry on his work of love. We all have a duty toward God and our neighbor, carrying out the work of love, that the flame would not die out.

We, as children of God, have a precious faith, and have established a church founded on the firm rock of Christ. Let us work together to keep the church pleasing to God and not lust after the husks of the world. One of the ways to keep our faith upon the solid rock is to have love for one another. What a sad condition a church is in when love for each other leaves. Satan takes the opportunity to replace it with envy and strife.

May we pray for grace, sufficient that we can love all of God's people and our dear friends. Through love and being a good light, we can still bring souls to the Lord, and he will

give them pardon and peace. We all have a duty, whether in silence or voice, from the youngest convert to the oldest Shepherd.

My mother told me many of the experiences of her grandfather, Elder Bro. Isaac Gehring. He was a brother that had love for everyone, and the Lord richly blest his work. He said, "One cannot catch fish by striking in the water."

One of his many experiences that brought good fruit was when a friend was taken to visit him in his home. She was wearing apparel decked with the things that were considered as vanity and worldly. This friend felt sure that he would admonish her because of them, and had her story ready to answer him. During her visit, he never mentioned anything concerning her vanity and pride, but instead showed her great kindness and love, and when she left, he gave her a gift to take home.

This friend was so ashamed and humbled, because of the words in her mind that she had intended to tell him. Instead of admonition, she had received much love. In a very short time, the Lord brought her into repentance, and she became a very sincere sister.

May we likewise go about scattering seeds of kindness and love, that the Lord may gather the pleasing fruit, and all work together in peace and respect toward each other and our Shepherds, that our church may still be pleasing to the Lord when he returns.

#### SABETHA, KANSAS Mrs. Theodore Locher

Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Novy and daughter, Annette, arrived home Oct. 1 from England, where Lowell served three years in the Air Force. Mrs. Novy was formerly Esther Aberle. She is a daughter of Bro. Joe and Sis. Mary Aberle.

Our son, Wayne Locher, and Patricia Collins were married Oct. 12. Wayne is employed by the Northrup King Seed Co. at Fresno, California. We wish them God's blessings.

On Oct. 13, the engagement was made known of Sis. Waneta Sinn, daughter of Bro. Charles (Dannie) and Sis. Dorothy Sinn of Fort Scott, to Bro. Eldon Plattner, Sabetha. Eldon is the son of Bro. John and Sis. Marie Plattner.

Another dear soul has been called out of this life into eternity.

Sis. Albertina Steiner passed away Oct. 23. She had been ill for several months. Sis. Albertina served her Lord faithfully, in her daily walk of life. Funeral services were held Saturday morning, the 26th, by Bro. Joe Zimmerman of Roanoke, assisted by Bro. Eugene Marti.

We appreciated the inspiring message of the true gospel, brought to us Wednesday evening, Oct. 23, by Bro. Ernest Graf of Akron. We invite him to come again. Sis. Louise accompanied him. We always enjoy the Christian fellowship with our visitors.

Bro. Louis Somerhalder, of Gridley, Ks., is now a resident of the Apostolic Christian home.

Sis. Della Heiniger was once again privileged to assemble with us, since her many months of "shut-in days."

Bertha Hinnen of Holton, Ks., brought her first cousin, Lina Baer Hinnen, from Keisnacht, am Rigi, Switzerland, up to Sabetha to visit with Freida Strahm, and some of the other Wagman relatives. These families lived three miles from each other in Switzerland. Although they stayed so short a time here at Sabetha, they enjoyed their visit and reminiscing of old times together. I might mention, another sister came along with Lina from Switzerland, till to Peoria, to visit in the Bro. Peter Weber home, and get acquainted with her new grandson.

Our other visiting ministers were Bros. Samuel Anliker, Lamont, and Lester Hartter, Bern.

Bro. Dave and Sis. Susie Brunner observed their 42nd wedding anniversary, Nov. 3. May the Lord bless them with many more happy years together.

#### TAYLOR, MISSOURI Mrs. Eli Sutter

We were glad to have Bro. and Sis. Roy Wysong of Sabetha with us, while they were helping their daughter and son-in-law, Sis. Sally and Bro. Norman Haerr, get settled in their home.

Bro. Robert Hoerr was a medical patient at the hospital for several days. He has returned home and is quite well again.

We were glad to have Bro. Sam Anliker, Lamont, Bro. Al Langhoffer, Wichita, and Bro. Kenneth Sauder, Mansfield, spend an evening with us, on the way to the

Conference. Bro. Anliker was accompanied by his wife.

It was a blessing to us to have Bro. Ernest Graf, Akron, with us on Friday evening, Oct. 25, to minister to us. His wife and his daughter, Sis. Mary Ann and Sis. Janette Hartzler, accompanied him.

### TOLEDO, OHIO

Emily Frautschi

On October 27, our Sunday School had their annual fall Singing Program.

Marilyn Martin, who moved to Torrance, California, about four years ago, has been visiting in Toledo for a couple of weeks.

On November 10, Bro. Henry and Sis. Ida Wackerle, Bro. Emery and Sister Margaret Molnar and Sis. Pat Molnar—all from Bay City—visited us in Toledo. We enjoyed their visit, and especially the messages delivered by Bro. Henry.

### VALPARAISO, INDIANA

Mil Bucher

We are grateful to God for the many visitors who, we believe, are led by the Holy Spirit to worship with us on the Lord's Day. The month of October brought us visitors from Elgin and Gridley (Ill.); Bremen and La Crosse; San Francisco; and Kalamazoo (Michigan). Among our guests was Bro. Edwin Ringger of Gridley, who gave us an inspiring message.

On Oct. 20, a group of Valparaiso people and the Fred Enz family from Cissna Park were guests at the home of Sis. Lena Heiniger for dinner, in observance of her 82nd birthday. Thanks and praise be to God for the good health she enjoys at this age. Walter Heinigers from Kouts and Ernest Pfeifers from Knox called at her home later in the day to wish her God's blessings.

Oct. 22, a group of twenty from Valparaiso journeyed to Park Forest, Ill., to the home of Art Yerglers. An evening of fellowship was enjoyed by all. Art and Earlene and their son, Billy, have enriched our fellowship and worship by attending church in Valparaiso, even though it means a journey of thirty-five miles each Sunday.

For the past several weeks, the Bible Class has been studying the seven dispensations of time. The class has just concluded the dispensation called "Law", and will begin the study of "Grace", which

is the sixth in order.

Parents and sponsors joined the Junior and Senior classes for a gathering on October 6 at the Roy Frieden farm, which included a wiener roast and a song fest. Approximately 30 were in attendance.

The Beginners and Primary classes enjoyed the hospitality, including a wiener roast, on October 19 at the Orville Bucher home. Mil and Evelyn Bucher and Aldene Frieden, Sunday School teachers, sponsored the event.

As we draw toward the Thanksgiving Season, may each of us be grateful to the great Giver, for the blessings we have enjoyed in the past year. The poem "Praying Hands" portrays the gratitude of a deeply thankful heart.

### Praying Hands

The "Praying Hands" are much,  
much more than just a work of art,  
They are the "soul's creation"  
of a deeply thankful heart—  
They are a Priceless Masterpiece  
that love alone can paint,  
And they reveal the selflessness  
of an unheralded saint—

These hands so scarred and toil-  
worn, tell the story of a man  
Who sacrificed his talent  
in accordance with God's plan  
For in God's plan are many things  
man cannot understand,  
But we must trust God's judgment  
and be guided by His Hand—

Sometimes He asks us to give up  
our dreams of happiness,  
Sometimes we must forego our  
hopes of fortune and success—  
But we climb up the upward path  
to heights of fame,  
And many times WHAT SHOULD  
BE OURS goes to ANOTHER  
NAME—

But he who makes a sacrifice so  
another may succeed,  
Is indeed a true disciple of our  
blessed Saviour's creed—  
For when we give ourselves away  
in sacrifice and love,  
We are laying up rich treasures in  
God's kingdom up above—

And hidden in gnarled, toilworn  
hands is the truest ART OF  
LIVING,  
Achieved alone by those who've  
learned the VICTORY OF  
GIVING—

For any sacrifice on earth  
Made in the dear Lord's name,  
Assures the giver of a place in  
Heaven's Hall of Fame—

And who can say with certainty  
Where the greatest talent lies,  
Or who will be the greatest in  
OUR HEAVENLY FATHER'S  
EYES!

### WOLCOTT, INDIANA

Arles Kropf

We greatly appreciated the visit of Bros. Carl Hartman and Gene Marti of Sabetha and Bro. Alpha Strahm of Bern, who were with us for evening services, enroute to the Conference in Bluffton.

A blessed day was enjoyed on October 27, when Bro. Joe Schrock and the Congerville Bible class and teachers were with us. The Remington Bible class was also with us, and a program was given in the evening.

Lowell and Sis. Karla Bahler are the parents of a son, their first child. He has been named Jeffrey Lowell.

Funeral services were held on Nov. 6 for Lester Klopfenstein, 44, who died as a result of an auto accident. Surviving are his wife, six children, one grandchild, one brother and seven sisters. Bro. Art Gudeman had the services.

### ROCKVILLE, CONNECTICUT

Carlton J. Lanz

We spent several enjoyable hours in the company and fellowship of our guests, who visited here recently. All were welcome.

Returning safely with the Alfred Schneiders, Bro. Walter Zahner and his wife brought us greetings from members in Florida. Their trip was eventful.

The plans we make do not always materialize. Bro. Wilbur Schneider will agree to this. He, with his wife and two children and Bro. Roy Schneider and his wife, were enroute to spend Sunday in Bay City. Driving on the New York Thruway, near Buffalo, at about 9 P.M., he encountered a deer on the median. He was about to pass, when the animal dashed suddenly into the path of the automobile. The plans he had made were changed quite suddenly; the front of the car was too badly damaged now to proceed further, so Sunday was spent with members in New York State, instead. Fortunately, no one



was hurt. The state of New York offered him the deer. The offer was declined.

Bro. Edwin Gerber, while using a grease gun on a heavy machine, accidentally had a hole punched through the palm of his hand. That the grease, itself, was able to penetrate through the hand as it did seems incredible. The intensity of the pressure behind the grease in the gun must have made this freakish thing occur.

**True, Lots of Times!  
I Know Something GOOD About  
You**

Wouldn't it be a lot better  
If the folks we meet would say,  
"I know something good about  
you!"

And treat us just that way?

Wouldn't it be much pleasanter  
If each handclasp, fond and true,  
Carried with it this assurance—  
"I know something good about  
you!"

Wouldn't life be lots more happy  
If the good that's in us all  
Were the only thing about us  
That folks bothered to recall?

Wouldn't life be lots more happy  
If we cherished the good we see?  
For there's such a lot of goodness  
In each one of you and me!

Wouldn't it be nice to practice  
That fine way of thinking, too?  
You know something good 'bout  
me;  
I know something good 'bout  
you?

**LEO, INDIANA**

**Mrs. Elias Souder**

"O give thanks unto the Lord,  
for he is good: for his mercy endureth  
for ever." Psalm 107:1.

We are looking forward to Thanksgiving and to meeting again some of our loved ones. Edw. Frautschi, who is at Purdue, plans on being home.

The friendships of life carry on through the years, and often mellow sweeter with age. The London soldier's reunion assembled in our Leo area, this year, and with our assembly on the Lord's Day.

One Wednesday evening, Bro. John Bollier and others from here visited the young people there.

Church services were held for them.

Some from here spent part of a Sunday with our members at Indianapolis. The Harry Joe Stollers are there now. Harry Joe is a medical student.

We have also shared some of the blessings of the Brother Meeting. On Tuesday evening, Elder Carl Kinsinger from California was here. Wednesday evening, Bros. Elias and John Somerhalder from Oklahoma had services. Thursday evening, Bro. Somerhalder from Oklahoma, Bro. LeRoy Hartman from Peoria, and Bro. Ben Maibach from Detroit held services.

The Silver Lining reporter from LaCrosse spent Sunday, Oct. 28, with us. Vernon Bucher shared in the song leading. Bro. Vernon, being a successful farmer, knows from experience what it is to have a grand champion. He was gone a couple of Sundays and that is when he said you really missed the fellowship of one another.

Kim and Kalisa, Dwight Souders' two little girls, spent some time at the Lutheran Hospital in Ft. Wayne. Kim had minor surgery and Kalisa had an operation on her little leg. Both are home again and doing very well.

This poem has been a comfort to me, while being with our little shut-in children. May it also help others.

I lent you for a little while  
A child of mine, he said,  
For you to love the while he lives  
And mourn for when he's dead.  
It may be six or seven years or  
twenty-two or three,  
But will you, till I call him back,  
Take care of him for me?

He'll bring his charms to gladden,  
And should his stay be brief,  
You'll have his lovely memories  
As solace for your grief.

I cannot promise he will stay,  
Since all from earth returns,  
But there are lessons taught down  
there

I want this child to learn.  
In my search for teachers true,  
And from the throngs that crowd  
life's lane,  
I have selected you.

Now, will you give him all your  
love,  
Nor think the labor vain,

Nor be bitter when I come to call,  
To take him back again?

And I fancied that I heard them  
say,  
"Dear Lord, Thy will be done.  
For all the joy thy child will bring,  
The risks of grief we'll run.  
We'll shower him with tenderness;  
We'll love him while we may,  
And for the happiness we've  
known,  
Forever grateful stay.

But shall the angel call him  
Much sooner than we planned,  
We'll brave the tearful grief that  
comes,  
And try to understand.

**BREMEN, INDIANA**

**Joseph L. Bauman**

One little newcomer the past month was a little girl, born to the grandchildren of our ministering brother, Henry, and Sis. Leah Souder, to Mr. and Mrs. Mike and Janet Levy, a daughter, Lynnea. We join in wishing them God's richest blessings for this new addition to their family.

Home from school for a week end was Bro. Leon Hartter.

Man should be thankful for the blessings he receives. Each one of us at times, perhaps can find supposed reasons to complain, and yet we live in a land so affluent, that lots of the world is envious of our abundance. Our forefathers, many who endured hardship and privation, would be somewhat astonished to see the conditions under which many of us are living today. The Holy Scriptures, from beginning to end, are replete with the instructions, that we should not forget to be grateful for our blessings.

Let us be thankful.

**FRANCESVILLE, INDIANA**  
**Mrs. Herman (Chris) Wuethrich**

On Wednesday, Oct. 16, some were in their fields, others in their kitchens, and other places of work, and then came together for an evening blessing that Bro. Merle Bucher gave us. Also with him was his wife and family.

The Christian home of Bro. Bob and Sis. Phyllis Wuethrich has been blessed with a baby son, Reginold.

There has been a "Love", a "Joy" and a "Tie" among us the past month, as so many dear ones

from various places have visited our congregation. There is no joy can compare with this "Tie".

### FAIRBURY, ILLINOIS

Joyce Huber

Carlos Meiss testified that he received the peace that passeth all understanding, as he read in the Bible. Our guest elder for the occasion of Carlos' testimony, Oct. 13, Bro. Noah Schrock, said that reading the Bible is God's way of talking to us, and praying is our way of talking to God. We praise God for Carlos' conversion and becoming a child of God. We were happy to have visitors, including Bro. Joe Zimmerman of Roanoke.

Congratulations to Bro. Richard Steffen, son of Bro. and Sis. Sam Steffen, who has become engaged to Sis. Lou Ida Kaisner, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Joe Kaisner of Forrest. Since the Lord has brought them together, we know the Lord will bless their undertaking.

"Love is something for which we must pray and cling to, lest it leave us; but we must have love in action", was part of Elder Sam Anliker's sermon here Sun., Oct. 20. Bro. and Sis. Anliker visited their daughter and her family, Bro. and Sis. Don Broquard, on their way home from the conference. We were happy to have some of their relatives the same Sunday.

We welcome home Duane Broquard, son of Bro. and Sis. George Broquard, as he has returned from his army service in Europe.

Bro. Albert Aberle of Tremont was a guest minister, Sunday, Nov. 10, bringing out that we should not try to get rid of our cross, as it keeps us on our knees and close to God. Several others accompanied him and were guests of Sis. Lydia Bittner.

On Sunday morning, after opening to Matthew 24, on events to occur in the latter days, Bro. Joe Schrock meditated on it, saying that as we ourselves saw in our tour to the Holy Land that what God had prophesied was later fulfilled, so just as surely what God has prophesied for the end times, we know is imminent. Several others from Congerville accompanied the Schrocks and were guests of Bro. and Sis. Edw. Huber.

### FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

Mrs. Albert E. Kipfer

Our congregation was saddened

by the death of our dear brother, Jacob Unsicker, husband of Sis. Emma. He was stricken by a heart attack, while driving his truck along the Tillman Road near his Farm Store. His truck swerved off the road, following the attack, and crashed into a fence pole. Bro. Jake was dead on arrival at Parkview Memorial Hospital. He was a native of Forrest, but has resided in Allen County 20 years, and has been a farmer most of his life. For the past eight years, he operated the Unsicker Farm Store. Survivors include his wife, Emma; three sons, Ensign David Unsicker, serving the Navy in Athens, Ga., Airman 3-C Steven Unsicker, stationed at Larson Air Force Base, and Mark, at home; a daughter, Mrs. Larry Brososky, New Haven; two sisters, Mrs. Mattie Clauss, Monroeville, and Mrs. Christine Oberly, Bremen, and five brothers, Henry, Edwin, Joseph and Sam of Bremen, and George of Mesa, Arizona. Funeral services were held Thursday, October 31, at 1:00 P.M. in the E. Harper and Son Funeral Home, New Haven, and at 1:30 P.M. here at the church. Bros. Loren Stoller and Sam Aeschliman conducted the services. Burial was in the Leo Cemetery.

A sympathy card was sent to the Unsicker family, and Sis. Emma requested it be read at our Sunday services as a memorial of her husband, Jake:

Somewhere beyond the rainbow's end

The skies are bright and fair.  
No shadows dim — no darkness falls;

The land is peaceful there.

And Someone with the power to heal,

To guide, and understand,  
Is waiting there to calm our fears,  
And take us by the hand.

So when a dear one heeds His call—

Our hearts should be at rest,  
For there, beyond the rainbow's end,

A loving God knows best.

Sis. Florence Pulver was admitted to the St. Joseph hospital Nov. 6, for surgery. She is getting along fairly good at this writing. We wish her a speedy recovery.

The Fort Wayne Choir spent

Sunday, November 3, in Peoria. We understand they had a very enjoyable day.

Bro. Fred Drayer passed away yesterday, Nov. 11, at the Parkview Memorial Hospital, from a heart attack. Bro. Fred has not been in good health for some time. Survivors include his wife, Nettie, and one son, Hilmer, two grandchildren, and one great grandchild. Funeral services are to be Thursday at 1:00 at the E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, New Haven, and 1:30 at the Fort Wayne church.

... Just learned of the death of Sis. Amanda Mill's brother, Edward U. Gerber, of Bluffton. He passed away this morning at 8:00 o'clock at the Decatur Hospital. Funeral services are incomplete at this writing.

We extend to all the bereaved our sympathy.

### GOODFIELD, ILLINOIS

Marian Wiegand

Sis. Naomi Nohl is using crutches, as a result of a hip injury she received some time ago. Sis. Hannah Nohl fell and broke her wrist. We hope it won't be long until she can assemble with us again.

It was very heartwarming for Sis. Edna Schieler to receive so many cards and letters for her birthday. She wishes to express her thanks.

Bro. Jim Hohulin took part in the Army air lift to Germany. He expects to be back in the States again by Thanksgiving.

Glen Joos has been transferred from Ft. Sam Houston to Germany. His address is:

Pvt Glenn W Joos US55758604  
Hq BTRY 3rd BN HOW 35th Arty  
APO 800 New York New York

### Pilgrims

343 years ago, 102 brave men, women and children set sail for an unknown land in a small ship, the Mayflower. They were looking for a place where they would be free from persecution and could worship as they wished. They called themselves the Pilgrims.

After sailing two months, they reached the shores of America. After another month, they finally found a place that suited them, and called it Plymouth. By this time it was December, and in order to protect themselves from the oncoming winter, they hastily built

themselves temporary homes.

Needless to say, they had many hardships—within four months 44 of the settlers died from a strange disease. They lived in constant fear of the Indians.

By the end of one year, they felt so grateful to have had a harvest and to have had a place where they were free from persecution, that they decided to have a special feast, and offered prayers of thanksgiving.

We, too, are pilgrims destined for an unknown land. We, too, have many many reasons to observe this special day—Thanksgiving Day—to offer our thanks for the bountiful harvest, protection and love he has bestowed upon us.

### GRIDLEY, ILLINOIS

Mary Alyce Witzig

Our dear old brother, Joel Boller, passed away on October 27, after much suffering. He had his right leg amputated about 10 days earlier. His funeral was October 30.

Bro. Chris Stoller suffered a stroke on November 3, and passed away November 6. Both of these old brothers will be greatly missed.

Bro. Paul Zehr's barn burned October 27, and he lost a great deal of machinery and hay.

Sis. Emma Yergler had a little accident. She had a rib broken and was considerably shaken up. She is again able to be up, and is getting along very well.

We are happy to have Sisters Viola Witzig and Setta Klopfenstein gather with us again, after spending much time at home, due to broken hips.

Our friend John Kaupp, son of Bro. Walter and Sis. Esther, is stationed overseas. His address is:

Pvt John F Kaupp US55747983  
Hq & A Co 24th Med Bn  
APO 112  
New York New York

Our friends, Marvin and Harold Kaupp, have been discharged from the service.

### ILLINOIS STATE NORMAL UNIVERSITY

Alta Kay Zbinden

On October 17, the ISNU Bible Class met at Brokaw Hospital, where we had fellowship and sang for Sis. Ruth Ann Schipf, who had undergone surgery and remained a patient.

Bro. Elmer Witzig from Gridley

was our guest speaker on October 24. He read to us from St. Luke 10, and inspired us with his message.

Visiting with us on October 31 was Bro. Joe A. Getz from Morton. His topic was centered on St. John 6, verses 37 through 47. We enjoyed the message and fellowship.

On November 7, Bro. Joe Schrock led us in reading St. Matthew 24, making reference to St. Mark 13. The evening was concluded with singing and fellowship.

### JUNCTION, OHIO

Mrs. Alvin H. Manz

The DAY of Thanksgiving approaches us, but we all can have "Thanksgiving" every day, in our hearts, for many things:

#### WHAT?

What would you think of a bird,  
my friend,

Which had no thanks for the  
air?

What would you say of a cloudy  
day

That had no wish to be fair?

Or what of a pale, rain-washed  
flower,

Which had no thanks for the  
sun?

Of the bounding heart of a healthy  
child

That had no use for fun?

What of the wanderer, lonely,  
faint,

Weary and sad and sore,

Who gets no throb of his homesick  
heart,

At the sight of his parent's  
door?

Ah, what would you say of a germ-  
filled seed,

Which had no use for the sod?

And what can be said of a human  
soul,

Who has no thanks for GOD?

With the cooler weather, our shut-ins have been unable to enjoy the services from the automobiles, as during the past few months. During the cold weather months especially, it would be well, for any who cares, to send a note of cheer to those who need a bit of brightness in the lonely days they must spend indoors: Andrew Dotterer, Route 1, Paulding, Ohio 45879. Rehklau Sisters, 626 N. Main, Paulding, Ohio 45879. Mrs.

Henry Manz, 220 N. Main St., Paulding, Ohio 45879.

It has been announced that Betty and Cathy Schlatter have found peace, and we are all so happy for them. May God richly bless each of them, and give them much grace on their upward journey.

### LAMONT, KANSAS

Mrs. Bernie Emch

We were richly blessed through the precious word which our visiting ministers proclaimed. May they also be blessed for their laboring for the Lord.

Bro. Ernest Graf of Akron ministered to us. In his visiting the shut-ins, so many recalled the visits of his father, Bro. Ernest Sr., and the precious memories left by him. We cannot be thankful enough that this precious faith of our forefathers has been preserved and handed down from generation to generation.

Bro. and Sis. Harvey Grimm of Bern spent a week end with us. In his message, he related how people, in planning an earthly trip, pick the easiest route, the broad super highways, turnpikes, smooth traveling, crowded with many people traveling. In our spiritual journey, let it be the opposite, choosing the country roads which are narrow and rough, and very few traveling, so when we want to enter His kingdom, that the Lord will not have to say unto us, **Depart from me, ye workers of iniquity. I know ye not.**

Bro. and Sis. Vernon Schwab and Bro. and Sis. Aaron Farney of Wolcott spent an evening, Bro. Vernon ministering the word. They were on their way to Ft. Sam Houston, to minister to the group there. In Bro. Vernon's message, he reminded us that our faith be increased as Abrahams, the father of the faithful, a man filled with obedience and righteousness of faith.

This article was submitted by our minister, Bro. Roy Wernli.

We again have come to the season or harvest-time in which this nation also commemorates the pilgrims' first harvest, by giving thanks unto God for His blessings that He has given unto this nation this past year.

The pilgrims who landed at Plymouth had very little food left, as they waited for the harvest of their crops. They had God as their re-



fuge, and truly he did give the increase unto their labor. In return, they gave God thanks, praise and honor for the blessings they had received. So this nation had grown and prospered in material wealth, since the first harvest of the Pilgrims.

We can read, time again, how man and science had attained new heights in material and wealth. But how rich is this nation toward God? This is revealed by the wickedness that is being brought to light in high places, which leads nations away from God, into corruption.

We as believers should be thankful, above all, for the greatest blessing of God, in his Son, Jesus Christ, who has given us hope of eternal life.

We also are Pilgrims in a strange and foreign land. We are living in a sinful, sick, corrupt world, and are ever in need of God and His grace, to remain in the faith of our forefathers, who deemed it a blessed privilege to walk the narrow path of our Lord. It is the unseen blessings for which we should strive. In this, we should show forth evidence that we are willing to forsake all and follow our Lord, who gave His life that we may have life eternal.

As the Lord tarries in heaven, let us each day be drawn closer to his love, by the faith and hope that we find in his good word, and also of the hymn that we have in our Zion's Harp, "The Pilgrim's Song", in which we can find joy in singing.

#### MORRIS, MINNESOTA

Mrs. Kenneth Zeltwanger

Bro. Noah Miller of Winthrop was our visiting minister for evening services, October 23. He was accompanied by his wife and several others.

We had a blessed week-end and rejoiced to hear the testimonies of William Jr. and Betty Zeltwanger, Lloyd and Diann Fehr, Earl and Minnie Kirrsatz and Vernard and Barbara Brown, on Saturday, November 2. They were baptized on Sunday. Elder Bros. George Sinn of Latty and George Gramm of Gridley assisted Bro. Koehl. Bro. Sinn stated, that a hymn to keep in mind while walking a Christian life is, "Be True!"

Be True, be true! The Lord is by thee standing;

Joyful with Him at last will be the ending!

Tho' hard the strife and long the conflict be,  
Through faithfulness the Lord will honored be!

There were many other visitors for the occasion, including Bros. Earl Banwart, Alfred Fehr, Noah Gerber of West Bend, Leo Moser of Lester and Noah Miller of Winthrop.

We were privileged to have Elder Bros. John Bahler of Rockville and Rudolph Graf of Akron with us the week-end of November 10, to assist with the provings and baptism of ten dear friends; Sharon and Bonnie Moser, Glenagene Domnick, Ruth and Larry Nohl, Wilda Fehr, Shirley Koehl, Marilyn Joos and Ben and Martha Greiner. May the Lord be with them all in their new walk of life.

We enjoyed having other visitors also, including ministering Bros. Clarence Kachilmuss of Forrest; Henry Mogler of Lester; Carl Hartman of Sabetha; and Albert Scheitlin of Elgin.

Sis. Pauline Tohm was hospitalized, but is able to be home again.

We are happy that Judy Fehr, wife of Bro. Leroy Fehr, has turned to the Lord in repentance.

Charles Kellenberger, son of Bro. and Sis. Ernst Kellenberger Sr., and Ingrid Haselbecker of Innsbruck, Austria, were united in marriage at the home of Bro. and Sis. Robert Scheitlin in Elgin, on October 20.

Bro. and Sis. Robert Haas are the parents of their fourth son, born on November 9.

#### OAKVILLE, IOWA

Mrs. Ezra Gerst

Mrs. Edwin Banwart

We were happy to have Bros. Henry Mogler and Leo Moser of Lester stop here on their way home from the conference to minister to us on Friday evening. Their wives and Sis. Edith Knobloch accompanied them. May God bless their efforts.

We sympathize with the Richard Siegles, whose little son, Raymond, age 4, died of leukemia. Richard is the son of Bro. and Sis. Fred Siegle. Bro. Noah Schrock had the funeral service. He said, "Since little Raymond cannot come to them, we hope they can go where he is".

There were several brothers and sisters in the faith visited on Oct. 27, including Cleo Rinkenberger of Pulaski and Ernest Graf of Akron. We thank Bros. Cleo and Ernest for bringing us the messages that day.

Michael, son of Bro. Harvey and Sis. Leola Heiniger, was in the hospital for several days. Bro. Walter Stoller has had quite a siege in the hospital, having been there for about ten days, was home about a week, and had to go back again on account of pneumonia. He is better now, and got to go home Friday. We wish him renewed strength and health.

Frank and Sis. Minnie Emch of the Girard church visited here on Sunday. Frank is the brother of Sis. Louise Lanz.

Sis. Lena Wegman is in the hospital at this time. She is having some tests and had minor surgery. Sis. Lena has been patient in her suffering, since she had a stroke some years ago. May God give her the continued strength and courage to endure.

O willingly endure,  
For God's word doth assure  
That thou shouldest suffer still,  
According to His will.

To suffer as God wills,  
Our life's design fulfills;  
It leads to God's domain,  
Christ's likeness to attain.

To suffer makes us pure.  
Each trial we endure  
Does good to us impart,  
Makes us childlike at heart.

#### PORTLAND, OREGON

Mrs. Paul N. Rumbold

Our friends, Larry and Delores Lombardo, and son, Jammy, are visiting in Phoenix for several weeks with her parents, Bro. Joe and Harriet Reber. Larry and Delores confess having peace with God. We enjoy having them in our midst.

Wayne and Judy Wettstein and daughter, Lisa, from Tacoma, Washington, visited us this month. Wayne is stationed at Ft. Lewis.

Bro. Martin Reuter is leaving the 12th, for a visit in the East with relatives and friends.

#### REMINGTON, INDIANA

Emily Kilgus

Our visiting ministers this past

month have been Bros. Ed Frank and Merle Bucher of La Crosse and Bros. Henry Souder and Robert Hueni of Bremen. We were richly blessed by their meditations. The young members from Roanoke, Eureka, Goodfield and Cissna Park were on our visitor list.

Gene and Diane Waibel are the parents of a baby girl. Bro. George and Sis. Anna Waibel are grandparents.

Bro. Gus Knochel has been a patient in the Bluffton Clinic for the past two weeks, following surgery. Now I am informed that his wife, Sis. Eunice, is also a patient there. We surely wish a good recovery for both of them. I recall when their daughter, Sis. Lucille, used to say that she expected to have that duty laid on her to care for her parents in their older years, but we never know what God's plans are, as Lucille has gone to her rest nearly eight years ago. It hardly seems possible. It seems that so often, when a group of us are together, somehow the years are rolled back, and we remark about this or that which Lucille used to do or say. To state it briefly, the memories of her are sweet ones.

Last month, I wrote that we had services for Sis. Hazel and Charles Vibbert, who lived about 60 miles from us. Now, we are thankful to God that he has opened the way that Charles could find work on a farm, and the family has moved within 16 miles of church. They now assemble with us. We hope they will always appreciate this privilege, that they did not have for over a year. To the folks back home in Alabama who would wish to write to them, their address is RR 2, Wolcott, Indiana.

#### ROANOKE, ILLINOIS Irene (Hodel) Legel

Bro. Joe Hodel has been confined in the hospital since Oct 10, from a severe heart attack. His daughters, Sis. Lavina Dotterer from Phoenix, and Bro. and Sis. Bob Schrock of Oakville came to be with him and their mother, Sis. Katie, and Bro. Ben through this critical period. At this time, Bro. Joe is still a very sick man. We miss him very much and wish him a pleasing recovery. May our dear Lord be with them all at all times.

Bro. and Sis. Jesse Gerber of Latty were visiting here the 12th, guests of Bro. and Sis. Joe Zimmer-

man.

Sis. Neoma Moser has returned home, after spending two weeks with her daughter, Sis. Delores Knapp, of Cissna, while recuperating from surgery.

Bro. and Sis. Bill Swartz of Altadena stopped for a visit here, on their way to the Brother meeting in Bluffton.

Bro. and Sis. Jim Hodel are parents of their second son, the third child, James Michael, born Oct. 18. He has one sister, Terri Sue, 3½ and one brother Curtis Phillip, 2. The grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Silas Hodel of here and Bro. and Sis. Phil Getz of Morton, great-grandparents, Bro. and Sis. Sam Getz of Morton.

We were well pleased to hear the testimony of our friend, Sarah Diggle, wife of Bro. John, on Wednesday evening. Bros. Joe Klopfenstein and Elmer Witzig of Gridley were present for the occasion, and had the services, which we all enjoyed. Sarah's mother, Sis. Funk, & Bro. Jim, beside other relatives and friends from Gridley, were with us. Sarah was baptized the following Sunday. It makes us very happy when we can see another soul enter the fold. We pray many more could see the importance of this one and only way of life. May God give us the grace to be a light and help to others, encouraging them to seek their soul's salvation before it is too late.

We were happy to have Sis. Katherine Miller with us the 28th, guest of Bro. and Sis. Russell Plattner, who operate the jewelry store here in Roanoke. They have taken over the ownership now. Bro. Russ, in his wheel-chair, has done a very good job, with the help of his wife, Sis. Margie (Barth), in providing for their family of three. We hope the dear Lord will continue his work.

Sis. Elizabeth Unsicker had surgery on her other eye the past week, and is getting along very well. We wish her a speedy recovery.

The Bob Martins are parents of their second daughter, Laura Renee. She has one sister, Carol Lee, 9, and two brothers, Bobby, 6, and Gregory, 4. Grandparents are Sis. Esther and Ray Beer, and Sis. Barbara Martin, all of here.

Wed. night, the 30th, we were pleased to have Bro. Joe Getz of Morton. We enjoyed his services

very much.

Sunday, Nov. 3, we were blessed with four visiting ministers, Bro. Art Gudeman of La Crosse, Bro. Andy Koehl of Forrest, Bro. Walter Koehl and Bro. Edmund Kloter of Fairbury, beside others from Fairbury and Forrest.

Sis. Clara Heiniger of Alabama was visiting here with Sisters Emma and Anna Legel and others.

Bro. and Sis. Gene Hangartner are parents of their first son, born Nov. 9. They have three girls. Grandparents are Sis. Florence Hangartner of here and Bro. and Sis. Ed Suttor of Eureka.

O give thanks unto the LORD; . . . To him who alone doeth great wonders:  
for his mercy **endurth** for ever.

Who created a flower to bloom,  
Who designed a prayer,  
Who dreamed up the joy of Love?  
Only the God we share.

#### TREMONT, ILLINOIS Esther Schmid Mary Sauder

Bro. Elmer and Sis. Lena Sauder are the grandparents of Kurt Alan Sauder, born Oct. 11, the second son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Sauder.

Our Sunday School class was host to the Peoria and Fairbury Bible classes on Oct. 20. We enjoyed the songs. Surely their blended voices are talents from above, as they use them to praise His high and holy name.

Bro. Joe Steiner has a new address:  
Pvt Joseph E Steiner US5575925  
Co B 1st Med Bn  
Ft Riley Kansas

On Oct. 27, we were privileged to have Bro. David Kieser from Princeville and Bro. Leroy Hartman of Peoria minister unto us. We were reminded to keep our courage strong and our hopes high, as the inward man grows, when our mortal bodies diminish. In the material life, we lay up treasures in our youth, to supply our earthly needs; so we should also in our youth seek the kingdom of God and lay up heavenly treasures, not being too busy to work in the vineyard of the Lord. As we live in this world, we are on foreign territory, and Satan, who is the god of this world, would have us be satisfied

with the things we see, but we should look to the reward beyond the shore of time.

On Nov. 2, Bro. Harvey Heiniger of Oakville spent the day with us. We had a very blessed day. As Bro. Harvey stated, he had never visited Tremont before, but how we can sense the true fellowship among brethren, whom we have never known. Truly it is a gift from above.

Clarence Burk and Jennie Coneily were united in matrimony Nov. 1, at Peoria. Clarence is the youngest son of our shut-in sister, Lena Burk.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Schweigert are the parents of a son, Bradley Lewis, their first child, born Oct. 28.

Bros. Theo Reuter and J. C. Sauder, who were hospitalized for observation, are now home.

Funeral services were held at Davis Mortuary, Oct. 29, for Oscar Hutchison, father of Sisters Beverly and Doris Hutchison.

Carl Bowald, a brother of Sis. Leah Winzeler, passed away Nov. 1. Funeral services were held at the Davis Mortuary, Nov. 4.

Due to the time change, our Wednesday evening services begin at 7:30.

#### DETROIT, MICHIGAN

##### Mrs. Jim Barton

Last month, we were happy to have gather with us Bro. Bob and Sis. Ellie Pfledderer, their two sons, and Bro. Bob's parents; Bro. Sam and Sis. Nettie of Morton. Bro. Bob is in the Army, stationed near Chicago. Especially pleased to see our visitors was Jerry Cargill, who went to medical school with Bro. Bob. Jerry is now at the U.S. Public Health Service Hospital in Detroit.

Sis Anna Schupbach of Elgin, Ill. stopped here to visit her son and six grandchildren.

In sick beds are Sis. Sirovey, mother of Sis. Helen Shaw, and Sis. Esther Wagner, who returned home from the hospital several weeks ago, and is making a very slow recovery. We all extend our prayers to them, and hope the Lord would bless and strengthen them, that they may soon enjoy better health.

#### PULASKI, IOWA

##### Mrs. Ray Martin

Tuesday evening, Oct. 1, Bro.

Ernest Gerber of Rockville ministered to us. His wife, Sis. Tillie, and Bro. and Sis. Walter Gerber were with him. We enjoyed their visit and were richly blessed by the services he brought unto us.

Elder Bro. Fred Grimm ministered to us on Oct. 6. His wife, Sis. Louise was also with us.

#### ELGIN, IOWA

##### Mrs. George Butikofer

"It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions, fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness."

As we are rapidly approaching the holiday season, we should be deeply impressed with the above verses, recognizing the faithfulness of our God. His mercies fail not. We thank Him for His loving kindness and tender mercies which He has extended to all. Leaving heaven's glory to come down to earth, to bring salvation to all who believe and repent is certainly something for which to be thankful.

#### We Give Thanks

Dear Lord, we give Thee thanks today  
For all the blessings that we know,  
Kneeling with grateful hearts, the way  
The Pilgrims knelt long years ago.  
For happy homes and hearthfires glow,  
Dear Lord we give thee thanks today,  
For summers rain and winter's snow,  
Praise Him from whom all blessings flow.  
Whatever the future may bestow  
Give us, dear Lord, the strength to say,  
Through cloud or sunshine, weal or woe,  
Dear Lord, we give Thee thanks today.

We've had such a lovely autumn, weatherwise. Our rural folks are real busy, garnering in the corn, which is yielding very bountifully.

Bro. Chris and Sis. Alice Rinckenberger from Burlington, have been worshipping at our church assembly for the past few Sundays. They have been in these parts in the interest of a farm of theirs, located near Cresco, Iowa. It has been a pleasure learning to know them.

T'was a real treat to have Bro.

Noah Shrock from Oakville, and Bro. Ernest Gerber from Rockville with us at a recent Sunday assembly.

We wish you all a blessed Thanksgiving Day.

Sis. Rose Frieden, from Taylor, has been in our midst the last few weeks, visiting friends, and relatives, making her home, while here, at the Clem Meyers home. She wears a contagious smile, thus creating a friendly atmosphere where ever she chances to be.

May God bless all our visitors.

#### WICHITA, KANSAS

##### Mrs. Harvey Smith

#### And As We Pray

Lord, behold our family here assembled. We thank Thee for this place in which we dwell: for the love that unites us; for the peace accorded us this day; for the hope which we expect the morrow; for the health, the work, the food, and the bright skies that make our lives delightful; for our friends in all parts of the earth.

Give us courage and joy and the quiet mind. Spare to us our friends, soften to us our enemies. Bless us, if it may be, in all our endeavors. If it may not, give us the strength to encounter that which is to come, that we be brave in peril, constant in tribulation, temperate in anger, and in all changes, loyal and loving one to another.

As the clay to the potter, as the windmill to the wind, as children of their sire, we beseech of Thee this help and mercy for Christ's sake.

We are having a very unusual fall. It is extremely dry and warm, and we have not had the killing frost that we usually have somewhat earlier; therefore, the trees still have many green leaves. It makes it hard to realize it is late fall.

We enjoyed a blessed day on Oct. 13, when we heard the testimonies of Larry and Judy Farney, son and daughter of Bro. Harvey and Sis. Ann Farney. We felt privileged that Bro. Roy Farney of Phoenix could be here to assist Bro. Sam Anliker.

Bro. Karl and Sis. Tillie Oesch, (grandparents of Judy and Larry) were able to make the trip from Mansfield. They were accompanied by Sis. Martha Oesch, Sis. Fran Gilliom, and Ministering Bro. Ken-



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ny Sauder. Sis. Tillie related that she had been a member for over 60 years, and it brought back wonderful memories of when she was taken into the fold. We enjoyed the many other visitors, and extend them a hearty welcome to come again, soon.

Don Lambert, son of Bro. George and Sis. Elsie Lambert, is now attending the University of K. C., Mo., where he is studying to be a dentist. Don's address is: 5030 Cherry St., K. C., Mo.

#### WEST BEND, IOWA

Anna Schmidt

#### Love One Another

This is the commandment I give unto you:  
That ye love one another. Be faithful! Be true!

Thus the Master yet pleadeth with mankind today,  
To hark to His Spirit, His will to obey.

To love one another—? Just what doth it mean?

Oh, dear Father, share wisdom,  
lest our hearts become lean;  
Lest the fruit of our living be as cymbal or brass;  
Lest the time of our being, we lifeless shall pass.

If we quietly, silently list to his voice,  
He answers our pleading. (Our hearts can rejoice).  
Suffer long and be kind, He advises his own;  
Rejoice in the truth; let no evil be sown;  
Bear all things in hope and endure to the end.  
Thus the soul of the righteous, love will defend.

Therefore, dear brethren, plead for grace from above,  
For a heart of compassion and a soul born of love.

Let these build a bridge from one heart to another  
Upon which peace flows from brother to brother.  
Let us, day by day, travel with hearts intertwined.

Let us Satan defeat that we Heaven may find.

Bro. August Knobloch has shown some improvement, since he was taken to a hospital in Des Moines, Iowa. His address is

Mr August Knobloch  
Youngers Rehabilitation Center  
1200 Pleasant Street 4th Floor  
DesMoines Iowa

Sis. Ida Banwart has been assembling with us the past two Sundays. We are happy to have her back with us again, and hope she will be able to continue coming.

Sis. Bertha Keller has had a few spells and is gradually getting weaker. She is in the Good Samaritan Home in Algona, Iowa.

Bernadine, daughter of Sis. Lydia Jurgens, is home from the hospital. We wish her a speedy recovery, as it has been two months since she was able to come to church.

There were quite a number from here who went to Morris, the week-end of November 3, to witness the testimonies and baptism of 8 souls. It is always inspiring and encouraging when loved ones are added to the fold.

#### Thanksgiving

As we approach this Thanksgiving Day, our thoughts go back to the faith of our forefathers, how they faced many hardships in their early days, in our land of America.

But much more, do we esteem the faith and courage, the thankfulness and humility that filled their hearts, and that they found it worthwhile to set aside a day to thank their God, who had helped and blessed their handiwork.

Let us all try and add to our lives those virtues which will bring God's blessings further on, in the heart of the people of this nation.

Lord, bless our fellowship and love  
With Thy blest wisdom from above;  
As Solomon of old did say,  
Give an understanding heart, I pray.

To make our fellowship more pure,  
Let us beware of Satan's lure.  
His intervention is so real;  
He wants to tell us how to feel.

"To this brother now be cold,  
Because he wants to rule the fold."  
Avoid that sister's subtle word;  
She isn't faithful to your Lord."

But let us answer, "Get thee hence,  
Thou Satan, who has come from whence  
The fire of envy burneth still  
To cause love's measure not to fill."

So, Brethren, be not hard or cold,  
Nor domineering, proud, or bold.  
But let us beware of flattering line.  
Then our fellowship can be genuine.

#### ATTENTION SERVICEMEN

The Bluffton Apostolic Church has established a fund to make available recorded tapes of the services held in their church. A regular mailing list is now being compiled. If you are a serviceman, or for any reason are isolated from a church, tapes will be mailed to you as regularly as you request, no matter where you are, postpaid, and return postage enclosed.

When through with a tape, put in mail. Send name and address, along with frequency you wish tape, to Paul Schladenhauffen, 517 S. Hendricks, Berne, Indiana.

Beautiful hymns can place gems in home hours. Place the **Zions Harp** where it will cheer. Bring your little ones up with the sound of gracious singing. Learn them little parts such as:

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So my heart cries, Lord, to Thee."  
When you sing in the home, it will help in the church.

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