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THE CASE AGAINST A WORLD CHURCH

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Christian churches are preparing to unite as one great world church. This will include the Roman Catholic, Greek Orthodox, Protestants.

Consider what conditions have resulted where there has been a one (world) church monopoly. By the 5th or 6th century, the Church at Rome had gained dominion over all others in western Europe. The dark ages settled, until the Reformation and the break away of those who protested.

In eastern Europe, it was the Greek Orthodox. The end of this rule over the lives of the people in Russia did not come until the Communist revolution. A primary target of this revolution was against the domination and corruption of this church.

Volumes could be written about one Protestant church or another, where that church was made the state church, resulting in persecution and discrimination.

In Spain . . . it is the Roman Catholic. The police and other government agencies bowed to the will of the big church and did their bidding, arrested pastors, closed their churches.

The Greeks believe that all should belong to one great Greek Orthodox Church. Because of its size, and because it is the state religion, the government backs them up in their persecution of other groups.

What will happen if a great, world church is formed?

They say that, with such unity and greatness, they will be able to make themselves heard throughout the world, and thereby be a great power for good to all mankind. We

can expect that the will of this world church will not only be suggested, but enforced. Great churches in the past forced even kings to their knees.

Liberty will be threatened the moment a great monopoly is organized. This mammoth may begin to throw its weight around, and thousands, yes millions, may suffer as a result.

The mind and heart of unconverted man is centered in himself. His supreme desire is to satisfy his personal appetites. He is completely separated from God. His thoughts and ambitions are earthly—not godly.

“ . . . PREPARE TO MEET
THY GOD . . . ”

Christ's prayer for the eleven, and indeed all who follow, is oneness of heart with God, the Father, and Christ, that their very lives would prove that Christ lived within them.

“Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word;

That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.”

The burden of His prayer is for the salvation of those who believe on him, that they might be with Him forever. God does not depend

upon the strength of numbers to accomplish His purposes!

The world is impressed when it sees a person who is genuinely sold out to God, and is truly in oneness with Him. The world seems to sense and know God loves that person.

A tragic mistake is that this great prayer has been misinterpreted by the great majority. The wheels of movement are turning ever faster. The world church is approaching culmination faster than we ever thought possible. Already the Roman church is preparing herself to be more acceptable, so that this can come about.

Warning! Danger Ahead!

This great world church will dictate in every sphere. The anti-christ will arrive and declare that he is God.

Your children brought up in such a church will soon be going right along with the rest. Your influence on others is vital. In speaking of a great church in Revelation, the message says, “Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.”

Now is the time to come out of all lukewarm and apostate churches. It's much later than you may think. Come out now, while you can still bring your children and others with you!

It's time to pray. Don't let your church slip. It's time to fight for that which is right. It's time to join ranks with Peter, Paul, and the host of others who contended for the faith, even unto death!

The time of the end is near. Stay awake!

THE LEFT ONES

One summer evening I seated myself on my easy chair. I fell into a deep sleep . . .

I thought I had awakened in the morning, was somewhat surprised to find that my wife was not beside me. I waited, expecting her return. After a lapse of time, I arose and dressed.

My wife's apparel was where she had placed it. I went to my daughter, Julia's room. After knocking several times without response, I entered, and found she also was missing.

"Where can they both be?"

I went to the room of our son, Frank, found him up, and already dressed. He said he had passed a **very** restless night. I told him of the absence of his mother and sister, and requested him to look around.

Soon, Frank returned and said the missing ones were nowhere to be found, and that every door leading outward was securely locked, as on the preceding evening. On again visiting Julia's room, we found her well-marked open Bible. One verse attracted my attention: ". . . be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh."

Frank and I concluded that, without waiting for breakfast, we should each take a different route, in quest of our dear ones. I first called on my wife's sister, who with her husband were members of a church, though rather worldly-minded.

After I had rung the bell several times, she appeared. She had to prepare breakfast herself. Her colored servant girl, whom she had always considered to be a real, good Christian, "had gone off, without even putting the kettle on, or saying a word to any of us."

"But what puzzles us to know, is how she got out of the house, for the doors are all locked, and the keys inside, just as we left them last evening, on our return from Mrs. B's progressive euchre (card) party."

When she heard of the mysterious absence of my wife and Julia, she became nervous.

Presently, the door bell rang. Frank entered in a state of great excitement. He stated that the streets were thronged with excited people, hurrying to and fro, many of them weeping bitterly.

At the announcement, Mr. E. showed signs of alarm, and related a conversation he had yesterday. His friend insisted that a vast majority of church members, in these days, were but nominal Christians, "lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof . . ."

"My friend also assured me that the Scriptures clearly taught that Christ would come unexpectedly, as a thief in the night, and call His saints . . . I fear that time has now come and, sad to say, we are among the left ones."

It was suggested that we go to

our business. I, with heavy heart, wended my way along the avenue, among an unusual throng, whose faces betokened intense sorrow. Every saloon was open, as usual.

In the evening, nearly every church in the city was open, with overflowing congregations. Everybody was anxious to know.

Some (of the pastors) were present in their churches. All order of service was dispensed with. Noisy confusion prevailed. The people asserted that, if the pastors had done their duty and taught their flocks the plain truths of the Bible, instead of lulling them to sleep with philosophical and moral essays, they would not be in their present, sad condition.

The pastor was speaking, when I entered. He was intreating, to endeavor to allay their feelings, while he would attempt to speak.

". . . The anguish which I experienced at being, in a measure, the cause of our present, unhappy condition is indescribable. None of you realize the keen disappointment. In reply to all these accusations, I can only say that I taught you the same theology that was taught to me in the Seminary . . .

"But now I have to confess, that I was sadly mistaken, for after what has occurred, I cannot help believing that God's word means just what it says."

The electric light suddenly went out. There arose such fearful screams, that I sprang to my feet in terror, and awoke!

WHERE?

Henry Souder Jr.

The night hour ebbs on. A soul is conscious. The sun thrusts its beams on meadow and field, with a new day born. You are aware. Here you are. The shadows become long, the light golden. Still you linger, aware that here is where you are.

The day comes, when the Lord shall return. Then, where?

"Then shall two be in the field;

the one shall be taken, and the other left." Where will you be?

Moments are in flight.

No hour holds to its fast form, but instantly presses on into the next. Every flashing second meets us with the fact, we shall never return to it again.

The day is coming. Jesus will come as a thief, quiet, unobserved of the world. The beautiful notes

of the trumpet shall sound. Men and women, boys and girls, babies shall wake up from their resting place. The ashes small and the dust corrupted shall see wondrous marvel.

"Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left."

One wheel would go round on the other. One woman, and then the

other, would take her turn. The grain would be fed into the mill. The meal would come out, and gather in little piles. The flour or meal would be baked, to make the bread. There would be the good smell, and tasty bite.

Life has a way of habit. It takes on the well-known about us. We pursue our daily path, rub elbows with those we know very well.

But life is more than this! Like the soldier whose moments flee to the zero hour at dawn, we hasten toward His hour. We sometimes little know how in readiness are His barks, ready to come in at dawn!

"Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come."

We many times act as if we did know. The truth is plain, we **don't**.

We should put aright our thoughts and preparation with **we do not know** what hour He shall come.

Things are happening. Not just little things, here today, not tomorrow, but ingrained, immense things that show the end coming.

The lay of the lands enable one to gaze more clearly into a coming Armageddon. Not that it is the time of the end, but watch! Israel is there. There is a group of nations who more and more take on the character of the great image told of in Daniel, at the end. They mingle with one another, but **do not** cleave.

The hour is coming. Where will you be, taken, or left?

"Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh."

Left?

Left to wander a lonely road. Afraid. Without hope.

Mom won't be here . . . mom that had her heart filled with love, that remembered you in kindness, and toiled for you. Dad won't be in his old place, with his good smile . . . Dad that thought of better things, and wanted you to also.

Where will you be?

What kind of an hour did Jesus say? The kind that ye think not. There could be many kinds. Some daylight, some night. Some we would be eating . . . or doing one kind of task, or another. Some, would be ashamed!

The only way to be sure to be ready in his kind of "hour as ye think not" is to be ready any time. Otherwise, we could be caught by surprise.

"I would like to take this opportunity to thank all brethren and friends who so kindly helped in providing funds and also labor, so the Hillsboro church could again be erected.

I hope the Lord will reward each one who took part.

Noah Bauman."

AVALANCHE OF KINDNESS

Remember the Servicemen

Contact friendliness across the miles.

A busy schedule can work in a letter. A serving circle, a group of women, can add this dimension of kindness. A shut-in can pleasure-knit moments with love. An elder

can work in a short message that effectively brings a gleam to a lonesome boy, miles away. Sermons, recorded on tape or typewritten, can go many miles in kindness.

It only takes a little time. Jot down a reminder. Arrange your schedule now, and budget your moments for mailing. Could you but see, you would know what kindness can do.

Life's little roses are fond memories, in fragrant collection.

Henry

Coming: Sometime in the future, the Lord willing, some interesting reading taken from the diary of Bro. Geistlich, translated by Bro. Will Erkert.

Change of Address? Send 30 days in advance. Zip code? Let us know what it is. the editor

"We need all the help and aid of our brothers and sisters, the ones we love **and cherish**. We also need the prayers of those we love. It sure helps us over our lonely time, though a life with sin around us. We really been blessed with tapes from Bluffton and other churches. We expect to write another welcome at a later date. If we could get more vistors to stop, it would really be a blessing to our lonesome life.

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"Starting in August, we would like to start a new feature. This generation seems to have missed something that those members before us had much. Go to an older brother or sister. A younger age will be all right if you cannot interview one who is older. Ask them about the old church days. Let them lead you down memory lane. What was different then (lights, benches, preaching)? There will be sweet remembrances that glow, I'm sure. They can tell you memories that left imprints of love.

Especially reach into that love of older days. Find out why some had such a love that left so much beauty. We suggest that you ask what advice they would give, so we could do our best to keep young people with the church. Oh, we need those dear young people so much. Ask them what cheers them, what things they have learned, through the years, that can be passed on to us."

Ed Souder

FORT SAM HOUSTON, TEXAS Leland Plattner

Our visitors for June included Bro. Gene Marti on the 13th, and Bro. Wayne Miller on the 28th. The Marti's are from Sabetha and Bro. Wayne is from Fort Scott. We were glad to have them as visitors, as well as to bring us the word.

We would encourage anyone on vacation to stop in and visit us. To those of you who plan to stop here, we would like to hear from you ahead of time, if at all possible.

I would like to have my mail sent to

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I would also like to hear from anyone being inducted into the service, so we can look for them, as it is a lonesome feeling to be brought into a strange place, not knowing what is before you. Mail call can also be a big disappointment if we don't hear our name called. It seems as though, every time our group here gets together, there are always one or two letters being passed around, and I am sure that everyone reads them before we leave. I would encourage everyone to write someone here, because the chances are pretty good that we all will get to read it.

Schedule for ministers:

Rockville is due the 9th of August and Detroit the 23th of August.

JAPAN Yoshio Yamazaki

It is rainy season here in Japan now. Probably you don't know this kind of weather in States, because it is very wet, and rain is a little every day. Temperature is not pretty high, but some nights we can't sleep very well, because humidity is very high. However, this kind of weather is much blessing

for farmers, because if we don't have any rain during rainy season, they can't get enough produce in this year. Anyway, we are very thankful to God, because He provides whatever we need.

Here in Kaneko, many of the people are moving from the center of Tokyo and finding a place to live, so our population is more since we came here. Church attendance is much developed recently. Our churches attendance are about 25-30 here in Kaneko, 10-15 in Shioda, and about 10-12 in Tamahata. I wish and believe our Heavenly Father will give us much grace, and try the knock on the door of their hearts and feel to repent all their sins and turn to the Lord in near future.

Bro. John Klaus still goes to the language school. His language ability is much progressed, so I believe the Lord will use him to His honest labor of spreading the Gospel. Here in our country, Japan, we don't have enough laborers of the Lord. The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; pray therefore the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. (Luke 10:2)

Here in Tokyo, we have hymn practice time every Sunday afternoon, and our sisters and young friends are very much interested in them.

Since there are no ministers coming from the States this summer, Bro. Willis is planning on presenting the Gospel in song at two of the churches, Tsutsujigo-Oka and Shioda. We hope and pray that many new people will be drawn to these meetings and to the Lord, through the beautiful hymns.

ATHENS, ALABAMA **Ann Wagler**

Elder Henry Kilgus was among our guests this month. This is the first time Bro. Henry has been able to visit us in two years.

The Clifton Moss family narrowly escaped injury, when a twister partially wrecked their home.

Kathleen Kyle returned home, after a week in the hospital. She has a heart condition.

We are busy preparing for Vacation Bible School, which will be held July 6-10 at the Landersville church and July 20-24 here in the Athens church. It is held at 7:30 p.m. The parents attend, along with the children. Since cotton

chopping is about over, we hope to have a good attendance.

Sis. Lois Goode was hospitalized with a severe mouth and throat infection. She is slowly improving.

Bro. Bill Klopfenstein brought a number of boxes of things made and given by the sewing group of the Leo church. We are deeply indebted to these dear people for their many deeds of love and kindness through the years.

A box also came which had been prepared by our dear departed brother, Otto Norr, for the folks here, to be given them next Christmas. The people here had much love for him, as we know he did for them. We miss the encouraging letters which he wrote and the gospel portions which he sent so regularly. One man here, when he heard of the passing into eternity of Bro. Norr said: "He was 'an old-time y gentleman'"—a tribute which he meant from his heart.

Our Tribute To Bro. Norr

"The love of Christ was there;
It filled his heart and life.
His true concern, his kindly ways
Gave peace and joy, not strife.

Sincere compassion, a love for souls
(Christ died that we might live),
And true forgiveness from his
heart,
Which God alone can give.

PRINCEVILLE, ILLINOIS **Ruth Ricketts**

We are happy to have Bro. Walter Reklau and his family of Toledo, visit us the first part of June. His messages left us much food for thought.

Bro. Alden Nussbaum of Fairbury was a guest teacher in Sunday School recently.

Bro. Jack Knobloch and Dick Tanner have returned to their post of duty, after spending some time with their relatives. Jack has returned to Ft. Sam Houston, and Dick has gone to Ft. Jackson, South Carolina. May the Lord be near to them while they are away from home.

Bro. Ezra Rumbold was painfully burned about his face and arm recently, when his truck radiator blew up, spraying steam in his face. After a few days of sufferings, he is recovering nicely.

Bro. Louie Rumbold underwent eye surgery recently. He is again

home and progressing favorably. He and his wife, Sis. Anna, went to Marshalltown, Iowa, to the Wolfe Eye Clinic, where they learned Louie had a cataract on each eye. He was in the Evangelical Hospital for eighteen days, following surgery. They are so thankful to have found such a wonderful place, where they were able to do him so much good.

One Sunday, recently, three attended services, wearing casts. My mother, Sister Ollie Ricketts, fell and fractured her left shoulder and was placed in a cast. She has now had it removed and is getting along real well. Debbie, daughter of Bro. Elmer and Sis. Janet Martin, fell and injured a bone in her arm, so it, too, was placed in a cast. The youngest daughter of Bro. John and Shirley Leuthold, Jane, had the misfortune to get her left ankle caught in a bicycle wheel, cutting it badly and injuring the bone. Her foot was placed in a cast, but she too is getting along fine.

Bro. Lawrence and Sis. Elaine Wagenbach are the parents of a son, born to them June 24. Two little sisters welcomed their new brother home.

Bro. Alfred and Sis. Verla Hausmann welcomed a daughter, June 30. They also have a little son.

Elsie Mueller is in the hospital, recovering from recent surgery. She is getting along as well as can be expected. We all wish her a speedy and complete recovery.

"Our love shall not diminish,
Nor fade nor wax away;;
Bind us till life we finish
And in the grave we lay."

These were the words of the parting hymn, Sunday, June 28, when our congregation worshiped together for the last time in the Princeville church. Families and friends will be separated, but the tie of love binds us all. How thankful are we all to part in love and unity.

Sunday, July 5, services will be held in the new Bradford church for the first time. May the Lord's blessings rest on this dear congregation, each one so close to us. Open House will be held August 30, and dedication services September 13.

The annual Sunday School picnic was attended by 325, the evening of June 28. We felt it was a fitting

climax for all those attending, to end our day together with the dear youth, the future church.

In last month's Silver Lining, it was stated that the surviving grandparents of the Stoller infant were Bro. George and Sis. Elizabeth Stoller and Sis. Elizabeth Wagenbach. This should have been Bro. George and Sis. Elizabeth Wagenbach and Sis. Elizabeth Stoller.

UNION CITY, NEW JERSEY August Mueller

While reading the Silver Lining, I came upon the name "Egolf." It reminded me of Mr. Egolf, who used to live here in Union City years ago. Arnold was his name. He was a religious man; he went to church every Sunday. The church he went to was called Egolf's church. He also was a big boss in the silk mill, where he worked here in Union City. The company prospered. They kept on building and buying, so they bought a big silk mill in Columbia, Pa., and Mr. Egolf was transferred to take charge of that mill. He was there a number of years and was well liked. He never had a vacation; all he knew was work. He was very active.

He was one of the first to drive a car. One day he drove some place, and he met with an accident which cost him his life.

I worked for the same company, and in March, 1932, I was transferred to Columbia. It was winter yet, but when the spring came and the weather turned warmer, I decided to go and see where Mr. Egolf was buried. The cemetery is on top of a hill. It was a beautiful Sunday morning. The sun was shining bright, and I looked down over the town, Columbia, the beautiful blossoms, the big trees full of green leaves, the wheat fields green, like carpets. I could not praise God enough for his wonderful creation.

I found the grave, where Mr. Egolf is buried, with a big tombstone. On the bottom of the stone it says, "He served well for God and men." Now those are important words for us to consider, whether we serve well for God and men. It is not what is written on a tombstone that counts. We must do what we can for the Lord, so He can say, **Thou hast been faithful over little; I will give you your reward. Enter into everlasting**

rest. Only if we work for the Lord, it can be said he served well for God and men.

The Lord even has mercy on the ungodly that know him not, like **one**, who was so close to death but was saved. We find that it is true that the Lord has no pleasure in the death of a sinner. He wants that the sinner should repent and live.

Sunday, June 10 . . . "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints." Another precious soul of our congregation was called out of this time, into eternity, never to return. Sis. Flo. Keyser passed away Friday, June 10, after a long illness, at the age of 58 years. She is survived by her husband, Lenn; two married daughters; one grandchild; her mother, Sis. Sophie Keller, past 92; one brother, William; one sister, Sis. Minnie Cook. Funeral service was held in Hawthorne, her hometown, by our minister, Bro. John Diggelman.

Sis. Flo spent almost two years in the hospital, but now her pains and suffering, her tears are passed away. No longer does she remember what she went through in this life. Her tears were wiped away by our Father in heaven, whom she served many years. I believe if we would ask her, "You want to come back?," the answer would be, "No. I am very happy where I am".

She will be buried tomorrow, June 11, in Godowan Cemetery. We deeply sympathize with her family, who only about four months ago buried her brother, John Keller. It was a pity to see old Sis. Keller sitting there, watching her children being taken away from her, six in all, but the Lord has not forgotten her. She will surely be rewarded for all her dark hours and the dark clouds which are passing over her. Even if she should live a hundred years, it is like an hour compared to eternity.

Sunday, the 21st . . . Today, we had Bro. Jesse C. Emch from Girard with us. He served morning and afternoon. It was a blessing to have him in our midst. He is welcome anytime. Thank you, Bro. Jesse, for the visit. Come again.

Sis. Isabella Metz was moved to a nursing home near Rockville.

Sunday, the 28th, the sad news has come to this reporter that Sis. Isabella Metz is in the Manchester, Conn., hospital, with a fractured

hip. We pray to God that, if it is His will, He will relieve her soon from her pain and suffering and take her home, for which she is yearning for many years. We commit her into our Father's care and keeping. Bro. John Diggelman also told me that the Roanoke church was hit by lightning & burnt down to the ground. We feel very sorry about that and sympathize with the Roanoke members.

WINTHROP, MINNESOTA Linda and Melva Messner

Many Bible class students attended the annual Youth Fellowship at Winthrop, on June 13 and 14th. The primary objective, to "know each other better" and enrich our lives spiritually, should be a valuable experience for each and everyone. The churches attending were West Bend, Morris, Lester, and Elgin (Iowa).

Bro. Uriel Gehring, who visited our congregation, touched upon the love toward our youth. How God loves to see our young people stay together! As the brother said, "Love can't be touched, but yet you can feel it. God is Love! Our goal is to enter the gates of Heaven, & we don't attain this until we close our eyes in death. God has preserved His word for us. 'Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth . . .' Ecclesiastes 12:1. He loves to have young people in His vineyard. How beautiful Heaven must be, if the choruses will be like those when all the youth blended their voices."

Much comment was made upon the vigor and vitality of our youth, and if it could only be used to the praise, honor and glory of our loving Redeemer.

"Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole **duty** of man." Ecclesiastes 12:13.

A son, Troy Alan, was born to Bro. Bill and Sis. Beverly Messner, June 9. He is welcomed by a brother and a sister.

Elder Bros. Noah Schrock, Silas Leuthold, Paul Banwart, Leo Moser and Paul Fehr were with us and held evening services. Many rich blessings were received, and we are ever thankful for the laborers in God's vineyard.

Becky Messner, daughter of Bro. Jim and Sis. Julia Messner, has been out of the Children's

Hospital at St. Paul and has returned again. She has a new leg and is learning to use it. She told her parents during her recovery from an operation, "You have to have patience." How much more should we as Christians likewise possess our souls with patience.

AKRON, OHIO Grace Schuckert

Sis. Anna Rupp has accepted the invitation of her nieces and nephews in Seville and Shelby to make her home with them, so will be leaving us soon. Her life has been devoted to sewing and practical nursing. There are few families among our congregation for whom she has not diligently worked. Though not always in good health, she was endowed with a willingness and capacity for hard work, and for this and other blessings, she has spoken often with appreciation and thankfulness to God. Though now in her 85th year, Sis. Anna in the past several years has sewed more than 1500 puppets for the small patients of Children's Hospital. We will miss her. May God bless her.

Friend Elmer Greenbank went along to Alabama, with others from Rittman, to help in the rebuilding of the Hillsboro church, partially destroyed by fire some years ago.

We extend sympathy to friend "Bud" Walker and the family. Bud's father passed away, at the age of 76 years.

Sis. Edith Gasser, daughter of Arthur and Bertha Gasser of Rittman, will be baby-sitting here for her brother, Walter, and his wife Mary the next several months, while Mary does nursing at a local hospital.

CONGERVILLE, ILLINOIS Ruth Schumacher

We were blessed and again edified by the visit of Bro. Joe Kaisner of Forrest, Bro. Merle Kaisner of Fairbury, and Bro. Emanuel Gudeman of Cissna Park. It seems that visits to other congregations are twice blessed—to those who are ministered to—and, we trust, to those who have ministered.

The regular session of Sunday School ended June 28, with a picnic at the Grade School. After the picnic, 45 attendance awards were given, and then the group joined in singing hymns. Classes will be held

through the summer, for those who want to attend, but attendance records are not kept until the regular term begins again in September.

A new daughter, Lorna Kay, arrived on June 30 to bless the home of Bro. and Sis. John and Alice Schieber. Her two sisters are Cheryl and Peggy.

At an election of Sunday School teachers—Bro. Ralph Gudeman was elected to take the place of Bro. Bob Knapp, whose term has expired. Bro. Harvey Schieber was elected superintendent and Bro. Don Schrock assistant superintendent. Four sisters—Marie Farney, Polly Schrock, Carolyn Gudeman and Mary Lou Ott—were elected to replace four outgoing sisters. These were Irene Schrock, Betty Miller, Marjorie Knapp and Alice Schieber. Alternates are Sisters Sarah Dietrich, Wilma Sauder and Luella Zimmerman.

FRANCESVILLE, INDIANA Mrs. Herman (Chris) Wuethrich

This was the starting of Bro. Joe Schrock's services with us. "It was so precious to sing, 'Oh, how lovely is the morning, when it is begun with God.'" Then he continued, "That the bravery we should look to, today, is 'Dare to be a Daniel, dare to live aright.'"

Bro. Harry Yaggie suffered a fractured right arm, while making hay. It is good to see him in church again.

Bro. Lee and Sis. Velda Overmeyer have a new grandson, when their son, Danny and family were blessed with their second baby boy.

A little bus-load was ready to leave for Alabama, to help with the building of a small church there. It was so touching, when a young brother-in-faith asked, "Before we leave, can we have a prayer?" A minister, who was one of the group, said he will never forget this.

We looked unto the visiting brothers as "Parents and Teachers", as they truly taught us the way of the Lord, Bros. Henry Wackerle, Earl Kilgus and Edward Leman.

We visited in the Alto church. The blessings received were bounteous. As this "Little Fold" does not report to the Silver Lining, I would like to give the address of a dear sister, who was not able to attend services, and has been in her wheel-chair many years. When we

visited her, her first words were (in tears), "I wish I could go with your father (deceased Bro. Otto Norr). So, until the Lord grants this, let us fill her mail box!

Mrs. Philip Wingeier
Alto, Michigan

BRADFORD, ILLINOIS Mrs. Martha Kieser

Some thirty-five families, who had made their home church in Princeville, assembled for the first time in Bradford, on July 5.

Two of the Princeville ministering brothers, Elder Bro. Silas Leuthold and Bro. Dave Kieser, assembled with us. We had many precious teachings and could indeed feel the nearness of God.

Sometime ago, the entire Princeville congregation chose Bro. James Ringger to serve us in the ministry, here in Bradford. We have two Sunday School teachers who taught in Princeville, Bros. Nathan Stoller and Wm. Elsasser.

We invite anyone to come and visit, and worship with us.

BURLINGTON, OKLAHOMA Mrs. Raymond Roth

Visiting ministers this past month were Bros. Carl Hartman of Sabetha and Loren Strahm of Gridley (Kan.). We thank them for their very inspiring messages.

We were hosts to the Bern and Gridley Sunday School students, the week end of June 20. On Saturday evening, a weiner roast was enjoyed. Sunday afternoon there was a dinner in the church dining room. We hope our visitors received a blessing as much as we did. We regret the Lamont youths were unable to be present.

Hospital patients this past month were Sis. Eli Frieden, who fell in her home and broke her hip, requiring surgery to set it and Cathy Hood, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Hood, who underwent dental surgery in the Wichita Hospital.

John Farney, son of Bro. and Sis. Ulysses Farney, was united in marriage to Sheryl Wright, June 27. We wish them God's nearness in their new role in life.

FAIRBURY, ILLINOIS Joyce Huber

We praise the Lord that Bro. and Sis. Vernon Hartman's son, John has seen his lost condition and made his decision to repent.

Sis. Annie Sohn gratefully expressed her appreciation of so many of her friends sending her cheerful wishes on her 89th birthday.

Sis. Nancy Roth graduated from ISU this past month, receiving her degree. She is helping at the Settlement Home in Chicago this summer, and has accepted a teaching position near Bradford this fall.

Bro. and Sis. Earl Roth were hosts for a reunion of boys that had served in India. We were glad to have their guests here the week end of June 14.

Our guest ministers recently were Bros. Ernie Gerber of Connecticut and Carl Kipfer of Bluffton, who gave us inspiring sermons.

Our hearts are saddened by the passing of Sis. Mabel Hartman, who has spent most of the last 5 months in the hospital. We sympathize with her husband, Bro. Warren, and children, Sis. Linda, Ronnie, Ann, and Nora, all in school. We trust the family will take comfort, that after such a lingering illness, she is at rest with God.

LS.U., NORMAL, ILLINOIS Ron Kaufman

Again this summer, the Lord has blessed us here at Illinois State University, by affording us an opportunity to assemble together on Thursday evenings, to read and meditate upon his Holy Word. There are around 22 students from our various churches attending classes here this summer. Only a few of them are regular students, but there are some who are back working toward their Master's degrees and others who are commuting.

So far this summer, Bros. Frederick Knapp and Joe Schrock from Congerville have ministered unto us. It was a blessing to be reminded that the children of God will some day "be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years." With this thought in mind, we should **walk worthy of the vocation wherein we are called**, in full obedience to Him who has called us.

LA CROSSE, INDIANA Martha Rinkenberger

Sis. Aline (Heiniger) Germann passed away, at the age of 79 years. She had been in the nursing home for some time. Bro. George Yergler and Bro. Harry Bucher (of Valpar-

also) had the services.

Edna Germann (daughter of the late Aline Germann) was married to Robert Moser of Fairbury. They were married at her sister's home, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Williams.

Bro. Ernest Graft and family of Akron were with us. We enjoyed having them. May God bless them.

Bro. Otto Fritz is in the hospital. We wish him God's blessing, and hope and pray it is God's will to restore good health again.

Keith Heinold, son of Bro. and Sis. Ray Heinold, has served his time in the service of our country and is home now. We rejoice with those who rejoice.

Bro. and Sis. Roland Meiss have adopted a little girl. She was 14 days old when she came to live with them. They have named her Marlene Fay. We are all happy for them, and wish them God's blessings.

MORTON, ILLINOIS Mrs. B. E. Getz

We were blessed with many good teachings brought us by our visiting ministers, Bro. Ben Maibach of Detroit; Bro. Dave Kieser, Princeville; Bro. Alden Langhofer of Wichita; Bros. Ed Hohulin and Robert Grimm of Goodfield; Bro. Jim Hoerr, Peoria; and Bro. Elmer Witzig of Gridley.

Wednesday evening, July 1, Bros. Joe Klopfenstein and George Gramm of Gridley were here, to hear the testimonies of Diane Grimm, daughter of Wm. and Eula Grimm; Mike Kaufman, son of Ben and Marjorie Kaufman; and Jim Heiniger, son of Arthur and Verena Heiniger. They were baptized Sunday. Bro. George Gramm assisted Bro. Joe Getz.

Bro. Richard Streitmatter, son of Bro. and Sis. Streitmatter of Princeville, and Sis. Mary Wittmer, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Maurice Wittmer, were united in marriage on June 14, by Bro. Joe A. Getz.

Bro. Joe C. Belsley, who had been a patient at the Restmor Nursing Home, is recuperating at home.

Bro. Gus Stieglitz, Sis. Sarah Streit and Sis. Lydia Getz are at the Restmor.

Sis. Marie Belsley, Sis. Emma Rapp and Reta Getz have had major surgery.

Bro. and Sis. Carl Wyss have named their new little girl, Lorie Gay.

Bro. Ronnie Allenbach of Burlington, Oklahoma, taught the Sunday School Bible Class, July 5.

PEORIA, ILLINOIS Mrs. Michael Weyeneth

Announcement was made of the marriage engagement of Sis. Mary Ehnle and Bro. Hartzell Kaisner (of Detroit).

Bro. and Sis. Walter Witzig, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Evans, and Mr. and Mrs. Jess Schmied celebrated their Silver wedding anniversaries, the past month. Open house was held at each occasion, for many relatives and friends.

Our Bible Class, held on every other Tuesday, has been discontinued for the summer.

Our visiting ministers in the past month were Bros. Ben Maibach of Detroit, Andy Koehl of Forrest, Walter Koehl of Fairbury, and Jake Pfister of Ft. Scott. Bro. Albert Fisher of Chicago spent the 5th of July in Peoria.

The Sunday School picnic was held at Keenland Park, with a large attendance.

Sis. Mary Schlipf, 94 years old, has recently moved to 212 Frye Ave., after having lived at 301 E. Pine St. for 70 years. Sis. Schlipf was forced to sell her home on account of a building project. Her brother, Fred Nagel, 89 years old, makes his home with her and her daughter, Anna. Bro. John Schlipf, her husband, passed away some years ago. Sis. Schlipf and her brother, Fred, are able to attend church services with the aid of her daughter, Anna, who so faithfully takes care of them. Sis. Schlipf enjoys reading the Silver Lining.

Bro. Michael Weyeneth held services at the Americana Nursing Home. Many of the patients there are on wheel-chairs and were able to attend. They also joined in the singing, which was very touching. John Schick, formerly of Kansas, is a patient there.

An announcement was made of the coming wedding of Sis. Irene Funk and Bro. Melvin Stoller of Latty.

Our prayers go to the many that are on their vacations this month. Some have gone overseas. Bro. and Sis. Chris Schafer and Sis. Kathryn Schafer are in Germany to see their daughter, Marilyn, who lives there. Sisters Florence Hoerr and Shirley Klaus have gone to Brazil to visit Shirley's sister, Carol, and

her husband, who have charge of a children's orphanage there.

Bro. and Sis. Robert Miller and family, who have been at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., for several years, have moved to Peoria. He has been discharged. Bro. Miller is a dentist. His office is located at 521 W. Lake. His residence is at 1025 E. Norwood.

Mr. and Mrs. John Henry Hoerr are the parents of a new baby boy, born on July 3. They have named him John William. Waiting at home for him are his brothers, Jack and Jeff, and his sisters, Julie and Joan.

Bro. Louie Ehle is a patient at Methodist Hospital.

The Apostolic Christian Church (3420 N. Sheridan Road) plans to construct a new Home for the Aged, on Skyline Drive, off Galena Road.

The committee plans to have full plans and specifications ready very shortly, at which time they will be put out for bids. They contemplate starting work as quickly as possible.

Land for this development was donated to the church by the Forest Park Foundation. The site is beautifully situated, with a river and woodland view.

The home will be of contemporary design, following the contours of the land. There will be two levels. It will have 36 beds. The upper level will contain residence rooms, lounges, baths. The lower level will contain resident rooms, dining facilities, kitchen, lounges, laundry, and other features. Especially designed bathing facilities will be provided. Each level can be reached from the grade without steps.

The entire building will be designed in a manner calculated to furnish the utmost convenience. Every effort is being made to create an atmosphere as much like a home as possible.

The site will be developed and landscaped, with ample parking facilities and a service driveway.

The church building committee consists of: Chris C. Hoerr Jr. (Chairman), Henry W. Leman, and Ruben G. Herman.

This committee has selected Mr. John Ziegele to prepare the working drawings of the development and to supervise construction of the building. Preliminary plans

have already been prepared, and exhibited in the church.

The church has for many years operated a home for its aging members on North Monroe Street. This installation will be abandoned and sold, when the new facilities are ready.

Funds for the construction of the Home are being solicited. All who are interested in this worthwhile development are invited to participate.

WOLCOTT, INDIANA

Arles Kropf

New arrivals are Bruce Allen, born May 12 to Bro. and Sis. Vernon Furrer; Karen Sue, born to Bro. and Sis. Verne Lehman on June 10, and Charles LeRoy, born to Roger and Brenda Kyburz July 2.

John and Wilma Honegger and children have moved from our congregation to Normal, Ill., where John is attending school. We wish them the Lord's blessings in their new home.

Funeral services were held on June 15 for Sam Gauger, age 76, who passed away after an illness of 3 years. He was born in Tremont and moved to Wolcott 46 years ago.

Surviving are his wife, Sis. Priscilla (Helderle) Gauger; a daughter, Anna McClard of Indianapolis; and a son, Marvin, of Wolcott; also 4 grandchildren, two brothers, and three sisters.

Visiting ministers on June 7 were Bros. Simon Wagenbach of Tremont and Walter Koehl of Fairbury. We thank them for their visit and bringing to us the Word of Life.

Bro. Ed Kyburz has been hospitalized for several weeks, with a blood clot, but he has again returned to his home.

ELGIN, ILLINOIS

Louise Steffen

Katie Kachelmuss

Our Sunday School picnic was held June 16 at Lord's Park pavilion. Bro. Tom Leman opened with a prayer, asking God's blessing upon all our efforts. The children enjoyed it. We had an attendance of about 274. Our ministers and their wives were with us.

In Sunday School on Father's Day, Bro. Nathan Steffen spoke to us about the faith of our forefathers, how they suffered persecution, scorn and mockings, and some had

to seal their faith with their blood. They were sorely tested and tried, but remained faithful to their God. We then sang "Faith of Our Fathers." It was impressive and fitting for the day.

We are thankful that we have a few more souls here seeking the Lord in repentance. We pray that God will give them grace to build on the Solid Rock, Jesus Christ, which will stand forever.

Bro. David Kellenberger had a slight accident, and Bro. Morris Willaert injured his hand and had a broken thumb.

Sis. Ricka Stettner has returned home from the hospital, after quite a stay there. Sis. Luise Messerschmidt has also returned home. We wish them God's help and strength at all times.

Sis. Kate Dietrich has not been able to attend our services for several weeks. We miss her presence among us. May God be her help in her affliction.

We also sang from the book, Gospel Hymns Nos. 1 to 6, when we gathered together in the homes years ago, and one of them was No. 487

"Waiting at the Door"

I am waiting for the Master, who will bid me rise and come
To the glory of His presence, to the gladness of His home.
They are watching at the portal;
they are waiting at the door,
Waiting only for my coming, all the loved ones gone before.

We always enjoyed using this book, as it has many beautiful hymns in it.

BAY CITY, MICHIGAN

Marlene Mosher

Faye Wackerle

Bro. Ben Schlatter was with us for evening church. We enjoyed his sermon very much.

A daughter, Sue Ann, was born to Bro. Don and Sis. Lowann Wieland.

Sis. Emma Schlatter has been in the hospital, and is again home.

Sis. Faye Wackerle, our co-reporter, has been in the hospital in Detroit. She is now home. We hope that the Lord will bless her with a measure of health, so that she might move about again.

We enjoyed each and every visitor. What a blessed thing it is to be

able to go from place to place and meet and greet old and new friends in the name of our blessed Saviour.

Sis. Alice Wieland and friend Illeen Wackerle have been in the hospital, but are both doing better.

BERN, KANSAS

Mrs. Morris Edelman

Mrs. Leonard Baumgartner

The Bible Class of our Sunday School attended two Youth Fellowship meetings this month. On June 7 they were invited by the Sabetha Bible Class, and on June 21 they went to Burlington, Oklahoma.

Sis. Rose Ulmer has been able to attend services a few Sundays recently. She has been confined to her home quite often this winter, and we were happy to see her in church again.

Lynn Hartter, son of Bro. Lester Hartters, was married on June 19 to Barbara Allison, daughter of Nathan Allisons. We wish them a happy married life.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bauman and two daughters from England visited our church. John is the son of Sis. Leah Bauman.

Bro. Ben Hartzler from Rittman ministered to us on Sunday evening, June 21. We were inspired by Bro. Ben's message; he spoke to us about praising the Lord with song.

On July 5, the Sabetha young people and some from Princeville attended church services with us.

As we celebrated the 4th of July this year, we are again thankful that we have Independence. In America, this also includes freedom of worship. It was brought out in a sermon this last Sunday, that perhaps if we did not have the right to worship God as we like, more people would appreciate and want it. We should thank God daily that we can meet together and worship Him openly, anytime, and not be compelled to do this in secret.

We extend our sympathy to Mrs. Fremond Meyer and her family. Her father, Dewey Strahm, was laid to rest, after a lingering illness, on July 5.

CHAMPAIGN-URBANA, ILL.

Ben Blunier

Bros. Ed Hohulin and Emanuel Gudeman ministered to us at the two June services. We could truly feel the precious nearness of our Lord. We were richly reminded of the wonderful love God gave and

continues to give, so much for each of us, and demands so little of us. The comparison was made of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who were cast into the fiery furnace after they refused to kneel to the gods of Nebuchadnezzar, but in St. John 21, we read of Christ appearing again unto Peter, who had denied him three times. Our Lord fed and lovingly forgave Peter, who from then on was wonderfully used in His service.

Our friends, the Bill Hartness family, have moved to Peoria, where he is associated with Bro. Paul Meister in the florist business. We wish them God's blessings and invite them to visit us as often as they can.

We welcome Bro. Lenard and Sis. Charlotte Meyer, who were recently married at Taylor. They will be living in Urbana this summer, while Lenard is taking summer courses at the University.

CROGHAN — NAUMBURG, N. Y.

Mrs. Lawrence Farney

Mrs. David Schamback

We regret to report that both Elder Brother John Widrick and Sis. Luella are confined to their home by illness. We hope and pray that they will soon be able to assemble with us again. Their son, Robert, was recently hospitalized and underwent emergency surgery for appendicitis. He is recovering nicely.

Sister Rachael, wife of Bro. Earl Rohr, is home and doing well, after eye surgery. She has been in and out of the hospital several times in the last few months, and we hope that she is now on the way to good health.

Friend John Stockburger, who has lived for several years with the Adolph Lanz family and more recently with Bro. and Sis. Ernest Luginbuhl in Rockville, has recently returned to our vicinity. After a short stay in the hospital, he was removed to Bender's Nursing Home, where he is now residing.

We were happy to have several visitors with us on recent Sundays. Among them was a young miss. (Sharon Newman from Toledo) who was elated that she hadn't missed Sunday School, when they arrived during the noon hour. She had been concerned that classes had been in session in the forenoon. It is a joy, both to teachers and parents, when teenagers take an

interest in and enjoy the Sunday School, when there are so many worldly pleasures beckoning.

EUREKA, ILLINOIS

Cathryn Wettstein

Bro. George Yergler from La Crosse was our guest the past month.

Vacation Bible School, which finished June 12 after two weeks of daily school, was attended by an average of 148 children each day. There were 24 teachers who helped in this worthwhile project. May God bless each one who helped and also each child who attended. Perhaps good seed will spring forth some day. Bro. Chris Hodel was the superintendent.

Sis Elizabeth Hodel was a hospital patient in Bloomington for several days, after having eye surgery. She is Bro. Chris' wife.

Sis. Katherine Hartter was a hospital patient in Eureka for a couple days. She is Bro. Mike's wife.

Bro. Ernest Zimmerman passed away suddenly June 19. Surviving are his wife, Sis. Ada, and two sons, Jerry and Dean. She was the former Ada Moser. His funeral was June 22 Bros. Leroy Huber and Joe Zimmerman were in charge.

Births: To Mr. and Mrs. Roger Martin, a son, Kenneth Gottfried, born June 9. This is their 2nd son. To Elton and Sis. Loretta Wiegand, a son, Merle Eugene, born June 15. This is their 3rd son.

The annual Sunday School picnic was held on Sunday afternoon, June 28, so now there will be a short vacation, before Sunday School will start again.

A change in our starting time on Sunday's has begun—Morning Services at 10:00 A.M. At Noon at 12:15 P.M.

Carolyn Weyeneth and Gene Leman were married June 14. She is the daughter of Al Weyeneth, and he the son of Bro. and Sis. Vernon Leman.

We at Eureka are very sorry that the Roanoke brethren have suffered a great loss—their house of worship. But we are glad that they can assemble with us on Sunday and Wednesday evenings, so we can enjoy the fellowship and true Christian love for one and all.

FORREST, ILLINOIS

Nancy Honegger — Martha Stoller

Gloria Bachtold, daughter of

Carl and Sis. Dorothy, has given her heart to the Lord. We trust He will grant her the grace and courage to continue in her new walk of life.

Jean Ann Martin, daughter of Sis. Jean, and Gordon Honegger, son of Bro. Sam and Sis. Leah, were married in the home of the bride, by Bro. Josh Broquard on June 27.

Visiting ministers the past month have been Bros. Floyd Wieland, Ernest Gerber, and Edwin Ringger. Bro. Ringger reminded us that when we pray, we should be of the right spirit and completely surrender to God, that the Holy Spirit might work in us and bring forth the pleasing fruit.

Our annual Sunday School picnic was held in Marsh Park recently. Many were present for the meal, which was followed by group singing.

Today, our local ministers were inspired to warn us of the danger of being misled by false doctrine, and finally of falling away from the church which could, and is, taking place in these latter days.

We must labor constantly to keep the flame of love burning brightly, as it is none other than the work of Satan when the love become disturbed and we become only lukewarm.

If the channel of communication between God and us becomes cloudy, we have not kept it bright through prayer.

FORT SCOTT, KANSAS Annabelle Bahr

Sympathy is extended to Sis. Anna Pfister and the Wagler family, in the death of her sister, Sis. Mary Wagler, at Burlington, Iowa.

Mrs. George Sinn was a hospital patient during the past month. She had major surgery. She is home now and slowly recovering.

Visiting ministers the past Sunday were Bro. Loren Strahm, Gridley, Kans., and Bro. Robert Young of Wichita. They mentioned how, instead of tempting ourselves by wondering just how far we can go without actually sinning, how much better it is to consider and wonder how and what we can do to please our Lord. After services, a church picnic was held at the Raymond Banwart home.

RITTMAN, OHIO Ella Mae Trent

Although Sis. Rose Froelich had been unable to assemble with us for some time, and perhaps to many of our congregation she was hardly known, we can truly say that we lost a church pillar with her expiration, on June 15. Sister Rose had reached the ripe age of 94, and had served God faithfully since her youth. We can believe she has found the Life for which she longed. Funeral services were conducted for her here. She then was laid to rest in Girard, at Liberty Union Cemetery. May God richly bless the labors of her sister, Sis. Lydia Hassig, and Lydia's husband, Bro. John, as they so faithfully cared for her until departure.

Each of us who remain could ask this of God:

Teach me to live! 'Tis easier far to die—
Gently and silently to pass away—
On earth's long night to close the heavy eye,
And waken in the glorious realms of day.

Teach me the harder lesson—how to live,
To serve Thee in the darkest paths of life.
Arm me for conflict; now fresh vigor give,
And make me more than conqueror in the strife.

Donald Garrison, son of the late Charles and Sis. Naomi Garrison, and JoAnn Sheets exchanged wedding vows June 14. May faith, hope and love attend their pathway, as they walk hand in hand together.

William & Marjorie Rhoads welcomed a daughter, Angela, June 21. Grandparents are Bro. Alvin and Sis. Stella Winkler. Joseph Edward, son of Bro. John and Sis. Betty Dotterer, joined their family June 22. Many brothers and a sister welcome him.

Several brethren and friends have been oppressed with illness. Bro. Truman Gerber returned to the Wadsworth Hospital, and once again must endue bedrest for a few weeks. Fred Bauman, our brother who for many years has served as our church keeper, suffered a broken leg from a fall, while doing church maintenance work. He is in Akron General Hos-

pital, Room 124, and will require approximately 6-8 weeks of hospitalization. Sis. Ada Grossenbacher is grounded at home with impaired health. Esther Grossenbacher submitted to surgery. Eugene Winkler, son of Charles and Betty, suffered burns from a freak farm accident, but is able to continue his recuperation at home, following days of hospitalization. May we remember each of our sick with cards, prayers, and various deeds of kindness.

Bro. Ben Maibach of Detroit ministered to us the evening of June 29. We were reminded that we take vows to go to our brethren if we offend or are offended; so should we then do this in humility, after examining ourselves, when the occasion arises.

In having all things, and not Thee, what have I?
Not having Thee, what have my labours got?
Let me enjoy but Thee; what further crave I?
And having Thee alone, what have I not?

ROANOKE, ILLINOIS Irene Legel

On Wed. night, June 10, we were pleased to hear the testimonies of our two dear friends, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Fisher. He is the son of Bro. and Sis. Sam Fisher of here. They have three small children. They were baptized on Sunday. Bro. Leroy Huber assisted Bro. Dave Mangold in this work.

We were happy to have Bro. Edwin Bahler of Remington with us for services & appreciated his good teachings — How strange doctrine can influence the soul of the righteous, if they are not well grounded — How important it is to stand firm in our faith, regardless of the storm and battle.

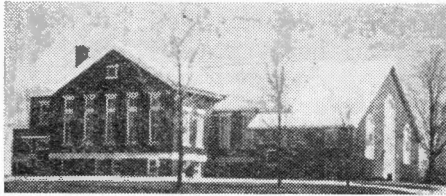
Bro. and Sis. Walter Fehr are parents of a daughter, Linda Ruth. She has a sister, Mary 12, and brothers, Tom 13, Mike 8, Curtis 2. Grandparents are Sis. Caroline and the late Bro. Ben Fehr and Bro. and Sis. Eli Fisher of Eureka.

Sis. Helen Huber, accompanied by her parents—Bro. and Sis. Louis Huber, were visiting here several days with his sister, Bro. Silas Hodels. Bro. Louis is a wheel-chair victim, due to the amputation of one leg. It certainly is humbling to

see the courage, faith and appreciation he has, being dependent on others to help him, and how he enjoys being with God's people and supporting the good word. We pray the dear Lord will bless them and Sis. Helen, who so faithfully cares for them.

Sis. Esther Beer, who has been in the hospital, is home again, improving.

The Annual Sunday School picnic was held on Sunday afternoon, at the Washburn park, with many attending.



Our Church

Our church was just a building—composed of brick and wood. To many of us, our church, a cherished haven stood.

As children we were carried to church in arms of love. We learned to sing and pray, and think of the home above.

When we grew older still, we chose the way of the cross, And found the Holy Spirit a comfort for each loss.

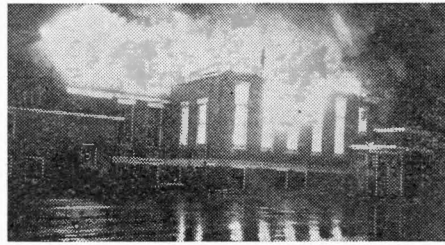
Many a marriage rendered, many a blessing felt, We could feel God's nearness, as we listened and we knelt.

But now our building is gone, struck by the hand of God, Symbolic of our future as we live upon this sod.

Coming in the dark of night, when many were asleep. What, if in the storms of life, a watch we do not keep!

The fire in full fury is much too much for man, Unless he comes prepared, before the flames begin.

Yes, our church was just a building, and now it stands no more, But our church goes right on living, in the hearts for evermore.



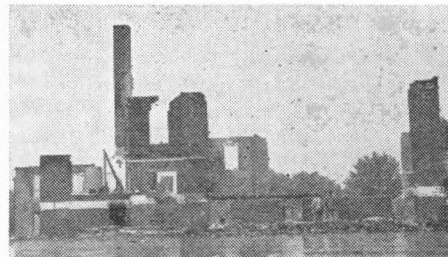
Late Friday night, June 19, we were all deeply concerned and saddened by the loss of our cherished church. It was struck by lightning, which in time set a roaring fire through the whole building, completely destroying it, despite the efforts of six fire departments and a heavy rain.

We shall never forget that night. So many of us stood there with heavy hearts, watching so helpless, not being able to do anything about it, knowing our fond house of worship and everything in it was being destroyed.

It made one think how terrible it will be, when the whole earth will be a roaring fire, and if we don't prepare ourselves now, it will be too late, then, to do anything about it.

The loss, partially covered, was estimated at approximately \$500,000.

The first Apostolic Church was built in 1865 and replaced on the same site by the main part of the present structure in 1873. It was remodeled and added to in 1929, and again modernized & increased in 1956 and 1958. It accommodated nearly a thousand people, and was often filled to capacity. Our membership is over 350, and about 370 children attended Sunday School.



The work of demolition and clean-up was undertaken and finished in one day. More than 100 men with willing hands and shovels, 30 trucks, nearly a dozen tractors equipped with scoopers, bull dozers, and crane hoist co-operated with almost unbelievable results. Scrap metal was salvaged and the fire rubble was hauled to an

abandoned gravel pit. All that now remains is the dug out basement, where we plan to put up our new church.

A Building and Finance Committee have been elected. Along with the Trustees and Ministers, they have decided on an architect and are doing all they can to get the church rebuilt soon as possible. A recent survey taken gives us a total population of approximately 850.

Bro. Leroy Huber and the Eureka congregation have so warmly welcomed us to join them. Our two congregations assemble together for morning and afternoon services starting at 10:00 and 12:15. We also serve our lunches together. Eureka Sunday School will meet as usual in the morning, and our Sunday School will meet in the afternoon with our teachers.

We certainly appreciate their kindness, and enjoy being with them, as we still feel they are a part of us.

God knows the way; He holds the key.

He guides us with unerring hands. Then trust in God through all the days;

Up there, sometime, we'll understand.

Not now—but in the coming years, It may be in the better land, Heav'n will the mysteries explain, And then, sometime, we'll understand.

SABETHA, KANSAS Mrs. Theodore Locher

Sun., June 21, we were privileged to have Bro. Ben Hartzler from Rittman spend the day with us. We appreciated the inspiring spiritual messages he brought to us.

"He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death."

We have had many visitors, and welcome them to come again. It is a blessing to meet and greet ones of like faith, and not to exclude our friends. They are always welcome to assemble with us, to hear God's holy word revealed.

Saturday evening, June 27, Marjorie Metzger, daughter of Sis. Julia and Bro. Wilhelm Metzger, was united in marriage to Ensign David L. Flentie, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Flentie of Sabetha. The

young couple will make their home in Long Beach, California, where David is stationed with the Navy. David graduated June 3 from the U.S. Navel Academy at Annapolis, Maryland. We wish them God's richest blessings through life together.

LEO, INDIANA

Mrs. Elias Souder

The theme of the children's Bible School program was, "Give Your Best To The Master." The children recited their verses and sang beautifully. Their handwork, such things as beautiful mottos for the people at one or two rest homes, were on display in the dining room and Sunday School.

Services were held at the two rest homes at Butler, as usual, the first Sunday of the month.

This also was Promotion Day in the Sunday School. This change may be a better recognition of the age-attitude of the pupil. Advancement or completion of the one school year has already transpired, and the pupil is moving toward the next.

Connie Thornton is home for a few months, after attending college.

Albert Frautschi, at the present, is in Mexico City. All of us were happy to hear he had been protected during the recent earthquake there. Forty miles away, more or less, people died in the quake.

There has been a number of requests for the **Gospel Hymns, Nos. 1-6, Complete**. The Theodore Presser Co. had informed us that they were out of print. A group of brethren has purchased the original plates. The hymnals will again be published. A printing of 1000 books is planned.

Bro. Henry Beer has also completed a new printing of 3000 books, **Hymns of Zion**. There are many thousands of these books out in use now. It's a very valuable book for church, Sunday School and other gatherings.

The Zion's Harp church hymnal has over 22,000 printed. The need for another printing is evident.

the editor

REMINGTON, INDIANA

Emily Kilgus

Bros. Elmer Witzig and Edmund Kloter and their families spent a

Sunday with us. We were all reminded to do our part to preserve the faith that we have found, so that the oncoming generation may find it in the same way.

Bros. Ernest Gerber and Henry Kilgus were with us for evening services. We were exhorted to more diligence, and to make certain that we not only have a lamp, but that we have oil in our lamp and keep it trimmed and brightly burning.

Lilli Jean Bahler, eight-year-old daughter of Bro. Edwin and Sis. Lois, had an emergency appendectomy recently.

Curtis Siebenthal and Shirley Peacock were married June 28. Curtis is the son of Sis. Sophie and the late Edward Siebenthal.

John Schieler and Bob Schini left for service recently. Herb and Mary Jo Schieler and Bro. Albert and Sis. Amelia Schini are the parents. Both boys are grandsons of Sis. Marie Schieler.

ALTADENA CALIFORNIA

Jeri Minger

"Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God." Romans 5:1-2

All of us in our congregation here have had many reasons to fully realize and greatly rejoice in the glory of God. We were blessed to hear the testimony of Blanche Coldeen, an experience so rare, but so very precious to us all. The baptism was followed by Holy Communion, shared in unity by both Maywood and Altadena congregations. Bro. Roy Farney of Phoenix was here to assist our own elder, Bro. Carl Kinsinger.

Our friends, John and Wilma Pulfer, became the parents of Monica Jean on June 18. The Pulfers have one other child—their son, Shane. Bro. and Sis. Carrol Messer have also had their family expanded, when Michael Jay was born on June 17.

Sis. Betty Beer of Cissna Park has joined our congregation for a short time this summer. She is taking a summer course at the University of Southern California, concerned with training teachers for deaf children. This is both a fascinating and worthwhile field, and yet the supply of specialized instructors does not begin to meet

the great need of these children, in their silent world.

Virgil Graf, son of Bro. and Sis. Clarence Graf, has returned to his home, after serving in the Army at Ft. Sam Houston. It is always wonderful to see the return of loved ones, after a long period of absence.

BLUFFTON, INDIANA

Carolyn Gerber Delutha Moser

A death: Bro. Ben Kipfer passed away suddenly, due to a heart attack, leaving a widow, who was the former Saloma Beer; in addition to his wife are a daughter, Mrs. Don (Sis. Dorothy) Mayer of Bluffton; a son, Alvin Kipfer, of Sabetha; a brother, Bro. Ulrich Kipfer; and two sisters, Mrs. Fred (Sis. Katie) Gerber, Mrs. Fred (Sis. Lydia) Wahl, of Paulding, Ohio; and five grandchildren. Funeral services were held on Saturday, June 20, with Bro. Samuel Aeschliman officiating.

Births: Bro. and Sis. Veron Gerber were blessed with a son, Vincent R., born on July 3. Friends Edison and Evelyn Ivins were also blessed with a daughter, Kim M., born on July 3.

Engagements: Friend Robert Geisel, son of Bro. and Sis. Olen Geisel, and Lathan Lee, daughter of Norman Fetter, have announced their engagement. Bro. and Sis. Kaehr have made known the engagement of their daughter, Mary Jo, to Robert Troxel, son of Bro. and Sis. Ralph Troxel.

Marriage: Friend Jayne Geisel, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Olen Geisel, was united in marriage to Gary Gibson, on June 28. A wedding reception for friends Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Kipfer was held on June 21. Mrs. Kipfer was the former Judy Isch, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Harold Isch.

Shut-ins: May the comfort of God's presence make bright each shut-in hour. ". . . my God shall supply all your need . . ." Philippians 4:19.

In the hospital during the past month: Sis. Ned (Dixie) Kipfer, Sis. Harry (Cordelia) Aeschliman, Sis. Cornelius (Ann Steffen). Sis. Edna Gerber, Bros. Russell Steffen, Herman Bertsch, and John Kaehr.

The patience of Job can surely be seen in our Sis. Katie Gerber, who has been afflicted and is almost helpless. After spending several more weeks in the hospital,

she now is at the home of Bro. and Sis. Obed Gerber; as in Job, chapter 12:10 — "In whose hand is the soul of every living thing, and the breath of all mankind."

Converts: Another dear soul has surrendered his heart to the Lord. May God grant him an abundance of grace in this important step. A testimony of repentance will be heard from Friend Dave Magley in the future.

On July 1, testimonies of repentance were given by our dear Friends, Delia Aschliman and Nancy Bertsch. On July 5, ministering Brother Andrew Virkler of Bay City, was present to hear the testimony of his nephew, friend Darrell Steffen. Elders George Yergler and George Sinn assisted Elder Aschliman in the baptismal services.

July 5 was truly a day of joy and blessing for all, as Holy Communion was served to us by Elders Sam Aeschliman, George Yergler,

George Sinn and Bro. John Yergler. It always brings us closer together and is good if we keep in mind.

First Corinthians, Chapter 11:23-27

"... the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread:

And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me.

After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.

For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come."

We heard on this blessed day, that God's word should not only be preached, but lived by.

The following article was written by one of our ministering brethren.

WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

In Matthew, Chapter 19, verse 16, we read of the young man who came to our Lord, and asked what good thing he must do to inherit eternal life. The Lord quoted to the young man several of the commandments, to which the young man could say, **These I have kept even from my youth, so what lack I yet?** Now, He who knew all things answered him, "One thing thou lackest: go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, take up the cross, and follow me."

No doubt, there are many we know who would like to have the assurance that when they pass from this life into eternity, they might have within the hope of life eternal; but many are as the rich young man. They have something that they do not want to do without, and retaining it they cannot find the promise that they will inherit eternal life. Some perhaps love worldly pleasures. Others may have some hidden sin which keeps them enslaved, and like the sorrowing young man, they are not ready and willing to take up the cross of self-denial, so they, like the rich man, have nothing to look forward

to but eternal destruction.

We read in St. Mark, in the 10th Chapter, verse 21, that when the rich young man told the Lord that he had kept the law, the Lord loved him. Dear friend, he loves you too; but consider this—He gave His life for us and suffered in our stead. Now, if we are not willing to give up temporal things, should we then expect to receive from the Lord that which is eternal? Salvation can not be obtained any other way but the way prescribed in the Holy Scriptures: Repent, and be converted.

BURLINGTON, IOWA

Uriel Gehring

Our visiting minister during the past month was Bro. Vernon Leman of Eureka. How pleasant to be edified through God's Holy Word, as spoken by our brethren.

Harry and Loretta Eisenman have a new baby boy, John Glenn, born June 27. John has two sisters, Shelly and Patricia.

Our last monthly singing was attended by 89 persons. This is the largest attendance to date. We feel many blessings are coming from **making melody in our hearts to the Lord.**

The Lord has blessed us with pleasant rains and enjoyable summer weather. The yards, flowers, and crops look very promising and beautiful.

CISSNA PARK, ILLINOIS

Mrs. Jeff Young

We were richly blessed, the past month, when visiting ministering brothers Merl Bucher, Ed Frank and John Somerhalder visited our congregation.

Engagement of Sis. Irene Funk and Bro. Melvin Stoller was announced. Irene is daughter of Bro. and Sis. Jake Funk. Melvin is son of Bro. and Sis. Emil Stoller of Latty.

Sis. Dora Walder had surgery and is getting along nicely. Funeral services were held for our friend, John Hofstetter, with Bro. Ezra Feller officiating. John reached the age of 91 years.

Our aged sister, Carrie Ehman, passed away at the hospital July 6, at the age of 94 years and six months. Two weeks previous she met with a broken hip, from which she never recovered. She will surely be missed in our congregation.

Bro. Al Langhoffer from Wichita was with us on mid-week services. Bro. Vernon Schwab from Wolcott also assisted him. The message brought to us was truly a blessed teaching. It is so uplifting to have visitors on mid-week services. A hearty invitation is extended to anyone, at their convenience, to spend an hour of worship and singing with our congregation.

GOODFIELD, ILLINOIS

Marian Wiegand

Wednesday evening services have been discontinued for the summer.

Bob Siebenthal was a hospital patient for a few days during this past month. He is home again and feeling much better.

Sis. Norma Bauman and Sis. Bertha Heiniger were surgical patients at the hospital. May God grant them speedy recovery.

The annual Sunday School picnic was held at the grade school recently.

We, of the Goodfield congregation, wish to extend our sympathy to the Roanoke congregation in the loss of their house of worship. We hope the words of Job will bring a consolation: **The Lord giveth; and the Lord taketh away;**

blessed be the Name of the Lord.

We were recently blessed by a visit by Bro. Ben Hartzler of Rittman, who ministered God's word to us during evening services. His visit took me back to the times when Elder Bro. Noah Hartzler and others would visit our church and expound the Word. It was always so refreshing to hear, "We are having church tonight. Bro. . . . is going to be there." The church would be full—many would come from miles around. After the services, the itinerary would be announced for the next few days, and if at all possible, we would attend all of the services in the itinerary. What blessings and revivings were derived from these ministrings!

The Goodfield Bible Class were hosts to the Taylor and Princeville Bible classes. We are thankful to Bro. Don Sauder, who spoke words of instruction to these young people (and to us) for morning services. In the afternoon, they gathered together for a Sunday School class. A dinner was served later.

Beginning July 12, a Bible class will be held each Sunday morning at 9:30, for six weeks. Everyone is invited.

Bro. John Rokey is a surgical patient at the Eureka Hospital. We hope and pray he will soon be able to assemble with us again.

Steven Wiegand, son of Bro. Simon and Sis. Mary Wiegand, began his six-month's service in the Army Reserves. He is stationed at Ft. Leonard Wood.

Tomorrow means I have one day less to live for God.

GRIDLEY, ILLINOIS**Lydia and Eunice Kammerer**

Again, another June has slipped into the past, however not without leaving some memorable marks upon its calendar: Baptisms, births, weddings, new converts, and the annual Bible School session.

Baptism—And we shall arise to newness of life.

Kenny Burgess gave his testimony on Sat., June 20. Baptism took place the following day. We welcome Kenny into our congregation.

Births—"and a little child shall lead them."

To Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Rinckenberger, a boy, born at Mennon-

ite Hospital in Bloomington, Illinois.

Weddings—"What therefore God has joined together, let not man put asunder."

Miss Gloria Sadlow, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Sadlow of Friend, Nebraska, and David Rinckenberger, son of Bro. Joe and Sis. Ida Rinckenberger, from Gridley, were married May 29. A reception was held for them at the Rinckenberger home, the following Sunday.

On June 27, Miss Marie Gagne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Hardcastle from Burnham, Illinois, and Michael Kiefer, son of Bro. Eli and Sis. Lorene Kiefer, from Gridley, Illinois, were united in marriage. Both are graduates from the University of Illinois.

On June 28, Sis. Fredota Wettstein, daughter of Bro. Ben and Sis. Anna Wettstein, and Bro. Dale Wiegand, son of Sis. Fannie and the late George Wiegand, were united in marriage, Bro. George Gramm performing the ceremony. They will make their home in Bloomington, Illinois.

Converts—Even the angels in heaven rejoice over every sinner who repents.

Again the waters have been troubled, as three more souls have turned to the Lord. They are, Lyle, son of Bro. Ben and Sis. Anna Wettstein; Roger, son of Bro. Elmer and Sis. Marjorie Witzig; and Joe, son of Alvin and Alice Funk. We are thankful for every soul who answers the call. We wish them God's grace and help in this important step.

Bible School—On June 12, a program was held, climaxing two weeks of Bible study with the children. The average attendance this year was 117. The children's favorite songs were, "To God be the Glory" and "Bringing in the sheaves." The theme this year was, "Serving God."

Our visiting ministers this month were Bro. Elmer Bucher, Francesville, on June 7, and on June 14, Bro. Orville Ringger, Bluffton, and Bro. James Ringger, from Princeville. Bros. Elmer and Orville both spoke about the mansions which are prepared for us. Bro. Orville gave us a very interesting and poignant illustration pertaining to the mansions. He read or heard a story about a woman who passed into eternity, and seeing a large mansion, asked if

this was hers. She was told, "No." Coming to the next, she asked the same question, and so on until she saw a small one, and this, she was told, was hers. "But why?" she asked. Because this was all the material you sent us," was the reply.

Our sister, Joanne Stoller, departed on June 18 for Europe, where she is spending eight weeks studying German. She will be in Haus Steine k-532 Bad Godesberg—Mehlem—Rudigerstr 82 Germany until Aug. 6, when she and the rest of the students, who are also studying there, will leave for other parts of Europe.

Sunday School

The Sunday School term at Gridley begins the first Sunday in September and ends the last Sunday in June. There are nine classes, ranging from a four-year-old kindergarten class to a Bible class of high school and college age students. Total enrollment is 190, average attendance about 165. We have a cradle roll numbering 53. Informal sessions will be held during the summer, for grades one through eight. Visitors are always welcome and appreciated at Gridley.

The teachers for the next term will be Mary Alyce Witzig, Ruth Ann Schlipf, Marilyn Schieler, Helen Schlipf, Wilma Zehr, Irsel Funk, Ella Schlipf, Bill Romersberger, Harold Schmidtgall, Richard Kiefer, Ralph Schlipf, Roy Hodel, Herb Gramm, Allen Marti, John Schlipf, Carlton Klopfenstein and Ralph Klopfenstein. A superintendent will be selected from these teachers. Loren Schlipf and Art Gramm retired from teaching this year, after many years of faithful service. Bro. Ralph Klopfenstein is our present superintendent.

The Bible class participates in the Christian Endeavor singing programs, along with ten other churches.

The Sunday School facilities in Gridley are very crowded, being filled to overflowing for both morning and afternoon sessions. Both teachers and students are anxiously awaiting the expansion which the church is now planning.

The first Sunday afternoon of each month is dedicated to hold

services for the aged in the Rest Home in Gridley. We have one sister who lives there, Sis. Julia Campbell, who has been there a number of years. She has not been able to assemble with us. Therefore, the rest of the patients benefit from, and enjoy this monthly service, as well as Julia.

Our sister, Jan Meiss, was a patient in Mennonite Hospital, for a week, but is now able to be in the home of her parents, Bro. and Sis. Sam Pflederer, in Morton. We hope she and her new little son will soon be able to return to their home in Bloomington.

We are sorry to report Sis. Setta Klopfenstein was taken to Mennonite Hospital on July 5. We sincerely hope she will soon be much improved.

A mutual feeling of shock and sadness swept over all the congregations, in the loss of the Roanoke church, which was destroyed so quickly by fire, a few weeks ago.

We feel God knows what is best, even though we do not understand.

GRIDLEY, KANSAS Mrs. Rudy Bahr

Many of you will be happy to know that Vola Young has improved enough that she is able to be "up and about". She attended Bible School. She gave us a scare during Bible School. It seemed that everyone rejoiced when she came to class. Then one morning, before I even got in the church door, the children rushed to tell, "Did you hear what happened to Vola—she's in the hospital?" Fortunately, it turned out to have been an "internal nosebleed", and she was able to join us again in a few days.

After the sacklunch at noon the last day of Bible School, the primary classes of Sis. Wilma Young and Liseten Strahm sang to some of the shut-ins and made calls in Lamont and Madison.

Friend Gene Bahr left for San Antonio, Texas, the end of June for his 8-weeks reserve training at Lackland Air Force Base.

Bro. Jake Strahm, eldest son of Bro. and Sis. Loren Strahm, graduated from high school and is now working in Sabetha.

We rejoice with Sis. Lizzie Beyer, that she could attend afternoon services with us July 5. It has been over a year since she has been able to assemble with us.

Our congregation (though many

were absent, due to the youth fellowship trip to Burlington, Okla.) were uplifted when Bro. Earl Zeltwanger spent Sunday with us, on their way to Colorado. Bro. Earl mentioned how wonderful the fellowship is we have here on earth, and to just think, how blessed fellowship will be in heaven. This seems to be the "season for reunions", and I especially enjoyed the "reunion" with Sis. Marge—we graduated from high school together in Elgin, Illinois, and remarked how things "turnout" you never gave a thought of then!

Bro. Earl also brought out how we need to ask God to teach us to pray, to pray "specifically," and sometimes to just commune with Him, not just because we need something, but because we want to be NEAR Him. I thought—yes, how happy we parents are when "our children" come and talk over things with us & "ask" for things, instead of just "take for granted" what we know they need!

Yesterday, I took a "trip" to the state capital, as our two youngest sons needed to visit the doctor for "corrective shoe" consultation. Naturally, we did a little shopping . . . it was hot . . . and you see all kinds of PEOPLE! Our niece was looking at a pattern. We discovered that even a pattern company has now come to realize that most of us are not a "perfect size", and came out with a new adjustable pattern . . . another teenager was also looking at patterns, and I couldn't help but think how nice she looked in a simple, stylish dress. She looked every bit as cool as those wearing shorts. How much more attractive! When we held Bible school, our teenage helpers looked so fresh and pretty in their cotton dresses, etc.

Today, there is so much stress put on "being attractive"—some spend many hours so that hair is "just so", . . . eyelashes even curled . . . because "everyone else does." I wonder WHY people don't turn in the mirror and get a side and back view, while wearing shorts. Stop and think of the very few who are that "perfect shape"—don't they look even better in "street-length" clothing? When you come down to the "unbiased" facts, how much more comfortable are shorts in the home, especially when you sit down and "stick" to the chairs? Are not many of the "beauty treatments"

uncomfortable, but "endured?"

When I was in high school, we had a dean of women who was "death" on "pants" for girls. They were immediately sent home to change.

She **did** have a good point to think about. People, generally she felt, ACT better when not dressed sloppily. Girls learn to sit like "ladies" in dresses, and are not in awkward and becoming positions that are fallen into when wearing jeans.

When someone "important" comes, we want to look our best. If Jesus came to "our house" today, would we be glad to meet him in our attire? Does not the Bible say that the stranger may be a saint unawares? What is done to th least of these is done to Jesus.

JUNCTION, OHIO Mrs. Alvin H. Manz

With the arrival of summer, our ailing ministering Bro. Andrew Dotterer and Sis. Lena Manz have been able to enjoy the services from their automobiles, by means of an outside speaker. Good to have them with us, even if they cannot come inside.

We were blessed this month with three visiting ministers, Elder Bro. Sam Aeshliman, who spoke to us from St. John, of Christ's prayer for his apostles, that God would sanctify them. He admonished us to keep our hearts and souls in order, to watch and be faithful, for think what is in store for us in Heaven. He told us of the uncertainty of life and the falling away, for we know not the hour the death angel may enter our homes. Elder Bro. George Sinn, speaking after Bro. Sam, asked us, "God has been good unto us; do we appreciate it?" And reminded us to take this to heart and obey as we have been admonished, that we may be pleasing unto Him.

Bro. Albert Fisher of Chicago spoke from Ephesians, chapter 4, entreating us to perfect and maintain our Christian unity, that brothers and sisters should walk in unity. If there is discord, we should not let the sun go down upon us before we clear it away. We should be kind to one another, forgiving, and give to him that needeth, instead of to those who already have plenty, as so often happens these days.

Sis. Minnie Dotterer had a few days illness with mumps. Some of

the children of the congregation were ill with mumps and scarlatina, most is cleared up and they are back in church.

LESTER, IOWA
Emelie M. Knobloch

We were sorry to hear of the passing of George Giesel, of Denver. May our sympathy be extended to his family, especially his brother of our community, Mr. and Mrs. John Giesel.

We had a blessed evening June 12, when Elder Brothers Noah Schrock and Paul Banwart spent the evening with us, sharing with us an inspiring message of God's Word. It was also felt needful for a helper in the vineyard of the Lord. Based on the sentiment of the congregation, Bro. Wayne Gerber had these duties laid upon him. We wish him God's blessing and grace in his new labors.

After having the opportunity to spend June 21 in Minneapolis, I want to say, May God bless these loved ones for their efforts. I sincerely hope their efforts will bring forth fruit, so it may grow.

We are happy to report that Jeffrey Gerber, son of Bro. and Sis. John Gerber, who had heart surgery at Iowa City, June 26, is progressing nicely. Art Metzger, son of Bro. and Sis. Ernest Metzger, is recuperating at home, after being painfully injured when hit by a car. Bro. Wm. Gerber narrowly escaped death, when the tractor he was driving overturned. Bro. August Knobloch has not been too well recently. May God restore all these loved ones to good health.

We held our annual Sunday School picnic June 7. Our Bible class attended the annual picnic at Winthrop, June 14. The question and answer periods at these annual Bible Class gatherings are very inspiring, just to know the deep thought that is given loved ones of groups such as these.

Births: To Bro. and Sis. Gilbert Knobloch, a son, Lou Eric on June 24; to Bro. and Sis. Roy Metzger, a son Dan Leslie, on July 2; and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Metzger, a girl, on June 12, Rebecca Ann.

MAYWOOD, CALIFORNIA
Christine Locher

We are thankful Elder Bro. Roy Farney of Phoenix was able to assist our Elder Bro. Carl Kinsinger in serving us Holy Communion on

July 14, jointly with the Altadena congregation.

Richard and Eleanor Gerber became parents of twin girls on July 5.

Sis. Nettie Zimmerman recently was called East, on the death of her brother. We are thankful the Lord protected her and brought her safely back again.

We had many visitors recently, and thank each one who took time to assemble with us.

NEW MARTINSVILLE, W. VA.
Mrs. Gus Weltz

The annual meeting of the country church, held on June 28, was well attended and exceeded all expectations in numbers. The weather was ideal, while the temperature was soaring. A good breeze was blowing, and despite a crowded house, there was no discomfort. They came from far and near, and it was a day long to be remembered by all. The minister, Ben Maibach from Detroit, was here. He gave the sermon, with Ben Stavenick of Mansfield and Joe Ramsier of Rittman adding a brief message also. The lunch at noon was served to about 175 persons. While we were prepared for a large crowd, many brought food with them. We are indeed grateful for this assistance. We would have run low on rations without their help. Thank you all for your food and for your coming to us for the day. We will always remember the warm fellowship and the well-spoken words by the three ministers.

On Sunday evening, Ben Maibach and his family, visiting with relatives here and the only living member of the church, had the evening meal in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Indermule and held a worship service in the Monroe church. Several from here also attended that service. We were again blessed with a wonderful message from Ben Maibach. A tape recording was made of the service. On Sunday evening, July 5, Mr. and Mrs. Indermuhle met in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Froelich, where several friends had gathered to hear the sermon. Again, thanks to you good people, who came so far to bring this message of love to us.

Mrs. Emma Berger is not well at this writing. She was not able to attend the service at the country church on June 28, and is not able

to leave her room.

Mrs. Albert Hassig, passed away on June 15, after a lengthy illness. Services and interment took place on June 17. She was a sister-in-law of John Hassig of Seville, Ohio.

Mrs. Anna Hoyt Barth, wife of Herbert Barth, passed away on June 21, after an illness of several years. Services and interment took place on June 24. She was a daughter-in-law of Mrs. Lyda Barth.

Mrs. Bertha Bushon Durig, widow of the late Charles Durig, passed away on July 3 after an illness of several years, at the age of 84. Funeral services were held on July 6, with interment here. Three daughters and two sons survive.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Weyeneth of Peoria spent a few hours here, on June 29. Their desire was to see the country church and the church in Monroe, so my sisters, Elda and Lillie, and I went with them to the country church. I went with them to the Monroe church. They were both pleased and amazed with the countryside, the hills and valleys. The few hours spent here will long be remembered by them. They were going on into Pennsylvania and other interesting spots before going home. It was good to have you for a few hours.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Weber, Mr. and Mrs. Jonas H. Ball, Miss Vera Hayes of Peoria, spent the night in our city on July 4. They visited with us for a brief time, and on Sunday morning attended services at the Monroe Church, leaving at noon for Washington; D.C., Rockford, Conn.; Montreal, Quebec, and many other interesting cities. It was nice to have had you for a few short moments.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Weltz spent the week-end of July 11 with friends in Clarksburg.

We were very sorry to hear of the church in Roanoke being destroyed by lightning and fire. We well remember the lovely day we spent there on September 1, 1957.

On Tuesday morning, June 30, Fred Burton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Burton, and John Mullett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mullett, were injured in their work at Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company. Pressure blew a blank manway flange off. Burton fell between the tanks, and Mullett went over a handrail, into some piping. Both were removed to the local hospital. Re-

ports are that Burton has an injured second lumbar vertebra, will be in a cast and hospitalized for several weeks. Mullett was painfully injured and was being held for observation.

Mrs. Helen Emch, Mrs. Mae Booth and Mr. Paul Durig of Girard spent Sunday here in respect to the death of their aunt, Mrs. Charles Durig.

PHOENIX, ARIZONA

Eileen Yackley

We have been richly blessed with a number of visitors this month. With the wonderful fellowship that we have in our churches, one can visit from church to church and feel the Christian love flowing. How wonderful it will be in the hereafter, when we all can be together, forever without end!

We rejoice in having Sis. Marilyn Dotterer back in our midst. With young folks going away to work, school, and in the military service, it makes us ever so thankful, when they again return safely—by God's guiding hand.

Bro. Ed Reiger has been quite ill, but is relieved some at this time. He is weak, bedfast, and a very sick man. Sis. Ann has had a lot of responsibility, caring for him, but blessings can always be found—even in illness. God has provided Ann, with someone to give her a helping hand during the night hours, so she can get some rest. Your prayers will surely be appreciated.

TAYLOR, MISSOURI

Mrs. Eli Sutter

Sis. Rosemary Hoerr was a hospital patient, for tests and observation. Her condition has improved, and she has gone back to part-time work.

When reading the last Silver Lining, I realized that I neglected to mention our graduates. Since some exercises were not held until June, I will do so now. Bro. Bill Cottrell graduated from Quincy, High, Bro. LeRoy Yackley from Palmyra Mo. High, and Pat Frieden, foster daughter of Bro. Raymond and Sis. Jeanie Haerr, from Hickman High, Columbia Mo. They have been living there since Bro. Raymond began his studies at the medical school at the University of Missouri. He is on a few weeks vacation at the present, as is Eleanor Yackley, who finished her

Junior year at Kirksville Mo. State Teachers College. Ron Hodel, who attends S.I.U. at Carbondale, spent a short vacation with his parents and is now attending summer school. Sis. Laretta Haerr is spending her vacation from her teaching duties at Skokie, Ill., at her parents' home.

Sis. Charlotte Haerr, daughter of Rudie and Sis. Lena Haerr, and Bro. Leonard Meyer, son of Bro. Fred and Sis. Marie Meyer of Skokie, Ill., were united in marriage on June 14. We had many visitors here for the occasion, including ministering Brothers Maurice Frank, Chicago, and Lowell Stoller, Princeville. At present, they are living at Champaign, where Bro. Leonard is attending summer school at the University of Illinois.

On June 21, Sis. Mardell Grimm, daughter of Bro. Fred and Sis. Louise Grimm, and Bro. Kenneth Deitz, son of Bro. Herman and Sis. Hilda Deitz of Wyoming, Ill., were united in marriage by her father, Elder Bro. Fred Grimm, who also officiated at the marriage of Bro. Leonard and Sis. Charlotte. Visiting ministers were Bros. Jim Ringger, Princeville, and Albert Wuthrich, Pulaski. They will make their home on a farm near Henry, Ill. and will attend the Bradford church. We will miss our young sisters, but wish them the Lord's blessings in their new homes.

We held our annual Sunday School picnic on June 28. We always enjoy this occasion with our children, and especially to hear them sing their hymns of praise to the Lord.

The congregation here at Taylor send our deepest sympathy to our brothers, sisters and friends at Roanoke, in the loss of their church building. For many years they have assembled there, to hear the word of God, where they have shared many joys and sorrows. We pray the Lord will bless them with whatever is needed to again provide them with a place of worship.

Sis. Rose Frieden celebrated her 84th birthday on July 4, with a family gathering. She had 13 children, of which 10 are living. They were all present except one.

Mrs. Jennie Weneker, grandmother of Sis. Marjorie Sutter, passed away at the age of 87 yrs. Services were in charge of Bro. Gerald Sutter, at Summerhill, Ill.

TREMONT, ILLINOIS

Esther Schmid

Bro. George Lang has accepted the duty of church treasurer, to relieve Bro. Chris Woerner.

Visiting ministers the past month were Bros. Al Langhofer, Wichita; Philip Sauder, Cissna Park; Ben Hartzler, Rittman; Frank Woertz, Goodfield; Joe A. Getz, Henry Grimm, Francis Rother, and Russell Rapp, Morton. We heard many good teachings from our ministering brothers, and invite them all to visit us again.

The annual Sunday School picnic was held at Tremont Park, the last Sunday in June. It is an event the children look forward to and enjoy.

On Sat. evening, June 27, Bro. Frank Woertz assisted our elder, Bro. Joe A. Getz, when two dear friends, Joann Frank and Susan Rapp, gave their testimonies of faith in the shed blood of our Saviour and the need for repentance to become reconciled with God. Baptismal services were Sunday, June 28, carrying out the commandment the Saviour gave His disciples, Matthew 28:19: "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost". We were reminded of the promise, ". . . lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen."

Ronnie Pfloderer, son of Bro. James and Sis. Doris Lee, was hospitalized for a tonsillectomy.

A son, James Michael, was born on June 20 to Bro. Glen and Sis. Marilyn Dill. He is their second son; Michael has one sister.

A son, Rodney Lee, was born on June 27 to Bro. Richard and Sis. Aldine Martin. He has one brother and four sisters to welcome him.

WEST BEND, IOWA

Anna Schmidt

Sis. Lydia Jurgens has been a shut-in for several weeks and has been unable to attend church. We hope she will soon be feeling better.

Lowell and Janet Fehr are the parents of a daughter, Lisa Marie, born June 23.

Arthur Mogler, son of Sam and Sis. Tillie Mogler, was home from Ft Sam for a two-week furlough.

Bro. Chris Luthi was 87 years old on June 23. Quite a number gathered together and spent the evening singing.

There were several here from various places for the Joe Banwart reunion, held on July 4.

'Tis July

Lift up your voice
With happy children;
Let us rejoice.
The days are long,
And the sky is blue,
Like as a bowl tipped up,
We view its vastness.

The scent of hay is pleasant, too,
And sweet wild roses
Grace our view.
Green grass makes soft
The fruitful sod.
How gracious is
Our loving God.

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

Herman Norr

Services were conducted by Bro. Theo Beer of Milford on June 21, and Bro. Robert Grimm on July 5. A group from their respective churches accompanied them. We wish the Lord's blessing for them.

The attendance has been approximately fifty at each meeting during the summer months. A goodly number of children have been attending, for which we are thankful.

Ministers scheduled for future services are July 19—Bro. Alfred Bahler, Wolcott; Aug. 2—Bro. John Bollier Jr., Leo; Aug 16—Bro. Orville Ringger, Bluffton; and Sept. 6—Bro. Henry Beer, Milford, Ind.

Ample room for a large group is available. We would appreciate meeting and fellowshiping with you and your family.

Church services start at 11 A.M. E.S.T. Sunday School is held in the afternoon. Services are held the first and third Sunday of each month in the downtown YMCA, corner of Illinois and New York streets.

ELGIN, IOWA

Mrs. George Butikofer

Nature is at its best in these parts. The alfalfa fields are really verdant and a beautiful sight to behold. This goes for the corn and small grains, too.

Sis. Martha Frieden is hospitalized again, at the Elkader Hospital. May God give her the needed grace to patiently endure whatever He deems best for her.

Janet Gehring has summer employment, in Washington D.C.

My Mother's Prayers

Among the treasured pictures
That I've hung on memory's
wall,
There's one that's clearer than the
rest,
And sweeter far than all:
'Tis a picture of my mother,
When I, a little chap,
Was folded in her loving arms,
To slumber on her lap.
I felt her hands caress my head;
I heard her softly say,
"Dear Jesus, take this little life
And use it every day."

There must have been a mighty
weight
Behind that simple prayer,
For through the seasons, year on
year,
The picture lingers there,
And whether I'm on hill or plain
Or on the deep blue sea,
The memory of the sacred scene
Forever comforts me.
Among the treasured pictures
That I've hung on memory's
wall,
My mother's supplication
Is the sweetest one of all.

OAKVILLE, IOWA

Mrs. Ezra Gerst Mrs. Edwin Banwart

Diane Steiner was united in marriage to Ralph Lanz, from Rockville, at the home of her parents, Bro. Orel and Sis. Rose. Bro. Noah Schrock conducted the marriage ceremony. We wish them Gods richest blessing as they walk this new way of life together.

Little Todd Massner, two-year-old son of Bro. Virgil and Sis. Barbara, had the misfortune of breaking his leg, and is in the hospital, where he is in traction. He will soon have it put in a cast.

We are happy to report that Alma Langland is home from the hospital and is getting along real well.

The engagement of David Miller, son of Bro. and Sis. Dave Miller, to Barbara Pforts of Mediapolis has been announced. An August wedding is planned.

Bro. Conrad Gerst left for two weeks duty at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin. Sis. Rolletta accompanied him.

Bro. Simon Wagenbach and fam-

ily spent a few days in our community, visiting his daughter, Sis. Carol and Bro. John Steiner. We were very happy to have him minister to us on Thursday evening.

We are looking forward to having the Bible classes from Burlington, Taylor and Pulaski this Sunday, July 12.

Bro. Edward Lanz Jr. has been chosen as minister. May God bless him and guide him in this important work, and may we all give him our support.

We have had in mind for some time to enlarge our church, but at our last meeting the proposal was voted down.

PORTLAND, OREGON

Mrs. Edward Unsicker

Praise and thanksgiving to God are the lot of us here in Portland—we are blest by the fellowship of two more new families! Bro. Joe Reber, his wife Harriet, and son Ben have moved from Phoenix to Portland. Bro. and Sis. Richard and Darlene Voeller and their five children have moved from Morris to Seattle, enabling them to visit us every two or three weeks.

How often we have marvelled at the instant recognition of kindred spirits, when we have been privileged to greet visitors from our churches in various other states, many whom we had never met before. In the last month we have surely experienced manifold such blessings. Bro. Ernest Gerber, from Rockville, so aptly expressed this in Portland Sunday morning, June 28, as he said, "We have blessed hours; love flows from heart to heart";—and, using II Timothy 2 for his text, he further said, "The enemy is constantly trying to separate, but the power of God's Spirit enables us to plant love, peace, and charity in the fold."

We have been rejoicing in the fellowship of Bro. Ernest and his wife, Tillie, during their visit to the Portland and Silverton churches. Bro. Gerber ended his evening sermon on a note that struck a responsive chord—how often we have wished we could help people to understand, when we tell them what God has done for them; but, as he said, God's Spirit must open their hearts. Then the first graders, whom I had been teaching in Daily Vacation Bible School, flashed across my mind. Suddenly, I realized again why the Lord Jesus said,

—“of such is the kingdom of heaven”. These eager children really believe when we tell them of Him!

We humbly thank the Lord, as we look back over our two weeks of D.V.B.S. The ten teachers feel that He has blest beyond our expectations, and we trust this is also true of the fifty or so children and young people.

LAMAR, MISSOURI

Marie Marti

Sis. Anna Frieden is hospitalized at the present time. She has had surgery. We pray that her normal health will soon be restored.

Marcie Ann is the name Richard and Wilma Jones have chosen for their baby girl, born July 4. Sis. Marie Stewart is Wilma's grandmother.

Bro. John Wagenbach brought two inspirational messages to us on a recent Sunday. After reading St. John 13, he spoke about one of the most wonderful lessons Jesus has given us on humility, when He washed the disciples' feet. How very humble they must have felt to have their feet washed by their Lord and Master. I recall so vividly, when giving my testimony, the question, “What type of an ornament should a Christian adorn?” In I Peter 3:4, we find the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit is in the sight of God a great price. Meekness and humility truly are noble virtues.

LATTY, OHIO

Mrs. Gale Stoller

Mrs. Ray Sinn

We had our Vacation Bible School the first two weeks in June. The children seemed to enjoy the Bible stories, along with the singing. Each class also had a craft project to complete and take home, as a remembrance of their Bible School days. The last day, we had a picnic for the children and their mothers, also a program in the evening for everyone. We know that much effort was put forth on the part of parents getting their children ready, and the transportation to and from school, so we pray that God will bless them as well as their children, for we all know that without God's blessings, all is in vain.

We are sorry that Sis. Katherine Rager is leaving our congregation to live with her sister in Toledo. We will all miss her, and hope she will

come back and visit us often. Also, we wish her the Lord's blessing in her moving.

Bro. Albert Zeltwanger was in the hospital a few days for observation. He has been dismissed. Sis. Nancy (Mrs. Gary) Stoller was also in the hospital, but is recovering now at home.

Our aged sister, Christina Kupfersmidt, died at the age of 81. As she had much pain during her last days on earth, we are glad the good Lord saw fit to relieve her suffering, although we know she will be missed by her family, especially her son and his wife, Bro. and Sis. Jess Kupfersmidt, who cared for her in their home during her last years.

We are thankful to the visiting ministers who brought to us God's wholesome word. They were Bro. Robert Stoll from Girard, Bro. Henry Beer from Milford, and Bro. Robert Beer from Mansfield.

The engagement of Bro. Melvin Stoller to Sis. Irene Funk from Cissina Park was announced. We wish them much joy and happiness, which comes from God in their new undertaking. Bro. Melvin is the son of Bro. Emil and Sis. Annie; Sis. Irene is the daughter of Bro. Jake and Sis. Sophia. We welcome Sis. Irene into our congregation.

MANSFIELD, OHIO

Aaron A. Sauder

“He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved . . .” Mark 16:16. What a blessed week end we shared, when on June 13, five of our friends gave their testimonies of the grace and love of God and were baptized on Sunday, June 14. Our Elder Brothers Rudolph Graf and Noah Baumann were with us to perform the sacrament of baptism for Mary Lalyand Kemper, Beverly Dolce Washington, Marjorie Beer Hollinger, and Raymond and Carol Cordrey.

“Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing.” On Sunday afternoon, June 7, the congregation was invited to fellowship with the Vesper Choir, at the Liberty Park Pavilion, where all joined in singing, followed by a program of hymns presented by the choir, after which a covered-dish supper was enjoyed by all.

We appreciated the visit of Bro. Michael Weyeneth from Peoria on June 28. His inspiring messages

in both morning and afternoon services were thankfully received. Our annual Sunday School picnic was held in the afternoon and evening, when Bro. and Sis. John Fuhrer welcomed everyone to their farm.

Our dear friend, Gabe Dolce, has spent many weeks in the hospital during this past year. We praise the Lord that Gabe has given his heart to Him and has found peace, as expressed by the poet:

There's a peace in my heart that
the world never gave,
A peace it cannot take away;
Tho' the trials of life may surround
like a cloud,
I've a peace that has come there
to stay.

MILFORD, INDIANA

Ilene Kammerer

Bro. Forrest Ritzman from Akron spent the fourth of July weekend with us. He reminded us that, even in the beginning of our country, nothing could be accomplished until one man suggested they needed the Lord's help. Our early founders then turned to prayer. The times have not changed—we still need the Lord.

Proving and baptismal services have been announced for Ann Troup and Junior Price. Ann is the daughter of Sis. Leona and Bro. Everet Troup. Junior is the son of Sis. Kathryn and Bro. Glen Price. Since Junior's conviction, he has found great blessing in the following poem:

If you are sad and lonely,
And there is sorrow everywhere,
You should never be discouraged;
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

If you're bothered with temptation,
Burdened with a load of care,
And you find your faith faltered,
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

If you're bearing pain and trials,
That you want someone to share,
You will find a friend in Christ,
So take it to the Lord in prayer.

Kathy Pfister, daughter of Bro. Eli and Sis. Marie, has yielded her heart unto the Lord. It is wonderful to know the Lord is still calling our young folks.

Several of our brothers and sisters went to Alabama to help with the building of the church. The

congregation enjoyed hearing of their experience.

The annual fellowship pot-luck supper was held in the basement of the church. Here, all ages gathered to strengthen our fellowship with one another. We are thankful the Sunday School teachers realized the need for more time to be spent together.

The Silver Thimble Club visited one ward of the State Mental Hospital. They went with songs in their hearts, gifts, and refreshments, to give to the patients.

MORRIS, MINNESOTA Mrs. Kenneth Zeltwanger Norene Koehl

Those who graduated from high school this year were DeWayne Nohl, son of Bro. and Sis. Alvin Nohl; Ronald Meiss, son of Bro. and Sis. Harold Meiss; Sis. Wilda Fehr, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Paul Fehr; Susan Feuchtenberger, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Joe Feuchtenberger; Kathryn Koehl, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Ephraim Koehl; and Richard Greiner, son of Mrs. Rose Greiner.

Visiting with us the week-end of June 14 were Bro. and Sis. Silas Leuthold, Bro. Noah Shrock and daughter Sis. Eleanor, Bro. and Sis. Leo Moser, Bro. Paul Banwart, Bro. and Sis. Alfred Fehr and several others from Lester and West Bend. Bro. Paul Fehr was ordained elder. We wish him God's help and grace in this duty that has fallen upon him.

Guy Koehl, four-year-old son of Bro. and Sis. Edward Koehl, was in Rochester for plastic surgery on his nose. He is home now and getting along fine.

There were many visitors here the week-end of June 28. The Moser reunion was held on Saturday, with 186 in attendance. Bros. Noah Gerber and Ernest Knobloch were our guest ministers on Sunday.

We enjoyed having Bro. and Sis. Earl Zeltwanger and children visit us a few days, and wish to thank him for the message brought us the evening of June 30.

TOLEDO, OHIO Emily Frautschi

Our Sunday School had their annual picnic in June. A group from the Bremen Sunday School spent the day with us. We also had

visitors from Mansfield and Bay City. It was a wonderful day of fellowship.

Recent ministers visiting us were Bro. Ben Schlatter from Junction, Bro. Henry Sabo from Mansfield, Bro. Andrew Virkler from Bay City, and Bro. Joe Zimmerman from Roanoke. We enjoyed their visits and the messages they brought to us.

BREMEN, INDIANA Joseph L. Bauman

Our congregation several weeks ago greatly enjoyed a visit from a group of visitors from Eureka and Roanoke. Among them was Ministering Bro. Anliker, who delivered several inspiring messages. We shall long remember his visit.

Our ministering brother, Robert Hueni, is fully recovered from his recent illness, and it was wonderful to have him back in the pulpit last Sunday. We are truly thankful.

A good number of Sunday School scholars recently visited the Sunday School at Toledo. Everyone reported a very pleasant day of fellowship.

Someone has defined time as man's effort to measure bits of God's eternity. As our modern life becomes more and more complicated, we seem to have less and less time for the things of the Spirit. The press of many obligations, and the fulfilling of our earthly duties, involves many of us almost completely. Many of us may find it possible at intervals during the day for brief periods of meditation and prayer. Some way, somehow, let us all, each day find time for God.

"Take time to be holy; The world rushes on.
Spend much time in secret with Jesus alone."

FT. LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA Florence Sutter

Although we are few in number during the summer vacations, we feel God's blessings and nearness.

Bro. Wendell Gerber is able to attend church again, after having been ill.

Mark and David Huber have both had tonsillectomies and are doing fine. They are sons of Bro. Robert and Sis. Doris Huber.

Several of our families here enjoyed a church supper, Sunday, July 5.

Our summer weather, of course,

is warm, the temperature running from 88 to 90 degrees.

WICHITA, KANSAS Mrs. Harvey Smith

When two or three are absent from our small congregation, they are greatly missed.

Sis. Mae Aeschleman is much improved from a back injury she received, from a fall, sometime ago. She is taking treatments and is feeling much better.

Sis. Marie Riedel has been unable to attend, due to her heart condition. Our shut-in, Sis. Lydia Schrock, who lives with Sis. Marie, suffers a great deal from the pain she has to endure. It should be an inspiration to us all that they feel that, even through their suffering, the Lord has been very good to them, for which they are thankful.

FORT WAYNE, INDIANA Mrs. Albert E. Kipfer

Bro. Jesse Stoller was removed from the Lutheran Hospital to his home July 3. His condition remains about the same. Some days he feels slightly better and again very weak. May God grant him grace and strength in the coming days.

We miss our dear brother, George Stoller, who was Secretary and Treasurer of the church and served in this capacity since January 1, 1960. He was always willing to fulfill other duties of the church which required manual labor and time. So often we forget to appreciate the time and effort one puts forth to take care of all the necessary and needful things that must be done within the church.

Bro. Bill Levy is taking over the Secretary and Treasurership for the remainder of the year, or, until re-election of officers.

Sis. Helen Sorg has just returned from a two-weeks vacation trip in Colorado, where she has been visiting relatives and friends. We welcome you back.

The following couples have just recently moved to a country home north of Leo—David and Sharon Pfister, Route 1, Grabill, Ind.; and Robert and Janice Pfister, Route 1, Grabill, Ind. We wish them joy and happiness in their new location.

The ministers who assisted in serving us recently were Bros. Irvin Stoller, Joel Souder and Henry Beer.

"KNOWN UNTO GOD"

[Continued from last month]

Those days in the mid-1800's were dark. Again and again, storm warnings rumbled on man's little day. In the early 1860's, the threatenings of war burst, with furious onslaught.

The darkness in men's souls was continually dense. They groped, and stumbled. Sin's savagery swept across man's poor, unbridled horizon. It was chaos and shambles . . . and man stood without a hope to comfort him.

Those middle years of that century . . . a short distance west and north of Leo . . . and a short distance from Mother Elizabeth and the old home place . . . one Jacob Schwartz resided. He came to the U.S. in a sail boat; the baby died on the trip. He existed and worked. He went to church, was known as a member, but there was not eternal life living within.

"Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; and his greatness is unsearchable."

One day a visitor came. He had come in a wagon from Bluffton, his last stop. His name was, as it seems, Weyeneth. Supper was over. This man, sent from God, read in the holy Bible and spoke of eternal things. Jacob Schwartz listened.

Here there was Life. Jacob did not have Life. The Light shone in, and Jacob saw. He saw wretched, out-of-tune existence. He saw he was a sinner. Jacob saw God's path to peace. God was reaching down and leading.

1862 . . . that was the year the Apostolic Christian Church in this Leo vicinity was organized. There was Jacob Schwartz, now a redeemed saint of the Lord. Then, there was one Joseph Conrad, who also had sought and found. A certain brother from Illinois, John Kreinbuhl, preached the first sermon. Conrad and Schwartz were the only two members for awhile, and each shared in preaching.

"One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty acts."

Man accountable but lost is buried under a sod of muteness.

Man redeemed lives in another world, a glory-circled horizon. He rejoices with great joy. He lives a life of faith.

Childhood went by for Henry Souder. Youth flowered. He had no grasp of eternal realities. His soul was yet slumbering when he joined a group.

God is wonderful. With Him all things are possible; how marvelous are His ways. Henry began to stir. Conviction must be the work of God. Henry began to see that Henry was no better than before. He had no peace. He had no hope. He was still a sinner, and lost.

"The LORD is good to all: and his tender mercies are over all his works."

Henry approached one or more who sat in the seat of charge of that church where he was a member. He told them he had gained no victory. He told them he was no better than before. Henry began to bring fruits of repentance.

Now the sad state of false teaching Henry must see. It could offer him no solace. Words were tried. They were miserable, of darkness. The doctrine was, he should live as a poor sinner now and be saved by grace. Henry never went back.

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

The truth rings true. It rings deep. It gives the way God says it will give.

Now Henry was alone again, in a way. It was God's alone-ness, where He could speak to him. Henry carefully searched the holy scriptures. Henry had indeed come with sin not hid. The ardent cry of a weary soul was heard. God gave His peace.

Henry had found forgiveness in the Christ of Calvary!

Henry had severed the past with the group he once knew. He had not yet found the people of the Lord.

"A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid." Not far away was the little group of which Schwartz and Conrad were members. They lived a holy, righteous life. They were despised by some. Even mother's advice is mistaken: Anything but there; if you go there, you will be

caught.

Henry knew that somewhere on this earth the Lord must have a people. Henry believed he would lose his precious peace if he did not unite with the people of God. To the prayers that were earnest came an answer that was wonderful.

Henry decided to go to some funeral services. It was the Apostolic Christian Church, then meeting in houses. Jacob Schwartz was inspired in the services. The Lord was here. The light of hope beamed forth. Henry could see that there was Life here.

The deeper the church's breathing in the Holy Spirit, the more evident are the scriptural teachings written in its action. Outside, in the darkness, is sin-driven confusion. The door to the fold is our great Shepherd.

". . . but try the spirits whether they are of God:" Proving is the evidence that plainly reveals the approach that has been made. The church hears the ring of the true or the counterfeit. It grasps timeliness or immaturity. It acts in the receiving or the receiving not.

After Henry saw that wondrous glimpse of glory, he was drawn on to being a member of the fold. At first, he moved very slow. He wanted to be positive this was the place. The Lord proved the truth. The settled assurance came. Henry was proved true. Before the church, he uttered evidence of a changed life, of victory over sin.

"Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life."

When God talks, he speaks with the true, eternal meaning. True meaning can only be understood in the vastness of His ever-view.

Something great had reached into Henry Souder's life. The watery grave . . . he was baptized into it . . . and on the heaven-lit with hope side he arose. There were, the request of prayer, the laying on of hands. God gave His Spirit. Now, Henry's heart was His abode.

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