



For what is our hope, or
joy, or crown of rejoicing?
Are not even ye in the pres-
ence of our Lord Jesus

Christ at his coming?

For ye are our glory and
joy.

I Thessalonians 2:19,20

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

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EARTHQUAKE

John Klaus

There was a terrible earthquake in Japan. It was almost as severe as the very destructive one in the Tokyo-Yokohama area in 1923. In such a short time, many lives can be taken. So quickly, thousands became homeless. Even farmers fields are ruined.

In our weak faith, sometimes we ask, "Why, Father?" How about the ones in Alaska, Yugoslavia, Yellowstone Park, not to

mention other places. As we sit around the supper table with more than enough to eat, we wonder why some nations have barely enough to exist? Why is it that all the nations seem to be at each other's throats, all under the pretense that they are seeking peace?

Christ tells us plainly, in Matthew 24:7-8: "For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences,

and earthquakes, in divers places. All these are the beginning of sorrows."

God speaks to us. This is God's warning to us. Can we believe it? Let us think how horrible it would be if we had no hope of salvation!

We live on the promises, the Word of God. Let us all reflect on our own lives! Let us remember, the door of salvation is open, today.

What about tomorrow?

SOKA GAKKAI

Willis Ehnle

All reports indicate that this Buddhist sect is growing by leaps and bounds in Japan, it being claimed that 88,055 families were added during March. Japan has a population of 96 million. It is estimated that 13 million, or about 1 out of every 8 persons, are members of Soka Gakkai.

Buddhism generally is passive, and does not actively oppose the teaching of the gospel of Jesus Christ. This sect is quite the contrary, being well organized, making every member a winner of others, in order to maintain their own "happiness", while being militantly opposed to Christianity.

This group has recently constructed a Grand Reception Hall near Mt. Fuji, at a cost of

\$3,500,000. They have plenty of money to house and entertain visitors from all over the world.

The objective is a majority of the Japanese nation, within 15 years. Among various means employed is the publication of magazines for music lovers, and adventure magazines for young boys, which counteract immoral literature.

Happiness, good health, freedom from accident are promised to earnest adherents and hard workers. There are many "testimonies" to that effect. It is claimed that the Grand Reception Hall was built without a single accident. Such claims may not be authentic, but they are impressive.

One day, several months ago, a

young lady came to our church to talk over a problem. She said the other members of her family belonged to Soka Gakkai, but she wanted to be a Christian. She wept because they would not think of permitting her to attend church, and constantly pressured her to join them. She was advised to pray; pray to the true God, and to stand firm. She has not been heard from since that first visit.

This phenomenon strikes chords. One is that Satan must be working through this group. "Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time." I John 2:18.

BEAUTY IN ABUNDANCE

Henry Souder Jr.

A child's day is lovely. Out beyond is surprise. Now is beautiful in the morning of innocence.

Heavenward and forever is lovely with wonder and innocence. We can know much here, but, there is limit. Out beyond is beauty, surprise.

How does heaven look? Beautiful!

Lovely, high, far-off loveliness; "ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem . . ."

There are shorelines, horizons that pass, by far, the prettiest painted by man . . . the softest colors, the brightest views. The tree of life is in the midst of the Paradise

of God.

The wonder of wonders is God is there, in person.

How does He look? ". . . upon the likeness of the throne was the likeness as the appearance of a man above upon it. And I saw as the colour of amber, as the appearance of fire round about within it,

from the appearance of his loins even upward, and from the appearance of his loins even downward, I saw as it were the appearance of fire, and it had brightness round about."

We hear a lot about Him through His word. The beauty of the skies, the colorful sunset, the sparkling stars, the silvery moon talk about His glory. We see how good He is, through all He did at Calvary. We know how sweet is His love, how boundless His mercy. We experience the sweet bond of life, with warmth. What shall that be when we see Him!

Can you recall the rainbow? Arching, radiant, colorful? Each hue, perfect. "As the appearance of the bow that is in the cloud in the day of rain, so was the appearance of the brightness round about. This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the Lord."

Shall we know each other? In heaven, and then in our new body?

Moses and Elias had their own names, were recognized, when they appeared with Jesus on the mount.

Jesus said that we shall be like Him. He is the same Jesus, after He arose, for He said, "Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see..." In the future kingdom, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; the twelve; the brethren at Thessalonica appear in the Scripture as individuals who will be recognized.

"... then shall I know even as also I am known."

In Revelation, we are told that

the one who overcomes shall be given a white stone. In the stone shall be a new name written. No man shall know, except the one who receives... individual. That name holds much, expressive of what God sees, when forever. Sweet are the joys of fellowship!

The body sleeps till resurrection. How about the soul? In a roll call in Sunday School, when one called is there, that one is present. When one is absent, from that one is no answer.

Paul writes: "... whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord... We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord." Absent here; present there, "... to be with Christ; which is far better..."

Abraham died years before our Lord came. He went to Paradise. Yet, Jesus said, "Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day: and he saw it, and was glad."

There are beautiful glimpses in the scripture which show us the happy spirits, now in heaven.

A passage in Hebrews in part reads, "... ye are come... to the spirits of just men made perfect..." How much joy to explore!

What kind of clothing shall we have in the forever?

Holy word brings out the beauty of the inner, the snow white. Peace is wonderful. Home shall find it always remaining. Because Jesus washed in His blood, we have wonderful peace.

White raiment is beautiful!

When Jesus was transfigured,

His raiment was white and glistering. We shall be like Him. We shall have loveliness, as white as the snow. In Revelation, chapter 3, is promised white raiment.

What shall we do? In the new body, it is promised, we shall be satisfied. Happily, we shall serve God... We shall see things, joys unheard and unseen now. What shall that perfect music be! Voices in glory rise in undreamable joy!

No cloud of temptation shall ever press, no thought hurt. Failure shall never bring depression of heart. There shall be no downs. All shall be perfect.

We shall see Him. We shall have all the love so wondrously set forth in the word. We shall have the little ones at home, in unending, innocent delight. We shall experience sweet acquaintance, now quiet awhile. There shall be no dull times, no loneliness. Always, we shall be in the life of that city!

"... the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us."

Changing address? Tell your reporter. Remember to send zip number!

... Coming—"Be Not Discouraged", by Bro. Phil Sauder of Cissna Park; "The Parable Of The Ten Virgins", by Bro. Jacob Pfister of Ft. Scott. Lamar's reporter, Sis. Marie Marti has words of memories... from Eureka, Sis. Wilhelmina Klaus writes on "Long, Long Ago." Portland has an "Old Church Days Feature", partly written by Sis. Rose Miller. And more of the beautiful life will be seen... the editor

KNOWN UNTO GOD AND FOR ME A CROWN

In the memory places of faith is many an experience that the Lord matches and blesses in wedding history. "... a prudent wife is from the Lord."

Catherina Bertsch was adorned in the heart. She was pure and lovely, a member of the congregation at Leo. Henry was impressed that this was the girl that he was to marry. He was in rhythm with God's will. He was in rhythm with church order. With request in proper channel, consent also came.

It was a December wedding. Miss Catherina and Henry were married Sunday, December 10, 1875; "and she became his wife; and he loved her..."

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Souder kept house in a log cabin, for awhile. Amid the splendors of Christian love, they trod the path of life. The charm of peace blessed, while hope cast its lovely colors from eternity. "... when my children were about me;"

It was two days before Henry's birthday. On an August day in 1877 a baby girl came. Mina was the name given her. What nice company she was in that Indiana countryside home!

Little Catherina, on a March 7,

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1879, was born. The household had more happiness.

Next in the family listing is, "a boy." Then or sometime previously, his little spirit had been taken homeward. His history was soon over. His fight with life and death was sooner won.

Andrew was the next, born on the 12th of October, 1881. Baby Emma came on January 3, 1883.

"very pleasant hast thou been unto me:"

There was a very beautiful scene of dad, mom and four little ones going to the little country church. Those faces of little ones were like angels. One boy and three girls, and the house was cheerful with the rhapsody of their voices. Fondness pressed deeply into the heart of father and mother.

1884 . . . November.

Mina was seven, the oldest. Baby Emma was the youngest, not far from two. Little Catherina was five. Andrew was a cute little fellow of three. The little faces were deep in the caresses of the heart. There were little clothes for each. Little feet toddled and walked. At night, little faces would be in bed, and each would drift off to dreamland.

"I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me." Little three-year old Andrew went home. The angels came, and the suffering of the little fever-ridden body was over. The date was the 28th of November, 1884.

Baby Emma followed, four days later, the 2nd of December. On the 5th, darling little Catherina was taken. God was filling the places of real Home. What a difference, seven days of earthly time!

The little bodies were buried in a small cemetery, near the St. Joe. Dad, Mom, Mina and a very silent house were yet here. The sob of the heart was great. The voices, the toddling and the drifting off to dreamland were now memory's quiet yesterday. Yet through the tears there is a deep, knowable joy. The little ones are happy, safe and in a far better place. All things do work together for good.

"his understanding is infinite."

He does His best for your best. His great heart of love gathers the little ones, Henry and all His own in one great embrace. Whether we live or sleep, we live together in Him. He fits and prepares for the

home of no parting. He wants His own to know how sweet is that home. He gives to His own rich comfort, in time of need.

In the unbounded Tomorrow there is beauty and clearness. Its life is distilled to the finest pure essence of happiness.

"his understanding is infinite." His thoughts are of those final, everlasting, sweet caresses of eternity. His movements bring that dreamland where rest drifts in limitless expanses. He gathers the keepsakes of today for the lovely personalities of tomorrow.

It has all the children in.

He lives, and all is well for the heart of faith.

". . . as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit . . ."

God draws the heart of His own from this world. The inner reaches become more and more at home in heavenly places. The fleeting, dying things are cast in their true appearance, away from home.

The fellowship strikes the **chords of experience of eternal ages**. Now, **at home, is home**. Love is the key for viewing things God hath prepared. Warmth and happiness magnetically attract, with heavenly sweetness.

"Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season . . ."

Love dwelt within the heart of Henry Souder (now present with the Lord). In him was a glow that spoke of things most wonderfully sweet.

The little church in the country was dedicated in 1878. It was a plain, little frame building. It stood on the site where the present building is.

The lamps were not electric. There were plain benches for the hearers, and a pulpit from which the word was spoken.

From evidence at hand, it seems Henry Souder entered the ministry in the early thirties.

". . . that by my voice I might teach others also . . ."

German was used once greatly in our churches. The changeover from German to English would have been insurmountable, except for Him who is love. It must needs have delicate and calm handling. Henry Souder was chosen by the

Lord to carry out an important part.

The Lord saw ahead. He saw the generations coming that would understand English. He saw the need that was already present. He had used the rich, beautiful German language according to His will. He continues to use it for works of eternal importance. He now saw it is good and best for English to be used, more and more, here. To pioneer, He chose Henry.

"So likewise ye, except ye utter by the tongue words easy to be understood, how shall it be known what is spoken?"

That the generations coming, and some then present, might easily grasp the message, love sought. It was crisis point. Calmly and peacefully, but firmly, love moved. Strength and courage is present.

Henry was in the pulpit. The elder with him seems to oppose, at least somewhat, the use of English. Henry has delivered the sermon in German. Then, the English Scriptures are pushed over to him. He speaks boldly, from a sincere heart. If he would have known, he would have cut the German shorter. To him, it made no difference whether the hearers were white or black.

God was building a bridge. To some, the chasm of understanding was not so apparent. Henry was criticized, because it was thought he was too liberal with the English. Some thought only German should be used. When German was used in Sunday School, there were those who could read, but not understand.

Down the road, the more coming (and those then) would have a bridge. In this task, Henry was used of the Lord.

". . . them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice . . ."

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

A means of 20th century travel, the turnpike, has been labelled in Indiana, "The Mainstreet Of The Midwest." Modern lanes avoid interferences, slow-downs, other complexities of travel. Even in rain, driving is steady, toward destination.

One Sunday morning, we were travelling on it, headed for Akron. Through rain and miles, we progressed smoothly onward. We ar-

rived at the church on Noble Avenue in ample time for services.

Akron is the home church of Bro. Rudolph Graf. Bro. Rudy is the remaining elder who was appointed by the elders to oversee the revision of the **Zion's Harp** hymnal. Bros. Philip Beyer and Will Stettner are at home, and are beautiful memories to urge us on!

The **Zion's Harp** is beautiful. Many minds have searched. We sang, that afternoon in Akron, number 118, "God's Glory Magnified By His Works". Again, we blended our voices in 133, "City of God."

Bro. Beyer, the chairman of the elders, was a man of peace. Rather than incite ill-will, he held a steady hand on melodies dropped, to a handful.

We have the melody of number 158 still, although serious consideration was given to cutting. Bro. John Baumgartner was in a certain home in the Roanoke membership one time. There was strong sentiment for this melody; it was thought beautiful. Today, 158 still takes its place in a lovely collection of gems.

Bro. George Stieglitz of our Leo church said something once. He brought out, that it would take a generation till the new book is accepted as the old. Bro. John Baumgartner said that it will take a generation to get acclimated.

We are in the midst of transition. We are changing, from old to our collection of old and new. There has been association of melodies, loved many years. There was a transition period when the German Zion's Harp hymnals were translated into English. The German language and the German stanzas are beautiful. Yet, it was good to keep a steady hand, ahead to the new.

When the turnpike went through, there was cutting of country, earth-moving, bridge building, road-laying. Nobody could see the future traffic, cars moving, mileage turned. It had to be envisioned.

With grace and peace, brethren were moved to carefully lay the groundwork and paving of our hymnal, that a generation coming may love and travel its beautiful way.

In the steady hand of grace is there strength and unity.

The Editor

JAPAN

Yoshio Yamazaki

It is very hot in Japan now. Ehle's house temperature is over 90 degrees, most every day. I think this summer is hotter than usual.

Here in Tokyo, the water dam is almost empty. Then, for city people will come trouble about the water, pretty soon.

At the country now, there is the time of peaches and grapes, so our church members are also busy for those, and unfortunately hard for them to come to church on Sunday morning service. However, it is very wonderful that we can see God's blessings are wonderful. His grace and blessings are full upon all creations.

The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork. Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge. Psalm 19:1,2.

On June 27, 10:00 p.m., our beloved Bro. and Sis. Klaus had a nice new baby girl, whose name is Grace Elizabeth Klaus. They, baby and mother, are both fine, by our God's blessings.

Our sister in faith, Yoshiko Utsuki, and her father, Saburo Utsuki, left Hanedo Airport on the 14th of July and flew to the United States, to visit brethren in our churches in America. I wish and pray for them to have a wonderful and blessed time with you, in the grace of the Lord and His protection. Also, they will have many good fruits between our churches in America and Japan.

We had nice visitors from U.S. last week, Sisters Loretta Hoerr and Florence Wieland. I believe they are much interested in our country and will have good cooperation with our Japanese brethren here in Tokyo and the country churches, especially all sisters.

We will have summer special Gospel Meetings in song this coming Sunday night, at 7:30, here in Tokyo, so we are pretty busy for practices. Then, a few weeks later we probably will have same meeting at Shioda church. I surely have confidence for this meetings to be blessed by our Father in heaven, and He will surely send the Holy Spirit to be with us. I have faith many people will open their hearts and repent of all their sins, sometime in future, through these meetings. I ask you brethren to

pray for this matter. If it will be real successful by the Lord's will, that we might have the meetings more often, sometime in future.

Sis. Asakawa is taking care of her sister, who is ill. She has been gone from the country church for several weeks. It is our custom to have someone at home always, because of fire. Bro. Akao, the Ehles and I have been taking twice staying there and working in the big garden. Sis. Lois was busy canning many things.

FORT SAM HOUSTON, TEXAS

Leland Plattner

Bros. Joshua Broquard and Carl Aberle were visitors on July 12. It sure is a help to have elders, and also fathers who are in the faith, come to see us. We are all young and unlearned, but this two years that we spend in the army is a good test and can be a fruitful experience.

The schedule of ministers for September is: on the 13th, West Bend, and on September 27, Elgin, Iowa.

PRINCEVILLE, ILLINOIS

Ruth Ricketts

Bro. Joshua Broquard was our guest minister July 5. He attended the wedding reception of his niece, Karen Herrmann, daughter of Bro. Robert and Sis. Esther. Karen was married to Dennis Burgess, son of Harlan and Juanita Burgess. The young couple is residing in Peoria. We wish them God's blessings, as they walk hand in hand.

Bro. LeRoy Hartman spent the 19th of July with us, reminding us of the teaching of Stephen. How good to show our religion by living it everyday.

What a joy it was July 12, when a group of young folks of the Bible classes, with their teachers, came from Tremont and Peoria to spend the day with our young folks. It was truly rewarding to see the harmony of the group of 100 young people, as they fellowshiped together. May they all receive a blessing from it and look forward to another gathering.

Donald Jay is the name of the new son born to Bro. Levi and Sis. Mildred (Feucht) Endress.

The engagement of Sis. Twylla Stoller, daughter of Bro. Lowell and Sis. Clara, and Bro. Floran Streitmatter, son of Bro. Harold and Sis. Anna, was made known

July 26. We wish them God's rich blessings, as they anticipate spending the remainder of their lives together.

A number of relatives and friends called on Bro. Karl and Sis. Lena Stichling, July 26, to offer them congratulations on their fiftieth wedding anniversary. Their life has been mingled with joy and sorrow, but both are happy to be enjoying fairly good health, and are able to attend church services most of the time.

In days of youth seek ye the Lord, His love and truth with one accord. Go offer Him thy youthful days, and walk within the Saviour's ways.

In youthful days, His blessing seek, With heart that's tender, true and meek, And while the years draw on apace, You'll praise Him for His love and grace.

Sometime ago, four young friends yielded to these words and surrendered their lives to the Lord. Saturday evening, August 2, many loved ones gathered to hear the testimonies of Bill and Rolland Scholl, sons of Sis. Mary Scholl; Karen Kieser, daughter of Bro. Dave and Sis. Ruth, and Delores Baer, daughter of Otto and Eleanor Baer. Bro. Joshua Broquard of Fairbury came to assist Bro. Silas Leuthold in proving and baptizing these dear souls. At the conclusion, Bro. Silas remarked, what a hot evening it had been, but such a blessed one. He, like all of us would like to spend many more like it. These four dear ones were baptized Sunday, August 3, and added to the fold. We feel the waters have been moved, for several more have surrendered and are seeking peace with God and man. May they all find His precious grace and help, which He so freely gives, if we but ask in deep humility.

The new address of Richard Tanner is as follows:

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Bro. Dan Streitmatter has been afflicted with paralysis of the eyelids, and is spending some lonely shut-in hours since he cannot open them to read or see much.

Our friend, Helen Streitmatter, has submitted to surgery and is presently in the hospital. Sometime

ago, she had a fall and injured her back. When she didn't find relief, after being in traction, she had to submit to surgery. We pray the dear Lord will be with the suffering and afflicted, and grant them courage each morn anew, to face each day.

Bro. Chris and Sis. Bessie Martin invited a few into their home one evening, when Bro. Noah Schrock brought Sis. Yoshiko Utsuki and her father, who are visiting here from Japan. They all enjoyed the evening. Sis. Yoskiko sang in Japanese, which pleased the listeners. It was interesting to listen to her relate some of their customs, and all were impressed with her sincerity.

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OUR TRIP TO NEW YORK CITY WITH THE HANDICAPS

Frieda and Dorothea Kieser

It wasn't from rubbing Aladdin's magic lamp and making wishes, nor by a "magic carpet" ride, that 110 handicapped persons, with helpers, were able to fly to New York, Monday, June 29, and remain for nine days! Perhaps it was magic in a sense, though, for the jet plane trip was made possible principally by a little scrap of green paper—a tiny piece of paper discarded by many, but treasured and hoarded by others—the S and H Green Stamp! Some three million stamps were contributed to handicapped tour members by individuals from all parts of the U.S., to underwrite major costs of plane fare for this never-to-be-forgotten visit.

I sincerely wish to thank each one who contributed stamps to me. I received thirty books, for which I was credited \$2.00 per book toward my expenses.

There were 72 handicaps of various kinds, such as cerebral palsy, polio, muscular dystrophy, multiple sclerosis, spinal bifida, paraplegic, brittle bone disease. There were 39 of these in wheel chairs, while some of them could walk, either with a cane or crutches and braces. It seemed that, however difficult it was to get around, the trip was deeply enjoyed by everyone. One

of the helpers said, she has never seen such cooperation between a large group of people, that their love for each other and the eagerness to help each other was truly amazing.

The tour came to New York City from three different airports, Chicago, Dayton (Ohio) and Indianapolis, where we boarded the plane. We were met at the John F. Kennedy Airport by a number of people, including six soldiers from Governor's Island, who went with us throughout the tour, helping in every way possible, such as lifting on and off the busses and pushing wheel chairs. We were taken to the Henry Hudson Hotel.

Tuesday morning, we all packed our luggage, had our final luncheon together in the hotel, and by 1:30 p.m. were loaded on our bus, which took us to the airport. We returned in the three groups, as we had come out.

All said the flight out was beautiful. The return was different. The group from Chicago said it wasn't so smooth, and instead of riding on a cloud it felt like an old school bus going down a bumpy road. The Dayton group reported the landing a little rough, while our group to Indianapolis had a thunderstorm, and on arriving, received orders to fly on to Louisville and sit out the storm. After about 45 minutes, we received word to return. The flight was quite rough, with sudden dips and many bumps, while riding through the many clouds. We landed safely, after the rain was over, thankful for God's protection. We had been privileged to see many wonderful sights, and now, on our return, were reminded of God's almighty power.

Again I say, "Thank you, everyone," for your contributions, which I deeply appreciated, for it is a trip I shall never forget.

TAYLOR, MISSOURI Mrs. Eli Sutter

We were glad to have Bro. Ben Fehr, Roanoke, spend a Sunday with us. In speaking of the loss of their church, he said that now the building was gone, but the church was still there. The time would come when the building would be there, but the church would be gone. What a tragedy it will be for those that are left behind.

We appreciated having Bro. Ezra

Feller, Cissna Park, and Bro. Sam Huber, Gridley (Kan.) minister to us on Sun., Aug. 2.

David, son of Bro. Don and Sis. Judy Feller, started Sunday School this quarter.

We will have Sunday School vacation during August, but classes will be held for those who wish to attend. Attendance records will not be kept until the first Sunday in September.

Sis. Laretta Hoerr left for Japan on Sat., July 18. She will spend two weeks with a group touring Japan and the following three weeks visiting our church. Sis. Florence Wieland, Bay City, met her at Tokyo. The two will travel together.

Little Amy Lou, daughter of Bro. Robert and Sis. Emma Hoerr, was quite ill with asthmatic bronchitis, and spent several days at the hospital. We are glad to report that she is all right again.

Stevie, son of Bro. Gerald and Sis. Marjorie Sutter, had the misfortune of cutting his foot. It required several stitches.

Don Hoerr has returned home, after two weeks of training with the National Guard at Camp Ripley, Minnesota.

Sis. Anna Hodel, mother of Sis. Louise Grimm and Henry Hodel, was brought by ambulance from Fairbury, to the infirmary of the Good Samaritan Home in Quincy, Ill. She has been very ill, and in the hospital, for several months. As this is being written (Aug. 1), the news has come that she has passed away. We are glad she could be relieved of her suffering and go to her eternal reward, for which she has often longed.

UNION CITY, NEW JERSEY

August Mueller

July 5 . . . Today, we had Friend Jerry Schieber from Congerville and Friend Larry Heiniger from Morton. Jerry was on his way home from Africa, where he was teaching for three years. We were glad to have them with us. We say we go to church. In all the time I was in the old country, we never used the word "church." We went to the assembly, the house of God.

As far as east is from the west, that great is the difference between the house of God and some churches. The people that go to them are in darkness. They have eyes, but they see not. They have

ears, but they hear not. They have hearts, but they do not understand. The ministers are false prophets; the Lord did not send them. Their sermons and prayers are premeditated. The Lord hears them, but He has no pleasure in them. He wants prayers that come from the bottom of the heart.

On the street, they want to be recognized by the clothes they wear. At the feast, they want to sit at the head of the table. They are not shepherds of the flock, but hirelings. They do not want to be called by the first name; they want to be called Reverend.

How fortunate are we, that the Lord could open our eyes, not that we deserved it, but out of His great love and mercy. The poet tells us, that we were blind, but now we see. We were lame, but now we walk. We were dead, but now we are alive. We can never praise His mercy enough.

Now, we can go to the house of God to receive food and drink for our undying soul. When we ask, He will give us; when we knock, He will open unto us; when we seek, we will find.

Sunday, the 19th . . . Our minister, Bro. Ed. Aeschliman, returned from a three-weeks' vacation with his family. We are glad to have them with us again. They visited their folks in Roanoke. How sad, when they found out that the Lord's house had burned to the ground, struck by lightning. No doubt, many tears were shed and the question asked, "Why did this happen to us?"

We read in the Psalms, He makes His angels winds and His servants flames of fire. They obey His command and do His will.

Sunday, the 26th . . . Today, we were blessed with visitors. From Altadena, Bro. Kloetzle from Altadena served us with the word of God, morning and afternoon. It was a day of joy and blessing. We thank them all for visiting us. I was glad when they said to me, Let us go to the Lord's house. Yes, in the Lord's house there is peace, rest and contentment, and we do well if we go as often as we can. We will never regret it.

Aug. 2 . . . It is a blessed thing to reach a high age, but with the high age, I also find that my strength is not what it used to be, that my walking is not what it used

to be. I have to use a cane. My voice is not as good as it used to be. I have trouble with my hearing. My memory is not as good as it used to be, but I have no reason to complain. I can still assemble with my brothers and sisters in faith and the friends of the truth, and share in the heavenly blessings. It will only be a short time compared to eternity.

When we reach that home for which our heart is yearning, we will see again, and hear again. We will be perfect. We will be young again, never to grow old. We will get a new voice. We will sing a new song. Our leader will be our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. He is over all. We have His promise, that if we stay faithful to the end, we shall be where He is.

I intend to serve the Lord and to do what I can in the name of the Lord, while life and light are lent to me. He is a kind and loving Father, and it is my duty to love Him and to praise His high and Holy name. Amen.

LA CROSSE, INDIANA

Martha Rinckenberger

Our visiting minister was Bro. Cleo Rinckenberger. We thank them for their visit. In his message, it was brought out that God does not compel people to serve him and that it is volunteers that he has pleasure in.

Bro. Otto Fritz was hospitalized this month, but is home again.

Sis. Lydia Marti was in the hospital in South Bend, had surgery, and is home and feeling better. She is staying with her daughter and husband, Bro. Rollie and Sis. Josephine Meiss.

Sis. Lucille (John) Heiniger had surgery, is in the hospital at this writing, but is recovering quite well.

Sis. Lucille Nuest is in the hospital in Chicago. She had surgery.

We wish all our sick folks a speedy recovery, and hope they will soon be back with us. Let us not forget to do our part in visiting the sick, for we can read, ". . . I was sick . . . and ye visited me not" (Matthew 25:43) Due to the things our Lord said of them, they suffered punishment.

The Sunday School picnic was held at the Kouts, Indiana, High school. Awards were presented to the student for perfect and good

attendance. The Sunday School will have a month's vacations.

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—On the bright, warm Sunday afternoon of July 16, we again held our annual Sunday School picnic.

The Sunday School teachers, the parents, and the students couldn't help but feel a great sense of satisfaction, when the attendance awards were presented to the students by their respective teachers.

A gift is given to each child who has perfect attendance in Sunday School, without exception, for the entire year. An honorable mention certificate is given those missing one or two Sundays.

Combining all the classes, we had 27 with perfect attendance, 28 with honorable mention, and 17 that missed more than two Sundays for the year. In the Bible Class alone, which is the students from Freshmen on up, we had 10 perfect, 5 honorable mention, and 7 that missed more than twice. This includes one college student. In the 7th and 8th grades were 15 students, 12 receiving awards; the 5th and 6th grades, 12 students, 9 received awards; the 3rd and 4th grades, 5 students, all 5 received awards; 1st and 2nd, 8 students, 5 received awards; and in the kindergarten, 12 students, and 9 were given awards.

It seems apparent to our Sunday School teachers that keeping attendance records and giving awards at our annual picnic had helped improve our weekly attendance this year, giving us 76% good or perfect attendance in our entire Sunday School.

The month of August is Sunday School vacation time. Classes will resume again on September 13.

Harold Heinold

WEST BEND, IOWA
Anna Schmidt

Mary Lee, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Ervin Mogler, had surgery on her foot, at Iowa City. She will be on crutches and will have to have her foot in a cast for about six weeks.

Sis. Judy Schmidt had the mis-

fortune of hurting her leg, while mowing the lawn. A clothespin was thrown from the mower, which cut her leg and chipped the bone.

Jeff, son of Bro. and Sis. Larry Fehr, fell, hit his head on a radiator, and cut a gash in the back of his head. It required several stitches.

Paul Jr. and Emy Banwart are the parents of a son, Ray Allen, born on July 18.

We were privileged to have Bro. Silas Leuthold of Princeville with us the week end of July 19. We received many inspiring messages, and are thankful when visiting ministers are willing to come and proclaim God's Holy Word.

There were several here from the Oakville Bible Class, for the week-end of July 26. We enjoyed having them with us.

Several of our friends spent two weeks at Camp Ripley, Minnesota, for their National Guard training.

We were richly blessed with a nice rain, which was very welcome.

Marvella, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Eddie Zaugg, was married on July 18 to Larry Wickman.

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WOLCOTT, INDIANA
Arles Kropf

Another little son, Lee Marvin, was born to LeRoy and Frances Farney on July 6. He has five brothers who also welcome him.

We have had a number of our congregation hospitalized during the past month, Sis. Priscilla Anker, Sis. Reva Waibel, Bro. Andrew Farney, and Ervin Stoller. We are thankful they have all been dismissed and are improving.

Visitors on July 26 were Bro. Edwin Ringger from Gridley and the Forrest Bible Class and their teachers. A program, with Forrest, Remington, and Wolcott taking part, was given in the evening. Such hours of fellowship are indeed blessed.

We welcome the Robert Radcliffe family to our congregation. They moved here from Francesville, and are in business here.

BAY CITY, MICHIGAN

Marlene Mosher
Faye Wackerle

We have had several visiting ministers recently, including Bro. Joe Zimmerman of Roanoke, Bro. Ben Zimmerman of Congerville, Bro. Russell Rapp of Morton, Bro. Merle Kaisner of Fairbury, Bro. Noah Schrock of Oakville, and Bro. Homer Reineck of Toledo. Some held evening services with us, while others ministered on Sunday. We wish to express our thanks to them, and invite them to come back.

Bro. Arnold Meylan passed away July 5. Bro. Ben Maibach of Detroit held the services.

Bro. William Lambert died suddenly, July 20. He is survived by his wife, Sis. Lena, and many children and grandchildren.

Carol Wackerle, granddaughter of Bro. Henry Wackerle, was killed while riding a bicycle, on August 4. She was the daughter of Robert and Kay Wackerle.

Following is the military address of Thomas Wieland, who has been serving with the Marine Corps since 1961:

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On the first Sunday in August, our Sunday School group hosted the Toledo, Detroit, and Alto groups. A large chicken barbecue was held that afternoon.

Sis. Winnie Ruegsegger had surgery, and Sis. Lorraine Wackerle has been a medical patient in the hospital. We wish them and all the sick, and those in sorrow, the grace to bear their lot. When all is going well, it is easy to speak of strength in the faith, but when we are faced with pain and tragedy, we begin to realize how much faith we actually have. It is then that we must pray more fervently, as we realize just how strongly we are being tested.

I hope the following writing will encourage each one of us: "But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it." Romans 8:25

Are there any of us who do not need to say we need to strengthen our faith? As our physical bodies and minds need exercising and broadening for a healthy living, so

is it with our spiritual self. The very fact that you cannot understand why God deals with you the way He does is for the purpose of making you exercise your faith. If you have been asking: Why must I suffer? Why cannot I be like others? Why has a loved one been taken? . . . Remember that all things work together for good to them that love God. You may not understand why it is so just now, but you must receive and accept His word, and believe that what God sends to you is the best for you.

Some day He'll make it plain to me.
Some day when I God's face shall see,
Some day from tears and pain be free.
Then, o'er the troubled sea I'll be.

BRADFORD, ILLINOIS

Mrs. Martha Kieser

Our visiting ministers during the past month have been Bro. George Wagenbach, Princeville; Bros. Gene Bertschi and Don Sauder, Roanoke; Bro. Lowell Stoller, Princeville; and Bro. Francis Rother, from Morton. We appreciate each and every visit.

A daughter, Mary Ann, was born to Bro. Ed and Sis. Verla Ehnle. They have three little boys, so were happy to have a little girl.

Sis Lucille Endress had ear surgery, in Rochester, Minnesota. She is recovering nicely.

Marsha, daughter of Bro. Wm. and Sis. Gladys Knobloch, is happy to be out and about, after a bout with rheumatic fever.

We welcome Sis. Mardell, (Grimm) Dietz, of Taylor, to our congregation. She is the wife of Bro. Kenneth Dietz.

At a meeting last evening, we chose our church treasurer, ushers, and three Sunday School teachers. We adopted the rotation system for our teachers; Bros. David Kieser, Roy Ehnle and Ellsworth Stoller were chosen. We trust God will grant them grace, that they might sow that precious seed into the hearts of our children.

Open House and Dedication

The date for open house has been set for August 30, from 2 to 5 p.m. We welcome anyone that is interested, to come and see our house of worship.

Dedication has been set for Sep-

tember 13, at 12:15 p.m. Our congregation is small, and we ask you to drop a line to Bro. Jim Ringger, Bradford, Illinois 61421. Let us know of your coming. It will make planning so much easier. For anyone coming on Saturday evening, accommodations will be provided.

We are deeply thankful for our new edifice. We pray that we can always assemble there with a prayerful heart, to receive our spiritual food, for which we are all needful. We want to thank everyone who has helped in any way to make this church possible.

Morning Service 10:00.

Sunday School 10:00.

Noon singing 12:00.

Afternoon Service 12:30.

(Central Daylight Time)

ELGIN, ILLINOIS

Louise Steffen

Katie Kachelmuss

One of our aged sisters, Sis. Ernestine Stettner, fell and broke her hip. We wish her God's presence and help in her affliction. She is at Sherman Hospital, Elgin, Illinois.

Sis. Emma Stettner passed away on July 22, after an illness of five months. Her funeral was held on July 25, and was attended by quite a number from out-of-town. Bros. Josh Broquard, Frank Woertz and Al Fisher were here. It was so nicely expressed, how Bro. Will and Sis. Emma attained to a high age, more than fourscore years, and now they could go to their eternal Home so close together, as it was just a little more than two months ago when Bro. Will passed away.

There is never a life without

sadness;

There is never a heart free from pain.

If we seek on this earth for true solace,

We seek it forever in vain,

So when to our hearts comes the sorrow

Of losing someone dear we have known,

'Tis the touch of God's sickle at harvest,

Since He reaps in the fields He has sown.

We were privileged to add another dear soul to our flock here. Diane Preiss, daughter of Sis. Rose Preiss, gave her testimony, and was baptized the following day. We

are always glad, and rejoice with the angels, whenever we see that there are still some who are wise and seek the Lord, while He is yet to be found.

Bro. Russell Rapp of Morton spent a Sunday with us. We were richly blessed. The messages we received were very inspiring. In Galatians 6 we read, "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." He told of a woman who gave her daughter dancing lessons. Later on, when the girl became a real dancer, the mother told her that she did not like the life she was living. The daughter said, "Mother, you gave me the first dancing lesson." The mother now bitterly regrets it, which shows us that whatsoever we sow, that we will also reap. God is not mocked.

At our Wednesday evening service, we enjoyed having with us Bro. Noah Schrock, who accompanied Mr. Saburo Utsuki and his daughter, Sis. Yoshiko Utsuki, from Tokyo, who came here to visit Bro. and Sis. George Haas, whose daughter, Sis. Betty Claus, and family live in Tokyo. How pleasant it was to meet some from such a distance. We were richly blessed and were warned about the antichrist, and the falling away which is foretold in God's Word. May God give us grace to take these teachings and warnings to heart, and not be deceived in these perilous times.

Sis. Mary Oettinger wishes to be remembered to all who know her. She is still at the Oliver Annex, 364 St. Charles St., Elgin, Ill. She says she sometimes has a longing to go home to be with the Lord, but when she prays to Him to take her home, the answer is, "Wait, meekly wait, and murmur not." May God be with her and all of us until life's end.

I.S.U., NORMAL, ILLINOIS

Ron Kaufman

Our visiting minister this past month was Bro. Bob Grimm from Goodfield. Because our groups have been small this summer, they have been conducted with informal Bible class teachings, rather than by preaching.

We especially welcome all new freshmen this fall, to be with us at our first meeting, 8:00 p.m., Sept. 17, in the 3rd floor lounge of the University Union.

Remember: To create the heavens and the earth and all that is therein, the Lord God had only to speak; but to redeem sinners from everlasting death, He had to die on the cross. What a humiliating difference! No wonder it is written, "How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation . . .?"

FRANCESVILLE, INDIANA Mrs. Herman (Chris) Wuethrich

We enjoyed the visit of Bro. Elmer Harter. He gave us many good teachings to use in our Christian path of life.

The folks from Japan that Bro. Noah Schrock brought us for a visit expressed what a Christian privilege the United States has, as every town and village has access to the Bible. How thankful we should be!

Sis. Linda Anliker, daughter of Bro. Elmer Anlikers, is now a Graduate Nurse and has employment at our Winamac Hospital. A nurse really is a "Blessing", can help both bodily and spiritually. I will never forget, when a nurse that I had never seen before, who took me to the operating room, told me, with a smile, "Now keep repeating your favorite Bible verse." As I had just been helping one of our children learn the 23rd Psalm, that came to me, and I entered surgery without fear.

A new daughter has come to bless the home of Bro. and Sis. Willis and Margaret Gudeman. They have named her Donna.

Bro. and Sis. Karl and Mary (Gutwein) Westphal have a baby daughter, Karlene. She has four brothers to welcome her.

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Brothers of the Silver Lining have asked for

A History of Sis. Catherine (Leman) Pelsy

Sis. Pelsy is now 103 years old. She was born near Metamora, Ill., the oldest of a family of 16 children.

On her 18th birthday, she was married to Joseph Pelsy. The next year after they were married, they repented, at the Prairie Church at Roanoke, and were baptized by Bro. Benedict Weyeneth, in a creek

about a mile away, with timber all around.

Grandma Pelsy remembers as a girl, that she went to church, held in a barn, with boards to sit on. When the Prairie Church was built, it then had benches, without backs, with the old-fashioned bracket-lights hanging on the walls.

The home-made bread for the Sunday noon lunch, when baked in their home, was spread on boards, in the parlor. Then, on Sunday morning it was carried out to the spring wagon, to take to church, with a dish-pan full of homemade butter.

The roads would get very muddy at times. They would take sticks along, to poke the mud out of the spokes. Some families did not have enough clothes, so they could not take all the children to church.

When some boys that would get to sit in the back of the church started to whisper, one of the ministers would walk from the pulpit and sit with them. (Now probably many grandfathers are thankful for the ministers doing this good deed to them).

On Wednesday afternoon, they would have their mid-week services.

Grandma Pelsy was the mother of 12 children. She now has 30 grandchildren, 125 great-grandchildren and 30 great-great-grandchildren. Wouldn't that be wonderful, some day to have a "Pelsy Family Reunion" in Heaven, 197 loved ones? May God richly bless each one.

Bro. and Sis. Pelsy moved to Francesville in 1910. Church was in the upstairs of a home, with white benches that had open backs. When there was a funeral, it was held on the front porch. Two years later, our first church here was built. Three times, more was added, for which we cannot be thankful enough to the Lord.

In 1930, Grandpa Pelsy passed away. He had visited his birthplace in France on three different trips. Grandma was willing to stay home with their family. She didn't go away much, as she couldn't drive the car. Often, she said, she would have liked to have gone to Roanoke to visit loved ones, as she thought of them often.

(A remark from one of the grandchildren): "I would help Grandpa hoe weeds, and then Grandma would give me an extra piece of

pie for dinner".

One of Grandma's "joys" was to give her company a sack of peppermint candy, that she would get from her brother, Will Leman.

Grandma is now blind, and tells the time of day by the striking of her clock that she has always had, and misses when it needs to be fixed.

She sits in her chair some each day, and can eat and sleep good, for which she is so thankful.

These are the words Grandma said on my visit to her, "I enjoyed my Christian life; that is all I wished for. I was always good taken care of.

Dear grandma enjoys company, and invites all who can, to come and visit her.

GIRARD, OHIO

Jesse C. Emch

God speaks to us today, as He spoke to the children of Israel of old. We read in Psalm 78: "Give ear, O my people, to my law: incline your ears to the words of my mouth. I will open my mouth in a parable: I will utter dark sayings of old: Which we have heard and known, & our fathers have told us. We will not hide them from their children, shewing to the generation to come the praises of the Lord, and his strength, and his wonderful works that he hath done." Let us each one ask the question, Am I doing my part to further this great work of salvation? . . . That we present ourselves as a proper witness of our dear Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ . . . that other dear souls may come to the proper understanding of truth, and give themselves willingly to Jesus.

In our news item of May, we reported that Joseph Stoll was in the hospital and seriously ill. The Lord saw fit to call Friend Joe from this world, after several weeks of suffering. He leaves to mourn his departure, his wife, Marie, and four sweet little girls, also a host of relatives and friends. Joe was the son of Alvin Stoll, and his mother was Sis. Clara (Englehardt) Stoll.

Sis. Louisa Deislinger has not been able to attend church for several weeks, due to failing health. We wish her and all others who are in poor health, patience and God's help to bear their affliction.

Nellie Lou Weingart of Garfield, O., is convalescing in the University Hospital of Iowa City, Iowa,

after a very serious accident, which occurred while visiting her Uncle George and her grandmother, Sis. Louisa Lance. She fell, from a bridge into a creek, causing serious injury to her back, making surgery necessary. She is now in a cast. We wish her better days ahead.

We want to thank Bro. Ed. Aeschleman for the messages brought to us on Sunday, July 12. We know the Lord was His strength. We welcome all to come and visit again.

On Sunday, Aug. 2, all were invited to Bro. Don and Sis. Monell Stolls for a picnic supper. They live at Rodgers, O., south of Youngstown. After a hard downpour of rain, we had a very enjoyable afternoon and evening. Then, about 7:30 p.m., several of us went to Sis. Blanche Baun's, who lives near Columbiana, O., for Song-Service. Sis. Blanche has not been in church for many months. We hope, if it is the Lord's will, that she can come and worship with us again.

Isaac R. Bauman has been in the Youngstown Hospital, south-side, for several weeks, due to failing health. Isaac is a brother of Bro. Fred Bauman of Rittman.

MORTON, ILLINOIS

Mrs. B. E. Getz

Funeral services for Bro. Gustav Stieglitz, age 70, were held July 24. He was the son of Henry and Katherine Hofmann Stieglitz.

Funeral services were held July 30 for Bro. Samuel L. Ackerman, age 86. He is survived by his wife, Lena Rapp Ackerman.

Funeral services for Bro. Edward Rieger, 61, who died in Phoenix, were held August 2. He leaves his wife, Anne Musselman Rieger, to mourn his loss.

Sis. Gloria Vierling, daughter of the Carl Vierlings, and Bro. Howard Leman, son of Bro. and Sis. Eli Leman of Fairbury, were united in marriage July 19.

Bro. Edward Frank of LaCrosse brought us an inspiring message August 2.

Our Sunday School teachers and pupils are having a few weeks vacation.

A baby daughter was born to Bro. Willis and Sis. Berniece Bauman Knapp, July 21.

A daughter was born to Bro. Howard and Sis. Louise E. Roecker Getz, July 21.

A son was born to Bro. Joe and

Sis. Shirley Schmidgall Braker, on July 25.

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AKRON, OHIO Grace Schuckert

The congregation heard the testimonies of our friends, Mary Munson and her daughter, Dorothy, and rejoiced as they were united in the faith with us.

Sis. Mary Fritz, of Cleveland, with increased ailments since a fall at home, was able to attend Sunday morning service recently.

The annual Sunday School picnic was well attended by both scholars and adults.

Memories linger of our Japanese visitors, Sis. Yoshiko Utsuki, and her father, Saburo, from Tokyo. Though following American customs while in the States, it was interesting to those who saw their clever use of chopsticks, Sis. Yoshiko's homeland costume, and a tea ceremony. While there are many differences in our material lives, in the spiritual realm, God's promises are to all nations and tongues—forgiveness in response to repentance for sin, needed grace for obedience to His will, and eternal life beyond death.

We were visited by Ministering Brothers Ben Maibach of Detroit, Walter Anliker of Eureka, Arthur Gudeman of LaCrosse, the ministering brethren of Mansfield. All who spoke preached soul-searching and soul-awakening messages, that we look to God for advice, counsel and guidance, and that we do not swing out the gates or broaden the way of the true faith, which our forefathers were willing to die for, while some today scarcely are willing to live for. It was stressed that Christ's second coming may be very near; that time is fast running out, and that each one should make haste and achieve their salvation, ere the summer is gone, the harvest is past, and the soul is not saved. None who fail will be able to say that they knew not or could not, but only that they would not. The timely advice to our friends was to "Kneel at the Cross; Christ will meet you there."

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THE EARLY CHURCH

In the latter part of the 19th century, church services were held in the members' homes. It was common for these servants of God to walk many miles, carrying infants and small children through heat and cold, to hear God's word each Sabbath. After a number of the members from Ashtabula County moved here, it was decided to build a church. A lot was purchased on Thornton St., in Akron, for this purpose, in the early 1890's. The benches made by Bro. Jacob Rupp (father of Sis. Anna mentioned last month) to provide home-seating space, were then transferred to the new church.

To the rear were covered sheds, with feed bins. At noon, the young boys fed the horses from the sacks of feed the families carried beneath the buggy seats. Between the services of German and English could be heard the ticking of the antique clock, and near noon was the aroma of freshly steeped coffee, as bread cut on a bread slicer was stacked high, to be served with butter and oftentimes apple-butter.

From the pulpit, the message of salvation rang true and clear, even as it does today. I later was numbered among the friends who were listening, but not hearing, present, but not receiving the true Word of God. It was also in this church, though, that many of us, now middle-aged, heard and answered the call of the Lord. This property was later sold. We moved to our present Noble Ave. church in 1927.

Impressive to me as a friend was the out-flowing friendliness of these people, and the reality of their worship. They were garbed in those graces of the Spirit so pleasing to God, though lightly esteemed by the world.

Economic conditions being different then, there was a great dependence upon God, it seemed, for material as well as spiritual needs, and a gratefulness to Him in return for what sometimes today we take for granted. In a nation where present prosperity would tend to make man self-sufficient, is not their contentment sometimes prone to evade us? Theirs' was a more isolated life, faced with longer hours of work.

Many friends, too, looked forward to the Sunday meetings. Youth's attractions and distractions have increased manifold with the fastness of transportation and the increase in communications.

We look back to that generation of believers with the lingering thought, that great was their faithfulness. We can well ponder the statements of our elder brother: "Does this generation see in us what we see in those who have passed on before? Do they see in us what God wants them to see? Do we measure up?"

BLUFFTON, INDIANA

Carolyn Gerber Delutha Moser

WEDDINGS: On July 12, Sis. Mary Kay Gerber and Bro. Leon Gerber were united in holy matrimony by Elder Aeschliman. There were many visitors from Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, and Illinois attending. The parents of the couple are Bro. and Sis. Alvin Gerber and Bro. and Sis. David Gerber.

On July 19, Sis. Marilyn Neuenchwander and Bro. Charles Gerber were united in marriage by Elder Aeschliman. There were visitors from Latty & Milford. Parents of the couple are Bro. and Sis. Fred Gerber of Latty and Walter and Sis. Edna Neuenchwander.

On August 1, Friends Lathan Fetter and Robert Geisel were united in marriage. Parents of the couple are Bro. and Sis. Olen Geisel and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Fetter.

On August 2 Sis. Ann Gerber and Bro. Kenneth Reinhard were united in holy matrimony by Elder Aschliman. There were visitors from Illinois, Ohio and Indiana attending the wedding. Parents of the couple are Bro. and Sis. David Gerber and Bro. and Sis. Ezra Reinhard.

May God bless these couples in this important undertaking. May He always be with them along life's way, and may all their hopes, the things they have planned, be blessed by the touch of God's loving hand.

ENGAGEMENTS: On July 26, the engagement of Sis. Fern Hackenjos and Bro. Ronald Kaehr was announced. Parents of the couple are Bro. and Sis. Andrew Hackenjos and Bro. and Sis. Walter Kaehr.

Friends Dale Gerber and Londa Kay Lash have announced their engagement, and are planning a fall wedding. Parents of the couple are

Bro. and Sis. Elmer Gerber and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lash.

Friends Ann Moser and Jerry Gerber have announced their engagement, and are planning a September wedding. Parents of the couple are Bro. and Sis. Harold Moser and Bro. and Sis. Sylvan Gerber.

May God bless these couples richly in their forthcoming marriages, as they travel life's pathway together.

BIRTHS: On July 10, a boy, Brian Keith, to Friends Dewayne and Maryann Moser; On July 18, a girl, LaGina Sue, to Friends Donald and Carolyn Steffen; and On July 11, a boy, Dennis Harold to Bro. and Sis. Harold Meyer.

"I wish to extend my sincere thanks to each and everyone, for remembering me with the many prayers, cards, and gifts I received during my stay at the hospital and my recovery at home. Sis. Edna Gerber"

Friend Ronald Heyerly, son of Bro. and Sis. Ray Heyerly, has been discharged from the U S Army, after spending twenty-two months in Puerto Rico.

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SHUT-INS

When skies have turned dark, and there seems not a spark
Of Hope at hand for the day,
When adverse winds blow, what a comfort to know
That God supplies light for the way!

Shut-ins are Sis. Melvin (Berniece) Maller, Sis. Lena Stucky and Sis. Katie Gerber.

"I wish to sincerely thank everyone for the many prayers, gifts and cards, in remembrance of me during my stay at the hospital. May the Lord bless you all. Sis. Katie Gerber"

DEATH: On August 3, funeral services were held for Sis. Doyle

(Bonnie) Frauhiger, who passed away on July 31, following open chest heart surgery. She died at the age of 20 years.

Surviving, in addition to the husband and parents (Roger Baumgartners), are one daughter, Sharri Lynn at home; two brothers, Ralph and Herbie, both of Bluffton; two sisters, Mrs. Thomas (Marilyn) Baumgartner of Bluffton and Mrs. Jerry (Pauline) Gerber of Bluffton; the maternal grandfather, Adolph Geisel; and paternal grandfather, Lewis Baumgartner.

The clock of Life is wound but once,
And no one has the power
To tell just when the hands will stop,
At late or early hour.

Now is the only time you own;
Lie, love, toil with a will.
Place no faith in tomorrow, for
The clock may then be still.

BURLINGTON, IOWA

Uriel Gehring

Elder Bros. Noah Schrock and Fred Grimm served us Holy Communion, Sun. evening, July 26. Sis. Yoshiko Utsuki of Tokyo, Japan, partook of the sacrament with us. May we always remember the Lord's death and suffering, the price of our redemption.

Sis. Yoshiko's father, Saburo Utsuki, is accompanying her on her travels in the U. S.

Sun., Aug. 2, Bro. Al Aberle of Tremont ministered to us.

We have four souls seeking the Lord in repentance. They are Mr. and Mrs. Allen Massner and Dale and Lloyd Massner. May the Lord direct them on paths of righteousness. Our prayer is that many a sinner will commit his ways unto the Lord.

The reporter is presently hospitalized, with stapf infection.

I had the privilege of talking to a brother and sister in faith who were married in the Apostolic Christian Church some 25 years ago. (The method of proposing was the same as we practice today). The wedding ceremony was performed in conjunction with the regular afternoon service.

The prospective bride and bridegroom entered the assembly, just as they did of an ordinary service. They sat wherever they wished. When the ceremony was being per-

formed, they didn't stand up, but remained in their respective seats. After the ceremony was completed, church was dismissed, and the new husband and wife left the assembly just as they would leave an ordinary church service. May we always reverence marriage as an institution of God, sacred, holy, and binding til separated by death.

My parents, Bro. and Sis. Jake Gehring of Elgin, Iowa, were visiting in this community a couple of days on their return home from a visit to Estes Park, Colorado. This was the first vacation of this sort they had taken in 39 years of married life. They both enjoyed seeing God's handiwork.

We repainted the church basement in medium green walls and beige floor. The work was contributed by brethren and friends.

CHAMPAIGN-URBANA, ILL.

Ben Blunier

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman." St. John 15:1. We are the branches. These were wonderful words we heard at one of our inspiring July services. What a blessed privilege to be a branch of that Vine, with the loving Father to care for us and to keep us "pruned" and "trimmed", that we might bring forth the necessary fruit.

We were so grateful to have Bros. Francis Rother, Ed Hohulin and Emanuel Gudeman bring us impressive messages at the two July meetings.

We welcome Jerry and Lois Vogel, who are settling in Champaign. Jerry has recently finished his military service and has now taken a position with Coca-Cola. They are buying a home at 711 West Springfield Street, Champaign.

Wayne and Marjorie Blunier have moved to Cullom, Illinois, where he will teach in the high school there. Our prayers go with them. We hope they will often visit us.

On the first Sunday in August, Bro. Al Scheitlin from Elgin was our guest minister. Among the many good teachings, we were reminded that God hears our every prayer and answers our every petition according to His will. We should not become discouraged, when they are not answered exactly as we had hoped. His way is best, and He knows what is best for us.

After services, we enjoyed a

pleasant picnic at nearby Hessel Park.

FAIRBURY, ILLINOIS

Joyce Huber

"The LORD bless thee, . . ." Wayne Broquard, son of Bro. George and Sis. Clara, and Roberta Bachtold, daughter of Carl and Sis. Dorothy, were married by Wayne's uncle, Bro. Josh Broquard. We trust the Lord will bless them.

"and keep thee:" Sis. Amelia Zimmerman, Evelyn Maurer, Bonnie Traub, and Sis. Julie Frey were hospitalized. May the Great Physician speed their recoveries and keep them.

"The LORD make his face shine upon thee, . . ." Visiting us were friends Herman and Eugene Hack. We know the Lord will make His face shine upon all who look up to him.

"and be gracious unto thee: . . ." A reunion of the soldier boys that had been stationed in England was held here July 25-26. We were happy to have many guests from various churches, including Ministering Bros. Elmer Witzig of Gridley and Edward Alt of Cissna Park, who brought out that the Lord was gracious unto them, bringing all of them safely home from overseas duties, and again safely to this reunion, to meet again.

"The LORD lift up his countenance upon thee . . ." The Lord did lift up and relieve Bro. John Sutter of this life, as he passed away at the age of 90, at Fairview Haven, his residence for the past 6 months.

". . . and give thee peace" Friends recently going to service are:

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"And they shall put my name upon the children of Israel; and I will bless them." Our church building and finance committees have been making the plans for our new church edifice. Recently, a groundbreaking ceremony was held, and now actual construction work has begun. It is located at the north

edge of Fairbury, beside Fairview Haven. We hope the Lord will continue to put His name upon us and bless us, and that not only will we have a larger church building, but also a larger church member congregation.

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Jeffery Gerber, who had heart surgery last month, is home and getting along nicely.

Bro. Freddy Metzger injured his back, and required surgery. He is recuperating at home.

David Moser, son of Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Moser, had an appendectomy.

Little Benny Metzger, son of Bro. and Sis. Roy Metzger, had surgery for hernia.

Bro. and Sis. August Feucht have a son, Timothy Dean, born July 11.

Bro. August Knobloch and Sis. Edith Bick were able to attend services again.

Folks from here attended funeral services at Kansas for Bro. Meno Steiner and Bro. Arthur Kellenberger.

PEORIA, ILLINOIS

Mrs. Michael Weyeneth

Bro. Meno Steiner of Sabetha passed away at the Methodist Hospital here. He had been making his home at the home of his daughter, Sis. Ellen Seibenthal, at Roanoke, since the death of his wife several

months ago. His body was taken to Gauss Mortuary, here, for visitation. A prayer was offered, before he was taken to Sabetha, for funeral and burial.

We sympathize with the Fred Sutter family, whose brother, Lee, 55 years old, died of a heart attack. He leaves to mourn, his wife, Gladys; three children, Don, Ken, and Joan; five brothers, Arthur, Clarence and Fred of Peoria, Ezra of Tuscon, Arizona, and Harry of Ft. Lauderdale; three sisters, Lorraine of Tremont, and Lydia and Kathryn of Peoria. His funeral was held from the Wilton Mortuary. Bro. and Sis. Harry Sutter and daughter, Sis. Judy, of Ft. Lauderdale, were called here on account of the death. Bro. Harry went back by plane. Sisters Florence and Judy will be here for several weeks.

Ministers Bro. Ben Fehr of Roanoke and Bro. Fred Knapp of Congerville visited. We heard inspiring sermons from the true word of God. These were greatly appreciated. A supper was held at the church. The ministers went to see some of the shut-ins.

A dear sister-in-Faith, Katie Wagenbach Getz, 92 years old, passed away at the hospital. She had been ill for some time, and had a longing to go to her eternal home. She was a loving mother and grandmother, and a friend to all who knew her. She lived in Peoria for 46 years. She was the widow of Bro. Lewis Getz Sr. Surviving are four sons, George, Louis, Dan and Robert; four daughters, Mae, Ella, Lydia, and Sarah; 28 grandchildren, and 56 great-grandchildren. Her funeral was held Sat., July 25. Bros. Mike Weyeneth and Roy Sauder had the services.

In the hospital at this writing are Sister Martha Langjahr and Lena Fautz. Sis. Tillie Luthy, who stays at the A. C. Home, had a slight heart attack. Bro. Frank Lambert is back at the hospital. Sis. Lydia Grimm has been taking therapy at the hospital.

Dr. Gene Hoerr, a native Peorian, has been associated with the Medical & Surgical Clinic here. He served his internship at St. Frances Hospital, after receiving his degree from the University of Illinois College of Medicine. His office is on North Street. Gene is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Hoerr. He with his wife & son, will reside at

6118 N. Knollaire Dr. Mrs. Hoerr was Sally Sorg, of Milford.

We sympathize with Sisters Anna Armbruster and Lydia Grimm. Their brother, Bro. Edward Rieger, age 61, passed away, at Phoenix. The funeral was at Morton.

Ronald and Sis. Janet Blumenshine, who have been in Ft. Sam Houston for several years, are home now. Ronald has been discharged. Their new address is 1217 N. Main, Washington, Illinois.

Bro. Edward Stock, age 68 years old, passed away at Proctor Hospital, Tues., July 28. He has been quite ill for two months. Bro. Stock, originally of Cissna Park, was married to Helen Weiss, of here, four years ago. They resided here since then. He made many friends and was loved by all. We will miss him. He attended church regularly, always seemed to enjoy himself, and had a smile for everyone. We sympathize with Sis. Helen, who so patiently stayed close to his side during his illness. Visitation was held here Wednesday evening at Wilton Mortuary. A prayer was offered, before the remains were taken to Cissna for funeral and burial.

A son, Thomas Edwin, was born to Bro. and Sis. Edwin Hermann, on July 29. His sister, Lisa, 3 years old, welcomes him.

A daughter, Martha Jane, was born to Bro. and Sis. Ed Meister on Aug. 2. Waiting for her at home are three brothers, Edward, Robert, and Scott, and one sister, Ellen.

A daughter, Kimberly Sue, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Heller on July 24. The grandparents are Louis and Marie Heller. This is their first grandchild.

A daughter, Lynnette Kay, was born to Bro. and Sis. Marshall Heindold on July 6. Waiting for her at home are two sisters, Elaine and Evelyn, and a brother, Curt.

Bro. Roy Sauder held services at the Restmor Nursing Home. Bro. Art Moser and his singing group accompanied him.

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"Many of our loved ones have passed away in the past months. We do miss them all. How joyful is the hope that lingers, when loved

ones cross death's sea, That we, when all earth's toils are ended, with them shall ever be!"

PULASKI, IOWA Mrs. Ray Martin

We were richly blessed by inspiring sermons brought us by our visiting ministers, Bro. Frederick Knapp Jr. and Bro. Ben Zimmerman of Congerville; Bro. Uriel Gehring of Burlington; and Bros. Gerald Sutter and Fred Grimm of Taylor.

We were glad to hear the testimonies of our friends, Janice and Ronald Rinkenberger. We welcome them into the fold and wish them God's grace and richest blessings in their new walk of life. Elder Bro. Fred Grimm was here to hear their testimonies and to baptize them.

Forever be praised,
God's Spirit of grace,
That from Thee I learn
How friendly my Saviour
To sinners doth turn!

ROCKVILLE, CONNECTICUT Carlton J. Lanz

A son, David Walter, was born June 26 to Bro. Wilbur and Sis. Marjorie Schneider. They now have seven children, three boys and four girls.

Darrell Luginbuhl, 17-year-old son of Bro. Erb and Sis. Charlotte Luginbuhl, suffered severe bodily injuries when he fell while doing some work on a silo. Darrell, standing on a ladder, apparently, shifted his position, causing the ladder to move enough to throw him off balance. He fell about 30 feet to the ground. His condition last reported was good, and recovering very satisfactorily.

We have enjoyed the company of the many visitors who have come here in the past, and while their names may not appear on these pages, yet we hold the fellowship, we've had together dear to our hearts. This gift, this priceless fellowship in which we so often can rejoice, we treasure it. A verse in one of our hymns we sang in church the other evening seemed to fit so aptly here. It reads thus:

Lord, I love thy children dearly,
All who follow Thee sincerely;
They are precious to my heart!

Thou knowst how my heart
rejoices,
Meeting those whose hearts and
voices
Are with thee in one accord.

We also had with us several ministering brothers in the past month or so. Bros. Leland Hershey and Ralph Beyer of Naumburg, visited here. Also, at a later date, Bro. Gene Bertschi of Roanoke spent a couple of days with us. Many words of importance and "the Truth" were spoken in their sermons and in the prayers that were offered.

On Sunday, July 19, Bro. Rudolph Graf of Akron and Bro. John Klotzle of Altadena were here. This was the day when the marriage of Bro. Ronald Luginbuhl and Sis. Kay Bahler was solemnized. It was conducted in an atmosphere of lovely simplicity, and performed by Bro. John Bahler. The prayer was offered by Bro. Rudolph. A wedding supper followed, at Sis. Olga Bahler's home (mother of the bride). On return, after the couple's brief trip to Rockport, Massachusetts, they will reside at their apartment in Rockville. We wish them the blessings of God.

On Saturday, July 25, tragedy struck this community, when two young men (a pilot and a passenger) were killed in a jet plane crash. The one affecting us, especially, was that of Wesley Lanz, 29-year-old son of Bro. Arnold and Sis. Elsie Lanz. This having been an Associated Press item, undoubtedly many of our readers may have read the account. However, to mention briefly: The craft was near the runway, to land, when the engine "flamed out", striking the tops of several tall trees, which sheared the wings off, causing the plane to loose altitude. It plunged to the ground. Many if's were offered, but none seemed to have the answer, Why?

Funeral services were held at the church and conducted by Bro. John Bahler. Assisting was Bro. John Klotzli of California. Besides his parents, Wesley leaves one sister, Mrs. Emery (Muriel) Fellows of Ellington. The flag-draped casket remained closed. Burial was in Ellington Center Cemetery.

Bro. Albert Kaisner and wife of Maywood spent Sunday with us. They were returning from Fort Benning, Georgia, where they had

met their son, Bro. Harvey, just discharged from the Army.

WINTHROP, MINNESOTA Linda and Melva Messner

We enjoyed the blessed privilege of having Holy Communion among our congregation, on July 26, served by Bro. Leo Moser from Lester and Bro. Paul Fehr from Morris.

We were reminded of Christ's sacrificial death upon the cross—the great price that was paid for the redemption of all mankind. "For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come." I Corinthians 11:26.

"How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!" Romans 10:15. We also heard, in the sermons, how thankful we can be to sit under the sound of the TRUE gospel. "Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not". St. Matthew 24:23.

We are living in perilous times, and as Timothy was instructed, we should "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." II Timothy 2:15.

His word is so full of precious promises. It causes one to wonder why our faith should decrease or waver, although our Redeemer tells of the tribulation to His disciples. He also gives comfort in tribulations.

"These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world." St. John 16:33.

Archie and Sis. Pearl Lienemann announced the engagement of their daughter, Jane, to Darrel Redman.

Dale Messerli, son of Bro. Cornelius and Sis. Delores Messerli, was hospitalized for a few days, as the result of a car accident. He was fortunate to escape serious injury.

LEO, INDIANA Mrs. Elias Souder

Dean Allen Stoller, son of Ernie Stoller, spent several days at the Parkview Hospital, to correct a condition on his leg. He is able to be back in church and Sunday School.

Lloyd Klopfenstein is recuper-

ating at the Parkview, after having surgery.

We enjoyed having Bro. Maurice Frank with us, Sunday, July 19. Bro. Maurice comes from our Chicago church. He ministered to our congregation in the forenoon.

The two rest homes at Butler were visited, the first Sunday of August. We have learned, it is the patients singing with us to be important to them, rather than only our singing to them.

Our young people are looking forward to the Youth Fellowship Day, which will be at Camp Mack again this year.

The Harry Joe Stoller family from Indianapolis has spent the last two Sundays here with us. Harry Joe is in school, studying medicine.

BERN, KANSAS Mrs. Leonard Baumgartner Mrs. Morris Edelman

Sis. Lydia Hanhart has returned after six weeks in Illinois and Wisconsin. We are happy to have her back with us again. She makes her home at the Apostolic Christian Home.

On July 26, our church was host to the Bible classes of the Burlington (Oklahoma), Lamar, Ft. Scott, and Sabetha churches. They had a picnic and fellowship at Sun Springs, Saturday evening. Sunday morning, they attended church, and after lunch there was Sunday School. After a 2:30 meal in the church dining room, they left for home. We hope and pray the Lord can bless the efforts of the Sunday School teachers.

This month, our Sunday School is on vacation, and they are attending services with us.

We were happy to have Bro. Ronald Nelson of Burlington (Oklahoma) with us on July 26. We enjoyed his very inspiring message.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bauman, Karen and Rachel, who are from England, along with their friends, Mr. and Mrs. Gerard Akkerhuis, Gardy, and Gretchie from Norway were here, visiting Sis. Leah Bauman.

BURLINGTON, OKLAHOMA Mrs. Raymond Roth

Bro. and Sis. Rich Schurter, formerly of Chicago, who have been transferred to Broken Arrow, Okla., and Dale Feller of Cissna Park, Larry Kaisner of Forrest and

Marvin Steffen of Bluffton, who are stationed at Ft. Riley, Kansas, visited our congregation this past month. It is wonderful to know souls will travel several hundred miles for Christian fellowship and to hear the word of God.

All too soon comes the time of parting. Miklos Braun, who has been visiting his brother & sister-in-law, Bro. and Sis. John Brown, the past 90 days, left by plane from Wichita, Aug. 6, for his home in Gyorkony, Hungary.

We enjoyed having Miklos assemble with us, and feel our lives have been made richer by observing his patience and humbleness. We hope and pray Miklos had a safe flight home and found his family well.

Our Sunday School students and sponsors were guests at a Youth Fellowship at Bern, the week end of July 25.

CISSNA PARK, ILLINOIS Mrs. Jeff Young

We were blessed and again edified by the visit of Bro. Ben Fehr.

Bro. Walter Steffen lent a hand in Sunday School. This is greatly appreciated by the Sunday School staff and students.

Our dear Sis. Barbara Yergler is spending some time in the Hospital in Urbana. She is showing some improvement. We indeed wish to remember her in our prayers.

Sis. Lyda Moser was in the hospital a few days, taking treatments for a sciatic nerve. She is Bro. Carl's wife.

An eleven-year-old grandson of Bro. and Sis. Fred Knapp was accidentally caught in an auger and received a very badly injured leg. Little Arthur was hospitalized two weeks, and is now getting along excellent at home.

Ricky Feller, grandson of Bro. and Sis. Wm. Feller, had an appendectomy recently and is able to be home again.

Bro. Ed Stock, formerly from here, passed away at Peoria. The body was brought here for burial. Funeral services were held on July 31, with Bro. Emanuel Gudeman officiating, assisted by Bro. Michael Weyeneth. Many from Peoria attended. Survivors include his wife, Helen; one daughter, Martha Smith; two sons, Charles of Spencer, Wis., and Bro. Lester of here.

Sis. Anna Hodel, who resided at Fairview Haven and who spent

seven months in the hospital, passed away, at the age of 85 years. Funeral services were held Aug. 4. Bro. Ezra Feller officiated, assisted by Bros. Josh Broquard and Theo Beer. Many attended the funeral, from various churches.

Services were held at the homes of the aged at Watseka, the last Sunday of the month.

Bible classes were held on Thursday evenings. They ended with a picnic. We believe everyone will be blessed who found it worth while to attend these classes.

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EUREKA, ILLINOIS Cathryn Wettstein

Our visiting minister the past month was Bro. David Bertsch, from Leo.

Those who are hospital patients now are—Bro. John Rocke, who suffered a broken hip, is a patient in Eureka Hospital. Sis. Bertha Walder, also has a broken hip; she is in Eureka Hospital.

These have returned to their homes, after brief hospital stays: Sis. Irene Hartter, a medical patient; Sis. Laura Kupferschmid, a surgical patient; and little Douglas Zobrist—surgical. He is the son of Bro. and Sis. Gene and Carol Zobrist. These three were in the Eureka Hospital.

May God be always near the bedside of all who are in pain and suffering, because we know and believe He does help all who call unto Him.

Births: To Bro. Roland and Sis. Dolores Martin, a son, Dean Craig, born July 13. They now have two

sons and one daughter; To Bro. Eldon and Sis. Ida Mae Rocke, a daughter, Kathleen Sue, born July 22. They now have three daughters.

For the month of August, we will not have services on Wednesday evening.

FORT SCOTT, KANSAS Annabelle Bahr

Bro. Joe. Muhlebaur has recovered from surgery, sufficiently to assemble again with us.

Our friend, Sophia Sinn, has also been able to attend services, after her recent surgery.

We are thankful that God has blessed them with a reasonable measure of health.

GOODFIELD, ILLINOIS Marian Wiegand

Bro. Harold and Sis. Carol Hohulin are the parents of a girl, Cynthia Sue, born July 22. She is welcomed by two sisters and three brothers.

Dick Hohulin, son of Bro. Eli and Lois Hohulin, began training in the army reserves recently. His address is:

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Bro. Simon and Sis. Mary Ellen Wiegand and family visited their son, Steven. His address is:

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We were blessed this past month by the ministering of Bro. Joe Zimmerman of Roanoke.

MANSFIELD, OHIO Aaron A. Sauder

All to Jesus I surrender;
Make me, Saviour; wholly Thine.
Let me feel the Holy Spirit,
Truly know that Thou art mine.

The love of God was manifested to our new brother, Gabe Dolce, who gave his heart to the Lord. He was administered the sacrament

of baptism, in his home, on July 6. Gabe has been unable to fellowship in church, as he has spent much of the past few months in bed, at the hospital and at his home. He has surely been a wonderful testimony for the Lord, to those around him and who have visited him during his long illness. "In your patience possess ye your souls." Luke 21:19

All to Jesus I surrender;
Lord, I give myself to Thee.
Fill me with Thy love and power;
Let Thy blessing fall on me.

And we pray that the fullness of the Lord's blessings will be with our three new sisters in the Lord, who were baptized on Sunday, August 2. They are Ruth Fuhrer Young, Helen Kisling Sferro and Joanne Sferro. Our Elder Bros. Rudolph Graf and Noah Baumann were with us for this joyous occasion, and inspired us with gospel messages, at morning and afternoon services.

When all my labors and trials are
o'er,
And I am safe on that beautiful
shore,
Just to be near the dear Lord I
adore,
Will thro' the ages be glory for me.

After a long illness, Bro. Robert Kisling went to sleep in the Lord on July 9, at the age of 79. He had been unable to attend church for a number of years, but was always so pleased when anyone would visit him and read and meditate on God's word. We extend our sincere sympathy to his children, Mrs. Ruth Friend, Mrs. Marie Griffith, Mrs. Helen Sferro, and Floyd Kisling, to his brothers, Samuel and John, and to his sisters, Mrs. Lydia Beer, Mrs. Anna Wittmer, and Mrs. Edith Schrenk.

Bro. Elmer Schrenk of Alto ministered to us during morning services on July 12. We thank him for his messages.

We were happy that Bro. Will Sauder was able to attend church on August 2, after having spent some time in the hospital as the result of a tractor accident. We wish him God's healing power for a complete recovery.

Recently, I have remembered several sermons our departed Elder Brother Samuel Engwiller

preached many years ago. He told of a rich nobleman, who lived on a high cliff and wanted to hire a coachman. He interviewed three applicants. When he asked the first one how near the edge of the cliff he could drive, he replied that he could drive very close. He asked the second one the same question, and he replied that he thought he could drive even closer to the edge. Then, he asked the third one, and this applicant said, he would stay as far away from the edge as possible. This was the man who filled the position. The moral of this illustration is that we are to stay as far away from sin and danger as possible.

Another time he spoke of a person who thought his cross was heavier than that of anyone else. So this person was taken into a room where there were all sizes and shapes of crosses, and told to choose the one he would like to have. After going all around the room, and trying on all the crosses, none fit as well as his very own cross. The Lord knows best what each one can bear, if we will only trust Him.

NEW MARTINSVILLE, W. VA. Mrs. Gus Wetzl

Mrs. Emma Lohr Berger was born on November 6, 1873, and passed away in the Wetzel County Hospital on July 25, at the age of 90 years. She was a daughter of the late George and Virginia Early Lohr, and was preceded in death by her husband and one son. She is survived by three sons and two daughters, one sister, 13 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. She was the last member of the West Virginia Apostolic Christian Church. Funeral services were held at the Iams Funeral Home on July 27, with Elder Rudolph Graf officiating. Interment took place in Northview Cemetery.

The annual Homecoming will be held at the Limestone School on Sunday, September 6, with a basket dinner at noon. This is always a very enjoyable occasion. All former pupils and several teachers of the school have a reunion.

A. E. Riggerbach, Mrs. C. O. Wade, Mrs. Elza Ritz and Mrs. Gus Wetzl attended the Riggerbach reunion, at the Sardis Church, on July 18

The annual Witschey reunion will be held at the City Park on

Sunday, August 23. This begins with a basket dinner at noon, and is always a very happy occasion.

John Emch, a grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Emch, is a patient in the Veterans' hospital in Clarksburg, W. Va.

Miss Della Witschey spent a week recently with her sister, Mrs. E. B. Frumm, in Jeannett, Pa.

Mrs. Elizabeth Games of Girard, and Mrs. Josie Wiseman of Youngstown, O., have returned to their homes after a two-week visit here with their sister, Mrs. J. G. Burgess, and other relatives.

Dan Witschey is doing fine. He enjoys his daily walk and visits with the neighbors.

We are very glad to report that Albert Durig of Girard has undergone surgery and is convalescing very nicely.

Russell Ray Wetzl, son of Mr. Gus Wetzl, died very suddenly on August 1. Even though he had been ill for four years, his passing was unexpected. He had served 20 years as a staff sergeant with the U.S. Air Force, and had been living in Glen Dale, W. Va., the past four years. He leaves his widow; one daughter and one son; one sister; his father and stepmother. His mother preceded him in death in 1944. Funeral services and interment took place in Moundsville, W. Va., on August 4.

PHOENIX, ARIZONA Eileen Yackley "Our Many Blessings"

The love of God,
The help of friends,
And love at home
That never ends.

Songs of the birds,
Rain from above,
The undying mercy
And undying love.

Aid to the weary,
Salvation for the soul,
Comfort for the sick,
Prayers — untold.

This is a poem written by one of our sisters in church.

After a long illness of a number of years, Bro. Ed Rieger has been freed from pain, by death Wed., July 29. His wife, Sis. Ann, accompanied the body back to Morton, his home community, for burial. Bro. Ed was here for eight years.

He was able to assemble with us occasionally the first few years, but was confined to his trailer home the last few. Through the years, Bro. Ed has become very close and dear to us all and also in the court where he lived. He will be greatly missed by us, all, especially his dear wife, Ann, who was ever faithfully by his side, caring for him tenderly, day after day and night after night. Then, the last two months, she had faithful help from a man in the court, known to us all as Stanley Francis.

Bro. Ernest and Sis. Lois Elsas-er enjoyed the visit of his niece, Sis. Mary Jane Streitmatter of Princeville, while he was recuperating from surgery. He was in the hospital seven days, then laid up for four weeks at home. It is nice to have him in our congregation again.

Bro. Ted and Sis. Madeline Knochel are parents of a baby boy. Alan, Susan and Darby were home to welcome their brother, Theodore George Jr., whom we call "Teddy".

We were richly blessed with a visit from ministering Bro. John Somerhalder. We will long remember the refreshing sermons. We truly have been reminded again how important visiting ministers are to our congregations.

Bro. Joe Beer will be in the army reserve summer camp for two weeks, at Beaumont General Hospital in El Paso. Sis. Betty Ann (Joe's sister), who is visiting here, will be with Sis. Connie while Joe is away.

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RITTMAN, OHIO Ella Mae Trent

In the cool of the evening, Aug. 5, we gathered to hear the ministration of God's word by Bro. John Klotzle, of Altadena. None of us were aware, when Bro. John spoke on the uncertainty of life and on the power of God, that these things on which he spoke would be so vividly demonstrated, so soon, in our congregation. The morning of Aug. 6, however, God did manifest his power and called one of his own home. No one is ready to say

"Goodby" to one he loves. And the sudden physical loss of a loved one is hard, harsh reality to face. Sis. Marie lost a husband; the five children, a father; we, a sincere brother; many young children, their Sunday School teacher. He was the son of Bro. Ben and Sis. Minnie Bauman. Bro. Ernest Bauman met his sudden death, at age 33. As we laid him to rest Aug. 9, we were comforted to believe that as he lived in Christ, so died he.

Bro. Walter Anliker of Eureka ministered to us July 29. He could point out that our lifetime does pass away; hourly to the grave we hasten. The Sunday of July 26, Bro. LaVoy Moore of Athens asked the question, "Are we right with God?" May that which is preached by God's servants, through his inspiration, serve to the strengthening of our faith and the awakening of souls.

Aug. 8, Ralph Riggenschach, son of Bro. William and Sis. Martha, and Beverly Morrison were united in marriage. On this same day, John Gasser, son of Bro. Arthur and Sis. Bertha, and Rita Clark exchanged wedding vows. May God add his richest blessings to the unions.

July 20, Bro. Junior Rufener and Sis. Verna welcomed a new daughter, Suzanne Marie.

Roberta Beery, daughter of Bro. Robert and Sis. Martha, can testify that she has learned a sweeter story and found a truer gain than the charms and vanities of the world, as she has surrendered herself in repentance.

We are thankful for the protection of Gaylord Beery and Bro. Glenn Riggenschach, as they could return home from Ft Sam on furlough, fellowship with us for a short time, and return safely to their tour of duty.

Many of our congregation were hospitalized this past month. Bro. Don Walder, Bro. Truman Gerber, Bro. Fred Widmer, and Don Spangler continue their convalescence at home. Bro. Fred Bauman remains in traction at Akron General. Loretta Miracle was able to assemble with us again, following an extended illness. Ella Roth remains quite ill at home. We dare believe that, although the load may seem heavy and hard to bear, all things are in accordance with God's divine plan. In all things, may His good will be done.

SABETHA, KANSAS Mrs. Theodore Locher Leona Aeschliman

Our visiting ministers during the past month were Bros. Ronald Nelson of Burlington, Jim Hoerr, LeRoy Hartman of Peoria, and George Lambert of Wichita. We received many wonderful teachings.

He who overcometh shall inherit life eternal.

Bro. Menno Steiner passed away at Peoria, July 8. He had been in the home of Bro. Fred and Sis. Ellen Siebenthal in Roanoke. The body was brought to Sabetha for burial. He had ministered to our congregation for many years and given us much spiritual advice. Surviving are nine children, Bro. Joseph and Noah of Sabetha, Sis. Ellen, (Mrs. Fred) Siebenthal of Roanoke, Sisters Matilda and Lena of Elgin, Sis. Esther (Mrs. Sam) Grimm of Princeville, Sis. Louise, (Mrs. Ben) Stickling and Sis. Martha (Mrs. Les) Bittner of Peoria, and Sis. Priscilla (Mrs. Eli) Anliker of Francesville. Several grandchildren & great grandchildren survive, as well as Bro. Dan Steiner and Sis. Mary Aberle, of Sabetha. The funeral service was conducted July 11 by Bros. Gene Marti and Joe Aberle.

Bro. Arthur O. Kellenberger passed away at St. Anthony Hospital, Sabetha, July 20. His wife, Sis. Marie, and also the following children survive: Gene and Leo of Sabetha; Sis. Verda Bruellman of Whittemore, Iowa; Lynn of Denver; Danny and Jerry of Sabetha; Sis. Joyce, Ricky and Randy of the home; also 19 grandchildren, one brother, Eli, and one sister Bertha Tyson, LeRoy, Kansas. A son, Galen, gave his life in Germany at the age of 19 years.

Bro. Arthur asked that the ministers of the church and a few of the brethren come to the hospital for a prayer and hymn, before his passing. He was ready to meet his God. What a comforting thought at the hour of departure!

Funeral services were held Thursday, July 23. Bros. Gene Marti and Joe Aberle were in charge.

We held our annual meeting to elect Sunday School teachers. Bros. Ben Wysong and Willard Bahr were elected, with Bro. Walter Strahm as a substitute teacher.

Sisters Phyllis Strahm and Eloise Bahr were elected, with Sis. Dolores Metzger as a substitute teacher. Bro. Reo Strahm was re-elected by our congregation to serve on the board of trustees for the Apostolic Christian home.

Relatives and friends of Aaron Moser are glad to have the report he is improving, after having surgery recently. Our prayers are for a complete recovery.

TREMONT, ILLINOIS Esther Schmid

We are always fed and refreshed with spiritual food, when we assemble in God's house to worship. This past month, the following ministers visited our congregation and left us many teachings from the Holy Bible: Bros. Silas Leuthold, Princeville; Frank Woertz, Goodfield; Dave Mangold and Don Sauder, Roanoke; Joe A. Getz, Morton; David Bertsch, Leo; Joe Kaisner, Forrest; Merle Kaisner, Fairbury; and Eli Somerhalder, Burlington (Okla.).

On July 12, Bro. Dan Koch was selected to serve in the ministry here. Our prayers are that God may grant him grace and the inspiration from above to speak the living word, as Paul's solemn charge to Timothy, II Timothy 4:2, "Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine."

Quite a number of folks and several children have been hurt during the past month. Hospitalized were Sisters Darlene Kaeb and Sharon Herman. Dennis Rassi, son of Bro. Arnold and Sis. Lydia, had the misfortune of fracturing his arm in a fall. Joe Koch, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Koch, received a painful injury on his foot, while mowing grass. A skin graft may be necessary later. Dean Beutel, son of Bro. David and Sis. Eunice, fractured his collar bone in a fall.

We extend our sympathy to the following, who have parted with loved ones, when the death angel called them out of this life: Sis. Lorraine Herman, whose brother, Levi Sutter, passed away in Peoria. Sis. Pauline Waldbeser, whose son, Samuel, of Washington, passed away after a long illness. Eli Gauger and Mrs. Joe Brandt mourn the loss of their sister, Hannah Paine of Pekin. She had been in failing health for some time.

A son, Donald Perry, born to Mr. and Mrs. Willard Schweigert, on July 4. He has a sister and brother to welcome him home. A girl, Nancy Kay, was born to Bro. Carl and Sis. Mary Ellen Sinn on July 30, her grandmother's (Sis. Lena Woerner's) birthday.

On August 1 and 2, our Bible Class entertained the Bible Class from LaCrosse. We enjoyed hearing the young folks sing, and hope they visit us soon again.

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA Herman Norr

The visits of ministering Bros. Alfred Bahler, of Wolcott, and John Bollier Jr., of Leo, were greatly appreciated.

Bros. Orville Ringger, of Bluffton, plans to be at Indianapolis Aug. 16, and Bro. Henry Beer on Sept. 6

Students soon will be returning to their classes, and the Indianapolis church extends a hearty welcome to them, to visit us on the first and third Sunday of each month.

Facilities for a large group are available, and the parents, relatives and friends are invited to meet them at Indianapolis.

Services start at 11 a.m., and are held at the downtown YMCA, corner of Illinois and New York streets.

FORT WAYNE, INDIANA Mrs. Albert E. Kipfer

Again, our congregation was saddened by the death of our oldest song leader, Bro. Jesse Stoller, on July 16, at his home. He had been in failing health for quite some time, and was hospitalized on several occasions. His death was just within seven weeks of his son, Bro. George.

Bro. Jesse reached the age of 70 years. He was born May 25, 1894, near Eureka, and moved to Ft. Wayne in 1927. He retired June 1, 1959, after 31 years service with the General Electric Company.

Surviving are his wife, Katherine; four sons, Norman, Ft. Wayne, and Maurice, Verlin and Ronald, all of New Haven; four daughters, Miss Twila Stoller, Ft. Wayne, Mrs. Eleanor Fisher, Bluffton, and Mrs. Elaine Erb and Mrs. Carol Huber, both of Francesville; a sister, Mrs. Lillian Zimmerman, Morton, and 21 grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Sunday, July 19, at 10:00 a.m., at the

D. O. McComb & Sons Funeral Home, and 10:30 a.m. at the church. Bros. Joseph Zimmerman of Roanoke and Theo. Beer of Milford conducted the services. Bro. Joe Zimmerman read I Thessalonians, 4th Chapter, beginning at the 13th verse, as his text.

Burial was in the IOOF Cemetery, New Haven.

Sis. Katie Stoller and family wish to extend "Thanks" for the many prayers, cards, gifts, and deeds of kindnesses shown during the illness and death.

We wish to express our sympathy to the family, and want you to know we miss Bro. Jesse's smiling face and hearty handshake.

Bro. Raymond Pulfer was quite sick and was taken to the Lutheran Hospital for observation. He has fully recovered and is back in our midst again, for which we give thanks unto the Lord.

Neil Stoller, son of Bro. and Sis. Norman Stoller, had surgery on his eye, July 28, at the St. Joe Hospital. The operation was successful. Sometime in the future, he will have to submit to surgery again on the same eye, in order to correct the muscles. Neil's eye condition was caused by a severe accident some years ago.

The ministers who visited us recently were Elder Bros. John Bahler, Theo. Beer and Sam Aeschliman, July 26; Bro. Elmer Bucher of Francesville, Aug. 2; and Bro. Earl Zeltwanger of Bremen, Aug. 9.

My Saviour!

I am not skill'd to understand
What God hath will'd, what God
hath plann'd;
I only know at His right hand
Is One who is my Saviour!

I take Him at His word indeed:
"Christ died for sinners"—this I
read;
For in my heart I find a need
Of Him to be my Saviour!

That He should leave His place on
high
And come for sinful man to die,
You count it strange? — So once
did I,
Before I knew my Saviour!

And oh, that He fulfilled may see
The travail of His soul in me,

And with His work contented be,
As I with my dear Saviour!

Yea, living, dying, let me bring
My strength, my solace from this
spring—

That He who lives to be my King
Once died to be my Saviour!

ALTADENA CALIFORNIA

Jeri Minger

Bros. John Stieglitz and John Paternoster have not been able to assemble with us regularly for several months. It is wonderful to see that God will keep the spirit strong, although the body may fail. We are thankful for God's promise, to grant grace enough for our needs.

Sis. Betty Beer has returned home, following the completion of an extension course at USC. We are thankful for all who are able to join in fellowship with us. I believe by the love and faith we find in our spiritual lives are broadened by the love and faith we find in others.

Absent from the servicemen's list last month was the address of Kenneth Wreath, son of Ed and Louise Wreath, who have recently made their home here in Southern California. His complete address is:

2-Lt Kenneth J Wreath

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Martin Army Hosp
Ft Benning Georgia

I received a letter this month from a sister in the East, which expresses a subject worthy of consideration at all times, but which is currently even more on our minds, due to the pending Brother Meeting. She writes concerning a relatively new minister:

"Our prayers and hearts have really all gone out for this dear brother. He definitely has a heavy load to carry, but we trust God will reward him and grant him grace sufficient. 'My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness.'

We can believe that they need good support of the (members) in their church—it really causes a person to wonder what runs through the minds of some members who are so strongly self-willed, when the Bible even warns against 'bitter envying and strife'. The last times are surely coming swiftly upon us.

A brother once said in his message, that we, our people, have been abundantly blessed. We have everything we need, but—I don't believe it has been good for us.

I have to think of this often—the simple way of life seems to be exchanged (by some) for a more complex way. A brother was inspired Sunday to say, 'This way is so easy—so-o-o easy, and there is now a tendency to complicate it.' And I can see what he means. Pride overtakes humility — the love, love, love. Give here, give there, has overtaken the chastening love. 'For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth.' (In some cases), a loose faith and doctrine is overtaking the deep, quite faith—the True faith.

People want knowledge, schooling, good jobs, higher pay; but, as one brother recently said, 'What is all the knowledge of the world, all the gold, all the silver, if we lack the one true knowledge?' It is really important, essential that the flock of the Lord stand together in heart, mind, and spirit."

MAYWOOD, CALIFORNIA

Christine Locher

Sis. Julia Dapper has been able again to attend services with us. Even though she is still quite uncomfortable, we are thankful that her health has improved, as it had been 14 months of slow recovery from back surgery.

Paula Jean is the new daughter born to Bro. Ernest and Sis. Marcelle Dapper. Our annual business meeting was held Sunday, August 2. The trustees for the coming year are Bros. Ben Ammann, Andy Locher, Leonard Locher; the song leader, Bro. Dale Dapper; the Sunday School superintendent, Bro. Leonard Locher; and teacher, Sis. Julia Dapper.

This past month, we had the wonderful experience of a visit from one of our sisters in faith from Tokyo, Sis. Yosiko Utsuki and her father, Suburo Utsuki. They gathered with us at our mid-week service. We wish to thank them for visiting, and trust the Lord will protect and guide them on their visit in the United States.

MILFORD, INDIANA

Ilene Kammerer

Ann Troup and Junior Price were baptized into the fold recently. We trust the Lord will ever be with them, and that they will look

to Him for their help and support. Bro. Wendell Gudeman, of Francesville, was visiting that Sunday and gave a timely message concerning the Holy Spirit. This was not only beneficial to the young souls in faith, but to the rest of us as well. Sis. Ann is the daughter of Sis. Leona and Everett Price. Bro. Junior is the son of Sis. Kathryn and Bro. Glenn Price.

We had a blessed evening service, when Sis. Yoshiko Saburo and her father, Utsuki, from Japan were in our midst. Bro. Noah Schrock of Oakville, spoke of the responsibilities we Christians had toward the unsaved. He cautioned us to always walk as lights to these people. Bro. John Bollier, of Leo, offered the closing remarks and prayer. Bro. Schrock came, to accompany these Japanese folks to Chicago, where they are to make arrangements for Sis. Yoshiko's six-month stay in the States. Sis. Yoshiko carries this meaningful poem with her in her Bible—

The Secret

I met God in the morning
When my day was at its best,
And His presence came like sunrise,
Like a glory in my breast.

All day long the Presence lingered
through;
All day long He stayed with me,
And we sailed in perfect calmness
O'er a very troubled sea.

So I think I know the secret,
Learned from many a troubled
way;
You must seek Him in the morning
If you want Him through the day!

Sis. Bertha Rassi is confined to her home, and her husband, Bro. Joe, is improving, after a back ailment. We pray the Lord will restore them to good health quickly.

Sis. Alice Beer, wife of Bro. Henry, has returned home from the hospital, after a major operation. We are thankful the Lord has been with her through this operation, and that we may see her face in the congregation again very soon.

PORTLAND, OREGON

Mrs. Edward Unsicker

The Lord has led our song leader, Bro. Melvin Hohulin, to start

singing practice for our teen-agers—a vision which Bro. Mel has entertained for some time. In addition to this, Bro. Garth and Sis. Connie Steffen have held Craft classes, interwoven with spiritual activities, for the boys and girls here for several years. May these activities be another step toward Jesus for them—toward Jesus, who is altogether lovely and wonderful! Such taking advantage of opportunities (sometimes seemingly trite and thankless) to be of service to Him reminds me of a poem I love—

"Where Shall I Work?"

"Father, where shall I work today?"

And my love flowed warm and free.

Then He pointed me toward a tiny spot

And said, "Tend that for me."

I answered quickly, "Oh, no, not that!"

Why, no one would ever see,
No matter how well my work is done;

Not that little place for me!"

And the word He spoke it was not stern;

He answered me tenderly:

"Ah, little one, search that heart of thine.

Art Thou working for **them** or for **Me**?

Nazareth was a little place,
And so was Galilee."

And, speaking of service, we thank the dear Lord for lending us Bro. Ezra and Sis. Rose Steffen from Elgin, Ill., for this summer! The inspiring assistance with teaching Bible School, singing there and at church, and their constant smiles and helping hands imparted many blessings.

Bro. Jonathan and Sis. Ida Steffen, from Elgin, also lovingly helped us the earlier part of this summer.

We all still miss the sunshine of Diane Preiss' presence, since she moved back to Elgin, Illinois, but are rejoicing across the miles that Sis. Diane has now become a member of Jesus' flock—**Joy shall be in Heaven over one sinner that repenteth.**

BREMEN, INDIANA

Joseph L. Bauman

Terry and Karen Miller are the parents of a new baby girl. Grandparents are Bro. and Sis. El Schu-

macher. We wish Terry and Karen much joy and happiness with their first little addition to their family. Children are one of God's most wonderful gifts to men.

Sis. Vi. Schini has returned home from the hospital, after a period of illness. We are glad for the improvement in her health, and pray for her complete recovery.

Young Doug Sutter, son of Bro. Ed Sutters, had the misfortune to break his arm. We all wish for Doug a speedy recovery.

Memorial services were conducted recently for Bro. Arthur Fehr, who had the misfortune of being killed in a plane crash some months ago. As the accident occurred in the West, and in a mountainous region, the wreckage was not located until months after the accident.

While in our midst, "Art" was a loyal member of the Sunday School, the choir, and the church. The writer has many pleasant memories of past associations. His radiant smile and warm Christian character were always an inspiration. The overwhelming loss, first to his family, and then to his many friends who knew and loved him, creates inward pain.

At such a time, how great the consolation, **Whoever lives and believes in me shall never die.**

"Death comes with a crawl, or comes with a pounce;
But whether he's slow or spry,
It isn't the fact that you're dead that counts,
But only, **How did you die.**"

GRIDLEY, KANSAS

Mrs. Rudy Bahr

We thank ministering brothers Vernon Schwab, Wolcott, and Eli Somerhalder, Burlington, Okla., for the messages shared with us this past month.

Bro. and Sis. Joe Somerhalder and family, of Lamar, who formerly lived here, visited with us. A church picnic was held. We also had a church picnic the following Sunday for Bro. and Sis. Vernon Schwab (and family) and Sis. Esther Knapp of Forrest, who formerly lived here.

As I write this, on August 8, our land is parched—we have had no rain of any beneficial amount since June 22, with much heat and wind. The crops looked picture-pretty, giving promise of a bumper crop—

but the rain just never quite reached us, either "going around" or dissipating in the "rainy spells." Now, farmers are salvaging what they can of the corn for ensilage. The hay fields are brown where the 3rd cutting alfalfa was mowed weeks ago. Fortunately, most of us still have good supplies of pond water—one doesn't fully appreciate what water does for you until you don't have it! We sometimes wonder "why" drought conditions two years in a row . . . one thing it surely teaches us, "man can do nothing of himself."

I clipped this article, which has some points to ponder:

Success can be dangerous! It can bring material satisfaction, accompanied by numerous and impressive spiritual hazards.

Take, for example, the matter of pride. Although there is really no such thing as a self-made man, many who are successful by accepted standards believe their success to be due entirely to their own efforts, and fail to recognize God's part in it. This always leads to vanity! The Old Testament principle is still valid, "Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall."

Success often leads to such a preoccupation with material goals that it crowds out all concern for spiritual values. That is what happened to the man whose gravestone was engraved, "Born a human being; died a grocer." He was so involved in making profits through the sale of groceries, that he neglected the good, the true, and the beautiful. **And What does it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul?**

A third danger is that the successful person adopts the standards of contemporary society and abandons those divinely given. When he does this, he holds in contempt Jesus' own standard, **He who would be greatest of all must also be servant of all.** Service spells true success!

LAMONT, KANSAS

Mrs. Bernie Emch

We are experiencing a spell of drouth and drying up of crops. The prospects early were so promising, but we can see it is all in God's hands, and that neither is he that planteth anything or he that watereth, but God that gives the increase. How easily man can mur-

mur and complain because of the lack of moisture, and the increase of their labor fails. So surely God, looking down on His creation, can also see prospects of fruit for His kingdom. The seed is sown by our ministers preaching the word, and still souls go on serving Satan and do not allow the word to enter, or receive it. Therefore, no fruit is brought forth, and His harvest suffers a drouth also. It must grieve our Lord of all He has done for Mankind, and souls go on doing nothing to repay Him.

Bros. Ronald Anliker and Joe Steiner, who are stationed at Ft Riley, spend a week end with us. How eager the boys, away from home, in the service, are to assemble and hear God's word.

Mary Storrer, since selling her home and having a sale in Lamont, has now rented an apartment in Madison and is living there. May the Lord grant her the health and strength that she can care for herself.

Our two older members, Bro. Sam Ott and Sis. Millie Young, both being cared for in rest homes, have had real bad sick spells.

Bro. Eli Somerholders of Burlington, Okla., were here to attend the Franz Ott reunion and assembled with us.

Bro. Vernon and Sis. Arlene Schwab of Wolcott, who formerly lived in our community & attended our church, assembled with us. It was such a blessing to hear him as a labourer of the Lord, preaching the Word. They were here to attend the reunion of the family of Sam Schwab and the late Sis. Marie Schwab.

MORRIS, MINNESOTA
Mrs. Kenneth Zeltwanger
Norene Koehl

Thomas Kellenberger, son of Bro. and Sis. Ernest Kellenberger, and Terry Watson have announced their engagement.

Karen Greiner, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Ben Greiner, and Kenneth Koehl, son of Bro. and Sis. Charlie Koehl, were united in marriage on August 1 by Bro. Paul Fehr, at the home of the bride's parents. We wish them a happy and blessed married life.

Mrs. David Joos and Mrs. Ed Heil are recuperating at home, after being hospitalized for surgery.

We had a blessed Sunday, August 2, and received many good

teachings through the messages from visiting ministers, Bros. William Cottrell of Taylor and Paul Butikofer of Elgin (Iowa).

We were thankful for a refreshing rain, after a very hot, dry spell.

ROANOKE, ILLINOIS
Irene Legel

Where you are is not important—It is in what direction you are going that counts.

Bro. David Bertschs of Leo spent several days here, with his parents, Bro. and Sis. Aaron Bertsch. We were glad to have them with us for Wednesday evening services.

The engagement of Arnold Aeschleman and Lois Kock was announced by her parents, the Herbert Kocks. Arnold is the son of Bro. and Sis. Clarence Aeschleman. An October wedding is being planned.

Kenneth Knepp and Judy Roche, who were married recently, are living in Sis. Dorothy Beer's apartment here. Kenneth is the son of Bro. and Sis. Ralph Knepp, and Judy, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Ervin Roche.

We drink one cup—We break one bread — One Saviour suffered in our stead.

On Tuesday night, July 21, our congregation held holy communion. We were very fortunate to have Bro. Leroy Huber, Bro. Noah Schrock of Oakville, Bro. Joe Getz of Morton and Bro. George Gramm of Gridley with us for this important occasion.

To break the bread we then did gather,
In covenant to drink thy wine;
As brethren we unite together,
That unto death we might be thine.

The Marvin Bluniers are parents of their second son, Douglas. His brother, Jeffrey, is 2. Grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Roy Bluniers of Eureka and the Benj. Beers of here. The Bluniers have moved from an apartment to a house they purchased in the Bertschi addition.

Bro. and Sis. Richard Fischer have purchased the Rogge House, on Church street, where they are living now.

Sis. Millie, Bro. Harry Leman's wife, who has been in the St. Francis hospital several weeks, has returned home again, feeling much

better. May our dear Lord be with her.

Bro. and Sis. Edward Blunier are parents, by adoption, of a daughter, Jan Marie, born in July. She has one brother, Eddie Jr., 11. Grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Ben P. Martin and Sis. Marie Blunier, all of here.

Bro. Orrie Aeschleman, who has undergone surgery at the Methodist Hospital, is slowly improving. We wish him the Lord's blessings.

We have dismissed our mid-week services on Wednesday night for the month of August.

The Value Of A Smile

It costs nothing but creates much. It enriches those who receive, without impoverishing those who give.

It happens in a flash, and the memory of it sometimes lasts forever. None are so blessed they can get along without it, and none so poor but are richer for its benefits.

It creates happiness in the home, fosters good-will in a business, and is the countersign of friends. It is rest to the weary, daylight to the discouraged, sunshine to the sad, and a good possession for the trouble,

Yet it cannot be bought, begged, borrowed or stolen, for it is something that should be given away.

For nobody needs a Smile so much as those who have none left to give.

FORREST, ILLINOIS

Nancy Honegger — Martha Stoller
Elaine Anliker, daughter of Sis. Marie Anliker, and Robert Mueller were married by Bro. Henry Kilgus on July 12. They will make their home in Cropsey.

Bro. Robert and Sis. Delores Kiefer are the parents of a baby boy. He has been named David Allen.

Eldon and Margaret Waibel welcomed their first boy, Brian Duane, into their home on July 14.

Visiting ministers this month were Bros. Ernest Gerber, Rockville, and Albert Wuthrich, from Pulaski.

Sisters Anna Wenger and Carrie Leman have been patients at the Fairbury Hospital this past month. Both are somewhat improved at this writing. Sis. Anna has returned to her home.

Sis. Anna Stoller has been confined to her home for several weeks, due to a heart condition.

Roberta Bachtold, daughter of Carl and Sis. Dorothy, and Wayne Broquard, son of Bro. George and Sis. Clara, of Fairbury, were united in marriage by Bro. Josh Broquard. They will live on a farm near Fairbury.

Lloyd Honegger, who is stationed at Ft. Benning, Georgia, was home on a ten-day furlough. He is the son of Bro. William and Sis. Esther Honegger.

HAS SOMETHING BEEN LOST?

We sometimes feel that in the hustle and hurry of our modern day living, the young people of today have missed out on something. What has been lost, and where has it been lost?

Many of our early members who came from other doctrines rejoiced in having found something very precious to them, after finding the true faith.

They did not have the modern conveniences nor the mode of transportation as we do today; therefore, they spent more time in their homes. There were no phones, so they looked forward to meeting their friends on Sundays.

Unexpected visitors were common. Guests were welcomed and often invited for a meal, without previous cleaning and food preparations, and yet the fellowship was enjoyed in a common and humble way.

We all seem to have a full social life. Many times, only the parents are invited, leaving the children at home with a baby-sitter. These are trying, restless years for adolescents. Let's try to include them in our plans. Family singing and worship at home should be encouraged.

We believe the same gospel is preached in our day, as it is still given by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit; but it is the fast, changing times in which we live that bring these many problems.

Bro. Andrew Koehl, who was helpful in this writing, reminds us of the parable of our Saviour, "when ye shall see all these things, know that it is nigh, **even** at the doors." He urges us all to watch and pray, try to be a light to our young people, and pray for them.

GRIDLEY, ILLINOIS

Lydia and Eunice Kammerer

The month of July brought us two visiting ministers, Bros. Imanuel Gudeman from Cissna Park, and Bro. LeRoy Huber from Eureka. Both brought us inspiring and interesting messages.

We are happy to report, our friend, Diane Olson, from St. Paul, Minnesota, who is spending the summer with her aunt and uncle. Bro. Robert and Sis. Nola Gramm, has turned to the Lord in repentance. We wish Diane could stay with us in Gridley, as we enjoy having her in our congregation. Her plans are to return home and go back to school, at the end of summer vacation.

Sis. Ida Pulfer, who has spent more than two years in Gridley, has returned to her home in Elgin, Iowa. She has two daughters living in Gridley, Sis. Bertha Funk and Sis. Ruth Rinkenberger.

Miss Gloria Grusy, daughter of Bro. Albert and Sis. Anna Grusy, was married on June 6 to Tom Fox, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Fox, of Sprague, Washington.

Miss Janet Schultz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Orville Schultz of Hudson, Ill., and Don Schieler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Schieler of Gridley, Ill., were united in marriage on July 5. We wish them many blessings in their new walk of life together.

Activities in our church: a group of members and friends meet every second Tuesday of each month, sewing for the Alabama church and stuffing toys for children in orphan homes and hospitals. Also, they make favors for patient's trays in the hospital and convalescent homes, or wherever they find these things are needed. This group has its committee of officers as follows: Miriam Klopfenstein, chairman; Gail Funk, secretary; and Ruthanna Schlipf, treasurer. Also in connection with the above are volunteer workers in Mennonite Hospital in Bloomington, Ill., on Wednesday of each week. Those who volunteer are Sisters Ella Schlipf, Louise Witzig, Anna Klopfenstein, Kathryn Klopfenstein, Hilda Rich, Carolyn Stoller, Helen Funk, Esther Yergler, Shirley Funk and Alta Funk.

Our sister, Martha Witzig, who underwent spinal surgery several weeks ago, was dismissed from Methodist Hospital, Peoria, and is

steadily improving.

Bro. Edward Witzig, who is employed by the Klopfenstein Elevator Co., escaped fatal injuries, while pulling down corn in the elevator crib, when he came in contact with a high Voltage wire. 7200 Volts went through his body, which knocked him to the ground, 16 feet below, and resulted in a broken back. A toe had to be amputated, due to burns. He was taken to Mennonite Hospital in Bloomington, where he was in serious condition, but now is steadily improving, which we are happy for him and his family. May God grant him strength and a speedy recovery.

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Sometime when your're feeling important,
Sometime when your ego's in bloom,
Sometime, when you take it for granted
You're the best qualified in the room,
Sometime, when you feel that your going
Would leave an unfillable hole,
Just follow this simple instruction,
And see how it humbles your soul.
Take a bucket and fill it with water.
Put your hand in it, up to the wrist.
Pull it out, and the hole that's remaining
Is a measure of the future, tho' missed.
You may splash all you please when you enter;
You may stir up the water galore,
But stop, and you'll find in a minute
That it looks quite the same as before.
The moral in this quaint example,
Is do the best you can,
Rejoice in your deeds, but remember,
There is no indispensable man . . .

"Days of Yore"

We invite you to travel with us down memory lane.

Remember when Gridley church was a white frame building? The assembly room, dining room, and one baby room on the main floor? Our Sunday School was upstairs. The woodwork, benches and desks

in the Sunday School, as well as the woodwork, tables and benches in the dining room and kitchen were painted gray.

And of course, a cozy range was in the kitchen, on which water for coffee was heated in a boiler. Those were the days of bread, butter and homemade jelly or preserves, or as we called it in German, "shmere," also homemade butter. Remember how we used to put butter and sugar on our bread?

We had Sunday School in the morning, and how well we remember the singing, under the directing of Bro. Joe Guingrich. We really learned a lot under his teaching. There is one song that stands out in my memory, "Ring Merry, Merry Bells." It was a lovely, very melodious song; and he would have us sing it over and over, as we did all other songs, until it was sung correctly.

The woodwork, pews and pulpit in the auditorium were varnished, and no carpeting in "the good old days," just a rubber runner through the aisles.

Baptisms were held out-doors, winter or summer, no water being heated for the occasions.

The horse and buggy sheds of bygone days turned into carports, as times grew more modern. Later, they vanished, being replaced by large parking lots.

Even though the building has been altered, the nostalgia of memories of "other days linger on."

CROGHAN — NAUMBURG, N. Y.

Mrs. Lawrence Farney

Mrs. David Schamback

Last month, we reported that Elder Brother John Widrick and Sis. Luella were both confined to their home by illness. They have since improved to the extent that Bro. John has been able to minister to us and Sis. Luella to attend services with us, but at present, Bro. John is hospitalized in Watertown, for tests and treatment. We hope and pray for his recovery.

Also hospitalized at Lowville is Bro. Leon Ebersol, with a back injury.

On July 11, we were shocked by the sudden death of Bro. Sidney Virkler, aged 64. Although Bro.

Sidney had been ill earlier in the year, he had improved enough to be around, and at the time of his death was driving a tractor in the hay-field, on the farm of his son, Clyde, near Lowville. His funeral was held from the Croghan church on July 14, with Bro. John Bahler from Rockville officiating, assisted by Bro. John Widrick. Beside his widow, Sis. Sarah Mellnitz Virkler, he is survived by three sons, Bros. Howard and Lowell of Croghan and Clyde of Lowville; a sister, Sis. Cora Beyer of Castorland; two brothers, Bro. Leon of Croghan and Michael of Lowville. Also missing him are ten grandchildren.

On Tuesday evening, August 4, we were privileged to listen to an inspiring message by Bro. Albert Kaisner from Maywood. He was accompanied here by his wife, Sister Elizabeth, and son, Bro. Harvey, who is on his way home from Georgia, after discharge from military service. We surely thank them for their visit.

Following is an account of olden days in our church, given us by one of our senior sisters:—

Our Croghan church was the first church established in America, and was a small building. Later, a new church was built across the road, which has been remodeled several times to bring it up to the needs of today. Our first church had low-back wooden benches. Kerosene lamps hung from the ceiling, for the lighting system. Instead of a center aisle, there was a shoulder high partition down the center, with separate entries and aisles dividing the sides. Benches ran to the partition and walls. Heating was by large box-wood stoves, one in the church proper, one in the hall, and one to heat the basement.

Our first elders and members would walk in winter several miles, to various places, to bring the word of God to others. Families would use a three-seated cutter, drawn by a team of horses in winter, and carriages or surreys in summer. Sheds, with stalls for the horses and carriages, enclosed the backyard of the church, where we

now have a large paved, parking area.

Parents would see that all were there and not late for services. Thanks to the untiring efforts of the parents, their families heard the word of God proclaimed and attended the Sunday School, which was and still is held during our afternoon service.

One of our teachers was a song-leader, and we would have some instruction in the music line, too. There would hardly pass a Sunday evening that we did not enjoy a hymn-sing at some member's home—old and young alike, under the able leadership of our instructor. Music is so necessary in church fellowship. It has so much to add and to say to each one.

In early years, our services were conducted all in German. Later, the need arose for the English to be used, so on every last Sunday in the month, we had English services. One winter, we had a few weeks of German school and instruction in Rudiments of Music in our church. Many of our members were well versed in music.

Our first list to serve lunch, during the noon hour in church, was dated October 12, 1901, with forty-nine families enrolled. At first, there were ten names drawn to determine who would be the first ones to serve. At Croghan, it fell to the lot of Bro. Joseph J. Virkler, and at our Naumburg church they chose Bro. Joseph S. Virkler. They have all gone to their reward, and we cherish the memory of them as true and faithful servants of the Lord for many years.

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Write a service man? It's good love in action. The personal, get-acquainted result is a kind of "know each other better". Young men from home are scattered at various points on the globe. Kindness can help lonesomeness. Many are miles away, A letter, a little more . . . a placing in the mail box . . . and there comes kindly contact.

Kindness springs from the clear waters of divine inspiration.

the editor