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TIDINGS OF TREMONT

Ponderings To and From

Going out it was a beautiful day. We considered of another Sunset, a glowing horizon. That sunset glow foretells the beautiful tomorrow!

Bro. John Baumgartner recalled his mother's passing. "Oh Johnnie, I see heaven!" Mother's sister also saw a beautiful city. Said she, **Everything is as we always believed.**

We are approaching a holiday season, warm with love. At Tremont, tidings brought abundant measure of thoughtfulness of others.

Bro. Leroy Huber and the committee with him had scanned the poor waifs of the world, unwanted children. The plan of caring for children in foster homes is best. Child care on a local level was brought out. It is important that the local church support the project. Homes of eight children were mentioned. He said, Starting should be in a small way. Success depends on management.

Bro. Eugene Bertschi said, That if you want your heart touched, **Go and see.** We are pleased when our children do more than their share. What does God expect of us?

A very important avenue for going the way to help others has been opened. A careful screening has resulted in a united access to feed the hungry and help the needy. The money will be given in the local church, and sent to Bro. Kellenberger.

We can help starving children, lepers and children who are retarded, in this way. (And cannot our hours of work be then shopping, a year round holiday atmosphere of giving? Cannot it be with the joy of giving? And give the glow of

happiness?)

Bro. George Yergler hit the key to a beautiful chord of success. **Preach the word.** Explain it. Then see what the fruits will be. (Sometimes we fail to grasp the importance of this simple solution, Placing it before the people. Not overdoing, but consciously, regularly, repeatedly, plainly putting it into the heart, in hope of reaping.)

Bro. Noah Schrock mentioned about order conducive for the finishing touch.

Travelling home . . . Bridges, hills, traffic . . . weary moment, pause. Then, told in the horizon, with a sense of knowing, Ft. Wayne. The city was just over the horizon . . . Suppose that would be the city of God.

Just over the Sunset horizon is that City. We may sense, with spiritual look, we approach. Certain things stand out, lights that give unmistakably evidence of approach.

How bright does it appear!

OUR MISTAKES

Joe L. Heinsman

It is when we forget God that we make mistakes.

It is great victory to glean the lesson from a mistake, rather than remain depressed by that mistake. That is the way we learn! Life's lessons never are all learned.

Real grief comes when we realize that our mistake causes other peoples' lives to be less than they might have been. **We should make** my apologies and repair any damage we have done, in order to set ourselves right with others. The most crushing thing I know is someone else suffering because of my mistake.

The thing that grieves us most is our failure to do the things we should have done, to bring the highest good to others, especially those for whom we are most responsible.

When we find ourselves making a series of mistakes and blunders, it is time to think more Godward.

I make so many mistakes myself that I have no right to be picking with other peoples' errors. When we have made a mistake, a true friend will help us recover from it, rather than blame us for having made it. It is when we have made a mistake that we most need the comfort and refuge, not censure,

of those we love. Trying to explain away a mistake oftentimes tangles us worse than the mistake. Let us not allow ourselves the alibi.

The mistakes that we know are wholly our own fault are those hardest to bear.

As we look into the past, our mistakes would crush us, if it were not for our faith that, after we have done our best to rectify them, God will make all things right.

When our purpose is right, we shall not go far wrong. We may make mistakes, but we shall not stray far.

THIS WAY BUT ONCE

Henry Souder Jr.

The joy of this life is the kingdom and glory beyond!

To do is secret to success. It gives a solid substance of satisfaction. "Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work."

Coming is the Beautiful Holiday, Forever. After the suffering, after the serving, comes rest. The key to being satisfied now is duty . . .

"Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest."

Catch a glimpse of God's vision! Look for the key for power and triumph.

Faith catches God's hand. Faith looks from the mountain-top. Do you ask God to show you what He sees? Lift up and look. Fill your hearts with the feelings of God!

He left His home. His hands were against the wood. The nail was placed, drove crushingly through. We can but partly realize the density, the intensity of that sharp pain.

"And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal: that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together."

He was willing to feel the press of the pain. The angry nails would fire the large pain-giving nerves. And the downward pull! The heav-

enly Son, nails holding . . . Tired, he could lift himself on the nail through. What must that have been!

Love overwhelming, fill our soul, till we breathe purely in thy path. Count our moments! Charge our soul with love and power, so we do.

"And herein is that saying true, One soweth, and another reapeth."

There is no life so short, nor day so gone, but it is leading past God's field.

In humility let us count His moments. He talked beside the gurgling waters. He rode on their whitened distress. He went by the farmer's fields, groaned in quiet Gethsemane. Where He was, there He confidently accepted duty. He multiplied what other eyes missed.

Love is labor. Count on Him to know what to do. Affliction and temptation can hurry us up to His love!

"I sent you to reap that whereon ye bestowed no labour: other men laboured, and ye are entered into their labours."

Labour of Love! Let the world have their chatter and drone. Give us the breath of the Master. Mould. Move. Raise till the commonplace is seen from the sky-heights of Thy heaven!

There are those who need love. Our way leads past dungeon, darkness. (He who sees the play should also hear clank of chain!)

Labour of Love! The work is

love, and we work for Him. There is power in Him. Let us gain in Gethsemane and conquer in Calvary!

"I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work."

He who does the heroes' part must feel for the heart.

Near the Leo church is a small home. There were three children, a girl and two boys, one in his early manhood, the other a teenager.

A day in early September, a very sad sight could be seen from the highway past the cemetery. In clear view were two coffins, side by side resting on the straps. Two boys had met instant death on the highway. The father said the hole in his house seemed bigger than Grand Canyon. Everywhere he turned, he was reminded of them.

We must work. Soon all work will be over. Now, only, can we be kind to those who hasten to swim end. With our ship home, we will see why the holy Word says life is a vapour.

This day is golden opportunity. Let us work!

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JAPAN

Yoshio Yamazaki

It is pretty cold in the church office here in Tokyo, and these days are rainy everyday. Our country will have to accept several typhoons every year. However, we surely thank God, for we have very much delicious fruit that has ripened through this season.

Sis. Kyoko Hatsuimi had a surgery operation, for appendix, but she isn't quite well yet, and still in the hospital. My wish for her is to get well and go back to work again.

Sis. Atsumi Takai moved to Osaka. It is about 300 miles from Tokyo. Her husband has responsibility, a business place opening

there. We surely ask God, our Father, to help their work, and especially protect her faith strongly in the Lord. Bro. Willis and his family went to Osaka last month, and had a nice time with her there. Sis. Lois told me she found a very fine place and seems she is happy in the Lord.

Usuki-san showed us many beautiful pictures, which he took when he was in the States, last August, with our beloved brethren in America. Then he went to our two churches in the country and showed those pictures. I wish and believe our members and friends feel something by such wonderful pictures of America. I can tell surely

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they will encourage us very much.

Sis. Hiroko Natori will return to her own country, from the Ehbles, because she is not enough strong health for working. Sis. Shizuko Kobayashi will take care of Sis. Hiroko's Sunday School class. Sis. Shizuko taught before, and I can say she is a very good spiritual teacher.

The ladies' meeting group has decided on the name of AYUMI. The kanji characters for writing this in Japanese are very interesting. It takes three difficult forms. The first means love, the second—friends, and the latter—bearing fruit. Put them together in English, and it turns out, bearing fruit by means of loving deeds for mankind. The motto for the group is Galatians 6:10 . . . At one of the recent meetings, food for the soul and body was discussed. Then, they were taught how to preserve sweet pickles. Now we enjoy the pickles for our Sunday noon lunch at church.

FORT SAM HOUSTON, TEXAS Leland Plattner

Bro. Glenn Riggensch, Gaylord Beery, and Bob Wieland are to depart soon for Europe for their permanent assignment. Our visitors included Mr. and Mrs. Albert Plattner from Bern and Bro. and Sis. George Riggensch, Bro. George Riggensch Jr., Bro. Ben Blough, and Marvin Ramsier from Rittman.

Our group here is getting small, but we still appreciate company. If anyone is planning on coming down either to visit or for military service, it would be appreciated if you would let one of us know in advance.

The schedule for ministers is November 8, Phoenix, and November 22, Altadena.

BURLINGTON, IOWA Uriel Gehring

We have eight souls seeking the Lord in repentance. This is the largest group we have had in our church; it is very encouraging.

We elected Sunday School teachers a few Sundays ago.

Results were as follows: Bro. Robert Pohl—Bible Class, Bro. Paul Eisenman—Junior Bible Class, Bro. Richard Taeger—Intermediate Class, and Sisters Dorothy Taeger and Judy Gehring, Kindergarten Class. There are about 30 enrolled in Sunday School. This is

the first time we have officially had a Bible Class.

Bro. Paul Wagler was installed as assistant song leader.

FRANCESVILLE, INDIANA Mrs. Herman (Chris) Wuethrich

Thou dost love the young! Thou dost love the middle-aged! Thou dost love the Old! Many dear visiting brothers gave this good "Message" to us, and that their greatest concern was, that we all have a "Good Place" to go, after this life is over. We humbly thank Bros. Sam Anliker, Paul Schwab, Art Gudeman and Henry Beer for coming.

Sis. Cara Heiniger, from Alabama, was also our cheerful visitor. She tells us, anywhere she is, she can reach out and touch the Hand of God.

Philip Wenger, age 30, passed away. Comforting words, were spoken by Bros. Wendell Gudeman and Elmer Bucher, that if we could not look into the word of God, our griefs would be much greater.

Sis. Mary Wuethrich could return home from the hospital, but is still enduring much discomfort. We pray, each day, for the dear Lord's help.

At our evening youth program, the small Sunday School classes sang their songs and gave their verses they had learned for their promotion. A blessed evening of verse and song was enjoyed by everyone, and especially the grandparents, who seldom get to be with their grandchildren at promotion time. These verses and songs the children learn are the seed which is the very essence of the fruits of repentance, that leads them to eternal salvation. Sometimes we fail to recognize the importance of the little children learning the many verses & songs, but know the Lord looks with favor on these efforts put forth by the teachers & parents, because these words will have much meaning and value as they grow older. At the close of our program, all the little classes combined, sang several of the songs they use each Sunday morning.

Words cannot express how thankful we are, brought up in God-fearing homes.

GIRARD, OHIO Karen Stoll

The Youth Fellowship Group of the Girard congregation is compil-

ing a short history of our church in Girard. Much of the information about the early church is being obtained from the aged members. The group recently visited Bro. Sam and Sis. Sadie Schladen, and enjoyed hearing about events which took place 75 to 80 years ago. Sis. Sadie is 91 years old and has been a sister in the church for 74 years.

Bro. Carl Emch is home from the hospital, following surgery on his spine. We are glad to report that he is recovering favorably.

John Beard Jr., 8-year-old grandson of Sis. Mary Beard, is in fair condition in Trumbull Memorial Hospital. John was struck by a car, while riding his bicycle. We are praying for his quick recovery.

The automobiles continue to take their tragic toll. Many people were saddened to hear of the death, in an auto accident, of Thomas Griffith of Lowellville, O. He was the son of friends Jay and Jerry Griffith of Rittman. Thomas, 25 years old, is survived by his wife and two small children.

Sis. Dianne Emch, daughter of Bro. Harold and Sis. Kathryn, returned to Illinois State University on Sept. 14, to begin her second year. We look forward to her next visit home.

We were happy to have Bro. Henry Sabo minister to us.

The Lord willing, we are looking forward to breaking ground for our new church building in the spring. Having sold our present building, we had planned to hold services at a temporary location, but the new owners have permitted us to use our present church building for the next few months. This was an answer to our prayers.

"Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths."
Proverbs 3:5, 6

MILFORD, INDIANA Paul Haab

It is good to have Bro. Joe Rassi back in church, but we still wish his wife, Sis. Bertha, much grace and strength to endure those things which afflict our earthly bodies. Sis. Anna Homan is back also, after recuperating from a stroke. Sis. Ruth Beer, Bro. Don's wife, is recovering from major surgery, and we hope will soon be back in church. How much more we might

appreciate our good health and the privilege of going to church, if it were taken from us for a time as has been the lot of these our dear ones.

Last month, the name of Sis. Ilene Kammerer was omitted from the list of those attending colleges this fall. Sis. Ilene is studying at Grace College near Warsaw.

On September 13, Bro. Fred Grimm of the Taylor Church was our guest minister. We were refreshed by the living word of God.

On September 27, our annual Sunday School promotion program was held in the evening. It was inspiring to see our future church and to learn what they are striving for in their weekly classes.

There is great joy in our congregation, and we believe the angels in heaven are rejoicing too, for there are seven dear souls who have expressed their need of a Saviour and are repenting. We wish them much grace and courage in this all-important step of life.

MORTON, ILLINOIS

Assistant Reporter,
Mrs. Solomon Rapp

We were blessed with many visiting ministers, who left us with many precious teachings. Ministering here were Bros. John Bahler, Rockville; Carl Kinsinger, Alton; Richard Schupbach, Phoenix; Walter Rehklau, Toledo; Carl Feucht, Lester; Harold Messner, Winthrop; and Eli Somerhalder, Burlington, Okla. We thank you.

Funeral services were held Sept. 23 for Victor Kruse, 64. Bro. Joe Getz officiated. He leaves to mourn his loss, his wife, Gertrude, and daughter, Sis. Ilene Haefli, of Peoria.

Bro. Ben and Sis. Rose Getz left for Rochester, Minn., Sunday, Oct. 5, where they both plan to go through the clinic. We wish them God's blessings.

Among our sick: Sis. Lena Plattner fell and fractured a vertebrae. She is in the Methodist Hospital. Bro. John Plattner, her husband, is a patient at Rest Mor Nursing Home. Bro. Harry Wick is a patient at the Mennonite Hospital, Bloomington, where he underwent surgery. Bro. Mike Schmidgal is convalescing at home. Sis. Miss Anna Anna Rapp had surgery at the Methodist Hospital, and is now convalescing at home.

Sis. Olga Frantz was injured in

a car accident, but is able to be home again, after spending a short time in the hospital and with her daughter, Sis. Mary Louise Kaufman.

These are our young folks who are attending college this year. As they widen their knowledge in the field they have chosen, may they also continue their interest in the spiritual things, something that will benefit them long after this life is over.

University of Illinois, Champaign—Allen Carius, Rog Musselman, Ted Staker, Jim Heiniger, Bob Kaiser, Jake Plattner, Steve Wiedman, Larry Bertschi, Mike Kaufman, Steve Rapp, Nancy Schock, Jeanne Stetzler; Western University, Macomb—Steve Ricketts, Shirley Heiniger, Marilyn Joos; Southern Ill, Carbondale—Bill Wiedman, Arlyn Musselman; Ill. State University, Normal—Ruth Wittmer, Jill Geiger, Jim Herstein; MacMurry College, Jacksonville—Ron Heiniger; Gem City College, Quincy—Ruth Tanner; Mid-State College of Commerce, Peoria—Karen Kaiser; Bradley College, Peoria—Leon Scheiber, John Zimmerman, Randy Schick; Drake University, Des Moines—Tom Ackerman; UCLA, Los Angeles—Steve Pflederer; Missouri Military School, Mexico, Missouri—Jeffry Carius; UC at Berkley—Gary Kaiser; University of Madison, Wisc.—John E. Kaufman.

PEORIA, ILLINOIS

Mrs. Michael Weyeneth
Emily Tanner

Autumn is here. One sunshiny day after another, with rain in between, makes everything look beautiful. The leaves on the trees are turning every color, and the hills around Peoria are really something to see. There has been an abundance of crops of all kinds. God is back of it all. This is His universe; it is His creation! Nature is full of the handwork of God everywhere. In all lands under the sun we can see the glory of God. The Psalmist says, "From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same the LORD'S name is to be praised." Psalm 113:3. For all His goodness and mercy to all mankind, there should be no end in thanking Him for His many blessings to us. The book of Revelation near the beginning has praise to the Lord Jesus for shedding His blood for

our sins. ". . . Unto Him that loved us, and washed us from our sin in His own blood . . . to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever . . ." Revelation 1:5, 6

Thy hand has been upon the fields;
Thou sendest sun and rain.
The flocks and herds have multiplied;
We've harvested the grain.

The bread of life we have received,
Unworthy tho' we be;
For nourishment of spirit, too, O Lord
We render thanks to Thee.

What'er the future holds for us,
What'er our cross may be,
'Tis blessed just to walk along
The way, O Lord, with Thee.

Bro. Ernie and Sis. Dorothy Haefli have been blest with a baby daughter, Heidi Ann, born September 8.

Bro. Gene Marti ministered to us Wednesday evening, September 9. We enjoyed his visit very much.

Our sympathy goes to the Bro. Robert Haefli family. Sis. Ilene, father, Victor E. Kruse, passed away September 20. Funeral services were held in Morton.

Kayleen Rumbold, Sharon Blunier, Jane Stoller, Janet Kuerth, Phyllis Rowell and Sis. Jan Farney started Nurse's Training this fall. Sis. Fern Goetzinger, Sis. Mary Ellen Hangartner and Bro. Tom Schifferer also moved here, and we welcome all to assemble with us.

Janet and Sigfried Schubert enjoyed a lovely three-week vacation in Switzerland. We're thankful they had a safe journey.

September 19 found willing workers at the new "Church Home" site. They cleared the land of bushes and trees.

The Hohulin Sisters, Leah and Lillie, have had charge of the A. C. Home for 25 years. On Sunday, September 27, a group were invited in, to celebrate the occasion. There were 44 in all. A delicious supper was held at 4 o'clock. The evening was spent in fellowship and singing. The following, written by Sis. Wilma Huber, was read by Bro. Mike Weyeneth.

In Appreciation

May this only be a token
Of appreciation shown,
For the patience you have taken

With the loved ones you have known.

Your tender love and gentle care
Will not go unrewarded,
For God knows all the trials you
bear.

Your deeds are all recorded.

For twenty-five years you have
been

Most faithful in your labor.

Ah! — What more can we say or
pen?

“God leads to a blessed harbor.”

Bro. Peter Martin, who has been ill for a long time, passed away Friday, October 2, at the Eureka Hospital. He lived in Peoria for many years. We're thankful he could repent and be baptized in his declining years. Surviving are two sons, Jesse and Clarence; seven daughters, Velda Gillespie, Marie Wagenbach, Vera Van Beuning, Bernice Menold, Fern Kipfer, Florence Hoshor, Helen Wycoff; seventeen grandchildren and three great grandchildren. Funeral services were held in Eureka church, Monday, October 5.

Hospital patients at this writing are Anna Schlipf Phipps and Sis. Tillie Luthy. Sis. Anna Armbruster was in the hospital, but is home again.

Wayne Eiler has been discharged from the Army and is home again.

Sis. Christianne Erkert has been visiting her parents, the Paul Diebolds, and other relatives of Auzerre, France.

Sunday evening, October 4, we had our monthly Hymn Sing. We welcome these precious moments together, singing praise to His name. The Bible Class and Brothers of Harmony sang several inspiring selections.

UNION CITY, NEW JERSEY August Mueller

Sis. Ida Knecht suffered a stroke Friday morning, but today is somewhat improved. We wish her a speedy recovery. She needs the prayers of everyone.

Sunday, the 13th . . . **The Lord again has given His counsel and His word. He came to live among us, His promise to fulfill.** Yes, the Lord heard our prayer in the morning hour. He was in our midst, as our unseen guest. We are not left as orphans in this dark and dreary world and time. When we call unto

Him in spirit and in truth, He gladly gives unto us, His children, what we need. He also wants us to remember, before His Throne of grace, all mankind, especially His children everywhere. It is our duty to be nigh unto them, to heal the sick and to comfort the sorrowing, to remember the widows and orphans, and to comfort all that are in hospitals and on beds of suffering, to give new strength and courage to those that find this life burdensome and are nigh unto despair. We would not neglect to pray for all those souls that are yet outside the ark of safety. Our will is that God would yet save all those that have believing parents, ere the door of grace will be closed, and no one can be saved anymore.

Today, we said farewell to Sis. Ann Heintz. She decided to move back to Rockville. We would rather see members move to Union City, than away. God will keep His promise, that He would be a Father of the widows and orphans.

Sunday, the 20th . . . Today, we had Bro. Jack Knobloch from Princeville and Friend Art Mogler from West Bend with us. They are stationed in Valley Forge, Pa., so they decided to visit our congregation. They arrived Saturday afternoon. Since Bro. Knobloch did not know anybody here, he did the best thing he could (through the Silver Lining); he called me on the phone. We invited them to come and stay with us. We enjoyed the visit very much, and so did they. They are welcome anytime.

Wednesday, we had a surprise visitor. Sis. Ann Stresnak Hanla from Akron, formerly of Union City, paid us a short visit. I did not know her, but was very glad to greet her as sister. We spent the short time talking about old times and about members that have entered into rest. Sis. Ann knew all of them. She agreed with me that our church was filled from end to end. What happened to our congregation? Where did everybody go? We are only a few in number.

Sunday, the 28 . . . Today we had Bro. Henry Grimm from Morton with us. Bro. Grimm served us with the word of God, for which we are thankful to him. It was a blessing to have them in our midst. The Lord always provides for his children, for body and soul. **Live thou as thy wish will be To have lived**

when thou expirest. Treasures which have come to thee, Fame and wealth which thou desirest, Will not make thy death more sweet, For they are not thine to keep.

Sunday, Oct. 4 . . . Sis. Ida Knecht was able to assemble with us for the morning service. The same God is still living. His strength did not diminish; His arm is not shorter, that He could not help. His eyes are like flames of fire; He knows no darkness. His ears are not heavy that He could not hear. How fortunate are we that we can call upon Him and ask Him for help and guidance through this sinful world, where peace is hated, as the poet tells us, that to be here is a burden. We must not grow weary, or tired, but must keep our promise to stay true and faithful to the very end. Bless the Lord O my soul, and all that is in me, praise His holy name. Amen.

BERN, KANSAS

Mrs. Morris Edelman

Mrs. Leonard Baumgartner

Sis. Rosa Blaser Brunner, 91, of Sabetha died Friday, Sept. 4, at the St. Anthony Hospital. Rosa was a daughter of Ulrich and Magdeline Blaser, and was born Feb. 12, 1873, at Berne, Switzerland. She came to the United States at the age of 16. She was married to John Brunner, April 11, 1897. To this union, seven children were born. She is survived by three daughters, three sons, and one foster son. Funeral services were held Monday, Sept. 7, with Bros. Carl Hartman and Lester Hartter officiating. Sis. Rosa was cared for in the home of Sis. Mary Maurer of Sabetha during the last three years of her life.

We were happy to have Bro. Carl Hartman of Sabetha as our only visiting minister this month. We could feel that the true Word of God was spoken unto us that day.

Stanley Strahm, son of Bro. and Sis. Emil Strahm, and Linda Kerr, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Welby Kerr of Underwood, Iowa, were married Oct. 11. We wish them many happy years together.

Sis. Pearl Meyer has resigned her position as manager of the Apostolic Christian Home. On Oct. 15, Sis. Eva Hohulin, who has been working in Peoria, for the past year, will take Sis. Pearl's place. We are happy to welcome Sis. Eva back to Kansas.

Ronald Strahm and Garry Rokey

are attending school at Kansas State University at Manhattan. John Lehman is going to Highland Junior College.

On our sick list this month were Bros. Reuben Moser and Jake Wenger. At this time, we are thankful to report they are feeling better.

Bro. William Strahm, who reached his 100th Birthday on Oct. 2, is in fairly good health and makes his home in Sabetha, at the Apostolic Christian Home. Most of his family were able to be with him for his birthday. He is the last one of his family still living.

On July 19, 1889, he was united in marriage to Amelia Leuthold. They were converted soon after. Fifteen children were born to them. ten sons and five daughters, of whom thirteen are still living. He has twenty-nine grandchildren and fifty-three great-grandchildren. Sis. Amelia passed away in November, 1959, several months after they observed their seventieth wedding anniversary.

Bro. Will often told how he received his education from his mother, who taught him to read and write, and often would read from the Bible. Are there any older brothers in the church than Bro. Will?

BLUFFTON, INDIANA

Carolyn Gerber Delutha Moser

When deep in despair and surrounded by care,
And you sink' neath the weight of the load,
What a joy and what peace, and such blessed release,
When God supplies strength for the road!

Funeral services were held for Sis. Elizabeth Graber, age 92, who died on Sept. 11, following a seven-week illness. Bro. Aeschliman officiated at the services. Surviving are four sons, Jacob of Bluffton; Noah and Eli, both of Berne; a half-brother, David J. Mazeling of Monroe; a half-sister, Mrs. Joseph Swartz of Bluffton; 13 grandchildren and 29 great-grandchildren.

The wedding of Dale Gerber, son of Bro. and Sis. Elmer Gerber, to Londa Lash took place on September 13.

On Sept. 16, Sis. Margaret Bertsch was united in marriage to Bro. Will Ehnle of Princeville. May the Lord ever go with her, as she steps

from our congregation to a distant one.

Bro. Norman Stoller was our visiting minister on Sept. 13. He brought to us the message found in II Kings, Chapter 5, of Naaman, who found faith to believe there was a God, after dipping himself into Jordan seven times and being cured of his leprosy.

Our visiting minister also on Sept. 13 was Bro. Emanuel Gudeman. He spoke about the tremendous happenings of making it possible to go up in space, but there will be a bigger and more tremendous happening to come when Jesus comes again. He warned the dear friends that they must believe, repent and seek their salvation.

Accompanying Bro. Gudeman were 62 Sunday School friends and some teachers from Cissna Park area. There were 25 friends from the Toledo Sunday School accompanied by teachers visiting us also on the 13th.

Bro. Eugene Bertschi and Bro. Ben Fehr of the Roanoke congregation spent the 20th of Sept. with us, along with the Prairie Choirsters. They held song services on the evening of the 19th, in the church.

On Sept. 20, Bro. Kilgus of the Remington congregation was present. We were richly reminded (as found in Hebrews 13) of the race that is set before us, to run it with patience, to take life step by step, day by day, not knowing what tomorrow may bring.

A wedding reception was held for Emanuel and Jennie Gerber on Sept. 20, at the home of his parents, Bro. Obed Gerbers.

On Sept. 27, Friends Ann Moser and Jerry Gerber were united in marriage, in the home of her parents, Bro. and Sis. Harold Moser.

Friend Mary Jo Kaehr, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Ezra Kaehr, and Robert Troxel, son of Bro. and Sis. Ralph Troxell, were united in marriage on October 4.

Births: To Bro. and Sis. Carl Hackenjos, a boy, Bradley Wayne, on Sept. 16. To Bro. and Sis. Charles Neuenschwander, twin boys, Dennis and Dannie, on Sept. 21; to Bro. and Sis. Carroll Gerber, a girl, Gala Sue, on Sept. 27; and to Bro. Keith and Sis. Nancy Honegger, a girl, Cheryl Ann, on Sept. 18.

Oct. 4 was a most blessed Sabbath day, as the Word was expounded in its truth and fullness

through the message by our visiting minister, Bro. Joe Ramsick from Luke 8. "No man, when he hath lighted a candle, covereth it with a vessel, or putteth it under a bed; but setteth it on a candlestick, that they which enter in may see the light."

Evening services were held on Oct. 4, with Bro. Ben Maibach teaching us of the assurance we are to attain, as found in II Thessalonians.

Entering into our fold of faith, September 27, are now our new brother and sister, the Bill Gerbers.

Because of Calvary

Because of Calvary, today I have found joy,
A peace long sought in worldly paths of sin,
A peace that slipped elusive through enchanted ways,
And vanished ere I gained an entrance in.

Because of Calvary, today I have found joy,
A joy that will not tarnish or grow dim,
A joy that will not perish in treading,
But constant, radiant, glows as some gem.

Because of Calvary, today I have found hope,
A Blessed Hope that brightens all my way,
A hope to which I cling steadfast, secure
That I shall see my Lord some glorious day!

Because of Calvary, because of Calvary,
May this thought shape my life beyond today,
That He who died, eternal life to give,
Is now to me the Truth, the Life, the Way.

Because of Calvary, oh Lord, no longer I delay,
Because of all Thy love has done for me.
I yield my life, my love, my all,
Thine evermore, because of Calvary!

During the past month, there was only one hospital patient from our congregation, Lonnie Frauhiiger, son of Bro. and Sis. Herb.

Harry Frauhiiger, who is attend-

g Watchmaking School, would appreciate mail from home. His address is: Joseph Bulova School of Watchmaking, 4024 62nd Street, Woodside Long Island, New York.

Apostolics of Adams and Wells Counties

Yesterday and Today

In April 1851, a party of 42 people left Switzerland for America, arriving here on May 3, 1851. After travelling by lake and canal from New York, they settled temporarily in Wayne County, Ohio, before most of the original part of 42 moved on to French Township, Adams County Indiana, in March 1852. The decision to settle near the Adams-Wells County line was influenced to a degree by the pre-existing Swiss community of Berne, Indiana.

In March 1858, Ulrich Kipfer II and Matthias Strahm began their search for someone to instruct them and their followers in the teaching of Frolich, and found Bro. Bela, who arrived in Adams County in April of that year. Within a short time, 18 souls repented, found peace with their God, and were baptized, along the banks of the Wabash River near Vera Cruz, Indiana. This is one of the changes from yesterday and today.

The first minister of the Bluffton congregation was Matthias Strahm, who served from 1858 until 1870. He was followed by Nicholas Baumgartner, in 1867 to 1900. In 1870, Jacob Shar became minister, in 1879 Adam Hartman, and Ulrich Kipfer II and Jacob Klopfenstein in 1880. Samuel Fiesley was chosen minister in 1889 and served until his death in 1898. John Aeschliman was chosen minister in 1898, and served until his death in 1930. Godfrey Rauch was also chosen for the ministry in 1898 and ordained elder several years before his death. Daniel Gerber and John Moser were chosen for the ministry in 1903. Henry Dotterer was the eleventh man to be chosen minister. He was followed by Samuel Aeschliman and William Fiechter, who were both chosen in 1936. Bro. Aeschliman was ordained elder in 1941. In 1947, John Yergler was chosen for deacon, and to serve as lay ministers, Orville Ringger was chosen in 1954 and Carl Kipfer in 1959.

The first church to serve the Bluffton congregation was erected

in 1867 and used until 1881. This was a simple, one-room building constructed of rough logs, donated from a local woods. The preaching at this time was in German.

The second church building was constructed in 1897, and later remodeled and enlarged in 1933. This was a wood frame building, which rose 2½ stories above ground level; it had a full-size basement and had the resemblance of a large country schoolhouse. There were five rooms, which included the kitchen, located in the basement; the top floor used as the assembly room; and the remaining rooms were used as Sunday School rooms. This church building was approximately 60 feet square, with a seating capacity of 800 to 1000. Long, low sheds were located near the church, which were used to house the horses and buggies during bad weather. The baptismal services were usually held outside at that time. The baptismal box was about 24 inches deep, 30 inches wide and 7 feet long, and the water had to be pumped by hand. During World War 1, some English sermons were preached—usually one sermon in German and one in English. In 1942 or 1943, all German sermons were discontinued. In 1900, there were approximately 50 families serving dinner, which consisted of homemade bread, butter, apple butter, honey, coffee and milk, and sometimes cheese.

The third church building was completed in 1950. Roman brick, steel, and stained glass were used in the construction of the church, and all the interior wood, including the pews, is fumed oak. The baptizing site is located at the base of the pulpit. The building rises 76 feet to its roof, which is red tile. The sanctuary is 82 feet wide and is 170 feet in depth. The church has a seating capacity for 1400, which includes the balcony. An additional 300 seats can be obtained by opening a sliding wall in the balcony. The church is surrounded by a parking lot paved with asphalt, for approximately 400-500 cars.

The lunch today is quite different than that served in the past. The rolls, bread, butter, cookies, milk and coffee are not made at home, like they were in days gone by.

To date, we have 744 members, and 630 friends attending Sunday School. There are 258 families

serving lunch.

Many changes have taken place during the past sixty years in our church — preaching changed from German to English; the first church building, to the present building, the horse and buggy to the automobile; etc. One of the things that has not changed, and for which we are very thankful, is the wonderful, precious word of God, and that our loving Father is still calling dear souls to seek their soul's salvation, before the door of grace is closed. Even though we do have a large congregation, we feel there is still a lot of love and respect shown among the members and friends, for which we are very thankful and hope will continue throughout the coming years.

The church is, above all, a brotherhood in Christ. "Let brotherly love continue" and increase. Our lives can be a song of praise to God, by remaining true and faithful, until we are taken from this world.

BURLINGTON, OKLAHOMA

Mrs. Raymond Roth

Farmers in this area have been busy the past few weeks, drilling seed wheat. With proper weather conditions, the wheat fields will be one big, green carpet. Wheat here is harvested the early part of June, so our fields are bare most of the summer. The green fields are a welcome sight.

Bro. Elias Somerhalder and Bro. Isaac Diel attended the Conference at Tremont.

We greatly miss the presence in our congregation of Bro. and Sis. John Somerhalder and two children, who have moved to Phoenix. Bro. John was one of our ministering brothers. Our loss is Phoenix gain. May the Lord bless them in their new home.

Bros. John Kraft and Richard Guthrie attended the board of trustees meeting for the Apostolic Christian Home at Sabetha, Sept. 16.

Bro. Ronald and Sis. Shirley Nelson are parents of a baby boy, Todd Alan, born Sept. 22. They have one daughter, Rhonda. Bro. Ronald is one of our ministering brothers. Maternal grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Sam Schupbach.

ELGIN, ILLINOIS

Louise Steffen

Katie Kachelmuss

This past month, we were very fortunate in having quite a number

of visiting ministers, from the east and the west, from the north and the south: Bros. Ernest Lugenbuhl, Al. Schneider, Robert Miller, Carl Kinsinger, Sam Anliker, Ben Maibach, Gus Scheitlin, Earl Zeltwanger, Fred Knapp, Arthur Gudeman, Lester Huber, Clarence Kachelmuss, and Joshua Broquard. We received many good teachings and warnings. We were told, we cannot take any risk in our spiritual calling: the reward is too great. We cannot afford to do any tinkering around, or look back, but should remember Lot's wife. We were told to be firm in our faith, so we can be as the Apostle Paul, "I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day." Man is so proud of what he claims to have created, but man can create nothing. God can make from nothing something, but man creates something **only** if God gives him the knowledge and the material to do so. May God bless them all for their efforts, and may all be doers of the words which we hear in such rich measure. We also were told to be faithful in small things.

Sis. Kate Dietrich was released from her suffering. The funeral was Sept. 10. We miss her in our assembly, but are glad that God did call her in the acceptable time and day of salvation, and she could now go to her rest, at the age of 71 years.

Kenneth Kellenberger had an appendectomy, but is recovered and back home again.

Sis. Yoshiko Utsuki of Japan sang for us and the children, "Jesus loves me," in the Japanese language. We all enjoyed her visit.

Julie Ann, one week old, has been happily received into the home of Bro. and Sis. Melvin Schrock. Her grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Jonathan Steffen and Bro. and Sis. Jesse Schrock.

We have two new Sunday School teachers. Bro. Howard Schifferer has taken Bro. Nathan Steffen's place, and Bro. Tom Leman has taken Bro. Melvin Schrock's place. We wish them God's help in their new duties.

Bro. and Sis. Herman Braun were with us for a couple of days, to attend the wedding of Herman's brother, Gordon, to Carole Morris. Their new address is, Mr. and Mrs. Herman C Braun, 13396 E. Colfax

Avenue, Space N-2, Aurora, Colorado 80010. (Phone Area Code (303) — 364-9181). They would welcome anyone who would care to visit them.

Sunday we had a blessed day. Three more souls were added to our flock. LeRoy and Florence Leman and Betty Schambach. It is surely a time of rejoicing, when we can see that God still works the miracle of awakening and enlightening mankind, so they can become His child, and heir of His Kingdom. Bro. Joshua Broquard assisted Bro. Herman Kellenberger in this holy act.

At college is Ann Haas, 932 E College Street, Iowa City Iowa.

GOODFIELD, ILLINOIS

Marian Wiegand

Bros. Robert Beer and Henry Sabo visited our congregation and brought us the Word of God. They expressed the concern they have for loved ones—the opportunity for repentance which we have in this life shall not be neglected until it is too late.

Bro. Fred Marti of Lamar also visited our church. He, too, told of the concern that the elders and ministers have for the congregation.

Bro. Jerry and Sis. Allene Steffen are the parents of a son, Dirk Alan, born September 11. He is welcomed by a brother and a sister.

Sis. Clara Nohl was a patient at the hospital this past month, following surgery. She is home again and recuperating nicely.

Marvin and Faith Fischer and their five children have moved from Roanoke to Stanford and will make Goodfield their home church. We surely welcome them and their family.

WOLCOTT, INDIANA

Arles Kropf

Bro. John Bahler stopped off with us for services on Monday evening, following the conference. A blessed evening was enjoyed.

Other visiting ministers recently were Bro. Ralph Beyer from New York and Bro. Wendell Gudeman from Francesville.

Emily Furrer and Diane Radcliffe have returned to Ball State Teacher's College at Muncie, for further studies.

Marceil Furrer has graduated from St. Elizabeth School of Nursing in Lafayette and is now em-

ployed at White Co. Memorial Hospital, at Monticello.

Our annual Sunday School picnic and wiener roast was enjoyed on Sept. 20, at the S & V Camp Ground at Seafield.

Walter Stoller is able to be out again, after being hospitalized, following a fall from a scaffold while painting.

Autumn

As we journey through the autumn,
What a wonder to behold
How God's Hand is gently painting
Leaves of red and fairest gold.

The apples in the orchard,
The pumpkins big and round,
All signs of Divine Presence
Which doth graciously abound.

Let us pause for just a moment,
And in this beauty, thanks resound,
As we think of our salvation
Which in Jesus we have found.

Our life also has seasons;
Each one a different hue.
The Lord does touch us with His
Hand,
Gives joys and sorrows, too.

When our lives do reach their
autumn,
And before our God we stand,
May we be found as the golden
leaves,
Touched by the Master's Hand.
—A. J. K.

AKRON, OHIO

Grace Schuckert—Alice Graf

The congregation chose Bros. Eugene Pamer and Leon Graf to assist the trustees in the search for a future church site.

Kenneth Indermuhle of Sardis has entered Kent State University, where his brother, Robert, has been a student for several years. We are glad to have him in our congregation.

The word of God again penetrated our hearts, when Bro. Joe Ramsier of Rittman visited us. In his sermon, he spoke of the joy of the redeemed, in contrast to the plight of the unconverted.

Thursday evening, Oct. 1, our visiting ministers were Bros. J. Souder and Noah Bauman. The final song of the service was number 21, which summarized Bro. Joel's teachings—to keep on striving for the true faith.

Mrs. Elizabeth Miller has arrived from Hungary, to spend some time with her daughter and son-in-law, Sis. Kathy and Bro. Alex Bako.

Harold Fritz, son-in-law of the Peter Barnas, Herman Von Gunten, Sis. Florence Graf and Clarence Kaufman were hospitalized this past month. Clarence is still in Akron General Hospital, but is improving. The others returned home.

Sis. Janet Graf (Leon's wife) had heart surgery Sept. 23, in Cleveland. We are happy to report that she has made fine progress and is back home with her family.

Sis. Anna Rupp was in Wadsworth Memorial Hospital for several weeks, but was able to leave Oct. 4. She is at the home of her nephew, Kenneth Rupp, whose address is Seville, Ohio.

Sis. Elizabeth Kraus has sold her home and moved into an apartment at 452 Grace Ave., Akron, Ohio 44320.

CROGHAN-NAUMBURG, N. Y.

Mrs. Lawrence Farney
Mrs. David Schamback

On the evening of September 15, we gathered in the Croghan church basement to observe the fiftieth wedding anniversary of Bro. Amos and Sis. Lillian Virkler. After singing, refreshments were served and a social hour was enjoyed. Although Bro. Amos is somewhat crippled with arthritis, they enjoy good health, and we pray they may enjoy many more years of the same.

Elder Brother John Widrick is again able to minister unto us, after undergoing major surgery, but Sis. Luella, his wife, does not improve as her friends would wish.

Funeral services were held from the Croghan Church on October 6 for Bro. Webster Farney. He passed to his reward at the age of 64, after a long illness, having been in and out of the hospital for the past two years. His invalid wife, Sis. Elvena, preceded him in death a little more than a year ago. He is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Niles (Janet) Schultz, and three sons, Paul, Herbert and Wilbur. Bro. John Widrick officiated.

Sis. Rozella Schultz had "Open House" on Sunday, September 13, for her daughter, Jennie, and husband, Emanuel Gerber, who recently returned from service in Germany. They are now at home in Bluffton.

MOUNTAIN HOME Apostolic Christian Church Clara Heiniger

The invitation is opened for anyone to come for the dedication of the Hillsboro Church. Morning service will begin at 10:30, Central Standard Time, November 1. Dedication Service will be held at 1:00 p.m. The route is highway No. 31 by Athens, to Decatur, crossing the bridge over the Tennessee River, turn right at the first street, Junction 20, going 14 miles to the sign "Hillsboro." Turn left, going south 5 miles to the sign, "Apostolic Christian Church", on the right; and go 3 miles.

NEW MARTINSVILLE, W. VA.

Mrs. Gus Weltz

A. E. Riegenbach is able to be out again, after several days of illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Emch of Girard and sister, Mrs. Louise Lance of Canfield, O., visited here over the week end of September 27. They were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Froelich and other relatives. Mr. Emch ministered to the Monroe congregation on Sunday.

John Winland, son-in-law of Mrs. Emma Miller, has been very seriously ill in the local hospital, with a heart condition, but at this writing is somewhat improved.

Richard Emch, son of the late George Emch and a resident of Washington, D. C., who is serving in the Air Corps, left California on September 29 for service in Viet Nam.

Mrs. Elizabeth Isinghood is under a doctor's care at this time, and is confined to her home.

Mr. and Mrs. Elza Ritz and Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Wade visited on Sunday, October 4, with Mr. and Mrs. Albert Durig and son, Keith, in Girard. Mr. Durig is much improved from a several months' illness.

Mrs. Robert Emch is visiting at this time with her daughter, Becky, who is employed in New York City.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Witschey of Charleston were recent guests of his father, D. S. Witschey and family.

Mrs. Mary Burgess visited recently with her daughter, Mrs. John Partlow and family in Monroe Heights, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Riegenbach, who have resided in Canton, O., the past several years, have moved

back to West Virginia, moving on October 3 to Paden City, six miles south of New Martinsville. His desire has been to live nearer home in his later years.

Dan E. Fankhouser passed away on October 3, in the home of his only son, Dillon Fankhouser. He was 84 years of age and had been a resident of Wetzel County all his life, having operated a blacksmith shop, then for years a jewelry shop. His wife and two sons preceded him in death. Services and interment took place on October 5.

PRINCEVILLE, ILLINOIS

Ruth Ricketts

"Beloved, as I open the Bible, it seems to be as a fountain springing up with living water. As Jesus said, **Whoever drinketh will never thirst.**" These were the words spoken by Bro. Edward Unsicker of Portland, who was here for Wednesday evening services, September 9. In reading the 15th chapter of St. John, he remarked that it contained so much he didn't know where to begin to meditate, but the Lord, who knows all our needs, led him, and we were truly filled with the "living water". James Ringger of Bradford was also present for the evening and received the blessing with the rest of us.

Bros. Karl Feucht and Wayne Gerber of Lester and Bro. Simon Wagenbach of Tremont shared their talents with us on the morning of September 13, for which all were thankful. In the afternoon, a large number went to Bradford to attend dedication services. Whenever two or three assemble, the Lord is in their midst, and so it was here in Princeville, as only forty were present for afternoon services.

Our sympathy is extended to Bro. Silas and Sis. Mary Leuthold and family and Bro. Karl and Sis. Lena Stichling and family, in the loss of their grandson, Gary Stichling, son of Bro. Herman and Sis. Evelyn Stichling of the Lester congregation. Our sympathy goes out to the immediate family also. A number from here attended the funeral, as they formerly lived in our community.

Sis. Lillian Stahl is in a Galesburg hospital, recovering from serious injuries received in an auto accident. She was badly shaken, bruised and received a broken leg, which has been causing quite some

trouble. We hope her stay will be short. Sis. Lydia Seidel is able to be out again, after a severe sick spell, and feels quite fortunate.

Sis. Rose Koelling is in failing health and has been unable to attend church services for several Sundays. Bro. Dan Streitmatter is also seriously ill and is confined to his bed most of the time now. We are thankful that Sis. Natalia Feucht has regained some strength and is able to worship with us occasionally again. Our friend, Anna Hager, is confined to her home, convalescing from recent surgery. We sincerely hope she will soon recover and be able to worship with us again. Our friend, Helen Streitmatter, who had back surgery some weeks ago, is up and about and able to come to church again.

How thankful we are as each new day dawns, if we are able to rise from our beds, and be able to go about our duties of the day. Do we appreciate it enough? I thought I did, until recently, when I was permitted to be present when Frieda Kieser entertained a group of handicapped people in her home. I learned a lot that evening, and it has stayed with me every day. Frieda's family joined in making a pleasant evening for those handicapped people. As they arrived, it was something to see, for two or three had to be lifted from the car into their wheel chairs. There were seven wheel-chair patients and some who used canes. I'm sure they all have to learn patience, as they had to wait for someone to give them assistance, while we able-bodied could come and go as we please. Why don't more of us think more of the less fortunate and take a little time out to do something for them?

Bro. Fred Grimm of Taylor was with us Sunday afternoon, October 4, and performed the ceremony, uniting Sis. Twylla Stoller and Bro. Floran Streitmatter in Holy Matrimony. It was an impressive afternoon and all of the many relatives and friends present could indeed feel richly blessed. May our dear Lord bless this union, and may they receive rich blessings as they walk hand in hand. There was one dark cloud, however, as on the afternoon before, Twylla's little brother, Bobby, fell from his bicycle and received a badly broken arm. He was taken to the hospital, where he is in traction and must remain there

about three weeks.

We are enjoying one of the most beautiful seasons of the year, Autumn. After refreshing rains, our grass is fresh and green, and the trees have taken on a beauty one cannot describe. How thankful we should be to have eyes to enjoy the beauty God has given us. How clear and blue is the sky, and how fresh it feels. Farmers are busy, harvesting the crops so bountifully given again. Truly, we have many reasons to give thanks to the Almighty God for all that He gives us!

MEMORIES OF THE OLD CHURCH DAYS

Contributed by some of
the older members

We all have memories of the old church, the plain, wooden floors (runners in the aisles), open-back benches, and for heating, four coal stoves, which at times had to be replenished during the service.

In the kitchen was a coal range. The coffee was made in a copper boiler. Milk was added, so there were no pitchers on the table. The coffee was poured before the people were seated. Whoever served was expected to go to the kitchen, to see that all was ready, then go to the door of the assembly room and announce, "Kommt Zum essen"—"Come to dinner". White linen tablecloths were used, which had to be ironed with the old sadirons, heated on top of the range.

All services were German, difficult for young folks when the German language wasn't used in the home. About the time of the first World War, it became imperative that the American language be used. It has continued since.

It sometimes occurred that the boys and girls in the back of room would cause the minister to reprimand them from the pulpit. Although names were never called out, to see the expressions on the faces, it wasn't hard to see who the guilty ones were. The ministers often took their young boys with them to sit on the front bench, while their father sat on the pulpit.

The Sunday School was held in another building. There also, German was used. Writing in German was exercised in the lower classes, and the Bible used for the older ones. Later, a class was made up of those using the English-written Bible.

In those days, we didn't see prosperity as we do now. In a family of children on Saturday night, there would be a row of shoes, and their father's boots, polished for Sunday, since one pair of shoes was all each child had.

In some cases, clothes were also scarce. Children had to take turns going to church, to share the dress.

Another thing which went out with the times were the rows of stables for the horses. After the morning service, the horses were fed. Conveyances ranged from the open spring wagon to top buggies and Klondikes which were made with glass in the top. Now we see parking lots, with rows of shiny automobiles, showing the change to prosperity.

ATHENS, ALABAMA

Ann Wagler

Sunday School Material

Sunday School material was formerly sent down but we have not received any lately, and probably many are just laying around. They can be sent as educational material and the postage is low.

Mr. Roy Barnett died quite suddenly, and unexpectedly, on Sept. 19. Funeral services were held Sept. 20 at the Athens Church. He is the father of Sis. Doris Moore, and is survived by 4 daughters and 9 sons.

Mrs. Nels Kelly and Mr. Dell Brown have both been in the hospital, but both were able to go home again.

Clifton Moss has been hospitalized for a couple weeks with a heart condition and has returned home to convalesce. His wife is Sis. Jewel Moss.

Alfred Perry, 19-year-old son of Bro. Henry and Sis. Anix Perry, has not been well for some time. He has made repeated trips to the clinic in Birmingham during the past years. Treatment has not been successful. His condition has caused much concern to his parents.

Births:

A boy, Randy Joe, was born to Bro. Doug and Pearl King, on Sept. 26. It is a new grandson for Sis. Ruth Lott.

Sis. Eva Will and Woodrow Hagenmaker have a new son, Timothy, born Sept. 19. This is their fourth child. Sis. Retha Chambers welcomes her new grandchild.

Richard and Esther Barnett are

the parents of a baby boy, Gregory Mark, born Sept. 24. The baby was returned to the hospital for a blood condition, but is now improving.

Training up a little child

Is doing it day by day,
A little here, a little there,
Until they know the Saviour's way.

Feed My lambs, the Saviour said;
My love for them make known.
I died to love each precious one;
Don't wait till they are grown.

A parent holds within his hands
A tender heart, a life to mold.
"O Heavenly Father, bless our child,
Until he's safely in Thy fold."

BRADFORD, ILLINOIS

Mrs. Martha Kieser

Bro. Alfred Bahler spent a Sunday here. Then on dedication, Elder Bros. Roy Farney, Phoenix; Noah Shrock, Oakville; Joe Klopfenstein, Gridley and Silas Leuthold, Princeville, were here, along with other ministers. We truly could rejoice to have so many people assemble with us, when we dedicated our house of worship. Bro. Shrock had the dedication services. He read Psalm 127:1, "Except the LORD build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the LORD keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain." He reminded us that, even as this building was shaped and built, so should we shape and build our lives in this time and dispensation of grace, so we can fit into the magnificent building of God, one day, when He calls His people unto Him.

The following Sunday, Bro. Leroy Huber was here. He brought us many inspiring teachings.

The last Sunday in September, Bros. Ben Fehr, Roanoke, and Frederick Knapp, Congerville, were with us. Our faith and love of God was again renewed. The ministers from Princeville take turns assisting our minister. To avoid repetition, I will not mention them each month.

Sept. 20, a reception was held in the Bro. Clarence Knobloch home for Bro. Marvin and Sis. Diane Knobloch. She is the daughter of Bro. Eli and Sis. Lena Grimm of West Bend. We want to welcome her, and wish them many blessings as they travel life's path together.

The first grave, a tiny one, is being dug in our cemetery. Bro. Roy and Sis. Donna Ehnle were the parents of a daughter, Linda Kay, who lived just fourteen hours. She is survived by a sister, Karen, and three brothers, Gary, Mark, and Donn. We know she'll be a beautiful blossom in the Master's heavenly bouquet.

Our church, which is slowly becoming more organized, now has 34 families on the dinner list. We have 74 children in Sunday School, of which 9 are kindergarten; 12—1st and 2nd graders; 10—3rd, 4th grades; 22—5th, 6th, 7th grades; and 21—8th grade and high school students (the Bible class). The sisters, Mrs. Ben (Audrey) Ehnle, Martha Jane Siebenthal and Mrs. Kenneth (Mardell) Dietz, have been selected to teach the two small classes. May they, too, sow that precious seed, that one day it might bring forth fruit.

CHAMPAIGN-URBANA, ILL.

Ben Blunier

"Keep your Bible on top of your textbooks" was a timely message for all of us, September 20, our first Sunday services of the new college year. Bros. Lowell Stoller (from Princeville), Emanuel Gudeman and Ed Hohulin were our ministers, to welcome the university students. We are glad to see such a large group of beginning students that will likely assemble with us. We look forward to pleasant fellowship with them.

Bro. Lowell retold the story of the creation, along with the crucifixion of our Saviour. Again we found it refreshingly new and uplifting. How wonderful to be reminded of God's limitless and perfect love. We are humbled to better service for Him. After service, we enjoyed more fellowship, at a pleasant picnic in nearby Hessel Park.

Again we received rich blessings on October 4, as Elder Bro. Joe A. Getz and Bro. Edwin Bahler ministered to us. Their teachings reminded us how to more completely live the Christian life in our daily contacts. It is not always easier, but is always the most blessed. Bro. Joe also recapped the recent Tremont brother meeting to us, for which we are very grateful.

We rejoice that three more souls in our midst have surrendered unto

the Lord in repentance. They are Ted Staker, Roger Musselman, and Doreen Houch. May they feel the Lord's nearness in this most important step and throughout their new life.

Bro. Ed Hohulin is again conducting the bi-weekly Bible Classes at the Illini Union Building. These are always an inspiration. Students and residents are urged to attend and join in song and worship. In November, classes are scheduled for the 4th and 18th, at 7:30 p.m., in room 209.

EUREKA, ILLINOIS

Cathryn Wettstein Salome Walter

Those who ministered to us were—Tuesday evening, Sept. 8, Bros. Joe Waibel and Henry Wackerle from Bay City, and Wednesday evening, Sept. 9, Ernest Graf from Akron.

Saturday evening, Sept. 26, Alf and Martha Grusy were given the opportunity to give their testimony of their repentance before the congregation. Bro. Geo. Gramm from Gridley assisted Bro. Leroy Huber in this work. The next day they were baptized and taken into the fold, as new-born babes in Christ. May God bless and keep them, and may they always remember this important step which they have taken together.

Births—Born to Bro. Joel and Sis. Sonia Banwart, a son, William John, on Sept. 12. He is their second child and son. Born to Larry and Carol Stoller, a daughter, Brenda Sue, on Aug. 25. This is their first child.

We have started our family singing at the church, on the fourth Sunday evening of the month. The Bible class of young people sang several numbers. Everyone who enjoys singing and is interested is invited. It is always so good to sing praises to our Lord in song.

Jane Stoller, daughter of Bro. Leroy and Sis. Ruth Stoller, is seeking the Lord in repentance. We rejoice, as also do the angels in heaven.

Bro. Peter Martin, age 77, passed away at the Eureka Hospital on Friday, Oct. 2, after being ill for a long time. He was a resident of Peoria. He is survived by 2 sons and 7 daughters. His funeral was Monday morning, in the Eureka Church, and conducted by Bro. Michael Weyeneth of Peoria and Bro.

Leroy Huber. Burial was in Roanoke Cemetery.

Work has been started now on the "Home for the Aged", here at Eureka. It is on ground that lies just on the east side of our church building.

Sis. Wilma Lehman is a medical patient at Methodist Hospital. She is Bro. Clarence Lehman's wife.

Mrs. Anna Stoller can't get out, as she is a wheel chair patient. A little note or card would help to cheer her a bit. May God bless her. Her address is—Mrs. Anna Stoller, 705 S. Main St., Eureka, Illinois 61530.

FAIRBURY, ILLINOIS

Joyce Huber

We were happy to have this month the following ministers, who all brought us inspiring messages: Bro. Sam Anliker, Kansas; Bro. John Bahler, Rockville; Bros. Gene Bertschi and Donald Sauder of Roanoke; Bro. Ervin Lehman of Wolcott; and Bros. August Bolliger and Dan Koch of Tremont.

Elgin and Peoria Bible Classes visited our church Sept. 20. In the evening, additional Bible Classes joined them to present a program, ending in an inspirational talk, group singing and a prayer.

With praise to the Lord, Sept. 27 we listened to the testimony of John Hartman, son of Bro. and Sis. Vernon Hartman. John said he was used to praying, and one night it came to him, "Why not let Jesus come into my heart?" and so that was his prayer. He did let Jesus come into his heart. He was baptized and became a child of God.

That same Sunday evening, Fairbury was host to a number of Bible classes for a Christian Endeavor. At the close of the program, a brother mentioned that, in the testimony we heard in the afternoon, the thought had come to John, why not let Jesus come into his heart; and it was now our prayer that each friend there might also entertain the same thought, to let Jesus come into his heart.

With eleven combines in action, a field of soybeans are quickly harvested! Such was the case when 11 neighbors combined Albert Sohn's beans, because Albert had been in Chicago for surgery. May God bless the neighbors for their kindness, and may Albert and Betty grow strong in their new-found faith in our Saviour.

Bro. and Sis. Ezra Steffen's son, Albert, who was stationed at Ft. Sill, Okla., was privileged to spend a month's furlough at home, before leaving for his overseas army duties. His brother, Harvey, and his sister and her husband, Darlene and Jim Boaz, took him to New York and saw his boat depart, on Sept. 3. Albert arrived at Bremerhaven, Germany, Sept. 11, and took a train to Ansbach, Germany, where he is now stationed. We trust the Lord to take care of him.

FORREST ILLINOIS

Nancy Honegger—Martha Stoller

Two souls have turned to the Lord in repentance and are now rejoicing in having received peace. They are Sam Bachtold, son of Carl and Sis. Dorothy Bachtold, and Earlene Hamilton, daughter of Sis. Marie Anliker.

Gloria Bachtold brought forth her testimony of repentance and conversion, and has now been added to the fold. We wish her much grace in her new life.

Out-of-state ministers who visited us at the time of the conference were Bros. John Bahler, Ben Hartzler, Phil Wingeier, Lorentz Emch, and Delbert Indermuhle.

Bros. Ben Fehr and Don Sauder from Roanoke spent a Sunday with us recently, bringing us many good teachings.

This is a lovely season of the year, when all plant life is arrayed in its autumn colors. Corn and soybean harvest is in full swing, farmers taking advantage of the good days.

Bro. Fehr made mention of the beautiful fields of grain, all ready and waiting for the harvest. May our spiritual fields also be in readiness, when the Great Reaper shall appear on that great harvest day.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Bachtold and daughter, who are stationed in South Carolina, were here for a short stay, visiting his parents, the Carl Bachtolds.

A baby boy, Kent Leon, was born to Bro. Allen and Sis. Carolyn Zimmerman.

Bro. Ben and Sis. Miriam Metz are the parents of a baby girl, Marcia Marie.

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

John Isch

Services were held on Sept. 20, with Bro. Forrest Ritzman, Akron, delivering the message. On Oct. 4,

Bro. Ben Maibach Jr., Detroit, was with us. We all found a rich blessing in the inspirational messages he shared with us.

Accompanying the Detroit folks was Sis. Yashiko Utsuki of Tokyo, Japan. She is staying in the States for six or eight months and will try to visit as many of our churches as possible. It was a unique and delightful experience to fellowship with someone whose home is so distant, but whose beliefs are yet so familiar.

Students from Ball State, Indiana University, Purdue, Northwestern, Earlham, and National College of Education found it worthwhile to gather with us. We certainly appreciate the support that has been offered to us by our surrounding churches.

We hope that this enthusiastic support will continue, as we all need the fellowship that can be found only in Him.

Our future guest ministers are: Oct. 18, Wendell Gudeman, Francesville; Nov. 1, Loren Stoller, Latty; Nov. 15, Edwin Bahler, Remington; Dec. 6, Emanuel Gudeman, Cissna Park.

Services are held at the downtown YMCA, corner of Illinois and New York Sts. Morning services start promptly at 11 a.m.; lunch is served over the noon hour, with afternoon services following. All those who find it possible are cordially invited to worship with us.

LA CROSSE, INDIANA

Martha Rinckenberger

Bro. Otto Fritz is in the hospital. He is getting along pretty well. May God be with him in his lonely hours.

Again this past month we have had many visitors, Bros. Joe and Jesse Schrock of Congerville, Bro. George Gramm of Gridley, Bro. Vernon Leman of Eureka, and Bro. Uriel Gehring of Burlington. May God bless all who gather in His name. It is a blessing when we can meet and fellowship with those of the same faith. How we can feel the love of God, and we know God does care for us.

LAMONT, KANSAS

Mrs. Bernie Emch—Glenn Anlike

Sis. Clara Ott was hospitalized for two weeks, for treatment and observation. She is now in her home, being cared for by Sis. Mary Raaf of Gridley.

Sis. Dena Fechter spent several months in Denver, Colorado, to relieve her asthmatic condition. We are thankful to have her with us again.

PORTLAND, OREGON Mrs. Edward Unsicker

We were deeply impressed by Bro. Albert Kaisner's references to the Bible on his recent visit. "This is no ordinary Book," he said: "for some here today, it will be a comfort; for others it will be a conviction; to still others, may it bring salvation". Blessed, blessed Book! May we ever cherish it more!

Our annual Sunday School Picnic was well attended at Creston Park. Young and old partook of good food and fellowship.

Speaking of young and old reminds us of two dear ones who have lately inspired us.

One of our seven-year-old Sunday School students approached his mother one day with, "Mom, if we'd know Jesus is coming tomorrow, wouldn't we call our friends and relatives and tell them"? Sobering words, aren't they? No wonder Jesus said—"for of such is the kingdom of heaven."

In a recent visit with 85-year-old Sis. Elizabeth Diriwachter, a Scripture portion about Heaven was read. Glancing at Elizabeth's happy face, we realized that when one who has been a faithful child of God at **this** age, she trusts she will soon be with Jesus! What a thought! The rest of us may have to toil few years or many, but even for us, "**Where Jesus is, 'tis Heaven there.**" Elizabeth has since moved to the Hospital Nursing Home, 1506 Division St., Oregon City, Oregon. She has always preferred serving others, to being served, so this is rather difficult for her. Perhaps she would enjoy hearing from some of you who know her.

On Sept. 12, Ernie and Laura Afolter held a reception for their son, John, and new daughter-in-law, Hope, who were married recently. John and Hope have now returned to Ft. Campbell, Kentucky, where he is in Service. May the Lord be their Guide.

PURDUE UNIVERSITY West Lafayette, Ind.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Honegger

Our visiting minister for our first Apostolic Christian Youth Fellowship Hour on Sept. 23 was Bro.

Orville Ringger from Bluffton. He read and meditated from Proverbs 3. A blessed evening was enjoyed by all.

We welcome the following students to Purdue: Steve Bucher from LaCrosse; Suzanne Bucher from Valparaiso; Larry Hartter and Mary Clemens from Bremen; Richard Overmeyer, Jack Claussen, Rodric Huber, Charles Tom, Pamela Gutwein, Roger and James Albrecht from Francesville; Edward Frautschi and Connie Thornton from Leo; Aaron Bauer from Cissna Park; Richard Stoller from Gridley; Larry Schlatter from Toledo; Don Reinhard, Kent Ringger, Keith Honegger, James Bertsch, Mark Clark, Nick Aeschliman, Ruth Ann Sutton and Scott Glasgow from Bluffton.

Bro. John Bollier from Leo was with us for our evening worship on Oct. 7. Proverbs 29 was the basis for his meditation.

A daughter was born to Bro. Keith and Sis. Nancy Honegger on Sept. 18. She is their first child, and has been named Cheryl Ann.

How tenderly He loves them,
The children of this earth . . .
How carefully He guides them
From the moment of their birth . . .
How lovingly He looks upon
Your infant sweet and fair . . .
And may He keep that Little One
Forever in His care.

REMINGTON, INDIANA

Emily Kilgus

Bro. Al Fisher of Chicago visited us recently. Bro. Al gave us a very timely warning, that we pray for our rulers, but that we become not too involved in the political field.

Lorin and Sis. Velma Wilson are enjoying their new home, where they moved recently. Bro. Dave and Sis. Kay Eisenmann and family are living in the former Wilson home. The Eisenmann family was very thankful to be moved before Kay underwent surgery. She is making a satisfactory recovery, and we wish her a good measure of health in the future.

Ronnie Getz, son of Bro. Phil and Sis. Eliza, left for service recently. We have more boys in service now than we have had for a long time. May God watch over all of them.

Curtis and Shirley Siebenthal have moved to Denver, Colorado, in hopes that the climate there will ease their asthmatic conditions.

Larry Pitman, son of Bro. Odell and Sis. Marjorie, and Jo Etta Lehe have announced their engagement. May the Lord's blessings rest upon their undertaking.

There was an error in Clyde Waibel's address last month. His Co. is D instead of O. Anyone who may look him up, be sure to make note of this.

This is my last writing for the Silver Lining. I have enjoyed it very much, but I feel it well that this work be divided, so I have asked the Waibel sisters to carry on. I wish to thank everyone for their support and patience, and may God ever bless this worthwhile work.

Bro. Andrew Nussbaum, our oldest brother and a faithful Sunday School teacher and minister for many years, has contributed the following.

Fellowship

That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ. I John 1:3

Let us take a journey down through the years of time, to the days of our fathers and grandparents, and recall some of the conditions of their time. They had not the advantages of mingling together with those of like mind and faith from far and near as in our present day, due to the lack of transportation. They enjoyed the fellowship of the Spirit above all else, looked forward to gathering together each Sunday or mid-week service, even though it meant a distance of several miles. The only means of transportation was by wagon or spring wagon.

Our early Christians highly appreciated and cherished this fellowship and nourished it through hardships and difficulties. And we can believe that this bond of love and affection kept the church closer united than the present day trend. The writer remembers in his early youth, sixty-five years ago, his aged grandfather said unto him, "If it were not for the fellowship he enjoyed with the members, he would not care to live". I did not know what he meant, but time revealed it to me.

The youth likewise gathered with their parents each Sunday, as this was the one opportunity to meet their friends and sit under the

sound of the gospel. Sad to say, through the years this gathering of the young folks with their parents has to a great extent been lost through the prosperity of the times and the amusements and pleasures the world has to offer.

May the fellowship and the sweet communion of the spirit, the moving magnet of the disciples of Christ, never be lost.

Our fathers chained in prisons dark
Were still in heart and conscience free.

How sweet would be their children's fate,
If they, like them, could die for Thee.

Faith of our fathers, holy faith;
We will be true to thee till death.

ROANOKE, ILLINOIS

Irene Legel

Sis. Minnie Gerber, who was in the hospital for a heart ailment, is home and feeling fine again.

We had a meeting Friday night, the 18th, for our architect, Mr. Ziegele of Peoria, to submit the plans and pictures of the new church to the congregation, for their approval. The building committee requested questions anyone would have pertaining to the plan, and welcomed any suggestions or advice.

We then had another meeting on Monday night to vote on the plan. We were happy to see the unity we have in our congregation. The plan was unanimously accepted. Committees were announced to help with the plans of various rooms of the building. Everyone was anxious to get the church started. May our dear Lord always work in our hearts for peace, love and unity.

Our friend, Sharon Blunier, daughter of Bro. Harold and Sis. Emma (Rocke) Blunier, has brought us the good news she is repenting. We wish her the Lord's grace and blessings, and pray for more dear souls.

The following is a poem I received when I was repenting, and I found it very encouraging:

To A Friend That Turns to the Lord

Dear Friend of mine, in love sincere,
I write these lines to you.
My heart is filled with joy and cheer,
Whene'er I think of you.

Although we may live far apart
Upon this spacious land,
And I seldom see your pleasant face,
Or press your welcome hand. . . .

Yet we have heard such wondrous news,
Of you, dear Friend of mine,
That you have turned your heart and soul
To Jesus Christ divine.

Oh, what a joy it does create
In many an aching heart,
To see their friends and children dear,
From sinful ways depart.

Dear Friend, the choice that you have made
Is very wise indeed,
For nothing on this earth is worth
The promise you receive.

What must it be when once
The time to leave this earth has come,
To know that Christ will share with us
His Everlasting Home.

Dear Friend, we gladly share with you
God's Blessings rich and good,
And welcome you with all our heart
Into our brotherhood.

Oh we rejoice with you, dear Friend,
For what you've found today,
And hope from now on you can go,
Rejoicing on your way.

How sweet the joy, no tongue can tell,
That in our heart was given,
To know and feel that Christ above
Has all our sins forgiven.

Oh let us thank our Saviour dear,
As long as life is given,
For He has promised to prepare
For us a Home in Heaven.

But don't forget, each day anew,
That you must watch and pray,
For Satan's hosts will try their best
To draw your heart away.

His wrath is fierce, his anger great
Against us one and all
Who have escaped his deadly snares,
And his enticing call. . . .

But trust the Lord and ask His help;
He'll gladly help you through.
He wouldn't forsake His children dear;
He's loving, kind and true. . . .

And as you journey through this world,
This wish I share with you,
That Jesus Christ, our Shepherd dear,
Protect and comfort you.

Dear Friend, the day and hour will come
Of sorrow, grief, and woe,
And clouds will hover around you here,
As through this life we go. . . .

So let us do whate'er we can
For Christ, our dearest friend,
Who did so much, that we might have
Joy that will never end. . . .

So may He help us each day anew
To love one another true,
And do a kind deed to someone,
And care for each other as
Our Lord does care for you.

Pass these words along to
Someone dear to you,
For kind words will never die,
And God is ever true.

LEO, INDIANA

Mrs. Elias Souder

Bro. Samuel Aeschliman has spent a couple of Thursday evenings with our congregation. We always enjoy his inspirational messages.

Here is where a few of our young people are at the present time. Edward Frautschi is going to school at Purdue. Jill Klopfenstein is in college at Huntington, Indiana. Carol Winzler is a music instructor at Nappanee, Indiana. Connie Thronton is at Purdue.

Irma and Edward Souder are parents of a sweet baby girl, born Sept. 29. They have named her Patricia Ann.

Samuel Steiner passed away at the Parkview Hospital, after being there for several days. Funeral services were Oct. 8, at the Leo church, Henry Beer of Milford officiating. His family will miss him. His place in church will be vacant and his help in getting out the Silver Lining will be missed, but he has gone to be with the Lord, and our loss is Heaven's gain.

A group of brothers visited with Bro. John Bollier Sr. Bro. John has not been feeling so well.

MAYWOOD, CALIFORNIA

Christine Locher

The name of Les and Carol Crist's baby is Marla Jean (not as stated in last month's report).

Our guest minister this month was Bro. George Lambert of Wichita. In his inspiring message, he took us to Calvary, where our Lord suffered and died for us.

My husband, Leonard, and I were blessed with a baby daughter, Octo-

er 2. We have named her Wendy June. Gazing upon this bundle from heaven, we ask the Lord to direct us so that she too will some day live for Him.

Bro. Harvey Kaisner has been discharged from the service. We are happy to have him in our midst again.

ALTADENA CALIFORNIA

Jeri Minger
Doris Graf

We were certainly blessed with the visit of Bro. George Lambert, from Wichita, this past month. Bro. George ministered to the congregations, and taught our Bible Class in the morning, before services.

Mr. Werner Sigel, from Neidenfels, Germany, and a guest of Bro. and Sis. Wm. Schwarz, visited us during his travels through the United States.

School has started for many here, and we again have several out-of-state students among our own students, whom we welcome into our congregation again. Sis. Diane Preiss, daughter of Sis. Rose Preiss, Elgin, Ill., has moved to Glendale, Calif., and is finishing Glendale High School this year. She lives with her sister, Cynthia, who will soon be a junior at Glendale Chiropractic College. Bro. David Stevig, son of Bro. and Sis. Roy Stevig, of Phoenix, is back attending USC, where he is a pre-med major. LaVonne Kinsinger, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Carl Kinsinger, entered UCLA School of Nursing this fall. Judy Graf, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Clarence Graf, is attending Pasadena City College, where she is majoring in Medical Assisting.

We are so happy to have back in our midst Bro. and Sis. Roy Farney, who live here in the winter months. We also are thankful that the Lord has returned safely to us our elder brother, Carl Kinsinger, who attended the Brother Meeting in Tremont.

BAY CITY, MICHIGAN

Marlene Mosher
Faye Wackerle

Sept. 20, Sis. Ruth Schlatter, daughter of Bro. Elias and Sis. Ella Schlatter, and Bro. Frank Gudeman, son of Bro. Art and Sis. Mary Gudeman, were united in marriage. May they be blessed with a loving, Christian home.

Sis. Ellen Wackerle, wife of Bro. Carl Wackerle, had been in the hospital, and is now at home recuperating.

Sis. Bertha Meister, who we reported was in the hospital last month, is now at home. Sis. Bertha will be 75 years old on the 24th of October. She was born in Toledo, and moved to Michigan when she was 16, with her mother, brother, and sister. Sis. Bertha's parents came from Switzerland. Her mother was Verena Muhl Meister, a sister of our church. Sis. Bertha has been a faithful sister of our church for 55 years. She found grace for repentance when she was 20 years of age. Sis. Bertha and Sis. Frieda Gies Knochel, wife of Bro. George Knochel, were baptized together, by Bro. Gottlieb Maibach. Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could be as faithful and true as this dear sister has been for so many years, to our dear Lord and Saviour!

CISSNA PARK, ILLINOIS

Mrs. Jeff Young

Graveside rites were held Sept. 14 for the stillborn infant of Bro. and Sis. Glenn Banwart.

On Sept. 24, funeral services were held for Leonard Dezarn, 57, who died at Brooksville, Florida. Burial was at Pence, Ind. Bro. Theo Beer of Milford and Bro. Emanuel Gudeman officiated. His wife is the former Mae Hofer.

Sis. Helen Knapp had surgery, is now home and recovering nicely. Bro. Earnest Bauer was hospitalized a few days for observation. Grace Laubscher was involved in an auto accident. At this writing she is in the Lafayette Hospital. Sis. Verena Knapp had major surgery. We hope all these loved ones, will enjoy good health again.

A daughter, Pattie Sue, was born to Bro. and Sis. Lester Walder on Sept. 14.

Bro. Jon and Sis. Joyce Bauer became parents of a girl, on Oct. 1. They named her Julie Marie.

On Sept. 25, a boy was born to Gordon and Aldine Winger. He was named Gill. He has one brother, Guy, to welcome him.

We are happy to have Sis. Lena Rocke among us again, after attending Chicago church for many years.

Dean Hari is now discharged from the service. He is a son of Bro. and Sis. Art Hari.

Our friend, William Rentsch,

turned to the Lord, for which we greatly rejoice.

We expect to be by Nov. 1 on Standard Time again.

Cast all your anxieties on him, for he careth about you.

DETROIT, MICHIGAN

Mrs. Jim Barton

We would like to extend our welcome to several newcomers who have joined us in the past few months: Sis. Mary Enhle Kaisner from Peoria, who is now Hartzell's wife; Bro. Frank Gudeman of La Crosse and Sis. Ruth Schlatter Gudeman of Bay City, who were married a few weeks ago in Bay City and are now making their home here; Sis. Carol Ramseyer of Bay City, who is teaching math classes at the Junior High school in Novi, which is a community not far from our own suburb; and Sis. Yoshiko Utsuki of Japan, who has been and will be with us for yet a little while.

The engagement of Sis. Kay Polk and Bro. Jerry Cargill was announced Sept. 27. Our congregation was exceptionally pleased, and especially the children, as they will witness the first wedding in our church in 9 years. May the Lord bestow many blessings on them.

Bro. Daniel Knochel recently underwent surgery, and at this writing should be returning home from the hospital. We also are happy to see Sis. Lydia Voina back in our midst, after having had surgery a month ago. No sooner did Sis. Lydia return from the hospital than her mother, Sis. Christine Dimitrie, was admitted for observation. We pray the Lord may heal and strengthen her, so she may return to our congregation.

My dear mother, Sis. Katherine Koprince of Phoenix, spent the summer with her family in Detroit. So soon she is gone again. It made us realize how soon our lifetime doth pass away, and that we should all strive more diligently to do the Lord's work, in the time allotted to us.

The Bible class is meeting every Tuesday, to practice singing hymns. We are so thankful to the Sunday School teachers, who are willing to give their time to doing this good work.

Ben Maibach III, son of Bro. Ben and Sis. Lorene, is attending Michigan State College at Lansing.

We wish Sis. Esther Wagner a speedy return from the hospital, where she is under observation for a kidney infection.

Our recent visiting ministers were Bros. Ezra Feller and Art Gudeman. Bro. Ezra read from the second chapter of Hebrews. He reminded us that Jesus gave his life willingly for man and did not shun his suffering. So must we do willingly what God asks of us, and not shun any part of our duties, but live by every word of God. If we trust wholeheartedly in God, the enemy cannot overtake us. Bro. Art read from the seventh chapter of St. John, and warned us to stay true to the God of our fathers, as Joseph stayed true to the God of his fathers, even in exile. Today, when so many of our young folks are going out to other communities to school and work, it is even more important to remember the teachings of our fathers. Bro. Art also told us in how many ways the Lord said that "I am". "I am the way . . . the light of the world . . . the good Shepherd . . . the bread of life . . . the door . . . in the Father . . . the true vine."

FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

Mrs. Albert E. Kipfer

We congratulate Sis. Emma Unsicker; she is now a grandmother. Her son, David and his wife are the happy parents of a baby boy, born September 17. He has been named Christopher Jacob. We also wish to extend our congratulations to the happy parents, too. Sis. Emma made a flying trip to California to see the new grandson. After a two weeks' visit, she has returned home safely. David is a commissioned ensign in the Navy.

The writer had a nice 'phone conversation with our friend, Leroy Swihart, who was seriously injured on August 27. He is showing good signs of improvement and expects to have the braces removed from his jaws within the next week. He had to learn to talk and take liquids without opening his mouth, which he has been able to master. He is the son of Sis. Ann Swihart, and is at home with his parents in Roanoke, Indiana. We wish you a speedy recovery, Leroy.

Friend Julia Simon is also feeling better again, after surgery. We hope you continue to improve and will soon be back with us in church, as we miss you, Julia.

A young people's program was presented at the church on Sunday evening, September 20. The program was directed by Sis. Eleanor Stieglitz and was based on the theme of Christ, our Leader, our Strength, and our Redeemer. The visitors from Francesville and Leo, as well as ones of the Ft. Wayne congregation, participated in the program with songs, verses and readings. Bro. Lester Huber concluded the program with an inspiring message and a closing prayer. We thank everyone for coming and the effort put forth to make our evening a very enjoyable one. Come back again.

Friend David Pulver, son of Bro. and Sis. Lester Pulver, returned home October 1, after spending three years in the Navy. In my conversation with David, he was very glad to be back home again. We are happy to have him back.

The ministering brothers who have assisted us recently are Edwin Bahler, Remington; Vernon Schwab, Wolcott; and Earl Kilgus, Remington. We welcome you all back again.

ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY

Dianne Emch

The first meeting of our Bible Class for the school year 1964-65 took place on Sept. 17. Our minister was Bro. Eugene Bertschi from Roanoke, who chose Titus 2:11-15 as his text. He was concerned with the problems college freshmen encounter, as they stand for Christ.

Bro. Joe Schrock conducted our class Sept. 24, his text being I Corinthians 13. Among other things, he pointed out that love, in the Christian sense, is a different emotion as compared to love in the earthly sense, in that the Holy Spirit guides Christian love.

Reading textbooks and attending lectures are only parts of our education; we also have a session of learning from experience. Sis. Alta Zbinden is serving her nine-week session in the Home Economics Laboratory House. Bro. Ron Kaufman is student teaching in the field of Mathematics, and Bro. Daye Wiegand is student teaching in Biology.

The Illinois churches represented by regular Bible Class attenders are Chicago, Cissna Park, Congersville, Elgin, Eureka, Fairbury, Forrest, Goodfield, Gridley, Morton, Peoria, and Roanoke. Out-of-state

attenders represent Lester, Oakville, Taylor, and Girard.

We welcome any visitors to our meetings, every Thursday evening at 8.00, in the third floor lounge of the University Union.

LATTY, OHIO

Mrs. Gale Stoller

Mrs. Ray Sinn

Bro. Walter and Sis. Renee Sinn were blessed with a baby boy, named Robert Jay. May the Lord provide them with wisdom and understanding, as well as all others who are trying to raise their children to God's praise.

On September 27, we were privileged to have Bro. Ed Alt, from Cissna Park, minister to us. He reminded us, that a righteous man's prayers are more powerful than a mighty army.

Billy Stoller, son of Bro. Bill and Sis. Florence, was in the hospital this month. He has been dismissed and is recovering at home.

We welcome Roy and Marge Spielman and family into our congregation. They recently moved here, for an indefinite stay, from Rockville.

On August 15, Carl Edward Laukhuf and Donna Harper were united in marriage. Carl is the son of Carl and Louise Laukhuf. Douglas Stoller and Brenda King were married on Aug. 22, in Virginia, as Douglas is stationed there in the Army. His parents, Bro. Eugene and Sis. Minerva Stoller, are having a reception for them here. We wish the above friends much happiness, as they start lifes' pathway together.

LESTER, IOWA

Emelie M. Knobloch

Several folks from here attended the funeral of Sis. Kate Dietrich of Elgin, Illinois. May God share his blessings of sympathy to the family and remember her daughter of this community, Sis. Jacob Metzger.

Among the ill: Lola Knobloch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Knobloch; had hernia surgery, and is doing very well. Robert Metzger suffered painful injuries to two fingers, while filling silo. Sheila Moser is recuperating from a leg injury and Dan Moser from an eye injury. They are children of Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Moser.

Donald Metzger, son of Bro. and Sis. Ernest Metzger, and Mary Jane

Lutes, of Massachusetts, were united in marriage by Elder Bro. Leo Moser, in the home of the groom's parents. We wish them both God's blessing in their new step in life together.

Ernest Jr. and Sis. Pauline Schambach of Chicago are spending some time here with her daughter, Sis. Wilbert Knobloch. Sis. Schambach just returned from a three-months' visit in Germany.

The reporter was informed at this time of the sudden death of Walter Knobloch. Walter was the husband of Sis. Iola Metzger Knobloch and the son of Bro. and Sis. Ernest Knobloch. He was killed in a sewer cave-in. All arrangements are pending, at this writing.

PULASKI, IOWA Mrs. Ray Martin

Our visiting ministers this month were Bros. Albert Kaisner from Maywood and Carl Kinsinger from Altadena. We were richly blessed by their inspiring messages.

Enclosed is a poem handed to me by a member of the congregation:

A Parable For All

'Twas a sheep, not a lamb,
That went astray
In the parable Jesus told.
A grown-up sheep that had wander-
ed away
From the ninety and nine in the
fold.
Out on the hillside, out in the cold,
'Twas a sheep the Good Shepherd
sought,
And back to the flock, safe into the
fold,
'Twas a sheep the Good Shepherd
brought . . .
And why for the sheep should we
earnestly long,
And as earnestly hope and pray?
Because there is danger, if they go
wrong,
They will lead the lambs astray,
When the sheep go wrong, it will
not be long
Till the lambs are as wrong as they,
And so with the sheep we earnest-
ly plead,
For the sake for the lambs today,
If the sheep are lost, what a
terrible cost
Some lambs will have to pay.

MANSFIELD, OHIO Aaron A. Sauder

As we observe the colorful coun-
tryside this season of the year, we

too exclaim, "the whole earth is
full of his glory." Isaiah 6:3.

Confidence softly said to me,
"Don't grieve for summer; it has
gone.

But will return again some day,
So join in with the thrilling song
Of autumn time, magnificent,
When Heaven's glory seems to be,
By God's own hand and wish divine,
Reflected on each bush and tree."

Timmy and Jeffery Wenninger are
happy over the arrival of their
baby brother. Our congratulations
and best wishes to Harold and Ra-
mona Wenninger, whose little son
was born September 29. Sis. Clar-
ence Yackley of Phoenix spent sev-
eral weeks with her daughter and
family, to help care for her new
grandson.

O the bliss of that morn, when our
loved ones we meet,
With the songs of the ransomed,
we each other shall greet,
Singing praise to the Lamb
through eternity's years,
With the past all forgotten, with
its sorrows and tears.

". . . and God shall wipe away all
tears from their eyes." Revelation
7:17

After an extended illness, Sis.
Lydia Sprunger Beer was called
"Home" on September 10, at the
age of 83 years. What a happy
meeting of loved ones. Her brother,
Robert Kisling, went to be with the
Lord just two months before. We
extend our sincere sympathy to her
sisters, Edith Schrenk and Anna
Wittmer; her brothers, Sam and
John Kisling; and her grandchild-
ren.

Bro. Jesse Beer has been hospi-
talized, following surgery. Sis.
Katherine Fuhrer is also in the hospi-
tal. Our prayers go with them,
for a rapid recovery.

RITTMAN, OHIO Ella Mae Trent

The harvest is almost over, here,
for another year, and our barns are
filled to overflowing. The spring
sowing has truly yielded abundant
crops. We await the dormancy of
winter, then the arrival of the in-
vigorating spring. Each year, the
soil is prepared, the seeds sown, the
results awaited. It is with thanks-
giving that the crops are gathered
in. If this only could be true in a

spiritual sense—that our churches
were filled to overflowing with
those souls gathered in who had
let the good seed fall in hearts pre-
pared to receive it. How happy the
laborers would be, if the seed could
fall on the good soil and not so
often "by the way side." It is with
thanksgiving, however, that we
enjoy even a small gathering in.
Roberta Beery, daughter of Bro.
Robert and Sis. Martha, could
nurture the good seed that was
sown, remove the tares from her
heart, and could be added to our
brotherhood as a sister in Christ,
on Sept. 20.

Sowing the good seed in our con-
gregation this past month were
Bro. Henry Sabo (Mansfield), Bro.
Lawrence Emch (Girard), Bro.
Rudolph Graf (Akron). Bro. Joel
Souder (Leo), and Bro. Ernest Ger-
ber (Rockville). Isn't it wonderful
that there is no "in season" and
"out of season" for the sowing of
God's word!

Linda Cunningham, daughter of
Bill and Anna, and Robert Schorle
were united in marriage on Sept. 26
Roger Marty, son of Bro. Raymond
and Sis. Grace, and Madge Schroe-
der were married Sept. 21. May
God's richest blessings abide with
them.

There have been dreary days for
many of our congregation. Home,
following hospitalization, are Sis.
Anna Rupp, Sis. Esther Ramsier,
Sis. Marian Steiner, and Bro. Al-
bert Gasser Sr. Still hospitalized
are Bro. Fred Bauman and Bro.
Isaac Rufener Jr.

And yet these days of dreariness
are sent us from above;
They do not come in anger, but in
faithfulness and love.

They come to teach us lessons
which bright ones could not
yield,

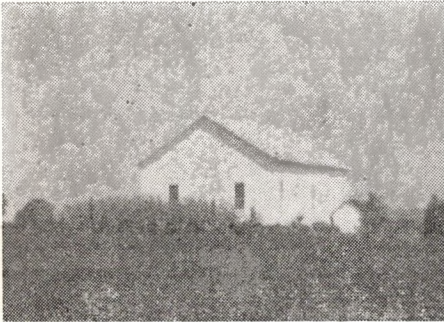
And to leave us blest and thankful,
when their purpose is fulfilled.

TIME PAST AT RITTMAN

It is not possible to turn back
the hands of time. Yet, how often
do we wish we could walk the path
as our forefathers walked it, if
even but for one day. Change is in-
evitable. And so it is with interest
that we try to catch glimpses of
things as they were "in times past."

If you were to look in on the
Rittman congregation as it was in
the late nineteenth century, you

would find everything breathing simplicity and conservatism. A small, modest, white frame building adorned the ground where our present church stands.



No comfortable, factory benches were found for seating, but rather a cruder, homemade type. There was no electricity. Coal oil was used in the stove, for cooking, and in lamps for lighting. Two wood or coal-fed stoves provided heat for the assembly room. A baby room was unheard of. An inside baptism—no; baptism was either performed in a trough or a creek. German was the predominate language spoken from the pulpit. The noon lunch consisted of bread, butter, spread, coffee and milk. Church cleaning was done by families, each taking their turn.

Outside the frame church were two wooden sheds. Here the buggies and horses were kept during services.

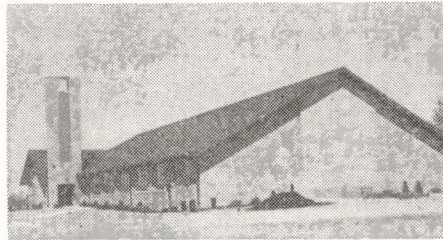
Simplicity was the vogue, in dress, of this period. Clothes were usually dark, dress length to the ankle, sleeve length to the wrist, neckline high, and skirts full. Men wore no ties. Beards were common. Black or other dark colored veils were worn by the women.

With all the above differences, there were similarities between the past and now. The greeting was practiced, men and women's seating segregated, women veiled, provings closed, noon lunch served, conduct of services and messages of the ministers much the same.

From a spiritual standpoint, much good must be said for times past. The enticement of worldly entertainment seemed not as great. There was not as much, nor was it as easily available. The slow pace seemed to offer more time for meditation and "time for God." There were no newspapers; reading of the Bible and Sunday School books dominated. Because of the slow

mode of transportation, living centered about the home. There seems to have been much fellowship among the church families.

We are thankful that, during these past years, our flock could grow. A new brick building (seating capacity for 1000 plus) proved a necessity.



Today, all manner of modern conveniences are at our fingertip. Satan, in his cunningness, works through the prosperity of this time. We must constantly be on guard to retain the simplicity and moderate living that is so strongly stressed.

Our heritage is great. Our faith has been handed down so unadulterated. Just as our forefathers were concerned about a place and mode of worship, a true and simple worship, so must we be sure that those who seek a right can be guided to the right by us. Our forefathers are gone, their earthly life o'er. They await for us and future generations to join them in eternal bliss on yonder shore. With fondest expectation we wait this last great change.

ROCKVILLE, CONNECTICUT Carlton J. Lanz

The fall colors, here in New England, are flaming at their best, and will be for the next few days. The weather, according to our forecast as this is being written, will be cool and dry, with lots of sunshine, thus adding to the enhancement of viewing this annual spectacle.

A drive through these states will be one you will never forget. Anyone who has never seen Autumn colors here in New England will think you're exaggerating, when you tell him about them. It is so beautiful that it can hold the observer in utter stillness. "Be still", the Psalmist sang, "and know that I am God". As you gaze with awe upon the majestic hills and panoramic views, the trivial things in everyday life and personal prob-

lems you encounter will seem to be of small importance, as you rediscover your relationship with God and the loveliness of the earth He created for us.

A Christian, now baptized,
To me much grace is given.
Why was this granted me?
That I with Christ am risen!

This is the holy aim;
He, who does this neglect
Cannot truthfully claim,
"I'm one of God's elect."

The stanza above is one of several that was sung here, on Sunday, Oct. 4, following the baptism of La Nae Moser. (now a sister in faith.) Her testimony that she gave was well accepted by the entire congregation. Having been a stewardess with United Air Lines, before her conversion, one can imagine what the world would have had to offer her. Yet, in conversation and in her testimony, she made it clear that all else could not compare with that of her choice in choosing her soul's salvation. Her later comments were, "If only many more would follow."

Our congregation was blessed and well pleased with the visits of Bros. John Diggelman of Union City and Joel Souder of Leo. Also were we glad to have Bros. Chester O'Brien and Lawrence Farney of Croghan spend Sunday with us. It has been some time that we had hoped to have them visit us and as it then so happened, Bro. Lawrence felt the Lord blessed their efforts in providing an open way.

Bro. John Zahner has returned to his home, from a short stay at the hospital, where he took treatment for his heart.

TOLEDO, OHIO Emily Frautschi

Sis. Yoshiko Utsuki from Tokyo visited in Toledo for a couple of days and Bro. Ben Maibach Jr. joined us in worship on Thursday evening. We enjoyed and appreciated Bro. Maibach's message that evening, and trust that God will bless him and all our ministering brothers.

Sis. Mary Schrenk died, on September 15, at the age of 86. She was born in Junction, but lived the latter part of her life in Toledo. She turned to the Lord in her youth and served him faithfully until the

end. She leaves behind a number of nieces and nephews.

John Frautschi died on September 30, at the age of 81, in Effingham, Illinois, after being involved in an automobile accident, while on their way to visit relatives in Bloomington, Illinois. He lived in Toledo all his life, and leaves behind, his wife, Margery; daughter, Barbara; and one brother, Emil Frautschi.

TREMONT, ILLINOIS

Esther Schmid

As the Brotherhood Conference was held here in September, we were richly blessed with many visiting ministers. Those who ministered to us were Bros. Henry Mogler, Lester; Rudolph Graf, Akron; Noah Bauman, Riftman; Roy Farnney, Phoenix; and Ben Maibach, Detroit. A very timely message we heard was of the Apostle Paul, when he was a prisoner, aboard ship during a storm. He gave instructions to those in charge, what to do so their lives would not be lost, "Except these abide in the ship, ye cannot be saved." So we also must abide in the ship of faith while we remain on earth, through storms, trials, and temptations, that we may reach yonder shore, when the storms of life are over.

We also heard the account of the rich man, who was very sorrowful when told to sell all. We must be willing to **completely** sell out. As God loves the sinner, but hates sin, if we with our whole heart wish to serve God, a complete selling out of worldly lusts and sin must take place. The Lord spoke, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me." We are not asked to go ahead of the Saviour, merely to be followers, as He is our example.

Sisters Lillian Schmid and Esther Musselman are convalescing at home, after having major surgery.

Bro. Elmon and Sis. Janice Koch are the parents of a son, Charles Keith, born Oct. 1. He has a sister and brother to welcome him home.

Bro. Paul and Sis. Helen Michel are the parents of a daughter, Renee Denise, born Sept. 24. This is their first child.

Sunday, October 4, was promotion day in Sunday School, as all classes moved up to the next grade. We smile with admiration at the humble little hearts of the children

as they learn about Jesus, and we thank our dear teachers who lend themselves each Sunday morning to instruct the pupils.

A Labor of Love Sis. Alma Getz

Serving the noon lunch at church, sixty or seventy years ago, was truly a labor of love. To those dear mothers, who were so busy with their families, preparing the Sunday noon lunch meant these additional tasks.

The bread order was given to the baker, not by telephone, but by a trip to town. From the daily milk supply, the cream had to be skimmed and hung down the well, to keep it cool, since there were no refrigerators. About the middle of the week, when enough cream had accumulated, mother brought out the old churn, and by hand she made the butter. The butter was placed in a large wooden bowl, worked and patted to get out all of the milk, salted just the right amount, and made into rolls.

Making the preserves required even more effort. Some kind of fruit—strawberries, raspberries, cherries, peaches—was picked and carefully prepared into a thick, sweet, delicious jam. The cooking of the jam was done on a kitchen range, which used cobs, wood or coal for fuel. In the summer time, this made the whole house hot and uncomfortable.

On Sunday morning, the family which was serving the noon lunch had to arise very early, since the many loaves of bread had to be cut by hand with a big bread knife. The large knife and bread-board were kept at the church.

Cooking the coffee and the last preparations for the Sunday noon meal meant more labor and work.

What can we, with all of our modern conveniences which make life so easy, do to show such brotherly love and kindness?

Happy Memories of the 1800's Sis. Emma Getz

The reminiscings of my parents were always interesting to me, as a child. They would have a longing to see the brethren at the Roanoke Prairie church, so on Saturday morning they would harness Pet and Fritz, and a load of young folks would take the three-seated buggy, and drive to Roanoke. Usually they went to the home of Father

Zimmerman, where they spent the nights. On Sunday they went to church for a blessed day and visited with the brethren—Mangold, Lehman, Altorfer, Blunier, and other families, till Monday noon, when they had to start for home.

Mother helped at the Koch families, who lived near the country church here. They were always prepared for guests. There were also the Sauder, Knapp, Reuter, Winzeler and Getz families, and they were so happy to have company. They baked the bread and raised much of their food, but they had simple meals and served with love. These events did not take place often, as the roads were bad and it was hard to travel, but years later, you felt the love and unity of our forefathers.

For a few winters, Bro. Hohulin came to Tremont to teach singing and German. He was a much loved brother and planted many good seeds of faith, love and kindness. These loved ones are all laid to rest now, and we must keep the spirit of love and faith alive, so we can join them on that great resurrection day.

GRIDLEY, ILLINOIS

Lydia and Eunice Kammerer

September brought a number of visiting ministers. Bros. Lester Huber from Francesville and Irvin Bahler from Remington, were our guest speakers the first Sunday in September. Bro. Bahler reminded us, quoting from "The Psalm of Life", how **our hearts, like muffled drums, are beating funeral marches to the grave**". Others visiting our congregation were Bros. Orville Ringger, John Yergler, and Carl Kipfer from Bluffton; Wayne Gerber and Carl Feucht, Lester; Forrest Ritzman and Ernest Graf, Akron; Harold Gramm and Floyd Schmidtgal, from Hancock.

Births We have a new little miss in our congregation, since Pegg Ann was born to Bro. Floyd and Sis. Marj Meiss, Sept. 15, in Menonite Hospital, Bloomington. She is a sister of Linda Joe, 6, & David Lee, 4, and is a granddaughter of Bro. Ezra and Sis. Martha Stoller and Sis. Lena Meiss, all of Gridley.

Among the sick: Bro. Ed Witzig, who was injured a number of weeks ago, through contact with 7200 volts of electricity, was taken back to the hospital, due to infection caused from his injuries. He has

again returned to his home, and is getting along quite well. However, he must still remain in a cast for some time.

Sis. Pat Ringger has returned to her home, after undergoing surgery at Brokaw Hospital in Bloomington, a few weeks ago.

Marty Klopfenstein, son of Bro. Ralph and Sis. Kathryn Klopfenstein, suffered a broken collarbone, due to a fall from his bicycle.

Bro. Joseph Schlipf is a patient in Mennonite Hospital, Bloomington, where he submitted to eye surgery, about ten days ago.

We sincerely wish them all a speedy recovery.

This past week end was a blessed and enjoyable one, as three more souls were added to the fold. Bro. Leroy Huber, from Eureka came on Saturday evening and assisted with the provings of Lyle Wettstein, son of Bro. Ben and Sis. Anna; Roger Witzig, son of Bro. Elmer and Sis. Marjorie, and Joe Funk, son of Alvin and Alice Funk. Baptism followed, on Sunday. Bro. William Cottrel, from Missouri, was our guest minister on Sunday.

In a recent sermon, Bro. Edwin Ringger begged pleadingly with the friends, to make their reservations in heaven. As he told us, when we travel a great distance, we make hotel or motel reservations, before it is too late to obtain one. So he compared this with our journey here, to make our reservations before it is too late.

Days of Yore

Yes, in the "Days of Yore" everything was quite different than in this modern, fast moving world of automation and speedy transportation . . . no paved or blacktop roads, just plain, dirt roads, and after rains, just **plain mud roads**.

Therefore, after heavy rains or snow, we could not travel as we do now. While we could do a pretty good job keeping the rain out of our cars, by putting on the "side curtains", this did not help in driving through the mud. This meant for us who lived seven miles from our church in Gridley, either stay home or catch the train at 8 o'clock in the morning on Sunday and not return home until 9 o'clock in the evening. This meant, the hospital-ity of others who lived in Gridley.

It was only a 15 minute ride from here to Gridley, so this was much too early to go to church, as serv-

ices did not start until 9:30. Often, we would visit "Grandma", Sis. Katie Kaupp, before going to church. She could not attend services, due to infirmities of old age, so she was quite happy when we would visit. And we shall never forget the many, many times the late Bro. Chris Gramm; his wife, Sis. Katie; and their daughter, Saloma (who is now Saloma Schlipf) invited us to come home with them after church, and dine with them. They opened heart and home and always made us feel welcome.

Our ministers in those days were Bros. John Schlip Sr., John Schieler and Jacob Ringger. Bro. Micheal Mangold from Roanoke was our elder. Later, his son, Bro. Dave, was our elder, until Bro. Joe Klopfenstein was ordained.

In the "good old days", there were many "singings" as we called them. These were really large crowds, as **old and young** alike were invited. Using gospel hymns and "Haefkli", **there was** made beautiful singing for these occasions.

Yes, those days were really "heart-warming" and (I think) all of us looked expectantly for the next singing.

GRIDLEY, KANSAS

Mrs. Eldon Metzger

Bro. Rudy Bahr received some painful injuries, in a farm accident. Stitches were required in his chin and one hand.

Bro. George Bahr, who had surgery last month, is at home now and making a good recovery. He hopes to be able to assemble with us again in a week or two. Bro. George wishes to extend his heartfelt thanks to those who remembered him with cards and gifts.

The Vacation Bible School classes of Sisters Eileen Bahr and Dorene Metzger visited the Golden Age Lodge in Burlington, on Oct. 8. They sang for the residents, who seemed to enjoy the youthful voices singing praises to the Heavenly Father.

LAMAR, MISSOURI

Marie Marti

What would be the greatest thing we would want to leave for our children. Would it be material wealth? No! It is the church, as our forefathers have preserved it for us. That would be the most precious gift we could offer. To be

a good and true example to them is very important. We must ever show forth true Christian virtues . . . "faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity." Charity is the love of God in action. These were the thoughts brought to us last Sunday by Bro. Alpha Strahm of Bern.

Carl and Margaret Compton have a baby boy, Larry William. He has a sister, eight, and brother, four Bill and Maxine Schlupp are the grandparents.

Sis. Marie Stewart has gone to California to live with her daughter for a time. We miss her, and hope she has a pleasant stay.

Billy Dean Schlupp is now in Newfoundland.

We were blessed by an inspiring message brought to us by Elder Bro. Paul Banwart, Tuesday night. He reminded us of the importance of prayer. As in the days of old, so today, prayer is of great value. The power of prayer can change our lives now and for on, into eternity.

A man is rich according to what he is, not according to what he has.

MORRIS, MINNESOTA

Mrs. Kenneth Zeltwanger
Norene Koehl

We welcome Bro. and Sis. Lloyd Nohl and daughter, who have moved here from the West Bend community. They are living on a farm, west of Hancock.

As we gain a family, we are sorry to lose one. Bro. and Sis. Edwin Lanz and family have moved to Excelsior. They will attend the Minneapolis church (where services are held every other Sunday).

Sunday School teachers selected are Bros. Richard Schmidgall, Ephraim Koehl, and Ernest Kellenberger Jr., with Bros. Harold Meiss and Noah Nohl as substitutes, and Bro. Wayne Schmidgall as superintendent.

Bro. Leo Dogotch was hospitalized several weeks with a back ailment. He is home again, recovering slowly.

Our young folks who are going on to college are Ronald Meiss, who is attending the University of Minnesota, Morris; Kathryn Koehl who is in nurses' training at Ancke Hospital; and Susan Feuchtenberger, who is attending Medical Technology school at Alexandria.

The engagement of Sis. Wilda Fehr, daughter of Bro. and Sis.

Paul Fehr, and Bro. Harvey Koehl, son of Bro. and Sis. Charlie Koehl, was announced Sunday, October 5.

OAKVILLE, IOWA
Mrs. Ezra Gerst
Mrs. Edwin Banwart

Doris Rocke and Jerry Kuntz were united in marriage, at the home of her parents, Bro. Orttie and Sis. Verna. Bro. Noah Schrock officiated at the ceremony.

There will be church services at the chapel of the college at Iowa City, each third Thursday of the month. There are a number attending college and working there and in surrounding areas. We invite them all to attend.

Larry Heiniger, son of Bro. Harvey and Sis. Leola, left the 20th of this month for six months active training with the reserves.

Bro. and Sis. Walter Stoller left for the winter for a better climate, on account of his health.

We thank Bro. Paul Banwart for his visit and for bringing us the message on Thursday evening.

There are a number of our young folks away at college. Among them are Bro. Steven Gerst at Gem City Business College, Quincy. John Rowell and Richard Heiniger at Teachers' College at Kirksville, Danny Stoller and Dale Strassheim at Junior College at Burlington. Phyllis Rowell at Methodist Hospital at Peoria, and Joan Heiniger, taking nurses' training at Bloomington. Becky Barth will graduate March 15, for Lab. Tech., from Minneapolis.

We are having beautiful weather here. The leaves are turning, the brilliant colors of nature are beautiful. The men are busy, gathering in the harvest. May we all be ready when God will gather in His harvest. Every day brings us a day closer, and as we see and hear the fulfillment of the Bible, that time may not be too far away.

A Fruitless Life.

This acre God has given me to till
 Will not be cared for by another
 hand.

If I resist or disregard His will
 I shall but mar the work that He
 has planned.
 What will it profit Him to sow good
 seeds

And send the warming sunshine
 and cool rain,
 If I neglect to pluck the fetid weeds

That cumber all the ground and
 choke the grain.

And when at last the autumn
 season nears,
 What shall I answer Him when
 He shall say:
**Where is the garnered harvest of
 the years,
 The golden grain that you have laid
 away?**

Will not my barren life distort His
 plans
 If I go home to Him with empty
 hands?

PHOENIX, ARIZONA
Eileen Yackley

We were all concerned when Bro. Joe Heinold made a sudden trip to the hospital. He is improving slowly, after emergency surgery. We are all so thankful, as he has been a pillar in the Phoenix church for years.

Among the children who had visited him were Kenny (Calif.) and Bro. Ray and Sis. Mary Ann (Ind.).

Kenny, son of Bill and Phyllis Schacherbauer, has been very ill, had undergone major surgery twice in 15 days. Even complications don't baffle the **GREAT PHYSICIAN** above. We are so thankful he is back in Sunday School.

Bro. Joe Beer is spending two weeks in Springfield, Mass., where he is attending classes and lectures at "Career School".

We were blessed in the visit of ministering Bro. George Lambert of Wichita. We were reminded of the rapid spreading of the **WORD** in this, our day.

After the Sunday services, we had a short service at the Palms Nursing Home, then spent the evening supper, fellowship, singing—at North Mountain Park. As we looked out over the lights of the city, we couldn't help but wonder what the Lord thinks of us when He looks down from His throne in the heavens.

Since Christians are as in a school, some of our lessons are not as easy to learn as others, but we are thankful for the patience of our Lord—while we are learning.

We hope that, when our life is over, we will have made good grades in the service of our Lord, and that we can have issued to us a garment of righteousness and a crown of life, studded with stars, representing the souls that we have

helped to the knowledge of the truth.

I am thinking today of that
 beautiful land
 I shall reach when the sun goeth
 down,
 When through wonderful grace
 by my Saviour I stand.
 Will there be any stars in my
 crown?

In the strength of the Lord let
 me labor and pray;
 Let me watch as a winner of souls,
 That bright stars may be mine
 in the glorious day,
 When His praise, like the sea billow,
 rolls.

Oh what joy it will be, when His
 face I behold,
 Living gems at His feet to lay
 down.
 It would sweeten my bliss in the
 city of gold,
 Should there be any stars in my
 crown.

TAYLOR, MISSOURI
Mrs. Eli Sutter

September is past, and October is here, with the trees turning to beautiful colors of red and yellow. They look especially pretty when the trees are along a hillside. The flowers are a bright color, too, at this time of year. So far, we have not had a killing frost (Oct. 7), and the harvest of beans and corn is in full swing. The farmers are working early and late to bring in the grain, while the weather is nice. The Lord has given us a bountiful harvest, for which we are truly grateful.

Henry and Sis. Loida (Walter) Hodel celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on Sept. 26, with a family dinner in the home of their son-in-law and daughter, Don and Elaine Hoerr at Taylor, followed by open house in the Hodel home at Quincy.

They are the parents of seven children: Sis. Nancy (Keith) Oberlander, Elgin, Ill.; Ron, a student at Southern Ill. University; Elaine (Don) Hoerr; Ann, a student at Illinois State University; Cheryl; Becky; and Kevin; and one granddaughter, Lori Hoerr. Sis. Mary Ann (Metz) Plattner and Joe Bauer, who were their attendants at their wedding were here.

Ruth Ann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gotthold Tanner, Morton, and

Bro. Steve, son of Bro. Richard and Sis. Liberty Gerst, Oakville, are attending Gem City College at Quincy. We are glad to have them here and to have them assemble with us. We are glad also to have John, son of Bro. Bill and Sis. Bertha Cordell of Oakville. He has employment in Quincy.

Rudie Haerr was a medical patient at the hospital for several days. He has returned home and is getting along quite well.

Sandy, daughter of Bro. Clarence and Sis. Rosella Kolthoff, is a patient at the hospital at this time. She is improving and hopes to get to go home soon.

Diane, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Riney, and Scott, son of Bro. Robert Hoerrs, started Sunday School this quarter.

WICHITA, KANSAS

Mrs. Harvey Smith

Randy Wheeler, son of Sis. Karlene Wheeler, was a hospital patient. Randy had an appendectomy and he suffered some complications, but we are happy to report he is fully recovered from his ordeal.

Sis. Lydia Schrock has moved to an apartment at 522 So. Main. She had been living with her sister, Sis. Marie Riedel, since the fire in her apartment building last winter. Sis. Lydia is feeling much better and is able to take care of herself, although she does suffer quite a bit of pain, with arthritis.

Sis. Ida Esslinger of Gridley, Kansas, is staying at the Midwestern Convalescent Home, here in Wichita. Sis. Ida has been in a wheelchair the past 4 or 5 years. Other than this, she enjoys good health, and will be 91 years old Nov. 22. She has 8 children living. Let us all take our pens in hand, and send Sis. Ida a birthday card. Mrs. Ida Esslinger, Midwestern Convalescent Home, 1122 No. Topeka, Wichita, Kansas.

Love by its presence, like God by His, makes everything **not necessarily** clear or right or even good, but acceptable. Whereas in its absence, as in His, there is no hope.

WINTHROP, MINNESOTA

Linda and Melva Messner

Our small church is located on the northern edge of town. The building is much the same as when originally built, with the exception of an added hall, the remodeled

basement, and the lower pulpit. We are still using the same benches, and have always had electric lights. Some of the members brought homemade bread and butter for noon lunch.

In the old-fashioned days, people would go with horse and buggy and spend all day in a visit with one family. They would take the children along. Much spiritual wealth was gained by such a simple visit. They always enjoyed company from other churches. How enriched were our lives from the singing and fellowship from their visits!

"Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also." II Timothy 1,2

The exhortation given to Timothy by the Apostle Paul was carried out in our congregation on Sept. 28. Bros. Noah Schrock, Paul Banwart, Paul Fehr and Leo Moser assisted us in choosing two ministers to expound His word. We wish them much grace, faith and courage in their new duty. Bros. Elmer Schmidt and Leroy Messner were chosen.

We truly rejoice, as the angels in heaven rejoice, when sinners repent. Walter and Florence Messner have answered this call. May the love and peace of God be with them.

Ruth Schmidgall, daughter of Bro. Raymond and Sis. Millie Schmidgall, was united in marriage to John Kearney, on Sept. 19. We wish them a happy married life.

BREMEN, INDIANA

Joseph L. Bauman

It is always good, and refreshing to hear the word of God proclaimed by ministers who from time to time visit our congregation. The past month we were fortunate to have from Eureka, Bro. Vernon Lehman, and from Taylor, Bro. Fred Grimm. Their messages were timely and inspirational, and we were pleased to have them visit us.

A week ago, we were saddened by the news of the serious illness of young Jean Ann Hertlein, daughter of Esther Hertlein and granddaughter of Sis. Marie and Ernest Germann. Her illness was of short duration. Today, we looked upon her for the last time. How consolating the thoughts, as expressed by

our minister, Henry Souder, in the morning service, that they who are taken in their youth are spared many of the heartaches and trials of this life, God's ways are not our ways, and He doeth all things well.

We were also saddened, recently, to learn that Sis. Bertha Annis has suffered a heart attack, and is at present convalescing in Memorial Hospital. Sis. Annis is a sister of our former beloved brother, Herman Hueni.

A man, in one of our larger cities, had been brutally stabbed and left dying, while hundreds of people gazed on and passed by, leaving him lying helpless, uncared for. The apathy of our young people and old toward others in need and requiring assistance is seen. This trend toward being indifferent to others was evident in the beginning, when Cain was asked concerning his brother, and he replied that he did not feel it was his obligation to be concerned about his brother. Many of us today can detect a marked trend toward this apathetic spirit. It is everywhere, even perhaps in some churches. Could this apathetic spirit on the part of many of our young people to day be a result of lack of moral training in many of our schools? As children, our readers taught us many things. We can well remember a verse many readers will perhaps also recall:

Lend a hand to one another
In the daily toil of life;
When we meet a weaker brother.
Let us help him in the strife.
There is none so rich but may
In his turn be found to borrow,
And the poor man's lot today
May become our own tomorrow.

ELGIN, IOWA

Mrs. George Butikofer

The woods present a gorgeous scene. The gold of the maples is splashed here and there with a burgundy-leaved oak and a thicket of scarlet sumac. The dark blue fruit of the black haws is a welcome find for the nature lover. May we always thank our Heavenly Father for all of our blessings, both in the natural and the spiritual realm.

Marsha Metzger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Metzger, and William Butikofer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Butikofer, were married October 10. Bro. and Sis. Walter Banwart and Bro. and Sis. Earl

Banwart from West Bend were here to attend the wedding, They being aunts and uncles to the bride.

The two Banwart families and some of their children attended our church services the next day. Bro. Earl expounded the scripture to us. Bro. Uriel, too, was present for Sunday services. Bro. Uriel read the 14th chapter of John, as the text for the afternoon sermon. We are always thankful for visitors.

Sisters Nima and Evelyn Zimmerman, from Eureka, and Sis. Marie Blunier, from Roanoke, spent a few days. Sis. Marie has a sister, Mrs. Louis Butikofer, and a brother, Will Sutter, here. Sis. Nima is a cousin of Louis Butikofer. The Illinois folks were very welcome in the Butikofer home, as well as wherever they visited around. We do hope that they will come to see us real soon again.

SABETHA, KANSAS
Mrs. Theodore Locher
Leona Aeschliman

Several of our brothers attended the conference at Tremont.

Sis. Fanny Bahr was hospitalized at St. Anthony Hospital for several days. We are thankful to report, she has again improved in health.

The Board of Trustees of the Apostolic Christian Home held the annual meeting, September 16. The same officers were elected, for a term of two years. Dinner was served at the church.

Bro. Roy Farney stopped here for services, enroute home to Phoenix. He had attended the conference. Much spiritual food was afforded all the congregation.

Sis. Ollie Strahm had surgery at St. Anthony Hospital. We are thankful she has been given the necessary strength and is convalescing nicely.

ROMANS 5-1 THEREFORE BEING JUSTIFIED BY FAITH, WE HAVE PEACE WITH GOD, THROUGH OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.

Bro. Will Strahm had his 100th birthday on October 2. His residence is at the Apostolic Christian Home. Most of the members of his family visited him on this special day.

Bro. Jake Plattner has now moved to the Apostolic Christian Home.

A group of brothers and sisters visited Bro. Ben and Sis. Liseten Aberle on their 25th Wedding Anniversary October 1. Hymns were

sung, and all enjoyed a pleasant evening.

Sis. Mildred Strahm submitted to surgery at our local hospital. We pray for her speedy recovery.

WEST BEND, IOWA
Anna Schmidt

Bro. Silas and Sis. Della Metzger are the parents of a daughter, Lonnie Lou, born September 6.

A son, Byron Leonard, was born to Leonard and Helen Anliker on September 12. They also have a daughter, Brenda.

Elder Bros. Noah Schrock, Oakville; Leo Moser, Lester; and Paul Fehr, Morris, were with us on Sunday, September 27, and assisted in choosing a minister. Bro. Clifford Grimm was selected for this important duty. We wish him much grace and courage, so he may be inspired to speak the holy word in truth and sincerity.

Duane Metzger, son of Bro. Arnold and Sis. Alice, has turned to the Lord in repentance. We wish him much grace in his new walk of life, and pray that many more can turn unto the Lord while it is yet the day of grace. He is stationed at Fort Knox, Kentucky.

Sis. Sarah Kropf fell and broke her hip. She was hospitalized in Iowa City, but is now at the home of her sister and family, Nathan and Sis. Esther Banwart. May God be with her in her lonely hours, as she will be laid up for quite a length of time.

Bro. Larry Fehr had a narrow escape, when his clothing caught in the power take-off. He hurt his back and received several bruises, but was fortunate not to be seriously injured.

Reflections

Looking from the windows of the earthly home

Where God has chosen I dwell,
Seeing all the beauty about it,
I smile, and know it is well.

Here, autumn in colorful glory,
is showing her beautiful face,
Lifting bright tree-tops toward heaven,
Bending low o'er the rivers swift grace.

A ribbon of road wanders past me;
A small tree is resplendent in gold.
From high on the hill one can see it,
The valley with pleasure behold.

"The earth is the LORD'S, and the fulness thereof . . ."

Amen—and so let it be.

We thank Thee, Lord, for the gift of life

And eyes, that we may see.

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CONGERVILLE, ILLINOIS

Ruth Schumacher

Sis. Carrie Wettstein has been in Eureka Hospital for two weeks, following surgery. We wish her God's blessings, and hope she'll soon be out and feeling much better.

We are glad to report that two young friends, Ralph and Lynda Knapp, have surrendered their hearts to the Lord in repentance. We wish them much grace, and hope that others will follow—that many more can know the true joys of following Him.

We were thankful for the visits of Bros. Fred Marti of Lamar, Phil Sauder of Cissna Park, and Roy Sauder of Peoria.

Ernest Moser has announced the engagement of his daughter, Joann, to John Stackwietz, of Henry. No wedding date has been set.

The Sunday School voted to remember Sammy Mogler with gifts, to help him pass the time, while he is in bed with rheumatic fever. Sammy attended Congerville Sunday School, before he moved to Eureka.

We enjoyed the visit of Bro. Uriel Gehring of Burlington, during the time of the Brothers' Conference. We were reminded how important it is that we, in love, can be a light to those around us.

FORT SCOTT, KANSAS

Annabelle Bahr

Marie Zaugg

Edwin Fischer was in the hospital for a tonsillectomy. Edwin will be 8 years old on his next birthday, is in the third grade at Hammond school, and is the son of Bro. and Sis. Lyle Fischer.

Bro. Sam Huber, Burlington, was our guest minister one Sunday. He exhorted us, if we have anything against our brother, sister, wife, husband, children, or whoever it may be, that we not let the sun go down upon our wrath.

Last night, Bro. Paul Banwart, West Bend, served us at mid-week services. He read in St. Luke, chapter 10. He spoke clearly and plainly, giving many timely teachings. One thing he mentioned was that if parents, in their walk of life, are good examples to their children, it can be more effective than a sermon.

Bro. John Sinn, Morton, is spending a few weeks with his uncle, Bro. Will Sinn. Bro. Will lives alone and appreciates having company.

Lord, make me a channel of Thy Peace—

That where there is hatred, I may bring love;

That where there is wrong, I may bring the spirit of forgiveness;

That where there is discord, I may bring harmony;

That where there is error, I may bring truth;

That where there is doubt, I may bring faith;

That where there is despair, I may bring hope;

That where there are shadows, I may bring Thy Light;

That where there is sadness, I may bring joy.

Lord, grant that I may seek rather To comfort, than to be comforted; To understand, than to be understood;

To love, than to be loved, For it is by giving, that one receives;

It is by self-forgetting, that one finds;

When one is forgiving, then one is forgiven;

It is by dying, that one awakens to eternal life.

JUNCTION, OHIO

Mrs. Alvin H. Manz

We were richly blessed this past month, when we were privileged to hear Bro. Carl Kipfer of Bluffton and Elder Bro. George Sinn of Latty, the same day. Bro. Carl admonished us that, to overcome we must be obedient, not concerned with popularity and personal gain, for this is only the "chaff" which will be blown away on that great day. We should consider the teachings of Jesus Christ, how plain they were—praise Him daily and thank Him for all his goodness. He also reminded us that those who disregard God have no pleasure and no hope in the world to come, so let us not grow careless. Let us be prepared at all times. As Bro. Carl put it—"He is THE WAY, the ONLY way."—and referred us to hymn number 171—The Cross.

The longer beam is God's directing, Across it lies thy will, perverse, Thus brings the cross pain and affliction;

God's dispensation seems for worse.

Two beams are in the cross united; A short one lies across the long, But instantly the cross is lightened When short lies parallel to long.

Bro. George read to us of the Israelites in the wilderness, and told us that, as long as we are child-like, sincere and obedient, He will care for us, the same as He did for them, when He sent the manna from Heaven. He then spoke from St. John the 6th chapter, and reminded us that our Saviour came to restore that which was lost, to bring repentance to the lost, and we must give an account. We must do more than believe, we must repent and carry sorrow for our old life. When the old life is dead, we must bury it in the baptismal water and become born again to a new life. We are the Lord's—we're no longer our own, and we must remember our covenant.

Both brothers brought out the question, "Where will I spend eternity?" . . . a question God demands we ask ourselves, ere the time comes for us to give an account. God is still with us—But how long?

The sick are about the same. Sis. Lena Manz is not well at all.