

Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?

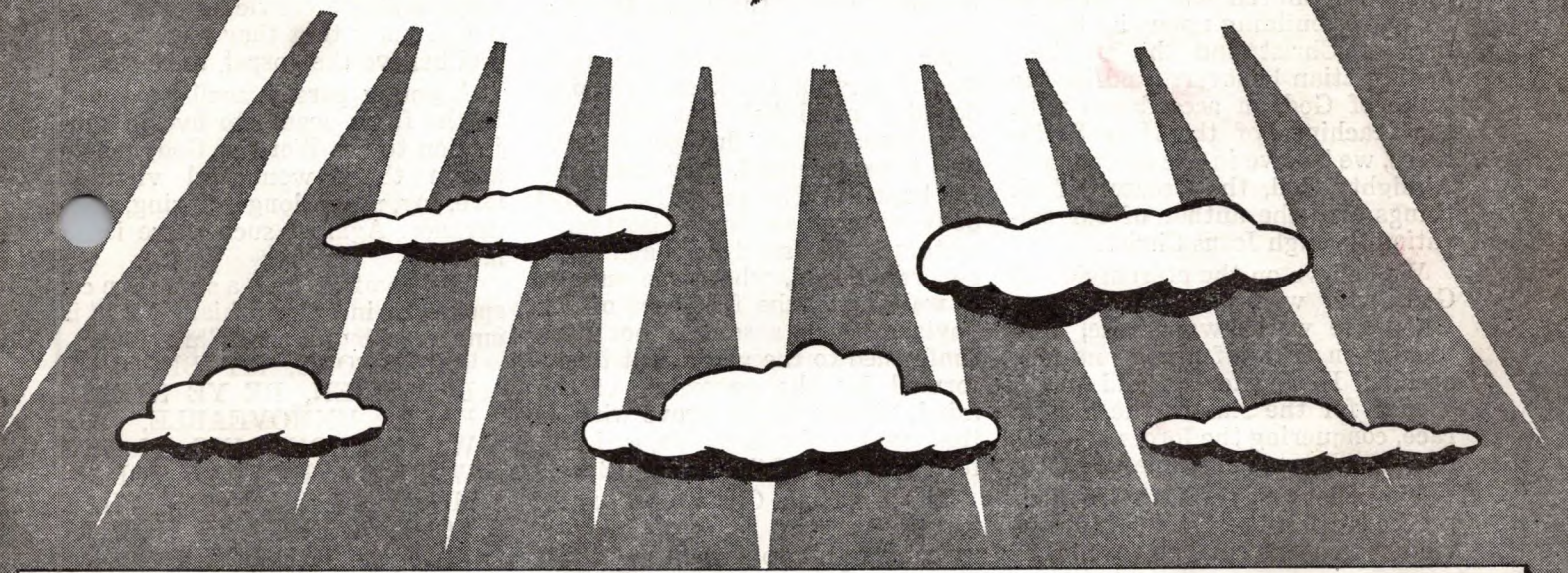
And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel?

And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple

of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

Wherefore come out and from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing, and I will receive you.

And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.



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

# THE SILVER LINING

A LIGHT for BELIEVERS

# THE APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bro. Theo. Beer

The Apostolic Christian Church is not a creedal church, strictly speaking, for we are bound only to the Holy Scripture, and believe it to be the groundwork of our faith. Yet, from time to time since its founding, we have written a confession of our faith.

We feel that we follow the doctrine of the first church which the apostles established after Pentecost, based upon the teachings of the Lord Jesus Christ, as our Lord and Redeemer.

We also believe the letters of the apostles as the inspired word of God. Consequently, the Apostolic Christian Church was adopted as its name, building upon the teachings of Christ and the apostles. As Christian believers, and by the grace of God, in accordance with the teachings of the Holy Scriptures, we believe in one eternal and Almighty God, the Creator of all things, and the author of our salvation through Jesus Christ.

We believe on the eternal Son of God, who was with the Father when the world was made, who took upon Himself human nature, and by His suffering and death atoned for the sins of the human race, conquering the forces of sin & Satan, and reconciled man to God.

We believe in the Spirit, which proceeds from the Father and convicts man of his sins, moves him to

repentance, and confession of sin to God, with man as witness, also to restitution for wrongs with his fellowman, opens his heart to accept the offered salvation, through faith in Jesus Christ, God's beloved Son. We believe the Father, Son and Holy Spirit constitute the one true God, and through faith in the atoning blood of our Saviour, believers are baptized and accepted into the fellowship of the church.

The most important duty of the church is the teaching and preaching of the Word of God. Through the power of the Word and the knowledge of its teachings, sinners are convicted of their sins, brought into repentance toward God, and faith in the shed blood of the crucified and risen Lord, and are pardoned from all their sins and transgressions. When this peace with God is experienced, they are ready for baptism. The mortified, sinful body is immersed in the baptismal waters and arises a born-again, regenerated soul, whose pleasure is in walking in the footsteps of our Saviour. Such a soul is not soon conformed to the world, but transformed by the renewing of the mind, "that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God." Romans 12:2.

The Apostolic Christian Church, throughout the land, extends a welcome to all, to worship with us.

The Sunday School teachers extend a welcome to all young people, to attend one of the classes.

Parents feel it is their duty to rear their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, and to attend services regularly. "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6.

Children who know not their right hand from the left are spiritually in a state of innocence, but through Christian teachings, first in the home, next in the Sunday School, as they grow to maturity and accountability, receive knowledge and are convicted of wrongdoing, know that they must repent and believe the gospel, to be saved.

A young person, well grounded in the faith, wants to live in subjection to the Word of God, and to attain these wonderful virtues: love, joy, peace, longsuffering, temperance. Against such there is no law.

The comfort and assurance spoken of in I Corinthians 15:58 is embraced by all true Christians.

**THEREFORE, MY BELOVED BRETHREN, BE YE STEADFAST, UNMOVEABLE, ALWAYS ABOUNDING IN THE WORK OF THE LORD, FORASMUCH AS YE KNOW THAT YOUR LABOUR IS NOT IN VAIN IN THE LORD.**

## CHRISTIANITY IN JAPAN

Yoshio Yamazaki

In all countries, there are great many religions, but there has been a tremendous outgrowth of new religions in Japan since World War II because of the new religious freedom. I read that Japan leads the world in police stations and new religions. In regard to Christianity, the number of different groups in Japan are not a few, because this is the first time in history that missionaries could enter this country so freely. I believe that this is indeed a wonderful blessing from the Lord. However, the num-

ber of Christian groups which preach and teach true repentance and the new birth in and through Jesus Christ are so few in comparison with the other. I must wonder why. The crucified Christ is emphasized and revered, but the risen Christ is not emphasized nor embraced. This is one of the biggest reasons why the true faith cannot make very much progress. The gospel is not complete without the resurrection.

Satan is very busy working in the hearts where the risen Christ

is ignored. This is especially true because the people of Japan have a feeling of superiority and they are accustomed to the idea of sacrificing one's life for another.

The morals are not based on conscience, but on what is most advantageous for family name and personal reputation. From a standpoint of education, there have been great changes. However, the old ideas and customs remain. From weddings to funerals, the education of children, parents and relatives is obligations to one an-

other and that the weaker must always give in to the stronger. A religion that is skillfully melted and adapted to this flourishes. There are some Christian groups who attempt to adapt to the situation in order to be more successful. Nevertheless, there are some who continue to emphasize that there is only one way, one God, one Christ, and who do not attempt to compromise.

I do not feel we should be afraid, because God is almighty, and He is with us even though our number is small.

When Buddhism came into this country, Buddhists were persecuted by Shintoists, but today Buddhist influence is very great. There is a proverb in Japan, "Give way to that which is long," which means that if something is long, comply with it, even if it is wrong. Therefore, almost all Japanese will laugh off that which they know to be wrong, in order to maintain

"peace." However, Scripture says, "Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin." James 4:17. This is the outstanding difference between Christianity and other religions.

Most churches in Japan are greatly influenced by strong customs. This also includes the ministers. This is really unfortunate; we must more earnestly seek God's help and guidance.

Our customs have been made by people, but God's Word is from God. To say that noncompliance with God's Word under the circumstances can't be helped is just an excuse.

There are three kinds of people who attend church in Japan. (1) Thinking of Christianity as a means of achieving a higher civilization, they attend out of pride. (Europe and America have a Christian background and are very much advanced,) (2) Some attend because they think that Christianity

is much the same as other religions, offers benefits when in trouble, healing when sick, etc. (3) Others, having truly repented of their sins, having found peace through Christ, they love God and attend church as true believers.

You may feel it strange that I, a Japanese, should have written like this. I, too, feel it somewhat strange. If I had not been associated with American service men and missionaries so much since the end of World War II, I would probably still have the old idea that Japan is the greatest and most perfect country on earth. Earnest reflection causes me to give the preceding analysis.

It is the truth; I cannot help but write it. Of course, I too am a Japanese; I love Japan, and I love the good points of old Japan. I feel we must not lose much of our Japanese traditions. In spite of all difficulties, I am very thankful to have been able to repent and find Christ.

## SHORT OF GLORY DIVIDE!

Henry Souder Jr.

Past this life, things go on forever. If a soul has won, there is unclouded, everlasting bliss. Lost, the dye is cast. . .

"I will therefore put you in remembrance, though ye once knew this, how that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed them that believed not."

The awakening song of salvation finds beautiful peace. The finish is the winner's line. He will not have even one in His kingdom who does not belong there.

"And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day."

We stood in a hospital room, visiting a brother in faith. He mentioned about a great day coming. Not long before, he had tearfully and full forgiveness. Not long after, he fell asleep in Jesus. A beautiful home is his.

Perfect love has no fear. To depart in darkness means dreadful fear. Just think what sad company,

to join those in everlasting chains!

Part of beautiful home is purity, being free from all sin. Darkness is yoke with hearts of hateful lusts, never to get away.

"Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire."

The window of your soul is open to God. Waywardness brings guilt. Guilt will bring vengeance of eternal fire.

To be sealed in solid darkness is mind-rending. These things are true. Coming wrath flashes across the heavens.

Miserable company are those who suffer vengeance. "Likewise also these filthy dreamers defile the flesh, despise dominion, and speak evil of dignities."

God's word can be a road guide back to happiness for some sad soul!

Finding oneself on the wrong road, only this is worthwhile, to get heavenly bearing. How comfort-

able to be headed right! How good to give up pride and everything wrong: God's people follow in calm pursuit in the way of life. Common to angels and men of dark way is departure from good once known!

". . . Woe unto them! for they have gone in the way of Cain, and ran greedily after the error of Balaam for reward, and perished

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in the gainsaying of Core."

Cain hated his brother; he killed him. One hates by not doing God's commandments. We love by doing. Reckless way for Balaam met with warning from God. Full departure had not yet blossomed. Heedless and Headstrong, he found bitter end, the sword. Core rebelled against the leaders of God's people. He was dissatisfied, despised dominion. Fire came out, struck him and his company in burning judgment.

"These are spots in your feasts of charity, when they feast with you, feeding themselves without

fear: clouds they are without water, carried about of winds; trees whose fruit withereth, without fruit, twice dead, plucked up by the roots;"

These words are written for the benefit of the souls that keep. How seriously our Lord looks at danger to His own. Apart are the quicksands!

A blight will spread, unless noted. We can't help by going along; grave is the danger of eternal loss. If over the stormy waves our light shines, perhaps some poor, shipwrecked soul will catch the beam and come back in!

The disobedient who defy to the end are "Raging waves of the sea, foaming out their own shame; wandering stars, to whom is reserved the blackness of darkness for ever."

A sober look into now and far, for where we cannot see! Though effort is much, the toiling sea slaves in waves of its own making. How sad to settle down in restlessness that will never find rest.

Through timeless, uncharted paths, the star roars . . . ever dark, ever farther and farther.

Get free, before eternity's night closes down!

### UNION CITY, NEW JERSEY August Mueller

Elder Bro. John Bahler proclaimed the word of God. He also announced the Lord's supper, for the next time he comes. After church, we went to visit Sis. Ida Knecht, who is not able to assemble. Bro. Bahler offered a prayer.

I look up to the hills from whence cometh my help. We would be poor creatures if we could not look up. It is a good thing to trust in the Lord and to ask Him for help. He is good to His children. We have a hymn in the Zion's Harp that tells us that the men of old, of faith, went through darker times, and yet won the victory. Let us then go onward, until the time comes for us to say good-night to this dark world, and good morning up there.

We have two members in the hospital, Sis. Sophie Keller, with a virus, and Bro. Harry Frauhiger, with infection on the foot.

We are told by David not to put our trust in men, but in the Lord. He alone will make all things bearable; He keeps all his promises, as long as we keep ours. We had a blessed Sunday. The Lord kept his promise that where two or three are assembled in His name, He will be in the midst. We are only a few, yet we could feel that the Lord was with us.

Sis. Sophie Keller is home from the hospital, feeling somewhat better; I hear that Bro. Harry Frauhiger will leave the hospital this week. We thank God for that; it is always a blessing to meet and greet members and friends.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and

forget not what great things He has done for you. He called us with His friendly voice; He drew us with His cords of love. Our lot has fallen in lovely places; a wonderful heritage is ours. Gladly would we share with our children and friends. It is our daily prayer that all those that know the way could be saved, ere the door of grace will be closed. What a blessing it is for a soul to know that a home is prepared in heaven.

When we read about the children of Israel, we find that they demanded meat in the wilderness, which was displeasing to God, but he granted their wish. He told Moses, Tell the people that they will have meat tomorrow. That was hard for Moses, the servant of God, to understand. He asked the Lord, How can that be? Should we kill all our cattle and bring up all the fish from the sea? He forgot, for a minute, that God could do anything He wanted, that nothing was impossible for Him. The Lord answered him, Did my arm get shorter that I could not help? Moses did not ask any more questions. The next day, they had more meat than what they liked, but it cost them plenty of lives. This is a lesson for us not to ask the Lord for anything that is displeasing to him. They did not ask; they demanded.

Something wonderful has happened to me. I can not be thankful enough to God and to the congregation. For about two years I went to church, but could not understand anything that was spoken from the pulpit. I could hear the ministers preaching, but could not make out what was said. Then, a

loudspeaker was installed in the basement for Bro. Frauhiger. At the same time, they decided to put a hearing aid in for me. What a wonderful deed. I thank God for bringing Bro. Frauhiger. Today for the first time, I heard and understood every word that our ministers said.

Wait on the Lord. He will help you when help is needed. All we have to do is open that wonderful book, the Bible, the only book that ever was written, where every word is true.

The Lord helps all those that put their hope and trust in Him. Many years are behind us. We agree with the disciples, that we never had want. Let us keep on praising and thanking God for His mercy, love and kindness which He bestows upon us from day to day.

I went to visit my sister, Emma, but cannot report any improvement. All flesh is as grass. In the morning it is green and good to look at, and in the evening it is cut down.

### SARASOTA, FLORIDA Velta Laukhuf

Our visiting ministers were, Bros. Paul Fehr, Morris; Michael Weyeneth, Peoria; Henry Grimm, Morton; Henry Beer, Milford; and Ben Maibach, Detroit. We wish to thank the ministering brothers for their inspiring messages and the pure explanation of the word and plan of God. They expressed deep concern for the loved ones and the opportunity for repentance which we have in this life. It should not be neglected. We wish to express special thanks to Bro. Maibach

for spending two Sundays with us. During his visit here, we had the largest attendance since the start of the Sarasota church.

On Feb. 18, a picnic was held by the local folks, with many visitors attending. It was enjoyed by all.

### AKRON, OHIO

**Grace Schuckert Florence Graf**  
A daughter, Monica—their first child—has arrived to bless the home of Fred and Eva Grawunder. Little Monica is also the first grandchild of Bro. Peter and Sis. Eva Wenhardt.

Handicapped lately, in casts, are Donna Palmer, with one on her right arm, a wrist problem, and Sisters Mary Ann and Louise Kay Graf, for limb and ankle conditions. John Greenbank, son of Bro. Gordon and Sis. Emily Greenbank, stationed at Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas, has been undergoing various tests at Munson Army Hospital. Though being permitted to come home for a week, he must return to the hospital there, for further observation and treatment. To each we wish the gift of healing.

The marriage of Loren Burr, son of Fred and Helen Burr, to Carilyn Ann Roland of Copley was performed.

The Lord again spoke to us through His precious word and spirit, when Bro. Joseph Aberle of Sabetha visited us.

Bro. Paul Gangle and Sis. Margaret Dockus were united in marriage by Elder Bro. Rudolph Graf. May the Lord grant them happiness, as they walk life's pathway together. Elder Bro. John Bahler, speaker that evening, used as his text the 13th in I Corinthians, sometimes called the "love chapter", which emphasizes the fundamentals of love and how they are applied to our lives.

### "Are Ye Able?"

Able to endure without a breaking,  
To be forsaken without forsaking:  
Able to give without receiving,  
To be ignored without any  
grieving:  
Able to ask without commanding,  
To love, despite misunderstanding:  
Able to turn to the Lord for  
guarding,  
Able to wait for His own  
rewarding?

Three-month-old Tracey Lawrence, first grandchild of Louise

and Roland French, is in Children's Hospital, in traction for 10 days, to be followed by a cast for 6 months, to correct a hip socket condition.

### ALTO, MICHIGAN Myrna and Loretta Steffen

A precious little girl, Michelle Marie, was born to Bro. Carl and Sis. Myrna Steffen on February 10. They have two other children, Terry and Treasure.

Elder Bro. Joe Waibel spoke from God's "Living Word". After services, we held a member meeting. By casting lots, Bro. Derry Schutte became our new trustee.

Often we wonder, why our dear friends do not turn to the Lord. Surely the day is approaching swiftly when we will no longer be offered grace.

Why do you wait, loving friend?  
Oh why do you tarry so long?  
Your Saviour is waiting to give you  
A place in His sanctified throng.

What do you hope, loving friend,  
To gain by a further delay?  
There's no one to save you but  
Jesus,  
There's no other way but His way.

Do you not feel, loving friend,  
His Spirit now striving within?  
Oh, why not accept His salvation  
And throw off your burden of sin?

Why do you wait, loving friend?  
The harvest is passing away.  
Your Saviour is longing to bless  
you;  
There's danger and death in delay.

### BLUFFTON, INDIANA Delutha Moser Carolyn Gerber

Christ measures our lives not in terms of fame, fortune or influence, but by spiritual quality.

Birth: On March 3, a girl—Angela Sue, to Bro. and Sis. Jerry Gerber.

Shut-ins: Sis. Elma Kaehr, Friend Sharon Fiechter, Sis. Dorothy (Jay) Kipfer and Sis. Luella Aschliman. "... the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: ... the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us ..." Romans 8:26

Engagement: Friend Colleen Ringger, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Bill Ringger, has announced her engagement to Robert Landrum, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Land-

rum. A June wedding is being planned.

Servicemen discharged: Friend Thomas L. Kipfer has been discharged, after serving with the U. S. army in Germany. Friends Herbert, Robert, and Stanley Heyerly have been discharged from the National Guard, after serving active duty during the past six months.

### When The Heart is Full of Love

There is beauty in the forest  
When the trees are green and fair;  
There is beauty in the meadow  
When wild flowers scent the air.  
There is beauty in the sunlight  
And the soft blue beams above.  
Oh the world is full of beauty,  
When the heart is full of love.

### BRADFORD, ILLINOIS

#### Mrs. Martha Kieser

Bros. Leroy Hartman of Peoria, Edwin Ringger, Gridley and Al Aberle from Tremont visited. We enjoyed having them.

Dan Endress remains in the hospital for continued treatment.

Sis. Margaret Tanner has been able to assemble with us again, following surgery. Becky Guingrich is back again. It is always nice to see familiar faces, after many weeks absence.

Sis. Lucille Kieser, who has returned to Mayo's, is to undergo exploratory surgery. We trust the Lord will ever abide with her. She is my husband's mother.

Quite a few are ill with the flu.

Roger Rumbold, son of Bro. Louie and Sis. Ann, was married to Patsy Moore. We wish them much happiness. Bro. Louie and Sis. Ann are also grandparents to Brian Louis, son of Bro. Ronald and Sis. Jackelyn Rumbold.

We are rejoicing with Sandra Guingrich, as she has turned to the Lord. Larry Guingrich, son of Bro. Ed and Sis. Doris, is her husband.

The ground is white, after a 5-inch, gentle falling snow.

### FT. SAM HOUSTON, TEXAS

#### Leland Plattner

Our visitors included Bro. Carl Hartman from Sabetha, Bro. Lester Hartter, from Bern. The ministers scheduled for April are from Junction, on April 11, and from Burlington (Oklahoma) on April 25. Remember, anyone coming for either a visit or military service

should let someone here know of their coming.

The situation in the Far East now makes us remember the scripture, "This know also, that . . . perilous times shall come." This should be a concern to us, and make us remember to pray for those in authority, that our country might continue in the care of the Almighty One. The instigator of this strife is not going to forget us as individuals, in spite of his large scale confusion, so our giving of thanks that we do not have to fight any battles alone should never cease. These perils don't have to be at a national level, but are often fought within one's heart. Whatever the size or severity, it can be won by a few, sincere words in prayer.

#### ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY Dianne Emch

The month of February proved to be a month of study, during which many of us eagerly awaited our Thursday evening services.

Bro. Joe Schrock served us Feb. 4, and he dealt with St. Matthew 7. Bro. Frederick Knapp closed with a prayer.

Feb. 11, Edmund Kloter of Fairbury visited us and read Ephesians 6. There was much food for thought as he closed his sermon by saying: "A philosopher on his tiptoes sees less than a Christian on his knees." Bro. David Kaeb of Fairbury closed with a prayer.

Bro. Vernon Leman of Eureka served us Feb. 18, and read St. Luke 13:1-30. He reminded us, among other things, to love our roommates as ourselves. This is timely information. Bro. Virgil Funk led us in closing prayer.

Feb. 25, the snow did not prohibit a group of students and Normal residents from gathering in a Song Service. Following the singing, Bro. Tom Hohulin read Romans 8, and Bro. Doug Leman had the closing prayer.

Our services are conducted on Thursday evenings at 8:00 p.m., in the third floor lounge of the University Union. Any visitors are welcomed.

#### MORTON, ILLINOIS Rose Getz

Little Jeanette Rose Vierling, age 12, passed away. Funeral services were held on February 8, with Bro. Jim Hoerr of Peoria officiat-

ing, assisted by Bros. Frances Rother and Russell Rapp. She is survived by her parents, Carl and Rose Baer Vierling; two brothers, Weldon and Darrell; and two sisters, Sis. Gloria (Mrs. Howard Leman) and Carla.

Bro. Fred Schmidgall, age 85, passed away at his home February 22. Funeral services were held Feb. 24, with Bro. J. A. Getz officiating, assisted by Bros. Henry Grimm and Russell Rapp. Surviving are his wife, Sis. Lydia Dallinger Schmidgall, and nine children.

Funeral services were held March 2 for Sis. Anna Wiegand Kaufman, 71, wife of Bro. Dan. Surviving are three sons and four daughters. Bros. J. A. Getz and Russell Rapp officiated.

We were happy to have Bro. Joe Aberle of Sabetha and Bro. Joe Zimmerman of Roanoke.

A daughter, Lisa Kay, was born Feb. 12 to Bro. Milton and Shirley Wuthrich Grimm. A daughter was born to the Roger Hirsteins February 17.

Bro. Alvin Heiniger, who had a major operation, is recovering nicely at home.

Sis. Lydia Getz remains a patient at Methodist Hospital in Peoria, after a fall, breaking her arm and receiving other injuries.

Sis. Louisa Hauter is quite ill with a heart condition and pneumonia.

Sis. Mary Huette (Mrs. Sam) was able to return to the Restmor Nursing Home, after spending some time in the Pekin Hospital with a broken hip.

Sis. Ruth Rapp, who has been writing the news for Silver Lining, had the misfortune of injuring her hand in a fall so badly it had to be put in a cast.

Bro. and Sis. Ed Wyss were injured in a car wreck at Tipton, Ga., on their return from Florida. They are recovering nicely, but Sis. Julia has a broken nose and concussion.

Bro. Paul Eisenman of Burlington, Iowa, taught the Bible Class Feb. 28.

The choruses of Morton and Peoria combined for the Christian Endeavor singing.

#### PRINCEVILLE, ILLINOIS Ruth Ricketts

We are happy to have Bro. Silas Leuthold safely home, after spending three weeks with Bro. Noah Schrock in Arizona, California,

and Oregon. They arrived home in the midst of the worst snow storm of the season.

Jordan and Sharon Elsasser miraculously escaped serious injuries in an auto accident, when a car hit them from the rear, pushing them into another car that was stopping. Their car was badly damaged, but they escaped with minor injuries and started their wedding trip a week later. Bro. Lowell Stoller received painful injuries about his mouth, when he was involved in an auto accident. He is recovering and able to be about.

Bro. Eddie Woertz is still a hospital patient, following surgery, but hopes to get home within a few days. He is our faithful janitor, and we miss him very much. Sis. Twylla Streitmatter is improving, after a few days' stay in the hospital. Sis. Margaret Ehnle is recovering in her home, following surgery on her feet. She hopes to worship with us soon.

Bro. Karl Klumpp is quite ill in his home. Sis. Marie Begner quietly observed her 92nd birthday, February 12. Although she is able to be up every day, she is gradually getting weaker and her eyesight is poorer, but her mind is very clear. She gets around her home in a wheel chair and helps herself quite a lot.

Bro. Ronald and Sis. Jacqueline (Stahl) Rumbold are parents of a son, born March 1. He is their first child, and will answer to the name of Brian Louis.

Donald and Mary Lou (Meyer) Streitmatter welcomed a son. (In last month's Silver Lining, the name Streitmatter was omitted.)

We are approaching the Easter season, a time we all look forward to for various reasons. It is a time to renew our faith, by reading and meditating on the suffering of our dear Lord and Saviour and of His glorious resurrection. We look forward eagerly to the first sign of spring, when the first buds burst forth, also being resurrected from the winter rest. As the grass begins to get green and become alive, we are again refreshed. It is a precious time, and we should all appreciate the blessings and opportunities we all enjoy.

#### Alone

It was alone the Saviour prayed  
In dark Gethsemane;

Alone He drained the bitter cup,  
And suffered there for me.

It was alone the Saviour stood  
In Pilate's judgment-hall;  
Alone the crown of thorns He wore,  
Forsaken thus by all.

Alone upon the cross He hung,  
That others He might save;  
Forsaken then by God and man,  
Alone, His life He gave.

Can you reject such matchless  
love  
Can you His claim disown?  
Come, give your all in gratitude;  
For you, He was alone.

Alone, alone,  
He bore it all alone;  
He gave Himself to save His own.  
He suffered, bled, and died,  
alone . . . alone.

**BAY CITY, MICHIGAN**  
**Marlene Mosher**

With the Lord's blessings, another couple has been able to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary, Bro. Fred and Sis. Nettie (Wieland) Knochel. They were blessed with 11 children: eight boys, Harold, Bro. Norman, Bro. Floyd, Bro. Victor and Fred Jr., all of Bay County, Bros. Ted and Herbert of Phoenix, and Bro. Alpha of Remington, and three girls, Sisters Alvina (Wallace) Wackerle of Bay City, Marie (Harold) Schieler of Remington, and Laura (Glenn) Knapp of Fairbury. They wish to thank the many friends and relatives for the cards and acts of kindness shown to them.

Helping them get settled in their new home, Bro. and Sis. Joe Clauss were recent visitors of their daughter, Bro. and Sis. Wayne (Irma) Wieland.

With the sick . . . Winter it seems, is a time for many to be laid up with various ailments. Sis. Arlene (James) Wieland was in the hospital for allergy tests, but is home again. Sis. Eunice (Henry) Meylan is in for major surgery; she is improved. Bro. William Wieland is home and able to assemble with us. Sis. Elizabeth Ramseyer is in the hospital again; it seems as though she has had a stroke.

Bro. Erwin and Sis. Nina Wieland are grandparents of a little girl, Shelley Lynn, given that honor by Sis. Judy (David, deceased) Wieland.

**BERN, KANSAS**

**Mrs. Morris Edelman**  
**Mrs. Leonard Baumgartner**

Hospital patients were Bro. Gottleib and Sis. Lucinda Brunner; both spent some time in the Sabetha Hospital, but are now confined to their home in Oneida. This elderly couple have hardly missed a Sunday until this winter. We miss seeing them in their places in the front pews. Bro. Jake Wenger has been ill most of the winter, and is in the Sabetha Hospital. Bro. Wilhelm Metzger spent some time in the Seneca Hospital, with pneumonia. Sis. Katie Grimm is a patient at the University of Kansas Medical Center.

A family dinner was held at the home of Bro. Louis and Sis. Mavis Meyer, in honor of Bro. John and Sis. Marie Strahms' 50th wedding anniversary. The immediate family was present, and Marie's sisters, Clara Furrer of Wolcott and Sis. Anna Frieden of Lamar, were here for the happy occasion.

Singing practices were held this month at the Bro. Emil Strahms and Bro. Roy Rokeys' homes.

Stephen Hartter has been inducted into the Service. We will miss Steve during his two years in the service of our country.

Recent past world statistics have proved that only 35% of the population are called Christians. If things go as they are, only 5% of the world population will be Christians in the near future. This is frightening and makes us all want to be better people, for each of us can help.

**CROGHAN-NAUMBURG, N. Y.**

**Mrs. Lawrence Farney—**  
**Mrs. David Schamback**

We are happy to report the birth, on February 23, of a little sister for the Hirschey family. Her parents are Bro. Leland and Sis. Bernice Hirschey. She has been named Laura Lynne.

Sis. Dorothy Herzig and friend Mrs. Joe Sabo are at present hospitalized, having undergone major surgery. We hope and pray for their recovery. Sis. Dorothy has spent considerable time in the hospital since her fall in November, and early last month had suffered a coronary. She had improved from that, but other complications made surgery necessary.

On January 16, Jacob Virkler, son of Bro. Asa Virkler, was united

in marriage to Carol Tabolt.

Sis. Esther Wallace, who has been confined to her home for some time by illness, wishes to extend her thanks for the many cards and letters she received, and also for prayers in her behalf.

**BURLINGTON, OKLAHOMA**

**LaVerne Roth**      **Kathryn Miller**

A blessed day was enjoyed Sunday, February 7, when Bro. Al Langhoffer of Wichita visited us. In the evening, a covered-dish dinner was enjoyed by many in the church dining room.

Expressions of sincere sympathy over the loss of loved ones are extended to the following:

Bro. and Sis. Eli Frieden, whose youngest son, Robert Lee, passed away February 8, after a rapidly disabling physical ailment involving the lungs, thought to be the results of a certain cattle spray used on his farm. Robert was 38 years of age, and was an active man in this community. He is survived by his wife and three young children, as well as his parents, a brother and a sister.

To Bros. Ulysses and Huber Farney, over the sudden death of their sister, Mrs. R. C. (Rebecca) Wright of Merriam, Kansas. Cause of death was a heart attack, on Feb. 13.

To Bro. M. A. Kisling, who received word Feb. 19 of the death of a sister in Kilgore, Texas.

In our daily walk of life, we are constantly reminded of the uncertainty of the day, with no promise for tomorrow.

**Life**

Forenoon and afternoon and  
night,—

And day is gone,—  
So short a span of time there is  
'Twixt dawn and evensong.

Youth,—Middle life,—Old age,—

And life is past,—  
So live each day that God shall say  
"Well done", at last!

The Asian influenza has been in epidemic form in this community for the past several weeks. Many cases of chicken pox and mumps have been accounted for among school children.

Hospital patients this past month were Cathy Hood, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Hood, and Sis. George (Beatrice) Diel.

**ELGIN, ILLINOIS**  
**Louise Steffen**  
**Katie Kachelmuss**

Leslie Spohr and Jan Meyers were married on Jan. 16. His parents, Wm. and Mary Spohr, have moved to South Elgin, and Leslie and Jan will be farming the home-place.

Eddie, son of Charles and Ella-mae Stoller, and Kenneth, son of Harvey and Ruth Schurter, had tonsillectomies.

Harold and Ramona Wenninger and family have come here, from Latty, to make their home. We welcome them in our midst.

Sis. Rose Preiss, who left to make her home in California, is now living at 1145 East California Avenue, Glendale, California. She recently underwent surgery. Her daughter, Susan, who lives here, has been hospitalized.

We recently were privileged to have Bro. Uriel Gehring. We received many good teachings, especially were we reminded of how necessary that we have real faith, and how God is able to do that which seems impossible to man, as was the case of the young lad, David. With a few small pebbles, he slew the giant, Goliath, who had filled the hearts of the men of Israel with fear. David went forth with faith in God, not depending on the armor of Saul which he offered to him. He said to the Philistine, "Thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield: but I come to thee in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom thou hast defied." Another striking example of faith was Abraham. He was called upon to offer his only son, Isaac, in whom was the promise that through him shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, which indeed was a test of Abraham's faith. It was still harder when they had reached the place where he was to make the sacrifice. Young Isaac spoke to his father, "My father . . . Behold the fire and the wood: but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?"

"Give us Abraham's faith unshaken  
 That Thy promise must be true,  
 And what God has undertaken, He  
 assuredly will do".

Which not only could unmoved  
 Trust the covenant of grace,

But the thing which he most loved  
 at the Lord's disposal place."

Sis. Karoline Kuehner, who has been confined to the Resthaven Hospital with an injured hip resulting from a fall, is improving and able to walk a little, with the help of a walker. An aged sister, Sarah Braun, has been confined to her home, which is R. 2, Box 20, Elgin, Ill., due to a fall, and also must use a walker to get around a little. Another aged sister, Ernestine Stettner, who lives at 633 Lillie Street, Elgin, Ill., also has to use a walker to get around a bit. They have been in God's service, as sisters in faith, for many years. We are confident that God will provide for them, and be with them.

Mrs. Jacob (Nettie) Leuthold had surgery, is home and able to assemble with us again.

**EUREKA, ILLINOIS**  
**Cathryn Wettstein**

Those who have been in the hospital and returned home are—Bros. Andrew Fehr and Clarence Wenger. Both had been in Eureka Hospital.

Those now in the hospital are Sisters Wilhelmina Klaus, Pauline Rocke and Bertha Walder. Sis. Bertha has been very ill the past few weeks. She has been in Eureka Hospital for a long time. May God be near all those dear ones who are ill and help them through all pain.

Birth—A daughter, Janine Marie, to Harold and Loretta Wettstein, born Feb. 24. She has two sisters and two brothers.

The monthly hymn-sing was held the last Sunday of February. The four youngest classes from Sunday School sang, and eight girls from the Bible class sang two selections.

Connie Cawley, Debra Rocke, Nancy Blunier and Maryellen Hartter were announced recently to be proved and baptized. They will have their wishes fulfilled March 6 and 7.

**FAIRBURY, ILLINOIS**  
**Joyce Huber**

With praise to God, we joyfully report seven new converts: Mr. and Mrs. Henry Steffen, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Steffen, Kenneth Steffen. (Henry and Wayne are sons of Bro. Alph and Fannie Steffen, and their wives are Lola Ott, daughter of Jack and Sis. Margaret Ott, and Linda Rodino, formerly of

Pontiac. Kenneth is the son of B. Ezra and Sis. Aldine Steffen. Mr. and Mrs. Jake Peter have turned their backs to the world and want to finish their course with the Lord Jesus.

We sympathize with the families of two who passed away. Anna Maier had been ill at a Home in Gibson City for a long time. We trust God to comfort Sis. Martha and fill the vacant place left by her sister's passing.

Bro. Henry Streib, age 85, passed away; his funeral was Feb. 24. We trust God will comfort his wife, Sis. Mary, and children, Sis. Leona Ricketts and Bro. William Streib.

A welcome to Fairbury for Bro. and Sis. Dale Wiegand. Dale just graduated from ISU and accepted a position in the Accounting Department of Honegger's and Co. Inc. They were fortunate to get living quarters close to work and church. On March 6, they moved from Bloomington into the upstairs apartment of the house in which Sis. Ida Bahler occupies the first floor.

We are sorry that Sis. Lydia Bittner has been hospitalized, but pray that she will soon be well again.

**FT. LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA**  
**Viola Gerber**

Our visiting ministers have been Elder Bros. Joe A. Getz of Morton, Samuel Aeschliman of Bluffton, Paul Fehr of Morris, and Bros. Henry Beer of Milford and Wendell Gudeman of Francesville. The last Sunday Bros. Getz and Aeschliman were with us, the rites of Holy Communion were held.

We wish to extend a warm welcome to Bro. Dale and Sis. Karen (Pulfer) Frauhiger and their six-month-old daughter, Lisa, who recently moved to La Belle, Florida, from Bluffton. They are attending church here in Ft. Lauderdale.

Great interest has been shown here in the World Relief Program in which our churches are taking an active part. Bro. Herman Norr, who is an officer, has been in Ft. Lauderdale for some time and explained of just what this consists. As the heifer project is part of the plan, forty of us went to the airport in Miami to watch the heifers being loaded. Before Bros. Wendell Gudeman and Pierre Niehouser boarded the plane, Bro. Mike Weyneth offered a prayer, asking for



protection and committing all in to God's hands.

Two other brothers, Don Gerber and Glen Moser, had left earlier in another plane. The four met the same day. On the evening of the day of their return, a group of us were together; they told us of their experiences. After hearing of the need and of the poor living conditions of these people, it gave us a good feeling in our hearts to know that we had done something to help. On the other hand, it almost makes us ashamed to think of the abundance all of us have, while there are people dying of starvation and want all over the world.

We are happy to report that Robert Sutter, son of Bro. and Sis. Harry Sutter, and Darrell Klopfenstein, formerly of Leo, have turned to the Lord in repentance. Bro. Paul Fehr preached a sermon on this subject from Romans 8. "Repentance isn't so difficult to understand. Some people say that they can't repent because they don't understand it, but all that is necessary is to be willing and to have a desire to do it. The Lord said, Come unto me and I will give you rest."

Bro. Ken Troxel was chosen to represent our congregation in the World Relief Program.

#### FORT SCOTT, KANSAS

Annabelle Bahr Marie Zaugg

Sis. Anna Pfister has not been feeling very well. She is some better, and has been able to attend church services.

There has been much flu and sickness in our community. We trust and hope all who have suffered illness will soon be well.

Elder Bro. Sam Anliker spent a Sunday with us. He read the 13th chapter of I Corinthians for one of his meditations, where Paul speaks much about charity. Bro. Sam said, if the greatest gift we can possess is charity, then **not** to have it would surely be most miserable and disastrous.

At the close of afternoon services, he held Communion Service for us; "Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me . . . This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me."

At the practice singing held at the home of Bro. Harold Kraft, the following Zion's Harp songs were

used: No. 4—Open Wide The Gates; No. 58—The Inner Life of a Christian; No. 133—City of God; No. 230—Our Shepherd and King; No. 245—Fruit of Sorrows. We hope these practices are beneficial to all who attend.

Sis. Elsie Sinn has been in Wichita, helping care for her new grandson, in the home of her daughter, Eileen, and husband Glen Johnson.

Bro. Will Sinn fell and hurt his shoulder. No bones are broken, so we hope he will soon recover.

#### FRANCESVILLE, INDIANA

Mrs. Herman (Chris) Wuethrich  
Mrs. Edison Gutwein

As our editor asked to give the names of the reporter and assistant, our oldest daughter has accepted to help, as a **Christian daughter is always willing to help her mother.** Those who work on the Silver Lining every month bring great joy and happiness far and wide, more than words can say. God will richly reward them for their good deeds.

It was a blessed privilege to have the LaCrosse Adult Sunday School class and their teachers spend a Sunday with us.

For a Wednesday evening service, Bro. George Yergler was with us, and on Sunday, Bro. Edward Frank. They spoke to us that it was encouraging to come together, from time to time, as we do not always have a path of roses, but have a glorious future to look forward to.

As Valentine Day was on Sunday, the little children made a Valentine to give their mother. One little girl wrote on hers, "Hope I'll love you, Day by Day". If they love their mother, they will also love Jesus.

Bro. Bill and Sis. Betty Huber have a son whom they have named Brent William, born the 19th of February.

Much happiness has been brought to the home of Bro. George and Sis. Elaine Erb, with the adoption of a baby girl whom they have named Cheryl Elaine. She will now have two older brothers, Kent 9 and Gary 8 yrs.

Sis. Catherine (Katie) Pelsy is now 104 years old. As I stopped to wish her a "Happy Birthday", these are the words she said; "I want to be satisfied and reach to a good end. I can't thank everyone enough for the nice gifts and cards;

they have such nice reading on them, but they troubled themselves so much. I love everybody from the bottom of my heart, if they sent me a card or not".

Her living children are Sis. Mary and Sis. Barbara Wuethrich, Sis. Martha and Louise Pelsy, and Bro. Emil, Paul and John Pelsy, all of near Francesville. Bro. Joseph Pelsy Jr. passed away in 1961 and her husband Bro. Joseph Sr. in 1930. Her brothers and sisters living are Bros. Henry of Francesville, Will of Bremen, Joe of Roanoke and Alf and Sis. Eliza Leman of Eureka.

Grandma Pelsy also told me that she often thinks of my father (Bro. Otto Norr). She said, "The last time he visited me was a year ago, shortly before he died, and it was nice how he could go. He didn't make anyone any bother."

In loving memory of our father and grandfather—

One year has passed

Since that day

The one we loved

Was called away

God took him "Home"

It was His will

But in our hearts

He liveth still.

#### Mission

Bro. Pierre Neihouser

Our churches having been moved by the Spirit and the love of Christ to share our many blessings with those in need. As a result 9 animals of dairy breed were purchased in northern Indiana and destined to the Albert Schweitzer hospital, located at Deschappelles, Haiti.

These animals were hauled by truck to Miami by Bros. Carl Gutwein Sr. and Sydney Leman of Francesville and flown to Port-au-Prince. It was the lot of Bro. Wendell Gudeman and myself to accompany this shipment. We certainly enjoyed the trip very much, traveling as we did in the cockpit of the plane with the pilots. After three hours and 46 minutes, we arrived safely. Dr. Grout, who is the veterinary in charge at the hospital, was waiting to receive our cargo. The cattle still had approximately 90 miles to travel. After roughly 2200 miles, the animals arrived in very tired condition, but soon regained strength and began feeding on lush green pasture.

On the evening of our arrival at

Port-au-Prince, we were joined by two brothers from Bluffton, Don Gerber and Glen Moser. This hospital, modern in every way, was built by Larimer and Mrs. Mellon, a distant relative of Andrew Mellon, treasurer under the Coolidge administration. It caters to the population regardless of standing. No one is turned away because of inability to pay. They have different projects, which provide their own meat, milk and eggs. They also generate their own electric energy. It is widely known and respected throughout the country.

We were told 44% of the population is affected with tuberculosis of some sort. Malnutrition is evident on every side and is taking a heavy toll among the children.

Together we join our voices, to thank our God for His protection and a safe trip. What a blessed thing to know our brethren were praying for us.

#### LA CROSSE INDIANA Martha Rinkenberger

We have had much joy. Clinton Bucher (Vernon's) and Sue Bucher (Art's) have turned to the Lord. They both seem so happy to have found something the world cannot give. We wish them the much needed grace and help from God.

Several attended a capping ceremony in Gary, on Feb. 7, at which Sis. Peggy Heinold, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Aaron Heinold, received her cap from the Methodist Hospital School of Nursing.

Time marches on! Progress continues! Generations come and go. Passing years, time, decay and great ambitions call for changes.

Therefore, plans for a new church building here at LaCrosse are swiftly becoming a reality. After many meetings and many hours by various committees, it is now reaching the stage where final decisions will be made so construction can begin. No definite date has been set.

May God add his rich blessings to our undertaking and may His will be done in all things.

#### GRIDLEY, KANSAS Mrs. Eldon Metzger

Our annual church election was held Feb. 7. Several officers remained at their posts of duty. Bro. Eldon Metzger was put in as the second teacher for the Bible Class,

to assist Bro. Roy Bahr. Sis. Mary (Sam) Huber took the 3rd and 4th graders, relieving Sis. Ella Raaf. The other Sunday School teachers remained the same.

Sis. Lydia (John) Kraft is quite ill again. Others on the sick list were Sis. Anna Raaf, Sis. Doris (Roy) Bahr, Bro. Sam Kraft, and James Kraft, son of Bro. Lloyd and Sis. Nadine Kraft.

We pray that God may restore them to a measure of good health.

#### LATTY, OHIO Mrs. Ray Sinn Mrs. Gale Stoller

We are always happy to report when we have souls repenting. They are Keith Stoller, son of Bro. Eugene and Sis. Minerva, and Dan Sinn, son of Bro. Dan and Sis. Nellie. Our prayers are with them in this important step, as they are both attending college, but get to assemble with us on Sunday.

Nanette Schlatter and Rex Horney were married. We wish them a happy life together. Nanette is the daughter of John and Lillian.

In the hospital are Bro. Henry Laukhuf, who we hope will be discharged soon. And Sis. Minnie Stoller, who has been in failing health for quite some time.

#### MANSFIELD, OHIO Aaron A. Sauder

"For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain."

After an illness of many months, Bro. Charles Beer went to be with the Lord on February 17, at the age of 86 years. Many relatives and friends from out of town attended the services. We extend our sincere sympathy to his wife, with whom he shared over 60 years of married life, to his three daughters, four sons, two sisters, six brothers, 17 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

How joyful is the hope that lingers  
When loved ones cross death's sea,  
That we, when all earth's toils are  
ended  
With them shall ever be.

Congratulations to Delbert and Janet Beer, who welcomed a son, James, on Feb. 9; the Beers also have one daughter . . . And to Dick and Shirley Graszl, whose son Roger was born on February 21; Roger has a brother and sister.

Best wishes to Sis. Dorothy Sab and Bro. Wayne Gerber (of Lester), whose engagement was announced on February 14.

Our thanks to the visiting ministers, Bros. Theo Beer and Wayne Gerber, who brought us inspiring messages.

Our prayers are that the Lord will give strength and health to those who have spent time in the hospital: Sisters Elizabeth Koroknay, Katherine Fuhrer and Katherine Bertka. "Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you."

#### MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA Diane Olson

Even though in number our gatherings have been small these winter months, the Lord's undying love has been richly showered upon us.

"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

Bro. Carl Feucht from Lester held services on Feb. 14; and on Feb. 28, Bro. Harold Messner, Winthrop, ministered unto us.

#### The Red Sea

When the children of Israel crossed  
the sea,  
It comforts my heart to know  
That there must have been many  
timorous ones  
Who went and yet feared to go;

Feared the ribbon of road which  
stretched  
Ahead like a narrow track  
With the waves piled high on either  
side,  
See nothing to hold them back.

Nothing to hold them back?  
**There's a Hand**  
They could neither see nor feel.  
Their God seemed distant and far  
away,  
And only the peril real.

Yet the fearful ones were as safe  
as the brave,  
For the mercy of God is wide,  
Craven and fearless, He led them  
all  
Dry shod to the other side.

And I think of the needless terror  
and pain  
We bring to our own Red Sea.  
Strengthen Thy timorous ones,  
dear Lord,  
And help us to trust in Thee!

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

We were happy to have a group from the Cissna Park church visit us. They sang a few selections at our Hymn Sing.

Kathy Knepp and Roger Leman were united in holy matrimony by Bro. Roy Sauder. They were married at the home of the bride's parents, Bro. Walter and Sis. Ruth Knepp, on February 7. They are living in Normal.

The engagement of Carol Schmidgall to David Krueger has been announced by Carol's parents, Bro. Joe and Sis. Marie Belsley.

On Saturday evening, February 20, our congregation had the opportunity to hear the provings of Ron Kellenberger and Louise Hoerr. The following day they were baptized. We are so thankful that two more souls have been added to the fold.

Now it is accomplished! My soul  
He hath healed;

A portion in heaven to me He hath  
sealed.

O may He direct me through joy  
and through ill.

I'll never forsake Him, but follow  
Him still.

Zion's Harp

Bros. Fritz Pfaffmann, Ray Wiegand and John Streitmatter, and Sis. Clara Simon, are hospital patients. Cora Zuercher and Sis. Alvena McDermott were both hospitalized and are now home recuperating.

Our congregation was blest to have the following brothers visit us and proclaim God's Holy Word: Joe Aberle, Herman Kellenberger, Joe A. Getz, Gust Scheitlin, and Eugene Bertschi.

We welcome to our assembly Bro. Ron Kaufman, who has recently come to Peoria. He is teaching at Glen Oak School.

**PULASKI, IOWA****Mrs. Ray Martin**

Our congregation was saddened on Feb. 3 by the sudden death of our dear brother, Felix Wuthrich. He made his home here, with his sisters, Sisters Lydia Wuthrich and Minnie Getz, since his wife passed away on June 17, 1952.

Bro. Felix came to this country with his parents from Switzerland in 1889, at the age of 5. He was

married to Kathryn Kinsinger in 1910. To this union, five children were born. Two children preceded him in death; three children survive. They are James and Lowell of Morton and Mary Aleene Kisling of Hazelton, Kansas.

He moved, with his family, to Morton in 1913, where he worked for the Caterpillar Co. until he retired.

Funeral services were held in Pulaski on Feb. 5, and in Morton, Feb. 6. He will be missed very much by everyone in our congregation.

Faithful was he until death's day;  
Now God will wipe his tears away.  
What are the sorrows of this time  
Against God's glory, so sublime.

So now, redeemed one, sleep and  
rest!

Homeward we turn to do our best,  
That we in joy and trembling be  
Made ready for eternity.

**WEST BEND, IOWA****Anna Schmidt Marilyn Schneider**

We have had a heavy snowfall and ice, schools and some businesses closed, in the area, for several days.

On February 28, Ruth Ann Mogler, daughter of Sam and Sis. Lillie, and Terry Schafer were united in marriage. Philip Fisher Jr., son of Philip and Kathryn Fisher, and Barbara Christensen were also united in marriage. May God guard their life together.

Our sister, Ida Banwart, and Bro. Ed Zaugg have been able to assemble with us, after being hospitalized for some time.

Pfc. Arthur Mogler, Pheonixville, Penn., has been home on a 10-day leave. He was home for his sister's wedding.

**Resurrection**

Easter is coming.  
The season approaches,  
When Christ in His glory  
Arose from the tomb,  
When the sun, as His rising,  
Dispels winter's gloom,  
So His triumph o'er Death  
Did banish its doom.

Then place your hand  
In that of our Saviour.  
He'll lead the way through life and  
in death.

Sometime we'll arise as He,

Oh! what glory.

This is of Easter the wonderful  
story.

**WINTHROP, MINNESOTA****Linda and Melva Messner**

"Take therefore no thought for the morrow". Surely the snowstorm we experienced makes us realize more fully to take one day at a time. The schools were closed all week, and many roads impassable. It makes one feel grateful for a warm home and food to eat. One can't help but compare this storm as such: though the world be raging in sin and ungodliness, yet within our hearts reigns the warmth of God's love and peace.

Engagements: Allen Messerli, son of Bro. Cornelius and Sis. DeKline of Minneapolis. Mary Miller, lores Messerli, is engaged to Cheryl daughter of Bro. Noah and Sis. Laura Miller, is engaged to Orlan Kellenberger, son of Bro. Henry and Sis. Elaine Kellenberger of Lester.

A daughter was born to Bro. Eugene and Sis. Ella Mae Schmidt, on Feb. 28, They named her Leona Kay. The grandparents are Sis. Emma Schmidt of Winthrop and Bro. Jake and Sis. Lydia Knobloch of Lester.

We had our annual business meeting. A number of brothers were elected to serve in the various offices. We wish them God's guidance through the coming year.

**WOLCOTT, INDIANA****Arles Kropf**

We wish to thank Bros. LeRoy Hartman from Peoria and Walter Anliker from Eureka for their visit and bringing us the good Word.

Funeral services were held on Feb. 21 for our friend, George Heinzelman, who passed away only six weeks after his wife, Rosie. His age was 84, and he had been in failing health for several years. He is survived by three sons, four daughters and a number of grandchildren. Bros. Irvin Lehman and Alfred Bahler conducted the services.

A meeting was held to organize our Vacation Bible School, which is to be held the latter part of May, for the children from Wolcott and Remington.

We, here at Wolcott, were among the many who suffered a severe snowstorm. We are very

thankful that it was no worse, and that none had to be snowbound for any great length of time.

### CONGERVILLE, ILLINOIS

#### Lorna Schrock

Bro. Vernon Leman of Eureka spent a Sunday with us. We were all richly blessed by his ministry.

Four-year-old Linda Miller, daughter of Bro. Jake and Sis. Marion, spent a few days in the hospital with tonsillitis. She has now returned home and is reportedly much improved.

Ricky Knapp, son of Bro. Frederick and Sis. Marge, was also hospitalized a few days with pneumonia. He is now convalescing at home.

On Feb. 2, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Stahl became the parents of their second daughter, Teresa Ann. She was also welcomed by Kimberly, aged 2.

### GOODFIELD, ILLINOIS

#### Marian Wiegand Edith Tanner

Sam Schieler was hospitalized a few days with pneumonia.

After being afflicted with crippling arthritis for nearly 28 years, our dear sister, Edna Schieler, went to sleep in the Lord. She was aware that the curtain of death would separate her from this earthly life, and therefore prepared herself by seeking and finding salvation.

Her courage and cheerfulness have been an inspiration to many, and will be cherished as sweet memories. Her virtues of love, patience and humility prompted many acts of kindness by relatives and friends, for which the family wish to express their gratitude.

She is survived by her husband, Sam; one son, Robert; three grandchildren; four sisters, Sis. Elizabeth Hartman, Mrs. Margaret Newlin, Sis. Bernice Hartman and Sis. Ruth Gramm; and one brother, Robert Bucher.

Doreen Hauch of Wenona, Ill. (a student at U. of I.), and Dan Plattner gave their inspiring testimonies of conversion and peace with God. This was followed by baptism. Elder Bro. Joe Getz assisted our elder, Bro. Frank Woertz. Many young members and friends came to spend a most blessed day. The church fairly rang with their voices blended in songs of praise to God. Truly, such a day is a foretaste of the joys which we

shall have some day, if we stay true and faithful.

Bro. Sam and Sis. Sandra Hohulin and their two sons have moved from Davenport, Iowa, to Bloomington, Ill. We are so happy to have them closer, so that they do not have to make that long trek to church.

### LAMONT, KANSAS

#### Mrs. Bernie Emch

#### Glenn Anliker

We want to give God thanks that Sis. Dena Fechter can be home again and assemble with us. She had been in a Denver, Colo., Hospital several months for treatment for her asthma affliction.

After spending almost two weeks in a Wichita Hospital, Sam Enz is home, recuperating from hip surgery, resulting from a broken bone several years ago.

Sis. Clara Ott is thankful that she was strong enough to assemble with us, after her illness.

Once again spring . . . We believe everyone always looks forward to its appearing. We can view the things that have been dormant for a season come to life. How beautiful God's creation is. Farmers and gardeners etc. will plant the seeds into the earth and hope for God's blessing, that we may have a bountiful harvest. We only hope that souls and hearts that have been dormant in sin could spring forth unto a spiritual harvest. God's word is a well of water springing up into everlasting life, the soul never to love again the former things that the flesh craves and feasted upon.

We are reminded of this time of year when stores put merchandise on sale, and people flock to find a bargain. Isn't God always offering the greatest, yet without price. Eternal Life in Heaven! If only the world as a whole would be interested, as much as they are interested in the bargain that pertains to their material gain.

### PURDUE UNIVERSITY

#### West Lafayette, Ind.

#### Mr. and Mrs. Keith Honegger

For our meeting on February 17, Bro. Ed Ringger from Gridley ministered to us. From II Samuel 12, we learned how David sinned against the Lord, and was pardoned when he repented. Other ministers present were Bros. Art Gudeman and Merle Bucher from La

Crosse, Orville Ringger from Bluffton, and Edwin Bahler. We were also spiritually blessed with Bro. Gudeman's recitation on "The Bible".

Our guest minister for our first meeting in March was Bro. Ezra Feller from Cissna Park. The basis for his meditation was from St. Matthew 7. We again received many blessings from the teachings in Christ's sermon on the mount.

We welcome Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Honegger from Forrest. Gordon will be studying agriculture for several years, and Jean is a school teacher.

Seeking the Lord in repentance is Suzanne Bucher, daughter of Bro. Ort and Sis. Esther Bucher from La Crosse. We wish her much grace and strength in her new walk of life.

### REMINGTON, INDIANA

#### Anna M. Waibel and sisters

Our friend, Percy Clauss, is again at the hospital for examination and treatment, at Bluffton. May God's comfort, strength and grace be with her daily, is our prayer for her and all sick, here and everywhere.

Forrest and Mabel Buschman and son, Robin, accompanied her parents, Bro. Herman and Sis. Anna Waibel, to Denver, Colorado, to attend the wedding of their son, Ralph, to Helen Butler.

John Wilson of Goodland, Ind., passed away. He is the father of Loren and Sis. Velma Wilson. We extend our sympathy to the family.

A number of couples from Forrest were guests, including Bros. Henry Kilgus and Joe Kaisner. Leaning on Jesus is our hope, joy and comfort, when troubles assail.

As snow is of itself cold, yet warms and refreshes the earth, so afflictions, though in themselves grievous, help keep the soul of the Christian warm and make it fruitful.

Saturday has no sorrow that Sunday cannot heal—if Sunday is a day of worship, prayer and praise.

### TAYLOR, MISSOURI

#### Mrs. Eli Sutter Mrs. Bill Heimer

It has stayed quite cold; in the past two weeks we have had about 18 inches of snow. The first 10 lasted less than a week, and now there are 8 more. It doesn't seem

ossible that spring is only two weeks away.

A son, Paul Daniel was born to Bro. Lyle and Sis. Lois Stoller on March 1. They have another son, Timothy.

Ruth Ann Tanner, who has been attending Gem City College at Quincy, has finished and is returning to Morton. She has been faithful in attending Sunday School and church. We will miss her very much. She is the daughter of Gotthold and Anna Tanner.

We enjoyed having Bros. Bob Grimm, Goodfield, and Albert Wuthrich, Pulaski, bring us the message on separate Wed. evenings. Unless we have visiting ministers, our schedule is to have services the first Wed. evening in the month, and Bible study the rest. Bro. Fred Grimm is our teacher; he is teaching from the Revelation, very interesting and timely.

March 5, Bro. Will Butikofer slipped on the ice, fracturing his hip. He is to have surgery. We pray the Lord will give him strength and patience for him and Sis. Marie, knowing it will take some time to heal.

Zion's Harp . . . Sometimes I wonder if we realize how important they are in our worship service. It seems there is a hymn for every occasion, joy, sorrow, bereavement, repentance, baptism, and for special days, Christmas, Good Friday, Easter.

How often have we listened to a stirring message, then have a song be a continuation and stamp of approval, the "Amen" to the message.

Christmas, the day we commemorate the birth of the baby Jesus, is precious to all, especially the children.

"Our song of praise to God ascend,  
And there with angels' voices  
blend.

The day of gladness now is here;  
Sing hallelujah with good cheer.  
,Hallelujah!"

We came to the dark day, when  
our Lord Jesus was crucified. Let  
us go in spirit.

"Out on to Calvary's hill,  
where Jesus died I'll go,  
To hear the words He speaks,  
To see Him in His woe."

Now that day is past; we can  
rejoice in His resurrection . . .

"O Thou who in the grave didst lay,  
O sacred be to us this day,  
For on this day our Lord arose  
In glory from His death repose."

There came a time, for all who  
are now God's children, when we  
realized there were only two ways.  
Hymn 106 tells of those two ways  
and the rewards. We made the  
most important decision, and heeded  
the words of song 52. "Haste  
and seek your souls salvation" . . .

After receiving peace and being  
baptized, we could sing praise, No. 8.

"As Jesus died for all our sin,  
So all His own new life begin.  
Through baptism we renewed shall  
be,  
And clothed in immortality.  
Hallelujah!"

Now we come to a most important  
step, marriage. How beautiful  
is "The Twenty-Third Psalm" No. 212,  
when we are led by the green  
pastures and the still waters and  
our cup runneth over. Following  
this is hymn No. 79, "Union of  
Hearts".

A very important part of our  
Christian worship is communion  
"The Lord's Supper".

"To break the bread we now have  
gathered,  
In covenant to drink Thy wine;  
As brethren we unite together,  
That unto death we might be  
Thine.  
This promise we with heart and  
will;  
Give grace our promise to fulfill."

In every Christian's life there  
is joy, but also much sorrow. We  
have "The Best Refuge".

In sorrow and pain Thy trust  
do retain In Jesus the merciful  
Saviour . . . When burdened with  
care, When thou wouldest despair,  
Then call on thy loving Redeemer."

We have so many blessings, so  
we sing "Now thank we all our  
God",

With heart and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things has done,  
In whom the world rejoices . . .

We must all come to the end of  
our journey, whether young or old.

When we lay a loved one to rest,  
there is a beautiful hymn 170, "At  
Home 'Tis Well".

"At Home 'tis well! There shall the  
pilgrim tarry,  
When tired and worn by sorrow,  
grief and strife;  
In heav'n, when the hard race of  
earthly life  
Is run, the long-bourne load no  
more he'll carry."

I have tried to give you a  
glimpse of what our Zion's Harps  
hymns can mean, as we travel this  
pilgrim's journey.

GIRARD, OHIO  
Karen Stoll

### "The Joy of Growing Old"

My mouth is full of smiles, and  
my heart is full of joy. I feel so  
sorry for folks who don't want to  
grow old, who are trying all the  
time to hide the fact that they are  
growing old, and who are ashamed  
to tell how old they are. I revel in  
my years. They enrich me. If God  
should say to me: "I will let you  
begin over again, and you may  
have your youth back once more,"  
I should say: "Oh dear Lord, if  
Thou dost not mind, I prefer to go  
on growing old."

I would not exchange the peace  
of mind, the abiding rest of soul,  
the measure of wisdom I have  
gained from the sweet, bitter and  
perplexing experiences of life; nor  
the confirmed faith I now have in  
the moral order of the universe,  
and in the unfailing mercies and  
love of God, for all the bright, but  
uncertain hopes and tumultuous  
joys of youth. Indeed, I would not.

These are the best years of my  
life—the sweetest, and the most  
free from anxious care. The way  
grows brighter, the birds sing  
sweeter, the winds blow softer, the  
sun shines more radiantly than  
ever before. I suppose my outward  
man is perishing, but my inward  
man is being joyously renewed day  
by day.

Some lessons that I have learned,  
or partially learned, I here pass  
on: 1. Have faith in God,—in His  
providence; in His superintending  
care; in His unfailing love. 2. Accept  
the bitter with the sweet, and  
rejoice in both. The bitter may be  
better for us than the sweet. Don't  
grow impatient and fretful. If you  
"fall into divers temptations",  
"count it all joy", knowing that the

trial of your faith worketh patience and let patience have her perfect work, that you may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.

The preceding thoughts were handed down by Mother Minnie Bollinger, our sister-in-faith who passed away in 1933.

We are pleased to report that Joe Emch has returned home to convalesce, following his emergency operation. We thank the Lord for His enduring mercies.

#### NEW MARTINSVILLE, W. VA.

Mrs. Gus Weltz  
Miss Della Witschey

I am quite late in recognizing Miss Della Witschey as my assistant, in the past few years, in getting together the news you have been reading. Without her help, I could not have had as much interesting news, so here are my regrets, Miss Della. Who knows, perhaps, some day she can be the writer for this column.

A. M. Potts passed away on February 12, after a brief illness. He leaves six sons, one daughter and several grandchildren. Funeral services and interment took place on February 15. His wife, Anna Emch Potts, preceded him in death in 1955. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Saylor and Miss Charlotte Emch, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Emch, Mr. and Mrs. Lorentz Emch of Girard were here for the funeral services of A. M. Potts, on February 15.

W. J. Postlethwait, the old resident mentioned in last month's news, passed away on February 26.

Sam Kaufman is a patient in the local hospital, very ill. He is very deaf and can only visit with friends by writing to him. He is also very crippled with arthritis.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Potts of Washington D. C., Mr. and Mrs. John Potts of Tulsa, (Okla.), Gene Potts and family of Pittsburgh, were here for the funeral for their father, A. M. Potts.

Steve Estep, grandson of the late William Witschey, was a patient in the Ohio Valley Hospital in Wheeling the first of March, where he was treated for a lung condition, but is doing nicely and back in school.

Mrs. C. O. Mason, a former resident, but late of Athens (O.), was killed in an accident near Parkersburg, February 28. The body was brought here for services and interment. She leaves her husband,

Clarence O. Mason, one son, two daughters and several grandchildren.

James L. Wade of Cleveland, O., visited with his parents and family here on February 27 and 28. He was accompanied back to Cleveland by two of his children, Gloria and Larry, who are spending two or three weeks with him.

#### PHOENIX, ARIZONA

Eileen Yackley

Let us praise the Lord's name for the goodness shown toward His children. Among the wonderful blessings are the elders from our various churches, sharing with us the precious word of God, as it is revealed to them in their individual way. The elders who visited us were Bros. Joe Klopfenstein (Gridley, Ill.), Noah Schrock (Oakville), Silas Leuthold (Princeville), and Emanuel Gudeman (Cissna Park). We are grateful to have had Bro. and Sis. Klopfenstein spend some time here, before he was called home to his reward. Bro. Joe has left many precious teachings.

Bro. George Schuster and Sis. Christine Dubach have had their engagement announced.

Bro. Henry Schrenk is home, recuperating from surgery.

Our little friend, Steve Freed, had his tonsils removed. Even little ones learn the meaning of suffering.

Bro. and Sis. Ora Sauder came, with their two adopted Koren children. We are reminded of the scripture "Whoso shall receive one such little child in my name receiveth me." We do wish them the Lord's help and blessings.

The blessings we receive from fellowship add much to the Christian's walk of life.

#### RITTMAN, OHIO

Ella Mae Trent

For Bro. Robert Bauman, February 8 probably started as another routine day. Little did his wife, Sis. Betty, probably think that, as Robert left that morning for his labors, she would see him alive no more. Nor did we think, as he led singing the day before, that we would not hear his voice again. When one is so young, only 26, so needed as a father and husband, who gives thought to something so tragic happening? Yet, we knew such things can and do happen, for still vivid in our memory

was the death of his brother, Bro. Ernest, only six months before, in a similar sudden accident. We must say that we truly have again witnessed the power and yet the mercy of our God—for he spared many unrighteous, unprepared souls, and called home instead one of his redeemed. Bro. Robert will be greatly missed by his wife, two daughters and son, parents—Bro. Ben and Sis. Minnie, brothers, sister, and us all. Funeral services were conducted by Bro. John Bahler of Rockville, on Feb. 11. As we heard the following Sunday, this accident was for brother, sister and friend alike. Would we have been as ready, as our brother, had it been us?

We find gladness amidst this sorrow, for we now have eleven souls who are seeking to be prepared to meet their Maker. They include Bro. Robert's sister and brother-in-law, James and Lois Beres; Martha Imhoff Riggerbach; John and Marjorie Zollinger, Larry, Denny, and Randy Miller, sons of Glen and Sis. Ella; and Wilda Reusser Fetty. They can find consolation in the words of the prophet David, Psalm 145. "The LORD is nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth. He will fulfill the desire of them that fear him: he also will hear their cry, and will save them. The LORD preserveth all them that love him: but all the wicked will he destroy."

Able to assemble with us again, following hospitalization, are Sis. Georgia Widmer and Ed Roth. Convalescing at home is Sis. Marian Hartzler, following surgery. Seriously ill at Wadsworth Community Hospital is Bro. Edwin Indermuhle, following a farm mishap. Once again the Ben Bauman family must feel heavily oppressed and distressed. Sis. Minnie was rushed to Wadsworth Community Hospital, following recurrence of a heart condition while attending church services March 7. We feel so helpless, at this time, in lightening their load. We can only pray that God will help them through each trial, and will restore Sis. Minnie and all those on beds of affliction to moderate health, if it be His will.

"To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: A time to be born, and a time to die; . . . A time

get, and a time to lose . . ."

New parents include Bro. Robert and Sis. Marjorie Boltz, who welcomed a daughter, Rose Marie, on Feb. 8. Welcoming a son, Brian Keith, on Feb. 19 was Bro. Arthur and Sis. Janet Maibach. Sis. Janet submitted to surgery, following the birth, and appears to be making a satisfactory recuperation.

Many ministers from distant congregations visited us. We thank each for his service.

#### LEO, INDIANA Mrs. Elias Souder

Praise ye the Lord; He is King over all the creation.  
Praise thou the Lord, O my soul, as the God of salvation.  
Come and rejoice; Lift up your heart and voice.  
Praise Him in true adoration!

The Junior choir of perhaps 500 voices of some surrounding schools of this county sang Melody 5 in our Zion's Harp. Memories came to me of when I sang the hymn, before it was translated into the English language. . . . Back in the rich wealth of love, Mrs. Elias Souders' grandfather, Bro. Getz, walked many miles to reach the assembling of brethren. His heart knew the splendor of these rich hymns. His son, Bro. Edward Getz, joined in appreciation and voice of hymn No. 5, and others. Sis. Souder treasures them. The fourth generation, Bro. Ed has written words, appearing on these pages, in these columns, of this hymn book. His youthful son, Mark, was in the combined choir. Grandma, Sis. Souder, called Mark about whether the hymn (the notes) were the same. While she held the line, he rushed downstairs, went to number 5. Yes, the fifth generation (and perhaps more) confirmed, it was the same. Our treasures have proved true over the years . . . part by the editor.

Young people from Bluffton and Ft. Wayne congregations were entertained at the Fellowship Center by our young people of the Sunday School.

Two groups from the church visited at the two rest Homes at Outler. Hymns are sung and a short service is held. At the one rest home, two patients upstairs, who are unable to leave their rooms, have a favorite hymn to be sung.

Wm. Klopfenstein has been able to attend church services. His wife Nancy, still remains at the Parkview Hospital.

Ruth and Louis Garman are parents of a baby girl, born Feb. 26. They have named her Judy Ann.

The new 76-page book of sacred poems written by Bro. Henry Kipper, Grabill, Indiana, is now available for 60c a copy. This is post-paid. Indiana residents add sales tax.

#### THE NEW GOSPEL HYMN SONGBOOK 1—6 REVISED

We have received numerous requests. It will be a little while till completion. It will contain over 100 new songs. They are beautiful. Some are in copyright. Over 2200 are now sold. If we get enough orders in the next 30 days, we may increase the order from 3000 to 4000. If not, it may be some time before more books are printed, not until sufficient orders are received. Small amounts cost considerable more to have them printed.

#### BREMEN, INDIANA Mrs. Earl Zeltwanger

A blessed day of fellowship was spent with the Sunday School and some of the brethren from Valparaiso. Bro. Harry Bucher very ably ministered from the Word. He told how the Lord came for a very specific purpose: To redeem, to blot out, to wash away all our sins. Repentance is simple, but, alas, how many are dying without Christ!

Carol Schini, daughter of Bro. Dan and Sis. Vi, was married to Earl Cooper, on February 27. May the Lord bless this union, to His honor and glory.

Sis. Minnie Zeltwanger is convalescing at home, since surgery, and wishes to thank everyone for the many prayers, gifts and cards she received during her stay in the hospital.

Sis. Mae Zimmer slipped, fell on the ice and broke her arm. She spent several days in the hospital recuperating, but is back in school, teaching her class of third graders.

Another shut-in is Sis. Hazel Clauss, who is recovering from a light heart attack. May the Lord restore her to good health.

Several of our little Sunday School students have undergone tonsillectomies. They are Steve, son of Bro. Carl and Sis. Betty En-

gelhardt, Brian and Renee, son and daughter of Bro. Herb and Sis. Phyllis Hueni.

As we walk along on our busy way,  
So filled with tho'ts of our own,  
The Lord chooses us to wait and pray,  
His perfect will to make known.

He may choose to send us sickness and pain,  
To stop for a while and rest—  
But oh joy! oh delight! tis all our gain—  
What He saith and doeth is best!

Editor's note: The above stanzas are an original poem of our reporter.

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

Bros. Ed Alt, Cissna Park; Vernon Leman, Eureka; Bob Grimm and Ed Hohulin from Goodfield were the ministers that brought us God's words of love. How wonderful, when even His words of chastisement, admonishment, and correction can be considered as words of love. When we can abide thereby, we can only be blest. Our thanks to the brothers. May God add his blessings.

Bro. Dave Wiegand and Sis. Doris Reutter are in charge of our Sunday School classes. There are not very many resident children here, but often we have many visiting children with us, whom they welcome to morning classes. Visiting teachers are encouraged to assist Dave and Doris in this important work. Their help is much appreciated.

#### CISSNA PARK, ILLINOIS Mrs. Jeff Young

We were pleasantly surprised when Bro. Elmer Bucher spent a Sunday with us. Inspiring messages were brought. We welcome him back.

Bro. Roy Sauder and Leroy Hartman of Peoria were guest ministers. It was very pleasant day and the hope is they can come soon again.

Sis. Anna Schupbach spent some time in the hospital, is home again some improved. Her sister, Martha, is caring for her. Others hospitalized the past month are Sis. Mary Wyss, Bro. Fred G. Knapp; Louis Eberhart had to be taken to the hospital for care and treatment.

Bro. and Sis. Gus Meiss observed

their 50th anniversary. Bro. Gus hasn't been well and hasn't been to church for some time.

Ten-day-old Joni Raye came to live with Arthur and Thelma Hoerr. She has a sister, Julie Kaye, to welcome her.

Births: a boy to Bro. and Sis. Melvin Walder, Feb. 20; a boy, Michael Dean, to Richard Feller, Feb. 21. Gary and Liz Rudin became parents of a girl, Feb. 23; they named her Rhonde Sue. A girl was born to Bro. Don and Sis. Nancy Yergler, Feb. 19. She was named Angie Lee.

### FORREST ILLINOIS

#### Nancy Honegger—Martha Stoller

Sam Bachtold was at Fairbury Hospital for a week, following knee surgery, but has been able to return to his home. Sis. Anna Stoller is hospitalized with a serious heart condition, though she has shown some improvement. Alisa and Teresa Hamilton, twin daughters of Tom and Sis. Earlene Hamilton, are at Fairbury Hospital with chest congestion.

Larry Kaisner, who is stationed at Ft. Riley, Kansas, spent two different week ends here recently with his parents, Bro. Joe and Sis. Ida Kaisner.

Vernon Schrof, who has been stationed at Ft. Benning, Georgia, is now enroute to Germany. Before leaving, he spent a month's furlough with his parents, Paul and Sis. Marie Schrof.

Bro. Albert Wuthrich, Pulaski, spent a Sunday with us, teaching us that the admonitions in the word of God are for our benefit, to overcome Satan. Though they sometimes seem severe and separate us from things we desire, they are not hard, if we are willing to be obedient.

### FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

#### Mrs. Albert E. Kipfer

Holy Communion was held Sunday evening, Feb. 28, with the following elder brothers assisting: Rudolph Graf, John Bahler and Sam Aeschliman. We are thankful we can partake of the Lord's supper and have fellowship one with another. Following the Communion services, the congregation voted their sentiment; Bro. Verlin Stoller was chosen to serve as minister. We wish him grace in his new undertaking.

Sisters Nettie Drayer and Eliz-

abeth Poe wish to express their appreciation to all who remembered them with prayers, gifts and cards during their stay in the hospital and while convalescing at home. May God bless you for your deeds of kindness.

Arlene Martin, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Oscar Martin, received a broken nose and knee injuries, Sat. March 6, in an accident at U.S. 30 Bypass and Goshen Road. She was treated at St. Joseph Hospital and released. We wish Arlene a speedy recovery.

Word has just been received by Sis. Nettie Drayer that her sister, Sis. Mary Huber, fell and broke her hip Sat., March 6, in Florida. Bro. and Sis. Charles Huber are from Elgin and are vacationing in Florida. Sis. Mary caught her heel in the corner of a bedspread, causing her to fall. Surgery was required; she is now convalescing at Manatee Memorial Hospital, Bradenton, Florida. Anyone wishing to send her a card, I'm sure it would be appreciated. We wish you a speedy recovery, Sis. Mary.

An Easter program is being planned for Sunday evening, April 11.

The following poem was read recently at the close of Bro. Norman Stoller's sermon:

You've time to build houses, and in them to dwell,  
And time to do business—to buy and to sell,  
But none for repentance, or deep, earnest prayer;  
To seek your salvation you've no time to spare.

You've time for earth's pleasures, for frolic and fun,  
For glittering treasures how quickly you run,  
But care not to seek the fair mansions above,  
The favor of God or the gift of His love.

Time will not linger when helpless you lie;  
Staring death in the face, you will take time to die!  
Then, what of the judgment?  
Pause! Think! I implore!  
For time will be lost on eternity's shore.

### INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

#### John Isch

We have been encouraged by the wonderful support offered by

the many brethren and friends that have attended our gatherings.

Services were held on Feb. 21, with Bros. Lester Huber, Francesville and Merle Bucher, La Crosse, bringing the good Word. We assembled on March 7 and were brought precious teaching by Bros. Wendell Gudeman, Francesville, and Carl Kipfer, Bluffton, "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened." These were but a few of the teachings that we heard; may He grant us the grace that we might rely more fully upon them.

We happily welcome two friends who have moved here to work in our city and regularly worship with us. Jon Heinold from La Crosse is doing secretarial work at a local sorority. Kathy Yergler from Cissna Park is employed as a business machine operator at a local insurance company. Kathy has turned from the world to her Lord in repentance. We wish her God's richest blessings, and hope and trust that she can be baptized in the near future.

The Francesville congregation will continue to be in charge of our services for the next month and a half. We are especially indebted to them for their efforts, and pray that the Lord will reward them.

### LAMAR, MISSOURI

#### Marie Marti

From the depths of heaven comes the crystal white snow. The snowflakes fall gently to form a soft white blanket. The earth seems peaceful and quiet. We know it is God that makes the earth so peaceful, and it is He who sends a beam of light into every dark corner. As the snow begins to melt, our yellow crocus beckon toward us. Recently we traveled over many miles of beautiful snow-covered hills, valleys, and plains to Lester, where we were privileged to hear two heart-warming testimonies. In clear tones and open-hearted humbleness, they told of the peace which had flowed into their hearts, and how they felt "Safe in the Arms of Jesus." It was so good to meet these loved ones and so spiritually uplifting to again greet dear ones we had not seen for a time, realizing the true value of Chris-



tian love and fellowship. Love was radiated in such a wonderful way. There are so many verses that tell us of Jesus' great heart of love. "Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven."

Three new Sunday School teachers have been elected. Bro. Charles Marti, Sis. Ruth Banwart, Sis. Marie Marti were chosen to fill the vacancies left by Bro. Dale Marti, Sis. Alice Marti and Sis. Arlene Marti, whose terms had expired.

Bro. Joe Somerhalder spent three weeks in the hospital for medical attention. We pray that he may return to good health.

Kevin Kim was born March 4 to Sis. Corine and Bro. Dale Marti. He is welcomed into the family by three brothers—Larry, Freddy, and Kent, and four sisters—Carol, Terri, Maryann, and Shelly. Grandparents are Oscar and Sis. Marie Stewart, Sis. Anna and Bro. Fred Marti.

#### MAYWOOD, CALIFORNIA

##### Christine Locher

Bro. Fred and Sis. Linda Messner of Winthrop have been visiting his daughter and family, Bro. Ernest and Sis. Marcelle Dapper. Sis. Linda helps teach Sunday School in Winthrop, and we enjoyed having her visit our Sunday School, which is quite a bit smaller than what she is used to.

Bro. Gary and Sis. Lois Strahm are parents of a daughter, Sherise Dawn, born March 7. She is welcomed by three brothers, Shaun, Brent and Rory.

Bro. Ernest Dapper was hospitalized and submitted to surgery. He is home and recuperating nicely.

#### MILFORD, INDIANA

##### Paul Haab

Our visiting ministers were Bros. Lowell Stoller from Princeville, Alfred Bahler from Wolcott and Earl Kilgus from Remington. We want to thank them for being with us and making a special blessing on those days.

"Sing unto the LORD, bless his name; shew forth his salvation from day to day." Psalms 96:2 was the theme for our March singspiration. We sang many beautiful songs, and our spirits were lifted to higher, holier planes.

We were snowed in for a couple

days, as many throughout the Midwest were. It made us more mindful of the many blessings and comforts we have available in this land of plenty. Let us always remember, these blessings come from our heavenly Father.

#### OAKVILLE, IOWA

##### Martha Steiner

##### Mrs. Ada Banwart

Bros. William Cottrell from Taylor and Cleo Rinckenberger from Pulaski preached God's Holy Word on February 14.

On Thursday evening, February 18, Bro. Simon Wagenbach from Tremont attended our evening services. Bro. Simon lent himself in expounding the Scripture to our congregation.

Sis. Minnie Freidinger is sick and has not been able to attend church for several weeks. She welcomes mail, which may be sent in care of Bro. Bernard Schaer, Tipton, Iowa.

Bro. Eugene Gerst is much improved, although he is still in the hospital at Burlington.

Bro. Walter and Sis. Dolly Stoller are back, after spending six months in California, Arizona, Texas, and Florida, in search of a suitable climate for Walter's health. They spent four months in Fresno, California, visiting with their son, Jerry, and his family.

Our friends, Sharon Anliker and Alan Baird, were married on March 6. Sharon is the daughter of Bro. Richard and Sis. Luella Anliker of this congregation.

#### SABETHA, KANSAS

##### Leona Aeschliman

##### Mrs. Theodore Locher

Bro. Joe and Sis. Mary Aberle attended the funeral service of Rebecca (Mrs. Richard Wright), Merriam, Kansas on February 13. Mrs. Wright was a sister of Sis. Mary Aberle and had been in ill health for some time. Sympathy is extended to the entire family.

Sis. Mary Metzger has been released from our local hospital and is residing at Sis. Mary Maurer's Nursing Home. Bro. Ben Hartter was hospitalized for a few days, having flu and complications. Bro. Jacob Wenger, Noah Strahm, husband of Sis. Frieda Strahm; and Robert Steiner have been confined with various ailments. Bro. August Grimm continues to be a patient at the hospital. May God be with all

the afflicted each day.

Bro. Charles W. Metzger, son of George and Eliza Volz Metzger, was born in Peoria, October 13, 1882, and passed away at Sabetha, February 25, at the age of 82 years, four months, 12 days. He and Sis. Mary Bieri were united in marriage on February 10, 1907 at MaMar, Missouri. They have resided in Sabetha since October 1929. He is survived by his wife, Sis. Mary; four sons, Bro. Phil, Sabetha; Walter, Washington (Ill.); Aaron, Lincoln (Nebr.); Reuben, Falls City (Nebr.); and one daughter Sis. Esther—Mrs. Elmer Banwart, West Bend. He was preceded in death by one son, Albert, who passed away in 1960.

Other survivors are three brothers: Bro. Fred, Lester; Bro. William and Sam, West Bend; six sisters: Sis. Lizzie (Mrs. John Schmidgall); Hancock; Sis. Anna (Mrs. Joe Banwart, & Sis. Minnie (Mrs. Nathan Kellenberger) Elgin (Ill.); Emma (Mrs. J. C. Theodore) McMinnville (Ore.); Sis. Mary (Mrs. Matt Banwart), Anoka (Minn.); Sis. Tillie (Mrs. Ernest Kellenberger), Morris; 23 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the church, February 28. Bros. Joe Aberle and Gene Marti conducted the service. Burial was at Sabetha Cemetery.

Again, we see GOD'S WILL HAS BEEN DONE. Bro. Charles could go quickly and quietly, according to God's plan. May the bereft ones find comfort, inasmuch as God doeth all things well.

Bros. Paul Banwart, West Bend and Noah Miller, Winthrop, conducted the morning service, and were in attendance at the funeral. We appreciated the message brought. May God bless them. Other ministers here for the funeral were Bros. Floyd Schmidgall, Morris, and Loren Strahm, Gridley.

#### TREMONT, ILLINOIS

##### Esther Schmid

##### Mary Sauder

Sharon Wagenbach and Jordan Elsasser of Edelstein were united in marriage February 14 by Bro. Joe A. Getz, at the home of the bride's parents, Bro. Simon and Sis. Louise Wagenbach.

We miss Bro. and Sis. Robert Wiegand and their family, who recently moved to Eureka. We hope they will often return to visit us.

Bro. Joe Steiner has been discharged from military duty. We want to welcome his recent bride, Sis. Marcella, to our congregation. They are now at home on a farm south of Tremont.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Schurter have announced the engagement of their daughter, Mary, to Joel Stuber of Tremont.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Oswald Jr. are the parents of a girl, Sharon Kay, born Feb. 4. John and Sis. Lila Moser are grandparents.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Sauder have a baby boy, Trent Michael, born March 4. He has two brothers to welcome him. Bro. Elmer and Sis. Lena Sauder are the grandparents.

Sis. Anna Musselman, wife of Bro. Ernest, passed away at the age of 83 years, at Rest Mor Nursing home on Feb. 26. She had been a patient there since suffering a stroke. Funeral services were held on March 1, with Bro. Joe A. Getz and Tremont ministers officiating.

Bro. Elmer Frank was hospitalized a few days for injuries received in an automobile accident; his wife, Sis. Bernice, and daughter, Mary Lou, were spared from serious injury and did not require hospitalization.

Dan Schurter was hospitalized for minor surgery.

On Sunday March 7, Tremont Sunday School entertained ten surrounding churches for Christian Endeavor. We enjoyed the beautiful singing, and thank all who took part for a pleasant evening together.

#### WICHITA, KANSAS

Mrs. Larry Farney  
Mrs. Harvey Smith

Bro. George Lambert was in the hospital for a few days; he is back at work and is again able to assemble with us.

On February 21, Craig Alan was born to Bro. Larry and Sis. Jackie Farney. His grandparents are Bro. Milton and Sis. Lillian Bowers, and Bro. Harvey and Sis. Ann Farney.

#### LESTER, IOWA

Emelie M. Knobloch

Two engagements were made known, Bro. William Knobloch, son of Bro. and Sis. Emil Knobloch, and Sis. Eleanor Schrock, daughter of Elder Bro. and Sis. Noah Schrock of Oakville, Jan. 21. Bro. Wayne Gerber, son of Bro. and Sis. Ted Gerber, and Sis. Dorothy Sabo,

daughter of Bro. and Sis. Henry Sabo of Mansfield, February 14. Both are planning May weddings. We wish them God's blessing in their new step in life.

We had a blessed week end February 21, when two of our converts gave their testimonies on Saturday evening and were baptized on Sunday. They were Kenneth and Joyce Knobloch. Bro. Paul Banwart assisted Bro. Leo Moser. How it does refresh and strengthen one's faith to hear the experiences of loved ones. Susan Feucht, who was called to repentance sometime ago, has made known her feeling of peace with God and man, and was announced for baptism.

On March 7, Bro. Leo Moser solemnized the marriage of Sis. La Vonne Knobloch, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Martin Knobloch, and Bro. Roger Aberle, son of Bro. and Sis. Alphi Aberle, Sabetha. A reception and supper were held at the community Building in Rock Rapids, following the ceremony. They will make their home on a farm near Sabetha. We wish them God's blessings in their new step in life.

Bro. Martin Knobloch escaped serious injury, when he was struck on the head by a bale of hay, while driving the tractor. He suffered a bruised and cut face.

Joyce Knobloch, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Silas Knobloch, is recuperating from hernia surgery.

#### BURLINGTON, IOWA

Mrs. Rekie Anliker  
Mrs. Dorothy Taeger

Our annual business meeting was held. Bro. Marvin Woodward was elected to serve a three-year term as trustee. Bro. Marvin is replacing Bro. Jess Eisenmann, whose term has expired.

We believe that the responsibility of a trustee is more than just overseeing the buildings etc. of the church. He should also be a pillar in the church and a strong supporter of the things that are brought out at our church conferences. One must have a cleansed and purified heart, with the willingness to always do God's will.

Bros. Gerald Sutter of Taylor and Jim Ringger of Bradford ministered to us. It is so inspiring to see how God can choose men from different stations of life to proclaim the Holy Word of God. We are so thankful when these brethren find it worthwhile to share

their God-given talents with other congregations.

Our monthly singing was held the first Sunday in March. A large group from Oakville gathered with us. It is truly a blessing when God's children can gather together and sing in praise and honor to our most high God.

Bro. and Sis. Blaine Applegarth have moved to Burlington from Gladstone, Illinois. A group of brothers and friends welcomed them with a surprised singing at their new home.

#### MORRIS, MINNESOTA

Mrs. Kenneth Zeltwanger  
Norene Koehl

The clock of life is wound but once,  
And no man has the power  
To tell just when the hands will stop,

At late or early hour.  
Now is the only time you own;  
Live, love, work, and with a will.  
Place no faith in the morrow, for  
The clock may then be still.

The death of Joe Braker reminded us of how uncertain life is on earth. He passed away of a heart attack on Feb. 9, at the age of 73. Funeral services were conducted by Bros. Harold Gramm and Floyd Schmidgall, on Feb. 11. He is survived by his wife, Mary; three daughters, Mrs. Otto (Rose) Greiner, Mrs. Elmer (Linda) Greiner, Mrs. Chris (Sis. Emma) Knapp; two sons, Clarence and Bro. Joe Jr.; a step-daughter, Mrs. Rose Stettner; a step-son, Si McCormack; fourteen grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and three sisters.

Bro. Henry Schmidgall went to Rochester again on Feb. 15, for a checkup. He returned home on Feb. 17, and was with us for evening services, feeling as well as can be expected. We are ever so thankful to have these old brothers and sisters assemble with us. As we look to them with great respect and love, we would always have a place for them, especially in our prayers.

#### PORTLAND, OREGON

Mrs. Edward Unsicker  
Mrs. Glenn Hackenjos

Our glorious God has showered us with blessing upon blessing, during the recent visit of our dear elders, Bros. Noah Schrock and Silas

Leuthold. After reading from Matthew chapter 5, Bro. Noah said, "John the Baptist awakened the people to the awareness of their wretched, sinful condition, and at just this time—God's time—the Lord Jesus came, assuring them, **Blessed** are the poor in spirit—offering the remedy for broken hearts! In further expounding the Saviour's "beatitudes", Bro. Noah said, "We must expect persecution, if we try to live as Jesus outlined", but, he added joyfully, "This new life is wonderful! I love every day of it"!

Our Communion service was a real purging, thanks to our Saviour, who led us first to Calvary, and then to partake of His blessed, Holy Supper. While kneeling at His Cross, our unworthiness and failures loom so large as to almost overwhelm us, but then He smiles, and says, **Come**, and oh the joy, just to follow Him who first loved us!

On Monday night at Silverton, Bro. Silas read Philippians 3, then urged, "God expects us to stand up and be counted, that others can see that we are not reluctant, but gratefully showing that **blessed is the man whose sins are covered**. David, even though desiring this unbroken walk with God, was simply not able to achieve **victory**—he had to return year after year to offer new sacrifices. God had a better way, a **complete** reconciliation, through which man can become a new creature—"... according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself". Philippians 3:21. What glorious words! Afterward, in referring to "I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus", Bro. Noah said, "We must constantly **fight** against sin; we must make this a life's work; we must throw everything in that we have; and **then** only, by the grace of God, can we attain". Then he added, "Contrast this, written in the mid-stream of the apostle's life, in the heat of the battle, with his last words to Timothy, when he was ready to meet death at the cruel hands of Nero, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith".

Bro. Richard and Sis. Darlene Voeller from Seattle are happy to welcome a big baby boy to their home, as are his four brothers and

one sister. Maternal grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Henry Schmidgall of Morris. May the Lord ever guide them and all of us, as we endeavor to impart His teaching's to our children.

#### ROANOKE, ILLINOIS

##### Irene Legel

Bro. Silas and Sis. Caroline Hodel wish to "Thank" everyone for the lovely cards and greetings they received for their 50th Anniversary. They appreciated everyone, and wish you all the "Lord's blessings".

We are very happy to have Bro. Joel and Sis. Sonia Banwart in our community. They have moved here from Benson, to 214 N. Garfield St. Bro. Joel is a Junior High School teacher in the Roanoke-Benson unit. They have two small boys.

Patricia Ann Clymer, who is a member of the Mennonite Hospital School of Nursing in Bloomington, was among 22 freshmen who were capped at a ceremony. She has two sisters here, Martha Jane, a wheel chair patient at the nursing home, whom we enjoy seeing at the Sunday morning services that are held there, and a younger sister, Donna, who is at home with her Aunt Carolyn and Uncle Ray Aeschleman. Patricia is also at home here.

Bro. Harold and Sis. Emma Blunier are grandparents to a daughter, born Feb. 23 to Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Blunier.

Sis. Margaret (Glen) Hodel has returned home, after being in the hospital several days for surgery. Sis. Esther (Ray) Beer is improving at the hospital and hopes to be home soon. Sis. Dorothy (Bill's) Sauder is home recovering from a tonsillectomy. Sol Herbst is a patient at the nursing home here. He had been a patient at the hospital for several days. Before, Sis. Mattie Leman had been taking care of her brother.

Phyllis Schacherbauer and two children of Phoenix are spending several weeks here with her mother, Sis. Marie Blunier. The children are experiencing something they never did before, such as trying to get around in the snow, which is quite interesting to them.

We had a blessed week end at Eureka, with seven friends giving their testimonies on Saturday night and being baptized on Sun-

day. Those from our congregation were Sis. Peggy Bittner, daughter of Bro. John and Sis. Dorothy Bittner; Sis. Pat Sauder, daughter of Bro. Curtis and Sis. Edna Sauder; and Bro. Tom Hoffman, son of Bro. Rudy and Sis. Mary Hoffman.

It certainly is encouraging and upbuilding to see our loved ones seek their salvation. We certainly "Welcome" everyone to this wonderful way of life.

Glory be to God in heaven,  
Praise to Christ, our Saviour great,  
By the power of thy Spirit,  
These new members thou did'st  
create.

Angels see in joyous rapture  
God's own word in deed fulfilled.  
And amid our glad embraces,  
Are these children of God revealed.

These new beings now arisen,  
Having died with Christ before.  
What in Adam's fall had perished,  
Christ the Saviour did restore.

Dearest children, we bid thee welcome  
In our blessed brotherhood;  
From the wild tree thou art  
grafted  
On this holy tree which stood.

#### ROCKVILLE, CONNECTICUT

##### Carlton J. Lanz

A son, Paul Robert, was born on February 8 to Bro. and Sis. Ernest Ballasy Jr. He has three sisters, Diana 13, Joann 12, Sheila 5, and two brothers, Joei 10 & Kent 8. He is a grandson of Bro. and Sis. Alfred Hoffman and Sis. Louise and the late Bro. Ernest Ballasy Sr.

The marriage of Bro. Richard Aberle to Sis. LaNae Moser was solemnized on Sunday, February 21, by Bro. John Bahler, our elder. Bro. Richard's parents (Bro. Joe and Sis. Mary Aberle) and other members of his family, of Sabetha, were present. The services were simple, yet impressive. After a wedding supper and an abbreviated evening, the couple left on a trip for New York City. They will be at home in their newly-furnished apartment in East Hartford, Conn., on their return. We wish them the blessings of God. All seemed conducive to a happy married life.

##### His One Mistake

The doctors examined him twice a year. He wore his rubbers when

it rained. He brushed his teeth twice a day, slept with the windows open. He stuck to a diet, plenty of fresh vegetables. He relinquished his tonsils, traded in several worn-out glands. He got at least eight hours sleep every night, never smoked, drank, nor lost his temper. He was all set to live to be a hundred. . . . The funeral was held Wednesday. He forgot God and lived as if this world was all, is now with those who say, "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved." (Jeremiah 8:20)

### GRIDLEY, ILLINOIS

#### Lydia and Eunice Kammerer

"And they shall see his face; and his name shall be in their foreheads. And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever."

From Revelation.

#### In Memory of our departed shepherd, Bro. Joe Klopfenstein

What a blessed way to remember the last Sunday our shepherd spent with us in Gridley. As related in the last issue, Bro. Joe and Bro. George (Gramm) proved and baptized Ray Alt. The following Wednesday, Bro. Joe and Sis. Setta departed for a vacation in Phoenix. On March 2, they returned to their home in Gridley. At the midweek service Wednesday evening, Bro. Joe spoke a few words, and gave many greetings from brethren they met and with whom they visited while in Phoenix and California. He planned, however, to tell us more extensively about their trip the following Sunday, when more of the congregation would be present. God had other plans for Bro. Joe. On Friday, Joe and Setta visited their daughter, and also called on their brother-in-law, who is quite ill. Returning home, he picked up the snow shovel, and shoved perhaps two scoops aside, when the death angel came, relieved him of all his burdens and cares, and took him to that home above, for which he was striving many years. A few short months ago, Bro. Dave Mangold went to his eternal rest. Now he is followed so soon by another faithful shepherd. In losing a shepherd of our flock, we have suffered a great loss. He, as all the other shepherds, has had many cares and responsibilities. He was truly concerned for his flock, and for those

who are not yet redeemed. Many times he spoke the following words in his sermons, "If the death angel should knock at your chamber, in the still watch of tonight, where would your soul spend eternity—in the land of torment or delight?"

Now he is at rest, no more worry, grief or pain.

Bro. Joe was in the ministry for thirty-six years, and served as our elder for seventeen. We truly feel he has lived as an author writes:

"So live that when thy summons comes to join

The innumerable caravan that moves

To that mysterious realm, where each shall take

His chamber in the silent halls of death,

Thou goest not, like the quarry slave at night,

Scourged to his dungeon, but sustained and soothed

By an unfaltering trust, approach thy grave

Like one who wraps the drapery of his couch about him,

And lies down to pleasant dreams."

We feel and believe Bro. Joe has entered that rest, sustained and soothed.

Bro. Frank Martin, who became seriously ill while vacationing in Phoenix and was hospitalized in New Mexico, enroute home, is now in his home, and remains quite weak.

Sis. Loretta Gramm is able to assemble with us, after suffering with a bad case of bursitis.

As in years past, chicken pox is again visiting the little folks. Luckily they don't last long and the children are back in church and school again.

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"For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus, our Lord." Romans, 8:38, 39

We were certainly saddened to hear of the passing of our dear elder brother, Joe Klopfenstein, from Gridley, Illinois. Bro. Joe visited here this past month with Bro. Eli Somerhalder (Burlington, Okla.) and both of their wives. Our deepest sympathy to his dear widow and family.

Other elder brethren visiting us were Bros. Noah Schrock, Silas Leuthold. We certainly received a blessing from their visit of a few days.

It was with happiness that we greeted Bro. John Paternoster in person this past month. He was able to assemble with us twice, after a long absence. Sis. Rose Preiss was able to worship with us again, for which we are thankful.

**ATHENS, ALABAMA**  
**Ann Wagler**

This will be our last writing for the Silver Lining. As many of you know, we are leaving the work here in Alabama. We have been here for nearly seven years, and we feel seven of the best years of our life. Our new address is: John Wagler, R. 4, Hudson Road, Greer, South Carolina. Our daughter, Joan, will

be living with us. Susan will continue on at school in Tennessee. We appreciate the interest and help given during the years we were here.

Lynn and Miriam Klopfenstein and four children plan to come down and live in the apartment here. They are from the Gridley (Ill.) congregation.

Do you like to read the Bible?  
A verse precious here and there,  
Just before you kneel away  
And go through a needed pray'r?  
Do you hold this Crown of Writing,  
Glorious truth found in His book?  
Take a longing, sweet-filled look!  
Try a beautiful procedure;  
Try a broad and steady view.  
You will kneel  
Again in rapture,  
When you read  
The Bible through!

Why do some slight the Bible?  
Because righteousness of man is filthiness in God's sight. Out of the heart proceed murders, lying, false witness, adulteries, and such things; the heart is like a cage of unclean birds. When God's Book, like a mirror, reveals man to himself, when the truth is seen in that mirror, with the light of the great white throne falling upon it, then hatred is aroused. The Bible is rejected, because it told the truth. It remains true, that though man reject the Bible and trample it underfoot, he is exactly the same sinner as before. He is moving just as steadily toward eternity and the great white throne, as before he rejected the Bible.

Daurenberg, Germany  
January 3, 1904

To my beloved brothers,  
I will enclose a remembrance for

you to take to heart.  
Walk the path which Christ laid out for you to the kingdom of God.

In looking up to Jesus, you will not go astray.

Walk in such manner so that you will receive the prize.

Watch and pray without ceasing. It requires all earnestness and diligence to receive Christ and to abide in Him.

Do not give up the fight against sin and all ungodliness till you win the victory.

Hearken to the warning and chastisement of the Holy Spirit; then you will be delivered from all evil.

From your brother who  
loves you in Christ,  
Johann Schlipf

(From a small book submitted by  
Bro. Will Stettner).

If someone has a poem or an article to submit, give it to your reporter. All articles and poems submitted must carry the full name of the one who submitted it, to be considered for publication: the editor.

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working away, printed in our list:**

After the May Silver Lining most addresses of the students and those working away will be removed from the mailing list. If you want to continue to receive it, tell your reporter, or write Silver Lining, Grabill, Ind. 46741.

A beautiful feature will be coming. Our news has been without the much visiting we had formerly. What each reporter contributes, adds, till you see this picture of our people and the friends.

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