


“Thus saith the LORD of hosts, Behold . . . a great whirlwind shall be raised up from the coasts of the earth.

And the slain of the LORD

shall be at that day from one end of the earth even unto the other end of the earth: they shall not be lamented, neither gathered, nor buried . . .”

From Jeremiah 25



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

THE SILVER LINING

A LIGHT for BELIEVERS

VOLUME 15

MAY, 1965

NUMBER 8

NON-COMBATANT

(Paulding, Ohio . . . Dear Bro. In Faith Joel Souder: I have a copy here of our church, when and where it was organized. It had been very helpful to young brothers and friends during World War I . . . with Greetings From Your Least Bro. In Faith, Andrew Dotterer.)

Record of the Apostolic Christian Church and its organization in USA; Foundation of church.

The Apostolic Christian Church was first organized in the state of New York, in 1848, and has since been organized in a number of different states.

. . . adopt opposition to war or participation therein in any form, as a part of its creed according to the teaching of Christ, since its organization.

Foundation and Principal of Church

First of all, a true conversion

from sin to holiness, from darkness to light, and risen with Christ through baptism, and then obey His teachings, and follow Him by His Holy Spirit, which will lead us in all truth if we stay true unto Him.

The following in reference, refer to why we oppose to render such service that would be under the combatant strife of the nation.

St. Matthew the 5th chapter;

St. Matthew the 26th chapter, from the 51st and 52nd verse;

St. Luke 3rd chapter, 14th verse; the 6th chapter, from the 27th to the 32nd verse; the 9th chapter, from the 54th to the 57th verse;

Romans: the 12th chapter, from the 19th verse on.

And we believe to honor the laws of our government, as they are or-

dained to bear the sword not in vain, as we can find in Romans the 13th chapter.

But as to our belief, we as member and faithful attendant of the Apostolic Christian Church shall not use the sword, as we can read in the gospel. It is not our belief to serve in any combatant strife, and has always been the rule of the church according to the teaching of Christ to forbid its members to participate in war.

This record and statement is true to the best of our knowledge and ability.

Henry Souder
Gottfried Rauch
John Aeschliman

Subscribed and affirmed to before me this 18th day of July, 1918.

Ernest A. Isch,
Notary Public

WE BELIEVE

Regarding Military Service

(From a booklet submitted by Bro. Will Stettner. This was written by Christian Schlipf and dated September 18, 1878.)

" . . . We believe and confess that Jesus Christ commanded His disciples and followers and all those who believe in Him, those He purchased from the world and redeemed with His blood, that revenge belongs to God and not to man.

He forbade man all revenge, because such does not agree with the teachings of our Lord and Saviour, for mankind should love one another. Christ teaches, **Love your enemies; do good unto those who despitefully treat you.** Therefore, we as Christ's followers cannot kill our enemies. The word of God teaches, "avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord."

Christ came to bring peace among men, and men should love one another. Because the world does not comprehend God, nor live according to the ways which Jesus Christ taught, there are wars and strifes among nations and peoples,

and it cannot be different as long as mankind does not obey Christ's teachings.

Although the few on earth who believe in Christ cannot take part in such combat but must look to Christ as their example, we do realize that we owe to our honorable government such service as they request of us, if we can serve in a noncombatant way. Where it is asked of us to take up weapons to kill, we cannot serve in such capacity, on account of our faith and conscience, even though we esteem our honorable government.

If we would kill others, we would sin against God and His word, and we do not believe that our honorable government would force us to do such. Rather than to commit sin, we would choose to suffer and wait, until it pleases God to turn the hearts of the government to be favorable to us in such matters.

We will gladly and faithfully perform any duties which the government lays upon our brothers whose lot it becomes to serve in the army in a noncombatant capacity. As our government has had proof since the years 1847 and 1850 and in

more recent years, some of our brothers served their allotted time in the army, and were released with a very good record, although on account of their faith they did not bear arms. It is not on account of malice or disobedience; therefore, God will look graciously upon us.

Should the government grant us these favors, we will accept them thankfully from our honorable

THE SILVER LINING

Grabill, Indiana 46741

Editor: Henry Souder Jr.

Published Monthly By the Apostolic Christian Church of America

Counselling Elders: Sam Aeschliman, Bluffton; Theo Beer, Milford.

News Correspondent: Ed Souder

Send correspondence to The Silver Lining, Grabill, Ind. 46741

Second class postage paid at Grabill, Indiana 46741.

Amt. suggested for a year, \$2.00.

Send zip No. with address. Remember to send change of address.

government, which we esteem and honor very highly, and also thank God for His grace if He can lead the hearts of our government accord-

ing to His will. However, should our honorable government refuse, and not be willing to grant us these favors, we will not sin against our

God and His commandment, and there would be nothing else for us to do but take the consequences, suffering if need be.

NEAR

Henry Souder Jr.

"... when ye shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing where it ought not, (let him that readeth understand,) then let them that be in Judaea flee to the mountains: . .

And except that the Lord had shortened those days, no flesh should be saved: but for the elect's sake, whom he hath chosen, he hath shortened the days."

Deadly destruction awaits a modern age. The night will groan in a wierd fantasy of firepower.

This, if continued, would wipe out the last human.

The Lord maketh wars to cease. "But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light,"

"And the stars of heaven shall fall, and the powers that are in heaven shall be shaken."

Time has a way of catching up. We can't get away from it. Whether we live, or die, we will be aware, some where . . . then.

The house lights darken. The play is over.

High noon. The sky is dark. Midnight finds no light. Falling stars staccato the end of the age. A great

movement in heaven brings wondrous shaking of power, long held.

Then, wondrous spring unfolds in full glory.

"And then shall they see the Son of man coming in the clouds with great power and glory."

The clouds that were dark, billowing, frowning, will glow with glorious ray. This beautiful prophecy gazes into the sky. The whole heavens become afire with His glory. Mighty angels shine in brilliant hue. Saints once parted return together. There is no more parting.

"And then shall he send his angels, and shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from the uttermost part of the earth to the uttermost part of heaven."

The way of God is thorough. He has long patience. His mercy is everlasting. When His will is accomplished, when all this is over, His children will all be in. The impenitent sinner will be out, for ever.

"Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When her branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is near: So ye in like manner, when ye shall see

these things come to pass, know that it is nigh, even at the doors."

Winter.

The tree stands. When limbs are barren, we observe silence. Winter tells nothing of spring.

We've went through springtime before; we read about it; we know about it. We know, when the time comes, the tender, encouraging leaves appear.

In spring, the birds sing. The blossoms wave. The blue is bright and beautiful. Will the long winter soon be spent? Are we numbering our storms toward the last? Look at the tree! See if the tender sprout doth show.

"Verily I say unto you, that this generation shall not pass, till all these things be done. Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away."

Long centuries have passed. In the view of God, He looked down the years. In His glance, this generation remains. How long yet?

"But of that day and that hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father."

How long ere grace is closed?

FT. SAM HOUSTON, TEXAS Leland Plattner

Bro. Eli Somerhalder from Burlington, Oklahoma, was with us on April 11. Our gathering was small, but enough food was given, that with a roomful of people there would still have been much left over.

Some think it is strange that a small group such as us, would wait until the regular services at the chapel are over, and then go in by ourselves, and then yet, many times hear words that had been spoken several months before (on recordings.)

We don't have to worry that what we hear isn't the latest. Sev-

eral centuries ago, words were recorded in print that we know will never change, as also the teachings in our Zion's Harp have been recorded by more recent saints. His words are never going to need changing. A verbal recording of the Word of God should also be permanent. We should appreciate the fact that the requirements for holiness will be the same tomorrow as they are today. All that needs changing is the effort we put forth.

ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY Dianne Emch

As we enter the final month of the 1964-65 school year, now is the time when students wonder where

the year has gone. Even the month of April seemed short, when we had our vacation to look forward to.

April 1, Bro. Joe Schrock spoke before us and used as his original text Ezekiel 28:12. He used scriptural references that evening to describe to us the nature of Satan. Bro. Richard Rocke of Eureka led us in our closing prayer.

Our Easter program was April 8. Our guest speaker, Bro. Ed Hohulin of Goodfield, used Hebrews 9 as the basis for his meditation. The Bible class choir and a mixed ensemble provided the music for the program, and readings were done by Jay Plattner and Bros. Daryle Hari and Tom Hohulin.

Bro. Jim Hoerr of Peoria used as his text, on April 22, the book of Philemon. Bro. Herb Stoller, also of Peoria, had the closing prayer.

Acts 8 was the basis for the message brought to us on April 29 by Bro. Clarence Kachelmuss of Forrest. He reminded us that our duty as Christians is to let our walk of life show that we are children of God.

Every Thursday night is of some special interest to anyone who attends, and we would invite anyone to share these evenings with us in the third floor lounge of the University Union, at 8:00.

PRINCEVILLE, ILLINOIS

Ruth Ricketts—Anna Marie Baer

Late at night on April 9, the death angel came to claim one of our dear brothers-in-faith, Karl Klumpp, who for eighteen years patiently bore a heavy cross. He had fallen from a tree and broken his back, which left him in a paralyzed condition. He always had a cheerful disposition and had a smile for those who met him. We can be thankful he can be spared more suffering and has earned his rest. He was laid to rest in the church cemetery, April 12, following services conducted by our local ministers. We extend our deepest sympathy to his wife, Sister Mina; his son, Brother Raymond; and daughters, Sister Martha Streitmatter, Sister Esther Martin, Sister Lucy Schmidgal and Emma Stahl, who survive, as do a number of grandchildren and other relatives.

Brothers Joe A. Getz and Roy Sauder were with us for special services Good Friday evening. What a joy it is to assemble together and review the suffering of our dear Lord and Saviour. Following the inspiring words we were served the Lord's supper, and a goodly number were present to share together. What an appropriate time to carry out this command of our Lord.

Brother Jim Hoerr of Peoria was our guest minister one Sunday recently. We thank him for his efforts, which were rewarding.

Daniel Jay is the first son born to Brother Earl and Sister Margaret (Broquard) Feucht, on April 5. Brother Daniel and Sister Nathalia Feucht and Brother Joshua and Sister Marie Broquard are the grandparents.

Brother Dale Martin is enjoying

a furlough from his camp in Georgia with his parents, the Sam Martins and other relatives.

Dick Martin, son of Sister Edith Martin, has returned to his studies at University of Illinois on crutches, following surgery on his foot. When a small boy, he suffered polio, and his foot needed correction. This has proved successful.

Lee, young son of Russell and Faye Streitmatter, has been unable to attend school for a few weeks, as he is afflicted with mononucleosis. He is recovering and hopes to be back in school soon.

Ronnie, young son of Brother Herman and Sister Mary Baer, is going to school on crutches, resulting from a fall from the haymow. He received a badly sprained foot and was fortunate not to have received more serious injuries.

Brother Charlie and Sister Rose Koelling are both confined to their home, due to illness. Brother Charlie has a heart condition, and Sister Rose hardening of the arteries.

UNION CITY, NEW JERSEY

August Mueller

Sunday, April 5 . . . we had a goodly number of visitors from Rockville. They were all welcome, and we thank them for the visit and invite them to come again.

This was a day of blessing and rejoicing. The weather was beautiful; the beautiful sun gladdened the hearts of the people. Inside the house of God, the sun of grace was shining into our hearts, to strengthen our faith and awaken us to further serve our Lord and Saviour, as we have promised Him.

We were reminded how much He has done for us, how He suffered for us, how He gave His Life and shed His blood on the cross for us. We deserved all what He suffered. He died not only for friends, but also for those that crucified Him. He prayed, **Father, forgive; they know not what they are doing.** He had the power to defend himself, but He left it all to His heavenly Father, the righteous judge.

How fortunate are we that He did call us in this time of grace and we could heed His call. We are His sheep, and He is our Shepherd, as we have heard today. He will lead and guide us to that heavenly home, if we fight a good fight of faith.

I would like to mention that the brother that sits next to me opened

the Bible for me and also gave me the number of the hymns that I sang, while I had the trouble with my hearing. Thank you, brother.

Fear not; God is thy shield, and He thy great reward. How many times we said in our life, the Lord protected me. We do not appreciate enough what He does for us.

When the Lord Jesus Christ returned to His heavenly Father, after He had accomplished His mission on earth, He gave each one of His servants a pound to work with. He did not tell them how much they have to gain. There was one that did not have time to bother; he was all wrapped up in the things of this world. He knew he had a pound and where it was and was satisfied. As time went on, he was more and more dissatisfied. His love grew cold, and he even found reason to accuse the Master of being a hard man, that He takes up that which He did not lay down. What a terrible end he had. Let us not serve the Lord with a lukewarm heart. I believe if that servant would have gained $\frac{1}{4}$ pound, his life would have been saved. It is a terrible thing to appear before the Lord empty-handed.

Our Lord was led to that place called Golgotha. He did not defend Himself, but had mercy and compassion to the last minute of His life. It was a plan of love and mercy between Father and Son, as He said, I did not come to destroy, but to save. For all His good deeds, He was treated as never a man was treated before Him. He saved souls to the last minute, as He told that murderer, **Today yet thou shalt be with me in Paradise.** This promise is good yet for all that believe on Him and on His word. Without faith it is impossible to please God.

Sunday, the 25th . . . How sweet to meet members and friends, after being absent two Sundays, and to hear the words, Welcome home; we missed you; I'm glad to see you. The important part is, these are words that come from the heart and makes one feel at home. Truly this was a day of joy and blessing. The Lord has heard our prayer in the morning hour. He did not send us home with empty vessels, but filled them with heavenly gifts.

How fortunate are we that we have a Father that is not hard of hearing, that we do not have to repeat two or even three times, like in the natural way. We are told in

the word of God not to repeat the words when we pray.

It is indeed a blessing to hear that so many souls are yet called from sin and darkness to the narrow way of life.

We can tell that the time is short, the word of God is fast fulfilling itself, even before our very eyes. For many, it will be too late. Let us not grow weary or tired to pray for all the souls that know the way, that a great revival may take place. April 30 . . . Our minister, Bro. John Diggelman and his wife, Sis. Mary, left for Ft. Sam Houston by plane to visit their son, Richard, and to say farewell to him. Richard will be sent to Korea next week. We are sorry to see him go so far away. The only thing I can say, God be with you till we meet again. Stay close to Him, and He will stay close to you.

Sun., May 2 . . . We had Bro. Jack Knobloch with his lovely bride, friend Art Mogler and Sis. Ida Knecht with us. Sis. Ida was absent for a long time. This was the first time I met Sis. Knobloch, and she is welcome in our midst. O how joyful the hour when we can assemble round the word of God, as children round a light, and receive food and drink for our inner man. We know that the Lord is willing to bless a few as well as many. He purchased every soul with the precious blood of His only begotten Son, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

BURLINGTON, IOWA

Mrs. Rekie Anliker

Mrs. Dorothy Taeger

The first wedding at our church was solemnized at our Wednesday evening services, on April 28 by Elder Bro. Noah Schrock, when Sis. Lillian Landes, of Phoenix and Bro. Adolph Massner were united in holy matrimony. We all join in wishing them happiness and God's rich blessings.

Anthony Allen, baby son of Bro. and Sis. Ronny Rinkenberger, has been ill with pneumonia and complications. Little Anthony is a great-grandson of Bro. and Sis. Chris Rinkenberger.

Bro. and Sis. Kenny Scheitlin's son, Clair, has been convalescing home, after a few weeks in the hospital. We hope he can soon be back to Sunday School.

The flood waters of the Mississippi River has driven many, many people from their homes. Unless

you can actually see, it is indeed impossible to imagine the depth and force of these waters. Although we know God has a purpose, it would be hard to understand and accept. Our thoughts and prayers go out for those who have been in the midst of it. Julius and Sis. Sarah Gerst have a son and his family with them who had to leave their home. Others are, William Wagler & family, who are with his parents, Bro. and Sis. Ben Wagler, Joe Stoller and his wife, who are staying with Bro. and Sis. Walter Stoller. Joe is a brother of Walter and also of Sis. Nettie Owens. The Joe Stollers' daughter and family were also forced from their home.

Correction: The item of Rosie Massner added to the fold—should have read, Rosie (Massner) Obermann. We regret this very much.

Spiritual Musings

Do all things without murmurings and disputings:

—Philippians 2:14

As we spent several hours, recently, giving our little church a spring housecleaning — many thoughts came to my mind. How well it would be if we could, in our spiritual life, have a housecleaning—not a few times a year, but each day, freeing ourselves of many unneeded burdens: complaining, fault-finding, bitterness, self pity, murmuring—this all means being disobedient to God, our heavenly Father. It would be much more pleasing to Him if we would see the brighter side of the life he has in store for us. It would also bring us more joy and happiness in our Christian life—To me, it has always been a joy to live for our Lord—Some may say, maybe when all goes well. Many of our troubles and heartaches are what we make them. If we could spend this wasted time with more love, and doing for others, cleansing our hearts, making room for only good things—our lives would also shine and gleam without, as our little church did within.

MANSFIELD, OHIO

Aaron A. Sauder

“ . . . My house shall be called the house of prayer . . . ” St. Matthew 21:13. Although there are finishing touches to be completed on our church, our first services in our new edifice were held on Palm Sunday. We thank God for this “house

of prayer”, as we remember Jesus' words, that it is not where we worship that is important, but how we do so —“ . . . the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.” St. John 4:23, 24. In the evening, the Sunday School children presented their Easter program. “ . . . Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God.” St. Mark 10:14.

Bro. Wayne Gerber of Lester ministered to us on the first Sunday in our new church. On April 25, Bro. Ernest Gerber of Rockville and on May 2, Bro. Ben Hartzler of Rittman spoke God's word to us. A hearty invitation is extended to all, to visit and worship with us.

We welcome little Robin, daughter of Sis. Beverly (Dolce) and Bernie Washington, who was born April 29. Robin has two brothers, Wesley and Kevin.

Our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Scotty Dean Catron, who were married Saturday, May 1. The new Mrs. Catron is the former Clara Louise Beer, daughter of Bro. Dave and Sis. Lena Beer.

PEORIA, ILLINOIS

Emily Tanner

Mrs. Michael Weyeneth

We rejoice that, on her faith, Sis. Ollie Metz was baptized on April 11 at her home. She has not been able to assemble with us in church since she repented.

Bro. Harold and Sis. Lillian Koehl announced the engagement of their daughter, Bonnie Jean, to Richard Earl Hodel, son of Bro. Sam and Sis. Gertrude Hodel of Cissna Park.

Wedding vows were exchanged by Jean Meier and John David Estes on April 11, at the home of the bride's parents, Bro. Jacob Francis and Sis. Dorothy Meier. They are living in Peoria.

Sis. Carol Hoerr and Bro. Rolland Scholl were united in holy matrimony May 2. They plan to live in Peoria. We welcome Bro. Rolland to our assembly. He is formerly from Princeville.

After many months of patient suffering, Bro. John C. Sinn died on April 11. His daughters, Sis. Eunice Unsicker of here and Sis. Lorraine

Kaiser of Morton, and their families have our sympathy. Funeral services were held April 14.

Our sympathy goes to Sis. Elizabeth Kammerer Sinn, formerly from here, in the death of her husband, Bro. Chris Sinn of Cissna Park, who died April 11 after an hour's illness.

We also extend our sympathy to Bro. Solomon and Sis. Bernice Hartman. Their six-year-old granddaughter, Susan Jo Hartman, was buried April 25. She was ill for just a few days.

Our sympathy is extended to Bro. Jonas and Sis. Sophia Ball. Miss Fayetta Ball, twin sister of Bro. Jonas, died April 30.

Hospital patients are: Sis. Barbara Merkle, Sis. Lena Reber and Sis. Tillie Luthy. Sis. Tillie had the misfortune of falling and breaking her hip. Sis. Emma Hartman is confined to the infirmary at The Buehler Home.

Bro. Maurice Schafer, Bro. Theophil Haefli, Sis. Amelia Zurcher, Sis. Emma Plattner, Sis. Emma Weyeneth and Sis. Anna Fischer spent some time at the hospitals this past month. Sis. Esther Stoller is confined to her home, due to a fall.

Sis. Leah Hohulin retired from her work at the A. C. Home on May 1. She had been very faithful in her duties for more than 25 years. We wish her much happiness in the future. She has moved to Fairbury to live with one of her sisters. On Sunday evening, April 25, many gathered at the Home as a surprise, to bid her farewell. The evening was spent in singing hymns.

Sis. Margaret Schumacher has taken over the managerial duties at the Home. Bro. Jonathan, husband of Sis. Margaret, has been taking care of the yard, garden, etc. for over 25 years and is still active in those duties.

At our monthly Hymn Sing, May 2, we appreciated the beautiful songs that a group of nine ladies, seven from Morton and two from Peoria, sang.

Glory To God

Submitted by an esteemed brother in faith.

We truly were fortunate we had Christian parents who led us to Sunday School in our youth, and to the true church that taught us of God and His plan of salvation. I was convicted many times before

I repented; finally I heeded God's call. With all humbleness of a broken heart, I sought God's word. It was hard to understand at first, but by pleading, through constant prayer, it was opened to me through His grace (which is an undeserved favor), given to me by God, and God only. I could fully surrender.

I then had the grace to tell my parents and also my fellowmen and confess my sins to God and man, which truly lifted the burden of sin from my heart. I felt a peace which no one can grasp, only those that go through a real repentance. With a thankful, cleansed heart, I longed to bury my sins in Jesus' death through baptism, which was granted unto me. By the laying on of hands, I felt the Holy Spirit, which I received and longed for. That Spirit is to guide me all the days of my life.

It is quickly said, I shall stay true to God from now on, but with the devil and his host of angels and power still at large here on earth, we do make mistakes and fail often, but this great God is all powerful. With a contrite spirit and humbleness of heart, praying to God everyday, we can die daily of all.

How wonderful to have so great a salvation.

I am much older now and have gone through sickness, trials and temptations known to God alone. I find it a great joy to assemble in God's house and meet with the friends, brothers and sisters in faith, knowing God is still with me, when that hour comes to call me home, I pray I can say, **Yea, though I walk through the valley and shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for thou art with me. Thy rod and thy staff comfort me, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever. By His grace and mercy this can be accomplished.**

REMINGTON, INDIANA

Anna M. Waibel and sisters

Sis. Sophia Siebenthal has been at the hospital for X-ray and observation.

Sis. Anna (George) Waibel has been at the hospital for surgery.

All our sick are slowly improving, but they still enjoy mail anytime. There is a rich reward for doing these favors for one another in such trying times. Songs 241-245, Zions Harp, are very com-

forting.

Bro. Andy Nussbaum, our oldest brother, had his 80th birthday. I'm sure he, too, would enjoy being remembered at this time. He is still quite well and enjoys helping about the hatchery.

A sermon recently from Romans 12 reminded us of our duties, physical as well as spiritual. How important it is to read and feed on the Bible daily and refrain from what is detrimental to our body. **Know ye not that your bodies are the temple of the Lord, and ye are accountable.**

Bro. Robert Hueni and Bro. Henry Kilgus were with us on Sunday.

There was rich advice for all: Beware of false doctrines; Read one's Bible regularly, appreciate the assembling of ourselves; and watch, lest you lose your first love. May we all grow in grace, faith and love, that we might all be doers, and not hearers only.

Bro. Henry and Sis. Cora Frey from Eureka met the Huenis here. They are always welcome back, as Henry grew up here.

Bro. Wendell Gudeman came Sunday evening to show a large attendance the pictures of Haiti. It is almost unbelievable to see how people exist, and we live in luxury in comparison, and then sometimes we complain. May God have mercy on them and us always.

Bro. Erwin and Sis. Anna Bahler wish to thank those who have done the many kind deeds during their stay at the hospital at Grand Rapids, Michigan, and since they have returned home. The cards of encouragement, flowers and gifts were greatly appreciated. They wish all God's blessing. Sister Anna is much improved at this writing.

Thank you Note

I want to thank you wonderful people who were so kind to remember me with words of comfort and cheer, during my shut-in days. May the good Lord reward each one of you for your kind deeds. Phil Getz

There is a destiny that makes us brothers; none goes his way alone. All that we give to the lives of others, comes back into our own.

BLUFFTON, INDIANA

Delutha Moser Carolyn Gerber
God's Garden

His garden which the wise God planted,

The seeds he scattered from above,
Was picked midst choicest seed,
None other but the flower of
mother love.

Mother's love steadies our
footsteps;
It stretches a helpful hand,
Comforts our sorrows and heart-
aches,
A love that will always under-
stand.

Mother love—God's gift to his
children,
With heavenly fragrance fraught—
A brightest flower in God's garden,
'Mong His truest forget-me-not.

MARRIAGE: The marriage of Bro.
Phil Moser to Sis. Jean Isch was
solemnized on Sunday, April 11,
by Bro. John Yergler.

ENGAGEMENTS: Who can find
a virtuous woman? for her price is
far above rubies.

The engagement of Sis. Diane
Gerber to Bro. Gary Tonner was
made known on April 18. Parents
are Bro. and Sis. Lloyd Gerber and
Bro. and Sis. Curtis Tonner.

Bro. Darrell Steffen's engage-
ment was announced to Sis. Jane
Funk of Gridley, Illinois, on April
18. Darrell's parents are Bro. and
Sis. Elmer Steffen.

On April 25, the engagement was
announced of Sis. Jane Kaehr to
Bro. Doyle Frauhiger. Parents are
Bro. and Sis. Fred (Ted) Kaehr and
Bro. and Sis. Earl Frauhiger.

Carol Payne, daughter of Mr. and
Mrs. Russell Payne has announced
her engagement to Ray Fiechter,
son of Bro. and Sis. Homer Fiec-
ther.

From St. John 17: "I have glor-
ified thee on the earth. I have
finished the work which thou gav-
est me to do And the glory
which thou gavest me I have given
them . . ." The evening of April 18,
psalms of praise were sung by our
Sunday School for their Easter
program.

The four groups that took part
were the kindergarten class of 76,
Primary class of 109, Junior choir
of 95, and the adult choir of 78.

BIRTHS: To Bro. Walter Jr. and
Sis. Joyce Neuenschwander, a
daughter, Karen Lynn, on April 23.

SHUT-INS:

The world is full of mysteries and
puzzles on every hand.
So many things we do not know

and cannot understand.
There is much we must accept in
faith, as daily living proves.
Beyond our veiled and earth-bound
flesh the Lord Creator moves.
He knows the answer to it all, and
if our faith is true,
He will sustain and carry us, until
each trial is through.

Shut-ins

Sisters, Mrs. John Gilliom, Mrs.
Lester Schwartz, Mrs. Wm. Kipfer,
Martha Heyerly. Brothers, Lewis
Gerber, Raymond Moser, Jerome
Rauch.

Service Men Home On Leave:

Much joy and happiness is being
shared by four of our service men,
with their parents and loved ones,
who have been granted a furlough.

The two brothers are Phil Stett-
ner and DeWayne Gerber, and the
friends are Perry Isch and Herb
Frank (thanks be to our Lord and
Saviour, who has given them
grace to repentance and the peace
that passeth all understanding.
They are waiting proving and
baptism, before returning to their
station).

MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA Diane Olson

Precious teachings were brought
to us from St. Matthew 27, on April
11. Our visiting minister, Bro.
Floyd Schmidgall, Morris, clearly
pointed out the pain and agony that
our Saviour suffered for us, as he
hung on the cross that we may
have hope of eternal life.

Church was called off on April
23. Because of bad weather con-
ditions, a minister was not able to
get here. Even though we have had
quite a severe winter, there has
only been once, this last time, when
the weather hindered a minister
from being with us. How thankful
we can be that the Lord has pro-
vided us with those who proclaim
His almighty word. We wish to
thank everyone who puts forth ef-
fort to gather with us.

We are happy to have Mr. and
Mrs. Roy Massner and girls in our
vicinity. We hope they will be
happy in their new home.

'Twas a sheep, not a lamb, that
strayed away
In the parable Jesus told,
A grown-up sheep that had gone
astray
From the ninety and nine in the
fold.

Out on the hillside, out in the cold,
'Twas the sheep the good shepherd
sought;
And back to the flock, safe into the
fold,
'Twas the sheep the good shepherd
brought.

For the lambs will follow the sheep,
you know,
Wherever the sheep may stray;
When the sheep go wrong it will
not be long,
'Til the lambs are as wrong as
they.

And so with the sheep we earnestly
plead,
For the sake of the lambs today;
If the lambs are lost, what
terrible cost
Some sheep will have to pay.

Oh Jesus, look upon
My helpless situation.
My heart feels deadly fear;
My spirit condemnation.
Within me is the wish,
But not the power to do,
Because my weary soul
Is full of grief and woe.

Zion's Harp

A friend knew she needed clean-
sing! Satan with all his tempta-
tions could not hinder her. She
turned to the Lord in repentance
and found salvation. She now has a
friend, she knew, that would never
forsake her, even if all others did.

How happy she now was. What
wonderful joy and peace was with-
in. She would no longer feel asham-
ed to see young people inside the
fold and herself older, still an un-
cleansed sinner.

Those things she once loved
meant nothing to her now. They
surely were pleasures for a season.

Through the Lord's guidance,
His holy word, and the help of
loved ones, she found it possible to
put Satan behind her, when he
tried to rob her of peace.

She stated that the Bible was
very dear to her. She knew it con-
tained God's laws, and she read it
often and obeyed it.

Without grace, her conversion
wouldn't have been possible, she
realizes. She feels we often take it
too much for granted.

When asked about prayer, she
compared herself to a pebble on the
beach—one of many. But when in
prayer, it is as if only her God and
her are there.

Fellowship is very precious. She

dearly loves each brother and sister, and finds strength when she can meet and greet them.

After she came out of the holy waters, it was so wonderful, she can't put it in words. With the laying on of hands came a final seal, the Holy Spirit, God's promise to always be near her.

She even appreciates material gains much more, because she knows she had the Lord's help obtaining them. The Lord's way is best, so she accepts whatever lot He gives.

Her only grievance is that she waited so long to walk this heavenly way. She is now striving for that eternal rest in those heavenly mansions, where corrupt beings will find no place.

WOLCOTT, INDIANA

Arles Kropf

Bro. John Schmidt has returned home after spending the winter with his children and other relatives in California.

We have been having song service at church the first Sunday evening of each month and have been enjoying nice gatherings. We invite all to come and enjoy these hours with us.

Our church has taken on a nice fresh look, with the walls redecorated.

The engagement of Bro. Donald Furrer and Sis. Rita Bucher of La Crosse was announced on May 2. May the Lord bless them.

Meditations of Bro. Froelich

July 21, 1840

1 John 2:1 Theme: Characteristics of a Child of God.

We, as regenerated children of God, are only a lantern, and the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus is the light of God and of the truth, which shall shine forth from us on every side. By it we shall not, for ourselves alone, walk unblameably and inoffensively, but shall also be a shining light for the others around us in darkness and the shadow of death.

This is our calling and designation from God, and in all that we do and think, the rule of the Spirit, the holy commandment, which has been given to us in Christ, shall guide us that we sin not, but keep ourselves as such who must give account of every idle word we have spoken. Only he who does not fail in a single word is a perfect man.

This perfection shall be our constant thought and aspiration, because it is the will of God to usward. We shall never be forgetful or so conduct ourselves or walk as if there were no God or as if we did not believe in God.

BRADFORD, ILLINOIS

Mrs. Martha Kieser

We cannot be thankful enough for the ministers who have been kind enough to visit and share with us the word of God. In the past few weeks, Bro. Joe Kaisner, Forrest, and Bro. Merle Kaisner, Fairbury, spent a Sunday here. Bro. Ben Maibach of Detroit was an Easter Sunday evening visitor; also Bro. Edwin Ringger of Gridley. We thank them.

A goodly number gathered for Good Friday evening services. We were richly reminded of our Saviour's precious blood, which was shed for the remission of the sins of all the world.

One Saturday evening, we had a storm, and the barn of Bro. Wm. Elsassers' was partially destroyed. Two weeks later, early on a Saturday morning, a tornado destroyed the rest of the same barn and several other buildings on his farm. Just down the road from them, on the farm of Bro. Clarence Knobloch, several buildings were also destroyed. They were fortunate in that no one was injured.

A number of us gathered and housecleaned our church. I heard it said, If only our souls were as clean as this church . . . How fortunate we would be . . . and wouldn't we?

CONGERVILLE, ILLINOIS

Lorna Schrock

On Good Friday evening, our congregation was reminded of the suffering our Saviour endured, because of His great love for us. Holy Communion was served by our elder, Bro. Frank Woertz. He was assisted by Bro. Henry Kilgus of Forrest, who was in charge of the services held immediately preceding the Communion service.

Fred and Judy Miller are the parents of a new baby girl, Jill Marie, born on April 17. Mark, age 7, and Marcy, age 4, welcomed their baby sister. Bro. Merion and Sis. Esther Miller are the grandparents.

We thank Bro. Edwin Ringger of Gridley and Bro. Walt Anliker of Eureka for visiting us this past

month. Many rich blessings were received, for which we are thankful to God.

Linda Miller, daughter of Bro. Jake and Sis. Marion, had her tonsils removed, and is recovering at home.

Recently, Sis. Carrie Wettstein was taken to the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota. We certainly pray that she may be relieved of her suffering and that her health may be restored.

The wind that blows can never kill

The tree God plants;
It bloweth east; it bloweth west,
The tender leaves are in the test,
But any wind is for the best.

The tree that God plants
Strikes deeper root, grows higher still,

Spreads greater boughs, for God's good will

Meets all its wants.

There is no storm hath power to blast

The tree God knows.
No thunderbolt, nor beating rain,
Nor lighting flash, nor hurricane;
When they are spent it doth remain.

The tree God knows,
Through every tempest standeth fast,

And from its first day to its last
Still fairer grows.

ELGIN, ILLINOIS

Louise Steffen

Katie Kachelmuss

Our Easter Sunday School program was on Palm Sunday, in the evening. Shortly before time for the program, one of the teachers received a telephone call from Sis. Donna Belle Nelson from Crystal Lake (which is about fifteen miles from Elgin), and she stated that she and her family would not be able to attend the program, because they had just had a disastrous tornado that killed six persons, injured nearly one hundred, and left about two hundred homeless. She said that her husband felt that he should stay and help care for the injured, and she did not want to take the chance of driving on the highway, which would have been dangerous. The Nelson's home was not damaged, as it struck in the southern part of the town in a six-block area, and then continued on along Route 14. The property damage was terrific, and it seems

a miracle that more persons did not lose their lives, judging from the pictures of the wreckage.

Charles and Ruby Sommer have a little girl, Rebecca Dawn, born on April 28.

Bro. Herman and Sis. Sharon Braun, now living in Aurora, Colorado, where Bro. Herman is stationed, have a son, Karl Eugene, born on April 12. Bro. Herman and Sis. Cecelia Braun are the grandparents of young Karl. Sis. Sharon's parents are Mr. and Mrs. D. Kenneth Powelson of Aurora, Illinois.

Sis. Mary Oettinger has now passed her eighty-eighth birthday and still enjoys the Silver Lining very much. She extends her Greetings to all.

Dennis Feucht, who is stationed near Munich, Germany, is spending a thirty-day leave with his parents, John and Florence Feucht.

A friend, Clarence Schaaf, 60, was killed when he was pinned between the steering wheel of his tractor and two guy wires, in a field near his home. Our church conducted the funeral services. It was another reminder of the uncertainty of life. We were reminded that "Life is real, life is earnest, and the grave is not its goal."

Some time ago, the parable of the prodigal son was fulfilled before our very eyes.

A friend, the daughter of believing parents, left her home and the church to enjoy the pleasures and vanities of this world. She became affiliated with another church, and was even baptized. Many years passed, and much took place in her life.

Then one Sunday, to our surprise, she attended our church services. In talking to her, she told us how she had been troubled for some time, and always felt guilty when attending the church of which she was a member. Whenever she went there, the thought came to her, "You don't belong here." She felt she should come back to the church she attended as a child and where her parents were members. She said she never felt right about the baptism in the other church, because she was baptized with her sins and wasn't any different afterwards. She knew that wasn't the right way, as she remembered her mother's teachings, and knew there would have to be a complete cleansing of heart and mind.

After hearing the pure Word of God, she came under conviction, repented for her sins, received forgiveness and peace in her heart, brought her testimony and was baptized. She is now so very happy to be a child of God and a lamb of Jesus' flock. How great the power of God is to bring a soul back to the church, after wandering about forty years in the wilderness of sin and darkness, smoking, hilarious parties, cards, the pleasures in TV, theaters. She had her fill of these, and had no more desire for any more of this kind of living, but now enjoys the fellowship of the sisters and brothers in Christ, the church services, the Bible Study, and reading her Bible at home.

In her testimony, she said she is so very thankful that God was very merciful in not taking her from this life before she became reconciled with Him. Her prayer now is that God will awaken her sisters, so that they, too, will see the light before it will be forever too late. We all rejoice to meet and greet her, and she, too, feels so close to us all. She is very willing to learn, and appreciates anything anyone will share with her. This surely was a miracle performed in our midst, and we praise God for His love and mercy to all who will open their hearts unto Him.

LESTER, IOWA Emelie M. Knobloch

We surely have blessings for us all, that God has called some friends to repentance before the day of grace comes to a close. Kenneth and Donna Moser, Eli and Alice Metzger, and Jake Miesner have hearkened to God's call. We have been taught, not by our love have we been chosen, but through his love for us.

Sister Emma Meyer, Mrs. Adolph Moser, Darleen Wulf, daughter of Bro. and Sister Wilhelm Wulf, had surgery this past month. All are at home recuperating. We hope God will restore good health, so they will soon be able to assemble with us again.

A number of relatives and older friends surprised Bro. and Sister Chris Kellenberger on their 50th anniversary. Their family spent the day with them. Bro. and Sister Ernest Kellenberger of Morris spent the evening with them also. May God share his blessings in the coming years.

Announcement of the engagement of Sister Pauline Gerber, daughter of Bro. and Sister Ted Gerber, and Bro. David Teubel, son of Bro. and Sister John Teubel, was made known on Easter Sunday.

Roger Knobloch, son of Bro. and Sister Martin Knobloch, and Janet Banwart, daughter of Bro. and Sister Walter Banwart of West Bend, were united in marriage April 4. A reception was held, April 25. They are now moved into a home in Lester.

Birth: To Mr. and Mrs. Dale Metzger, a daughter, on April 17, named Michelle Ann.

Keith Metzger, son of Bro. and Sister Emil Metzger, arrived safely in Frankfort, Germany.

Words to cherish and remember and be very nice in memorial of mothers who are on the Golden Shore.

Sleep, Mother, Sleep

Home is so lonely since mother's
not there;
Dark is her room and vacant her
chair.
Angels have taken her out of our
care.
Still we recall our dear mother's
sweet pray'r.

While she is sleeping, the seasons,
I know,
Cover her grave with blossoms and
snow;
Snow on the bosom that sheltered
me so.
So cold and bleak are the north
winds that blow.

Her loving eyes were often dimmed
with sad tears.
Guiding our feet through long,
weary years,
Planning our future while reading
God's word,
Faithful and true admonitions we
heard.

Mother, sleep, your trials are o'er;
Sweet be the rest you worked for
before.
We loved you, but God loved you
more,
For he called you to that bright
happy shore.

MORTON, ILLINOIS Rose Getz

Funeral services for Mrs. Bertha

Binkele, 78, daughter of Albert and Elizabeth Gerber Gunther, were held April 6. She is survived by eight children.

Funeral services for Sis. Matilda Kuntz Hauter, 69, wife of Ben S. Hauter and mother of Dr. Dean Hauter, were held April 12. Bro. J. A. Getz officiated.

We were blessed with messages brought to us by Bro. Harvey Grimm of Bern; Bro. Elmer Witzig of Gridley, Bro. Vernon Leman of Eureka and Bro. Ben Maibach of Detroit (with us for Easter services).

Sis. Marie Belsley (Mrs. Clarence), who broke a bone (in her foot) and several ribs, in a fall, is able to walk again.

Sis. Eula Grimm (Mrs. Wm. Jr.) was a patient at the Methodist Hospital.

Sis. Louise Heinold, who suffered a stroke, is improving slowly.

Bro. Clarence Schmidgall is a surgical patient at the Methodist Hospital in Peoria.

Sis. Hilda Roth (Mrs. Sam) is convalescing at home, after having had major surgery.

Bros. Jos. Leman Sr. of Roanoke is a patient at the Morton Restmor Nursing Home.

Bro. Earl and Sis. Irene Farney are home from the Fairbury Hospital. They were badly injured in a car wreck, while returning from a funeral in Cissna Park.

Bro. George Gramm of Gridley assisted Bro. Joe Getz with the hearing of testimonies and baptism of Walter and Emma Schubach and Sam and Claretta Staker.

Bro. John and Reta Getz celebrated their Golden Anniversary May 2.

Announcement was made of the coming marriage of Sis. Eileen Baum and Bro. Howard Maurer of Fairbury and Bro. David Teubel and Sis. Pauline Gerber of Lester.

On May 2, our Bible Class entertained the Bible Class of Roanoke. There were 131 young people in the combined classes. The lessons were led by Bros. Melvin Rocke, Stan Hodel, Dick Moser and Jim Leman of Roanoke. Dinner was served at the church for the Bible Classes and their teachers. Parents of the Morton Bible Class willingly supplied food for the dinner. After the afternoon services, a fellowship hour was held, supervised by Bro. Sol Rassi, Howard Waldbeser and Orman Kaiser and their wives, and

refreshments were served by Bro. Robert Moser and Bro. Joe Braker and their wives.

Christian Endeavor was held in the evening. Twelve Sunday Schools were represented and sang hymns of inspiration.

NEW MARTINSVILLE, W. VA.

Mrs. Gus Weltz
Miss Della Witschey

Albert E. Riggenbach passed away on April 19, after a few weeks' illness. He would have observed his 87th birthday on April 28. His wife, Etta Barth Riggenbach, passed away in June, 1956. Funeral services were held from the Iams Funeral Home, on April 21, and interment took place in Greenlawn Memorial Park. He leaves three sons; three daughters; one brother, W. E. Riggenbach of Paden City; one sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Isinghood; many neices and nephews; 15 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren. He will be missed in the community, as he was a friend to many and had done many good deeds for the poor and needy.

Steve Estep, a grandson of the late Will Witschey, has been hospitalized in Wheeling, W. Va., again and had surgery on one lung, a very delicate operation, but he is recovering nicely, and the doctor is very encouraged with his condition.

Mrs. J. G. Burgess, who is spending some time with her daughter in Monroe Heights, Pa., visited here on May 2 and is feeling much better, but will continue to stay in her daughter's home for another few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Frumm, the former Lucy Witschey, observed their 55th wedding anniversary in Jeannette, Pa., on May 1, with the immediate members of their families present. They are the parents of two sons, and have five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Durig celebrated their 46th wedding anniversary on April 23, and entertained the members of their family with a dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Verda Fankhouser and Miss Margaret Witschey attended the funeral of Dan Games in Girard. He was the son of Mrs. Elizabeth Games and the late Will Games.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Froelich, Mr.

and Mrs. John Widmer, Mrs. Josephine Bauman and Fred Widmer Rittman attended the funeral of Albert E. Riggenbach here, on April 21.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Riggenbach and Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Renner were at Alderson—Broaddus College at Philippi, W. Va., on May 1. Miss Bonnie Riggenbach is a member of the Senior Class and took high honors in many phases of the school year. She will teach in the New Martinsville school this next year.

TOLEDO, OHIO

Emily Frautschi

Bro. Al and Sister Mary Ann Weigele were blessed with a daughter, Julie Lynn, born on April 30. Their daughter, Kristi Ann, also welcomes the new baby.

We are sorry to report that, at this writing, Sister Mary Hile is in serious condition in the hospital, suffering from a heart ailment. We hope and pray that God will bless her with His healing power.

We are glad to report that Elsie Fetter has gone home from the hospital—after her lengthy stay there—and is making some improvement.

WEST BEND, IOWA

Anna Schmidt Marilyn Schneider

Bro. Elmer Schmidt from Winthrop was our visiting minister this past month.

After much planning and prayerful consideration, we have begun construction on our new church. On April 25, we had ground-breaking ceremonies, during our regular services.

Joan Mogler, the daughter of Bro. Ervin and Sis. Elma Mogler, felt the need of a Saviour and has turned to the Lord in repentance. We wish her much grace in her new walk of life.

Dick Schmidt was hospitalized for surgery. He is at home now and getting along very well.

Sis. Elizabeth Traub was in Iowa City this past month; she has had trouble with her hearing. Gary Schneider is back home again, after a lengthy stay in the hospital.

Sis. Emma Meyer, wife of Bro. Alvia Meyer of Lester, is convalescing at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Eli Grimm Jr. Sis. Emma underwent surgery on her back.

Funeral services for Bro. Chris Luthi were held on April 10. He

passed away at the age of 87 years, months, 15 days. Chris, son of Christ and Marie Schmidt Luthi, was born in Bern, Switzerland. When he was a small boy, they came to America, and settled at West Bend.

In 1904 he was united in marriage to Theresa Miller, who later passed away. (Chris and Theresa repented soon after they were married.)

On December 31, 1933, he was married to Emma Fehr, who now survives. Surviving also are one brother, William, and two sisters, (Sis.) Mrs. Joe Moser and Sis. Mary Luthi, all of Morris.

Bro. Chris had the misfortune of falling, which contributed to his death. "Come, Come Sweet Death" was his plea in his last days. May we all be prepared by grace, for when the hour shall sound for each one of us. Bro. Chris was the oldest in the family and saw many hardships. There were many times when the food was very scarce. When they didn't have a buggy to ride to church, they had to walk nearly three miles. Bro. Chris always enjoyed going to church. He was our oldest member, and will be greatly missed by all.

God sent an angel very close
And called a loved one home.
With all-wise countenance of love,
He ruleth from His throne.

Again a book of life is sealed,
God sees as we cannot.
The long-borne load is laid aside.
Sweet rest is now the lot.

For those of us who yet remain,
Faith makes the sorrow sweet.
If God, by grace, permits it so,
We hope again to meet.

Thus as we join our hands and hearts
To bid a last farewell,
We know God stills life's tempest.
We know, "At Home 'Tis Well".

And now, as if to emphasize
What He had done before,
God sent an angel close again
To show His love once more.

This time 'twas mother that He chose
To take to her reward.
The Lord has promised PEACE
and REST,
Forever with the Lord.

Thus we would yield our will to His.

Can we such JOY deny
To those who struggled on this earth,
While keeping faith on High?

"Farewell", we breathe. "Farewell, dear one."
Though our eyes be dimmed by tears,
May our faith, like hers, be shining true,
Unchanged by the rust of years.

WINTHROP, MINNESOTA Linda and Melva Messner

Bro. Wayne Gerber of Lester ministered to us April 25. He was enroute to minister at Minneapolis, but due to weather conditions, he spent the Sunday at our congregation. Many wonderful teachings were expounded from the gospel. We were reminded how important that our walk of life should be a shining light in this sinful world.

"Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:" Romans 5:1 We rejoice with friends Walter and Florence Messner, who were announced, having peace. May God grant that many more could hear His tender call for His love and mercy.

An Earthen Vessel

Not a vessel strong and mighty,
Not a vessel large and grand,
Just a little earthen vessel,
To be placed into His hand.

Not a vessel rich and costly,
Not one filled up to the brim,
Just a little empty vessel,
Emptied—to be filled with Him.

Just a little earthen vessel,
Empty and frail and small,
But when He takes my vessel,
He knows I give my all.

And the praise goes not to the vessel,
But to Him Who put within
The glorious, precious Treasure;
Yes, the praise goes all to HIM.

AKRON, OHIO Grace Schuckert & Florence Graf

Easter Sunday, we heard abundantly of Christ's suffering, death and His arising from the dead, when visited by ministering brothers Arthur Gudeman, Ernest Gerber and Robert Stoll. On this day

also, friends Rosella Graf and Jane Greenbank—having availed themselves of the fruits and benefits of His resurrection, were added to the fold, receiving the power and guidance of the Holy Spirit. The sincere call was brought, that since Christ had again stirred the waters, that many others step in for the cleansing of their sins, before the thread of life is severed and the death angel proclaims to here and no farther. It was emphasized that help is but a prayer away.

Bro. Eugene Pamer was chosen as a new minister, to join those who unitedly toil as the stewards of Christ, teaching the word of God from the heart.

Sis. Louise Kay Graf is home from the hospital, recovering from knee surgery. Hospitalized, awaiting surgery, is five-year-old Edward, son of Carl and Kathy Graf.

The switch was made from Eastern Standard to Daylight Saving Time last Sunday, April 30, and will remain in effect until the last Sunday in October.

Roland French Sr., husband of Louise, had seven stitches taken in his nose, to close a cut suffered in a fall. Their son, Roland Jr., also had minor surgery.

BERN, KANSAS Mrs. Morris Edelman Mrs. Leonard Baumgartner

Mary Streit, who was born near Bern on Sept. 28, 1886, passed away Saturday, April 3, at her home in Sabetha. She had spent the day working, and had gone to rest in a chair where she was found, having met her Maker. She is survived by one brother, Arnold Streit of Bern. Mary lived all her life in Bern and Sabetha vicinity, and at an early age became a member of the Apostolic Christian Church. Funeral services were held on Tuesday, April 6, with Bro. Carl Hartman and Bro. Lester Hartter officiating.

We have discontinued our Wednesday evening services and are now holding Sunday evening singings every two weeks. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Sis. Emily Lortscher is welcomed back to our congregation, after spending several weeks in Denver, visiting with relatives.

Hospital patients this month were Bro. Jake Wenger, Sis. Lena Baumgartner, Sis. Katie Grimm and Sis. Leah Bauman.

Bro. John and Sis. Emma Wahl

of Cissna Park visited Kansas for the first time; they said in their own words, "We sure did enjoy meeting sisters and brothers of the same faith the Sunday we were with you."

The Sunday after Easter, the members of our church partook of Holy Communion, served by Elder Bro. Lester Hartter, assisted by Bro. Harvey Grimm. "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."

Life's Little Lesson

High up in the mountains there lived a small boy and his mother. One day, after he had been punished severely, the lad ran to the edge of the precipice, shouting back at his mother, "I hate you; I hate you!"

Across the ravine came the echo: "I hate you; I hate you." Thoroughly frightened, the boy ran back to his mother and sobbed, "Who is that bad man over there who shouted, I hate you?"

Taking the boy's hand, the mother led him back to the edge of the precipice. "Now son," she said, "call out, I love you; I love you!" The little boy did as he was told—clearly and sweetly the echo came, repeating the words. "My child," said the mother, taking the boy into her arms, "that is the law of life; what you give, you get."

EUREKA, ILLINOIS

Cathryn Wettstein Salomé Walter

Our guest ministers have been: Bro. Al Scheitlin from Elgin, Ill.; Bro. Ben Maibach from Detroit; and Bro. Henry Souder from Bremen.

April 14, the Easter Story in reading and many beautiful songs was presented by the Sunday School children from 3rd grade on up. Also, the Roanoke Bible Class took part. May we all remember what Jesus did for us when He hung on the cross and shed His precious blood, then the third day rose again. This is something wonderful to treasure in all our hearts.

Good Friday services were held on Friday evening.

The fourth Sunday of April, our singing was held. A mixed group from Morton sang several hymns.

Those hospitalized in Eureka:

Sis. Katherine Hartter, now returned home; Sis. Nettie Rocke, fractured her arm, but has left the hospital; Sis. Hannah Schumacher is in the hospital; Bro. Andrew Fehr, injured in car accident, is in the hospital; Mark Rocke has returned home from hospital. May God be with those who are ill and help them.

Sis. Bertha Walder, a sister of Sis. Tillie Wittmer, passed away May 2, after being in Eureka Hospital since last July. Arrangements are for her funeral and burial to be in Cissna Park.

Bro. Theo. and Sis. Amy Stoller are announcing the engagement of their only daughter, Thelma Lou, to Robert Wind, from Washington.

April 24, we had evening services, that our friends could give their testimonies of their repentance. From Eureka was Maxine Kempf, daughter of Bro. Ervin and Sis. Alice Kempf. There were three from Roanoke. Bro. Fred Grimm from Taylor, and Bro. J. A. Getz from Morton assisted Bro. Leroy. They were all baptized the next day. The same elder brothers were with us for the occasion. How good to listen to their experiences, with a hope that all were refreshed and renewed of each one's same experience when we gave our testimony before the congregation.

Plans are under way to have Vacation Bible School again this year, after regular school is out.

We are now on Daylight Saving Time. Sunday morning service at 10:00 A.M., Afternoon at 12:15 P.M., and Wednesday Evening at 8:00 P.M.

FAIRBURY, ILLINOIS

Joyce Huber

Little Ruth Marie Weigand was born on April 13, making Bro. Dale and Sis. Freidora Weigand a new and happy Mom and Dad.

Sis. Esther Keifer had surgery, and is now recuperating. We hope she'll again be feeling well soon.

Bro. George and Sis. Clara Broquard will be getting a new daughter-in-law, as the engagement of their son, Bro. Dwayne, was announced to Sis. Carol Bragile of Bay City. We wish for them the best, as they will now serve the Lord together.

"A Father's dream," as expressed by a convert's father, came true for some fathers on May Day week end, as five were proved and bap-

tized, with Bro. Leroy Huber and Bro. Henry Kilgus assisting Bro. Josh Broquard. Giving testimonies were: Bro. and Sis. Lloyd Zimmermans' son, Terry; Bro. and Sis. David Kaeb's daughter and son, Gloria and Nicky; Bro. Alpha and Fannie Steffens' son, Henry, and his wife Lola, daughter of Sis. Margaret and Jack Ott. The converts were asked if the deeds of the old nature, of anger, pride, impatience, etc., were changed to the fruits of the Spirit, which are given in Galatians 5:22, 23. Bro. Leroy said he is convinced that in God's commandment, **By the sweat of thy face shall thou eat** meant not only physical work, but also spiritually we must work for the Lord. He has a purpose for each one, even though it looks like we have no talent, but still each one is to have a chance to work for the Lord.

Sis. Ida Meiss desired to submit the following in honor of new converts:

Five things, if remembered, will help you each day;
Obeyed, they will keep you from going astray;
Tho' Satan may tempt you and trials betide,
You surely will conquer and in Christ abide.

Keep looking to Jesus (He never can fail),
And walk in His footsteps in every detail;
The world's vain allurements will vanish from sight
By looking to Jesus, your Saviour and Light.

Read Daily Your Bible, if you would be strong
To witness for Jesus and overcome wrong;
The Author, The Book, and the doer abide,
But they who neglect it will surely backslide.

Pray Without ceasing. This will bring you to Him
Who cleanses and keeps you a victor o'er sin.
There's nothing so great that our God cannot do,
And nothing so small but He'll undertake, too.

Confess Him to Others. Be bold for your King

To those who are lying in darkness
and sin;

What help can you better to all
recommend,
Than this Blessed Jesus—the
needy one's Friend?

Do Something for Jesus. He did all
for you;

Your joy find in willing His sweet
will to do.

So seeking to please Him through
life day by day,

His presence shall gladden each
step of your way.

LATTY, OHIO

Mrs. Ray Sinn

Mrs. Gale Stoller

"For by grace are ye saved
through faith; and that not of
yourselves: it is the gift of God:"
Ephesians 2:8.

On Sunday, April 11, two dear
souls, Janice Laukhuf and Dianna
Dull, were baptized and accepted
into the fold. We welcome them
into the fellowship of Christ and
wish them much grace to travel
life's pathway as a child of God.
We often hear, it isn't in the be-
ginning nor in the middle, but only
we stay true unto the end that
we can receive a crown of life.

Harold Klopfenstein, son of Sis.
Emma, has been in the hospital for
surgery.

As we journey on toward heaven's
shining goal,

We may suffer pain and loss;
Burdens only bring us blessings if
we live

In the shadow of the cross.

Are you living in the shadow of the
cross,

Where the Saviour took your
place?

By the cross He'll lead us to that
home above;

There we'll see Him face to face.

We heard these beautiful words
taken from her favorite song, sung
at the funeral of Sis. Sylvia (Laukhuf)
Jewell. She passed away May
2, after an illness of over two years.
We believe she endured much pain
and suffering during this time, but
now has laid down her cross to re-
ceive a crown and see her Saviour
face to face.

Bro. Ben Maibach of Detroit
spoke comforting and inspiring
words to all. Bro. Walter Rehklau
of Toledo and Bro. Norman Stoller
of Ft. Wayne assisted at the serv-
ices.

MILFORD INDIANA

Paul Haab

Bro. Levi Beer was chosen to be
our new trustee. He replaces Bro.
Mike Zimmerman. Also our church
elected ushers for the first time.
They are Bro. Raymond Levy and
Bro. Carlton Beer.

The Sunday School Classes from
Detroit and Bay City, along with
several members, visited us over
a week end. It was a blessing to see
the church so full and to enjoy the
fellowship of kindred minds.

Bro. Pete and Sis. Becky Doll are
parents of a new little boy. They
named him Dick Arnold; he has
two brothers, Dan and Dave. Bro.
Theo. and Sis. Naoma Beer are the
grandparents.

Our brother, Glen Price Jr., will
leave for the service soon. We wish
him God's grace in this undertak-
ing, as we know the temptations
are multiplied and the trials seem
greater when one is far from home
and church.

Sis. Laura (Andy) Kammerer
has been hospitalized and is now
at home, recuperating from injur-
ies she received while crossing the
street in front of our church after
our Easter Program. We are thank-
ful to God for sparing her life and
granting the healing powers.

On this same evening, very near
here some of the worst tornadoes
in Indiana history struck, killing
many, leveling homes and injuring
many others. It is a grim reminder
that God in heaven is still the al-
mighty ruler of this universe, and
how we ought to fear him. We are
very thankful that none of our
church people had any appreciable
loss.

ALTO, MICHIGAN

Loretta and Myrna Steffen

Visiting ministers this past
month were Bro. Henry Wackerle
on April 4, who spoke to us from
the "Living Word of God," and Bro.
Joe Waibel, who was with us for
the Ground-Breaking ceremony on
April 10.

Hospitalized recently were Sis-
ters Melva Oesch and Fern Win-
geier and Bro. Derry Schutte. All
are home again and recuperating.

We are happy to have Bro. Phil
and Sis. Fern Wingeier back in our
assembly again, after their winter
stay in Florida.

A sweet baby girl, Rene Elise,

was born to Bro. Aaron and Sis.
Loretta Steffen on April 19.

The following is a handy guide,
which will prove helpful in your
study of the Bible:

A Sabbath Day's journey was
about an English mile. A day's jour-
ney was about twenty-three and
one-fifth miles. A hand's breadth
is equal to three and five-eighths
inches. A finger's breadth is equal
to one inch. A shekel of gold was
\$8.00. A talent of gold was \$13,809.
A shekel of silver was about fifty
cents. A talent of silver was \$538.-
30. A piece of silver, or a penny,
was thirteen cents. A mite was less
than a quarter of a cent. A hin was
a gallon and two pints. An omer
was six pints.

BAY CITY, MICHIGAN

Marlene Mosher

We have so many that have been
and are in the hospital or on the
sick list this month: Brothers Wil-
liam and Lawrence Wieland and
Sisters Loretta Mosher, Arlene
Wieland, Emma Zimmerman, Han-
nah Stevig, Anna Friedinger. Sister
Faye Wackerle has been in the
arthritis hospital in Ottawa, Illi-
nois, once again.

May our Lord be with our loved
ones who are ill and bless each one
with a measurable amount of
health again.

Brother Clifford and Sister Car-
ol Wieland have been blessed with
a baby boy, named Kip.

The engagement has been an-
nounced of Sister Carol Bragiell to
Brother Duane Broquard. We wish
them best wishes and the Lord's
guidance and blessings for their
future.

CHAMPAIGN-URBANA, ILL.

Ben Blunier

Bro. Ed Hohulin brought us the
glorious Easter message of hope.
Our Saviour, the unblemished
Lamb, shed His blood for the re-
mission of our sins, was mocked,
permitted his body to be broken,
and as He died "the veil of the tem-
ple was rent in twain". This was
all for us. Now every soul can go
directly to the throne of God in re-
pentant prayer and find salvation.
He gave all for us. Can we strive
daily to give all for Jesus?

At the second annual meeting
of our church, Sister Joan Hansen
was chosen to assist in Sunday
School. No other changes were

made at this time in the church offices. The meeting was well attended and much interest shown in the discussion.

Bros. August Bolliger, Tremont; Al Fisher, Chicago; and Vernon Leman, Eureka, were guest ministers at our services the first Sunday in May. It was a beautiful day. The wonderful words of life that we heard, the hymns we sang, and the fellowship we enjoyed added so much to the beauty.

We were taught to consider it a loving honor to be admonished in the Lord. It proves His love for us. Our pattern should be after the greatest pattern of all, our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Bro. Dave and Sis. Ethel Wiegand have named their second son Benjamin Carl. He was born May 3.

Bros. Emanuel Gudeman; Joe Zimmerman, Roanoke; and Ed Hohulin were with us for very inspiring Wednesday Bible Class meeting this month.

New officers for the Bible Class for next school year have been selected. They are Bros. Dennis Klopfenstein, Merle Rocke, and Byron Schrock, and Sister Doreen Hauch. Their duties are to arrange with the University for the classes and to meet University rules for organization.

Glory To God

Recently, a friend gave a beautiful testimony, before the Morton congregation, which was filled with wonderful examples of how the Lord works to save souls. He became acquainted with our faith through a good friend, also from Morton. About a year ago, his friend found grace to seek the Lord in repentance. He was privileged to see this wonderful change and a soul reborn, as his friend was baptized and became a brother in faith in July.

This friend answered the call in September, after he reached a point when he felt he had to make a decision. That decision was to completely surrender his own will unto the will of God. The peace of God came as he lay in bed one night, and he knew that he now belonged to Christ. This was his happiest moment, and he believes he shall always remember it as such.

At baptism and the "laying on of hands", he felt a wonderful closeness to God that he hopes to keep

through submissive prayer. Things have taken on new meaning for him. His concept of love has now expanded to include God's whole creation. He belonged to a fraternity here at the university, where brotherhood was stressed, but how minute this was compared to the love he feels now. Christian fellowship is much better than any other to him. There is no desire for those things he once loved, which he gladly gave up for Christ. A new Christian—a marvelous work has been wrought!

It is a joy to have these brothers and all the new converts in our Champaign church. How much it has strengthened us to see them become Christians. No doubt there are others still "standing outside" who have seen and heard and in due time want to repent. O Lord Jesus, please wait for them.

CISSNA PARK, ILLINOIS

Mary Young

We had proving and baptism for the seven dear souls named in the previous issue. This was performed by Bros. Joe Getz and Sam Aeschliman assisting our elders. Bros. Joe Schrock and Frederick Knapp were present and assisted in Sunday School. This was very much appreciated.

Four more souls could be announced for proving. They are Joan Rudin, Ann Rinkenberger, Katy Yergler and Judy Bauer. We wish them much grace.

Our friend, John Laubscher, is home again, after completing his service with the Army.

A dear friend, Bill Hofbauer, passed away, after four weeks of serious heart condition. At the close of his days, he found remission for his sins. We believe he has gone to be with the Lord. Services were held on April 16 by Bro. Emanuel Gudeman, assisted by Bro. Henry Kilgus. He is survived by his wife, Sis. Ellen, three daughters and a son.

Sis. Lydia Maul passed away at the age of 73. Funeral services were held on April 27, with Bro. Ezra Feller officiating.

Dale Feller was hospitalized a few days, but is home again, improving nicely.

Sis. Lillian Kaufman is in the hospital with a blood clot in her leg. We do hope she will soon be able to return home.

Sis. Anna Schubach is so thank-

ful to be able to assemble with us again, and wishes to give sincere thanks for prayers offered and cards and letters received while she was shut in. God bless you all.

Cheryl Reutter, daughter of William and Sis. Anna Marie Reutter, and Melven Cornell were united in marriage the evening of April 13, at the home of the bride's parents, by Bro. Emanuel Gudeman. They left for Santa Anna, Calif., to live where Melvin is stationed in the service. We wish them the Lord's blessings.

A boy, Douglas Alan, was born to William and Judith Drayer on April 14, and a girl to Bro. Roger and Sis. Joy Hari on April 16. She was named Robin Sue. On May 3, a boy was born to Bro. and Sis. Don Kaufman. He was named Tal Brian.

Bro. Christ Sinn passed away very suddenly and unexpectedly, Sunday morning April 11. Services were held April 14 by Bro. Rudy Graf, assisted by Bros. Joe Getz and Josh Broquard. He was 77 years old and is survived by his widow, Sis. Elizabeth. His friendly face will be missed by all.

She expressed herself, "As it is impossible for me to personally convey my heartfelt thanks and appreciation for the many wonderful and consoling messages which poured in after the sudden death of my beloved husband, Christ, I wish to do it by this means. May God bless you all. Elizabeth Sinn Kammerer."

Bro. Gus Meiss had to have major surgery, is getting along quite well. May the Lord be with all the afflicted and needy.

We thank Bro. August Bolliger and Bro. Dan Koch for bringing inspiring messages.

Approximately 65 students of the Bible class and their teachers enjoyed Easter sunrise services, held by Bro. Emanuel Gudeman at the home of Bro. and Sis. Kenneth Bauer. Breakfast was served to all in the basement. Following breakfast, all attended morning services at the church.

Last Sunday, Bro. Henry Wackerle was with us. Evening services were also held. We thank Bro. Henry for the inspiring message.

Sis. Bertha Walder, age 84, formerly from here, passed away at the Eureka Hospital. The body was brought here for burial. She lived with her sister, Sis. Tillie

Wittmer, three years, and the last ten months was in the hospital. Services were held May 5 by Bro. George Yergler.

CROGHAN-NAUMBURG, N. Y.

Mrs. Lawrence Farney—

Mrs. David Schamback

Recuperating in their homes, after hospitalization, are Sister Edith Herzig, Sister Mary (Mrs. Theodore) Rohr, Sister Catherine (Mrs. Chester) O' Brien, Brother Arthur Virkler and Friend Emerson Schneider, son of Bro. and Sis. William Schneider. Brother Arthur and Emerson underwent surgery. Still in the hospital are friends John Stockburger, suffering from a heart attack, and Jack Virkler, victim of an auto accident.

On Saturday evening, April 23, we met in the Naumburg church to hear the testimony of young friend Susan Hirschey, daughter of Brother Arthur and Sister Mary Jane Hirschey. It proved a most inspiring testimony and a sermon in itself. The next day, we again met in the Naumburg church for her baptism, and in the evening at the Croghan church, where we partook of Holy Communion. It was a blessed weekend, and we are very grateful to Brother John Bahler for his coming to assist Brother John Widrick and for his inspiring messages.

The children of the two Sunday Schools gave an Easter program in the Naumburg church, on Easter Sunday evening. Hymns and verses on the resurrection of our Lord were well presented by our young folks.

DETROIT, MICHIGAN

Kay Cargill — Linda Shaw

On Palm Sunday, our congregation was blessed to partake of communion, which was served by Elder Brothers Joe Waibel and Theo. Beer. It was Brother Beer's first visit to Detroit in several years, and he brought with him many timely messages for soul and heart. By sharing the Lord's cup, we could again feel strengthened in our pilgrim journey and refreshed in the vows we made to our Lord and Redeemer.

Our hearts were saddened to say farewell recently to Sister Yoshiko Utsuki, who began her trip westward toward her home in Japan. We will miss her presence, and we certainly hope the Lord will de-

liver her safely to the congregations in Japan, where she can again be strength to them.

The power and force of our Lord's creation was vividly demonstrated to the nation, when tornadoes struck the Midwest and when the Mississippi River overflowed its banks and levees. Destruction was swift and complete for so many people, and several of our brethren and friends suffered physical and financial loss. It was heartening to hear of prayers and aid already offered and that our church as a body could offer relief through its World Relief Fund. The hymn, "All Come and Thank the Lord", was written a few hundred years ago on the hearts of people in a town in Germany, after the town, which had endured considerable loss of life from disease, still felt from love a need to thank God for the blessings he offered even in the presence of disaster! May our hearts be filled with such humility, patience and love.

Twenty-seven of the Sunday School children here visited the Sunday School of Milford, on April 24 and 25. Our young folks thoroughly enjoyed the week end. We certainly thank the Milford congregation for caring for them so kindly.

FORREST ILLINOIS

Nancy Honegger—Martha Stoller

Bro. Silas Nussbaum entered the Fairbury Hospital on April 13, following a light stroke. His condition has improved enough to allow him to be dismissed from the hospital, and he is now convalescing at Fairview Haven.

Our Sunday school classes gave a very inspiring program on Good Friday evening.

Bro. Byron and Sis. Marion Nussbaum welcomed a new baby boy into their home. He has been named Kim Ira.

Bro. Kenneth and Sis. Loretta Schneider, Lou Ann and Calvin, have moved to Remington. We will miss them in our congregation.

Dean Kupferschmid and Robin Gee were united in marriage by Bro. Henry Kilgus, in the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Gee. They hope to make their home in Forrest, where Dean is associated with his father in the dairy supply business.

Sis. Eldora Walter had surgery recently and is making a satisfac-

tory recovery.

Funeral services for Sis. Anna Stoller, 76, were held on April 10. She passed away at the Fairbury Hospital, where she had been a patient for five weeks with a heart condition.

There are six step-children surviving: Bro. Ori, Chenoa; Bro. Edward, Gridley; Bro. Elmer, Forrest; Sis. (Mary) Metz, Forrest; Lola Schlipf, Gridley; and Sis. Martha, at home; nine brothers and sisters: Sis. Esther Stoller, Peoria; Sis. Lydia Bittner, Sis. Margaret Zimmerman, Kathryn Nussbaum, and Louise Moulton, Fairbury; Bro. Louis, Forrest; Bro. George, Fairbury; Levi and Alvin, Kankakee.

Anyone who has experienced the loss of a loved one knows how keenly the vacancy is felt in our home at this writing. The author of the following verses must have, somehow, been going through a similar experience:

It takes courage to smile when the way is dark
And the sun just refuses to shine.
When you've lost a loved one, and your heart is sad,
And the path is an upward climb..

It takes courage to smile, it takes courage to hope
A courage, when pleasures have flown,
When clouds overshadow the sun in your sky,
It takes courage to smile and go on.

FT. LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA

Viola Gerber

During the Easter season we heard many teachings relating to Christ's suffering, death and resurrection. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." This is probably the best known verse in the Bible, but doesn't it tell a wonderful story? His love for us is beyond measure. Our only visiting minister this month was Bro. Ervin Stoller, who preached how the Lord fed thousands with a few loaves and fishes. He explained, Today it is the same; thousands are fed with his word.

Our elder, Bro. Joe A. Getz, is planning to visit us this month, as we have two friends, Darrell Klopfenstein and Robert Sutter,

who wish to be added to the fold.
"He that believeth and is baptized
shall be saved . . ." Mark 16:16.

Song-Service, Sunday School, 10:10
Sunday School 10:30
Morning Service 10:30
Aternoon Service 12:45
Wednesday Evening 8:00
E. S. T. all year.

FRANCESVILLE, INDIANA
Mrs. Herman (Chris) Wuethrich
Mrs. Edison Gutwein

"Joy" was given to our church when two souls, Morris Aschliman, whose wife is Sis. Helen, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Sam Geyer, and Shelby Culp, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Walter Culp, gave their testimony on Saturday evening and then on Sunday P.M. they were baptized in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost and erected a covenant with God, that they would stay true until the end of their life. The visiting elders were, Bros. Rudolph Graf, Theo. Beer, Ervin Leman and George Yergler.

After all the good spiritual food, most of the congregation met in the church dining room for a pot-luck supper.

In the evening, then came another blessing that we enjoyed in Communion Services.

They Are Gone

This is Bro. Louis Huber, who could go to be with his wife. The following poem was written by his children.

Oh how final and how helpless
Is the feeling of the heart
When we hear that the spirit
From a loved one did depart.

Gone to be forever present
In the glory of their Lord.
Gone from us, but not forgotten,
In memory sweet, they are adored.

When in childhood we remember
Around the family table there,
As we bowed our heads in rever-
ence
He led us to the Lord in prayer.

Though his trials at times were
heavy
And the cares of life oft pressed,
For the welfare of his children
He did toil, till God gave rest.

But now they're gone and we are
left

To now go forth and fill their place,
Hold forth the word and teach the
faith
That they taught us to so embrace.

That life is meant to faithfully
Obey his word and serve the Lord,
Show forth His love and mercy,
too,
Living peacefully in one accord.

Someday we'll meet them who have
gone,
When Jesus comes to take us home,
But, oh dear friend, how will it be
When you must face eternity?

Bro. Joseph Kaisner gave these words of comfort to the family: Your mother and father have lived with you children until you were old enough to take care of yourselves, as is not granted to all children." We want especially to comfort the daughter, Helen, who so lovingly cared for the mother and father. Take courage, God is always beside you.

God has given two precious babies, Gene and Gena, to the Gene Huber's. The grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Eugene Hubers.

GOODFIELD, ILLINOIS
Marian Wiegand Edith Tanner

Bro. Larry and Sis. Betty Bauman are the parents of a son, Andrew Warren, born April 24. The grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Ezra Schlipf and Bro. and Sis. Louis Bauman.

"Suffer the little children to come unto me . . . for of such is the kingdom of God" were comforting words spoken at the funeral services for Susan Jo, 6-year-old daughter of Edwin and Frances Hartman. She passed away April 23, after a short illness.

Surviving are her parents; a brother, Larry; grandparents, Bro. and Sis. Solomon Hartman and Mr. and Mrs. William Robinson.

Our thanks go to Bro. Vernon Schwab of Wolcott for ministering to us recently.

Sis. Esther Hohulin is a patient at the Methodist Hospital in Peoria. There were complications after surgery, but at this writing she is improved.

GRIDLEY, KANSAS
Mrs. Eldon Metzger
Mrs. Rudy Bahr

Good Friday services were held in our church, with the Lamont

congregation assembling with us.

A meeting of the Apostolic Home For the Aged board was held at the church on April 22. Brethren from eight churches assembled.

Bro. Sam Anliker served Communion to us. It behooves us to remember that we can crucify our Lord again, but let us pray for strength from above to remain true children of the Living God.

Come within, Come within,
Of thy church the Head to be!
Speak to us the peaceful message
Of thy love. We wait for Thee,
Of our covenant the author,
Come to hold with us this feast
of love,
From above, from above.

Sanctify, Sanctify!
Sanctify this living bread
To our inward animation,
As thy body unto death
Thou didst give in consecration:
Let our spirit, free from worldly
mind,
Heaven find, Heaven find.
Zion's Harp No. 24

Jon Bahr, 2½-year-old son of Bro. Rudy and Sis. Eileen Bahr, spent several days in the hospital with mastoid.

Sunday School superintendents and representatives of the eight midwest churches met at the church to discuss Youth Fellowship for this year. Two meetings of the youth are to be held, with four churches at each meeting.

JUNCTION, OHIO
Mrs. Alvin H. Manz

We welcome spring with thankful hearts; it has been a long, cold winter. Our thoughts turn to the disaster from the tornadoes recently, when so many homes were destroyed and lives lost. It should make men see how nothing we really are of ourselves, but how sad, that these signs are so soon forgotten. There was no tornado in our community, and we realize what a blessing that was.

The shut-ins are about the same as usual. We are looking soon for Bro. Andrew Dotterer and Sis. Leona to be with us again, as the weather gets warmer.

Bro. Eli and Sis. Evelyn Manz's youngest daughter was badly burned on her scalp last month. It seemed to be healing, but has now developed an infection.

Bro. Ben and Sis. Carolyn Manz's daughter, Judy, fell and broke a collarbone, but now has the brace off and is doing fine.

HAPPINESS IS: Knowing and serving Christ, and doing His work and will in order to help alleviate some of the sorrow and sin that engulfs this world. When one truly belongs to Christ, he has peace, joy, love and true happiness in every facet of his life.

Spring Cleaning

It seems each year about this time
Folks break out with a rash,
And in a frenzy, sweep out all ac-
cumulated trash.
It's lots of fun to clean the house
And get things looking smart,
But spring should also be a time for
cleaning out the heart!

Throw all your weights in a bag—
Of envy, cleanse your mind—
And, oh, my dear ones, what a
world of happiness you'll find!
For hearts, like dusty attics are—
They clutter up like sin.

So do your spring HEART-clean-
ing now, and let the sunshine in!

LAMAR, MISSOURI

Marie Marti

It is with a peace that passeth understanding that we can open our Bibles and commune with God in our homes and in our churches.

Sunday, thousands will honor their mothers on a day that has been proclaimed as Mother's Day. How grateful we are that we have Christian mothers who have taught us how to pray and have instilled in our hearts many Christian ideals. The example our dear, loving, humble mothers leave for us will ever be an inspiration to follow the way of love and truth. It takes such a little to make all the difference, if mothers and fathers only knew.

Today, as 28 youngsters were making cards for their mothers, one lovely little girl with sad eyes asked if she could make hers for grandmother. You see, grandmother would be there to greet her when she returned from school—not mother. Let us keep faith as we look into the eager faces of youth and teach them gently.

In May, the beautiful dogwood are blossoming everywhere in our Ozarks. In the woods we can rise above our worldly care and find tranquillity. We can learn life's les-

son, how to turn toward the sunshine, how to grow in grace and strength.

We do gain in grace and strength when brethren come to worship with us. Though we know Bro. Richard and Sis. Aldene Schutter drive many miles to be with us on Sunday, we always welcome them. Bro. Noah Miller ministered to us at mid-week services. We appreciate the fine message he brought to us.

Bro. Joe Somerhalder is home again, after being hospitalized for major surgery. We hope his health will continue to improve.

In the fields of the Master's gleaning, may our hands and hearts be strong.

Bro. Willie and Sis. Hilda Stefan recently returned from Francesville, where they attended the funeral of Bro. Willie's father. We extend to them our sincere sympathy.

LEO, INDIANA Mrs. Elias Souder

Our Easter program was given the Sunday evening before Easter, by our Sunday School children. This was just the time the disastrous tornadoes passed, hit homes and people not too far away. We had no damage, but were without electricity for several days.

Good Friday services were at the church on Friday evening. In the afternoon, several visited the Allen County Infirmary. Services were held there.

At our Sunrise Service on Easter Ft. Wayne and Leo congregations were present at the Fellowship Center. We were wondering what our minister would speak about, as the sun was hidden behind clouds. Bro. Norman Stoller told us how Jesus stood on the shore and bade His disciples to put their nets into the deep from their boats. The comforting words He spoke were a blessing to us. The Leo congregation were guests for breakfast there of Fort Wayne.

Joseph and Leah Conrad are again with us at church services. Sis. Nancy Klopfenstein is at her home and getting along real well. Sis. Lydia Bollier is to go to the hospital this week for serious surgery. May God ever send His angels to minister and attend our loved ones who are ill.

Maurice Frank of the Chicago church visited our church Mother's

Day. Bro. Maurice ministered to us.

Parable of Mother

At the door of the angel of life there sounded a knocking, first very faint, then growing louder and more insistent. Opening the door, the angel saw on the threshold a woman, pale with pain, but with a look of expectant joy in her eyes.

"I am here," she said triumphantly. "I have come for my child. Give it to me quickly, for it is a long journey and a hard one, and my strength may be exhausted before I return."

"Wait," said the angel slowly. "Your child is here—a beautiful boy, but first you must pay me for him."

"Pay you?" faltered the woman. "But I have very little money, and we shall need that for him."

"I have no use for money," answered the angel, "but I must have a little of your health, a great deal of your time, and at least half of your heart."

Without hesitating, the woman handed him the things for which he asked, and the angel turned away and returned with the child. The woman clasped him eagerly in her weak arms. As she turned to go, the angel placed on her head a crown. She turned in surprise. This is my gift to you," said the angel of life. "It is the crown of motherhood, which will recompense you for the things you have given up."

Gospel Hymn Songbook More Than Before

In the June issue, we will give the titles of 100 to 125 hymns, most or all of which will be in the book. We are making nice progress. More announcements in the June issue.

MAYWOOD, CALIFORNIA Julie Dapper

I WILL NOT LEAVE YOU COMFORTLESS: I WILL COME TO YOU. St. John 14:18.

How true are these precious words at such times as these, where the infirmities are so abundant, as with us here at Maywood where—

Sis. Nettie Locher took ill quite suddenly and submitted to surgery on April 29. We pray that the Lord will be near her and her family in this time of need. Her daughters,

Ruth Down from Ridgewood, New Jersey; Winifred Turner from Lincoln, Nebraska; and Clarine McConnell from Tucson, Arizona, are here visiting with their parents. We thank the Lord for His protecting Hand, that they could arrive here safely and be able to care for their mother during this time of sickness.

Sister Helen Gerber, who also submitted to surgery, is improving quite nicely and has returned to her home at 8051 Roosevelt, Midway City, California. We hope that she will soon be able to assemble with us, as our congregation is small, and we miss all those who are unable to assemble with us from time to time.

Bro. Harvey Kaisner is leaving our congregation and moving to Oregon. We will miss him, and pray that the Lord will guide and direct him in his new venture.

Sis. Yoshiko Utsuki is spending a week in our community. She is on her way back to Japan and will leave, by boat, on May 16. We pray that the Lord will protect and keep her in His care and keeping, that she will be able to reach her home safely. We invite her to come back again soon, as we all enjoyed her visit. May God richly bless her.

MORRIS, MINNESOTA

Mrs. Kenneth Zeltwanger
Norene Koehl

We are enjoying the nice spring weather, with everything turning green again. After a long cold winter, the farmers are busy putting in the crops.

A son, Douglas Edward, was born to Bro. and Sis. Alphai Moser on April 13. He is welcomed by three sisters, Lois, Marilyn, and Sharilyn and two brothers, Gary and Myron.

On Sunday, April 18, Sis. Ruby Fehr and Bro. Dennis Schmidgall were united in marriage by Bro. Noah Shrock. We wish them well in their married walk of life. Bro. Leo Moser was also with us for this occasion.

Members and friends spent an evening of singing and fellowship at the home of Bro. and Sis. Leonard Wulf, in honor of Bro. Will and Sis. Lillie Luthi. We welcome Sis. Lillie to our community.

Bro. Charlie Koehl has been hospitalized the past week, but is much improved and hopes to go home soon.

Kevin, son of Bro. and Sis. Francis Schmidgall, underwent an appendectomy and is recuperating nicely.

Mrs. George Luthi is a surgical patient at the hospital and is getting along fine.

PHOENIX, ARIZONA

Eileen Yackley

"Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God . . ." Ephesians 6:13. We cannot afford to omit one single piece—as Goliath of old, with his helmet, coat of mail, shield and sword he would have seemed prepared for battle.—But he left just one little spot exposed—his forehead. The pebble from David's sling found that single, exposed part—and that was enough! The Christian, too, has been provided an all-sufficient armor that affords protection for their soul. To neglect one piece makes us a target for the enemy—Satan. Let us be fully acquainted with our equipment (Ephesians 6:13-18). Check your armour before you go into the battle today. Remember "the whole armour of God".

Put on the Gospel Armour;
Each piece put on with prayer.
Where duty calls, or danger,
Be never wanting there.

Our hearts are heavy for those who have suffered because of the floods and high water. We are sure it can't be put into words the loss and distress caused by it. One might be tempted to wonder why things like this happen. . . . But, as we read in God's Word—The righteous suffer with the wicked. The rain falls on the just and the unjust. May the grace, mercy and love of our all-seeing Father be upon us all.

Our oldest brother, Bro. Sam Farney (who is over 80), has flown to Wichita to attend the funeral services of his brother, Bro. Tim. He will be away over a month. It is good to see God's strength given to our elderly loved ones.

Ministering Bro. and Sis. John Somerhalder have bought a home. Their new address will be 1538 W. Ocatilla Rd., Phoenix, Arizona.

PURDUE UNIVERSITY

West Lafayette, Ind.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Honegger

For our last meeting in April, our guest minister was Bro. Bob

Hueni. From Romans 12 we heard how we should present our bodies as a living sacrifice, acceptable unto God. Romans 12:2, "And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God."

Bro. Elmer Hartter ministered to us on May 5. His sermon was from St. Matthew 25:14-30, the parable of three servants and the talents which they received from their Lord. The servants with the greater number of talents used them to gain more, and the servant with only one talent buried it in the earth and later had it taken from him. St. Matthew 25:29, "For unto every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance: but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath."

The following officers for next year have been elected: President, Dick Stoller; Vice President, Kent Ringger; Secretary - Treasurer, Dick Overmeyer; Reporter, Suzanne Bucher. May God grant them much grace in carrying out their duties.

ROANOKE, ILLINOIS

Irene Legel

"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:"

We certainly enjoyed the proving and baptism of our dear young friends, Ann Hodel, daughter of Bro. Warren (Slim) and Sis. Ruth Hodel; Suzanne Zimmerman, daughter of Bro. Richard and Sis. Helen Zimmerman; and Christine Fehr, daughter of Bro. Ben and Sis. Helen Fehr. They are all very young and in school yet. We pray our dear Lord will guide and protect them. There is no greater help than the help from our loving Saviour.

We are all so thankful our dear Lord and Saviour still beckons to dear souls in the twelfth hour, such was the case with Mrs. Anna Zimmerman, 86, who passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Phillip Legel in Metamora, where she made her home the last three years. She was the daughter of John and Elizabeth Vogel Steffer. She married Joseph Zimmerman in 1899, at Metamora. He preceded her in death. She is survived by four daughters, Mrs. Frieda Camp,

Carson City, Mich.; Mrs. Margaret Antes, St. John, Mich.; Mrs. Josephine Musselman, Putnam; and Mrs. Madelyn Legel, Metamora; two sisters, Mrs. Emma Schumacher, and Sis. Hulda Beer of here; and four brothers, Dave Steffen, Joe of El Paso, Daniel of Low Point and Fred, Danville.

Danny Schwind, 5-year-old son of Bro. Walt and Sis. Mary Ellen Schwind, suffered a painful accident, by falling into some cactus plants. After removing several spines, his mother took him to the hospital, where a doctor removed 23 more needles under an anesthetic.

Sis. Luella Leman, who was in the hospital several days, is home again, slowly improving.

Sis. Bina Bertsch, wife of Bro. Aaron, suffered a light stroke. She is in the hospital and will have to be there several months yet. She is slightly paralyzed on the right side, and it has affected her speech. We do hope and pray our dear Lord will be with her and comfort her at all times.

Bro. Charles Farney has been hospitalized for several weeks, due to a car accident. Other passengers in his car were Bro. Earl Farney and his wife, Sis. Irene, who were hospitalized for several days, and Bro. Harold and Sis. Edna Roth, who were also released after a few days. We never know how soon something could happen to us. Are we prepared for the unexpected?

Bro. Joe Leman, who was in the hospital several weeks, was moved to the Restmor Nursing Home in Morton, where he will be cared for.

Bro. Joe Hoffman from here, who has been staying at the Restmor Nursing Home, has celebrated his 93rd birthday.

We are so happy to have more of our dear friends repenting, Richard Fisher and his wife and Marvin Fisher and his wife. Richard and Marvin are sons of Bro. Sam and Sis. Ida Fisher. We certainly wish the Lord's faith and guidance.

SABETHA, KANSAS

Mrs. Theodore Locher
Leona Aeschliman

Sister Mary Bieri Metzger, who was the daughter of Fred and Maria Ann Tscheren Bieri, was born in Berne, Switzerland, on July 31, 1878, and passed away on April 7, at the age of 86 years, eight

months, and seven days.

She was converted to the Apostolic Christian faith in her youth and remained faithful until her death. She and Bro. Charles Metzger were united in marriage on February 10, 1907, in Lamar. They have resided in Sabetha since October, 1929.

She is survived by four sons, Bro. Phil of Sabetha; Walter of Washington, Ill.; Aaron of Lincoln, Nebr.; Reuben of Falls City, Nebr.; and one daughter, Sis. Esther (Mrs. Elmer Banwart), of West Bend.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Bro. Charles, just six weeks ago, and one son, Albert, who passed away in February, 1960. Other survivors are three brothers: Jake Bieri of Muscatine, Iowa; John Bieri of Aurora, Ill.; and Ben Bieri of Taylor Ridge, Ill.; 23 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren. The above mentioned brothers attended the service. Bros. Eugene Marti and Joe Aberle conducted the service, Saturday morning, April 10.

Bro. Phil Metzger was hospitalized a few days at St. Anthony Hospital for treatment. We are glad to report, he is improved at this time and doing his usual work.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Locher of Bloomfield, N. J., are parents of a new daughter, Amelia Elisa, born April 17. Bro. Theo. and Sis. Cordelia Locher are the paternal grandparents and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence F. Gleason of Des Moines, Iowa, are the maternal grandparents.

Word has been received by Bro. Joe and Sis. Mary Aberle of the serious illness of their granddaughter, Annette, who is the daughter of Esther and Lowell Novy of Simi, California. The last report is that Annette has had surgery. Our prayers are with them at this time.

TAYLOR MISSOURI

Mrs. Eli Sutter Mrs. Bill Heimer

The Sunday School teachers and pupils presented their program on Good Friday evening. They told in verse and song of the crucifixion and resurrection of our Lord. We appreciate the effort that was put into it, and we know it is rewarding work. We all enjoyed it very much.

Mrs. G. J. Kolthoff is hospitalized, but is slowly improving from the effects of a stroke. She is the

mother of Bro. Clarence Kolthoff.

Our sympathy goes out to the Gene Riney family, in the death of his father, Robert E. Riney. He suffered a heart attack while driving an oil truck. Mrs. Riney is the former Irene Hoerr, daughter of Bro. John and Sis. Rose Hoerr.

Our visiting ministers this month were Bro. Ben Maibach, Detroit; Bro. Fred Marti, Lamar; and Bro. Ezra Feller, Cissna Park. We appreciate having the brothers bring us a message from God's Holy Word. It has been some time since Bro. Ben and Bro. Fred were here, so visiting was enjoyed with them again, and we are always glad to have Bro. Ezra come. He and his sons came to help Bro. Don with levee work.

Our college students, Eleanor Yackley, Don and Ann Hodel and Bro. Bill Cottrell, spent the Easter vacation with their families.

We have again experienced a major flood from the Mississippi River and its tributaries, the first one since 1960. The flood water came from the accumulation of snow in Minnesota and snow and heavy rains in Iowa.

We had the highest crest in history, when it rose to 24.8 ft., but it would have been much higher if the levees had held. So far, we have had three major levee breaks within approximately 20 miles, all on the Illinois side of the river. About 25,000 acres are flooded, all rich bottom land. The levee protecting the West Quincy and Taylor bottom, where many farmers from our congregation live, has been rebuilt since the 1960 flood. It was still necessary to patrol day and night, when a boil or a ground hog hole needed to be taken care of. However, the district to the north had a weak levee and has given much anxiety, as it threatened to break several times, but is still holding at this time.

With the first crest, a levee north of Quincy gave way, but for the time being they were able to keep it from flooding the southern part of the district. With the next crest, the one south of Quincy broke. We hoped and prayed the rest would hold, but on Saturday morning, May 1, the rest of the district north was also flooded. Bro. Don and Sis. Judy Feller and family lived in this district. They had moved their machinery and furniture some time before, as did ev-

everyone else in the district. The water is now almost up to the eaves of the house. Our sympathy goes out to them in their loss. We pray the Lord will provide for them.

Anyone not having experienced the threat of a flood can not realize what it involves, the days and nights of work and worry and the tremendous expense, but it also makes us realize our dependence on the Lord and how grateful we are for His love and protection.

We are deeply grateful for the help given by the brothers from Cissna Park, Tremont, Roanoke, and La Crosse. May the Lord bless and reward them.

TREMONT, ILLINOIS

Esther Schmid

Sister Mary Winzeler was a patient at RestMor Nursing home in Morton for the past several weeks. Hospitalized is Sis. Louis Wagenbach, who submitted to surgery, and Sis. Rose Beutel, a diabetic patient, for observation and treatment. Keith Pflederer, small son of Bro. Chris Jr. and Sis. Ruth Pflederer, had his tonsils removed.

If the Lord permits His healing, we wish them to be restored to good health.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Hangartner of Pekin are the parents of a daughter, Janese Marie, born April 24.

We extend our sympathy to Sis. Margaret Frank, whose brother passed away recently at Cissna Park.

We find much joy that another dear soul, Silas Koch, has been shared grace from above to repentance. May God grant him a goodly measure of grace, faith and courage in this important change in his life, seeking his soul's salvation. As the word teaches us—Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.

We all enjoyed the Sunday School Easter program, given in song and scripture reading.

LA CROSSE, INDIANA

Martha Rinkenberger

In Ecclesiastes 12:1, we read—"Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them;" Glen Heinold, son of Bro. and Sis. Aaron Heinold, saw it important to do so. If only

more could see the joy we have in the Lord.

Lena Bach was baptized Palm Sunday.

May 2, the engagement of Sister Rita Bucher, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Vernon Bucher, to Bro. Don Furrer, son of Sis. Emma Furrer of Wolcott, was made known.

Visitors for the month of April were Bro. Herman Kellenberger of Elgin, Bro. Walter Anliker of Eureka, Bros. Silas Leuthold and Lowell Stoller of Princeville.

WICHITA, KANSAS

Mrs. Larry Farney

Mrs. Harvey Smith

Our annual business meeting was held May 2. Brother Charlie Grimm was elected chairman of the board of trustees. Newly-elected Sunday School teachers are Brother Max Reimschisel and Sister Karlene Wheeler, who replace outgoing Sunday School teachers, Brother Harvey Smith and Sister Ethel Smith. Our new ushers are Brothers Ernie Lambert and Harvey Smith. Howard Warner was elected Sunday School superintendent.

Brother Robert Young is in the hospital again. We hope he will soon be able to assemble with us again. Eva Beyer is able to attend services now. Eva had been absent, with a long illness, and we certainly are glad to see her at church again.

FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

Mrs. Albert E. Kipfer

Mrs. Lee E. Eisenmann

Eddie Stoller, son of the late Bro. George Stoller and Sis. Lenora Stoller, was proved and baptized Sunday, May 2. Bros. George Sinn and Sam Aeschliman officiated. We are glad that Eddie has found peace, and may God bless him in his new walk of life. A pot-luck supper was held at the church, followed by a singing in the evening. This was a blessed day for us.

Sis. Caroline Gudeman is confined to the St. Joe Hospital with a case of bronchitis. She is getting along fairly well at this writing. We wish her a speedy recovery.

BURLINGTON, OKLAHOMA

Mrs. Raymond Roth

Kathryn Miller

Bro. Eli Somerhalder spent a week end at Fort Sam Houston this past month, where he was guest minister.

Bros. John Kraft, Richard Guthrie and Eli Somerhalder attended the Board of Trustees meeting for the Apostolic Christian Home of Sabetha, at Gridley, Kansas April 22.

Hospital patients this month were, Bro. M. A. Kisling, who is now a resident in the Memorial Manor Rest Home at Cherokee, Okla.; Sis. Arnold (Nelda) Ott; Sis. Mary Armbruster still is hospitalized, following hip surgery, advancing age being the prime reason for Sis. Armbruster's lengthy stay.

At this writing, Bro. John Brown is critically ill; he is being cared for in his home by his family and nurse help during the night hours. His home seems to be a sense of security to him at times, so the family is striving to fulfill his wishes.

The yearly Gleichman-Diel Reunion was held the first Saturday in April, at Enid, Oklahoma.

The Sunday School Superintendent meeting was held at Gridley, Kansas, May 2; purposes of the meeting was to make plans for the Sunday School Students Fellowship this summer. Bro. Arnold Ott attended the meeting and represented the interests of the Sunday School in our congregation.

Bro. Arnold Ott and Sis. Raymond (La Verne) Roth went to Sabetha and brought their mother, Sis. Lydia Ott, and an aunt, Sis. Fredericka Schif, home for several weeks to visit with friends and relatives here. They have been residents in the Apostolic Christian Home for the Aged for one and one-half years.

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

John Isch

Even in the big city we enjoy and appreciate the natural beauty of God's creation. Especially in this spring season, when the trees, grass and flowers are bursting forth from their long winter's dormancy with a newly found life, we are again reminded that only our great Heavenly Master could design such beauty.

Bro. Wendell Gudeman of the faithful Francesville congregation visited us for services on Easter Sunday. Celebrating the resurrection of our blessed Lord always seems to renew our faith and make us a little more thankful for what our Saviour did for us on that memorable day so long ago.

On May 2, Bros. Elmer Bucher and Earl Kilgus brought the true Word in abundance. "... from a child thou has known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus." The inspiration and reassurance that we continually find in His word and among His people is truly a foretaste of greater joys to come.

Bros. Henry and Bob Grimm plan to be with us for on the May 16th service. Again, we heartily welcome all who find it possible to worship with us, and sincerely thank those who have done so in the past.

ROCKVILLE, CONNECTICUT Carlton J. Lanz

A daughter, Janis Kay, was born to Bro. Richard and Sis. Frieda Lanz. The family now numbers six, two girls and four boys: Cindy 8, Stewart 10, Barry 7, Greg 6 and Vern 3. Their grandparents are Bro. Paul and Sis. Bertha Lanz and the late Bro. Carl and Sis. Pauline Schneider.

Bro. Mose Kloter is a patient at the Manchester Memorial Hospital, where he recently submitted to eye surgery, in addition to other indispositions. His recovery, however, has been slow. Bro. Alfred Luginbuhl, who was also a hospital patient for an artery ailment, has been discharged. No surgery was performed yet; at first it was thought one might be necessary. Bro. John Ruch opening a pipe, still partially water and air pressurized, accidentally blasted a burst of rust into a portion of his hand. The injury may leave a blotch, but otherwise no ill effects.

At the present time, here at Rockville, there are upwards of 20 converts who have surrendered through repentance and now testify they have peace with God. I can think of nothing that we would, perhaps, rather print in these columns than tidings of this kind. We hope that in the next issue of the Silver Lining we can then list all the names.

Bro. Noah Schrock arrived here rather late, on Saturday evening, from Washington D.C., where he had been on a business mission. We were delighted, indeed, to have Bro. Noah spend all day Sunday and evening here with us. Many warnings, exhortations and comforting words were laid before us. Here is

a verse from one of his announced hymns that seemed so fitting to the atmosphere now in our congregation:

Jesus' invitation Calls to every nation;
"Draw nigh and believe!
God your sins will pardon Lest your hearts should harden
In your unbelief.
Come to me; I'll make you free
From your bondage and oppression;
Let me take possession.
In His grace rejoicing
And His praises voicing
We have peace with God.

SARDIS, OHIO Ruth Headley

We were so happy to have Bro. Clarence Dietrich of South Elgin, Illinois, spend the week end with us and be in our congregation on Sunday, April 11. We wish to thank Bro. Clarence for the wonderful message he brought unto us in Sunday School.

Bro. Carl Indermuhle would like to express his thanks to everyone for the many nice cards and greetings he received on his 70th birthday. Although he could not see them, the loving thoughts and prayers conveyed in them were deeply appreciated.

Sis. Willette Indermuhle also wishes to thank everyone for the lovely cards she received during her recent illness and surgery. She is improving nicely.

OAKVILLE, IOWA Martha Steiner Mrs. Ada Banwart

We were privileged to have Elder Brother Leroy Huber from Eureka with us for services on Good Friday evening. We then partook of Holy Communion, with Brother Huber assisting our elder brother, Noah Schrock.

On Easter Sunday, Brother Simon Wagenbach from Tremont assembled with us. Brother Wagenbach lent himself in preaching the Holy Word of God.

Sister Eleanor Schrock of our congregation and Brother William Knobloch of Lester were united in Holy Matrimony on May 2. Sister Eleanor's father, Brother Noah Schrock, performed the marriage ceremony; her uncles, Brothers Joe and Jess Schrock from Congerville, were with us and expounded the

Word of God.

Sister Yoshiko Utsuki left our church for the last time on Sunday, April 25. Before her departure, she was given a friendship quilt, as a remembrance from some of her American sisters.

Like many other communities, we have been experiencing the force of the elements. The rampaging Mississippi River overflowed its banks on April 26, leaving many people homeless, and flooding thousands of acres of rich farmland near Burlington. Brother Carl and Sister Hilda Gerst and their family live in the flooded area. Although nearly all of their land is under water, the house and other buildings are situated on a higher level and have escaped the water.

At this writing, the water level of the river is slowly and steadily going down, but it will take a longer period of time for the river to resume its normal size and dry out the land.

Our friend, Carl Rechkemmer, son of Brother and Sister Alvin Rechkemmer, was married on April 17 to Vicky Nelson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Robert Nelson.

GIRARD, OHIO Karen Stoll

During this beautiful spring season, we should be aware of the many wonderful blessings God has bestowed upon us. God has given so much for His children. What should we be willing to offer him? God wants everyone of His people to come in repentance unto His throne of grace, and then He gives all things needful to us. He is always and forever the Giver.

Sister Mary Beard has gone to Toledo to be with her son. She is recuperating from injuries received from a fall. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Dan Games, son of Sister Elizabeth Games, was killed in an accident while at work. May God comfort and bless Sis. Elizabeth and all those who are in sorrow. May we not neglect to do our part in easing the burdens of our loved ones in their sorrows, and may we willingly perform our duty to visit the sick and the lonely.

PORTLAND, OREGON Mrs. Edward Unsicker Mrs. Glenn Hackenjos

Our fellowship with Sister Yoshiko Utsuki has been a deep blessing.

How heart-warming to hear her sing the same hymns that we do! Visualize God's people in Japan, praising the Lord by means of these beautiful songs, their hearts filled with the same gratitude that swells American hearts. May God help us to remember to continue in prayer for Sister Yoshiko and the believers in Japan.

RITTMAN, OHIO

Ella Mae Trent

Our congregation bade farewell to Sis. Betty Gerber Bauman, as she and her children left this community to return to Rockville. We wish her God's grace to bear whatever trials lie ahead, and know that she can leave here with many precious memories.

April 8, a son, Steven George, was born to Bro. Everett and Sis. Marjorie Stoller. April 25, a daughter, Rochelle Diane was born to Bor. Ronnie and Sis. Ruth Steiner.

Submitting to hospitalization were Sis. Verne Rufener, Bill Young, Sis. Linda Zollinger, Sis. Elda Indermuhle, and Jimmy Laukhauf.

The engagement of Bro. Mike Miller and Sis. Norene Beery was made known. We wish them a blessed life together.

Joe and Nina Gasser are seeking the Lord in repentance. May they, too, find peace and be added to the brotherhood of Christ.

Our faith, so precious to those of His redeemed, often seems to be so lightly taken and so taken for granted by many of our friends. It almost appears that many don't realize how much we have and how thankful we ought to be for it. A few years ago one of our sisters, reared outside our faith and then then converted to it, at her proving could so freely express her conviction that we have so much. The following is a testimony of some of her feelings and convictions today.

"Words, such as sinner and repent, can be simple to understand, but just as simple to ignore. Then a time comes when we want to face these words, and we have the feeling of God's call. The Lord helps us and gives us grace when we start to do our part in the plan of salvation. The Bible tells us that everyone is a sinner and we must repent, if we truly desire to be one of God's children. While we don't understand all of the teachings of the

Bible, the basic ones are simple; we must answer our call. WE DON'T ALWAYS HAVE TO BE A SINNER. The Lord forgives. Our "loves" change, and we feel closer to the Lord. The world offers many things, but none compare with the blessing of peace. Now comes baptism—such a happy moment. Our sins or old lives are buried in these waters, and we arise to a new life. 'Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.' This gift we receive by the laying on of hands. We have been enlightened and have been given this gift to help us in leading this spiritual life.

We should love the Lord, as he loves us, should love one another, and should enjoy being together. Every church should have love expressed by brethren loving one another. Let us stand united an one flock, not straying. Let us be happy—for we have chosen the right path. Let us have the hope of everlasting life. This the Lord promises, ONLY if we do our part."

FORT SCOTT, KANSAS

Annabelle Bahr Marie Zaugg

Bro. Robert Young from Wichita was our guest minister Easter Sunday and served us from God's holy word.

We are glad Bro. Will Sinn is able to attend services again, after a fall on the ice several weeks ago.

Our monthly hymn practice was held at the home of Bro. and Sis. Martin Hohulin.

A fine Easter program was presented by the Sunday School. We thank the young folks for their participation, and the teachers for their efforts. God bless all of them.

Sis. Ruth Sinn and Sis. Annabelle Bahr are in the hospital, recovering from major surgery. They are sharing the same hospital room.

Glory to God

A sister-in-faith related to me this incident.

Her mother had passed away, after a long illness. After her burial, as the family was leaving the cemetery, father, in the car with his family, turned for a last look at the newly-made grave, sobbing softly, said, almost as if to himself, "But if I had to leave anyone there, I'm glad it was mamma and not one of you, because she was

ready to meet God, and none of you are."

This remark cut deeply in her young heart, for she knew how much her father loved mother. It also revealed to her the deep love he had for his family—that he would rather give up his dearly loved wife and companion, than to have any of his children suffer in eternity.

She could compare this with, and sense in a measure, how much God loved her and gave up His dearly loved and only Son for her, that she need not bear her burdens alone. She then had no rest or peace of mind, until a few years later when she finally yielded to her Saviour's loving call.

She has found much comfort in serving her Lord. With glory and thanks to God, all but one of the family has repented—one in serious illness, one away at school, one in affliction, one at work. The one who has not is still being sincerely prayed for.

GRIDLEY, ILLINOIS

Lydia and Eunice Kammerer

Our Good Friday and East services were both very well attended. We are always happy when the pews are filled, and extend a hearty welcome to all to worship with us, as often as we assemble.

Engagement — Announcement has been made of the engagement and coming marriage of Sis. Jane Funk, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Wilbert Funk of Gridley, and Bro. Darrell Steffen, son of Bro. and Sis. Steffen, from Bluffton.

Sis. Julia Campbell, who resides in the Dowell Nursing Home, was a patient in St. James Hospital recently, but has returned to the rest home again.

Sis. Mona Stoller submitted to surgery at Mennonite Hospital, on May 6.

Sunday School Activities

Bro. and Sis. Carlton Klopfenstein were hosts to the Gridley Bible class, at breakfast on Easter morning. May God bless them for their love and hospitality.

Plans are underway for the annual Bible School, which will start as soon as the public school year has ended.

"Mother"

What a wonderful word, "Mother." What a wonderful being a Mother.

On Sunday, May 9, we paid tribute to mother. Many who are fortunate enough to still have mother can pay their respects with a gift, a glowing word of praise, or by spending the day with mother.

Many of us can only pay our tribute to the memory of "Mother", by silently laying a bouquet on her grave.

The most wonderful tribute which can be paid to mother, even though she is no longer here, is to turn to the Saviour in repentance, as is each Christian mother's prayer for her child. Why not bring her this joy today?

"Glory to God"

One experience which stands out in our memory is a mother of five children. She and her husband repented. When she gave her testimony, she was so sincere and humble. When they asked how she went about repenting, she said she didn't know what to pray, but she prayed, "Lord be merciful to me a sinner." Her whole testimony was so impressing.

The elders asked the congregation whether they were satisfied, and everyone surely was. One brother said, "How could anyone refuse this soul the baptismal waters."

She was baptized into the fold, and was a sincere Christian.

In the prime of her life, she was afflicted with a dread malady, from which she suffered many months, until God took her to His Home above.

This is one testimony that has always stayed with us.

ELGIN, IOWA

Mrs. George Butikofer

We miss Sis. Louisa Metzger. She passed away on April 12, after a short illness, of a circulatory nature. She had attained her seventy-fourth year in this life. She leaves six children namely Bro. Ervin; Sisters Sarah and Katie; Noah, Eli and John. There are also sixteen grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Bro. Uriel Gehring conducted the funeral services, which were held on Thursday, April 15.

Bro. Lawrence and Sis. Carolyn Butikofer have a new grandson. His name is Douglas Leroy, born on the fourteenth day of April. Mr. and Mrs. Larry Butikofer are the parents.

Janet Gehring, daughter of Bro. and Sister Edna Gehring, graduates from the University of Iowa at Iowa City, June 14. She plans to go to Washington D.C. after graduation, where she will be employed.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Moore are now living in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, where they are both employed. They were married on April 15. The latter, Vicki, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Abe Habegar, and Melvin is the son of Bro. Werner and Sister Elizabeth Moore. We wish them God's blessings in their new step in life.

We have again resumed our mid-week services, after our winter cessation.

... behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation. From II Corinthians 6:2.

In response to your suggestion for the new feature. I am enclosing two repentance accounts, one from a brother and one from a sister in faith in our congregation. (Editor's note: one will be printed this time, and we will try to print the other in June.)

My Repentance

I cannot boast that I was a very faithful Sunday School student, nor could I say that I kept the commandments of the Lord from my youth.

From almost as far back as I remember, I knew that some day I would want to do something about my salvation. The Lord must use different methods in calling His own.

When I was nearing my 16th birthday, there seemed to be a stirring of the spiritual waters. Several turned to the Lord, and one of these was my older sister. By this time, Satan had begun his evil work in my heart to the extent that I knew I wouldn't want to be one of them. However, when my sister related to me the confidence my Sunday School teacher had in me, I began thinking.

This was on a Sunday evening. At once I knew the Lord had called me, but was I going to yield to Him? The first days of that week were long, and the nights very dark, for I was now going through the valley of indecision, all alone, for I would not confide in anyone. Finally towards the end of the week (if I recall, about Friday) while following the harrow for seeding oats, down behind the hills

and around the rocks, I surrendered to the Lord, and there I fell on my knees and prayed.

Of course, first I would hide behind a tree and pray, for fear someone would see me.

Sunday, we walked to church, and we had a visiting minister with whom we rode part of the way. This of course was a very wonderful day for me, for I was assured that making the decision was half of the battle. Also, already I had found real companionship with others who had come the same way and who were eager to hear of my rescue from Satan's clutches. They had also begun the journey toward Zion. At this time, we were all so willing to deny ourselves of anything that might cause offense to anyone.

Shortly after was my birthday, and while working in the field, I recall singing the soothing words, "Oh I love to talk with Jesus."

As the weeks passed, I had undertaken to retrace all the way that I had strayed from the Lord. It was soon revealed that I was no match for Satan—that crafty foe.

I found that I had apologies to make and places where I had to make restitution; also bring the hidden things of darkness to light by making confession to God and man. Being timid by nature and reluctant to confide in others, I made slow progress.

I cannot name the exact time or place when God gave peace to my heart, except that when I had done all I knew, where I might have caused offense, then the burden rolled away. Perhaps we sometimes expect too much. When we don't suddenly sprout wings we are disappointed. Isn't it enough when the Lord gives us the knowledge and assurance that, when he comes suddenly, we will be counted worthy to go home with Him?

Shortly after, I again related my experience to our elder (then Bro. Dave Mangold), and how grateful I was for the longsuffering of the Lord. I also expressed a desire to be baptized. The following day I was proved, baptized and sealed with the Holy Spirit, by laying on of hands by Bro. Mangold.

ADDRESSES

Mr and Mrs Melvin Cornell
702 S Townsend Apt 3
Santa Ana California

Charles D Sinn
RR 5
Fort Scott Kansas 66701

SP-4 Dennis Feucht US55761397
42d Med Co [Amb]
APO 09407 New York New York
[stationed near Munich Germany]

PFC Herbert J Frank US 55783511
USA G HJ CO
Camp A P Hill
Bowling Green Virginia

Pvt Keith E Metzger US 55775363
503rd M P Co
APO New York NY 09039

Pvt Orlan Miller US 55796530
Hq Co 1st BN 68th Armor
APO New York New York 09034
[Orlan is in Baumholder Germany]

Kenneth Newman SR-916-39-52
Company 120
Recruit Training Command
Great Lakes Ill 60088

Pvt E-1 Maurice E Schaefer US55817500
Co D 3rd Bn USAMTC
Ft Sam Houston Texas

Pvt Harold A Steiner US 55817534
Co D 3rd Bn USAMTC
Ft Sam Houston Texas

Pvt Loren W Vogel US 55817528
E-13-4 USATC Armor
Ft Knox Kentucky 40121

Steven A Wagner MMFN 692-12-20
"M" Division
USS Belle Grove [LSD-2]
c/o FPO San Francisco California

Shirley Koehl
416 E Grove St
Bloomington Illinois

Miss Connie Thornton
9451C Kelvin Lane
Schiller Park Illinois

Art Luthi Jr
Wright Quad Box 263
Indiana University
Bloomington Indiana

Bonnie Jean Cadwalder
816 Washburn Apt 14
Topeka Kansas

Mr & Mrs Herman C Braun
13396 E Colfax Ave
Space N-2
Aurora Colorado 80011

Phone Area 303 364-9181
The court is Trailer Haven on Route 40-36

Come Home!

Eternity can silence no throb
When blackness fore'er settles
down.
Sad without hope will be endless
sob;
Always past reach is bright crown.

Come then; light seek while yet He
does call,
Should away slip your beat, in
fright!
No pain can compare to outer pall.
FINAL rumbles endless in night.

Do, in that day, be with us in light,
Not in futile, dismal, dark view,
Wailing, woeful, wretched in sad
plight—
Quick days at their longest are few.

Sweet path of Our Lord has Sun-
set bright.
How pleasant, in peace, not to
room!
Up then! There is time. Ask of His
night.
Repent; be converted. Come Home.
Henry Souder Jr.

HISTORY (Oakville)

The following early history of the Oakville church was written by our friend, John Kuntz, 85 years old. He and his wife, Sister Lydia (Rein), now live in Burlington and attend the Burlington church.

In the year of 1900, the government finished the levee along the Mississippi River with horses and scrapers. In 1901, the land agents got busy and listed all the land they could along the Mississippi River, and sold it from \$40 to \$75 per acre. At that time, my father, Christian Kuntz, bought our first farm at \$60 per acre, near Oakville.

Coming from Gridley (Ill.) were the Christian Kuntzs and their children, John, Joseph, Samuel, Mary, Jacob, David, Daniel, Elizabeth, Lena, Emma, Christ, and Amelia. Other families were the Fred Donner family and their children, Edward, Emma, and Dena;

Jacob Yergler and his sons, John and Jacob, the Henry Gerst family and her father, Christian Rich; Dan Mangold; the John Stoller family; the Cramer boys, Joe and Gene; the Theophil Binkle family; the Andrew Yackley family; the Peter Glaser's; the William Frank family; the Daniel Kempf family; John Ellenson and Henry Ellenson, Herman Neust and John Neust, Paul Gerber and his family.

We organized to build a new church in the fall of 1903 on the Otto Gerst farm, east of the David Sheridan farm. Otto Gerst donated one acre. (He was our song leader for many years.) In the fall of 1903, the new church was built. Until the church was built, we would gather in one another's homes and sing. As we did not have any minister at that time, one of the members would read a chapter in the Bible. Henry Gerst was chosen to read the Bible and review the Holy Word to the congregation.

In the spring of 1904, other families moved to Oakville, including the Albert Reiman family. He was one of our ministers. Other families moving at that time were the Albert Rauhaus and the George Heindold families. Land owners not living in Oakville were Fred Bleuer, Jacob Wuttrick, Theophil Steffen and others.

Many of the news reporters at the various churches have the new **Sacred Poems** book on hand to sell, or are taking orders for it. This is a book written by Bro. Henry Kipper.

Buy one for yourself and a loved one. It makes an ideal gift. Price, 60c.

He who runs from God in the morning will scarcely find him the rest of the day.

If you are moving or have moved . . . Make a quick note of reminder, and when you can, tell your reporter. Then it can be sent in, and the correct changes made. Tell us when to change. Give us 30 days notice ahead!