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## A CHURCH AND THE WORLD

Submitted by Bro. Arthur Gudeman, La Crosse

The church and the world walked  
far apart

On the changing shore of time.  
The world was singing a giddy song  
And the church a hymn sublime.  
"Come give me your hand," said  
the merry world,  
"And walk with me by the way",  
But the good church hid her snowy  
hand  
And solemnly answered, "Nay".

"I will not give thee my hand at  
all,  
And I will not walk with you.  
Your way is the way of eternal  
death,  
And your words are all untrue."  
"Nay, walk with me a little space,"  
Said the world with an acted air.  
"The road I walk is a pleasant road  
And the fun shows always  
there."

"Your way is narrow and thorny  
and rough,  
While mine is flow'ry and  
smooth.  
Your lot is sad with reproach and  
toil,  
But in rounds of joy I move.  
My way, you can see, is a broad  
fair one,  
And my gate is high and wide.  
There is room enough for you and  
me,  
And we'll travel side by side."

Half shyly, the church approached  
the world,  
And gave him her hand of snow,  
And the false world grasped it and  
walked along,  
And whispered in accents low. . .  
"Your dress is too simple to please  
my taste;  
I have gold and pearls to wear,  
Rich velvets and silk for your  
graceful form,  
And diamonds to deck your  
hair."

The church looked down at her  
plain, white robes,  
And then at the dressed-up  
world,  
And blushed as she saw his hand-  
some lip  
With a smile, contemptuous, curl-  
ed.  
"I will change my dress for a fanci-  
er one,"  
Said the church with a smile,  
not grace.  
Then her pure white garment drift-  
ed away,  
And the world gave in her  
place . . .

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"Love not the world, neither the  
things **that are** in the world. If any  
man love the world, the love of the  
Father is not in him.

For all that is in the world, the  
lust of the flesh, and the lust of  
the eyes, and the pride of life, is  
not of the Father, but is of the  
world.

And the world passeth away, and  
the lust thereof: but he that doeth  
the will of God abideth for ever."  
I John

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Beautiful satins and fashionable  
silks,  
And roses and gems and pearls,  
And over her fair head her bright  
hair fell,  
Waved in a thousand curls.  
"Your house is too plain," said the  
proud old world,  
"Let me build you one like mine,  
With pleasure for feasting and par-  
lor for play,  
And ornament ever so fine."

So he built her a costly and beauti-  
ful house;  
Splendid it was to behold.  
Her sons and her daughters met  
frequently there,  
Shining in purple and gold,

And fair and festival, frolics un-  
told,  
Were held in the place of prayer,  
And maidens bewitching as sirens  
of old,  
With world-winning beauty care.

Bedecked with fair jewels, and  
hair all shorn,  
Unhindered by tradition laws,  
To beguile and amuse, and win  
from the world  
Some help for the proclaimed  
cause.  
An angel, in mercy, rebuked the  
church;  
Christ whispered, I know thy  
sin . . .  
Then the church looked sad, and  
anxiously longed  
To gather her children in.

Some now were away at the mid-  
night ball,  
And others were at the play,  
And some were drinking in gay  
saloons,  
And the angel went away . . .  
And then said the world in smooth  
tongue tones,  
"Your much loved ones mean no  
harm  
Merely indulging in innocent  
sports."  
So she leaned still on his proffer-  
ed arm.

And smiled, and chatted, and gath-  
ered flowers,  
And walked along with the  
world,  
While countless millions of precious  
souls  
To the horrible pit were hurled.  
"Your preachers are all too old and  
plain,"  
Said the gay world with a sneer;  
"They frighten my children with  
dreadful words  
Which I do not like them to  
hear."

"They talk of judgment and fire  
and pain,  
And the doom of endless night;  
They warn of a place that I don't  
want  
Thus spoken of, **endless** fright."  
I will send you some of a **stranger**  
stamp,  
More brilliant and gay and fast,  
Who will show how men live as  
they list  
**'Once saved—always saved'** at  
last."

"The Father is merciful and great  
and good,  
Loving and tender and kind;  
Do you think He'd take one child  
to heaven  
And leave another behind?"  
So she called for pleasing and gay  
preachers  
Smooth-tongued and great and  
learned,  
And the plain old men who preach-  
ed the cross  
Were out of the pulpits turned.

Then **money love** came in and sup-  
ported this church  
And rented a prominent pew;  
And preaching and singing and  
**pompous** display  
Soon proclaimed a **teaching** new.  
"You give too much to the poor",  
said the world,  
Far more than you ought to do;  
Though the poor need shelter, food  
and clothes,  
Why should it thus trouble  
you?"

"Go take your money and buy  
rich robes,  
**Ease, pleasure, gay moments**  
**mine,**  
And pearls and jewels, and dainty  
foods,  
The rarest and costliest wine.  
My children they dote on all such  
things,  
And if you their love would win,  
You then do as they do, and walk  
in their way,  
**The wide, broad way** they're in."

Then the church her purse-strings  
held,  
And gravely lowered her head,  
And whimpered, "I've given too  
much away,"  
I will do, sir, as you have said;  
So the poor were turned from the  
door in scorn.  
She heard not the orphans cry,  
And she drew her beautiful robes  
aside  
As the widows went weeping  
by.

And they of this church and they  
of the world  
Journeyed closely, hand and  
heart,  
But our Master in heaven, who  
knoweth all,  
Can discern the **real** apart.  
Then the church looked down at  
her ease and said,  
"I am rich and in goods increas-  
ed;  
I have need of nothing and naught  
to do  
But to laugh and dance and  
feast."

The sly old world heard her, and  
laughed within  
And mocking said aside,  
"The church has fallen—the beau-  
tiful church.  
Her shame is her boast and  
pride."  
Thus her witnessing power, alas,  
was lost,  
And the perilous times come in,  
The time of the end, so oft foretold,  
Of form, of pleasure and sin.

Then the angel drew near the mer-  
cy seat  
And whispered in sighs her  
name.  
The saints their anthems of rap-  
ture hushed!  
And **bowed** their heads with  
shame.  
A voice came down from the hush  
of heaven  
From Him who sits on the  
throne.  
He knows all works, and what  
thou hast said,  
But, alas, thou hast not  
known . . .

That thou art poor and naked and  
blind,  
With pride and ruin enthralled.  
Thou expected to be bride of hea-  
venly groom,  
Now are harlot of the world!  
Thou hast ceased to watch for that  
blessed hope,  
Hast fallen from zeal and grace,  
So now, alas, He must cast thee  
out,  
And blot thy name from its  
place.

## INVESTMENT ETERNAL

Henry Souder Jr.

"And I say unto you, Make to  
yourselves friends of the mammon  
of unrighteousness; that, when ye  
fail, they may receive you into  
everlasting habitations."

What a glorious day when the  
righteous stand in unclouded view.  
Over past the yonder horizon, re-  
ceded, will be time. Tomorrow will  
be beautiful.

How great will be seen the op-  
portunity we have today, past?  
The chances to help, to let light  
shine into troubled lives, to send  
good news, will be over. What won-  
derful opportunity we have. The

way we pass!

"He that is faithful in that which  
is least is faithful also in much:  
And he that is unjust in the least is  
unjust also in much."

Carry out the work of the hours  
at hand, known tasks. Can we have  
faith? God can do with us and the  
day at hand. Marvellous wonders  
can proceed. God uses the common-  
place to multiply. Our Lord's mar-  
vellous power is the difference.

He dwells with us. Every one of  
the least of His can find miracles  
wrought. All He asks is that we  
believe. Look to Him, heavenward,

in His word. Ask Him. That is  
prayer. Concentrate, be earnest.  
From the first task in the morning  
to the last at night, perhaps in the  
night hours do for Him.

"If therefore ye have not been  
faithful in the unrighteous mam-  
mon, who will commit to your  
trust the true riches?"

God does according to His word.  
He is a good record-keeper, exact  
and accurate. He expects His serv-  
ants to be studious for success. We  
need to have our sleeves rolled up.  
Idleness has no place in heavenly  
plan.

"And if ye have not been faithful in that which is another man's, who shall give you that which is your own?"

Business, farm, profession, management, labor, we have a solemn duty: To seriously and sincerely serve. There is a standard our Saviour set we must meet. Time and money is the currency of heaven that meets us on eternal shore.

This is spiritual success. If we want to prosper and profit on spiritual plane, then we should be sure

we are giving the net worth necessary in the daily hour.

"No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon."

Each part of God's plan pieces together. His wonders are above all we picture. We do well to shape our thoughts often in His word, till each graciously pictures miraculous wisdom.

Above all, God is in the picture. He breathed the breath of life. We are of Him. Once we went away. When He returned us to Him, and came Himself to dwell, our life became hid in His. We live in heavenly continent in our heart. Trusting, our life is guided and enriched above the expectations of human thought.

All that we do can be done unto Him. Work, for the night cometh when no man can work.

### BURLINGTON, IOWA Mrs. Ernest Anliker Mrs. Richard Taeger

On June 20, our Burlington Bible Class was happy to have as their guests the Bible class of Taylor, Pulaski, and Oakville. May God bless this meeting and fellowship of our young people.

Announcement of the forthcoming marriage of Sis. Evelyn Siegle and Bro. Dale Massner has been made known. Sis. Evelyn is the daughter of Bro. and Sis. Joe Siegle of Oakville, and Bro. Dale is a son of Bro. Adolph. We wish them much happiness.

"... by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body..." I Corinthians 12:13. We all rejoiced when two dear souls were added to the fold, giving their testimony

and being baptized—Bro. Harry and Sis. Loretta Eisenman. We have had a long-time desire for them to come, as we do for many others who are yet standing on the threshold, as our elder brother, Noah Schrock, commented, "Wish there were more."

We also experienced the blessed privilege of breaking bread together—which brings both sadness and joy by reflecting on our Lord, suspended upon the cross, between heaven and earth, and then the joy of knowing He did this for us, so that we might be saved, and gain eternal life. Our elder brother, Noah Schrock, served Holy communion to us, and we thank him.

Bro. Noah has by request submitted this writing on Holy Communion.

ment in my blood that is shed for you.

In the light of this simple but sacred exercise, we must accept it that the main objective was that, throughout future generations of the New Testament church, the believers were to observe it so as to remember what He has done for us.

Later on, the apostle Paul, I Corinthians 11 writes, "For I have received of the Lord . . .", making it clear that the high apostle was to provide the church with guidelines as to the proper approach to the Holy Sacrament.

He placed the Holy Sacrament in its proper perspective, being entirely separate from their social events, with which the Corinthians had combined it.

He also exhorted that each one "examine himself", and then let him eat. So, a self examination of one's self is a condition to partaking of Holy Communion. While it is true that the feast should not be held "with the leaven of malice and wickedness", I Corinthians 5:8, (which in itself suggests a recon-

## COMMUNION

From the days of Moses onward, God had instituted certain memorials that were to be exercised, so that His people would not forget what great things He did for them.

One of these is the "Passover", which commemorates the deliverance of Israel from death, the night that the firstborn in every home in Egypt was slain. The assurance that they would escape was based upon the blood of the lamb upon the upper sill and 2 sideposts of their houses, and that they would not go out of their houses until morning.

They were commanded to keep the Passover each year as prescribed, and they were to tell their children of how God had delivered them from death on that terrible night.

By the divine direction of God, it was timed that the true Lamb of

God would be slain at Calvary at the precise time of the Passover season. He was now the true Lamb of God, and no longer was the Paschal lamb needed, to be offered. As was the Passover, the offering up of the Lamb of God was to provide a way to escape eternal death and judgment.

The night the Lord was betrayed, after the usual Passover observance, He instituted the Holy Supper. By using the bread to represent His body, and the fruit of the vine His blood, He gave the pattern as to how this should be carried out.

First, He took bread and gave thanks, and brake it and gave unto them, saying, This is my body which is given (broken) for you; this do in remembrance of me.

Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, This is the New Testa-

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cilation with anyone for whom we bear malice, also a bringing to light any wickedness, in order to escape partaking unworthily, which would bring damnation instead of blessing), in the statement, to **examine one's self**, certainly gives us no right to examine someone else.

It is utterly unscriptural to use the approach to Communion as means to sanctify our brother and compel him to yield to a reconciliation.

We must not lose sight of the real purpose of Holy Communion, to remember the Lord's death and suffering. If we do this sincerely & humbly, the blessed result will be a renewal of our love to Him, a feeling of humility and gratitude, which begets a renewed love to those who are His brothers and sisters.

The Lord knew the weakness of our human instincts, that we are so inclined to give ourselves credit of having been obedient and pious. He feared that we might allow a build-up of self righteousness, and forget that only through His suffering and by His grace we are what we are . . . So this remembering Him was to empty us of all self, and give open recognition that it is not that we love Him, but that He loved us and gave Himself for us.

Thus, together renewed in spirit, we leave behind us our struggles, and move on toward the goal.

#### ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY NORMAL, ILLINOIS Daryle Hari

"Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh." This admonition from the parable of the ten virgins was one of the teachings from our first Bible Class of the summer, on June 24. It was certainly a blessed evening, as we once again had the opportunity to fellowship with some of the loved ones who were with us during the past school year, and also with several visitors.

The evening of July 1 brought to our campus visiting Bro. Frederick Knapp, who brought an inspiring exhortation on humility. The basis of the meditation was John 13, which portrays Jesus' humility of service. After washing the disciples' feet, Jesus said, "For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you." As His children, we are to serve

Him and one another in all lowliness of mind. Also, the need for daily cleansing to keep our garments clean was emphasized.

The Lord has blessed us with an attendance of from 40 to 50 students and visitors each meeting, thus far. Remember this thought—God's Word will keep you from sinning, or sin will keep you from God's Word. May we all be found in the first category.

#### JAPAN

##### Yoshio Yamazaki

We really thank God for Sis. Toyomi's protection by Him for the great, serious operation on her heart. However, she is getting slowly better; she doesn't walk much yet.

Last Sunday, Bro. Akira had the sermon and spoke about her faith. Bro. Akira thought her faith was not big enough like he has, so he was afraid she would be crying before she took the operation, but she didn't. Then Bro. Akira was really surprised and asked her, "Why you didn't cry; aren't you afraid to get operation?" She said, "Yes, of course I am, but I have Jesus, Son of God, and He is living and stays in my heart. That's why I didn't cry. I put everything in Him and trust Him and doctor." I am sure her testimony is very great and really encouraged our brethren here in the church of Japan.

I am sorry Bro. Fred Grimm had very bad sickness. Our people in Japan never forget, he came with Bro. Ben Mailbach about 5 years ago and encouraged us. We pray God, the Father, everyday, and if it is the Lord's will, we surely believe he will really improve again.

Bro. John Klaus and Betty Klaus are really working for the Lord here in Japan. He has many classes for young people in Fuchu, and Betty Klaus, his wife, also has a cooking classes for neighbor ladies once a month. Bro. John has an English class every Friday afternoon for beginner's class and in the evening for university students. Every first and third Sunday is Gospel meeting, and every Saturday afternoon is children's class. I am taking responsibility for the children's class. Sis. Shizuko Kobayashi is helping us.

Our church here in Tokyo is much blessed. A good number of young people are coming to Sunday worship service, through Wednes-

day night's English Bible class. Bro. Willis said two university students were repenting.

Bro. Willis is going to the country churches every Saturday and Sunday, except the second week end, because that time Bro. John Klaus takes his place, and teaches English class there and worship services at Shioda and Tamahata.

We surely thank you, the Silver Lining readers, for praying for us working for the Lord here in Japan.

#### PRINCEVILLE, ILLINOIS

##### Ruth Ricketts—Anna Marie Baer

Bro. George Kieser observed his 85th birthday June 10, with members of his family gathering in his home. On Sunday evening, a group of friends gathered to offer best wishes. He is enjoying fairly good health and is still able to go to church and assemble with us upstairs in the assembly room. We wish him the Lord's blessings.

A group of ex-service men who were stationed at Camp Pickett, Virginia, enjoyed a reunion here June 12. There were eighty-five present from Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, and Missouri. Some of the families stayed overnight and spent Sunday with us while others were in Bradford. We were happy to have Bros. Ray Sinn of Latty and John Zeltwanger of Morris help us in Sunday School. We trust all enjoyed blessings; we feel it was a week-end to be remembered.

Loris Knobloch, son of Bro. Edward and Sis. Lucille, had the misfortune to break a bone in his ankle. He has a cast, from his foot over his knee, but gets around quite well with the aid of crutches. We hope he won't have to carry it around long.

Dwayne Streitmatter, son of Bro. Burton and Sis. Martha, narrowly escaped serious injuries recently, when the axle on the tractor he was driving broke, causing the big wheel to come off, throwing him from the seat. His hand was badly cut on one of the levers and required a number of stitches. He is getting along nicely, and thankful to be alive.

The annual Sunday School picnic was held June 27 at Jubilee State Park, with 245 in attendance. There will be a few weeks' vacation; classes will resume the first Sunday in September. Recently, an election of teachers was held to fill

vacancies of Bro. David Ehnle and Sis. Mary Jane Streitmatter, whose terms have expired. Three extra teachers were selected, so there are two teachers in each room now. Bros. Leonard Menold and Floran Streitmatter and Sisters Mary Lou Scholl, Janet Martin, and Vivian Leuthold will be the new teachers. We ask the Lord's blessing on those who are willing to give their time to be with the children.

"I was glad when they said . . . Let us go into the house of the LORD. . ." (Psalm 122). Truly, we were glad to have Bro. Harvey Grimm of Bern with us one Sunday evening recently, and were richly reminded of charity and its benefits. We are always happy to have Bro. Harvey visit us, and hope they received a blessing as well as we all.

**FT. SAM HOUSTON, TEXAS**  
Leland Plattner

Anyone who has plans of coming to Ft. Sam, for either a visit or military training, should let someone here know of it. If we know the day of someone's induction, we can tell also the approximate date of his arrival here. It is easy to look someone up once they get here, and the face of a brother or an interested friend is a welcome sight to any of us.

The appreciation of our first meeting is always mutual, and it would be a shame to delay it any longer than necessary. Many times this first meeting takes place in the barracks, with several others around us, and after we have visited for a time, we are quite often asked how long we have known each other. They find it hard to believe that we had never met before, as usually is the case. The privilege of being able to meet strange faces in this manner is surely a gift of God, and not the manner of men. Brotherly love can hardly fail when it has a start like this.

**MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA**  
Diane Olson

Visiting ministers this past month were Bro. Harold Messner, Winthrop, and Bro. Alphi Moser of Morris. Much spiritual food was derived from their teachings.

Sis. Martha Allenspach, after suffering a heart attack, has come home from the hospital, but is still not able to gather with us. We pray her health may soon be restored.

I'll go all the way with Jesus,  
Whatever the test may be,  
And trust to His care my problems,  
For He surely cares for me.

A closing thought: Turn your difficulties over to God. His resources are not only adequate . . . they are infinite.

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

Our visiting ministers for the past month were Bro. Albert Wurthrich, Pulaski; Bro. Carl Hartman, Sabetha; Bro. Edwin Bahler, Remington; Bro. Art Gude-man, La Crosse; and Bro. Eugene Marti, Sabetha. We were blessed with many inspiring messages, which we enjoyed and appreciated. We thank the Lord that these brethren were able to come to proclaim the holy word.

Sunday, June 20, Friend Joan Mogler was announced as having received peace. Proving will come at a later date.

A baby boy, Dennis Dean, was born to Bro. Dwaine and Sis. Lucille Schmidt on June 26. Congratulations to the parents. He will be welcomed home by one sister, Lynn.

We extend our sympathy to Sis. Corrine, on the death of her husband, Bro. Fred Traub Sr.

Bro. Fred Traub Sr., son of August and Adina Banwart Traub, passed away suddenly at his home in West Bend, June 2, at the age of 63 years and 3 months. He leaves to mourn his loving wife, Sis. Corrine Sommer Traub, and six children, Margaret (Mrs. Ronald Miller) and Gladys (Mrs. George Gade), both of Algona; Shirley (Mrs. Paul Wagner) West Bend; Fred Jr., Ottosen; Mary Lou (Mrs. Dean Wehrspan), Whittemore; and Kenneth, still at home; also 13 grandchildren, 5 sisters: Sis. Mary, Sis. Elizabeth, Leah Traub, Sis. Emma (Mrs. George Sauder), all of West Bend; Sis. Lydia (Mrs. Jake Knobloch), Lester; and one brother, Joseph Traub of West Bend. He was preceded in death by his parents, a sister, brother, and grandson. Bro. Fred will be greatly missed by his wife and family and his friends.

Funeral services were held at the church, June 5. Services were largely attended from here and various places. Bros. Earl Banwart and Noah Gerber conducted the

services. Burial was in the church cemetery.

This poem was written in memory of our brother, Fred Traub Sr.:

Our loved one was privileged to labor here  
In this vineyard of God,  
With its joys, cares, and tears,  
Helping his family, tilling the soil,  
Knowing the blessing of honest toil.

He sought his Lord later in life,  
Gave his heart to Him who paid the price  
For all we poor mortals, that we may be free  
To dwell with God in eternity.

The Lord said "Come" to our dear one, one day,  
And he took his hand and led him away.  
He led him along the path Jesus trod,  
Where he sweetly serenely rests with God.

**UNION CITY, NEW JERSEY**  
August Mueller

Sunday, June 6. Jehovah is the Shepherd true, Who gives me full salvation. This watchman never sleeps or fails. His goodness is my portion. To verdant pastures does He lead. My soul on dews of life shall feed, The Spirit's grace abounding.

Indeed, we have a shepherd true, as we could feel today. Where could we get such precious gifts or receive such rich blessings as we received today! He led us unto the green pastures and to the fountains that will never dry up. We have the privilege to go and drink from this fountain, without asking for permission, the word of life. We read every day in this fountain.

Indeed, we are the richest people on earth. What need we more, when we have the richest Father anybody can have. He created heaven and earth, and everything belongs to Him. He has power to give and to take. We need not fear of lack while here, of daily bread and clothing. No we shall lack in nothing.

I am reminded of Lazarus. I do not think that there was a poorer man than he. Even the dogs came. How happy was he when he could depart from this world and enter into eternal rest, never to return anymore.

The rich man also died the same way as did Lazarus. He probably was buried with great honor, but his destination was different than the one Lazarus had. For him, the suffering only started. He was thirsty, and there was nobody to give a glass of water. No favors are granted in that terrible place. Let us watch and pray, that we may escape the wrath which is awaiting all those that do not believe.

Sunday, the 13th. Today, we had company from Florida, my daughter, Sis. Luisa Akel, her husband Charles, and two children. They will spend a few weeks visiting relatives, members and friends. We enjoy having them here. It is five years since I have seen Charles and the girls.

It is wonderful how God chose Paul, the apostle, to work for Him. Although he deserved punishment, even death, the Lord had mercy on him (and on us all), and sent him among the Gentiles. They had many different religions, but the one they should have had was missing, so the words that Jesus spoke were fulfilled, when He said, I have other sheep and these I must bring also. He meant the Gentiles.

Paul started this all important work after he repented and was baptized. He started to travel through all the different countries. He started to preach the word of God (the Gospel) to the Gentiles with good result. They were happy that they could also be saved from eternal destruction and receive forgiveness of sin.

Paul worked day and night. He founded many congregations; he did not see the other apostles for years. Even when he did meet them, he did not stay with them, because he had his own work to do. When his work was accomplished, he could say with confidence, "I have fought a good fight . . . I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness . . ." May God, our merciful Father, prepare all of us for such a blessed ending. Amen.

I love the Lord, because He hath heard my voice and my supplications. Because He hath inclined his ear unto me, therefore will I call upon him as long as I live.

Sunday, the 27th . . . After four weeks, the Akel family started for home in Miami this evening. We were very glad to have them two

Sundays. May God protect them from all evil and harm. We just received word that the Akel Family arrived home in good condition. Thanks be to God.

When we read in the Old Testament, we find how God spake with His friend Abraham and told him what He had in mind to do for him. Abraham believed every word. The Lord kept His promise.

Today, the Lord speaks to us through His word, and promises life everlasting, but only if we stay true and faithful till the end, keep what we have promised unto Him. It is not hard to serve the Lord, if we watch and pray. He will grant grace, that we can fight a good fight of faith, and with His help and grace can prepare ourselves for that better home. It will not be long until we are called. Even if it were ten or twenty years, it will be like a moment compared to eternity.

Be of good cheer. God is still living. He knows the times we are living in, that they are bad times, that without His help and grace we cannot make one step, but His promise is good today yet, unto all those that love and serve Him. It is a blessed thing to fall upon our knees, upon His footstool, and ask him for His help, His protection, His blessings from day to day. He will not turn us away, but will hear and grant our petition.

Greetings to all members and friends wherever they are, from Union City.

#### BERN, KANSAS

Mrs. Morris Edelman  
Mrs. Leonard Baumgartner

Visiting ministers this month were Bro. Maurice Frank of Chicago and Bro. Wayne Gerber from Lester. We also met at Sabetha on a week night to worship, when Bro. Robert Miller of Portland visited us.

Bro. Eddy Lehman was seriously injured in a tractor accident, while curling corn late in the evening. He hit a ditch and was thrown off, but managed to walk home. His shoulder blade was broken, and he was badly bruised.

We miss Rudy Lehmann, son of Bro. Eddy and Sis. Leola, while he is spending the summer working in Burlington, Oklahoma.

Bro. Jake and Sis. Stella Wenger are the grandparents of the new daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Plant. Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Meyer

became parents of a son, Mark, who was born on July 2. Sis. Pearl Meyer is his grandmother.

A grandson, Martin Dale Lehmann, of Bro. Fred and Sis. Lena Lehmann and Will and Minnie Meyer passed away at the age of 22.

Bro. Henry Frohlich of Kummerhausen, Erlen, Switzerland, a friend of Bro. Paul Baumann, arrived in our community recently. Henry is employed and making his home with Mr. and Mrs. Clemens Edelman and family.

#### ELGIN, ILLINOIS

Louise Steffen  
Katie Kachelmuss

One of our dear sisters in faith, Rosa Lanz, passed away after a lingering illness. Her sister, Frieda Ruch of Milford, spent the last few weeks of Rosa's life with the family, in caring for her. "Passing are the flesh's afflictions; Transient are the spirit's need. Pain and torture soon are ended, In those who Christ do possess. Therefore, brethren, be content To remain in truth and grace." We miss Sis. Rosa in our church circle.

We were privileged to partake of Holy Communion recently. Bros. LeRoy Huber & Henry Kilgus were with us for this holy act. We had a blessed day and could feel God's presence and love among us. May God bless the elder brothers for their efforts.

On June 22 we had our Sunday School picnic at Lord's Park. There was a nice attendance. It was an enjoyable evening, although a thunder storm came up in the evening later.

Bro. Ed. Gudeman, one of our ministering brothers, had been in the hospital about a week, but is now at home again. May God be his help and strength in his illness.

Birth announcements: A boy, David Edward, born June 13, to Bro. Le Roy and Sis. Florence Leman. A boy, Paul Edward, born June 26, to Max and Darlene Weck Kercher. They are moving in the near future to Denver, Colorado, where his work takes him.

Our guest ministers for the month were Bros. Earl Zeltwanger, Robert Miller, Al. Fisher, Earl Kilgus, and Jesse Emch. No matter whether they come from near, or from far, the teachings and messages are very sincere. We can feel how much God is concerned in

these days about the welfare of all mankind, His children, and those who are yet outside of the covenant of grace. About repentance it was said, "Repentance is wonderfully simple, and simply wonderful." The feeling is the same with all, that according to the signs of the time, and the fulfilling of the prophecies, that we are in the latter days, and how we will all have to appear before a just God. Everyone will wish he had done better, even if he did the best he could. Thanks be to God that he doesn't tire of admonishing and warning us, and of sending out the kind invitations to all to come unto Him while the door of grace is still open and before the night cometh when man can work no more.

### PEORIA, ILLINOIS

Emily Tanner

Mrs. Michael Weyeneth

Bro. Vernon and Sis. Marie Huhlin have a new baby boy. Mark Edwin was born June 18. He has two sisters and a brother.

Gregory Alan, born June 23, is the son of Willis and Gloria Hunziker. He has two sisters, Debbie and Sandy.

Ronald and Sis. Janet Blumenshine have adopted a baby girl. They named her Teri Lynn. She was born June 21.

Paula Kay, born March 18, came to live with Dave and Karen Dunbar when she was a month old. Grandparents are Bro. Sam and Sis. Persida Eberhardt.

The engagement of Janice Ann Snider to Duane Harold Koehl has been announced. He is the son of Bro. Harold and Sis. Lillian Koehl.

Bro. Silas Hohulin and Sis. Marie Anliker were united in holy matrimony the evening of June 9. They are living in Forrest.

Happy to be home after a discharge and many interesting experiences in the service, while in Europe, is Ralph Hofstetter, son of William and Ruth Hofstetter. Ralph wishes to express his thanks to all who remembered him, while away, with letters and kind thoughts.

We welcome Bros. Lyle Wettstein and Marvin Hodel in our assembly. Lyle is attending business college, and Marvin is working here for the summer.

There were five dear souls laid to rest this past month. They will be missed by our congregation. Our

sympathy is extended to the families of all.

Sis. Emma Plattner died June 8. Surviving are her husband, Bro. Joe, and six children, Sis. Anna Marie Koch, Sis. Betty Wiegand, Sis. Grace Bauer, Bro. Melvin, Bro. Russell and Kenneth Plattner.

Funeral services were held June 15 for Edward Weyeneth, from the Wilton Mortuary. He had been ill for several months. He was the son of Bro. Elias and Sis. Tillie Weyeneth. Surviving are his wife, Evelyn, and son, Edward Weyeneth.

Sis. Lydia Pfister died June 14. She had been unable to attend church for over twelve years. Surviving are eight children: Sis. Katherine Martin, Sis. Dena, Sis. Cora, and Sis. Laura Pfister, Bro. Eli, Bro. Levi, Bro. George and Arthur Pfister.

Sis. Ollie Metz died June 19. It was wonderful she could repent, and her wish for baptism could be fulfilled yet, in you might say "the eleventh hour." Surviving are four children, Dan Metz, Clara Metz, Esther Muzzy and Lucille Kennell.

Sis. Edna Wiegand died June 20. She had a heart condition for many years and was a patient at Rest-Mor Nursing Home just nine days. Surviving are her husband, Paul, and six children; Bro. William, Bro. Ray, Bro. Morris and Bro. Richard Wiegand, Sis. Dorothy Bachtold and Sis. Elna Nussbaum.

Bro. Robert Miller from Portland was with us for an evening service; we appreciated his ministering to us.

At this time of year, many are on vacation. If you are driving through Peoria, you are welcome to come and assemble with us and worship. Our church is one block south of Route 150, 3420 N. Sheridan Rd. Sunday services 10:00 A.M., 12:30 P.M.; Wednesday evening, 7:30.

### NEW MARTINSVILLE, W. VA.

Mrs. Gus Weltz

Miss Della Witschey

The annual homecoming day at the country church, on June 27, was well attended, and so, many came from distant points to spend the day and visit with relatives and friends. The weather was a bit warm, but a breeze blowing as usual on the hill did not make anyone very uncomfortable. Ben Maibach of Detroit was the speaker for the day, with brief talks given by

Jesse Emch of Youngstown, Ohio, and many who came for the day.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Maibach and daughter, Cindy, of Detroit, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Belsley and Mrs. Clarence Belsley of Morton visited here over the week end of June 27 with Miss Pearl Frei and family, Mrs. Marie Lund, and their many friends in and around New Martinsville.

Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Hodel of Roanoke spent June 27 here with relatives and friends. They were enroute to New York and Connecticut.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Gasser and children, Misses Lulu and Esther Bachman, of Rittman spent June 12 here, visiting with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Emch of Youngstown, Mrs. Louise Lance of Canfield, O., Mr. and Mrs. Charles Saylor and Miss Charlotte Emch of Girard visited with the Emch and Witschey families over the June 27th week end.

Miss Della Witschey has returned from a two-week visit with her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Frumm, in Jeannette, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. Verda Fankhouser of Pine Grove, near here, spent a two-week vacation with Mrs. Fankhouser's brother, Ralph Witschey, and family in Dallas, Texas.

E. W. Schupbach passed away on Sunday, June 13, after a month's illness. He leaves his widow, Emma Durig Schupbach; one daughter; three sons; two brothers and several grandchildren. Funeral services were held on June 16; interment followed.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Thomas of Niles, O., visited with relatives here over the July 4 week end, and attended the family reunion of the John Durig family.

The annual Witschey reunion will be held at the City Park here on Sunday, August 22, and is always looked forward to with much interest.

### AKRON, OHIO

Grace Schuckert

Florence Graf

The engagement of Sis. Becky Coombs to Bro. Verdon Feldman of Bremen was announced recently. Verdon is presently in the service—no wedding date has been set. We wish the young couple God's blessing, as they plan their future together.

A number of our Sunday School students and several teachers gathered with the Toledo Sunday School classes, in Toledo, recently. We wish to thank all those who made the day enjoyable. Surely much effort was put forth for the convenience of all—the Lord adds His blessing to such gatherings.

Our ministering brother, Ernest Graf, underwent surgery . . . He is now at his home convalescing—his progress continues satisfactorily. We are thankful the Lord has seen fit to restore our brother to moderate health—his presence has been sorely missed.

Esther Fritz was hospitalized briefly this month. We understand she is home. May the Lord grant her a speedy recovery.

Our congregation has been enriched with the visits of two ministering brothers this past month. Bro. Henry Wackerle of Bay City and Bro. Simon Wagenbach of Tremont left us with many worthwhile thoughts, which we would do well to apply to our lives. Perhaps the most useful admonition which we may daily use is, "Never be lulled into complacency by the thought, 'Once saved, always saved'". This is perhaps one of the easiest doctrines to accept in our busy times. We are taught, it takes daily sacrifice and vigilance to stay true until the end.

Steve Graf and Terry Hull were united in marriage by our elder brother, Rudolph Graf. Steve is the son of Bro. Ernest and Sis. Louise Graf. We wish the young people much happiness in their life together.

#### BAY CITY, MICHIGAN Marlene Mosher

This month, we have been blessed with many visitors. We enjoyed having Bro. Joel Souder of Leo and also Bro. Floyd Wieland of Detroit as our visiting ministers. It is so wonderful to be able to meet, visit with our old friends and also to meet and greet new friends. How very soon we become friends, because we have our blessed Lord and Saviour as a mutual friend and mediator.

Bro. James and Sis. Marlene Ramseyer had visitors from Switzerland this month, Alfred and Rosa Lantz. They are in this country visiting friends and relatives. Bro. Jim stayed with the Lantz family for about five weeks altogether,

when he was in service and went to Switzerland on leave. He says they were very nice people and showed him much love, and opened their home and hearts to him. He appreciated the hospitality so very much, being alone and so far from home. May we always be mindful of those who are alone.

#### FAIRBURY, ILLINOIS

##### Joyce Huber

We thank Elder Bro. Noah Bauman and Bro. Ben Hartzler of Rittman for their inspirational messages, as they spent a week end here when we greatly rejoiced to have provings and baptisms. Accepted in the fold were: Kenneth Steffen, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Steffen, and Mrs. Jake Peters, who all had very interesting testimonies. Kenneth was home on furlough.

We sympathize with Bro. Dick and Sis. Betty Wiegand, as the mothers of both of them passed away within a short time . . . also, for Sis. Emma Huette, whose sister, Sis. Ollie Metz, age 84, passed away at Peoria. The body was brought to Fairbury for burial.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Stoller have a new baby girl, Debra Ann. She has a sister, Jacqui Ann. Grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Orie Stoller and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Martin.

Daniel James was born to Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Honegger on July 1. Also welcoming home the new baby are Douglas, Sally, and Susie. Grandparents are Sis. Mary Traub and Bro. and Sis. Sam Honegger.

We welcome to our congregation Bro. John and Sis. Wilma Honegger, who moved to Fairbury.

Bros. Joe Getz, Silas Leuthold, and Henry Kilgus assisted Bro. Josh Broquard for communion services Thursday, June 24, which was a blessing to us.

Sis. Annie Sohn celebrated her 90th birthday, and her family, including her only great-grandchild, gathered together for it, which was also her son, Albert's birthday. Sis. Annie received many good wishes, for which she is grateful and wishes to thank everyone.

A 94th birthday will be had on July 26 by Sis. Mary Hannie, 205 E. Chestnut Street, Bloomington, Ill.

#### GIRARD, OHIO

##### Karen Stoll

"Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:

For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened." St. Matthew 7:7,8.

The Lord called our brother, Sam Schladen, to rest—on May 11. He was a member of the Girard congregation for 62 years. Among those who mourn his passing is Sis. Sadie Schladen, his wife, whose age is 92 years.

On June 15, Edward Habeger, son of Sis. Sedonna Habeger, passed away.

The ground-breaking ceremony, marking the beginning of our new sanctuary, was held on June 27. Many of those attending participated in turning a shovelful of earth. May the Lord bless our efforts, as we undertake this task with the support of many of you, our brethren and friends.

#### LESTER, IOWA Emelie M. Knobloch

On June 6, our congregation witnessed the marriage of Sis. Pauline Gerber, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Ted Gerber, and Bro. David Teubel, son of Bro. and Sis. John Teubel of Morton. Bro. Leo Moser performed the ceremony.

Mary Miller, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Noah Miller of Winthrop, and Arlan Kellenberger, son of Bro. and Sis. Henry Kellenberger, were married in the home of the bride's parents by Bro. Leo Moser, on June 20.

We now gather every first and third Sunday of the month at 7:30, for an hour of singing.

Bros. Silas Leuthold and Noah Schrock held services on June 4, enroute to Morris. Bro. Noah Schrock meditated on the true church, and not to be misled by evils of this world, in this day and time trying to lead loved ones astray. We hear in these days of the uniting of churches. Bro. Silas Leuthold held services on June 8. We want to thank them for the labors, and ask the Lord's blessing.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Feucht announced the engagement of their daughter, Judy, to Ed Martin, son of Bro. and Sis. Carl Martin of Elgin, Illinois. An August wedding is planned.

Sis. Edith Bick has been able to gather with us, since the weather is nicer. Even though it is hard for her to get around, she does enjoy being able to get out occasionally.

Bro. August Knobloch remains about the same.

Our Bible classes and their teachers hosted the annual Youth Fellowship of Morris, Winthrop, West Bend and Elgin (Ia.), gathered the week end of June 13. On Saturday evening, Bro. Art Gudeman spoke to the group of life's experience, to make eternity the goal in life, and strive therefore. A dinner was shared to all, by mothers of the children.

On Sunday, all attended morning church services. Bro. Ed Bahler was our guest minister; it seemed the services were devoted to the life and being of our youth. In the afternoon, Bible Class was held in the Sunday School, with church services in the assembly. Each church was to have questions to be answered by the teachers. Different teachers were called upon to show the reference in the Bible and explain their feelings. This was not only a teaching for our youth, but for us as teachers who were in attendance.

It really humbles us to realize what is the concern of the youth today. We know the congregation, as well as the youth, know how much planning and efforts are put forth by all to make it possible.

It was encouraging to see the interest of the youth. Bro. Art Gudeman said, "Let's realize the future life, where we plan to spend eternity. We are sure there may be one of these among us who will meet their Maker before we meet again next year."

With graduation this past month, may we congratulate all for their efforts and wish them all success. You who now stand on the threshold of the future, make your choice for the eternal reward, while God is still extending invitations and grace to all.

Russell Mogler had the misfortune of breaking his wrist. He has his cast removed and is doing well. Darryl and Dean Feucht, sons of Bro. and Sis. Carl Feucht, were hospitalized a few days. I, the reporter, wish to thank all who so kindly remembered me during my short hospital stay for toe surgery.

We witnessed a very blessed week end, June 27, when four souls gave very interesting and inspiring testimonies and were baptized on the following Sunday. They were Kenneth and Donna Moser and Eli and Alice Metzger. Bros.

Paul Banwart and Paul Fehr assisted Bro. Leo Moser. It is wonderful that souls still see a need for a Saviour, while there is time for preparation for His coming.

Bro. Robert Miller of Oregon spent July 2 with us. We certainly thank him for devoting his time to expound the gospel.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Metzger, a son, Kent Eugene, June 1; and to Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Warner, a daughter, Denise Renee, June 30.

### MAYWOOD, CALIFORNIA

#### Julie Dapper

... "And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith." Galatians 6:9,10

It is certainly a blessing to our little churches, here on the West Coast, when loved ones come from afar and worship with us. It certainly does remind us that we can go from the East Coast to the West Coast, and find that precious gift of love that binds our hearts together, as again in the past weeks we rejoiced with our visitors.

Our congregation was saddened when our dear friend, Herman Landvatter, passed away on June 12. It certainly does remind us how uncertain life is, and how certain death is. Our sympathy is extended to his wife, Sophie, his children and grandchildren. May God comfort them in their hours of sorrow.

Sis. Julia Dapper returned to the hospital and submitted to surgery on June 14. She is improving and has been able to return to her home at 5003 East 60th Place, Maywood, California. Sis. Nettie Locher is continuing to gain strength and is rejoicing with the visit of her daughter, Mrs. (Jack) Ruth Down, and family from Ridgewood, New Jersey. It is our prayer that the Lord will grant unto those who have become shut-ins extra strength and courage through their long hours of pain and infirmities of this mortal body. We look forward to the day, should it be the will of the Lord, when they can return to our assembly and worship with us.

After being absent from our congregation for approximately three months, Sis. Helen Gerber, who submitted to surgery in March, is

again able to assemble with us. Truly the Lord has heard our prayers, as He has again provided Sis. Helen the health and strength to be in our midst.

What a joy our small congregation received on July 4, when Bro. John Somerhalder, from Phoenix, visited our congregation. Bro. Somerhalder instructed us with many precious teachings, through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, to help us fight the fight of faith. We invite them to return and visit us again.

The following has been submitted by Sis. Nettie Locher: "To all who so faithfully remembered me, in illness, in prayer, letters and cards; those near and dear, do I wish to express my sincere thanks. . . . To the Maywood Bible Class, my special thanks for the beautiful flower bouquet."

### OAKVILLE, IOWA

#### Mrs. Ada Banwart Martha Steiner

We were privileged to have Bro. Herman Kellenberger, from Elgin, Illinois, with us on Sunday, June 13. We certainly enjoyed a blessed day. Bro. Kellenberger then went to the Burlington church Sunday evening.

The engagement was announced, on Sunday, June 20, of Sis. Evelyn Siegle, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Joe Siegle of this congregation, to Bro. Dale Massner, son of Bro. Adolph Massner of Burlington.

### ROCKVILLE, CONNECTICUT

#### Carlton J. Lanz

A daughter, Nancy Ann, was born to Bro. Emanuel and Sis. Verona Schneider May 18. They have three other children—Sandra 6, Heide 4, and Leonard 2.

A freak storm, centering mostly over Rockville, hit this area on Saturday, June 19, when it dumped hail, the size of marbles, on crops and gardens, leaving them shredded and the ground covered completely with ice. At the time, when these anomalies of nature are occurring, mankind takes time to realize how helpless he is against the forces of nature.

Death came quietly to Bro. Louis Heintz at the Rockville General Hospital, where he had been a patient for perhaps a couple of weeks. He was the last of his brothers and sisters, all having preceded him in death. Surviving are his two chil-

dren, Sis. Esther Heintz and Edwin Heintz of Ellington. Bro. John Bahler officiated at the services. Bro. Lewie was 82.

June is the month for graduations, and it seems to be only natural that we pause for a moment or so, to look back and reflect on some of the experiences we encountered in our past. Times have changed and are still changing, and it is thus that we look into the future, with a certain measure of apprehension as to what lies ahead for our present and future graduates. Time does not stand still. 400 years ago, **someone** said, "Like as the waves roll toward the pebbled shore, So do our minutes hasten to their end." Yet in one of our hymns we sing, "God with us! We need not fear!"

Parents and teachers arranged a lovely picnic for the Sunday School children. This was held on Saturday, June 26.

Bro. Robert Miller of Oregon spent a few days with us. This was their first visit to Rockville. On a visit here were Bros. Lorin Stoller and Simon Wagenbach, of Latty and Tremont, respectively. Their sermons were filled with sound teachings.

The week end of July 4 is one that many of us will not soon forget, for there were twelve dear converts who gave stirring testimonies of their experiences and were baptized. They related how God had brought them into conviction, and how He had led them through repentance, removing from their conscience any condemnation, only to exchange it for His wonderful peace. The elders were Bros. John Bahler, George Yergler and Sam Aeschliman. Many relatives of the converts and others from various places were present, swelling the attendance to a full house. Bros. John Bahler, George Yergler, Arthur Gudeman and Sam Aeschliman occupied our pulpit on Sunday, at three different services. I believe that I need say no more!

Supper was served in the church dining room on both Saturday and Sunday. We are indebted to our many sisters, brothers and friends who served so many people so well. May God reward them in His own way.

The newly-added members are: Sisters Joan Reutter, Judy Webb, Sharon Luginbuhl, Janet Goric, Joan Kloter, Marion Anderson and

Mary Luginbuhl; the brothers are Daryl Luginbuhl, Marvin Luginbuhl, Eric Kloter, Alfred Reutter and Keith Kloter.

#### BLUFFTON, INDIANA

Delutha Moser Carolyn Gerber  
Marriages

June 6, Friends Susie Schwartz and Russell Gerber were united in marriage. Parents of the couples are Bro. and Sis. Ralph Schwartz and Bro. and Sis. Ervin Gerber.

On June 13, the marriage of Sis. Jane Kaehr and Bro. Doyle Frauhofer was solemnized by Elder Aeschliman. Parents of the couple are Bro. and Sis. Frederick (Ted) Kaehr and Bro. and Sis. Earl Frauhofer.

On June 20, Friends Peggy Schaeffer and Herb Heyerly were united in marriage by Elder Aeschliman. Parents of the couple are Bro. and Sis. Oscar Schaeffer and Bro. and Sis. Lester Heyerly.

On June 27, Sis. Diane Gerber and Bro. Gary Tonner were united in marriage by Elder Aeschliman. Parents of the couple are Bro. and Sis. Lloyd Gerber and Bro. and Sis. Curtis Tonner.

God bless your love and make of it—a life of perfect harmony . . . a blessing to each other's hope . . . A joy of peace and unity.

#### Proving and Baptism

Ephesians 1:13-14

" . . . after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory."

On June 27, friend, Debbie Baumgartner, was added to the precious fold. Her parents are Bro. and Sis. Chester Baumgartner.

#### Deaths

On June 29, funeral services were officiated by Elder Aeschliman for Sis. Lydia (Edwin) Moser. She had been ill for two years. Surviving, in addition to the husband, are two sons, Glen of Bluffton, and Harold of Craigville; a daughter, Mrs. Daisy Schrank of Phoenix; four sisters, Mrs. Elizabeth Pulfer, Mrs. Joe (Sarah) Aeschliman, Misses Martha and Emma Kipfer.

On June 13, funeral services were held for little Robert Fiechter, age 4 years. Death was due to fatal injuries received while riding on a tractor and slipping off into the path of a rotary hoe. Surviving

are the parents, Bro. and Sis. Alvin Fiechters, a brother, a sister and the grandparents, Bro. and Sis. Joel Fiechter. Bro. Aeschliman officiated at the services.

#### Beating Me Home

Through the shady lane, ere the sun had set,  
We strolled together, my boy and I;  
Far above our heads, where the treetops met  
And the blue sky shone through a lacy net,  
The birds were singing a lullaby.

And my small boy chattered, as small boys can,  
Of all that he meant to do and be;  
How he'd grow and grow to be a great big man;  
(And the short arms stretched to their utmost span)  
And work his hardest, and all for me.

At the end of the lane he stayed his feet,  
With wistful eyes on the way that led  
From the sleepy calm of the village street  
To the city's noise and the city's heat.  
"Oh why do we never go there?" he said.

So I answered again the old demand,  
The road was dusty and hard and long,  
And I gathered closer the little hand,  
For I fain would keep him in childhood's land,  
Untouched by sorrow and pain and wrong.

Now his words are echoing o'er and o'er  
Through my saddened heart and the empty air:  
"Mother dear, I'm beating you home once more.  
I'll go ahead and open the door;  
Just follow me slow, and you'll find me there."

Oh the home he has reached is safe and sweet,  
And slow my walk through a long, long lane,  
As I follow the prints of his flying feet,  
And list' for his laughter my ears to greet,  
Follow and listen, and not in vain.

I have done forever with all my fears;  
No care shall sadden his joyous song,  
And his eyes shall never be dimmed by tears,  
For the child heart beats through the endless years  
Untouched by sorrow and pain and wrong.

And I know, though the silence hurts me sore  
And still to my longing his voice is dumb,  
He has only "beaten me home" once more;  
He has "gone ahead to open the door,"  
And he's waiting there for me to come.

#### REMINGTON, INDIANA Anna M. Waibel and sisters

Sis. Louise (Reuben) Scharlach fell and broke her arm. Ed Frey is home, after several weeks in the hospital. Linda Pittman, daughter of Bro. Odell Pittmans, had an operation on her arms. Barry Bahler, son of Bro. Edwin Bahlers, had an appendicitis operation. Another son, Eddie, fell out of a tree and broke his arm.

Bro. Phil Getz is able to assemble with us again, after being shut in for six months. He enjoyed his mail very much that he received through the Silver Lining readers. We all would be rewarded one way or another if we would remember the sick more often.

#### Heart Gifts

It's not the things that can be bought that are among life's richest treasures . . . Little "heart gifts" money cannot measure . . .

A cheerful smile, a friendly word, a sympathetic nod are priceless little treasures from the storehouse of our God . . .

They are the things that can't be bought with silver or with gold, For thoughtfulness and kindness and love are never sold . . . They are the priceless things in life for which no one can pay, And the giver finds rich recompense in giving them away.

My three sisters and I spent the 4th at Forrest and Fairbury where we visited Sis. Julia Frey, who was in the hospital eight days with a

heart ailment. Her eyesight is poor. She lived across the street from us for many years, and around here most of her life.

#### WOLCOTT, INDIANA Arles Kropf

Bro. Al Fisher visited us on June 27. Bro. Al brought us many good teachings from God's Word.

Lowell and Sis. Karla Bahler are the parents of a baby daughter, Patricia Kay, born June 30. A brother, Jeffrey, also welcomes her.

Several from our congregation were hospitalized during the past month, but are home again and improved. Sis. Viola Bahler and Irene Radcliffe were surgical patients, and Bro. Levi Kropf was a medical patient.

#### Thought Gems

God sometimes washes His children's eyes with tears so they can see more straight.

Not what we gain, but what we give, measures the worth of the life we live.

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

The Lord giveth—

Lois and Gerald Vogel are new parents of a baby daughter, born June 8. This is their first child. They have named her Sarah Marie.

And James Kent is the name my wife, Wilma, and I have chosen for our fourth son, who was born June 14. He has two sisters.

Bros. Vernon Leman, Eureka, and Emanuel Gudeman, Cissna Park, brought us excellent teachings the third Sunday in June. This was Fathers' Day, and we were reminded of a great forefather, Abraham. He was a pillar of strength and faith, but he, too, fell short of God's perfect will. How much these acts of disobedience added to Abraham's grief and to the grief of mankind, even unto today, cannot be fully understood. We are humbled to wait upon the Lord in all things, and pray that our own will does not interfere with His.

Many thanks to Bro. Henry Grimm and all our Morton visitors, the first Sunday in July. Bro. Henry's words were indeed necessary food for souls. After services, a splendid picnic dinner was served to all by the Morton people, who brought everything with them. Such Christian love shall long be remembered.

#### CONGERVILLE, ILLINOIS Lorna Schrock

On June 5, our congregation heard the testimony of Ruth Rinckenberger Lowery. Our elder, Bro. Frank Woertz, was in charge. Bro. Al Fisher of Chicago assisted with the baptism the following day. We rejoice with Sis. Ruth in her new-found happiness, and pray that many more will yield to the Saviour's call.

Vacation Bible School was held evenings for two weeks, from June 7 through June 18. The annual Sunday School picnic was held on June 27, at which time attendance awards were given. We are grateful to all the teachers and parents who helped teach our youngsters in this all important work.

Twin sons, Thomas and Timothy, were born to Bro. Allen and Sis. Carol Schrock on June 19. Thomas was born dead and Timothy died several hours later. Bro. Frederick Knapp was in charge of graveside services, held on June 21. Our sympathy is extended to the saddened parents: Bro. Alvin and Sis. Irene Schrock, and Bro. Art and Sis. Irene Legel of Roanoke. Allen and Carol have another son, 10-month-old Mark.

Bros. Ed Aeschliman of Union City and Bob Grimm of Goodfield were with us on Wednesday evening, July 7. We were truly blessed and encouraged in our spiritual walk of life.

Since returning home from Mayo Clinic, Sis. Carrie Wettstein has been able to attend church services one Sunday morning. It was a joy to have her with us again.

#### CROGHAN-NAUMBURG, N. Y. Mrs. Lawrence Farney— Mrs. David Schamback

Friends Alton and Geneva Virkler are parents of a son, Dale Joseph, born June 3. Alton is the son of Bro. Arthur and Sis. Pernal.

Earl and Erna Ebersol are parents of a son, Joseph Edward, born in Germany on May 30. His grandparents are Bro. Joseph and Sis. Florence Ebersol.

Sisters Mabel (Mrs. Leon) Ebersol and Dorothy Herzig have been spending some time in the hospital, after major surgery. Friends Evelyn (Mrs. Urban) Farney and Joyce Purvines have also been surgical patients.

Sis. Cora (Mrs. Jerome) Farney met with a painful accident when

she fell, carrying out overheated paraffin, which burst into flame. She suffered burns to the face, neck, arms and legs, and is spending some time in the hospital.

On the week end of June 27, we were again blessed when another soul was added to the family of God and to our fellowship. On Saturday evening, Eleanor Virkler, daughter of Bro. Clifton and Sis. Charlotte Virkler, gave her testimony, under the guidance of Elder John Bahler, and was baptized next day by Elder John Widrick, assisted by Bro. Bahler, in the Croghan church. Bro. Bahler again ministered to us in the evening in the Naumburg church. We have much to thank him for, in coming to us with his messages of comfort and admonition.

#### FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

Mrs. Albert E. Kipfer

Mrs. Lee E. Eisenmann

"Someday I will tell her; I WILL tell her!" These were the words of Bro. Edwin Bahler of Remington, as he ended his sermon to us on Sunday afternoon, July 4. He brought out the importance of us as parents and even grandparents of being a good example for our children, especially, and for all who have not found their SALVATION! This we should do in our deeds, words and acts. Of great importance is our NOT FORSAKING the assembly of God, and church attendance. He brought out the concern of his GRANDMOTHER that he was not converted when he left for service in 1945, and how that stayed with him during the time he was away, and then that it was accomplished after he returned home . . . But then it was too late to tell dear grandmother, for she could no longer understand. . . . But it is his heart's desire to tell her some day, and thus he ended his sermon with the above words. We thank Bro. Edwin for his visit, and pray the Lord may ever provide words for him to speak. . . . For he said, "It was the Lord's words and not mine!"

We are also thankful to Bro. Orville Ringger of Bluffton for his inspiring words on June 27, and welcome him back whenever the way is open.

Word has been received by her children of the safe arrival of Sis. Julia Simon with her loved ones in Romania.

Vacation Bible School was held from June 14 through June 18. On Sunday, June 20, a combined Bible School and Sunday School picnic was held at the Sweeney Park Pavilion, followed by a short program. This was enjoyed by all present.

The wedding of Max Lieberenz and Martha Ann McClure of Detroit was solemnized in Indianapolis, on Saturday, June 19. Max is the son of Floren and Sis. Edith Lieberenz of here. The young couple are making their home in Madison, Wisconsin. May the Lord richly bless their union.

Hospitalized this past month, but home again, were Eileen Rager Rosswurm, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Carl and Louise Rager, for a tonsillectomy, and Sis. Elizabeth Poe, for ten days as a medical patient at Lutheran Hospital.

It seems that during the summer months there are so many visiting here and there for one reason or another—vacations, reunions, and so forth.—But may we ever find the Heavenly Father with us wherever we are, and fully put our trust and faith in Him, knowing full well that **All is Naught** without the Lord.

#### FRANCESVILLE, INDIANA

Mrs. Herman (Chris) Wuethrich

Mrs. Edison Gutwein

Truly—Faith lives on!

Bro. Vernon Swab visited us, and in opening the services he said, how a pillar of our church, Bro. Philip Gutwein, has gone to his reward, but "faith lives on". Then later, our Bro. Elmer Bucher expressed that he never will forget the words Bro. Philip wrote in his guest book, when he visited him in the hospital years ago: "Think on heavenly things; it shortens the time".

Bro. David Bertsch filled us with spiritual food, which everyone enjoys. He had said that those of us who work with a group of people have some trying times, but said we must close our ears to some of the conversation and not take part. At his work one of his helpers, who participated in the conversation, took him alone and said, "Stay just as you are". May God give us all strength to **let our light shine**.

Sis. Mary Wuethrich had to again be in the hospital for treatment, but she is so thankful she could come home. She is confined

to her bed and chair, walking to the table with her walker, and sometimes is in her wheel chair. She can eat with her devoted daughter, Minerva, and others who help care for her.

God has increased our church attendance with five precious babies.

The grandparents, Bro. and Sis. Carl Gutwein have twin granddaughters, Tina and Gina, born to their daughter, the James Dentons.

Edward and Sis. Louise (Gudeman) Onken are happy with their granddaughter Yvette.

Charles and Sis. Hazel Vibbert have a daughter.

Bro. and Sis. Sidney Lemans' treasure is a son, Curtis.

Emil and Mary Gutwein have another grandson.

In closing—when we pray to God to help us, let us also pray and ask Him what we can do to help Him.

#### LAMONT, KANSAS

Mrs. Bernie Emch Glenn Anliker

Our shepherd, Bro. Samuel Anliker, is in the hospital at this writing for observation and treatment, and will be dismissed within a week.

Mary Storrer has gained some strength. She has been in the hospital seven weeks now, and isn't well enough to be dismissed yet.

#### MANSFIELD, OHIO

Aaron A. Sauder

"For the kingdom of heaven is like unto a . . . householder, which went out early in the morning to hire labourers into his vineyard . . . and he went out about the third hour . . . Again he went out about the sixth and ninth hour . . . And about the eleventh hour he went out, and found others . . ." St. Matthew 20.

Robert Morrison was in poor health for a long period of time, and at the "eleventh hour" he hearkened to the Saviour's call, repenting and receiving peace with God. On June 16, Elder Bro. Rudolph Graf baptized this new convert, and on June 26, Bro. Bob went to receive his hire. "So the last shall be first . . ." May the family find comfort in the words of the psalmist, which Bro. Graf used for his text at the funeral, "Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints." Psalm 116:15. We extend our love and sympathy to his wife, Sis. Catherine Fuhrer

Morrison, his four daughters, two sons, and grandchildren.

Congratulations to Keith and Sis. Mary Kemper on the birth of a son, Kent, June 3. The Kempers are also the parents of another son, Keith.

The Dotterer family has asked to use the Silver Lining as a means to express their thanks to their many friends and neighbors, for their love and kindness during the illness and death of their sister, Mary Keitel.

O for a thousand tongues to sing  
My great Redeemer's praise,  
The glories of my God and King,  
The triumphs of His grace.

The Vesper Choir began their program on June 6 with these words of praise. All were invited to gather at the Liberty Park pavilion for general singing, preceding the hymns sung by the choir. Warm fellowship was shared with our out-of-town visitors, as we enjoyed a pot-luck supper together, at the close of the afternoon.

#### MILFORD INDIANA Marguerite Hoerr

Our Milford correspondents, Bro. and Sis. Paul and Kathy Haab, and their son, Greg, have left us to make Quincy, Illinois, their home. Paul will be working for the Metropolitan Insurance Co. We, as a congregation, wish them God's blessings in their new home.

Sis. Rebecca Doll underwent major surgery this month. She is recovering nicely and is able to be home again with her husband, Bro. Arnold, and three sons, Dan, Dave and Dick.

Sis. Alice Beer also submitted to major surgery recently. She, too, is making satisfactory progress, and was welcomed home by Bro. Henry and her sons, Lowell and Max.

Heather Mary, youngest daughter of Bro. and Sis. Phil and Millie Beer, was hospitalized with a skull fracture, as a result of a fall in her home. She was released after a short stay and is doing fine.

Still in the Elkhart Hospital is Bro. Mike Zimmerman. Mike is undergoing tests, and we join in prayer with his wife, Sis. Madeline, and his family for his speedy recovery.

Rod Alan Rekhemmer and Angela Leona Troup are two names added to the cradle roll in our church

nursery. Rod Alan was welcomed by his sister and brother, Jackie and Stanley, and is the son of Bro. and Sis. Jack and Rosemary Rekhemmer. Angela is the first child of Bill and Sister Ann Troup.

We were happy to have guest ministers in this past month. Bro. Wendell Gudeman, Francesville; Bro. John Bollier, Leo; Bro. Robert Beer from Mansfield. These brothers' visits were welcomed and very much appreciated by our Milford congregation.

On Sunday evening, June 13, the brothers in charge of the Heifer Project showed us the slides of the dedication, journey, and reception in Haiti of these animals that will bring needed milk to the hungry children at the Albert Schweitzer Hospital. The trip was blessed. The brothers who accompanied the animals were touched by the great need of the Haitian people.

Bro. and Sis. Alan and Dorothy Beer and their two children, Michael and Betsy, are moving from their home of two years in Tuba City, Arizona, to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Alan has been discharged from service and will begin his residency at a Philadelphia hospital. They stopped enroute, for short visits with their parents, Bro. and Sis. Emanuel and Ida Gudeman in Cissna Park and Bro. and Sis. Theo. and Naoma Beer, here in Milford.

#### MORTON, ILLINOIS Rose Getz

Sis. Hazel Schrock Ferguson, who was badly injured in a car wreck, is convalescing at home, but still in great pain.

Funeral services were held June 15 for Larry Martin, 19, who was killed in a car accident. He was the son of Bro. Robert and Sis. Dorothy Roecker Martin. His brother, Michael, flew home from Germany—where he is stationed in the Army, for the services.

Funeral services for Sis. Nancy Miller, 88, were held June 21. She was the last surviving member of her family, a daughter of Daniel and Katherine Yentes Miller. Bro. J. A. Getz officiated.

Sis. Barbara Hauter, 70, was finally called to rest, after many years of illness. Her funeral was held June 24. She was the daughter of Bro. Ben and Sis. Louisa Voepel Hauter. She is survived by her mother, five brothers and four

sisters. Bro. Arthur Gudeman of LaCrosse officiated.

Bro. Leroy Huber of Eureka and Bro. Silas Leuthold of Princeville assisted Bro. Getz with the baptism of Chris and Ida Lou Koehl, Herman and Maxine Schick Schmidt, Chris and Emma Dale Baer, and Carl and Rose Vierling. Other visiting ministers were Bro. Walter Koehl of Fairbury; Bro. Andrew Koehl, Forrest; Bro. Harvey Grimm of Sabetha; and Bro. Dan Koch of Tremont.

Sis. Eileen Baum, daughter of the Otto Baums, and Bro. Howard Maurer, son of the Alf Maurers of Fairbury, were married June 13. Bro. J. A. Getz officiated.

Sons were born this month to Bro. Donald and Sis. Sharlene Frintz, Bro. Chris and Sis. Ida Lou Koehl, and Larry and Bonnie Heiniger.

Vacation Bible School was held June 7 to 18 for all grades, including the Bible Class. Average attendance was 256. The last night, the classes presented a program, for their parents.

Bro. Wm. Witzig of Altadena taught the Bible Class July 4.

Announcement was made of the coming marriage of Sis. Gill Geiger, daughter of the Willis Geigers, and Bro. Michael Kaufman, son of the Ben Kaufmans.

Announcement was also made of the engagement of Sis. Patty Fite, daughter of Sis. Edna and the late Harold Fite, and Bro. Larry Bertsch, son of the Rudolph Bertschis.

Michael Carius, son of Geraldine Rapp Carius and the late Dr. Carius, is among 12 Illinois High School graduates who have been chosen to enter Trinity College at Hartford, Connecticut.

#### PULASKI, IOWA Mrs. Ray Martin

Our visiting minister this month was Bro. Robert Miller of the Portland congregation. We were richly blessed by his sermon. He so reminded us that the day of grace will soon come to an end, and we can look around and see all the things that are coming to pass, such as floods, earthquakes, etc.

He mentioned that the Lord saith that "every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God." So why not do it in this day and time, instead of waiting until it's too late.

Haste and seek your soul's  
salvation;  
Heed the word of God today!  
Haste to flee His condemnation;  
Seek the straight and narrow way.  
Evil are the worldly pleasures,  
Leading to eternal fire;  
Seek the everlasting treasure,  
Ere the day of grace expire.

Heavenward then take your jour-  
ney;  
Let your course in faith be trod.  
Face the crafty adversary  
Boldly as a man of God.  
Go with courage to the conflict  
As the sanctified to be,  
And retaining still your treasure,  
Win a crown of victory.

**SABETHA, KANSAS**  
**Mrs. Theodore Locher**  
**Leona Aeschliman**

Bros. Jake Pfister, Fort Scott;  
Robert Miller, Portland; and  
Wayne Gerber, Lester, visited our  
congregation. We thank them for  
inspiring messages.

Mr. and Mrs. Merlin Strahm of  
Wichita have adopted a young son,  
Brian Lee. Bro. Paul and Sis. Helen  
Strahm are the grandparents.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Wenger  
have adopted an eight-year-old son,  
James Edward. Carol, Rodney and  
Jeanne are other members of the  
family. The grandparents are Bro.  
Sol and Sis. Lydia Wenger, Aaron  
and Hulda Moser.

A house-warming was held at the  
home of Sisters Marie and Joyce,  
Randy and Ricky Kellenberger. A  
pleasant evening was spent, sing-  
ing hymns of praise to God. May  
they be blessed in their new home.

Bro. Harvey and Sis. Arleta  
Wenger are parents of a new  
daughter, Lane June, born June 14.  
The grandparents are Bro. Will and  
Sis. Lena Wenger and Mrs. Mary  
Aberle.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Steiner of  
Wichita announce the birth of a  
son, James Robert, June 9. They  
have another son, Richard. Bro.  
Joe Sr. and Sis. Clara Steiner are  
the paternal grandparents.

**THIS DO IN REMEMBRANCE**  
**OF ME.** Communion services were  
held June 27, with Bro. Sam Anliker  
being with us for this impressive  
service.

The teachers and the children of  
our Sunday School are having a va-  
cation, during the months of July  
and August.

**BREMEN, INDIANA**  
**Mrs. Earl Zeltwanger**

The engagement of Bro. Verdon  
Feldman to Sis. Becky Coombs was  
announced recently. Verdon is sta-  
tioned in Virginia with the Army.  
We wish them the Lord's rich  
blessings in their future life to-  
gether.

We just finished our two weeks  
of Vacation Bible School, with  
morning classes for the young chil-  
dren and evening classes for the  
older ones. I am sure that everyone  
that took part in this worthy cause  
received a blessing. We should con-  
sider ourselves a fortunate people  
to have freedom of religion, in a  
world where many are under op-  
pression, and should strive dili-  
gently to teach our children, so  
they may be able to "Stand up for  
Jesus" in these trying times.

"Train up a child in the way he  
should go: and when he is old, he  
will not depart from it." Proverbs  
22:6.

Our annual church picnic was  
held recently. A blessed time was  
had by all. We need these times of  
fellowship to encourage one anoth-  
er.

**CISSNA PARK, ILLINOIS**  
**Mary Young Margaret Rudin**

On June 12, we heard the testi-  
monies of Joyce and Vera Hodel,  
Rose and Vernon Martin, Dale Fel-  
ler and Fred Maul. They were bap-  
tized on Sunday. Assisting the  
home elders were Bros. George  
Yergler and George Gramm. How  
thankful we are God is still calling  
sinners to repentance. We are hap-  
py we have two more dear souls  
announced for proving. They are  
Ralph Bauer, son of Bro. and Sis.  
Elmer Bauer, and James Rinken-  
berger, son of Bro. and Sis. Joe  
Rinkenberger.

Hospitalized the past month  
were Sis. Ruth Wagler and Bro.  
Glen Banwart. They are both im-  
proved.

Our aged sister Mary Baumgart-  
ner had to be taken to the resident  
home at Watseka, as Sis. Anna is  
not able to care for her anymore.  
May God be with our sick and aged  
ones.

A son was born to Bro. and Sis.  
Richard Ehman on June 13. He was  
named Ronald Adam; he has three  
sisters to welcome him.

Our visiting ministers were Bros.  
Ben Hartzler, Noah Bauman, Bob  
Grimm, Norman Stoller, Don Sau-

der and Ed Aschliman. We thank  
these brothers. It is indeed uplift-  
ing to meet and greet from far and  
near.

Bro. Calvin Kaufman showed  
slides at the high school, from his  
recent trip to foreign countries. It  
was very interesting to see the land  
where our Saviour was born, where  
he walked, and was crucified.

Our church has taken on a nice  
fresh look, since we had the whole  
interior redecorated.

We pray for God's blessings in  
the future.

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

Good thoughts are beautiful  
flowers, promoting good deeds and  
making others happy, thereby en-  
riching our lives and bringing us  
happiness.

Bro. Harry Sutter has received  
word of the death of his brother,  
Fred, of Peoria. Another one of his  
brothers passed away in July of  
last year. Our sympathy goes out  
to Bro. Harry and his family.

We shall miss Bro. and Sis. Don  
Zeltwanger and their children,  
Stephanie and Philip, who returned  
to Bremen, after spending the last  
six months here in Ft. Lauderdale.  
Bro. Don assisted in teaching Sun-  
day School while he was here.

Bro. Edward Gerber is recover-  
ed, after undergoing surgery this  
month.

**GOODFIELD, ILLINOIS**  
**Marian Wiegand Edith Tanner**

Roy and Sis. Corine Roth are the  
parents of a daughter, Krista Kyn,  
born June 9. She is welcomed by  
three sisters.

Patricia Grimm, daughter of  
Bro. Bob and Sis. Elna Grimm, is  
recuperating — following a tonsil-  
lectomy.

The Tremont and Peoria Bible  
classes were Sunday guests of the  
Goodfield Bible class. As we look  
at these young people, we visualize  
our future church.

Our parking area around the  
church has been covered with as-  
phalt, an improvement which is ap-  
preciated, especially in adverse  
weather.

Bros. Daniel Wiegand and Sam  
Hohulin were elected Sunday  
School teachers, to replace Bros.  
Wm. Hohulin and Jerry Steffen,  
whose terms have expired. Sis. Lu

Ann Knapp will replace Sis. Mary Jane Knapp.

Bro. and Mrs. Joe Landes of Donnellson, Iowa, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Bro. Joe is past 84 years old. He was baptized January 1. We wish them God's rich blessings in the days to come.

What can we benefit from prayer? . . . "God will grant His undeserved gift—grace, to those who seek it in humbleness and sincerity" were words spoken by Bro. Vernon Leman of Eureka, while ministering to our congregation.

Bro. Fred Marti of Lamar advised that we join the hymn writer in this prayer:

Nearer, still nearer,  
Close to Thy heart,  
Draw me my Saviour;  
How precious Thou art.

The closer we walk with God, the fewer will be our regrets in our dying hours.

When Bro. David Bertsch of Leo opened the scriptures, read, and meditated on the 24th chapter of St. Matthew for Wednesday evening services, a feeling of awe and wonder fell upon the congregation. Please, reader, open your Bible and ponder over those words.

#### LA CROSSE, INDIANA Martha Rinkenberger

We have had a number of visitors, and we enjoy worshipping with them. Our visiting ministers were Bro. David Kieser of Princeville, Bros. Joe and Merle Kaisner of Forrest, and Bro. Ed Alt of Cissna Park.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Heinold have a new baby boy, Nicholas Aaron. They now have a boy and two girls. Melvin is the son of Bro. and Sis. Aaron Heinold.

Marvin Heinold, son of Bro. and Sis. Aaron Heinold, was married to Martha Turner of LaPorte, Ind. May God add his blessing.

Sis. Bertha Heiniger (Henry's wife) was in the hospital, but is home and getting along pretty well. Anna Miller had surgery, but is home again. We wish them a speedy recovery. May God be with them.

#### LAMAR, MISSOURI Marie Marti

"Footsteps of Jesus, that make the pathway glow,

We will follow the steps of Jesus where 'ere they go."

These are words from the precious hymn, "Footsteps of Jesus", which Bro. Bob Miller recalled that he had learned here in Lamar church 20 years ago, when he came up to spend Sundays with us. Yes, he was young in faith then. Down through the years, these hymns and teachings have become beacons from God, proving the eternal value of singing hymns thoughtfully and of following in the pathway of Jesus, that truly glows for all those who stay near, watch closely, and do not wander away. Now Bro. Miller is expounding the inspired word of God to others, and in a recent visit told us of the great importance of a firm foundation. We thank God there are brothers who will travel many miles to visit and to bring such fine messages to us.

Sis. Hilda Stefan is home again and improving, after spending several days in the Research Hospital in Kansas City, where she submitted to surgery. While she was there, her son, William, spent some time in the Memorial Hospital, for medical attention. He is also at home and feeling better.

Life has deep rich values, beginning with courage and a strong faith in God.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Riggenbach have recently moved to Mineral, Ill., and attend the Bradford Church. We were sorry to see them leave, but wish them God's blessings in their new location.

Sisters Irma Stoller and Janet Williamson were in the hospital this past month.

Douglas and Brenda Stoller are the parents of a son, Douglas Jr. Bro. Eugene and Sis. Minerva are the grandparents.

Bro. Ed Hohulin of Goodfield ministered unto us recently. We are reminded of his words—Let us not wait until tomorrow. Do not Delay . . . For tomorrow never comes. We have to think of this in the face of the tragedy that has occurred here.

Bro. Gary Eisenman fell from a silo a week ago. He was critically injured, and never regained con-

sciousness. We heard this noon that he has gone to his rest. What if he had not answered the call of the Lord—What if he had put off until tomorrow? It would now be forever too late. It could have been any of us. Would we have been ready? We wonder why such things happen, but surely God has a purpose and plan in all things, and sometime we'll understand. Our hearts and prayers are with those who remain behind, especially his wife, Rosemary, and his little daughter and son. May God ever be with them.

#### MORRIS, MINNESOTA Mrs. Kenneth Zeltwanger Norene Koehl

Bro. and Sis. Raymond Luthi are the parents of their fourth son, Troy Jacob, born June 24. They also have two daughters.

Guy Koehl, son of Bro. and Sis. Eddie Koehl, was hospitalized at Rochester for surgery on his nose. He is home now, recovering nicely.

We have enjoyed the fellowship of the visitors who have spent Sundays with us. We wish to thank visiting ministers, Gene Marti, Cleo Rinkenberger, and Sam Huber, for the messages from God's word.

We were reminded of the privilege we have in coming to the Lord in prayer.

How sweet the privilege of prayer  
When we our cares and sorrows  
share  
With him who understands.  
Our Father's house has large sup-  
plies;  
He owns and rules the earth and  
skies,  
And bounteous are His hands.

'Tis not command nor mere decree  
That makes men come on bended  
knee  
To seek his holy face.  
When'er the soul's deep needs  
arise,  
In fears and trials it relies  
On his sustaining grace.

As friends to friend will oft  
confide,  
In prayer we seek the Saviour's  
side,  
And tell him all our grief.  
If we but ask He'll lend his aid;  
When on His altar prayers are laid,  
He'll send the soul relief.

**PORTLAND, OREGON****Mrs. Edward Unsicker****Mrs. Glenn Hackenjos**

Silverton church has suffered a great loss, in the death of our dear sister, Mary Mathys. The Light that shone in Mary's life was Jesus, the Light of the world. . . . And in her home-going we were reminded of the glorious future awaiting all who love God! Bro. Carl Kinsinger of Altadena lovingly shared our sorrow, by ministering at Mary's funeral. We were again richly blessed, when Bro. Carl stayed for services the following day at Portland. "Our goal," he urged, "isn't wealth, prominence here, nor even comfort, but **Eternal Life**. Our Lord and Saviour didn't seek comfort, but only to do the Father's Will—so may we attain this true goal—**Eternal Life**."

Our Daily Vacation Bible School in Portland was a rewarding experience in sharing the joys of the Lord. The ten teachers are humbly thankful to God for allotting them and the children a greater knowledge of His wondrous love.

Thanks be to the dear Lord Jesus, in whose blood we have the forgiveness of sin (Ephesians 1:7), our dear friend, Henry (Red) Bartel, confesses having found this blessed forgiveness. Red has recently been ill for several weeks.

Bro. Larry Lombardo remains in serious condition, after surgery at Madigan Hospital at Tacoma. We can only know that God's way is the best way, and that which He allows will help form His perfect plan for His own. We can anew thank Him that "My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. . . ." (II Corinthians 12:9).

The Portland congregation is thankful that the Lord has made it possible for us to obtain our new pews. The old pews are now being used in our Sunday School.

**ROANOKE, ILLINOIS****Irene Legel**

So many were asking why there was no news last month. At that time my husband, Bro. Art, was in the Urbana Hospital for surgery. He is up and out again, getting along fine.

Bro. Fred and Sis. Anna Herbst observed their Golden Wedding anniversary June 20. In 1915 Bro. Fred and Sis. Anna (Hodel) were married in the Roanoke church by

Bro. Mike Mangold. They have one daughter, Sis. Norene, a dental assistant, at home.

Bro. Gaylord Blunier and family are spending the summer in Orrick, Missouri, where he is operating the Prairie Dehydrating plant.

Bro. Gerald and Sis. Marjorie Fisher are parents of a daughter, Cheryl Ann, born June 24. She has one sister, LaVonne—8, and three brothers, Lynn—10, Keith—9, and Kevin—5. Grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Sam Fisher of here and Sis. Alice Stoller of Latty.

Bro. Richard and Sis. Mardell Bowald are parents of a daughter, Lora Lea, born June 27. She has four sisters, Donna—18, Marjorie—16, Peggy—11 and Beverly—3. Grandmothers are Sis. Marie Blunier and Sis. Emma Bowald, both of here.

Sis. Beverly (Everett) Hari suffered a severe cut in her foot, while starting the lawn mower. It is a warning to all of us who use the rotary type of lawn mowers, to be very careful, as they are dangerous.

Sis. Bina Bertsch, who suffered from a stroke in April, is still in the hospital, slowly recuperating.

We were very happy to hear the interesting and inspiring messages of Bro. Robert Miller of Portland and Bro. Ed Aeschleman of Wilmington, Delaware. They reminded us of the one and most important message, to prepare ourselves for the never-ending eternity, and the importance of prayer, wherever we are and whatever we're doing.

Bro. Eli and Sis. Luella Leman have moved from their home here to a trailer in El Paso, due to her health. We will miss them, but hope to see them often. May our dear Lord be with them.

Bro. Dave Belsley, who has suffered from a stroke on one side, was slowly improving until he had another slight stroke. We wish him the Lord's blessings.

A daughter, Marilyn Kay, their first child, was born July 4 to Roger and Elaine Hodel. Grandparents are Bro. Ervin and Sis. Alice Kempf of Eureka and Bro. Ralph and Sis. Thelma Hodel of here.

Melvin Blunier, son of Bro. Harold and Sis. Emma Blunier, and Sheilah Mattox were married June 12. They are at home in Roanoke.

We are sorry to hear Sis. Martha Mangold broke her ankle, while visiting her family in Rockville.

Bro. Clarence and her family are with her also.

Little deeds of kindness, little words of love, Help to make earth happy like the heaven above.

**TAYLOR MISSOURI****Mrs. Eli Sutter Mrs. Bill Heimer**

The annual Sunday School picnic was held on June 27, and was enjoyed by everyone. We also enjoyed the special songs the children presented.

Visiting ministers the past month were Bros. Ezra Feller, Cissna Park, Albert Wuthrich, Pulaski, and Robert Miller, Portland. We were blessed by their message and visits. This was the first visit to our congregation by Bro. Robert.

Bro. Fred Grimm is slowly improving from his brain surgery. He was able to assemble with us a half day on July 4. Bro. Will Butikofer is also able to assemble with us again. We are thankful that the Lord is blessing them with returning health. Bro. Fred appreciates the love and encouragement shown him, and wishes to thank everyone who remembered him in their prayers, and for all the cards, letters, gifts and visits which he received while in the hospital and since returning home.

We are glad to have two new families added to our small congregation, Bro. Dick and Cleo Gerst and their children from Oakville and Bro. Paul and Sis. Kathy Haab and Greg from Milford. Bros. Dick and Paul both have employment at Quincy, Ill. Sis. Kathy is the daughter of Bro. Fred and Sis. Louise Grimm.

Many of the Rassi Families were visiting in the Rudy Haerr home for the week end and remained for a family gathering on July 4.

**TREMONT, ILLINOIS****Esther Schmid**

The two-week period of Vacation Bible School was well attended, with 120 pupils enrolled. May all who took part be blessed for instructing and teaching the dear little children the true word and love of God, that in due time the seeds sown in tender hearts may bring the required fruits.

Bro. Emil Aberle had the misfortune of painfully injuring his leg, when caught between the wheel and fender of the tractor. He was hospitalized, and surgery was required. He is now home. We hope

he will soon be able to assemble with us.

We extend our sympathy to Bro. Gene and Sis. Annie Koch. Sis. Annie's mother passed away recently in Peoria.

We thank our visiting ministers, who bring God's inspired word to strengthen and uplift us. This month, Bro. Philip Sauder, Cissna Park, and Bro. Joe A. Getz, Morton, were in our midst.

On July 4, one more precious soul, Silas Koch, gave his testimony of true repentance and conversion, leaving old things he once loved to follow in the path of our dear Saviour. He was baptized by our elder, Joe A. Getz, and is now a brother in faith. We welcome him. This solemn and holy act and laying on of hands, sealed with the Holy Spirit, whose guidance he needs and will cherish, also renews our experience to closer unity among our brethren.

#### VALPARAISO, INDIANA Mil Bucher

Mrs. Andrew (Lena) Heiniger went home to be with the Lord on the morning of June 2. The Cross she bore in life will be exchanged for her Crown in Glory.

She was the mother of this reporter. Her death came after a month of illness, at the age of 83 years. Her children, relatives, friends, and neighbors miss her, but what a consolation to know her suffering is over, and she is enjoying the blessed promise, **Where I am, there will ye be also.**

Sis. Lena was born October 20, 1881, in Roanoke. She was the daughter of Fred and Emma (Stortz) Heinold. She was married September 4, 1904, to Andrew Heiniger, at Cissna Park, who preceded her in death in 1957. The family moved to Kouts, Ind., in 1915, and from Kouts to Valparaiso in 1943.

Mrs. Heiniger was a member of the Apostolic Christian Church of Valparaiso. She was a charter member of the church established here three years ago, and a member of the Women's Fellowship Guild. Mr. and Mrs. Heiniger were also charter members of the church at LaCrosse when it was established.

She is survived by three sons and six daughters: Mrs. Emma Pfeifer, Knox, Ind.; Miss Clara Heiniger, Hillsboro; Dan, Kanka-

kee, Ill.; Art, Morton; Mrs. Matilda Bucher, Valparaiso; Miss Alice Heiniger, Phoenix; Mrs. Esther Bucher, Valparaiso; Walter, Kouts; and Mrs. Madelyn Hofferth, Lancaster, Pa. She is also survived by two brothers and two sisters: Joe Heinold, Phoenix, John Heinold, Valparaiso; Mrs. Lucy Adams, Gary, Ind., and Mrs. Kate Enz, Cissna Park.

She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, three brothers, two sisters, and one grandchild. She died at Porter Memorial Hospital in Valparaiso.

#### Safely Home

I am home in Heaven, dear ones.  
All's so happy; all's so bright!  
There is perfect joy and beauty  
In this everlasting light.

All the pain and grief is over,  
Every restless tossing passed;  
I am now at peace forever,  
Safely home in Heaven at last.

Did you wonder why I so calmly  
Trod the Valley of the Shade?  
Oh, but Jesus' love illumined  
Every dark and fearful glade.

And He came Himself to meet me  
In that way so hard to tread,  
And with Jesus' arm to lean on,  
Could I have one doubt or dread?

Then you must not grieve so  
sorely,  
For I love you dearly still—  
Try to look beyond earth's  
shadows;  
Pray to trust our Father's will.

There is work still waiting for you,  
So you must not idle stand;  
Do your work while life remaineth.  
You shall rest in Jesus' land.

When your work is all completed,  
He will gently call you home.  
Oh the rapture of the meeting!  
Oh the joy to see you come!

The Valparaiso Women's Fellowship Guild has been busy working on aprons for the nursery class, and scrapbooks for children who are ill, as well as elderly people in the community. At the Porter County Home, the ladies' group presented a scrapbook; a luncheon served. The evening was enjoyed by all present.

Sunday School attendance has been faithful, in spite of vacations. For this, we thank the Lord.

Among the graduates this year are the following: Jeanie Morris, daughter of Alma and Clarence Morris, from Valparaiso University; Dillar Ames Jr., son of Mildred and Dillar Ames, from Washington Township High School; Pam Bucher, daughter of Evelyn and Lowell Bucher, from Valparaiso High School; Byron Frieden, son of Aldene and Roy Frieden, from Wheatfield High School.

At a business meeting early this year, new reporters were voted upon, Mrs. Wm. (Nettie) Jacob and Mrs. Harry (Lena) Bucher, assistant.

#### JUNCTION, OHIO Mrs. Alvin H. Manz

We are exceedingly happy to announce that one of our older friends has found peace with God, after repentance. We have long prayed for her, and rejoice with her; she is Lydia Rehkla. The date for her testimony and baptism has not yet been set. Sisters Priscilla and Naomi Rehkla are not too good in health at this time.

Bro. Loren Stoller of our neighboring church, Latty, ministered to us. Reading from NUMBERS, he spoke of the trials of the children of Israel, then turning to John 15:1-14, showed us three points of nurturing and strengthening our "vine", lest the husbandman cut us off. They were: Daily reading of the Bible, church attendance on Sundays and at any other opportunity during the week, and by associating with the right kind of people. We must be wary, for as Bro. Loren said, "How sad it would be to go through life, bearing the heat and the burden of the day, and at the end, to falter and lose our reward."

Bro. Richard Schlatter was a surgical patient in the Defiance County Hospital. He is home, however, and back in church again.

Our ailing minister, Bro. Andrew Dotterer, was rushed to the hospital soon after midnight, July 1. He had suffered a heart attack. He passed away Tuesday afternoon. Bro. Andrew had been a shut-in for several years, but had enjoyed the services just the Sunday before, from the car.

He was born in Paulding Co., July 5, 1890, and passed away July

6 reaching the age of 75 years. Surviving are his wife, Leona, three daughters, Mrs. Richard Schlatter, Rt. 1, Paulding, Ohio; Mrs. Ben Schlatter, Rt. 5, Defiance, Ohio, and Mrs. Eugene Fetter, Toledo; and two sons, John A. of Sterling, Ohio, and Henry of Rittman. He was a member of the Apostolic Christian Church for fifty-six years.

#### ELGIN, IOWA

##### Mrs. George Butikofer

The Ira Farney family were week-end visitors from Eureka. 'Twas indeed nice to see them. Elgin, Ia., had been their home for eight years, before returning to their native state of Illinois. Both Mr. and Mrs. Farney repented while residing in this area.

We are sorry to reveal that Bro. Werner Moore is in the hospital with an infection. We hope his illness will be of short duration.

There is naught that can compare to the glories of a contact with the Prince of Peace through prayer.

#### PHOENIX, ARIZONA

##### Charlene Somerhalder, Substituting for Eileen Yackley

Christine Schupbach, daughter of Bro. Richard and Sis. Barbara Schupbach, has made known her engagement to Robert Baum, son of Bro. and Sis. Otto Baum of Morton. She is in nurses' training at Bloomington, Illinois, and has spent a week with her parents in Phoenix over the 4th of July.

Monthly services at the Tucson YMCA have been discontinued for the months of July and August. They will be resumed the second Sunday of September, and will be held each month thereafter on the second Sunday of the month.

Bro. Noah and Sis. Laurie Herman, Tremont, plan to make their home in Tucson, moving August 16.

Sis. Ann Rieger is recovering nicely, after surgery recently.

Bro. Irvin and Sis. Ione Rokey and Jan and Terry Klaus have recently purchased homes in Mesa. Their addresses are: Irvin Rokey, 1246 North 24th St., Mesa, Arizona; Terry Klaus, 1230 North 24th St., Mesa, Arizona.

#### WICHITA, KANSAS

##### Mrs. Larry Farney Mrs. Harvey Smith

Don Lambert, son of Bro. George and Sis. Elsie Lambert, was unit-

ed in marriage with Teri Ann Hoover, Wichita, on June 19. Don and Teri are living in Kansas City, where Don is studying to be a dentist. We certainly wish God's blessing on their marriage.

A church picnic was held, and everyone attending was caught in a sudden downpour of rain. After everyone got a chance to change into dry clothing, there was a singing at Bro. Al Langhofers.

Sis. Karrole Pomodoro was in the hospital this month, to have some teeth removed. However she is in church again.

Patti and Benny Bowers, daughter and son of Bro. Milton and Sis. Lillian Bowers, were in an automobile accident on July 4. Patti received a broken collarbone, bruises and abrasions. Benny received a rope-burn type injury to his neck, and other bruises. We are thankful that the Lord watched over them, so that their injuries were not more serious.

This month we observed Father's Day. If only we will make every day our Heavenly Father's Day, how many more blessings we will receive.

#### LEO, INDIANA

##### Mrs. Elias Souder

The children attending Bible School gave a nice program of Bible verses and songs they had learned, on Sunday evening, June 27. There was a Bible Study Class for young people and adults in the evenings. Bros. Henry Beer and Elmer Hartter from Milford, Ben Schlatter from Junction, Norman Stoller from Ft. Wayne, Wendell Gudeman from Francesville, Carl Kipfer and Sam Aeschliman, from Bluffton, were visiting ministers who taught the class.

The adult Sunday School class is planning on going to Elgin, Ill., Sunday, July 18.

The Edward Getz reunion was held July 5, at the Michigan City Park Pavilion. About 75 were present. Some of us spent Sunday at the Valparaiso Church; many blessings were received. Bro. Harry Bucher told of an incident in his sermon, which is something for all of us to think about. He said there was a member of a church who did not attend regularly. In fact, he stayed away a lot. One evening, the minister went to visit him. As they were sitting before the fireplace, the minister put a hot coal over to

the side, by itself. After a while the coal became cold and went out. . . so it is with members of the church. We need the intense warmth of other members to keep ourselves glowing.

Our friend, Keith Anderson, who underwent an eye operation at the Veteran's Hospital is recovering nicely. Keith accidentally had a piece of metal fly in his eye a number of years ago. Dr. Meyers of Ft. Wayne performed the operation.

Lydia Bollier wishes to thank everyone for everything they did for her during her illness. She is getting better now.

Sis. Cora Levy, who had been in the Auburn Hospital, has been moved to the Parnell Park Nursing Home, 3811 N. Parnell, Ft. Wayne. She is still very ill at this writing.

#### INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

##### John Isch

On Father's Day, we gathered together to worship our eternal and Heavenly Father. Bro. Elmer Hartter, of Milford brought us the good word. "No man, when he hath lighted a candle, covereth it with a vessel, or putteth it under a bed; but setteth it on a candlestick, that they which enter in may see the light." May we always let our light shine brightly!

Bros. Ken Honegger, Kent Ringger, and Mike Dubach are spending the summer in our city, working in a local industry. We wish their residence here would be permanent, but they will return to college this fall.

Sis. Becky Coombs, of our congregation, has recently been announced to wed Bro. Gerdon Feldman, of Bremen. We wish them both God's richest blessings in their future life together.

We would heartily welcome any and all who will be traveling near our area, to spend a Sunday in worship with us. We meet the second and fourth Sundays of each month.

#### RITTMAN, OHIO

##### Ella Mae Trent

This past month, Rittman was host of the World War II Soldiers' Reunion of those serving in India. Among those attending were Bro. Ed Ringger of Gridley and Bro. Carl Kipfer of Bluffton. In ministering to us, they reminded us that as a tree falls it will lie, and as a tree leans it will fall.

June 20, we witnessed the bap-

tisms of Bro. Joe and Sis. Nina Gasser, and welcomed them into our brotherhoods following the baptism. Bro. Rudolph Graf and Bro. Bauman administered the sacrament of communion. Bro. Henry Wackerle ministered to us throughout the day.

June 27, Bro. Mike Miller, son of Richard and Sis. Melba, and Sis. Norene Beery, daughter of Bro. Robert and Sis. Martha, were united in marriage.

That voice that breathed o'er Eden  
That earliest wedding day,  
The primal marriage blessing,  
It hath not passed away.  
Still in the pure espousal  
Of Christian man and maid  
The Holy Three are with us;  
The threefold grace is said.

#### WINTHROP, MINNESOTA

Linda and Melva Messner

Mary Miller, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Noah and Laura Miller of Winthrop, and Orlan Kellenberger, son of Bro. and Sis. Henry and Elaine Kellenberger of Lester were joined in marriage June 20. We wish them a happy married life.

Sis. Ida Miller is again able to assemble with us. She has recovered from her fall and keeps busy crocheting and reading the Bible, hymnbooks, the Silver Lining and books of poems. She enjoyed the mail she received while being ill—and wishes to thank all.

Our elder, Bro. Leo Moser of Lester, ministered to our congregation on June 20. The scripture read was I Corinthians, chapter 13. Bro. Noah Miller also visited our congregation, and ministered in the afternoon services. The scripture read was Galatians, chapter 5.

#### DETROIT, MICHIGAN

Kay Cargill — Linda Shaw

This month our congregation enjoyed the visits of Bro. Joseph Kaisner from Forrest and Bro. Ben Schlatter from Junction. They served us with the word our hearts know and love so well. May God bless them richly.

Our circle of believers in Detroit was recently expanded by the arrival of Bro. Walter and Sis. Mary Gasser and Bro. David Gasser from Akron. Bro. Dave is enrolled in study at the University of Michigan, and Bro. Walter is in training at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit. Their presence is much appreciat-

ed, and we feel that God has intended a blessing for everyone by their arrival.

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#### ALTO, MICHIGAN

##### Loretta and Myrna Steffen

We were privileged to have our elder, Bro. George Sinn, with us over Memorial week end.

Tim Steffen, 13-year-old son of Sis. Helen, was on a trip to California for 5 days. Tim saw many impressive sights and enjoyed his vacation immensely. We are thankful that he has returned home safely.

#### "Glory to God!"

A dear soul felt her life was complete, until hearing words of truth from God's Holy Word. She had felt, simply being good and attending church was enough, until the Holy Spirit spoke to her and called her from sin to this marvelous life in grace.

Repentance and confession had been overlooked, but when she submitted self-will to God's will, grace sufficient was supplied to carry out God's commandments. Then came peace like a river, flooding her soul.

Her most cherished moments were the burial of her sins in the watery grave, and the laying on of hands.

Now it is accomplished! I'm no longer mine.  
Lord, I will forever and always be Thine!  
For thou hast created, and purchased me too;  
Baptized with Thy Spirit, Thou makest me new.

Now it is accomplished! My freedom is gone,  
As I am a captive of God and His Son.  
The prince of this world, he enslaveth his own.  
A Christian thru Christ has his liberty won.

Now it is accomplished! With heart and with mind,  
To Thee, my dear Saviour, I now am resigned!  
I'll ever be faithful in life and in death,  
Abiding in Jesus unto my last breath.

#### EUREKA, ILLINOIS

##### Cathryn Wettstein Salome Walter

Our visiting ministers the past month have been Bro. Robert Miller from Portland and Bro. Ed Aeschliman of Union City.

Vacation Bible school ended June 11, with an average daily attendance of 153 children. There were 22 teachers, plus 3 helpers in the 3-and-4-year-old class. Bro. Gene Zobrist was superintendent of this year's Bible class. May God bless each one for their time and effort which they put forth in this worthwhile project.

Several of our dear ones were in Eureka Hospital. They were: Sis. Bena Fehr, wife of Bro. Andrew,

at home; Bro. Alf. Leman, now home; Sis. Lena Leman, Bro. Alf's wife, has gone to her sister's home, Sis. Anna (Sauder) Bittner.

The above people were in a car accident, and Sis. Lena was hurt in the back and has to be in a cast for some time. Bro. Andrew Fehr was with them, but wasn't hurt enough to be hospitalized.

Sis. Wilhelmina Klaus was in Eureka Hospital, but was taken to the Washington Nursing Home in Washington, Ill., last week.

Births: A son, Greg Alan, to Bro. Lloyd and Sis. Betty (Frey) Schumacher, born 4th of July. He has a brother to welcome him. A daughter to Roger and Elaine (Kempf) Hodel, born 4th of July, named Marilyn Kay. Elaine is the daughter of Bro. Ervan and Sis. Alice Kempf. This is Roger and Elaine's first child.

The Sunday School and church picnic was held June 27 at the Woodford County 4-H Park. A large crowd attended. There will be a month's vacation now, and then Sunday School will begin again.

Bro. Carl Knepp has been put in for new superintendent of the Sunday School, replacing Bro. Roy Blunier. Bro. Harold Hodel will be Bro. Carl's assistant.

Thelma Stoller and Robert Wind were married in June. She is the only daughter of Bro. Theo. and Sis. Amy Stoller.

### FORREST ILLINOIS

#### Nancy Honegger—Martha Stoller

Bro. Roy Sauder, Peoria, performed the wedding ceremony of Sis. Marie Anliker and Bro. Si Hohulin, on Wednesday evening, June 9.

The annual picnic for all Sunday School children, parents, and teachers was held at Marsh Park in Fairbury recently.

Patients at Fairbury Hospital the past month were Sis. Lizzie Geyer, surgical; Sis. Hulda Honegger and Sis. Sarah Koehl, both medical. All are making a satisfactory recovery.

We have two births to announce this month. A boy, Kevin Jay, was born to Warren and Sis. Betty Ifft, and Bro. Roy and Sis. Ann Maurer have a new boy, David Carl.

### A Believer's Experience

I have been asked to write of my experiences, so with the help and

grace of God I shall attempt to put in writing these experiences.

I was not raised in this faith, but I lived around the communities of Fairbury and Forrest most of my life, so I was somewhat familiar with the customs of this faith. I observed the members of the church and noted that they were a peculiar people. I didn't try to understand their ways, because at that time it didn't seem important to me, since I was just a youngster growing up on the farm. I had associations with many of the children of member parents and found them to be just as likable as any other youngsters my age. In fact, some of them were my best friends.

Being raised in a Protestant church and attending church somewhat regularly, I was aware that there was a God and that He sent His son, Jesus, to die for our sins. However, this was as far as my conception went. I didn't realize that there was much more involved, so I just took things for granted. At this time, I just wasn't concerned about anything. I felt things would take care of themselves.

It wasn't until I entered college and made acquaintances with many other students that I began to question some things about religion.

There were times when other students and I would meet in our rooms and discuss religion. Actually, we were really debating and arguing for our own point of view. There were students both Protestant and Catholic, and we would gather sometimes even on a street corner at night to discuss various things contained in the Bible. There were also atheists who would meet with us and try to tell us there was no God. There were others so strong in their belief that they would try to convert me to join their faith.

While all this was happening, I started dating a girl of member parents and attending the Bible class on campus, so that I could be with her. While attending this Bible class and hearing the word preached and expounded, I became convicted.

I realized that out of all the various beliefs I had been associated with, this was the one for me. This was the one that adhered closest to the Bible, which is the word of God, for I am continually reminded of Revelation, chapter 22, verses 18

and 19: "For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book."

I find this faith to be one of love and understanding, wherein we are all working together for a common goal, that of eternal salvation. To reach this goal is our main desire, and we truly need the help of one another to thwart the evil workings of Satan. It seems that he is at work in an even greater zeal today, to deceive mankind and if possible God's very elect.

I am only thankful that I was able to find grace to repent for my former sinful life and to try to live a life pleasing in the sight of God. May we all be watchful, prayerful and ever on our guard, for we know not what lies ahead of us.

### BRADFORD, ILLINOIS

#### Mrs. Martha Kieser

In the past month, Bro. Phil Sauder of Cissna Park surprised us with a most welcome visit. We thank him.

We were privileged to hear the testimony of Sandra Guingrich, and later witnessed her baptism. Our older brother, Silas Leuhold, carried out this important work. We welcome her as a sister-in-faith. Bro. Ben Fehr, Roanoke, and Bro. Lowell Stoller, Princeville, were also with us for this occasion.

At an evening meeting, Bro. Ben Ehnle replaced Bro. Herman Dietz as trustee. Bro. Kenneth Dietz was added to the list of Sunday School teachers. Sis. Marie (Charles) Kieser replaced Sis. Mardell (Kenneth) Dietz in the Sunday School. We trust the Lord will guide them in their work.

Bro. Marvin and Sis. Jane Leman welcomed their second daughter. Dawn Lucille was born June 21, and has a big sister, Joni, 18 months old. Grandparents of the little girls are Bro. Sam and Sis. Lucille Kieser of here, and Bro. Joe and Sis. Dena Leman of Roanoke. Time flies on. We have been in our new church one year.

**GRIDLEY, KANSAS**  
Mrs. Eldon Metzger  
Mrs. Rudy Bahr

Visiting ministers at our church this past month were Bro. Al Langhoffer of Wichita and Bro. Wayne Miller of Ft. Scott. The timely messages of these brothers were very inspiring to us. We invite them to again visit us soon.

Recently, while visiting a dear sister in faith who had been ill for some time, I was privileged to hear some very worthwhile thoughts of hers. These thoughts were not merely words, but something God-given during her hours of solitude.

As we stepped into her room, she had just awakened from sleep. Her words were not muddled, such as one sometimes hears from those who are drugged.

She had been a child of God for many years, but it had just come to her that she was trying to make things come about of her own will, and not really waiting upon the Lord. She said she was just like a hammer, trying to build a house by itself and not letting the carpenter pick it up, before it started pounding in the nails.

Another thing that came to her concerned a headcovering. Suddenly it became very important. To her, it was a symbol of humbleness to wear one. Eve had brought about the first sin, and God had said that woman should have sorrow. The glory of a woman is her hair and so, if we are humble and want to be found pleasing in the sight of God, a covering on this glory is a necessity for a daughter of God, a sister in Christ.

It proves to us that God is still mindful of His children and still deals with us, if only we will heed His will. This dear sister was so deeply convicted of these thoughts that her eyes shone. She had a new vitality I had never seen before in her. She felt that now the house will be built correctly, because she wants the Master Carpenter to pick up the hammer and apply the needed pressure, to drive the nails straight and true.

It will be a test to her to see if she really believes that it is the Lord's will, that the Lord wants her to be an example to those she is around about, day after day.

At this time of year, when there is much canning and preparing of foods for the coming winter months, and those stacks of dishes and utensils seem endless, let us remember the words of this little poem.

Thank God for dirty dishes,  
They have a tale to tell,  
And judging from the pile I have  
We're living very well.

While other folks are hungry,  
I have no heart to fuss,  
At such a stack of evidence  
That God is good to us.

**GRIDLEY, ILLINOIS**  
Lydia and Eunice Kammerer

How quickly our summer is slipping away; it seems a month has just begun, and before we realize it, it is already over. The young are growing older, the middle-aged and older are growing still older. So—

Let us then be up and doing,  
**Walking the pathway straight,**  
Still achieving, still pursuing,  
Learn to labor and to wait.

“. . . they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength: they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.”

**Bible School**

With the help and grace of God, we had a very blessed Vacation Bible School. We had the largest attendance ever, with 120 being the average. One day, 127 children were present. Our theme was “Learning to Pray.” “What a Friend We have in Jesus” was our theme song, and another favorite this year was No. 227 in Hymns and Songs of Zion—“Praise Ye the Lord.” A program was held on Friday evening, June 11. It is always amazing to see and hear what the children learn in two short weeks. May they ever keep these wonderful teachings written on the tables of their hearts, that no one can ever take them away from them.—Sis. Violette Funk.

The annual Sunday School picnic was held at Gridley Park, on Sunday, June 27. Classes will resume again in the fall.

**Among the Sick**

We have had a number of folks in the hospital, through sickness and mishap. Bro. Rudolph Miller has returned to his home, after spending a number of days in the hospital. We were happy to see he was able to assemble with us.

Joe Stoller, son of Bro. Ed and Sis. Marie Stoller, had the misfortune of being hit in the head by a ball, which caused his eye to hemorrhage. He was hospitalized for a few days. No serious damage has resulted from the blow.

Bill Witzig, son of Bro. Ed and Sis. Dorothy Witzig, was a patient in Brokaw Hospital for several days, but has returned to his work again.

Little Janet Gramm, daughter of Bro. John and Sis. Mary Elizabeth Gramm, had her tonsils removed.

Our brother, Frank Martin, is still confined to his home. He was pleasantly surprised, receiving three hundred cards on his 80th birthday.

My sister, Lydia, has returned home from the hospital, and is slowly recuperating.

Bro. Robert Miller, from Portland, was guest speaker on Sunday evening, June 27. Robert, with his parents and family, were former Gridley residents.

The following was submitted by Sis. Matilda Alt.

Some may have faults (and who has not),  
The old as well as young—  
Perhaps we may, for aught we know,  
Have fifty to their one.  
I'll tell you of a plan,  
You'll find it works full well,  
To try my own defects to cure  
Before of others tell . . .  
And though I sometimes hope to be  
No worse than some I know,  
My own shortcomings bid me let  
The faults of others go.  
Then let us all, when we commence  
To slander friend or foe  
Think of the harm one word would do  
To those we little know.

Take life as God gives it, and not as you want it; then make the best of it.