



... lead me in the way everlasting.

Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that have obtained like precious faith ...

... there shall come in the last days scoffers ...

Paul, an apostle of Jesus

Christ by the commandment of God our Saviour, and Lord Jesus Christ, which is our hope, ...

O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called: ...

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

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TO COLLEGE? BE CAREFUL!

[The following is written by a beloved ministering brother from Akron, Ernest A Graf.]

We have arrived at an era of time when much more education is needed to obtain employment and earn a livelihood, and as a result, many of our brothers, sisters and friends must attend places of higher learning, in preparation for their lifetime occupations. Sad to say, many of the officials, instructors and students at such schools do not accept or obey the teachings inspired by God through His Holy Spirit, and made known to man through the Holy Scriptures. Many people do not recognize the fact that each one must account to God for the life they have lived, and be rewarded or punished, depending on their obedience or disobedience to His word. Satan questioned Eve: **Has God indeed said so and so?** and added—**Ye shall not surely die (if ye disobey God) but shall**

be wise to know good and evil; this same spirit is rampant in this world in the places of higher learning.

Therefore, we are anxious when our children, our friends, our brothers and sisters must further their education, lest in learning for the needs of their employment, they unlearn and lose the simplicity that is in Christ and in the teaching of humble believing parents and the doctrine of Christ, spoken by inspiration through humble servants of the word.

Therefore, this is written to encourage and caution our brothers, sisters and friends to beware of those doctrines which deny man's duty to God, or those which are even more dangerous—the doctrines which deny the need of repentance, confession, regeneration and self-denial by the redeeming blood of Jesus Christ, and the grace of God extended to man through Him.

There is evidence that where believers have walked in the light among the unredeemed and spiritually uninstructed, God could use them to draw souls to Him. Should one, however, fail or neglect to walk carefully, or guard against these false teachings, or false Christs, we could suffer great spiritual harm and loss, and fail our God and Redeemer by not helping others to find Him.

We are living in the latter times, of which Christ said, **Because iniquity shall prevail, the love of many shall wax cold.** No wonder then that He added, **Watch and pray lest ye fall in temptations, for while the spirit is willing, the flesh is weak.** Fortunately, the brothers hold services at many of our schools of higher learning, to encourage and strengthen the good, and to counteract the evil. Yet, I felt moved, out of my own personal concern and anxiety, to speak out on this matter.

THROUGH FLEETING TIME

From Bro. Geistlich's Diary

Sunday, June 10 . . . New Bremen. I was reminded today of my church at home, thinking of my dear ones, and how my brethren are getting along, both in body and soul. I commit them and us all to God.

Today there was church before noon and afternoon. It was a large assembly, the church house here at New Bremen being filled, there being about 30 rigs in the yard. A brother named Kreinbuhl, from Illinois, visited here. He was on his way to Canada. Earlier he was a Mennonite, born in Alsace, but has been in this country for about 30 years. He now is a minister in our church. He is a loveable brother, being a real example. He offers almost his entire life to the work of the Lord.

I had my text, Hebrews chapter 2, verses 1-9. It was given to me to speak abundantly; the spring of life was opened for me. Never before, as today, did this writing of the apostle, Paul, become so important to me concerning the Son of God

and His word.

O that we take this to heart, not do as the Israelites in the Old Testament. That violation has received its right reward . . . how then can we escape if we do not regard such a sacred salvation, as Christ has brought us. We would fall into the righteous judgment of God. See the example of the flood and of the judgment over Sodom and Gomorrah.

He has not chosen us for this world, but for eternity, which God promised to Christ and to his brothers and sisters, whom the Father has chosen. . . But only if we lower and humble ourselves, as Christ did. Thanks be unto God for His precious word of life, that He through it called us from death to life, and calls to all who believe the word and do what is pleasing before God.

Monday, June 11. New Bremen, N. Y. Today we had a conversation, several brothers and myself, concerning many things about the order of our church. . .

Tuesday, June 12. Naumburg, N. Y. Yesterday, there was a burial here of a person who did not belong to the church. . . There was a church service before the burial. I opened for my text, I Peter chapter 1, verses 24, 25. All flesh is as grass and all the glory of man as the flower of grass, but the word of the Lord endureth for ever. The Lord inspired me to speak. After the sermon was the burial, along with singing and praying.

Wednesday, June 13. Croghan. There was church everyday while I was here—mostly in the afternoon. I was surprised at the eagerness which the brethren showed, the church house always being filled.

Thursday, June 14. Croghan. Today, at noon, a sister was taken up. I baptized the sister in a nearby stream, praying over her in the water, something I had not done for long time, a special blessing to me. The sister who was taken up had to go through very much, first belonging to the English Baptist Church in New York, later to the

an Ashman Church in New York, and now at last the Lord brought her, because she was sincere. Those that are sincere, the Lord will let succeed.

Friday, June 15. This morning I left for Mansfield, accompanied by two brothers and a sister, at 4:00 a.m., the brethren taking us a short way until we came to a river, where we boarded a steamship. After leaving the boat, we took a stagecoach to Bonville, where we boarded a train.

Sunday, June 17. Mansfield. Dear Bro. Joseph Bella was here by the Brethren Sorg, he meeting us Saturday evening at the depot. I had to weep as I saw him. There was church in the forenoon, and again in the afternoon.

We stayed by Brethren Muller and Sorg, Sunday until Tuesday. These were blessed days. How precious it is if the hearts find themselves in the love of Christ. Here I met several brethren from Bern and other places in Switzerland. O how one can enjoy himself in the midst of brotherly love.

How good and precious it is if we be satisfied with our lot. Each land or country has its good sides, also its drawbacks. Above all, the most important thing is that we fear and honor our God and serve Him, as Abraham did. We find, that wherever he came, he erected an altar and called on the name of Jehovah, the eternal God. If we do the same, we can have the experience that He is yet the same God,

yesterday, today and in eternity.

Tuesday, June 19. Weather pleasant. Today, we went to Archbold. At Wauseon we went to Bro. Weber, who is a watchmaker, a loveable brother. He has a house in which he has a special place to have church. This pleased me very much. Bro. Braun came to Bro. Weber, where we had church in the evening, although only a few were there.

Wednesday, June 20. Today, we went from Wauseon to Archbold by train. At Archbold, there are several families from Switzerland.

Thursday, June 21. Archbold, Ohio. Bros. Bella and Braun and myself went to Fulton to visit. In the afternoon, there was church.

I liked it here very much, but it suits me best in our own dear Switzerland. The homesickness in many is yet strong for their fatherland. The best homesickness is, if we carry a longing in our heart, as we find in the II Corinthians, 5th chapter. "For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. . . For we that are in this tabernacle do groan. . ." Often, there are days when a special longing for that heavenly home overtakes us, so that we would sooner be at home than to journey further in this world. We must wait until the Lord calls. This waiting takes our patience to task, more so if many

trials and provings come. In this we learn. . .

Friday, June 22. Today, accompanied by Bro. Joseph Bella. I left for Peoria, arriving at Chicago, where we had to wait. We have no continuing city here on earth, but are only guests and strangers, hastening toward a Fatherland, up in heaven.

Saturday, June 23. At midnight we left Chicago for Peoria, arriving at 8:00.

Sunday, June 24. Peoria. Today there was church by Bro. John F. Hartman, who is at the head of the church here. We had a blessed day.

Monday, June 25. Bro. P. took us to the Brethren Bittner at Partridge. The Brethren Leuthold also came to Partridge today.

Tuesday, June 26. Partridge Prairie. Weather pleasant. We stayed by Bro. Bittner. Bro. Bittner is a farmer.

Wednesday, June 27. Today, we came to the new settlement of Roanoke. We came to Metamora, then to Bro. Benedict Weyeneth, where we stayed.

Friday, June 29. At Roanoke, with Bro. Weyeneth. Today, Bro. Joseph Bella and myself visited the church house.

There is a new settlement being made 60 miles from here, along a railroad (this no doubt being Fairbury). The Brothers Virkler, Joseph and his son, and brother-in-law, have bought much land, building houses, and then selling to other brothers.

SEEDS OF DISUNITY OR BEAUTY OF PEACE

Henry Souder Jr.

"My brethren, be not many masters, knowing that we shall receive the greater condemnation. For in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body."

Beautiful sign on heavenly highway is, "study to be quiet". A lot of trouble comes from things unnecessary. What seems like the shortest distance between two points is often a painful non-profit detour.

Everybody makes mistakes. It takes effort of faith to farm our own fields.

"Behold, we put bits in the horses' mouths, that they may obey us; and we turn about their whole body. Behold also the ships, which though they be so great, and are driven of fierce winds, yet are they turned about with a very small helm, whithersoever the governor listeth."

We sometimes make our mountains. The keen eye of scripture clearly sees things as they are. The mind that watches the stars keeps the helm on the charted course.

Words can build the spacious mansions of kingly power. Words can be fed of fire, turning to ashes

towering trees. It pays well to tremble where saintly feet trod. It pays well to guard the forest from the King's tower. He set out the acres. Shall we hurt His least, with a small, careless word?

"Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth!"

In the world's words, spoken and written, is much sin.

"And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it

is set on fire of hell."

Satanic might in the world is raging infernos. Little enough do we realize the malicious prowling, the arch arsonist. Deadly embers float through the air.

He who will not learn to stay away from the fire will be burnt. "For every kind of beasts, and of birds, and of serpents, and of things in the sea, is tamed, and hath been tamed of mankind: But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison."

We're not going to love the world, and get away with it. It lurks. Careless souls crave its charm. Every moment is dregged, to compensate sin in loss of spiritual vitality. Its chatter is fanged, deadly venom. Its moments rattle, a sure strike!

It's wise to constantly check the scripture. The mighty cross is control of the tongue. It is a stop sign to partnership with wrong. We need not have a weight of worry, a dare of dual purpose.

"Therewith bless we God, even the Father; and therewith curse we men, which are made after the

similitude of God. Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be."

It's wrong to curse men. Another sin is to take God's name in vain. We read that God will not hold him guiltless, and again, that His enemies take His name in vain.

Let us listen often to the holy scriptures. Take time; read His signs on the holy highway to heaven. There is quiet blessing, when we pause in His peace.

"Doth a fountain send forth at the same place sweet water and bitter? Can the fig tree, my brethren, bear olive berries? either a vine, figs? so can no fountain both yield salt water and fresh." Let us close out everything of the world. The purer we be, the more rich the more beautiful the fruit.

"Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? let him shew out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom."

The wise soul has the bearing of His college of the word, schooled in quiet places. He knows that cultivation yields acres of success.

"But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not and lie not against the truth. This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish. For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work."

Envying and strife, twin troubles, are burning brush-fires. They thrive on arid ideas. Trouble can be made about so many things. The ear sometimes listens too easily! It is an ugly act to sow discord among brethren. Watch what ye do!

Be careful of another's work God has wrought!

"But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy. And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace."

Gracious fruit is found in sacred pages. Piece by piece the puzzle, the problem, and the path ahead is wonderfully put together and shone.

BLUFFTON'S RECORDING SERVICE

It has been almost two years since the Bluffton church inaugurated its mailing program of tape recordings of the church services. The mailing list has grown steadily during this period. The response from the recipients has been so gratifying and rewarding that we are purchasing more equipment to duplicate tapes, thus enabling us to continue increasing the number on the mailing list. Those who are privileged to attend church regularly do not realize what a blessing listening to God's word on tapes is to those who are deprived of this privilege. This is one blessing most of us take far too much for granted.

During the time this mailing service has been in effect, around 500 tapes have been mailed to service men, shut ins, and others isolated from a church. The tapes are mailed in a re-useable carton and are pre-addressed for return. As the return postage is also supplied, there is no expense involved for the recipient.

Anytime there is someone who

wishes to be placed on the mailing list to receive tapes, feel free to request this. Address all correspondence to Paul Schladenhauffen, 100 Wabash Street, Berne, Ind. 46711.

A special fund is maintained for the financing of this program. Any free-will donations are gratefully accepted, and the shortage is drawn from the general fund of the Bluffton church. All contributions should be made payable to "Apostolic Christian Church—Recording Fund" and should be mailed to Bro. Schladenhauffen.

GOSPEL HYMNS REVISED

Work has progressed. The securing and payments for use of known copyrighted hymns is nearing an end. The printer has many of the hymns.

Set your goals high. Set them to include, as grace is granted, three hymnbooks.

There is our **Zion's Harp**, chording majestic movement, deep things speaking. There is **Hymns Of Zion**; use these hymns that chorus of

pleasant pastures and quiet waters. Soon, perhaps this autumn, **Gospel Hymns Revised** will be off the press. Soon we'll find this revised hymnbook a beautiful treasure in use.

Set your goal to have each, with every hymn possible, to have a place in your life.

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Daryle Hari

"I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing." This was one of the key verses brought to us through Bro. Ed. Hohulin on the evening of July 15.

Our other visiting minister was Bro. Emmanuel Gudeman. The ones in attendance received an inspiring message of Jesus' feeding the five thousand. It was mentioned, how often in a day's time we get hungry for food, and that we should be just as hungry for spiritual food from God. Jesus said, "I am the bread of life . . ." **He that eateth of this bread shall live for ever.**

Those who may be troubled with the way the Lord is leading them may take comfort in this prayer:

"Dear Lord, I may not understand
The way Thou leadest me.
Suffice to know that thou, Oh God,
The path ahead doth see."

PEORIA, ILLINOIS

Emily Tanner

Mrs. Michael Weyeneth

The time of our Sunday afternoon church services has been changed to 12:15.

The following sisters and friends have entered Nurses' Training in Peoria: Sisters Connie Cawley, Shirley Kalchelmuss, Mary Etta Knapp, Mary Menold, Carol Schlipf, Janice Witzig and Kathy Zimmerman. Friends Carol Egolf, Jean Hodel and Barbara Ricketts. We welcome them to come and assemble with us whenever possible.

We're happy to see Sis. Sharon Baer in our assembly again. She had been working in Chicago for several years, now is employed in Peoria.

Sis. Eva Jean Knapp has moved from her apartment in Peoria to be at home with her parents, in Cissna Park, until her forthcoming marriage.

Eugene and Rhoda Hess are the parents of a baby girl, born July 24. They named her Michele Linn.

Bro. Donald and Sis. Velma Berr are parents of twin boys, Douglas Otto and Donald Lee II were born July 27.

Virginia Koehl and Finley Frazier Jr. were united in marriage July 31. They were married at the

home of the bride's parents, Bro. Adolph and Sis. Lillian Koehl.

Hospital patients are Sis. Anna Kipfer and Charles McDermott. Sis. Emma Hartman fell; she is in the infirmary at the Buehler Home.

Our sympathy is extended to the Bro. Ray Wiegand family. Sis. Frances' father, Bro. David Belsley, died July 24.

On July 24, Ernest Langjahr, son of Sis. Rosa Langjahr, died while on vacation. Our sympathy is extended to her.

Sis. Minnie Freidinger died July 29. For the last four years she had been living in Tipton, Iowa, at the home of Bro. Bernard and Sis. Leah Schaer (she is her niece). Her sister, Sis. Tillie Luthi, who lives in Peoria at the A. C. Home, also has our sympathy. Sis. Minnie repented and was baptized when she was fourteen years old. She served the Lord in the household of faith sixty-five years.

Visiting ministers were Bros. Harry Sutter, Clarence Yackley, Wendell Gudeman, David Kieser and Harvey Heiniger. We thank the Lord and these brothers who are willing to come and proclaim God's holy word.

PRINCEVILLE, ILLINOIS

Ruth Ricketts—Anna Marie Baer

Does Jesus care when my heart is
pained
Too deeply for mirth and song;
As the burdens press, and the cares
distress,
And the way grows weary and
long?

Does Jesus care when I've said
"Good-by"
To the dearest on earth to me,
And my sad heart aches till it near-
ly breaks?
Is it aught to Him? Does He see?

O yes, He cares: I know He
cares, His heart is touched with my
grief; When the days are weary,
the long nights dreary, I know my
Saviour cares.

These are words that were
sung, when many relatives and
friends gathered to pay their last
tribute to our dear young friend,
Richard Martin, son of Sis. Edith
and the late Bro. Eli Martin. Rich-
ard was attending summer classes
at the University of Illinois and
was studying with his friend, John

Knobloch. He mentioned a head-
ache, got up to go across the room
and fell. The death angel had called
him without apparent warning.
Richard had suffered a cerebral
hemorrhage the night of July 11.

He was born May 7, 1945 and
passed away at the age of 20 years.
Funeral services were held July 14,
with Bros. Joe A. Getz of Morton
and Ed Hohulin of Goodfield offic-
iating. He was laid to rest in the
church cemetery beside his father,
who had died in 1949. He is surviv-
ed by his mother and one brother—
Greg—and several uncles and
aunts. He was held in high esteem,
as was shown by the grief-stricken
friends who came to pay their last
respects. We trust the dear Lord
will give comfort to the bereaved
family.

The children of Bro. Burton and
Sis. Martha Streitmatter narrowly
escaped serious injury, while going
home from church recently. An
auto failed to stop at an intersec-
tion and struck the Streitmat-
ter car broadside. Sis. Rose
Marie was thrown from the
car, received several cuts and
bruises and was taken by ambul-
ance to the hospital, where she re-
mained overnight. She had recup-
erated enough to be about in a few
days. Her brothers, Dwayne and
Steve, and sister, Sonia, were also
injured slightly.

A son, Douglas William, was born
to Don and Wilma Baughman. Be-
fore her marriage, Wilma made her
home with her uncle and aunt, Bro.
Will and Sis. Ida Huber.

Bro. Larry Endress, son of Bro.
Levi and Sis. Mildred, left July 25
for the service. He is still at Ft.
Knox, Kentucky. As he starts a
new adventure, we pray that the
Lord will ever be near him to lead
and direct.

Bro. Dale Martin was privileged
to spend a few short days with his
parents, the Sam Martins, and to
attend church on Sunday, August
1. Bro. Dale must leave in a short
time for Viet Nam. May we all pray
for his safety. May he ever feel
God's nearness; He is only a prayer
away.

Glory To God

"Glory to God in the highest, and
on earth peace, good will to-
ward men." This was the message
the angels gave to the lowly shep-
herds, who searched and found the
baby Jesus in a manger. Jesus pro-

claimed the gospel of salvation: Repent, confess your sins, be baptized and receive the gift of eternal life. He died on the cross, shed His precious blood for the remission of your and my sins. Blessed are we who have found salvation and peace and can feel good will toward men, and give all glory to God.

The plan of salvation is so simple. Many have heard it proclaimed by our faithful ministers. Many have received the call to repentance, yet do not recognize it. It comes in a still, small voice, quietly tapping at the heart's door. Some meet with accident and realize the need of their Saviour, some are called in loneliness, sorrow, some in good fortune. When one is truly humble, ready to forsake everything for the Lord, He is ever near, ready to grant grace and help, even though we may have been long in submitting our way to His. Once the soul has surrendered His will to the Lord's, Satan has lost power and the Lord can work more freely. Many have various experiences during repentance, but all find the same peace of heart, after they truly sorrow for their past sins, a peace that passeth all understanding.

Many years ago, a young man who lived in the old country had a vision or dream to go in search of Bro. Froehlich. He was a member of the state church and didn't know Froehlich. Heeding the call, he left home, found him, and was converted. His mother rejected him and forbid him to come home, but he was willing to forsake father and mother and took up his cross to follow the Lord. Later his mother allowed him to return home. While a young man, he came to this country with his parents. He still held fast to this new-found faith, and must have shown his light, for they encountered trouble on the voyage. He was asked to pray for their safety. They arrived safely.

They docked at New Orleans. He wended his way northward and found fellow-believers in Elgin, Iowa. Later he came to Illinois and was married to a believing sister. Together they raised their family in the fear of the Lord. Their ones loved were converted and became faithful followers. How mysterious and wonderful are God's ways. How thankful we are for testimonies of this true faith that are so

encouraging for all.

Today souls are being called and are thankful they can heed the call, as related in the following experience.

Not having been taught of God's plan of salvation, I was brought up in a Methodist church and was baptized when I was a very small child. Although I was trying to live a good life, I felt that something more was expected of me. I was from a large family of nine. We had never had a death in our immediate family. When our second child was born, God found it necessary to take his little soul out of this life, which was very heart-breaking. I could not understand why such a thing had to happen—something that had never happened before in our family. Being unconverted and lacking a great deal of understanding, it was almost more than I could bear.

I thought then, we should do something about our lost condition, but I didn't know what. I thought at that time that the Apostolic Christian faith was just a faith of the German people, and didn't know it was based on the true teachings of Christ. We went to church for half a day for many years. I took home some food for thought. Some of the things that I gathered, long before I started repenting, went deep down into my heart and troubled me. One time a visiting brother was telling how some had said to him, "If I were to do something about my soul's salvation, what would I do, and how would I go about it?" The minister said to him, "Ask God to show you the way." Another time, the story of Lazarus and the rich man was brought out in such a way that it made a deep impression.

I read the Bible from time to time and could see that the preachings were right. Then, when God called my brother out of this life suddenly, a young man of forty-one, I was so concerned for his soul I searched the scriptures through and through. In so doing, I soon learned that there was no rest for my own soul, because we must repent and be born again.

I was taught, when a small child, to kneel beside my bed and say the little prayer that most children are familiar with ("Now I lay me down to sleep . . ."). There was also a time when I was a child, that my brother and I took turns asking the

blessing at the table. These were learned prayers, however.

Shortly before I started repenting, one of our ministers was speaking directly to the friends of the truth. "You friends, why don't you repent? What are you waiting for?" It seemed that he was looking right at me and shaking his finger and saying, **You, you, what are you waiting for?** I had to say to myself, "Yes, what am I waiting for?"

The fact that our ministering brothers don't accept money for their services made me more confident. I looked up in the dictionary and found that the definition for lucre is money. Accepting pay for services seems to be more of a profession, rather than a humble service for the Lord.

I finally from my heart asked God to show me the way. It wasn't long until I was telling my husband I thought we should do something. He asked me what church I wanted to join, and I said, The one we have been going to: otherwise, we wouldn't be any better off than we are now. After talking to a believing member of his family, I said I felt like I wanted to talk to an older sister; to me, she seemed next to my husband's mother (who was deceased). We visited this sister in her home.

Because our elder brother was gone, we went to another ministering brother and talked to him. From there on, we were led by the hand of God right through repentance. After making confession and restitution where it was possible, with a lot of sincere prayer and spending a lot of time with the Bible, we received peace with God, and were ready to be proved and baptized.

I will never forget how I found peace with God. I had told our elder, I surely hoped it would be given to me in a way that I can be sure. I asked him what I should do when that peace is given. He said, "You should thank God." I know now that I was expecting too much, because it was about three weeks before it was revealed to me that I had really found peace (after having had quite a battle with Satan). I knelt down beside my bed, with both the Bible and Zion's Harp, prayed to God that He would help me to turn to something in the Bible that would make me know if I had peace. I turned to I Peter,

Chapter 2, and started reading from the 21st verse. It just seemed like God was right there, speaking to me. I prayed that I would turn to something in the songbook too, so I opened it up to number 75, "Give Thanks Unto The Father". Remembering what our elder had said, I was sure that was the real thing. I was real happy, and I am still happy and grateful to God for allowing me to share so wonderful a plan for salvation.

The following poem was given to me when I repented.

To a Newborn Child of God

Dear friend of mine, in love sincere
I write these lines to you.
My heart is filled with joy and cheer

Whene'er I think of you.
Although we may live far apart
Upon this spacious land,
And seldom see your pleasant face
Or press your welcome hand,
Yet we have heard such wondrous news

Of you dear friend of mine,
That you have turned your heart
and soul

To Jesus Christ divine.
Oh what a joy it does create
In many an aching heart.
To see their friends and children dear

From sinful ways depart.
Dear friend, the choice which you
have made

Is very wise indeed,
For nothing on this earth is worth
The promise you receive.

What must it be when once that
time

To leave this earth has come
To know that Christ will share with
us

His everlasting home.
Dear friend, we gladly share with
you

God's blessing rich and good,
And welcome you with all our heart
Into our brotherhood.

Oh we rejoice with you, dear
friend,

For what you've found today
And hope from now on you can go
Rejoicing on your way.

How sweet the joys no tongue can
tell

That in our heart were given,
To know and feel that Christ above
Has all our sins forgiven.

Oh let us thank our Saviour dear
As long as life is given,

For He has promised to prepare
A home for us in heaven,
But don't forget each day anew
That you must watch and pray,
For Satan's host will try its best
To draw your heart away.
His wrath is fierce, his anger great
Against us one and all
Who have escaped his deadly
snares
And his enticing call.

FT. SAM HOUSTON, TEXAS Leland Plattner

Everytime I begin to write something for the Silver Lining, I am impelled to ponder over all that has happened in the past month. It seems almost impossible that so much could have taken place in such a short time.

We at Ft. Sam looked forward to meeting Bros. Lowell Stoller and William Elsasser so much that it is difficult to realize that they have already come and departed. This is typical of our experiences here, but we are always looking forward to the next one. The fellowship of the brethren here on earth is the nearest to heaven this body can get. We also must bear in mind that we aren't certain to meet our next visitor at the airport or see him drive up in a car. It might be that we will meet him in the air, and never have to endure a parting again. This is a hope that is shared only by those who have been regenerated by the grace of God, and by this same love are now walking in the steps of our Saviour. This grace comes to us, and may also go to others, through our own earnest prayers.

WOLCOTT, INDIANA Arles Kropf

Our annual Sunday School picnic was held July 25 at the S & U Camp Ground at Seafield. A nice group attended.

Bro. Don and Sis. Rita Furrer have returned from their wedding trip and are at home on a farm southeast of town. We wish them God's rich blessings and welcome Sis. Rita to our congregation.

On July 25, Bro. John Yergler from Bluffton was with us and brought the good word.

Sunday School classes are dismissed during August, and will resume again the first Sunday in September, since so many will be on vacations.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA Diane Olson

A son, Scott Kevin, was born to Gary and Maxine Larson on June 9. Little Scott had to remain in the hospital awhile, due to respiratory trouble, but is now home and doing fine. At home to welcome Scott are two brothers, Jeff and Greg. Maternal grandparents are Everett and Sis. Kathryn Olson.

What a blessed event it was when we were privileged to partake of Holy Communion. Being few in number, the members here joined together with the Winthrop congregation to be served the Lord's supper.

After they the paschal lamb had eaten,
He took bread, and breaking it,
gave thanks,
Shared it with His own beloved
disciples,
Who in love and trust had joined
His ranks.

Take and eat, my body I do offer,
As unto the death for you I suffer,
This a mem'ry of my death and
pain;
Likewise your redemption shall
remain.

Zion's Harp

There is a story about a railroad watchman. A vehicle was struck by a train, at a crossing at which a watchman was stationed to warn travelers of an approaching train. After the wreck, an investigation was held. The crossing watchman was interrogated. He testified that he waved his lantern to and fro as the train approached. After the investigation a friend said, "John, you surely cleared yourself in a wonderful way." "Yes," said John, "but I was scared to death someone would ask me if the lantern was lit!" He had been waving a lantern which, for lack of oil, had no light.

The watchman was able to fool the investigators, but the "professor" of religion, who is yet without salvation, will surely be revealed as a counterfeit in the day of judgment. Not every one that saith, "Lord, Lord," shall enter in. ". . . if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his."

Often your tasks will be many,
And more than you think you can
do;
Often the road will be rugged
And the hills insurmountable, too

But always remember, the hills
ahead
Are never as steep as they seem,
And with faith in your heart, start
upward
And climb 'til you reach your
dream . . .

For nothing in life that is worthy
Is ever too hard to achieve,
If you have the courage to try it
And you have the faith to
believe . . .

For faith is a mover of mountains
There's nothing that God cannot
do,
So start out today with faith in
your heart,
And climb til your dream comes
true!

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

Into our class, Into our class
Come into our class, Lord Jesus.
Come in with power to bless this
hour;
Come into our class, Lord Jesus.

This is what the Sunday School
children sing with their teachers
every Sunday morning. We all,
also, ask the Lord Jesus to come.

Our minister spoke on what he
saw one Sunday morning, as he
came to church. What a joy it was,
to see some friends meet each other
that had not met for a number of
years. It was such a glorious re-
union to be together for a few
hours . . . just think, what a glor-
ious meeting that will be in eter-
nity, not just for a few hours, but
a meeting that will never end.

Asleep in Jesus, Oh how sweet—
this is our dear brother, Ben Tyler,
who suddenly passed away. Sur-
viving are his widow, Sis. Ida, one
son and one daughter. In life we
loved him dearly; in death we do
the same. Our ministers gave com-
forting words, and said how touch-
ing it always was to see him smile,
but perhaps he did not always feel
like it.

In closing, we do not ask our
Heavenly Father for the easy way,
but we ask for strength to endure
the hardships that may overtake
us.

He will keep you. He will watch
over you. He will never forsake
you.

UNION CITY, NEW JERSEY August Mueller

July 4 . . . In the afternoon, Bro.
and Sis. Schwartz from Grabill
were here. (They returned from a
visit in Europe).

When I joined the Swiss Sick
Benefit Society, many years before
I became a member of our congrega-
tion, the president of the society
greeted me with a warm handshake
and a hearty welcome, and this is
what he said. I am happy to inform
you that you unanimously were ac-
cepted into our society, but you
also take upon you duties which
consist of first, that you bring new
members; second, that if you are
elected to an office, you carry out
your duties to the best of your
abilities. I was called a few times
to visit sick members, which was
not hard to do.

Let us apply these words in the
spiritual life, when we were accept-
ed into the sheepfold of our Lord
Jesus Christ, who shed His precious
blood and died for us on the cruel
cross. We also took duties upon us.
We were accepted in one accord.
We promised that we would love
and serve the Lord all our life, that
we would love our brothers and sis-
ters in faith, that we would visit
the sick, and help where help is
needed. If we keep our promises,
it will go well with us. The Lord
will keep what He promised and
will lead us to a blessed ending. We
have nothing to fear.

What is eternity? For those that
enter into rest, it is a blessing; for
those that are without, it will be
endless night; as we can read in
plain words in the Holy Bible.

An old sister lived in Union City
61 years ago. She was very poor.
Nobody had room for her; then my
father and mother took her in. She
had two married daughters, and
they had no room for her . . . So it
came to pass, that not long after
she lived by us, she took sick and
died. My mother heard her say in
plain words, "Now I have it nice."
She was in a home not made with
hands, never to return.

An old brother that entered into
rest also was heard saying, "Am I
glad that I am not in the world any-
more." We can see that it pays to
work for the Lord. The time will
come when we will be well reward-
ed.

July 11, today we had visitors,
including Bro. and Sis. Alan Beer
and children. I understand they are

making their home in Philadelphia
for quite some time, so I think you
will see them more often. We are
very fortunate to have these mem-
bers and friends from the states
further west, first Bro. and Sis. Ed
Aeschliman and children, then Bro.
Jack Knobloch and Art Mogler,
later Sis. Nancy Knobloch, Bro.
Harry Frauhiger, and now Bro. and
Sis. Beer and children. They are a
blessing and a great help to our
small flock here in Union City.

Sunday, July 18 . . . was a day of
joy and blessing, every minute of
it. The day was spent in singing
and praising God who prepares
hours like this for His children.
What is more delightful then when
we our lives to God do consecrate.
Who could give us the gifts we re-
ceive of Him day after day? The
children sang a few numbers, which
sounded very good.

We are happy Sis. Ida Knecht
is able to assemble with us. We can
go to a better home, after this life
is ended, not that we deserve it for
the small amount we are doing for
the Lord, compared to what He
does and has done, but it is His
promise. We can depend upon His
promise.

Sunday, the 25th . . . It is heart-
warming to meet those of like-
minded faith, to extend greetings
to those whom we have never met.
The Lord was gracious unto us. He
heard our prayers in the morning
hour. The spiritual table was cover-
ed with heavenly gifts, more than
we expected. We do well if we take
to heart the lessons that we have
heard. Only the doers of the word
will be rewarded. We can feel how
all the hearts of those that love and
serve our heavenly Father in spirit
and in truth are filled with the oil
of faith, love and hope.

Sun., Aug. 1. We are all members
of one body, our Lord Jesus Christ.
None can say to the other, I have
no use for you, especially in the
time we are living. The poet tells
us that the evening draweth nigh.
We can see every day how the word
of God is being fulfilled. May we
bring forth the good fruit, that
when our time comes and we de-
part into eternity, we may be gath-
ered, as pleasing fruit, into the
everlasting barns.

Sis. Ida Knecht is back in bed
again with her pain. We can pray
for her, so she can carry the cross
willingly to the very end. Why
grievest my soul, must suffer great

main? Trust in your dear Jesus; we'll strengthen again. Endure, and be still, Believing it is thy dear Saviour's good will. If we put our hope and trust in Him, He will lighten the load and make all things bearable. Aug. 3 . . . today is my eightieth birthday.

ALTO, MICHIGAN

Loretta and Myrna Steffen

This past month, we have had two hospitalized. Sis. Ellen Oesch fell and broke bones in her back. She is wearing a back brace, and will soon be released from the hospital. Sis. Lydia Wingeier has suffered two strokes and partial paralysis of her right side. Tests are being taken to determine more about her condition.

Truly we must rely on our gracious heavenly Father to bear the trials and afflictions which do befall us. Reminds us of the psalm of David: "In thee, O LORD, do I put my trust: let me never be put to confusion." Psalm 71:1.

WEST BEND, IOWA

Anna Schmidt Marilyn Schneider

We have had quite a number of people on the sick list.

Debbie and Susie Schmidt, daughters of the Jim Schmidts, were in the hospital in Iowa City for surgery.

Sis. Mary Traub had the misfortune of falling at her home. She was taken to the hospital, but later brought home. She didn't seem to be improving much, so she was transferred to the Rehabilitation Center in Des Moines.

Bro. Harley Bruellman was in the hospital for a check-up. His report was fairly good.

Melanie Mogler, daughter of Bro. Nathan and Sis. Lillie Mogler, fell and scratched her hand. The scratch became infected, so she was taken to the hospital in Iowa City. She is at home again and getting along good.

Sis. Edith Kellenberger had her tonsils removed last week and is feeling much better.

Gary Schneider had surgery in Iowa City.

Our visiting ministers were Bro. Carl Hartman from Sabetha, Bro. Paul Butikofer from Elgin (Ia.), and Bro. Carl Feucht from Lester. Each gave a very inspiring message to all.

Over the Fourth of July week end there were many visitors, due

to the Gerber, Banwart, and Schmidt family reunions. There was eleven churches represented on Sunday.

A son was born to Randy and Deanna Ludwig on July 7. They have named him Rod Alan. Rod has one brother, Dean. Bro. Arnold and Sis. Kate Ludwig are his grandparents.

Bro. Eugene and Sis. Evie Bruellman are glad to announce the arrival of their son, Brent Clair, on the 30th of July. He will be welcomed home by three brothers and one sister.

EUREKA, ILLINOIS

Cathryn Wettstein Salome Walter

Our visitors have been Bros. Merle Kaisner from Fairbury, Mike Weyneth from Peoria, and Jim Hoerr from Peoria.

Births—A daughter, Janet Kay, born July 17 to Bro. Clarence and Sis. Wilma Lehman. She has two brothers to say **Welcome to our home**. A daughter, Mary Elizabeth, born July 17 to Bro. Arthur and Sis. Donna Wettstein. This is the second daughter, and there are four sons in their family.

Sis. Wilhelmina Klaus has returned to her home from the Washington Nursing Home.

Bruce Kempf, 11-yr-old-son of Bro. William and Sis. Clara Kempf, was a hospital patient, with an infection in his foot. He has gone home now.

We are sorry to hear Sis. Marie Klaus fell at work and broke her arm. She is in Eureka Hospital.

Sunday School has resumed again, starting August 1, after a month's vacation. It is hoped all the children will be anxious to come and learn more about Jesus, because He loves all the little children.

Wedding—Kathleen Leman and William Lyman were married July 10. She is the daughter of Bro. Sam and Sis. Aldean Leman. The couple will live in Champaign, Illinois.

Another soul is seeking the Lord by repenting. She is Donna Sherman.

Someone to turn to,
Oh how could it be
That someone like Jesus
Chose someone like me?

Chose me to come
From the dark unto light,

Chose me to be
As the blind having sight.

Someone to turn to
As cares cross my way;
Someone to turn to
When things are O.K.

Someone to turn to
In trouble and strife;
Someone to turn to
In day and at night.

Someone who's there
Anytime of the day;
Someone to turn to
To show me the way.

With someone to turn to,
Oh why should it be
That I'm not as thankful,
As I ought to be?
Written by Sis. Mary Kay
Anliker

FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

Mrs. Albert E. Kipfer

Mrs. Lee E. Eisenmann

Mark Unsicker, son of Sis. Emma, was hospitalized for an emergency appendectomy. He has recovered and is able to be back in Sunday School.

It seems that every time we open the newspaper, we read of the tragedy that has happened to some family; surely our hearts go out with heartfelt sympathy. When things happen to those we know and love, it seems that feeling goes deeper and is more lasting. God has said we should "Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep". Many of our community were saddened by the tragic accident and death of Bro. Gary Eisenmann of Latty, and attended his funeral service. It is things like this that remind us of **HOW IMPORTANT** it is that we prepare ourselves while we can, and be ever ready to meet our **MAKER**. We have no promise when God will take us from this life, and have been taught in God's Word that as **the tree falls, so shall it lie . . .** And so come to my mind the words of Hymn No. 52 in the **Zion's Harp**:

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 expires.

On Sunday evening, July 11, our surrounding churches were invited for a group singing at the church. It was decided to hold this singing the second Sunday of each month, starting at 6:30. We trust the Lord will inspire young and old alike to come and sing praises to God's honor and glory. One brother remarked, "It was so inspiring; I wonder why we haven't done it before!"

Our visiting minister was Bro. Joel Souder of Leo. We trust the Lord will bless him for his willingness to serve us.

Bro. Walter Rager of here was united in Holy Matrimony with Sis. Sharon Laidig of the Bremen congregation, on Sunday, August 1. We truly wish them God's rich blessings in this great and important undertaking. We are sorry that Bro. Walter's work has taken him from our community, but may their presence be a blessing in the church at Toledo, where they will now make their home.

Our friend, David, is the son of Sis. Emma Unsicker. He has been with the 7th fleet in the southwest Pacific since April. The past month this has included patrol duty around Viet Nam. Surely we would add an extra prayer for this family, and all those who have loved ones away from home in the service of their country. His wife and young son have been staying with her parents in New Haven and with Sis. Emma.

GRIDLEY, KANSAS
Mrs. Eldon Metzger
Mrs. Rudy Bahr

The approaching marriage—Aug. 7—of Sheryl Young and Bill Ellis has been announced by her parents, Bro. Ephraim and Sis. Dorothy Young. A shower with a singing was held for the young couple on July 25. May God bless their future life together.

Gridley and Lamont were co-hosts for Burlington and Sabetha, for Youth Fellowship, on July 17-18. A supper was served to the guests on Sat. evening and there was a songfest at Gridley Lake. Sunday, all met at Gridley church for Sunday School in the afternoon. Bro. Clarence Yackley of Phoenix was a guest minister on that day.

He presented the youth with some worthwhile advice: **Seek ye first the kingdom of heaven, and all things shall be added.** We hope and pray that all received a blessing.

Bro. Harvey Grimm of Bern visited with us one Sunday. We hope and pray that God will bless these brothers for their efforts in expounding the true Word of God.

Sis. Doris (Roy) Bahr spent several days in the hospital but is out again. She is going through an allergy clinic in Oklahoma, to try to find the source of her trouble.

Ralph Rodgers, son of Robert and Mildred Rodgers, graduated from an auto mechanics school in Kansas City.

TOLEDO, OHIO
Mary Ann Weigele

The engagement of Connie Laidig, daughter of Bro. George and Sis. Frances Laidig, to David Sancier was announced. We wish them the Lord's blessings for their future together.

We held our annual Sunday School picnic. A group of young people from the Akron church joined us for the day. We enjoyed the day of fellowship together very much.

Other visitors included ministering Bro. Henry Sabo, who shared with us the word of God.

Our congregation was saddened with the passing away of Sis. Emma Frautschi, on July 23, after an illness of six weeks. She was 85 years old. Bros. Rudolph Graf, Ben Maibach, Noah Bauman, and Joe A. Getz officiated at the funeral services. Sis. Emma was one of our oldest members and a great inspiration to us all. She will be greatly missed. She came to Toledo, to work as a young girl, from Leo. She married Jacob Frautschi; they had a family of ten children. A few years after their marriage, they both turned to the Lord and served Him until their death. Bro. Jacob later became one of our ministers and served in His vineyard until his death in Feb. 1950.

Three of her children, Leah, Marjorie and David, preceded her in death, also. She is survived by her children, Mary, Emily and Arthur of Toledo; Josephine (Mrs. Homer Reineck) of Sylvania, Ohio; Albert of Grabill; Carl of Bloomington, Illinois; and Elsie (Mrs. Ralph Troxel) of Bluffton. Also surviving are three sisters Rose, Diane and

Adele Conrad, and a brother, Herman Conrad.

We are happy to have Marilyn and Jim Stager back with us for a short time. (Marilyn is the daughter of Bro. Ben and Sis. Lydia Schlatter). They recently returned from two years in the Philippines, where Jim served in the Navy as a doctor. Marilyn and their three children will stay with her parents for a few weeks, and then join Jim in San Diego, Calif., where he will now be serving.

BERN, KANSAS
Mrs. Morris Edelman
Mrs. Leonard Baumgartner

We were privileged to have many visiting ministers. They were Elder Bros. Noah Schrock and Paul Banwart, and Bros. Fred Marti, Wayne Schmidgall, Earl Banwart, Dave Kieser, John Rokey and Carl Hartman. One of the ministers left this thought with us: "The Word does not say 'You must repent', but it says, **You must repent to inherit eternal life.**"

Bro. Martin Esslinger had the misfortune of getting his leg caught in a power take-off shaft. He had twenty-six stitches, but is now home and getting around on crutches. Arlene Bauman also suffered a leg injury, a piece of wire driven into her leg as she was mowing the lawn. Maretta Rokey, daughter of Bro. Roy Rokeys, was hospitalized for several days.

Jay Leonard was born to Bro. Leonard and Sis. Nancy Baumgartner on July 20. Jay has a brother, Jeff; grandparents are Bro. Lou and Sis. Lena Baumgartner and Bro. Lester and Sis. Ella Hartter.

Sis. Lydia Hanhart is again making her home at the Apostolic Christian Home, after a visit at Burlington, Oklahoma.

The Bible Class of our Sunday School attended a Youth Fellowship meeting at Lamar. The Sunday School and teachers are having their summer vacation during August.

JAPAN
Yoshio Yamazaki

It is very unusual weather here in Japan this year. We had many days of rain which came down on our island, also had many troubles by such long rainy season—from first of June until the end of July.

However, it is very hot everyday now, as is normal.

Sis. Esther Klaus, who is Bro. John Klaus's mother, flew from Eureka last Thursday night. John's family and Mr. Utsuki, Sis. Yoshiko, Sis. Hiroko and Nobuko were there and met her at Tokyo Airport. Yes, she is a very nice sister, and our church people are really happy to have her and have fine fellowship with her.

We have two English Bible Classes at our church every Wednesday afternoon and night. From 4 to 5 p.m. is for Junior High School, and at 7 to 8 in the evening is for adults. Both have good attendance. I wish and believe those boys and girls will understand more about the Lord through these English Bible Classes. It's taken care of by Bro. Willis.

We had planned to go to the picnic for our Saturday Children's Bible School, at Bro. John Klaus's home last Saturday, the 24th, but we postponed it until the coming Saturday afternoon, the 31st., because the weather wasn't so good. The children are very interested to go outdoors, sing hymns and hear a short story of the Bible. They are mostly never absent since our Saturday afternoon class started.

We really thank you for praying for Sis. Toyomi Utsuki, when she had an operation on her heart. She is now getting better in regard to her heart condition, but she doesn't have enough appetite yet. We pray for her, especially that she will return to her home sometime this week.

We are very thankful to God that our beloved Bro. Fred Grimm had been much improved, since he got an operation on his head, where he had a tumor. I received a real fine letter from him, and it really encouraged me very much.

LA CROSSE, INDIANA Martha Rinkenberger

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Orie Heinold is turning to the Lord, and finds it important to repent for his sins. We are so happy for him. We hope and pray God will call many more while we yet have grace.

Sis. Rita Bucher and Bro. Don Furrer of Wolcott were united in

marriage. May God add His blessings.

Bro. Samuel Frank had surgery; he is home and getting along fine.

Bro. Gene and Sis. Norma Nuest have a new baby boy, Lee Edward. They have two boys and one girl now.

Our visitors were Bro. Frank Woertz of Goodfield, Bro. Joe Zimmerman of Roanoke and Bro. Irvin Lehman of Wolcott.

We enjoyed a picnic with our Sunday School children. Many of the children received gifts, for having a perfect attendance.

AKRON, OHIO Grace Schuckert Florence Graf

Elder Bro. Rudolph Graf performed the wedding ceremony uniting in marriage Sis. Mary Ann Graf, daughter of ministering Bro. Ernest and Sis. Louise Graf, and Bro. Gary Maibach, son of Elmer and Sis. Elma Maibach, of Rittman. Many gathered to wish them much gladness and divine blessing, as they, like others before them, took into sacred keeping much of the happiness and good that shall come to the other, to the end of life.

Our spiritual lives were again nurtured, as the consoling, convicting and converting word of God, which is truth, was spoken to us by visiting Rittman ministers, Elder Bro. Noah Bauman and Bros. Joe Ramseir and Ben Hartzler. Their messages reminded us to pattern our lives not after the Pharisee, who was exact in outward observance, pretending to be more holy than others, but after the humble publican, who realized and acknowledged his failures and transgressions. To the unredeemed who remain so, came the question, "What will you answer in the final judgment? What will you be able to say?" Christ described as foolish the virgins who later—too late—tried to enter, but the door was shut. We do not have unlimited time, for at midnight at the stroke of twelve, there will be no response.

The congregation misses Sis. Sadie Brenner, who because of failing health cannot assemble with us. She is presently living with a daughter at 3380 Norwood Rd., Shaker Heights, Ohio.

Graveside services were held by Bro. Forest Ritzman for the newborn son of John and Janice Graf.

MORTON, ILLINOIS

Rose Getz

We were richly blessed with the messages brought to us by Bros. Wendell Gudeman of Francesville, Cleo Rinkenberger of Pulaski, Robert Grimm of Goodfield and Al Fisher of Chicago.

Bro. Josh Broquard of Fairbury, Bro. Roy Sauder of Peoria and Bro. Frank Woertz of Goodfield assisted Bro. Getz with the services Wednesday evening, when Holy Communion was served.

Mrs. Minnie Knapp Schmidgall was baptized at the Rest-Mor Nursing Home, where she resides.

Bro. Eugene Witzig fell, breaking his arm.

Bro. Lester Kaiser met with a painful accident when he fell from the roof of a school he is helping to build. He has a badly broken ankle and leg and severe back injury.

Bro. J. C. Zimmerman of Roanoke held church services at the Rest-Mor, Thursday evening.

A daughter was born to Bro. and Sis. Joe Braker July 10. A daughter was born to Bro. and Sis. John J. Getz August 2. A son was born to the Glenn Getz' July 12.

Mrs. Bonnie Bellamy and children of Laos are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Rapp.

Carl Bruell, 74, passed away on August 3. Funeral services were held August 6; Bro. Getz officiated. He is survived by his wife, Sis. Lucy Bauman Bruell, and four children.

Funeral services were held July 24 for Mrs. Marie Baysinger Staiger Weisser, wife of Wm. Weisser.

ATHENS, ALABAMA

The 1965 Vacation Bible School was held nightly during the first week in July, and was well attended. The interest was encouraging. We are happy to report that there were over 200 people in attendance on the best attended night. Our classrooms were filled almost to overflowing; the preaching services were enjoyed by the adults. Bro. John Wagler was here during the first three nights. Bro. John gave inspiring messages on the dispensations. Our ministers, Bros. Lavoid Moore and Junior Hale, concluded the messages on the last two nights.

There were many who assisted in the Vacation Bible School program.

May we say, thank you, to everyone who helped in various ways. The interest and love exhibited have been gratifying. We trust the Lord to bless each individual that contributed to the work in many different ways.

On June 20, Bro. Ben Fehr of Roanoke conducted the preaching services in our area churches.

Sis. Matilda Beyer, Burlington, Kansas, has a son living in nearby Huntsville, and during a visit to her son, spent a day with the folks here.

Sis. Martha Hemmer, Princeville, spent five weeks with us. Her assistance during Bible School and in general was certainly helpful.

A faithful churchgoer, 80-year-old Mrs. Hardy, was recently hit by a car in the business district, just one block from church. She is presently confined to the hospital with multiple injuries, but she keeps the upward look, in spite of fleshly pain.

Bro. Henry Perry has not been feeling well. He suffers from high blood pressure, as well as sugar diabetes. Bro. Henry is a pillar; pray that the Lord might strengthen him in his body.

Sis. Ora Kelley (Bro. George's wife) recently suffered a broken bone in her foot. However, she was able to continue in church attendance and she even substituted in Sunday School for Sis. Clara Heiniger.

BRADFORD, ILLINOIS Mrs. Martha Kieser

We were privileged to have Bros. Al Aberle, Tremont; Albert Wuethrich, Pulaski; and Dave Kieser, Princeville, minister to us. We thank them.

We welcome Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Rigenbach and their two daughters into our midst. They are from Latty. We also welcome Bro. Gene and Sis. Kay Siebenthal home from the service. Sis. Kay was of the Goodfield congregation before their marriage.

We bid farewell to Bro. Larry Endress, who has entered the service. His parents are Bro. Levi and Sis. Mildred Endress of Princeville. He has been farming in our vicinity.

When returning from vacation, Bro. Walt and Sis. Iola Feucht had to make a sudden stop, to avoid a collision. Their son, Randy, 8, hit the back of the front seat with such

force, that it required some 100 stitches to close the wound on his knee. He is wearing a cast on his leg, until it is healed.

Sis. Gladys (William) Knobloch has entered the hospital for observation and treatment. We hope her stay there can be short.

Glory to God

Childhood—a sweet and precious memory gently overwhelms, calms my soul . . . its moments to recall. I remember most clearly going to church on Sundays . . . The simple faith, the loving look of my mother, my father, my Sunday School teachers. The singing was like angels' voices to me.

When I reached the age of accountability, I was cut deeply by the Word. How I regret that I did not repent then, but Satan was telling me to put it off till I graduated. What can I say to make anyone realize the utter desolation and waste, living a life of sin.

The Lord remembered my promise, to repent when I was out of school, and began letting things come over me. Working late, I would fall asleep at the wheel—but each time the car went out of control, he brought me safely to a stop. Then, during that winter two mishaps on icy pavements could have been much more serious.

Summer came—I remember my mother telling me, our new church would open July 5. Instead of going to church, two of my friends and I got into the car. I suddenly had a terrible fear of an accident. Death is very real when a person must look at it and know, there is no victory . . . And so the car sped on. On our return, just a few miles from home, I suddenly felt the car go out of control—just a few seconds—then we hit—once—twice—then flew in the air and snapped a telephone pole—then a utility pole—rolled end over end—and landed on the top. We were all alive—none of us hurt badly or maimed. The thought came to me—How merciful the Lord.

A few nights later, after the night shift, I talked about repentance on the way home to my brother. When I reached the door of my parents' room, I prayed—and the door opened so easily. Then I asked them—Can I talk? Yes, came the reassuring answer. Then it was easy. Truly I died that night, died to sin.

Then, later, I found peace—precious peace. I can only say of something so wonderful—Come and taste and see. I was happy to testify of the wonderful change God had made in my heart. Then the blessed day of baptism, when with five others I stepped into that precious water bath. As we each took our turn, I had to think—This is why we were placed on earth—to work out our soul's salvation.

Truly I can say, that I gave up nothing that was not repaid in bountiful measure, and I have yet to taste of the glories of an eternal home with Jesus and the Heavenly Father.

There is nothing so precious as heaven and prayer—light and love—this faith so perfect . . . Meeting and greeting in the Saviour's name, the love radiated from one to another.

God is the same. Let every man avail himself of this beautiful life. Seek first the kingdom of heaven and all things shall be added unto you.

BREMEN, INDIANA Mrs. Earl Zeltwanger

“. . . What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.” Matthew 19:6. The marriage of Sis. Sharon Laidig and Bro. Walt Rager took place in the Bremen church on Aug. 1. Many good teachings pertaining to love and the Christian home were brought forth in the services and ceremony, officiated by Bro. Theo Beer. Bros. Walter Rehklau, David Bertsch and Norman Stoller were also present. The young couple will make their home in Toledo; we wish them the Lord's rich blessings in their life together.

Bro. Lou Gerber has been ill and absent from our services the past few weeks. We have missed his fellowship and pray that he may receive the strength to assemble with us soon again.

Oh I'd love to journey hither
To thy house with thanks and
praise,
And with all thy children thither
Joyful voices to thee raise,
When their knees to thee they're
bowing
And with thanks their hearts
oe'rflowing,
When thy blessing power and light
Fills their hearts with sheer
delight.

Grace and goodness He has promised

He's a true and mighty Lord,
Nothing then shall ever part us
He will keep us by His word,
Though I must endure affliction
Yet I feel my Lords' affection;
He is here my strength in life,
And helps me in every strife.

from Hymn 157, Zion's Harp

Many from our congregation are vacationing, seeing the beauty of our great country. Let us not leave our homes and become so wrapped up in seeing the world that we forget God. God is everywhere, so let's remember to pray, praise Him wherever we may go, and thank Him for our country and the freedom we know.

America, America, God shed His
grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brother-
hood
From sea to shining sea!

BURLINGTON, OKLAHOMA
La Verne Roth Kathryn Miller

Our Sunday School students, accompanied by some of the teachers and parents, attended Youth Fellowship at Gridley, Kansas, the week end of July 17.

Bro. George Lambert from Wichita was our guest minister July 18.

We were responsible for services in two rest homes in Cherokee, Oklahoma, this past month.

Bro. Eli Somerhalder officiated at graveside services at our church cemetery, the afternoon of August 4, for William Zehr, of Conway Springs, Kansas. Mr. Zehr, formerly of this community, is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Eloise Estes, Riverdale, Kansas, a brother, Edward of Amarillo, Texas; and three sisters, Sis. Priscilla Anker, Wolcott, Sis. Leah Bauman, Sabetha, and Mrs. Naomi Rhoads, St. George, Utah.

Bro. and Sis. Wayne Kircher, Becky, and married daughter—Nancy and husband—Gary Johnson, were hosts the week end of July 24 and 25 to a group of ex-service men who were stationed in London, England, during World War II. Twelve couples and some of their families came from various churches.

Saturday evening supper was served in the Kircher yard to forty-nine guests. The Kirchers were as-

sisted by Bro. and Sis. Elias Somerhalder and Bro. and Sis. Ed Kircher, parents of Wayne and Helen.

The guests spent Saturday night with various families in the Burlington community and at Kiowa, and attended church services at the Apostolic Christian Church near Burlington. Bro. Ed Alt from Cissna Park conducted the services, Bro. Alt also being one of the former servicemen. Later in the day a delicious dinner was served.

Plans are for the next reunion to be at Mansfield, with Joe and Sis. Esther Sabo as hosts.

The presence of brothers and sisters and families from the churches was sincerely appreciated; we can truly say we derived a blessing and wonderful fellowship out of their visit.

BURLINGTON, IOWA
Mrs. Ernest Anliker
Mrs. Richard Taeger

Our community certainly has been blessed with plentiful rainfall and warm sunshine for our material needs.

The thought that must cross our minds is that, if it were not for **Thee, Almighty God**, and His perfect plan, we would not even have this soil that we farm and all the elements that are needed to give these blessings from year to year.

It is good from time to time for each one to take a few moments in our busy lives to examine ourself and what we have on earth. We should think, how much of these blessings we would possess if it were not for our **Almighty God**.

Let us always be on guard, that we are not carried away with our earthly strivings, that for one moment we might neglect our spiritual calling and let Satan gain a small foothold in our hearts. Let us ever increase our faith, through constant prayer, Bible reading and fellowshiping with one another.

Sis. Sarah Gerst, Bro. Jess Eisenmann and Bro. Dale Massner have been patients in the hospital. We are thankful that they are all back in our midst again.

CISSNA PARK, ILLINOIS
Mary Young Margaret Rudin

Funeral services were held on July 27 for one of our dear sisters in faith, the oldest sister in our congregation, Mary Baumgartner. Bro. Ezra Feller and Bro. Josh Broquard officiated. She passed

away at the Iroquois Residents' Home in Watseka, where she had been a patient five weeks. She had attained the age of 95 years. She had not been able to attend church for several years. The Lord was good to her and gave her grace, that she could be accepted as His child at the age of 90. This is indeed something for which we can be thankful. She leaves to mourn an aged sister, Anna, and a brother, Will, besides a host of nieces and nephews. Let us ever be ready and stay in faith and grace. I Timothy 1:12 ". . . I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day."

Our visiting ministers were Bros. Walter and Andy Koehl. We always appreciate visitors and invite them back soon.

Bro. Gus Meiss is now able to be home, for which we are very happy. Sis. Mary Wyss is still a hospital patient at Watseka. Sis. Minnie Rechkemmer is now home, and is cared for by her sister, May. A prayer and a line of comfort would be appreciated by these loved ones.

ELGIN, ILLINOIS
Louise Steffen
Katie Kachelmuss

The engagement of Bro. Ronald Schambach to Sis. Nancy Schrenk of Chicago was announced. We wish them God's rich blessings on life's pathway together.

We were privileged to have guest ministers in our midst. They were Bros. John Bollier of Leo, Clarence Yackley of Phoenix, Noah Schrock of Oakville, Joseph Schrock of Congerville. God is great, and God is good; we thank him for our spiritual food, and also thank the brothers for their efforts in coming to visit and serve us. May God bless them. We also enjoyed having in our midst the Bible classes of Bradford and Leo Sunday Schools, and their teachers. As mentioned in a prayer, we should surely pray for our youth, in these times of strife and turmoil. To them did the author of the beautiful hymn refer when he wrote,

Flourishing youth, Thou our hope
and our fond expectation,
Hark to the voice that is calling in
kind invitation.

That hand obey, which oft has
pointed the way
To the dear Saviour's salvation!

May God grant the grace to many
to obey the invitation, while it is
yet time to do so.

We also enjoyed meeting the
news correspondent of the Silver
Lining, Bro. Ed. Souder.

GRIDLEY, ILLINOIS

Lydia and Eunice Kammerer

Bro. James Ringger from Brad-
ford and Bro. Knapp from Good-
field were guest speakers. They
both delivered interesting and in-
spiring messages.

As the vacation season is still
with us, we have those from our
congregation who are traveling in
various directions. Our far distant
travelers are Bro. Albert and Sis.
Anna Grusy, who are visiting their
son, Norman Grusy, and family in
Korea.

Birth: Todd Alan was the son
born to Dr. and Mrs. Dennis K.
Stoller, in Passavant Hospital in
Chicago, July 22. Grandparents are
Bro. Alph and Sis. Carolyn Stoller
and Mr. and Mrs. Orene Crump all
of El Paso. Dr. Stoller will report
for duty on Aug. 16 in Fort Sam
Houston. He and his family will
later be moved to El Paso, Texas,
where he will be stationed for two
years.

A Wedding: On July 24, Miss
Ada Klopfenstein, daughter of Sis.
Anna and the late Bro. Elmer Klop-
fenstein, and Jerry Christensen,
son of Mr. and Mrs. Christensen,
from Chenoa, were united in mar-
riage, in the home of the bride's
mother. Bro. George Gramm per-
formed the ceremony, in the pres-
ence of the immediate families and
a few close friends. A reception fol-
lowed immediately. The couple will
make their home in Dwight, Il-
linois.

Among the Sick:

Sis. Emma Yergler was able to
attend services Sunday, after being
bedfast for a few weeks with a
bad knee.

Bro. Elmer Meiss is convalescing
in his home, following surgery on
his knee.

Sis. Carolyn Schlipf was a med-
ical patient at Menonite Hospital
for several days.

Diane Stoller, daughter of Bro.
Donald and Sis. Vyra Stoller, had
her tonsils removed.

We are happy to report, Bro.

Frank Martin was able to assemble
with us Sunday, after being absent
many months due to illness.

Two families are leaving our con-
gregation to make new homes else-
where. They are Bro. Ralph and Sis.
Catherine Klopfenstein and family,
who are moving to LaGrange, Ill.,
and Mr. and Mrs. Terry Miller and
family, who will make their new
home in Goodland, Indiana. We
wish them God's blessings in their
new venture.

FORREST ILLINOIS

Nancy Honegger—Martha Stoller

Surgical patients have been Sis-
ters Martha Metz, Clara Maurer
and Percida Huber. Sis. Clara has
returned to her home. Sis. Martha
is still a patient at Wesley Mem-
orial Hospital at Chicago, and Sis.
Percida is making a satisfactory
recovery at Fairbury Hospital.

Visiting ministers were Bros.
Roy Sauder, Peoria, and Dan Koch,
Tremont.

Bro. Bill and Sis. Susan Kupfer-
schmid have named their first
child William Matthew.

Sis. Mary Kathryn Schneider,
daughter of Bro. Oscar and Sis.
Kathryn, has entered a sanatorium
for observation, where she expects
to remain for at least 6 weeks. She
would no doubt appreciate mail
during her confinement. Her ad-
dress is: Livingston Co. TB San-
atorium, Pontiac, Illinois.

FORT SCOTT, KANSAS

Annabelle Bahr Marie Zaugg

Bro. Dave Massner was a hos-
pital patient a few days, following
a light stroke. He has recovered,
with no apparent ill affects.

Tom Sinn, youngest son of Bro.
and Sis. Gus Sinn, injured the end
of one finger in a power mower.
Skin grafting was used to repair
it.

Bro. Fred Sinn was a hospital
surgery patient a few days. He has
been released and is improving.

An all-church picnic was well at-
tended last Sunday at Gunn Park..

Cause For Defeat

The things that spell a man's defeat
Are not so much what he may meet,
Like words that cut and burn and
sting

That jealous men and critics fling;
Or stumbling-stones that foes may
lay

To cast him down along life's way;
Or oppositions to his plans
He never fully understands.

Defeat more often dwells within,
When men decide to live in sin;
When they possess a jealous soul,
Or fail to practice self-control;
Or yield to unbelief and doubt,
Thus shutting heaven's blessings
out;
When they are out of God's good
will,
And set no goal but pleasure still.

GOODFIELD, ILLINOIS

Marian Wiegand Edith Tanner

Bill and Vermeda (Rokey)
Young are the parents of a girl,
Zena Lynn, born August 2.

Our annual Sunday morning six-
week Bible Class is now in session.
Very informative explanations
were given on the following sub-
jects: Missionary work and the
Apostolic Christian church; Cust-
oms, Traditions, Doctrines and
Sacraments; Understanding; and
Value of Singing (it was pointed
out that we have songs in our
Zion's Harp which were composed
by Mozart, Handel and Beethoven)
—How grateful we can be that our
forefathers, by tradition, kept the
Zion's Harp.

A member of the church was
likened to a beautiful flower and
the church as the root, by Bro. Rus-
sel Rapp, when he ministered to us.
When the flower is cut from the
root from which it received its
nourishment, it will soon wither.

LAMAR, MISSOURI

Marie Marti

Our church was host to the an-
nual Youth Fellowship, the week
end of July 24. Wichita, Bern, and
Ft. Scott Bible classes were repre-
sented. On Saturday, we gathered
at the park, for a picnic and an eve-
ning of fellowship.

"Let us therefore follow after the
things which make for peace, and
things wherewith one may edify
another." Romans 14:19 Oh how
Christians grow through fellow-
ship. Christian fellowship, with all
ages, has been one of our finest
heritages and one of our greatest
blessings.

On Sunday, all attended morn-
ing church services. Bro. John Wagen-
bach, our guest minister, calmly
spoke to our youth, giving them
good, sincere teachings. In the
afternoon, Bible class was held in

the Sunday School room, with church services in the assembly room. Bro. Willie Stefan, with the assistance of the visiting Sunday School teachers, conducted the Bible Class, while Bro. Al Langhofer gave an appropriate message to the congregation, reminding us not to be misled by false doctrines.

Supper was served in the church dining room for everyone. We appreciate the fine cooperation of those who were our guests and all those who helped to make this occasion a blessed one.

Christian friendship is a chain of God, shaped in God's all perfect mold. A firm warm hand clasp, a word of cheer, a spiritual thought shared with someone near—and we feel these Christian ties binding our hearts more closely.

LATTY, OHIO
Mrs. Ray Sinn
Mrs. Gale Stoller

Those in the hospital were Marie Moore, Carol Stoller (daughter of Bro. Delmer and Sis. Margarite) and Ricky Stoller (son of Ralph and Ruth). All are recovering, as God saw fit to grant his healing power on them.

Bro. Willis and Sis. Ellen Stoller welcomed into their home a little boy, Brent William. Brent was about 4 weeks old when he came to live with them. The Stollers also have a daughter, Monica. May God bless them and their children.

We thank Bro. Harold Gramm, from Hancock, and Bro. Arthur Gudeman from La Crosse, for their efforts in ministering to us. May God richly bless them for their effort, and may we all live according to the teaching of God which they brought unto us.

Our elder brother, George Sinn, has not been able to assemble with us for a few Sundays, due to a tractor accident. God spared him from serious injury, and we will all be glad when he can minister unto us again.

LESTER, IOWA
Emelie M. Knobloch

Birth: To Bro. and Sis. Howard Mogler, a son, Dwight Douglas, July 31.

Bro. August Knobloch has not been too well.

We can be thankful we were spared of the storms in this territory, and could have a bountiful harvest. It seems a weakness to

complain about the weather, but again at harvest we can only feel we receive more than we deserve.

Our congregation rejoices that the Lord bestowed His love on friends Franklin and Verna Moser, making them feel it necessary to turn to Him in repentance, while such be shared to them. Friend Jacob Meisner has found peace with God and man, and was announced to be proved and baptized.

Bro. and Sis. Andy Mogler, Bro. and Sis. Albert Knobloch and Sis. Edna Mogler attended funeral services for Sis. Minnie Freidinger in Peoria, July 31. Minnie was a sister of Edna and made her home in Tipton, Iowa. May the Lord share His sympathy unto her sisters.

NEW MARTINSVILLE, W. VA.
Mrs. Gus Weltz
Miss Della Witschey

We have been having very hot dry weather; very little rainfall has been given us for several weeks. Severe electrical storms have hit the area, but not much rain.

Mrs. Edw. Schupbach visited with her son and daughter in Wheeling.

There will be services at the country church on Sunday, September 19. Visiting ministers will be present for the day. At this time, we do not know just who all will be coming.

Miss Della Witschey recently visited with her sister, Mrs. E. B. Frum, in Jeannette, Pa. The Emch's from Girard spent a day with them while she was there.

The annual homecoming will be held at the Limestone School on Sunday, September 5, with the usual basket dinner, program and get-together, as in former years.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Williams of Port Charlotte, Florida, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Durig and son Keith of Girard, visited here over the August 1 week end with the Barth families.

During a severe electrical storm on August 6, a large barn on a farm owned by Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Durig burned to the ground. A lot of hay was stored in the building, and at this writing it was not known if any cattle were lost.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Witschey of Charleston, W. Va., spent the week-end of August 1 here with his father, Dan Witschey, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Riggensbach and daughter, Bonnie, visited the

last of July with their daughter and family in Alfred, N.Y.

Mrs. Fred Berthel of Wheeling, who suffered a broken hip several weeks ago, continues to improve slowly at the Peterson Place in Wheeling.

Mr. and Mrs. David Lantz of Leo visited here recently with Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Froelich.

Albert Durig is back home again, after a few days in the hospital. He is able to be around as usual, taking care of his home and himself.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Lindman of Youngstown, Ohio, were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Froelich, Miss Della Witschey and other relatives.

Dan Witschey continues his daily walks, and seems to be in very good health.

OAKVILLE, IOWA
Martha Steiner

Bro. Joe Schrock from Congerville was with us on Sunday, July 11, and brought us inspiring messages from the Word of God.

Bro. Clarence Yackley, Phoenix, and Bro. Paul Butikofer, Elgin, Iowa, spent Friday evening, July 16, with our congregation.

Bro. Virgil and Sis. Barbara Massner are parents of a son, Troy Collins, born July 18. Troy has a sister, Kathryn, and a brother, Todd. Grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Adolph Massner and Bro. and Sis. John Wagenbach Sr.

Larry Heiniger, son of Bro. and Sis. Harvey Heiniger, was married on July 17 to Mrs. Billie Beckman of Burlington. Bro. Heiniger performed the ceremony.

Sis. Minnie Freidinger departed this life on Wednesday, July 28, at the age of seventy-nine (79) years, at the Crestview Nursing Home in West Branch, Iowa. She was a former resident of Peoria, and spent the last four years of her life with her niece and family, Sis. Leah (Bernard) Schaer in Tipton, Iowa. The daughter of Christ and Leah (Richoz) Freidinger, she was born in Cissna Park, in 1886. At the age of fourteen, she repented and was a member of the Apostolic Christian Church for sixty-five (65) years. As long as she was able, Sis. Minnie was a faithful churchgoer. She always came in and took her place near the front of the church. We miss her in our congregation.

Sis. Minnie never married; she is

survived by a brother, Emil, Osian, Indiana; two sisters, Sis. Edna Mogler, Lester, and Sis. Tillie Luthi, Peoria; and a number of nieces and nephews.

At present, our Sunday School is having a short recess; classes will reconvene on August 29. We have elected two new teachers for the coming year, to complete the present staff: The superintendent is Bro. Roger Moser; regular teachers, Bros. Edwin Banwart, Conrad Gerst, Robert Lanz, and Hartzell Schmidgall; alternate teachers, Bro. Robert Frank, John Steiner, Albert Wiegand, Jess Grimm, and Robert Schrock.

PORTLAND, OREGON Mrs. Edward Unsicker Mrs. Glenn Hackenjos

All thanks and praise to God, whose mercy endureth forever! He has again showered us with His loving-kindness. In Tacoma, Bro. Larry Lombardo is much improved, after his long and serious illness. In Portland, my husband, Bro. Edward Unsicker, is also recovering satisfactorily from surgery, for which we just cannot thank the Lord enough!

A hearty welcome to all our visitors! We are grateful for the precious fellowship with you, dear ones in the Lord, "... and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son, Jesus Christ." I John 1:3.

Don Banwart, Bro. Ray and Sis. Margaret's son, has been transferred to North Carolina.

I read an impressive little thought I would like to share with other Silver Lining readers—**Always be kind; we never know when others may be fighting a hard battle.**

REMINGTON, INDIANA Anna M. Waibel and sisters

We are quite fortunate that we do not have many sick folks. Sis. Anna Bahler, who recently submitted to surgery, is at home again, after being confined three weeks at the hospital. Sis. Anna expressed herself as being very thankful to the Lord for the many rich blessings she has experienced during her convalescence. Last spring, she spent three weeks in a hospital at Grand Rapids, Michigan. She wishes to thank the many dear souls who helped them in many ways, through prayers, cards, gifts

and visits. May God bless each one.

Every dark cloud has a Silver Lining. How precious when a Christian can commit self into the Lord's hands and say, **Thy Will be done.** Their daughter, Betty Ann Zimmerman from Eureka, is caring for her mother this week.

The annual church picnic was held in a nearby park. An evening of fellowship was enjoyed.

Clyde Waibel, son of Herman Waibels, was on a 13-day furlough from Ft. Hood, Texas. We are always thankful when the boys can be stationed in the states.

Bro. Verlin Stoller from Ft. Wayne ministered unto us about lack of courage and faith. It should give us new zeal when we see how God was patient and understanding to the failings and weaknesses of mankind then, and He still can and will help today. Discouragement is a strong weapon of Satan, which one can easily fall prey to, if we do not keep in close touch with our God and Saviour.

Harold and (Arletta Strahm) Waibels have a baby boy, born Aug. 1.

SABETHA, KANSAS Mrs. Theodore Locher Leona Aeschliman

A very solemn and impressive service was held, when Bro. Eugene Marti was ordained as our elder on July 11. Bros. Sam Anliker, Leo Moser, Paul and Earl Banwart, Floyd Schmidgall, Dave Kieser and Lester Hartter were present for this occasion. We had a most blessed day. May Bro. Eugene and all elders and ministers be granted much grace during these perilous times.

Bro. Lewis Bahr suffered a heart attack four weeks ago and has been confined to the hospital. He is improving and hopes he will be able to come home soon. May Bro. Lewis and Sis. Fanny be granted extra strength each day, is our wish and prayer.

The Lamont and Gridley Bible classes were hosts to the Bible classes of Sabetha and Burlington churches. They enjoyed meeting together and appreciated kindnesses and hospitably extended to all. May they be blessed for their efforts.

Bro. Noah Schrock ministered to us during evening services, July 18. We thank him for an edifying message.

Bro. Jack and Sis. Janet Wysong are parents of a new baby daughter, Jacqueline Sue, born July 29. The grandparents are Bro. John and Sis. Rose Moser, and Bro. Roy and Sis. Evelyn Wysong.

A business meeting was held Tuesday evening. New Sunday School teachers elected were Bros. Roger Aberle, Elmer Strahm—Velmeyer Meyer as substitute teacher; Sis. Carol Metzger was elected, with Sis. LaVonne Aberle as a substitute.

Bro. Lewis Bahr has served very faithfully and fulfilled his duties as trustee of the A. C. Home, since the home was built in 1961. Since his term has now expired, Bro. Louis Wenger was elected as the new trustee. We know he will carry on in the same manner, with God's help.

Roger Hartter, the son of Bro. Virgil and Sis. Marie, entered the Service just recently and expects to receive his basic training at Fort Sam Houston.

TAYLOR MISSOURI Mrs. Eli Sutter Mrs. Bill Heimer

Dick Gerst, formerly of Oakville, son of Bro. Dick and Cleo Gerst, Quincy, Ill., was inducted into the service and is stationed at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

Our visiting ministers were Bro. Phil Sauder, Cissna Park, and Bro. Paul Butikofer, Elgin (Iowa). Bro. Noah Schrock came to visit Bro. Fred Grimm on Wed., July 21, and stayed for evening services.

Bro. Boyd and Sis. Lois Metzgar and children are living in St. Louis, where Bro. Boyd is doing research work at Barnes Hospital. Although it is quite a distance, they are able to assemble with us occasionally. We are glad to have them in our midst.

Ten-year-old Ernie Becker has come to stay with Bro. Louis and Sis. Ruth Hoerr for several months.

A son, Jeffery Dale, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ron Hoenes of Lees Summit, Mo. This is their first child, and the first grandchild of Bro. Perry and Sis. Clara Yackley. Mrs. Hoenes was the former Faye Yackley.

Our elder brother, Fred Grimm, was again hospitalized for 10 days following a bad fall resulting from dizziness that he has suffered since his surgery. They also took more tests which indicated possible inner ear trouble. He is at

home again, but was told by the doctor that it would be sometime before he could expect complete recovery. His wife, Sis. Louise, has not been well lately.

The Sunday School is having vacation through the month of August, but we have classes for those that would rather stay in Sunday School.

TREMONT, ILLINOIS

Esther Schmid **Mary Sauder**

We enjoyed the inspired word of God proclaimed in truth and spirit. Bro. Edmond Kloter, Fairbury, and Bro. Joe Zimmerman were our visiting ministers.

We extend our sympathy to Bro. and Sis. Noah Herman. Sis. Lorraine's brother passed away recently in Peoria.

Bro. Emanuel and Sis. Elsie Sinn, and their children, Kathy and Carol, were involved in an automobile accident. Bro. Emanuel was hospitalized a few days. None were seriously injured.

Don Kaiser, small son of Bro. Melvin and Sis. Marlene, cut his foot. Several stitches were required.

Connie Koch, daughter of Bro. Jesse and Sis. Amy, fell from playground equipment and fractured her arm above the wrist. She will be wearing a cast for several weeks.

Linda, DeWayne and Lois Dill, children of Henry and Sis. Barbara, had their tonsils removed.

Sis. Amy Koch, Sis. Lillian Schmid and Bro. Merle Sauder were hospital patients.

Bro. Simon Wagenbach escaped serious injury at work, when an overhead electric door struck him on the head. A number of stitches were required.

Fred Beutel, son of Bro. Wm. and Sis. Rose, has been inducted into military service.

Bro. Arnold Rassi found this poem among his collection given by Bro. Otto Norr. We always enjoyed his visits here, as he radiated love where ever he was.

The Old Clay House

When I get through with this old clay house of mine,
When no longer through its windows the beacon lights shine,
Just box it up and lay it away
With other clay houses of yesterday.

Somehow we feel, when the cycle's complete,

There are dear ones gone on, whom we are anxious to meet,
So, when I am through with this old house of clay,
Just box it up tight, and lay it away.

Just study this house, no tears should be shed;
It's like any clay house when the tenant has fled.
I have lived in this house many days all alone,
Just waiting, and oh, how I long to go home!

It's the kind of material we each send across,
And if we build poorly, of course, 'tis our loss.
You ask, "What material is best to select?"
'Twas told you long since by the Great Architect:

**A new commandment, I give unto you,
That ye love one another, as I have loved you . . .**
So the finest material to send up above
Is clean, straight-grained timber of brotherly love.

MANSFIELD, OHIO

Aaron A. Sauder

"Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."

Elder Bros. Rudolph Graf and Noah Bauman were with us for the first baptismal services in our new church sanctuary. On Saturday evening, July 10, we heard the testimonies of our six converts, who were then baptized on Sunday. We pray that God will lead and bless our new sister and brothers in Christ. They are, Sis. Marilyn Beer and Bros. Rexford Beer, John Cordrey, Frank Graszl, Richard Sauder and Bernie Washington.

"For whosoever shall do the will of God, the same is my brother, and my sister, and mother." St. Mark 3:35.

We would like to take this opportunity to inform you of our plans for the dedication of our new church in Mansfield. The date for this event has been set for Sunday, September 5. We would like to invite all who have a desire to be

with us. In order that proper accommodations can be arranged, we would appreciate your forwarding to Bro. Bob (D. E.) Bird, 317 Greenlawn Avenue, Mansfield, Ohio, the names of all who plan on attending, specifying the date and time of arrival.

Congratulations to Bro. John and Sis. Katherine Oesch, who were blessed with the arrival of a new daughter on July 8. Little Heidi is receiving an abundance of love and affection from her brother and eleven sisters.

CHAMPAIGN-URBANA, ILL.

Ben Blunier

Dick Martin, 20 years old, a junior at the University from Princeville, was very suddenly taken in death due to a brain hemorrhage. How shockingly this brings home to us the uncertainty of this life. Dick often gathered with us at our Sunday Services and Bible Class meetings. We miss him and extend our sympathy to his surviving mother and brother.

My lifetime doth pass away. Hourly to the grave I hasten,
And I know each fleeting day, my allotted span will lessen.
Think, man, death comes soon or late.
Tarry not, it will not wait.

Attendance for each of the Sunday Services since the last report was well over a hundred. Many thanks to all our visitors who find it worthwhile to gather with us. The good fellowship adds much.

Elder Bro. Herman Kellenberger, Elgin, joined Bros. Ed Hohulin and Emanuel Gudeman to bring us excellent teachings. May grace be given, that we might apply them to our daily lives.

Harry Sohn has now completed his work at the University and will soon move with his wife, Betty, and small daughter to Davenport, Iowa, where he has accepted employment. We have enjoyed their company throughout the several years they lived in Champaign, and give them our best wishes in their new home.

CONGERVILLE, ILLINOIS

Lorna Schrock

Vernie Williamson, who was ill several months with rheumatic fever, wishes to thank everyone for the many cards and gifts he received while bedridden. He is now

able to come to church. It's so nice to have him with us again.

Bros. Al Scheitlin of Elgin, Jim Ringger of Bradford, Merle Kaiser of Fairbury, Noah Schrock of Oakville and Ed Hohulin of Goodfield visited our congregation. We were richly blessed and received much food for our souls.

Our annual Sunday School teacher election was held, with Bro. Bob Knapp, Bro. Alvin Farney, and Sis. Marge Knapp being elected to replace the outgoing teachers: Bro. Harvey Schieber, Bro. Ben Knapp, and Sis. Doris Knapp. They are each elected for a four-year term.

Adair Knapp, son of Kenny and Phyllis Knapp, was hospitalized twice during the past month with severe asthmatic attacks.

On the sick list was Yvonne Steffen, daughter of Bro. Ed and Sis. Mary Steffen, who was hospitalized for tests and observation.

Kris Schieber, daughter of Bro. Harold and Sis. Alma Schieber, had a mishap with her bicycle, which resulted in a badly sprained ankle.

We are thankful that all are able to be in church again.

A new baby brother, Mark Edward, was welcomed into the family of Bro. Keith and Sis. Pauline Roth. Mark, born on July 30, has three sisters and a brother: Ann, Sue, Alan and Kay.

On Aug. 8, Steven Schrock, son of Bro. Alvin and Sis. Irene Schrock, and Gerri Schierer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Schierer of Eureka, were united in matrimony at the home of Steve's parents. Bro. Noah Schrock performed the ceremony. We want to wish them the Lord's richest blessings as they begin this new life together.

"Glory to God"

God moves in mysterious ways, His wonders to perform. In many cases, after lovingly calling men, women, and young people to repentance, He uses severe measures to break the stubborn wills of wandering souls.

Such was the testimony of a recent convert. The Lord had called her many times. Each time she promised to repent. The promises were soon forgotten. She drifted deeper and deeper into the things this world has to offer. She consistently stayed away from church, her heart becoming more and more hardened.

Recently, she noted a marked

loss of hearing in one ear. A specialist told her she possibly had a brain tumor, and that surgery should be performed without delay. She asked to postpone it for two weeks. Returning home, she told her husband that she was going to turn to the Lord and start her life over again. He (not brought up in our faith) replied that he was surprised she hadn't done so long ago. This call from the Lord would be her last one, she assuredly believed, and knew she must answer it.

During the short time until surgery, she **put her house in order**, not knowing what the outcome would be. She truly felt the Lord's strength and grace, as she made right the wrongs she'd committed. Wonderfully the Lord spoke peace to her soul, for which she was so thankful. Her prayer then was that she might not die during, nor as a result of the surgery. She desired to live in her newfound peace, being a light to her family and testifying of God's wonderful love.

While hospitalized, she felt the nearness and comfort of the Lord. The surgeons found no brain tumor, but were unable to correct the cause of the deafness in the affected ear. For three weeks she was nearly blind, but God healed her physical blindness, as he had her spiritual blindness.

She has returned to work, and said that she has so much more free time now. Formerly she was always rushing to clubs, card parties etc., but now is so happy and content to pray and read in her Bible, when she is home alone. Her desires have completely changed; she now enjoys fellowship with other Christians.

The congregation heard her humble and sincere testimony, and her desire for baptism was fulfilled. She stated that she was "so happy she could cry."

The Lord certainly answered the countless prayers that ascended to Heaven on her behalf. We rejoice with her, and trust that the Lord will continue to supply all her needs.

FAIRBURY, ILLINOIS

Joyce Huber

We were privileged to have Bro. Ben Fehr and Bro. Donald Sauder of Roanoke and Bro. Ed Alt of Cissna Park for visiting ministers, July 11. We certainly thank them for their inspirational messages.

Bros. Sam and Earl Kilgus of Remington favored us with a visit July 18 and ministered on the importance of God's Word. They said that God makes His Word plain, wants us to understand it, and if we do not, then we can ask for understanding.

On Thurs., July 22, Bro. Alfred Bahler of Wolcott was our guest minister, as he came to get his daughter, who had spent a few days here. Also, we were happy to have Bro. Irvin Lehman of Wolcott for Aug. 1. We thank them for their visits.

Bro. Lloyd and Myrna Moser were blessed with a new baby girl, Bonnie Sue, born July 25. Welcoming home baby sister, also, is their adopted daughter, Marsha.

Our hearts were saddened by the passing away of Evelyn Maurer, daughter of Bro. Henry and Sis. Fannie. Many prayers were uttered for Evelyn, and we are thankful for her faith in her last days. Evelyn had been in failing health for three years and in the hospital for the past five weeks. Evelyn's brothers and sisters are: Bro. Ervin of Phoenix, Sisters Lorene Roth and Mary Beth of Fairbury, and Sis. Eileen Baurer of Cissna Park.

Our last Sunday in our old church building was Aug. 8, with the last message being, that we pray that may going into the new church edifice humble us, unite us, and bind us closer to God. The first Sunday in the new church is Aug. 15, with the plans to have Open House and Dedication in September.

Glory To God

Although religion had been an important part of my childhood and young adult life, after our marriage we didn't seem to allow God to have an ever-present place in our lives and home. Prayer was limited to times when we needed something from God.

With the gift of two precious children into our family circle, I continually felt a growing need for God's forgiveness and guidance. I had, and still have, the strong desire to lead a life that will be an example of God's great love and mercy for our children.

After witnessing the baptism of two of our close friends, we finally gathered the courage to openly admit our transgressions and begin the battle in search for God's forgiveness and favor.

I had been of another Protestant faith, and my family protested quite strongly against our decision. Only the grace of God and the prayers of our entire congregation brought me through that time. The love and concern shown for us will never be forgotten. Never before have I witnessed such genuine love and compassion as was shared with us.

Although we have been baptized and accepted into the membership of Christ's body, we realize that the battle does not cease. I only pray that we will always continue to feel the need for God's presence in our lives. We are both so very thankful for the true love which now binds our family together, and we pray that we will always remain true to God, and somehow be a light to others, as our beloved brothers and sisters have been to us.

FT. LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA Viola Gerber

All of us are grateful to Bro. Eugene Bertschi for visiting us. On this Sunday, we were without a minister, as both of ours were out of town. **The Lord provideth for His own.** We heard very inspiring messages, but especially timely was Bro. Bertschi's explanation of how the gospel is fulfilling itself, in that the Jews have been returning to their own land of Israel for the past twenty years.

In July of last year, Bro. Harry Sutter attended the funeral of his brother. After the services, when the family was together, someone made the statement, "Which one of us will be next to pass on from this life?" In July of this year, another brother was laid to rest. It was very touching, as Bro. Harry brought this out in his sermon and impressed on us the uncertainty of life.

A warm welcome is extended to Friends Eric and Donna Gutwein, who have recently moved to La Belle, Florida from Francesville. Eric is the grandson of Bro. and Sis. Fred and Katie Gutwein.

LAMONT, KANSAS Mrs. Bernie Emch Glenn Anliker

Our church and Gridley were hosts to the Sunday Schools of Sabetha and Burlington, Okla., the week end of July 17.

At our morning services, Bro. Roy Wernli had the meditation from I Corinthians 2. Paul pleaded

for right living, and he declared that his preaching, though it bring not excellency of speech, far excelleth the wisdom of this world. If we can only believe Jesus Christ, and Him crucified, and live accordingly. Bro. Ronald Nelson, in adding, reminded the youth that it depends on them if our church doors shall remain open for worship in the future generations.

In the afternoon, in our Sunday School assembly, the lesson was The Beatitudes. Christ was declaring who are blessed. Our prayer is, if only some that were present, would hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled and blessed.

Mary Storrer's health has improved enough for her to leave the hospital. She is now in the Emporia Rest Home, Emporia, Kansas.

MAYWOOD, CALIFORNIA Julie Dapper

On July 18, Bro. Joe Aberle, Sabetha, visited our congregation, speaking unto us, through the Holy Spirit, many precious teachings. **Seek ye first the Kingdom of Heaven in all its righteousness, and the earthly will also be granted.** This was a portion of Bro. Aberle's message. How comforting these precious words are, to lead and guide us here on this earth. We thank the Lord for opening the way so Bro. Joe could visit our congregation.

Our annual election for officers was held August 1. Trustees chosen were Bros. Ben Amman, Dale Dapper and Ernest Dapper; Song Leader, Bro. Dale Dapper; Sunday School Superintendent, Bro. Ernest Dapper; & Sunday School teacher, Sis. Julie Dapper. May the blessings of the Lord be upon those who are chosen to fulfill the duties in our church.

Hospitalized was Sis. Ruth Dapper (wife of Bro. Dale Dapper). We are thankful that it was not serious, and she could return home after only a short stay.

MILFORD INDIANA Marguerite Hoerr

We are thankful to say, Bro. Mike Zimmerman has returned home from the hospital and is gaining strength each day.

New admittances to the hospitals are Sam Reimchisel, who submitted to major surgery at Elkhart Gen-

eral, and our friend, James Clayton, who is now at Veterans' Hospital in Marion. Jim is the son of Sis. Emma Krauter.

John Martin, son of Bro. and Sis. John and Dorothy Martin left for service August 11. Our thoughts and prayers go with him.

We were pleasantly surprised to have Bro. Glenn Price Jr. home with us from Fort Sam Houston for a Sunday.

Visiting ministers were Bros. Ben Maibach from Detroit and Vernon Leman from the Eureka congregation. God's word, true and plain, reached our hearts through both of these brother's inspired sermons.

August 31 will mark the 60th wedding anniversary of Bro. and Sis. Andy and Bertha Beer of our congregation. They are the parents of Sis. Rose Haab and Bro. Don Beer of Milford, Sis. Mary Bauer of Cissna Park and Walter Beer of Bremen. Their years together were saddened by the deaths of two sons, Myrtus and Sam. They faithfully attend services each Sunday, and we are always cheered by their friendly greeting. We are indeed thankful that they have been able to share this many years together and with us, and we wish them God's richest blessings throughout their lives.

Bro. Andrew Rapp passed his 90th birthday this month. Following afternoon services, our attention was called to this fact, and the beautiful hymn "Anticipation" was sung in his honor. The words are so fitting for a faithful brother such as Andy and we are thankful that he can, along with his wife, Sis. Louise has been able to worship with us quite regularly.

BAY CITY, MICHIGAN Marlene Mosher

We have been privileged to have as our ministers Bro. Joe Ramsier of Rittman, Bro. Josh Broquard of Fairbury, Bro. Frances Rother of Morton, and Bros. Kilgus and Bahler from Remington. The wonderful blessings and teachings from our dear ministering brothers was enjoyed by all. We wish to extend our thanks.

Bro. Duane Broquard and Sis. Carol Bragiel were joined in Holy Matrimony. He is the son of Bro. George and Sis. Clara Broquard, and she is the daughter of Frank and Sis. Irma Bragiel. We wish the

newly married couple the best of everything, and most of all the Lord's blessings.

Sis. Anna Ruegsegger has been in the hospital very ill. We wish her the Lord's blessing.

RITTMAN, OHIO Ella Mae Trent

Members and friends of our congregation submitting to hospitalization include: Sis. Lizzie Ramsier, Bro. William Riggerbach, Sis. Ella Franhauser and Dale Steiner. Kenneth Rupp Jr. fractured a leg, and Bro. John Riggerbach, an arm. We know each had to endure some discomfort and suffering. Pain has a good purpose, as expressed by the following poem:

The cry of man's anguish went up
to God, "Lord, take away pain!
The shadow that darkens the world
Thou hast made;
The close coiling chain
That presses the heart: the burden
that weighs
On the wings that would soar—
Lord, take away pain from the
world Thou hast made
That it love Thee the more!"

Then answered the Lord to the cry
of the heart,
"Shall I take away pain,
And with it the power of the soul
to endure,
Made strong by the strain?
Shall I take away pity that knits
heart to heart,
And sacrifice high?
Will ye lose all your heroes that lift
from the fire
White brows to the sky?
Shall I take away love that redeems
with a price,
And smiles with its loss?
Can ye spare from your lives that
would cling unto mine
The Christ on His Cross?"

Residing now at the Sara Lee Rest Home, near Doylestown, is Ben and Sis. Edna Saurer, joining Sis. Lena Blotter there. At the Wayne County Home at Wooster is Sis. Lizzie Hitty.

Joining three brothers at home is David John, son of Bro. Dean and Sis. Martha Lou, born August 3.

Visiting ministers include Bro. Edmund Kloter, Bro. Lawrence Emch, and Bro. Forrest Ritzman. We thank each for his labor. It was brought out in one of the sermons that Satan now is working through

prosperity. The Bible does not condemn the money as such, but rather its misuse and misvalue by humans. Riches were likened to fertilizers. They do the most good when spread about.

Bro. Forrest Ritzman posed the question, "When does one reach manhood and womanhood in the sight of God?" He believed this stage was reached when one assumed Christian responsibilities.

ROCKVILLE, CONNECTICUT Carlton J. Lanz

A little boy, Lee Edward, was born July 11 to Bro. Ronald and Sis. Kay Luginbuhl. The infant is their first child. His grandparents are Sis. Olga and the late Bro. Gottfred Bahler, and Bro. Martin and Sis. Dorothy Luginbuhl.

Also born was a daughter, Lynn Susan, Aug. 2, to Bro. Owen and Sis. Lois Ann Bahler. Her paternal grandmother is Sis. Olga Bahler, and her maternal grandparents are Bro. John and Sis. Flora Feldman.

Bro. Dale Zahner was called into Service, and left here for Camp Pickett, Va., July 19.

Their fiftieth wedding anniversary recently celebrated, Bro. Paul and Sis. Bertha Lanz are at present on a free trip to Switzerland, given them by their devoted children and families. While in Europe, they hope to visit relatives and old-time friends.

There were tears of joy in evidence here on Sunday, July 25, as six new converts were greeted, on being baptized. These are stirring scenes, and to witness them again, though years have passed, one cannot help but call to mind afresh the day he was there, too. Those added on Sunday were: Bro. Everett Gerber and his wife, Sis. Phylis; Bro. James Moser & his wife, Sis. Jane; Bro. Gerald Webb; and Sis. Charlotte (Ludwig) Trench. Bro. John Wuthrick of Croghan aided Bro. John Bahler in this work. Bro. Wuthrick left soon after the afternoon service for his home.

DETROIT, MICHIGAN Kay Cargill — Linda Shaw

We wish to join with all and extend our best wishes and prayers for God's blessings in the recent engagement of Sis. Nancy Schrenk and Bro. Ronald Schambach. Sis. Nancy is presently employed in Detroit.

Bro. Frank and Sis. Ruth (Sch-

latter) Gudeman have recently been blessed with the birth of their first child, a son named Keith Allen. The grandparents are Arthur and Mary Gudeman and Eli and Ella Schlatter.

Sis. Frances Bertsch has been hospitalized and has undergone surgery. At present she has returned home and is making a good recovery.

The Detroit congregation was pleased to receive Bro. Francis Rother of Morton, who ministered to us August 4. We hope God may richly reward Him, and may He keep us safely in His care.

GIRARD, OHIO Karen Stoll

Jim Emch, son of Bro. Harold and Sis. Kathryn, is traveling overseas to England, where he will spend his senior year of high school. May God guide and protect him in this new venture.

Sis. Gertrude Hecker, age 66, passed away on July 28. She leaves three daughters and four sons.

Bro. Francis Rother from Morton, a minister in the faith, visited the Girard congregation on June 8. His message reminded us that we should strive to grow closer to God every day, redeem our time, and spend much time in prayer.

If you want to be poor—hoard.
If you want to be rich—give.
If you want to be wealthy—scatter.
If you want to be a pauper—grasp.

WINTHROP, MINNESOTA Linda and Melva Messner

THO'T: The truth of Christ's second coming, like a silver thread of hope, runs throughout the entire Bible.

We were richly blessed, when Bro. Robert Miller ministered to our congregation, July 1.

Kenneth Howk, who has been home on furlough, has returned to Fort Bliss, Texas.

MORRIS, MINNESOTA Mrs. Kenneth Zeltwanger Norene Koehl

Friends Douglas Koehl and Velma Fehr were proved and baptized July 18. May God be with them and grant the needed grace in their new walk of life.

We were also privileged to partake of Holy Communion. Elder Bros. Leo Moser of Lester and Paul Banwart of West Bend, assisted

Bro. Paul Fehr in carrying out these important duties. We are very grateful for their help in serving us.

Other visiting ministers that Sunday were Bros. Alfred Fehr of West Bend, Uriel Gehring of Burlington, and Jake Pfister of Ft. Scott.

Bro. and Sis. Leroy Fehr are the parents of a daughter, Penny Sue, born July 14. She has a sister, Dawn, and a brother, Evert.

Bro. and Sis. Wallis Feuchtenberger are the parents of a daughter, Kim Marie, born Aug. 2. They also have three sons, Kenneth, Dennis, and Timmy.

We appreciated having visiting ministers, Bros. George Gramm of Gridley and Bro. Frederick Knapp, of Congerville with us. They brought God's word in truth and sincerity, which makes it so precious to us.

ROANOKE, ILLINOIS

Irene Legel

We were very happy to have Bro. Merle Kaisner of Forrest for services. We enjoyed his sincere teachings of the importance of our life on earth. May our dear Lord ever direct us on this narrow path of life.

Bro. Jake Shaefer, who was in the hospital for surgery, is home slowly recuperating.

Bro. Fred Siebenthal, who is suffering from a heart attack, is home from the hospital, being cared for by his wife, Sis. Ellen.

Little Clark Leman, 4-yr.-old son of Bro. Bruce and Sis. Marge Leman who was in the hospital for surgery, is home again enjoying his brothers.

A second son, Daniel Joe was born to Bro. Russel and Sis. Marge Plattner July 16. He has two sisters, Patty 12, and Janie 6, and a brother, Russel Jr., 8. Grandparents are Sis. Rose Barth, and Bro. Joe Plattner, both of Peoria.

Bro. William Rocke celebrated his 90th birthday, with a family picnic. He has resided in Roanoke township all his life. He and his wife, Sis. Percy, live here in town and are very active yet. They have nine children, 19 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

Bro. Dave Belsley, 72, who had suffered several heart attacks, passed away at his home in Metamora. He was born June 3, 1893, at Roanoke, a son of Samuel and

Anna Gerber Belsley. He married Mary Martin in 1916. Sis. Mary survives; also surviving are three daughters, Sis. Francis Wiegand of Peoria, Sis. Dorothy Ginzler of Eureka and Emma Schupp of St. Petersburg, Fla.; one son Merle, of Metamora; two brothers, Sam and Bro. Mike of Roanoke; six sisters, Sis. Anna Heiligenstein, Sisters Emma Bowald, Rose Minger, Louise and Ella Belsley, all of Roanoke, and Sis. Minnie Leman of Eureka.

Bro. Otto Scherer, who was in the hospital suffering from severe back trouble, was in traction for several weeks. He is home now, being cared for by his wife, Sis. Clara.

Mrs. Gary Sauder (Phylis Hohulin), who had surgery at the Urbana Hospital, is at Mayo Clinic for treatments. We wish her a pleasing recovery.

Sis. Bina Bertsch, who is still in the hospital, is recovering more each day. We hope she can soon return to her home.

Martha Jane Clymer, a wheelchair patient at the nursing home here, was very happy to receive so many nice cards on her 28th birthday, August 6. She spends much time reading them, and really appreciates them. We wish her the Lord's blessings.

Sis. Mary and Bro. Bob Bradle of El Paso, Texas (In service), are parents of a daughter, Janet Marie, their first child, born Aug. 9. Grandparents are Bro. Louis and Sis. Fannie Zimmerman and Bro. Chris and Sis. Anna Bradle of Roanoke.

"For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope."

PHOENIX, ARIZONA

John W. Somerhalder

Sis. Ann Rieger suffered another heart attack. She is improving at this writing.

Bro. Jay Bertsch is recovering from surgery, at his home in Tucson.

Let us remember our loved ones in prayer.

We wish to extend our sympathy and prayers to Mrs. Richard Kraft (Dorothy) and her family, for the loss of her mother, Mrs. Cook. May God be with them and comfort their hearts.

Bro. Joe Aberle visited our church several weeks ago. We enjoyed the blessed message he brought to the congregation.

WICHITA, KANSAS

Mrs. Larry Farney

Mrs. Harvey Smith

Bro. and Sis. Godfrey Miller, Eldorado, have adopted a boy, Larry, age 5. They have two other children, Chris 9, and Jane 2. It is truly wonderful that they have opened their heart and home to Larry. We wish them the Lord's blessings.

Bro. Clarence Yackley, Phoenix, and Bro. Elmer Witzig were visiting ministers. We certainly enjoyed having them visit us, and the inspiring messages, and hope they will visit us again.

Sis. Roberta Farney, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Harvey Farney, had the privilege of spending three weeks visiting Denmark and Sweden. I have asked Bertie to relate a few of her experiences. Bertie had polio at the age of 2 and is now teaching Home Economics at Bern.

Because of my physical handicap and the cultural benefits I would receive toward my teaching career, I was chosen to represent Kansas in a goodwill tour. There were fifty-three "handicappers", one representative from each state, who made the tour. All our expenses were paid by the Danish government, except our flight over and back, and this was paid by a private citizen from Michigan.

Our group was treated very royally during our stay, were hosted at receptions and dinners given by mayors, prime ministers, and other high officials of the various cities in Denmark and Sweden. One of the outstanding events was a twenty course meal, hosted by the princess of Denmark at the king and queen's summer palace.

We toured the country quite extensively. Each of us were privileged to spend one afternoon visiting in individual Danish homes.

I found the Danes to be a very friendly, hospitable people. It surprised me that religion played such a small part in their lives; only two per cent of their population attend church. This small percent really impressed upon me a feeling of gratitude we all should have, that our nation was grounded upon a religious beginning and that faith has been preserved down through

the ages by our forefathers. Of the abundance and freedom we enjoy, **if we don't value it enough to always put God first and foremost in our lives**, it could bring about our spiritual destruction.

I have many wonderful memories from this trip. I am thankful for being given the opportunity to visit a foreign country and see how other people live.

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

John Isch

On July 25, Bros. Ed Ringger, Gridley and Edwin Bahler of Remington brought us enlightening messages. Although generally our congregation is rather small during the summer months, we still enjoy the blessings of hearing His word and fellowshiping together.

The La Crosse congregation is responsible for our services during the month of August. Then dear elder, Bro. George Yergler, ministered on August 8. Many wise and wonderful teachings, including the tireless message of the 23rd Psalm, were expounded. We were again reminded of the great task that falls upon our shoulders, when we elect to walk the straight and narrow path.

We were privileged with the visit of a group of young brethren from Illinois. Accompanying them was Bro. David Stevig of Phoenix, a student at U.S.C. who is spending the summer with his uncle in Gridley. Although previously strangers, it only takes a short week-end together to lay the foundation for a lifetime of friendship. This is truly one of the greatest blessings that we find in His love.

Before too long, the colleges in the surrounding area will again resume classes for another year. We are anxiously awaiting the return of many students, both brethren and friends, to further strengthen our gathering. We also extend to all of their parents a very sincere invitation to either accompany or meet them here.

We are pleased to announce that, in the not too distant future, we hope to move to a new location for our bimonthly services. They will be held in a new YMCA, presently under construction on I-465 west of the city. Although we have been well satisfied with our present location, we feel that the new facilities will warrant the change.

BLUFFTON, INDIANA

Delutha Moser Carolyn Gerber

SHUT-INS: The following were shut-ins: Sisters, Emma Isch, Alice Honegger, Mrs. Everett Geisel, Mrs. Harold Aschliman, Edna Gerber, Dulla Gerber, Mrs. Herman Bertsch; Brothers, Harry Aschliman, Edward Ringger and Ervin Isch.

God loveth thee—then be content;
Whate'er thou hast, His love hath sent.

Come pain or pleasure, good or ill,
His love is round about thee still.
Then murmur not, nor anxious be;
Rest thou in peace. God loveth thee!

BIRTHS: July 30, a son, Daniel Lee, to Bro. Glen and Sis. Dina Fay Moser. Aug. 1, a daughter, Kris Ann, to Bro. Don and Sis. Justine Gerber.

WEDDINGS: On July 18, friends Ray Fiechter and Carol Payne were united in marriage. Parents of the couple are Bro. and Sis. Homer Fiechter and Mr. and Mrs. Russell Payne.

On July 24, friends Sharon Fiechter and Muri D. Yoder were united in marriage. Parents of the couple are Bro. and Sis. Walter Fiechter and Mrs. Chauncey Yoder.

ENGAGEMENT: The engagement of Linda Klender, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Klender, and Ron Heyerly, son of Bro. and Sis. Ray Heyerly, has been announced.

DEATH: On July 12, funeral services were held for Bro. Ray Moser. He reached the age of 64. Surviving are four brothers and six sisters: Obed, Harold, Bert of Bluffton; Guy of Canada; Elizabeth Pfister, Sada Moser, Francis Dubach, Clara Edward of Bluffton; Judith Frank of Cissna Park, and Martha Moser of Fort Wayne.

The Old Rocking Chair

As I sit on the sand by the deep
blue ocean,
Thoughts come to me and I'm filled
with emotion,
As I think of the time many years
ago,
Probably one hundred and thirty or
so,
When my grandparents sailed in a
boat so small,
From the land of the Alps through
storm and squall.

The sails were up, and westward
they came.

Day and night they sailed, some-
times the same!

No progress they made, but lifted
their eyes

To Him who is ruler of the sea and
skies . . .

And again forward they came,
brave and strong,

A prayer in heart, and on their lips
a song.

As I see the waves dashing on the
shore,

The emotion rises in me more and
more,

As my thoughts go back many
years ago—

How grandmother was rocking me
to and fro

In her rocking chair by the fire so
red,

Telling me of the voyage, before
going to bed.

As she rocked me gently, she would
say to me,

That is how the boat rocked while
crossing the sea.

Since then I have heard how other
did fare,

How storms would arise, Had noth-
ing to spare,

Few earthly possessions, little
money on hand.

How so many survived is hard to
understand.

Many children became sick, suffer-
ed and died.

People spoke in low tones; parents
sobbed and cried—

As their little one was prepared,
wrapped all alone

On a board tied safely, and at its
feet a stone.

A prayer was then offered, and it
slipped away

In the depth of the ocean, at the
close of day.

And then, oh then, what a wonder-
ful sight!

When day after day and night after
night

In the distance they saw (as the
promised land)

Birds, hills and trees; they all look-
ed so grand.

They were nearing the land, for
here they found

Freedom of worship as their feet
touched the ground.

Her brothers and sisters all left, as
she did;

Her children passed on at their
 Maker's stern bid.
 The lines of time now appear on our
 face;
 It's something you and I just can't
 erase,
 So time is fleeting on (what can we
 say more?)
 Like surge upon surge of the waves
 on the shore.

This life here below often seems to
 me
 Very much like the voyage crossing
 the sea.
 The storms of life, as they assail
 us here,
 Bring us close to the Master, and
 often a tear,
 But if we do what He tells us, and
 all do our best,
 He promises to guide us to the
 haven of rest.

Ocean liners are big, and all painted
 so fair!
 The jets speed very fast, way up
 in the air!
 Much different it is now; it sounds
 like a tale
 To cross the wide ocean in a boat
 with a sail—
 But it seemed as a lad in her bed-
 room there,
 We sailed on the ocean in her old
 rocking chair.

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Mrs. Nicholas Barbara Gerber
 Baumgartner lived in the home of
 the author's parents in 1906.

LEO, INDIANA Mrs. Elias Souder

Our visiting ministers was Bros.
 Maurice Frank from the Chicago
 congregation and Walter Anliker
 from Eureka.

Dr. Leon Stoller and Jill Anne
 Hanover of Louisville, Ky. were
 united in marriage, July 31.

We had reports that our Sunday
 School children and teachers enjoy-
 ed there visit to Elgin.

Some of the Junior Sunday School
 classes were at the home of James
 and Marie Winzeler at Wawasee,
 reporting a lovely time.

Services were held at the two
 Butler Rest Homes the first Sunday
 of the month. The following Sun-
 day, several of our friends from
 these rest homes visited church
 services. Dinner was at the Fel-
 lowship Center.

Funeral services for Mrs. Her-

man Conrad were at the McComb
 Funeral Home in Ft. Wayne. Her-
 man is a brother to Diana, Rose and
 Adella Conrad of this church and
 also to Mrs. Emma Frautschi, who
 had passed away the week before.

Cora Levy, who has been very ill,
 is recuperating at the home of her
 daughter, Mrs. Harry Stoller.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Klopfenstein
 are the parents of a son, Troy Ed-
 win. Pearl and Lloyd Klopfenstein
 and Dorothy and Robert Norr are
 the grandparents.

In Appreciation

There is an old, beloved church
 I've known for many years.
 It's a refuge for the weary
 And those in trials and tears.

In its repose and quietness
 We seem so far removed
 From earth's strife and tumult,
 And there the heart is soothed.

'Twas a sad night; we were alone
 When grief struck in a moment of
 time.

Helpless we were with broken
 bones,
 But comfort in God we soon did
 find.

To the hospital we were taken soon.
 Our doctors and nurses did their
 best.

Everyone prayed that we might
 recover,
 And to God we had to leave the
 rest.

God has put us here to rest awhile,
 And patiently to bear our pain.
 Now that we are so much better,
 His goodness surely to us came.

Our appreciation cannot be
 expressed
 For prayers, gifts, cards and
 kindness
 That our whole family has re-
 ceived.

May God your loving deeds ever
 bless.

Bill and Nancy Klopfenstein
 and children

FORGET ME NOT

From Brother S. H. Froelich

All who are baptized unto God
 Heed His voice: Forget me not.
 Forget not what I did for thee;
 Forget it not, but think of me.
 When hour of temptation's nigh,

The lust of flesh, the lust of eye,
 In every way thy faith to try,
 Then think of me who once arose
 To conquer Satan, death and foes.
 Serve not the flesh; do not its will.
 Serve me, the Spirit, ever still.
 He who forgets to heed my call
 And again in sin does fall,
 Will wrath instead of blessings
 see,
 And when it's too late—then think
 of me.

College is in someone's plan!
 Let's do all we can to help these
 students. We have our Father, and
 we have power! We have the word,
 standing triumphant against any
 and all storms.

October is college address month
 in the Silver Lining. See that your
 reporter gets the address of your
 loved one, if he or she is going to
 college. A student may send it or
 give it, also.

Time is fleeting; the good we do
 we will be meeting. Send the Silver
 Lining to a college student. A little
 money is a wise investment, when
 eternal issues are at stake. Each
 church could see so all friends and
 members who are students receive
 the Silver Lining. Let's do it.

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BELOVED BROTHER SOUDER SR.

A loving heart leaves us a beautiful look to the glow beyond.

There are beautiful things in this earth. None can compare with charity, coming from far off home. It shows itself in many ways. It leaves its imprint of a land.

Henry walked in the true eloquence of humility. A glorious crown awaits. Love always is, never-ending, a grand and glorious hope. Beautiful are the spirits at home. Spiritual wonders wait the weary traveller, headed home.

Henry loved the Bible. The family would listen while he read. This is the secret of His triumph. This is why he left such fragrant memory in those who loved him. He wove the secret of the Book into the secret of His life.

"... there is laid up for me a crown..."

He sorrowed in the Book's sor-

row and rejoiced in its bliss. Joseph, Jacob's boy had been sold. Long years passed, and miles spanned between him and his father and brothers. Then, his brothers came. They didn't know him. At the right moment, he told them he was Joseph.

There were tears in Henry's heart. Long ago his babes were laid to rest. Their sweet spirits were in another clime. He was still here, and he read of Joseph. His kind heart visibly sorrowed. The tears came.

His heart was acclimated in the feelings of God, through His word. "Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God." Opportunity always comes on the road we travel.

There are many secrets hidden away in His word. God has put love on an emergency footing. Do not desolations of daily disaster prove the need, for deed of good?

In a neighboring township, sin had wrecked a household. Sin always leaves its litter, its tale of bleeding and broken. Yet, to a barren doorstep in a bleak world the Saviour comes to help. Our greatest fortunes are accumulated good for Tomorrow. Henry received little Lucille into a warm household of love. Now Lucille is one of the beautiful flowers in the upper garden.

A certain business man in Grabbill died. Mom and three small kids, all boys, were left. Again, the compassionate heart of the Saviour moved. Baby Paul found a warm home in the heavenly embraces of love. The other two found moments of rich hospitality from loving hearts.

The word teaches about one's duty to one's own. Whether mom, children or grandchildren, Henry lived the scripture. A little one was enfolded in grandpa's lap. Grandpa was humble, gentle, most wonderfully sweet. Love radiated in warmth and joy. He cared about the little one being happy. He cared about its future. The child was wrapped up in grandpa.

"... your order, and the steadfastness of your faith in Christ."

"And if any man obey not our word by this epistle, note that man..."

To the obedient, the rod is a pointer of direction toward beauty of yet greater freedom. It was used through Henry, shepherd of the flock.

The pastoral beauty is by tranquil waters. The pure, white flock grazes. The good Shepherd keeps constant watch, always vigilant. The heavenly rod is used not to destroy, but to build. The building would cease, but for the firm rod that directs the sheep.

Someone fell asleep during services. There is a sturdy knock-knock from Henry in the pulpit. It is meant to arouse the slumbering. Sometimes the knock-knock is deeper, graver. A near-nodding or slumbering inner soul is in danger. Unheeded, gravely the rod must fall.

"...and mercy rejoiceth against judgment." The scripture is a beautiful blend of love. Like the steady gait of natural breath, Henry's life was a breathing of one verse after another.

Some young brother had been brought before the brethren. He had not done anything where scripture outlines a decision of stern rule. Nevertheless, the path he had stepped was fraught with danger. Some wanted a severe step.

Henry loved mercy. He loved the young man; kindness was in his answer. It was like his own child. He would throw an arm of mercy round him...

The places in the home of Henry seem sweet. There was the old rocker. Here Brother Souder would rest and relax. There was the small bedroom nearby. Here he would sleep. Round 40 years have passed. He took his last look or nearly so, as mother held the child in arms, near his bed. Soon after, he went to the old rocking chair. There, came the point of departure. His spirit was soared to realm of home.

Path of duty is path to glory. It glows most wonderfully sweet when spent in the ways of home.

Let us hour by hour write His verse. We will be happier at end of day.