

# THE SILVER LINING

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## WHEN DAY IS DONE

(Upon request, Sis. Minnie Aeschliman has supplied some information about their son Bro. Dale. His beautiful, touching life has left a trail of courage for us, following not too far behind.

The editor.)

We quote from a letter, written from Camp Shelby, Mississippi. The date, May 15, 1941. It is written to his father and mother, Bro. Sam and Sis. Minnie.

"Dear Folks, It is now 8:30 . . . It was my turn to scrub the floor . . . I and Homer (Bro. Homer Reineck) read the letters I received today . . . (Johns' had a dollar bill in the letter. They shouldn't have done it. They are too good to me).

. . . since I have been carrying the rifle, I never felt right; always from time to time I had a heavy feeling. I made myself clear about using it, but I still couldn't see why I should be drilling. When I get the letter you sent me, I got busy again and thought that I would see the captain again . . . I just happened to see Laurin (Bro. Laurin Bertsch), and we talked things over a little, and I told him that I was going to have something done. He said he got to see the chaplain, the one who is a major, and he was awful nice . . . he was not in, so I didn't know what to do.

Lt. Denboe was in; he is also a chaplain . . . He was not a pleasant man to talk to at all concerning our belief. I finally made up my mind I would talk to him, because I wanted to get it off my mind and could not rest till something was done.

I went in and told him about my work the last few weeks and that I thought this wasn't at all non-combatant work. He asked me where I got this, that I wanted non-combatant work. I told him about, "Thou shalt not kill."

He told me . . . I was entirely wrong. Oh, I prayed that the dear Lord would have things all come

out all right, and that I could stand my ground and not be ashamed of my belief . . .

He asked me if we had any money . . . I told him I didn't care about the money part of it at all, and I was no coward, that I would do any kind of work, and even work on the front if they asked it of me, as long as it was non-combatant. He said he still thought I was asking the other man to take my place; I said I had a card that gave me the privilege of having non-combatant work. He asked to see it, and we talked a long time

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"And the four and twenty elders and the four beasts fell down and worshipped God that sat on the throne, saying, Amen; Alleluia.

And a voice came out of the throne, saying, Praise our God, all ye his servants, and ye that fear him, both small and great.

And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.

Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready."

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. . . I told him that we had folks in the other war, and they are as respected as any citizen that we have in Bluffton . . . He said, Are you sure you aren't yellow? I told him I was not. He said, Think it over, and I am telling you just like I would tell my own son. I told him that one thing they could never make me do is kill anyone. I said this is one thing you can't make me do . . .

This morning, I went out to the field till 9:00, and I went to my 1st Lieut. and told him about it, and that I would like to go and see

the major before dinner. This was the first time I talked to him about this, and he said I had better wait till noon, because maybe I couldn't find him, and at noon he would get me a special appointment. After dinner, we were just lined to go on the hike, and he called me to the side and told me to stay with the company till Monday morning, and he would have something else for me. So at last I guess the time has come.

" . . . give my greetings to all the dear brothers and sisters in faith you wish to tell. I often think of them. So will close with love to all, and may God be with us till we meet again."

(Life's changing pattern comes. Bro. Dale goes across. His unchanging, dauntless courage and love toward the goal is a tower that beacons out victory to us.)

"Jan. 12, 1943. Somewhere At Sea."

### To The Loved Ones At Home

We are now many days at sea;  
Our destination is unknown to me,  
But whether I'm on sea or land,  
I'll put my trust in Jesus' hand.

I've left the home I love so well  
And more dear friends than I could tell,  
But even though I'm far away,  
My thoughts will be with you  
always.

Sometimes I sigh at all this strife  
That's come to pass in my young life,  
Then I think how many more  
Have bore a heavier cross before.

Oh our dear Saviour suffered great pain,  
But did He murmur or complain?  
He bore His cross and victory won.  
He said, **Not mine, Thy will be done.**

At night when I lie down to sleep,  
I ask in prayer that He will keep

Us from all evil and from harm  
And protect us with His mighty  
arm.

I ask that He will safely bring  
Us to our friends and home again,  
Back to the harbor we left before,  
Where we'll see lights along the  
shore.

There is another harbor though  
Where we will all wish to go,  
And oh what glorious joy 'twill be  
To anchor there so safe and free.

Dear Folks: While we are sailing  
on at sea, I wrote this little poem,  
which I'm sending you . . . Love,  
Dale".

(A few words are penned at the  
top of another letter, "His last let-  
ter home to Sam and I".)

"Philippine Islands . . . Dear  
Folks: Just a few lines this eve-  
ning to leave you know I'm okay.  
I received Mom's letter of Decem-  
ber 27 a few days ago. Dad's letter  
of January 3 arrived before Mom's.  
It's hot and sultry here tonight.  
I suppose quite different from  
home . . .

Mom, you mentioned how you  
often wonder where I'm at and  
what I'm doing. Don't worry about  
me, Mom. We'll just hope and pray  
everything will turn out okay, and

that before too long we'll all be to-  
gether again. After all it doesn't  
matter so much what happens if we  
are prepared to die, does it? I have  
so many weaknesses and shortcom-  
ings yet, but will try and each day  
serve my God a little better, and  
learn to know him more and more  
. . . Give my hearty greetings to  
all. Love, Dale."

A few more penned words, "The  
tele. we rec'd Mar. 10, 1945".

"Mrs Minnie M Aeschliman . . .  
your son technician third grade  
Dale H Aeschliman was killed in  
action thirty one January on Lu-  
zon . . ."

#### A Letter

Dear Mrs. Aeschliman: . . . On  
the night of 1 Feb. 1945 our bat-  
talion bivouacked at the entrance  
to Zig Zag Pass . . . Just at dusk  
Dale was returning to his foxhole,  
after treating a sick man. A shot  
rang out on a nearby hill, and Dale  
fell . . .

Dale was one of the best liked  
men in the organization. Dale had  
been with us all the time we were  
overseas. When the boys had some-  
thing wrong that didn't require the  
doctor's presence, they always asked  
for Aesch. His cheerful dispo-  
sition and eagerness to help others  
won him a host of friends. If our

wishes could help, Aesch would be  
back with us . . . Robert C. Thomas,  
Captain, Infantry, Commanding."  
Another letter . . .

"Dear Mrs. Aeschliman: Last  
January, your son Dale gave us his  
Bible for safekeeping during our  
operation. The other day we found  
his Bible and two songbooks with  
our equipment . . . Dale was a fine  
Christian, and he devoted himself  
to reading his Bible at every oppor-  
tunity. His cheerful Christian liv-  
ing was an inspiration to those who  
knew him . . . Cullen B. Jones,  
Chaplain (Capt.) USA, Regimental  
Chaplain."

And still another . . .

"Dear Mrs. Aeschliman . . . I can  
tell you that Dale was liked by all  
the men in his outfit, and he faced  
the task before him like a man. I  
know I can't express in words the  
way I feel about Dale's death, so I  
will not try, and I think you will  
understand . . . Yours, Robert Gei-  
ger."

When day is done, and shadows  
fall, **there is another harbor.** Dale's  
words carry a glorious hope. "After  
all, it doesn't matter so much what  
happens, if we are prepared to die,  
does it?" "We'll just hope and pray  
everything will turn out okay, and  
that before too long we'll all be to-  
gether again."

## STANDING STANCH IN THE SERVICE, WORLD WAR 1

Macon, in the South, was then  
a city of approximately 15,000. A  
young brother, Harry Bucher, had  
been sent here for army training.  
Being away from home, he was  
lonesome.

One day . . . perhaps a Saturday  
. . . he looked down the street. He  
saw a man. He thought it looked  
like his father, Brother Bucher.  
Yes, it was that dear face that  
meant so much for him. Bro. Bar-  
tel Rapp and he had come. What  
joy to meet those for whom our  
hearts long.

Permission was granted by the  
brigadier general to hold a meet-  
ing. One or more of the boys secur-  
ed a hotel room. They gathered to-  
gether.

Some of the boys brought **Zion's  
Harp** hymnals in German. (Bro.  
Harry had brought a gospel hymn.)  
When it was time, Bro. Rapp pull-  
ed out his German scriptures.

Bro. Harry had a uneasy feeling.  
Most of the services were held.  
When it was time for the last song,  
the door swung abruptly open.

There were two military police,  
and two civilian police. The MP's  
took the four boys, locked them up.  
The civilian police took Bros. Rapp  
and Bucher.

Paul and Silas sang praises in the  
prison. Bro. Harry Bucher brought  
along his **Gospel Hymnbook**. There,  
on the floor of that military prison,  
they sang hymns.

Bro. Harry was led out. The  
questioning included about the  
services and the German hymnal.  
Then, he was put back in the cell.  
Before too long, they were released.  
Bros. Rapp and Bucher were also  
released by the police.

In his days in the army, he suf-  
fered other things, also. Calm and  
confidence in faith, he stood firm.

The Lord gave grace and an answer  
at all times.

Stedfast steps always prove suc-  
cessful. the editor.

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## SHALL I ENTER AS A NON-COMBATANT?

Written by a World War II Veteran

"Ye have heard that it hath been said, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth: But I say unto you . . . Love . . ." To Peter He said, **Put up thy sword into the sheath: for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword.**

John answered the soldiers, "Do violence to no man, neither accuse any falsely . . ."

Life has many decisions man must face, and many times it is hard for a person to decide which way to go. This is especially true when a young man receives his induction notice, stating he is to be drafted into military service.

Many of the boys in this country have learned the ten commandments when they went to Sunday School, and all can well remember No. 6, "Thou shalt not kill." This truly must place a conviction into every heart, that it is wrong to take another man's life. Then on the other hand, Satan (the author of pride) will say to you, **What will your friends and neighbors say, when they hear that you desire to enter the military service as a non-combatant.**" This voice, my dear friend, do not listen to, for surely you can serve in the armed forces without carrying a weapon. (Note: for every ten soldiers, it takes seven to service and supply three fighting men.) There will be a place for you in the military, and you can still serve your country and be a good citizen.

Now may I relate some of my experiences as a soldier in World War II, for in sharing our experiences, we may help someone in a similiar situation. I registered with my draft board as a non-combatant, and was given a classification as such (I-AO) . . . then was inducted, and went to the Reception Center. From there, the draftees are sent to different camps throughout the

country. I was not a converted man at this time, but still had the convictions that I wanted non-combatant duty.

The officers at the Reception Center wanted to test my sincerity, and sent me to an Infantry Basic Training Center, where I took my 6 weeks of Infantry training. (I was supposed to be placed in a non-combatant organization) . . . then to another camp, to join a **regular** Infantry Division, **which was to be my permanent outfit.**

During this time, my parents were much concerned that I did not make more of an effort to be transferred to a non-combatant unit, which gradually inspired me to start working on a transfer, with the help of our battalion chaplain. He was a kind and considerate man, and helped as much as he could. He went to Division Headquarters and arranged a meeting for me with the staff officers of the personnel section.

There, the officers tried to convince me that I was wrong for not taking up arms to defend my country. The 1-AO draft card was presented, plus the Act of Congress paper, which our corresponding elder (during World War II) sent me. (Taken from 76th Congress, 3rd session, Chapter 720, Public No. 783 (a) sec. 5 (g). Upon presenting these papers, the officers said, "Put him in the medical detachment of his own outfit."

It would have been much easier to be transferred to a new outfit, because of the ridicule and snide remarks from the men . . . But this all brought me closer to the Lord. I received training now as a medical aid man, was told how important it is to be a good aid man, also of responsibilities. It was impressed, that job was very dangerous!

Then, on the last furlough before

going overseas I could finally surrender self, sought the Lord in repentance, and was taken into the precious and holy faith. What a relief to know that I was reconciled with my God. When we entered battle, **one** could feel that should it be God's will to take me from this life, I was ready to go.

Things were real now, and serious, in battle. The medical corps men were really praised, —not that we wanted it, but what a vast difference from in the States, where we were called "Pill rollers" etc. Over there, it seems all the fellows want the aid men to be their **best** friend.

Any soldier that does his training conscientiously will answer when duty calls. So it was with me, to try always to do my part as a good soldier, obeying all orders.

One early morning, our company was attacked, and under heavy enemy fire, two of our men were wounded from machine gunfire. The call for a medic was sounded, and as was drilled in us previously, knew I must answer the call for duty. It was frightening, but I left my covered position, and crossed approximately 40 yards of open ground to bind the wounds of two comrades.

After the attack, our officers from the line company said, "You could have waited until the attack eased off before going out to aid the men". This act was put down for a citation, and later received a medal for heroic achievement. Never after that was heard one more remark about being a slacker, etc.

So you see, one can enter into the military service as a non-combatant and still do your part, serving your country. Thanks and praise be to God, that we live under such a benevolent government.

## VALPARAISO VISIT and RADIANCE OF HOME

Henry Souder Jr.

Just across, over there in heavenly glow is a real city. Many verses fit in to picture this perfect place.

We were one Sunday at Valparaiso. A place becomes real to you when you get there. You get to know faces and friends, and under-

stand.

Bro. Orville Bucher is one of the brethren. He has a gateway to immeasurable sowing. Life's oppor-

tunities are ripe with golden harvest.

Golden moments stirred beautiful thoughts. St. John 11, in part, was pondered.

"... I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die..."

How exactly is the march of humanity to a certain point in this chapter (where ever we be, we are confronted with the coffin). Flickering moments ebb low, cease. Sadness and grief are commonplace, our common lot.

Jesus came. Things changed. He places Himself where He meets the people. He is between us and the grave. Radiant verses reveal above all, His heavenly sphere—resurrection and life, reaching down. The beautiful glory shines to our present day, illuminating the coffin in hope.

Real people they were with whom He was dealing: "Now a certain man was sick, named Lazarus, of Bethany, the town of Mary and her sister Martha."

Three persons, we can find, were raised from the dead by Christ: Jairus' daughter, 12 years old; the widow's son; Lazarus. Our Lord came in real life, close-up, and worked in scenes such as ours... and such shall be!

It cost Him much. We sang, "Oh the love that brought it down to man!" To span the mighty gulf

cost God dearly. Twice in this chapter it is recorded He groaned. There is verse 35, "Jesus wept."

What mighty shakings of sorrow shook the tender, compassionate heart? What terrific burden caused such divine agony and consternation?

"Jesus therefore again groaning in himself cometh to the grave." He saw the people weeping; he heard what they said. It wasn't the silent sleeper whose spirit was free in restful clime. It was the narrowness of vision, the sadness of plight, the conflicts and conspirings of human despair. It was the movement of unbelief when the man of sorrows moved to groan.

God was moving, that day at Valparaiso. The listener can learn and can prepare for His place. The voice was Bro. Harry Bucher's from the pulpit. The words were our Lord's, One who was familiar, loved and knew every room of home.

"In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you."

Bro. Harry spoke of nice houses built on a hill... of home, a place of tranquillity and peace. Our Lord has told us, "Let not your heart be troubled..."

From chapter 18, St. Matthew, was beautiful verse in the next service. Bro. Harry spoke of children. He spoke of offense.

Little children are innocent. Bro. Harry put the spotlight on another

beautiful way of children. They do have differences... one gives another a slap... Pretty soon, they've made up and are playing together.

"Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven."

He mentioned about the Beautiful Beyond... all our life we could not comprehend what awaits.

Time passes. We were again at 805 East Jefferson. Where had the time between gone? Using the same figures, the same fleeting, rapid mileage, so must all time pass!

We pondered of natural, carnal, spiritual... considered envy, strife, divisions... weighed thought, words, action. There had been division among the brethren at Corinth... Bro. Orville directed to beautiful spiritual success. Paul put it above each—on the word of God. We can reach for something above and find our arms linked in love.

"I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase."

Bro. Harry read from St. John 15. He pointed out, envying and strife is cut off. It makes room for something else.

Our duty is plain. Time speeds to its destination. We may follow our route on the map of God. We are in love to serve one another. If we don't try to be an example to one another in this time, when shall we? If we don't point to the best now, when shall we?

## BURLINGTON, IOWA

— Glory to God —

"Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth."—Luke 15: 10.

Our friend and her family assembled with us each Sunday. Her thoughts were, that some time she wanted to be one of the flock—but, not yet.

Many times at work, the thought would come, now is the time; she better do something about it. She would promise herself, tonight when she gets home she would talk to someone about it. Next day would find her with the same thought, and that she had failed to keep her promise with herself and God.

One Sunday, after witnessing the baptisms of her two younger brothers, she was somewhat touched, but after all, she was not going to repent because someone else did.

She retired, not thinking too much about it. Later in the night, she awoke with such an uneasy, lost feeling. She asked the Lord to help her. She could not go to work that day, and without Grace, the undeserved kindness and mercy of God, it would have been hard to go on.

Praying and reading the Bible is such a comfort and help—she wonders how she ever got along without it. She feels very grateful to God for the peace of heart and mind which she now has, not missing or having any desire for the things of the past.

Upon testimony of a true repent-

ance and faith in the atoning blood of our Lord, our friend was baptized, much to the joy and comfort of the congregation.

It is so wonderful how the Lord replaces two-fold with great and precious promises.

## ATHENS, ALABAMA

The Athens congregation is grateful to Bro. Wendell Gudeman, Francesville, for showing slides on the cattle shipment to Haiti. We who live in Alabama can be thankful for the blessings we have, after seeing these slides.

On August 19, we had fellowship and Bible study in the George Kelly home, in Tennessee. There was good attendance. We were happy to see once again our sister in the Lord, Sis. Wray, who hadn't been able to attend church for several

years because of family conditions. The following Sunday she was in church with her family; how thankful we are that the Lord has let this come about. We had been praying that acquaintance with her could be renewed. Sis. Wray is a very friendly person, with a loving and kind disposition.

Bro. William Haggemaker recently suffered a broken toe, happening while at his employment as a construction employee. He has been able to continue work, although his ability to get around is limited. Pray for Bro. William.

Sis. Dolly (Mrs. William) Haggemaker now teaches Sunday School, in the absence of Sis. Clara Heiniger, who now must teach at Hillsboro. Recently, the service at the Hillsboro church was changed to 10:00 a.m.; thus Clara is devoting most of her teaching talent to the Hillsboro Sunday School.

Attendance at the Athens church averages between 100 and 125. Services are started every Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. and are usually completed around 11:00. We are glad to have visitors to share in the fellowship of God's people.

Recent visiting ministers include Bro. Elmer Bucher of Francesville and Bro. Jim Hoerr of Peoria.

### PORTLAND, OREGON

Mrs. Glenn Hackenjos  
Mrs. Edward Unsicker

The Silvertown community has lost a long-time resident. Our dear friend, Pete Neuswanger, passed away Aug. 7.

Sis. Ann Rumhold was hospitalized for a few days. We are thankful she is home and improving.

Our new convert, Henry (Red) Bartel, underwent surgery recently. He is slowly improving, but will be hospitalized for quite some time.

Bro. Larry Lombardo has made marked improvement. We rejoice with his family, and praise God for His wondrous healing power. How true is the following verse, which is one of my favorites . . . "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose." (Romans 8:28).

**O Thou Who Art Weary, Pray**  
O thou who are weary, discouraged,  
oppressed,  
With cares overlaid, art filled  
with unrest,

Come list to the story of love, so  
full and free,  
Of Jesus, who suffered for you  
and for me.

His arm is almighty; He lifts when  
we fall.

With love He surrounds us; He  
hears when we call.

Then heed to the message so oft  
heard before,

And let Him abide in your heart  
evermore.

Come unto the shelter, ye weary of  
soul;

Come unto the Saviour, whose  
love makes us whole.

Come tell Him your sorrow—your  
courage renew.

He'll lighten your burden; He'll  
carry you through.

### PRINCEVILLE, ILLINOIS

Ruth Ricketts—Anna Marie Baer

These are moments you'll remem-  
ber in the years to be;

These are days you will recall—  
days so gay and free.

These are times—vacation times—  
you often will recall;

Make the most of happy days, and  
thank God for them all.

Quite a number from our congregation were in various places on vacations, and we are so thankful for their safe return. Bro. Walter and Sis. Doris Christ and three young sons visited with Walter's parents, other relatives and friends in Germany for three weeks. This was Walter's first visit back home since coming to this country, and he found quite a few changes.

Sisters Hulda Martin and Marie Kieser, with some other sisters from Peoria, were in Germany and Switzerland. Soon after their arrival in Germany, they met our converted friend, Robert Wieland of Princeville, and Bro. Glenn Riggensbach of Rittman, who are both in the armed forces in Germany. They rented a car and together toured Germany and Switzerland, which was most enjoyable for all.

Sisters Anna and Lucille Roach had an extensive tour of Europe and enjoyed visiting in twelve countries. The most enjoyable time was visiting with their dear relatives in Germany & Switzerland. Anna was disappointed to find her old home in Mannheim had been destroyed during the war. All along the Rhine River, it was rebuilt en-

tirely in industry and commerce, huge factories and shipping warehouses. In Adersbach she found her mothers' old home still occupied and in good condition, as also is the churchhouse of which her grandfather Lauser was elder. Services are still held there regularly. When this church was built, her father presented them a clock, which is still hanging in the same place and keeps perfect time.

As for the scenic beauty in the lands, it is impossible to describe it. One can only agree with the author, "How wonderful O Lord, is Thy Creation! We worship Thee in Holy admiration."

We are sorry to learn that our friend, Louie Baer, is suffering much pain from a broken leg, sustained when he slipped and fell in the yard of his home. We hope he will soon find relief and be able to be about again.

### Glory To God

I was raised in the Apostolic Christian faith. I was very fortunate to have believing parents, in which I could see in their hearts something the world could not offer. As a young boy, I can remember going to church, the whole family together every Sunday morning, and you could feel how good this was.

When one reaches the teenage years of life, Satan has a lot to offer, and it seems one drifts from the church somewhat. You no longer want to ride to church with mom and dad, because you want to be on your own more now. This is the time when I was cooler towards the church, because now Satan was getting a grip on my life.

Then I was called into the service, and while in camp was convicted of my past life. I thought of all the teachings I received as a boy at home and in church, and now I wanted to lead a different life. I had to go overseas. My faith wasn't founded as firmly as it should have been; I became slack in prayer, and once more Satan began to get a hold on me. Without realizing it, I was allowing myself things not good for a Christian. I had lost what I had once gained.

For sometime after I returned home, I led a somewhat careless life which I know now deeply grieved my parents and friends. The time came that I could finally realize that, down at the end of the

road of the life I was leading, there could no good come of it. This is when I could finally get down on my knees and ask the Lord to have mercy on me, a sinner. In this time of repentance, we must dig deep to build ourselves a good foundation. If not, we will fall, because our faith is too shallow. After a time, the Lord could see in my heart that I truly wanted to be forgiven for my past life, and He spoke peace to my heart. Now I could go to bed at night with confidence in my heart, that if the Lord should call tonight, I would be able to answer, "Here am I" . . . no more fear of where I will spend eternity, if I am faithful. I can never be thankful enough to the dear Lord for His mercy, giving me another chance.

Those of us who are young in faith face some most trying years ahead. We pray to our dear Lord every day for grace to lead and guide us, that if the Lord should come today, He will find the Bible as the center piece in our homes, not a magazine, and a hymn on our heart, instead of an earthly song on the radio.

Together, young and old, arm linked in love, we work out our soul's salvation, remembering each other always in prayer. We pray always for our dear elders and ministers, that in this latter day and time they may stand up and speak by inspiration, and by the grace of God send out the call, that families here on earth today may be families in heaven tomorrow.

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

Bros. Albert Aberle and Ben Hartzler were our visiting ministers in August.

Many brothers and friends have recently joined our group, but the parting hour will come again soon. Bros. Harold Steiner, Maurice Schaefer and Kenneth Steffen, along with Alpha Hartzler, are on orders for Europe and are to leave September 5. I would certainly encourage anyone to write to them as soon as their addresses are known. There are many other brothers and friends stationed in distant places who would also appreciate a letter from any one who will take the time to write. They can't appreciate thoughtfulness that isn't conveyed, but a person who does send even just a few words certainly won't be forgotten.

Any mail for our group should be sent to Pvt. Larry Endress, Co. D 3rd BN. USAMTC, Ft. Sam Houston, Texas.

#### **FORT SCOTT, KANSAS** **Annabelle Bahr Marie Zaugg**

Visiting ministers the past month were Bros. Robert Young and Al Langhofer, Wichita, and Elder Bros. Noah Schrock and Samuel Anliker. We appreciate their visits and thank them for coming.

Bro. and Sis. Gus Sinn attended the wedding of their son, Gerald, to Miss Judith Ann Bengston, which took place Aug. 7 at Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. Bro. Albert Fisher performed the ceremony, at the home of a friend. We wish for this young couple much happiness in their future life together. They are at home in Kansas City, Kansas, at 3732 Booth.

Larry Sinn was a hospital surgery patient this month. He has been dismissed and is recuperating at home.

#### **MORTON, ILLINOIS** **Rose Getz**

On Aug. 8, funeral services were held at the Apostolic Christian Church for Mrs. Hazel Hofmann, 50. Bro. Joe Getz officiated.

On Aug. 10, funeral services were held at Ludwig Mortuary for Sarah (Moser) Wieland, 85. Bro. Henry Grimm, assisted by Bro. Joe Getz, officiated. Sarah was a daughter of Benedict and Verena Steiner Moser.

On Aug. 11, funeral services were held at Ludwig Mortuary for William Wanner, 81. Bro. Joe Getz officiated.

On Aug. 29, funeral services for Henry Gunther, 74, were held at the Apostolic Christian Church. Bro. Sam Aeschliman of Bluffton officiated.

Two dear friends, Frank and Edna Duffelmeier, gave their testimonies on Aug. 11 and were baptized the following Sunday. Bro. Roy Sauder of Peoria assisted Bro. Joe Getz.

Bro. Albert Scheitlin of Elgin, Illinois, visited us on Sunday, Aug. 15.

Sis. Martha Rapp, who has been at the hospital the past two weeks with a crushed vertebra, is home and getting along quite well.

Born to Bro. Albert and Sis. Virginia Hunziker on Aug. 16, a girl, Peggy Sue.

Bro. Lester Kaiser is still in the hospital, but improving slowly.

Bro. William and Sis. Mary Roecker and Bro. Otto and Sis. Mary Baum arrived home safely Aug. 21, from a five-week visit with friends and relatives in Germany. The Baums also visited relatives in Alsace, France.

Tho't: No man can live wrong and pray right. No man who prays right can live wrong.

#### **PEORIA, ILLINOIS**

**Emily Tanner**  
**Mrs. Michael Weyeneth**

Our sisters, Florence Hoerr and Shirley Klaus, have gone to South America to teach school for a year.

Dennis Fuecht has been discharged from the military service. He and his wife, Beth, are vacationing in Europe, since his discharge there. They plan to be home in October.

Karen Sue Hoerr, daughter of Bro. Chris and Sis. Ella Hoerr, became the bride of Gerald Ross Carson on August 8. The couple are residing in Long Beach, California.

Bonnie Koehl, daughter of Bro. Harold and Sis. Lillian Koehl, and Richard Hodel, son of Bro. Sam and Sis. Gertrude Hodel of Cissna Park, were united in marriage August 29. They are living in Peoria.

Linda Kay Plattner, daughter of Bro. Richard and Sis. Barbara Plattner, became the bride of Ronald T. Wabel, on September 3.

Sis. Anna Kipfer died August 10. Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Margaret Dini, three sisters, Sis. Freda and Sis. Marie Kipfer, with whom she made her home since her husbands' death in 1956, and Mrs. Carolyn Kuck; a brother, Bro. Chris and one grandchild.

Enoch Wieland died August 30. Surviving are his wife, the former Nettie Kibler; and two daughters, Mrs. Margie Case and Mrs. Joyce Siever; five grandchildren; one brother, Walter, and one sister, Ann Wieland of Hoopston.

Sis. Esther Stoller and Sis. Mary Schlipf are hospital patients at this writing. Bro. Henry Schaefer was a patient at the hospital for two and a half weeks. He is home now.

We thank the Lord and also Bro. Ed Unsicker for the messages delivered to us, when Bro. Ed visited our congregation while he was on vacation.

A group of brothers and sisters from the Peoria congregation en-

joyed their visit to the Rest-Mor Nursing Home. Bro. Michael Weyeneth held the worship service.

Bro. Michael Weyeneth accommodated the residents of the Fire-side Nursing Home one afternoon, recently, by having the worship services there.

### VALPARAISO, INDIANA

Mrs. W. A. Jacob

Mrs. Harry Bucher

Bro. Arthur and Sis. Erlene Yergler are the parents of a new baby girl, Gori Lynn, born Aug. 19. Gori has one brother, Billie.

Bro. John Troxel has been hospitalized for five weeks, had surgery, and is now recuperating at home. God surely has blessed him; may He continue to give him strength for a speedy recovery. Sis. Allen must have had many anxious moments, and may God bless her and make her lot bearable. We miss them from our congregation.

Sis. Aldene Frieden entered Porter Memorial Hospital Aug. 23, for surgery. Although weak, she is now able to be home again. May God also bless her and give her strength for speedy recovery.

We had our Sunday School picnic Aug. 15, held at Bro. Orville and Sis. Mil Buchers' nice, spacious lawn. They do much for the Lord; may God bless their efforts.

Jeanne Morris is leaving Sept. 12 to attend Indiana University; she plans to teach Spanish and work toward her Master's Degree. We wish her success. Her parents are Clarence and Alma Morris.

Dillar and Mildred Ames have announced the engagement of their daughter, Caroline, to Edward C. Lester, wedding date set for Sept. 25.

Grant that we may realize in the little things that create differences, that in the big things of life we are all one.

### BLUFFTON, INDIANA

Delutha Moser Carolyn Gerber

Births: August 8, a son, Hal Douglas, to Bro. Ken and Sis. Judy Kipper; August 11, a daughter, Jill Ann, to Bro. Alan and Sis. Carol Isch; August 26, a son, Tadd Allen, to Bro. and Sis. Vernon Geisel; August 26, a son, Stan Leon, to Bro. John and Shirley Fiechter.

Shut-ins: Brothers, Alvin Gerber, Nelson Moser and Cornelius Bertsch; Sister, Lydia Geyer.

Discharge of Serviceman: Friend Lester Steffen has been discharged from the Army, after two years of duty.

Weddings: August 22, friends Carmi Steffen and David Speakman were united in marriage. Parents of the couple are Bro. and Sis. Obed Steffen and Mr. and Mrs. Richard D. Speakman.

August 22, friends Ron Heyerly and Linda Klender were united in holy matrimony. Parents of the couple are Bro. and Sis. Ray Heyerly and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Klender.

Engagement: August 15, the engagement of Sis. Gloria Jean Moser to Bro. Terry Steffen was made known. Parents of the couple are Bro. Nelson and Sis. Marie Moser and Sis. Lucille (Norman) Steffen.

God bless you both, and may His care

Forever keep you strong and true,  
That you may walk with dignity  
Along each path your whole life thru.

Death: Funeral services were held Sept. 7, for friend, Mrs. Sharon Yoder, 22 who died of leukemia on Sept. 4. Surviving are the husband, Merle; her parents, Bro. and Sis. Walter Fiechter; one brother; three sisters, and a grandmother.

### What Is Death?

All members of the human race have two things in common, each of us was born, and each must die. Most of us are not too concerned with the circumstances of our birth, but the thought of dying is another matter. The knowledge that our days on this earth will come to an end is an inescapable part of our existence.

We all have moments when we flinch from the thought of dying. This is perfectly natural; the good Lord planted a certain amount of this fear in all of us, so that we would not be tempted to relinquish the trials and responsibilities of this life too easily. . . . But the Lord did not intend us to be panicky about it. No one would be happy trying to live forever in this life.

So far as our earthly existence is concerned, it is better that the curtain be rung down when our work here is done. It is almost certain, that when the time comes, death comes as a friend to the children of God. . . . To those who have a pure heart and are in peace with

God. What is death then? It is a change into some new form of existence.

We are not permitted to know exactly this new existence. It does happen that saints at the brink of death have been given glimpses of the great radiance, or hear beautiful music, or see faces of departed loved ones. I know of these experiences, because it has happened to my dear father. I shall never forget when he told us of the Beautiful City; he beheld and affirmed it is just as it is written.

We know there is a resurrection. Christ has proved that, when he arose from the grave. Death is only a momentary rim of shadow. Behind it, waiting, is the radiance of eternal life.

The above writing was submitted by Mary Steffen.

### ELGIN, ILLINOIS

Louise Steffen

Katie Kachelmuss

In our last report, we mentioned that Charles Reber had surgery; now we have to report that he has passed away. The funeral was August 12, and the services were held by Bro. Al Fisher.

Another one of our friends, Fred Goll, passed away. His funeral was on Aug. 30, conducted by Bro. Herman Kellenberger.

Bro. Frank and Sis. Lois Schock have a girl, Christine Marie, born on August 14.

Sis. Jeanne Steffen, daughter of Sis. Mabel Steffen, received her diploma on August 29 from the Mennonite Hospital School of Nursing. She plans to work at Community Hospital in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Bro. Gerald Kellenberger was chosen to be a Sunday School teacher, to replace Bro. Albert Schambach. We wish Bro. Gerald the grace and help from God in his new duties.

Our visiting ministers for the past month were Bro. Elmer Bucher of Francesville, Bro. Edward Unsicker of Portland, and Bro. Elmer Schmidt of Winthrop. We appreciated their visits and the messages delivered, and wish them God's blessings for their efforts in proclaiming the word of God in His churches.

Wilber and Marion Schmidgall have a girl, born Aug. 30, and have named her Sara Anne.

**UNION CITY, NEW JERSEY****August Mueller**

We had Bro. John Bahler from Rockville, and Bro. John Widrick from Croghan with us.

Bro. Widrick served in the morning. He pointed out, how fortunate we are that our Lord and Saviour came along as a good Samaritan, when we were laying by the wayside, wounded and bruised. Everybody that came along looked the other way. He had compassion, poured oil of salvation into our wounds, and brought us to the Inn, the house of God, where we fully recovered from our sad condition. He promised that He will richly reward the keepers of the Inn. And who are the keepers of the Inn? the elders and ministers that proclaim the word of God and have the responsibility over the sheep.

Bro. Bahler served in the afternoon; he also served the Lord's Supper with the help of Bro. Widrick. It was a solemn occasion. Sis. Ida Knecht was able to share in the supper.

After the Lord's Supper, we went downstairs to the newly renovated basement, where supper was served. Let us never forget this day. It was a day of joy and blessing. We do well if we give God the honor and thanks for granting us such wonderful days.

**The Lord's Prayer**

"Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen."

Yes, we have reason to rejoice that we have a kind and loving Father in heaven who cares for His children and provides according to His promise. He expects that we conduct our lives so His name can be hallowed through us. It is our duty to pray that the Lord's kingdom may enter each true and faithful heart in these last days, that many souls may yet be added unto His flock, ere the door of grace will be closed.

Our Father expects that His children do His will upon earth as it is done in heaven. It is most needful that we pray for our daily

bread, for He is the giver of all good and perfect gifts. We could take nothing nor give anything if it was not given to us from our heavenly Father. We should not neglect to give Him thanks for His love and kindness.

It is a precious thing that we can fall upon our knees and pour out our hearts before Him and ask Him to forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. There was never a man born perfect, save our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

The Lord does not lead anybody into temptation, for He Himself cannot be tempted. He will deliver us from all evil & harm; it is not His will that one should come short of that promise to inherit that everlasting rest and peace. He is King over all kings and Lord over all Lords. To Him belongeth all power, honor and glory, now and forevermore. Amen.

"O how lovely is the morning, when it is begun with God," and our hearts are filled with thanks and praise to bring unto the Creator of heaven and earth and all that is therein.

We should not only pray for ourselves, but remember those that are less fortunate. There are such that can not find words to pray, such that are on sick beds, that are in high age, in trouble (of which this world is full of in this time wherein we live), and such that are at a point where they have no more pleasure in life, and wish that they could go home and enter into everlasting rest. We pray daily for them, that the Lord would grant grace as He has promised, that each may patiently wait till the Lord's appointed time. He calls them one by one.

We must not forget to pray for the brothers and friends that are in Service. It is our prayer that they all may return to their loved ones, safe and sound, and none may be missing. May the good Lord let His countenance shine upon one and all.

Sept. 5 . . . We were few in number, but it was a day of joy and blessing. The Lord does not require a certain number in order to bestow His blessings. He set the number as low as He could, two or three, but they have to ask him for the blessing. Without asking, we can not expect anything. We asked Him in the morning hour to come into our midst with His peace and bles-

sing. He heard and blessed us above our expectation. Bro. Ed mentioned. If all the benches were filled the Lord could have not done more than what He did, so we are obligated unto Him, to give Him thanks and praise for His lovingkindness.

He takes care of the sparrows; how much more will He take care of His children who call unto Him day and night. He remembers all His children, no matter where they are, even in lonely places. When we read of Moses, Job, Daniel, Joseph, and especially David, we find that they all trusted in the Lord, and none was put to shame. They all had to go through dark days and hours, but when they departed from this world, they all came to a blessed ending. When we take His word to heart and do as we are told when we assemble around His word, He will be with us and lead us unto that promised home, where we can rest in eternity.

**CONGERVILLE, ILLINOIS****Lorna Schrock**

Steve and Gerri Schrock, who were recently married, have turned to the Lord. It certainly causes great rejoicing in the hearts of believers when a sinner repents. Steve's parents are Bro. Alvin and Sis. Irene Schrock.

Sis. Carrie Wettstein spent a short time at the Mayo Clinic, where she has previously received treatment. Recently, she has been confined to bed much of the time.

A new baby girl, Cindi Sue, was welcomed into the family of Bro. Stan and Sis. Naomi Vogel on Sept. 1. Two and one-half year old Patti Jo is the new baby's big sister.

After a two-month recess, our Sunday School resumed on Sept. 5. We should not neglect to pray for the teachers who have this important work entrusted to them.

Bro. Carl Schieber underwent an emergency appendectomy on Sept. 4. At this time he is recovering satisfactorily, and we wish him a speedy recovery.

**EUREKA, ILLINOIS****Cathryn Wettstein Salome Walter**

Our visiting ministers the past month have been Bros. Noah Schrock, Oakville; Edward Frank, La-Crosse; Irvin Stoller, Latty; Lowell Stoller, Princeville; Robert Grimm and Frank Woertz, Goodfield; John Wagler, South Carolina; Ben Zim-



merman, Congerville; and David Bertsch, Leo.

Those who were hospitalized and home again are—Leonard Hartter and Cheryl Kempf. Cheryl is the daughter of Bro. Irvin and Sis. Alice Kempf, Sis. Marie Klaus is at home now. Sis. Pauline Miller has broken her hip by a fall. She had been at the A. C. Home in Peoria, but is now in Eureka Hospital.

Repenting—Leonard Hartter and his wife, Ann, are seeking the Lord in repentance. May God grant grace unto them and help them through.

Derren Eugene has come to live in the home of Harvey and Sharon Martin, by adoption, recently.

Card of Thanks: I would like to thank all relatives and friends, for their many acts of kindness and prayers for me while I was in Eureka Hospital. Sis. Marie Klaus

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

Bro. Ralph Beyer, of New York, started his service with these words, "Greetings dear ones; it is a pleasure to be in your midst." It also was a great pleasure to have him, as also the following brothers, George Yergler, Merle Bucher, Earl Kilgus and Alfred Bahler. We had more than enough to eat, of spiritual food. It is like when we sit down to a table, we would say, if we could only share it with the "poor"; we would also have a desire to share our spiritual food with all our neighbors and friends.

Bro. Carl Gutwein's son, Elden's home has been blessed with a baby boy named Troy David. He also has a brother, Daniel.

Our youngest daughter, Betty, has graduated from nurses' training. What a blessing nurses can be to mankind. She also has taken the step to married life and is now Mrs. Charles Lyons. Her husband is still in medical school. We wish them the same as my father had written in our book on our 25th wedding anniversary, "In joy or sorrow, look to your Lord", and my mother wrote, "God's blessings now and always."

Our annual Sunday School picnic was well attended by the young and old. We cannot be thankful enough for all that the teachers do for these precious children.

An impressive little saying—

Everytime you throw a little mud,  
you lose a little ground.

**JAPAN**

Willis R. Ehnle,  
Substitute Reporter

Bro. Yoshio Yamazaki had an accident on August 27, when he fell from a short step ladder while painting the back of our house. One foot of the ladder sank into soft dirt, and Bro. Yamazaki fell on concrete. One rib was broken, and one rib was cracked. He will have to rest for 3 or 4 weeks and would appreciate cards very much. His address is: Mr. Yoshio Yamazaki, 1175 Nishiyama Apartments, Kaneko-Machi, Chofu-Shi, Tokyo-to, Japan.

Bro. John Klaus's mother, Sis. Esther Klaus of Eureka, is presently visiting in Japan.

Bro. and Sis. Grusy of Gridley, Illinois, who accompanied Sis. Klaus to Japan, visited our Tokyo church on Sunday, August 29. Their son and family from Korea were also visitors in Tokyo on that Sunday.

About 30 children attended our Daily Vacation Bible School in Tokyo.

A group of sisters and other young girls recently spent 5 days at our Shioda Church in the country. They did a lot of work, cleaning the church, canning peaches, etc., but also had time for spiritual things.

My family can't quite get over being thrilled about the birth of a baby daughter, on September 2. Her name is Jewel Ann.

We human beings are born into this world, we live a while, and then we die. Favored are we, if during our lifetime here on earth we can experience the spiritual birth which accompanies the death of our self-life and our resurrection with Jesus.

**MILFORD INDIANA**  
Marguerite Hoerr

Bro. and Sis. John and Carol Hurd welcomed their third child, a little girl, into their home this past month. Gina Marie is the name given to the new arrival.

Fred and Diane Weisser have added a little boy to their family circle. Bradley Don is the name chosen for their third son.

Bro. Frederic Knapp of the Congerville church was our only visiting minister this month. Those of

us who were privileged to hear his two sermons were indeed thankful for the time he spent in his visit to our church home.

Our congregation, as a whole, extends its sympathy to Bro. Jack Rekhemmer, whose mother passed away recently in Cissna Park.

Youth Fellowship Day was held August 29, at Camp Mack, near Milford. The day dawned bright and clear, and lovely weather held throughout the day, making it possible for all present to fully enjoy the day. Many representatives from our Indiana churches were present to enjoy the fellowship of friends, brothers and sisters from near and far. We also had numerous visitors from our Illinois, Ohio and Michigan churches.

The Sunday School period was ably taught by many of our brothers who labor each Sunday in their home churches. Afternoon services were blessed by the message of Bro. Edwin Bahler of the Remington church. Bro. Wendell Gudeman of Francesville spoke to us at the outdoor services, on the beautiful hillside overlooking the lake, where we were also favored with many beautiful songs and readings by our Sunday School groups.

The evening program, where we were again favored with numbers by our various Sunday School choirs, was ably conducted by Bro. Cort Bucher, chairman, of Valparaiso. The day's blessings were still added to by the message given by Bro. Harry Bucher of Valparaiso, following the evening program. Bro. Theo. Beer asked God's favor on a day spent by many who gathered to hear His word. His benediction brought the day to a close.

**AKRON, OHIO**  
Grace Schuckert  
Florence Graf

Bro. Elmer and Sis. Juliet Graf have moved about a mile south to their new location, 1945 Copley Rd.

Johnny Greenbank, on leave from the army, spent some time with his parents and family. Two of our sisters traveled to Switzerland—Sis. Edith Graf, who has returned home after visiting relatives there; and Sis. Frida Gruenig, who is on a more extended stay, spending some weeks with her aged mother and others of her family.

In the hospital this month were Herman Vongunten, husband of

Sis. Anna, for ulcer surgery, and Sis. Louise Kay Graf, daughter of Bro. Ernest and Sis. Louise, for knee surgery. Both are now recuperating at home. May a gracious God help them to bear their physical afflictions and restore them again.

Communion was served the congregation by Elder Bro. Rudolph Graf. We reviewed in our hearts Christ's love and His suffering, and renewed our pledge of self-denial and service, whereby we obtain that calm of soul, for the time when at last we lay down our cross at the goal.

### WOLCOTT, INDIANA Arles Kropf

A new little son, Robert Eugene, was born to Bro. Gene and Sis. Verna Lehman, on August 27.

Bro. Elmer Schmidt of Winthrop was our visiting minister for mid-week services recently.

Dianne (Lehman) Hopkins was a recent graduate from St. Elizabeth Hospital School of Nursing, at Lafayette.

Sis. Leah Farney was a hospital patient recently, but is able to be in church again.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sabo of Mansfield, Miss Clara Steffen and Misses Ida and Rosa Hari of Fairbury visited with friends here on August 23 and 24. They also visited with friends in Sardis.

Ray Witschey of Pittsburgh spent the Labor Day Sunday here with his father, Dan Witschey, and other relatives. He and his wife will leave September 17 for Germany, where they will spend several weeks with their daughter and family. Going by plane, they will return by way of Iceland.

Mrs. Mary Burgess, who lives with her daughter in Monroe Heights, Pa., had been a patient in a hospital there, but has been able to return home and is slowly improving.

Mrs. E. B. Frumm of Jeannette, Pa., observed her 81st birthday on September 5.

The annual homecoming at the Limestone School was well attended on September 5. A bountiful dinner was enjoyed at noon. Group singing, addresses by former teachers and pupils, and much visiting

took place during the day.

Miss Elizabeth Richards of Gallipolis, O., spent several days the past month with her cousin, Mary Ann Brothers.

Mrs. C. O. Wade was a medical patient in the local hospital for a week, the last of August.

Mrs. William Probst of Florida visited with the Emch families recently.

Miss Margaret Witschey was a medical patient in the local hospital the first week of September.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Thomas of Niles, O., attended the Limestone Homecoming on September 5 and visited with relatives.

K. W. Calvert was a medical patient in the University Hospital in Morgantown, the first of September, for several days.

E. E. McIntire has been ill for several weeks, but is slowly improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Potts and family of Washington D.C. visited here with the A. M. Potts family over the Labor Day week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Idermuhle and family attended the dedication of the new church in Mansfield on September 5.

Mrs. John Crumbaker of Baltimore spent several days here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. McIntire, recently.

### ALTO, MICHIGAN Loretta and Myrna Steffen

In these days, when we see the ways of the world, it often grieves us that there is such a lack of love and fear of God. The Psalm of David answered the thought. In chapter 37 he says, "Fret not thyself because of evildoers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity." Do read the rest of this wonderful chapter.

Elder Bro. George Sinn was with us and ministered on August 15. After church, he visited the sick.

Sis. Lydia Wingeier is home from the hospital. Her stroke has left her partially paralyzed, and her sister, Sis. Mary, is lovingly caring for her. Our thoughts and prayers go out to them.

### BERN, KANSAS Mrs. Morris Edelman Mrs. Leonard Baumgartner

Visiting ministers were Bros. Elmer Witzig from Gridley, Illinois; Albert Aberle of Tremont; and Merle Kaisner from Fairbury. One

of the ministers spoke on the falling away from the church and whether this has already begun. We cannot be thankful enough for ministers who sound the warning to us.

Trudy Meyer, daughter of Bro. Louis and Sis. Mavis Meyer, was hospitalized with a tonsillectomy.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtiss Tucker of Little Falls, New York, became parents of a son, Jay Bradley, on August 10. This is the first grandson for Albert and Sis. Julia Plattner.

Three intermediate Sunday School classes enjoyed a picnic and fellowship at Sun Springs, driving their vacation. Sunday School began a new term with the following teachers: Bros. Louis Meyer, Supt.; Joseph Rokey, Leonard Baumgartner, Franklin Hertzel, Melvin Rokey (Substitute), Wilfred Strahm (Substitute); Sis. Jeanette Strahm, Lola Luthi, Marie Grimm (Substitute), Marjorie Edelman (Substitute).

I wished to be one of God's children, and tried to live as near as the members of our church lived, as far as I could see. I never dated, as some of my age did at that time, or went to parties, shows and such. My younger sisters would call me "church member", but I was far from it or a child of God.

We were six sisters in the family, and all liked music and singing. We sang from the Gospel Hymns, and enjoyed it, and the melodies were foremost at that time. One Sunday evening, our neighbors (not of our faith) asked us over to play the organ they had just purchased and sing from our hymnbooks. We walked over, carrying our songbooks with us. That night the words became important, and I felt I should repent, but still wasn't humble enough to tell mother.

The next day we had company for dinner. I still was too proud to do as mother did; when the guests were seated at the table, she stood close by to join in prayer, offered by Bro. Simon Aeschilman. I had to sneak around in the sitting room, "to see how the heating stove was doing," but my main object was to hear the prayer, without my sisters noticing.

I progressed slow. I think I would have had peace earlier if I could have grasped it.

Then it was so plain; I dropped

everything to tell mother, but as I got to the door, I felt I wasn't worth it. It was sort of robbed from me. For two weeks I couldn't go forward, and still didn't want to give up, until one Sunday after church it came so plain that the family all noticed it. Even then, if it weren't for prayers of loved ones, I might have lost it again. God told me to believe and keep on believing. Thank God, by his grace I could listen, and no one could talk me out of it again. I still get much strength from hymns which are a message from God's Word.

The aunt has told of her experience; now the next generation is speaking: I was rather gay, with many dates, but things never went right. I finally called upon the Lord. He heard, and I was in repentance. I must make wrongs right. Then Satan came and told me, What is the use? This is called backsliding, but by the grace of God I was saved to go on, and carry through. Now the third generation, our children, if they could read of these experiences, perhaps it could help them to see the way to repentance.

### CISSNA PARK, ILLINOIS

#### Mary Young

Three dear sisters were taken from our congregation the past month, after much suffering. Sis. Jane Clifton Stock, wife of Bro. William Stock, passed away Aug. 11, at the age of seventy years. She had been a shut in for a number of years and a bed patient for 2½. Besides her husband, she leaves to mourn her loss four daughters and four sons. Funeral services were conducted by Bro. Emmanuel Gudeman.

Sis. Mary Moser Wyss, wife of Bro. William, passed away Aug. 18, at the age of 68, she also having been a shut-in for a number of years, with an illness of 7 months. She leaves to mourn her loss, her husband, five sons and one daughter. Services were conducted by Bro. Emmanuel Gudeman.

Sis. Minnie Hofer Reckhemmer, wife of Bro. George Reckhemmer, passed away Aug. 30, at the age of 59. She had been ill about a year. She leaves to mourn her loss her husband, three sons and two daughters. Funeral services were conducted by Bro. Emmanuel Gudeman.

Our sympathy goes to all of these families.

Among those hospitalized: Friends Isaac Steiner; Marie Otto Kupferschmid, who had major surgery; Sis. Nettie Otto, eye surgery.

Ross Vogel has been hospitalized and had to have skin grafting, due to severe burns from an explosion in chemistry class at school. He will have to have more skin grafting at a later date.

Charles Knapp received a badly mangled hand, in a freak farm accident; two fingers had to be amputated. He is reported to be getting along quite well.

Bro. Will Martin was hospitalized a few days, but is reported much improved.

A boy, Tony Lee, was born to Bro. and Sis. Arch Kaufman on Aug. 14. Bro. and Sis. Wane Knapp have a girl, born Aug. 17; she was named Dawn Renee.

On Aug. 14, two dear souls gave their testimonies of true repentance, and were baptized the following Sunday. They are James Rinckenberger and Ralph Bauer.

On Aug. 22, the marriage of Sis. Eva Jean Knapp and Bro. Herman Schaffer, of Morris, was officiated by Bro. Roy Sauder of Peoria. Bro. Leroy Hartman and Bro. Edwin Ringger were with us.

Other visiting ministers the past month were Bros. Gene Bertschi, Maurice Frank and Albert Aberle.

Oh Lord, we thank thee for Thy chastisement teachings,  
To stir our hearts and stop us from reaching  
To the former lusts and pleasures once cast away.  
Dear Lord, keep the chastening rod near us, we pray.

When saved from falling from grace by Thy tender love,  
How thankful our hearts turn to thy mercies above.  
Oh Lord, may each tempted soul find strength to pray,  
And prevent going through a small part of sin away.

In youth the temptations are severe we know;  
To each youthful convert, Lord, thy mercies please show,  
So they may say "No" to the tempter's snare,  
And place their all in Thy wondrous care.

Some small bidding seems harmless and unseen . . .

First ask, "Is this edifying to my spiritual being?"  
If not, don't touch, and stay on the straight way,  
So we may meet Jesus on that glorious day.

### GIRARD, OHIO

#### Karen Stoll

Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool. Isaiah 1:18

This is a plea for all who, yet in sin, have not come to the Lord in repentance. Now is the time to answer God's call and to fall before His throne on bended knee, asking forgiveness for your sins.

God has beckoned many to come into the fold, but few have answered His call, because they feel they can come in their own good time. Friend, time is short and the day of the Lord is at hand. Will you be ready to meet Him, or are you one of those who hears but does not heed God's call and His will to have you for His own?

#### If Jesus Came Today?

If Jesus came to your house to spend a day or two,  
If He came unexpectedly, I wonder what you'd do?  
When you saw Him coming, would you meet Him at the door,  
With arms outstretched in welcome, to your heavenly visitor?  
Or would you have to change your clothes before you let Him in?  
Or hide some magazines and put the Bible where they'd been?  
Would you turn off the radio and hope He hadn't heard,  
And wish you hadn't uttered that last, loud, hasty word?  
Would you hide your worldly music, and put some hymnbooks out?  
Could you let Jesus walk right in, or would you rush about?  
And I wonder—if the Saviour spent a day or two with you,  
Would you go right on doing the things you always do?  
Would you go right on saying the things you always say,  
Would life for you continue as it does from day to day?  
Would your family conversation keep up its usual pace?  
And would you find it hard each meal to say table grace?

Would you sing the songs you always do, and read the books you read?

And let Him know the things on which your mind and spirit feed? Would you take Jesus with you everywhere you've planned to go?

Or would you, maybe, change your plans for just a day or so?

Would you be glad for Him to stay, forever on and on,

Or would you sigh with great relief, when He at last was gone?

It might be interesting to know the things that you would do,

If Jesus came in person to spend some time with you.

An address: Jim Emch, c/o Mr. Linwood Heath, 61 Gorsefield Road, Shard End, Birmingham 34, England.

#### GOODFIELD, ILLINOIS

Marian Wiegand Edith Tanner

Marvin and Faith Fischer and Norman and Eileen Musselman have given their testimonies of repentance and conversion. Baptism followed. Bro. Leroy Huber assisted Bro. Frank Woertz. It is indeed a privilege to be able to sit among God's children and be a witness of the miracle of conversion.

When Bro. Joe Aberle of Sabetha ministered to us, he left us a chastening and comforting thought: " 'Tis mine to obey; 'tis His to provide." The same day, Steve Wiegand, was baptized, after giving his testimony on Saturday evening. "In all the world there is no higher standing than this: To follow in the Saviour's way."

Announcement has been made of the engagement of Beverly Heinold, daughter of Howard and Vera Heinold, to Glen Joos, son of Bro. Bill and Sis. Clementine Joos. We extend our best wishes for a happy marriage.

Sis. Geri Plattner spent several days in the hospital, after a fall in the church dining room. She has returned home, and although recovery is predicted to be slow, we trust and pray it can be sure and lasting. We recall His promise, **Fear not: for I am with thee.**

The marriage of Lois Wiegand, daughter of Bro. Simon and Sis. Mary Wiegand, to Don Underwood, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Underwood, was solemnized at the home of the bride's parents. They will reside on a farm near Carlock.

#### GRIDLEY, ILLINOIS

Lydia and Eunice Kammerer

Our visiting ministers were Bro. Ed Unsicker from Portland and Bro. Elmer Schmidt, from Winthrop.

Birth: Bro. Roy and Sis. Bertha Funk are the parents of a new little daughter, Karen Kay, who arrived at Mennonite Hospital, Aug. 26. Karen was welcomed home by Randy, 10; Rhonda, 8; Bruce, 7; Charlene, 6; Lori, 4½; and Jerry, 3.

Jenifer Kiefer, born Aug. 28 to Michael and Marie Kiefer, passed away on Sept. 4, in Chicago. Bro. Eli and Sis. Lorene Kiefer from Gridley are paternal grandparents. Private funeral services were held in Chicago.

A Poem in Memory of Little Jenifer.

#### To Michael and Marie

God planted a lovely blossom  
In the garden of their hearts,  
For them to care for and cherish,  
Their love to her impart.

But soon the blossom faded,  
Her strength ebbed slowly away;  
God placed the little flower  
Safe in **His Garden** to stay.

There, to bloom and flourish,  
Free from sickness and pain,  
Enfolded in the arms of Jesus,  
Always to remain.

E. M. K.

We visited our dear sister in faith, Mary Hannie, who is ninety-four years of age. She lives with her daughter, Kathryn Schlipf, in Bloomington, Ill. Sis. Mary enjoys visitors very much, and is very active for her age. She knits beautifully, making wool booties, knits head scarfs for her grandchildren, and reads to keep herself occupied. She enjoys the Silver Lining.

#### School Days

It is the time of year when young people are scattering far and near, entering or returning to college, some to nurses' training, still others seeking employment. May God be with all of them, protect them, and as quoted in the past, may they ever remember the warnings and instructions which have been theirs since childhood.

We were happy to have Sis. Diane Olson from St. Paul in our

congregation for a few weeks this summer. Sis. Diane spent several summers in the home of her uncle and aunt, Bro. Robert and Sis. Nola Gramm, and repented while spending last summer here.

Sis. Dorothy Witzig suffered with a painful felon on one of her fingers, which required surgery to bring relief.

#### GRIDLEY, KANSAS

Mrs. Eldon Metzger

Mrs. Rudy Bahr

Our visiting ministers included Bro. Roy Wernli from Lamont; Bro. Noah Shrock from Burlington; and Bro. George Lambert from Wichita. The Lamont congregation assembled with us, the evening Bro. Shrock was with us. We thank these brethren for their efforts in expounding the Word of God.

Janice Beyer, daughter of Bro. Ivan and Sis. Ada Beyer, is attending Pasadena City College in Pasadena, Calif., where she is staying with her aunt, Mrs. Ray Wenger.

Bro. Martin Beyer, son of Sis. Mary Beyer, is attending Vocational Tech. School in Emporia, Kans., where he is taking a machinist course.

#### At Day's End

Is anybody happier because you passed his way?

Does anyone remember that you spoke to him today?

The day is almost over, and its toiling time is through;

Is there anyone to utter now a kindly word to you?

Can you say tonight, in parting with the day that's slipping fast, That you helped a single brother, of the many that you passed?

Is a single heart rejoicing over what you did or said;

Does the man whose hopes were fading, now with courage look ahead?

Did you waste the day, or lose it? Was it well or sorely spent?

Did you leave a trail of kindness, or a scar of discontent?

As you close your eyes in slumber, do you think that God will say, You have earned for the great Morrow by the work you did today?

A housewarming was held for Bro. Ephraim and Sis. Dorothy Young. A gift of six **Zion's Harps** was given to them.

**HILLSBORO**  
(Mountain Home Church)  
Clara Heiniger

A week of Vacation Bible School is always a rejoicing, a blessed time for all the children and older folks. Our highest attendance was 152, with many children bringing their parents. A program was enjoyed by all on the last evening, which is always a rich blessing as we hear the children recite Bible verses, memorized and hid in their hearts, and the beautiful songs of the Saviour.

We are thankful to the Lord for our elder brother, Henry Kilgus (and Sis. Lydia) of Forrest spending over a week, bringing the gospel message most every night of our VBS, and our Leo helpers, Sisters Mildred and Ethelyn Schlatter, Sandra Bertsch and Jyl Maxfield.

On Sunday, Aug. 1, the VBS group enjoyed the church picnic, where a blessed time of fellowship was enjoyed by all.

The Mountain Home church time has been changed from 2:00 PM, to morning service at 10:00 AM, with Bro. Junior Hale conducting the service every Sunday morning.

Many of our sick folk would like to be remembered in prayer: Sis. Pearl Stricklin, Sis. Martha Evans, and friends, in and out of hospital. Sis. Pearl has been brought to church a few times, when she felt the least bit able.

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

It is good news that friend Lydia Rehklau was proved, and became our very dear sister in Christ. Sisters Priscilla and Naomi, who have longer than any of us prayed for Lydia, are truly rejoicing. We wish her much grace.

Visiting ministers have been Bros. Walter Rehklau of Toledo, Bro. Kenneth Sauder of Mansfield. Bro. Walter asked, "What is life?" and answered, "Only that which we gain in Christ Jesus". Are we gaining our eternal rest? Bro. Kenny asked a question, "Are we doing our part—lest we have our blessings taken from us?" He told us that we must go to the Lord and build—not try to move the rock and build where we want. We must go to Him. May God richly bless the ministers of His precious Word.

We enjoyed another wonderful message, brought by visiting minister, Bro. Junior Hale, of Hills-

boro. He pointed out, when God created this beautiful heavens and earth, it was all accomplished in six days, then we are reminded that He said, "I go to prepare a place for you." It is hard to imagine the beauty and splendor we are to behold at His coming. Already it has been nearly 2000 years since that promise, and in only six days God created and laid the foundation of our very existence. In Revelation, Bro. Junior read the 21st chapter and reminded us that, in order to inherit this place, our names MUST be recorded in the Lamb's Book of Life.

Helen Manz, daughter of Bro. Emmanuel and Sis. Ruth Manz, recently broke her collarbone.

**Let your smile light up the window of your face, to show your heart is at Home.**

**LA CROSSE, INDIANA**  
Martha Rinckenberger

Richard Nuest and Glen Heinold brought their testimony before the church on Saturday evening. On Sunday, they were baptized.

It seemed we could hear the Lord calling our friends—Jane and Larry Nuest and Eugene Heinold see it very important to come to the Lord in repentance, so they can inherit life eternal. We hope and pray for many more.

We enjoyed having Bro. Frederick Knapp of Congerville and Bro. Vernon Leman of Eureka.

Sis. Ida Yergler has been missing from our assembly. She hurt her back, while caring for her sister, Emma Wittmer, who is getting up in age.

**LAMONT, KANSAS**  
Mrs. Bernie Emch Glenn Anliker

The Lamont and Gridley churches received an abundance of spiritual food, when Bro. Noah Schrock proclaimed God's word to us. For his meditation, he read II Thessalonians Chapter 2. It was once again laid upon our hearts, how near the time must be to the coming of our Lord.

One of Bro. Noah's teachings that should make us stop and think was: When Christ reminded his disciples that one of them was going to betray him, the disciples began to ask themselves the question, **Is it I?** Bro. Noah said we should also ask ourselves, **Is it I?** When we read the 3rd verse, second Chapter, in II Thessalonians,

where it reads, "for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first", **IS IT I** that will fall away?

Sis. Clara Ott was in the hospital for observation and treatment for a few days.

Mary Storrer has gone to our church home in Sabetha to be cared for. At this writing, she was taken to the hospital there with another heart attack. Our prayers go out for her, that she can be back in the home soon.

**LANDERSVILLE, ALABAMA**  
Clara Heiniger

Sister Bertha Harville has been in the hospital over a week and desires the prayers of everyone. We do miss her so much in our services, Sunday night and through the week.

Bro. Carl Naylor and Mavis are parents of a baby girl, Paula Ann; she has two sisters and one brother.

The Vacation Bible School is a blessing, as the song says, Open the door for the children; Tenderly gather them in. A week of VBS was held nightly, with children and parents attending regularly, for which we are thankful to the Lord. The program was enjoyed by all, as the little ones sang of Jesus, and said their Bible Verses. There were around 100 attending, and many parents. The picnic was held Sunday afternoon, where many enjoyed rich blessing of fellowship together. We were thankful to the Lord for our helper's of Francesville, Bro. and Sis. Les Huber, Bro. Elmer and Sis. Betty Bucher, Bro. and Sis. Wayne Huber and Bro. and Sis. Wendell Gudemann and family. We certainly enjoy the fellowship of all that take time to visit Alabama, and thank every one in Jesus' name for all help, prayers and gifts, to help get the precious gospel out to many unsaved souls.

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

"Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing. Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;" (Ephesians 5:24, 25)

We are privileged to witness the marriage of Sis. Linda Stoller, daughter of Bro. Dave and Sis.

Irene, and Bro. Kenneth Honegger of Bluffton, on Aug. 22. Bro. Aeschliman was with us for this important undertaking. May they find much happiness, as they walk the pathway to heaven together.

Rex and Nannette Horney are the parents of a son, John Edwin, born Aug. 3. The grandparents are John and Lillian Schlatter. May God bless them, together with their child.

Bro. Dan Stoller is a patient in the hospital. We wish him God's grace and strength for a speedy recovery.

We wish to thank Ministering Brothers Verlin Stoller, Edwin Bahler and Lester Huber for the many precious teachings expounded unto us.

#### LESTER, IOWA Emelie M. Knobloch

We are experiencing the troubling of the waters (as Bro. Leo Moser meditated on Aug. 15.) The Lord has shared his love and calling to more of our friends, Eugene and Delores Metzger, Donald and Mary Metzger, Dale and Christine Metzger, Robert and Rosella Metzger, Raymond and Twyla Meyer, Alfred and Lucille Knobloch, and Dennis and Esther Warner. Bro. Leo read the passage of the man who waited and watched the stirring of the waters for 38 years. Hymn No. 42 was sung, "The House of Grace". He also warned, that all are born sinners since the transgressions of Eve in the Garden of Eden, as foretold in the Gospel of Genesis.

On Aug. 18, Elder Brother Sam Anliker and Bro. Harvey Grimm shared the gospel with us. Bro. Anliker expounded on the real meaning of true repentance and conversion, comparing it with his own life's experience.

We had the blessed privilege to have Bro. Walter Anliker, Bro. Clarence Kachelmuss, and Bro. Edward Unsicker with us this past month. We derived a blessing and wonderful teaching from the gospel bestowed on us by these brethren.

On Sept. 5, Elder Bro. Noah Shrock gathered with us. Bro. Shrock assisted Elder Bro. Leo Moser with hearing the inspiring testimony and the baptism of Jacob Miesner. Bro. Shrock ministered again that evening. Bro. Shrock shared with us, that true repent-

ance can not be given in the Schools of Ministry; it is something that is only revealed to us through the love of God. We have much to thank Bro. Schrock, for bestowing God's precious words to us. We want to thank the laborers of the Lord for sharing their time with us.

Friends Franklin and Verna Moser, having found peace with God and man, were announced before the congregation.

Our annual Sunday School election was held. Four brothers were chosen. Bros. Kenneth Moser, Kenneth Knobloch, Wm. Gerber and Emil Metzger filled two vacancies, and replaced Bros. Phil Mogler and Martin Knobloch, who went out on rotation. Two sisters, Connie Knobloch and Susan Feucht, were elected. Bro. Raymond Feucht took over the duties of superintendent, held by Bro. Phil Mogler. Our Sunday School resumed August 29, with an attendance of 185. It was a joy to see the anxiety of the children, when we reconvened. May this remain throughout the coming year.

George Meyer, son of Bro. and Sis. Alvia Meyer, has been discharged from the Armed Services. Robert Wulf, son of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Wulf, has been moved to Viet Nam. We hope the Lord will restore peace again, so loved ones could be joined with their families.

Paul Feucht suffered a broken bone in his foot. Marjean Metzger, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Jacob Metzger, broke her arm while at Elgin, Ill. Both are recuperating nicely and able to attend services.

We are happy to welcome Bro. and Sis. Jack Wysong and family back to our community.

Judith Feucht, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Feucht, and Edward Martin, son of Bro. and Sis. Carl Martin of Elgin, Ill., were united in marriage by Bro. Leo Moser, in the home of the bride's parents. After a trip to Arizona, they plan to make their home in Elgin. May God bless them with a joy of peace and unity.

Birth: To Bro. and Sis. Gilbert Knobloch, a son, Paul Dean, born August 28.

#### MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA Diane Olson

Bro. Noah and Sis. Laura Miller and family have recently moved to this vicinity. We welcome them, and hope they will be happy in

their new home.

Sis. Marilyn Lanz, after submitting to surgery, is now at home convalescing. Beatrice Miller also spent some time in the hospital. Our wish is that both may soon regain their normal health again.

Doug Olson, son of Everett and Sis. Kathryn, is stationed at San Diego, California, where he will begin his service in the Navy.

Church is held in the YMCA, 1845 E. Lake Street, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Time: Singing: 9:30, Sunday School 9:45, Church Services 10:30. We heartily welcome all visitors to gather with us.

#### OAKVILLE, IOWA Martha Steiner

Visiting ministers were Bro. James Hoerr from Peoria, August 8; Bros. Ben Fehr and Don Sauder from Roanoke, August 29; and Bro. Simon Wagenbach from Tremont, September 5.

Sis. Evelyn Siegle, daughter of Bro. Joe and Sis. Minnie Siegle, was married to Bro. Dale Massner, son of Bro. Adolph and Sis. Lillian Massner, on August 22, by Bro. Noah Schrock.

Bro. Floyd and Sis. Louise Rowell were surprised on Sunday afternoon, August 15, by their family and friends with a reception for their 25th wedding anniversary.

Friends Ralph and Diane (Steiner) Lanz have moved from Rockville to Ames, Iowa, where Ralph will be working. Their home church will be Oakville.

#### PHOENIX, ARIZONA Mrs. Joe Beer

As an orchid seed has to die and decay before a beautiful plant can grow, so a soul has to die to sin and become cleansed, before God has the soul as a beautiful plant.

Let us ever pray that we never let our heart be marred by weeds, so that we truly have a pure and clean life to offer our God.

This thought was given to us one Sunday to ponder over, by one of our ministers.

Jerry Emch was home, visiting his parents and friends, on leave from the US Army. He has been transferred to Walter Reed Army Hospital.

Sis. Marilyn Dotter is returning to Phoenix (after teaching for one year at La Canada, California), to work on her Masters Degree at Arizona State University.

Our shut-in this month is Sis. Ann Rieger, who is not feeling well.

Our congregation has added two new Sunday School classrooms for the smaller children. We are always happy to see our Sunday School grow.

Here are some words for us to ponder.

Could we but draw back the curtains

That surround each other's lives,  
See the naked heart and spirit,  
Know what spur the action gives,  
Often we should find it better,  
If we only understood.

If we knew the cares and trials,  
Knew the efforts all in vain  
And the bitter disappointments,  
Understood the loss and gain—  
Would the grim, uncultured  
roughness

Seem—I wonder—just the same?  
Should we help, where now we  
hinder?

Should we pity where we blame?

**PURDUE UNIVERSITY  
WEST LAFAYETTE, INDIANA  
Mr. and Mrs. Keith Honegger**

This year, our services will be held at the Purdue Baptist Foundation, located at 200 Russell St. They will be held on Wednesday evenings, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

The schedule is as follows: Sept. 22—Bluffton; Oct. 6—Leo; Oct. 20—Milford; Nov. 3—Bremen; Nov. 17—Cissna Park; Dec. 1—La Crosse; Dec. 15—Francesville; Jan. 5—Wolcott; Jan. 19—Remington; Feb. 2—Fort Wayne; Feb. 16—La Crosse; March 2—Cissna Park; March 16—Bremen; April 6—Bluffton; April 20—Francesville; May 4—Milford; May 18—Wolcott.

A cordial invitation is extended to anyone who wishes to attend.

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

Bro. Ralph Beyer from Castorland came to attend the Jake Bahler Sr. family reunion, which was attended by over 100.

Bro. Art Gudeman of La Crosse held services. He was assisted by Bro. Elmer Schmidt of Winthrop. His daughter, Mrs. Terry Miller, and family have recently moved to Goodland, Indiana. We welcome them to our congregation.

Bro. Sam Kilgus and family recently moved into their newly-built home.

We are happy to report, our nephew, Ralph Waibel, son of Herman and Anna, has seen his need of the Saviour and has found peace with God. We are thankful grace is still to be had. May many yet heed the invitation to come.

Bro. Fred and Sis. Nettie Knochel from Bay City came to attend the wedding of their granddaughter, Bonnie, Aug. 29 at Lafayette, Ind. (Al and Evelyn Bahler Knochels' daughter). She was married to Roy Alper of Lafayette and will live in Oakland, California. (She is also a granddaughter of Bro. Ervin and Sis. Anna Bahler of here)

They also made their acquaintance with her niece's baby boy, Troy William, born to Mr. and Mrs. James (Sharon) Siebenthal Justice at Lafayette.

Sis. Sophia Siebenthal flew to Denver to see her son, Curtis, and family. They have a baby girl, Shelley Renee.

The home folks were blest with a visit from Bro. Aberle of Tremont.

Percy Clauss is again a hospital patient, for tests and observation.

**RITTMAN, OHIO  
Ella Mae Trent**

For many, September is the month that starts a new year of education and instruction, either at a public school or an institution of higher learning. Perhaps some pupils are there because of the compulsory nature of the laws. Others are there because of the desire for knowledge. Unless all are diligent in their undertakings and pursue their studies earnestly, they will meet much unhappiness and failure. A few days of laxness and carelessness can put pupils far behind.

Spiritually speaking, there is no one month where universally we start our pursuit of the wisdom, knowledge and understanding of God's ways. Perhaps in early years, some children must attend services with parents. It is when we answer God's call that we diligently study his ways. This lifetime pursuit offers no vacation period and is a 7-day-a-week job. We know the results of even a few moments of laxness or carelessness in a Christian's life. It is true the course is longer than an academic pursuit, but so is the reward more valuable. May we all enroll in a class by the greatest teacher, Christ, study dil-

igently from the greatest text, the Bible, practice the teachings contained therein, and never stop our pursuit until we have "graduated" to that great beyond.

Still hospitalized at this time is Sis. Ella Frankhauser. Recuperating at home is Bro. Ray Messer.

Births this past month include a daughter to Dale and Ellen Hess; a son, Kurt David, to Bro. David and Sis. Carole Steiner; and a son to Bro. Rollin and Sis. Judy Schar.

**ROCKVILLE, CONNECTICUT  
Carlton J. Lanz**

It has been sometime that a German testimony for proving was heard here in our congregation. However, of the five friends, proved on Sunday August 22, two of these were in the German, or better said, in the Swiss language. This, of course, needed clarifying for, perhaps, the most part of those present. Thanks, to Bros. John Bahler and Rudolph Graf, who could still manage the translations as well as they did.

One of these friends, having been baptized once, as an infant, on being asked, "How he felt toward this?" expressed his feeling when he replied, in Swiss, with a slight emphasis, "Es ist neet wert!" "It is worth nothing!" The delusion or fallacy he had been under, that this was sufficient, was changed completely as he was led through repentance by the love of God.

Included in the group were Sis. Ruth (Hany) Kostuk, Bro. Emery Fellows and his wife Sis. Muriel (Lanz), and Bro. Alfred Zutter and his wife, Sis. Frieda. Also present to help in the provings and baptisms was Bro. Paul Fehr of Morris.

To our many guests who have visited us here in Rockville, though their names may not have appeared in these columns, we certainly hope that they have felt welcome and that others yet to come will also find a warm welcome here with us. This togetherness enhances our fellowship and communion.

I believe that the most of us who will read this in **The Silver Lining** recognize the greatness of Almighty God, and are indeed not ashamed or too 'big' to bend his knees before Him.

Here is an individual who expressed doubt in kneeling when he said, "I don't mean to be sacrilegious, but I have often wondered

why God requires us to bow down and worship Him. Men demand recognition, but I can't conceive of God wanting men to kneel in His presence." The following is the answer received.

"Men worship God, not because He demands it, but because they have a sense of awe and wonder before Him. It is rational to recognize authority, and to show respect for our superiors . . . But worship of God goes much deeper than this. Christians are possessed of adoration and love for God, and a sense of joy and wonder drives them to their knees in His Presence."

"Man by nature is proud, self-sufficient. To know Who is supreme in the universe is a part of wisdom. When we get to the place where we recognize no superior, respect no authority, or do nothing to break our pride, we have indeed sunk to the level of animals. From the beginning of time, men who have caught a glimpse of the majesty of God have worshipped Him, not only because He demands it, but because it is normal and instinctive to honor greatness."

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

The following ministering brothers were with us. Bros. Elmer Witzig, Gridley, Illinois; Ed Unsicker, Portland; Merle Kaisner, Fairbury; and Albert Aberle, Tremont. We thank them for inspiring messages through His holy word.

After having a summer vacation, our Sunday School classes resumed September 5.

Bro. Jack, Sis. Janet Wysong and family are moving to Lester. Bro. Jack will have employment near there. May God be with them in their new venture.

Sis. Lois Meyer is convalescing at her home, after having surgery in our local hospital. Bro. Lewis Bahr is regaining his strength each day and appreciates being at home.

**TREMONT, ILLINOIS**  
Josephine Schaefer

Through the blessings of God, many good teachings were proclaimed to us in ample measure by our visiting ministers. They were our elder, Bro. Joe A. Getz of Morton, Bro. Edward Unsicker of Portland, and Bro. Noah Gerber of West Bend. We are thankful for

their visits, and, if it be the will of God, we hope they will soon return.

Our friend, Wesley Koch, was quite seriously injured at work several weeks ago. He is on the way to recovery now, but will have to remain in the hospital indefinitely.

At this writing, Sis. Sharon Herman is also confined to the hospital. Our thoughts and prayers are with both of these shut-ins.

On August 15, a son, David John, was born to Bro. Dale and Sis. Joann Sauder. A baby daughter, Patricia Lynn, was born on September 1 to Bro. Bob and Sis. Dorothy Wagenbach.

After many farewells and good wishes from their many friends in our community, Bro. Noah and Sis. Lorraine Herman, their daughter, (Laurie Jo) and Bro. Ernie Herman left for Tucson, Arizona, where they will be making their home. Each and every one of them will be missed, especially Bro. Noah—who served as a Sunday School teacher. May God be with them all.

Their new address is as follows: The Empress, Apt. 201, 1411 N. Alvernon Way, Tucson, Arizona. I'm sure a card or letter would mean a lot to them.

Bro. Ernest Musselman has left his home in Tremont to live at the Fireside House Nursing Home in Peoria. Bro. Ernest lived in our community for the greatest part of his life, and served our church, by being a trustee for 15 years, a Sunday School teacher and by serving on the Aid Committees.

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

Joan Mogler, daughter of Bro. Ervin and Sis. Elma Mogler, was taken into the fold. We wish her much grace in her new walk of life.

We have had a number of accidents this past month:

Cloyce Gress, son of Bro. Fahey and Sis. Marie Gress, had several stitches taken on his head. He was injured while moving an extension ladder.

Dennis Fehr, son of Sis. Nima Fehr, met with a serious accident. He was mowing weeds, when he got caught in the self-propelled crimper. He received a broken ankle and a fractured leg bone.

Leslie Banwart, son of Bro. Silas and Sis. Ida Banwart, had a car accident, which was due to a heavy

fog. He is home from the hospital.

James Fehr, son of Bro. Elmer and Sis. Matilda Fehr, had the misfortune of getting hurt, while pulling posts with a log chain, requiring stitches and X-rays. Everyone is getting along well at this time.

We were saddened by the sudden death of John W. Fisher. John, the son of the late Bro. August and Sis. Lydia Banwart Fisher, was born July 18, 1902. He farmed in this area, until moving to Winthrop. He then returned here and cared for his mother for some time. John had been doing chores at the Eli Gerber farm home, and was found the next morning. An autopsy showed he had died of a quick form of pneumonia. Surviving are 3 brothers, Emil of Roanoke, Alpha of Phoenix, and Philip of West Bend. He was preceded in death by his parents.

The community was saddened by the sudden death of Mrs. Walter Bell, daughter of the late Bro. Fred W. and Sis. Katie Braker Banwart. She died of a heart attack. Della was the sister of Bro. Levi Banwart.

The Anliker reunion was held on the 21st of August. About 110 people attended the reunion. Bro. Walter Anliker from Eureka and Bro. Clarence Kachelmuss from Forrest ministered to us on Sunday.

Bro. Joe A. Getz and Bro. Henry Grimm from Morton visited us during the week. We had evening services. We are very thankful that the brothers make themselves available to us to teach us the true word of God.

**Harvest**

The golden grain is gathered now,  
into bins,  
And in the mow;  
the fragrant hay,  
In piles of green  
is stacked away.

Without the labor  
of man's hands,  
There could no harvest be,  
For men's works do follow after;  
As you sow, thus shall you reap.

And men must toil,  
Hand in hand with God.  
Fields must be ready,  
And soft be the heart,  
That the works of the Lord  
Be made known.



### LEO, INDIANA Mrs. Elias Souder

The ministers visiting us were Robert Stoll from Girard, Samuel Aeschliman from Bluffton, Theo Beer from Milford, and Andrew Virkler from Bay City.

Sis. Cora Levy, who had been very ill, is now able to be in her own home at Grabill. Sis. Lydia Bollier has been able to attend some of the church services.

We hear the return of the school busses again. Another school year has begun.

Bro. Lynn Klopfenstein is back from Alaska, where he was attending school this summer. He is teaching school again this year.

Edward Frautschi is entering his 3rd year at Purdue. Jyl Maxfield is back at Huntington. Sandra Bertsch is in training at the Parkview Hospital, here at Ft. Wayne. Joyce Schlatter is entering college in North Carolina. Carol Winzeler is teaching Music at Nappanee.

A poem which is a great comfort to me.

(Sis. Lydia Bollier)

#### One Day At A Time

One day at a time with its failures and fears,  
With its hurts and mistakes, with its weakness and tears,  
With its portion of pain and its burden of care.  
One day at a time we must meet and must bear.

One day at a time to be patient and strong,  
To be calm under trial and sweet under wrong,  
Then its toiling shall pass and its sorrow shall cease.  
It shall darken and die, and the night shall bring peace.

One day at a time — but the day is so long,  
And the heart is not brave, and the soul is not strong,  
O Thou pitiful Christ, be Thou near all the way.  
Give courage and patience and strength for the day.

Swift cometh His answer, so clear and so sweet:

**Yea, I will be with thee, thy troubles to meet;  
I will not forget thee, nor fail thee, nor grieve;**

**I will not forsake thee; I never will leave.**

Not yesterday's load we are called on to bear,

Nor the morrow's uncertain and shadowy care.

Why should we look forward or back with dismay?

Our needs, as our mercies, are but for the day.

One day at a time, and the day is His day;

He hath numbered its hours, though they haste or delay.

His grace is sufficient; we walk not alone.

As the day, so the strength that He giveth His own.

#### The Four Sisters

The Lord does not always call the same way to every soul, as we see when He called these four sisters.

To the next to the eldest, the call came softly and gently. The Lord put the longing in the heart to serve Him. Though she was very young, she understood. When she had decided to listen, she felt, though she would always have to pray and repent, she would not give up. Then, beautifully the Lord sent the peace that passeth all understanding, and gave her in the heart the beautiful hymn, "At The Cross", where the burdens rolled away.

As time went on, the oldest sister became very ill, so ill that she had to be rushed to the hospital. Surgery was to be performed. With her Christian mother by her side, she began to repent as she saw death before her. She became so weak, some of her confessions were made in a whisper. The dear Saviour gave her peace in her heart, and told her He would send her two angels to help her. So real was this to her, that as she went to sleep with the anesthetic, she prayed, "Now Lord, send those two angels." Truly He did, for she recovered from her illness and was later baptized.

As time passed on, the two younger sisters came to the age of accountability. The older of the two was married. One evening, as the youngest was walking home from her aunt's, the call of the Lord came so clear to her, just as if someone had spoken to her: **Now is the time.** She decided to answer.

Later, the other, the one married, asked the younger sister if she planned on going ahead with her repentance. She assured her she was. The older one walked out by herself, and started to take her ring off. She was tempted to put it back, when it came to her not to be like Lot's wife. She with her husband, repented, and and all were baptized.

This one has gone to be with the Lord. The three sisters left were so happy of the reassuring message she left just before she departed: "It is all just as we have always believed." Some day, perhaps not too far in the distance, the four sisters will again meet, where partings are unknown, providing each has stayed faithful and true to their "Callings."

#### BAY CITY, MICHIGAN

##### Marlene Mosher

Bro. Donald Gudeman and Sis. Mary Schlatter were joined in holy matrimony. The parents of the groom are Bro. Arthur and Sis. Mary Gudeman, and the parents of the bride are Bro. Elias and Sis. Ella Schlatter. There were a host of relatives and friends to wish the happy couple well in their new life together. We all hope they will receive many blessings, both material and spiritual.

Ministers that we have been blessed to have in our congregation have been Bros. Vernon Leman, Arthur Gudeman, and Edward Frank of La Crosse, Bro. Ben Schlatter of Junction, Bro. Ben Maibach of Detroit.

Bro. Fred Ruegsegger has been in the hospital, but is now at home, improving.

#### BRADFORD, ILLINOIS

##### Mrs. Martha Kieser

We thank Bros. Ed Unsicker, Portland; Walter Anliker, Eureka; Edwin Ringger, Gridley; and Floyd Schmidgall of Morris for their visits and the spiritual food they brought us. The engagement of Sis. Delores Kieser and Bro. Don Duckworth was announced. They plan a November wedding. She is the daughter of Bro. George and Sis. Esther Kieser. He is the son of the Fred Duckworths.

Bro. Duane and Sis. Doreen Elsasser welcomed a son. Ross Alan was happily welcomed by his sisters, Marcia, Cheri, and Lynne, and brothers, Kenny and Jay.

Harold and Imogene Tanner are the parents of their first child, a daughter. They have named her Amy Jo.

Bro. Elwin and Sis. Loretta Rumbold have a new baby son. David Lee has two brothers, Mike and Mark, and two sisters, Marjie and Connie.

Sis. Glady (William) Knobloch is still a hospital patient.

Randy, son of Bro. Ben and Sis. Audrey, has returned home, after entering Mayo's at Rochester for tests and treatment.

The brethren and friends who were stationed in Ft. Sam Houston from 1956 to 1963 held their reunion in Bradford over Labor Day weekend. Many people attended from various churches. It was a blessed week end, when many of us made new acquaintances and some renewed old. Truly it was a foretaste of greater joys to come.

#### BREMEN, INDIANA

Mrs. Earl Zeltwanger

Ring the bells of heaven! there is joy today,  
For the wand'rer now is reconciled.  
Yes, a soul is rescued from his sinful way,  
And is born anew, a ransomed child.

John Conrad, son of Bro. Freeman and Sis. Mary Conrad, gave his testimony before the congregation, and was baptized on Sept. 8. We rejoice that a soul has heeded the call and come home. Yes, even the angels in heaven rejoice over one sinner that repents (Luke 15:10). Bros. Noah Bauman and Theo. Beer were with us for this blessed evening, and also served us holy communion.

#### CHAMPAIGN-URBANA, ILL.

Ben Blunier

Bros. George Gramm, Gridley; Maurice Frank, Chicago; and Ed Hohulin, Goodfield, were our ministers at our services the third Sunday in August and the first Sunday in September.

Their visits are much appreciated; the spiritual food they gave is needed nourishment to our souls.

Among the excellent thoughts brought out was the fact that this is a simple plan of salvation, easily understood. We need only to love God and seek to do His will. The world and our selves sometime make it complicated. May our

best efforts be to keep our faith simple—putting our whole trust in God.

It was read from St. John 14, "Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." We need not fear when we are in God's hands.

Soon now, our Lord willing, the students will be back. We look forward to seeing them again, meeting and welcoming those who will just be starting their work here. They are all urged to visit our church gatherings the first and third Sundays of each month at the University YMCA, and the Bible Class meetings every other Wednesday at the Illini Union Building.

#### CROGHAN-NAUMBURG, N. Y.

Mrs. Lawrence Farney—  
Mrs. David Schamback

We are thankful to report only one of our number in the hospital at present. He is Bro. John Hani, and we hope he will get help and be back with us soon.

Both Bro. Norbert and Sis. Doris Steiner recently underwent surgery, but are able to assemble with us again.

Nat Virkler, son of Bro. Theodore and Sis. Amelia Belle Virkler, had the misfortune to lose a finger while working on a construction job.

We have had many visitors, including ministering Bros. Robert Grimm, Andrew Virkler and Robert Beer. We surely appreciate their ministering to us and were uplifted by their words of truth and admonition.

Peter and Betty Nortz are parents of their first child, a son, born Aug. 19. Betty is the former Betty Widrick, daughter of Elder Brother John Widrick.

- A—Ask and it shall be given unto you.  
B—Be still, and know that I am God.  
C—Commit thy works unto the Lord.  
D—Do good, O Lord, unto those that do good.  
E—Enter into his gates with thanksgiving.  
F—For by grace we are saved through faith.  
G—Give, and it shall be given unto you.  
H—Honour and majesty are before him.

I—In his hands are the deep places of the earth.

J—Judge not, that ye be not judged.

K—Keep thy heart with all diligence.

L—Let all the people praise thee, O God.

M—My help cometh from the Lord.

N—Nevertheless, I tell ye the truth.

O—O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

P—Praise ye the Lord.

Q—Quench not the spirit.

R—Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for him.

S—Sing unto the Lord a new song.

T—Take my yoke upon you.

U—Unto thee lift I up mine eyes.

V—Vanity, vanity, all is vanity.

W—Where there is no vision, the people perish.

Y—Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord.

Z—Zion heard and was glad.

#### FORREST ILLINOIS

Nancy Honegger—Martha Stoller

We extend our sympathy to Bro. Julius and Sis. Catherine Miller over the death of their son, Raymond, of Colfax. He is survived by his wife and infant son.

Funeral services for Lee Meister were held by Bro. Henry Kilgus. Although Lee had been in poor health recently, he had improved some; his death was unexpected. We are comforted to know he was concerned for his soul, had made confession, and had received peace with his God. He is survived by four daughters, Mrs. Dorothy Vermillion, Altadena, California; Mrs. Edith Honegger, Sis. Marian Rieger, and Mrs. May Hack, Forrest.

Sis. Martha Metz has improved to the extent that she was able to return to her home from Wesley Memorial Hospital in Chicago, where she had been a patient for seven weeks, following surgery.

Mary Plattner, daughter of Ed and Sis. Mary Ann, and Bill Masters were married by Bro. Henry Kilgus. They will make their home in Forrest.

Bro. Henry also married Mary Ricketts, daughter of Bro. Meredith and Sis. Leona, and Patrick Masters. They will make their home in Richmond, Ind., where Pat will be employed with Alcoa, and Mary will do nursing, having just graduated from Methodist Hospital in Peoria.

Bro. Gerald Sutter from Taylor was our visiting minister.

Bro. Dave and Sis. Alma Jean Schmidgall welcomed their first daughter, Mary Ann, into their home on Aug. 18. She has five brothers at home. Bro. Richard and Sis. Lou Ida Steffen also have their first daughter, Bethany Lou, born Aug. 26. The two little girls are cousins.

SP/4 Richard Rieger was called home from France because of his grandfather's death. He has a 30-day leave, and will resume his duties there. Pvt. Ronnie Rieger, his brother, has also been home on a two-week furlough from the armed services.

Lloyd Honegger, son of Bro. William and Sis. Esther, has returned to his home, after serving two years in the armed services. He has been stationed at Fort Rucker, Alabama.

#### MORRIS, MINNESOTA

Mrs. Kenneth Zeltwanger  
Norene Koehl

We turned to Central Standard Time September 7.

Visiting ministers were Bros. Walter Anliker, Clarence Kachelmuss, John Wagenbach, Noah Gerber, Clifford Grimm, Carl Feucht, Joe Getz, Henry Grimm and Herman Kellenberger. We thank them for their visits and messages from God's word.

Bro. Leo Dogotch had the misfortune of breaking his arm.

Hospital patients were John Goll Jr., Keith Schmidgall, Marilyn Schaefer, Sis. Della Luthi and Bro. Joe Moser. They are all feeling better and able to be home again.

#### Doubt and Faith

Doubt sees the obstacles;  
Faith sees the way.  
Doubt sees the darkest night;  
Faith sees the day!

Doubt dreads to take a step;  
Faith soars on high.  
Doubt questions, Who believes?  
Faith answers, "I".

#### TAYLOR MISSOURI

Mrs. Eli Sutter Mrs. Bill Heimer  
The marriage of Anne Hodel, Quincy, Ill., and John Dossey, East Peoria, was solemnized on Aug. 22 by Bro. Joe A. Getz, Morton, at a garden wedding at the home of her sister and brother-in-law, Elaine and Don Hoerr of Taylor.

Anne is the daughter of Henry and Sis. Loida Hodel, and John is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Dossey. They will live at Normal, where he will teach in Junior High; Anne is a Junior at I.S.U.

We are glad to have Bro. Getz spend the day with us, teaching us from God's holy word.

We are sorry to report that Bro. Fred Grimm's health has not improved, but hope and pray that he will soon be restored to better health.

Sis. Rose (John) Hoerr spent time in the hospital, but has returned home and is recuperating nicely.

Classes have been resumed in Sunday School, after having vacation during the month of August.

Sis. Laretta Haerr spent a few days with her parents, Rudie and Sis. Lena Haerr, after returning from a trip to Venezuela, South America, in company with Sis. Matilda Rassi. She has returned to her teaching duties at Skokie, Illinois.

Ron Hodel, son of Henry and Sis. Loida Hodel, left for Las Vegas, Nevada, where he will teach Math at Gorside Junior High.

Eleanor Yackley, daughter of Bro. Perry and Sis. Clara Yackley, is teaching business education at Wentzville, Missouri.

A son, Shondel Lee, was born Sept. 8 to Bro. Norman and Sis. Sally Haerr. The grandparents are Rudie and Sis. Lena Haerr of Taylor, and Bro. Roy and Sis. Evelyn Wysong of Sabetha.

#### WINTHROP, MINNESOTA

Linda and Melva Messner

Visiting our congregation were ministering Bros. Joe A. Getz and Henry Grimm of Morton, Bro. Ed Unsicker from Portland, and Bro. Paul Fehr of Morris. The inner man was richly fed from the manna which flowed from the word of God. The text chosen for meditation was St. John 15. We were reminded that, first of all God has chosen us, we did not choose him. We should put heavenly knowledge first, and earthly things second. Where the heart is, the center of the body and the blood flows out, so are we the buds of the vine and must draw from this true vine a storehouse of grace for heart and soul. Being grafted into this tree, we can only grow from the nourishment we get. We as Gentiles have this opportunity. We are not finished until the fruit comes forth; when the fruit is

ripe, He plucks it, and it enters the heavenly home.

Bradley Gutknecht, son of Sidney and Florence Gutknecht, was home on furlough for 20 days. He reported back to San Francisco.

Elder Bro. Herman Kellenberger was with our congregation, bringing us messages from the wonderful words of life and also bringing us a discourse on the World Relief Program. The exhortation on I Corinthians 3 reminded us we are the temple of God, and the Holy Spirit can only live and dwell in a cleansed and purified heart. How necessary we grow in grace and truth and bring forth the fruits of the Spirit!

The report on World Relief was very interesting, revealing how the Holy Spirit has led our brethren in distributing help to the poor and needy, which has so bountifully been contributed for this cause.

"Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD: . . ." Psalm 127:5

Of all God's gifts both great and small

A little child Christ showed to all.  
He brings with him God's love and grace;

The joy of heaven's in his face.  
Wealth and jewels are naught beside

The presence of a little child.

Bro. Noah Miller and family has moved to Minneapolis. His new address is 8810 11th Ave. S., Bloomington, Minnesota. We wish them God's blessings in their new home.

#### Through Prayers

When anxious fears beset us  
And clouds are hovering low,  
When a haze obscures the future,  
And the path we do not know,  
When the heart is burdened,  
Saddened with the load already there,  
What a glorious, blessed privilege  
To surmount the test through prayer.

Reach out by faith and touch Him;  
Find new strength and solace true,  
Lift our eyes above the problem  
To the power that will endure.  
Feel the inflow of His Spirit;  
Gain assurance He does care.  
Know the peace that passeth knowledge;  
Win the victory, through prayer.

What a wonder-working Saviour!  
How He meets the need each hour,

Knows just when our hearts are  
weakening,  
Supplies needed strength and  
power.

Praise His blessed name forever!  
There is naught that can compare  
To the glories of a contact  
With the Prince of Peace through  
prayer.

### TOLEDO, OHIO

#### Mary Ann Weigele

We are happy to welcome to our congregation Bro. Walter and Sis. Sharon Rager. They were married recently and are making their home in Toledo. We feel their presence will be a blessing to our small congregation.

Funeral services were held on Sept. 3 for one of our dear sisters in faith, Mary Hile. Bros. Walter Rehklau, Homer Reineck, Ben Maibach and Ben Hartzler officiated at the services. She passed away at the age of 71, of a heart ailment that she had suffered with for years. Mary was born in Rittman. She married James Hile, and they made their home in Monroe, Michigan. They had a family of three children. Mary turned to the Lord when they lived in Monroe, and was very faithful attending church here in Toledo. Her husband preceded her in death. After his death, she moved to Toledo and lived here until her death. She is survived by her children, Mrs. Edna Volpi and Kenneth Hile of Monroe and Mrs. Pauline Bailey of Tecumseh, Michigan. Also surviving are her brothers, Noah and Benjamin Bauman of Rittman, John Bauman of Sterling, Joseph Bauman of South Bend; and a sister, Mrs. Martha Beery of Rittman. Sis. Mary leaves 9 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

### WICHITA, KANSAS

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

Hospital patients included Sis. Anna Marie Warner and her daughter, Beth. Sis. Anna Marie was hospitalized for an operation and Beth for an appendectomy. Martin Langhofer, son of Bro. Al and Sis. Judy, was in the hospital with a stomach ailment. All are able to gather with us now, for which we are thankful.

The evening of August 22, we gathered at the church for a singing and to see the slides Sis. Roberta Farney had from her trip to Denmark. Some of the members from

the Bern and Burlington congregations assembled with us. An interesting and blessed evening was enjoyed by all.

Carl Wullschleger, son of Bro. Arthur and Sis. Gussie, was seriously injured in an automobile accident on June 4. Carl is in the hospital at Salina, Kansas, until he is able to be moved to Wichita. His condition is improving. We always pray that our loved ones may be spared, especially our friends, until such time that they may find their soul's salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.

### ELGIN, IOWA

#### Mrs. George Butikofer

God has been so good to us; may we ever approach Him with grateful hearts.

Our friends, Sheryl Butikofer and Marvin Schroedor, were united in marriage Aug. 8. Their parents are Bro. and Sis. Lawrence Butikofer and Mr. and Mrs. Willard Schroeder. They now live at Postville, Iowa. We extend to them our very best wishes. May God ever bless them in every respect.

Before long, the colleges in our surrounding area will again resume classes. Kenny Hunziker, son of Bro. and Sis. Arthur Hunziker, who lives at Independence, Iowa, will commence his freshman year at State University of Iowa.

Bro. Wm. Cottrell from Quincy brought us an enlightening message. One thought was that it takes only a little anger to separate us from the love of God, teaching us how we must ever be on the alert to do God's will.

We were hosts to a segment of Elgin, Illinois, Bible class and some of their teachers. It was indeed a pleasure to have them. It doesn't take long to get acquainted, if spiritual values are equal. We hope these folks will come to visit us another time.

On Aug. 14, the Gehrings held a family reunion. Sixty-seven were present. These were descendants of Bro. and Sis. Jacob Gehring. Bro. Jacob was a minister of the gospel for many years at our church. He passed away in 1949, and grandma, his wife, in 1918. The reunion was held at my mother's home in the country.

We are sorry to report that Mrs. Louis Butikofer is ill. She is a patient at the Methodist Hospital at Rochester, Minn. We hope that

she will soon be well enough to return home.

Funeral services were held Aug. 16 for our dear sister, Fannie Frieden. Bro. Uriel Gehring and Bro. Earl Banwart officiated.

Bro. and Sis. Wm. Butikofer and family have a new address; it is now 706 S. 3rd. St., Durant, Iowa.

Fanny (Benninger) Frieden was born May 18, 1885, in Zurich, Switzerland, the daughter of Edward and Fannie Benninger. She entered the Palmer Hospital at West Union, on Aug. 12, for diagnosis, and died suddenly, Aug. 13, at the age of 80 years.

When she was 14 years old she came to America with her mother and step-father, Samuel Braker. They lived in Elgin, Ill., until 1908, when they moved to Elgin, Iowa. She was married to Gottfried Frieden of Elgin, Ia., July 13, 1908. They settled on a farm in the Elgin vicinity.

Six children were born to this union. One son died in infancy, and one daughter, Marie, died in March of 1936. She was also preceded in death by her parents, two sisters, one brother and her husband, Gottfried, who died on June 13, 1939, at their farm home south of Elgin.

In March of 1940, she moved to Elgin, where she lived the remaining years of her life.

Survivors are her children, Ida, Sam, Harry and Edwin, all of the Elgin vicinity; 10 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Frieden was baptized on her confession of faith in Elgin, Ill., and became a member of the Apostolic Christian Church of America. Her life was mingled with joy and sorrow, and she was very devoted to her family. Among her talent was her ability for knitting and sewing; she found special pleasure in making things for little children; and always her thoughts were for others.

Sis. Mary Metzger has enrolled in the Mason City School of Practical Nursing.

### FT. LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA

#### Viola Gerber

It is said that the sunflower, from any position and at any time of day, turns its face toward the sun, admonishing all people to focus attention upon God. This will then be a life of love, which can make true neighbors of all people.

A son, Kevin Dale, was born to Bro. and Sis. Dale Frauhiger. They have a daughter, Lisa. The grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Earl Frauhiger, Bluffton, and Bro. and Sis. Raymond Pulfer, Ft. Wayne.

#### FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

Mrs. Albert E. Kipfer

Mrs. Lee E. Eisenmann

#### "Glory To God"

We are ever reminded of the "Glory of God" as we journey through life here on earth.

Having been reared in a Christian home and given the opportunity of regular Sunday School and church attendance, I know I had privileges many do not have. This close association brought me to realize my need of a close communion with our loving Father and His Son, Jesus Christ.

Knowing my sinful nature and past life, submitting myself fully to God brought a great sorrow, in which it seemed there was darkness everywhere. How wonderful it was to feel my mother's arms around me, and the forgiveness of my parents when I came in my wretched and miserable state. As I gathered in the house of God that first Sunday, I found words of encouragement and help from everyone, as they came to talk to me. How easy it seemed to ask forgiveness of those I felt I had need to. How willingly they gave it! Surely this was possible only through the grace of God, which is an undeserved gift.

Then came peace. I shall never forget the inner feeling of joy. I could only lower my eyes and give thanks unto God! My grandfather had told me that many times one is led back to the place where God gave him peace—for reassurance to endure trials and tribulations that come in our Christian walk of life. How true this is. Soon after, I was permitted to give testimony, and was baptized and accepted as a child of God.

I find no regret for those things that were given up to follow my Lord and Master. My sincere desire is to always live for Him, that I might be found worthy to enter those heavenly gates when my life here on earth is ended.

Baptism is an outward symbol of burying the dead, sinful nature of man into the death of Christ and His shed blood, and the arising as

a new creature in Christ. I felt very meek and humble, and knew there was so very much for me to learn, as I began my journey to serve our Lord and Almighty God. It seems the older one gets, the more we come to realize how nothing we are and how much this learning never ceases.

The Holy Spirit was given in its fullness through the laying on of hands and prayer. I can recall feeling its presence, as it found its place in my cleansed and purified heart. It will abide as long as we keep our hearts right, and listen to its still, small voice. It gives us warnings, comforts, leads, and directs in our daily walk of life.

The Bible is our best source of spiritual guidance. Many times we find ourselves seeking its pages for our need. We find words of comfort, guidance, and help in the words of our beloved hymns. I recall when I was away at school (we didn't have the opportunity to attend church there is now), my brother wrote to me with a message from my grandfather, that I should read the words in Hymn No. 86 in the "Zion's Harp", "The Lord Will Provide".

How often I have treasured the love and fellowship of our beloved brothers and sisters in Christ.

Five of us were traveling together, on our way to visit our churches in the East. In a small community lived a relative of one on our group, whom we decided to see if we could find. After quite an experience, we found the folks at the home of one of the ministers. Having never been there before, we didn't know anyone, but were soon made welcome, and later were persuaded to spend the night with this older couple. These kind and loving deeds have never been forgotten; through the years our friendship grew, through correspondence. Always had been the invitation to come back to visit them. Nine years later, this dream was fulfilled. The love and fellowship was even greater! Soon after, we heard that he had gone to meet his eternal reward. Truly we are ever reminded of the "GLORIES OF GOD", and can only thank and praise Him for all we have and are permitted to do.

Who would not be concerned for each and every brother and sister!

I have always counted it a great privilege to be able to walk and talk with my Lord as I travel this

earthly journey, and thank God always that He chose me to **Come and Follow Him**, and then gave me the needed grace to do so. My hope and desire is to be found worthy, when my earthly pilgrimage is over. With God all things are possible! My daily prayers for you who have not found this great Redeemer is that the "GLORY OF GOD" might be revealed to you while the door of grace is still open.

Sis. Elizabeth Poe extends her heartfelt thanks and appreciation for the prayers, cards and gifts sent during her recent illness and birthday.

Sis. Julia Simon returned home August 18, after a three-months' trip abroad. She went via plane from Cleveland to New York, then on to Prague and Budapest, where she visited two weeks with relatives; then to Rumania, where she spent the time with relatives and friends. Sis. Julia was brought up in Rumania, and said everyone was so kind to her. She really enjoyed her trip, except she did not like traveling alone. We are thankful that God has protected her on this trip and brought her safely home.

The John C. Stoller family (son of John T. and Martha Stoller) has moved to 1322 Baywood Drive, New Haven, Indiana.

Friend Ruth Emma Dotterer has moved to 1119 Fairfield Avenue, Ft. Wayne, Indiana.

The ministers who served us were Bros. Noah Bauman and Jos. Ramsier from Rittman. We enjoyed the messages which you brought to us and wish you back again.

#### Vacation Time is almost Past

Vacation time is almost past; Back home again we are at last. God's hand protected us, this we know,  
Or we would not be here to tell you so.

Over mountains, through canyons and deserts we drove—  
The beauty of God's creation was a sight to behold!  
The moon, stars and sun we usually see,  
But a rainbow over a mountain was a wonderful sight to me.

It reminds us so often as through life we go,  
The trials we encounter have an afterglow,

So has the rainbow, after a storm . . .  
God's signal of love He does perform.

The friends and loved ones we met  
on our way  
Made our trip more pleasant than  
words can say.  
We appreciated the kindness and  
hospitality, too,  
So now we send THANKS, and  
GREETINGS to all of you.  
(By Bro. and Sis. Albert Kipfer)

### MANSFIELD, OHIO Aaron A. Sauder

Invitations were sent to our churches, as well as to the people of our city, to attend our church's open house on August 29. We were privileged in having ministering brothers, Michael Weyeneth, Forrest Ritzman and Loren Stoller, among those who worshipped with us that day. They reminded us of the great love of God, in sending His Son to earth to offer salvation to each one of us. Bro. Loren also impressed upon us that we have indeed been blessed with our new sanctuary, but reminded us that it is not the building, but the congregation that comprises the "church." Looking at the bricks used in the walls, he explained the many processes through which each brick must pass before it can be used, and likened each one of God's children to a brick, molded and fitted for use in the Master's church. "Except the LORD build the house, they labour in vain that build it . . ." Psalm 127:1.

We extend our best wishes for many years of happiness together to the new Mr. and Mrs. Donald Jones, and Mr. and Mrs. Steve February. Before her marriage on August 28, Mrs. Jones was Debra Ramsier, daughter of Bro. Wallace and Sis. Helen Ramsier. Mrs. February, Nee Nellie Morrison, is the daughter of Sis. Catherine Morrison.

"Our thanks and honor, love and praise  
Be to our God on high!  
He builds for us a church on earth,  
And a mansion in the sky."

**Dedication — September 5**  
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Mansfield, Ohio

In 1850, a group known as "Believers in Christ" was organized.

Services were held in homes. Baptism was in nearby creeks; in winter, ice had to be broken. Thirteen years later, in 1863, the first church was built on Park Avenue East, then known as "East Market Street". The cost of this building was \$1,500.00. Joseph Bella was the first minister and elder to serve.

On June 12, 1887, our church at South Diamond Street was dedicated. Sigmund Sorg and Henry Schweir were elders. Later, William Matthes Sr. was ordained an elder, and in 1901 Samuel Engwiller. Bro. Sorg furnished most of the \$6,000.00 estimated cost for construction of this church and the two houses at this location. Almost 78 years later, April 4, 1965, we held our last services in this building. Fitting enough, this date was marked by the baptism of four souls, and partaking of the Lord's supper.

The doors were opened for services in our new building on April 11. Bro. Rudy Graf of Akron is our elder, with Noah Bauman of Rittman as his capable assistant. Sis. Katherine Matthes Houston, Bros. Jesse Beer, Simon Beer, Sisters Bertha Matthes and Anna Engwiller have the unique distinction of attending services in all three churches.

### INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA John Isch

How quickly the summer has passed, and with it the cherished "vacation" of our attending students. For all who are heading back to the campus, and those who will take their place there for the first time, we hope that the new school year will be beneficial and prosperous.

Opportunities can be found in abundance. With all these and the hurried life that accompanies them, let us never lose grasp of the hand that is able to lead us so wisely. Regardless of our ambitions, our achievements, our successes or disappointments, may we continue to hold fast to our simple faith . . . And let us always, **Take time to be Holy.**

Bro. Ed. Frank of the La Crosse congregation visited us on the 22nd of August. Although we were few in number, God still provided us with His rich blessing.

We plan to hold our first meeting at our new location, on the 10th of October. It will be at the new

YMCA, presently under construction on Interstate 465, west of the city. On our second gathering there, communion services will hopefully be held. What a privilege it will be to again partake of this Holy rite. We sincerely welcome all brethren in the area to share this blessing with us.

### ROANOKE, ILLINOIS Irene Legel

We were very happy to add four more souls to our congregation—Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer and Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Fisher. They are sons of Bro. and Sis. Sam Fisher. Their wives were not of our faith, and we rejoice to hear how they found faith to believe and understand this important step in life. May this faith continue to grow in all of us.

Bro. Pete Pfister received many cards for his 90th birthday, August 25, which he enjoyed a lot. He lives with his daughter, Sis. Lena Pfister, who takes him around and is a big help to him. We wish him much happiness.

The engagement of Mike Mangold, son of Bro. Melvin and Sis. Helen Mangold, to Marjorie Schwab was announced by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Schwab of Roanoke.

Sis. Leah Moser, who was in the hospital, is recovering at the home of her sister and family, Bro. and Sis. Fred Knecht in Eureka.

Bro. Fred Siebenthal, who was home from the hospital for awhile, had a bad heart attack, and is quite sick in the hospital at Eureka.

Sol Herbst, who was at the Roanoke Nursing Home, is in the hospital again for treatment.

Larry Hodel, son of Bro. Raymond and Sis. Katherine, is in the hospital, recovering from a fall on his motor bike.

Sis. Bina Bertsch was released from the hospital for the week end only, and was in church for a half day, but had to go back to the hospital. We certainly hope and pray she can soon be home with her husband, Bro. Aaron, and assemble with us again.

He gave us eyes to see  
and lips that we might tell,  
How great our God Almighty is,  
Who has made all things well.

### FAIRBURY, ILLINOIS Joyce Huber

We are grateful for our many

visitors that have come to worship with us in our new church, and hope that we will continue to have brethren and friends visit us at any time.

We were honored to have Bro. Gene Bertschi of Roanoke, Sept. 9. He left us with the thought that since Jesus' question of whether He will find faith was not answered, we should ask ourselves the question, if we are doing our part.

Harvey Schieler, son of Alton and Sis. Sally Schieler, was married to Janice Hines, Aug. 8.

Ed Steffen, who resides at Washington, son of the late Bro. Ed and Sis. Rose Steffen of Fairbury, was killed Sept. 4 in a train-car accident. The family has our sympathy.

Bro. Kenneth Steffen, son of Bro. and Sis. Ezra Steffen, is to leave for service duties in Europe, and Richard Stoller, son of Bro. and Sis. Ori Stoller, was sent to Viet Nam. We wish God's protection upon them.

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#### Brother Geishlich

Soon will come my hour of parting,  
Many loved ones have gone before.  
Soon my journey will be ended;  
Then my cross will press no more.

My angel tells me on the quiet  
That my days are now but few;  
I should hasten and press forward  
To reach that blessed heavenly  
goal.

Though sometimes yet I dread the  
terror  
Of that anxious death and night,  
I will trust in my dear Saviour,  
He who conquered Satan's might.

Oh strengthen me, Thou Prince of  
life,  
When my mortal body weakens.  
Let me find Thy helping grace,  
That I may not be forsaken.

My dear Lord, call me not away  
Before I am prepared for Thee.  
Let me by Thy hand be guided  
To find sweet rest with joy and  
glee.

#### Use Your Money

Use your money while you're  
living.  
Do not horde it as the proud.  
You can never take it with you;  
There's no pockets in a shroud.

Gold can't take you any further.  
Than the graveyard where you'll  
lie.  
Even though your rich while living  
You must leave it when you die.

Use it then some life to brighten,  
As the weary road they trod;  
Use the bank account in heaven  
And grow richer in your God.

Faithful devotion, — standing for  
truth,  
Serving for many a day,  
Willing to go where duty has  
called,  
Trusting in God always.

Trained for his labors under the  
flag  
Helping his comrades brave,  
Moved by the needs of suffering  
men,  
Loving devotion gave.  
Henry Beer

### IF I GO IN FAITH, SINGING I GO

Henry Souder Sr. loved beautiful hymns.

In the pulpit grace was evident, as He proclaimed good news. The voice was clear. The blue eyes were earnest and searching. The heart was sincere, the faith firm.

He spoke of the new Jerusalem in glowing terms. He talked of its beauty.

The love of God is warm, beautiful and friendly. God's word is with power. There must be thunder-tones to warn.

Suppose the miles, the immensity . . . and, suppose it was possible . . .

If a bird would come to great ocean . . . once every thousand years . . . and take a beak full of water . . . eventually the ocean would empty . . . But eternity NEVER ENDS.

The heart cry of eternity is the weeping and gnashing . . . every thought and scene once wholesome on earth . . . would only serve to bring down despair and utter despair . . .

God is at work while it is day. Henry Souder was one of His envoys. Eternity's measurements baffle all human measurement. Eternity is fast bearing down on time. To those not at peace, the call is softly and tenderly, Come.

"Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled."

Little or big opportunities, Henry redeemed them. Little packages sometime have priceless jewels. Some of Henry's most appealing messages were after someone had spoken. The words of the Lord are for sowing the opportune moments, in season and out of season.

"For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost."

Henry worked in faith. His youngest son hears. God is present; there is power. The heart is touched. God's accomplishments are not always that can be noticed at once nor measured. The son leaves, to get outside the church. Nevertheless, the Spirit has brought conviction. God does not give up what He begins. Soon the fruits show,

and the boy comes repenting.

"I will sing unto the LORD as long as I live: I will sing praise to my God while I have my being."

His rich, resonant bass rose in song. Sometimes away. A snow-covered road and the miles between two Illinois communities provided a time of joy. Bro. Souder and the group knew the comfort and lift in hymn singing.

He loved the GOSPEL HYMNS. Answering a criticism of their color, he said he liked it, because Jesus' blood was red.

The Gospel Hymns provided, from spiritual experience, a rich array of praise, invitational songs, hymns that exhort, comfort.

Philip Phillips, composer of hymn No. 15, was reading the beautiful scene of Christian and Hopeful entering the holy city. In it was such . . . They were met with harps . . . The city was shining as the sun . . . the streets . . . and after that, they shut up the gates which, when I had seen, I wished myself among them. He sent the extract to Mrs. Ellen Gates, and asked her to write a suitable hymn.

The words came back. The year was 1865. Philip was sitting at home, and his little boy was on his knee. He read again the beautiful account of the city.

Then, the inspiration came to "The Singing Pilgrim". With pencil in hand, the notes began for the words . . . "I will sing you a song of that beautiful land, the far away home of the soul . . ."

His little boy was taken home . . . the far away home had a darling from his home. The beautiful hymn was sung at the funeral. How prophetic were the words: "Oh, how sweet it will be in that beautiful land . . . To meet one another again."

Philip's own time for crossing came. He wrote: "You see I am still in the land of the dying; why I linger so long is a problem. The precious Saviour is more to me than I ever expected when I was well. Often during the night I have real visions; I walk on the banks of that beautiful river and get glimpses of the bright beyond . . . Blest be God! I shall soon know . . ."

The house of the Souders was

bright with cheer, love and song. One sweet remembrance someone has told is that, on a visit, there was a song before and a song after breakfast.

"And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die."

Bro. Souder's sweet spirit is in lovely home. How beautiful is the music there! The carols are wondrously sweet where there are no years . . . The color more beautiful than sunset . . . anticipation becomes real, more wondrous than vacation . . . It is Rest richer than holiday . . . HOME, round which and in this, the hearts unite in glorious, happy contentment.

Priceless privilege he has, who holds the heritage to God's happiness!

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#### THE HOURS TURN ON

Month for printing college addresses is October. If someone is going to college, see so the address gets in the Silver Lining. If you are going to school, you can hand it to the reporter or send it in yourself.

As the sun shines in the windows, and one thinks of home when you're away . . . the beautiful singing, loved ones, Sunday School . . . a lonesome feeling can come. Why not remember your one at school with the Silver Lining. Let this sunshined ray glow into that room!

College addresses for a partial year can receive the Silver Lining at \$1.50. It is a good investment, a good turn, as we travel so rapidly the way we shall not pass again. the editor

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