

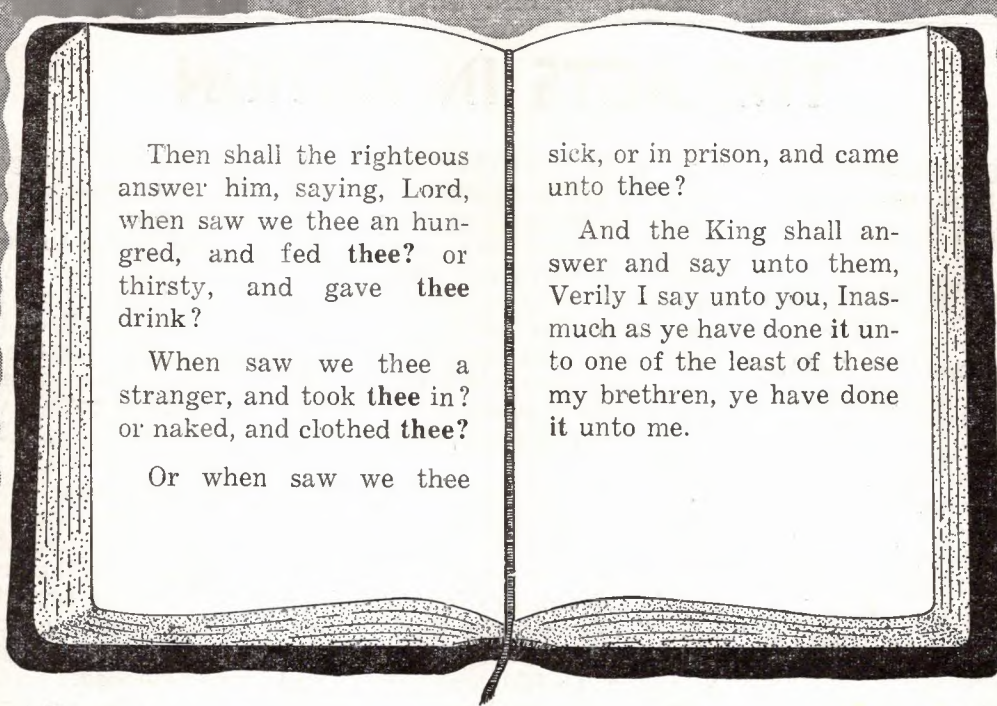
Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink?

When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee?

Or when saw we thee

sick, or in prison, and came unto thee?

And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.



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

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THE ACTS IN ACTION

(The following continues words of Bro. Ben Maibach, words about the work in Japan.)

On the 29th of October we went to Kofu, the capital of Yamanashi Prefecture, where we have two churches, one at Tamahata and the other at Shioda. A special meeting was held on the 30th for all the members in the afternoon, and an evening service for everyone followed. Sunday morning services were held at the country church of Shioda, and then in the afternoon at Tamahata. We visited many of the brethren, and then held evening services again at Tamahata on November 2.

On Wednesday following we had several private interviews and spent the entire afternoon with all the ministers and Takeshita-san, to discuss the many problems that hinder the work of salvation. On

the 4th of November, we visited many of the members and friends in the Shioda area in their homes, where we were very cordially received, and had a wonderful Japanese dinner with Sis. Uchida in their new home. We returned Friday, November 5, to Tokyo. Several of the brethren came to visit us in the afternoon and evening, where they shared many of their personal problems.

On the afternoon of Saturday, November 6 (after counselling with many of the brethren and friends), the brothers were exposed to the demonstration of about 10,000 Japanese who were protesting the proposed treaty with Korea. Although traffic was obstructed by the huge crowd, no damage was inflicted. The people were orderly (although it reveals the unrest in the heart of these people). There is a vacuum caused by the lack of any substantial faith. Many Japan-

ese have no religion whatsoever since the revelation that the emperor was not a diety, as they had believed prior to their surrender at the end of World War II.

We had a very fine evening at the home of Bro. John Klaus and Sis. Betty, where we met with many of the Japanese neighbors who are meeting with them regularly at Fuchu. Then on Sunday, regular services were held at Tsutsujiga-oka in the morning. Communion was held with the brethren in the afternoon, several coming from the country churches to share the breaking of bread. A special Sunday evening service was held at Fuchu again, which was well attended.

The following Monday, a meeting was held in Tokyo with all of the ministering brethren. Many conclusions were reached which would create a better understanding and maintain a more positive approach.

SHUT-IN TO LOVE

Shut-in? Listen. Shut in for love . . .
For work rare, priceless, God's
own.

Costly rich jewel in His hand,
Redeem now time's passing loan.

Shut in? Beyond all wall and stars
Goes labor that is rich, your pray'r.
Good Epaphras prayed, laboring
Fervently, with God aware.

Shut-in. Do you know this high
yield?

Love is labor wisely spent
(Return comes in eternity),
Heaven's opportunity sent!

Thou art His jewel, shining bright,
Held now in place of His, chose
For ray so fine His eye alone
Knows how it helps someone's
woes.

Quiet patience, placed in His plan,
Treasure there, tho' in a bed . . .
Meek, with sweet radiant charity,

Glow in His own glow-stepped
tread.

We are glad that we are thy kin,
Near thy work and humble mind,
Together know the suff'ring,
Together wait, glory find.

Yes, shut-in, remember (priceless!)
How a smile or word can lift.
Tis fruit of gold in silver frame,
Of wonders far off, His gift.
the editor

TREASURES

Henry Souder Jr.

A talent is precious in value
everlasting. His light sparkles, re-
flecting light. Many are helped with
its beauty, and value its rays.

Spiritual talents glisten in heav-
enly light. They are many, varied.

A sister has many opportunities.
The Scripture speaks of the widow,
"Well reported of for good works;
if she have brought up children, if
she have lodged strangers, if she
have washed the saints' feet, if she

have relieved the afflicted, if she
have diligently followed every good
work."

Talent is aglow.

God performs His wonders in
usual people unusually. He chooses
the humble, meek, and lowly. Jesus
was laid in a manger. He wept un-
der the open sky in another's gar-
den. He died, nailed, on a tree by a
highway.

About Him He always wove His

love in the humble. Mary cradled
Him in her arms. Three laborers in
small enterprise were closest in
Gethsemane. The strongest wept
bitter tears for failure. All fled
even at the thought of suffering.
He carried them. His arms of ten-
der compassion are everlasting.

The believer warms another's
heart, refreshing for the journey
ahead. Warm, brother, the way-
faring heart. "I trust to see you in

my journey, and to be brought on my way thitherward by you, if first I be somewhat filled with your company."

Friendship in spiritual places kindles. We influence. It is so very important to keep our face glowing with spiritual kindness. Cheer unspoken, and a word fitly spoken—how they can lift the heart.

In brotherly kindness let us help one another as we wend our way toward celestial city.

Talent use is through seeking rare treasure, priceless work,—His verse and song, all:

"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness . . ."

Big business has big program. Computers, fed figures, bring fast fact, answer completely covering every detail. Men search for ideas. Build test models. Check continually for better and best.

The wisdom of our God spans all. It is already perfect, far-reaching, complete to all and in all things. There is no searching of His understanding.

The heavenly Father's infant should be brought up from earliest sound seeing love, hearing mother and father in scene of scripture and song. Sunset years, sunset hours are priceless. We don't always realize the wonders God is doing.

In His program, is vast array of beautiful hymns. To the humble-hearted, He gives His selections.

There is a need to introduce a song, repeat. Unity needs to be shaped. Use is the canvas where God paints His plan.

Frontier for heavenward travellers is with many delightful views of God still waiting.

Talent is the common task, everyday duty, hours with God: "With good will doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men: Knowing that whatsoever good thing any man doeth, the same shall he receive of the Lord, whether he be bond or free."

Scripture verses show about sleep; God gives it. They tell about eating. All the wayfarer's walk is covered, completely.

Labor is good. No one is exempt in God's Book. The traveller whose body fades needs to exert heavenly energy, to glow the mile of suffering. There is kindness, love and prayer. The retired is but free to employ talent in directed ways. Our job is spending hours for Him who spent all for us.

His accounting has record of every task in every heaven-directed place. Even taxes are not lost. Heavenly eyes follow the good, to credit those who have spent their talent well.

Words and example are important for talent gain. "Now we exhort you, brethren, warn them that are unruly, comfort the feeble-minded, support the weak, be patient toward all men."

A salesman leads his customer in

unshouted word.

Love, in perhaps an unnoticed way, sets example. Standing firm can, without a word effect much, warn, comfort, support. Be patient. Words warn and warm. They are building blocks for eternity. In our daily humble highway, heavenly help is given.

God exalts those who labor in humble, yet heavenly workshop. Turn your talent!

GOSPEL HYMNS REVISED

What is the news of **Gospel Hymns Revised**? Some of the new plates have been completed. Some, the last heard, the printer had not received.

Is it available yet? No, but time does pass, and swiftly. Work progresses. There is more to be done, checking, indexing, printing, binding, sending or picking up.

What is Gospel Hymn Publishing Co. Inc.? It is a non-profit organization to further the needs that come with this hymnbook work.

Where can you write for an order for **Gospel Hymns Revised**? **Gospel Hymn Publishing Co. Inc.**, Box 74, Grabill, Ind. 46741.

How much? \$3.48, add postage. Indiana residents only: add 2% for sales tax.

We believe that **Gospel Hymns Revised** is part of a great plan, a chorus of love. They will help the believer, and call the friend . . . together we may walk into that light shining, to the perfect day.

ALTO, MICHIGAN

Loretta and Myrna Steffen

A sweet little girl, Jill Therese, was born Jan. 12 to Bro. Carl and Sis. Myrna Steffen.

Bro. George Sinn and Bro. Joe Waibel were here Jan. 23, to read the memorandum and to perform the commandment of baptism. Carl Wheeler was added to the fold, as a brother in Christ. We wish him much grace to stay true and faithful in his calling.

Fred Grawburg submitted to surgery and is home again, recuperating. May God be with him in his illness.

Our welcome mat is out to Bro. Ott and Sis. Pat Schlatter, who have just recently settled in our community.

A dear friend and faithful attendant in our congregation, Fred

Kropf, 77, passed from time into eternity Jan. 29. He is survived by his wife, Sis. Marie Kropf; a daughter, Sis. Marquerite Blough; and two sons, Philip and Marcel. May God be near them in their hours of bereavement and loneliness.

These poems I am enclosing are very dear to my heart. They were composed by a dear sister in faith, Mary Ammann from Akron.

Sis. Mary was very poor and quite old when I learned to know and love her. We corresponded often, and her letters held these treasures. She was not rich; often I imagined her as the poor widow who gave all to the Lord. Sis. Mary gave treasures from her heart.

She has since gone to her heavenly resting place. I do not know much about her life, but her Chris-

tian light shone brightly and helped me to find my Saviour, too.

The words are so very true as I

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have found, "To be a lamb on Jesus breast, Forever more of Him be blest." Your least sister in faith, Loretta Steffen.

This is the first poem Sis. Mary composed and sent to me, when I was in my early teens. Nearly a year later I became a sister in the faith also.

My dear, beloved youthful friend,
A heartfelt wish to you I'll send,
That in thy early tender youth
You'd give your heart to Christ the truth.

I feel you have a touch of love
That draws thee to the Lord above.
Oh may you seek, oh may you find
The Lord who is so good and kind.

No greater joy on earth is found
Than with love to Christ be bound,
To live for Him while on this earth
Defying all the worldly mirth.

To be a lamb on Jesus' breast,
Forevermore of Him be blest,
The narrow way of life to trod,
God's holy name to love and laud.

To love and live in Jesus' ways
All the rest of our days.
From this life we then can part
With peace and joy within our heart.

A week before our wedding, we received this poem in a card for our wedding gift from Sis. Mary. There was also money, but she was poor and her gift came from herself. This is the second poem.

Two souls who in their early youth
Gave their hearts to Christ the truth
Soon will now united be
In holy matrimony.

And whom the Lord that lives above
Together ties in His own love,
This is called a threefold chain,
Which only death can rent in twain.

May the Lord them richly bless
With good health and happiness,
In love and peace together live
As long as God life to them give.

Your home may be a place for God,
Wherein His holy name is laud,
Where God's holy word is read,
Daily by it can be fed.

Dear ones, to you I'll say farewell.
Only our Lord can tell
If on earth again we'll meet,
In Jesus' love each other greet.

This is the third poem she composed and sent to us. We were married 8 months when we received it. She was 85 years old at this time and died shortly after. As you read, you will see that she loved her Lord and lived for Him.

When once on earth Christ will appear
There may be many that are here
Who intend some day to give
Their heart to Christ, for God to live.

But first they want to merry be,
The danger thereof will not see.
They seem to think the Lord will wait—
Before for them it is too late.

They don't seem to realize
The great danger therein lies,
That unexpected they may be
Waft to long eternity.

How much better this we say,
If God's call they first obey,
Then after that united be
In holy matrimony.

Their home then is a place of God,
Wherein His holy name is laud,
And where His word is daily read,
Whereby their inner life is fed.

BAY CITY, MICHIGAN Marlene Mosher

Friend Susan Ramseyer has repented, confessed peace with the Lord, and now wishes to bring her testimony to the congregation and be baptized. We wish Susan God's grace, and hope and pray that there might be many to follow here. There have been so few lately we might think that time may be short for us all. Let each and everyone pray for guidance and prepare, too, for the Lord's coming. When it will be, we do not know, but let us try to help others along, too, especially our younger folk. Let us pray to be a light.

Friend Gary Meylan, son of Bro. Henry and Sis. Eunice Meylan, left for the armed services. Let us not forget to pray for our brothers and friends who have to serve our country in time of war.

We regret the passing of Bro. Joe Klotzle of Altadena. His daugh-

ter, Sis. Edith Wieland, wife of Bro. Daryle, lives in Bay City. We wish God's grace and comfort for those who are left behind in grief and sorrow, with the toils and cares of this world to be delt with. Those who can leave this world on the side of the Lord are so lucky. Those who are left behind still have to keep on fighting the evil one each minute of each day. Only with the grace and guidance of our Lord and Saviour can we overcome and leave this poor, wretched world in the same way.

BLUFFTON, INDIANA

Delutha Moser Carolyn Gerber

Births: January 21, a daughter, Penny Jo to Bro. David and Sis. Maxine Ringger. February 2 a daughter, Joy Lynne to Bro. Howard and Sis. Joyce Baumgartner.

Shut-ins during the past month were Sis. Mary (Sam) Baumgartner, Sis. Martha (Amos) Reinhard, Sis. Anna (Ervin) Isch and Sis. Alice (Gaius) Gerber. **My God shall supply all your need.** Philippians 4:19

Wedding: On January 9, Friend Kay Aschliman and Thomas Fairchild were united in holy matrimony by Elder Sam Aschliman. Parents of the couple are Bro. and Sis. Harry Aschliman and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Fairchild.

"Two hearts where time may gently work—
The blessed miracle of growth;
May life be rich and full of joy,
And kindly bless you both.

During the past month, provings and baptisms were held for five dear friends. They are as follows: Sharon Schwartz, Jean Clark, Judy Ringger, Andrea Aschliman and Robert Honegger.

"But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." Matthew 6:33

The Bible contains the mind of God, the state of man, the way of salvation, the doom of sinners, and the happiness of believers. Its doctrines are holy, its precepts a binding, its histories are true, and its decisions unchangeable.

Read it to be wise; believe it to be safe; and practice it to be holy. It contains light to direct you, food

to support you, and comfort to cheer you.

It is the traveler's map, the pilgrim's staff, the pilot's compass, the spiritual soldier's sword, and the Christian's charter.

Here paradise is restored, Heaven opened and the gates of Hell disclosed. Christ is its Grand Subject, our good its design, and the glory of God its end. It should fill the memory, rule the heart, and guide the feet.

Read it slowly, frequently, and prayerfully. It is a mine of wealth, a paradise of glory, and a river of pleasure. It is given you in life, will be opened in judgment, and will be remembered forever.

It involves the highest responsibility, rewards the greatest labor, and condemns all who trifle with its holy contents.

"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:" II Timothy 3.16.

BREMEN, INDIANA

Mrs. Robert Heuni

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Cooper are the parents of a baby daughter, Cherie Kay, since January 11. Mrs. Cooper is the former Carol Schini, daughter of Bro. Dan and Viola Schini.

Bro. Verdon Feldman and Sis. Rebecca Ann Coombs of Indianapolis were united in marriage on the 16th of January. Bro. Verdon was discharged from service in December; and they are living in Bremen.

Love

Romans 13:10

Proverbs 10:12

"Love worketh no ill to his neighbor",

No ill to a friend or a foe,
For love responds always with kindness;

It blesses far more than we know.

Love blesses each one that it touches;

Each one, then, will bless still another.

Love gains an astounding momentum,

The love that we give to each other.

Love covers all sins, and all failures;

It changes each night into dawn.

It reaches right up into heaven,
And lives when all else will be gone.

Bertha Annis

FT. LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA

The following were visiting, two elders and a minister, for the month of January: Joe A. Getz, George Gramm, and John Yergler. We wish to thank these brothers for their messages, and hope and pray that they visit us again and again.

We are pleased to have Bro. John Isch from Bluffton with us. He is working several month's at the hospital in the city of Hollywood, near us. We do enjoy him in our congregation.

We had an election for Sunday School. The brothers selected were Richard Sutter and Darrell Klopfenstein. For trustee, Ken Troxel was elected to serve 3 years. We wish these brothers God's grace to work in the house of the Lord.

We will surely miss Bro. Richard Kaehr, his wife, Karen and their 3 children, as they moved back to Bluffton. We wish them God's grace and blessing.

What this world needs is more God-fearing men, as we read in Psalms 128: "Blessed is every one that feareth the LORD; that walketh in his ways. For thou shalt eat the labour of thine hands: happy shalt thou be, and it shall be well with thee. Thy wife shall be as a fruitful vine by the sides of thine house: thy children like olive plants round about thy table. Behold, that thus shall the man be blessed that feareth the LORD . . ."

JAPAN

Yoshio Yamazaki

Behold, I make all things new. And he saith: Write: for these words are faithful and true. And he said unto me, They are come to pass. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely. He that overcometh shall inherit these things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.

We really thank God because we accepted such a wonderful bright new year and are closer to meeting our beloved Jesus Christ.

This new year has special meaning for our people here in Japan. Japan, its meaning, is land of the rising sun. It means God's country, Nippon. Most people are going to

the shrine, and worship early new year's morning. Most transportation is moving all night. In the present, I don't think most people believe Shinto gods are living gods, but the people believe such traditions and customs are very precious—most important things to keep in daily life. Christianity is second thing to keep, even for some Christians.

We had worship service on the 2nd of January here in Tokyo; attendance was fair. We cannot expect very good attendance at new year's meeting; it is very sorry. First weeks of the new year most people are going to relation's home visiting, and men, women, children are playing cards and some other games. You can see those games are mostly connected with Shintoism.

Sis. Esther Klaus, who visited Japan since last July, returned to U.S. on the 16th of January, from Tokyo Airport. She gave us very good Christian testimony. Our brethren were really encouraged by her, especially the sisters. We surely miss her, and if it is the Lord's will we would like to see her again sometime.

Bro. Akira and I went to Osaka and saw Sis. Atsumi there and had a wonderful meeting. She has become much growing in faith and a very good housewife. She lives far away from our church and needs fellowship.

Our Saturday afternoon children's meeting at Bro. John Klaus's home is very wonderful. They are very happy about the meeting. Their parents are really appreciative, and some of the parents are much interested about the Bible. At the meetings, mostly Bro. John and I take responsibility, and Sis. Shizuko Kobayashi helps us sometimes.

LA CROSSE, INDIANA

Martha Rinkenberger

Bro. George Yergler called Bro. Sam Aeschliman in to help serve communion, a blessed day. Tom Frank, son of Bro. Ed and Sis. Lea, and Roger Levy, son of Bro. Ralph and Sis. Carolyn, were baptized just before the Lord's Supper.

We have had good news of Roger Hitz, son of Bro. Ben and Sis. Lena. He is seeking the Lord in repentance. May God be near and help him to find what he is seeking. Let

us all pray that all our dear friends may come to the Lord.

Sis. Bertha Heiniger and Bro. Sam Clauss (of Elgin, Ill.) were united in marriage. They will make their home in Elgin. May God add his blessing.

Bro. Don Gudeman is home from service, after being in it spending two years. He and his wife, Sis. Mary, will live in La Crosse. Don is working at the bank, where he was working before going into service. We welcome Sis. Mary in our community.

LAMONT, KANSAS

Mrs. Bernie Emch - Glen Anliker

Recently our elder brother, Sam Anliker, read the memorandum. May we always use our elders' advice as a mirror, to see whether our spiritual life needs repairing. Sometimes if one is neglectful with things that need repairing, it becomes too late, and Satan becomes victorious.

Let us remember that when our elders gather together to counsel over the various evils that are endangering our churches, they first seek the Lord, in the spirit of prayer, to lead and direct them so his will may be done. It would then seem, that if we are disobedient to our elders conclusions, we also are disobeying the Lord.

Let us all be good soldiers of the cross and fight to the end, so we can be victorious over death and grave and win a reward, eternal in the heavens.

We had our annual business meeting Jan. 2. As we have a small membership, about all officers and Sunday School teachers were re-elected.

Sis. Mrs. Pete Fankhauser (Katie) has been unable to assemble with us. Our prayer is that she may be granted to assemble with us again, if it is the Lord's will.

MORTON, ILLINOIS

Rose Getz

We were blessed with the precious messages brought us by Bro. Harry Sutter of Ft. Lauderdale and Bro. Gerald Sutter of Taylor.

Bro. Don Feller and Bro. Roy Grimm of Taylor taught the Sunday School lesson.

Sis. Mary Roecker (Mrs. Wm.) was hospitalized for sometime, but is home again. Sis. Amelia Rein was also hospitalized for several days.

Sis. Tillie Heiniger (Mrs. Jake) suffered a severe stroke and is a patient at Methodist Hospital in Peoria.

Bro. and Sis. Elmer Stoller of Gridley have moved into their new home in Morton.

Bro. and Sis. David Teubel have moved to Lester. We were sorry to have them leave us. We wish them God's blessings.

Bro. Roy and Sis. Phyllis Schick Getz have named their new baby Jeffrey Allen. Bro. Harold and Sis. Dorothy Springer Witzig named their baby daughter Cynthia Kay.

Bro. Alvin Neukomm is now the assistant Sunday School superintendent, helping Bro. Keith Stevig.

PEORIA, ILLINOIS

Emily Tanner

Mrs. Michael Weyeneth

The Bible tells us that the angels rejoice when a sinner repents. We're rejoicing too; there are four souls in our congregation who are seeking their soul's salvation through repentance.

Bro. Paul and Sis. Rhoda Meister are the parents of a baby girl, Joan Ellen, born January 19.

John and Jean Estes are the parents of a baby girl, Jana Lynn, born January 22. Maternal grandparents are Bro. Francis and Sis. Dorothy Meier.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kraps of Peoria announced the engagement of their daughter, Jean Marie, to Michael D. Hermann, son of Arthur and Pauline Hermann.

Bro. Walter and Sis. Hannah Plattner announced the engagement of their daughter, Sis. Joy Mae, to Bro. Jim Hohulin of Goodfield.

Bro. Ed and Sis. Emma Staub announced the engagement of their daughter, Nancy, to Bro. Gary Herrmann of Morton.

Bro. John G. Streitmatter died January 17. He was admitted to the hospital three days prior to his death. Surviving are his wife, Sis. Hulda; one son, Milford; three daughters, Violet White, Evelyn Clymer and Della Schweigert; one brother, Bro. Alfred; four sisters, Sis. Mollie Perdelwitz, Lydia Nolan, Sis. Esther Sabo and Sis. Martha Streitmatter; and nine grandchildren.

Bro. Kenneth Sauder was inducted into the army January 17.

At the annual business meeting, the following brothers were elected

to take the place of those whose terms have expired. Gustav Schmacher as trustee (replacing John C. Hoerr); Joe Herman as Sunday School teacher (replacing Francis Meier); Rudy Hoerr was selected to replace Joe Hoerr, who served faithfully for a number of years with Brotherhood Aid and Insurance. We're thankful to God and these brothers that are willing to lend themselves to these duties.

The Bible Classes from Princeville and Bradford Sunday Schools were guests of the Peoria Bible Class the second Sunday in January. It was nice to see so many young folks in the assembly in the morning. Bro. Ed Hohulin was the guest teacher in the afternoon. Our Hymn Sing was held in the evening. A group of brothers from the Eureka congregation sang some beautiful hymns. It was really a blessed day.

Bro. Leroy Huber ministered to us at our mid-week services recently. We thank all the brethren for their deeds of love.

Sis. Freda Kipfer wishes to thank everyone who so kindly remembered her with cards, flowers and gifts while in the hospital. May God bless each for their love and kindness, and also the dear brethren who so often came and had sincere prayers with her. It certainly made one feel very humble and thankful to God.

PRINCEVILLE, ILLINOIS

Ruth Ricketts—Anna Marie Baer

Early in January, our elder brothers Noah Schrock, LeRoy Huber, and Roy Sauder attended our mid-week service and assisted our elder brother, Silas Leuthold, in reading and deliberating on the concerns and conclusions of the recent brother meeting. If every member puts forth every effort to walk closely to the way prescribed, it would make it so much easier for our shepherds. In these latter days, there is nothing more satisfying than to walk close to the Lord and do what we can for our fellow man. In love for God and for each other, let us strive harder to walk the narrow way and forsake the lusts of the world. The promised reward is worth every effort put forth. I am sure none of us will feel we have had to sacrifice too much.

Our Bible Class were guests of the Peoria Sunday School and enjoyed a blessed day of fellowship

with their "neighbors". Each one present wishes to thank all those for making a most pleasant day and evening.

Isn't our love and fellowship something really precious? We could experience this recently when we were privileged to have Bro. Al Langhoffer of Wichita spend a Sunday with us. For most of us it was our first meeting, yet it seems we weren't strangers and could feel the brother's love by his inspiring word. May he find blessings for his efforts.

Bro. Jack Knobloch has received his discharge from the armed service. He and his wife, Sis. Nancy, & infant son are making their home near Princeville. We are very thankful to have them with us.

Our annual business meeting was held, with brothers reading various reports. Bro. Vernon Stoller was elected trustee, replacing Bro. Robert Herrmann, whose term had expired.

We were very happy to have Bro. Simon Wagenbach with us a Sunday recently and could feel God's presence in the words of exhortation given. It is always a joy to have Bro. Simon and his family visit us.

Karen Wagenbach—small daughter of Bro. Raymond and Sis. Betty, and Jaren Grimm—little daughter of Bro. Earl and Sis. Anna Lou were both hospital patients for a few days. Both are getting along real well now, for which we are glad. Sisters Nellie Woertz and Emma Streitmatter have been quite ill, unable to attend church for several Sundays. Sis. Martha Streitmatter, who has been having back and leg trouble for several months, has spent the past two weeks in bed. May the Lord be near these shut-ins and give them grace and courage each day to carry their cross bravely. We were very happy to have Sis. Marie Begner attend services two Sundays recently. She reports she is very happy and content in her son's home in Peoria. How thankful we are when our dear ones find happiness in their sunset years of life.

If you are sad and lonely
There seems nothing you can do,
Just take courage and remember
There are others needing you.

We are created for a purpose,
For a part in God's great Plan.

Bear ye one another's burdens,
So fulfill Christ's law for man.

There are many sad and lonely,
And discouraged not a few,
Who a little cheer are needing—
And thus someone's needing you.

Someone needs your faith and
courage;
Someone needs your love and
prayers.

Someone needs your inspiration,
Thus to help their cross to bear.

Do not think your need is ended.
There's so much that you can do,
And as long as you are living,
There is someone needing you.

SARASOTA, FLORIDA

Velta Laukhuf

We are very happy to report that the month of January was well attended by many visitors from the northern churches. We are thankful to God to see so many of the loved ones that were here in the past back with us again. We welcome the new visitors that are spending the winter here.

From our weather reports from the north, one can hardly comprehend the difference between sub-zero weather, snow-drifts and icy roads, in comparison to palm trees, beautiful flowers, singing birds and green grass. We realize that God made both the north and the south and all the seasons of the year for a reason.

On Feb. 2, a church picnic was held at the Elks' Park, for all those here and visitors. It was attended by brothers, sisters and many, many friends. It was such a success that it was decided to have another picnic in the near future. The afternoon was spent in singing hymns and fellowshiping with one another.

Services will be held here on the west coast of Florida until the first of April. Bro. Philip Wingeier extends a special invitation to visiting ministers to partake in the service; at Women's Club Bldg., Corner of Palm Ave. and Park Ct., Time, 1:00.

TUCSON, ARIZONA

Jay J. Bertsch

The Book
More Precious Than Gold

Though the cover is worn
And the pages are torn,

And though places bear traces of
tears,
Yet more precious than gold
Is the Book, worn and old,
That can shatter and scatter my
fears.

When I prayerfully look
In the precious old Book,
Many pleasures and treasures I see,
Many tokens of love
From the Father above,
Who is nearest and dearest to me.

This old Book is my guide,
'Tis a friend by my side,
It will lighten and brighten my
way,
And each promise I find
Soothes and gladdens my mind,
As I read it and heed it today.

We were delighted to have had many visitors during January. Ministering Brother Harry Sutter and his wife from Florida visited with our ministering brother, Noah Herman, and his family. We are always glad to have visitors who are passing through to stop and worship with us.

UNION CITY, NEW JERSEY

August Mueller

The prophets, the gospels, the letters of the apostles, all tell us, in the last times many false prophets will come and try to mislead the children of God. We are warned by Jesus and by the apostles not to listen to them. There is one thing we have to remember, that we keep our promise to stay true and faithful to the end.

The Lord did not promise that we would walk on a path of roses this and any other year, but He promised to be with us and help us to the very end. It is a precious thing to know we have a helper to whom great is not too great and small is not small.

Sunday, the 9th . . . this was a day of joy and blessing. It is indeed a blessing to meet brothers and sisters in faith and to greet those in like-minded heart.

Sis. Mary Diggelman was hospitalized for almost a week, due to an operation on her leg. She is home recuperating, but still suffers pain. Sis. Ida Knecht was absent from our midst for over a month, also suffering pains—in her back. We shall not neglect to include them in our prayers. Many sicknesses

were healed in time past through prayer.

When we read about the Israelites, we find that some of them got careless. It is written for us who are of the new covenant of God. We also are going through the wilderness of this life. We have an enemy who watches us everyday of our life and would like to destroy us if it were possible. It is therefore important that we watch and pray, that when we come to the end of our life we can enter into the promised land.

Rejoice, the Father loves us here. To Him we go for help and comfort, for grace and strength so we can continue upon our pilgrim journey. Our hearts would indeed be saddened if we were told that He went on a journey and that we could not talk to Him for two or three months. What would happen to us? Where could we go for spiritual food and drink? In the whole, wide world there is not one place that could give us the good gifts which our heavenly Father is able to give us. He takes good care of His own. Let us love the Lord and love one another, that will bring us to a blessed ending.

The hours are gone and gain there is none, if they were not spent in trusting in Jesus, who to us was sent. Yes dear friends, the hours are gone. They can not be recalled. You can never make up for lost time, but if you turn to the Lord today with a humble heart, He will hear you. Age does not matter. He will meet you better than half way and will give you rest for your undying soul. Do not put it off until tomorrow. It may be too late. Many are taken away unexpected. The Lord is a kind, a merciful Lord. He gives the people ample time to turn to Him, but if they refuse, they will have to suffer the consequences.

Sunday, the 23rd . . . Death comes to everyone sooner or later. We are all aware of that, but time and hour no one knows. Last night, I received word that Sis. Isabella Metz passed away, in her 97th year. I cannot remember that one reached that high an age here. We had a few that reached 90 or 91. The oldest sister we have at the present time is Sis. Sophie Keller; she is going on 94. I knew Sis. Metz for 62 years. She was a member when I came to this country in 1904. She spent most of her life

here in Union City. She loved singing. Now she reached the home for which her heart was yearning for many years. We do not wish to call her back. She is at rest, which can not be disturbed. She labored many years in the vineyard of the Lord. We know that the Lord will give her a just reward, more than she expected. We hope and pray that someday we meet again, never to part.

Sis. Isabella carried her cross for many years without complaining. She left a good example for us to follow. She will be buried Monday in Rockville besides her husband, Bro. Charles. She was a silk weaver up to the time she retired.

Sunday, the 30th . . . This is the second Sunday we could not assemble on account of bad weather, but the Lord has a purpose for everything He does. He wants to draw us closer together. He wants to increase our love toward one another. He wants us to appreciate one another, but most of all He wants us to appreciate the time when we assemble around His good and holy word.

How shall it be in heaven, where no rain, no snow, no ice, no sickness, no distance will hinder us from hearing precious words of life, not spoken by man, but by our Lord and Saviour, who will lead His sheep upon green pastures and to the fresh waters, in eternity . . . where we grow not tired to sing the new song, which only those can sing that love and serve the Lord in this life.

On Jan. 11, Sis. Ann Judin had gone to Connecticut to visit Sis. Metz, with whom she lived for 30 years, here in a nursing home. On the following Saturday, Jan. 22, Sis. Metz fell asleep in the Lord. Sis. Ann stayed with her till the last minute. For two years Sis. Ann went to visit Sis. Metz every month—a faithful sister.

VALPARAISO, INDIANA

Mrs. W. A. Jacob
Mrs. Harry Bucher

Our annual meeting was held in January. The new trustee elected was Bro. Orville Bucher, replacing the outgoing trustee, Bro. Roy Frieden. Trustees now consist of Bro. Arthur Yergler, Chairman, Bro. John Heinold and Bro. Orville Bucher.

Supt. Sunday School, Bro. Cort Bucher, Teacher Senior Class, held

a regular youth meeting. There was a discussion of the schedule for coming seven months. Refreshments were enjoyed. May God bless our faithful young people.

Byron Frieden, son of Bro. Roy and Sis. Aldine Frieden, has enlisted in the Medical Corps of the National Guard. At the present time he is taking a winter short course in Agriculture at Purdue University. Our Senior Class misses him, and wishes him God's blessings.

WOLCOTT, INDIANA

Arles Kropf

At our recent election, the following new Sunday School teachers were elected: Bro. Bob Schieler, Bro. Gene Lehman, Sis. Arles Kropf and Sis. Nancy Christopher. Those completing their terms were Bro. Richard Stoller, Bro. Glenn Furrer, and Sis. Emma Furrer. Sis. Nancy had finished the term of Sis. Verna Lehman, and was now elected to a full term. Bro. Richard Stoller was elected as trustee, replacing Bro. Kenneth Furrer.

The recording of the Rittman conference was played at church on two Sunday evenings. It is very interesting and a blessing to all who took time out to hear it.

We have been very fortunate in our area this winter, as far as heavy snows. The first time the ground was white was Feb. 1, when we had 6 inches.

AKRON, OHIO

Florence Graf

Bro. Gordon and Sis. Emily Greenbank observed their silver wedding anniversary on January 19. They received remembrances and hearty wishes from relatives and friends. May God go with them as they live each day for Him.

Donna Palmer has moved to an apartment in west Akron. Her new address is 615 Copley Road, Akron, Ohio.

Bro. Peter and Sis. Elizabeth Barna have moved from their home on Mull Avenue to 10065 Beaconsfield Drive, Cleveland, Ohio. We are glad they are able to gather with us, even though they must travel a greater distance than previously.

Bro. Alex Bako has returned from a six-week trip to his native Hungary. Sis. Kathy's mother, Elizabeth Muller, returned to Hungary with Bro. Alex after a year's

visit here. Alex visited his parents, mothers, sisters and friends. He related of the severe winter weather much of Europe was enduring—temperatures thirty to forty degrees below zero, with winds of gale force. These conditions halted all forms of transportation. Surely we can be thankful we are spared such extreme weather, with the accompanying suffering and hardship. We extend our sympathy to Bro. Alex, as we learn his brother passed away while he was there in Hungary.

Judy Ries and Darryl Hickey were married recently. Judy is the daughter of Bro. Larry and Sis. Katherine Ries. We wish the young couple the Lord's blessing as they walk life's pathway together.

Sis. Elizabeth Heib was in the hospital this past month. She is much improved at this time and is convalescing at her home. We thank the Lord He has restored Sis. Elizabeth to moderate health again.

Our visiting minister this month was Bro. Robert Stoll of Girard. We are glad for all who visit our congregation, and extend a sincere invitation to all.

NEW MARTINSVILLE, W. VA.

Mrs. Gus Weltz
Miss Della Witschey

Our weather predictions of last month really hit the spot; we, like many sections of the country, have really had a spell of old-time winter weather, snow, zero temperatures. Churches and schools were closed for the most part of two weeks. Some sections, in the back of the county here, are still trying to dig out of the deep drifts.

Our concern now is, What is going to happen if all this snow goes off with rain? This is the season of floods in the Ohio Valley. Without any question there is every evidence of danger, as weather reports are that rain is on the way. In fact at this writing, February 7, it has started to rain.

Several donations have been received toward the expense of the new fence at the country church. Thank you notes were mailed to all who sent in a donation. However, we will take this means of again saying, "Thank You". Work has been at a standstill for sometime, due to the weather, but with spring around the corner, we are hoping for its completion at an early date.

Our sympathy goes out to the family of Joseph Kloetzle in California in their bereavement. May their hearts be healed with the presence of the Heavenly Father and take thought in the following: SILENTLY, and almost imperceptibly, as the dawn at morning, God makes His presence known.

Miss Della Witschey still suffers much with arthritis. At times her hands are almost useless. Her wrists are weak, and her pastime, quilting, is entirely over for the time. She cannot hold a needle in her hands. We hope she soon regains her strength and that her pain lessens.

J. C. Froelich suffered a swollen ankle for several days, which he suffered in a fall, but he was always able to get to work and is much better at this time.

Dan Witschey has not been able to do much walking during this heavy snow, altho he goes to visit with his sister, Della almost every day, and looks forward to better weather.

Walter Emch has been confined to his home for sometime, but shows improvement at this time.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Witschey of Doylestown, O., visited with the Witschey families here recently. They were accompanied home by Joe Witschey, who had spent several months here.

Mrs. Harry Mullet has been ill for some time, but shows improvement.

John Kenneth Walborn, a great grandson of Mrs. Elizabeth Isinghood, died on January 30, two days after birth. Funeral services were held on February 1; interment followed.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Barth of Parkersburg, W. Va., spent Sunday, February 6, here with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul D. Giles and children of Alfred, N. Y., visited here recently with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Rigenbach.

ROCKVILLE, CONNECTICUT

Carlton J. Lanz

Bro. Rudolph Moser has been discharged from the hospital, where he underwent lung surgery. He is progressing satisfactorily, according to his son, Bro. Ben, and hopes to recuperate at his Hilltop home.

A little son, their third, was born to Bro. Lee and Sis. Maxine (Webb) Bahler on January 22. He was named Thomas Dale.

Sis. Isabella Metz, formerly of Union City, died here at a convalescent home, on Saturday January 22. She was 96. Bro. John Bahler conducted the services from the funeral home. Burial was at Ellington. She left no close relatives.

Bro. Alfred Zutter—a patient at the hospital—had surgery on his leg to remove a clot of blood. This, it is believed according to reports, is the result of injuries he received nine years ago when using a milking machine. Bro. Alfred and his wife, Sis. Frieda, are of the latest group of converts in the year just past. He is 60.

The Loom of Time

Man's life is laid in the loom of time

To a pattern he does not see,
While the weaver's work and the shuttles fly

Till the dawn of eternity.

Some shuttles are filled with silver threads

And some with threads of gold,
While often but the darker hues
Are all that they may hold.

But the weaver watches with skillful eye

Each shuttle fly to and fro,
And sees the pattern so deftly wrought,

As the loom moves sure and slow.

God surely planned the pattern;

Each thread, the dark, the fair,
Is chosen by His master skill

And placed in the web with care.

He only knows its beauty,
And guides the shuttles which hold

The threads so unattractive,
As well as the threads of gold.

And when each loom is silent
And the shuttles cease to fly
God shall reveal the pattern.
Each shall know the reason why.

The dark threads were as needful
In the weaver's skillful hand
As the threads of gold and silver
For the pattern that He planned.

BERN, KANSAS

Mrs. Morris Edelman

Mrs. Leonard Baumgartner

Hospital patients this month:
Sis. Marie Leuthold is home from St. Joseph, Mo., improving. Sis.

Katie Grimm is hospitalized in Topeka. Sis. Leah Bauman spent a short time in the Axtell Hospital. Sis. Lizzie Strahm spent a few days in the Sabetha Hospital with a sprained knee. Lynn Meyer, son of Fremond and Ruth Meyer, accidentally injured his foot and is getting around with a cast.

We enjoyed having Sunday evening services, when Bro. Edwin Ringger of Gridley and Bro. Harold Gramm of Morris ministered.

This winter we are again practicing hymns from the Zion's Harp. We have met to sing at Bro. Louis Meyers and Bro. Alpha Strahms' homes.

Bro. Gene Marti from Sabetha assisted Bro. Lester Hartter in reading the Memorandum.

Bro. Gottlieb Brunner, 93, passed away on Feb. 2, at the Sabetha hospital. He was born in Switzerland, and came to America when he was seven years old. He repented when he has 17 years old, and remained a member for 76 years. Surviving are his wife, Sis. Lucinda; two sons; and four daughters. Services were held on Feb. 5, with Bro. Lester Hartter and Bro. Harvey Grimm conducting the memorial service. Bro. Gottlieb was able to attend church quite regularly until the last few months and will be greatly missed.

Alan Rokey, son of Bro. Roy and Sis. Luch Rokey, and Wayne and Dale Strahm, sons of Bro. Ephraim and Sis. Lorene Strahm are repenting, for which we are thankful.

BRADFORD, ILLINOIS

Mrs. Martha Kieser

Rain, sleet and snow fell in abundance one day. Ice formed on wires, and many of us were without electricity. Even though it was very slick, it was a beautiful sight when the sun came out.

Bro. Al Langhofer of Wichita was a guest here recently. We enjoyed having him.

Jordon and Sharon Elsasser happily welcomed their first child, a son, Michael Christian. Bro. Chris and Sis. Leila Elsasser of Princeville and Bro. Simon and Sis. Louise Wagenbach of Tremont are the grandparents.

We (Bro. Loris and Sis. Martha Kieser) are parents of a new baby daughter. Susan Lynn was welcomed into our home by a sister, Marcia, and three brothers, Mark,

Timmy and Jeffrey. Bro. Sam and Sis. Lucille Kieser and Bro. Silas and Sis. Mary Leuthold are Susan's grandparents.

A number of members and friends from Lester assembled with us on Feb. 6, and later attended the wedding and reception for Wilma Tanner and Melvin Knobloch. They were married in the bride's home by Bro. Silas Leuthold; we wish them God's many blessings, as they begin their life together in their home near Lester.

Kent Knobloch, son of Bro. Bob and Sis. Maruel, is recovering nicely after having ear surgery.

CONGERVILLE, ILLINOIS

Lorna Schrock — Jeanette Knapp

Several persons from our congregation have been hospitalized during the past month. Those who had surgery are Bro. Dan Sauder, Bro. Alvin Farney, and Ray Baer. Sis. Ruth Lowery fell and broke her ankle, and Bro. Fred Knapp is presently in the hospital due to a slight stroke. We wish them all God's nearness and healing power.

Sis. Loris Knapp, who had infectious hepatitis, is once again able to assemble with us, after convalescing for several weeks in the hospital and at home.

We have much cause for rejoicing, over the recent conversions of our friends, Kenny and Phyllis Knapp. Kenny is a son of Bro. Fred Knapp. Our prayer is that many others will also yield to the Saviour's loving call.

Bro. Irvin Lehman from Wolcott and Bro. Sam Kilgus from Remington spent a Sunday with us. We were blessed by their visit.

Our hearts were saddened due to the passing of Sis. Lydia Grieder. She had been in the hospital for three days before she died, on Sat. Jan. 29 at the age of 73. She was born Sept. 27, 1892 in Goodfield, a daughter of Fred and Katie Hoerr Knapp. In 1923 she was married to Paul E. Grieder, who died in 1946. Surviving are four sons, Carl, Paul, Benjamin and Wayne; a daughter, Mrs. Eunice Gigstead; a brother, Bro. Fred Knapp; and 13 grandchildren. A son and two sisters preceded her in death. Funeral services were held on Mon., Jan. 31, with Bro. Russell Rapp from Morton officiating. Sis. Lydia always had a smile and kind word for everyone. She will be missed by all who knew her.

Ernie Stahl (his wife is the former Norma Miller) has left for t service. His parents are Bro. Emm and Sis. Della Stahl.

DETROIT, MICHIGAN

Ruth Knochel

Ruth Gudeman, reporting

For our small congregation the past month, we have had our share of illness among the friends and members.

Our minister, Bro. Ben Maibach underwent surgery, but is now home. His recovery is slow. We are looking forward to having him back in our midst again.

Sis. Lucile Maibach's daughter, Donna Weber, had minor surgery. She is feeling better, has gathered with us again.

Bobby Hitz, son of Bro. and Sis. Leonard and Audrey Hitz, was hospitalized for a few days. We are happy to report he is home and feeling better.

It is certainly wonderful to see God extend his healing hand to those who are ill.

We do miss even the least of our congregation, as well as the greatest, when they are absent.

With us last Sunday was a visiting minister, Bro. Homer Reineck, and family from Toledo. We enjoyed their visit, and hope that we can follow the wise teachings that were told us.

ELGIN, ILLINOIS

Louise Steffen

Katie Kachelmuss

We had another blessed day on January 23. John Reber was taken into the fold, having given his testimony the previous evening. Bro. Arthur Gudeman was with us and served us with God's holy word. The Bible Class attended the church services. Bro. Art said it warmed his heart to see them marching in. He so kindly and sincerely spoke to them about the uncertainty of our lives, telling them of the four young men who were so suddenly taken from this life in the automobile accident in Indiana, and told them not to put off becoming reconciled with God before it will be too late. He told them that they are our future church and it could easily be that so day one or the other may be standing on this very pulpit proclaiming God's Word. We hope that the seed sown will spring up and bear fruit to God's praise and glory. We are

thankful for another soul added to the flock.

Bro. Henry Kellenberger was selected to be one of our trustees. We wish him God's help in his new duties.

Sis. Helen Banwart was hospitalized for awhile, but has returned to her home and our assembly. We are glad to see her.

A few days ago we visited a dear sister in faith, Lydiana Moser, who lives at 615 Franklin Boulevard. She will be ninety years old on May 6. Her parents were Bro. Benedict and Sis. Verena Steiner Moser of Morton, who she faithfully and tenderly cared for until the end of their lives. Her father became very forgetful, yet he retained spiritual animation to pray, offering prayers of thanksgiving at the table. Their guests marvelled. I was one who witnessed this myself, and have never forgotten. They always enjoyed entertaining visitors in their home. About forty years ago, Sis. Lydianna came to Elgin to live with her brother—Leo, who passed away seventeen years ago. Two nieces, Verena and Caroline Wiedend, came here and have made their home with her since, so she has help and companionship in her declining years. They enjoy making their home with her. She can recall when the Morton church burned down. She told us she had gone to Peoria that day. On the way home in the train, someone said that a Morton church had burned. The thought came to her, "I hope it isn't our church." Then when she got to Morton, she found that it was. She has always enjoyed her home, the church, entertaining guests, doing things for others, and gardening. She is cheerful and contented with her lot, even though she has not been able to get about very well on account of arthritis. If it is the Lord's will, we would be so glad to have her attend church services again, but God knows the way. He holds the key, and guides us with unerring hand. Heaven will the mysteries explain, and then, ah then we'll understand.

Bro. Carl Assenheimer, 89 years old, passed away Jan. 22. The funeral was held at Cudahy, Wisconsin. A number from here attended the funeral. He had not been able to attend our services for some time, and always enjoyed having visitors. His wife, Sis. Pauline, passed away about three years ago. "For to me

to live is Christ, and to die is gain." Philippians 1:21

Our sister in faith, Emma Moser, who has been in the hospital for major surgery and was very ill, is now home, recovering her strength. She wishes to thank all that sent cards & gifts to her, and says they are greatly appreciated. May God bless all for their efforts.

Bro. and Sis. Henry Sabo stopped here on their way to the West. We had a blessed day in the true fellowship and hearing the word of God brought to us in rich measure. No matter where the ministers come from, East or West, we can always take from the messages that we must be in the last days: We are warned about the deceitful times we are living in, and the confusion and the strife among the nations, and how the kind invitations go out to those outside of the fold to hasten and make use of the opportunity given them to seek their soul's salvation, before it will be forever too late. May God bless them all for their efforts in serving us.

EUREKA, ILLINOIS

Cathryn Wettstein - Salome Walter

Visitors the past month have been Bros. Noah Schrock, Oakville; Silas Leuthold, Princeville; Ezra Feller, Cissna Park; Robert Grimm, Goodfield; Lester Hartter, Bern.

Jan. 15, Bro. Schrock and Bro. Leuthold assisted Bro. Leroy Huber in reading the conclusions from the Brother meeting. After hearing what they said, it should cause each member to try to be more obedient to our God and to our elders. We all have much to do while we still have time and opportunity.

The next day, the same brothers took part in the dedication service in our new old-folks' home. It was a very impressive service. May God bless each who had a part in getting this home thus far finished. We now have ten people living in the home.

At the business meeting, which is held once a year, a new trustee was voted in. It is Bro. Leroy Stoller. Two new Sunday School teachers were put in; they are Bros. Lewis Blunier and Eldon Rocke.

Jan. 22, our friends—Leonard Hartter and his wife Ann—were given the chance to give their testimony of their conversion before the congregation. Bro. Lester Hart-

ter assisted Bro. Leroy Huber with the provings. They were baptized the next day. As this was the fourth Sunday of the month, our family night singing was observed. The Morton choir sang 4 selections. Bro. Lester Hartter gave a few closing remarks and offered a prayer. It was truly a blessed day.

We are all rejoicing again with two more souls who are seeking the Lord in repentance, Leroy Rocke and his daughter, Kathy. Even the angels rejoice when just one sinner repents, so it is more joyful when two repent.

Bro. George Martin is a patient in one of the Peoria hospitals, where he has undergone surgery.

Sis. Pauline Miller was moved from Eureka Hospital to the **old people's home**.

Correction: Marvin Ginzel went to Chicago for induction into the Army, but was sent back to his home.

My Father, this I ask of Thee,
Knowing that Thou wilt grant
the plea—
For this and only this I pray,
Strength for today — just for
today.

"Because thou has kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth." Revelation 3:10

FAIRBURY, ILLINOIS

Joyce Huber

We had a blessed evening when Fairbury and Forrest congregations gathered together, and Bros. Leroy Huber and Silas Leuthold assisted Bros. Broquard and Kilgus in reading the memorandum and meditating upon it.

Sis. Julie Frey, who had been living with her sister, Sis. Mary Meister, has gone to Eureka to become a resident of the new Home for the Aged.

Bro. Loren Strahm was a visiting minister here recently.

The Fairbury and Forrest congregations rented the school auditorium, to have Sisters Mary Ann and Millie Fischer display items made and prepared for the World Relief project. They further explained the program to us, and presented a film showing some of the poverty-stricken countries where the gospel, as well as these

items, are needed. The information has aided our groups in making items and trying to be helpful in the need for foreign relief.

We were happy to have Bros. Elmer Witzig and Ed Ringger from Gridley assemble with us Feb. 6. We are sorry that they had a furnace mishap, but glad to have them worship with us.

Charles Roth, son of Bro. Elmer and Sis. Verna Roth, has entered the National Guard.

For World Relief

Do you hear them pleading,
pleading
Not for pleasure, comfort power?
For the hungry — hear brothers,
sister—
Pray, for swift doth fly the hour,
Wherein they will be remembered
Daily at the throne of grace,
That the need for which they're
pleading
In your life may have a place?

Do you know that they are longing
For the sympathetic touch
That is theirs when friends are
praying
In our churches very much.
That our God will bless the talents
We should further in His name,
And the souls for whom we're
working
With His love may be aflame.

Do you see them seeking, seeking
For the gift of priceless worth
That they count of more
importance
Than all other gifts on earth?
Not the gold from rich men's
coffers,
Nor relief from any care—
Tis a gift that you can give them—
Tis the Christian's daily prayer.

See the fields are ripe for harvest
And the laborers are few;
Lord, send workers in Thy vine-
yard
That will preach the gospel true,
That the hundreds, thousands,
millions,
That have never heard of Thee
While the doors of grace are open
Now can hear Thy gospel free.
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This can be sung to the tune of
"What a friend we have in Jesus"
or
"Let the lower Lights be Burning."

FORREST, ILLINOIS

Martha Stoller - Nancy Honegger

Our hearts go out in sympathy to Bro. Meredith and Sis. Leona Ricketts and family in the loss of their daughter, Barbara, age 18. She was involved in an auto accident along with two of her girl friends. All three were killed instantly. Barbara was a 1965 high school graduate and was enrolled in a practical nurse's training class in Bloomington. She is survived by her parents; and two brothers and two sisters, James of Topeka, Kansas, Mrs. Mary Masters, of Richmond, Ind., Jean and Jon at home.

Bro. Joe Schrock held the funeral services on Jan. 15. Here to share in their bereavement were Bros. Loren Strahm and Al Langhofer from Kansas.

We rejoice that Henry and Marge (Kyburz) Friedman have realized the need for repentance and have turned to the Lord.

Bro. Perry Honegger was hospitalized with scalp wounds, following an accident at Fairbury Industries where he is employed.

Surgical patients the past month have been Bros. Richard Frank, Si Hohulin, and Sis. Marion Rieger. All are making a nice recovery. Percy Metz, Ed Plattner, and Bro. Henry Kaeb have all returned to their homes, after being medical patients at the Fairbury Hospital.

Bro. Orville and Sis. Marlene Kupferschmid's daughter, Karen, had some repair work done on her nose, which was broken, the results of a fall while in school.

Gene and Sis. Velma Schladenhauffen have a new daughter named Kay Ellen. She has two sisters and one brother.

Bro. Strahm stayed with us the Sunday following Barbara's funeral. In his meditation he stated how a carpenter uses a square, and very accurately cuts a true pattern first. Then, in order to erect a true building, uses this same pattern for each rafter. Likewise, if we use Christ as our "pattern," we shall be able to erect a true spiritual building.

FORT SCOTT, KANSAS

Annabelle Bahr—Marie Zaugg

We had our annual business meeting Wednesday evening, Jan. 12. New Sunday School teachers are Bro. Jim Bahr and Sis. Ruth Sinn, replacing Bro. Raymond Ban-

wart and Sis. Marie Zaugg, whose terms expired. New trustee is Bro. Gus. Sinn, taking the place of Bro. Raymond Banwart, whose term expired.

Our elder brother, Sam Anliker, visited us one Sunday in January, and then gave a report of the church conference.

Sympathy is given to the family of Sis. Elizabeth Cordill. She passed away at Lamar (Formerly she lived here). Three of her children live and attend church here—Sis. Joe (Ella) Banwart, Mrs. Geo. (Sophia) Sinn and Emery Cordill.

The 56th wedding anniversary of Bro. and Sis. Jake Pfister was observed yesterday, Feb. 6, by a dinner at the home of their daughter, Bro. Gus and Sis. Ruth Sinn.

Sis. Carrie Massner is spending some time at Taylor, in the home of her daughters, Sisters Ruth Hoerr and Emma Hoerr, helping in the care and household duties of Sis. Emma, who is seriously ill in a hospital there. May God speed her recovery.

Thought for today: The slender capacity of man's heart cannot comprehend, much less utter, the unsearchable depth and burning zeal of God's love toward us.

FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

Mary Eisenmann — Marge Gerber

As I sit here this morning to write the news, my thoughts go back ten years ago, when Grandmother Pflederer went to her rest, early in the morning on this date, February 7 . . . 1956. Surely there is much to think back on, when we consider all that has taken place in those ten years—Some things which have brought us great joy and blessings, while others have greatly grieved us; but it is as has often been expressed, we need storms and clouds to better appreciate days of sunshine and happiness.

Our annual election was held on January 9. May those who were given duties find the much needed grace to carry them out.

Bros. Sam Aeschliman and Theo Beer were with us the evening of January 16, to bring us the conclusion of the brother meeting. The brethren from Leo were also present. May we ever strive to be obedient children.

We thank Bro. Jack Bollier for his willingness to minister to us this past month.

Surely God has heard our prayers. We are very thankful for five dear ones who have turned their backs to the sinful life they were living and could testify that God has heard their prayer and granted to them peace in their hearts. Their testimonies were heard Saturday evening. On the following day, January 30, they were baptized and added to our little flock. There dear ones are: Richard (Dick) Meister, son of Bro. and Sis. Lester and Edna; Martha (Marty) Pfister, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Levi and Lillian of Winthrop; Diane Pulfer, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Raymond and Mary; Connie Clauss, daughter of Sis. Mattie; and Yvonne (Vonnie) Stoller, daughter of Sis. Lenora. May God grant you all the needed grace to walk as children of God, that you may stay true to your vows, until God shall call you from this life! While the waters have been stirred, may there be yet many to answer His call, before the door of grace is closed.

Holy Communion was then served to us, following the Services. What a joy and privilege it is to partake of the Lord's supper.

Bro. Norman Stoller was voted to serve as deacon. We surely wish to thank Bros. Sam Aeschliman and George Sinn, who were with us for this blessed week end. May the Heavenly Father ever bless them and be their guide as they serve as shepherds of His flock!

Our sympathy goes out to Misses Michelene, Esther and Adelaide Rocourt, who are making their homes in Leo—Ft. Wayne area while completing their education, and their mother, Esther. Their father, Robert Rocourt, was killed in an airline crash on January 22. The Memorial services were held on Sunday evening, February 6, in the Ft. Wayne church. The obituary was read by Bro. Norman Stoller, with Bros. Henry Beer and Wendell Gudeman conducting the services.

ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY Normal, Illinois Shelby Culp

"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."

Because of finals and semester break, we only had one visiting minister this past month. Bro.

Dave Kieser from Bradford read and meditated upon the beautiful Chapter of faith, Hebrews 11.

"Oh for a faith that will not shrink, Tho pressed by every foe . . . That will not tremble on the brink Of any earthly woe.

Lord, give us such a faith as this, And then, whate'er may come; We'll taste, e'en here, the hallowed bliss Of our eternal home."

GRIDLEY, KANSAS Mrs. Rudy Bahr Mrs. Eldon Metzger

We are glad to have Sis. Doris Bahr back in our midst, after recent minor surgery. Sis. Emma Bahr helped in their home during her recovery.

Sylvan and Helen Bahr announced the coming marriage of their daughter, Janet, to Gary L. Kemp on Feb. 12. Janet is the granddaughter of Sis. Lydia Bahr.

We thank Elder Bro. Sam Anliker for spending the day with us and conducting our annual election. Bro. Lloyd Kraft succeeds Bro. Dan Kraft as treasurer on the board of trustees. Bro. Dan faithfully served on the board for 31 years. The following were re-elected: Frank Beyer, Building Aid; John Beyer, Personal Property; Sam Kraft, cemetery. Bro. Eldon Metzger was elected Sunday School Superintendent; Roy Bahr, substitute teacher, adult bible class. The Sunday School teachers are: adult, Eldon Metzger; 10-11th, Ivan Beyer; 8-9th, Lloyd Kraft; 6-7, Wilma Young; 4-5, Mary Huber; 1, 2, 3, Eileen Bahr; pre-school and kindergarten, Doris Bahr. Vacation Bible School Supt. is Sam Huber. It was decided to hold mid-week services, alternating with Lamont until Easter, starting this Wed. Feb. 9, at Lamont.

Our congregation wishes to express their sympathy to the family of Bro. Joe Klotzle. We cherish the blessed visit that was spent with us a year ago this past summer.

This morning, our two pre-school sons were much engrossed with brushing their teeth. They took a "pill" that deposits a red stain on the foreign matter that needs removal. Their "usual brushing" did not remove all, so they had to go at it more vigorously. I wonder if we are careful enough to keep working vigorously to keep our spiritual house clean, as when we were

shown what to do during repentance. We know that if we don't keep working, gradual carelessness may eventually lead to decay. Without effort, the toothbrush and paste can't do a good job . . . So it is with our spiritual life—we but have to ask daily for this help, and it will be given abundantly. It's up to us to use it.

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA Christine Leman—Jeanne Steffen

During the month of January we were fortunate to have Bremen minister to us. Bro. Bob Hueni was here January 9, and Bro. Earl Zeltwanger had the services on January 23. We were certainly refreshed in our spirits and were reminded of our all-important duty to bear fruit for Christ.

We are so happy that our friend, Kathy Gray, has turned to the Lord in repentance. Kathy is a nursing student at Indiana University Medical Center. May she find much happiness, peace, and joy in her new life in Christ.

We miss so much Sis. Kathy Yergler and Friend Jan Heinold, who have recently moved away.

Sis. Kathy was united in marriage to Bro. Dale Feller of Cissna Park on January 16. They will make their home in Cissna. We wish them God's richest blessings. Jan moved to Fort Wayne and is now working at Lincoln Life Insurance Company, interviewing applicants for job placement.

An invitation is open for all who wish to visit our congregation. Services are held at 10:30 a.m. EST, on the second and fourth Sunday of each month at the Krannert YMCA, High School Rd., Indianapolis. We are very appreciative of all our visitors.

Bros. John Mayer and Herman Norr expressed our desire to have a church of our own in Indianapolis in the future. We certainly need the support of the members, and would like to have you join us in prayer over this matter.

As Bro. John expressed, the Lord has been so good in the past in providing a place for worship that we are confident His will will be done in the future. At present, we are well satisfied with our new YMCA building, but are looking forward to the day when the Indianapolis congregation will increase and grow enough to warrant a new edifice to serve to His glory.

LAMAR, MISSOURI Marie Marti

"Live thou as thy wish will be
To have lived when thou expirest,
Treasures which have come to thee,
Fame and wealth which thou
desirest,
Will not make thy death more
sweet,
For they are not thine to keep."

Hymn 253 is a portion of one of the hymns sung this week when the oldest sister in our church was laid to rest. Sis. Elizabeth Cordill, aged 99, unusually alert for her age, had been bedfast only since last Sept. She was patiently cared for in the home of a daughter, Sis. Olive Marti, assisted by her other daughters, Sis. Ella Banwart, Sis. Alma Cordill and Sophia Sinn. She also leaves four sons, Emery, Sylvan, Walter and Bro. William. Sis. Elizabeth's faithfulness and fervent desire to attend church every Sunday until she had reached almost 99 years of age is truly remarkable and an inspiration to all.

Again another day has vanished and God all-wise has blessed us with unspeakable richness" —yes, 20 years have vanished since Sis. Martha Lanz last visited here, and 37 years have vanished since she lived in Missouri.

Sis. Martha expressed herself as having the best time she has ever had in her life, visiting loved ones with whom she has been parted all these years. She told about her mother, widowed a short time; she came to America from Switzerland many years ago with her young family, to live near a sister in Iowa, only to find upon arrival that her sister had passed away . . . How all alone they felt in this new country—God does provide, however, and through untiring efforts and an unflinching faith in God, the little family prospered. The love, wisdom, and understanding of our older sisters provide an encouragement to us.

Elder Bro. Sam Anliker visited us and read and deliberated on the brotherhood memorandum.

Jack Thiebaud was hospitalized for surgery several weeks ago. He has recovered. We are happy to see him in church again.

Sunday School teachers were recently elected. Bro. Dale Marti was chosen to fill the unexpired term of Bro. Charles Marti, who has be-

gun his new duties as a minister proclaiming the word of God. Bro. Leonard Marti will replace Bro. Willie Stefan for a two-year term.

LATTY, OHIO

Mrs. Ray Sinn—Mrs. Gale Stoller

"Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord;" Acts 3:19

Our friend, Gus Schlatter, son of Bro. Joe and Sis. Elsie, has found grace to turn to the Lord in repentance. We wish him much strength and help from the Lord in this, the most important step in life. We know, even as we ourselves experienced, that we can do nothing of our own strength, but must surrender ourselves completely into God's hands. May he be a light unto those around him, as he continues in his duties in the service of our government.

Bro. Al Zeltwanger was in the hospital. We always find those among us who must suffer in one way or another, even as we heard mentioned in the sermon Sunday. We have some of our congregation who have not been in church for a long time, some even not for years, due to the afflictions of the body. We would wish and pray that the Lord would ever be by their side and bless them in His own special way.

The engagement of Bro. Keith Stoller, son of Bro. Eugene and Sis. Minerva, to Sis. Dianna Dull has been announced. May the Lord be with them as they make plans for this important undertaking of marriage.

MILFORD INDIANA Marguerite Hoerr

The first forty days of the year have seen a good number of our friends and members hospitalized.

Bro. Ernest Krauter suffered a stroke at his home, Jan. 15, and has been in the hospital since that time. His condition has shown slight improvement; our prayers are that this might continue.

Kathy Price was admitted for an emergency appendectomy. She is home again and back in Sunday School, after a rather lengthy hospital stay. Kathy is the daughter of Bro. and Sis. Glenn and Kate Price.

Sisters Helen Steffen and Ida Graff have submitted to major

surgery. They are both making satisfactory progress, which we are thankful to report.

Our friend, Harry Hite, also had major surgery and is doing very well.

Christy Beer, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Phil and Millie, will be admitted for a tonsillectomy this week.

At business meetings held in January, a new Sunday School Supt., Bro. Phil Beer, was elected. Our new trustee is Bro. Harlan Beer, replacing Bro. George Lehman, whose term expired. Bro. teacher has been replaced on the teaching staff by Bro. Willard Schieller. (Bro. Walt has recently been given the new duty of ministering to us).

On Sunday, Jan. 30, we were blessed with the visits of two ministering brothers, Joe Waibel of Bay City and Vernon Leman of Eureka. We were enriched by their sermons and thank them for sharing their time and God given talent with us.

"God Be with you Til We Meet Again" was sung with all sincerity as a farewell hymn Sunday for two sisters who will be leaving our congregation. Joan and Edith Streitmatter will be moving to Rensselaer, Ind. this week, after having lived here for the past seven years. Our love and our prayers go with them. They are two active, helpful sisters, and their absence will be felt keenly in our church.

PULASKI, IOWA Mrs. Ray Martin

We were richly blessed the Sunday Bro. Noah Schrock was with us and had services and read the memorandum. He gave us many wonderful teachings. May God bless him.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Martin have a new baby girl named Sheryl Lynne. She has a brother and two sisters.

The church had a gathering at the home of our two oldest sisters in faith, Lydia Wuthrich and Minnie Getz, in observance of their 80th and 90th birthday. They both are quite well and attend church every Sunday. May God bless them.

Here is an article they would like printed:

Dear Bros. and Sisters In Faith: From east to west and from north to south, we want you to know that we appreciated those lovely birth-

day greetings, the pretty hankies, money, and that beautiful plant.

One nephew asked me, "How does it feel to have eighty years behind you?" For one thing, I am amazed at the brevity of life. It seems but a few years ago we were youngsters, and now we are way up in years. Lydia is ninety and I am eighty. I would not wish to recapture youth, but am so thankful that we repented, and made our acquaintance with our dear Lord and Saviour. God has been good to us, and carried us with longsuffering and great patience. He also chastened us, which was not joy, but it was golden hours for our souls. Without this chastening, we could never be fitted for that eternal kingdom. Who would not wish to be in the fold of the most perfect shepherd? He knows just what each and everyone needs.

Wishing you all God's blessings, Your least ones in faith, Lydia Wuthrich and Minnie Getz.

PURDUE UNIVERSITY Lafayette, Indiana Suzanne Bucher

The second semester has begun, and we are back to our studies. We have four new students, taking an eight-week course. They are Wendell Anliker, Francesville; Elden Getz, Remington; Eugene Heinold, La Crosse; and Byron Friedon, Valparaiso. We welcome them to Purdue.

The schedule for second semester services is, February 16, La Crosse; March 2, Cissna Park; March 16, Bremen; April 6, Bluffton; April 20, Francesville; May 4, Milford; & May 18, Wolcott. Services are held at the Student Foundation Building, 200 Russel Street, at 7:30.

Everyone is welcome. Please join us in worship.

To Become A Believer

A great many young people feel they need a college education to get along better in later life, but they don't seem to feel as great a need for God to get along better in eternity. I was a sophomore at Northwestern University five years ago when I was converted. Since then, I feel that I know where I'm going, and I have a purpose for what I'm doing. I know I did right in changing my life then, and likewise I firmly believe that a Christian walk is the finest way for anybody

to go through college. I think that more young people should openly talk about and seriously think about Christ in their own life.

What shall we think about?

We spend a lot of time and effort to find a good college that meets our requirements best. One of these requirements should be that there is a church we can attend somewhere in the area. If services are nearby, then attendance once in a while ought to be in order. Why are these things important? Can we really expect to be touched by the Spirit of God if we seldom make the effort to expose ourselves to it?

I think we should be cautious that we are not waiting for a "lightning bolt" to help us start repenting. A student recently told me that he felt God had been calling him for a long time, and he really wanted to repent, but somehow time kept passing and there was nothing to make him do it. He just kept going—thinking about it once in a while, or when he got busy often forgetting about it altogether. He **hoped he would repent some day**. What "sign" was he really looking for?

We must clearly see that God has done His part when he convicts and calls us. The next step is for us to first make up our minds that we are going to repent now, and then do it with God's grace. We must not wait for something special to push us, because that special thing already happened when we felt the conviction; that's enough. Jesus has taken the first step; now we must make the second step; then He will help everything else follow.

Richard L. Stoller

SABETHA, KANSAS Mrs. Theodore Locher Leona Aeschliman

Ministering Bros. Harold Gramm of Morris and Edwin Ringger of Gridley, Ill. were with us. We benefited from many rich blessings.

Jan. 20, a daughter, Christine Marie was born to Bro. Harlan and Sis. Florence Meyer.

The annual church business meeting was held. Bro. Louis Wenger was re-elected as trustee, having filled the unexpired term of Bro. Theo. Locher.

We are thankful and rejoice in reporting of several young friends turning to the Lord in repentance.

EPHESIANS 4:1-3 . . . Bro. Lester Hartter assisted Bro. Eugene Marti in reading and discussing the conference letter. May we all strive to be obedient followers of Christ.

TAYLOR MISSOURI Mrs. Eli Sutter Mrs. Bill Heimer

A boy, Douglas Wayne, born on Jan. 13, has come to make his home with Bro. Louis and Sis. Ruth Hoerr. They have two girls, Shelly and Luann, both adopted. They are indeed fortunate to be brought up in a Christian home, and the Parents are thankful for the three precious children.

The annual business meeting was held on Fri. Jan. 7. Sunday School teachers elected were Bros. Louis Hoerr and Bill Gerst, to replace Bros. Norman Hoerr and Don Feller. Sis. Dorothy Yackley, who has finished the unexpired term of Sis. Sally Haerr, was elected for the 3-yr. term. Sis. Dona Grimm will finish the unexpired term of Sis. Louis Sutter. Bro. Clarence Kolt-hoff succeeds Bro. Robert Hoerr as trustee, and Bro. Marvin Wiegand is usher in place of Bro. Bill Heimer.

Our visiting ministers the past month were Bro. Lester Hartter, Bern, Bro. Sam Huber, Gridley, Kansas; and Bro. Nathan Steffen, Elgin, Ill. Each brother had his own way of bringing the gospel to us, and we received a blessing and comfort from each.

We have had many sick ones this month. Bro. Eli Sutter, who was hospitalized with a heart condition, has returned home and is slowly improving. Bro. George Hoerr had major surgery and is improving at the hospital. Sis. Rosella Kolthoff, wife of Bro. Clarence Kolthoff, is ill, due to a gall-bladder attack. Sis. Emma Hoerr, wife of Bro. Robert Hoerr, who had surgery for the removal of a kidneystone, has been seriously ill, complicated by the impending birth of her child. We have prayed much for our sick, and especially for the young mother who is so needed in the home. Their oldest son, Brent, 6-yrs. old, was hospitalized the same day as his mother with a severe cold, and while at the hospital he broke out with the measles. The three younger children at home have also had the measles during the time of their mothers hospitalization.

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks to everyone for their donation to the World Relief Fund, through which we received financial aid after last year's flood. It was greatly appreciated, since we had no crop at all. We wish God's rich blessings on each and everyone of you. Bro. Don and Sis. Judy Feller.

TOLEDO, OHIO

Mary Ann Weigele

We are happy to report that Mary Wright, after being hospitalized for quite some time, is home now. We pray she continues to recover.

The Toledo congregation was sad to have Bro. Otto and Sis. Patricia Schlatter leave. They have moved near Grand Rapids, Mich., and will attend the Alto church.

TREMONT, ILLINOIS

Josephine Schaefer
Sharon Herman

We certainly appreciated and benefited from the visits of Bro. Harry Sutter of Ft. Lauderdale and Bro. Gerald Sutter of Taylor. We hope, if God be willing, that they will soon return.

Sis. Mary Bauer, Sis. Dorothy Wagenbach and Marvin Sauder, son of Bro. Earl and Sis. Glenna Sauder, were hospitalized this past month. We are happy to report, that with the exception of Sis. Mary Bauer, they are all back among us. We trust that it will not be too long before she too can again assemble with us.

Bro. Ernie Herman has been inducted into the service. May God be with him and the many others who find themselves far from home and loved ones. Truly it is comforting to remember that no matter where a person is, God is still there.

ALTADENA, CALIFORNIA

Doris Graf — Jeri Minger

"Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace, Comfort your hearts, and stablish you in every good word and work."

On Saturday, January 22, our dear beloved ministering Bro. Joe Klotzle was taken from this life. As the sadness and suddenness of his death passes, we can only remember him as our dear brother-in-faith, husband, father, grand-

father, brother, and as many friends even called him—"Uncle Joe".

We pray God will comfort his dear widow, Sis. Helen (Graf) Klotzle, and his children, Sis. Mary and Bro. Bill Witzig, Altadena; Ted and Hildegard Klotzle, Arcadia; Bro. John and Sis. Lois Klotzle, Altadena; Sis. Lois and Earle MacDonald, Ventura; and Sis. Edith and Bro. Daryle Wieland, Kawkawlin, Mich. Also surviving him are 22 dear grandchildren, of whom most will never forget the times he took them upon his knee, sang and told stories to them.

One brother and three sisters also survive: Sis. Frieda (Carl) Gasser and Sis. Marian Klotzle, Girard; Robert Klotzle, Lake Milton, Ohio; and Mrs. Leah (Ken) Jamison, of Newport Beach, Calif.

Bro. Joe was born in Girard, Oct. 24, 1897, to John and Lydia Klotzle. He grew up in that area and was converted. On May 3, 1925, he married Sis. Helen Graf, daughter of Elder Bro. Ernest and Sis. Mary Graf, of Akron. In May, 1931, he was chosen a minister, at Girard. They lived with their children in Girard until Dec. 1947, when they moved to Altadena, and have resided here since.

The funeral services were held on Tues., Jan. 25, with Bro. Carl Kinsinger and Bro. Richard Schupbach (from Phoenix) presiding. He was laid to rest in Mountain View Cemetery, in Altadena.

Bro. Harry Sutter, from Ft. Lauderdale, ministered unto us this past month. His wife accompanied him. We enjoyed the fellowship very much.

Jan. 15 was the wedding date of Irene Minger, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Wm. Minger, and Matthew Olivero of Pasadena. We wish them God's blessings for a happy married life together.

Our hearts rejoiced at the announcement this month that our friend, Virgil Graf, son of Bro. and Sis. Clarence Graf, has repented, found peace, and will be taken into the fold in the near future.

BURLINGTON, IOWA

Dorothy Taeger

Verna Woodward reporting

Our congregation was privileged to hear the testimonies of three converts on Saturday evening, January 29. The next day, Sunday, we

all rejoiced as Allan Massner and his wife, Ann and Judy Hodel were added to the fold. Bro. Adolph Massner is Allan's father, and Sis. Judy is the daughter of Sis. Ruth Hodel. We are so thankful for each new brother and sister. May God give us all the grace to live as we will wish to have lived when He calls us.

Bro. Dale Massner was elected to teach the Bible Class, to finish the unexpired term of Bro. Robert Pohl, who now ministers to us. Bro. Harry Eisenmann was elected as trustee, succeeding Bro. Dick Taeger.

On Sunday, Feb. 6, we were happy to have Bro. Walter Anliker expound the word to us. How thankful we are that God, through his humble servants, can bring us words of encouragement, as well as the timely warnings that we all need as we travel through this life.

What God Hath Promised

God has not promised skies always blue,
Flower-strewn pathways all our lives through.
God hath not promised sun without rain,
Joy without sorrow, peace without pain.

God hath not promised we shall not know
Toil and temptation, trouble and woe;
He hath not told us we shall not bear
Many a burden, many a care.

God hath not promised smooth roads and wide,
Swift easy travel, needing no guide,
Never a mountain rocky and steep,
Never a river turbid and deep.

But God hath promised strength for the day,
Rest for the labor, light for the way,
Grace for the trials, help from above,
Unfailing sympathy, unending love!

BURLINGTON, OKLAHOMA

Laverne Roth — Kathryn Miller

Elder Bro. Roy Farney, and Sis. Minnie, from Phoenix, spent five days among us during the last part of January. Saturday, January 29,

Convert Deborah Springer gave her testimony to the church. On the following day, upon her sincere desire and abounding faith, baptism was accomplished. Her covenant with God was erected. The Holy Spirit came to guide her in the pathway, as a true child of God. The tenderness of years and faith are the works of God; we can rejoice to know that God still hears and answers prayer.

Sis. Carrie Michel is improved some, after suffering a severe heart attack. She is still confined to the hospital, with complete bed rest. Sis. Emma Greiner R. N., from Tremont, is here caring for her mother.

Sis. Beatrice Diel has returned from K. U. Medical Center. She is spending a convalescent period in our local hospital at Kiowa, Kansas.

Sis. Dora Diel has been hospitalized for therapy for a few days.

CHAMPAIGN-URBANA, ILL.

Ben Blunier

Bros. Clarence Kachelmuss, Forrest; Dan Koch and Al Aberle, Tremont; and Phil Sauder, Cissna Park, delivered us God's word at the last two Sunday services. We certainly thank them, and all who visited. It's always a pleasure to meet others in faith and worship together.

The University has now begun the second semester. We welcome quite a few new students, and are happy to see them attend services. May they continue to find it worth their while.

John Knobloch, Princeville, has achieved his degree and has accepted a position with the Sunstrand Corporation, La Salle, Illinois. John helped us a lot at the Champaign services. We thank him and give him our best wishes for his future.

Fairbury is scheduled to send a minister on March 6, and Bradford on March 20.

Services at Champaign are held at 10:00 a.m. and 12 noon, at the University YMCA Building, 1001 South Wright St., on the first and third Sundays of each month. We rent three rooms on the first floor. The "Friendship Room", which is the center room, can be entered from the lobby on the east side or from outside on the West. South of this room is "Latzer Hall", our assembly room, which can accom-

modate about 300 people. On the other side is "Parr Room", which is used for Sunday School and to serve the cafeteria type lunch. We also have access to coat-racks and rest rooms in the lobby and basement, but we only consider ourselves as "in church" when we are in one of the three rooms.

Services are similar to our other churches, except the prayer for lunch is given in the assembly room, after a second song following the morning service. A local catering service arranges the lunch.

All those attending are urged to register each Sunday. Visitors are always welcome, especially those with relatives and friends in this area. A "Donations" box is used to help pay expenses.

CISSNA PARK, ILLINOIS

Mary Young - Margaret Rudin

Bro. Emanuel Gudeman performed the wedding ceremony of Sis. Kathy Yergler and Bro. Dale Feller, on Jan. 16.

Cora Kaufman was hospitalized a few days and is now recuperating at home. Bro. William Beer had surgery and is able to attend church again. Randy Martin, son of Bro. and Sis. Vernon Martin, had emergency appendectomy, and is getting along fine.

Christopher Alan was born to Marvin and Lila Leigh on Jan. 14.

Visiting ministers the past month were Bros. Bob Grimm and Henry Wackerle.

Stephen Rinkenberger has surrendered his heart to the Lord. He was announced for proving.

Take Time

- To work;
It is the price of success.
- To hope;
It is the secret of perpetual youth.
- To read;
It is the fountain of wisdom.
- To love and be loved;
It is a God-given privilege.
- To be friendly;
It is the road to happiness.
- To rejoice;
It is the music of the soul.
- To give;
It is too short a day to be selfish.
- To pray;
It seeks the greatest power on earth.
- To worship;
It is the soul's great need.

FT. SAM HOUSTON, TEXAS

Larry Endress

Is my name written there, on the page white and fair, in the book of Thy kingdom, is my name written there? So often, within ourselves, we wonder if our name is written in God's heart. It is well that we wonder about our name appearing in God's book, for it should put fear in our hearts, to strive daily to walk the straight and narrow path of faith, to love one another as God has loved us, and to seek His holy will. So may we, as God's children, never let it enter our minds that our victory has been achieved.

We were again blessed with visitors during January.

Enroute home, after spending some time in Altadena, Bro. Ronnie and Sis. Jacqueline Rumbold stopped the week-end of Jan. 29 and 30. Bro. Ronnie's brothers, Robert and Rolland, are in medical training here.

God's precious plan of salvation has been revealed unto our friend, Gus Schlatter of Latty. May God grant him that which is needful, to build his faith upon a solid foundation, anchored in Jesus Christ our Lord. Gus' parents, Bro. Joe and Sis. Elsie, were with us the 5th and 6th of Feb. May the blessings of our heavenly Father rest upon all who visit us.

CROGHAN-NAUMBURG, N. Y.

Mrs. Lawrence Farney Mrs. David Schamback

Funeral services for Sis. Florence (Mrs. Joseph) Ebersol were held from her home on January 8, with Bro. Leland Hirschey officiating, assisted by Bro. Robert Bayer. Besides her husband, she is survived by three sons, Paul of Beaver Falls; Milton of Watertown; and Earl of Victorville, Calif. She is also survived by four sisters, Mrs. Esther Bardo, Lowville; Mrs. Eugene (Barbara) Widmeyer of Beaver Falls; Mrs. Chester (Sister Catherine) O'Brien of Beaver Falls; and Mrs. Lillian Jeffs of Rochester; five brothers, Bro. Erban Farney of Lowville, Jesse, Ray and Bro. Lawrence Farney of Beaver Falls; and Melvin, Glenfield, N. Y. She was instantly killed in an automobile accident; Bro. Joseph was badly injured. We are happy to report that he is making a very good recovery, and after over four weeks in traction was allowed to sit in a chair on Saturday,

Feb. 5. His birthday occurred on Jan. 26; the nurses brought him a cake and enjoyed it with him. He is very grateful to them and to the many others who have done so much to comfort him in his sorrow and suffering.

On January 16, our Elder Brother John Widrick and Sis. Berdena Streeter were united in marriage in the Naumburg church, with Bro. John Bahler officiating. The ceremony was followed by dinner for all in the church dining room.

Ronald Hirschey, son of Bro. Leland and Sis. Bernice Hirschey, was recently called into the service and is presently stationed at Camp Carson, Colorado.

FRANCESVILLE, INDIANA

Mrs. Herman (Chris) Wuethrich
Mrs. Edison Gutwein

We had the "Love of God" given to us in an abundant measure by Bros. Henry Beer and Verlin Stoller.

Bro. Sidney and Sis. Fern Leman's son, Dennis, was united in marriage to Linda Walters, by Bro. Wendell Gudeman. They are now living in Texas, where Dennis is stationed in service. May God richly bless them and let their happiness be constant.

Sis. Julia Boehning had to have major surgery again, but we certainly wish her the best of everything now for the future.

We all could feel the unity in counselling together, to appoint some new help for the new year. The church had faith in the Lord that some could serve another year . . . So we all want to do our part to make the tasks easier for these brothers: Fred Gutwein, Eugene Huber and Walter Culp on the church committee. The trustees are: Wally Bucher, Lee Overmeyer, Robert Pfloderer. Our ushers are: Keith Getz, Ellsworth Pelsy, Ronnie Anliker, and Harry Yaggie; and Willis Gudeman to direct in parking cars.

Our song leaders and choir directors, Bros. Robert Wuethrich, Harold Gutwein and Andre' Neihouser, who are so often taken for granted, serve us faithfully. Our prayers go with them, as well as with our ministering brothers.

Now the following Sunday School Teachers mean so much to our precious youth: Bros. Sidney Leman (Sunday School Superintendent), Wayne Huber, Wally

Bucher, Bill Huber, George Erb, Keith Getz, Karl Westfall, Willis Gudeman, Richard Wuethrich. Sister teachers are: Helen, Sandra, Barbara and Glenda Huber, Lorna Putt, Ruth Wuethrich, Francis Leman, Carol Huber, and Christann Gutwein. Sis. Maxine Gutwein is very helpful in telling stories to a group of classes. When I asked 3 of our grandchildren what the story was about Sunday, the 8-year-old started telling it, and the 6-and-4-year-old kept helping her tell it. God greatly loves all these children and wants everyone to do all they can for them, so they have a good foundation for a **Christian life.**

It's good to keep your words soft and sweet, because if you would have to eat them they would be more digestable.

ELGIN, IOWA

Mrs. George Butikofer

Last Sunday was indeed a blessed day. The greatest joy of life was given to our dear friend, Mrs. Louis Butikofer, whose testimony was heard and who was baptized. Because of poor health, the baptismal services were held at her home. Elder Bros. Paul Banwart and Leo Moser were here to conduct the services. We are so happy to welcome her into the fold as a new sister in faith. Most of Sis. Louisa's children were present for the services.

Communion was partaken of shortly after the baptism.

On Sunday, Jan. 16, Sis. Shirley Butikofer, daughter of Sis. Marie Butikofer, and Bro. Eugene Nester son of Sis. Lydia and Bro. Wilhelm Nester of Lester were united in marriage by Bro. Paul Banwart. After the wedding services, a reception was held at the home of the bride's mother. Many attended. May God ever bless this couple throughout life.

Visiting ministers have been Bros. Paul Banwart, Leo Moser, Wm. Cottrell, Uriel Gehring and Dan Sauder.

A new curtain has been purchased and placed in the background of our auditorium. This is a memorial in memory of our departed Sis. Martha Frieden and Sis. Fannie Frieden.

We are closing with a happy note. Our friends Mrs. George Schupbach, Dale Moore and Floyd Frieden are repenting.

GIRARD, OHIO

Jesse C. Emch

We had our last worship service in our old church building Jan. 9. The old building has been completely torn down. How thankful we can be this has not happened by being in the pathway of war, as it is in many places. We could move from the old building to the new with glad hearts, and feel that God has blessed us in our endeavor.

Our Elder Bro. Rudolph and Sis. Betty Graf were with us for our first service in our new church, Jan. 16. It was a blessed day for all present. Following the afternoon service, Bro. Rudolph reviewed the memorandum. It is good for all if we will give much thought to the admonition given us. The shepherds' burdens are many.

We are glad to have Sis. Louisa Lance home with us again, after spending five weeks in Iowa with her son and family.

Home

Home is like a harbor, where ships
from East and West.
Who, through a boisterous voyage
are coming home to rest.

Again its like a school-room, where
lessons day by day
Are taught to little children to
guide them on their way.

Home is like the evening, like the
setting of the sun,
Where loved ones come together
when all their work is done.

Home is just a mixture, of smiles,
joys and tears,
Where lives are molded gently to
meet the coming years.

Home, though it be humble, can be
quite rich in love,
If we will stop and number our
blessings from above.

Home is far more precious than
wealth or fame or gold,
Because it binds us closer, with
ties of love which hold.

Home is like a haven, where tired
feet may rest,
And where we ask in humbleness,
our home, our home, be blest.

GRIDLEY, ILLINOIS

Lydia and Eunice Kammerer

The Gridley congregation wishes

to take this opportunity to extend hearty **Thank you** to our neighboring churches, who accepted us with warm welcome, and sincere love and hospitality in our emergency, Sunday, Feb. 6.

Bro. Roy Sauder from Peoria and Bro. Frank Woertz from Goodfield were with us on Wednesday evening, Jan. 12, when the memorandum was read.

Visiting ministers the past month were Bro. Henry Wackerle, Bay City; Bro. Henry Grimm Morton; Bro. Joe Kaisner, Forrest; and Bro. Walter Koehl, Fairbury.

We are sorry to lose Bro. Elmer and Sis. Mona Stoller from our congregation. They have moved to Morton, where they will make their home. We wish them God's grace and blessing, and hope they come back to visit us often.

With the sick: Steven, young son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Schlipf, was a hospital patient for several days, but is now able to be back in school.

Our Bro. Kenneth Burgess was seriously injured in a two-car accident, in which the driver of the other car was killed. Kenny is getting along nicely, but will be laid up for some time.

Bro. Edwin Ringger was a patient in Mennonite Hospital a few days.

JUNCTION, OHIO

Mrs. Alvin H. Manz

Mrs. Ben Manz

"Blessed are ye that hunger now: for ye shall be filled." Truly, this is one of our Lord's most precious promises, as our three young friends who were recently baptized can testify. To Sisters Lois Schlatter, daughter of our Ministering Bro. Ben and Sis. Esther Schlatter; Janet, daughter of Bro. Richard and Sis. Juliet Schlatter; and Ruthemma, daughter of Bro. Isaac and Sis. Frances Dotterer, we wish much grace on their heavenward journey, for the evil one is always **on the job**. Our elder brother, George Sinn, who performed the baptisms, spoke to us from the 6th chapter of St. Luke, where Christ taught the apostles after the twelve were chosen. The exhortation to love and do good was very fitting, especially for our new sisters in faith. Bro. Joel Souder of Leo, who was also with us, pointed out that we should appreciate being stirred up within and be thank-

ful, knowing it is from God and to our benefit.

Each of us also benefited from the reading of the memorandum by Elder Bro. George Sinn. It, too, stirs us and reminds of duty and promise to God. These "shepherds of our souls" mean it good for us, and we do well to follow their recommendations. Bro. George said, "If we build not upon the rock (God's Holy Word), how can we expect to stand the storms and reap our eternal promise?"

LESTER, IOWA Emelie M. Knobloch

Kenneth and Ronald Wulf, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Wulf, in the service in Munich, Germany, were flown home for a furlough; their brother, Leo is due to be discharged February 3. We hope that all these loved ones will be through with their service, so they can be home again.

Earl Meyer, son of Bro. and Sis. Alvia Meyer, left for his tour of duty in January.

Russell Mogler, son of Bro. and Sis. Andy Mogler, broke a bone in his foot, but is recuperating nicely. Sis. Edith Bick, who is a shut-in, is hospitalized with a skin condition. She does enjoy reading. Barbara Knobloch, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Gilbert Knobloch, fell and broke her arm.

A brief summary of the past year: We had three deaths of loved ones. We had 13 births (7 boys and 6 girls), eight marriages; and we could really rejoice for those who have chosen the way of the Lord, 25 converts.

Bro. Jacob Knobloch has been able to assemble with us. Several folks have had the flu. Children have been absent from Sunday School due to measles.

Our weather was below zero for over two weeks. We do not have much snow, but due to the cold, we have had many broken pipes.

Our annual business meeting was held in January.

Folks from here attended the marriage ceremony of Sis. Shirley Butikofer and Bro. Eugene Nester. After a trip to Florida, they will make their home on the Wilhelm Nester farm. Bro. and Sis. Wilhelm Nester will retire to Rock Rapids.

MAYWOOD, CALIFORNIA

Julie Dapper

"Blessed are they that mourn:

for they shall be comforted." What a comfort these precious words are to each of us. On Saturday, January 29, the death angel passed through and took from our community Bro. Joe Klotzle. Bro. Joe, who has been a faithful servant of the Lord, will no longer be able to speak to us. All who have heard his beautiful teachings and messages will always remember the love and concern he had. Services were held by Bro. Richard Schupach of Phoenix, with our elder brother, Carl Kinsinger assisting.

We, the Maywood congregation, extend our deepest sympathy to his family: his dear wife, Sis. Helen Klotzle; his sons Ted and Bro. John Klotzle (Altadena); and his daughters, Sisters Mary Witzig (Altadena) Lois MacDonald (Ventura, Calif.) and Edith Weiland (Bay City).

Even though it was through sadness that Bros. Rudy and Ernest Graf were in our midst, they brought many beautiful and precious teachings. May the Lord bless and keep them in His almighty hands.

Once again, our congregations have experienced the preciousness of our faith through the visits of many brethren from various congregations. We thank them for coming and worshipping with us, and pray the Lord will bless everyone.

OAKVILLE, IOWA Martha Steiner

Bro. Silas Leuthold from Princeville spent a Sunday with us and assisted Bro. Noah Schrock in reading the conference report. We enjoyed his visit very much.

Bro. Steve Gerst, son of Bro. Richard and Sis. Liberty Gerst, is leaving our congregation, to serve his two-years' duty in the armed forces.

Sis. Sarah (Leslie Gerst was in the hospital for a brief period of time; also, Bro. Bill Massner was hospitalized. Both are at home again. Bro. Will Rauhaus has been in the hospital for surgery. He is getting along fairly well.

Carol Massner, daughter of Bro. Earl and Sis. Ada Massner, had the misfortune of breaking her wrist. The accident does not hinder her activities too much, for which we are thankful.

Bro. Norman and Sis. Mary Ann Frank are the happy parents of a

baby boy who came to them when he was only a week old. Cory Lynn is very gladly welcomed by a sister and brother at home.

Friends Gerald and Bonnie Wagenbach, along with their son and two daughters, welcome a baby boy to their home. He was born February 6.

PHOENIX, ARIZONA Mrs. Joe Beer

As I sit here in the warm sun, with a soft breeze blowing about me and the sky a cloudless blue, I have to wonder in awe at God's beautiful creation! Truly, there is beauty in the desert. One can go out among the stark mountains, surrounded by desert bushes and cacti, and truly feel one with the Maker. There is a definite quietness that can almost be heard, if that is possible, and perhaps this is what we all need occasionally to renew our spirits. We do not have to go to the desert bodily. We can spiritually make ourselves barren and quiet, as the desert is, letting God fill our souls once more to overflowing with his love and peace. This is such a busy world that one finds it hard to just be quiet, to "Be still, and know that I am God".

Our roads across the great Salt River are all open again, after the sudden flood during the holiday season. The river is dry, but will soon be flowing a little to ease the burden of the full dams.

We enjoyed the short visit of ministering brother Harry Sutter and his wife, Florence.

Ministering Bro. and Sis. Mike Weyeneth were with us for about a month. We truly enjoyed their stay. Bro. Mike left us many inspiring thoughts. The warning was given that, when Christ comes again it won't be to redeem men, but to judge them. We should walk perfectly in this life, because we are witnesses for Him. Do we have a deep desire to do something for Jesus? Just because he forgave our sins does not mean we can sit back in our rocking-chair, fold our arms and do nothing. We should live for Jesus, walk in his footsteps, talk about Jesus and always stay on the narrow pathway.

We were saddened when we heard of the death of a dear loved one, Bro. Joe Klotzle. He was loved by all of us; we will truly miss him, but we do have the inspiring life he

led imbedded in our minds, so he will always be with those who loved him. We give our sincere sympathy to his family and the churches of California.

After six weeks of having her foot and leg in a cast, Sis. Averil Stevig is happy to have the cast off and be walking without the aid of crutches. She slipped and fell one evening, tearing some ligaments in her ankle.

Bro. Sam Farney is shut-in. We hope to see his face again at church soon.

Our church has grown since the last writing, with our many winter visitors.

A thought: Christians should talk much of what Christ has done for them, but little of what they have done for Christ.

WICHITA, KANSAS Mrs. Larry Farney Mrs. Harvey Smith

We are happy to report that we have two dear souls that have heeded the call of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Wayne Strahm (son of Bro. Ephraim and Sis. Lorene of Bern) and Claudia Olesen are repenting. It encourages us to know that the time of grace is still at hand. We hope and pray many more of our loved ones may come unto the knowledge and truth of our Lord, before it is too late. We understand that Wayne is moving back to his hometown. We certainly will miss him.

Gail Grimm, wife of Bro. Charles Grimm, was hospitalized for an operation. Gail is home now; we hope to soon see her at church again. Sis. Mae Aeschleman is out of the hospital and is staying with her daughter, Almeda Treweeke. Sis. Mae is up and around, and is looking and feeling much better.

WEST BEND, IOWA Anna Schmidt Marilyn Schneider

On Jan. 31, Edwin Wirtz brought his testimony before the church, and was baptized by Bro. Paul Banwart. We can rejoice that another soul has been received into the fold, and pray that there may be many more in the coming year.

James Zaugg, son of Bro. and Sis. Oscar Zaugg, is home on leave from the service.

Marvin Fehr, son of Sis. Nima Fehr, was called into the service, leaving Feb. 8. We wish him the best in his duties.

In Gratitude

I think we owe our ministers
Some thanks for all they do.
They pray and preach and spread
the word
Of God, His gospel true.
They visit sick and elderly
On chairs and beds of pain,
And when they their departure
take
It seems they've left behind
Somehow a lessening of pain
And greater peace of mind.

Or they are weary from the work
That they on earth must do;
But they to the church do go,
And there God's work they do.

So is it asking too much when
They ask our prayers for them,
Or our support in matters that
Are trying to all men?

PORTLAND, OREGON Mrs. Edward Unsicker Mrs. Glenn Hackenjoes

The Believer

What joy it is to write about "The Believer". In gleaning these experiences today, we are aware of an almost perfect resemblance to those of believers recorded nearly two thousand years ago! Yet, this is not so amazing when we remember that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, and today, and forever. We recently heard in a sermon, "The Bible is all-sufficient for us; hence we call ourselves "Apostolic Christian", following the Biblical apostles' teachings as closely as we can—"

Faith . . . without faith it is impossible to please God. God's word is the **one** road to faith, surely proved by all believers. One dear sister said, "The more we eat, the hungrier we become", resulting gloriously in our climb from "faith to faith". We open the door a crack, and allow God's bright beam to shine in. Patiently He lingers, desiring to show us the fullness of faith. He waits to help us brush aside the debris of doubt, fear and pride, of self-will, self-pity and self-defence, so we may open wider. One triumphant experience with God moves us on to greater faith in Him.

Divine love! Love to God, brethren, and to our neighbor is the main-spring of a believer's life. Love is the great driving force, welling up in our hearts, "without

partiality, and without hypocrisy". The gift of God's love recognizes each person we meet as a soul, eternity-bound, and breathes a prayer for him. The gift of God's love forgives and **forgets**, as God has so graciously done for us, who were so undeserving. The gift of God's love causes a believer to "Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep".

As He helps us, gradually, to become more accustomed to immediately direct all praise to Him, we come to be consumed with one desire—God's glory. Truly, He has transformed us by the "renewing of our minds" and given us a new nature. We gladly lose our personalities, our problems and perplexities, for He has hid our lives with Christ in God. Nothing, no external force, can separate us from the love of Christ—"shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?" One of our ministers said, "Severance from the love of Christ can come only by our own disobedience or pride, causing us to deviate from the faith—"

Finally, in talking to many believers, we discover that one word is vital—thanksgiving! Thanksgiving is the will of God for us, I Thessalonians 5:18. Satan simply cannot tolerate a thankful heart—he quickly departs! As we daily rejoice in God's grace and love, our hearts surely must overflow with gratitude and thanksgiving. In the world around us we see chaos and confusion, but He **keeps us in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Him**. May He help us to thank Him, as He would have us do!

GOODFIELD, ILLINOIS

Marian Wiegand—Edith Tanner

Bros. Phil Sauder and Elmer Witzig were instrumental in bringing us the precious word of life. May God richly bless each of our dear ministers who humbly yield themselves in our service.

Sis. Verla Wiegand had surgery and now seems to be recovering fairly well. We wish her more strength and improvement.

Bro. Ira Rokey also had surgery and is thankful for the subsequent relief.

Brian Jay is welcomed in the home of Bro. Harold and Sis. Mary Jane Knapp as their first child; he was born Jan. 4.

Bro. Jim Hohulin, son of Bro. Ed

and Sis. Elsie, and Sis. Joy Mae Plattner, daughter of Bro. Walter and Sis. Hannah of Peoria, were announced to be married in the near future. May God continue to guide and bless them.

Announcement was made of the engagement of Charlyn Bauman, daughter of Bro. Lou and Sis. Norma, to George Meyer, son of Bro. Alvia and Sis. Emma of Lester. We extend our best wishes to them.

Our friend, Mike Meece, has started repenting. This is a wonderful and worthwhile decision to make, especially when one is young and has a whole life to offer God. "My Lord an offering do I bring; my heart I give to Thee . . ."

The Believer

Our dear brother, Bill Knapp has past the threescore and ten mark, and believes he is still here because the Master has His purpose, even though we don't understand.

Very outstanding to him are the teachings of his wonderful mother, who encouraged honesty and kindness, even if it means taking the shorter end; there are blessings for obedience.

It is a great concern to him that the church can still be preserved in these perilous times. The precious word of life is still our Light, as darkness closes in all about us. "We repented by the Bible," he said, and it only follows that this word can still lead us to heaven. Since he knows it is God's will that not one should perish, he firmly believes and experiences that God loves us, tries everything to direct and comfort us, if we will only be receptive. In fact, God may show this love to us by the kindly admonition of members of the church to each other.

Bro. Bill related of reading many years ago of sinful and ungodly men who, when they were taken to the gallows often had one request—a prayer. This convinces him that in the heart of every soul there is a longing for a peaceful home. Oh how sad that hearts do not seek God earlier . . . But it is necessary to ask, and come before Him in prayer with desire and contrition.

Repentance to him was especially blessed, because he and his dear wife, who has gone to sleep in Jesus, made this experience togeth-

er in middle age. Though his one regret is that he did not surrender sooner, yet he realizes that "to every **thing there is a season**, and a time to every purpose under the heaven". His prayer is that friends, and even enemies, could repent before it is **too late**, which may mean **tomorrow**.

He confesses that the tempter's wrath has become greater. Satan uses the increasing earthly wealth with all its deception to entice both friends and believers. There is no surer way to fight this enemy than with the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, and prayer—frequent, timely, sincere prayer, "Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints".

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world". Yet this blessed Light was rejected; even from infancy kings sought to kill him. He also said, "Ye are the light of the world . . ." Matthew 5:14. So if we follow in His footsteps, isn't it likely that we also will be rejected by the world? Realizing such, our dear brother still has one great desire: to be a light! (And he is!)

To those living he would say, "Stand fast! Be humble and seek no honor!" To God he says, "Thanks because I have been blest from my mother's womb."

LEO, INDIANA

Mrs. Elias Souder

Jan. 22 marked the time, and the Cedarville Fellowship Center the place where about 100 from churches in Ohio, Indiana and Illinois gathered to see and talk over the different methods and ways of relief work for the poor and needy. A carry-in dinner was enjoyed after the meeting.

At the coldest time this winter, our furnace at the church house went out. It has been replaced with a new gas furnace. Church was held at the Fellowship Center until the furnace was ready.

A wedding shower was given honoring the daughter of Pearl and Ray Winzeler, Carol.

Another wedding shower was given for Cheryl Furnish, who will be married this month to David Norr, son of Robert and Dorthy Norr.

Bro. Albert Frautschi spent several days at the Lutheran Hospital.

He was on the same floor as his brother-in-law, Elias Souder. Both are planning to be at home this week end. Ernie Hurt went home last week end. He did get to come up to Elias Souder's room for a visit before he went home.

Hearts were saddened to hear of the accidental death of the father of the Rocourt girls. Adele, the youngest daughter makes her home with Marie and James Winzeler; Michlena, the oldest, makes her home with Thelma and Philip Schlatter; and Esther makes her home with Dorthea and Richard Winzeler. The mother came here to join the daughter. May the Almighty God care for them, as He especially cares for the orphans and widows.

ROANOKE, ILLINOIS

Pat Stoller — La Verne Fischer

Sis. Eunice Steffen of our congregation has moved to the Apostolic Christian Home in Eureka. She has been staying with her sister, Sis. Alice Funk in Roanoke.

The following people are now in the hospital: Danny, son of Bro. and Sis. Bill Zimmerman; Beverly, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Dick Bowald; Sis. Irene Legal; Bro. Charles Farney and Bro. Jake Schaefer. We wish them all the Lord's blessings, and hope they will soon be home again.

Bro. Fred Siebenthal was back in church Sunday for the first time since his illness. We are real happy to have him with us again. We believe that the church needs each and every one; everyone needs the church.

We are thankful to know that the doors are still open for those who are outside and wish to enter. Our friends, Kaywin Martin and his wife Karen, are seeking the Lord in repentance. He is the son of Bro. and Sis. Orville Martin, and she is the daughter of Bro. and Sis. Ernest Schaefer of Tremont. They are living in Park Forrest, Illinois, where he is working. We wish them God's blessings and grace to go on in this new life and not to turn back when temptations come.

RITTMAN, OHIO

Ella Mae Trent

Funeral services were conducted for a sister and friend of our congregation in January.

Sis. Mary Reusser, 86, died Jan.

19, and was laid to rest Jan. 21 in Sardis. She had made her home with her son, Bro. Fred. She had been unable to attend church services for many years. She is survived by two brothers, Bros. Ben and Albert Gasser; four sons, Bro. Fred, Bro. George, Isaac and John; and a daughter.

Amos Hartzler, 72, died Jan. 23 and was buried Jan. 26. He, too, was unable to assemble with us for many years. He is survived by three brothers, Bros. John, Daniel, Ernest; and four sisters, Sisters Cathrine Bauman, Eliz. Ramsier, Rhoda Riggensbach and Mary Stoller.

The draft call again has affected Rittman. Those reporting for duty are Bro. Denny Neiman, Bro. Gary Maibach and Dale Uhler.

Gregory Bachman, son of Bro. Eugene and Sis. Katherine, is in a cast, following the fracturing of his leg while in bed.

Jan. 23, a daughter was born to Bro. Robert and Sis. Eileen Stoller.

ATHENS, ALABAMA

Lynn Klopfenstein

The Northern part of Alabama enjoyed a rather moderate winter, until Friday night January 28, when 10 inches of snow fell. The following night, temperatures dropped to a record low of 17 below, at Athens. This extreme weather caused most people to remain at home; church services at Athens were cancelled for Sunday January 30. Then on Tuesday, a rain came—the snow and winter were short-lived.

Elder brothers Bauman and Kilgus, along with their wives and their daughters, spent the week end of January 29 with us.

On February 5, Bro. Lester Huber, Francesville, and three sons arrived for a week end visit. We are thankful for the ministry of these brothers to our churches.

Thomas Johnson, son of Sis. Cleo Johnson, has left for military service.

Fifteen young people gathered recently for the regular Thursday night youth meeting at Athens and made Valentines Day favors for shut-ins. The group enjoyed the creative project. We were glad to have Elder Brothers George Gramm and Henry Kilgus to visit the meeting. The evening devotion included the story of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednegos' being del-

ivered from the fiery furnace.

Sis. Bertha Harville, Landersville, wishes to express thanks to each one who remembered her at Christmas time with cards, letters and good wishes. Sis. Bertha has not enjoyed good health for the past several months. She has expressed herself, that the thoughtfulness of fellow believers has been an encouragement to her. Presently, Sis. Bertha resides at the Moulton Old Folks' Home, Moulton, Alabama, should anyone like to write to her.

WINTHROP, MINNESOTA

Lillian Pfister - Delores Messerli

I Corinthians, Chapter 10, Verse 21, "Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of devils . . ."

Elders Leo Moser and Paul Fehr came to our flock and so pleasantly encouraged each of us to appreciate the concern shown in the memorandum. How great the love of the elders for their flock, to alert all of us to the pitfalls of this modern world in which we live.

Bro. and Sisters from the Minneapolis church shared with us in the blessed exhortations. Ministering Bro. Noah Miller offered the closing prayer.

The annual business meeting of January 9 included reading of the minutes. Bro. Fred Messner was chosen trustee; Bro. Walter Messner, personal property aid; and Bro. Bill Messner Sunday School teacher.

Bro. Elmer and Sister Hazel Schmidt's son, Richard, and Mary Lou Knutson were united in the holy bonds of matrimony by our Elder Bro. Leo Moser.

Life is like a journey
Taken on a train
With a pair of travelers
At each window pane

I may sit beside you
The whole journey through
Or I may sit elsewhere
Never knowing you

But if fate should mark me
To sit by your side
Let's be pleasant travelers
It's so short a ride

MORRIS, MINNESOTA
Mrs. Kenneth Zeltwanger
Norene Koehl

On February 12, Karen Ross and Leroy Greiner (son of Elmer and

Linda Greiner) were married. They
will make their home in Morton.

Sometimes

If times are hard, and you feel blue,
Think of the others with cares too.
Just because your trials are many,
Don't think the rest of us haven't
any.

Life is made up of smiles and tears,
Joys and sorrows, mixed with fears,
And though to us it seems one-
sided,
Trouble is pretty well divided.

If we could look in every heart,
We'll find that each one has its
part,
And those who travel fortune's
road
Sometimes carry the biggest load!

God knows the way; He holds the
key.

He guides us with unerring hand.
Sometime with tearless eyes we'll
see;

Yes, there, up there, we'll under-
stand.

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BUT ONCE THIS DAY

More follows from Bro. Geistlich

Friday, July 27. At Dillion, Illinois. Today we visited an English brother who was suffering severe pain as he lay on his sick bed. I had much blessing by him, although I could not speak with him; he was very loveable to me. The patience and friendliness I saw on him delighted my heart . . .

Today I also sent a letter to Bro. Hornef in New York. We also visited with the Brethren Reuter, where in the evening we had church.

Sunday, July 29. Morton . . . we had our assembly with Bro. Ackerman. We assembled out in the woods. A large number of people were present. As I saw this place, I thought of the plain of Mamre, as we find in the scripture, where Abraham lived. I had a real feeling of love toward the Brethren Ackerman, who were very hospitable.

Monday, July 30. St. Louis, Missouri. After riding the entire night on the railroad, we arrived here at 10:00 this morning. I came here to visit my brother, Casper Geistlich. First we looked for a relative of Bro. Weng, and after dinner we hunted up my brother. We found him in his store. . . .

Friday, August 3. St. Louis. My brother Casper and I visited with his missionary, I getting into an argument with the missionary's wife concerning the baptism of children and also about other things. After the quarreling became too great, I did not say anymore, for I do not like to argue with them for which there is no hope . . .

Sunday, August 5. At Mackinaw, Illinois . . . we had church here at Mackinaw . . . The brethren were rebuilding their church house, so we had to have our assembly out in the open

Wednesday, August 8. At Metamora, Illinois. I found real love among the brethren . . . I am now greatly pleased and consoled over the dear brethren here, for after we personally mingle with each other, we often understand each other better and the hearts flow together in joy, peace and love. Thanks be brought to the Lord for His love toward us, that

He was merciful to us and redeemed us from sin and death. It is as we find in that song: O how lovely it is to be in unity with our Lord.

Thursday, August 9. At Partridge Prairie. Today we had church here at Partridge by Bro. Wenger. Bro. Weyeneth went along with us.

Sunday, August 12. At Roanoke with Bro. Weyeneth. Today we had church here in the church house three times and also a member meeting . . . We had a blessed day. The Lord revealed Himself. This was a great consolation for me.

Because they live on the prairie, the people are troubled with snakes . . . one brother telling me that in the breaking up the sod or prairie, he killed 30 snakes . . . Satan is more to be feared than these snakes—from whom comes all sorts of evil thoughts and sinful lusts. These are far more dangerous to us than the beasts and pests that come into our houses and fields. We must earnestly strive that we can be protected from them.

Monday, August 13. At Ft. Wayne. Today Bro. Weyeneth, several sisters from Iowa and Illinois, and myself left Illinois and arrived here this evening.

Tuesday, August 14. At Leo. Today we had in our assembly a brother who is here from Bern, Switzerland.

Thursday, August 16. Leo . . . Bro. Conrad and myself drove to Ft. Wayne . . . how often have I been tired out and exhausted on my trip—but we owe it to the Lord to offer our entire life to Him, for Christ gave His life for us and did not complain. Therefore it is our duty to do His will.

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