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## WHY READ THE BIBLE — Part 2

Elder Bro. Fred E. Grimm, Taylor

[Many beautiful promises can enrich and enliven our hope. Bro. Grimm holds forth the hope that will give rejoicing, even with sorrow. The trouble looming ahead somewhere, perhaps not too far distant, is also dwelt on; tribulation time is coming. It is not our desire to say all others are lost . . . but rather with Bro. Grimm to hold forth only that which we have proven to be true. The Apostolic Christian Church, we know, holds forth the pure word, that which gives peace in the heart and a living hope. the editor.]

It is unfortunate that many have understood that when a believer dies, his soul and spirit go to the grave with the body, and remain there to the resurrection. This is not correct. Only the body, our mortal shell, goes to the grave. The spirit goes immediately to the Lord at the time of death. At the resurrection, the body will be raised and changed to an incorruptible body and will be joined to the spirit in heaven.

This is plainly explained in II Corinthians, chapter 5, verses 6 and 8. Also, the experience of Lazarus and the rich man make this plain. This is often mistakably called a parable, but it is not a parable. When the Lord spoke a parable, he introduced it by saying, "And he spake a parable" . . . But of Lazarus and the rich man, we read in Luke 16, verse 19, "There was a certain rich man," and in verse 20, "And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus," etc. These were real people. A person in a parable is never named.

How could the rich man be found in a flame, and Lazarus in Abraham's bosom, if their spirits were on earth in the grave? When they died, their bodies were put into the grave, but Lazarus' soul went to God, and the rich man's to hell.

As soon as the rapture takes place, when all true believers and

the Holy Spirit are taken to heaven, a terrible time begins on the earth. Every person who heard the gospel in the day of grace and did not repent and become converted will be left behind in the rapture.

The antichrist (also called the "man of sin", "the son of perdition") will be in power at that time. (See II Thessalonians 2, verses 3 and 4; it is good to read all of chapter 2.) We find here that if those who didn't repent in the day of

in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the word of the LORD:" Verse 12, "And they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the LORD, and shall not find it". Verse 13, "In that day shall the fair virgins and young men faint for thirst."

This could not take place now in the day of grace, because even though there is much false doctrine being preached all over the earth, yet the truth is still being preached by the Apostolic Christian Church. Even if some live a long distance from one of these true churches, they would not have to wander from sea to sea, because we have many churches between the Atlantic and the Pacific Oceans . . . But when the rapture has taken place, all true believers will be taken to heaven, and there will be no one left on earth in the tribulation who knows the truth and can preach it. No wonder they will thirst for the word of God.

The Lord Jesus said in Luke 18, verse 8, "Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith in the earth?" We can be sure that the Lord knows that He will find faith when He comes for the rapture, for if there were none here on earth who have faith, there could be no rapture . . . But the Lord spoke this to warn us of the danger of our losing our faith if we don't pray earnestly, and daily read the word of God. There will not be much faith, for we can see already in our time that practically all the other churches have departed from true faith. This behooves us to hold fast to the faith of our fathers, so that we will be sure to be among them that still have faith in this time of grace, while we're looking each day for the Lord's coming, in the rapture.

(More next time)

### Not of This World

"Then said Jesus unto him, Put up again thy sword into his place: for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword."

St. Matthew 26:52

"Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves."

St. Matthew 10:16

"For he that said, Do not commit adultery, said also, Do not kill. Now if thou commit no adultery, yet if thou kill, thou art become a transgressor of the law." James 2:11

"He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son."

Revelation 21:7

grace, verse 10, who "received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved", in verse 11, ". . . God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie" (the lie of the antichrist. Verse 12, "That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.")

Let us also read in the prophet Amos, chapter 8, verses 11, 12 and 13, even 14. In verse 11 we read, "Behold, the days come, saith the Lord GOD, that I will send a famine

## LET FREEDOM RING!

July, 1966. Bro. Homer Reineck, minister in Toledo, was in Leo. Bro. Ed directed the question about helping young men who might enter the armed service.

In the '40s, the scene was far different. It was World War II, and the Far East. The enemy did not recognize the Geneva Convention. Therefore ambulances, instead of carrying the insignia of the Red Cross, were camouflaged.

On the first day of battle, Homer lost his buddy, Bro. Dale Aeschliman. Dale died when he responded to the call of a medic. His arms were spiritual, and he lives.

Freedom has a heavenly ring. Grace is not given to everyone to be a spiritual soldier. Freedom in this deepest sense is living the word of God. It is being free from the sin, the shallow, the proud.

Homer had Jesus as his life.

He shone with the word. Two men came and insinuated, if he was yellow. Standing in grace is always freedom. God will honor and will

show who is right, in His own time. These same two men, it proved out, were the only two in the entire company who were afraid to face fire.

Not so with Homer. As supply sergeant, his work was usually further back. God takes His own, and like a jewel turns in the light, that true talent might show. Homer and a mechanic would relieve the regular ambulance driver. Though the situation was fluid and the position of the enemy uncertain, our brother went. Exposed to enemy fire, courage was there.

Words can pain. They can be like a whip, and leave an ache sometimes. They bring us to the cross. There the Saviour took the stinging rebuke, the untrue taunts. Homer knew what it was, to be hurt with words.

Light shines, with evil report and good report. Our situation is God's opportunity. Two men came to him. They told him, that they and the whole company were

watching him. They wanted to be counted among his friends.

Memories tho' in sadness can be glorious with hope. There was the little cemetery near or on the beachhead, and the larger one. (The body of his buddy today has been moved and is in Indiana.)

There was the valley, the enemy all around . . . the ambulance.

Dale and Homer stood firm. "Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's." To this Bro. Homer looks. (God's children and friends both can find blessings from the word.) **TO GOD BELONG THE ISSUES OF LIFE AND DEATH.**

We are all in a valley. The enemy of truth would snare us. We need to hold fast the faith and the rejoicing of hope firm unto the end.

Through a glass darkly, yet beautifully, ahead we see our buddy. Oh how radiant is the smile and love as he waits.

Let freedom ring!

## HOMETOWN, ETERNITY

Henry Souder Jr.

Far . . . yet so close . . . is a beautiful land of dreams.

"And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, Having the glory of God: and her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal;"

Home of our dreams, beautiful, forever. High in the sky, from God, it descends. Would it be a flight, descending through space? Would He mean the flow of city beauty down, descending, mile upon mile?

What soft, beautiful, brilliant light is that? Somewhere perhaps among the hues of fire . . . Perhaps struck in the hues of sunset, told about is the jasper.

"And had a wall great and high, and at the gates twelve angels, and names written thereon, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel: On the east three gates; on the north three gates; on the south three gates; and on the west three gates."

Sweet spirits, happy. Beings who inherit eternity inhabit His place. In beautiful white, countenance like lightning, angels fit in a picture of the city pulsating in full life, rich, unending.

"And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and in them the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb."

The Builder and Maker knows what is perfect balance and perfect beauty. How large are the foundations? What perfect personalities have their names there.

"And he that talked with me brought a golden reed to measure the city, and the gates thereof, and the wall thereof. And the city lieth foursquare, and the length is as large as the breadth: and he measured the city with the reed, twelve thousand furlongs. The length and the breadth and the height are equal."

Miles in the sky. One figure given is 1378.97.

Height is a beautiful scene and promise of the Scriptures.

Abraham went to one of the

mountains of Moriah. The temple was built on Mount Moriah. The ark landed on a mountain. In the millenium, the throne of the great King will be in Jerusalem, the highest place in the world.

"And he measured the wall thereof, an hundred and forty and four cubits, according to the measure of a man, that is, of the angel. And the building of the wall of it was of jasper: and the city was pure gold, like unto clear glass."

The wall chords in color harmony with the beauty of God. The gold will be a perfect setting. Loved ones will be in pure, white, shining raiment. The immeasurable word of God is built today in fellowship, with all the glory of His grace. He prepares His people. What beautiful friendship and kinship love builds.

"And the foundations of the wall of the city were garnished with all manner of precious stones. The first foundation was jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, a chalcedony; the fourth, an emerald; the

fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolite; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, a topaz; the tenth, a chrysoprasus; the eleventh, a jacinth; the twelfth, an amethyst."

God loves beautiful color. He now gives: the soft evening pastels, rich golds . . . flaming red . . . the green of the sea . . . purple evening lingerings. How about beautiful colors that never grow old?

"And the twelve gates were twelve pearls; every several gate was of one pearl: and the street of the city was pure gold, as it were transparent glass."

God has planned a perfect city. How shall that be when we can gaze close-up to one pearl? How boundless will be happiness and satisfaction, as we stroll down that freeway, pure gold.

"And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it."

Who can measure His delights?

How great is His beauty, explains the prophet. No man has seen God. It is impossible to gaze

### A GOOD OPPORTUNITY

Beloved in the Lord: . . .

I continue to be amazed how wonderfully God works. Recently, we expended several thousand dollars and there was fear that the fund might be depleted. It was comforting to see the response of brethren, many of whom did not know the status of the fund or understand that the elder brethren had authorized alterations to the first church built in Shioda, Japan, to modernize and improve the sanitary facilities to accommodate two teaching sisters from America and allow Bro. Willis Ehnle's family to move back from Tokyo. Sisters Nancy Roth, Fairbury, and Marie Neihouser, Francesville, both expect to stay in Japan for at least one year, as there is a demand for certified teachers of conversational English. These sisters, in addition to their teaching duties, will assist in the Sunday School and conduct English classes during the week, which should help to attract youth to the church services.

The work in Alabama also is supported largely by donations made to the fund. In all areas, we encourage the local brethren and friends to share as much of the expense as possible. A stationwagon was also provided for the Alabama

on that light today. We have become acquainted with our matchless One. We know His love: enriching, enlivening, enduring. We know His wonderful comfort and His peace. The scripture is full of His goodness. Still there is more to tell, more that cannot be told, more that will unfold.

God and Jesus actually being at home in that city. It is apart in wonder. No man can fully describe. We won't be strangers there. Best of all is He personally knows us, loves us, and shall be the temple—where we shall no more leave home.

"And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof. And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it."

Beautiful light. The entire earth will be shone with His brilliant rays. How jewels, the gold, those glistening garments will glow in

brethren . . . Requests continue from our brotherhood for the committee to consider. If it is in accord with our order, and money is available to use to the honor and glory of God and not in conflict with other brotherhood funds, it is favorably acted upon.

We are agreed that expenditures are to continue in ratio to giving. With the continued support of brethren, we are confident that God will supply when the occasion merits. Contributions are received from entire congregations, Sunday Schools, foundations, and individuals. All are appreciated and needed, if we are to be able to share this precious gospel of salvation through Jesus Christ, which our Heavenly Father has so abundantly bestowed upon us . . . Ben Maibach, 14726 Fox, Detroit, Mich. 48239.

Send the **Silver Lining** to someone? Life's little day will soon be done. Do good while you can. Do you have a son or a daughter who is a friend? Do you know of someone who used to come to church, and does not now? It's a good investment to do good.

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Beautiful gates, men on the move;  
Dream's fulfilled for those who did strive.

City of God where is no night,  
Rises in height, rings with delight,  
Singing's sweet, our loved ones  
(sweet dream)  
Carol to God in wondrous light!

His own hometown has the greatest One,  
Beautiful . . . bright, glorious sight,  
Ages through ages, no time here,  
Our Father, our joy, our delight.

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### FT. LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA Louise Akel

We are happy to report the birth of a newborn child of God. Sis. Billie Klopfenstein was proved and found sincere in her desire to join the flock. A prayer was offered by our own ministering brother, Harry Sutter, and our elder brother, John Bahler baptized her.

A few rows in the front of the church were filled with wide-eyed youngsters, who witnessed the transition and were the first to shake hands and greet her. We hope many of them will step forward some day in their own behalf. We had a nice supper at the church and singing, Rejoicing (we believe) with the angels in heaven.

Our minister, Bro. Wendel Gerber and family are leaving this week for Indiana, until Sept. Their absence will be felt greatly, as we have so few during the summer months. May God watch over them and protect them.

At present we have a rainy season, showers and sunshine, with big fluffy white clouds in a beautiful sky . . . a rainbow or a silver lining now and then. The sunset was so breath-taking last week that a picture of it in color was printed on the front page of the newspaper. Many Christians leave an unforgettable glow in the sunset of their lives, and are also long remembered in that last stage of life here on earth.

### FT. SAM HOUSTON, TEXAS Bill R. Cottrell

Anywhere with Jesus I can safely go, anywhere He leads me in this world below. Anywhere without Him dearest joys would fade; anywhere with Jesus I am not afraid. How thankful can we, as children of God, be that He has promised never to leave us alone, no matter where He would see fit to send us in this world of much toil and strife. With this comfort, may we ever trust that God will watch over us all in the service, as again three dear brothers in faith have been sent to Viet Nam. With much pain in our hearts we said farewell to these brothers; we know not why the reason, but can find comfort in the hymns of "Have Thine Own Way, Lord" and "Sometime We'll Understand." These three brothers are Larry Endress and John Guinrich of Bradford and John Hartman of Fairbury. We have gratefully appreciated the love and pa-

tience that Bro. Larry has shown us at the apartment, as it has been his charge for quite some time. May the Lord richly bless him in his many efforts. We will truly miss these dear ones, as we soon become so close to one another, even though many of us have never met before. May He grant much courage and faith to all who have been sent to that wicked place, and make their stay seem as short as possible. May He comfort and uphold the parents and families of these boys.

Bro. Kenny Sauder of Peoria has left, to fulfill his new duty assignment in Germany, with an intermediate stop of 3 weeks on Pike's Peak for an experimental program. Bros. Denny Nieman and Gary Maibach received their orders and left for Ft. Riley, Kansas, for which we are thankful, that they will not be very far from Bern and Sabetha. Gary and his wife, Sis. Mary Ann, have been our only member couple here for quite some time, and we really appreciate the kindness that they have shown us at their apartment. They also have done an excellent job in this work.

We were given many comforting and thought-provoking words in the services brought to us by Bro. Don Sauder of Roanoke. May God richly bless him and his family for their visit with us, as they spent their summer vacation down here. This same week end, the 12th of June, we had several visitors from Rittman and Phoenix, and truly felt God's presence in our fellowship together. On the 26th, we were warned of the light and example that we true Christians must be to those around us in this world, for men, as trees, by fruits are known. These words were expounded unto us by Bro. Verlin Stoller of Ft. Wayne, who brought his family with him.

Bro. Terry Zimmerman of Fairbury and friends Rudy Lehman and Joe Rokey of Sabetha have returned from their leaves and have begun their medical training. Steve Kaiser of Milford and Bros. Bruce and Jerome Witzig of Gridley, Illinois have begun their basic training here. Thankful can we be that Steve has recently surrendered his all to the Lord in repentance before entering the service.

We again have had to move our church apartment, and our new address is 504 Elmhurst, San Antonio, Texas 78209. The phone number is TA-4-9803. All correspondence

should be sent to Bros. Terry Zimmerman or Bill R. Cottrell, at the above address.

### ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY Gloria Bachtold

Christ said that whenever two or three are assembled together in His name, He will be in the midst thereof. We have found this to be true at our Bible Study sessions so far this summer. Many of the students who attend Illinois State University during the regular school year have returned home to loved ones for the summer months. The group of students attending ISU this summer is therefore quite small . . . But we have that promise from God, that He will be with us, no matter how many or few.

On June 23, Bro. Joe Schrock ministered with us, and thus began the first session for the summer. He referred to Revelations 2 and 3 and expounded upon the persecution of religious peoples and nations throughout the ages. Bro. Schrock ministered with us again on June 30. He read from and spoke upon the third chapter of St. John, in which Nicodemus talked with our Lord and Saviour and enquired how a man could be born again. We were reminded how precious it is to be a child of God, and we should treasure this spiritual status always. May God bless Bro. Schrock for his efforts.

We invite anyone, who wishes to attend our sessions this summer, to do so.

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

Mrs. Johnny Schieler and their baby girl left for Frankfort, Germany to be with her husband, who is in the Army.

We are very thankful grace is still to be found unto repentance. Eldon Getz, son of Bro. Phil and Sis. Eliza, sees his need of a Saviour. We trust many more will heed the promptings of the Spirit.

A blessed day was enjoyed by all in attendance Sun., June 26, as Sandra Clauss, daughter of Bro. Robert and Sis. Mildred, was baptized. Also appreciated was the ministry of Bro. Nathan Steffen from Elgin.

An accepted pardon means a deep peace, a holy joy, and a blessed assurance.

A program was given by the children, including Wolcott, on Friday evening, after a week of Bible

study. May each one who helped or took part in any way be richly blessed in this important work.

Marie Lynn Clauss (Paul) had an operation on her neck; soon after, she fell and injured her leg, which required a cast.

Little Rachel Peters, daughter of Clarences', fell out of a tree and broke her arm. She has her cast off now.

The terrific heat wave the past 2 weeks has broken long standing records.

A source of comfort does us no good if we, like disobedient children, refuse to be comforted and continue our worrying way. The best cure for care is trust in God.

Collapse of conscience and the corruption of character are the results of a closed Bible. When the word of God remains a sealed book, men do not know God and His power, nor themselves and their frailities.

#### What Does My Church Do?

My church helps me

To keep a sky in my life and to look up.

To keep my hand in God's and hold on to Him.

To see the eternal values above material.

To see the good in others and cherish it.

To keep sweet and to keep busy for Him.

To have a seeing eye, feeling heart, helping hand.

To test the motives of life and choose the best.

To do justly, love mercy and walk humbly with my God.

#### The Afterglow

I used to think him ignorant,  
For he could hardly read  
Or write so one could read it,  
I pitied him indeed . . .  
But when I heard him praying,  
Saw the image that he bore,  
Then I knew he'd found the  
treasure  
That my soul had hungered for.

Oh yes, I thought him ignorant,  
Could hardly stand his ways;  
He sought no earthly honors  
Or any worldly praise.  
There seemed to cling about him,  
And hold him in its sway.  
A mighty power that thrilled my  
soul  
When he began to pray.

He knew the God of heaven  
And was on speaking terms;  
God understood him perfectly  
Although I thought unlearned.  
So now when prone to wonder  
How much my brethren know,  
I listen while they're praying,  
And watch the afterglow.

#### WOLCOTT, INDIANA

##### Arles Kropf

New arrivals during June were Melinda Lou, born June 6 to Lowell and Sis. Karla Bahler, and Janelle Elaine, born June 25 to Bro. and Sis. Ted and Lynetta Hofstetter.

Bro. Wendel Gudeman performed the marriage ceremony, on Saturday evening June 11, for Diane Radcliffe and Jon Clevenger. May God bless this union.

Bro. John Bollier of Leo visited us on June 12 and brought us the word of life.

Bro. John Schmidt has been moved from the hospital to Lake Manor Nursing Home at Monticello. His children wish to take this opportunity to thank, for all the cards, gifts, and flowers sent to him during his illness. May God bless you all.

Ring the bells of heaven, there is joy today, For a soul returning from the wild . . . There is rejoicing in our church over our dear friends, Irvin Furrer and Nathan Lehman, who have turned their backs to the world and are seeking salvation. While the waters are troubled, may many more take the opportunity to step in and be healed.

Sis. Marietta Kyburz, who has spent several weeks in hospitals, is again able to be at home. May God grant her a complete recovery, that she can again gather with us.

#### UNION CITY, NEW JERSEY

##### August Mueller

June 2 . . . This is graduation month. Today, if anybody wants to attain a high position, a good education is required. This education starts with grammar school, the first class. Promotion has to take place until the scholar receives a diploma, which entitles him or her to enter a higher school.

We can learn a lesson from this. We also are going to school. It is important that we put all our effort forth, that when the time comes for us to depart from this world into eternity, we can show that we were eager to learn and labor for the Lord. How well will it be when we

can say, Lord, the pound you gave me has won another pound. May we all be found worthy to enter into that heavenly rest.

Sun., June 5. We were happy to greet Bro. Harry Frauhiger, after being absent for two months. We thank God that he is restored to good health.

The word of God is like a great reservoir that supplies the children of God with living water, which quenches the thirst. Even today we went to drink from this water and were refreshed. We went to the house of God with empty vessels, and our heavenly Father filled them with heavenly gifts.

This morning, I read about Samuel, how concerned he was about the children of Israel. He was brought up in the temple. As he grew older, the Spirit of the Lord was with him. The Lord put him in charge over His people. Many years Samuel ruled the people of Israel. As time went on, Samuel grew older. The people demanded that he set a king over them, like other nations. That hurt Samuel very much. The Lord told him, Do as they tell you; they did not reject you, they rejected me. Samuel told them you have made a terrible mistake. The Lord who is a merciful Lord, told them if you will walk in my ways it will go well with you, but if you go your own way you will have to take the punishment.

Samuel was a faithful steward in the household of God all his life. When he stepped down from his stewardship, he asked all the people, Can anybody accuse me that I took anything that did not belong to me. The answer was, No, so he told them the Lord is witness between you and me. Today we heard of a steward that was dishonest. Someone reported him to his master.

Bro. Charles Kroszner is in the hospital; he had a hernia operation. We all pray for him, and wish him a speedy recovery.

We have to be very careful not to take more of anybody than what belongs to us, and so be found dishonest. We have an enemy of our soul who tries everything to hurt us if possible, so much that we would not be able to get up anymore, but we have no fear while here. He who knows our hearts will watch over us and will hold our hand that no mishap can come our way, and that under His rich blessing night will find us sweetly

resting. Bro. Charles Kroszner is making very good progress. We thank God for that. We had a little farewell party for Bro. Harry Frauhiger. He is going home for summer vacation.

This was a day of joy and blessing. Our heavenly Father remembered us and provided according to His promise. How fortunate are we that we can come together, meet and greet one another and receive all the blessings of which the world knoweth not. We were told by the word to appreciate these hours, for we know not what lays in store for us. The members behind the iron curtain would be happy if they could get together to sing praises to the almighty God, but these hours are denied unto them.

Blessed he who does not follow the ungodly counsel's course, Shuns deceitful thoughts and actions, and the way of sin ignores, Who the mockers horde does spurn, And whose thoughts to wisdom turn.

What a wonderful experience that must have been for the disciples to hear their Master pray for them, after His work here on earth was completed and He could say, **Father, I have done everything thou gavest me to do.** I hardly think that there is one of us that can say I did every thing I was told to do. (I for one am far from it.) Not only did Jesus pray for his disciples, He also prayed for us. He knew that His disciples would spread the gospel far and wide, and that many thousand souls would believe on Him and on His word; yes, even today souls are added unto His flock.

We are happy to have friend Richard Diggelman in our midst again. He served 13 months in Korea. Now he is home on a 30-day leave. After that he has another 4 months to serve. Bro. Harry Frauhiger wants to thank all the members and friends for the cards and visits while he was in the hospital. Bro. Charles Kroszner is still in the hospital.

### BLUFFTON, INDIANA

Delutha Moser—Carolyn Gerber

#### God's Will For Us

Just to be tender, just to be true;  
Just to be glad the whole day thru;  
Just to be merciful, just to be mild;  
Just to be trustful as a child;  
Just to be gentle and kind and sweet;

Just to be helpful with willing feet;  
Just to be cheery when things go wrong;  
Just to drive sadness away with a song,  
Whether the hour is dark or bright;  
Just to be loyal to God and right;  
Just to believe that God knows best;  
Just in His promise ever to rest;  
Just to let love be our daily key;  
This is God's will, for you and me.

**Births:** On June 10, a son, Robert John to Bro. Bob and Sis. Mary Jo Troxel. On June 11, a daughter, Elaine Rae to Bro. Ken and Sis. Roberta Steffen. On June 16, a daughter, Rachel Rosemary to Bro. Vernon and Sis. Dorothy Gerber.

**Shut-ins:** During the past month the following dear ones were hospitalized: Sisters Sarah (Joseph) Aschliman, Martha Heyerly, Mrs. William Neuenschwander Sr., Mrs. Russell Steffen and Bro. Dale Fiechter.

Friend William Tonner has been discharged from the US Army to help his father on the farm.

During the past month, two dear friends were proved and baptized—friends Connie Isch and Stanley Biberstein. We are very happy for these two dear ones that have been added to the fold, and wish them an abundance of God's wonderful grace.

**Funeral:** On June 17, funeral service was held for Sis. Flonie Meyer, who had been ill for six years. Surviving are three daughters, Frieda Neuenschwander, Evelyn Grandlinard, Sis. Hazel Gilliom; two sons, Max and Paul. Bro. John Yergler conducted the service.

### ELGIN, ILLINOIS

Louise Steffen

Katie Kachelmuss

After quite an absence on account of his sudden attack of illness, Bro. Al Fisher and Sis. Margaret were with us for a Wednesday evening service. We were glad to see Bro. Al again, and thank him for his efforts in serving us with the word from God, which we need in our spiritual walk of life day by day.

Recently Bro. Carl Kipfer of Bluffton ministered unto us. We received many good and sincere teachings from God, as we sing in that inspiring hymn,  
"Thy messengers Thou sendest,  
By them to us extendest

The living Bread of Heaven.  
That none of us may perish,  
Arouse our hearts to cherish  
The grace and healing to us given."

May God bless them all and give courage and strength to go on in this very important work of proclaiming the gospel of salvation, so that many more could be saved before it is forever too late. Bro. Carl came here to meet with the other eight brothers in faith who during World War II were privileged to get acquainted and fellowship together in India. Although their lot was not an easy one among the multitude of poverty-stricken and pagan-worshipping people, and being so far removed from their home and loved ones, yet they found comfort and solace in Christian love, and meeting those of like mind and faith. Bro. Carl mentioned in the sermon how there are yet so many people worshipping idols, and how they live in poverty and filth. We cannot thank God enough for having found the true light and faith. These brothers always enjoy getting together and recalling to memory, when joy did alternate with woe. How many changes have taken place in their lives since then; now they have families, some may have lost loved ones. It is good that they can meet from time to time in Christian love. May God bless them all.

On June 29 our Bro. and Sis. in faith, Albert and Julia Wewetzer, were privileged to observe their fiftieth wedding anniversary. Many of their relatives, brothers and sisters in faith, friends and neighbors came to the home of their daughter and son-in-law, Ruth and George Parsons, to extend their best wishes. They also received many beautiful cards from far and near, with such inspiring and lovely verses, one which reads in part, and which is so true—

"Through half a century you've shared  
Life's cloudy days and fair,  
You've found the rich reward that comes

To those who truly care.

And many had kind and loving written messages, such as this one, in part, from a dear Bro. and Sis. in faith:

"How thankful we are to God that he has given you two dear ones so many blessed years together, and may it please Him to give you many more. May our loving Father

in Heaven bless you and all your dear children with His grace and help from above, that not one will be missing on yonder shore."

All this was deeply appreciated by Bro. Albert and Sis. Julia. They wish to thank each and everyone for the beautiful cards, prayers, and gifts, and they want to say, "God bless you one and all."

Birth—to Bro. Ronald and Sis. Nancy Schrenk Schambach, a girl, Wendy Lynn, on June 30.

### FAIRBURY, ILLINOIS

Joyce Huber

We were happy to have visiting ministers Bro. Nate Steffen of Elgin and Bro. Henry Sabo of Mansfield this past month.

Steve Drach, son of Evelyn Drach, and grandson of Sis. Amelia Zimmerman, was married to Joan Ellen Scolavina of Chandler, Arizona. Steve is in the service, stationed in Arizona. We wish the newly-married couple the Lord's blessings.

Bro. John Hartman was home for a week end, before being sent to Viet Nam. We trust the Lord to watch over and protect him. Bro. Terry Zimmerman was home on furlough, and left again for Texas.

The editor asked us to write about our own experiences on Bible readings, so I shall mention this incident of last week. Ever since mother was taken to the hospital when she had the stroke in March, we always read in the Bible to her the first thing in the morning, and then again during the day. . . . But this one morning a nurse stopped me—giving me her report—delaying me getting to her room, and forgetting to read. Since mother is still unable to talk, she could just moan, and I couldn't understand what could be bothering her so much. Finally I happened to think and say: "Oh, I haven't read to you yet", and mother stopped moaning, and I understood her say: "I know it." So she had noticed and missed reading to her the first thing in the morning.

### WEST BEND, IOWA

Anna Schmidt Mrs. A. Banwart

We are happy to have Ray Gress and his English bride, Sandy, and children assemble with us. Ray, the son of Bro. and Sis. Fahye and Marie Gress, had been in England during his last years in the service. Since a wedding reception was impossible at the time of their marri-

age, one was held for them at Otosen. A large group enjoyed meeting Sandy and welcomed her to our community.

Bro. and Sis. Elmer and Matilda Fehr held a wedding reception for their son, Wayne and his bride Kathy.

Hospital patients the past month include: Delores, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Noah and Emma Gerber, for diabetes; Ilene, another daughter of Bro. and Sis. Noah and Emma Gerber, for an appendectomy; Sis. Esther Banwart, wife of Nathan Banwart, surgery; two sons of Bro. and Sis. Ivan and Evelyn Schmidt—Ted, age three, was involved in a power mower accident and had successful foot surgery, but will be in a cast for six weeks, and Frank, age six months, had surgery. All of these are home and recovering quite well. Lowell Fehr, son of Sis. Nina Fehr, is hospitalized in Palo Alto County Hospital in Emmetsburgh with several fractures as a result of a car accident. He is getting along as well as can be expected, but recovery will be slow.

All of us enjoyed having Elder Bro. George Gramm from Gridley, Ill.; Bros. Ernst Knobloch and Carl Feucht from Lester; and Bro. Harold Gramm from Morris with us for our Open House. Many teachings of faith, such as the apostle, Paul, displayed during shipwreck, were expounded unto us. If we but cling to whatever teaching we gain from reading the word and listening to the sermons, we can also be saved, as those men in the shipwreck. Even though some of them had only a small piece of board to cling to, all held fast and were saved. We were pleased at the interest shown by our friends and neighbors in our new church building. There were over 600 in attendance at our Open House.

Countless indeed were the blessings showered on us all Dedication Sunday. Sharing in our joy and blessings were the following elders and ministers: Bros. Noah Schrock, Oakville; Paul Fehr, Morris; Leo Moser, Lester; Eugene Marti, Sabetha; Simon Wagonbach, Tremont; Jess Schrock, Congerville; Joe Zimmerman, Roanoke; Art Gudeman, La Crosse; Carl Hartman, Sabetha; Henry Sabo, Mansfield; Harold Messner and Leroy Messner, Winthrop; Albert Wuthrich, Pulaski; Paul Butikofer, Elgin, Iowa. It was very completely and ably explained by Bro. Noah,

how everything in the building, as well as the church, comes from our Lord and Creator. The large beams were once trees; the iron beams, part of the earth. The Church, the people, owe their all to Him who created us and gave His Son to redeem us. Other inspiring messages throughout the day moved us to anew dedicate ourselves, as well as the building, to the Lord. Instead of it all being completed, we must labor and strive with even more zeal to see that our church will continue to thrive and grow in holiness, as well as number.

### A PROMISE

Beautiful the varying fields of green,  
Some nigh to harvest can be seen,  
And the ripening grains of fairest hue,  
Recalls the promise made so true:  
While the earth remaineth, seed-time and harvest shall not pass away.

How sweet to walk on His own sod,  
And know the nearness of my God.

### NEW MARTINSVILLE, W. VA.

Mrs. Gus Weltz

Miss Della Witschey

We have had a very severe spell of hot, dry weather, but with rains that came on June 28 and again on July 4 and 5, the temperatures dropped several degrees, and much comfort was given; for many, many days the temperature soared to high in the 90's. Much loss is realized in the crops and fruits.

The service at the country church on June 26 was well attended, with many coming from far and near to fellowship together. Ben Maibach of Detroit, Noah Bauman and Joe Ramsier of Rittman, were the speakers for the day, with other ministers also present. A service was held in the evening at the grade school in Hannibal, O., with a good number attending.

The Monroe church is undergoing extensive repairs, and until they are able to assemble in the church again, services will be held at the country church here. The first service was held on Sunday, July 3, with the Sunday School at ten thirty o'clock, lunch at noon and the afternoon service at one o'clock.

Mrs. Luella Bleuer Sidell is slowly recovering from painful injuries received in a fall at her home, in which she suffered a broken shoulder. She was hospitalized for several days in Parkersburg, but

has been returned to her home and is being cared for by her sister, Miss Louise Bleuer.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Thomas of Niles O., spent the July 4 holiday here with relatives, and attended the family reunion of the John Durigs.

Mrs. Fred Berthel and Mrs. Nell Epplesheimer of Wheeling were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Froelich, the first of July.

James L. Wade of Cleveland spent the first week of July here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Wade (and his children also).

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Meeden of Ithaca, N. Y., vacationed here the first ten days of July with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Springston, and her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Durig.

Wilbur J. McColloch died very suddenly on June 23, while at work in his office of the Board of Education. He leaves his widow, the former Mildred Gorby (daughter of the late Charles and Emma Mullett Gorby), one son and two daughters. He was a former teacher and principal of Magnolia High School, and was a very outstanding citizen of the community.

#### EUREKA, ILLINOIS

##### Cathryn Wettstein - Salome Walter

Our visiting ministers the past month have been as follows—Bros. Noah Schrock, Oakville; Joshua Broquard, Fairbury; Joe Aberle, Sabetha; David Bertsch, Leo; Ed Aschleman, Union City.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Sinn Jr. adopted a baby girl. She was born May 30. They have named her Heidi Lilli. They also have a son. To Mr. and Mrs. Ed Knecht, a son, Allen Paul was born June 13. Two sisters welcome this new baby.

The average attendance for the two weeks of Vacation Bible School, held the first two weeks of June, was 135. About 25 teachers helped with this. Bro. John Schumacher was superintendent. The two last weeks of June, an evening Bible Class was conducted for the high school and college age young people. A good attendance was had. Each evening, a different ministering brother from the surrounding area was the teacher. May much good come from these meetings, with all honor and glory to God.

On June 17, Sis. Anna Fischer, 75 years old, passed away at the Home, where she had been for six weeks. Her funeral was held in the

Peoria church. Sis. Anna Stoller, aged 88, passed away at the Eureka Hospital June 27, after being there one day. She had been living in the Home since February. Her husband, Bro. George passed away in 1951. Six sons survive—Floyd of Washington, Lester of Peoria, Clarence of Washburn, Willis and Melvin of Eureka and Vernon of Burlington (Iowa), and three daughters, Edna, who tenderly took care of her for a long, long time, Mrs. Agnus Rocke of Roanoke and Mrs. Stella Zimmerman of Morton. Her funeral was June 30 at Eureka, Bros. Vernon Leman and Joe Zimmerman conducting. She was a long time member of the Apostolic church and was one who showed much patience, even in all her years of being a shut-in. She has now gone on to her eternal Home in heaven. May God comfort the family in their sorrow.

Sis. Lena Grusy is a patient in the Eureka Hospital. She is the wife of Will Grusy.

Bro. Ed Bittner is a surgical patient in a hospital in Champaign.

Two more souls are seeking the Lord in repentance. They are Donna Blunier, the daughter of Bro. Roy and Sis. Edna Blunier, and Ed Kupferschmid, the son of Bro. Wayne and Sis. Laura Kupferschmid.

#### FORREST, ILLINOIS

##### Martha Stoller — Nancy Honegger

Bro. Henry Kilgus was a surgical patient and Bro. Harvey Leman, medical, at the Fairbury Hospital. Both have returned home and are assembling with us again.

Tom and Sis. Earlene (Anliker) Hamilton are the parents of a new baby girl, Danisa. She is welcomed home by twin sisters, Alisa and Teresa.

Leonard and Marilyn Roth are the parents of a baby boy, Doug Michael.

The annual Sunday School picnic was held at Marsh Park, with many attending.

Bro. Andy Koehl is hospitalized at this writing, after submitting to surgery at the Fairbury Hospital.

Sis. Matilda Bach, also a surgical patient, is again at home with her family.

Janet Farney, daughter of Bro. Joe and Sis. Ida Kaisner, is seriously ill at the Burnham Hospital in Champaign. She was taken there following a cerebral hemorrhage.

Scott Zimmerman, seven-year-old son of Bro. Allen and Sis. Carolyn, is a patient at Carle Hospital, where he recently underwent surgery.

Vernon Schrof, son of Paul and Sis. Marie, arrived home from Bremerhaven, Germany, where he spent one and one-half years in the army.

#### FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

##### Mary Eisenmann — Marge Gerber

Our hearts go out to Bro. Eli Moser, in the loss of a 15-year-old granddaughter, Linda Barto, who passed away on June 8 of meningitis. She had been to school, and attended the graduation of her oldest brother the evening before her death, which came so suddenly on her mother's birthday. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Barto of Ft. Wayne, and is survived by her parents and two brothers. Mothers and fathers, "Can we fully realize what it must be to one day have a perfectly healthy, happy child of 15, and before another 24 hours has lapsed, find you have her no more?" Our Joyce was a close friend and classmate of Linda's in her 7th and 8th grades, when she attended Lakeside Junior High. Upon visiting their home, her mother remarked, "It is still just like a dream!"

Steven J. Unsicker, son of Sis. Emma, was united in marriage to Donnalyn Nord, the daughter of the Arthur Nords, of 6811 Stellhorn Rd., Ft. Wayne, on June 11. They are at home on the Unsicker farm, R.R. 7, Ft. Wayne. May God bless their union.

We surely miss the presence of Sis. Emma, Margaret and Mark, who have moved from our community to Bremen. We ask the Heavenly Father's guidance and protection for them, and know they will find happiness in their new home and church, which is near Sis. Emma's mother and family. Their new address is: 503 West South St., Bremen, Indiana.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the ministering brothers, Dan Koch of Tremont and Elmer Bucher of Francesville, for their inspiring messages brought to us on June 12. We also enjoyed the fellowship of the many that accompanied them, particularly the young people. Francesville was in charge of the monthly singing, which started at 6:30. We surely appreciated the special numbers presented, and es-



pecially those given by the young people. It is a special joy to us as parents, when our children gather with us and participate in singing praises to God. Surely, He will not forget the things done for Him!

It seems the message of "The True Vine", found in St. John chapter 15 has been opened several times by recent visiting ministers—Is this, perhaps, a special warning to us? We surely were led to green pastures by the messages of Bro. Edwin Bahler of Remington June 19, Bro. Joe Schrock, Congerville, on July 3. As a reminder to our dear friends, Bro Edwin ended by saying, "Where'er you be, the still small voice of God does speak—PREPARE, PREPARE, Thy God to meet!"

We surely wish to welcome Bro. Levi and Sis. Lillian Pfister and their children, Lois, Albert, Daniel, Margie, and Myron, who have moved from Winthrop to our community. Their new address is: R.R. 2, Auburn, Indiana. Especially happy to have them here are their children—Robert, Bro. David and Sis. Marty.

Our friend, Billy Pulver is on a 2 weeks naval cruise out of San Diego. He has been serving for 2 years in the Navy Reserves, and upon return from this cruise will be assigned to 2 years of active duty.

We were asked to comment on "What mail means to servicemen". I am sure that anyone who has ever been in the service, or who has now or ever had any one NEAR in the service, needs no reminder of this. My husband stated, "It is a pretty heart-sick feeling to go away from mail call and not have had your name called". My brother, stationed in Viet Nam, has never expressed to me directly what mail means, but from the letters he writes, one can read of the joy when he has received several letters, or a package, or a tape from home, or a sermon from the brethren at Forrest—But one can also read of his disappointment when for several days there was no mail—One time, when he didn't get mail from home for 4 days, he was concerned that no one cared about him over there. Surely this is not so, but there is something all of us can do; WRITE to those who must be away from home in the service of our country.

The following poem was given to me by Bro. Noah Gerber. He has

kept it in his Bible many years, and it has been a great comfort to him, altho he does not recall from where he obtained it.

Holy Jesus, Friend divine,  
Only Saviour, Thou art mine!  
Friend to hear me when I call,  
Friend to lift me when I fall,  
Friend to guide me when I go,  
Friend to hide me from the foe,  
Lovely Jesus, truest Friend,  
Stand Thou by me to the end.

Other dear ones may forget.  
Even loved ones may neglect,  
Fail to help me when I need,  
Fail to hear me when I plead,  
Fail to hold me when I'm weak,  
Fail to prove the friend I seek,  
Only Jesus, constant Friend,  
Falleth not unto the end.

In the city dark with sin,  
With its ceaseless clang and din,  
He will hear my weakest cry,  
Only Friend forever nigh.  
In the desert lone and drear,  
When no other soul is near,  
I will find Him by my side,  
Ever near, my constant Guide.

On the battlefield be near,  
When my heart is full of fear,  
When the bombs fall all around,  
When no shelter can be found,  
Cover me beneath Thy wing.  
Help me in the war to sing,  
"Jesus loves me! this I know,  
For the Bible tells me so."

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

Blessed are those who die in the Lord — my dear mother-in-law, grandmother, Sis. Mary E. Wuethrich was one of them. After a long illness, she could go to her sweet rest, and be with her dear companion who preceded her in death 28 years ago. In the hearts of their eleven children will remain precious memories. Also her aged mother, Sis. Catherine Pelsy, still has a memory that the Lord has been good to her. This was brought out in the prayer by Bro. Rudolph Graf. Bro. Theo. Beer also gave such comforting words to the family. In the prayer at the graveside, it was prayed that all the children can meet their dear mother in that heavenly home. It is the wish of all the family to express their sincere thanks and deep appreciation to all, for every act of love shown their dear mother during her long

illness. The many cards and memorial fund for handicapped children was so humbly received. May God richly bless you all.

Who taught our infant lips to pray?  
And love God's holy word each day?  
'Twas "MOTHER".

Births were to Bro. Ellsworth Pelsy's, a son Douglas; Lewis Albrecht's a daughter—Angela; and to Allyn Onken's, a daughter—Colleen.

Everyone wishes much joy and blessings to the marriage of Roger Overmyer and Janet Vogt, performed by Bro. Wendell Gudeman.

God has given 25 years of marriage happiness to Bro. Elmer and Sis. Emily Anliker. Bros. Clarence Kachelmuss and Walter Anliker gave them and us all a blessed day.

The engagement of Bro. Wally Buchers' daughter, Sis. Vicky to Bro. Eli Anlikers' son, Bro. Ronald, gave us reasons for joyful rejoicing with them.

"God's Will For Man" was taught at our Vacation Bible School. Each evening a most cherished minister, and others, were with us. Ministers were Bros., Merle Bucher, Edward Frank, John Bollier, Vernon Schwab, Alfred Bahler, Verlin Stoller, and Elmer Hartter. It was just like a "glimpse of Heaven" to see all those dear grandchildren being taught by the many teachers, who so willingly want to teach them God's Will.

GRIDLEY, KANSAS  
Mrs. Rudy Bahr  
Mrs. Eldon Metzger

We have been having "under normal" precipitation the past six months, and haven't had a good general rain for some time. The warm weather for several weeks without rain has parched the ground. Second cuttings of alfalfa were short and light... our native prairie grass (for which this area is known for selling many tons of hay) is short, and little baling of it has been done.

Bro. Loren Strahm was released from the hospital, and is now back at the lumberyard part-time.

Leland Kraft, son of Glenn and Fay Kraft is suffering from poison ivy. Mark Kraft, son of Sam and Carol Kraft, underwent minor surgery recently. Both are grandsons of Bro. Sam and Sis. Esther Kraft.

Jon Bahr, our 3½ yr. old son, had a T. & A. and is getting along o.k. The teenage Bible School class,

taught by Sis. Dorene Metzger, made and took flash cards and sand blocks to the children at the School of Logopedics at Wichita, and toured the school.

Grades 4, 5, and 6 of Bible school, taught by Sisters Mary Louise Beyer, Doris Bahr, and Eileen Bahr, made picture cards and lollipop tray favors for the new school for retarded children at Emporia. The children presented the favors to one group of students present, and we toured the school. The extra favors were taken to the children's dept. at the hospital.

Our community has just experienced a tragedy. Mrs. Leo (Joyce) Kraft took her family out to cool off at the city lake. A nephew was having trouble, and she went out to aid him. On the way back, something happened. Their oldest son, eleven, pulled his mother out, but efforts to revive her were to no avail. She was 32 years old and leaves her husband, son, and two young daughters. She was the daughter-in-law of Bro. Dan and Sis. Leona Kraft.

### JAPAN

#### Yoshio Yamazaki

A fairly big typhoon hit Japan on June 28 and killed many people this time again, and also destroyed many buildings, bridges, river banks and so fourth. We should accept several typhoons most every year, but it was a little bit early this year.

The Ehnle family moved to the country church on June 21, and now we are expecting Bro. John Klaus, Sis. Betty and their children from Fuchu, if it is the Lord's will. However, we are concerned about the meetings where Bro. John Klaus lives, but intend to continue them in a rented meeting place.

The Ehnles' address: Mr. and Mrs. Willis R. Ehnle, Shioda Ichimiya-Cho, Higashi-Yatsushiro-Gun, Yamanashi-Ken Japan.

The Klaus's address: Mr. and Mrs. John H. Klaus, 1384 Kaneko-Machi Chofu-Shi, Tokyo-to Japan.

We are expecting two school teachers to come to teach Ehnle children and to teach English to Japanese young people. They are Sis. Nancy Roth, Fairbury, and Marie Neihauer of Francesville. They plan to stay in Japan at least a year, possibly longer.

At our services here in Tokyo, pretty many young people attending on Sunday lately, including

some of the high school children who were coming to our Sunday School when they were little children.

### PEORIA, ILLINOIS

#### Emily Tanner

#### Mrs. Michael Weyeneth

Marilyn Louise Huber, daughter of Ben and Sis. Clara Huber was married to Thomas Alvin Sturtevant, on June 18. They are living in Peoria.

Two more friends have turned to the Lord in repentance and hope to be baptized soon. They are Linda Herman and Susan Buttrick. We're always thankful when young folks see the need for a change in their lives and when they, with the help and grace of the Lord do something about it.

Vacation Bible School was held June 13 through 24. An average of 140 pupils attended. The children wrote letters and sent different items such as tray favors, pop corn, Kool-aid, etc. to an American Field Hospital in Viet Nam. I'm sure the soldiers must have enjoyed hearing from the children, because some of them are getting answers back from their letters already.

The annual Sunday School picnic was held June 26. Sunday School will be on vacation the month of August, and will resume again September 11.

June 22 was moving day for the occupants of the Church Home on Monroe St. to their new home on Skyline Drive. Sis. Marie Kieser is administrator. At this writing, the rooms are filled 50% to capacity. The date for open house and dedication services will be announced later. We hope the Lord will bless this home in the future, just as surely as he has blest it thus far.

Jack Pfaffman has been discharged from service and returned home the first of June. He was in Viet Nam since September, and really appreciates being home again. He made the expression that so many things that we take for granted are all luxuries over there.

Bro. Randy Kellenberger will soon have completed his basic training in the army; he is expected home on furlough.

Sis. Anna Fisher died June 17 at the Apostolic Christian Home, Eureka, where she had resided six weeks. Surviving are three brothers, Bros. Elias, Samuel and Ben H.; four sisters, Hilda Fisher, Sisters Naomi Fisher, Elizabeth Far-

ney and Leah Bowald.

Bro. Karl Hess died June 25. Surviving are his wife, Katherine; four sons and four daughters, three sisters, including Sis. Sophie Joos of Peoria, eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Bro. William Schlipf died July 1 at the St. Francis Hospital, where he was admitted June 18. Surviving are his wife Eugenie; one son William R.; three daughters, Sisters Elizabeth Hartman, Emma Rocke and Elsa Hartman. Bro. Joshua Broquard held the funeral services.

Our congregation was blest with many good teachings, when Bro. Francis Rother spent an afternoon and Bro. Edward Aeschleman spent a Wednesday evening with us.

### PHOENIX, ARIZONA

#### Mrs. Joe Beer — Mrs. Ervin Rokey

There is a short verse written, in which the author says in similar words, that the Bible is like a window through which we look into eternity.

As a child, I seemed to enjoy the stories in the Old Testament and the stories about Jesus. I can remember reading a Bible storybook from start to finish, enthralled in all of it; from Adam and Eve to Jesus' crucifixion. I remember feeling so bad that Jesus had to hang on the cross.

As I grew into adolescence, the Bible still meant as much to me, but I found that instead of enjoying the stories, I was becoming convicted. There came an evening when I could no longer hide from God, and I submitted to His will.

During my time of repentance, I found the book of Psalms my greatest comfort. David seemed to have gone through the very same repentance. As I grew in Christ, I soon found myself reading in the New Testament.

It seems as we go through life, that we find different parts of the Bible that help us. We may find strength and faith in the Old Testament, or we may find Psalms helpful, or the shining example of Christ.

The really wonderful thing about this word of God is that we just cannot outgrow it!

If we follow its teachings until our life is over, we will look into eternity, for we have the promise that whosoever believeth in Him shall have eternal life!

As summer descends on us here in the desert, we find our little

congregation much smaller. There is a closeness in a small congregation which is so nice that we don't mind our smallness, except for the fact that we pray for new converts, so that our church can continue until the Lord comes.

"And now, little children, abide in him; that, when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming." I John 2:28.

### PRINCEVILLE, ILLINOIS

#### Ruth Ricketts—Anna Marie Baer

We were privileged to have visiting ministers, for which we were indeed thankful. We heard much of true repentance and salvation brought by such a price, by the dying of our dear Saviour, who shed his blood for our sins. He was forsaken by God because of our sins. Are we thankful enough, and do we prize this gift fully? Bros. Henry Grimm of Morton, Joe Zimmerman of Roanoke, and Ed Frank of La Crosse brought forth this message.

We welcome Bros. James and Sis. Jean (Seidel) Metzger to our congregation. James has been attending college in Kansas and has accepted a position of pharmacist in East Peoria.

Todd David was born June 11 to Bro. Ellsworth and Sis. Donna Martin and was welcomed by three sisters. Mark David was born June 26 to Bro. Earl and Sis. Margaret Feucht, and was welcomed by a brother, Danny.

The Gridley young folks were hosts to the singing groups of surrounding churches, which was enjoyed by all present. We hope the young folks derive a blessing from a precious evening such as this.

We have had a number of shut-ins and are glad to report, they are all on the mend. Bro. Will Huber spent several days in bed, but is able to worship with us again; however Sis. Ida, his wife, is still confined to her home. Sis. Bessie Martin has been nursing a badly infected leg, and has been confined to her home several weeks. Br. Will Ehnle hasn't been feeling so well, and has not been with us lately. Sis. Marie Siebenthal is recovering nicely from recent surgery. Dana Ehnle had the misfortune to fall and break his arm, and his brother Phil is nursing a deep wound in his leg, received in an accident at his home. (They are the sons of Bro. David and Sis. Beulah.) Dickie

Rumbold, son of Bro. Roy and Sis. Pearl, spent several days in the hospital after injuring his eye, when he was accidentally hit with a knotted cord. He is getting along nicely; the sight is not impaired, for which we are thankful. Dick's brother Eugene, who is stationed in France, submitted to emergency appendectomy and will have to spend some time in a hospital there.

Sometimes we make plans, but are not always able to carry them out, as was the case of our Elder brother, Silas Leuthold, who had planned to go to Germany with Bro. Noah Schrock. Silas was forced to submit to major surgery, and we are thankful he has recovered quite well and is now convalescing at home. As he entered the hospital, he said that he put his trust in God and was willing to accept whatever the outcome would be. This is indeed a good teaching for us all to follow. Do we always have our house in order?

Bro. George Kieser recently observed his 86th birthday and is in quite good health. He still worships with us in the assembly room and is able to visit various places. We are so glad to have a few older brothers with us yet.

Diane Baer, daughter of Al and Katherine Baer, and Bill Streitmatter, son of Bro. Harold and Sis. Anna, have announced their engagement. We wish them God's blessings.

Sis. Lena Bach has gone to Fairbury, after spending the past several months with her daughter, Sis. Louise Joos and family. A few gathered one evening to sing, and she joined in every song, singing heartily, expressing how nice each one was. An older sister can indeed be an inspiration.

The Sunday School picnic was held the last Sunday in June, with 225 in attendance. It was a beautiful evening, and all enjoyed being in the beautiful outdoors, admiring God's wonderful creation. Sunday School will be dismissed during the summer months.

Sis. Katherine Stahl has safely returned from a three-weeks visit with relatives and friends in Germany, bringing with her many pleasant memories. We are thankful that she was protected on her journey.

### WINTHROP, MINNESOTA

Lillian Pfister - Delores Messerli  
Although we oft must say good-bye

It's not a joyful word;  
It brings a heart throb or a sigh  
Most always when it's heard.

We especially cherish the song,  
"We'll Never Say Good-bye in Heaven."

Bro. Levi and Sis. Lillian Pfister and family moved from our congregation to Ft. Wayne. This devout family will be sorely missed by one and all. Bro. Levi was one of our song leaders, and Sis. Lillian so faithfully worked as reporter for the Silver Lining.

A farewell singing and social evening was held at Bro. Messerli's home for the Pfisters. May our loss be an appreciated gain to Ft. Wayne.

Bro. David and Sis. Martha Pfister came to help their parents have an auction.

Welcome home to our serviceman, John Messner, and his wife Jane. He is the son of Bro. Walter and Sis. Florence.

Bradley, son of Sid and Florence Gutknecht, is home on a four-week leave from the Navy. He is a grandson of Sis. Carrie Messner.

Joyce Schmidt, daughter of Henry and Sis. Celina, received a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Minnesota. She will be working for the U.S. Defence Intelligence Agency in Washington D.C.

### BAY CITY, MICHIGAN

#### Marlene Mosher

This past month we lost a dear sister in faith, Marie Wieland, in the arms of the Lord. Sis. Marie leaves behind her a son and his wife, Bro. Gerald and Sis. Lois Wieland, her daughter and her husband, Bro. Alphie and Sis. Hermine Kaeb, and also her grandchildren. Marie was not able to assemble with us for quite some time, for she was bedridden and confined to a rest home, but she will be missed by her loved ones. We have the hope and confidence that she is in good hands.

You are always welcome in the house of prayer. In the house of prayer there is always a friend to share your cares and woes. Dear FRIENDS, remember these words.

Sis. Faye Wackerle has undergone surgery. She is now at home, recuperating.

### MANSFIELD, OHIO

#### Aaron A. Sauder

"Unto thee, O God, do we give thanks . . . for that thy name is

near thy wondrous works declare." Psalm 75:1. Many prayers were offered in behalf of Alvin Beer, who recently underwent lung surgery; we now offer thanks that he is improving, and has been able to attend worship services. Others who have been hospitalized this past month were Sis. Tillie Oesch and Diana Beer. We also ask God's blessings on them.

Our congratulations to Jim and Paula (Bocka) Kochheiser, who are parents of a baby boy. Jim and Paula have recently returned to our vicinity from Georgia, where Jim had been stationed during his stay in the service. We welcome them home.

Bro. Fred Oesch of Alto visited our congregation on June 12. We always appreciate his kindly manner in preaching God's word to us.

#### BERN, KANSAS

**Mrs. Morris Edelman**

**Mrs. Leonard Baumgartner**

After the terrible tornado took a fifteen-mile-long path through Topeka, two groups of men from our church went down to help clean up. They took trucks and chain saws to cut up and haul out trees. We do not realize how thankful we should be to escape this destruction.

Our Sunday School Bible Class hosted the Sabetha Bible Class to a picnic and evening of fellowship at the Sabetha Lake.

Rudy Lehman and Joe Rokey were home on leave from Ft. Sam Houston for two weeks.

Our only visiting minister this month was Bro. John Rokey; as this was originally his church, we are always happy to have him speak to us.

Ardena Strahm, daughter of Bro. Emil and Sis. Grace Strahm, was united in marriage on June 26 to Jack Kuenzi by Bro. Lester Hartter, in a lawn ceremony.

Sis. Julia Plattner injured her finger quite badly in a lawn mower accident. Wanda Esslinger, daughter of Bro. Martin Esslingers, sustained a fractured bone in her foot, when a trailer ran over it. She is getting around on crutches.

On July 3 about 250 people attended the Hartter Reunion, which was the first one held in 17 years.

Sophia McClanahan and Marlene Esslinger were announced for proving and baptism, and plans are made to grant this privilege to Sophia next Sunday, July 10.

Word has just been received this morning, July 6, that our aged Bro. Will Strahm, who lived at the Apostolic Christian Home passed away. He had reached the age of 101 years of age.

#### BURLINGTON, IOWA

**Dorothy Taeger—Verna Woodward**  
Bro. Robert and Sis. Joyce Pohl are the parents of a new son, named Matthew Edward.

We were happy to have Bro. Harry Bucher with us for our mid-week service on July 6. He brought us a very inspiring message, reading from St. John 4. He told us that, although we hunger and thirst for more and more of God's word, that which we have received remains with us as a well that runs not dry. We are grateful to God for sending His servants to feed us spiritual food.

What can Bible reading do for you? Each one of God's children, no doubt, has a slightly different type of experience. God has many ways of calling sinners to repentance. Having been brought up in our faith, the wife in a family had long had a desire to become reconciled to God, but lacking courage and perhaps being not sincere enough and not constant in prayer, had delayed her repentance. Finally, being suddenly faced with the prospect of surgery, perhaps major, she realized that she was not prepared to meet her God. She turned to God's Holy Word—the best true source of help in time of distress and trouble. Reading the Bible became very important to her, for therein lay the solution to all of her problems. Through reading, prayer, and the matchless grace of God, she was able to feel the peace that passeth understanding as she faced the future.

Her husband, having come from a different faith, was bewildered by her experiences. He just couldn't understand what was going on, but he knew that the Bible was a very important part of it. While his wife was at the hospital and very weak, he said he would read to her out of the Bible. He began reading from Job. After he had read a few chapters, the wife became tired and told him he could stop, but he had become very interested and read on. Each time he would visit her, he would read more, from different books of the Bible. Soon, through the reading of God's Word, he was convicted of sin, started to

pray to God for help, and was given grace to repent and be converted.

It is strengthening to our faith when God leads those who are brought up as nominal Christians to this fold.

#### GIRARD, OHIO

**Jesse C. Emch**

Our visitors were from Akron, Rittman, Fairbury, Tremont, and Tampa. (Fla). We thank all for coming, and welcome all back.

Vacation Bible School was held for one week, beginning June 13, with a good enrollment.

On Sunday June the 19, from 2 to 4 P.M. we held Community Open House in our new church. Refreshments were served in our dining room.

Sis. Alma Stauffer is confined to the Youngstown North Side Hospital. She formerly attended the Akron church, but has of late been making her home with her sister, Mrs. John Bare, 3429 Risher Road, Youngstown, Ohio. We wish Sis. Alma much grace from God to bear her affliction.

On Sunday, July 3, Sis. Sadie Sladen was able to come and worship with us in our new church for the first time. She has been looking forward to this, and all were so happy to greet her. Sadie is 93 years old.

We are making plans and looking forward to the Dedication Service on Sunday July 17. We beseech God's blessing, and we solicit the prayers of all.

#### GRIDLEY, ILLINOIS

**Lydia and Eunice Kammerer**

Births: Twin sons, Shawn and Shannon, were born on June 24 to Mr. and Mrs. Merle Funk of Hudson. Paternal grandparents are Bro. Leo and Sis. Clare Funk of Gridley. Little Shawn passed away on June 26. Bro. Edwin Ringger held graveside services on Tues., June 28.

Richard Dean was born June 20 to Bro. Ed and Sis. Loretta Gramm. Maternal grandmother is Sis. Laura Buettner, and paternal grandparents, Bro. Will and Sis. Ollie Gramm all of Gridley. Great grandparents are Bro. Ben and Sis. Sophie Hofer of Meadows. Other children are Dale 14, Diane 13, Ben 11, Linda 10, David 9, Chris 7, and Larry 1½.

Donna June Zimmerman, born June 22 to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Zimmerman of Rural Route, El Paso, has been named for her moth-

er. The little miss was welcomed by David Lee 11, Kathleen Ann 8, and Karen Renee 3½. Grandparents are the Lee Bachmans of Metamora, and Bro. Louis and Sis. Fannie Zimmerman of Roanoke.

#### Among the Sick:

Bro. Alph and Sis. Carolyn Stoller entered Brokaw Hospital for observation on June 21. Sis Carolyn was dismissed the 23rd, but Bro. Alph remained at the hospital for 10 days for therapy.

Bro. Barnhardt Ringger, who underwent major surgery several months ago, and who has been convalescing at home, has again returned to Brokaw Hospital for further treatment. We hope he will soon be able to return home.

Alvin Funk was a patient at Brokaw Hospital for several days, having suffered a mild heart attack.

Nancy, small daughter of Bro. John and Sis. Carolyn Schlipf, received third degree burns on her foot, when it caught in a bicycle spoke. She has been doing very nicely, and is able to walk again.

Sis. Lorene Stoller who was a patient at Mennonite Hospital suffering with a gall bladder attack, has returned to her home.

Bro. Jerome Witzig, son of Bro. Sam and Sis. Louise, and Bro. Bruce Witzig, son of Bro. Alph and Sis. Lillian, have reported for army duty.

Bro. Ed Alt from Cissna Park was guest speaker on June 26.

Sis. Mary Hannie, of Bloomington will observe her 92nd birthday on July 26. This sweet little lady enjoys reading, crocheting, and thoroughly enjoys visitors and cards . . . And she especially enjoys her children and grandchildren.

Another Vacation Bible School has come and gone. Two blessed weeks were spent, congregating each morning from 8:30 to 11:00 with our precious heritage, our children. Songs were joyfully sung to the praise of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus. Classrooms buzzed with activities. Lessons were read. Memory verses said. A 15-minute cookie break was enjoyed, and then back to the classroom. So soon the session was over. At the end of the two-week period, a program was held for the parents and friends, Friday evening, June 17. The children, from the 4-year-olds on up through the 8th grade, had a wonderful message to tell, both in Scripture verses and in song.

"Walking with Jesus" was our theme, and as each class gave their recitations and sang, we all rejoiced in knowing what a wonderful freedom we have in studying and knowing the true word of God.

Our average attendance was 112. The children brought their offerings each morning of pennies, nickles and dimes. At the close, it was agreed upon with one accord, with the suggestion given by the children themselves, to give the total, \$88.25, to a dear family in the community who suddenly and tragically lost their young mother through a car accident. "I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive." Acts 20:35

#### LAMONT, KANSAS

Glen Anliker — Mrs. Bernie Emch

Our country has recently celebrated the Declaration of Independence. We have enjoyed our independence for a long period of time, but this could be taken from us. Do we appreciate our country in which we live? Even though sin is on the increase, we can still be thankful we are living here.

Our servicemen are doing their duty. We have loved ones who are risking their lives, some whom we love and know. Let us take the time to write a few words of encouragement to them. Make them feel we are thinking of them, and praying for them. Let us remember them in our prayers, for they are only in the hands of God. He is the only one who can protect them and bring them safely home again.

After one of the driest growing seasons for many years, we are helplessly watching our crops, gardens, and lawns slowly dry up. It all points to one thing, if God withholds his blessing from us, the work of our hands is all in vain.

Sis. Clara Ott was in the hospital, but is now home again, improving some. Sis. Mrs. Felter Young, who is in the Golden Age Rest Home at Burlington, Kansas, had turned to the worse, but has now recovered to a certain measure of health. She is still very poorly.

We pray the Lord will provide for every trial they must endure.

#### MORTON, ILLINOIS

Rose Getz — Ruth Rapp  
Bros. Silas Leuthold, LeRoy Hu-

ber and Roy Sauder spent Saturday evening, June 11, and Sunday, June 12, with us for the testimonies and baptism of Jim Isbel and his wife, Carolyn Springer Isbel.

Other visiting ministers were Bro. Robert Grimm of Goodfield and Bro. Carl Feucht of Lester.

Bro. Myron Springer, who had major surgery, is recuperating at home.

Bro. Ben Kaiser remains a patient at the Methodist Hospital in Peoria; also, Sis. Mary Welk, who suffered a stroke some weeks ago, remains a patient there.

Our Bible Class was host to the Bible Class of Bluffton the week end of June 11 and 12. The 72 young people and seven teachers and their wives made the trip by bus. On Saturday night a picnic and sing was held at Kennel Lake. On Sunday, there were 148 in the Bible Class. We all enjoyed their visit and had a very blessed week end of fellowship.

Vacation Bible School was held June 6-17 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. Our average daily attendance was 233.

#### PULASKI, IOWA

Mrs. Ray Martin

Here the men are busy cultivating their corn and beans, so that they can get the weeds out of it, so it will bear a crop this fall. If they don't cultivate it and get the weeds out, they will choke out the good plant and not let it bear a fruitful crop . . . So also, the other Sunday, we were reminded in one of the sermons, that in our spiritual life we are to keep striving to keep the evil out of our lives, so that our lives aren't choked with the cares, riches and pleasures of this life. These would surely keep us from bearing the proper fruit that will be required of us when the Lord comes.

Oh my Lord Jesus, Thee I pray,  
My heart for Thee make useful,  
And for Thy seed prepare the way.  
Grant that it may be fruitful.

Yea, fruits of virtue, grace and love,

That follow me to heav'n above,  
For this, O Lord, I pray Thee.

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#### SABETHA, KANSAS

Mrs. Joe Steiner

Our congregation was privileged to partake of Holy Communion. It is indeed a privilege to fulfill the

Lord's command, as written in I Corinthians 11:24-25. Bro. Lester Hartter of Bern assisted Bro. Eugene Marti.

Hospitalized this month were Sis. Mayme Rokey and Bro. John Strahm. We wish them grace and help from above, so they may regain health and strength.

Sis. Delores Metzger is now employed at Wichita. We will miss her assembling with us, but wish her blessings from above. She is the daughter of Sis. Bertha and Bro. Phil Metzger.

A Hartter reunion was held at the Sabetha Armory this past Sunday. A goodly number were there, with 260 attending.

Mrs. Alec Wenger and Sis. Louise Rokey are new residents of the A. C. Home.

### TUCSON, ARIZONA

Jay J. Bertsch

#### Self-Examination

Let not soft slumber close your eyes

Before you've recollected thrice  
The train of action through the day!

Where have my feet chose out their way?

What have I learnt; where'er I've been,  
From all I've heard, from all I've seen?

What have I more that's worth the knowing?

What have I done that's worth the doing?

What have I sought that I should shun?

What duty have I left undone,  
Or into what new mistakes run?  
These self-inquires are the road  
That lead to virtue and to God.

We have had our ministering brother, John Somehalder, and his wife, accompanied by several others. Phoenix, members and Sunday School friends, assembled with us this past month.

We extend a hearty welcome to all to visit our church whenever it's possible.

### TREMONT, ILLINOIS

Josephine Schaefer

This past month brought Bro. Jim Hoerr of Peoria into our midst to minister to us. We thank him for his efforts in our behalf.

A little girl, Heidi Maria, was born on June 30 to Bro. Ernie and Sis. Frieda Aberle. Heidi has three brothers.

Bro. Clarence and Sis. Emma Herman and family will be missed from our congregation. They have moved to Morton. We trust they will be back to visit us often.

The word of God is truly a fountain which never runs dry. One man, seeking an answer as to why the children of God could not fellowship with the children of the world and enjoy with them their card parties and the like, came upon the words in II Timothy, Chapter 3, verses 1 through 5. In these verses, the Apostle Paul warns that in the last times perilous times will come, and admonishes us to turn away from those who are lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God, the unthankful, unholy, etc. Surely God directed him to this chapter, for this man had to admit that herein was certainly the answer.

On July 10, if the Lord is willing, we are looking forward to partaking of holy communion. It certainly is a time when we rededicate our lives to the Creator and Saviour, and therefore it is a wonderful and blessed event.

### AKRON, OHIO

Florence Graf

My lifetime doth pass away;  
Hourly to the grave I hasten—  
And I know each fleeting day  
My allotted span will lessen—

Truly our lifetime does pass away, and man's earthly life often is ended quickly and unexpectedly:

Our sympathy is extended to Sis. Margaret Gangel whose brother, Raymond Dockus, passed away unexpectedly June 8. Ray became wellknown to a number of us during the years he worked on area farms and during his years as a landscape gardner, and his death came as a shock and with a sense of loss.

Sis. Mary Munson passed away on June 14. Mary had been ill some time and had been confined to her home. Her quiet smile and pleasant manner will be missed by many of us. Her daughter, Sis. Dorothy Munson, is the only survivor.

Ethel Boychi passed away on June 14, following a long illness. Although she was of a quiet nature, Ethel was a faithful worshipper with us, and her presence is missed in our congregation. She leaves a family of five daughters and three sons, two brothers and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Who will take these empty places?  
In the Lord's house there is room—  
Lest our ranks would be depleted  
And our joy be brought to gloom,  
Who will fill these empty spaces?  
Who will for the Lord now live?  
Come, dear friend, we're praying  
for you;

To the Lord your heart now give.

Kenneth Greenbank's new address is: 5845 Interceptor, Apt. F., Los Angeles, California 90045.

Another name was added to our list of servicemen from our small congregation recently. Rudy Graf, son of Bro. Rudolph and Sis. Betty, left for service in the US Navy on June 29. He is to serve with the Seabees. We wish Rudy God's protection and blessing in the days ahead.

In this issue of the Silver Lining, a large list of servicemen's addresses appears. I would like to encourage each reader of this paper to make use of this list, and write a letter to a serviceman. Many of our sons, brothers, husbands and friends are being asked to leave their homes and families to serve our country. Here is an area in which we at home can lend our encouragement and support to those who are giving up so much for us. From my own personal experience in recent months, I can say that a letter from someone who is interested in what our boys are doing is much appreciated by those far from home. A cheerful letter containing news of your own life at home, school or church would be welcomed by most any serviceman. It might be interesting to choose a name of someone who is not known to you—a chance acquaintance such as this could become a life-long friendship.

"Offer the lively, the cheerful and beautiful flower—  
Offer with gladness and willingness thy youthful power—

Such were the lines called to mind by the advice given by our elder brother, Rudolph Graf during the proving of Carolyn Palitto on July 3. Carolyn was baptized following her testimony before the membership—what inspiration we all receive when a new soul is added to the fold! Sis. Carolyn has given her heart to the Lord while still young in years, and we feel she will be a willing and zealous sister in our congregation. She is the

daughter of Bro. John and Sis. Martha Palitto.

Many years ago, I became familiar with a psalm which has forever remained with me, even though at that time I accepted the word quite casually. Today, the words of that same psalm are repeated by mankind in many voices and tongues—by the sinner, by the saved; by the scoffer, by the believer; by the happy, by the sorrowing; by the repentant, by the cynic—all ask the same question "Who is this King of glory?" I still can hear the hearty response "The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle . . . the LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory . . ." We might all do well to read the complete psalm—Psalm 24—and when that question is asked of us, we may be able to give an answer.

Bro. Peter Barna is in Parma Community Hospital. He is making satisfactory progress—may the Lord grant him a speedy recovery.

#### **CROGHAN—NAUMBURG, N. Y.**

**Mrs. Lawrence Farney**

**Mrs. David Schamback**

Shut-Ins: John Hirsche, oldest son of Bro. Leland and Sis. Bernice Hirsche, who has been having trouble with his knee for some time and has undergone several operations, now had his leg amputated above the knee.

Mrs. Newton (Ruth) Mellnitz, daughter of Bro. Elmer and Sis. Minnie Taube is in critical condition, after the birth of a tiny daughter.

David, son of Bro. Clayton and Sis. Lillian Virkler is resting at home, after having been hospitalized for medical treatment.

We have again lost a faithful sister. Sis. Leah Herzig, 74, died on Sunday, June 26, while attending services in the Naumburg church. Her husband, Urban S. Herzig, died Jan. 20, 1956. She is survived by a son, Wayland, Eurica, Calif., and four daughters: Sisters Florence, Laveda, Natalie, and Edith; three grandchildren; a sister, Sis. Minnie Rauhe; and a brother, Amos Karcher. Funeral services were held in the Naumburg church, with Bro. John Widrick officiating, assisted by Bro. Robert Beyer.

Among our recent visitors have been ministering brothers John Bahler, Ernest Gerber, Albert Schneider and Edwin Bahler. We are grateful to them all for the messages and admonitions given.

#### **LEO, INDIANA**

**Mrs. Elias Souder**

Our two weeks of summer Bible School come to a close. The children gave a program at the church on Sunday. Then later on, the children gave parts of the program at one of the Rest Homes at Butler.

Sis. Cora Levy is at the Memorial Hospital at Auburn, Ind. She has made some improvement.

Bro. Joel Souder, who has been ill with a heart ailment, and Bro. Al Frautschi who spent several days in the hospital, are both improved and able to attend church services.

Another dear young friend, Carolyn Miller, has made her decision to repent and consecrate her life to the Lord.

Homer Reineck visited our church July 3.

Constance Thornton and Edward Frautschi were married July 2. They plan to live in the Ft. Wayne area. In a few weeks, Edward plans on going back to Purdue. They plan on living there then.

The Dwight Souder family have returned safely home from Mexico. They took our friend, Nickolasa, back to her home. She had spent a year in their home as a visitor.

This church and community has been saddened with the sudden passing away of Donald Bollier, son of John Bollier Sr. Surviving are his wife and two daughters, three sisters and four brothers. Donald came here with his parents from Wolcott.

Donald spent several years in service during World War II. He was one of our well-loved Sunday School boys. We had around thirty-five in service. It was thru this we felt the need of a Silver Lining. We have letter from Donald and others who were so appreciative and thankful to hear from home. It should encourage everyone to remember these boys who are among strangers in strange places, often very lonely. This is our third serviceman of those thirty-five that has died: Eugene Bahr, Louis Getz and now Donald.

#### **BRADFORD, ILLINOIS**

**Mrs. Martha Kieser**

We were happy to have Bro. Walter Rehklau, Toledo, and Bro. Ernest Knobloch, Lester, with us. Elder Bro. Josh Broquard, Fairbury, was with us to help our elder brother, Silas Leuthold serve us holy communion. We thank the

Lord and these brethren for their labors of love.

Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Riggenbach and two daughters have moved from our vicinity to Latty. We miss them in our midst.

Bro. Dean and Sis. Charlotte Stahl are parents of their first son. Wendell Dean has one sister, Rosanne.

A large number gathered for our annual Sunday school picnic, which was held on a beautiful summer Sunday.

We rejoice with Charlene Dietz, who has turned to the Lord in repentance. Her parents are Bro. Herman and Sis. Hilda Dietz.

#### **BREMEN, INDIANA**

**Letty Hueni**

As cold waters to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country. Proverbs 25:25

The above verse should encourage each of us to write a letter to that boy in service we know, stationed in a "far country."

Sis. Emma Unsicker, her daughter Margaret and son Mark, have moved to Bremen from their New Haven home. We are happy to have them with us, and give them a hearty welcome.

Friends and relatives of Robert G. Gerber, 43 years old, of Wyatt, Ind., were shocked and saddened at his death on June 26, following a very short illness. He is the son of Bro. Louis W. and the late Marie W. (Schurr) Gerber of Wyatt.

Surviving with his widow Betty, are two daughters, Jill Ann and Pamela Jane, and one son Robert G. Jr. all at home; his father and stepmother, Mr. and Mrs. Louis W. Gerber; two sisters Mrs. Maynard Alderfer and Mrs. Harold Huhnke of Wyatt and one half-brother, Louis W. Gerber Jr. of Wyatt.

#### **BURLINGTON, OKLAHOMA**

**La Verne Roth — Kathryn Miller**

Bros. Roy Farney and Sam Anliker were in our midst Tuesday evening, June 7. At that time, the testimonies of Mrs. Myrtle Rathgeber and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Frieden were heard, followed by the baptism and the consecration. Their repentance has been an inspiration to all the members here, and we welcome them into the fold as brother and sisters in faith. Sis. Frieden was formerly Millicent Brown, daughter of Bro. (deceased) and Sis. John Brown.

Hospital patients this past month: Medical, Sis. Eva Maguire, and Bro. Ulysses Farney. Surgical: Bro. Lester Bahr, and Sis. Laverne Roth.

We were pleasantly surprised Sunday, June 5 to have Bro. Russell Rapp and family from Morton to spend the day with us; we appreciated and enjoyed the spoken word by this servant of God. They were enroute to spend some vacation time in the Colorado country.

Mrs. Kathleen Farney Miner has gone to Europe to spend several years with her husband Rex, who is in the service in Germany. Kathleen is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ulysses Farney.

Mary Eileen Guthrie graduated from Kansas University Medical Center as a medical technician; she has accepted a position in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Mary is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Guthrie.

John Gleichman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gleichman of Harper, Kansas is now employed in Detroit. Since his arrival in Detroit, he has married and plans to make Detroit his home church. His marriage was an event that took place in the home of Bro. and Sis. Ben Maibach, in Detroit.

#### CISSNA PARK, ILLINOIS

##### Mary Young - Margaret Rudin

Sis. Hilda Farney passed away June 11 at the age of 53, after being a patient in the hospital for one day. We can believe she had suffered much before, but she bore her cross patiently, and we believe she was a ripe fruit. Funeral services were held June 14. Bros. Emmanuel Gudeman and Ezra Feller officiated. She leaves to mourn; her parents—Bro. William and Sis. Lizzie Farney, ten sisters and two brothers—Sisters Anna Nuest, Helen Lackey, Esther Steiner, Marjorie Knapp, Martha Farney and Louise Drayer, Sophia Peyer, Caroline Leman, Clara Boddager, and Lucille Smalley; and Ben and Bro. John. May the Lord comfort the bereft family.

Our visiting ministers were Bros. Ed Hobulin, Art Gudeman, Morris Frank and Ben Schlatter. Bro. Ed visited the Sunday School in the morning. It is such a pleasure to have visitors that have not been here for a long time, or perhaps the first time. We welcome them back.

Sis. Eloise Wagler was united in

marriage to Bro. Earl Gudeman on June 19 by Bro. Emanuel Gudeman. We wish them the Lord's blessings in their married life.

We are mindful of the sick and shut-in. (There are some that cannot always assemble, and some that have not assembled with us for several years.) Bro. Ben and Sis. Katie Walder, Bro. Sam and Sis. Mary Hari, and Bro. Bert and Sis. Ann Gudeman—where one must care for the other. A comment once was made, How can you be so cheerful and never complain. The answer was, "Oh, that takes prayers. I spend much time in praying and need the prayers of others."

The church means much to me, for it is a privilege to be able to attend two services of church. In years past I was not always privileged to attend two services, and I felt I was missing out on many blessings. Even tho' we can worship in solitude, we need the fellowship, and through God's servants the word can be spoken to us, and we can be nourished and grow in faith. We must be kept alive by the word, and watching and praying, putting our trust in God almighty. Midweek services are so necessary. Often thoughts come, I am too tired or it is too hot this evening; only when these trials have been overcome we can sit in heavenly places and enjoy the blessings. How thankful we can be for the house of worship, and enjoy the fellowship of meeting those of like minds.

#### CONGERVILLE, ILLINOIS

##### Lorna Schrock — Jeanette Knapp

New Sunday School teachers have been elected to 4-year terms. Bros. John Gudeman and Allen Schrock and Sisters Minnie Grusy and Mary Steffen are the new teachers, replacing Bros. Ed Steffen and Don Schrock and Sisters Jeanette Knapp and Ruth Schumacher—whose terms have expired. Bro. Bob Knapp was elected superintendent, and Bro. Keith Roth, assistant superintendent.

Our annual Sunday School picnic was held on June 26, when the attendance awards were presented.

Visiting ministers were Bro. Don Sauder of Roanoke and Bro. Henry Wackerle of Bay City. We are thankful that the Lord led them in our midst to minister to us.

Lydia (Mrs. Mike) Miller has been a patient in the Eureka A. C. Home, since shortly after returning

home following brain surgery. We wish her God's nearness and healing power.

#### ELGIN, IOWA

##### Mrs. George Butikofer

God wants us to be His people. He has given us the formula for eternal life.

As a crop may be run over with weeds, so may a life be run over with the weeds of preoccupation and secondary interests. As the soil needs nourishment, so must the soil be nourished with worship, prayer and Bible study. A successful home is one in which Christ is known, is loved and served. Children learn to love Christ through the examples of their parents.

Due to the fact that the fields have received an abundance of rainfall, the corn, small grain and hay crops appear to be very well advanced for this time of the season. Farmers are now busy baling and storing the hay.

#### GOODFIELD, ILLINOIS

##### Marian Wiegand—Edith Tanner

Grateful are we for the visits of our dear brothers, Vernon Leman and Henry Wackerle, reminding us to do as Stephen who "looked up stedfastly into heaven". Isn't this the very best thing to do in the times of adversity, trial and even death?

Bro. Frank Woertz is gaining in strength and able to assemble with us again. We pray He will continue to be strengthened in both soul and spirit.

Though we are late in reporting, we want you to know that another dear soul was added to the Fold—Bro. Mike Meece. Bro. George Gramm was present to assist with baptismal services. We appreciated all our visitors, particularly Bro. Elmer Witzig too, who shared with us teachings from the precious word of life.

We had two weeks of vacation Bible School for the children. It seems they enjoyed it, and we pray that God will add blessings to the efforts of those who have so kindly given of their time to sow the seed.

There was a nice group together at the annual Sunday School Picnic at the Goodfield Grade School, on June 26. May it please God to continue to bless us in this precious fellowship.

Bruce Hohulin has finished training at Ft. Sam Houston and is awaiting a transfer. These must be



anxious moments for our brothers and friends—"Where next?" May our prayers be helpful to them all.

Our little friend Cindy Knapp, daughter of Bro. Wesley and Sis. Mildred, is responding to treatment, and the doctor is just well pleased.

The marriage of our Bro. Steve Wiegand and Sis. Mary Ellen Hangartner was solemnized by Bro. Eugene Bertschi in Eureka. May God bless them.

Also married were Carla Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Johnson, and Richard Hohulin, son of Bro. Eli and Lois Hohulin. They are living in Morton.

Announcement was made of the engagement of Sis. Peggy Bittner, daughter of Bro. John and Sis. Dorothy, to Bro. Don Heinold, son of Bro. Melvin and Sis. Mary Helen. May God lead and guide them in the coming days.

The Bible holds for us hidden treasure—precious promises (Job 17:9) and detailed instructions (Genesis 45:24). We seem to find them only by seeking diligently, only by reading carefully as with a fine-toothed comb. It is when we become slothful that we rob ourselves of the promises of God (Psalm 4:4).

#### FORT SCOTT, KANSAS

**Annabelle Bahr—Marie Zaugg**

Our oldest daughter, Teresa, age 10, had to have an emergency appendectomy the day before Bible School started. She disliked having to miss out on that, but she was able to go the second week. She has recovered very nicely.

Vacation Bible School was held from June 13 to June 22. The theme carried out was "My Saviour and I." There was a daily average attendance of 28. The children gave a program at the close, one evening. A picnic was held at the park for all who helped in any way.

Visiting ministers were Bros. Fred Marti, Lamar; Sam Huber, Gridley; Elder Bros. Sam Anliker, Lamont, and Gene Marti, Sabetha, and Bro. Harvey Grimm, Bern. Bro. Harvey discussed with us about the plans being looked into for a Home for the Handicapped.

Sunday School superintendents from eight churches—Sabetha, Bern, Lamont, Gridley, Wichita, Burlington (Okla.), Lamar and Ft. Scott met here one Sunday to make plans for a meeting of our youth sometime in August. A picnic for all visitors was well-attended at

the 4-H building.

Our graduates from high school were Donald and Lonnie Banwart (twin sons of Bro. and Sis. Raymond Banwart) and Tom Sinn, son of Bro. and Sis. Gus Sinn. From Junior college, Sis. Ruth Banwart, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Joe Banwart. From eighth grade, Nancy Kraft, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Harold Kraft, and Bonnie Hohulin, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Martin Hohulin.

Linda, daughter of Wayne Sinms, was a patient at Kansas Medical Center for a check-up.

A Bible verse which means a lot to me is found in Romans 8:28—"... all things work together for good to them that love God..." These words are always a big comfort when the clouds get dark and the road ahead is not too clear. We have to live by faith and not by sight.

#### LA CROSSE, INDIANA

**Joanie Heiniger**

Our dear friend, Eli Stoller has returned to our Sunday worship services, after recently undergoing surgery. We are all very thankful he came through it so nicely.

Our friends, Allen and Midge Hitz, are parents of a baby boy, born recently to them. They have named him Robert Dean.

We are very thankful for the wonderful turnout we had the 4th of July, when we invited all the single members of the Indiana churches. It was truly a very blessed day and will remain in our memories for a long time to come. Thanks again to all those who made this possible.

Ed Frank gave me a write up on the laying of our new church cornerstone.

On May 18, a short service was held at our new church building for the placing of the Cornerstone. Behind the Cornerstone was placed a sealed metal box containing several items of interest and importance.

The items are as follows:

A Bible, because we recognize the word of God. Although the need of having a Bible preserved may seem remote at this time, the prophecies of the Bible indicate there will be a time when there will be a famine of God's word.

Zion's Harp and Hymns of Zion songbooks, along with a history of our La Crosse church.

Our first church building was

erected fifty years ago by a small group of brothers and sisters, most of whom came from Illinois. This building was used for worship services until 1938, when a larger building was erected, which we have used until this time. No date has been set for dedication of our new building, but we hope it will be completed by late summer or early fall.

#### LATTY, OHIO

**Mrs. Ray Sinn Mrs. Gale Stoller**

We welcome Harlen and Delores Riggerbach back into our community. They recently moved here from the Bradford area.

Bro. and Sis. Bill and Janice Laukhuf are the parents of a baby boy, Noel Thomas. He was welcomed into the family by his twin sisters.

Bro. Jacob Stoller, Sis. Annie (Mrs. Emil) Stoller and Lori Stoller (daughter of Bro. Darl and Sis. Iwa) were in the hospital. All are improving satisfactorily. We are thankful when God sees fit to send His healing power on our loved ones.

We again bring to a close two weeks of Bible School. Our efforts as teachers and parents will be well worth it if our children can find their salvation, while here on earth.

We wish Bro. Keith Stoller and Sis. Diana Dull the blessings of the Lord, as they were united in marriage this past month. Bro. Keith is the son of Bro. Eugene and Sis. Minerva. Diana is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Dull.

Though winds are wild  
And the gale unleashed,  
My trusting heart still sings!  
I know that they mean  
No harm to me,  
He rideth on their wings.

#### MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

**Diane Olson**

Our congregation is sorry to lose Sis. Marilyn and Bro. Edwin Lanz and family, as they have moved to Rockville. May the Lord bless them in their new home.

We were enriched with teachings from Elder Bro. Paul Banwart of West Bend. We thank him for his efforts.

#### MORRIS, MINNESOTA

**Mrs. Herman Schaefer**

**Mrs. Otto Schaefer**

Our Bible Classes and their

teachers were host to the annual Youth Fellowship. Those who attended were from West Bend, Lester and Winthrop. Saturday evening, they enjoyed a ham supper. Bro. Gene Bertschi from Roanoke gave an inspirational message. He brought out, how much more important it is that we win this eternal race and some day be a part of God's kingdom. A wiener roast was enjoyed by all, before retiring for the night. Sunday morning, all attended church services. Bros. Gene Bertschi and Ben Fehr were our guest ministers. Our young folks were reminded how they should pray that they will some day be a part of God's plan. The Bible class students attended Sunday School in the afternoon, with a question and answer period following. A hamburger fry was held at the Fellowship Center on Sunday evening, for all who wished to attend. We are thankful to God that our brothers, sisters and dear friends from far and near could enjoy such a blessed fellowship together.

A daughter, Gail Ann, was born to Bro. and Sis. Dennis Schmidgall; she is their first child.

Bro. and Sis. Carl Moser are the new parents of a son, Benjamin David, he has two brothers at home.

After a slow start, our new church building is coming along nicely. It is being constructed just west of our present building, in the peace and quiet of the country which we have all learned to love. The additional land was generously donated by friend George Luthi. The building, of blocks and brick construction, has an assembly room with a seating capacity of 550, a fellowship hall and dining room, all on the main floor. The basement will consist of Sunday School rooms and an auxiliary kitchen. It is our prayer that this undertaking is pleasing in the sight of God, and that it will be a refuge for many souls yet in these last days.

#### OAKVILLE, IOWA

Martha Steiner

Friend Jim and Sis. Linda Gerst are the happy parents of a boy, born June 29. He is welcomed by two brothers. Grandparents are Bro. Floyd and Sis. Louise Rowell and Mr. and Mrs. Dave Gerst Sr.

Bro. Henry Grimm from Morton and Bro. Robert Grimm from Goodfield, with their families, spent the day with us, on Sunday, June 26.

We enjoyed a blessed day under the sound of God's word.

Bro. Carl Gerst is convalescing at home, after being in the hospital a few weeks. We wish him a speedy recovery, if it is God's will.

#### PORTLAND, OREGON

Mrs. Edward Unsicker

In Portland, as we drive down S.E. 75th. ave., we can see "church" all the way, nearer and nearer. We used to say to our children, when they were small, "There is our wonderful home of the soul!" And truly, here is the haven of refuge where we can meet God's children and together lift our voices to praise Him. Here is joyful anticipation on Sunday morning; here is quiet inspiration on Wednesday evening, and cheering support to continue the week in Jesus. Here is love and understanding—exhorting each other—needing each other. When reading our "Church History" book, we are deeply impressed by the persecuted believers in Bro. Froelich's time who walked many miles to secret services in the forests at two and three in the morning! If our zeal today is less ardent, will this precious heritage be preserved for our children? How we should thank God that He has provided this freedom! Surely, God's people must be irresistibly drawn every time His house is open for worship!

It is very difficult for me to report that two of our dear families have moved—Bro. Glenn and Sis. Kay Hackenjoes and their four children to Altadena, Bro. Bob and Sis. Nilah Fischer and their four children to Illinois—probably the Peoria-Morton area. Many of their friends gathered for a picnic and farewell singing under the tall trees at beautiful Mt. Scott Park. Our fervent prayer is that God will truly bless them in their new localities.

Don Banwart is home from Ft. Bragg, N.C. on furlough, visiting his parents, Bro. Roy and Sis. Margaret. He will return to Ft. Bragg this week.

Jerry Rumbold, son of Bro. Paul and Sis. Ann, was recently married to Sharon Burleson. They are living in Oregon City, where Jerry is in business with his father. May God bless you, Jerry and Sharon!

#### TAYLOR MISSOURI

Mrs. Eli Sutter Mrs. Bill Heimer  
Sisters Mary Ann and Mildred

Fischer, Roanoke, spend a Wednesday evening with us, to show us what is being done to help the less fortunate ones in different parts of the world with our time and abundance. We appreciate the effort these sisters took to give us this information.

The Hoerr families held their annual reunion here.

Brother Lyle Stoller graduated from the school of Horology at Gem City College, Quincy, Ill. and has obtained employment at Fort Wayne. Bro. Lyle, Sis. Lois and their two sons, Timothy and Paul will soon be leaving for their new home. We have enjoyed their fellowship for almost three years and are sorry to have them leave.

We are also sorry to have Bro. Raymond, Sis. Jeanie Haerr, their daughters Heidi and Heather leave for Pontiac, Mich., where Bro. Ray will take his internship. We pray the Lord will bless both families in their new homes.

Bro. Noah Schrock spent Wednesday evening, June 28 with us for the proving and baptism of Bro. Russell Henning. We welcome Bro. Russ into our fellowship, and pray the Lord will bless him in his new walk of life.

Our annual Sunday School picnic was held June 26. We always enjoy the Sunday School singing and the fellowship with one another.

#### RITTMAN, OHIO

Ella Mae Trent

All space and creation speak as witnesses that God exists. One is awed with the beauty of the heavenly bodies and the orderliness of the universe—with the punctuality of the seeds stirring in the earth in the spring, with the golden seeds ripening for the harvest, with the birds instinctively migrating to avoid winter's ravages.

Within the midst of all these marvellous things a foolish man stands up and proclaims, "There is no God." Despite his proclamation, life's plan is fulfilled—the seasons come and go, leaves burst forth, the stars shine, and nature continues its testimony of a living God.

A daughter, Tonya, was born to Rudy and Brenda Zollinger.

Entering the service this month is Mickey Steiner, son of Bro. Alvin and Sis. Eldora.

Hospitalized or unable to assemble with us were Bros. Karl Beery,

Charlie Marty, Joe Maibach, and Sis. Minnie Bauman.

**MAYWOOD, CALIFORNIA**  
Julie Dapper

"... Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God." St. Mark 10:14.

Even as Jesus was concerned for the little children while He was upon earth, so are we, as Linda—daughter of Kenneth and Lavina (Dapper) Muehlhauser, was unexpectedly taken to the hospital on June 25. Her condition was diagnosed as having an allergy attack. She was released on June 27 and is improving. Our prayers are that God will always keep her in His hands.

We again were richly blest with the visit of Bro. Harvey Heiniger, even though it was through sadness that brought him to our community, as his father-in-law passed away. We extend our sincere sympathy to the entire family.

We appreciated and enjoyed the visit of Bro. Larry Endress, who stopped to visit his cousin, Sis. Jan Elsasser, for approximately five days while enroute to Oakland, California to fill the orders of the United States Army in being shipped to Viet Nam. We wish unto Bro. Larry, as well as all of our friends and brethren who must serve in the service of our government, the Lord's guidance and protection.

We welcome into this area Bro. Glenn and Sis. Kay Hackenjoes and family, who have recently moved here from Portland. May God richly bless them in their new establishment.

**ROANOKE, ILLINOIS**  
Sara Aeschleman

As we were asked to write a portion of our own experience in Bible reading, I will attempt to write a few lines. Certainly the Bible is our road map to Heaven. It has many, many times shown us the way, and has been a source of help to us when we met with the afflictions, trials, temptations and disappointment of this life. There is never a time when you open the Bible in earnest and sincerity that you cannot find therein something of great value to the soul. Truly all things work together for good to them that love the Lord. Some of my favorite chapters are Psalm 84,

the Proverbs, St. John chapter 10, St. Mark chapter 4, St. Luke chapter 16, and I Thessalonians chapter 5.

Bro. Steve Wiegand and Sis. Mary Ellen Hangartner were united in marriage Sun. June 19, with Bro. Eugene Bertschi officiating. We wish them the Lord's richest blessings as they now together walk down life's pathway.

Sun. June 19, announcement was made of the coming marriage of Sis. Peggy Bittner to Bro. Don Heinold of Goodfield. We want to wish them God's blessings.

Bro. and Sis. Wm. Rocke observed their 65th wedding anniversary on June 20. Bro. Wm. will be 91 and Sis. Persida, 87.

O what is ninety? He finds that life runs in a cycle  
And as a child he is again,  
But if in God he lives a hundred,  
Long life will not have been in vain.

Our friend, John Beer—son of Roy and Sis. Rose Beer, was discharged from the Navy, after serving 4 years and 4 months on the USS Hector in the Hong Kong area. We are glad that he could return safely home to loved ones.

Eddie Gerber, 11-year-old son of Bro. and Sis. Lloyd Gerber, was taken to Eureka Hospital, where he underwent surgery for acute appendicitis.

Bro. Warren Hodel entered the Rochester Methodist Hospital, where he will undergo surgery.

**Mail Call**

In the steaming hot jungles of Viet Nam, or in Europe and Asia, or somewhere in the United States, there will be a mail call today. Will the soldier have to wait in line in vain, or will there be a letter waiting for him?

Don't just pray and think about him—Write a letter to show him that you have thought of him. There is a blessing in every letter that is written today, because the letter in the mail call tomorrow will lift up some soldier's spirit and hope.

When was the last time you have written to a soldier?

Matthew 25 verse 40, "... Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

—Written by a Bro. In Faith

**ROCKVILLE, CONNECTICUT**  
Carlton J. Lanz

The engagement of Sis. Elsie Diggelman to Bro. Albert Lanz was announced at the midweek service, June 22. Their marriage is slated to take place on her return from a trip abroad. Traveling with her will be her daughter, Sis. Norma and Sis. Emma. Bro. Albert and Sis. Elsie have our blessings and best wishes.

After spending several years in Minnesota, Bro. Edwin Lanz, with his family, has returned to his former home here at Rockville.

Parents, teachers and friends prepared and arranged a lovely picnic and outing for the Sunday School children. The weather was a bit cool on that particular Saturday, yet all seemed to enjoy the day.

Bro. John Isch of Bluffton will spend a couple of months here, at a local hospital which he chose to further his studies and work in the medical profession. We take pleasure in having him worship here at Rockville with us.

On Sunday July 3, we, for the first time began using the new **Zion's Harp** in our assembly room. Up to that time we had been using our small treasured, pocket-sized ones. Perhaps we were a little slower in changing to the newer ones, but we still treasured these dear old books. They meant much to us; however, let us hope that these new ones, which we will now use, will bring us as much comfort and inspiration as we have found in the past, in the ones we are now laying aside.

**WICHITA, KANSAS**  
Mrs. Ethel Smith  
Mrs. Jackie Farney

Communion services were administered by Bro. Sam Anliker, June 19. Communion is to the soul as an oasis is to a weary traveler in the dry desert. We are reminded once again of our Lord's death and suffering, and we know with God's grace we are able to continue our travels unto the end of our journey.

We are happy to have Sis. Dee Metzger added to our congregation. Dee is employed by Bro. Al Langhoffer as office manager of his insurance agency.

Sunday School elections were held July 3. The newly-elected teachers are Bro. Arthur Wullschleger and Sis. Ethel Smith. Sisters

Judy Reimschisel and Claudia Olesen are substitute teachers.

### WRITE A SERVICEMAN

It's a treat to receive a letter, and it's a way to get to know someone better, or get acquainted. Why not adopt some serviceman for friendship?

If you could see across the miles  
And know the good to do,  
Your heart might beat with quicker  
pulse  
To friendly write, and true.

Address an envelope now. Place it where you see it. Then write the kindly notes, and speed them on their way! Send by air mail if too far away.

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### MY EXPERIENCES IN A COMMUNIST PRISON IN YUGOSLAVIA

This report was given at a visit of Bro. Heinrich Mueller of Austria at Morton. (From a booklet distributed by Bro. J. B. Schrock, Congerville.)

Beloved brothers and sisters in the Lord Jesus:

I, as the most unworthy in the house of God and the Lord Jesus, appreciate this opportunity of calling upon you in all uprightness and love, my dear brothers and sisters in the Lord, telling you how the dear Lord penetrated through all darkness, even through the valley and shadow of death, and saved us from destruction — and you all without exception, as my beloved brethren, even though there may be such that have been kept from the true love on whom the Lord on that great and notable day may make a difference.

In the fear of God I may now reveal how God has found it good to bring punishment over His children. May it also serve as a warning unto all those still living in safety, especially His children, for it seems very possible that the true God may some day punish the

whole world. If this should come about, may it be so that His children will be able to accept it as a purification of the Lord.

One of my grandchildren, through lack of food became very ill of dropsy, his body was full of bruises. We called the doctor. He said, "I am sorry; your child is lost." Both the mother and the grandmother wept. I said to them, "Do not cry, he is only a doctor—not God. At midnight I was awakened and knelt down in prayer to God, begging His might and mercy, to heal our child so that we may be able to give him to his father again. Three days after my prayer, the water left the child, and the wounds started to heal without the doctor's aid. Instead of seeing the body full of wounds, one could only see blue spots. We can see how a prayer in time of need can bring forth the wonder of God. I cannot keep this to myself. The secrets of the kings dare not be revealed, but the wonders of the Lord may be praised.

After we were brought out of the starvation camps, I was privileged to help distribute gifts to other needy ones in the camps, to keep them from starving. For reason of these kind deeds I was arrested, and put into prison for seven years.

The arresting took place as follows:

My daughter called me to come out—said, "There is a man here who wants to see you." I went out, asked the man to come into the house, because it was winter and it was cold. He told me to come with him to the street, and that I could then come back again. I went with him, not even saying "Goodbye" to my family. There they put me into a car and hauled me to the prison. In the prison, they made me face the wall and took everything away from me. Then they put me into the warden's room, where I was booked as a prisoner. Questioning began. First question, "How many people did you kill?" I told the officer I am a believer, and I never killed anybody. He laughed at me. Further questioning always took place during the night—only to torment us more. Our meals were: In the morning, coffee; at noon, soup and

a small slice of bread; and in the evening, nothing. Being so poorly nourished, I became very weak, and I felt I would have to die of starvation.

I also was considered a spy, because I had been exchanging letters with Switzerland brethren because of the gift packages. . . . So, I could not think of anything else but that I would be condemned to die.

In this situation I pleaded with God, and said, "Lord, I would gladly die; only I wish my death could be the cause that my children could repent and live. After sometime in prison I received a letter saying, "Dear father, three of our children have been received into the church of Christ Jesus." After a short time, another letter came, saying, "Dear father, our other two children have been taken into the church of God; so now all of our children are believers in the Lord."

Then I said to my two other brother prisoners, "My children now have all repented—now I gladly die." Then the true God spoke to me and said, "Don't you see, my dear servant, you promised to give me your life if your children could only be saved. I did not want it; for this I have given my Son."

After that, we were brought before the High Court. There I met a captain who was imprisoned because he used to fellowship with us, and they also accused him of sympathizing with us. As he stood before the judge, the judge pointed his finger toward him and said, "Do you see this man? He is already in the grave, and you are standing with your foot next in line."

I then turned around, saw my daughter behind me. I said to her, "Dear child, did you hear the verdict of the judge—without a doubt I will be put to death. Tell mother not to sorrow too much." Then the verdict was written to all of us. Bro. Dunderuf and a few of the other brothers received one year. Those of us who helped with the gifts each received seven years of prison.

We were also accused of helping with the 26 boxes of clothing that came from America. Even though we gave half to the Red Cross, we had to pay 15 million dennar fine, because they called it a "spy ac-

tion". After the session, the judge told us that if we would like, we could appeal against the verdict. I told the judge that I thank Tito and God for the verdict, and am satisfied. My reason for expressing a satisfaction was because I knew that there is no government without being ordained from God, and if God had chosen a Communistic government to punish the nations, I could not question His reason.

While still in my prison cell, under questioning, a fellow prisoner said to me, "Mr. Mueller, if they kill you tonight, they will drag you into the room to the right."

I knew my daughter was in a cell across the hall. All night long I could hear beating, and the crying of a woman. I could think of nothing else but, that they are beating our child to death. At four o'clock in the morning, everything became quiet. Then I heard footsteps leading toward the room where I was told they put the dead. At eight o'clock in the morning the commissioner came in and threw the blanket of my child into my room. I could think of nothing different but that they have now killed her, and are therefore throwing her blanket into my room.

Again during the night, a guard came and shouted, I should come out at once. When I came out, I saw a few brother prisoners standing in line. The guard called a few soldiers with machine guns, and then they drove us out into the night. On our way, we told each other "farewell", until we meet where Jesus dwells.

We were not killed, but were taken to the main prison. There we were separated. I was put in a cell below. Early in the morning, a man came asking, "What are you doing here?" I told him that I was brought here during the night. Then he said, "Follow me". I went up with him to another room with more prisoners. I noticed I had forgotten my towel, and it was time to get washed. I asked the guard for permission to get my towel. He left me go, and as I passed a nearby cell I heard a voice calling, "Father—Father"—I looked in, and there I saw my daughter whom I thought they had killed.

(To be continued)