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## WHY READ THE BIBLE

Bro. Fred Grimm

(Concluded)

We who are prepared go in the rapture. Jesus explained in Luke 21, verse 36, that we shall be "worthy to escape".

The Lord, on his white horse, leads the saints back to the earth. Revelation 19, "... the armies **which were** in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean." The Lord will come back to earth to smite the nations and to rule them with a rod of iron. (Read Revelation 19, from verse 16 to end.)

Satan is taken to the bottomless pit, and tied with a chain for 1,000 years. The souls who refused to accept the mark of the beast and were martyred by the antichrist and his evil band will be resurrected. Resurrected saints will reign with Christ (Revelation 20:4). Read Isaiah 11.

After the 1,000 years, Satan will be loosed for a season (Revelation 20:3). During the millennium, Christ will reign in Jerusalem, and with the people hold the feast of the tabernacles (see the prophet Zechariah 14:16-19). After the millennium will come the **second resurrection** (Revelation 20:5). There will be 1,000 years between the first resurrection (the rapture), and the second.

Satan will be loosed for a season to deceive the nations of the earth. He will gather his followers with him (Revelation 20:8). Satan will be loosed to separate the faithful from the unfaithful. Fire comes down from God to devour the unfaithful ones (Revelation 20:9).

Satan will be cast into the lake of fire, where the beast and the false prophet are.

Now the great white throne will be established. God will judge. All the unsaved, according to their

works (Revelation 20:12,13), will be cast into the lake of fire (Revelation 20:14).

Those judged at the great white throne will find out what their punishment will be, according to their works. While all of the unbelievers will be cast into the same lake of fire, it is easy for God to make one portion hotter. It would not be like God to punish a small sinner as severely as a real wicked one. We can read several places in the Bible where there will be a difference in the punishment, the same as there will be a difference in the rewards of the saints. Christ spoke in Luke 12, verses 47 and 48, about this difference.

Now comes the new heaven and the new earth, where all the converted and faithful souls will live forever. Revelation, chapter 21, tells a great deal about the new heaven and the new earth. It would be well to read the whole chapter, and also chapter 22. It will be a perfect place. Revelation 21, verse 4 says, "And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away."

A good description of the new heaven and new earth is given in chapters 21 and 22. I'll only quote the size of it. It will be about 1400 miles long, 1400 miles wide and 1400 miles high. Words cannot explain what a wonderful place it will be. We can read in I Corinthians 2, verse 9, "But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him." We'll just have to wait until we get there to see how really wonderful a place it will be.

Isn't it worth reading the Bible

daily, praying daily to the Lord for help and guidance, if we can finally inherit such a wonderful place, if we remain obedient, true, and faithful to God's word to the end? Let's refer back to Amos 8, verses 11-13, where it explains how terrible it will be for the unconverted, already in the tribulation. These same people heard or could hear the true word of God and could have repented.

All unbelievers will finally be cast into the lake of fire. This is not a consuming fire as we have here today, where we put a piece of wood into the fire, and it burns up. The lake of fire is a non-consuming fire. Those who go there will burn and keep on burning, and will never be burned up. For how long? For eternity!

It is hard to explain eternity, but how much longer that is, than our life here on earth, which the Bible explains to be threescore and ten, or 70 years. A brother, years ago in a sermon, tried to explain eternity in this way. He said, "If a bird picked up a grain of sand in the Pacific Ocean and flew with it to the Atlantic Ocean, and then went back to the Pacific for another grain . . . when the time would come that all the sand from the Pacific would have been carried to the Atlantic, eternity would only have begun."

Let us all be encouraged with great zeal to read the Bible, pray, and be obedient to our dear, merciful Lord, who did so much for us, so we can reach our heavenly home, instead of being cast into the lake of fire. It is the Lord's will that all shall be saved, and not one lost.

Those who have neglected to read the Bible will surely be sorry some day.

### FT. LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA Louise Akel

Every person born into the world is given a wonderful gift called a conscience. Some people destroy it, so it no longer bothers them, while others are guided somewhat by it.

There is a greater gift given to those who rid the soul of all evil, and this is called the Holy Ghost. By the laying on of the elder's hands and prayer it enters a cleansed heart, and is very powerful if used in the right manner. In times of persecution it will answer the adversary. No need to think of answers or premeditate. God comes to our defense through His Spirit. No religious schools or training is needed by our ministers because it is this Spirit that speaks by the inspiration of God. If members are kept in unity and love and are not drawn to the world, this Spirit will overcome all problems, and the church will emerge stronger and more powerful than before. May God bless the efforts of all our ministers and elders, as they try to impress this upon all who will hear. The conscience will point out the road to heaven, but you will need the Spirit to help you travel it. I had just finished writing this, and I glanced out of the window. A funeral is

passing by. What account will that soul give to God?

We had some visitors this month, among them Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Lehman from the Air Force base in Homestead, and also a friend who is now a marine, Eugene Bolliger. When we see these service men, we wonder and pray. Whatever betide, a war is a warning to repent, because it only means that a life's span may be shortened. Those who are saved are not afraid to be called at anytime or anywhere. To be saved, in referring to a serviceman, is not a guarantee of returning to this home on earth, but assurance of a home on high, when called from this earth.

### JAPAN

#### Yoshio Yamazaki

It is very hot, after the rainy season was over, and our church attendance is very low (same as past several years). Here in Japan, our Japanese people think that Sunday is just a resting day, going to someplace else with wife and children or otherwise; most gentlemen are sleeping until late in morning. We imported so many European customs & ways, except customs of the Lord's day on Sunday. It is too bad anyway, but actually the truth.

Pfc. Fred A. Beutel of Tremont

visited here in our churches in Japan, from Vietnam. He is a very fine young man, and we had nice fellowship with him. I wish to pray for him to be a good Christian someday in future. He stayed one night at Bro. John Klaus's family, and next day goes to the country church with Bro. Willis.

We really thank you for your prayer for our beloved sister, Toyomi Utsuki, who is Bro. Akira Utsuki's wife. She is much better now, since she got the operation of heart surgery. She is attending the church services most every Sunday, and serving the Lord with us very happily.

We wonder how is Bro. Fred Grimm? We are always praying for him to get much better and come to Japan again, if the Lord's willing.

### ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY Gloria Bachtold

"How gentle God commands!  
How kind His precepts are!"

Thus far this summer we have been blessed to hear God's word in its truth and sincerity. The visiting ministers came, from Forrest, Bro. Clarence Kachelmuss; Cissna Park, Elder Bro. Ezra Feller; Roanoke, Bro. Don Sauder; and Ft. Wayne, Bro. Verlin Stoller. Our average

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### HYMNS OF ZION

Bro. Henry Beer, Milford, Indiana, would like to know if you will be needing one or more **Hymns of Zion**. A new edition is needed. It is a very lovely collection of song. Its dew distils from heaven's sweet water. Drop Bro. Henry Beer a line if you are considering purchase, or would desire to obtain **Hymns of Zion**. Let him know how many.

How sweet in your circle,  
Gracious book of things above,  
Work of grace, song of home,  
Hymns of Zion tell of love!

### A Loving Hand

Days are rolling around when our youth will again be stepping toward halls of learning. We don't want them to be a drop-out from our circle. Let's do what we can to arouse their interest and catch their attention to better things.

Much of modern learning deliberately shuts out and is antagonistic to the truth that brings the solid foundation. The forces against us are great, crafty, cunning . . . wise in worldly ways. However,

the battle is the Lord's. His word is like a hammer, breaking the hardest rock in pieces. Like the satellite soaring toward distant mark, God's word is sent with an objective in mind. It keeps exactly on course and mission is accomplished.

We will go and love. As our part, the Silver Lining will be mailed to more than one college student. Even if the student is home, would a copy their very own make a difference? In October we plan to print college addresses. Here's a place to invest some money, with an eye toward wise returns in better realm. Send money for a particular address, or send and ticket for college students.

The price for students is \$1.50.

Gospel Hymns Revised 1-6: The plates are done. The printing time, as told to us: a week to ten days [as of August 17]. At another locality, the covers are stamped and ready to go. On contact from here on August 18, the time given, after they receive the printing to complete is another week to ten days. It will be after August. There is some transportation time. Schedules as stated

could go longer. Should you be able to pick the books up in Eureka, Roanoke, Fairbury or Mansfield and have not contacted us, drop us a line. Gospel Hymn Publishing Co., Inc., Grabill, Ind. 46741

Bro. Sam and Sis. Minnie Aeschliman wish to have their **Thanks** conveyed for the thoughtful remembrances, while he was ill and convalescing. The editor.

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attendance has been about forty, which includes students and visitors.

On July 7—our third meeting this summer, Bro. Kachlemuss ministered on I Thessalonians, chapter five, an exhortation to remain steadfast. Elder Bro. Feller visited us on July 14; he expounded upon Psalm 49. St. Matthew 13 was the text that Bro. Don Sauder spoke upon. Finally, the last session of July, held on the twenty-eighth, was conducted by Bro. Stoller. He spoke on II Corinthians, chapter five. The topics of heaven and death were explained as he understood them from reading and studying the Bible. His service was very informative because, I amongst others, have often wondered about such things as, "What happens to the soul right after death?" and other interesting questions of this sort. We ask God to bless each of these servants for their efforts.

We have only one more session before summer school comes to a close. Several students will remain amongst others coming back, to attend post session, which will last for three weeks. Bible Study will be held on each Thursday of post session, beginning on August 18. We again urge anyone who wishes to attend to do so.

#### UNION CITY, NEW JERSEY August Mueller

I hear Charles Krotzner is home from the hospital. We thank God.

July 10 . . . we received food and drink from above for our inner man, and we have reason to thank our heavenly Father for caring for us.

I was just talking on the phone to Charles Krotzner. From what I understand, he is coming along slow; he needs the prayers of everyone.

Humility and humidity, two words that sound much alike. They both come from God, the Creator of heaven and earth. He is in charge over everything, in heaven and on earth. We were called by His grace, and we promised Him that we would go through this life in humility, that we would not exalt ourselves or think more of ourselves than we ought to. How many were debased that thought too much of themselves. We can find that in the Old Testament.

Humidity can make life very hard on people. We had the experience this past week or so. The paper tells us that about 1000 people died from the heat. Let us go through this life in humbleness and let God do what pleases Him. What He does is well done.

When humidity is too high, the people feel tired; they can hardly get around, especially those in high age, but that is life, and we do well if we bear the cross without complaining.

We want to thank all who visited us. They came from different congregations. There is no higher standing than when we can meet and greet one another in Christian love. How wonderful would it be if we could greet each one that enters our church as brother or sister in faith, but we have to leave that to God. He knows the hearts of men, and if He sees one that is upright, He will surely draw it with His cords of love. It is not His pleasure that the sinner should perish, but that all should be saved.

When our Lord and Saviour was taken up to heaven, he took His disciples out to a mount. There He told them to go out into all the world and preach the gospel. He blessed them and departed. They looked after Him until they could not see Him anymore, but they obeyed His words. They went in all directions preaching the gospel and telling the people that they should repent, that the kingdom of God is nigh. We find that God was with them with His blessing. They healed the sick; they opened the eyes of the blind. They made the lame to walk and the dumb to talk. The people believed and repented, not only one at a time, but thousands in one day. What a wonderful time that was. We thank God for every soul that can be saved today.

When we read Acts, we find that they had a hard road to travel. They were persecuted. They were thrown into prison, but prison could not hold them. We know not what each one had to endure, but we know that every word that Jesus told them was the truth. They kept on working until the time came when they laid down their lives for their Master. We cannot tell how they all died, but all died the martyr's death but John. He was granted to see that new Jerus-

alem. He wrote a book called the Revelation.

We are happy to have Bro. and Sis. Ed Aeschliman and children with us again. David was a man of God. He was very much concerned to build a house for the Lord his God, for all the benefits and mercies the Lord bestowed upon him, but the Lord did not give him permission. Nevertheless, He was well pleased with the intention. He told David, You are a man of war; you shed much blood. Your son, Solomon shall build the house.

So Solomon built the house. Seven years it took to build, but when it was finished it was the most beautiful building in those times. When it was dedicated, the glory of the Lord filled the house so no one could go in. The Lord gave His blessing.

How do we stand with our spiritual temple. Did we build on a firm foundation, where Jesus Christ is the cornerstone, or did we use cheap material, that when the floods come and the winds blow, the temple will suffer damage or even be washed away? How great would be the fall. We have no silver or gold like Solomon, but we have something more precious. The poet tells us that faith, hope and love adorns hearts and minds of all true Christians. If we watch and pray, these virtues will be increased day by day, and we will come to a good and blessed ending.

If we want to inherit eternal life, we have to hate our lives. That does not mean we have to "hate" to live, but we should hate the works that are done in this wicked world. A word of advice to all the friends in the service (and others). Turn to the Lord in the acceptable time, ere the Master of the house will arise to shut the door. It will stay shut. It is a terrible thing to appear before the Lord unprepared. No one knows when the hour will be, but we know that everything that is written in the holy word will be fulfilled, maybe sooner than we think. We can read in the *Silver Lining* how friends are called out of this life into eternity unexpectedly.

#### AN KHE, VIET NAM Larry Endress

The Lord said, Where there are but two or three assembled in my name, I will be in their midst . . .

And how true these words are that our Lord and Saviour spoke. He has permitted four friends and two brothers-in-faith to be stationed with the 1st Cav. Div. near An Khe. Those of us here are Roger Hartter of Sabetha and Steve Aeschliman of Bluffton, both whom have forsaken the things of this world and have turned to the Lord, Fred Beutel of Tremont, Alvin Nohl and Bro. Neil Schmidgall of Morris; and Bro. Larry Endress, Princeville. At every possible opportunity, we try and get together for fellowship. On July 24 we gathered at a chapel and held services, as we do at Ft. Sam.

Fred Beutel was on R. & R. (rest and recuperation) July 22-28 to Tokyo, Japan, which he spent with Bro. Willis and Sis. Lois Ehnle, Bro. John and Sis. Betty Klaus and several of our Japanese brethren. We are all looking forward, the Lord willing, to this visit to our beloved brothers and sisters in Japan. The weather has been very pleasant the past month, with a moderate amount of rain.

We can be in the most remote corner of the earth, but God is still present, and he will hear our prayer if we humbly approach him with a true desire to be helped. His grace is sufficient for the most severe trial that could ever be brought over a child of God.

#### FAIRBURY, ILLINOIS

Joyce Huber

We praise God for another new convert, Donna Schieler, who has turned to the Lord in repentance. She is the daughter of Alton and Sis. Sally Schieler.

We were happy to have as guest ministers last month Bro. Noah Schrock of Burlington, Bro. Roy Ehnle of Bradford, and Bro. Robert Beer of Mansfield.

Bros. George Gramm and Henry Kilgus assisted Bro. Josh Broquard in carrying out the holy sacrament of communion, which was a blessing for us.

Bro. and Sis. Howard Maurer have become the happy parents of a new baby boy, Shaundel Lee, born July 16.

We transferred mother from the Fairbury Hospital to Peoria, to receive special therapy at the Rehabilitation Center, Forest Park, St. Frances Hospital.

Bro. and Sis. Eli Moser left Aug.

8 by ship, the SS Rotterdam, to Rotterdam, Holland. After visiting friends there 5 days, they will go to London, England to take a 30-day tour through 12 countries: England, Denmark, Sweden, Belgium, Netherlands, Germany, Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Austria, Italy, Monaco, and France. From Paris, where the tour terminates, they plan to go back to Germany and Switzerland to visit the birthplace of Sis. Moser's parents; some boys in the service; Sis. Irene Baer in Heilbronn, Germany; Kambly families in Switzerland, and then return by Swissair, from Zurich to Chicago, on Oct. 3.

#### ALTO, MICHIGAN Loretta and Myrna Steffen

On July 3, Bro. Mike Weyeneth brought us an inspiring message from God's holy word.

John Grawburg is home on leave from the Marines for a month. We are thankful to have him in our midst again.

Dedication for our church was held July 24. Visiting elders were Bro. Theo. Beer, who ministered to our spiritual needs in the morning, Bros. Joe Waibel, George Sinn and Noah Bauman, who had the afternoon dedication services. We thank these brothers and all who came to share the blessed day with us. Although this was a day to remember, we must put emphasis on the fact that a building doesn't make a church, but **there must be** the love of God working in our hearts and binding us together in true Christian love. Oh that we might all be found faithful when our Saviour calls!

Bro. Henry Beer wrote this poem for our congregation.

#### Dedication Thoughts

In all the varied walks of life,  
If our efforts would succeed,  
We need the blessings of the Lord  
In every work and deed.

A dedication wish we share;  
May He help us to impart  
The mutual joy this day may bring,  
With overflowing heart.

We hold in love and kind esteem  
The brethren of the Lord  
Who constitute the Alto church,  
As they live in one accord.

May the fellowship of kindly love  
Go with you to the new,  
Yet memories of the former church  
You often may review.

The longed-for day has finally  
come;  
In gratitude we raise  
Our hearts to Him, the Builder  
true,  
Who merits all our praise.

Each artisan has done his best,  
As Solomon of old  
Employed skilled workmen for His  
house,  
In the Book of truth we're told.

Long years ago a faithful saint  
A mother's witness true,  
Led many souls to light and truth,  
To live in Him anew.

True brethren constitute the fold,  
As to the church we tread,  
We look to Christ, as they of old,  
Who is the living bread.

The giver and the gift be blest,  
Blest be both young and old;  
Who gave their time to build the  
church,  
With blessings manifold.

Man built the house; God builds  
the church.  
His saints be blest always;  
Where'er you worship, may it be  
A Dedication Day.

#### LAMONT, KANSAS Glen Anliker — Mrs. Bernie Emch The Bible

To the believer, the Bible is the most precious book that can be read. It goes back to the creation of all things, and foretells of many things that is still to come to pass. We think of the Bible as one book, but if we stop to think of the sixty-six books it contains and approximately the thirty-six authors who wrote the Bible, we could almost classify it as a small library.

The first of the authors was Moses, who wrote about 1500 years before Christ. The last to write was John. The Bible was approximately 1600 years in being completed.

The men who wrote the Bible were all Jews except Luke, who was a Gentile. These men were inspired by God to pen the precious words.

It has been attempted to destroy the Bible, but God has preserved it

down through the ages for us today, as a guide to work out our soul's salvation.

Wouldn't we be lost without it? Isn't it the word that taught us that we were all born in sin, and must be reborn out of water and Spirit? Don't the word show us sometimes where we fail in doing God's will? Don't we use the word many times to stand up for our faith, when we are ridiculed? Isn't it the word that encourages us to keep striving for a home in heaven?

Let us read it every day, and refer to it often, so we will not quench the Spirit, and no longer have a hunger for the living bread.

I often think of the words a brother spoke in his sermon: How much better off people would be if they carried a little Bible in their pocket instead of a pack of cigarettes.

After a number of years of failing health, our sister, Mrs. Felter Young passed away at the Golden Age Rest Home in Burlington, Kansas on July 17, at the age of 87. Funeral services were conducted by Elder Bro. Samuel Anliker, assisted by Bro. Roy Wernli.

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

We could feel God's presence at the garden wedding of Pamela Gutwein and Donald Vogt, as Bro. Wendell Gudeman united them in holy matrimony. May the Lord bless them in their new life together.

We can believe that those that are around Bro. Morris Huber, who is now in the service, can see that he had a good Christian home with his parents, Bro. Lester and Sis. Glendoris.

The opening words of Bro. La-voyd Moore, from Athens, were that we have the same love here as they do in Alabama. That sure gave us a good feeling. He then went on to say that whoever wants to be a Christian, they are in the right place . . . And that every day we get a step closer to heaven, if that is where we are going to go. We certainly give him, his wife and three sons a special thanks for coming to us. May God richly bless them.

We also give our humble thanks

to Bro. Edwin Bahlers for a Sunday of spiritual blessings.

Bro. Eugene and Sis. Mildred Huber have felt God abiding in their home for 25 years, with a **threefold cord not lightly rent apart.**

Those that were hospitalized, but thankful that they can assemble with us again, are Sis. Elaine Erb, Janet Gutwein and Sharon Eschli-man.

Bro. Sam Geyer was brought to his home, for which he and his family have prayed for so long, so we earnestly pray for God's helping hand in caring for him, for his wife and family.

Our aged 105-year-old Grandmother Pelsy was told of two young converts being baptized. She said, To tell them they should always be faithful and obedient. We are not expected to do anything more than these two things.

We were asked to write something about our father, so will give a part of a theme that I read in some school papers of my nephew. "The person who has had the greatest influence on me was my Grandpa Norr. He just seemed to have a special glow about him everywhere he went, not only with the little children, but grownups as well. When I was just four years old, I would walk up to Grandpa's house every chance that I possibly could. He would get the box of toys out, sit down on the kitchen floor, and play with me for an hour at a time. Even to my youngest brother, he took to Grandpa just as I did. Whenever Grandpa planned to go a distance somewhere he would say, "The Lord willing I will be at so-and-so next week" . . . And almost always he ended his sermons with these words, "God be with you until we meet again, whether here on this earth or in the heavenly place above". At his funeral, as Dad carried my little brother in front of his casket for the last glimpse, my brother said, "Dad, I can hardly wait to see Grandpa Norr in heaven."

**MANSFIELD, OHIO**  
**Aaron A. Sauder**

Preach the gospel full of love, Christ's compassion fully knowing; Seek the power from above, While His great compassion's showing.

We appreciated the visit of Bro. Phil Wingeier of Alto, who preached God's Word at both morning and afternoon services, on July 3.

For Jesus shed His precious blood, Rich blessings to bestow;  
 Plunge now into the crimson flood  
 That washes white as snow.

"... wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow." Psalm 51:7

We rejoice with our new Bro. Joel and Sis. Sue Beer, who have received the Lord into their hearts. On July 10 they were immersed in the waters of baptism. Elder Bros. Rudolph Graf and Noah Bauman were with us for this occasion, following which they administered the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. "And he took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them, saying, This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me. Likewise also the cup after supper saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you." St. Luke 22:19,20

Bro. Dale and Sis. Donna (Beer) Gabor are the happy parents of a daughter, Lynette, who was born on July 3; the Gabors also have a son.

A baby boy was born to Jim and Sue Layland on July 31; this makes the second son for the couple.

Our sympathy to Sis. Mary (Layland) Kemper, Ron and Jim Layland on the death of their father; and to J. M. "Duby" Weil, whose sister passed away after an extended illness.

**LESTER, IOWA**  
**Emelie Knobloch**

Lonnie Feucht, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Feucht, and Le Roy Kellenberger, son of Bro. and Sis. Henry Kellenberger, left for six months Army duty. We wish them God's protection and guidance. Both are in South Carolina.

Bros. Henry Sabo and Simon Wagonbach shared God's word to us.

Our hearts rejoice that Melvin and Wilma Knobloch could have peace announced with God and man and will be taken into the fold soon.

Sis. Naomi Knobloch was hospitalized. We are happy she is able to assemble with us.

To Bro. and Sis. Jakob Wulf, a son, Albert Benjamin was born July 14.

Many folks from here enjoyed blessed week ends at West Bend, hearing the true experiences of the repentance of loved ones and attending their open house and dedication Services. We wish them God's blessings in their new church. May we serve the Lord with pure and upright hearts, so we may continue in the true fellowship we possess.

The ministers who have opened the windows of heaven and showered the precious words on us this past month were: Bros. Simon Wagonbach, Dave Kjeser, and Henry Sabo. May these loved ones be rewarded in heaven, when their earthly tasks are o'er.

We have our song Services every first and third Sunday of the month, beginning at 7:30 pm. There are many thoughts and teachings in hymns that are sung to God's honor and praise.

Bro. Chris Kellenberger is hospitalized for observation. Bro. Ted Gerber is a surgical patient. The infant son of Bro. and Sis. Jakob Wulf was hospitalized for several days. We wish them strength and grace to endure the pain, the suffering those who suffer must bear.

Bro. and Sis. Emil Metzger have received word from their son, Keith that he is in this country from Germany waiting his discharge from the service.

Kenneth Wulf, son of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Wulf, arrived from Germany for a 30-day leave, before further foreign assignment.

On July 17, Elder Bro. Leo Moser united in Holy Matrimony Sis. Shirley Koehl and Bro. Dennis Kellenberger, at Morris. We wish Bro. and Sis. Kellenberger God's blessings in their new life together.

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

Read the Bible daily—prayerfully, obediently, reflectingly, and believingly.

The epistle of Paul to the Philippians speaks much of the joy for the Christian.

Read Titus and James. Make sure your Christian life is growing.

I Corinthians 13 is known as the love chapter, and so is Chapter 4, I John.

Chapter 4 of Ephesians is

especially beautiful in outlining the characteristics of a growing Christian. Would that we could always do as verse 32 states.

The Psalms are a comforting and strengthening source, always. (See Psalms 25-27-32-34-37-107).

The 23rd Psalm, the Psalm of Life:

"The LORD is my shepherd;" (protection, freedom from fear). "I shall not want." (supply, provision), "He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:" (harmony, abundance)." "he leadeth me beside the still waters." (peace) "He restoreth my soul:" (healing) "he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness" (guidance, progress) "for his name's sake." (purpose) "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death," (comfort, experience) "I will fear no evil:" (confidence) "for thou art with me;" (protection, omnipresence) "thy rod and thy staff they comfort me." (instruction) "Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:" (provision) "thou anointest my head with oil;" (consecration) "my cup runneth over." (abundance of joy) "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life (assurance of loving care) "and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever." (eternal life)

#### Timely Advice

If you are impatient, sit quietly and talk with "Job."

If you are just a little strong-headed, go and see "Moses."

If you are getting weak-kneed, take a good look at "Elijah."

If there is no song in your heart, listen to "David."

If you are a policy man, read "Daniel".

If you feel chilly, get the beloved disciple (John) to put his arm around you.

If your faith is below par, read "Paul".

If you are getting lazy, watch James.

If you are losing sight of the future, climb up the stairs of Revelation and get a glimpse of the Promised Land.

We are very happy to welcome Bro. Ben and Sis. Clara Braker and family from Lamar to our church and community. They have bought a home and are building a store. We

trust they will be happy and successful here.

We are very sorry to report we are losing a family to the Morton community. Clarence and Geraldine Peters are moving. He has lived here all his life; we will miss them very much. May the Lord's richest blessings be with them in all their undertakings.

Bro. Herman Waibel fell, while working in the hay mow, and broke his wrist. We are thankful his injuries were not more severe.

#### DETROIT, MICH.

Ruth Knochel Ruth Gudeman

On June 23, Bro. Walter and Sis. Mary Gasser became the parents of a boy, Mark Alan. They have one other child, a daughter, Mimi.

We have several members new to our congregation. They are Sis. Donna Hartzler from Rittman, and Bro. Raymond and Sis. Jean Haerr and family from Taylor. Donna is doing secretarial work in Detroit, and Raymond is serving an internship at Pontiac General Hospital. We welcome them into our fellowship.

On Fri., July 1, friends John Gleichman and Martha Cana of Harper, Kansas, were united in marriage, in the home of Bro. Ben Maibach. A reception followed the ceremony. The Gleichmans are living in a nearby city, and we hope they will feel a warm welcome whenever they worship with us.

On Sat., July 9, ministering Bros. Arthur and Wendell Gudeman visited us. Sat. night they showed pictures of what our contributions to World Relief are doing. When we see the poverty of these countries, it makes us realize what a privileged people we really are.

On Sunday, the 10th, our hearts were filled to overflowing with thankfulness to our Creator for the inspirational messages brought to us by Bros. Art and Wendell. May God continue to bless their ministry, and may we long remember the words of teaching and exhortation they brought.

"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God . . ." Romans 8:28

The above verse was especially comforting to me when my father was very ill in the same hospital where I was in nurses' training. While doing my tour of night duty,

I often would think of my father suffering on his sick bed, and this scripture passage kept returning to my thoughts. It was a great source of comfort.

There have been those near to me who have had loved ones taken from them. They too have said how the same scripture passage has often sustained them in their deepest hours of grief.

Ministering Bro. Edmund Kloter and his wife were with us for mid-week services. The following Sunday, our elder brother, Joe Waibel was with us. We heard the testimonies of Paul and Mary Sabados, who were formerly from the church in Yugoslavia. They and their 7 children had to flee the country, and made their home in France for 14 years. Now they are in Detroit and members of our fold. Although they cannot speak or understand much English, nor can we understand them, we can feel the Christian love and fellowship flowing among us.

We appreciate all the ministers who visit us. May God continue to bless their ministry, and may we long remember the words of teaching and exhortation they brought us.

#### BLUFFTON, INDIANA

Delutha Moser—Carolyn Gerber

May God's hand that brings the flowers, when winter snows have fled, give renewed health thru all the days ahead!

Shut-ins: Sisters Lydia (John) Fiechter Sr., Mrs. Elmer Isch, Mrs. Glennes Steffen; Bro. Harold Geisel.

Births: July 7, a son, Brent Eugene to Bro. Gary and Sis. Diane Tonner; July 24, a daughter, Michelle Lynne to Bro. John and Sis. Carolyn Meyer; Aug. 1, a daughter, Shelley Marie to Bro. Bill and Sis. Carolyn Gerber.

We wish to welcome home Bro. Phillip Stettner, who has been discharged from the U. S. Army, after serving two years here in the States.

Engagements: Sis. Lynne Aeschliman has announced her engagement to Bro. Ken Beer from Milford. Parents of the couple are Bro. Walter and Sis. Imogene Aeschliman and Bro. Maurice and Sis. Betty Beer.

Friend Etta Schwartz has announced her engagement to Friend

John Steffen. Parents of the couple are Bro. and Sis. Edward Schwartz, and Sis. Emma Steffen and the late Bro. Harvey Steffen.

God bless you both, and may his care forever keep you strong and true, That you may walk with dignity, along each path your whole life thru.

Death: Funeral service was held on July 30 for Sis. Naomi D. Aeschliman, age 66. Death was due to a heart ailment, with an illness of one year. Surviving, in addition to the husband, Noah, are 4 sons, Kenneth, Robert, Glen & Harold; 5 daughters, Mrs. Russell Moser, Mrs. Leonard Dubach, Mrs. Evelyn Gerber, Mrs. Paul Meyer, and Mrs. Max King. Also surviving are three sisters, Mrs. Samuel (Minnie) Aeschliman, Mrs. Joe (Ida) Maller and Mrs. Della Manz. Bro. John Yergler officiated at the service

The Bible plays an important part in the lives of all who have found peace and joy in God. By reading it, we find comfort and help on the rough road of life. It would be a far better world if more people turned to the Bible for guidance.

How we live here has vital bearing on the life to come. "Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding." Proverbs 3:5

During the day, when pressures tend to wear us down, a word of scripture brought to mind often means the difference between helplessness to meet the challenge or a calmness to solve some problem. When we are discouraged, God is with us; when we falter, we have God's helping love—Isaiah 41:10

#### Words To Help

Life's load is carried all the time, For we share burdens of every kind.

We wonder who has the heaviest cross, Or who has suffered the greatest loss.

Nearly everyone is passing thru the fire, And man is unable to help or inspire.

Everywhere you go, sad stories you hear

That bring to our eyes many a tear.

Many things in life are hard to bear,

Especially a home with a vacant chair;

But let us not doubt, fail, or fall, For our Lord is greater than all.

We must put our trust in Him If we are ever going to win. His promises are always true, And He will carry you thru.

When you are discouraged along the way,

Read the Bible; God has something to say.

Remember, our Lord is still on high,

Calling to you and me to draw nigh . . .

To sing and praise his holy name, For He is faithful and ever the same;

Whatever your lot in life may be, Oh child of God, He'll never forsake thee.

#### BAY CITY, MICHIGAN

Marlene Mosher

We were privileged to have Bro. Ezra Feller of Cissna Park minister to us. Bro. Feller brought a wonderful message to us. We all enjoyed a very blessed evening, hearing him speak God's precious word.

We have lost another of our dear brothers. John Rechsteiner has left us to be with our Lord. Bro. John was 83, and left behind him three daughters, Sisters Emly and Esther Waibel of Detroit, Sis. Betty Schlatter; and his beloved grandchildren. John was a quiet brother, and I believe he lived each day for the Lord. Now the Lord has called him from the earthly cares and woes to be with Him.

We have had our Sunday School picnic, and it was a very blessed two days, not only for the ones who have already turned to the Lord, but also to our many dear friends, young and old.

Dear friends, you can live each day for the Lord. It isn't hard; just give in to the Lord's call, and do His will. Let Him lead and you will find that the trials and cares will be made so very much easier. Do not wait too long, because today is the day. Tomorrow may be too late. Don't put it off. Repent.

Find out how much more enjoyment you can find in living for the

Lord, instead of all the worldly pleasures you think are so important.

### BERN, KANSAS

Mrs. Morris Edelman

Mrs. Leonard Baumgartner

Bro. William C. Strahm, the last direct descendant of Christian Strahm, passed away on July 6 at the Apostolic Christian Home in Sabetha, at the age of 101 years. He was married to Amelia Leuthold, who passed away Nov. 30, 1959; fifteen children were born to this union. Services were held Saturday, July 9, with Bros. Herman Kellenberger and Lester Hartter officiating.

We were happy to have Sophia McClanahan added to the fold, the first part of the month. Bro. Gene Marti assisted Bro. Lester Hartter in this undertaking.

The Bible Class, along with the teachers, enjoyed visiting the Wichita Sunday School and church. We thank them for the fellowship and picnic in the afternoon.

The Wittmer Reunion was held July 23 at the Sabetha Armory, with 250 in attendance. Bro. Uriel Gehring from Burlington came for the reunion, and stayed and ministered to us on Sunday. We thank everyone for attending the reunion and church on Sunday. In two years it is planned for Morton.

Bro. Aaron Strahm spent two weeks in Excelsior Springs for treatment. Sis. Mavis Meyer was admitted to the Sabetha Hospital for major surgery.

Last Sunday Marlene Esslinger, daughter of Bro. Martin and Sis. Arlene, was proved and baptized. Bro. Gene Marti again assisted Bro. Lester Hartter with this work. We welcome Sis. Marlene into our Christian fellowship.

### ELGIN, ILLINOIS

Louise Steffen

Katie Kachelmuss

The committee of the A.C.C. World Relief Program met here at the home of Bro Herman Kellenberger to discuss results and further plans of their duties to distribute food and financial aid to the poor and needy throughout the world. May God give them grace to continue in this labor of love, and may we all do our part in supporting this worthy cause.

Two of our aged members had

birthdays during the past week. Bro. August Greiner reached 93, and his wife, Sis. Caroline reached 86 years of age. A few members went to their home, sang a few hymns, read the 91st Psalm and had a prayer, which they both enjoyed. This psalm is so encouraging, "He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in Him will I trust."

Announcement was made of the engagement of Sis. Jeanne Steffen, daughter of Sis. Mabel Steffen, to Bro Richard Stoller of Gridley, son of Bro. and Sis. Virgil Stoller. We wish them God's blessing in all their ways.

James and Shirley Wewetzer of Lynchburg, Virginia, visited his parents, Bro and Sis. Albert Wewetzer. They attended our Sunday services. It is always good to have our friends fellowship with us, when they come back to the church they attended when they lived here. We welcome one and all to our assemblies and Sunday School.

"We'll never leave the Bible,  
But send afar its word,  
In graceful accents to proclaim  
Redemption in the Lord,  
Till all who feel its saving power  
To Jesus Christ draw near,  
And all shall say: "O precious  
word,  
We'll ne'er forsake thee here!"

### EUREKA, ILLINOIS

Cathryn Wettstein - Salome Walter

Holy Communion was held on July 13. Bros George Gramm, Roy Sauder, and Eugene Bertschi helped Bro. Leroy Huber serve. May we all be refreshed in the spirit by being reminded of how our Saviour shed His precious blood on the cross for our sins.

Sis. Lena Grusy, 85, passed away at the Eureka Hospital July 12. Her funeral was the 14th, conducted by Bros. Joe Zimmerman and Vernon Leman. Surviving are: her husband, Will; six sons, Isaac, Robert, William, Alf, Ira and Elmer, and five daughters, Hilda, Esther, Viola, Ollie, and Virginia. The children are all married. May God comfort the family in their loss.

Bro. Ed Bittner has returned

to his home, after being in the hospital several weeks in Champaign. May the Lord restore his health, so he can soon assemble with us in church.

Five souls were added to the fold. They were Gary and Ila Huber, children of Bro. Leroy; Jean and Mary Beth Belsley, daughters of Bro. and Sis. William and Helen; and Dorothy Anliker, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Walter and Wilhelmina. The proving was on Saturday evening. Bros. Joshua Broquard and Roy Sauder helped Bro. Leroy in this work. The next day, Sunday, they were baptized and are now our new sisters and new brother in faith. We do welcome them into our fellowship. May God ever be with them through their lifetime.

Another couple has found it worthwhile to seek their Lord in repentance. It is Melvin Stoller and his wife Marjorie. We can see the Lord still calls sinners to repentance; even the angels rejoice in heaven over such.

Ervin L. Knecht has returned home from his service in the Army.

The past month we have lost two people from the "Home". Bro. Sam Hodel was only with us one week. He was from Roanoke. Friend Lydia Miller from Congerville was with us nine weeks. We have nineteen people at the present time in the "Home".

In reading the Bible, it makes no difference where we open it, we can truly find words of life. It shows us the way that we must take if we want to some day reach that Haven of Rest. I feel that the Psalms have always been a source of comfort to me. Just to name special verses or chapters would be difficult, because they are all so wonderful. We need to read the Bible more and more to get the full meaning of all the things that God has in store for all those who love and serve Him.

### FORREST, ILLINOIS

Martha Stoller — Nancy Honegger

Sis. Mary Schneider has been dismissed from the Livingston Co. Sanatorium, where she was a patient for 11½ months. Her plans now are to complete her licensed practical nurse's training, which she hopes to resume late in October. Sis. Mary wishes to thank everyone who remembered her



with cards, gifts, visits, and prayers. She sincerely desires the Lord's blessing on every act of kindness.

Bro. Andy Koehl is again able to assemble with us, following his stay as a surgical patient in the hospital.

Ed Traub has made a nice recovery, after being a medical patient. Bro. Alvie Kilgus and Sis. Susan Kupferschmid are hospitalized at this writing.

Marge Kyburz Friedman and Robin Kupferschmid gave their testimonies on Saturday evening recently, and were baptized the next day.

Janet Farney has improved enough to allow her to be transferred from Burnham Hospital in Champaign to Fairbury Hospital.

Doug Aberle, son of Bro. Bill and Sis. Jean, has entered the Navy and is now stationed at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station near Chicago.

Richard Rieger, son of Bro. Rich and Sis. Marion, has received his discharge from the armed services, after having spent 28 months in France. His plans are to farm in this vicinity.

#### OAKVILLE, IOWA Martha Steiner

Work has begun on the addition to our present church building. Our plans are to build a dining room on the first floor level with the assembly room, leaving the entire basement for Sunday School classrooms.

Bro. Wayne Miller from Ft. Scott was with us on Sunday, July 31. We enjoyed a blessed day under the sound of God's word. Bro. Miller's family and a number of visitors from other congregations joined us on Sunday, after attending the Massner and Fischer reunions held in Burlington the day before.

Bro. Chris and Sis. Nettie Gerst and two of their daughters are presently visiting their son and brother, Wayne, in Germany. He is serving in the Army. Our elder brother, Noah Schrock and Elder Brother John Bahler from Rockville are visiting in Germany. It is truly amazing that in such a short time one can travel from one country to another. May God protect them and again bring them safely home.

Church fellowship is a valuable

asset which must be kept alive in each of our congregations if we are to remain a united body. In visiting various churches, one can feel a love for the members, without even knowing anyone personally, because we share a common goal and the same basic beliefs. Fellowship of this nature helps us to grow spiritually.

My travelling companions and I found ourselves near one of our churches on a week night last summer. As they had regular mid-week services, we visited the church. The evening was much too short for the wonderful fellowship that we enjoyed with these dear sisters and brothers in faith, whom we had never met before. Such fellowship begins in one's own church. We could see and feel the love within this group of believers.

#### PEORIA, ILLINOIS Emily Tanner Mrs. Michael Weyeneth

The Lord has wonderfully blest our congregation again. One more soul has the precious privilege to be a child of God. Linda Herman was baptized July 24. Her parents are Bro. Joe and Sis. Lucille Herman.

We're also thankful and rejoice with several young married couples who have answered the call to repent. "May grace be with us ever, The grace of Christ the Lord, May He, as here we journey, His grace to us afford."

Bro. Alfred and Sis. Anna Thomas announced the engagement of their daughter, Suzanna Marie, to Douglas Lamar Weaver of Washington.

Carol Marie Schmidgall, daughter of Bro. Joe and Sis. Marie Belsley, was married to David E. Krueger on June 18.

Sis. Norma Hinrichsen and Bro. Fritz Pfaffmann were united in Holy Matrimony July 13.

Cassandra Reiling and Randy Haefli were married July 22. Randy is the son of Bro. Ernest and Sis. Dorothy Haefli.

Marie Ruth Roecker, daughter of Adolph and Lydia Roecker, was married to Jerry E. Hoerr, son of Sis. Frieda Hoerr, on July 23 at the home of the brides' parents.

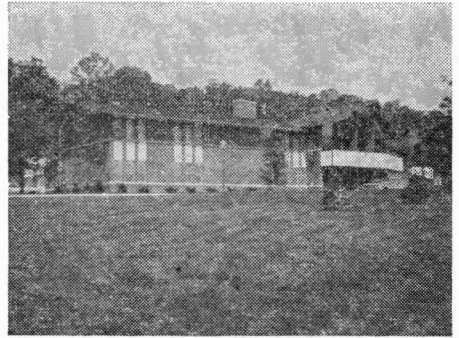
Sis. Sharol Sauder has joined her husband, Bro. Kenneth in Germany, where he is stationed with the Army.

We welcome to our assembly Bro. John and Sis. Wilma Honegger and their children, Jill, Michael, and Gina, who moved here from the Fairbury congregation.

Our congregation was pleased to have three visiting ministers this past month: Bros. Albert Aberle, Noah Herman and Ben C. Maibach Jr.

Sis. Minnie Perdelwitz died August 2 in Methodist Hospital, where she had been a patient since July 27. Surviving are a daughter, Sis. Kathryn Lubitz, with whom she made her home; a sister, Nettie Ziegenhorn; three brothers, Clyde, Alfred and Wallace Ramseyer; a grandchild and three great-grandchildren.

Note of thanks: I wish to thank everyone who was so kind and thoughtful, and who remembered me at the time of my mother's death. Margery Koehl.



The new rest home, Peoria

"Open House" at our new Peoria Apostolic Christian Church Home will be August 20 and 21. Dedication services will be held August 28.

"... godliness with contentment is great gain." I Timothy 6

#### RITTMAN, OHIO Ella Mae Trent

It is difficult to select one particular verse of scripture as favored or having pre-eminence. The beauty of the Bible lies in its comprehensiveness and its ability to provide suitable advice or comforting words for every occasion. However, there is a verse which I frequently read for the reassurance it provides. It is found in St. Luke, chapter 12.

I cannot recall a previous time in my short span of years when one has been made so aware of the confusion of the masses of people. The

evidences, for this, range from a pronouncement of atheism to the torturing of humans for thrills or mere pleasure. The most pronounced manifestation is a radical departure from the Biblical teachings. It almost seems as though man has thought of and committed every vile, heinous, and violent act against his fellowman that can possibly enter the imagination. We read of shootings and stabbings, assaults and murders, robbery and kidnappings, rioting and lynchings, wars and bombings, to name only a few. Man has departed far from the doctrine to do unto his fellowman as he would wish done unto him.

Rather than fear the wrath of a displeased God, many of the world appear to fear more their fellowman. They raise armies, call out the National Guard, hire more policemen, buy guns, bolt their doors, and take countless measures to protect themselves from each other.

We, as Christians, shudder to read of the violent acts committed by confused, disturbed, and merciless men. As these deeds occur closer to home, fear and trembling would want to enter the heart and mind. It is then that the believer can turn to the verses which tell him not to fear man, as he can only kill the body and do NOTHING MORE. Rather, we should fear God, who has the power to take life and also to cast the soul into hell . . . And, if we are prepared to meet our Creator, we need not fear whatever means he chooses to take us from this life to our eternity.

Births this past month have been to Bro. Joe and Lilas Rufener, a son, Lee Micheal, on July 8; to Glen and Mary Winkler a daughter on July 13; and to Bro. Harold and Sis. Carol Widmer a daughter on August 4. Charles and Kathryn Shane have a new son, Kenneth Edward.

Hospitalized were Bro. Joe Maibach and Bro. Willard Blough. David Maletich suffered a broken leg. Sis. Addie Grossenbacher remains ill at home. May God restore all to moderate health, if it be His will.

#### SABETHA, KANSAS Mrs. Joe Steiner

A son, Arthur Verne, was born

July 15 to Bro. Gene and Sis. Marian Kellenberger. He is welcomed by two brothers and two sisters.

Our fellowship is very dear to our hearts . . . And it becomes more precious when we have to leave home and loved ones behind, as so many of our dear friends and brothers have had to do. Our friend, Roger Hartter of Sabetha is located at a base near An Khe, Viet Nam. He feels very fortunate indeed, to be with others of like faith. There are six in this area, Bro. Larry Endress, Princeville; Bro. Neil Schmidgall, Morris; Friends Steve Aeschliman, Bluffton; Dale Zahner, Rockville; Alvin Nohl, Morris; and Roger. Friends Roger and Steve have given their hearts to the Lord, so this fellowship is doubly precious to them. They all spend as much time as possible together, and share each others mail and tape recordings. Any mail from "back home" is a link with home and family. Why not write a letter to a serviceman now?

#### WINTHROP, MINNESOTA Delores Messner Carol Ann Messner

We enjoyed an evening of fellowship with Bro. Harvey and Sis. Leola Heiniger of Oakville, at the Bro. George Messner home. Sis. Augusta Johnson came with them. These two sisters are formerly of our congregation, with Sis. Leola being converted here in our church.

Take the Bible in the morning,  
But a moment if no more;  
It is better than an hour,  
When the trying day is o'er.

So in the blush of morning  
Take the offered hand of love,  
And walk in heaven's pathway  
And the peacefulness thereof.

I remember my mother often quoted: **Be ye not a stumbling block.** She used this as an admonition against the pleasures of the world. The word of God also fills our hearts with peace, and admonishes us in what we do and say, especially as in James, it states the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison. Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing; these things ought not so to be.

A great joy during family Bible

reading was when our five-year-old daughter spoke up, "Oh! that was a memory verse we had in Sunday School."

Sis. Lois Messner was chosen as substitute Sunday School teacher, and Sis. Carol Ann Messner to help with the Silver Lining.

#### WEST BEND, IOWA Anna Schmidt Mrs. A. Banwart

We were richly blessed by having the privilege of holding baptismal services in our new church for the first time. Three dear souls, Jane Metzger, Ilene Gerber, and Christine Schmidt are now numbered as His children. Elder Bro. Paul Fehr from Morris assisted our elder, Paul Banwart, with the provings and baptisms, as well as lending himself to minister unto us. Inspiring messages were also sent to us through Bro. Alphi Moser of Morris and Bro. Elmer Schmidt of Winthrop, on this Sunday. Our thanks to all visitors for being with us.

Lowell Fehr has returned from the hospital and is slowly improving. He would like to thank those who remembered him so kindly during his misfortune. Sis. Elizabeth Zaugg was in the hospital, but is improved at this writing. Bro. Joe Benninger had a light stroke and has been hospitalized at Brannard, Minn. for two weeks. He is progressing satisfactorily and hopes to be home soon. Sis. Evie Bruellman has had major surgery. We are happy to report, she is also home and getting along all right. Ted and Frank Schmidt, sons of Bro. and Sis. Ivan and Evelyn Schmidt have had check-ups and are getting along real well. Sandy, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Albert and Betty Banwart, was hospitalized after a lawn mower accident. She is home again and improving slowly.

The engagement of Sis. Peggy Heinold from La Crosse to Bro. Dwayne Metzger, son of Bro. and Sis. Arnold and Alice Metzger, has been announced.

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

The service at the country church on July 31 was well attended, with folks from Sterling, Girard, Akron, Sardis, the Eman-

uel Kloter family from Rockville who were on their way to Virginia and the Smokey Mountains for a week's vacation, and Henry Manz and daughters from Paulding, Ohio. The services will continue each Sunday until the Monroe Church is completed. The average attendance had been very good.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Stedman of Columbus, O., were recent visitors with her grandfather, Mr. Dan Witschey.

Virgil Frei, who has been ill for several weeks, continues to improve slowly at his home on Limestone Ridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Okey Edge of San Leandro, California are visiting relatives here for several weeks. Mrs. Edge is a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Witschey.

Mr. and Mrs. William Reithmiller of Hannibal, O., visited recently with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Okey Edge, Mrs. John Witschey, Miss Della Witschey and Miss Mary Witschey visited with Mr and Mrs. E. B. Frumm in Jeanette, Pa., on July 27.

Mr. and Mrs. Verda Fankhouser and Miss Margaret Witschey toured the New England States, on vacation, during July.

Forrest Rothlisberger of American Ridge has been quite ill, and spends much of the time here with his daughters.

Dan Witschey continues to take his daily stroll and enjoys visiting his sister, Della and neighbors around the block.

Due to the airplane strike, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Riggenbach and daughter Bonnie did not leave for Hawaii in July as they had hoped to do, but left on August 6 for a two weeks' tour of the islands.

Mrs. Elza Ritz, Mrs. C O. Wade and Mrs. Weltz were business visitors in Parkersburg, on July 27.

#### AKRON, OHIO Florence Graf

Bro. Vernon Leman of Eureka was our visiting minister for afternoon services on July 10. He urged each of us to work and strive spiritually every day and use the talents the Lord has given us. Surely our efforts will be blessed and only good will come from these efforts.

Fred and Eva Grawunder have returned from a four-weeks' visit

to Hungary, East Germany and West Germany. Fred visited his parents and brothers and sisters in East Germany; this was Eva's first meeting with Fred's parents. Eva is a native of Hungary and visited relatives there. While both Fred and Eva enjoyed their visit abroad, they expressed the thought that there is "no place like America. Everyone should visit the countries we did, and maybe we would all appreciate the freedoms we have here in America".

Bro. Peter Barna is convalescing at his home in Cleveland, following a stay in Parma Community Hospital. We thank the Lord He has seen fit to restore Peter to moderate health.

Elmer Greenbank has returned to Texas, following a two-week leave spent with his parents, Bro. Gordon and Sis. Emily Greenbank. Elmer is stationed at Ft. Sam Houston and is currently taking further intensive medical training.

Dennis Fritz recently spent a brief week end at home with his parents, Harold and Esther Fritz, and brothers and sister. Dennis is with the Navy at Norfolk, Va.

Rudy Graf, son of Bro. Rudy and Sis. Betty Graf, is currently home on a 30-day leave. He is serving with the Seabees in the Navy. We are happy to report these home visits of our servicemen, as we realize they miss their loved ones and are glad to spend even a short time with them whenever possible.

Quiet simplicity marked the ceremony which united in marriage Bro. Glenn Riggenbach and Sis. Louise Graf on July 31. Everyone present was reminded of the happiness and blessings which could be present in a marriage which is undertaken with faith in the Lord. Louise is the daughter of Bro. Ernest and Sis. Louise Graf of our congregation; Glenn is the son of Bro. George and Sis. Minnie Riggenbach of Rittman. Our sincere wishes for the Lord's blessings in your life together, Glenn and Lou.

Let us ever remember the less fortunate in our prayers—those ill in body, mind or spirit surely deserve our support—someday we may find ourselves in similar circumstances. We have received word Sis. Dorothy Munson is in the hospital—our thoughts are with her daily. Frank Boychi has

been in the hospital, and will probably be there another week. May the Lord grant a speedy recovery to them.

Our sympathy to the loved ones of Pfc. Joseph S. Hillrich, who passed away at the age of 17 years. He is the grandson of Mrs. Eva Golub of Akron, a faithful reader of this paper.

#### PRINCEVILLE, ILLINOIS Ruth Ricketts—Anna Marie Baer

Greg Martin, son of Sis. Edith Martin, is receiving advanced training at Ft. Monmouth, New Jersey, after spending a furlough at home following basic army training. Sam Martin Jr. returned to Ft. Sam Houston for further training after a furlough with his parents, the Sam Martin's and family.

In a letter to his parents, Bro. Larry Endress told how five or six soldiers in Viet Nam hold church services. Even though they have heard the sermon on tape several times, it is always new and refreshing. We know the Lord is watching, but don't know how many more are. If these lights can shine in a dark and sinful land, who knows what may be accomplished? ". . . be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity." I Timothy 4:12

Recently, Kevin and Deanne Herrmann were playing in their sandbox. When their mother checked on them, they were not there. Before long she realized they must have wandered into a nearby cornfield. She called for help. Soon relatives and neighbors began to search for the two barefoot children. In about an hour Kevin, who will soon be three, was found and said Deanne, who is not yet two, "fell in the mud." About another hour later her grandfather, Bro. Robert Herrmann, heard her crying and found her quite some distance in the tall corn. It was indeed a relief to the parents, Bro. Howard and Sis. Mary Ann, as well as to the other relatives and neighbors, when the two little lost lambs were found. It reminds us of the story of the lost sheep, and how the shepherd rejoiced when he had found the sheep that was lost.

The home of Bro. Chris and Sis. Leilia Elsassner suffered much smoke and water damage, after be-

ing struck by lightning in a recent electrical storm.

All things bright and beautiful,  
All creatures great and small,  
All things wise and wonderful,  
The Lord God made them all.

The purple-headed mountain,  
The river flowing by,  
The sunset and the morning  
Which brighten up the sky.

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

Many of us are privileged during the summer months to visit various churches and see beautiful sights while on vacation from our everyday duties. Aren't we thankful we have such a mode of travel, with improved highways that lead us to various places in such a short time. The broad, straight highways are so restful, and one can travel more at ease than on the more winding, hilly roads. Isn't it the same in our spiritual life? How much more peaceful is the straight way than the way that takes in the side roads.

"How great are his signs, and how mighty are his wonders!" (Daniel 4:3) We can only imagine in a small way the greatness of God when we view some of his mighty wonders. The purple-headed mountains are truly beautiful, especially some with snowcaps. Then, winding around the mountains, you come upon a village nestled in a valley, a peaceful scene. It seems that words fail, when viewing a great gorge or canyon, not fathoming the depth. Aren't the colors blended beautifully? After a shower we see a rainbow, and must remember God's promise to Noah and his family. Some find relaxation by a lake, here find time for meditating. I feel it is very good, for we don't seem to take enough time while going about our daily duties.

No matter what we do or where we go, it seems the most gratifying thing is to meet those of like faith. In Deuteronomy 15:11 we read, "Thou shalt open thine hand wide unto thy brother . . ." I'm sure we can all feel this when visiting our congregations, for if we think we don't know anyone, once inside we

are one of them, and all as one. Our Christian fellowship is something to be highly treasured, and I wonder if we do enough.

It is wonderful to go away for a few days or weeks, but don't we all agree that the road home is the sweetest? It is always so good to get to the end of the road. We are always thankful if we have been protected and can return safely. It is such a great pleasure to greet our loved ones again. So should it be in our spiritual walk of life. We should be careful while traveling through this world, so we have a safe end where we will receive our reward. ". . . Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. I Corinthians 2:9

#### TOLEDO, OHIO Mary Ann Weigele

Sisters Lena and Katherine Rager have moved to their new home at 3145 Aldringham in Toledo. We wish them both much happiness here.

Warren Newman has been quite ill in the hospital for the past few weeks, but at this time seems to be doing some better. Our prayers go out for his speedy recovery.

It gives us much joy to report that Janet Rehklau has turned to the Lord in repentance. She made the comment that she had been bothered for some time. This is often true, and we pray that many others that are bothered could find grace to surrender to our Saviour and thus receive His wonderful blessing of peace.

Christian fellowship is one of our dearest treasures in this fast-paced modern time. In a small church like Toledo, we can appreciate it even more, because it is one bond that draws us closer to one another.

#### TREMONT, ILLINOIS Josephine Schaefer

God truly opened the windows of heaven and sent us showers of blessings through the visits of ministering brothers: Leroy Huber, Eureka; Herman Kellenberger, Elgin, Ill.; Roy Sauder, Peoria; Noah Herman, Tucson; Edwin Ringger and Elmer Witzig, both of Gridley, Ill. They left us much to think and ponder upon, and through their ef-

forts we received much food for the soul.

One of the brothers left us with this thought, "The light of faith shines brightest when the way is darkest." If we will just remember these words, surely they will be of help when dreary days, full of sorrow and tribulation overtake us.

At this writing, Sis. Minnie Sauder is hospitalized. We wish for her the blessings and nearness of God.

That "night . . . he . . . took bread . . . And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body . . . this do in remembrance of me." In accordance with these words, we of the Tremont congregation were privileged this past month to partake of holy communion. While it is indeed a humbling experience, yet it is an exceedingly wonderful experience to recall the price that was paid for our salvation. We were so bountifully blessed, that surely all must have left the assembly with a new determination to strive to walk more closely to God and to be more faithful.

#### TUCSON, ARIZONA Jay J. Bertsch

I wish that His hands had been placed on my head,  
That His arms had been thrown around me,  
And that I might have seen His kind look when He said,  
Let the little ones come unto me."

Our group is much smaller at this time of the year. Our ministering Bro. Noah Herman, his wife, and their daughter, Lorrie Jo left for Illinois for a six-week vacation. Other members of our congregation are also on vacation.

We have been served once by our Ministering Bro. Clarence Yackley, from Phoenix. Several other members accompanied him.

Otherwise, we play recordings sent from the Bluffton and Phoenix churches. We surely enjoy the recordings very much. May God richly bless those who devote and donate their time to make these recordings available.

We will be extremely happy, when all of our congregation will be with us again, so that we may have our regular services once again. We wish them a safe journey on their return home.

A hearty welcome is extended to everyone when they are traveling in the Southwest. We are happy when any friend or member can assemble with us, even for one Sunday.

### VALPARAISO, INDIANA

Mrs. W. A. Jacob  
Mrs. Harry Bucher

Bro. and Sis. Kaywin Martin of 313 Saugnash, Park Forrest, Illinois, are parents of a son, Kenneth Glen, born July 24.

The annual Sunday school picnic was held Aug. 31.

Our dear friend Mildred Ames and her son Dillar, have made their decision to repent and consecrate their lives to the Lord. They were announced Aug. 7.

### Life's Clock

The clock of life is wound but once,  
And no man has the power  
To tell just where the hands will  
stop,  
At late or early hour.

To lose one's wealth is sad indeed,  
To lose one's health is more,  
To lose one's soul is such a loss  
As no man can restore.

The present only is our own.  
Live, love, toil with a will  
Place no faith in tomorrow,  
For the clock may then be still.

### CHAMPAIGN-URBANA, ILL.

Ben Blunier

It seems that each Silver Lining recounts more young brothers and friends leaving for service, or Viet Nam, to serve their tour of duty. God bless them everyone. May they ever feel His nearness. He leads—we follow, and may we pray **His will be done.** God, plus one of his children is a majority anywhere. Yes, He'll lighten the load, and level the road, and bear thee on hands of compassion

Bros. Edwin Ringger, Gridley; LeRoy Huber, Eureka; Emanuel Gudeman, Cissna Park; and Ed Hohulin, Goodfield were our ministers at our last four Sunday services. Each time we feasted on the inspiring, needed, word of life. Many thanks to the brothers for their visits.

Bro Bob and Sis. Wilma (Scherer) Simpson have named their first baby girl Leigh Kennedy. A broth-

er, Johnny, also happily welcomes his sister.

Several brothers, sisters, and friends have found employment in the Champaign area. We welcome them, and invite them to meet with us at our services.

Most of us have many fond memories of our childhood. One of my favorites is how Dad would gather us younger children together after supper, perhaps on a cold night around a warm kitchen stove, and tell us stories from the Bible—of Joseph, David, Daniel in the lion's den, etc. How eagerly we listened. Yet today we have the same wonderful Bible, with its interesting and meaningful stories, its comfort, joy, and peace. The Bible is God speaking to us, and is ours to enjoy throughout life.

### LEO, INDIANA

Mrs. Elias Souder

Sarah Schwartz has been one of our shut-ins. Sarah had a fall and hurt her back. She spent several days at the Ft. Wayne Parkview Hospital, and is now in her own home, able to be around.

Ernie Stoller also met with an accident. He spent a few days at the Auburn Hospital, but is better again.

Cora Levy, who has been at the Auburn Hospital, has improved some and is now at one of the rest homes in Ft. Wayne. Her little great-grandson, Chris Stoller, son of Helen and Harry Joe Stoller, underwent surgery in Indianapolis. He also is getting better.

Little Troy Klopfenstein spent several days at the Parkview Hospital with a virus, but is home again. Health is such a wonderful blessing. After we have been ill, we are so thankful to be well again.

Baptismal services for Sandra Bertsch and Lillian Winzeler were Sun., July 17. Bro. Theo. Beer assisted Bro. David Bertsch in the proving and baptizing. Maurice Frank of Chicago also was one of our guest ministers on that Sunday.

Walter Anliker of Eureka held our Wed. evening services Aug. 3. Ben Schlatter from Junction and Verlin Stoller also were here that evening.

Our young people have been busy practicing their songs for Camp Mack.

Two groups of our congregation,

with some of the guests who visited from Latty visited the two Butter rest homes. They were very helpful with the singing. The patients there love to help sing the hymns. One dear one who is 96 years old sings so beautiful. Another one who is past 75 years old and has spent much time in a wheel-chair, because a mistake was made with her cast when she was hurt, was feeling so downhearted. She said, Her last cousin had passed away the week before.

I have some wonderful memories of my father. I remember when I first became converted, I had a battle with Satan, telling me I hadn't repented right or enough. Finally, I told my father. He smiling answered, "O I had that trouble too, and I told my father. He answered me, "When God forgives one thing, he forgives all." There my peace returned to me, and I had rest. I can still hear my dear mother say, "You won't have taken it too close when you come to the end." When I told her, I felt she wouldn't be with us long, as she was failing in health, she said, "O you'll come too, and I will meet you at the gate." Memories of that kind spur you onward to win the goal.

### ALTADENA, CALIFORNIA

Doris Graf — Jeri Minger

Our sympathy is extended to Sis. Betty and Sam Baker in the death of her father, Mr. Ernest Frank. Several of his children were able to attend the funeral, including Bro. and Sis. Harvey Heiniger, Sis. Majoria Siegel, and Sis. Esther Peterson, all from Oakville. We appreciated Bro. Harvey ministering unto us. Our other visiting minister was Bro. Joe Aberle, with Sis. Mary, from Sabetha. We thank all our visitors for worshipping with us.

Judy Graf, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Clarence Graf, graduated from Pasadena City College in June.

We welcome Ministering Bro. Glenn and Sis. Kay Hackenjos to our community. Their new address is: 1009 Fairview, Arcadia, Calif. They have moved from their previous home in Portland.

Announcement was made Sun., Aug. 8, of the engagement of Bro. Emery Minger, son of Bro. and Sis. Wm. Minger, and Sis. Rhoda Wieland, of Bay City, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Dewey Wieland. We wish

them God's richest blessings in their forthcoming marriage.

Jan Beyer, originally from Gridley, Kansas, will be going to Santa Monica Jr. College this coming Fall. Her new address is 1154 Roberto Lane, Los Angeles 24, Calif.

### BRADFORD, ILLINOIS Mrs. Martha Kieser

We are thankful to Bros. Mike Weyeneth, Peoria; Elmer Witzig, Gridley; Noah Herman, Tuscon; and Dave Kieser, Princeville for visiting us. We were left with an abundant measure of food for thought.

There are many from here who have been on vacation, but for Bro. John and Sis. Margaret Tanner, it was a special one. They are on a tour of Europe, but went especially to see their son Richard, who is stationed in Germany.

We have received some very timely rains here in our area, and were spared any severe storms, so we have much for which to be thankful.

### BURLINGTON, OKLAHOMA La Verne Roth — Kathryn Miller

Sisters Lydia Ott and Fredericka Schief have moved to the new Kiowa Manor Rest Home; they have been residents of the Memorial Manor Rest Home in Cherokee, Oklahoma. In Kiowa, Sis. Lydia will be nearer her children and it is the place where she and her husband chose to retire after moving off the farm in the Burlington community.

Hospital patients this past month were Keith Kisling, son of Bro. and Mrs. Frank Kisling, and Bro. Eli Frieden. Eli is recuperating nicely from a sudden heart attack, but we all feel the very presence of our Maker is looking down in favor on this brother, for he is needed in the home. For several years he has been caring for his wife, Sis. Ollie, who has been a shut-in following a stroke.

Our guest minister July 31 was Bro. Joe Aberle of Sabetha. Bro. Joe was formerly from our congregation; it was a pleasure to have him in our midst again and teach us from the word of God.

After the driest six months on record, we have been blest with bountiful rains the last week in July. Farmers are now very busy

working their fields, preparing a seed-bed to drill wheat this fall.

### CISSNA PARK, ILLINOIS Mary Young - Margaret Rudin

Graveside services were held here Aug. 1 for our dear friend, Lydia Miller of Congerville who died after a several months' illness. She leaves to mourn her loss her husband Mike and a son, Kenneth. Our sympathy is extended to the family.

Our community was saddened Aug. 3, when one of our dear sisters, Anna Egolf—aged 66, was taken away as in a twinkling of an eye. Bro. Ezra and his wife Sis. Olive witnessing it, as they had gone there to visit her, when suddenly she got a coughing spell and passed away before the doctor could reach her. Death was attributed to congested heart failure. Funeral services were held Aug. 6 Bros. Emanuel Gudeman and Ezra Feller officiated. She leaves to mourn, three sons and three daughters: Sis. Viola Greiner, Freeda Hamrick, Mary Ann McGrew, Raymond, Bro. Glenn, and John. May God comfort the bereaved family. May we ever be ready to meet our Maker.

Bro. Ben Walder was hospitalized, submitted to surgery and is getting along quite well.

Sis. Martha Farney is convalescing at her sister's, Ida Nussbaum at Remington, from injuries received in a car accident.

We are looking forward for both of them to return to their homes.

We were so blessed when our visiting ministers, Bro. Harvey Grimm from Bern, Bro. Andy Virkler from Bay City, Bro. Robert Beer from Mansfield, Bro. Noah Herman and their company visited our congregation.

A boy, Greg, was born to Bro. and Sis. Eldon Steffen on July 29. He has four brothers and one sister to welcome him.

The committee on the Home for the Handicapped met at Cissna Park July 16. All the members of the committee were present with the exception of Bro. Sam Anliker, who was unable to attend.

This was the second meeting, the first being held in Francesville on April 6.

The members of the committee reported their findings on the var-

ious aspects of building and operating a Home for Handicapped Children. Bros. Bob Pflederer, M.D. and Dale Eisenman, D.D.S of Chicago, contributed valuable information. Bro. Alden Nussbaum, who has been assisting the committee was also present, along with other interested persons from a distance and locally.

Approximately 75 completed questionnaires have been received. The general feeling of most was, "Who will care for my loved one when I am no longer here?"

submitted by Bro. Earl Feller

### CONGERVILLE, ILLINOIS Lorna Schrock — Jeanette Knapp

Visiting ministers were Bro. Ed Hohulin of Goodfield, Bro. Uriel Gehring of Burlington (Ia.), and Bro. Albert Aberle of Tremont. Our thanks go to God for all blessings received.

Several persons from our congregation have been hospitalized this month.

Cindy Honeg, 2-year-old daughter of Dick and Millie (Dietrick) Honeg was treated in the hospital for an eye infection.

While training a 4-H calf to lead, 10-year-old Dale Knapp, son of Loren and Evelyn Knapp, became entangled in the rope and fell down. The frightened calf trampled his head, requiring Dale to be hospitalized for observation and repair of facial lacerations.

Bro. Jake Miller has been in the hospital for several weeks, receiving physical therapy.

Bro. John Wettstein had chest surgery recently and is still in the hospital at this time.

We were saddened, due to the death of a dear friend, Lydia (Mrs. Mike) Miller. Lydia, aged 61, died July 30 at the A.C. Home in Eureka, where she had been a patient for 9 weeks, following brain surgery in Springfield. The funeral was held on Aug. 1, being officiated by Bros. Emanuel Gudeman, Frederick Knapp, and Ben Zimmerman. Burial took place at Cissna Park.

She was born March 25, 1905 in Iroquois County, Ill., a daughter of John and Susan Hodel Waldbeser. In 1925 she married Mike Miller in Chicago. Surviving are her husband; a son Kenneth of Congerville; two brothers, Joe and Ben Waldbeser, both of Cissna; two sisters, Mrs. Sam Winger and Mrs.

Matt Overfelt, both of Cissna; and four grandchildren. A son and a brother preceded her in death. She shall certainly be missed by all of us, and our sympathy is extended to her family.

### Bible Reading

Countless blessings and lessons can be obtained in the Old Testament. One lesson in particular that has often been a source of admonishment to me is exemplified by an experience of the children of Israel in the wilderness. God provided for all their needs including the manna sent from heaven to nourish their physical bodies. After a time, they became dissatisfied and complained that they would rather have meat. This displeased the Lord. Psalms 106:15 says that "he gave them their request; but sent leanness into their soul." What an awful price to pay for wanting their own way, instead of God's way. We may easily do the same thing without realizing it, and God may also grant our requests, even though it isn't His perfect will for us. The results will no doubt be the same—**leanness of soul**. Thus it is important to read and meditate in God's word, that we may be led of His Spirit. The account of the complaints of the children of Israel about the manna can be found in Numbers 11.

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

We have been richly blessed with many visitors from the various places, and received several inspiring messages expounded unto us by our ministering brothers. The 4th of July reminded us of our many freedoms of gathering from far places and of the love God has granted us in the same faith.

The following week end, ministering Bro. Walter Anliker and family of Eureka were in our midst. Bro. Walter brought us the holy word, as found in Daniel 5 and I Corinthians 1. On the 24th, Bro. Walter Rehklau of Toledo was here.

Bro. Terry Zimmerman is soon to get his discharge from the service, after spending quite some time in the hospital with knee trouble. We are happy for Bro. Terry, as he can leave the trials and cares of Army life, but will also truly miss him and do appreciate all that he

has done in the support of our gatherings. May God be with him in the future. We hope that his complications will soon clear up.

Friends Bruce Hohulin and Charles Flanigan have left our presence here to report to their new duty stations in Europe. May God protect and direct them as he so desires. Soon to leave here is your reporter, who has been assigned to further duties in Viet Nam. It is my earnest prayer that all who read the Silver Lining will often remember me in their daily thoughts and prayers, for I am so weak and needy in faith . . . But may we never doubt His holy will, as He knows what is best for us all, and He has promised **Never to leave thee alone**. I will truly miss the fellowship of our gatherings here, as well as those of my home congregation of Taylor, and would appreciate hearing from those who would take a few minutes to write.

I have enjoyed being the Silver Lining reporter for the past couple months and have asked Bro. Randy Kellenberger to continue. The church apartment address is 504 Elmhurst, Apt. 6, San Antonio, Texas 78209, and the phone number is TA4-9803. Anyone entering the service is asked to write the apt. so we know approximately when to expect them and also contact after arriving in San Antonio.

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

Bro. Will Sinn is in Santa Fe Hospital in Topeka, where he had surgery. He is getting along as well as can be expected.

Appendicitis attacked our second daughter, Judy, age 8, causing her to have an operation. She is home again and recovering quite well.

Ministering Bro. Roy Wernli, Lamont, and his family visited our congregation. We thank them for coming and for the timely messages Bro. Roy spoke to us.

I remember a verse from a hymn that my aged grandmother recited to me when I repented. She thought it "fitted" me: Hymn No. 17 in **Zion's Harp**, "Joy in The Saviour."

I'm a lamb of Jesus flock;  
Untold blessings are my lot;  
For my Shepherd gives protection,  
Showers on me His affection,  
And with peace and gentle love,  
Calls to me from heaven above.

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

Hospitalized at present are Sisters Martha Steiner and Charlotte (Mrs. Clifton) Virkler, both having undergone surgery. Sis. Edith Herzig has been confined to her home for some time with a broken bone in her foot. Bro. Philip Farney has also been hospitalized for surgery, and is now resting at home. Also recuperating at her home is friend Ruth (Mrs. Newton) Mellnitz, daughter of Bro. Elmer and Sis. Minnie Taube, after being critically ill for some time, following the birth of a tiny daughter. Little Joanne Marie has also been discharged from the hospital and is being cared for by her aunt.

John Hirschey, son of Bro. Leland and Sis. Bernice, is home from the hospital after submitting to the amputation of his leg above the knee, on July 6. On July 7, he and wife Mollie became parents of a son, Eric Scott.

We have enjoyed having with us many visitors during the last month. Among them was ministering Brother Homer Reineck. We are surely grateful to him for his interesting and inspiring messages.

Our young friend, Floyd Graves Jr., who returned recently from a year in Korea, has been spending a month with his parents, Bro. Floyd and Sis. Loretta.

### FORT WAYNE, INDIANA Mary Eisenmann — Marge Gerber

A blessed day and evening was ours July 10, when the Toledo Bible class was with us for our monthly "Hymn Sing". We also wish to thank the Milford brethren, who were in charge of the singing, and those who took part in the evening program.

Jeffery Philip arrived on July 15 to gladden the home of Patrick and Carol Plank. Bro. and Sis. Phil and Emma Clauss are his maternal grandparents. We trust the Heavenly Father can give the needed comfort and soon restore the necessary health to Carol, who has required re-hospitalization since she took her little one home, due to phlebitis.

We thank Bro. Jack Bollier of Leo for coming to bring the word of God to us on July 24.

Sis. Marty Pfister, daughter of

Bro. and Sis. Levi and Lillian, and Bro. John Pence of Bluffton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Pence were united in Holy Matrimony on July 31 by Bro. Sam Aeschliman. May they ever feel the presence of the Heavenly Father, and may He richly bless them in this great undertaking.

Thus united and in concord  
Let us walk the path of life;  
Hand in hand, O may love bind us  
For each other's welfare strive.

May this be their daily endeavoring.

Other visiting ministers this day were Bros. David Bertsch of Leo and Henry Beer of Milford.

Thankful, I am sure, for the safe arrival home of their son, Steve, are Joe and Betty Bahr. Steve spent about a year in Viet Nam serving as a Marine, and after some time with his parents and family, is to report to California.

Carrie Keidel is a patient at Lutheran Hospital, where she has been for 3 weeks for a heart condition. We trust the Lord can give the needed grace and comfort to her and her loving husband and family during the time of suffering and illness.

The 23rd Psalm is a great comfort, and was one of the favorite scripture readings of my Grandfather Pfleiderer, who went to his eternal rest ten years ago this month.

I often think of the song selected by a loved one back home (Tremont), when a few of our family went to sing for her one Sunday afternoon. She had endured much suffering and a lengthy illness before going to her eternal rest, and she asked us to sing Hymn 241—"Endure and Be Still". If our Heavenly Father does not see fit to heal our physical illness, He surely will give us the strength to endure whatever He lets befall us, for this He has promised.

We were asked to write a few lines on our experiences on Bible Reading—The following was submitted by Sis. Marge Gerber: In reading the Bible we see many beautiful verses that help us in our daily walk, but in particular I have pleasure in reading in Romans, Chapter 5, verses 2 and 21, and in looking forward to the joys of heaven, beautiful verses are found in Revelation, Chapter 21, verses

4 and 7. These few have been a great help to me.

#### GOODFIELD, ILLINOIS Marian Wiegand—Edith Tanner

Phyllis and Gary Sauder are the parents of their first baby boy—Christopher Carl—born July 6. What comfort and joy a little child can bring!

Announcement was made of the engagement of Lester Bauman, son of Bro. Elmer and Sis. Mildred, to Helen Wagenbach, daughter of Bro. Simon and Sis. Louise of Tremont. Plans are being made for a November wedding.

Bros. Ed Hohulin and Bob Grimm, during early morning Bible class for five Sundays, shared with us interesting information on Christian history. They also taught concerning conviction, repentance and confession. Let us continue to "Search the scriptures" that we might be rightly dividing the word of truth.

At the time of my repentance, my father encouraged me by quoting part of the Zion's Harp Hymn, "The going out from Babel we never will regret, but hope to grow more perfect, more separated yet." Are we sincerely seeking to be separated from the things of this world? Do they mean less and less to us, or are we allowing the temporal things to mean more and more to us? The Bible says, ". . . be ye not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind . . ." Romans 12:2. Perhaps we should use the dictionary to understand this verse better.

Bruce Hohulin is to be stationed in Germany. We hope he will soon meet other friends and brethren there.

#### JUNCTION, OHIO Mrs. Alvin Manz — Mrs. Ben Manz

We were pleased and thankful, this past month, to have Bro. Kenneth and Sis. Susie Sauder and family with us from Mansfield. Bro. Kenneth, who is Sis. Evelyn Manz's brother brought us the evening message from the gospel of St. John.

Quite a few of our number have been on the sick list, but at present all are able to attend church again. Bro. Ben Manz was hospitalized with a virus and returned home, is quite weak yet but much improved. Sis. Evelyn Manz suffered a large

cut on her forearm, requiring 11 stitches.

#### LAMAR, MISSOURI Marie Marti

Announcement was made of the engagement of Bro. Alfred Banwart to Sis. Marilyn Schneider of West Bend. Bro. Alfred Lee's parents are Oscar and Sis. Caroline Banwart, and Sis. Marilyn is the daughter of Bro. Laurence and Sis. Ella Schneider. May God's richest blessings be their portion.

Sis. Corrine Roth and family have returned to Goodfield, after having spent several months in our midst. We enjoyed having them and will miss Jahala, Gerri and Kenda in our Sunday School. May God bless this family in their new home.

Our Bible class is planning to attend Camp Fellowship in Topeka, August 13 and 14.

What does our church mean to us? It is a quiet, calm and peaceful place where we can be refreshed each Sunday from the fountains of living water. Here we escape from a world of mere things; here we find intangible treasures. In these days of stress, it is in our church we find a wealth of loveliness, rich teachings true and pure—free and soothing, awaiting only to be grasped. Through the avenue of prayer and hymn-singing we can commune with our loving Lord. Becoming sensitive to the beauty of God's word and conscious of His grace and rich blessings, we can return home with renewed faith, and ever feel His nearness as we busily go about our daily tasks. "But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life." St. John 4:14.

Be kind today. Who knows where we will be—One minute here, the next eternity.

#### MAYWOOD, CALIFORNIA Julie Dapper

"Is thy lot to suffer in sickness and pain? Let nothing deceive you to murmur in pain. Endure, and be still, Believing it is the dear Saviour's good will." Zion's Harp Hymn No. 241, verse 2.

Such words as these are always a comfort when sickness becomes a portion of our life. Our friend, Kenneth Muehlhauser, submitted to



surgery on July 19. He has been able to return home and is improving slowly. Sis. Helen Gerber also submitted to surgery on July 29. She hopes to be released in a few days and will convalesce at her daughter's home. Sis. Helen's address is: 8051 Roosevelt, Midway City, California, for those who would care to send her a note of cheer. Sis. Julia Dapper spent 6 days in the hospital, undergoing tests and X-rays. She is again at home and is able to attend church. May the patience and blessings of God be with all those who are shut-in.

We held our annual election of officers on August 7. Those who have been elected for the various offices are: Sunday School superintendent—Bro. Ernest Dapper; Sunday School teacher—Sis. Julie Dapper; song leader—Bro. Dale Dapper; Silver Lining reporters—Sis. Ruth Dapper and Sis. Julie Dapper; trustees—Bros. Dale Dapper, Ben Amman and Ernest Dapper.

#### MORTON, ILLINOIS

Rose Getz — Ruth Rapp

Funeral services were held August 6 for Julie Lynn Moser, age 2, daughter of Bro. Robert and Sis. Barbara Rowell Moser. She also leaves two brothers, Brian and Curtis, to mourn her loss. Bro. Henry Grimm officiated.

We were blessed with the inspiring messages brought by our visiting ministers, Bros. Eugene Bertschi and Don Sauder of Roanoke and Bro. Ben Maibach of Detroit.

The door of grace has been open, and Robert and Christine Schubach Baum, Leann Bertschi and Larry Overlander will bring their testimonies before the congregation soon.

Bro. Ronald Heiniger, son of the Arthur Heinigers and Kayleen Rumbold, daughter of Sis. Beulah Rumbold have announced their forthcoming marriage.

A baby girl was born to Bro. Jim and Sis. Caroline Springer Isbel on July 27.

Among our sick are Sis. Marie Schick (Mrs. Carl), who had major surgery; Sis. Clara Grimm (Mrs. Sam), a patient in the Methodist Hospital; Sis. Naomi Rapp, who has her leg in a cast, having injured it in a fall.

Addresses: Mr. and Mrs. Vernon

Huber, CBC Trailer Park—Lot 22, Davisville Rhode Island . . . Mr. Larry Bertschi, 731 Cottage, Columbus Indiana 47201 . . . Mrs. Don E. Bertschi, 6648 Tower Dr Apt 106, Alexandria Virginia 22306

#### PHOENIX, ARIZONA

Mrs. Joe Beer — Mrs. Ervin Rokey

"Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." St. Matthew 11:28-30

This is a true story about how a child unknowing, helped an adult through song. My Grandma was very blue one day. My sister, being quite young at that time, happened to go over to Grandma's house. She started singing, "Leave It There". Where in the song there are the words, "Take your burden to the Lord and leave it there", Grandma immediately had the answer to her problem. She has never forgotten the incident, and used to request that particular song at singings, in remembrance of that day.

Hospital patients have been: Janet Klaus (Medical) and Bros. Ernest Elsasser and Richard Beery (surgical). We wish them all a speedy recovery.

Ministering Bro. Joe Aberle from Sabetha, his wife and his mother were with us one evening this past month.

A thought: Happiness cannot be gained by living, but by giving.

#### PORTLAND, OREGON

Mrs. Edward Unsicker

##### What The Bible Means To Me

When the Silver Lining editor requested this feature, my first thought was, "It's impossible! My poor pen can never find words for this!" God reminded me gently, "You know I can help you!"

First, He led me back to the seventeen-year-old girl who packed her new Bible and went to Chicago to a new job. How young and foolish I was! How many times I must have sorely grieved my Lord. Yet, because of His unfathomable love and undeserved mercy, God led me each day to search in my Bible, and His power, the power of His word, kept me in Him. By His

grace we are saved and kept. II Corinthians 9:8; Ephesians 3:19, 20.

In further communing about the Bible in my life, I thought of the young brother whom I hardly knew, but who loved the Bible as I did. Here, young believers, is the criteria for choosing your life's partner! God will never "let you down" if you both seek His Will in His holy Word. He has led us through nineteen years of shared blessings in Him, and I can never thank Him enough.

Later, I remembered the young mother who had just learned that her new baby boy was hopelessly crippled, a pathetic blister on his back substituting for two vertebrae. I went home from the hospital to the tune of his constant crying, crushed and defeated. Our three other small children had to sort of shift for themselves—nothing seemed to matter. Then from the pages of the precious Bible came the words, "My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness." I found peace, such peace as I had never known. In suffering I learned the true meaning of Romans 8:28, realizing that now I was better able to share in the sufferings of others. II Corinthians 1:2-6.

About a half dozen years ago God gave me the answer to changing "moods", and one of the greatest secrets of blessing I have ever found. One day, lying sick in bed, I was reading Phillipians 4:6, when suddenly the word "thanksgiving" was emblazoned upon my heart. How many times before I had read this verse I do not know, but believe I had mostly been focusing on the receiving end, the assurance of God's care if we ask for it. Suddenly God showed me this asking is conditional—"with thanksgiving". Dear readers, I can never adequately measure the worth of thanksgiving as a source of spiritual stability. We read in the Bible that God is "the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever", and with Him is no shadow of turning. God does not change with our moods, and surely He would not have His children, whom He bought with so great a price, floundering around. Perhaps moodiness was a greater problem for me than for most of you, but this only proves God's power, as He was able to help even

me. As a remedy, remember Thanksgiving!

As Christian parents, perhaps especially as parents of teenagers, the Bible must be our constant textbook. How often are we driven to our knees, clutching the precious Book. We make mistakes, we see the results in our children, and our souls can only cry out, "God, help!" Then He lifts us up and leads us to Matthew 11:29, or James 1:5, or other fountains of wisdom. He gives us new courage and helps us try again. Trusting Him to guide our children as He guides us, though we are so unworthy.

Best of all we read of our "blessed hope", the coming of our Lord Jesus, all through this wonderful Book. In the Bible, we are awed to find that the early prophecies are fulfilled (in every instance) perfectly, as God's plan unfolds. Today we are witnessing Revelation become fact, and this knowledge in the heart of a believer—this plateau of serenity rides out every storm of Satan's fury! By faith, God lifts us above these black clouds, and we say, "Even so, come, Lord Jesus."

In Silvertown, we sorely miss Bro. Harvey Kaisner, who has been called to Army Reserves for two weeks.

Mrs. John Kaufman (Betty) is recuperating satisfactorily from recent surgery, for which we all thank the Lord. Sis. Anna Cooper had the misfortune of spilling a kettle of hot water on her foot, causing painful second-degree burns. Anna, who must be off her feet for awhile, lives in remote Powers, Oregon, three hundred miles from Portland. Her address is: Mrs. O. R. Cooper, P.O. Box 563, Powers, Oregon 97466.

We are grateful to the Lord for providing such blessed fellowship with our many visitors. As one visiting sister said, "I always marvel at our fellowship; we can visit any distant church of ours, and immediately the recognition of kindred spirits is there"! We surely thank each for thinking of us, and heartily invite you to come again! At the present time we are greatly enjoying Bro. John and Sis. Lois Klotzle and their family from Altadena, as well as several other families. Bro. John emphasized the wonders of the word of God, "Just take it as it springs forth for our

needs right now," he said: "Last year's needs were covered by it then, but today's are different. The word of God is adequate for all of them and for all of us!"

#### TAYLOR MISSOURI

Mrs. Eli Sutter Mrs. Bill Heimer

We are thankful for an abundant rain, after about six weeks of no measurable amount, and lawns and pastures are green again. We had about a week of over 100 degree temperature. It is again a reminder that we can plant, but unless the Lord gives the rain our efforts are in vain.

The Ft Sam reunion was held here July 23, with many staying for Sunday. Bro. Norman and Sis. Sally Haerr and Bro. Paul and Sis. Kathy Haab were the hosts. We enjoyed meeting many that we had not met before and the fellowship we had with one another.

We have Sunday School vacation during the month of August. Classes will resume on Sept. 4.

Bro. Dick and Cleo Gerst went to Germany by plane to visit their son Herbert Jr (Dickie), who is stationed at Nurnburg. They did some sight-seeing in Germany and Switzerland and visited some of our churches there. They met Bro. Noah Schrock, Oakville, and Bro. John Bahler, Rockville, also Bro. Ernest and Sis. Tillie Kellenberger, Morris.

It was interesting to hear that they visited the grave of Bro. Samuel Frohlich at Strasburg, France. They also visited in the home where Bro. Dick's father was born and lived until coming to America. It is still occupied by the Gerst family. They enjoyed the trip, but were glad to get home again, as we were to see them.

Sis. Lauretta, daughter of Rudie and Sis. Lena Haerr, and Bro. Bruce Schafer, son of Amos and Sis. Marie Schafer were united in marriage by Bro. Al Fisher, Chicago, on Aug. 7. We wish them the Lord's blessing in their life together. They will make their home in Chicago.

Bro. Bill Cottrell, son of Bro. William and Sis. Ruth Cottrell, is home on leave from Ft. Sam. He has received his orders to go to Viet Nam. Our prayers are extended to him and to all that have this assignment, that they may receive

grace and strength from the Lord for their every need.

When we were asked to tell of some personal experience in Bible reading, my thoughts went back to the spring of last year, during the flood. Many of our young men were in grave danger, as they often worked day and night to keep the levees from breaking and flooding the farm land.

One night I suddenly woke up with a great fear in my heart, feeling that someone was in danger. Knowing there was only one source of help, I turned to the Bible.

Psalms 91 has long been a favorite of mine, so I turned to it and read it through, but the fear was still with me, so I read it again. This time I noticed the center column reference which referred to Isaiah 43:2—When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee; . . .

After reading that comforting verse, all fear left me, and I knew the Lord was watching over and protecting our loved ones, and I could go back to sleep in peace.

#### BREMEN, INDIANA

Letty Hueni

Bro. Edwin Bahler and his wife, Sis. Lois of Remington, visited our congregation on August 7. His messages were an inspiration to the believers, and challenged every unsaved person to escape the awful reality of hell by coming to Christ in repentance and faith.

On June 8, Jim and Carol Sundberg welcomed their first child, Juanita Ruth, into their home at Peoria. Carol is the daughter of Manny and Ruth Steffen.

Ed and Carolyn Suttor are the happy parents of Monica Lou, born July 28. Randy, Cindy and Mike will help introduce their new sister to the world.

These precious new babies have something very basic in common with every other baby that was ever born. If they are to grow, they must be fed. Mother tenderly supplies her infant's needs, and rejoices as his little body responds. She knows that feeding time must be regular. A lapse of a day or two could be disastrous and even fatal, so nothing interrupts this important schedule.

Now God's word says, "As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow

thereby." (I Peter 2:2) Newborn Christians have something very basic, in common with every other Christian ever saved. If they are to grow, they must be fed . . . And when a believer feeds on the Scriptures, his Father will see to it that love, wisdom, power and many other godly virtues will develop in his life . . . But feeding time must be regular, lest there be disastrous or even fatal results. God's work in our lives is limited or expanded as we limit or expand God's word in our lives. Perhaps this question is in order: "Is my soul-feeding schedule as punctual as my body-feeding schedule?"

Jeffery Suttor, little son of Al and Verla, was hospitalized briefly, following an accident near his home. His guardian angels were watching over him, and he is now recuperating nicely.

#### GIRARD, OHIO Jesse C. Emch

LORD, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God. Psalm 90:1-2

Here in Girard, I believe that we can say that during the month of July we have enjoyed many blessings.

On July 10, for Open House we had many visitors. The following ministers were with us: Bros. Ed Aeschleman, Wilmington, Del.; Ernest Graf, Gene Palmer, Akron; Ben Hartzler, Rittman; Delbert Indermuhle, Sardis. The God-inspired messages were joyfully received.

On Sunday, July 17 we had our long-awaited "Dedication". Our new church building was filled to capacity. Visiting ministers were as follows: Elder Bros. Rudolph Graf, Akron, and Noah Bauman, Rittman; Bros. Henry Sabo, Mansfield; Elmer Schrenk, Alto; Fred Marti, Elmer Zollinger, Rittman; Merrill Laukhuf, Latty; and Kenneth Sauder, Mansfield. Morning sermon was by Bro. Schrenk, followed by Bro. Sabo. Dedication services were held in the afternoon by Elder Bros. Noah Bauman and Rudolph Graf. The Scripture readings were from I Kings, chapter 8 and I Kings, chapter 9. All who were present to hear could surely feel that God showered us with blessings throughout the day. May

our Heavenly Father grant grace to each one of us to heed the teachings we heard. We welcome all to come and visit us again. We want to thank all who have visited us, and especially those who gave a helping hand in serving.

Mr. and Mrs. James Wood, who have been stationed in Germany for the past three years have returned to the States. After spending a couple of weeks with her parents, the Fred Durigs of Girard, they will go to North Dakota for his new assignment. We were all very glad to visit with Jim, Donna and their two children. We wish them God's blessing.

#### GRIDLEY, ILLINOIS Lydia and Eunice Kammerer Experience in Bible Reading

Both our father and mother, Bro. and Sis. Kammerer, were devout Bible readers. Though many years have passed since the departure of our beloved mother, and eleven years since the passing of our father, the memory of their sincerity, and the example, lingers with us. Our mother was converted many years before father. He did not go ahead, until many years later he repented and became a Christian. Even before he became a member, he always read aloud from the Bible when the family gathered at meal time. Whenever he was absent mother faithfully read to us from the Bible.

On September 27, 1933, she again read at the conclusion of the evening meal, since father was in Chicago on a business trip. After reading and giving silent thanks, she arose from the table and went to the basement, where she suffered a stroke, just as she was approaching the steps to return to the kitchen. In an hour and a half she passed from this life into eternity, shortly before father returned by bus from Chicago. Thus she closed her life by reading from her favorite book, "The Bible."

Our father spent much time reading in the evening before going to bed, even tho' he had read at the table. Many times when we come home, the Bible would still be on the dining room table, where he would sit and read until bedtime.

Another convert has been added since our last report. He is Richard Stoller, son of Bro. Harold and Sis.

Mary Stoller. We wish him much grace in his new walk of life

Visiting ministers the past month were Bro. Albert Wuthrich, Iowa; Bro. Joseph Zimmerman, Roanoke; and Bro. Art Gudeman, La Crosse.

Among the Sick: Jim, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Kiefer, suffered a compound fracture of the ankle, when his foot caught in an auger. Jim is in a cast, and the position is very uncomfortable. We sincerely hope the time will pass quickly for him, and that before too long he will be about as usual.

Sis. Judy Witzig is also in a cast with a cracked hip, following an accident with her automobile. Judy is a nurse, employed in the Methodist Hospital in Peoria. She was on her way to work when the accident happened. She was brought to the home of her parents, Bro. Sam and Sis. Louise Witzig yesterday, after being hospitalized for a few weeks following the accident. We are sure both Judy and also Jim Kiefer will appreciate cards from friends.

Word was received from Capt. and Mrs. Dennis K. Stoller, who are stationed in El Paso, Texas, that their son, Todd Alan (one-year-old) was injured while playing, and was rushed to the hospital. A number of stitches were required to close the wound on the inside of his mouth.

Bro. Ben Hofer is again able to assemble with us, after being absent a number of months following a light stroke.

Bro. Barnhardt Ringger has returned to his home, after being in the hospital for tests and observation.

Announcement has been made of the engagement and approaching marriage of Bro. Richard Stoller and Sis. Jean Steffen. Richard is the son of Bro. Virgil and Sis. Hulda Stoller from Gridley, and Jean is the daughter of Sis. Steffen from Elgin.

Bro. Duane Witzig has completed his Army duties. He and his wife and baby are now living in Bloomington, Ill., where Duane is employed.

#### INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA Christine Leman — Jeanne Steffen

Our host for the month of July was Francesville. We thank them for the inspiring message brought forth unto us.

The schedule for the next 10

months is as follows: Aug. 14—Cissna Park, Aug. 28—no church, due to Camp Mack, Sept. 11 and 25—La Crosse, Oct. 9 and 23—Bremen, Nov. 13—Latty, Dec. 11—To be announced, Jan. 8 and 22—Remington, Feb. 12 and 26—Wolcott, March 12—Ft. Wayne, April 9 and 23—Milford, May 14 and 28—Leo.

Church services are 10:30 AM and 12:30 PM at the Krannert YMCA—605 So. High School Rd. Everyone is welcome!

## LA CROSSE, INDIANA

### Joanie Heiniger

We have had many blessings throughout this past month.

Our friends, Mary Heinold—daughter of Bro. and Sis. Ray and Marie Heinold, and Shirley Frank, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Edward Frank, have decided to turn to the Lord. We wish them much grace and blessings.

Our friend, Ann Mueller, who has been sick for a long time, passed away, July 17. She has left a very empty spot in her home, but it was indeed a blessing she could be relieved of her suffering.

Our sister, Peggy Heinold, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Aaron Heinold, has been announced to marry Bro. Duane Metzger of West Bend. May God grant them much happiness throughout the years.

### What Mail Means to a Soldier Boy Don Gudeman

Only a serviceman really knows what it means to find that someone else is thinking of him, and has taken the time to spend a little time with him, share his burdens, extend a little of their joys and interests with him. For the few moments that he spends reading his mail, in chow line, flopped on his bunk, or in some quiet corner, and for the hours he might afterward ponder what he has read, he is separated from the loneliness and stress of the day. A letter is a word of home activities, a sweet refuge from the filth and harrassment of his environment, a friendly visit from a thoughtful friend, a word of encouragement for mind and soul. For the soldier who is isolated from those of like mind and faith, whether in near or distant lands, whether in times of war or peace, to know that others are thinking of him, praying for him, encouraging him—makes a letter at mail

call the biggest, brightest moment of his day.

## ROANOKE, ILLINOIS Sara Aeschleman

Our congregation was saddened by several deaths in our community this past month.

Funeral services were held July 8 for Bro. Samuel Hodel, age 90, who passed away at the Eureka Apostolic Christian Home. Bro. Eugene Bertschi had the services.

Funeral services were held Aug. 5 for Bro. Carl Sauder, age 66, who had been ill for sometime. May the Lord, who knows our every need, be a comfort to his wife, Sis. Rose, who now must carry on alone.

We were very sorry to hear of the passing away of our friend, Lawrence Rocke, whose sudden death was quite a blow to all. Our hearts go out to his family, who are left behind and who will greatly miss their husband and father. May God in his infinite love and mercy provide for them.

Communion services were held July 13, with both the Eureka and Roanoke congregations together.

Anew, Lord we are bound to Thee  
Through Thy blest sacrament,  
which we  
Partook, that joined in heart and  
hand  
To Zion's realm and holy land  
We journey on.

Our friends, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Sauder, are the parents of their first child, a son who has been named Christopher Carl—after both of his grandfathers.

We are very happy for our dear friend, Mary Ann Hoffman, who has heard and answered the kind call of the Lord to repent. May God bless her in this most important step in life.

Sun., Aug. 7, Sis LaVerne Fischer and Bro. Albert Butikofer of Elgin, Iowa, were united in holy matrimony. We want to wish them God's blessings. May this union of their hearts stand through grace in Jesus, where we find a threefold cord not lightly rent apart.

We in error failed to report the passing away of Bro. Sam Pfister, who died April 15, at the age of 88 years and nine months.

## ROCKVILLE, CONNECTICUT Carlton J. Lanz

A little girl, Katherine Lori, was

born June 7 to Sis. Charlotte (Ludwig) and James Trench. Her two little brothers are Jim and David, and the grandparents are Bro. Edward and Hazel (Charter) Ludwig and Mrs. Katherine Trench. Sis. Charlotte is one in the latest group of converts here.

The engagement of Bro. Douglas Moser to Sis. Carol Metzger of Sabetha was announced here on Sunday by Bro. John Bahler. Carol's parents are Bro. Phil and Sis. Bertha Metzger, and Douglas is the son of Bro. John and Sis. Esther Moser. They have our best wishes. Both are 22.

This seems to be the time of year again when people seem to be travel-minded, for in our community alone, many in twos and threes and in groups are now and will be visiting foreign shores—such as Germany, Switzerland, etc. From here, a group of four is leaving shortly for a visit to the Holy Land and Switzerland—where they have relatives and friends. These visits should be most interesting.

Returning recently from a goodwill mission to Europe, Bro. John Bahler with Bro. Noah Schrock made a rather unprecedented and interesting experience, when they attended funeral services of an aged elder of the church. A black hearse, carrying the corpse, was being drawn by a horse and led by a man on foot. This was followed by the long cortege of mourners—estimated at between six and seven hundred, all afoot, walking a distance of about three quarters of a mile to the church and another half-mile to the cemetery. Sixteen elders were present in this group. Incidentally, Bro. John Bahler noted, too, that "Everybody was dressed in black." Wouldn't this be an impressive and a rare sight here in one of our towns or cities?

Bro. Dennis (Danny) Kupferschmid has been notified to report for Service and will leave for his induction on August 22. That prayers will be offered in his behalf, we can believe.

## BURLINGTON, IOWA Dorothy Taeger

Bro. Sam Huber ministered to us on July 31. We were blessed with a very inspired message. We are always thankful, when we can hear the true word still being sent out to those who are without. It is so uplifting to those of us that

have chosen the narrow way, when we can hear how the word is being fulfilled today.

A large number attended our monthly singing on Aug. 7.

Bro. Dick Taeger and Sis. Dorothy were blessed with a baby girl on July 26. She has two older sisters at home.

#### LATTY, OHIO

Mrs. Ray Sinn Mrs. Gale Stoller

So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me. Hebrews 13:6.

David Klopfenstein, son of Bro. Floren and Sis. Mary Ella, has left for service in the Army. Bro. Gus Schlatter has been transferred to overseas duties. We wish them the strength and guidance of the Lord.

Several of our congregation have been in the hospital recently, but have returned home and recovered. They are Sis. Esther Stoller, Sis. Elsie Schlatter, Bro. Irvin Stoller and Brenda Wenninger, daughter of Bro. Don and Sis. Josephine.

David and Patty Greulack are the happy parents of a son, Troy Edward. Patty is the daughter of Sis. Betty Laukhuf.

#### GRIDLEY, KANSAS

Mrs. Rudy Bahr

Mrs. Eldon Metzger

Sis. Alice Raaf, who will be ninety in November, had cataract surgery in Wichita on July 11 and is making satisfactory recovery. Her faith and attitude are indeed an inspiration.

I'd like to share with you part of an article. "Too Negative—It is possible for a person to be generous without being gracious. This may describe the man who is so busy making money for his family that he has no time for them, or the man who tosses a coin to a beggar, or the person who reluctantly gives to a worthy cause because of social pressure.

It is also possible for a man to be honest without being kind, to be right without being helpful, and to be moral without being winsome. It is good to be truthful, but it is better to speak the truth in love. It is wonderful to be right, but it is unfortunate when our righteousness makes people detest us. It is good for us to have high ethical standards, but it is better if they are respected than resented.

The older brother in Jesus'

parable of the Prodigal Son lacked love; he was unlovely. In spite of his decency and his industry, he was the villain in the parable."

I remember as a child, that I felt this older brother had a "right" to feel he wasn't treated quite fairly when he had obeyed always . . . not realizing he forgot to count his own blessings—the warmth and love he received daily from his father, the peace of mind in doing the "right thing", and not running the risk that his brother took (who could have lost his life so easily).

Jealousy robbed him of his love to forgive and rejoice over one sinner that repenteth. May we all strive, with His grace, to not forget to season our busy work with the positive spice of love.

#### WICHITA, KANSAS

Mrs. Ethel Smith

Mrs. Jackie Farney

The Bern Sunday School classes visited us July 17. Sunday afternoon, a picnic and singing was held at the park, which was enjoyed by all. We are always thankful to have our children fellowship with others that are reared in homes of like mind and faith.

Elder Brothers Sam Anliker and Leroy Huber ministered unto us July 24. We were reminded once again of the wonderful experience of love. We have been able to enjoy an even closer love among each other, as the women of our church have been gathering together to work on projects. There is a blessing in knowing that we are helping needy ones, while we are enjoying the fellowship. Sis. Anne Greiner was elected chairman to organize our monthly gatherings.

Cecily and John Holliday have adopted a baby girl. Selena Anne was born July 24. Sharing the enjoyment of a new baby are maternal grandparents, Bro. Milton and Sis. Lillian Bowers.

I remember as a child, my parents gave me a Bible for my birthday. My father had written in the front of the Bible the scripture, Luke 11:9-10, "And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened." This scripture is a great comfort, knowing our Lord and Saviour will give what we ask . . . but we

must remember to ask in faith, as in Matthew 21:22: "And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive."

#### MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

Diane Olson

" . . . he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his son." I John 5:10 Our congregation was reminded how man transgresses against God, by knowing his divine word yet abusing the privilege of obeying it. We thank God for these messages brought to us by Bro. Harold Gramm of Morris.

In the fourth chapter of James we can read of the uncertainty of life and how each individual must act as his own heart dictates, in accordance with the word, not according to others' actions. This is brought out in verse 17, "Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin."

#### MILFORD, INDIANA

Marguerite Hoerr

Sis. Elizabeth Buser returned from a three-week trip to her native country, Switzerland. The miracles of springtime, the budding of trees and flowers were unfolded for her twice this year, and she was able to enjoy them early over there and again when she returned home. She reports a most enjoyable journey, meeting old friends and relatives and visiting the site of her former home (when she was a child).

Bro. Joe Beer, son of Bro. and Sis. Levi and Katherine was inducted into the service. We miss him in our church home on Sundays, and wish him God's blessings wherever he goes.

Bro. Ernie Krauter has suffered a slight relapse and was hospitalized again. We are thankful to say his condition is much improved.

Sis. Mary Gerber fell at her work and badly fractured her ankle. Surgery was necessary and she was hospitalized at Goshen General, where she will be bedfast for approximately six weeks.

We regret to report Bro. and Sis. Amos and Mary Steffen have left our community for their newly purchased home in Bluffton. One and all, we wish them God's blessings and much happiness in returning to their former community.

Bro. Bob and Sis. Helen Kaiser were pleasantly surprised on their twenty-fifth anniversary, when their daughter Jean planned a surprise open house for them. Many friends and relatives arrived to enjoy this occasion with them. Missing, but with them in thought, was their son Steve, who is stationed at Ft. Sam Houston.

### Brothers and Sisters

A friend in Christ!  
Am I so blest  
To have just one such friend?  
A friend whose greeting shows  
such love,  
We feel our spirits blend?

A friend whose master  
Is the Lord,  
The one we both adore?  
A friend whose church means all  
to him  
It means to me, and more?

A friend to whom  
The Bible is  
The living word of God?  
Who prayerfully seeks direction  
For the path he daily trods?

The friendships found  
Within the church  
Are like this, strong and true.  
Each time we step within its doors,  
We share this bond anew.

Yes, friends in Christ  
Are brothers, too  
And sisters in the Lord,  
All journeying on together  
To the land of great reward.

These friendships could be,  
Could be tarnished  
And lost through lack of love,  
We must value them most highly;  
They're a gift from God above.

Visiting ministers this month included Bros. Orville Ringger, Homer Reinich and Nathan Steffen. The blessings of their visits were shared by all of us. We thank them for sharing God's word with us.

We rejoice that Steve Kaiser was able to spend some time at home with us while on furlough from Ft. Sam Houston. During his stay, he gave the testimony of his faith before the congregation and was received into the fold of membership.

Our wishes for much happiness and blessings from above are extended to Bro. Ken Beer and Sis. Lynn Aeschliman, whose engage-

ment has been announced. Ken is the son of Bro. Maurice and Sis. Betty, and Lynn is the daughter of Bro. and Sis. Walter and Imogene Aeschliman of Bluffton. An early spring wedding is being planned.

Bro. Fred Schori experienced an unfortunate accident recently, resulting in the loss of a finger. He was hospitalized for ten days, during which time skin grafting was necessary. We are happy to report, he is back in church with us again.

We are always glad to see faces in our assembly that we have missed for a long time. Linda Levy, after a lengthy hospital stay, was able to be present for her cousin Steve's baptism. As her father so aptly put it, "It's a modern day miracle that she can be with us", and we are thankful to God for her recovery.

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### MY EXPERIENCES IN A COMMUNIST PRISON IN YUGOSLAVIA

Bro. Heinrich Mueller

[Continued from Last Month]

I then told her of my experience during the night. She then said, "Father, I begged the guard to take one of my blankets over to you to keep you from getting cold, because I had two blankets." She also gave me a few handkerchiefs and a piece of soap, and then I went to my cell again.

We were then put into the main prison. Our daughter was placed in the women's prison, about four miles from where I was. In my prison room, there was only room for

about 20, yet we were 125. The space for one prisoner was only about 16 inches in width, hardly room to move—we were lying there like "herring in cans"—one, one way, and the other the opposite. It was full of lice . . . And, what made it especially bad was because they had put thieves and murderers in with us, and if one got against them or bumped them a little, they began to "cuss" and "swear", which hurt us even more.

Next to me lay Bro. Oberman, the elder who recently died at Bahlingen — Elder Bro. Franz of the Hungarian language. . . . One Sunday (he was so sad) said to me, "Bro. Henry, we will never get out of here alive again." Then I said, "Listen to me; the people of this world often spend all of their wealth for their children's education, and here we are in the very 'Highest School', all free of charge. Do we have reasons to complain"? Then he said to me, "You are right." In such ways we tried to comfort one another in our sorrow.

We were always to take our cap off when meeting a policeman. Once I missed doing it, for which I was immediately led away, and was taken down into a deep, cement room. It was winter, and it was cold. In the evening two policemen came and stripped me of all my clothing except my underwear and socks. I had to sit this way in the cold all night. I took one of my socks off to lean on, and the other I kept exchanging, from one foot to the other, trying to keep warm all night long.

In this distress I prayed to God and said, "LORD, Thou hast been able to bring Thy three servants out of the fiery furnace; now please drive the cold out of here and keep me from harm." The next morning about nine o'clock the police brought me my clothing again and took me back to the brothers. The brothers asked me, "Where were you? We saw when they took you away, and we prayed for you all night long . . . And just look at yourself, how blue you are all over." I told them, "Yes, I know I am blue from the cold but it does not hurt me at all."

From there I was led to another room, where beside me was a captain of King Peter's Army. He said to me, "Mr. Mueller, if you want to write a letter to your daughter, I will take it with me and hand it

to her." I spoke of the danger if he should get caught with it. He said, "Just write, and I'll take the responsibility." He really got the letter to her.

Another time, he asked me again to write to my daughter, because he was going over. I again warned him. He again said the same words about letting it be his responsibility.

This time he met up with a woman in the yard. Thinking it was a woman prisoner, he gave her my letter, but she happened to be a policewoman and reported him at once. He was questioned, then he came back to me and told me of the trouble he was in. He no more than had it said, when the police came to get him. I was questioned by a tall

young man. He asked me if I had written the letter, and I said "Yes". He asked me to read the letter, so he could write it. I did.

The letter read: "Dear child, be submissive to the government, for there is no government that is not ordained by God, and as soon as the government is convinced that we are innocent, they will set us free."

Since I had written in this particular way, he did not criticize it. He, too, knew why I was in prison. As he looked at me he said, "Do you believe that Jesus is coming again?" I told him Jesus will surely come again, but not in a manger, but for judgment. He asked me if Jesus would also judge those who had judged me. I said, "If their

judgment was unrighteous, then He will judge them." Then his eyes filled with tears. He asked me again, "Do you for sure believe that Jesus is coming?" I said, "I am steadfast to believe He is coming." He then begged me to forgive him his transgression, and promised he would never again cause me trouble. He said, "Go on", and did not report me. Again I could clearly see how the good Lord had stepped in the middle, and brought fear into a heart because of the coming judgment.

With me in my room I had six German generals and other officers, also King Peter's two guardians. King Peter was still a minor, so he had to have two guardians.

[To Be Continued]

## WATCHMAN, WHAT OF THE NIGHT?

Henry Souder Jr.

Night.

Storm.

"Watchman, what of the night?  
Watchman, what of the night?"

The light is bright. The night is without light.

A storm gathers. Thunder rumbles. Lightnings zigzag across the sky. Darkness shadows.

Darkness densens into black. The night is without light.

Sin shades, darker, till all is black. Black blends with the darkness, the outer.

Then there is trouble, looming as a gathering storm, the terrifying tribulation.

"That day is a day of wrath, a day of trouble and distress, a day of wateness and desolation, a day of darkness and gloominess, a day of clouds and thick darkness, A day of the trumpet and alarm against the fenced cities, and against the high towers."

Disaster funnels down.

Men have radar screens. They determine storm lines. The open page of God's word pictures storm activity rapidly bearing down on man.

Scarcely no flesh would be saved,

our Saviour says, if the days were not shortened. Days of tribulation mean just that. Men's hearts pressed and rolled in terror-troubled, terrifying hours. Storms soon to sweep shall settle into horrible night. Death offers no salvation without light.

"For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reprov'd."

Sin is briars, the tongues of night. Its sting steepens into death. The swollen soul grows heedless of the word of God.

Is there not comfort, here? Yes. There was another night. Gethsemane. His soul became sorrowful, pressed down even unto death. He fell on the ground. He prayed: "... if it be possible ... nevertheless ... ." In that fearful press, drops came as blood, and fell to the ground.

Yes, another night. He hung there, on nails. In unfathomed tiredness, His dear body would sink. It became dark. From out of that night pierced words: "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?"

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

Only God could fathom the depth of "perish", or the bliss of "everlasting life."

The coffin in the funeral home is as nothing compared with the coffin in eternity. The stifling uncountable chasm, black night, covers the sad soul.

Time marches on. There, time is not. A thousand passings of the whole history of man will leave the black gulf still impenetrable, the soul no further than before.

"But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God."

Are you weary of sin? That is the first forecast of a brighter day. We were all born sinners. We put our stamp of approval on Adam's first act of sin by our own. Sweet glistening glow that shows us what we are, and brings us, with what we are to Christ.

Prayer reaches for the power that moves mountains.