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THE FLOOD A PROTOTYPE OF THE FINAL JUDGMENT

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There are so many events that point to the last time and the fulfillment of prophecy. II Peter 1:19: "We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place . . ." One feels constrained to share some thoughts, as well as some excerpts from the holy scriptures, from current events, publicity, which give reason for alarm.

II Peter 3: 3, 4: "Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation. . . ."

II Peter 1: 12, 13: "Wherefore I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, though ye know them, and be established in the present truth. Yea, I think it meet, as long as I am in this tabernacle, to stir you up by putting you in remembrance;"

Because of the wickedness of man, God destroyed that world of superb perfection which He had created for an habitation of man. Let us not overlook the word of God found in II Peter 3:5-8,

"For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water: Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished: But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men."

There never was a time in the history of man when physical advantages, comforts, luxuries, and leisure were so widely distributed as in our age. Our age is an age of worldliness, carnal-mindedness, and where violence and corruption

abound.

In many instances in Europe and Asia, room is made for atheistic communism, a way of life worse than paganism. It is no longer a question of what God, or gods, but it is no god at all. The curriculum of schools in the Soviet, from the first grade to the highest college level, is now teaching atheism enthusiastically and persuasively. Multitudes are becoming indoctrinated.

It is sad to relate, in our seats of higher learning—the colleges and universities of our country, where the leaders of the next generation are being trained, the authority of the Bible has often been completely eliminated. The miraculous elements of the entire Bible, the deity of Christ, the atonement of Christ, the resurrection from the dead, in fact most of the fundamental articles of

Great Power

"And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all."

our Christian faith, are either questioned or openly denied, even ridiculed. Instead, sin has been reduced as a mere maladjustment, the result of frustration or merely a form of antisocial living.

The college graduate of today is the teacher of grade and high school tomorrow. He is the future textbook writer, the editor of our magazines, the newspapers, and other publications. He will hold influential place in society. Thus, the unbelief which is dispensed today will gradually penetrate down through the strata tomorrow.

Men have been calloused to human suffering and misery. Human life to many is the cheapest thing today. Even some churches have be-

come calloused to a deplorable degree, rather than contend for righteousness and justice.

Remember how the words **corruption, violence and wickedness** occur in the description of the generation of Noah? If we were to characterize our age of today with two words, these words would be **violence and corruption**.

Ephesians 6:13: "Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand."

Some years ago, the condition in some modern American churches was characterized in a rather striking manner: This church had been wedded to the world, & the world is now her married name. She is now truly the church of the world, as formerly she was the church of God. This church was not gaining the world, but the world was gaining the church.

Preachers must be produced suitable for the church of the world. They do not lead the flocks; the flocks lead them.

The law of God has been set aside. Man no longer fears God, or fears to transgress his commandments. Certainly where there is no fear of God, there is no respect of man. All restraint has been removed.

Let us heed the warning, Luke 17:26, "And as it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man."

Such is the picture of the world today. In the chapter which gives the reason why God brought the world-wide flood upon the first world, we read, "And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. . . . The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt;

for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth."

This description most certainly fits our generation. The world is ripening fast for judgment. Let us consider the words found in II Peter 3:

"The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. But the day of the Lord

will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up."

Revelation 3:2, 3, 5, 6, "Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die: for I have not found thy works perfect before God.

Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold

fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee. . .

He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.

He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN HOME, EUREKA August Mueller

It is a precious thing to praise the Lord, to proclaim His mercy in the morning and His truth in the evening. His goodness and His mercy is new every morning, and in the evening we find that He is still with us. He lets the sun come up over the good and bad, and the rain falls over righteous and unrighteous. When we read in the old Testament, we find that some kings were God-fearing, and some were wicked.

Fear not; believe on me and on my words. In my Father's house there are many mansions. The Heavenly Father is building them Himself, and what He builds is correct. He prepares the material ahead of time. When Solomon built the temple in Jerusalem, there was not even a sound of a hammer heard. So it is with the spiritual temple. We are the material. Our Father is the builder. Every piece has to be just so.

I notice in the natural way, when a bricklayer has a brick that is just a tiny bit too big, he has a hammer that is very sharp. On one end he cuts off just enough so He can use it without any trouble. So is our heavenly Father. He is the Master Builder; He does not call us until He knows that we fit in the place where He wants us, because over there we can not be prepared. There is no hammering and sawing going on; everything is quiet and peaceful.

We are very fortunate that we have a Father that sees all, hears all, and knows all. Ere we call, he answers, and ere we knock, He will open and let us in. He knows what we are in need of, but He is the Father over everything in heaven and on earth.

Abraham met with three men.

Two of them went to Sodom to help Lot, because he was in trouble. Abraham was alone with God. The next morning Sodom and Gomorrah was destroyed by fire. I remember the late Bro. Wartman, our minister, when he said it is easy to become a member, but to stay a member is harder.

Last night we were entertained by a group of teenagers.

AN KHE, VIETNAM Neil Schmidgall

It seems time continues to go. Already the month is gone, never to return, as water over a water wheel. Once past, always past. Many things happened for us brothers and friends at An Khe, as in the past God has well provided for us.

The 2nd, Alvin Nohl & myself left for R and R to Japan. We were overnight at Cam Ranh Bay. The next day as we were processing out, Bro. John Guingrich came. We spent a few minutes together (we had to catch a plane). Bro. John followed a day later, so he got into Japan Sunday morning early; we arrived Saturday morning.

We all three had a most blessed time visiting the brethren there. We met all that were in church in town in the morning, and sang in the afternoon with our Japanese brethren and friends. It was truly a refreshing experience to be able to gather once again. We spent a couple days with Bro. Willis Ehnles in the country; it was interesting to see how the people live there. We returned to spend the remainder of our time with Bro. John Klaus', where Bro. Yoshio spent some time with us. He escorted us to the train station, where Alvin and I said farewell to our dear brothers and started our trip back again; Bro. John followed a day. We arrived back here in Viet Nam the 10th.

On the 17th, Bro. Larry Endress left for Tokyo on R. and R. He arrived back yesterday evening, the 26th. We were able to spend a few hours together today. Bro. Larry expressed the same feeling as the rest of us found. We can find the same love among God's people, no matter where they are here on earth.

Bro. Larry had the address of a dear friend, David Klopfenstein, that was supposed to have come. I tried to locate him some today, but to no avail. Be it God's will, it would be our wish he can be stationed with us here. Time truly does pass faster if we have those of like faith and mind to be with.

Things have been real fine with us at An Khe. The three of us have approximately the same time left, and are all looking forward to returning home to our loved ones. Our prayer is that the war could cease and we could all live at peace here upon this earth, but God's will is to be done in all things. May we all live so we can meet on heaven's yonder shore, to be together in eternity.

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DETROIT, MICHIGAN

Ruth Gudeman — Ruth Knochel
 "... seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness..."

Susan Sabados the daughter of Bro. Paul and Sis. Mary Sobados, has followed these instructions and has turned to the Lord in repentance.

Sunday the 5th of March, Elder Bros. Noah Scrock and Joe Waibel were with us. Our souls and spirits were stirred with the messages they brought. They produced in us a fervor to strive more diligently to serve the Lord, so that we may be caught up in the rapture awaiting the redeemed of the Lord.

Two elderly souls. Mary Kovach and Kathi Fasco, formerly members of the Nazarene church, became members of our congregation. We wish them God's rich grace, as they live their twilight years with us.

FT. LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA

Louise Akel

I believe many blessings are in store for all who listened and obeyed the admonitions and teachings of our visiting Elder Brothers Bahler, Beer, and Kellenberger, and ministers, Bro. Grimm from Morton and Bro. Gerber from Rockville. We examined ourselves, had Communion, heard the report of the Elder's meeting, and voted for Bro. George Bollinger as a trustee, Bro. Bob Yergler for superintendent, & Bro. Harry Sutter as treasurer. If we all do what we were told, we will have a good start in the race of life.

Our elders can only teach the most important things required of us. The Holy Spirit gives us lessons constantly.

Announcement was made of the intended marriage of Bro. Robert Sutter and Sis. Janice Ringger of Bluffton. Our best wishes are extended to them for happiness.

We are having very cold weather for this time of year. The paper states another cold wave is due Wednesday.

FRANCESVILLE, INDIANA

**Mrs. Herman (Chris) Wuethrich
 Mrs. Edison Gutwein**

Our church has been blessed threefold, baptisms, births and weddings.

Four dear souls have joined God's family — Charlene Anliker, Sharon Neihouser, Eileen Boehning and Paulette Putt. In one of the convert's testimony she was asked, "Do you love everyone in the church?"

Quick as a wink she said, "I sure do, everyone of them!" This makes us think again, that everytime we enter God's house we want to love everyone the same. Bros. Rudy Graf, Joe Waibel and George Yergler surely gave us their overflowing love. We thank God for all their kindnesses.

We just wish and wish that many more can join God's circle when the next Silver Lining is written, as conversion is just like a silver lining. We are lined with joys that glow on this earth, but our greatest joy is when we can glow with "joy" in heaven, forever and ever.

The wedding of Bro. Orie Heinold and Sis. Louise Albrecht was so lovingly solemnized by Bros. Wendell Gudeman and George Yergler. This is your **Welcome**, Bro. Orie, which was written to another newcomer to our congregation 34 years ago, by your father-in-law, Fred Gutwein.

We do enjoy your presence;
 We love you in our midst;
 We welcome you deep in our hearts.

This "Welcome" is also for Kay Hodel of Roanoke, who was married to our Rodric Huber.

Bro. Sam Geyer had to enter the hospital again. God promises to give comfort to him and his dear wife, which also is the prayers of many.

Four years ago this was in the Silver Lining—"A little son was born to Jan and Frieda Onken"—now a little daughter was born to them. Babies are just like a little bit of heaven.

God has given Eldon and Mary Lee Gutwein a third son, which we know they will enjoy to bring to church with their other two healthy boys.

**ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY
 Susan Rapp**

Romans 8 was the chapter discussed by Bro. J. B. Schrock on February 2, the first meeting of the second semester. He welcomed the several new students who are beginning their education at mid-term.

Bro. Francis Rother, Morton, visited us on Feb. 9 and said that the Bible was the best-selling book and had been translated into more languages than any other book in the world. He wondered, though if it was used very often in comparison with other books in the university library.

The crucifixion of Jesus as recorded in St. Matthew 27:19-66 was read by Bro. Don Sauder from Roanoke. He told us also that God has given us a way to overcome our human nature, by giving us a divine nature.

Because of the weather, our ministers could not come on Feb. 23, so Bro. Carlton Klopfenstein — a Normal resident who teaches Bible Class at Gridley, spoke about St. John 19 and told us some interesting facts about the history of our church.

PRINCEVILLE, ILLINOIS

Ruth Ricketts—Anna Marie Baer

"... lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." These were the words spoken by the risen Christ to His disciples. In them is surely the greatest and most comforting message.

Mocked & reviled, beaten, scourged, crucified, pierced with a spear and laid in a tomb... this He bore for us that we might have the chance of salvation.

Today, in so many different ways, some will try to break His heart by the way they live and treat their neighbor. His promise remains with us still, "even unto the end of the world." At Easter once more, let us try to remember His words and His actions. Let us try to live a better life, to spread His message of love to all mankind. "... lo, I am with you always..."

We are thankful that Bro. Silas and Sis. Mary Leuthold have safely arrived home, after spending a month in Arizona.

On a severely windy day, Sis. Nellie Woertz lost her balance and fell in the yard of her home, breaking a bone in her arm. She is getting along as well as possible, but has not been able to worship with us for a few weeks. Sis. Geraldine Streitmatter was a surgical patient, but is recovering nicely and has been able to be out again. Little Karen Wagenbach, daughter of Bro. Raymond and Sis. Betty, was a surgical patient, but is also able to be with us again. Bro. George Seidel hasn't been feeling so well, and is in the hospital for observation. We trust that their Lord will be near all those who are afflicted, and help them to carry their cross patiently and willingly.

On Feb. 12, Benola Streitmatter, daughter of Bro. Ben and Sis. Alvina, and Henry Bowdoin were united in marriage by Bro. Dave Kieser,

in the home of the bride's parents. May the Lord bless this couple, and may they find pleasure to worship with us and invite the Lord into their home.

Funeral services for our oldest member, Karl Stichling, were held March 5. Had he lived until March 18 he would have been 93 years old. He was sick only a few days, and was in the hospital just a few days.

He was born March 18, 1874, at Zuzzenhausen, Germany, a son of Adam and Elizabeth Wetzstein Stichling. He came to America in 1890. On May 8, 1898 he married Wilhelmina Yeutter, who died May 11, 1913, leaving a family of little children. On July 26, 1914, he married Lena Siegle, who survives. Surviving beside are eleven sons, Ben, Ed, Victor of Peoria; John of Glasford; Fred of Chicago; Bro. Herman of Ellsworth, Minn.; Carl at home; Walter, Daniel and Theodore of Princeville; and Alvin of Wyoming; seven daughters, Mrs. Emil (Elisha) Stahl of Dunlap; Jenny Meservey, Helen Kraft, Nettie Dallingler, Bernice Streitmatter of Princeville; Carolyn Snyder of Newport News, Va.; and Anna at home; 41 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren. Two sons, a daughter and a sister preceded him in death. Our local ministers officiated; he was laid to rest in the church cemetery. Karl enjoyed visitors and appreciated having the groups of singers come. As they left he would say, "May God bless you all." Sis. Lena was unable to attend the services. We trust the Lord will be near her in the coming days and be her comforter and support. Our sympathy is extended to the entire family, yet we can rejoice that Bro. Karl is now at rest. He had been a follower of the Lord for many years and was ready to meet his Maker.

Our sympathy is also extended to the families of Bros. Eugen and Walter Christ, whose father, Christian Christ, was called from this world. Although he was not really sick, his body began to weaken, and he quietly slipped away to the great beyond. A fellow pilgrim had been to visit him; they had a prayer together, and greetings were given, to take to the members at the old peoples home, but before he reached home, death had come to claim another. What a comfort to feel he had fought the good fight of faith and now had gained his reward.

The Cross Was His Own

They borrowed a bed to lay His head
When Christ the Lord came down;
They borrowed the ass in the mountain pass
For Him to ride to town,
But the crown that He wore and the cross that He bore
Were His own—The cross was His own.

He borrowed a room on His way to the tomb,
The Passover Lamb to eat.
They borrowed a cave for Him a grave;
They borrowed a winding-sheet,
But the crown that He wore and the cross that He bore
Were His own—The cross was His own.

SARASOTA, FLORIDA Velta Laukhuf

Our visiting ministers for the past month were Bros. John Bahler, Henry Beer, Harry Bucher, Wendell Gudeman, Merrill Laukhuf. We were richly blessed by the messages they brought to us from God and His precious word. May God give them grace and strength to continue in their spiritual duties.

We were all saddened by the sudden death of our dear and loving Bro. Herman Kipfer. They had gathered with our Sarasota congregation for a number of years; they were only here ten days when the good Lord called him home to his eternal rest in those heavenly mansions above. A brief service was held at the funeral home at Palmetto, before his remains were taken to Bluffton. All the loved ones here in Sarasota express their sincere sympathy to Sis. Gladys and her family.

Sis. Lillian (Stoller) Zimmerman of Cissna Park celebrated her 85th birthday here in Sarasota. A large number of relatives and friends gathered to help her celebrate this happy occasion.

The second church picnic of the season was held Feb. 28 at the Elks Park, with a large number attending from all parts of the North. After a bountiful dinner, the afternoon was spent in singing hymns to the praise and honor of God.

AKRON, OHIO Florence Graf

The engagement of Margaret

Graf and John Gallagher was announced recently. The young couple has chosen April 8 as their wedding date. Margaret is the daughter of Bro. Rudolph and Sis. Betty Graf, and John is the son of Mrs. Mary Gallagher of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio. Our sincere wishes for the Lord's blessing as you plan your life together, Margi and John.

These late winter months have brought sickness and misfortune to many in our congregation. Many of the children have suffered from the common childhood diseases; others of our loved ones have had to spend many days in hospitals and on sickbeds in their homes. We miss each one and hope they will soon be able to worship with us once again.

Sis. Elizabeth Barna was hospitalized, but has recovered sufficiently to return to her home in Cleveland. Katie Lucas was also in the hospital this past month. Bros. Philip Webber and Herman Von Gunten have returned to their homes, following hospitalization.

Elizabeth Kraus' new address: Little Forest Medical Center Inc., 797 E. Market St., Akron, Ohio 44305.

We welcome back Bro. Alex and Sis. Kathy Bako and their family. They have spent several months visiting loved ones in their native Hungary.

Our best wishes to Sis. Elizabeth Flaker who, the Lord willing, will have observed her 91st birthday on March 24.

O the lovely, glorious portal
That o'er Jesus' grave I see:
Jesus lives! O words immortal,
Like a magnet drawing me!
Jesus lives! This too, I see:
Who believes shall live with Me!

VALPARAISO, INDIANA

Mrs. W. A. Jacob

Mrs. Harry Bucher

Bro. Harry and Sis. Lena Bucher and Bro. John and Sis. Tillie Heindold are vacationing in Florida.

WOLCOTT, INDIANA

Arles Kropf

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth E. Kyburz are the parents of a baby daughter, Emily Sue, born Feb. 2. Sis. Jean Kyburz is the grandmother.

We have started working on projects for the World Relief, and plan to meet once a month for this purpose. What a joy it is to be able to devote a little time and effort to

help those who are in such deep need.

Sis. Leah Abersoll is in serious condition, and back in the hospital again. We certainly wish her much grace to bear her cross.

Our friends, Roger Schwab, Jim Reuter, and Darl Schieler have been announced and are awaiting proving and baptism.

BAY CITY, MICHIGAN Marlene Mosher

We are sorry to say, we have lost another soul out of our midst, Harold Knochel, son of Bro. Fred and Sis. Nettie Knochel. He has left behind his wife, Sis. Doris, thirteen children, his mother, father, brothers and sisters. Seven children are married, six are still at home. We wish this family the Lord's blessings and grace to continue on without the head of their household in this world of trials and woe.

Sis. Doris and her baby daughter have been in the hospital since Harold's funeral. We wish her well; may our Lord be with her in these trying times.

Bro. Ben Maibach, Bro. Floyd Wieland, and Elder Bro. Noah Shrock have ministered with us.

BLUFFTON, INDIANA

Delutha Moser — Carolyn Gerber
Shut-ins: Sisters, Mary Ann Kaehr (Vernon), Elma Kaehr (Sam), Mrs. Olen Geisel, Aldine (Harold) Moser, Lucille (Wrenn) Borrer, Lydia (John) Kaehr, Bernice (Melvin) Maller. Brothers, Mano Moser, John Kaehr, Earl Stucky, Oscar Schaeffer and Harry Frauhiger.

"I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the LORD, which made heaven and earth. He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber. . . . The LORD shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul. The LORD shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore."

Birth: On Feb. 17 a daughter, Beth Ann to Bro. and Sis. Harold Meyer.

Funeral: March 7, services were held for Bro. William Fiechter, age 79, who died suddenly on March 5, after suffering a heart attack. Surviving, in addition to the wife, Salome, are two daughters, Sis. Dorothy, Sis. Mary Jane (Claire) Yergler; three sons, Herman, Bro. Carl

and Bro. Charles. Also surviving are three brothers, John J., Joel and Dan; six sisters, Fannie Baumgartner, Emma Baumgartner, Alma Huffman, Queene Barger, Elizabeth Ginzel and Lillian Stoller, and 18 grandchildren. Bro. John Yergler officiated the services.

The Day of Glory

When the day of glory came
On that far Judean hill,
It was early in the morning
When all was calm and still.

The stone that sealed the borrowed tomb
Was quickly thrust aside;
Our risen Lord in majesty
Stepped forth that Eastertide.

No earthly grave could hold Him,
For He was Heaven's Son,
True passport to eternal life
For believers, every one.

Rejoice then, all ye people,
And all the earth rejoice!
Lift up your hearts in gladness
As again we hear His voice . . .

As I live, ye too shall live.

What joy His words convey!
Lift up your hearts in gratitude
This glorious Easter Day.

MMS

BREMEN, INDIANA Marge Zeltwanger

Bro. Freeman and Sis. Mary Conrad have been able to share their love for 25 years, as they celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary on Feb. 14. In talking to them, they are both very thankful that 16 of these years have been spent in a threefold cord with Jesus Christ. They have a family of three fine young boys, and as a congregation we wish them many more happy years together.

At our last monthly singspiration, our congregation had the opportunity of rejoicing with Sis. Tillie Hirstein in celebrating her 80th birthday. Tillie has a warm smile for anyone who greets her on Sunday morning, and rarely does she miss any of our church services. She testifies the Lord has been very good to her in providing her with a sound mind and a healthy body over the years.

We congratulate Jon and Sonja Laidig on their new baby girl born on Feb. 10. Joan Marlene was the name chosen for the new arrival, and eagerly awaiting her at home

were two brothers and a sister. The paternal grandparents are Bro. John and Sis. Audrey Laidig.

On Feb. 19, we were privileged to have with us Bro. Henry Sabo and his wife of Mansfield. We appreciated the inspiring messages we heard that day, and wish to encourage a return visit soon.

No matter what life brings to you,
You'll have the strength to bear it,
As long as you have love to give,
And Someone who can share it.

CROGHAN-NAUMBURG, N. Y. Mrs. Lawrence Farney Mrs. David Schaback

Hospitalized: Sis. Minnie Farney fell and broke her arm. Bro. Arthur Herzig has returned home, after a short stay in the hospital. Sis. Mary Jane Hirschey has recovered from an attack of pneumonia, but is undergoing therapy treatments for a rheumatic condition. Her mother is also in the hospital recovering from a back injury. She resides at the home of Bro. Art and Sis. Mary Jane Hirschey.

Our community was saddened by the death of Bro. Carl Virkler, 72, who died on Sunday, Feb. 12. Besides his wife, Corrine, he is survived by three sons and one daughter: Donald, Ralph and Barry, and Sis. Jane Demorest; also seven grandchildren. Funeral services were held from the Virkler Funeral Home and the Naumburg church on Wednesday, p.m., Feb. 15. Bro. Robert Beyer officiated. Burial was in the Naumburg Cemetery.

Funeral services were also held on Wednesday, a.m., Feb. 15 for John Bachman, brother of Sis. Deborah Hoppel and Sis. Esther Wallace.

Our two congregations assembled at Naumburg on Sunday afternoon, Feb. 26, to hear the memorandum report read by Elder Bro. John Widrick.

ELGIN, ILLINOIS

Louise Steffen — Katie Kachelmuss

Sis. Anna, wife of Joseph Banwart, passed away. The funeral was held on March 1, and was attended by many from out-of-town. We wish him God's grace and help in his lonely hours.

Birth: To Ben and Clara Knobloch a girl, Lisa Ann, on Feb. 12.

Sis. Pauline Deihs is able to assemble with us, after an absence on account of illness. We welcome her back.

GRIDLEY, KANSAS**Mrs. Rudy Bahr****Mrs. Eldon Metzger**

Bro. Dan Kraft had a severe heart attack Feb. 21, and is in critical condition but holding his own at present.

Bro. Eldon, Sis. Dorene, and Shawn went for a checkup at KU Medical Center. Eldon had his arm cast removed, and may have the pin removed in a year. He is to keep the weight off his leg for another 6 weeks. Shawn is to continue therapy treatments, and he and Dorene may need sanding on their plastic surgery this summer. It was wonderful to have them all back in church as a family.

Thank you: We wish to thank everyone who remembered us with prayers, gifts, and cards while in the hospital. We have surely seen the fulfillment of the Scripture, the prayers of many availeth much . . . also the love of God's children—some that we did not know in the flesh, but in the spirit of our living God—we have a bond with all God's children. We wish God's richest blessings to all. Eldon, Dorene, Paige, and Shawn Metzger.

JAPAN**Yoshio Yamazaki**

In February we had very heavy snow here in Tokyo, and most transportations were stopped. According to the radio and papers, it was biggest snow here in Tokyo since 13 years. However, we really thank to God as such wonderful and beautiful snow He sent us here in this earth. Bro. John Klaus had ministry about that, that all sinners' hearts are cleaned by blood of the Lord Jesus Christ, with the true repentance, and become white as the snow.

We are having wonderful Sunday morning services, and pretty many attendance, which is answer to our prayer. Bro. Willis Ehnle said, that Sis. Morie Uchida's husband and Bro. Akito's sister, Junko Inoue, are awaiting baptized sometime near in future. Also, Sis. Morie Uchida's oldest daughter, Mrs. Teruko Katsumuma, has started repentance there in country church in Shioda, and Bro. Akito's brother, Hisato Inoue in Tamahata church. We really hope and pray that they will have true faith and join with us near in future.

In first of February, 3 boys visited here in Japan from Viet Nam, Bros. Neil Schmidgall, John Ging-

rich and Pfc. Alvin Koehl. They are very fine boys. Then after 10 days later, Bro. Larry Endress of Princeville visited here. He went to the country churches for 2 nights, a couple days after he reached at Bro. Klaus' home. He is really good brother as like other boys from Viet Nam before.

Bro. Akito Inoue will come to Tokyo, because he might get into the graduate course of Tokyo University. We hope he will take ministry here in Tokyo and also country church in Tamahata.

We had church supper on Feb. 12; about 22 people joined with us. We are having this kind of meetings every two months, and it's really useful and wonderful fellowship.

MORTON, ILLINOIS**Rose Getz — Ruth Rapp**

Funeral services were held Feb. 20 for Bro. Elmer Rassi, age 55. He was the son of the late Bro. Chris Rassi and Sarah Rein Rassi. Surviving are two sons, Lawrence and Jay; his mother, and seven brothers, John, Chris, Ernest, Alf, Clarence, Dan and Bro. Ben. His mother again wishes to thank everyone for their many expressions of love through this time and through the many years of his illness. Bro. Russell Rapp officiated.

Funeral services were held Feb. 25 for Sis. Emma Hartman, age 71, who died in the Buehler Nursing Home in Peoria. She was the daughter of Theodore and Sarah Helderle Hartman. Surviving are two brothers, Alpha and Bro. Magnus, also a foster sister, Mrs. Merle Elrich. Bro. Ed Hohulin of Goodfield officiated.

A daughter was born to Bro. Harry and Sis. LaVerne Huette Kaiser on Feb. 6; a son to Bro. Chris and Sis. Emadale Grimm Baer on Feb. 3; a son to Bro. Dean and Sis. Judy Sauder Martin; a daughter to Bro. Robert and Sis. Christine Schupbach Baum.

Sis. Arlene (Mrs. Kenneth) Huette was able to return to her home, after having had major surgery at Mayo Clinic in Rochester. Bro. Albert Sauder is recovering nicely, having had major surgery, as is also Bro. Carl Vierling.

Sis. Dorothy (Mrs. Robert) Frank and Sis. Lucy (Mrs. John) Steiner had major surgery.

Many precious teachings were brought to us by our visiting ministers, Bro. Frederick Knapp of Congerville; Bro. Elias Somerhalder of

Burlington, and Bro. Robert Grimm of Goodfield.

We were happy to have the Peoria Chorus with us at our monthly singing Feb. 12.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all who sent me cards, gifts and flowers while in the hospital and at home. They were very much appreciated. Elmore Waldbeser.

TAYLOR, MISSOURI**Mrs. Eli Sutter — Mrs. Bill Heimer**

Our sympathy is extended to the Bro. Clarence Kolthoff family in death of his mother, Mrs. G. J. Kolthoff, who passed away on Feb. 21 at the age of 73. She is survived by her husband and three sons, Bro. Clarence, Forrest, and Arlo, nine grandchildren (which includes, Sis. Linda) and six great-grandchildren.

William Heimer Sr., father-in-law of Sis. Naomi Heimer has been hospitalized for six weeks, after suffering a heart attack and complications. He is slowly improving, but has not been able to return to his home.

Bro. Eli Sutter broke a bone in his hand, which was quite painful but is healing nicely.

Becky, little daughter of Vernon and Judy Huber, was again in the hospital for several days. She has returned home and is recuperating nicely.

Six-year-old Diana Riney is hospitalized with strep throat. She was a real sick girl, but is slowly improving. Her mother is the former Irene Hoerr.

TREMONT, ILLINOIS**Josephine Schaefer****Mary Jane Leuthold**

Among those hospitalized this month were Willis Hassler, who suffered a heart attack but is improving; and Bro. Merle Sauder, who had tests taken and is again home. It seems that God's hand has again healed the wounds of sickness and accident among almost all brethren and friends listed in previous months. We praise and thank him for this.

At this writing, Easter is again fast approaching. All should remember what our Saviour did for us. How easily we forget the real meaning of Easter among the Easter bunnies, eggs and bonnets. Let's put our whole heart and mind on our dear Saviour, who bore our sins, was nailed to and hung from the cruel cross, gave his life, shed his

blood and arose that we might have eternal life. How must the Father have felt giving us, unworthy people, his only begotten Son? How terrible we would feel if our own son or daughter would have to die, that a nation of unworthy, ungrateful sinners could have eternal life. We can only try to live as simple and as close to the word as we can, by his grace. Let us each day thank and praise our God and his Son for all that was and is GIVEN to us.

TUCSON, ARIZONA

Jay Bertsch — Noah Herman

Christ will return, and has said, "shall he find faith on the earth?"

FAITH—By it the elders obtained a good report; Abel offered the right sacrifice; Enoch walked with God; Noah built the ark; to Abraham came seed as the stars of heaven; the Apostle Paul established the Gentile churches (and we are now a part); you and I, according to the measure of our faith, make our lives fruitful or unfruitful. Lord increase our faith.

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

We were privileged to be ministered to by Ministering Bros. Silas Leuthold of Princeville and Clarence Yackley of Phoenix. A blessing was received by all who were there.

We welcome everyone to come and assemble with us whenever it is possible.

WEST BEND, IOWA

Anna Schmidt — Mrs. A Banwart
Wendell Lee, a baby boy was born to Bro. and Sis. Ivan and Evelyn Schmidt on Feb. 3.

Sis. Katie Alt is now home and improving, though very weak, after again having surgery at Mercy Hospital in Ft. Dodge. We are happy Ray Freiden and Bernadine Jurgens can again assemble with us, after again being hospitalized at Emmetsburgh. Bro. William Metzger is still in the hospital in Emmetsburgh, and is fairly well.

We were blessed at mid-week evening services by messages brought to us by Elder Bros. Noah Schrock of Oakville and Leo Moser of Lester. Elder Bro. Leo will, upon the request of Elder Bro. Paul Banwart, assist him in the future.

This beautiful time of year seems to tie in so well with the timely blessings afforded our congregation. As Easter again is here when we commemorate the glorious resurrec-

tion of our blessed Lord and Saviour from the grave, fourteen friends have arisen from the baptismal waters as new creatures. Just as the earth's vegetation will arise to a newness of life after winter sleep, these dear friends have been aroused from their slumber of sleep to a newness of life. Elder Bros. Leo Moser from Lester and Eugene Marti from Sabetha assisted our elder brother, Paul Banwart, in proving Friends Arthur Mogler, Gloria Metzger, Delores Gerber, Martin Zaugg and Marvin Fehr, on Feb. 18. Other visiting ministers were Bros. Elmer Schmidt, Leroy Messner, and Harold Messner from Winthrop and Alphi Moser and Floyd Schmidgall from Morris. The brothers from Morris remained with us to minister on Sunday morning, for which we were thankful. The elders had charge of the afternoon services and baptisms, which were held in the afternoon. The following Saturday evening, Elder Bros. Paul Fehr from Morris and Herman Kellenberger from Elgin assisted in the provings of Friends Wayne Banwart, Harlan Metzger, Dennis Fehr, Beverly Mogler and Leland Metzger.

Bro. Wayne Gerber from Lester lent himself to minister on Sunday, in addition to our visiting elders, which assisted in conducting the baptismal services in the afternoon. Bro. Herman remained with us, so we could again enjoy evening services. On Saturday evening, March 4, Elder Bros. Leo Moser from Lester and Paul Fehr from Morris helped our Elder Bro. Paul Banwart in the provings of Shirley Gerber, Kathy and Melvin Fehr, and Becky Banwart. Among other visitors were Ministering Bros. Leroy and Harold Messner, who proclaimed the good word to us on Sunday. Baptisms followed the afternoon services. May each one who made the effort to come and share these blessings have gained new strength and courage, such as it has given us to have these tender lambs added to the flock of Jesus. We are already looking forward to experiencing another similar Sunday to the recent ones, as a dear friend, Mrs. Lowell Fehr—Jan, has turned to the Lord in repentance.

WINTHROP, MINNESOTA

**Delores Messerli
Carol Ann Messner**

Upon the hill of Calvary
There stood a rugged cross.

It was a cross of shame and guilt
Revealing all my dross.
The cross was mine with all its woe,
But Jesus took my place;
He died to save me and I live
For evermore by grace.

"... Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And ye are witnesses of these things. . . . And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven."

How thankful we should be for our dear Lord and Saviour dying on the cross to save us all from our sins. How heavy we sometimes feel from our burdens, but can we imagine the heavy weight of all the world's sins, as they bore down on the shoulders of Jesus?

The engagement of Pvt. Steven Howk, son of Bro. Roy and Sis. Rose Alice, to Linda Quaday of Mankato was made known.

Bradley Gutknecht is home on leave from the Navy. He will change ships when he returns. Bradley is the son of Sid and Florence and grandson of Sis. Carrie Messner.

BURLINGTON, OKLAHOMA

La Verne Roth — Kathryn Miller

Funeral services for Sis. Fredericka Schif, 89, were held Sunday, Jan. 29, with Bros. Eli Somerhalder and Ronald Nelson officiating. Sis. Rickie, as she was known to many, was born in Wurdtemburg, Germany; she came to America with her parents in 1881, and located in Coffey County, Kansas. In 1945 she moved to Burlington, to live with her two sisters, Sisters Minnie Schupbach and Lydia Ott, who survive. A number of nieces and nephews also survive.

Our annual business meeting was held Feb. 12. Various reports were given. Those whose terms had expired were all re-elected.

Bro. George Lambert of Wichita was our visiting minister on Sunday, Feb. 19. He was accompanied by his wife, Sis. Elsie, and Bro. and Sis. Roy Yackley.

The Burlington chapter of the Future Farmers of America and their advisor, L. E. Castle, assembled with us Sunday, Feb. 19, in observance of vocational agriculture FFA week. Their presence was one of interested attention, as the Scripture lesson

revealed was on the prophet Daniel, and his interpretation of King Nebuchadnezzar's dream. Prophetic comparison with today's unsettled world situation was likened, and the reality of it was most timely, establishing the fact that the only essence of peace that man can find is in the Lord Jesus Christ. When this peace is found in one's youthful days, the very presence and full knowledge of God's love and guidance can be realized, to help ward off the many trials that compass one in this turbulent world.

Due to the combat in Viet Nam, Samroeu Neal's return to America from Cambodia to his wife, Diane Farney Neal, and infant daughter, Kimberly Diane—born Oct. 13, 1966, has been delayed. Diane is making her home with her parents, Bro. and Sis. Ulysses Farney.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Johnson of Bartlesville, Oklahoma, are parents of a son, Christopher Max. Mrs. Johnson was the former Nancy Kircher, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Wayne Kircher.

Recent hospital patients for medical purposes are Bro. Joe Diel, Sis. Dorothy Brown and Sis. Minnie Schubach.

CONGERVILLE, ILLINOIS

Lorna Schrock — Jeanette Knapp
The Congerville and Goodfield congregations met with the Eureka congregation, at Eureka, to hear the reading of the memorandum. Bros. Frank Woertz, Roy Sauder, and Gene Bertschi assisted Bro. Leroy Huber in this matter.

Bros. Dan Koch of Tremont and Bob Grimm of Goodfield were our guest ministers during the past month.

Sis. Ida Nussbaum spent nearly two weeks in the hospital, due to a heart condition. We are thankful that she has returned home, and pray for her complete recovery.

United in marriage on Feb. 19 were Chris Miller and Phyllis Kupferschmid—at the home of the bride's parents, Bro. Wayne and Sis. Laura Kupferschmid of Eureka. Chris' parents are Bro. Chris and Sis. Betty Miller of our congregation. The ceremony was performed by Bro. Leroy Huber. We wish the young couple God's guidance and blessing in their marriage.

FAIRBURY, ILLINOIS

Joyce Huber

Walter Lee Steffen, son of Bro. and Sis. Ben Steffen, and Keith

Steffen, son of Bro. and Sis. Manie Steffen, realized their lost condition, and turned to the Lord for their Saviour.

We enjoyed visiting ministers Bro. Henry Sabo of Mansfield, Bro. Earl Kilgus of Remington, and Bro. Albert Aberle of Tremont.

Janis Lynn, a new baby girl, was born to Bro. and Sis. Lloyd Moser Feb. 16. Welcoming their new sister is Bonnie and Marsha.

Bro. Joe Zehr, Sis. Carrie Roth, and Sis. Salome Zimmerman each returned home after surgery and are recuperating.

Sis. Leona Broquard has resigned from many years of teaching in Sunday School, and Sis. Joan Stoller will take her class.

FT. SAM HOUSTON, TEXAS

Steve Gerst

The Serviceman's Poem

I learn as the years roll onward
And leave the past behind,
That much I have counted sorrow
But proves that our God is kind,
That many a flower I longed for
Had a hidden thorn of pain,
And many a rugged bypath
Led to fields of golden grain.

We must live through the weary
winter

If we could but value the spring;
And the woods must be cold and
silent

Before they can bud and bloom;
And the sweetest and warmest sun-
shine

Comes after the storm and gloom.

We were the open-ear recipients of God's true word expounded by our visiting ministering brethren—Elder Bro. John Bahler of Rockville and Bro. Ed Alt of Cissna Park over the week end of the 5th, and the week end of the 12th, Bro. John Klotzle of Altadena. Many of us may ask, "What is a minister?" He can be defined as one who heralds or proclaims, usually by delivering a discourse upon a text of scripture. The ministers are given the responsibility of delivering messages of truth in song, rebuke, pleading and exhortation, prophecy and promise. We, as children of God can be defined as redeemed people by a new birth, in full moral and spiritual sonship and daughtership, with final likeness to God. Our responsibilities are to follow their teachings and examples. With this bind between the shepherd and his sheep, one need never be lost.

New Orders—Bro. Don Kupferschmid of Rockville and Rick Kupferschmid of Forrest have received orders for Ft. Hood, Texas. They are so grateful that they can still gather with us on week ends. Bro. Jerome Witzig of Gridley, Ill., was reassigned from Ft. Hood, Texas, to Ft. Sheridan, Ill. His presence will be missed by all, but we are happy that he can be closer to home to help his father with the farm work. Bro. Gary Schladenhauffen of Bluffton is stationed in Cleveland. We all miss his presence in our midst, but he can now assemble on week ends with his loved ones at home. We pray that God will go with them in their new lot and station.

Bill Emch of Lamont has arrived and is now starting his basic training. We want to welcome him in our midst.

FORT SCOTT, KANSAS

Annabelle Bahr — Marie Zaugg

From Bro. Jake Pfister comes a poem:

Of all life's treasures on earth that I
see,
There's none so precious as Jesus to
me.
He left heaven's glory to ransom
my soul;
To serve Him and love Him shall be
my life's goal.
He loved me so much He shed His
own blood,
That I might be cleansed in that
glorious flood.
Tho' I can't comprehend with my
finite mind
What it cost God to give such a gift
so divine,
Yet I'll praise Him and thank Him
for each day of grace,
Till I see Him and meet Him at last
face to face.
What joy and what glory for me
that will be
To know the dear Saviour, who died
once for me!
Calv'ry beckons and calls to who
will come.
Why not plunge in while day and be
on your way Home?
The Saviour will greet you on life's
distant shore,
And dwell with you alway—to part
never more.

FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

Mary Eisenmann — Marge Gerber

Amidst the snow and ice, we see
little shoots pushing from the
ground, and we know that spring

is just around the corner. When we think of spring, Easter comes to our thoughts! **Easter**—when our Lord and Saviour was nailed on that cruel cross and shed His precious blood for the sins of all mankind. How blest to be counted among those purchased by that blood!

Bro. Oscar and Sis. Mary Martin celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary on Feb. 8. May God continue to bless them.

Sadness swept the home of the Raymond Pulfer family, when their son-in-law, David Bahler, was taken from this life, so swiftly, in an auto-truck accident, Feb. 8. His small son was hospitalized, but is home again. May God grant comfort to the bereaved family.

We surely enjoyed the presence of the Bremen Bible Class and those that accompanied them on Feb. 12, and also thank them for their part in the **singing of the month** that evening. May God ever bless our fellowship together!

Holy Communion was served to us on Feb. 19, when Elder Bros. Sam Aeschliman of Bluffton and David Bertsch of Leo were with us. We surely thank them and God for this blessed day. Truly this is a great privilege granted the children of God!

We are thankful to Bro. Loren Stoller of Latty, who was our visiting minister on Feb. 26. May he, and those with him, find the way open to come to visit us soon again.

We surely wish to extend a welcome to Bro. Kenneth and Sis. Linda Stoller to our little church, and are very thankful when the Lord directs new families to us. They recently moved from Bloomington, Indiana, to their present address: 202 Paulette Place, Ft. Wayne, Ind. 46805.

Mrs. R. E. Kick, Sis. Thelma Kipfer's mother, wishes to thank those who remembered her on her 88th birthday, March 3.

School Address (Vincennes University): Philip Martin, YMCA, Vincennes, Indiana.

GIRARD, OHIO Jesse C. Emch

Christ has risen,
His children sing
That to man
His blessings bring
If men will cease
From black sin's war,
Then live in peace
Forevermore.

Wednesday evening, Feb. 22, we held our mid-week service at the home of Carl and Margaret Tochtenhagen. This is where Sis. Emma Tochtenhagen has made her home since she had a stroke 8 years ago this month. Sis. Emma has not been able to assemble with us since she was stricken. We wish to thank friends Carl and Margaret for inviting us to their home for our meeting.

Sis. Louisa Lance is in the Youngstown Hospital for various tests. We wish her a speedy recovery.

The winter has brought colds and flu to many in our congregation.

Our elder brother, Rudolph Graf, spent Sunday, March 5, with us. With him were his wife, Sis. Betty and Bro. and Sis. Larry Ries. If we will all seek grace from our Heavenly Father to follow the good teaching that he gave us, we will not go amiss. Following the afternoon service, Bro. Graf read the memorandum. The day was climaxed by the announcement that Friend Frank Emch has peace with God and longs for baptism. We wish him much grace in the days ahead.

LESTER, IOWA Emelie Knobloch

Birth: To Bro. and Sis. Alfred Feucht, a daughter, Joy Beth, born Feb. 28.

Among the ill: The infant daughter of Bro. and Sis. Gilbert Knobloch has undergone major surgery at Iowa City. Ernest Feucht was hospitalized for back injury; Wilhelm Wulf, a surgical patient; Bro. Chris Kellenberger had major surgery at Rochester. They are recuperating at home. May the Lord restore them good health, and may their recuperation be of a short duration.

Relatives of Gottlieb Joos, Goodfield, received word of his passing. His wife, the former Lydia Mogler, was born here.

Ray Metzger, son of Bro. and Sis. Elmer Metzger, left for the National Guard. Dale Feucht, son of Ernst and Sis. Martha Feucht, enlisted in the Navy.

Our spiritual cup was well filled on Feb. 5, when Elder Bros. Noah Shrock, Paul Fehr and Paul Banwart assisted Bro. Leo Moser with the annual memorandum, which contains a pattern and warning for loved ones to follow. We must continue with our separation of the world to enjoy and appreciate our true Christian fellowship.

Calvary has a beautiful sound. Jesus gave his life freely for the sacrifice for sin. The angel's message before he ascended was, "he is risen." The words he told the disciples remain to us a teaching. "I go to prepare a place for you." What a glorious hope is still ours today.

May we remember Easter the time of the year of Christ's death and resurrection, and His love for all. May we feel the true awakening, as of all things at spring.

MILFORD, INDIANA

Marguerite Hoerr

Bro. Nelson and Sis. Shelby Beer happily announce the birth of their first child, a son. He has been named Randy Allan. We offer our congratulations to them on this happy occasion.

John Martin is spending a thirty-day leave with his parents, Bro. John and Sis. Dorothy. John has his time of service completed in Viet Nam, where he served as a medic. We are sharing the joy his parents feel at having him home again.

We felt ourselves fortunate parents this past month, when our youngest son, Jeff was struck and knocked down by a car while playing at school, but received only bruises and abrasions. He is back in school, and we are very thankful to God that his injuries were not more serious.

Bro. Andy Rapp passed away quietly at his home, Saturday, Mar. 4. He was found by his wife, Louise, upon her return from the doctor. Bro. Andy reached the age of 91 years and was in regular attendance at services each Sunday. He will be missed by young and old, alike. The hymn "Anticipation" was sung by the congregation in observance of his 90th birthday, and the words, "Oh when will God grant to me, Thy glad citizen to be, Thy glad citizen to be?" come back to us with vivid clearness at this time. We can rejoice that he is now a **glad citizen of the city**, but his absence will be keenly felt by his family. To them we extend our sincere sympathy.

NEW MARTINSVILLE, W. VA.

Mrs. Gus Weltz **Miss Della Witschey**

This March 7 we have quite a bit of snow. With a lot of rainfall the past few days we have danger of high water, which we hope will not happen, as it means a lot of suffering and loss of property.

Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Hodel of Roanoke visited with relatives here on March 6, enroute home from a six-week vacation in Florida and many other points. Their time here was all too brief, but thanks for traveling many miles out of your way to be able to spend a few short hours with us.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Witschey and son, Paul of Moundsville visited recently with relatives.

Ray Witschey and family of Pittsburgh visited during the last of February with his father, D. S. Witschey and family.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Durig and daughter, Mrs. James Springston, visited in late Feb. with relatives in Alfred and Utica, N. Y.

Mrs. Robert Witschey and daughter-in-law of Charleston, W. Va., visited with D. S. Witschey recently.

James L. Wade of Cleveland spent the week-end of March 4 here with parents and family.

Mrs. Elizabeth Isinghood became a great-grandmother again the last of Feb. when a granddaughter gave birth to a baby in the local hospital.

PHOENIX, ARIZONA

Mrs. Joe Beer — Mrs. Ervin Rokey

Easter

Christ is the world's dear Paschal Lamb;
He is the great I was, I Am.
Through Calv'ry's pain and dismal gloom,
He conquered over death and tomb.

He rose His own to justify,
And draws all men up to the sky.
If you have found the Christ, His way,
Then you can keep this Easter day.

The Sunday School classes are practicing for the Easter program, which will be held on Easter.

Our church has dwindled much in size since the last writing, with many of our winter visitors leaving for home. We enjoyed having Bro. Silas and Sis. Mary with us for a short while.

Our elder brother, Roy Farney, had surgery the day of this writing. We are happy to report that he came through it satisfactorily.

Bro. John and Sis. Charlene Somerhalder were called to Cissna Park, at the death of Sis. Charlene's father, Bro. Gottlieb Reutter. We wish to extend our sympathy to

them and the family in Cissna Park.

Bro. Carl Blumenschein has been able to assemble with us again, since his recent surgery.

Sis. Lois Heiniger's new address: 5111 No. 7th St., Phoenix.

PULASKI, IOWA Mrs. Ray Martin

We are happy to report that two families moved into the Pulaski area and are attending church with us. They are Bro. Edwin and Sis. Janet Nuest and four children, Kenneth, Daniel, Ronald, and Ruth Ann, from La Crosse; and Bro. Dave and Sis. Mary Wiegand from Morton. We welcome them into our little fold. May God richly bless them in their new home.

Again the Easter season is here, and we are so reminded of how Christ bore all our sins so we might live. May this ever remain in our hearts.

Thy conflict is our peace.
Thy death is our salvation.
Thy bonds, our liberty,
Thy pains, our consolation.
Thy cross doth comfort give;
Thy wounds, a balm that heals.
Thy blood a ransom is,
Thy word a hope reveals.

PURDUE UNIVERSITY Lafayette, Indiana

Mary Heinold — Shirley Frank

During the month of Feb. our hosts for the Wed. night services were Remington and La Crosse. Bros. Sam Kilgus and Edward Frank both had inspiring messages for us. We greatly appreciate their efforts to be with us and to give an opportunity to enjoy the fellowship of visitors.

On the 26th of Feb. our dear friends Norma Schini and Elaine Stephen, now studying here at Purdue, were announced and hope to be proved and baptized soon in their home church of Remington. We are happy and thankful for them, as they again remind us of our own repentance and of the promise God has given us if we remain true and faithful to Him. We wish them God's richest blessings.

Our hosts for the month of March are Ft. Wayne on the 8th and Bremen on the 22nd; the 22nd also is the date for our Easter program, which we are now planning.

We wish to remind everyone that all are welcome to attend our evening services.

LATTY, OHIO Susie Lanz

"Being perplexed, I say,
'Lord, make it right!
Night is as day to Thee,
Darkness as light.
I am afraid to touch
Things that involve so much;
My trembling hand may shake,
My skillless hand may break;
Thine can make no mistake.

"Being in doubt I say,
'Lord, make it plain;
Which is the true, safe way?
Which would be gain?
I am not wise to know,
Nor sure of foot to go;
What is so clear to Thee,
Lord, make it clear to me!"

The Lord did make the way clear to three dear souls. Our friends Dave Klopfenstein, and Dennis and Nola Stoller were able to drop the tangles of life into God's hands. We wish them God's grace in their new life. May He grant Dave a double portion, as he tries to serve his God and his country in Viet Nam.

Bro. Millard and Sis. Irma Stoller and daughter, Lane, welcome a new baby, Amy Jo, into their home. She was born on March 3.

Also on the hospital list were Bro. Louis and Sis. Mildred Stoller and their son Jim. May the Great Physician make them well again.

On March 5, Bros. Alfred Bahler from Wolcott and Edwin Ringger from Gridley were with us to proclaim the holy word. We thank them for their inspiring messages.

THO'T:

God has promised forgiveness to your repentance; but He has not promised tomorrow to your procrastination.

MANSFIELD, OHIO Aaron A. Sauder

Our congratulations to Fred and Sis. Daisy Bidinger, who observed their Golden Wedding Anniversary on Feb. 15.

And as you share the future years,
May God our Father bless
Your home and you and all you do
With lasting happiness.

We extend our sympathy to Ollie LaRue, in the recent death of his brother Fred.

"Giving thanks always for all things unto God. . ." Ephesians 5:20. We are thankful that Sis.

Elizabeth Grossenbacher, who fell and broke her hip on Christmas Day, has recovered sufficiently that she has been dismissed from the hospital and is convalescing in her home, where her sister, Clara is caring for her. Each one is missed when absent from our worship services, and we are therefore thankful that after being patients in the hospital recently, Bro. Fred Dinger is again able to be at home, and Frannie Beer and little Diane Graszl have both attended church.

We give thanks for the great message of life at this Easter season. Already the power of spring is making itself felt in the cold earth. So Easter comes into a world of confusion and mix-up, death, trouble and pain. It comes as a symbol of life and hope. We hear His wonderful voice, "because I live, ye shall live also." "Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift."

UNION CITY, NEW JERSEY

Severe winter weather during Feb. held our small congregation to minimum numbers, but whether there are few or many, God's holy message is received with the same power and divine meaning by those who gather. Instead of being discouraged by our few in number, we try always to rejoice, because there are at least a few who will assemble to worship God.

We were all greatly pleased to have friend Richard Diggleman with us one Sunday. Richard is the son of Bro. John and Sis. Mary Diggleman, and is living in Rochester, N.Y., where he is employed.

Another welcomed visit during Feb. was Bro. Sam Wegman from the Tremont congregation. Bro. Wegman was in the East on business, and had to make considerable effort to be with us on Sunday. We certainly appreciate it.

Sis. Josephine Rehklau, who attended a 6-month course in New York City, spent her last Sunday with us last week. She is a very dear sister, and we'll all miss her very much. She is returning to her home in Toledo.

BURLINGTON, IOWA

Verna Woodward
Elaine Eisenmann

We were all saddened to hear of the passing of Sis. Ann (Allan) Massner's mother, Mrs. Ethel Paige. Our sympathy goes to her and her family.

Our elder brothers, Noah Schrock

and Joshua Broquard were with us Sun. Feb. 26 for an evening service; the memorandum was read to us. It behooves us to follow where our faithful shepherds lead us. We must all try to follow the path our Saviour trod as closely as possible. We know that so often we fall short of this. If it were not for the unbounded grace and mercy of our Heavenly Father, we would all surely fail. We must each day humbly ask for strength and guidance, so that we can overcome our faults and grow more perfect in our faith.

We thank Bros. Edwin Bahler, Cleo Rinkenberger and Edward Lanz for ministering to us on Sun., March 5. We thank the Lord for the inspiring messages they brought us.

Sun., March 5 was also a happy occasion for Bro. Chris and Sis. Alice Rinkenberger. They observed their 50th Wedding Anniversary, with an open house for family and friends. All of their seven children and twenty of their twenty-three grandchildren were able to attend. Bro. Chris and Sis. Alice wish to thank all who called and the many who sent cards to make their day a memorable one.

CHAMPAIGN-URBANA, ILLINOIS

Ben Blunier

Ministers serving us were Bros. Ed Hohulin, Goodfield; Josh Broquard, Fairbury, Emanuel Gude-man, Phil Sauder, and Ed Alt, Cissna Park. We certainly appreciate the extra efforts put forth, and invite them back soon.

We rejoice and pray for Walter and Keith Steffen, students from Fairbury, who have made a beginning in repentance. May God stay near them and grant them much courage in the battle of faith.

New names in the news—Robert Emmanuel Wiegand is the third son born to Bro. Dave and Sis. Ethel Wiegand, and Franklin Donald Bodine the first child born to Paul and Virginia (Lambert) Bodine of Charleston. Congratulations to the parents. God bless their families.

It was a great day in Biblical times when Moses led the children of Israel out of bondage through the Red Sea; when manna covered the ground; and water gushed from the rock; when David became king; when Christ was born. It was a great but sad, sad day when Christ died on the cross, but the greatest day has to be the day He arose! The day of victory over the grave.

Death has no sting. It is not over when we go to the grave. No, it is really just beginning.

There's a great day coming. The time, as prophesied, when Christ returns to claim His own. The time is near. He is coming again! He is coming again.

JUNCTION, OHIO

Mrs. Alvin Manz — Mrs. Ben Manz

Open house was held for the 25th wedding anniversary of Bro. Emanuel and Sis. Ruth Manz. We wish them many more years together.

After undergoing several skin grafting operations on his left hand, Tim Schlatter, son of Bro. Richard and Sis. Juliet Schlatter, is now able to be back in school. He was in a corn-picker accident a few months ago.

Quite a few from here attended the funeral service of Bro. Will Fiechter of Bluffton. He labored long in the service of the Lord and was a quiet and humble brother, an example to us all.

Elder Bro. George Sinn from Latty was here recently and reminded us that if we are humble and prayerful, God will give grace to go with him even to life's end. He also read to us the Memorandum, and reminded us anew that we should strive to follow church order and to support our elders.

LA CROSSE, INDIANA

Joanie Heiniger

Bro. Elvin and Sis. Janet Nue-st and children have moved to the Pulaski area. We are sorry to have them leave, but our loss is the Pulaski church's gain.

Bro. Geo. Yergler met with the congregation and read the memorandum. It behooves us all to try to do better, so when our journey here on earth is over we may be found worthy to enter those heavenly mansions above.

Life is really so short; we never know who will be next. Two days after Bro. Otto Fritz was buried, his brother Erwin passed away. He leaves to mourn his loss, his dear wife Emma; 2 sons, Bro. Harold of Kouts, Barry of Valparaiso; one daughter, Mrs. Dale (Loretta) Eichelberg of Kouts; six grandchildren; and a brother and a sister from Germany. He was laid to rest on Sun., Feb. 12.

Bro. Orie Heinold from here and Sis. Louise Albrecht from Francesville were united in marriage Feb. 15. We wish them God's blessings

as they begin their Christian home.

Births—To Diann and Dennis Bucher, a daughter, Feb. 12; to Karen and Jim Heinold, a son, Feb. 18; to Sis. Sherry and Bro. Harold Fritz, a son (stillborn), Feb. 16.

Bradley Alan Fritz, infant son, stillborn, of Bro. and Sis. Harold Fritz, leaves to mourn beside his parents, 2 brothers, Jeffrey and Michael; and grandparents, Mrs. Emma Fritz and Bro. Virgil and Sis. Ruth Heinold.

MAYWOOD, CALIFORNIA

Julie Dapper — Ruth Dapper

Our congregations were again blest with the visit of a ministering brother, Norman Stoller from Ft. Wayne. Bro. Stoller left us much food for thought through his inspiring messages. We wish to thank him for taking time to visit us and pray that God will bless him for his most appreciated efforts.

Sis. Esther Reineck from Bluffton, who spent about three months with our congregations here in California, has again returned to her home in Bluffton. We thank Sis. Esther for her visit and invite her to return. We pray the Lord's blessings to be upon her always.

The month of Feb. has again blest us with visitors from many congregations. We extend our sincere appreciation for the efforts in visiting us and sharing with us the true fellowship of our faith, and invite them all to visit us again.

On March 6, our Elder Brother Carl Kinsinger spent the day with us and also read the memorandum. It can truly be felt that our elders and ministers are very much concerned for our future church. May each of us do our part in aiding our elders and ministers, by being obedient and remaining by the true word of God.

REMINGTON, INDIANA

Anna M. Waibel and Sisters

Ten days after our sleet and snow storm of Jan. 26, we again had a real blizzard on Sun., Feb. 5. It stopped snowing soon after dark; there was around 5-7 inches of new snow. Altho' there was a good rain one night which melted lots of the snow, still lots of ice was left. . .

But this is a day the Lord hath made; let us be glad and rejoice in it.

Through His wise and loving purpose clearly now thou mayst not see. Still believe with faith unshaken. All shall work for good to Thee.

We as a church and community were shocked and saddened by the sudden, accidental death of David Bahler, 30. He was the youngest son of Bro. Ervin and Sis. Anna Bahler.

The same day we heard of David's accident word came of the passing of Harold Knochel at Bay City. He is a brother to Al Knochel and Marie (Harold) Schieler of here. Our sympathy goes to all concerned.

Bro. Ervin and Sis. Anna Bahler and family wish to thank everyone for their lovely letters, cards and all that was done for them since the death of their son David. Sis. Anna is at the Bluffton Hospital at present.

Alma Kathryn Schneider's address is changed: 502 Waldron St., West Lafayette Ind. 47906.

Bro. Alfred Bahler of Wolcott and Bro. Carl Kipfer of Bluffton were with us on Sun., Feb. 19.

There was a terrific windstorm Wed. night, Feb. 15. Around 40 of us braved the storm and assembled for midweek services. On Thurs. Feb. 23 there was a terrific blizzard. Much snow on the ground and dirt blew; was almost impossible to see across the street at times. Thousands had to stay at school houses till 4 or 5 in the morning, until they could go home. The fury of the storms we've had should make us all think before we go on the highways. But does it?

Norma Schini and Elaine Steffen were announced to be proved in the near future. May it encourage many more to seek and find peace with God.

Sis. Eunice (Gus) Knochel and Sis. Elsie (Sam) Kilgus are at the hospital. May God in His mercy be with all the sick and make each ones lot bearable.

As again the Easter anthems
Tell the story of His love,
How our Saviour rose, triumphant,
To the happy realms above,
May the blessing of His Presence
Fill each moment of our day
With a peace so deep and lasting
It can never fade away!

ROCKVILLE, CONNECTICUT

Carlton J. Lanz

Funeral services for Friend Rose Reutter were held on Tues., Feb. 25, from the Ladd Funeral Home. Survivors are one sister, Sis. Frieda Reutter; two brothers, Charles and Albert Reutter; several nieces and

nephews. Officiating at the services was Bro. Corbin Bahler, with prayers offered by both Bros. Ernest and Roy Luginbuhl. Burial was in the family plot in Grove Hill Cemetery, Rockville. She died on Feb. 22, at age 77.

The addresses of our Rockville soldier brethren and friends will be found on other pages of this issue.

SABETHA, KANSAS

Mrs. Joe Steiner

Our converts have been announced and are awaiting baptism. If the Lord is willing, this will take place later this month.

Sis. Louise Stavenik of the A.C. Home is in the St. Anthony Hospital in Sabetha, where she underwent surgery. She is a sister of Sis. Evelyn Wysong.

Sis. Mary Maurer has been discharged from the hospital. She is now staying at the A.C. Home, while she recuperates and gives her broken hip time to mend.

ALTO, MICHIGAN

Myrna and Loretta Steffen

We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of Dan Wingeier, who recently passed away. Dan was the son of the late Marie and Alexander Wingeier.

Bro. Henry Wackerle and Elder Bros. Joe Waibel and Noah Schrock spent the evening of March 6 in our midst. We are thankful for their inspiring words—Bro. Noah spoke of the bitter agony suffered by those who were hung on a cross. Sometimes the legs of the victims were broken to speed their deaths. When they could no longer pull their bodies erect, they would die of suffocation.

We can read in St. John 19:32 that the legs of the two malefactors were broken by the soldiers, but when they came to Jesus, he had already died—"that the scripture should be fulfilled, A bone of him shall not be broken."

It was only then that Jesus' side was pierced, "and forthwith came there out blood and water."

Thoughts at Eastertime

"He made the forests whence there sprung
The tree on which His body hung;
He died upon a cross of wood,
Yet made the hill on which it stood!
The sky which darkened o'er His head,
By Him above the earth was spread;

The sun which hid from Him its face
By His decree was poised in space!

The spear which spilt His precious blood
Was tempered in the fires of God;
The grave in which His form was laid
Was hewed in rocks His hands had made!
The throne on which He now appears
Was His from everlasting years!
Forever glory crowns His brow,
And every knee to Him shall bow!"

MORRIS, MINNESOTA
Mrs. Herman Schaefer
Mrs. Otto Schaefer

Bro. Noah Schrock visited our congregation on the evening of Feb. 6, at which time he assisted Bro. Paul Fehr with the reading of the memorandum.

Friends Gerald Feuchtberger, son of Bro. and Sis. Joe Feuchtberger, and Karen Peterson were united in marriage on Feb. 17. We wish them God's richest blessing.

Sis. Martha Allenspach passed away at the Erickson Home in Benson, Minn., at the age of 80. Her funeral services were held Feb. 21. She is survived by four daughters, four sons, two sisters, 18 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. She will surely be missed by all who knew and loved her.

Easter

One fateful night of many years ago
God sent his only Son to earth below.
It seems the stars beheld that fateful night
And by God's word they gave His Son their light.
A humble servant here on earth he trod,
Showing men the path to heaven, home and God.
He bid sick men take up their bed and walk;
To blind and sinful men he stopped to talk.
A few dear souls turned to him along the way,
As fast approached another fateful day.
A little band of men sat in an upper room,
Amid an atmosphere most filled with gloom.
One of you shall betray me, he began to say,
And the twelve looked on him with great dismay.

That evening Jesus took the bread and cup;
He bid his little band of men to eat and sup.
I shall not drink with you of the fruit of the vine
Until I drink it new with you in Heaven's clime.
Remember me with this Holy Sacrament
Until your life on earth you here have spent.
They sang a hymn, tho' saddened by the things now done;
Then left the room and soon to Olives mount they'd gone.
They came to a place, the Garden of Gethsemane;
Oh sons of Zebedee and Peter, will you come pray with me?
And yet a little farther all alone he went,
And on his mortal knees in prayer he bent.
He turned to find his helpers fast asleep
And warned them they watchful ought to keep.
The quiet scene soon changed within that garden fair
To scenes of hatred, molestation and despair.
Judas, doth thou betray me with a kiss, asked the Lord.
The officers ordered him taken with the staves and sword.
Bold Peter cut off the high priest's servant's ear;
Jesus then restored it for Malchus, who stood in great fear.
Put up the sword, shall I not drink the bitter cup,
Of which my Father here has asked that I should sup?
They led him to the high priest for to false accuse.
They lied at him and smote him and in many ways abused.
As a sheep before his shearer uttereth not his voice
So the Saviour waited, listened for them to make the awful choice.
When they could not agree, they asked if he were Christ.
They spit on him and smote him and said now prophesy. . .
Peter who had followed there was warming by a fire,
To see what they would do with Christ was his desire.
When asked if he did know this man, Peter did deny.
They asked twice more; the cock did crow and Peter went out to cry.
Early morning now had come; they led him to the judgment hall.

They accused him there before Pilate who found no fault at all.
He brought the Saviour to them again, hoping they'd set him free.
They cried out the more, Crucify him, let his blood on us and our children be.
So they led him, as he carried his cross to a place called Calvary.
They pounded the nails in his hands and feet and hung him on that tree.
The sun was darkened, the temple veil torn.
The earth did quake. Believer's hearts did mourn.
The Saviour gave up the ghost; he hung his head.
Truly this was the Son of God, the centurion said.
They lay Him in a tomb, thinking all was done.
Over its dismal door they lay a heavy stone.
Early in the week certain women came to visit the tomb;
They found it empty and the Saviour's body gone.
He arose to sever death and earths' deceiving ties;
Earth could not keep the Son of God from paradise.
Oh may God grant us faith, hope and charity,
That after death we too may resurrected be.
Written by—Bro. Alpha Moser Morris, Minnesota.

ALABAMA

Lynn Klopfenstein

Hospitalized: Bro. Henry Perry, Mrs. Clara Lou Allen, Mr. Riley Terry, Mrs. Marie Dover, Mike Cooley, Mr. Sherrill, and Mr. Will Lotham.

A Friday night meeting was held at the home of Mr. Maddox in Phil Campbell. There were several in attendance, and we were uplifted in Spirit under the ministry of Bro. Junior Hale.

The Athens Youth meeting was recently held at the new home of Bro. George Kelly in Tennessee.

The Landersville Youth meeting was held at the home of Cully Norton. Everyone had a good time in singing praises to the Lord.

Ladies' meetings have been held at the homes of Mrs. Donna Belle Daniels, Cleo Johnson and Mrs. Minnie Hood.

Around 40 people gathered at the Landersville church to celebrate the wedding anniversary of Billy and Shelby Dutton, as well as the birthday anniversary of Beverly Hale.

The Athens church is thankful

for the 1960 school bus delivered by Bro. Lloyd Schumacher. The newer model is a big improvement over the 1949 model, which was just about at the end of the line.

A night meeting was held on March 2 at the home of R. L. Ivey, near Madison. Mr. Ivey has a large family; most of his family attended. Along with many others, there was a large crowd in attendance.

On Feb. 22, the Athens church began holding the regular Wed. night service at church. These services have been well attended, and many more folks are now able to attend mid-week worship.

BRADFORD, ILLINOIS

Mrs. Loris Kieser

We were thankful to have Bros. Leroy Huber, Eureka; Edmund Kloter, Fairbury; Verlin Stoller, Ft. Wayne; and Joe Stoller, Princeville, visit us.

Sis. Lois Endress is still a hospital patient. We trust she will be able to return home to her family soon.

Bro. Robert Knobloch had surgery for the removal of a kidney. His recovery has been very good, for which we are thankful.

GRIDLEY, ILLINOIS

Eunice and Lydia Kammerer

Again we are in remembrance at this season, when our dear Saviour was nailed so cruel on the cross, to shed his blood for our sins. If we could but know his real suffering, we would all live closer to Him.

Sis. Nadine Ringger has returned to her home, after spending some time in Barnes Hospital, St. Louis, for treatment. We are glad to report that she is gradually improving.

Sis. Bertha Funk was hospitalized for minor surgery, and has returned to her home.

Sis. Fannie Wiegand had gall-bladder surgery in Fairbury Hospital, has returned home, recuperating nicely. We are glad Fannie is improving, as she has been poorly for some time.

Sis. Katherine Funk entered Fairbury Hospital for treatment. She has suffered with a heart ailment for some time.

A son, Benjiman Dale, was born on Feb. 9 to Bro. Dale and Sis. Fredasu Wiegand. He has a sister to welcome him home.

Friends Dale and Vicky Schlipf have turned to the Lord in repentance.

Sis. Carol Schlipf, student nurse

in Methodist Hospital, is at the Peoria State Hospital for three months. Sis. Janice Witzig, also student nurse in Methodist Hospital, is at the Children's Memorial Hospital, Chicago.

On Wed. Feb. 15, Bro. LeRoy Huber of Eureka, and Bro. Gene Bertschi of Roanoke assisted Bro. George Gramm in reading the conference letter.

On Feb. 19, our monthly hymn singing was held. The Morton Adult Chorus and the Mortonaire were guest singers. They sang several beautiful selections. We enjoyed all, and an evening in hymn singing is always well spent.

Friends Alvin Rich and wife, Louise celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary recently.

Happiness: adds and multiplies as we divide it with others.

OAKVILLE, IOWA

Martha Steiner

Little seven-month-old Marly Lee Massner, daughter of Bro. Adolphus (Doss) and Sis. Bertha Lee Massner, departed this life on Fri., March 3. We cannot know the many battles of life she has been spared in being called to be with Jesus, and yet we feel sorrow with her parents and brother David, knowing that she will be missed.

Bro. Josh Broquard, the elder of the Fairbury church, was with us on Sun., Feb. 26. We were privileged to hear the reading of the conference report by Bro. Broquard and our Elder Bro. Noah Schrock.

On Sun. March 5, Bro. Edwin Bahler from Remington preached God's word to us, after spending the morning with the Burlington congregation. We were richly edified by the teachings given us by the Lord through Bro. Bahler.

The February meeting in Iowa City was not so well attended, due to the bad weather that showed itself late in the afternoon. We missed those who usually attend and welcome all who would like to join us at the next meeting in March.

PORTLAND, OREGON

Mrs. Edward Unsicker

We praise the Lord for bringing Elder Bro. Ezra Feller to us on Sun., Feb. 12. Bro. Feller meditated upon a believer's life in the Spirit, from Romans 8, and from Hebrews 4, a believer's blessed rest, the actual continuation of his present life in

God's Holy Spirit! Surely, we are under so complete a blessedness that we need have no lack!

The following week we shared many blessed hours with our beloved elder brother, Noah Schrock. In speaking of the children of Israel having to cast themselves entirely upon the promise of the Lord, staying in their homes when the death angel visited, Bro. Noah said, "This shows how much God expects of one who embraces the life in Him. If he just seeks to find an occasional comfort, an occasional solace in affliction—if he does not wholly consecrate and wholly dedicate his life to God, surely God is not responsible for him!"

At our annual election, Bro. Paul Rumbold was chosen for the trusteeship and Sis. Shirley Hohulin to teach the Jr. Sunday School Class, vacated by Sis. Connie Steffen. We praise God for the blessed three years He has given to Connie and these 7-9 year-olds. We thank Him for all dedicated teachers, often not enough appreciated. Do we remember to back them up in our sincere prayers to God, every week?

As far as continuing at Silverton is concerned, we can only pray, "Oh, Lord, if Thou wantest the doors of your house yet open, intervene; lay it upon some consecrated hearts, perhaps those who are living a thousand in an area, to seek new service for Thee in this beautiful valley. Thy will be done, oh great and mighty God!"

ROANOKE, ILLINOIS

Sara Aeschleman

On Sun. Feb. 12 Bro. Joe and Sis. Anne Zimmerman observed their 50th Golden Wedding Anniversary. Many friends and relatives attended open house. They received many cards, and wish to thank everyone who so graciously remembered them. They are truly thankful to God for the many blessings He has bestowed on them in the years gone by.

We wish to thank Bros. Lester Huber from Francesville, Joe Schrock, Ed Hohulin, Roy Sauder and LeRoy Huber for visiting our congregation.

Our congregation was saddened by the sudden passing of our dear Bro. Elmer Moser, who died of a heart attack in his home Mon., Mar. 6. Funeral services were held the following Thursday morning. Bro. Eugene Bertschi officiated. Bro. Elmer passed away while praying at

the dinner table. Wouldn't this be a wonderful way for the Lord to find each of us when He comes, praying?

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[A good way for God's children to employ some time is to write a letter to a serviceman. It does not take one highly schooled, only one who is willing to write.]

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Pvt John D Thomas US54810611 Hqs Co USATC D/W Post SVCS Photo Lab Ft Ord California 93941 Peoria	Pfc Robert J Wells 2228900 2nd Bn 5th Marines "G" Co 60 Mortars Weapons Plt FPO San Francisco Calif 96602 Akron	Pvt E2 Michael Zimmerman Jr US55843447 Med Det 5027 US Hosp Ft Benjamin Harrison Indianapolis Ind 46216 Milford
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S/4 Douglas Traub US55818245 Troop A 1st Recon Sqdn 2D A/C APO New York 09411 Bremen	AB Roy H Winemiller AF16919983 Bx 1525 Flight 1386 Lackland AFB Texas 78236 Morton	LEO, INDIANA Mrs. Elias Souder
Lt JG David Unsicker Military Ocean Terminal Naval Supply Center Bayonne New Jersey 07002 Ft Wayne	Pvt Bruce Witzig 504 Elmhurst Apt 6 San Antonio Texas 78209 Gridley	"... for he is risen, as he said." Christ is risen. Hallelujah! Gladness fills the world today From the tomb that could not hold Him, See, the stone is rolled away!
Pvt Ronald R Vierling ER17754787 Co E 19 Bn 5TRG BDE [BCT] 5th Platoon Ft Knox Kentucky 40121 Oakville	PFC & Mrs Duane Witzig 6704 West Morland Ave Takoma Park Maryland Maryland 20012	It was a joyful and blessed week end, when Carolyn Miller, John Klopfenstein, Steve Bollier and Mark Souder gave their testimonies, were baptized, and received into the church. Bro. Samuel Aeschli- man from Bluffton assisted Bro. David Bertsch.
James Dean Vogel 7893371 USS Hollister DD 788-SA c/o FPO Bx 16 San Francisco Calif 96601	Pfc Jerome Witzig US54802388 Hd & Hd Co 1st AD Ft Hood Texas 76545 Gridley	Friend Catherine Conrad Friece is at the long term unit of the Park- view Hospital, Ft. Wayne. I'm sure she would enjoy hearing from her old friends and relatives.
Paul R Wagler NAS HU-4 Lakehurst New Jersey 08733 Burlington Ia	M-Sgt James Wood AF15439005 1773 B Holly Dr Grand Ft AFB North Dakota 58201 Girard	We were glad to hear Jacob Schwartz is improving after he met with a bad auto accident. He suffered many broken ribs and internal injuries. He is in Florida.
Steven A Wagner MM2 692 12 20 M Division USS Belle Grove [LSD-2] c/o FPO San Francisco Calif 96601 Roanoke	Pfc Richard Wuethrich US55833256 543rd QM Group Service Branch MHE Shop APO San Francisco Calif 96243	Sis. Cora Levy is in a critical condition at the Crows Rest Home.
Thomas Wahl 1375715 USS Boxer L.P.H.-4 FPO New York 09501 Elgin Ill	Sp/4 Ronald J Wulf RA 17681750 Co E [Bridge] 3rd Engr BN New York New York 09112 [Munich Germany] Lester	Another saint has gone to his re- ward and has met loved ones. John Bollier Sr. passed away Feb. 28 at the Parkview Hospital. Funeral services were conducted by Bro. Samuel Aeschliman. John's wife preceded him in death in Jan. 1966.
Pfc Eugene L Waibel US55893726 A BTRY 3rd 84th ARTY APO New York 09176 Bay City	Lcdr Richard E Wuthrich USS Ticonderoga [CVA 14] FPO San Francisco Calif 96601 Morton	Bro. George and Sis. Elizabeth Stieglitz celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on Feb. 11. An open house was held at the Fellow- ship Center for friends and rela- tives. A dinner for the family fol-
Sp/4 James Waibel US55866181 Hq Batry 3rd Bn 84th Arty APO New York 09176 Bay Cit	Pvt E2 LeRoy J Yackley US55870878 250th General Hospital Ft Sam Houston Texas 78234 Taylor	
Pvt E2 Ralph H Walder US54808177 Charlie Co 2nd Bn 2nd Bde Ft Ord California 93941 Cissna	A1C Raymond D Young AF17670134 Bx 667 1360 Material Sqd AFB Orlando Florida 32813 Lamont	
	SP/4 Dale Zahner 504 Elmhurst Apt 6 San Antonio Texas 78209 Rockville	

lowed, with their ten children and their families present.

Thank You: We wish to thank the many loved ones who sent cards and best wishes for our fiftieth anniversary. It added so much enjoyment to our day. May God bless and reward you. George and Elizabeth Steglitz.

RITTMAN, OHIO

Ella Mae Trent — Claribel Walters

Funeral services were held Friday, Feb. 17, for Bro. Charles W. Marty. Bro. Charles, who was 85, passed away Feb. 14. Surviving are 3 sons: Wilfred, Walter, and Paul; 2 daughters: Mrs. Pearl Schaub and Mrs. Bernice Johnson; also a host of relatives and friends.

A daughter, Andrea Lynn, was born to Robert and Martha Maag on March 1. A daughter, Denise Renee, was born to David and Jane Curie on March 2.

United in marriage on March 4 were friends, Joseph Riggenbach and Karen Maibach. May God richly bless them as they walk life's pathway together.

Sis. Eleanor Ramsier is in the hospital. Those hospitalized, but home and improving are Sis. Bertha Bauman and Bro. Alvin Winkler. Those shut-ins who haven't been able to attend church for some time are Bro. Herman Ingold and Sis. Lillian Beery.

Let us all remember our brothers and friends in the service with a card or letter. It will only take a few minutes and will surely brighten their day.

Written by Ben Hartzler

One of the first, if not the first member of the congregation at Rittman, the community formerly known as Chippewa, and later called Wayne County, was my great-grandmother, Anna Steiner. She was the wife of John Steiner, who evidently was a minister of another church.

The first sermon preached in this community by a minister of the Apostolic Christian Church, formerly known as the Neu Taufer or New Baptist church, was by Bro. Isaac Gehring of Monroe County. He made several trips either by foot or horseback, a distance of about one hundred and forty miles. The services were held in a home near where the present church stands today, with only a few people attending, probably the immediate family and a few neighbors.

Why this Anna Steiner was dissatisfied with her former faith or her husband's church, I will not try to say, but the absence of a true repentance and new birth seem to be what convicted some of those early converts, when they heard the gospel preached, and God could touch their hearts. The same holds true today.

Evidently she had quite a hard life, her husband not being in accord with her newly-found faith. They were the parents of thirteen children, and she often walked to church, sometimes as far as five or six miles, carrying a child and no doubt other children following her. Sometimes when she would get home it was dark, the door was locked, and she would have to spend the night outside the house.

I do not mention this to accuse or judge her husband, but rather to call attention to the zeal and desire those people must have had to hear the word of God and to attend the service of God's people.

Her daughter, Barbara Horn, who was my grandmother, was also soon converted, as were nearly all of her sons and daughters in later years. They were Peter, Levi and Barbara Horn of Rittman, Dan of Sabetha, John of West Bend and later of Morton, Jacob of Morton, Eli of Leo, Mary Sorg of Mansfield, Lydia Dotterer of Junction, Verena Moser of Morton, Elizabeth Kuerth of Gridley, Sarah Conrad of Leo and Catherine Sommer of Mansfield.

The time of which was mentioned was about one hundred years ago; the conveniences with which we are familiar today were unknown then. This community was not a rich community, and people sometimes suffered hardship and privation. There was very little money; food, clothing and shelter were very plain, and acquired through hard work, careful planning and saving. Education was very limited, wages very meager. Could this probably be one reason why the gospel of salvation with its many promises of a future home of the soul, free from sorrow, pain and care, had such a strong appeal to them? It was the goodness of God and the love of the Master and for the Master that led them to repentance.

There was a young man present at that first service of Bro. Gehring, who pretended to have no interest in the preaching, and even scoffed at it. Nevertheless he was soon converted and became the first minis-

ter of the Rittman church. That was Daniel Steiner, who became the father-in-law of Bro. Noah Hartzler, who was the first elder at the Rittman church.

There was another wife of a minister and a sister of a bishop, who both became converted and were of the early members of the Rittman church. The Lord said, Think not that I am come to bring peace, but rather division, and so it came to pass.

BERN, KANSAS

Esther and Stella Moser

Our visiting ministers were Bro. Sam Huber, Gridley, at a Wednesday evening service. Elder Bro. Gene Marti, Sabetha ministered to us Feb. 26, and also helped our elder, Bro. Lester Hartter, read the memorandum. May we all take heed to the many timely warnings and admonitions given by our watchmen. May God bless them for their efforts. We invite them to come back.

Hospital patients were Mary Meyer, daughter of Bro. Louis and Sis. Mavis, for knee surgery, John Wittmer, medical. Sis. Leah Bauman, after brief stays at home, was back twice for more tests and X-rays. May she soon regain her usual good health. Sis. Leah will shortly be 87, lives alone, still drives her car and seldom misses a service. Jan, 13-year-old daughter of Leslie and Leora Baumgartner has curvature of the spine, wore a cast for 6 weeks, and is now fitted with a brace extending along the spine up to her neck and around her chin. She must wear this 6 to 8 months, is only allowed to remove it to take a bath. Jan takes things cheerfully, went to school every day in her cast. We certainly wish her well.

We extend our sympathy to Sis. Minnie Schrock in the sudden passing of her sister, Mrs. Lydia Plattner.

The Bible Class and Sunday School teachers met at Bro. Alpha Strahms.

March 5, we sang the farewell song for Bro. Emil Strahm, who leaves in company with other brothers for the Dominican Republic, in connection with the World Relief Program.

Pioneer Feature

I would like to write a few lines about my Grandfather Moser, as I feel he was one of the pioneers of the Bern Church.

Nicholas Moser was born in 1842 in Bern, Switzerland, where he grew to manhood. His father was a cobbler by trade; the family was very poor. At the age of 14 he repented. In his youth he also learned the cobbler trade, and through his lifetime repaired his own shoes.

In 1867, to escape compulsory military training he, in company with others, came to America. (At that time there was no other way but to bear arms in that country.) Also in the group was Sis. Elizabeth Adam, his bride-to-be, but due to so much red tape, they waited to be married until they arrived at Forrest. He rented a farm and lived there 13 years. All of their children were born there except the youngest.

In 1879 he bought 80 acres of prairie at \$5.00 an acre, built a house on it, and in Dec. 1880 moved his family to Bern. In a matter of a few weeks, tragedy struck the family. Between Jan. 1, 1881, and March 6, five of their seven children died of diphtheria. They had already lost three infants in Illinois. This left them their oldest child, John—12, and a five-year-old girl, who died 3 years later. (The last night before moving, some of the children stayed with a family who had sick children, not knowing it was the dreadful killer of diphtheria. In Kansas, they in turn brought it to the large family of grandfather's sister, the Messerlis, who lost many of their children.)

In 1883 they had another son, Joseph, my father. Grandfather often told us about those days of heartache and trials, but through it all they kept their faith and trust in the Lord. In 1906, Grandmother passed away at age 65. In 1887, Grandfather had gone back to Switzerland and brought his aged father and a sister to America. This sister now kept house for him and my father. Sis. Christena was a dear little person, I am told, and passed away in 1911. Grandfather then made his home with us the last 13 years of his life, until 1924. At the age of 81 he passed away.

He was a strong pillar in the church, a rather stern brother, never too timid to speak up on what was godly church order. He also was a trustee, treasurer of the Building Aid, and a song leader. He would choose a song, then "read" several verses without opening his book. He was well read in the Bible and would recite whole books to us, and we

never grew tired listening, as he made it interesting and impressive to young minds.

EUREKA, ILLINOIS

Cathryn Wettstein—Salome Walter

Sunday evening, Feb. 12, we were gathered together to hear the reports of the conference. Bros. Roy Sauder from Peoria, Eugene Bertsch from Roanoke, Frank Woertz from Goodfield assisted our elder, Leroy Huber in this important meeting. The Goodfield and Congerville members were invited to be present. After hearing the reports, we have a duty to do, and it is up to each one to try to be more obedient to our God, and to our elders, who do their best in trying to keep our churches in order and to preserve the **Faith of our fathers.**

David Schumacher, small son of Bro. Robert and Sis. Charlene underwent surgery, but has now returned home.

Judy Leman, daughter of Bro. Gerald and Sis. Velma Leman, had an appendectomy at Eureka Hospital, but has recovered and is able to be in school and Sunday School again.

Sis. Ruth Martin, Bro. Lester's wife, was in a Bloomington hospital a few days, but is home again.

Judy, wife of Ernest Knecht, was a patient in Eureka Hospital, but is able to be at home now.

Guest ministers were Bro. Nathan Steffen from Elgin, and Bro. Jesse Schrock from Congerville.

Births—To Bro. and Sis. Robert and Helen Wiegand, a son—Robert Jay. (He was born Feb. 10, and has 2 brothers and 3 sisters to say welcome.) To Robert and Thelma (Stoller) Wind, a daughter, Julia Kathleen, born Feb. 20. This is their second child and daughter.

Phylis Kupferschmid and Christian Miller were married Feb. 19 at the home of the bride by Bro. Leroy Huber. The parents are Bro. and Sis. Wayne and Laura Kupferschmid of Eureka and Bro. and Sis. Christian and Betty Miller of Congerville.

Apostolic Pioneers

When thinking of pioneers, we can usually think of older folks. When this subject came up, I thought of Bro. and Sis. John and Mary Rocke. This dear elderly couple have just observed their 68th wedding anniversary. Surely God has given them a long married life together. They were married on

Feb. 12, 1899, at the Apostolic Church at Roanoke by Bro. Rudy Witzig.

Mary was 88 years old on Feb. 4 and John will be 91 on March 28. They are the parents of thirteen children: Mrs. Wilma Blackmer, Mrs. Helen Swing, Sis. Ruth, Bro. Ed, Lester, Lawrence and Parnell—all of Eureka, Mrs. Nettie Knapp of Goodfield, Mrs. Clara Knapp of Morton, Walter and Wilbur of Washington, Richard of Geneva and Milton of Orlando, Fla.

As their health had been failing and they were no longer able to help themselves, they came to the "Home" to live. John can see very little, but Mary can help herself get around with the use of a walker.

They have been members of the church for many years and have gone through many trials together. God has been merciful and helped them many, many times. I am sure they can be called "Apostolic Pioneers." Any cards of cheer I am sure they would enjoy. Their address is 610 W. Cruger St., Eureka, Ill. 61530.

LAMONT, KANSAS

Mrs. Stephen Schrader

As we observe the new shoots being thrust forth from trees and flowers, we are once again reminded of our Lord's resurrection from the tomb and the nearness of the time when we give added thought to this Divine Event. May Christ indwell us and send forth evidence of His Life in us, just as surely as the leaves burst forth from their source, the trees, each springtime.

There has been little change in the condition of our shut-in, Sis. Katie Fankhauser. She is able to sit for short periods of time in a chair, but recently has not been able to take nourishment by mouth. Her daughter and son-in-law, Geraldine and Clarence Beyer of Phoenix, arrived March 4 to visit with her. This is the first meeting between mother and daughter since Geraldine and Clarence have placed their lives in the Master's Hands. What a blessed meeting this must be for them!

Sis. Clara Ott, who has been ill for several weeks, is again able to assemble with us, for which we're thankful. When the congregation is small, the absence of one loved one is readily felt.

Our friend Ben Ott is again able to attend church, following an accident in Emporia recently, in which he suffered bruises and abrasions.

He was struck by a car, as he walked across an intersection.

PEORIA, ILLINOIS

Emily Tanner

Mrs. Michael Weyeneth

Bro. Joe and Sis. Wilma Hoerr announced the engagement of their daughter, Lori, to John Thomas Kinney of Peoria, presently stationed at Ft. Gordon, Ga.

Mr. and Mrs. Randall Haefli are the parents of a son, Bradley Spencer, born Feb. 25. Paternal grandparents are Bro. Ernest and Sis. Dorothy Haefli.

Mrs. Carolyn Schlipf died Feb. 9 in the St. Francis Hospital, where she had been a patient since Jan. 6. Surviving are her husband, John; two brothers—Herman and David Riekert of Princeville; three sisters, Mrs. Frieda Stahl of Princeville, Mrs. Mary Welch and Mrs. Martha Caballero, both of Chicago; five nieces and five nephews.

Services for W. J. (Bill) Nelson were held Feb. 21 at the funeral home, with Bro. Michael Weyeneth officiating.

Sis. Emma Hartman, a resident of the Buehler Home since 1961 died Feb. 23. Sis. Emma was a practical nurse. Surviving are two brothers, Bro. Magnus Hartman of Washington and Alpha Hartman of Bartonville; a foster sister, Mrs. Lucille Ulrich of Peoria and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by two sisters and one brother.

Our sympathy is also extended to Sisters Frieda and Martha Christ; their father, Bro. Christian Christ who lived in Germany, died Feb. 8.

We appreciated the visits and labors of love from Bros. Joe Zimmerman and Elmer Bucher and those who accompanied them. The Francesville Choir of high school girls sang such lovely selections at our Hymn Sing.

With the Easter season upon us, our hearts are ever thankful for the great love of God. He gave His only begotten Son, who came down upon earth to show us the way of salvation for our souls! Was willing to shed His blood for the remission of our sins, then arose from the grave, victorious over death. It was brought out in a sermon recently, it's the DECISION that seems to be the difficult part of repenting; once the decision is made, everything else just seems to take its place. God's grace is so bountiful. Come, taste, and see.

History

1850—Bro. Joseph Virkler came to Peoria from the state of New York. Bro. Virkler delivered the first sermon of the Apostolic Christian faith here.

1852—Bro. Johannes Kreinbuhl, who was a minister, and six other members came to the home of Sis. Sommer, which was located across the river on the Metamora Road, and held services there.

1857—John Hartman of Dortmund Lippe, Germany, and a Huette came to the United States and settled in St. Louis, Missouri. They were of the Baptist teaching. After coming to Peoria, they joined the Apostolic Christian Faith. About twenty souls gathered in John Hartman's home on Monroe and Caroline Streets, where Bro. Hartman was their minister. Shortly after, Bro. Schlatter and Sis. Porig came to Peoria.

1865—Bros. Heiniger and Rickle, Sisters Pilza and Brunner came to Peoria and assembled with the believers.

1867—Bros. John Schneider, J. W. Schmidt, and Felix Cromer came to Peoria. J. W. Schmidt was a tailor and in his later years moved to Eureka, where he was mid-Elder with Bro. Michael Mangold in Roanoke.

1874—The Assembly Room at Bro. Hartman's house became too small for the growing congregation. A decision was made to build a frame church house at 511 Green St. The church house was completed on May 10. In this year, Sis. Haefli and Bro. John Spies came to Peoria. In later years, Bro. John Spies moved to Elgin.

1876—On March 4, Bros. Rudolph Rusterholz and George Stieglitz came from Germany to Morton, and from there came to Peoria. George was a minister and later a mid-Elder, until his health failed. Bro. Stieglitz died May 10, 1903.

1894—Bro. Rudolph Witzig was appointed as elder of Peoria, having been elder at Gridley. Bro. Witzig was born Sept. 13, 1833, in Switzerland, coming to Gridley in 1883. He usually visited the Peoria church once a month. Bro. Andrew Rapp of Morton supported Bro. Witzig until he died May 2, 1911.

1896—The members in Peoria decided to build a larger church, since the church house built in 1874 was now too small. The old frame church was torn down, and a brick building costing \$7,500 was erected on

the same site. The members elected four trustees, Peter Sommer, John Schneider, Rudolph Rusterholz, and Jacob Schilz, who was in later years a minister.

1910—Bro. Emil Schubert became minister in Peoria. Bro. Schubert came from Rodlids, Saxony, Germany. He arrived in Philadelphia in 1905. From there he went to Morton, and then to Peoria in 1907.

1912—February 12, the elders decided to build a home for the old sisters. A building at 711 N. Monroe was purchased and called the Apostolic Christian Home. Bro. John Schneider, Jr., was in charge until his death May 4, 1912. After Bro. Schneider's death, Bro. Emil Schubert was in charge. Following Bro. Schubert, responsibility for the Home has gone to Bros. Michael Weyeneth, Samuel Getz, and Reuben Herman. On February 12, Bro. Bartel Rapp, elder of Morton, was put in charge of the Peoria Church, since Bro. Rudolph Witzig had reached an old age and was in failing health. Witzig died November 17, 1912.

1924—Bro. Bartel Rapp died January 23. Bro. Michael Mangold, elder of Roanoke, was given charge of the Peoria Church. Bro. Mangold died April 19, 1930, at the age of 71.

1929—Bro. Emil Schubert became elder.

1947—Bro. Emil Schubert's health failed, and Bro. David Mangold, elder of Roanoke, was put in charge. Bro. Schubert died August 14, 1950. Membership and congregation had grown. The brick church house on Green Street was now too small. A decision was made to build a new church, and land was purchased at 3420 N. Sheridan Road.

1949—Ground was broken for the new church.

1950—The new church house was dedicated December 10, having cost approximately \$350,000 and seating 950 people. Bros. Michael Weyeneth, Chris Koehl and Roy Sauder were ministers. The Building committee consisted of Bros. C. C. Hoerr, Sam Getz and Henry Leman. The trustees were Bros. Sam Getz, C. C. Hoerr, Henry Leman, Chris Sauder, and W. O. Schlipf.

1959—Bro. David Mangold resigned April 19 because of his health, and the eldership of the Peoria Church was turned over to Bro. Silas Leuthold, elder of Princeville. Bro. David Mangold died on December 4, 1964, at the age of 72.

1965—Bro. Roy Sauder was ordained elder on Jan. 3. Present ministers are Elder Bro. Roy Sauder, Bros. Michael Weyeneth, Jim Hoerr, and LeRoy Hartman.

1966—A new Apostolic Christian Home for the Aged has been constructed at 7023 N. E. Skyline Drive. The residents of the Home on Monroe Street moved into their new home June 22.

CISSNA PARK, ILLINOIS

Mary Young — Margaret Rudin

Feb. 11, the death angel took Sis. Mary Maul, age 62 to her eternal rest, after 4 weeks illness. Services were held Feb. 14. Bro. Phil Sauder officiated. She leaves to mourn, sisters, Sarah and Emma Geyer, and a brother, John.

Our dear Bro. Gottlieb Reutter, age 81, went to rest. His work was finished, on Feb. 21. Funeral services were held Feb. 24. Bro. Emmanuel Gudeman officiated. He leaves to mourn, his wife Sis. Emma; daughters, Sisters Marion, Evelyn Hoerr, Peoria, Charlene Sommerholder of Phoenix; and a son, Don. May God comfort the bereaved family in their sudden loss. He will be greatly missed, not only by his family, but also the congregation and his neighbors.

Our friends, Elaine Bauer, and Lyle Young were united in marriage on Feb. 12. Bro. Emanuel Gudeman officiated. Elaine is a daughter of Bro. and Sis. Urban Bauer. Lyle is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Christ Young.

On March 11, we were privileged to hear the testimony of two dear friends, who were baptized the following Sunday. They were Walter Laubscher, son of Bro. and Sis. Ben Laubscher, and Kathy Rinkenberger, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Bill Rinkenberger.

Sis. Minnie Feller is a hospital patient for observation. Bro. Harold Beer had back surgery. Sis. Katie Schott is improved, after being in the hospital a few weeks. The five-month old son of Bro. and Sis. Fred Waldbeser was hospitalized a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Landes will observe their 65th wedding anniversary on March 20.

APOSTOLIC PIONEERS

When we think of Apostolic Pioneers, we can believe this was one, even though he was called to his heavenly home 67 years ago. In one of the papers it mentioned 2,000 to 3,000 were estimated to be in at-

tendance at the funeral. The regular train had a special coach for those coming from afar. Many came to pay their last respects and love to the great man whose spirit had been animating their church for years, and whose life's work was an open book to them all.

John Reeb was born in 1836 in Alsace Lorraine. His parents were of the Lutheran teaching. One day a soldier came around selling Bibles. He told this soldier he wasn't satisfied. The soldier told him about a religious sect and took him to these people, which was the Apostolic Christian Faith. When he heard the first sermon he said, "This is what I want." He repented and was baptized. At the age of 19 he was made minister, and later became an elder. He was married to Anna Blanck. They were blessed with 6 children.

On October 10, 1889, they with five of their children left Alsace Lorraine to come to the USA. (One son came before, to escape going to the army.) There was a group of about 40 that accompanied them. Among them were the Geysers, Emil Feller, Bauers, Mangolds, and others. They crossed the ocean on the ship "La Torraine". Some were afraid the boat would sink, and one was quoted as saying, "Oh no, Minister Reeb is with us, and I know God will not let anything happen to us."

Often in the evening, whoever was able and wasn't seasick would go on the deck to sing from the **Zion's Harp**. Elder Reeb selected the hymn **GOD IS STILL WITH ME**.

Noah's ark long drifted
on the surging flood.
But with eyes uplifted,
trusted he in God.

When throughout life's journey
raging storms I see,
This shall be my comfort:
God is still with me.

They sailed with happiness into the Haven of New York. To their surprise, Bro. Mike Mangold and Bro. Leman of Roanoke came to New York to meet the boat.

He settled on a farm near Cissna Park, across the road where our old church stood, and his great grandson, Curtis Sauder, now farms this.

He was much respected and had a loving way with young people. In the year of 1893, a group of 81 repented and were baptized. There are still three living members of that group, Sisters Ida Eisenman and Anna Beer, which we feel are the

two from our church who have been Christians the longest, and Sis. Freda Schaefer of West Bend. Sisters Ida Eisenman and Anna Beer were baptized by Bro. Reeb. Sis. Ida Eisenman said she can still remember one of his last sermons he had, on Thanksgiving Day. He said he was ready to go, but as the Apostle Paul said, for the church's sake he would like to be here. He passed away at the age of 64, after a year's illness in the year 1900.

We thank Sisters Hulda Honegger and Ida Eisenman for being helpful with this information.

FORREST, ILLINOIS

Martha Stoller

Carolyn Zimmerman

Roger and Janet Farney are confessing peace and hope to bring their testimonies before the congregation in the near future. Herb Bachtold also has been announced.

Medical patients at the hospital were Sisters Emma Ifft and Matilda Bach, and Bro. Robert Leman; all have returned to their homes. Sis. Olga Schmidt fell in her home recently, dislocating her shoulder; she also was hospitalized a few days. Sis. Marie Hohulin has returned to her home, following surgery. Sis. Betty Nussbaum and Paul, son of Bro. Perry and Sis. Dorothy Zimmerman are presently surgical patients, and are both making a nice recovery.

Bro. Henry Sabo spent a Sunday with us recently and served in the ministry.

In Memory of Our Dear Mother, Anna Wenger, who passed away April 12, 1966.

Mother dear has gone from us
To dwell on yonder shore.
She has reached the land of peace
and rest
Where there are cares no more.

Dear Mother, how we miss you.
How we long to clasp your hand.
Yet we know you there are happy
In that bright and glorious land.

Mother never sought for riches;
It was not her soul's desire,
But to win the crown of glory
She did seek and will acquire.

But not only for herself
Were her prayers and pleas to
God,
Also for her flock and children
Who this earth now still must
trod.

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May we strive to follow her,
Who to us the way made known,
Then to meet her up in heaven
In that bright and happy home.

The Better Part

The days are all too short to waste
A moment, with the time it takes
For hunting flaws in useful folks,
And magnifying small mistakes.
But there is time enough to spare
Between the dawn and sunset's
glow,

To recognize the kindly traits
Possessed by people whom we
know.

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Old friends, old scenes, will lovelier
be,
As more of heaven in each we see;
Some softening gleam of love and
prayer
Shall dawn on every cross and care.

The trivial round, the common task
Will furnish all we ought to ask:
Room to deny ourselves, a road
To bring us daily nearer God.

These words were written by the author of the words of the beautiful hymn Sun of My Soul.

HEAVEN AND HOME IN HEBREWS

Hebrews reveals beautiful glimpses. Revealing words come from inspiration: ". . . unto the Son **he saith**, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom."

The personality of our King is beautiful; face to face will be joy. What will He talk about? What light will be shed? what warmth kindled, what words revealed, in His audience? More, His entire domain will be perfect; pure government forever! Notes of a beautiful song need a staff; His sceptre of righteousness will provide undreamed of happiness. What a way of life!

"Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, **even** thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows."

One of the glories of joy is, iniquity is absent.

Jesus trod a pathway of sorrow. The world has its petty joys. There are laughs from temporal merriment. The end of earthly laughter is sorrow. Our Lord's path is daily, a cross. It is sorrow. There is deep joy of hope, which comes even in tribulation.

A beautiful trait of God is gladness. Wonderful, full joy has this perfect personality. We shall see. One of the promises to the pilgrim of the mount is that we shall laugh. Deep, thrilling, unending. It shall never pass away. **Fervently glad we'll be**, Zion's Harp expresses.

"There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God." Rest re-

veals riches, a beautiful description of home. It is a rest full of interest, activity, full-time employment of the happy soul in God's Sabbath, a holiday forever.

The repeating round, a day at a time, shall finish. We go out; sometimes it's cold or raining. We have deadlines to meet, tasks to finish. We have perplexities, pains, problems.

Rest is for the people of God. It is the way, the nature of God. He enjoys this. We shall be like this One from everlasting to everlasting is perfection!

Abraham had faith; "he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God." Here human beings dwell together. There are avenues, houses, city planning.

God meant something for us to understand when he said **city**. In the scripture, a brother heart brings joy to **another**. The holy kiss expresses an inner longing and belonging to a love-dwelt city. The inner citizenry of that city today builds on Jesus Christ. This foundation is immovable.

Beautiful Revelation is His. In descriptive and glowing tones, He has pictured His city descending in unprecedented plan. The walls have foundations.

It is graced with His beautiful presence. It is peopled with His family. How shall that be? Footsteps in everlasting home. Loved ones forever. Best of all, God in sight.

". . . ye are come unto mount Zion, and unto the city of the living

God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels" . . .

Today, we sit in heavenly places. The curtains are parted, and we by faith rejoice in the innermost holy of holies. We taste of the powers of the world to come. We see glories. There is a city today, in heaven. Thence leads our route.

The description continues: "To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect, And to Jesus. . ." His is very select company. Measure the kinship of spiritual kindred. Being-knit together chords the scripture, again and again. Charity, the love of that city, makes friends forever.

God's citizens are lovely. There is no separation in God's sight of those who have passed on, the just made perfect, from those here. Close is the circle of God's people.

Another wonderful beauty of home is its lasting character.

Time, daily living is a quantity, limited, expendable. Death closes dearest diaries. Dwellings are moved from, vacated. Dear people pass on.

That city shall be eternal. Life will flow on in endless song. Dwelling is for ever. Before and near us, around and with us is our home circle. They live.

"For here have we no continuing city, but we seek one to come." Glorious gate, whose welcome beckons to come.

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