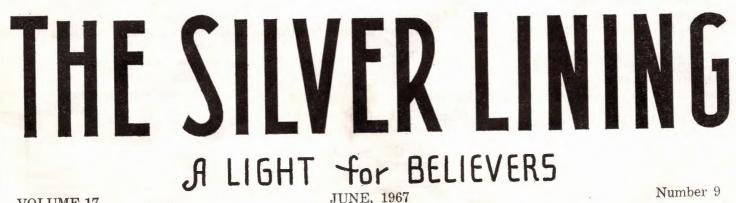


I beheld the mountains, and, lo, they trembled, and all the hills moved lightly.

I beheld, and, lo, there was no man, and all the birds of the heavens were fled. I beheld, and, lo, the fruitful place was a wilderness, and all the cities thereof were broken down at the presence of the LORD and by his fierce anger.

For thus hath the LORD said, The whole land shall be desolate; yet will I not make a full end.

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



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The white moon will be turned into blood. The stars will be falling from the sky. The holocaust at the age end is vividly portrayed in the word. Is our journey such that the map marks that the end of the age is near?

These are momentous times. Bible names are written in the news. Jerusalem, the older part, with its temple site and wailing wall is once again in the hands of Israel.

The end is not yet. We are more like the plowman doing his work in the very shadow of a great mountain. Or the storm, billowing thunderheads looming, while we sow and while we reap. Time is to be redeemed. For us, the Lord's return hopefully glows our sky with beautiful glory beyond description.

The teletypes in the day of Armageddon, if there are some, could click to the news of land of Israel. It is remarkable that a roll call of nations, with their positions, plans and hatreds bears close resemblance to the turbulent end. The tendency toward a world of nations, punishment as it decides, the fierce

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opposition of the Arabs, these and more—are they statements of prophecy, written as news today?

Our Lord said, in Luke 21, Jerusalem would be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled. The apostles, in answer to a question about the kingdom being restored to Israel, were told that it was not for them to know the times nor the seasons. The Father hath this in his power. We are permitted to see Israel, with Jerusalem, an independent nation.

There will be a time before Jesus returns to earth, when this land area will be trodden down again. The Jews will flee with haste. Our Lord spoke of the abomination of desolation. Paul said that the day of the Lord would not come till the man of sin was revealed.

The movement of the masses, the turbulent sea of mankind, hankers for such a counterfeit. He will be decked in all of carnal splendor, will be hailed as a great ruler. He will do miracles, giving life to an image, causing the image to speak. The evolutionists etc. will shout. He will find diplomatic tie, perhaps even rule over the Jews. Then he will sit in the temple. The fearful storm will break.

We are not told when our Lord will return and catch His own into the clouds. That will be glorious, age without end. Watch, for ye know not the hour.

There is a picture, perhaps a reproduction, in our place of a train in the colorful desert. The colors of the sky are beautiful. The train from appearance is on its way. Yet each time one looks, there is no progress. It is still, never moving.

If we are at the sunset of this age, the time comes soon when we cannot work. All the money and all the diamonds in the world are exceeded in value by what is in our grasp. Priceless are the opportunities of today. Buy that time.

There is a very sober fact for the friend... Life is blessed with many things from God. The photograph is still after the shutter clicks. Outside the gate the color is all out; blackness is permanent . . . forever moving, but never going. Never.

the editor

From Bro. Ed's Sunday School Lesson

You are seeing the Holy Spirit work in this class. It is present now and is working. Eight of our students have repented. Your "innerself" has had strong desires to give in and do what is right. You have felt the strong pull to live for Jesus, to be His brother, to be all right, to be on God's side, to be clean inside, and not worry about going to hell. I'm sure you have.

In 1930, the two teachers in this class were Adam Schlatter (Phil's brother) and Elias Souder (Ed's father). There were about fifty students in this class. Adam's wife was Millie Schlatter. He had two daughters, Ethelyn and Joan (now Joan Stieglitz). These people are members of this church. Adam is still a member, but is now in heaven. This is the story.

Adam went into the orchard to get Ethelyn and Joan some apples. He threw a stick into the tree to knock the apples down. The stick fell and hit him in the forehead. It

was only a scratch, but soon Adam became quite ill. He went to the hospital and the doctor said he had lockjaw. There was no cure. It wasn't long until Adam came to the point of death. Members of the family were in the room. Many close friends stood in the hall. Adam sank lower and lower, and finally he turned his head and lay as if dead. His wife, Millie, said, "Oh he's gone!" Adam turned his head toward her and said, "No, I'm not." Adam was given enough breath to say a few words (he told them to his sister, Evelyn, and Millie was present; Elias Souder asked Evelyn to write them down soon after Adam died.)

Adam closed his eyes, his lips, and the Lord closed his life.

Eli, took this message to the class. He was now the only teacher, and he told the story. The Lord and the Holy Spirit hit their mark. About fifty students heard the message. About twenty-five repented. It was a great revival. It swept through the church like a wave. In addition to those in Sunday School, about thirty-five others repented.

What about the half of the class that didn't repent? Where are they today? Where will they spend eter-

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nity? With Adam?

The Lord has called you. You have seen true revival. Will you miss heaven? Will it take a death to bring you to repentance?

A Message To Our Sunday School Class And All Others (from Adam Schlatter)

"I was over there, but I am back. I saw the Lord. He tried to open the gates for me, but they were closed too tight. He told me to come back

[Following is a beautiful poem. Its thought can be very true, many times. It takes some special views to bring home to us the tender touch of God's care. It is a speaking to us of the pity for others who also live and feel. If we but knew some of the opportunities to us, how our heart would move to help and care. Let us invest our heart in that Hero's touch from heaven above.]

On a dark and dismal alley where the sunshine never came

- Dwelt a little lad named Tommy, sickly, delicate and lame.
- He had never yet been healthy, but had lain since he was born,
- Dragging out his weak existence, hopeless and forlorn.
- He was six years old, little Tommy (Twas just five years ago
- Since his drunken mother dropped him and the babe was crippled so).
- He had never known sweet comfort of a mother's tender care,
- But her cruel blows and madness made his pain still worse to bear.
- There he lay within the cellar from morning till night,
- Neglected, starved, ill-treated, no one making his life bright,
- Not a single friend to love him, not a single thing to love,
- For he knew not of the Saviour nor of heaven up above.
- 'Twas a quiet summer evening and the alley too was still.
- Tommy's little heart was sinking and he felt so lonely, till
- Up the quiet alley, coming inward from the street,
- Came the sound of someone singing, sounding oh so clear and sweet.

I crossed the pond. I was just ready to get off the boat, but he wouldn't let me. He told me to come back, and here I am. I saw everything so plain, and I thought I was going home to rest; but, no, I came back to you. I know there has been many a friend on their knees these past two nights. I have felt it.

You might think I am preaching,

TOMMY'S PRAYER

Eagerly did Tommy listen as the singing came.

- Oh he wished he could see the singer; how he wished he wasn't lame.
- Then he called and shouted loudly, till the singer heard the sound And she stopped, and in the cellar there she little Tommy found.
- 'Twas a maiden rough and rugged,
- hair unkept and unshod feet, All her garments torn and ragged, her appearance far from neat.
- So you called me, said the maiden. Wonder what you want of me.
- Most folks call me Singing Jessie; what may your name chance to be?
- My name's Tommy and I'm a cripple, and I want to hear you sing,
- For it makes me feel so happy; sing me something—anything,

And then Jessie answered, smiling, I can't stay here very long,

But I'll sing a hymn to please you, what I call the "Glory Song".

So she sang to him of heaven; gates of pearl, streets of gold;

- And of happy angel children, neither starved nor nipped with cold,
- But where happiness and gladness never can decrease nor end,
- But where Jesus reigns etern'ly, where time will never end.
- Oh how Tommy's eyes did glisten as he took in every word,
- As it fell from Singing Jessie, was it true what he had heard?

And so anxiously he asked her, Is there really such a place?

And a tear began to trickle down his pale little face.

but I am not. When one goes through and sees what I saw, it would almost make a preacher out of him. Oh, how I am suffering, but nothing compared to what Christ suffered for us. But, oh, those gates ! How beautiful it was! Words cannot describe it but I couldn't go. It wasn't time, but I'll get rest later. I'll rest."

Bro. Elias Souder added this: Very soon after this, his spirit took its flight, and he was at rest.

Tommy, it's up above the sky, And all who love the Saviour will

- go there when they die. Then said Tommy, Tell me Jessie, How can I the Saviour love
- How can I the Saviour love When I'm down in this here cellar, and He's up in heaven above?

The little ragged maiden, who had

- heard at Sunday School All about the way to heaven and the Christian's golden rule
- Taught the little cripple Tommy how to love and how to pray.
- Then she sang a song of Jesus, kissed his cheek, and went away.

Tommy lay within the cellar, which had grown so dark and cold,

- Thinking all about the children; and the streets of shining gold;
- And he minded not the darkness of that damp and chilly room,

For the joy in Tommy's bosom could get rid of deepest gloom.

- Oh if I could only see it, thought the cripple as he lay;
- Jessie said that Jesus listens, so I think I'll try and pray . . .
- So he put his hands together and he closed his little eyes,
- And in wonder deep in earnest sent his message 'bove the skies.
- Gentle Jesus, please forgive me, as I didn't know before
- That you cared for little cripples who are weak and very poor,
- And I never heard of heaven 'till that Jessie came today
- And told me all about it, so I thought I'd try and pray.
- Lord, I'm only just a cripple and I'm no use here below,
- For I heard my mother whisper she'd be glad if I would go,

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- And I'm cold and hungry sometimes, and I feel so lonely too.
- Can't you take me gently, Jesus, up to heaven along with you?
- Oh I'd be so good and patient, and I'd never cry or fret,
- And your kindness to me, Jesus, I would surely not forget.
- I would love you all I know of, and I'd never make a noise.
- Can't you find me just a corner where I'll watch the other boys?
- Oh I think you'll do it, Jesus; something seems to tell me so,
- For I feel so good and happy, and I do want to go.
- How I long to see you, Jesus, and the children all so bright,
- Come and fetch me won't you, Jesus, come and fetch me home tonight?
- Tommy ceased his prayer. He had told his heart's desire,
- And he waited for an answer, 'til his head began to tire.
- Then he turned toward his corner and lay huddled in a heap,

- Closed his little eyes so gently and was quickly fast asleep.
- Oh I wish that every scoffer could have seen his little face,
- As he lay there in the corner of that dark and dirty place,
- For his countenance was shining like an angel's, fair and bright,
- And it seemed to fill the cellar with a holy, heavenly light.
- In the morning when the mother came to wake her crippled boy,
- She discovered that his features wore a look of sweetest joy,
- And she shook him somewhat roughly, but the cripple's face was cold.
- He had gone to join the children in the Heavenly Father's fold.
- Tommy's prayer had soon been answered, and the angel for him come,
- To remove him from the cellar to his bright and heavenly home,
- Where sweet comfort, joy and gladness never can decrease or end.
- But where Jesus reigns eternal, up where joy and praise do blend.

Is there a kindness you may do, A helpful message you could send, A cheering word of comfort true? Don't wait, but do it now my friend.

DO IT NOW

Some struggling one your help may need,

Delayed intentions you may mend, A hungry life that you may feed.

Don't wait, but do it now, my friend.

Whate'er the duties we may face, Let us at once to them attend. Our Father bids us serve the race. Don't wait; let's do it now, my friend.

Everyone in your circle receive a Silver Lining?

It is worthwhile to send the Silver Lining to someone you love, someone still outside. You can send in hope. Perhaps from the Sower a tiny seed will fall in fruitful ground. Wouldn't that be wonderful?

FT. LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA Louise Akel

Dear Brothers and Sisters, I direct this to the membership, to remind all that we have received so great a gift that often is neglected. Are we guilty of not praying hard enough for the soldiers, the friends and children of God's children? The promise God has given us is—And whatsoever ye ask in my name it shall be given. This means that through prayer we can have power over unclean spirits. God counts the prayers as He counted the faithful before He destroyed the city, and if enough care, the miracle of salvation will keep the door of grace from closing at this time.

We who live in Ft. Lauderdale and Miami have witnessed how wonderfully God has blessed one family in particular. Bro. Harry Sutter and his wife, Sis. Florence have experienced great joy in seeing their three children, Judy, Robert and Richard, repent one after the other. Now, all three have selected mates. Sis. Judy is married to Bro. Roger Sauder. Bro. Robert has been joined by God to Sis. Janice Ringger and soon (if it be God's will) Bro. Richard will be wed to Sis. Carol Ringger (from Bluffton). The family circle is complete. All will reside in Florida. As Bro. Harry and others labored with their hands to build the church of stone and cement, we wish them God's blessings, and hope they will have children also who will continue to be the spiritual church. In so short a time, God has given them what it takes others years, and tears, to accomplish. Sis. Caroline Yergler planned a get-together June 1 in the evening, to welcome Robert and Janice.

A thought for today—There is only one thing we can give God—If we give money, it is His; any other material thing belongs to Him. . . But the heart hangs in the balance. He has allowed us to choose who will abide in the heart. The choice is either to allow the evil spirits to dwell therein, or to have it cleansed. Only then will the Lord Christ make His abode, and with Him will come joy, peace and life everlasting.

SHIODA. JAPAN Marie Neihouser

Springtime in Japan is in its full splendor, as the flowering bushes and plants bring forth gorgeous color to our countryside. God has also shown us this miracle in the seeds of many garden plants, which have sprouted into healthy crops, such as melons, potatoes, and cucumbers.

We know that soil is an important factor in the success of a sprouting seed. Bro. Willis Ehnle reminded us of this in a recent Sat. eve. English service, using Matt. 13:4-9 as his text. The Bible is the good seed sown, and our hearts and minds are the soil. What is the quality of our soil—good, weedy, rocky, or footpath soil? If it is good soil, we put God's word first in our lives, and only then can we bear fruit.

Our visiting minister for the past month was Bro. Yoshio Yamazaki from our Tokyo church, who inspired us through the Holy Scriptures on Mother's Day.

Bro. Akito Inoue, minister at Tamahata, will soon be leaving on business for the States. We will miss his fellowship, and wish him God's nearness, protection, and blessings for a safe and successful journey.

At this writing, our dear friend, Ozawa-san is recuperating at a Kofu hospital from recent surgery. She seems to be recovering nicely, and we hope she will soon be able to assemble with us again.

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

We are starting with a double "Thank You" to our Heavenly Father. Our little grandson was given a second helping of food on his plate, and he folded his hands to pray. His mother told him the prayers were said and he said, Not for this plate full. Yes, we are thankful many times, twice, for all our many blessings of food and drink.

There are many of our dear youth that graduated from the 8th grade, high school and college. It is a time of joy for the students, their parents and also their relatives and friends. The wish we have for all of them was expressed when Brad Wuethrich, son of the Bro. Dave Wuethrichs, sang "Oh Lord On High" for the beginning of his 8th grade commencement. Then at the closing his whole class sang, "The Lord Bless You and Keep You." There is nothing greater than this that we would wish all graduates.

Our church had the precious fellowship, which is so dear unto our hearts, when Bro. Homer Reineck and others visited here.

We so sincerely pray for our dear Sis. Evelyn Pelsy, who was seriously injured in an auto accident and will have to be hospitalized at the Home Hospital in Lafayette, Ind. for quite some time. Her daughter, Barbara has been able to leave the hospital. Hospitalized were Bros. Eli Anliker and Virgil Von Tobel and are thankful now. They can be home again with their families. Sis. Margaret Albrecht happily came to her home again, and her daughter, the Andrew Betzs are staying with her.

Wouldn't all suffering be very sad, if we wouldn't have a dear Saviour to look up to?

The Bible says that unless we become as little children we cannot enter the kingdom of heaven. In humbleness I will tell this little story. We, as grandpa and grandma, took two of our grandchildren on a weekend train trip to Chicago. As we bought the tickets the agent gave them at a special price; he saw how happy the children were to take a train trip. After the interesting ride, we came to the busy city where some friends met us. They wanted to show us one of the largest stores in the world, and seeing the grandchildren wanting to buy a little something for their parents, the

very busy clerk wanted to put each of their small purchases in a special box, and gave them each a little gold card upon which to write their name. People who were standing around just beamed, seeing the innocent love of a child, that God wants us all to have.

The grandchildren were given an extra "Welcome" at the home we stayed at overnight, which reminds us just like entering heaven. Then at church all wanted to know whose children they were? That is what the Lord puts into our hearts, Love for the little ones.

On the way home again, on the train, the grandchildren asked the conductor if they could keep their tickets as a souvenir. He said he sure would if he could, and then he came back later and said he managed a way to do so. Then in bidding them farewell, he said he hoped they never will forget their train ride—and the answer came, "We sure won't!"

So in closing, Jesus said: Let the little children come unto me and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven.

APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN HOME EUREKA, ILLINOIS August Mueller

When we read in the gospel, we find that one of the disciples was wondering what his reward will be, following Jesus their Master. He asked in plain words, Master, what will our reward be for following thee all these years. Jesus told him in plain words, Ye will sit on twelve thrones and judge the twelve tribes of Israel. In the Revelation, we find that each one of the disciples will have his name in the foundation of the wall. What more can anybody ask?

How thankful should we be that we have a King whom we are privileged to call our Father. He is kind and merciful. It is not His pleasure to destroy anybody, but to save them.

It is true He has His servants who will carry out His orders. He makes His angels a wind and His servants a flame of fire.

Our time here in this world is a short time compared to eternity, but the poet tells us from this short hour we can choose life or death. What a blessed request of the disciple to ask their Master, the Lord Jesus, to teach them how to pray. The poet tells us to pray, O what

a blessed occupation. Only through prayers can we receive the grace which we need, so we can remain upon the straight and narrow way, upon which we were put by our Lord Jesus Christ. Every time I fall upon my knees, that is the first thing I ask for, grace. I can pray a prayer before Him which He will accept. I talk with my heavenly Father just like a son talks with his father in the natural way.

When we read in The Acts Of The Apostles, we find that there was a gathering one night. Paul the apostle was preaching. A young man fell asleep, and he fell from the third loft, down to the ground. Everybody counted him dead except Paul, A poisonous snake bit Paul on his hand; they expected him to drop dead. All the prison doors opened up one night for the prisoners to walk out. The keeper of the prison wanted to kill himself, but Paul called and told him. Do not hurt yourself; we are here. The keeper and his family believed. In another case Peter and John went up to the temple at the hour of prayer. There was a lame man collecting. Peter told him, Silver & gold I have none, what I have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ get on your feet and walk. All these things were done by faith. Paul was not sent especially to do miracles. His mission was to establish congregations among the Gentiles, and they rejoiced when they heard that they could be saved.

We have plenty reason to honor and praise our Father in heaven; look at the creation. Come and see how the Lord keeps His promise. He said as long as the earth stands, there shall be sowing and reaping, frost and heat, summer and winter, day and night. His words will not be changed. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. Let us gather good deeds, as many as we can, that when death knocks at our door, we can open with glad hearts, knowing that we have a place reserved in heaven. The fields are white; the harvest is ripe, but we are the reapers.

Bro. Henry Kilgus spake many comforting words to me (in Union City.) I was glad to see him here last Sunday.

One drop of the blood of Jesus is worth more than all the gold and silver in this world. The Father does nothing without the Son, and

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place reserved for me, a place where I can rest in eternity. Thank God, and praise His mercy with my voice. . And praise his mercy with my voice.

Our God is a merciful God. He knew that Jeroboam separated the children of Israel from Him, yet He gave him his hand in perfect condition, but what He said He never changed. Jeroboam invited the man of God to come to his house for a reward, but he refused. Satan was there watching; he had his plan all laid out. The prophet told the man of God, I am a prophet the same as you, and the man of God believed him and went back. He was killed by a lion. The old prophet lied to the man of God. A king was born; his name was Josiah. He burnt the bones of false prophets on the altar; he cleaned up the country, like the man of God said. but when he saw the title where the man of God was buried, he asked what title, and was told. He said, Do not touch them.

UNION CITY, NEW JERSEY

The weather in the east throughout May was cold and wet, but each Sunday as we gathered in God's house to worship, our hearts were light, and much joy was found in true fellowship in Christ. Sunday is always a day to look forward to —oh how joyful is the Sabbath.

On Sunday, May 21, Friends Bob and Carol Diggleman (of Milwaukee, Wisconsin) came to worship with us from Washington D.C., where they were spending several weeks on business.

On Sunday, June 4, we enjoyed the warm fellowship of brethren from Rockville. Ministering brother Ernest Gerber preached the precious word of God. It was a blessed day for which we thank God.

PIRMASENS, GERMANY Sherry and Ken Sauder

Greetings from Deutschland. All of us stationed here in Europe are very thankful for the opportunity we have to travel and fellowship together. We try to get together for services around our tape recorder or at one of the German churches as many week ends as possible.

We felt especially thankful and blessed this past month. Our parents, Bro. Roy and Sis. Gertrude Sauder (from Peoria) visited us from April 28 through May 15. First, their trip took them to the church at Neuhuetton, where the congregation allowed us to use the main assembly for evening services on Saturday, April 29. How wonderful it seemed to all of us to be able to listen to God's word in English and actually see the minister.

On Sunday, April 30, the 15 servicemen and the English-speaking people from the Neuhuetton congregation again gathered in the upstairs dining room of the church for English services. All of us Americans appreciate and thank Sis. Irene Baer and all of the Neuhuetton congregation for their hospitality during our visit there.

The following week was spent seeing God's marvelous creation in Germany, Austria, and Switzerland. Then Sunday, May 7, was spent at the church in Bern, Switzerland. In the afternoon our host, Alfred Lantz and family, took us to a small church that meets in a home high in the Swiss Alps, overlooking a lake in the valley in a tiny village named Beatenberg. We enjoyed the view of the snowcapped peaks of the Jungfrau and the many other beautiful mountain ranges in this region.

After our departure from Switzerland, we journeyed through the "Schwartzwald," the well-known Black Forest region of Germany. Next we traveled to Strassbourg, France, where we viewed the burial place of Bro. Samuel Frohlich. The following day we met Bro. Randy Kellenberger, who joined us on our tour of Holland, Belgium, and Luxembourg. The tulips in the fields and gardens in Holland were larger than the varieties we grow in the States and were beautiful beyond description. After two and a half enjoyable weeks, Bro. Roy and Sis. Gertrude departed for home.

All of us in the military try to assemble at 46 Zwiebruecker Strasse, 678 Pirmasens, Germany, on the first Sunday of each month. All who can get week end passes and can come and worship with us are most certainly welcomed. Please send us any APO addresses of boys who are arriving in Europe and also include the European town in which their Kaserne is located, to help facilitate contacting them.

Last week end (May 28) Rudy Lehman went with us to Neuhutton again for services there. Bro. Fred Stoller, Sis. Roberta Stoller, Sis. Madelyn Manz, Sis. Lucille Knapp, and Fred's sister, Carolyn were

there too, ending their two and a half weeks of European vacationing with this last week end in Neuhuetton.

On Memorial Day, Marvin Eberle, Eugene Rumbold, Rudy Lehman and we journeyed to Aschaffenberg, Germany (near Frankfurt), where we visited with Sam Martin Jr. Sam is located at a base which seldom gives pass privileges for him to leave. Many of the young men are stationed in such Infantry, Armor, or other Field Units, so we attempt to visit these servicemen as time, distance, and Army policies permit.

distance, and Army policies permit. We all wish to thank you for your many cards, letters, and gifts. Everything goes into a fund for our monthly fellowship and worship services around our tape recorder at our Pirmasens apartment. May God shower His blessings on each of you.

PEORIA, ILLINOIS Emily Tanner Mrs. Michael Weyeneth

Jill Suzane Stoller was born May 8. Her parents are Bro. Herb and Sis. Nancy Stoller.

Teresa Diane Hodel was born May 13. Her parents are Bro. Irvin and Sis. Sharon Hodel.

Bro. Ken and Sis. Darlene Hoerr have adopted a baby boy and named him Scott Jeffrey. He was born Feb. 17.

Melinda Jean Koehl was born June 2. Her parents are Steven and Jean Koehl. Paternal grandparents are Bro. Fred and Sis. Louise Koehl.

Our congregation welcomes Sisters Jayne Kaufmann and Sharon Baumgartner from Cissna Park, to assemble with us. They have obtained employment here in Peoria.

Visiting ministers this past month have been Bros. Simon Wagenbach, Hartzell Kaisner and Leroy Ehnle. We're very thankful to the Lord and the brothers for their labors of love.

Fredrick Joseph Merkle died May 19 in Hine's Veterans Hospital, Chicago, where he had been a patient since April 5. He is survived by one sister, Sis. Margaret Tanner; three brothers, Bro. Walter, Lawrence and Alton Merkle. Funeral services were held at Wilton Mortuary, with Bro. Michael Weyeneth officiating.

Sis. Carrie Joos had the misfortune of a car accident, in which she suffered five fractured ribs and a broken bone in her leg.

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the Son does nothing without the Father. I have no more guilty conscience. I know that there is a

Bro. Louie Ehnle is also a hospital patient.

Bro. Paul Wiegand is in the Eureka hospital. He is able to be up in a wheel chair now.

Sis. Hannah Traub is now at the home of her daughter, Edna Binkele.

Mrs. Marie Evans is also a hospital patient.

Our last monthly Hymn Sing for this season was enjoyed by all those present. The Peoria Adult Choir sang several lovely hymns.

The children are looking forward to Vacation Bible Classes, which will start June 12.

EASILY GIVEN

It was only a sunny smile,

And little it cost in the giving,

But it scattered for right

Like morning light,

And helped that day for living.

- Through life's dull warp a woof it wove,
- In shining colors of light and love, And the angels smiled as they watched above,
- Yet little it cost in giving.

It was only a kindly word.

And a word that was sweetly spoken,

Yet not in vain,

For it stilled the pain

Of a heart that was nearly broken.

- It strengthened a heart beset by fears
- And walking sadly through mists of tears,
- In light to brighten, perhaps for years,
- Although it was sweetly spoken.

It was only a helping hand,

And it seemed of little availing,

But its clasp was warm,

And it saved from harm

- A brother whose strength was failing.
- Its touch was tender as angels' wings,
- But it rolled the stone from the hidden springs

And pointed the way to higher things.

Though it seemed of little availing.

A smile, a word, a touch,

And each is easily given;

- Yet one may win
- A soul from sin
- Or smooth the way to heaven.

- A smile may lighten a downcast heart,
- A word may soften pain's keenest smart,

A touch may keep us from sin apart. How easily each is given!

PRINCEVILLE, ILLINOIS Ruth Ricketts—Anna Marie Baer

We have been blessed with a number of visitors the past month, for which we are all thankful. One Sunday recently ,Bro. Alfred Bahler of Wolcott came from the east to join Bros. John Wagenbach of Oakville and Ed Lanz of Burlington from the west. A blessed day was enjoyed by all, and we are indeed thankful for sincere brothers who are willing to proclaim the word in humbleness and sincerity. If we all heed the teachings and are obedient, how wonderful to all run the race faithfully and meet again in heaven.

Bro. Robert Pohl of Burlington, Iowa, ministered to us another Sunday, and again the love of God could be felt in the way He works in His servants. Evening services were held, as Bro. Ben Maibach of Detroit came to visit our congregation. We all felt our cups had been filled to overflowing with the blessings received that day and evening, and trust that the brother's will receive their just reward.

We are thankful to have Bro. John Baurer with us in the assembly again, after an absence of several weeks while he was recovering from major surgery. He expressed how much he felt the help from sincere prayers of his loved ones, and doubts if he would have recovered so nicely had it not been for their petitions for him. "... pray one for another The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." Jas. 5:16

Bethany Ann, five-month-old daughter of Bro. Alfred and Sis. Virginia Streitmatter, spent several days in the hospital for observation, but has been returned home and is getting along nicely.

A daughter, Coleen Rae, was born May 14 to Bro. Eddie and Sis. Frances Knobloch. A sister and two brothers welcomed her home.

A niece of Bro. William Stahl, Brunhild Thome from Heissesheim, Germany, has been visiting the past several weeks with relatives. She was quite impressd with the large congregations and has enjoyed meeting her many relatives.

REMINGTON, INDIANA Anna M. Waibel and Sisters

The Lord's Supper

It's an act of remembrance, I Cor. 11:24, 25; an act of testimony, ye do show the Lord's death, I Cor. 11:26; an act of thanksgiving, He gave thanks, I Corinthians 11:24; an act of Communion, of the blood and body, I Cor. 10:16; an act of responsibility, Let a man examine himself, I Cor. 11:28; an act of anticipation, until He come. I Cor. 11:26.

Bro. George Yergler of La Crosse and our elder, Bro. Irvin Lehman served us Communion on May 6.

Bro. Henry Beer took time out to spend Wednesday evening with us, May 10 . . . would that his work would bring him more often.

We have a number of high school graduates this year, Joe Schneider, Barry Bahler, Jim and Harlan Braker. May God bless each one, as they go out in search of the work or profession they wish to follow.

We were sorry to miss Bro. Robert Pohl and others of Oakville as they assembled with our congregation May 28. We trust all were richly blessed, as we were as we assembled with the Valparaiso congregation and enjoyed it very much. Before we left for home in the evening, a group of us went to the County Home for services. The people there seemed to appreciate our coming, and we all enjoyed it, too. One just has to be thankful when one has your own home, humble tho' it be.

Many came from far and near on June 4 to worship with us and witness the testimony and baptism of Anna Beckley. She lived here most of her life, altho' she has been living at Eureka for sometime. She interestingly described as a wall her hesitancy to follow the Saviour. As she prayed and believed, this wall seemed to become a pathway that led her to the straight and narrow way and to peace with her God and man.

Marlene Schini, Albert's daughter, and Angela Gutwein May were announced to be proved shortly. We rejoice with them, and trust many more can be awakened and be willing to search and find their soul's salvation in these perilious times.

The Life of Victory: You will find that victory is always in direct proportion to surrender. In military warfare, they seek the surrender of the enemy. In our spiritual lives. God gives victory as we surrender to His will for us. Constantly, daily, fully!

In Christ's presence we shall experience the grace, He has purchased for us, the purpose which He inspires, and the power which He releases.

WINTHROP, MINNESOTA **Delores Messerli Carol Ann Messner**

On Father's Day, the third Sunday in June, fathers are honored throughout the United States, and special efforts are usually made to try to show them how much we think of them.

Just Like His Dad

- Would you have him go everywhere you go?
- Have him do just the things you do? And see everything that your eyes behold.
- And follow your God, too?
- When you see the worship that smiles in the eyes.
- Of your lovable little lad,
- Could you rest content if he gets his wish
- And grows to be just like his Dad?
- It's a job that none but yourself can fill:
- It's a charge you must answer for: It's a duty to show him the road to
- tread, Ere he reaches his manhood's door.
- It's a debt you owe for the great, sweet joy,
- On this old earth to be had,
- This pleasure of having a boy to raise

Who wants to be like his Dad!

Three young friends have graduated from high school this month, Patti Schmidgal, Sharon Howk, and Gary Messner. May God direct them as they go forward on this pathway of life.

We thank the Lord for wonderful spring weather. The nice weather was especially beneficial for the farmers. There is so much beauty in seeing these green plants peeking up above the black earth, pointing toward heaven to honor God who gave them life.

This next month we celebrate the fourth of July. We truly thank the Lord for our freedom to live in such a wonderful country, where we are not suppressed by a government which says we must do as they say. Do we fully realize the blessing of being able to worship our Lord as we want to? How many people who have gone before us have given up their lives so they could worship as they believed? Would we be willing to do the same?

FRIENDSHIP

As we progress through the various stages of life, we meet with many types of friends. Children's friends are at first parents, neighbors, schoolmates; someone to play with. As teenagers, one's friends mean very much. What these friends do and say seem very important things in their life at this time.

Then as we grow older, friendship is just not a surface relationship, but it takes on a true and deeper feeling, someone to confide in, to share the sorrowful and happy experiences of our life, someone to count on in time of need.

It may seem, as one reflects on their friends, that one makes different types of friendships. A person may have many friends and different friendships with each one. Too many of the friends of the church are unwilling to give up their sinful lives for fear of what their friends might say. If this is the case, these friends were not true or full of love for them anyway.

A person must realize in this sinful world our most important friend is our Lord Jesus. Without His deep love and compassion for the sinners. there would be no hope of eternal joy for any of us. Greater love has no man than to lay down his life for us. What more of a blessed friendship could anyone ask?

Friendship

- Without my friends, whom God hath given me,
- This world far lonelier a place would be,
- For like the flowers, 'mid the desert sand,
- They cheer the pathway through this pilgrim land.
- Without my friends whom God hath given me.
- No human heart would beat in sympathy.
- No joyous smile reflect the joy I know.
- Nor share the sorrows when the teardrops flow.

Without my friends whom God hath given me.

I could not love as His word describes, See

Love for another in riches of grace, Friendship reflected in a human face.

O friend divine, who stooped to mortal dress.

- My heart would praise Thee for Thy faithfulness
- Enfold my life-transform this mortal clay-

Make me, O Lord, a friend like Thee, I pray.

WOLCOTT, INDIANA Arles Kropf

Walter Kyburz, who recently underwent surgery, is able to be at home again, but will be some time before he can resume his farm work.

We are indeed thankful to the Lord that He spared Bro. Alfred Bahler from more serious injury in his recent farm accident.

Vacation Bible School, with Remington children joining us, began June 5, with 102 children in attendance. Our theme is, "The God I Love." A closing program is planned for June 11. BAY CITY, MICHIGAN

Marlene Mosher

The announcement of the engagement of Sis. Sandra Molner to Bro. Roger Wieland has been made. Roger is the son of Bro. Henry and Sis. Marie Wieland, and Sandra is the daughter of Bro. Emey and Sis. Margaret Molner.

We have been blessed this past month with Ministering Brothers, Ben Hartzler of Rittman and Floyd Wieland of Detroit. We are so glad the Lord provides us with sincere brothers to minister unto us, and let us all listen and do the Lord's will, to His Names praise and honor.

Our congregation has a great number of graduates this year, graduating from the twelfth grade. We wish these young people the best of everything in their new step of life, whatever their new tasks might be. May the Lord bless and keep them. It is our uppermost wish that these young people would seek their Lord first, then their new life and new tasks follow at His will, and not theirs. Young people, you don't realize just how much enjoy-

Moving? write, with old and new zip numbers.

ment you can have if you live and do with the Lord, instead of against Him. Stop and think twice. Don't wait, come to the Lord today.

BERN, KANSAS Esther and Stella Moser

The Lord has the power to lead a soul into the depths of despair and suffering, then out again when He speaks sweet peace.

That is what our dear friend, Neil Hartter, experienced last month after his motorcycle accident, despair over his lost soul, and suffering through broken bones. A speeding ambulance took him in the dark of night toward a city hospital, where he had back surgery. He turned to his father (Bro. Lester rode the ambulance with him), and said, "Dad, I want to repent", to which Bro. Lester answered, "Neil, have you been praying?" The answer was yes. Before Neil went into surgery, he said, "Don't worry Dad; I am ready." This was a great relief to Bro. Lester. Neil was a very sick boy for a time and suffered much pain, but could rejoice, as he told his parents he was glad he had the accident or maybe he never would have repented. Neil was in the hospital 4 weeks, is now home in bed 4 more weeks; then plans to go back to the hospital for a back brace. May the Lord bless him farther on and restore him to complete health again, is our wish and prayer. We are happy to report Neil's brother. Stephen, has also felt the need to turn to the Lord.

Bro. Gene Marti ministered to us a recent Sunday, then assisted Bro. Lester Hartter in serving Holy Communion. As we broke the bread and partook of the cup, we were taken in remembrance to Calvary's cross, and our Lord's last bitter hours, as He shed His blood for remission of our sins. Bros. Gene and Lester also served communion to the members of our A.C. Home.

Hospital patients the past month: Karen Hertzel, 5-year-old daughter of Bro. Frank and Sis. Ruth (tonsillectomy), Sis. Marie Leuthold (medical). Hospitalized at this writing: Sis. Leah Bauman (medical), Sharon Meyer, (appendectomy). Sharon is a student nurse, the daughter of Bro. Louis and Sis. Mavis.

Another dear soul is repenting, Lois Mason, also a student nurse, classmate and friend of Sharon Meyer. Lois started to come to church with Sharon, and although brought up and baptized in another faith, could see that she was lacking something in her church. We rejoice with her.

From Switzerland comes the announcement of Bro. Henry Frolich's engagement to Sis. Lilli Bauman. Bro. Henry, along with Bro. Paul Bauman made their home in the Bern community for a time. We enjoyed the Swiss brothers in our congregation, as many of us are of Swiss ancestry.

EUREKA, ILLINOIS Cathryn Wettstein—Salome Walter

Visiting ministers the past month were: Bros. Henry Kilgus, Forrest, Joe Schrock, Congerville, Edward Alt and Phil Sauder, Cissna Park, Joe Stoller, Princeville, Edwin Ringger, Gridley (Ill.). Many were the blessings that we enjoyed, having these visitors with us. May they return and visit soon.

Saturday, May 13 in the evening, our friend Loretta (Kupferschmid) Leman was given the opportunity to give her testimony, before the congregation, of her repentance. Bro. Henry Kilgus and Bro. Huber officiated. The next day, she was baptized before many witnesses. May God grant her the grace to be a shining light to those round about her, so that more souls can be awakened from the slumber of sin, before it is too late.

Birth—A son to Bro. and Sis. Lloyd and Betty (Frey) Schumacher. He was born May 29, and has been named Jeffrey Alan. He has two brothers to welcome him home.

Bro. Nathan Fehr, who had been in the hospital for 23 days, passed away May 28. His funeral was May 31, conducted by Bro. Leroy Huber and Bro. Vernon Leman. Those who survive are, a daughter, Sis. Edna, at home; Arthur, Jesse, Bro. Ernest and Bro. Leroy, all of the Eureka area. Also, two sisters and three brothers survive. He was 87 years old. May God bless the family in their sorrow.

Robert and Donna Fehr, the son and daughter of Bro. and Sis. Leroy and Wilma Fehr, was hospitalized, after being in an accident. After a few days they were released.

Vacation Bible School has begun, and will be held for the next two weeks.

Raymond Schumacher, son of Mr. and Mrs. Russel Schumacher left for Japan on April 18, where he will be stationed for some time.

FAIRBURY, ILLINOIS Joyce Huber

We praise the Lord for two more who have realized their lost condition and come to the Lord in repentance: Larry Leman, son of Bro. and Sis. Chris Leman, and John Kaeb, son of Bro. and Sis. David Kaeb.

We appreciate the visit of Bro. and Sis. Ben Fehr of Roanoke and Bro. Ben's inspiring message. May God bless him for his efforts.

Bro. Alexander and Sis. Mary (Maurer) Stoller both passed away in the Fairbury Hospital. Funeral services for Sis. Mary were May 13, and for Bro. Alex on May 24. They were both 81 years of age. Surviving is one child, Sis. Edna. May God bless and comfort her in her lonely hours, now that both have gone to be with the Lord.

Bro. Carl Aberle, Bro. George Zimmerman, Bro. Carl Schmidgall, and Sis. Ada Hartman were hospitalized this past month.

Bro. John Hartman returned safely from army service in Viet Nam. After a few weeks at home, he has 6 months to serve in Colorado.

My mother and dad, Bro. and Sis. Edw. Huber, wish to sincerely thank everyone for their beautiful cards, gifts, flowers and visits in observance of their golden wedding anniversary June 4. May God bless each of you for your kind and thoughtful expressions of remembrance, as they are deeply appreciated.

At the spring cleaning at church, as Sis. Lorene Broquard was standing on a ladder cleaning a light fixture, she fell to the floor, hitting the back of her head, receiving a concussion. She was taken to the hospital that night. We trust the Lord to heal. Matt. 8:17.

FORT WAYNE, INDIANA Mary Eisenmann — Marge Gerber

We enjoyed a blessed evening of fellowship and singing, with the Latty brethren in charge and the closing meditation of Bro. Loren Stoller, at our May monthly singing. These gatherings are held the second Sunday of the month at 6:30, and a hearty welcome is extended to one and all to come and join us.

We thank Bro. Harry Bucher of the Valparaiso congregation for his inspiring message during midweek services on May 17, and Bro. David Bertsch of Leo, who shared God's word with us on May 21, when a number of us accompanied our ministering brother, Verlin Stoller, for an enjoyable and blessed Sunday with the brethren and friends of La Crosse.

With the beginning of June comes the end of another school year. To our college friends, we welcome you home for the summer— To you who have finished your high school education, we extend our sincere congratulations; may God bless you and guide you in your decisions for the future— And to the rest, may God protect you through a wonderful summer.

To pay tribute to fathers, June 18 (the third Sunday in June), has been designated as "Father's Day" this year. How blessed are we who have had Christian fathers, and were reared in a Christian home. Surely the influence of father in the home means a lot. Joys shared with Dad will never be forgotten.

Vacation Bible School will be held the week of June 12-16. May we all feel the guidance and help of our Heavenly Father, as we teach these little ones of the "Heavenly Way".

JULY is the month we have set aside for the annual contributions for the SILVER LINING in FT. WAYNE. Please give or send your contribution to either of your reporters. We will be happy to add your name to our list if you will contact either of us. Thank you.

MORRIS, MINNESOTA Mrs. Herman Schaefer Mrs. Otto Schaefer

Bro. and Sis. Ernest Kellenberger Jr. and their family have moved to Elgin, Illinois. Sunday, May 28 was their last with us. They certainly will be missed by all, but we wish them God's blessings in their new undertaking.

We have seven high school graduates, Shirley Joos (David), Jane Durkee (Lloyd), Pamela Dogotch (Leo), Marlene Zeltwanger (Dean), Duane Zeltwanger (Lowell), Keith Schmidgall (Francis), and Charles Schaefer (Otto).

We would like to dedicate this poem to them.

Faith that His way is the best To follow on life's way, Then trust that He will guide you In His goodness, everyday. To hope in all the years ahead That God will grant to you Courage for each task you have And strength to see them through.

Our new church is near completion. The tentative plans are to have our first church services in our new edifice on June 18, the Open House on July 23, and Dedication Services July 30... trusting the Lord will be with us and add His blessings; for neither is he that planteth anything, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase.

PHOENIX, ARIZONA Mrs. Joe Beer — Mrs. Ervin Rokey

Sunday, May 28 was a blessed day for our congregation. On Saturday evening we were privileged to hear the testimony of Stanley Francis and Clarence and Gerry Beyer, and then on Sunday to witness the baptisms. We welcome them into our fellowship.

After the baptisms, we were served Holy Communion by Bro. Roy Farney and Bro. Carl Kinsinger (Altadena). Our spirits were renewed, and we were made to realize even more how blessed it is to be a child of God. May we ever keep the Spirit of God, so it is burning within us until we reach our goal of eternal life.

We had a short recess after communion, and then all who wanted to met at a cafeteria, where we ate dinner and then returned to church for evening services, where Bro. John Dapper (Maywood) ministered to us. Many from California visited us, and the Tucson brethren assembled with us for communion.

We are happy to see Bro. Ernest Elsasser able to assemble with us again after his recent surgery. Bro. Carl Blumenschein has not been able to assemble with us for several weeks, because of a respiratory condition. He is receiving treatment at home, and we hope he can soon assemble with us again.

Our sympathy is extended to Bro. Earl Sanders, whose sister was killed in an automobile—train accident, and to Sis. Barbara Schupbach, whose sister-in-law died from surgery complications.

Jerry Emch, son of Bro. and Sis. Paul Emch, has been discharged from active duty from the Army. We welcome him home.

FRIENDSHIP

Blessed are they who have the

gift of making friends, for it is one of God's best gifts. It involves many things, but above all, the power of going out of one's self, and appreciating whatever is noble and loving in another.

My thoughts turn to a dear sister who through many years dedicated herself to teaching children in Sunday School. She is now retired from that position, but is loved and thought dearly of by many former pupils of hers.

I had the privilege to have her for a Sunday School teacher for several years. She was always known as a "hard teacher' (we had to memorize many verses). Each class memorized the First Psalm, and even now many of those verses come back to me. We all loved her. even though at the time it seemed a task to memorize those verses, and had many good times together. During the time I was in her class, the Sunday School had a little choir that got together in the evenings several times a month. This sister always drove a carload of us to these meetings. She was always available when something was needed.

She didn't forget us, after we moved from her class, but sent birthday cards and Christmas cards to us for many years. Altho' I moved away from that community, I always received cards from her and even now hear from her at Christmas. When I felt the need for repentance, she was one of the first persons I wanted to let know. When I married, we received a Bible from her and the "old Sunday School Class".

I will always feel a love and appreciation for Sis. Marie Farney because she gave such a feeling of love and friendship to us, her Sunday School pupils, and had such a desire to teach us about our Lord.

WEST BEND, IOWA

Anna Schmidt — Mrs. A Banwart

Our community was saddened with the news of the accidental death of Friend Adrian Metzger, 36-year-old son of Bro. William and Sis. Ida Metzger, on May 18. Bro. William was able to attend the funeral services in a wheel chair. Bros. Earl Banwart and Noah Gerber officiated. Adrian had served 6 years in the air force, and was employed at Humboldt, Ia. He is survived by his parents, five brothers and five sisters. The family wishes to express thanks for all acts of kindness rendered them during their bereavement.

Bro. Albert Wuthrich of Pulaski (an uncle of Adrian's) and Bro. Ernest Knobloch of Lester were here for the funeral. Earlier, Bro. Mike Weyeneth from Peoria ministered unto us, which we did appreciate. We are grateful to all who are willing to bring messages to us.

Births: A girl, Marcia Jean, was born May 14 to Fred Jr. and Joann Traub.

Hospital patients from our congregation the past month were: Sis. Esther, wife of Nathan Banwart, had surgery in Ft. Dodge; Sam Mogler is at St. Ann's Hospital in Algona as a result of an accident; Elmer Anliker had an appendicitis operation at Palo Alto Memorial Hospital in Emmetsburgh; and Bro. Walter Banwart had major surgery at Rochester, Minnesota. All patients are getting along as well as can be expected.

We enjoyed having servicemen Leslie Banwart and James Zaugg in our midst during their recent leaves.

This is the time of year when many of our young folks have completed their high school education. May they all realize there are much higher goals than formal education in this life. From our congregation these include: Shelia Schmidt, Luann Wirtz, Joleen Wirtz, and Sis. Kathy Fehr, Shirley Gerber, Joan Mogler, and Becky Banwart; Cloyce Gress, Keith Wirtz, Bill Zaugg, Warren Kellenberger, Merlin Metzger, Jim Fehr, Ken Banwart, and Bro. Leland Metzger.

LEO, INDIANA Mrs. Elias Souder

The Edward Souders received word that Irma's brother, Bud Fahling was in Hawaii, recuperating from wounds received in Viet Nam. The man near him was killed. Bud was wounded in his face and shoulder.

Aaron Schwartz had an accident with his mower, while mowing the lawn at the Fellowship Center. We missed him in mailing out our last issue of the Silver Lining. We hope he will be able to help us the next time.

Diana Conrad is at the Parkview Hospital. She had surgery, and is getting along as well as can be expected. May the Great Physician grant His healing power. Jyl Maxfield graduated from Huntington College.

Edward Frautschi also graduated, from Purdue University. He, his wife Connie and little daughter, Heather Coleen, visited the little one's grandparents, Marjorie and Al Frautschi. They will be at home in Rochester, New York, where he will be employed by the Eastman Kodak Co.

James Maxfield, Terril Stoller and Carolyn Miller were our high school graduates. Joyce is home from college and with her parents, Thelma and Phil Schlatter.

James Winzeler is in training at Great Lakes, Ill. James is the son of Raymond and Pearl Winzeler.

Sunday was the time again when a couple groups visited the two rest homes at Butler.

NEIGHBOR

Light Shining Forth

The secret for happiness is not always embraced in where we are; it is rather, what we are in faith and hope. Paul's prison life could be gilded with joy and peace from heaven. Thus it is sometimes with a rest home. We pilgrims may abound in hope of a happy land. Life is as a momentary, short visit. Contentment is a rich life.

The water of life from the abounding fountain flows for whosoever will come.

Sheehy Rest Home is in Butler, Indiana. It is on the corner of Broadway and Liberty. Pleasant maples line the front. The large porch arcs from the front round to part of the side. Mankind passes in numbers on Broadway.

In that large, windowed porch were some of the residents. Mrs. Buckingham didn't feel too well. She is past the 90 year mark. There's Lester, a young lad. Lester is a nice boy. Of such the Lord loves, the childlike, free from pride. There were others who feel, with a soul. There are others who, when time runs out will be somewhere, knowing and feeling.

The fragrance of heavenly hymn blossoms.

"Jesus, Lover Of My Soul", "Jesus Loves Me", "Whiter Than Snow" and others brought thoughts of eternal value. Bro. David read about our heavenly Teacher, who was by beautiful Galilee. The word is sown . . . and here also the word is planted. The heavenly Gardener cares. There was the beautiful words about the candle. Light of the lamp is to be set where it shines. Many a light has the Master kindled. Do not hide it. Love has illumination, when one cares.

Beautiful "Beulah Land", with its far away look to mansions 'cross the sea, wafted its heavenly blessing. Would some soul benefit, there at Broadway and Liberty?

ALTO, MICHIGAN

Myrna Steffen — Loretta Steffen Our little congregation has been blessed in abundance the past few weeks.

On May 14, we received Holy Communion. Elder Bros. Joe Waibel, Rudy Graf and George Sinn served us.

At that time, Bro. Fred Oesch asked to be relieved of his duties as minister because of ill health. We miss Bro. Fred on the pulpit, but will continue to seek his guidance in all important church matters.

Also on this day our congregation selected a new minister to serve us in Alto. Bro. Aaron Steffen was chosen. May the Lord grant him sufficient faith, strength and wisdom for this most important job. Our prayers go out to him and his family. Let us never cease to pray for all our ministers and elders.

Bro. Joe Waibel will now serve as elder for the Alto church. Bro. George Sinn asked to be replaced because of ill health.

We enjoyed the fellowship of the Bremen Sunday School, the weekend of May 21.

Zion's Harp

We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of John Miller and Kenneth Blough Jr. (Kenneth was killed in a motorcycle accident).

BLUFFTON, INDIANA Delutha Moser — Carolyn Gerber

Love one another. I John 4:11

Lighten the heart of a friend today; Brighten a life that's dim,

For when you're kind to Christ's brethren

You show your love for Him.

Engagement: On May 21 the engagement of Sis. Carol Ringger and Bro. Richard Sutter was made known. Parents of the couple are Bro. and Sis. Sylvan Ringger and Bro. and Sis. Harry Sutter.

Births: On May 7, a daughter, Deanna Kay to Bro. and Sis. Michael Dubach.

On May 12, a daughter, LeAnn Rose to Bro. and Sis. Emmanuel Gerber.

On May 23, a son, Perry Lester, to Bro. and Sis. Lester Gerber.

Weddings: On May 14, Sis. Janice Ringger and Bro. Robert Sutter were united in holy matrimony by Elder Sam Aeschliman.

On May 21, Sis. Betsy Schaeffer and Bro. Duane Gerber were united in marriage by Elder Sam Aeschliman.

On June 3, Friends William D. Tonner and Diana Hirschy were united in marriage. Parents of the couple are Bro. and Sis. Curtis Tonner and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hirschy. Shut-ins:

Sisters Mrs. Jacob Tonner, Ida Gerber, Eileen (Leonard) Steffen and Mary (Sylvan) Gerber. Funeral:

On May 25, services were held for Sis. Sarah (Joe) Aschliman, age 78. She had been ill one year. Surviving in addition to the husband are two daughters, Elva and Dora Aschliman; four sons, Homer, Roy, Herman, Millard; three sisters, Mrs. Elizabeth Pulfer, Martha and Emma Kipfer. Bro. John Yergler and Bro. Orville Ringger officated the service.

DETROIT, MICHIGAN Ruth Knochel — Ruth Gudeman

Welcomed at the home of Bro. Raymond and Sis. Jeanie Haerr is a baby boy, Nelson Ray. He has two sisters, Heidi and Heather.

Saturday evening, June 3, we were privileged to hear the testimonies of Friends Susan Sabados, Ann Wieland and John and Martha Gleichman. What an inspiration they were to all of us. On Sunday, June 4, the friends were baptized and welcomed into the fold as brother and sisters in Christ.

Elder Bro. Joe Waibel, with the assistance of Bro. Ben Maibach,

served Holy Communion to our congregation. Also visiting us that Sunday was Bro. Lawrence Emch from Girard, who also ministered to us. How nice it was to sit under the sound of God's holy word in a quiet and peaceful atmosphere. It was truly a blessed day!

ELGIN, ILLINOIS Louise Steffen — Katie Kachelmuss

We recently had in our midst Bros. Noah Schrock, Silas Leuthold and Walter Steffen, who ministered God's word to us, and we received many good teachings. Among many others was this message that it seems guite evident that already at the time of Sodom and Gomorrah, God had the power of the atom bomb. It is only recently that man has been able to create this power, the power which man could use to destroy much life from the face of the earth, but this would only be by the letting of God and His will. Another important teaching was that the most important thing for the children of God to keep and cherish in their hearts is the expectation and the anticipation of the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, which will take place in a split second, when there will be no more time to make any changes—so as the Lord spoke, ... what I say unto you I say unto all, Watch", and we might add, and Pray. Bro. Walter spoke about the blind man, Bartimaeus, who sat by the way at Jericho. When he heard a commotion, he asked what it was and they told him, Jesus of Nazareth passeth by. Then he cried with a loud voice, "Jesus, thou son of David, have mercy on me." They told him to be quiet, but he was not ashamed, but cried the more, and Jesus asked him what he wanted him to do for him, and he said, "Lord, that I might receive my sight", and so should it be with the friends. They must not be ashamed, to call to the Lord. Then he told of the wonderful thing they are experiencing in their community, nine souls have turned to the Lord in repentance, and several of them are still in high school. Their friends in school can't understand what they are experiencing, but they can't be ashamed, but do what Bartimaeus did and call to the Lord while He is near.

Ho! all ye heavy-laden, come! Here's pardon, comfort, rest, and home Ye wanderers from a Father's face. Return, accept His proffered grace. Ye tempted ones, there's refuge nigh

"Jesus of Nazareth passeth by."

But if you still this call refuse, And all His wondrous love abuse, Soon will He sadly from you turn, Your bitter prayer for pardon spurn "Too late! too late!" will be the crv—

"Jesus of Nazareth has passed by" Gospel Hymns

After the afternoon services, we were privileged to partake of Holy Communion. It was very impressive, and more so because we had in our midst some of our aged members, Sisters Lydianna Moser, 91, Karoline Kuehner—89, Rose Nesler —93, Sarah Braun—90, and Bro. August and Sis. Caroline Greiner— 94 and 87 (less one month). We cannot ever thank God enough for such blessed hours.

Sisters Marie Muster and Mary Huber had eye surgery, and are now doing quite well. Bro. Merle Tobler and Sisters Emilie Preiss and Virginia Schock were hospitalized, and are back home again. Thanks to God who can restore to health according to His good will.

Births: To Bro. Merle and Sis. Madeline Tobler, a boy, Andrew Louis, born May 8.

To Bro. Charles and Sis. Mary Ann Fritz Sauder, a boy, John Charles, born May 10.

Charles, born May 10. To Jerry and Barbara Rudin Schifferer, a girl, Wendy Lee, born May 10.

Two new teachers were welcomed into our Sunday School, Sis. Elizabeth Schambach, who will take Sis. Marie Hugh's class as she will be away to school, and Sis. Eileen Yackley, who will assist Sis. Dorothy Schambach.

FORREST, ILLINOIS Martha Stoller Carolyn Zimmerman

Patients in the hospital at this writing are: Bro. Andy Koehl in Carle Hospital, Urbana; Bro Henry Kaeb and Nora Rieger, both medical, in Fairbury Hospital. Bro. Ray Wenger and Ed Stoller, Chatsworth, have both returned to their homes following a stay in the Fairbury Hospital. Sis. Susan Kupferschmid was a patient in Mercy Hospital, Champaign, for 6 days undergoing tests and observation.

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Marcus Maier, age 6, son of Vernon and Beth, submitted to emergency surgery following an accident at his home. It seems a large container, filled with earth and used as a planter, became unattached from the house and fell on the boy, causing internal injuries. He has made a good recovery and has returned to his home.

Sis. Betty Bauman, Rockville, suffered a gall bladder attack while visiting her relatives here, and was a patient in Fairbury Hospital for 8 days. She has been dismissed and is now recuperating at the home of her sister, Sis. Rosetta Stoller, and family before returning to her home.

Visiting ministers the past month were Bros. Dan Koch and Albert Aberle, Tremont, and Bro. Vernon Schwab, Wolcott. Bro. Phil Wingeier, Alto, was here for Wed. evening services. They had come to attend the funeral of Bro. Alex Stoller in Fairbury.

NOTICE TO FORREST SUB-SCRIBERS: Please make all donations to the Silver Lining for 1967 to Bro. John or Sis. Beverly Eisenmann during the month of July.

GOODFIELD, ILLINOIS Mrs. Bob Grimm

Our friend, Steven Nohl, son of Bro. and Sis. Ivan Nohl, was married to Elaine Robertson of Galesburg on May 20, while home on leave. He is stationed in Pirmaesans, Germany, and will be returning there again, soon.

On Fri. May 25, our congregation lost a very dear and devoted brother in faith, Bro. Magnus Hartman. He was baptized into the faith on Dec. 31, 1961 and since then has been a shining example to all those about him. I don't recall him without a pleasant smile . . . even during his extended illness. All those who visited him in the hospital profess the same to be true. I believe he really appreciated his soul's salvation. His wife was at his bedside when he "crossed-over" into that Better Land. She said, "I just know he saw something wonderful by the way he lifted his eyes and smiledit was as if some beautiful magnetic force were drawing him away." Such sweet mysteries can't help but stir our hearts and minds to long for the day when we, too, might meet with a similar experience.

Bro. Magnus is survived by his wife, Sis. Esther Hunziker Hartman; a son, Bro. Eugene, of Congerville; two daughters, Mrs. Clifford (Rachel) Meyer of Eureka, and Mrs. Malcolm (Verna) Amstutz of Morton; a brother, Alphia, of Bartonville; a foster sister, Mrs. Merle (Lucille) Ulrich of Sunnyland; and eight grandchildren. A brother and three sisters preceded him in death.

Funeral services were held on Sunday, May 28, with Bro. Ed Hohulin officiating.

Sis. Elizabeth Hartman has returned to her home, after a rather lengthy stay at the hospital. She wishes to thank everyone for the prayers, cards, nice gifts and flowers which she received in the hospital. It is her wish that God's rich blessings will rest on each of you for your thoughtfulness and kindness.

Visiting ministers to our congregation were Bro. Ezra Feller from Cissna Park and Bro. Henry Grimm from Morton, who ministered to us on Mother's Day; Bro. Harry Bucher from Valparaiso visited us on Wed., June 7.

I would like to make a correction on last month's news concerning the dates of Ron Heinold's death and funeral. He passed away on April 24, and his funeral was Apr. 26.

LAMONT, KANSAS Mrs. Stephen Schrader

Our small congregation has had much over which to rejoice during this past month. On May 14 Ronnie Isch, son of Bro. Floyd and Sis. Judy Isch, was given opportunity to testify of the change wrought in his life by his Lord and Master. Upon his testimony, Ronnie was baptized into the mystical Body of Christ. That very afternoon Bill Emch, Ronnie's cousin, felt he could no longer ignore Christ's calling, and turned to his Maker in repentance. Bill, son of Bro. Bernie and Sis. Dena Emch, is currently stationed at Ft. Sam Houston. We wish Ronnie and Bill both much grace and heavenly wisdom throughout their earthly pilgrimage, especially amidst the unrest and perplexities of this our time.

As we have given special thought to our mothers these past few weeks, the following poem is submitted for those of us who have had the privilege of having a loving Christian mother: "She always leaned to watch for us, Anxious if we were late,

In winter by the window, In summer by the gate;

Her thoughts were all so full for us, She never could forget!

And so I think that where she is She must be watching yet...

Waiting till we come home to her, With loving, smiling trait—

Watching from heaven's window, Leaning from heaven's gate."

LATTY, OHIO Mrs. Tom Grant Mrs. Delmar Stoller

The Latty Sunday School had an enjoyable week end with the Detroit Sunday School, who visited here on May 20 and 21. Bro. Russel and Sis. Melvine Stoller entertained them on Saturday evening. A potluck supper was held at church on Sunday, for all.

We were saddened by the death of a dear brother, Albert Laukhuf, who at the age of 67 passed from this life. He had been hospitalized for four years, suffering many afflictions. Surviving are four sisters, Mrs. Herbert (Leah) Stoller, of Paulding, Mrs. Herman (Lucy) Laidig, Mrs. Henry (Lizzie) Dill and Mrs. Joe (Emma) Pflederer, all of Tremont; two brothers, George and Gus Laukhuf, both of Haviland, Ohio.

Once again it was graduation time. We had several friends from our congregation who will be facing a new future. They are: Becky Stoller, Wendell Stoller, Lamar Stoller, Stanley Stoller, Billy Stoller, Harvey Stoller, Duain Laukhuf, Carol Laukhuf, and Jim Price. May God ever guide them in their new decisions and responsibilities.

We are happy to report the engagement of our friends, Chuck Dunham and Debra Scarbrough. Chuck, son of Bro. Charles and Sis. Laura Dunham, is currently with the army, stationed at Ft. Knox. We wish them Gods blessings.

Dale Laukhuf, son of Bro. Lester and Sis. Vera, has been hospitalized for surgery. He is now home and doing well.

Our dear aged sister, Dora Sinn became suddenly ill during services on Sunday, May 28. She was taken to the hospital by ambulance. She is inproved and is now home again.

In May, tribute was given to mother. Let us not forget this month of June, to give tribute to our fathers. Little do we realize how many hours of labor and toil that fathers do for their family. God bless them!

I make so many sad mistakes, I feel condemned to find A bit of fault in others, Lord, When I'm so far behind!

Tho't: Two things are bad for the heart—running up hill, and running down people!

MORTON, ILLINOIS Rose Getz — Ruth Rapp

We were thankful for the inspiring messages brought to us by our visiting ministers, Bro. Ben Maibach of Detroit; Bro. Mike Weyeneth of Peoria; Bro. Jos. Zimmerman of Roanoke and Bro. Al Aberle of Tremont.

Funeral services were held May 25 for Samuel Rieger, age 75. He was the son of Andrew and Mary Schmidgall Rieger. He is survived by his wife, Bertha Rieger, three sons and a daughter.

Sis. Naoma Witzig (Mrs. Elmer) is recovering nicely after having had major surgery. Sis. Edith Getz is a patient at the Methodist Hospital, Peoria. Bro. Sam Roth is convalescing at home, after having had major surgery, as is also Sis. Viola Keller (Mrs. Roland). Hollis Roby and Larry Heiniger are surgical patients at the Methodist Hospital.

Sis. Nettie Kaiser and Sis. Lydia Belsley are residing at the Restmor Nursing Home, 935 E. Jefferson St., Morton, Ill. 61550.

Bro. and Sis. Robert Tauffer were called to Bishop, California because of the death of his father, Ted Tauffer.

NEW MARTINSVILLE, W. VA. Mrs. Gus Weltz Miss Della Witschev

Services will be held at the country church on June 25, with visiting ministers Henry Sabo of Mansfield and Ernest Graf of Akron, and perhaps another minister or two will be among us for the day.

Mr. and Mrs. John Witschey and family of Charleston, W. Va., and Ray Witschey of Pittsburgh, Pa., visited recently with their father, Dan Witschey, and family.

Dan Witschey was hospitalized

Moving? write, with old and new zip numbers.

the past few days with a nose bleed and received medical care, but was able to return home (where he is convalescing).

Adolph Bachman, age 77 years, passed away in the local hospital on May 31, after suffering a stroke a few days earlier. His wife, Mary Bendel Bachman passed away in 1959. He leaves one son, Cecil of home; one brother, Charles of Woodsfield, Ohio. Services and interment took place on June 3.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Emch and family of Shreveport, La., visited here during the month with his sister, Mrs. Edwin McPeek and other relatives.

Carl and Edward Berger visited on Sunday, May 28 with their uncle, Lewis Hafely and family in Wadsworth, Ohio.

Mrs. Jessie Bleuer spent an afternoon with Della Witschey on June 4.

Robert Bland, son of John Bland Jr., who is serving with the U. S. Navy, spent the week end of June 4 with his father and family, and grandmother Mrs. Elizabeth Isinghood.

James L. Wade of Cleveland, O., visited recently with his family and parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Wade.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Howard Riggenbach and daughter, Bonnie, spent a few days the last of May with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Giles and family in Alfred, N. Y.

Bob and Charla Mae Emch spent a week recently with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. James Brennan in New York City.

ROCKVILLE, CONNECTICUT Carlton J. Lanz

Bro. Edward Schneider died May 17 at the Manchester Memorial Hospital. He was 71. Besides his wife, Sis. Louise, he is survived by one son, Bro. Emanuel; three daughters, Sis. Hannah Schneider, Sis. Alma Skipper and Marie Garrow; and a brother, Bro. William Schneider. Funeral services were held at the church, Bro. John Bahler conducting, with Bros. Ernest Luginbuhl and Ernest Gerber offering prayers. Burial was in the family plot at Ellington.

June 2, a little boy, Neal Vernon, was born to Bro. Eugene and Sis. Ellen (Zahner) Kupferschmid. Two little girls preceded him here, Lisa 3, and Janet 16 months. Grandparents are Bro. John and Sis. Ruth Zahner and Bro. Werner and Sis. Clara Kupferschmid. On June 6, a little girl, Rebecca Lee, was born to Bro. Richard and Sis. LeNae (Moser) Aberle. Grandparents are Bro. John and Sis. Esther Moser, and Bro. and Sis. Joseph Aberle of Sabetha.

On a brief vacation from his studies at U of I, Bro. Douglas Moser with his wife, Sis. Carol spent a few days here at his home. A belated reception, in their honor, was given by his parents. This was their first visit here since their marriage in Sabetha, in January. Bro. Doug plans to go on with his studies for another year.

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

Anne (Hodel) Dossey, daughter of the Henry Hodels, is graduating with a bachelor of science degree in education from ISU, at Normal.

Eleanor, daughter of Bro. Perry and Sis. Clara Yackley will graduate this summer from Missouri State Teachers College, Kirksville, with a master's degree in business education, and Karen, also daughter of the Yackleys graduated from high school. Our other graduate is Sandy (Kolthoff) Lillard, daughter of Bro. Clarence and Sis. Rosella Kolthoff. We wish them well as they go on, in their chosen field.

Our sympathy is extended to the Bro. Clarence Kolthoff family in the sudden death of his father, Gus Kolthoff, 78 years old. Bro. Clarence's mother passed away just three months ago, on Feb. 21.

A son, Phillip Eugene, was born May 20 to Bro. Marvin and Sis. Joann Wiegand. At home to welcome him are Steven and Mark. Grandparents are Bro. George and Sis. Betty Hoerr and Sis. Fanny Wiegand, Gridley, Ill.

The Rudie Hoerr family received the welcome news of a son, Nelson Ray, born to Bro. Raymond and Sis. Jeanie Hoerr on June 2 at Bloomfield Hills, Mich. They have two daughters, Heidi and Heather. Bro. Raymond is finishing his internship in Michigan and will move to Evanston, Ill. to begin his practice July 1.

Our Bible Class and Junior Bible Class enjoyed June 4, as guests of the Burlington, Ia., Bible Class. They were accompanied by their teachers, Bros. Marvin Wiegand and Louis Hoerr, also Sis. Ruthie Hoerr and Bro. Gerald and Sis. Marjorie Sutter.

ELGIN, IOWA Mrs. George Butikofer

The patter of raindrops is at the moment as music to our ears. We have been yearning for moisture for some time; the rainfall began last evening and has continued intermittently all through this day, for which we thank our Creator.

The wedding of Sis. Mary Metzger and Bro. Leland Plattner of Bern took place on June 4. The couple left for a trip to the Ozarks. We wish them God's rich blessings in every respect, both materially and spiritually. They will be at home at Bern. Bro. Paul Butikofer officiated at the wedding.

Marion Moore, daughter of the late Bro. Werner and Sis. Elizabeth Moore, was one of a class of seventy-three pupils who graduated from the eighth grade. May this be a stepping-stone for further success.

Bro. Paul Banwart was our guest minister for the past month. It's always a pleasure to see and hear him expound the scriptures to us.

MANSFIELD, OHIO Aaron A. Sauder

A number from our congregation were missed this past month, when they spent time in the hospital, due to virus, surgery, tests, etc. We are happy that most of them have again assembled with us for worship services. Sis. Elda Riggenbach (Alvin), who underwent surgery, is as yet confined to her home, and Sis. Katherine Bocka is also still suffering with an injured leg, resulting from a fall in her home. Others who had been hospitalized are Karla Beer (daughter of Bro. Alvin and Sis. Janet), Kimberly Kemper (baby girl of Keith and Sis. Mary Alice), Sis. Alice Graszl (Frank), and Sis. Martha Isley.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cordrey are parents of their first child, born May 24, They have named their son Allen Paul.

We extend our loving sympathy to Sis. Christine Reiser and Sis. Daisy Bidinger whose brother, George Wentz, passed away on May 11.

When my way groweth drear, precious Lord linger near,

When my life is almost gone; Hear my cry; hear my call; hold my hand lest I fall;

Take my hand, precious Lord; Lead me home. When the shadows appear, and the night draweth near,

And the day is past and gone,

At the river I stand, guide my feet hold my hand.

Take my hand, precious Lord; Lead me home.

Most of us never met our Bro. Everett Kemper here on earth, but we have joy in the hope of meeting him in heaven. Several days before his death, our ministering brothers were asked to visit Mr. Kemper, who seemed to be in the last hours of a lingering illness. Mr. Kemper was able to open his heart and express his concern to become a child of God. On Thursday May 25, Elder Bro. Rudolph Graf visited Mr. Kemper, and his wish to be baptized was fulfilled. At peace with the Lord, Bro. Kemper was led Home the next day. Our sympathy goes the entire Kemper family, to especially to his son and daughterin-law, Keith and Sis. Mary Alice from our congregation.

PORTLAND, OREGON Mrs. Edward Unsicker

We are thankful to God that John Kaufman has successfully recuperated from a hernia operation, but will miss the Kaufman family very much in Silverton this summer, as they plan to spend the summer months in Illinois with their parents.

Don Banwart, son of Bro. Ray and Sis. Margaret, has made remarkable improvement in his convalescence from a very serious automobile accident, sustained several weeks ago.

Nine-year-old Joey Steffen has also surprised all of us, and, I think most of all himself, by his soonerthan-expected recovery from rheumatic fever. Joey and all of us are very thankful for the goodness of our great God!

The Voeller family in Seattle has had a real trial of sickness this spring, also including a bout with pneumonia for Bro. Dick. At last hearing, everybody was improved and they hope to assemble with us once again, thanks be to God.

As we all have many brand-new graduates in our midst, we are constrained to say a few words to you young people as you start life on your own. We don't have to remind you that a pertinent question confronts you on every side—"How much of this world should we embrace?" Paul says, in Galatians 1:4, that Jesus "gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father." Yes, to **deliver** us from this evil world is the will of God, our Father, "To whom", he continues, "**be** glory for ever and ever." All glory is His, will be His forever, consummated by the destroying of all enemies under the Son's feet, "that God may be all in all." I Cor. 15.

Today, almost suddenly Satan is amassing his evil forces with rapid acceleration! On the one hand are billboards, magazines, even many so-called "Christian" leaders and literature, expediting the frenzied desire for ease and comfort, sin and self, and on the other hand, nation after nation is gathering together to war against Israel, exactly as foretold by the Bible, thousands of years ago! Surely, Satan's evil purpose is gaining speedy momentum until "that man of sin be revealed" II Thess. 2:3.

Listen to God's glorious promise to us-"... ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. Ye are the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, not of darkness. Therefore, let us not sleep, as **do** others; but let us watch and be sober." I Thess. 5:4-6. Notice the words, "as **do** others". God's will for His people is that we not be like others, but that we come out from among them, and be separate, that we be emptied of the world and the things of the world, to make room for His precious fountain, the Hely Spirit, "springing up into everlasting life" John 4:14. When we walk with Him and talk with him, and He tells us He is our own, glory ac-companies our most lowly task, and our simplest prayer for others. Yes. He promises grace and glory and "no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.'

CHAMPAIGN-URBANA ILLINOIS Ben Blunier

Another college year ends. Now we must bid farewell, at least for the summer, to students completing another year's study. To those who won't be back next fall, we say thanks. Thanks for being with us. God bless you further on. Come visit us often.

How fitting then to partake of Holy Communion the last Sunday yet we were all together: His body given for us; His blood shed for us. Such a great love God has shown us, and to be included with the chosen. Can we thank Him enough? It was served by Elder Bros. Leroy Huber and Emanuel Gudeman.

We are most grateful to other ministering brothers and their families who have recently visited us. Bros. Al Scheitlin, Elgin; Russell Rapp, Morton; Walter Anliker and Vernon Leman, Eureka; and Ed Hohulin . . . Each service a new experience in the Lord, a reason to thank Him, encouragement to better service.

Among those achieving degrees at the University are Bros. Byron Schrock, Ted Staker, Tom Hohulin, Steve Rinkenberger, and Phil Leman.

Sisters Jane Kaufman and Sharon Baumgartner are now working and living in Peoria. We are surely sorry to lose them from Champaign, but wish them much success in their new surroundings.

In our small home community of Mahomet, a popular high school senior graduated on Friday night, celebrated his eighteenth birthday on Saturday and received a car as a present. He died early Sunday morning in a tragic four-car accident. Someone hit him from behind, into the path of two oncoming cars. So quickly and unexpected some are taken. May the shed blood of the Lamb be on the doors of our hearts, and that we stand ready to follow when He calls us to the Promised Land.

CISSNA PARK, ILLINOIS Mary Young — Margaret Rudin

Funeral services were held May 16 for our friend, Albert Zbinden, 84, after an illness of four weeks. Survivors include his wife, Lorna; one daughter, Mrs. Helen Peters; three sons, Dale, Roscoe, and Earl; six grandchildren and two greatgrandchildren. Funeral s e r v i c e s were conducted by Bro. Emmanuel Gudeman. Our sympathy is extended to the family.

Sis. Emma Hari passed away very unexpectedly at her home, at the age of 81 years. Services were held Tuesday, June 6, Bro. Joshua Broquard officiating. She leaves one sister, Sis. Clara Geyer, Peoria; four brothers, Bros. Sam, Albert, Walter and Elmer, all of our congregation. She will be missed in our congregation and by her loved ones. Among the hospitalized are Sis. Barbara (Charles) Bauer, due to a broken hip. It is mending nicely. Bro. Sam Drayer was hospitalized for a week for tests and medication. Our friend, Kenny Kuntz, had surgery. Sis. Elizabeth Martin had surgery for a broken hip. We wish them all a speedy recovery.

Sis. Eliza Schmitt returned to her home, after being hospitalized for several weeks. She is improving slowly,

We were fortunate to have Bros. George Gramm and Alfred Bahler visit our congregation this month. We certainly thank them and the loved ones that accompanied them, and welcome them back.

Births: A daughter to Dale and Madelyn Seggerbruch on May 20. She was named Amy Jo. Madlyn is a daughter of Bro. and Sis. Harry Bauer.

A daughter, Deanne Lee, to Ron and Shirley Krumwiede on May 22. Shirley is the daughter of Bro. and Sis. Gene Hauptli.

May 23, a son was born to Bro. and Sis. Dale Walder; he was named Joseph Alan.

Vacation Bible School started on June 6. They have an enrollment of 270 children. The theme is Walking Jesus' Way. The Senior Bible classes are held evenings for two weeks. We expect the children to bring us a program June 16, to tell us what they learned. May they have an open ear and a heart to receive the good teachings.

Graduation time is here again. Our best wishes are extended to all the graduates. May they ever look to the Lord for guidance and help.

There is great joy in heaven for every sinner that repenteth, and surely we could feel this Saturday evening when our friend, Bob Beebe, could give his testimony and be taken into the fold. Also our aged friend, Louis Landes, age 94, could bring his testimony. He promised to his mother on her death bed that he would do the best he could. Surely God is a God of patience and love when one can come at the eleventh hour.

Baptisms were on Sunday, May 28.

Prayer

I know not by what methods rare, But this I know, God answers

prayer ! I know that He has given His word, Which tells me prayer is always heard,

And will be answered, soon or late, And so I pray, and calmly wait.

ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY Sue Kupferschmid

"Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity." I Timothy 4:12. This verse was contained in the chapter read by Bro. Joe Schrock on May 4, & seems to sum up very well the words which he spoke to us on this evening.

"What is prayer?" On May 11, Bro. Ben Maibach presented this question to us. We were told that perhaps the shortest prayer recorded in the Bible was spoken by Peter when he said, "Lord, save me." Peter was walking on the water toward the Lord, and when his faith wavered he began to sink. His was a simple prayer, and yet an important one, for it saved him. "Prayer changes things."

On May 17, 13 members of our group and Bro. Joe and Sis. Esther Schrock traveled to Lafayette, where we met with a group from Purdue University for a picnic supper. We felt a blessing from the fellowship and services which followed later on in the evening.

On May 18, Luke 12:1-21 was read to us by Bro. Leroy Huber. We were told that "We need not be fearful of death if we are in harmony with God. The really importtant thing for us to do is to prepare our heart and soul for eternity." We were reminded to listen carefully to the Holy Spirit, because it is a still, small voice, not a harsh one.

Our alumnae reunion was held on Sunday, May 21 in the University Union, with 60 present. Afternoon services were conducted by Bro. Uriel Gehring, with evening services being held by Bro. Robert Grimm.

May 25, Bro. Joe Schrock spoke on the prophecy of the restoration of the house of Israel and God's chosen people. Chapter 38 and 39 in Ezekiel was the text which was read. Bro. Joe said, "We should at all times be prepared, because the end of our life is the end of the age for us."

On Memorial Day, some of our group traveled to Francesville, where we enjoyed a picnic dinner and fellowship with a large group of young folks representing many of the Indiana churches.

Being a student organization, we have elected officers for the school year 1967-68 as required by our university. The following were elected: Bro. Richard Stoller (Gridley), President; Bro. Roger Witzig (Gridley), Vice-President; and Sis. Sue Kupferschmid (Cissna Park), Secretary-Treasurer.

History of Apostolic Christian Bible Class

Illinois State University Diane Emch

In the fall of 1956, Bro. Ed Hohulin asked Bro. Joe Schrock to accompany him in initiating a Bible Class on the University of Illinois campus, for the benefit of the members and friends who were attending that university. They felt that a regular meeting, supervised by a brother, authorized by the elder body, would unite a group there and help those students to grow in the faith. Regular classes were established twice a month on Wednesday evening and are still conducted on that basis.

Early in 1957, Bro. Joe Schrock proceeded to perform the same type of venture at the school that was then known as Illinois State Normal University. Meetings of this new Bible Class were held every Thursday evening at 8 p.m. and now, in this tenth year of holding Bible Classes, they are still held on this same basis.

In 1959, so that the group could use campus facilities, a group of 49 charter members complied with the regulations of the university and became a recognized university organization. This involved drawing up a constitution, electing president Bro. Bill Hohulin, and choosing a campus advisor.

On the first Thursday of each month, Bro. Joe Schrock conducts the meetings. On all other Thursdays, guest ministers conduct the services, either as classes or as church services, according to their individual preferences. Opportunity is afforded those attending the Bible Class to question the speaker, after which a short weekly business meeting is conducted by the president of the Bible Class. The order of presidents is as follows: 1959, Bro. Bill Hohulin; 1960, Bro. Everett Hari; 1961, Bro. Keith Oberlander; 1962, Bro. Herb Stoller; 1963, Bro. Dale Wiegand; 1964, Bro. Doug Leman; 1965, Bro. Daryle Hari; 1966, Bro. Marvin Hodel; and our new president for 1967 is Bro. Richard Stoller.

In January of 1964, the university came to be known as Illinois State University at Normal, and as the university has grown, so has the Apostolic Christian Bible Class. The present registration of students numbers 71, and our purpose remains "to provide opportunity for fellowship . . . and to stimulate a desire among them to mold their lives more in accordance with the Perfect Life of the Saviour while He was here on earth." Our prayer is that the Lord will continue to bless the work that has been done here on the Illinois State University campus.

Apostolic Christian Bible Class Charter Members: Phyllis and Ronald Anderson, Miriam Bachtold, Betty Ann Beer, Ben Bowald, Naomi Bowald, Mary Ellen Brenner, John Cherry, Janet Diggelman, Phyllis Elsasser, Milly Fischer, Arie Greenleaf, Burton, Merna and Wayne Grusy, Shirley Gudeman, Keith Hanson, Earl and Everett James Hari, Louis Herman, Ed Herrmann, Don Hish, Joyce, Lynette, and Nancy Hodel, William Hohulin, Marilyn Kaufman, Perry Klopfenstein. Gene Lober, Howard Mauer, Dolores Meiss, Carolyn Metz, Janice Nussbaum, Keith Oberlander, Janet Pflederer, Joy Mae Plattner, Keith Rieger, Janice Rocke, Jerry and Ron Schieber, Nancy Schrock, Mary Ann Shutt, Sherry Stoller, Nancy Tanner, Dale, Keith and Marvin Wiegand, John Witzig, Loretta Yentes, Bill Zbinden.

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

We are thankful for the safe return of Sis. Madeline Manz, who went to Europe with Sis. Lucille Knapp of Cissna Park, Sis. Roberta Stoller of Latty, and Carolyn Stoller of Rittman. They visited with Carolyn's brother, Bro. Fred Stoller, also of Rittman, who is stationed with the Army near Frankfort, Germany. They also went to England, Holland, Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, and Switzerland. They attended church services one Sunday at Bern and Frutigen, Switzerland, and one Sunday at Neuhutten, Germany. They appreciated very much the love and hospitality shown them while in Germany and Switzerland. I thought while they were gone of the courage and faith it must have taken for our forefathers to leave their beloved homeland and friends behind them, and to make the long and dangerous journey across the ocean to a strange land. The journey then took many days by boat, and there was much sickness. Some lost loved ones that died on the way over and had to be buried at sea.

We are resuming our mid-week services, and they are held on Thursday evenings at 8:00 o'clock, Eastern Daylight Savings Time. We would appreciate visitors.

LESTER, IOWA Emelie Knobloch

Bro. and Sis. Gilbert Knobloch wish to thank everyone for their deeds of kindness and memorials during the illness and death of little Jean Lois.

Bro. and Sis. Chris Kellenberger observed their 52nd wedding anniversary, Bro. and Sis. Jacob Knobloch their "Golden wedding" anniversary. We wish them God's blessings for health and happiness in their future together.

Bros. Harvey Grimm, Paul Fehr and Paul Banwart visited us the past month. We want to thank them for proclaiming the gospel and expounding on the word of God.

Hospital patients this past month were Sisters Emma Leuthold and Julia Knobloch. Bro. Edwin Knobloch had treatments in Rochester. All are recuperating at home and hope good health will be restored so they can attend services.

Births: To Mr. and Mrs. George Meyer, a son, Sidney J., May 5; to Bro. and Sis. Dennis Kellenberger, a daughter, Paula Jean, May 26.

David Moser, son of Bro. Adolph and Lydia Moser is home on leave, enroute to California and his foreign assignment. Can we only pray God again will restore peace, so all the loved ones may be reunited with their families.

BURLINGTON. IOWA Verna Woodward Elaine Eisenmann

The past month has been a busy and blessed one for us at Burlington. On Mother's Day, Bro. Noah Schrock ministered to us. We were reminded that we should not set aside just one day a year to honor our mothers, but every day of our lives. May 17 was the last meeting at Iowa City for this school year. The next service will be held Sept. 27 at Danforth Chapel. At that time we will decide which night, or nights, of each month will be set aside for services the next school term. We hope our brethren will continue to support this worthwhile cause.

Several families from Pulaski were our guests May 21. Among those present was Bro. Cleo Rinkenberger, who ministered to us.

Saturday, June 3, many of us gathered at the church to give it the annual spring cleaning. The following day we were host to the Bible classes from Pulaski, Taylor, and Oakville. A picnic was held for them at the park, followed by song service. We had Bro. Don Sauder of Roanoke and Bro. Gerald Sutter of Taylor as guest ministers.

BURLINGTON, OKLAHOMA La Verne Roth Millicent Frieden

Let us think of the Master of Harvests

Who once through the wheatfields did tread;

It is He who still blesses our labors, Who alone can supply us our bread.

Once again we are busy in our wheatfields; almost every church member is affiliated in some way with farming. As the harvest season is now at hand, let us remember to labor for the harvest of souls, that we may bring honor and riches to the Master of Harvests.

Mother's Day found many visitors in our midst, as children gathered to honor their mothers on this day. The sermons were quite fitting also, as the gentleness, loving-kindness and forgiveness of a mother were likened to our Saviour, Jesus Christ, toward us.

Funeral services for our friend, Mrs. Floyd Domnick were held May 20, with Bros. Eli Somerhalder and Ronald Nelson officiating. Mrs. Domnick died May 17, due to complications following surgery. She is survived by her husband, three sons, two daughters, two sisters and six grandchildren.

Bro. Richard Schupbach of Phoenix ministered to us May 21 and brought us words of wisdom and comfort. He and some of his family were here for the Domnick funeral, as Sis. Barbara was a sister-in-law to Mrs. Domnick. Again we find several names among the hospital patients this month. These include Sis. Jenny Schrock, Sis. Esther Hodel, Sis. Martha Roth, and Sis. Laverne Roth. Bro. John Schupbach is confined to his home, in very poor health. May God comfort each one and not place more upon them than they can bear.

As another school year has ended, two of our young girls have ended a phase of their lives, high school. They are Becky Kircher, daughter of Bro. Wayne and Sis. Helen, and Janice Frieden, daughter of Joe and Sis. Mildred.

Congratulations are in order for two of our young people who have announced their engagement. They are Marlene Ott and Keith Kisling. Parents of the couple are Bro. Marvin and Sis. Irma Ott and Bro. Frank and Annabelle Kisling.

Our congregation was saddened June 4, as it was 20-year-old David Frieden's last Sunday among us for a while. He left the following day to report to Los Angeles: David's destination is Viet Nam. He is the son of Joe and Sis. Mildred Frieden. May David remember the teachings of his parents and Sunday School teachers, as we entrust him to the Lord for guidance and protection. "God be with you till we meet again—When life's perils thick confound you, Put His arms unfailing round you—God be with you till we meet again."

Recently, one of our ministers touched on the fact that some believe God is actually dead. We as reborn Christians know there is no truth whatever in this concept. It reminds me of the retort of a small child—one so innocent and not even understanding all the adult conversation on this theory: "Oh Mommy, He's not dead: I just talked to Him this morning."

CONGERVILLE. ILLINOIS Lorna Schrock — Jeanette Knapp

Ministers visiting our congregation during the past month were: Bro. Uriel Gehring, Burlington, Iowa: Bro. Mike Weyeneth. Peoria and Bro. Vernon Leman, Eureka. Many blessings were received through their labors.

We offer our sincere sympathy to Bro. Gene Hartman and his family. in the loss of his father, Bro. Magnus Hartman from Goodfield.

Jeffery Allen Schrock was born

on May 20 to Bro. Steve and Sis. Gerri. One year old Joan is delighted with her new baby brother.

Peggy Knapp, daughter of Bro. Frederick and Sis. Marge, is still confined to bed, due to a recent attack of rheumatic fever. Adair Knapp, son of Bro. Kenny and Sis. Phyllis, was hospitalized a few days because of a lung infection. Due to an accidental fall of a cultivator on his foot, Bro. Ralph Knapp will be on crutches for several weeks. Although no bones were broken, ligaments and other tissues were injured. Sis. Nancy Schrock, daughter of Bro. Joe and Sis. Esther, underwent orthopedic surgery. We wish her and the others God's healing power and much patience during their convalescence.

Vacation Bible School was held June 5 to June 16. The children were very enthusiastic, and we pray, God's blessings on the teachers and their assistants for devoting so much of their time and effort in this important work.

1967 High School graduates are as follows: Jack Miller, son of Bro. Walt and Sis. Irma; Roger Miller, son of Bro. Chris and Sis. Betty; Kenny Schrock, son of Bro. Joe and Sis. Esther; and Lonnie Steffen, son of Bro. Ed and Sis. Mary. Also graduating this June are Bro. Byron Schrock, receiving his B.S. degree from the Univ. of Illinois at Champaign, and Sis. Nancy Schrock receiving her M.A. degree from Illinois State Univ. at Normal. They are the children of Bro. Joe and Sis. Esther. Our congratulations are extended to all, along with our prayers for God's blessings in their future endeavors.

We have some wonderful last minute news to report. Three of our young folks have turned to the Lord in repentance and faith, having chosen to stand with the people of God. They are Beverly Schieber, daughter of Bro. Harvey and Sis. Fanny; Cheryl Schrock, daughter Bro. Roy and Sis. Polly: and Kenny Schrock, son of Bro. Joe and Sis. Esther. How we rejoice in this, and pray that many will follow.

The suggested price for the Silver Lining is two dollars per year. Many of the service addresses are sent without charge. Perhaps your church has a combined collection plan. If you are not sure, check with your reporter.

FORT SCOTT, KANSAS Annabelle Bahr — Marie Zaugg

Sympathy in extended to Sis. Dorothy Sinn and her family, in the death of her father, Bro. Dan Kraft at Gridley.

Congratulations to our graduates: Betty Sinn from K-State at Manhattan; Charles Sinn from Junior College, Ft. Scott; Ruby Sinn from high school, Ft. Scott; Connie Miller, high school, Ft. Scott. As they seek after higher knowledge in the schools of our land, may they also remember to reach out for heavenly and spiritual wisdom.

Vacation Bible School is in progress now. A program is being planned for Friday evening, and a picnic on Sunday afternoon. All are invited.

Ministering Bro. Clarence Yackley (with his wife, Sis. Vera) from Phoenix visited our church Tuesday evening and served us with God's word. Bros. Loren Strahm, Gridley and Charles Marti, Lamar, were also present. We thank them all for coming.

Thought: He is a wise man who does not grieve for the things which he has not, but rejoices for those which he has.

GRIDLEY, KANSAS Mrs. Rudy Bahr Mrs. Eldon Metzger

Sis. Alice Raaf has been hospitalized for the past two weeks, and remains about the same.

Sis. Esther Kraft has been released from the hospital and has gained in strength, but still has loss of her voice.

Last week the Bro. Eldon Metzgers reported back to K.U. Med. Center. Eldon's hip is fine. He has an open break yet in one of the arm bones and is not to lift anything heavy. Little Shawn's report was fine: he's to continue therapy once a week, and they expect to work on his facial scars in August or September. Sis. Dorene will have plastic surgery the end of this month or first of July.

The Lord willing, our grandmother, Sis. Lydia Bahr will have hip surgery in the joint that is deteriorated by arthritis, on June 22. She will need to be hospitalized in Wichita for 6 weeks, and then 6 more weeks as an outpatient for therapy. She can receive mail through Mrs. George Greiner, 742 Lulu, Wichita Kansas 67211.

Bros. Wayne Miller, Clarence

Yackley, and Al Langhofer ministered unto us this past month.

Bro. Dan Kraft, 78, passed away Sunday morning, May 28 in St. Joseph Hospital, Wichita. Elder Bro. Sam Anliker held the services. Bro. Dan had lived all his life at Gridley, and was a farmer until he retired and moved into Gridley. His wife, Sis. Elizabeth, passed away in 1961. Later he married Sis. Leona Lehman of Lamar. Bro. Dan served as the treasurer on the church board for many, many years, taught Sunday School, and served as church custodian. He loved to attend church, sing, and enjoyed fellowship. The front bench is now empty . . . his bass voice missed.

We are in the midst of Bible School, our program planned for Friday evening.

SABETHA, KANSAS Mrs. Joe Steiner

We are happy to have Aaron and Hulda Moser as our new brother and sister in faith. Bro. Leo Moser of Lester was here to assist at the proving and baptism of his uncle and aunt. We wish them the Lord's blessing and guidance.

Bro. Sam Anliker also visited us recently. We are glad there are brothers who will give of their time and efforts to minister unto us. May the Lord reward them.

Hospitalized during this past month were Mrs. Reuben Steiner, as a surgical patient, also Bro. Alex Wenger and Bro. Joe Hartter.

James Aberle, son of Bro. Ben and Sis. Liseten, had the misfortune of breaking his leg in a motorcycle accident. He is in the Sabetha Community Hospital.

A son, David Wayne, was born April 27 to Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Locher of Fresno, Calif. His grandparents are Bro. Theo. and Sis. Cordelia Locher.

TREMONT, ILLINOIS Mary Jane Leuthold Josephine Schaefer

Announcement has been made of the engagement of Sis. Velma Steiner, daughter of Bro. Dan and Sis. Sophia, to Bro. Steve Rinkenberger, son of Bro. Will and Sis. Marge of Cissna Park. We wish for them a rich share of the blessings of the Lord in their forthcoming marriage.

We were happy to have Sis. Leah Winzeler assemble with us again, after her recent surgery, and are thankful she recovered so quickly. At this writing, however, Bro. Bill Unsicker is still hospitalized. We hope he will soon be able to return home.

On May 9, Anna Lin came to bless the lives of Bro. Dale and Sis. Joanne Sauder, and on June 2, Janet Lynn and Joyce Marie were welcomed into the home of Bro. Melvin and Sis. Marlene Kaiser. We trust these little children will bring much joy and happiness to those whose lives they touch.

A thought to remember: When God closes one door, He opens another.

AKRON, OHIO Florence Graf

In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand: for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good.—Ecclesiastes 11.

Rudy and Jean Graf spent several days together in Hawaii, while Rudy was on R. and R. some weeks ago. Jean has now returned to her home here, and Rudy has returned to his duties with the Seabees at Da Nang, South Vietnam. Surely they both can feel the Lord was with them as they travelled so many miles and reached their respective destinations safely.

Our membership voted May 7 to determine the congregation's wishes concerning the purchase of land for building of a new house of worship in the future. From a choice of three locations, 4.5 acres on Rothrock Road was the choice of substantial majority of the balloters. Various surveys and soil tests are being made to determine suitability for building on the land. Should all things prove favorable, the land will possibly become the site for our new church building. The site is located one third mile south of Route 18, on the west side of Rothrock Road.

Our ministering brother, Eugene Pamer, spent the week end of May 14 with our servicemen at Ft. Sam Houston. He was accompanied by Bro. Paul Gasser. All of us should take to heart the following words written by Bro. Gene:

"Those of us who are at home and do not have close loved ones in the service of our country may tend to forget about the trying conditions under which these brothers and friends live. While in the service, they not only encounter dangerous physical hazards, but must endure the attacks of Satan brought to them in many ways, sometimes through the conduct of those of the world with whom they must work. Added to this are the lonely hours spent far from their homes and loved ones . . . But those who visit them or correspond with them can see that the faith and grace God grants these loved ones is all-powerful. Through all the trials, they have not lost hope or courage. Though we may not be well acquainted with any of these brothers, each day our prayer should be that God would continue to grant His grace and strength to them, and that His mercy would be extended to these yet unconverted."

John and Janice Graf announce the birth of a daughter. Julie Beth was born on May 27 and is lovingly welcomed by Lisa and Scott.

Sis. Eva Emery wishes to thank all who remembered her with cards, letters and prayers during her recent surgery and convalescence. The Lord has granted Sis. Eva moderate health, and she is able to assemble with us once more.

Steve and Terry Graf's new address: 1120 St. Michaels Avenue, Akron Ohio 44320.

The engagement of Ernie Graf and Vicki Scheetz of Norton, Ohio, was announced recently. Ernie is the son of Bro. Ernest and Sis. Louise Graf. Our sincere wishes for the Lord's blessing as you plan your future together, Ernie and Vicki.

The happiness of the announcing of Ernie and Vicki's engagement was marred somewhat by Ernie's departure for the armed services. Ernie left for military duty June 7.

We surely commit him and all his fellowservicemen to the Lord's care.

"Bud" and Evelyn Walker observed their silver wedding anniversary on May 30. May the Lord grant them many more years together.

Bro. Theo. Beer of Milford was our visiting minister this month. He left us with many precious and worthwhile thoughts and admonitions such as: "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them". We truly appreciate Bro. Theo's. efforts toward us, and hope he will visit us again.

Sam Wells underwent emergency

surgery recently. He is recovering satisfactorily. May God grant him a speedy return to good health.

BRADFORD. ILLINOIS Mrs. Loris Kieser

We were happy to have a number of visiting ministers with us the past month. We thank Bros. Josh Broquard, Fairbury; Clarence Kachelmuss. Perry Zimmerman, Forrest; Jesse Schrock, Congerville; August Bolliger, Tremont and Henry Grimm, Morton. Also last evening, we enjoyed having Bro. Clarence Yackley from Phoenix with us for services. The Princeville brethren gathered with us, too.

Sis. Velma (Carl) Hancher has been absent from our assembly for a number of weeks. She has had surgery on her back and is not recovering as she should. We hope she can assemble with us again soon.

We were sorry to hear of the death of Frederick Merkle of Peoria. His sister, Sis. Margaret (John) Tanner, lives here.

A number of our young folks have graduated from high school. We congratulate them, and trust God can add his blessings to their efforts as they go to schools of higher learning or to their respective jobs.

FT. SAM HOUSTON, TEXAS Steve Gerst

Are You Ready?

The thought came to me, "God is sending us His warning. Are you ready for the second coming of His Son, Jesus Christ?" This morning as I was having breakfast, I had the radio on to the news. "Arabia declares war".

Can we say, "All is ready; we are waiting!" What a glorious day that shall be!

We, soldiers of the land, must also be soldiers of God's Army. We stand in awe of our officers in this man's army. We dare not disobey their orders. Do we stand in awe of our Supreme Captain? Are we willing to obey His commands? Now is the time for obedience. Let us be willing soldiers in the Army of the Lord.

We hear so often from our beloved ministering brethren that time is growing short, the curtain of night is **soon** drawing to a close. Do we have our lamps filled, and the wicks trimmed? Our light must shine brightly, for the path is very steep and narrow...But if we have been obedient soldiers and heeded our training, we shall not fear. Our footsteps shall be sure and steady on the pathway of Calvary.

So up ye Comrades, Forward, March. We are marching to Zion!

Take heed, all ye that labor. Lay down the cares of this world. Take up your banner of righteousness and truth. Join now, the Army of the Lord.

That heavenly love which fills the hearts of believers, one for another and for God, was well exercised when Ministering Brethren Gene Pamer of Akron and Edmund Kloter of Fairbury visited us on the week-end of the 14th and 28th of May. Their fellowship was deeper and more satisfying than any mere human love. The words that were spoken and heard added more lines to our spiritual book of life.

New Orders—Bro. Dave Koch of Tremont has been assigned to Ft. Bliss, Texas as a construction draftsman. Bill Emch, of Lamont was reassigned to Europe. During Bill's stay here, he found it needful to surrender his life to his Maker. We want to wish Bill God's many blessings for his new undertaking. Dave's and Bill's presence will be missed by all.

Bros. Bruce Witzig of Gridley and Steve Gerst of Oakville, Joe Beer of Milford, and Ernie Herman of Morton have enjoyed a couple weeks of furlough at home. It was again hard to leave our loved ones, but duty comes first.

GRIDLEY, ILLINOIS Eunice and Lydia Kammerer

Our annual Bible School is again in full swing, with parents and teachers giving their time and help.

Bro. Al Fisher of Chicago visited us recently. We received many blessings and inspiring messages, if we can only excerise them all.

Bro. George Gramm attended the dedication of the Alabama church, which was completed recently.

Our annual election of new officers for trustee, Sunday School teachers, and ushers: Bro. Carlton Klopfenstein, newly-elected trustee replacing Bro. Ray Hodel. Sunday School teachers elected were Bros. Floyd Meiss and Bro. Jim Funk, replacing Bros. Richard Kiefer and Bro. Herb Gramm. New ushers elected were Bros. Alvin Ringger and Bro. William Funk, replacing Bro. Fred Miller, outgoing usher. The sick and shut-ins:

Sis. Clara Funk recently returned from Mayo Brothers Clinic, where she was for observation.

Friend Alph Hannie returned home from Mennonite Hospital, where he was for observation.

Friend Minnie Funk returned home from Mennonite Hospital, where she underwent observation and treatment.

Sis. Martha Schlipf entered the Eureka Home, where she is recuperating. Sis. Martha had been in St. James Hospital for treatment.

The children of Bros. Carlton and Sis. Betty Klopfenstein have recovered from a bout with scarlet fever.

Measles and mumps are taking their course among our little children. The children of Bros. John and Sis. Carolyn Schlipf have the mumps, and the children of Friend Willis and Sis. Joan Aupperle are having the measles.

We wish all our sick and shut-ins a speedy recovery.

Bro. Bruce Witzig, son of Bro. Alph and Sis. Lillian Witzig, has returned to Ft. Sam Houston, where he is stationed. Bro. Bruce was home for a two-weeks leave.

Sis. Leila Funk, daughter of Bro. Eugene and Sis. Kathryn Funk returned to Dallas, Texas, where she is taking a special course in nursing. She was home for her brother, Keith's graduation.

Captain and Mrs. Dennis Stoller and son, Todd returned to their base at Ft. Bliss, Texas, where Dennis is stationed. Dennis had a week's leave.

Friend Julius Funk returned to his home in California, after spending ten days with his mother, Sis. Lena, and family. We were happy to see Julius. He has been gone from our congregation for many years, and his visit was very welcome.

OAKVILLE, IOWA Martha Steiner

Our last meeting in Iowa City for the school year was held in May, with a good attendance. We have enjoyed meeting with the college students there and appreciate the support from the surrounding congregations.

Mrs. Dave (Hattie) Gerst of Oakville was relieved of her suffering and illness, on May 20, as she was called from this life. Besides her husband, she is survived by a large number of children and grandchildren.

Sis. Nelda Kuntz and Bro. John Rowell were united in marriage Sunday, May 28, by Elder Brother Noah Schrock. Visiting ministers that day were Bro. Jim Hoerr from Peoria and Bro. Cleo Rinkenberger from Pulaski.

Bro. Steve Gerst has again returned to his post in San Antonio, after spending a two-weeks furlough at his home.

Bro. William Rauhaus at last was able to leave this life and go to his reward, having served many years in the Lord's vineyard. He was almost 84 years old. Those remaining to mourn his passing are his widow, Sis. Priscilla; his children, Al Rauhaus, Clarence Rauhaus, and Mrs. Marie Adams, a sister, Sis. Bertha (Jess) Eisenmann; and two brothers. Bro. George Rauhaus of Peoria, and Bro. Otto Rauhaus of Sabetha. Those preceding him in death were his sister, Emma, and two brothers, Eli and Bro. Herman. We will miss our faithful Bro. Will.

ROANOKE, ILLINOIS Sara Aeschleman — Norene Herbst

May 21, announcement was made of the coming marriage of Sis. Sharon Blunier and Bro. Keith Kellenberger of the Elgin, Ill., congregation. May the Lord richly bless them in this new undertaking.

We are happy to report that we have three new converts. They are David Hodel, Donna Bowald and Roger Bradle. As these dear friends have sought the Lord in repentance, we hope and pray that many more will answer the call before the day of grace is ended.

Visiting ministers to our congregation this past month were Bro. **Russell** Rapp from Morton, and Bro. Albert Scheitlin from Elgin... Enjoyed having them with us, and hope they will visit again soon.

Bro. Will Rocke is a patient in the Methodist Hospital. Sis. Lannie Minger is in the Eureka Hospital. May the Lord be near to these loved ones in the time of need.

Arnold Aeschleman was home from the Service, and returned May 24th.

MAYWOOD, CALIFORNIA Julie Dapper — Ruth Dapper

... "The seeds which we are sowing will be harvested by our children and grandchildren"... These were only a few of the words which were spoken by Bro. Henry Wackerle, Bay City, Bro. and Sis. Wackerle and Bro. and Sis. Fred Knochel were with us the week of May 14 thru May 21. Many precious and inspiring words were spoken by Bro. Wackerle, and we are thankful to God that we were privileged to have such wonderful messages extended to us.

Also, on May 21, Bro. John Somerhalder and family and Bro. Roy Farney were in our congregation. We are thankful that God permits ministers of the gospel to visit us and bring the wonderful words of life. Truly they are most needed in keeping upon the narrow path of life. May God richly bless all those who proclaim His holy word.

Bro. Roy Farney, Phoenix, assisted our elder, Bro. Carl Kinsinger, in administering Holy Communion. How wonderful it is to be able to partake of this Holy Sacrament and once again renew our vows with our God.

On May 21, our dear Bro. Mike Reichardt passed out of this life and into eternity. Funeral services were held on May 24 by Bro. John Dapper and Bro. Carl Kinsinger. Bro. Mike had been in failing health for approximately six months. His presence in our small congregation will certainly be missed. He left such a wonderful testimony of his Christian life, and only a few days before his death he could assure us that he had fought a good fight of faith and was ready to lay down his armor and was prepared to meet his Maker. May God comfort his children and grandchildren, and may they never forget the teachings he has left with them.

Once again our ministering Bro. Albert Kaisner has taken ill. He was admitted to the hospital on May 23 for tests, and at this time seems to be in satisfactory condition. Those who may wish to send a note of cheer may send it to his home at 2428 Bartlett, South San Gabriel Calif. 91777. Our prayers are that God will grant unto him added strength and improved health, that he may be able to assemble with us soon.

We welcome into our community Sis. Judie Bittner, Roanoke, and La Beth Metz, Forrest. Sis. Judie has found employment as a bookkeeper with Cortland Labortories in Alhambra, and La Beth is seeking employment at UCLA Medical Center as a nurse. May God look upon them and bless them in their new establishments.

LA CROSSE, INDIANA Joanie Heiniger

A daughter, Judith Marie was born June 1 to Bro. and Sis. Don Gudeman. This is their first child. Bro. and Sis. Art Gudeman are the paternal grandparents, and Bro. and Sis. Eli Schlatter of Bay City, are the maternal grandparents.

Bro. Arthur Bucher had the misfortune of being injured on his farm, Saturday May 27. He received several breaks of his left arm and a head injury. We are grateful it was no worse. The last report is that he is getting along quite well, and hopes to be able to leave the hospital soon.

Robert Gudeman, son of Bro. and Sis. Art Gudeman, and Diana Shape, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Shape of La Crosse, were united in marriage by Bro. Wendell Gudeman, on May 21. May God bless them as they begin their life together.

MILFORD, INDIANA Marguerite Hoerr

Visiting ministers this month were Bros. Floyd Wieland from the Detroit congregation, Art. Gudeman of La Crosse, and Clarence Yackley of Phoenix. We are grateful to God for His inspired sermons delivered through these brothers, and to them for sharing their time and talents with us.

Nine young people from our congregation are high school graduates this year. We ask God's guidance and blessings for you, as you make your plans for the future. Our congratulations are extended to your parents and to you, the following graduates: Cindy Beer, Joyce Beer, Ned Speicher, Rod Beer, Stan Wuthrich, Martin (Butch) Stookey, John Lehman, Bill Steffen and Bob Hoerr.

Bro. Mike Zimmerman Sr. had surgery this past month, but is home again and making a satisfactory recovery.

INVEST IN COLLEGE STUDENTS

Our youth. It is nice to have them with us. They are a mighty good investment. Is someone in your family a student? Send the Silver Lining—Address Box 167, Grabill, Ind. 46741 Invest In CS—College Students.

WICHITA, KANSAS Mrs. Larry Farney Mrs. Harvey Smith

Our annual election was held June 4. Newly-elected officers are Bro. Godfrey Miller, treasurer; Sunday School teachers, Bro. Harvey Smith, senior high school class, Bro. Larry Farney-junior high class, and Sis. Judy Reimschisel-primary class. Bro. Max Reimschisel is our new Sunday School superintendent. Sunday evening, we all gathered at the church to view Bro. Al Langhofer's slides of his trip to the Dominican Republic and Haiti. Bro. Al made the trip with three other brothers, in connection with the Heifer Project.

Holy Communion was observed this past month, with Elder Bro. Sam Anliker officiating. Communion has such purifying and unifying results that I wish it were possible for us to have communion services more often.

Bro. George Lambert was a hospital patient this month; however, he is back in church with us. Sis. Hattie Farney has been released from the hospital and is living with her daughter, Lucille Cessnun. We look forward to the time that she may gather with us again.

RITTMAN, OHIO Ella Mae Trent — Claribel Walters

There are many friends about us who bring joy to our life and help on our way. Some never know how much we appreciate what they have done. The author of this poem suggests that we be more verbal in expressing our gratitude.

If you have a friend worth loving, Love him! Yes, and let him know That you love him, ere life's evening

Tinge his brow with sunset glow. Why should good words ne'er be said

Of a friend—till he is dead?

If you hear a prayer that moves you By its humble, pleading tone, Join it! Do not let the seeker Bow before his God alone. Why should not your brother share The strength of "two or three" in prayer?

If you see the hot tears falling From a brother's weeping eyes, Share them! And by kindly sharing, Own our kinship in the skies. Why should anyone be glad When a brother's heart is sad?

If your work is made more easy By a friendly, helping hand, Say so! Speak out brave and truly Ere the darkness veil the land. Should a brother workman dear Falter for a word of cheer?

Scatter thus your seeds of kindness All enriching as you go—

Leave them! Trust the Harvest-Giver;

He will make each seed to grow. So, until the happy end,

Your life shall never lack a friend.

May 27, Dan Saurer, son of Bro. Harry and Sis. Esther, and Brenda Sidwell were united in marriage. May God bless their union.

The engagement of Bro. Ben Blough and Sis. Janette Hartzler was announced. Their wedding is planned for July 9.

A daughter, Jackie Ann, was welcomed by Dale and Janet (Weber) Younker on May 5. Grandparents are Bro. Ralph and Sis. Ellen Weber.

Departing for the service was Jerry Gasser, son of Bro. Robert and Sis. Neva.

Welcomed into our brotherhood were Bonnie Neiman, daughter of Bro. Charles and Sis. Delphine; Margaret, daughter of Bro. Fred and Sis. Irma Marty; and Ben Saurer, father of Bro. Harry. We thank Bro. Theo. Beer for visiting us and assisting with their provings. We welcomed also Bro. Delbert Indermuhle, who ministered to us.

We were saddened to hear of the wounding of Bro. Denny Neiman, while on duty in Vietnam. He presently is recuperating from a broken bone and skin grafts in a hospital in Japan.

We are reminded of the scripture, "Honour thy father . . .", as Father's Day approaches. It is difficult for children to obey this commandment if their father's walk is one of dishonor.

BEAUTIFUL HOPE It is true

About the year 1906, there was a man, who with his family, lived near Owensville, Ohio. He lived on Jackson Pike, about two miles out from this country village of about 300 inhabitants.

He was a man of few words, but if any one needed a friend, he could go to this man with confidence that, if possible, Mr. Weaver would help him.

He had two daughters, Anna and Florence. His daughter, Anna, who lived about one-half mile from his home, was very low with the dreaded disease of tuberculosis.

Weaver and his wife dearly loved Anna, and would go and sit up with her as her death seemed very near. Anna was a devout Christian, just waiting for the summons of her Lord. Weaver caught cold during these nightly vigils, which resulted in pneumonia. He was very sick from the beginning. Anna died and was buried, but he was not told of it. They feared to let him know of the death of his beloved child, thinking it might make him worse.

He lived a few days after Anna's death. For about two hours before he died, he talked much. Those present in his room were his family, the attending physician. He constantly told them of the beautiful music he was hearing. He held continous conversations with friends he had known on earth, but who had departed to be with Christ; among them were his father and mother.

The friends at his bedside would often ask him questions concerning what he was seeing and hearing, which he answered intelligently.

Toward the last, he suddenly exclaimed: "Why, there is Anna!" "Anna, I did not know that you had gone ahead of me!"

No man is poor who is heir to all things in Christ.

MY MOTHER'S HANDS

Such beautiful, beautiful hands! They're neither white nor small,

And you, I know, would scarcely think

That they are fair at all.

I've looked on hands whose form and hue

A sculptor's dream might be,

- Yet are those aged, wrinkled hands More beautiful to me.
- Such beautiful, beautiful hands! Though heart were weary and sad,
- Those patient hands kept toiling on, That the children might be glad.
- I always weep, as looking back To childhood's distant day,
- I think how those hands rested not When mine were at their play.

Such beautiful, beautiful hands!

They're growing feeble now, For time and pain have left their mark

On hands and heart and brow. Alas! alas the nearing time,

- And the sad, sad day to me, When 'neath the daisies, out of
- sight, These hands will folded be.
- These fiands will folded be.
- But oh, beyond this shadow land, Where all is bright and fair,
- I know full well these dear old hands Will palms of victory bear.
- Where crystal stream through endless years
- Flows near wondrous strands, And where the old are young again,
- I'll clasp my mother's hands.

GOSPEL HYMNS REVISED

The printing itself is done. Final completion (done at Winona Lake) perhaps some time in July. If you would want some of these precious books, send your order early, as many of the second printing are already sold.

A number of second printing of 3000 are already sold. Please get your order in.

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GRANDMA GETZ

The gentle spring breeze would sometimes be blowing through the open window. The orchard was often beautiful with blossoms. Out there on the farm.

From Bremen Road 6 curves, and then heads east. Just a short distance, you can go north on the Dogwood Road. Leaving Marshall County, one enters St. Joseph County. Then, the intersection of Dogwood and Riley. Here on the northwest corner was the farm.

Many a storm passed overhead. The frowning clouds and the hightumbled thunderheads sailed the sky, or loomed high on the horizon. The blue beautied on jewel-lit days, fair and pleasant. This also passed. What really counted was the teaching sown in tiny infancy, through the steps of childhood, into teenage and adulthood. What really counted was the spiritual toil, mid problems, successes and disappointments. Lovely I Corinthians 13 is what makes truly great. Charity from home privileges with unforgettable memories. "Charity suffereth long, and is kind..."

The path on earth does have some thorns, and thunderheads. Taking the cross is daily an exercise. Grandma Getz carried on her work well. She met the day as it came.

Love is beautiful also for the thing from which it is free "... charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up ..." Inventiveness stems in doing with what we have. That is heavenly talent. Does not every problem and care have light to brighten the billows? Grandmother was a true resident of heaven. She learned from the Saviour and was meek and lowly. Radiance shone.

Her dress and deportment showed the high estate where she kept company. "Doth not behave itself unseemly" showed in her that she had high spiritual aptitude.

She had some sweet little souls who were not normal. In loving care. charity describes her life: "seeketh not her own". Moments would mount into hours, days into years. Precious gems are sometimes wrapped in humble wrappings. A quick flash fire! the innocents were carried to the better home. Free from earthly look, the children are perfectly lovely gems. Years later, mother joins them. What sweet company! Their sister had a beautiful view or vision; there was Mother Getz, friendly, free from care, no worry, smiling. The children were around, as beautiful little pansies. And the color was so very beautiful.

Charity "is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth;" These very traits of precious souls show how wonderful is heaven. Commonplace trials are opportunities. The moments of infancy and childhood are precious. Grandma's life was building, and the Saviour gave some strong beams.

Things do not always go to suit our particular moment's view. We sometimes do not understand. Sometimes we are right. Sometimes we are wrong. A mighty good success was grandma's. **Do it to keep peace**. Mighty good. If we are right, we have His promise; if we are wrong, then we'll still be keeping on. Blessed are the makers of peace.

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Her teaching was such that kept the glorious gate in view. Lillian, her second youngest daughter, had her fragrant upbringing. She heard the good Shepherd, and followed. Near trail's end, she had much suffering. Then, the three deep grooves that had lined her forehead left. Did she see Jesus? Yes. Beautiful, Beautiful.

Charity "Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things." Here is a road sign for every mile of the way. Weather can be changeable. It always brings success, everywhere. Grandma's brother, Sam, kept the promise with the Saviour, hoped till the end. One Sunday morning in Bremen he gave the very encouraging hopeful hymn, "I'm going Home". His deep, beautiful bass joined the hope of its pilgrim homecoming. He really foretold his steps: That very week he found a welcome home.

Grandma's baby, Louis, grew to manhood. Days dwindled near the moment. At peace with God, he was looking somewhere: Do you think I'll take that trip tonight? He had a view of a beautiful valley. He soon found entrance to where his mother lives.

"Charity never faileth". Every second, time's moment drives toward cessation. The Limited roars on toward horizon and home. It is well to take stock and see.—Your editor.

ALABAMA Ann Klopfenstein

On the morning of June 7, the home of James and Kathleen Gee was destroyed by fire. All of their personal belongings were destroyed in the flame. Many people are distributing things to the family.

On Sunday, June 4, the new Landersville church building was dedicated to the Lord. Many brothers and sisters from Illinois, Ohio, Indiana, and Michigan visited here that weekend. After the service, supper was held in the church dining room.

This summer, times for the churches here are as follows: Athens—10:30 A M; Hillsboro— 10 A. M.; Landersville— 10 A. M.

THE SILVER LINING

Evening service, Landersville — 7:00 A M.

Hospitalized: Edward Haggenmaker, Sara Knox, and infant Greg Pack.

- Forever will be a lovely place With lovelight aglow from God's
- holy face, The streets paved with gold and
- mansions so fair;
- O wonderful home, I want to go there.

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