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CALIFORNIA

Altadena-Maywood

Kinsinger, Carl, 1040 Alpine Villa Dr., Altadena Calif. Born in Pulaski, Iowa, July 23, 1914. Served as minister in Altadena and Maywood. Ordained elder February 20, 1955 by Bro. Noah Schrock, Oakville.

In 1930 the Maywood church held meetings in their homes. The first church building was dedicated in July, 1938. In February 1952, the Altadena church was organized. A remodeled building was used as their meeting-place.

Bro. Ernest Graf Sr., Akron, had first oversight of the Maywood Church, followed by Bro. Noah Schrock

CONNECTICUT

Rockville

Bro. Urs Isch, Rockville was the first elder that served the Rockville congregation. Installed elder in 1896 by Bro. Andrew Rapp, Morton. He came from Solothurn, Switzerland, died 1898, was the first to be buried on land acquired by the congregation as "God's Acre" for the believers. The meetinghouse at Fox Hill soon proved to be too small, so later a new community-house was built on the same location.

Trittenbach, John, Rockville (1843-1917). Came from Zurich-Schlieren, Switzerland in 1898. First lived in Hoboken, where he served as elder, also in Lewis County and in Rockville. Installed elder in 1898 by brothers in Switzerland. Served from 1903 to 1917.

The first members came to Rockville and vicinity in 1868 and 1872. They met at different homes—started to have services. Bro. Nicholas Ludwig was the first residing minister. The congregation outgrew the church building on Fox Hill. In the year 1900, the first church was built on Orchard Street

(which burned in 1908). The second church was built on its foundation, under the direction of Bro. Trittenbach. The latest church was built in 1954 on Middle Butcher Road.

Gerber, Christian, Rockville, (1868-1953). Installed elder in 1917 by Bros. Barthol Rapp, Morton, and Michael Mangold, Roanoke, held office until 1932.

Bro. Ernest Graf Sr. served the Rockville congregation as elder from 1932, after the retirement of Bro. Christian Gerber, until 1943.

Bahler, John, Rockville, born in Ellington, Connecticut, March 27, 1901, installed elder June 6, 1943, by Bros. Ernest Graf Sr., Akron; Elias Dotterer, Junction; and Philip Beyer, Castorland.

ILLINOIS

Cissna Park

Eisenman, John Adam, East Lynn, Ill. (1832-1888). Born in Germany, April 1, 1832. Installed elder in Germany.

Reeb, Adam, Cissna Park, (1837-1900). Born in Alsace Lorraine. He and his family immigrated in the year 1889. Served from 1890-1900.

Schladenhaufen, Eugene, Cissna Park (1855-1926). Installed elder 1906.

Laubscher, John, Cissna Park (1872-1942). Installed elder 1940 by Bros. Ernest Graf Sr., Akron; Elias Dotterer, Junction; and Geo. Yergler, La Crosse.

Aeschliman, Philemon, Cissna Park (1880). Born in Woodford County, Ill. March 16, 1880. Ordained elder Oct. 14, 1945 by Bros. Ernest Graf Sr., Akron; Elias Dotterer, Junction; Peter Bach, Forrest; and George Yergler, La Crosse.

Approximately 30 years after introduction of the Apostolic Christian Church in America in 1850, a church was established at Cissna Park. Bro. John Adam Eisenman was the first elder of the Cissna Park Congregation, and originally conducted services in the homes.

(After immigrating to America, they first settled in Tremont. In 1881, they purchased a farm near Fountain Creek, still known as the Eisenman farm.)

In 1881, a Church building located in Southeast Fountain Creek Township was purchased from another group. In 1890 a larger building was constructed, to which additions were made in 1894, doubling the capacity—which church was used until 1949. A new and larger structure was erected and dedicated on Oct. 23, 1949.

Cissna Park was served by Bros. Chris Gerber, Fairbury; Jacob Honegger, Forrest; Ernest Graf Sr., Akron; Elias Dotterer, Junction; George Yergler, La Crosse; and Joshua Broquard, Fairbury.

Editor's note: Present elders are Bros. Ezra Feller and Imanuel Gudeman.

Congerville

Bro. Michael Zimmerman, of the Mackinaw Dells Church, served as elder until 1907. After Bro. Michael Zimmerman resigned, because of advanced age, Bro. Andrew Rapp, Morton, had oversight from 1907-1911.

After Bro. Andrew Rapp's death, the Congerville congregation was served by Bros. Barthol Rapp, Morton; Michael and David Mangold, Roanoke; and Frank Woertz, Goodfield, Ill.

Elgin

Stettner, Jacob, Elgin, Ill. (1869-1955). Born in Ohringer Wuttemberg, Germany November 27, 1869. Ordained Elder 1921 by Bro. Michael Mangold, Roanoke. Served from 1921-1955. Died Oct. 27, 1955. Bro. Jacob Stettner came to America in 1884. Moved from Elgin to Morris in 1911—had oversight of the Morris, Winthrop and Lester churches until the year 1941. Moved back to Elgin again in 1928.

Stettner, William, Elgin, Ill. Born in Ohringer, Wurttemberg,

Germany, August 5, 1879. Ordained Elder June 19, 1946 by Bros. Noah Hartzler, Rittman; Elias Dotterer, Junction; and Jacob Stettner, Elgin.

First elder serving in Elgin was Bro. George Welk, Morton, who served until 1894, was followed by Bros. Chris Gerber, Fairbury, Jacob and William Stettner.

First church services were held at the home of Bro. Frantz Woertz, grandfather of Bro. Frank Woertz, Goodfield, at the corner of Chicago and No. Liberty Sts. Approximately 1885, a small frame building was erected at Preston and Lillie Sts.—Approximately 25 members. After morning services, all went home for lunch, and returned again for afternoon services.

Families moved to Elgin, so it became necessary to expand; in 1895, a wing was added to the east side of the building for an auditorium—the old part was used for a dining room and Sunday School. In 1912, a basement was put underneath the building for the dining room and Sunday School. In 1930

the entire building was torn down, and the present brick building was erected.

Eureka

As early as 1896, a small meeting-place was built on the property of the late Bro. Henry B. Schumacher, for the benefit of members living in the vicinity of Eureka for midweek services, and on rare occasions was used on Sunday, when roads were impassable. More and more members were living in the area, and it was found advisable to build a church in Eureka. On March 21 1956, ground was broken, and a modern structure was built, with seating capacity (including balcony) of 700—at a cost of \$361,000. Dedication services were held July 28, 1957.

Huber, Le Roy, Eureka, Ill. Born in Fairbury, Dec. 26, 1918. Ordained elder Dec. 6, 1959 by Bros. David Mangold, Frank Woertz and Joe A. Getz.

First elder serving Eureka was Bro. David Mangold, Roanoke, suc-

ceeded by Bro. Le Roy Huber, Eureka.

Fairbury

Steidinger, John, Fairbury. Born in Germany in 1825. Died April, 1906.

Gerber, Christian, Fairbury. Born in Ohio, December 12, 1877. Died July 14, 1910.

Broquard, Joshua, Fairbury. Born in Fairbury, July 14, 1899. Ordained elder Dec. 23, 1946 by Bros. David Mangold, Roanoke, and Noah Schrock, Oakville.

Fairbury was served by Bros. Emil Schubert, Peoria, and Peter Bach, Forrest.

The pioneer Fairbury members in the beginning worshipped in the country church. What became the first Fairbury Apostolic Christian Church was a building originally owned by another group, purchased in 1874 at a cost of \$1,100. The original structure was deeded to Gilgiam Stoller, Nicholas Keller, Gottfried Eggle, Jacob Von Tobel and Anna and Jacob Keller.

UNION CITY, NEW JERSEY

Several of our congregation were gone on vacation during parts of June, and were missed from our small group. We are thankful to God that He gives us time for such and protects us in strange places.

Sunday, June 18, brought Bro. Arthur Herzig and his wife, Sis. Betty of the Croghan congregation. It was a joy to worship and fellowship with them.

SHIODA, JAPAN Marie Neihouser

“... but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven”, St. Luke 10:20, were the words included in the reading and meditation by Bro. John Klaus, here at our country church in Shioda on May 28. What an inspiration this is in times of discouragement! But it is also a high and heavenly calling, and how many times do we feel our unworthiness of this precious promise. Do we strive to do our best for the Son of God? Bro. Willis Ehnlé visited our Tokyo church that same day, as a rotation of ministers once a month in our three churches makes it possible for us to hear God's word inspired through several brethren, which we consider a great blessing. The messages are spoken in Japanese, with a sum-

mary in English for those of us who do not know the native language.

A guest is always appreciated, and how it added to our congregation on June 18 when Bro. Al Hunziker and L/Cpl. Sam Roth spent some time with us. Bro. Al, from our Morton congregation, is spending six months in Japan on a business assignment with Caterpillar Mitsubishi, in the Tokyo area. Though we are many miles away, the greetings he conveyed from our churches in the states allowed us to feel the warmth of our fellowship. We were especially pleased to have Sam Roth formerly of Fairbury, visit us, as he is a brother to Sis. Nancy Roth of our congregation. He is on “R&R” from Viet Nam, and we were happy he could spend the week end with us, and wish him God's protection for the remainder of his time in the service.

We have begun a midweek church service on Tuesday evenings, which is a series of sermons on the book of Ephesians. Some key points of chapters 1-4 are the following: Chapter 1, Forgiveness; Chapter 2, Salvation by grace unto good works; Chapter 3, Less than the least; and Chapter 4, The unity of the Faith. Bro. Willis is our minister, and we are happy to have some of the sisters attend whose family or working conditions hinder at-

tendance at other meetings.

Our church here at Shioda is located in the grape and peach growing area of Japan. The farmers are extremely busy clipping and trimming the small fruit from the vines and branches, in order that the large fruit that remains matures well and produces a bountiful crop. We can apply this to our lives, in that we are similar to a tree or vine that should be trimmed of unnecessary thoughts and actions that we may produce a better fruit, one more lovely for the kingdom of God. May we strive to do God's will, so we may bear fruit that is an honor and glory to Him.

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TOKYO, JAPAN
Yoshio Yamazaki

It's become rainy season here in Japan from 10th of June until 9th of July, so the weather is sometime cold and sometime too hot. According the weather broadcast, we can't expect much rain this year. Most of our water supply dams are mostly empty. **Everyone that drinketh of this water shall thirst again: but whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall become in him a well of water springing up unto eternal life.**

Bro. Willis is our guest minister in our church every fourth Sunday and gives us real good messages. In last time (June 25) he spoke about Jesus came unto the world for all sinners, as like He came unto the Samaritan woman on that day. It is very good and really encouraged to us.

On June 11 Sunday, Bro. Albert Hunziker from Morton came at our morning service. He is staying at Hotel Okura and working with Caterpillar Mitsubishi until December. In the evening, we had picnic supper with our church members and friends together and also sisters Marie Neihouser and Nancy Roth visiting from the country church.

Bro. Roger Moser visited from Viet Nam again on June 24, and went to the country churches with the Klaus family on same day. I believe he really enjoyed his last trip in Japan.

Pray ye that your flight be not in winter, neither on sabbath; for then shall be great tribulation, such as hath not been from the beginning of the world until now, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days had been shortened, no flesh would have been saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened. . .

World is become worse and worse every day, and war started everywhere inside and outside of the several countries. Also in this month again in Communist China tested H-Bomb and preparing for the war. It is really terrible, but God's words shall become fulfilled. **But immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken: and then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven; and then shall all the tribes**

of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN HOME
EUREKA, ILLINOIS
August Mueller

Greetings for members and friends from August Mueller, formerly of Union City.

When King David was in trouble, he said, I rather fall in the hands of the Lord, for He is merciful and better to deal with than men.

One case we all remember, how David treated that poor man. He gave Joab orders to put him in the front line to make sure that he had what he was looking for, one more beautiful wife. He probably was in good mood when he saw the Prophet Nathan come to see him; he expected only good news, but the prophet told him what happened. David was very angry, and he said surely the man that did this thing has to die. Nathan told him, You are the man; you deserve to die, but you will not die at this time. The child died, but another one was born. That was Solomon; he built that beautiful temple in Jerusalem. They say it took seven years to build.

Another time, David demanded Joab to go from one end to the other to count the men. Joab was against it, but he had to carry out his orders. This time it was a seer; his name was Gad. In this case he lost 70,000.

When we read in the Old Testament, we find that in those days they had a lot of prophets. They had to call the people together, wherever the Lord told them; it was a place that had room enough for thousands of people. Today the responsibility has fallen upon the shoulders of the elders and ministers. They have to tell the people to repent; if they neglect, hymn No. 112 in *Zion's Harp* will tell them what they have to expect, but if they do what the Lord wants them to do, their reward will be great. . . . But they need help too, and where should the help come from? It is the duty of every member and friend to pray for the ministers, so they can proclaim the word in the spirit and in truth; it is no child's play.

When we turn around to see what is going on in back of us, it could well be like it was at the time of Sodom and Gomorrah. Remember

Lot's wife. Now is the time to be saved, while we have time; when the tree is cut down, it will be too late. Let us hear now, ere the door will shut, never to be opened, not again.

We read about Jeremiah and how they treated him. They put him down in the hole that had mire. If it was not for the Ethiopian, he would have died there. From Daniel we read how he was put in the lion's den. There were hungry lions in there. When the king went to see Daniel, he cried with a loud voice, **Daniel, Daniel.** Daniel still was able to talk so we see that it pays to trust in the Lord.

Joseph had to wait many years until Pharaoh made him lord over the whole land of Egypt. Job had to wait many years until the Lord gave him double the amount what he had before. The other night I read in the prophet that the time will come when they will take their gold and their silver and toss out on the street. They will no longer have any use for it. There will be young men and women walking up and down the street, looking for the word, and will not be able to find it. The Lord bless you and keep you. Amen.

REMINGTON, INDIANA
Anna M. Waibel and Sisters

We enjoyed having Bro. Albert Schmidt with us on Sun., June 18. He and his family spent some time with his daughter and family, the Terry Millers.

June the 25, the annual Sunday School picnic was held at a nearby park. The same Sunday the young folks went to spend the week end with the Morton congregation. They traveled by bus, accompanied by a group from other surrounding churches, also some of the teachers and parents. We trust all are richly blessed by these gatherings.

The Lehmann reunion (our mother's side) was held at the Fellowship Hall, the 25th. It was a very cool day.

The Knochel reunion was held at Fountain Park, July 4 . . . so much nicer it is to get together and enjoy one another than to wait until some tragedy calls us together.

Bro. Ervin Bahler's family were called to Oakville, to attend the funeral of his brother-in-law, Will Rauhaus.

Sis. Anna is in the hospital at Brook, Ind., the past few weeks.

May God in His mercy make her lot bearable.

A large group of relatives and friends attended a shower at Sis. Amelia Schini's home, in honor of Kathy Schneider, Sis. Anna's daughter, who was married to Don Gray, out in California recently. He may be sent out of the country soon. May they strive to make their home a Christian one to the honor of our Lord and Saviour, who loves us all.

We had a number of 8th grade graduates, as well as high school.

This is some advice a noted mother wrote to her son to guide him during his college life (which can be beneficial to all):

"Would you judge in the lawfulness or unlawfulness of pleasure, take this rule. Whatever weakens your reason, impairs the tenderness of your conscience, obscures your sense of God, or takes off the relish of spiritual things . . . that, to you, is sin."

If God allows anything hard or distressing to come into our lives, our real loss will be what we'll miss if we rebel!

BLUFFTON, INDIANA

Delutha Moser — Carolyn Gerber

What peace Christ gives to those who find Him as Saviour, and talk freely with Him!

Births: June 8, a daughter, Kim Renee to Bro. Dwight and Sis. Pat Moser. June 14, a son, Jason William to Bro. Bob and Sis. Mary Jo Troxel. June 23, a daughter, Camella Sue to Bro. Ramon and Sis. Lorena Steffen. July 1, a son, Rick Allen to Bro. Melvin and Sis. Doris Fiechter.

Shut-ins: Brothers Charles Sphenger and Harold Schladenhauffen.

Wedding: On June 18, Sis. Jeanne Gerber and Bro. James Rinkenberger were united in holy matrimony by Elder Sam Aeschliman.

May the blessed Lord in heaven
Look down and guide you two,
And always be a partner
In all the things you do.

WEST BEND, IOWA

Anna Schmidt — Mrs. A Banwart

Our Bible Classes were host to the annual Youth Fellowship gathering of the Winthrop, Morris, Minneapolis, Lester, and West Bend churches, the week-end of June 10 and 11. On Sat. evening, a chicken

barbeque supper was enjoyed by all, followed by a program, including slides shown by Bro. Ben Maibach of Detroit on his trips to Japan. It was a privilege to learn more of the progress of our faith in Japan. It certainly encourages us when we can see that the true gospel is being extended to all nations.

On Sunday, messages by Bro. Ben and Bro. Floyd Schmidgal of Morris were well received by all. Sunday afternoon, supper was served at the church for all. We want to thank the children for their fine cooperation, and truly felt the Lord's blessing for a most enjoyable week-end. Deepest gratitude goes also to Bro. Ben and his wife, Sis. Lorene, for lending themselves to us. May the Lord bless them for their efforts.

On Sunday, June 18, the plea of Bro. Paul Banwart to find some release from full elder duties was brought before the church. His wish was granted, and he now retains the office of ordained deacon. Bro. Paul has served the church faithfully for 18 years as elder, and it is our hope and prayer that God will continue to abide with him in his semi-retired status. Through the voice of the church, Bro. Leo Moser of Lester is now our elder.

Preceding this undertaking, we were privileged to partake of Holy Communion, served to us by Elder Bros. Noah Schrock and Leo Moser. Such moments are so uplifting, we can not be thankful enough for them.

Bro. Geo. Bruellman was overnight in the hospital, because of the loss of the tip of a finger in a machinery accident. Sis. Katie Dogotch remains in the Palo Alto Co. Memorial Hospital at Emmetsburgh, Ia., not much improved. Sis. Eliz. Zaugg recently returned to the rest home, after spending a few days in the hospital. We are happy Sam Mogler is among us again.

Robert and Kay Banwart welcomed a new little baby girl, Elizabeth Kay, into their family on June 13. They have two sons, Tim and Larry.

BURLINGTON, IOWA

Verna Woodward

Elaine Eisenmann

We welcome Bro. Mike Schumacher, his wife, Sis. Elizabeth and their two children to our congregation. They moved here recently from Elgin, Illinois.

Sis. Ann Massner underwent eye

surgery at Iowa City. We are happy to report that she is doing well and is able to assemble with us again.

Bro. Dale and Sis. Evelyn Massner are the parents of a little son, Keith Edwin, born June 26.

We received a great blessing from the visit of Bro. Sam Huber of Gridley, Kansas, who was with us for an evening service on Wednesday, July 6.

BAY CITY, MICHIGAN

Marlene Mosher

Bro. George Lambert has suffered a heart attack and has been in the hospital. He is now at home. We wish that he will be with us again very soon.

FRANCESVILLE, INDIANA

Mrs. Herman (Chris) Wuethrich

Mrs. Edison Gutwein

Another dear 87-year-old grandmother, Sis. Margaret Albrecht, carried her cross so patiently, until she could exchange it, waiting for a crown. Our ministers said that when they had asked her how she was, in a few moments she would say, "I am all right." The comfort that was given her children was that they will always have a loving example to follow — their mother. She was so dearly loved by everyone, and we all wish to walk on the narrow and happy road that she trod for many years. May the Lord now watch tenderly over her children and grandchildren.

A group of our church teenagers had two wonderful trips the past month—to Toledo and Morton . . . Must say that we older ones that had the privilege of accompanying them had almost double happiness also. There were "Welcome Blessings", "Eating Blessings", "Overnight Blessings", "Church Blessings" and "Friendship Blessings" on both trips, that only God can reward both the Toledo and Morton folks for.

The last week in June will be most important days for many of our dear ones. We had a week of Bible School for the youngest to the oldest. The little 3-year-old children sang how little children like them sat upon Jesus' knee. That picture we have seen hanging on walls, and how loving it always looks.

This love was brought out by these brothers, Earl Zeltwanger, Orville Ringger, Harry Bucher, George Yergler and Joe Schrock. They all said we should show the

real godly love that is placed in our hearts. One brother said how a little nine-year-old boy, with a couple teeth out and only one suspender, pulled him close and hugged him—he was craving love. So let us all try to see how much good we can do with "Love".

Bro. Joe Schrock spoke on the Return of the Lord, so we earnestly pray that every soul that had the joy of hearing him can prepare themselves for the eternity of happiness.

Sis. Evelyn Pelsy and her family are so happy that she could return home again. The doctors told her it was unbelievable how she is improving from her accident, and she said it was because of the prayers of her church.

A good thought—Today in church a friend was told what a good help she was with the lunch, and she said, "I'm willing, but don't know how good."

EUREKA, ILLINOIS

Cathryn Wettstein—Salome Walter
Wedding—Sis. Diana Belsley and Bro. Robert Kaiser were married June 11 by Bro. Leroy Huber. She is the daughter of Bro and Sis. William and Helen Belsley. He is from Morton. They will live in Detroit for the summer.

Daily Vacation Bible School, which was held for two weeks the first part of June, ended with an average daily attendance of 125. There were 22 teachers who took part and helped with the teaching of the lessons. It is hoped that all the children learned many good teachings during this time. May God bless all who helped.

Birth—A daughter to Harold and Loretta Wettstein, Joy Ellen, born June 21. They now have four daughters and two sons.

The annual Sunday School picnic was held at the Woodford County Park the last Sunday of June. We will not have classes again until August 6. At that time, each class goes to the next room, and we will all have new, eager children, ready to learn more of Jesus and His love.

Our visitors have been Bros. Eugene Bertschi—Roanoke, Sam Huber, Gridley, Kansas.

Sis. Leona Weyeneth has returned home from the hospital, after having surgery. Sis. Lizzie Bradle is a patient in Eureka Hospital, after having a stroke. She has been a resident at the "Home".

There are three souls seeking the

Lord. They are Karen Hartter, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Leonard and Ann Hartter; Lillian Fehr, wife of Arthur Fehr; and Kenneth Fehr, son of Bro. and Sis. Ernest and Mary Fehr. May God grant grace, so that these dear friends may earnestly pray for forgiveness and then receive peace in their hearts. May many more come unto the Saviour while He is still calling, **Come unto me all ye that labor and I will give you rest for your soul.**

PRINCEVILLE, ILLINOIS

Ruth Ricketts—Anna Marie Baer

We received many profitable teachings from visiting brothers this past month. Bro. Eugene Marti of Sabetha and his family were in our midst June 18, and on June 25 Bros. Joshua Broquard and Merle Kaisner were our guest ministers. The inspiring messages lingered in our minds, following their visits. We heard much of the power of faith, how it can remove mountains, of which there are many. These can all be surmounted, but one must take them slowly. From a distance they may look impossible; with faith, go to it, find a road winding around, and it is not so difficult at all. So it is in our spiritual life. If we proceed slowly and surely, we will come to a safe end. We can also take a lesson from a tree, how it grows from a tiny seed, and by sending down its roots deeply into the soil where it gathers food and moisture, can stand much twisting about. The branches may give this way and that, but the trunk stands firm. Birds find shelter in the branches, and even little animals can call it their home. We too should keep firmly grounded, yet be willing to give and take, and also be ready at all times to help others, to shelter, protect and guide them.

A son, David Lee, was welcomed into the home of Bro. Lavern and Sis. Joann (Baer) Berchtold and Mary Beth, June 12.

Bro. Sam Grimm is recovering in his home, following surgery. He spent three weeks in the hospital, and is able to be at home again. Our friend, Rudie Scheurer is a hospital patient at the time of this writing. We pray that the Lord will be with the afflicted, sustain them, and restore health to them. "... the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up..." James 5:15

Funeral services for Bro. John Herrmann, who passed away June

22 in Deland, Florida, were conducted June 24, with Bro. Silas Leuthold & other local ministers officiating. Bro. John was born October 21, 1898 near Edelstein, Illinois, the son of Bro. Gottlieb and Sis. Sophia Streitmatter Herrmann. He married Martha Genzel, and together they resided on the farm of his birth until his retirement in 1952. Ill health forced them to spend the winters in Florida, and in later years he spent most of the time there. He is survived by his widow, Sis. Martha; three daughters, Aleda Wright, Gladys Reed, and Carol Stoecker; two sons, Harvey and Bro. Harold; five grandchildren, several nieces and nephews and a host of friends. He was laid to rest in the church cemetery beside his daughter June, who preceded him in death. A brother, Albert also preceded him in death. "... God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away." (Rev. 21:4). May the family find comfort in these words.

In the midst of the beauty of God's creation, under spreading trees, 220 young and old gathered for our annual Sunday School picnic, June 25. There was hardly a leaf stirring, and the air was cool enough to be pleasant. All present enjoyed a most pleasant evening together, and had many reasons to give God the thanks due Him.

In a quiet ceremony in Colorado Springs, Colorado, Miss Barbara Mathies became the bride of Larry Eberle. The couple became acquainted while Larry was with the armed forces in Colorado Springs. After a wedding trip to California, the new couple will take up residence in the old Asal homestead near Princeville. We ask the Lord to bless this new couple, and pray they can invite God to be the third party in their home.

ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY Sue Kupferschmid

A parable

There once was a tiny seed, left by itself in a cold, dark, lonely corner. No one ever bothered to pick up this little seed, because it looked so ugly and colorless. It sat there day after day, waiting.

A rich man went past, but he completely ignored the seed. After all, he had enough money to buy

hundreds of seeds, which were to him "far more beautiful" than this one. He did not want to be seen with such a looking seed.

A young woman went by, but she was in such a hurry that she did not even see the little seed. Another man went by, but his mind was so filled with his own problems that he did not have time to worry about anyone else's.

Finally, two little children found the seed. They were not rich; they were not in a hurry; and they were not wound up in their own problems. They picked up the seed and carried it to their warm, sunny yard, where they carefully planted it. Each day they cared for it, and it was not long before a beautiful flower grew from the little seed.

Perhaps this seed can be likened unto a human—any human, who sits by himself in a dark, lonely corner. Look around you. Is there someone who might need a friend who will overlook his rough, outer covering? Why don't **you** plant a seed today and discover that beautiful flower which dwells within even the ugliest seed—the Flower of Friendship.

On June 22, Bro. Russell Rapp reminded us that "We're here to please God, not to camouflage our activities from Him." He read Ezekiel 36:16-38 and spoke of the return of the Jews to a land once considered nearly uninhabited. He told us how the Jews were offered land in many countries, but chose to go to desolate Israel. Why? Bro. Rapp told us, "The Lord brought these things to pass that you will know that the Lord has spoken."

Bro. Ed. Alt spoke on Galatians 5, June 29. "Satan will trip an unlearned person in one way and an intelligent person in another way," he told us.

The life of a believer is emptied of "self" and filled with something else—the Holy Spirit.

Bro. Ed. then presented to us definitions of each of the fruits of the Spirit, love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness and temperance.

We enjoy having visitors, and welcome all who are interested to come.

GRIDLEY, ILLINOIS

Eunice and Lydia Kammerer
Submitted by Mrs. Wilbert Funk

We had an average attendance of 102 children in our Vacation Bible

School every day. It was a blessed two weeks, with the children showing so much enthusiasm in coming to learn about God and His Son Jesus and to hear of the blessed plan of salvation. The theme of our Bible School was, "The Lord Is My Shepherd". Many beautiful songs were learned, and on Friday evening June 16, a program was given by the children, which was made up mostly of the songs that were sung during the two weeks. The children told the story in song of what we had learned. This marked the tenth year that we had Bible School in our congregation. Out of the eleven young people in the 8th grade who attended all ten years, seven had perfect attendance, two only missed one day, and two missed two days, which we thought was a wonderful record. May the precious seed that was sown in these young hearts bear fruit in the days to come.

Sis. Emily Finick, wife of George Finck, passed away suddenly on the morning of June 13, at her home, due to a heart attack. Her funeral was held Friday morning at our church, with burial in the Roanoke Cemetery. We will miss Sis. Emily very much, as she always had a kind word for everyone.

Bro. Frances Rother of Morton was our visiting minister Sunday, June 25. We had a very blessed day.

Our annual Sunday School Picnic was held at the Gridley Park Sunday afternoon, June 25. This marked the close of regular Sunday School classes, but starting July 2 we will continue morning classes for children in grades one through eighth for the summer months.

Sis. Clara Funk entered Brokaw Hospital June 27, for further treatment.

A very tragic two-car accident claimed the lives of our dear brother and sister-in-faith, Alph and Carolyn Stoller, on Wednesday evening June 28. Bro. Alph was dead upon arrival at the hospital, and Sis. Carolyn died several hours later at the hospital. Their only son, Dennis had just been home for a week's leave about a month ago, with his wife Barbara and son, Todd Alan. Sisters Eunice and Lydia Kammerer, who have so faithfully been reporting for us here at Gridley, are sisters of Carolyn.

Our hearts are filled with grief and shock at this sudden loss of two dear ones who seemed to have a special place in the hearts of all who knew them. They were always wil-

ling to lend a helping hand, and were ever ready to take part in all worthwhile projects. (They had no children attending Vacation Bible School, but they came to our program because they were always interested in others, and in the Lord's work.) No words can ever express how much they will be missed in our community. Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon, July 2.

Praise and thanks be to God that we have this assurance that ". . . they shall see his face . . ." Rev. 22:4, and that ". . . God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away", Rev. 21:4, for them. May we take an example and have our spiritual house in order, for we do not know what hour the Lord will summon us home.

These poems were given to the family as a tribute to Bro. Alph and Sis. Carolyn:

Prayer Opens Doors

Prayer opens doors. Ask me not how;
I was distraught and in despair,
Until Thy healing presence came,
and now
The doors swing open after prayer.

Prayer opens doors, in God's own way;
My fetters fall, my jailors flee,
And hope gleams with a brighter ray,
When my life joins in harmony with Thee.

Prayer opens doors, and then I find
Life's lovely vistas are free and wide,
For prayer will change my state of mind,
When I pray, **Father, be my guide.**

The Happiest Business

The happiest business in the world
Is that of making friends,
And no "investment" on "the street"
Pays larger dividends.

For life is more than stocks and bonds,
And love, than rate per cent;
And he who gives in Friendship's name
Shall reap as he has spent.

Life is the great investment,
And no man lives in vain

Who guards a hundred friendships
As a miser guards his gain.

The family wishes to express their heartfelt thanks for deeds of kindness and acts of love during this time of deep bereavement.

MANSFIELD, OHIO

Aaron A. Sauder

'Tis not doing; 'tis not praying;
'Tis not weeping saves the soul.
God is now His grace displaying;
Jesus died to make thee whole.

"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God." Ephesians 2:8

Three souls recently testified of the saving grace of our Saviour, and were immersed in the waters of baptism. We rejoice with our new sister, Barbara Gross Bricker; her son, Bro. Richard Bricker, and his wife, Sis. Helen Bricker. Elder Bros. Rudolph Graf and Noah Bauman were with us to hear the testimonies of these converts on Saturday evening, and to conduct baptismal services on Sunday, June 11.

We would direct the following verse to those who have not yet been saved:

To die without hope — have you counted the cost?
To die out of Christ means your soul will be lost!
Renounce human effort; let Him set you free.
Oh come to the Saviour, who pleadeth with thee.

We are again thankful for the healing power of our Lord, as He has been with those from our congregation who have been hospital patients this past month: Bill Biding, Ronnie and Marvin Beer (young sons of Bro. Rex and Sis. Marilyn), Bro. John Fuhrer, Sis. Miriam Sauder Bird (Bob), and Sis. Marymae Fuhrer Bocka (Harry).

Elder Bro. Theo. Beer was with us to conduct the funeral services for Adam Gage, who passed away in Texas. Mr. Gage moved to Texas a number of years ago, but was brought to Mansfield for burial, on June 20.

Congratulations to Fred and Penny Bocka, who are the parents of a son, Terry Martin, born June 17; two sisters also welcomed the new baby.

The Vesper Choir would like to take this opportunity to thank the

Prairie Choristers and the entire Roanoke congregation for the love and hospitality they so abundantly bestowed upon each and every one of us during the week end of June 17 and 18, when we were privileged to be their guests. May the Lord bless you.

BERN, KANSAS

Esther and Stella Moser

On June 4, Bro. Leland Plattner and Sis. Mary Ann Metzger, Elgin, Iowa, joined hand and heart. We welcome Sis. Mary Ann into our Christian fellowship. May the Lord add His blessing, as we extend our best wishes for much happiness along life's pathway.

Bro. Wilhelm and Sis. Julia Metzger are rejoicing over their first granddaughter, Susann Elizabeth, born June 8 to Willa Jean and James Steiner, St. Louis, Missouri. Bro. Joe Steiner's, Sabetha, are the paternal grandparents.

The household of Bro. Joe Rokey had a happy surprise when Joe David arrived home completely unannounced. Joe is stationed at Erlangen, Germany, and will return there after a 30-day leave. An added pleasure in homecoming is getting acquainted with five-months-old Michael, born since Joe left the States.

We were happy to have Bro. Clarence Yackley, from Phoenix, as our guest minister last month. On a Wednesday evening, we attended special services in Sabetha, when Bro. Ben Stavenik (Mansfield) spoke to us. We thank both ministers and invite them to come again.

Sis. Marie Leuthold is again hospitalized at this time and is in a serious condition due to a stroke. Also hospital patients at this time are Arden Stoller, (surgical), son of Bro. Harlan and Sis. Pearl, Neil Hartter, for his back brace and also therapy.

YOUR FRIEND

Do you ever get so burdened,
Feel life has passed you by,
And you are so discouraged
You nearly have to cry?
When your heart is heavy-laden
And loaded down with care,
Just talk it over with Jesus;
You'll surely find Him there.
Tell Him all about your troubles,
Your heartaches and pain.
I am sure He'll always listen,
And your prayer won't be in vain.

BRADFORD, ILLINOIS

Mrs. Loris Kieser

Mrs. Don Duckworth

Elder Bros. Josh Broquard, Fairbury; Roy Sauder, Peoria; and Silas Leuthold of Princeville were with us one Sunday and served us Holy Communion. Later our congregation voted, then cast lots; it is the lot of Bro. Nathan Stoller to serve us in the ministry. May our Heavenly Father bless and guide him in this important work.

Sis. Nancy Kieser, daughter of Bro. George and Sis. Esther Kieser, and Bro. Robert Wieland, son of Walter and Margaret Wieland of Princeville, have announced their engagement. They plan an August wedding.

Our congregation was happy to welcome home from Viet Nam Dale Endress, son of Bro. John and Sis. Lucille Endress; Rollie Rumbold, son of Bro. Louie and Sis. Ann Rumbold; and Bro. John Guingrich, son of Bro. Ed and Sis. Doris Guingrich. We are thankful to God for their safe return. During his leave at home, Dale Endress was united in marriage to Cynthia Jackson, daughter of the Don Jacksons of Princeville. They will reside near Ft. Sill, Oklahoma, until Dale finishes his army duty. We wish them a blessed, happy life together.

A large number attended our annual Sunday School picnic, on a beautiful Sunday evening. The Sunday School terms of Bro. David Kieser and Sis. Audrey Ehnle have expired and Bro. Jerry Kieser and Sis. Eunice Klumpp have been elected to replace them. Bro. Robert Knobloch will finish the term of Bro. Nathan Stoller. Bro. Elwin Rumbold replaces Bro. Robert Knobloch as trustee.

Sis. Lyola (Jim) Ringger has had surgery, and is home again and recovering nicely. Sis. Velma (Carl) Hancher attended church for the first time since January, after having back surgery. We are happy to have them both assemble with us.

Vickie Stoller, daughter of Bro. Nate and Sis. Martha, has had an appendectomy. She is getting along fine.

REMEMBER OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS

How important it is to let every ray of kindness shine while it is what we call "today". How important it is to use the opportunity to sow, so golden grain may be gathered. How important it is to care for the youthful sojourner who has

started the journey to Zion. The plan is for the large list of students to be published in the October **Silver Lining**. Why not send the Silver Lining to where those you love may look at its pages?

BURLINGTON, OKLAHOMA

La Verne Roth — Millicent Frieden

Our illness list is much shorter this month, for which we are thankful. To date, Sis. Rose Schupbach seems to be the only patient. May God soon have her in our midst again.

We would like to extend a warm welcome to Bro. Reuben and Sis. Marie Farney, who have recently moved back into our community. They spent the winter and spring at their home in California.

Father's Day, June 18, members of our congregation gathered at the Kiowa Manor Rest Home to have short services. Although only two residents are members of our church, everyone there seemed to enjoy hearing the word of God preached, and the hymns sung in praise to Him.

We have been blessed with several visiting ministers this month. June 21, a Wednesday evening, we gathered for services to hear Bros. Clarence Yackley of Phoenix and Al Langhofer of Wichita bring words of truth and life to us. Then on July 2, Bro. Raymond Banwart of Ft Scott ministered from God's word. How wonderful it is to have ministers from afar come into our midst and bring us inspirational messages concerning our one God and Lord Jesus. May we welcome anyone, ministers or not, members or not—to pay us a visit if you happen to be passing through. We are the last "Jump" before reaching Phoenix and our western churches. Our church is just 100 miles southwest of Wichita, and 12 miles from the Kansas border. So our congregation is a happy mixture of Oklahomans and Kansans who would enjoy having visitors.

A church picnic was held the evening of June 25, in honor of Bro. Ervin and Sis. Dorothy (Miller) Mauer of Phoenix. We were glad to visit with Bro. and Sis. Mauer and their four boys once again. Following the picnic, Bro. Bill Schrock showed slides of the trip he made this spring to the Dominican Republic and Haiti. Three other brothers of our area churches also made the trip in connection with the Heifer Project. The slides were an eye-

opener to many, and revealed the suffering and confusion occurring in godless places. May we thank the Lord each day for the wonderful opportunity of living in a free and God-fearing nation—one who just this month celebrated her 191st birthday.

Now that this year's Mother's and Father's Days are both history, I believe this is a fitting thought for all parents: It is not what you leave TO your children that counts, but what you leave IN them.

CISSNA PARK, ILLINOIS

Mary Young — Margaret Rudin

Bros. Ed Hohulin, Bob Grimm, Uriel Gehring, Albert Aberle, Ed Gudeman, Al Scheitlin so willingly lent themselves on our behalf. We thank them, and hope they can come back soon.

On June 11, the marriage of Bro. Tom Hohulin and Sis. Carol Roth of Champaign was solemnized by Bro. Ed Hohulin.

Our Sis. Elizabeth Martin must still remain in the hospital; she is improving very slowly. Sis. Sophia Funk was hospitalized a short time for treatments and observations. Randy Burgett, 8-yr.-old son of Elmer and Helen Burgett, is hospitalized at this time. We were informed he is on the way to recovery. Helen is the daughter of Bro. and Sis. Sam Drayer.

On June 25, the wedding of Sis. Ann Rinkenberger and Bro. Richard Steiner was performed by Bro. Ezra Feller. We wish these couples well on their new walk of life. We realize our loss is a gain to the Tremont congregation.

CONGERVILLE, ILLINOIS

Lorna Schrock — Jeanette Knapp

We have more wonderful news to report. Since the last article was written, 9 more souls have turned from their sins to a merciful Saviour, bringing our total number of converts to 15. The latest converts are: **Jack Miller, Sharon and Bob McClure**, son, daughter, and son-in-law of Bro. Walt and Sis. Irma; **Bill and Sherry Dietrich**, son and daughter-in-law of Bro. Bill and Sis. Sarah; **Rhonda Sides**, daughter of Bro. Edgar and Sis. Mary; **Sandy Miller**, daughter of Bro. Jake and Sis. Marion; **Norma Miller Stahl**, daughter of Bro. Merion and Sis. Esther; and **Rae Ann Harsh**, daughter of Sis. Dorothy. Norma's husband, Ernie Stahl is presently serving in Viet Nam. Our special pray-

ers are with them both.

Chris Miller Jr. has left for the Army.

During the past month, we were thankful to have as visiting ministers Bros. Perry Zimmerman, Forrest; Elmer Witzig, Gridley; and Leroy Huber, Eureka. We appreciate their labors of love in our midst.

The engagement of Barbara Wettstein, daughter of Bro. John and the late Sis. Carrie, to Norman Ricketts of Morton has been announced. The wedding is planned for Oct. 22.

Several persons in our congregation have been hospitalized recently. Bro. Harvey Schieber, Sis. Margaret Ott, and Sis. Lulu Miller all underwent surgery. Lorraine Schlipf was hospitalized for tests, and Dick and Millie (Dietrich) Honegs' three-year-old daughter, Cynda had a kidney infection.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Sis. Elsie Knapp and her family, due to the death of her mother, Sis. Pauline Wiedman of Morton. Also, Sis. Carol Schrock's stepmother, Sis. Irene Hodel Legel passed away. We certainly sympathize with her, her family and her father, Bro. Art Legel of Roanoke.

The annual Sunday School picnic was held at the Congerville Grade School on Sun., June 25. Attendance awards were given to qualifying pupils. How grateful we can all be for the efforts and love of each teacher.

CROGHAN-NAUMBURG, N. Y.

Mrs. Lawrence Farney

Mrs. David Schamback

Sis. Dorothy Herzig has been hospitalized for some weeks in the House of the Good Samaritan at Watertown. Sis. Rose Hirschey has also been a patient there, but is now home and has been able to assemble with us.

Friends Virgil Sturtz and Nancy Zehr were united in marriage June 10 by Bro. John Widrick. Virgil is the son of Roy and Sis. Edna Sturtz, and Nancy is the daughter of Mrs. Mary and the late Elias Zehr.

Our community was recently saddened by the accidental death of five-year-old Kurt Virkler, son of Alton and Geneva Virkler. He received head injuries in a fall from a farm wagon, and died in the hospital a few hours later. Besides his parents, a sister and brother, he is survived by grandparents, Bro. Arthur and Sis. Pernal Virkler, and Norman and Alice Lehman; and his

maternal great-grandmother, Sis. Barbara Bachman.

ELGIN, ILLINOIS

Louise Steffen — Katie Kachelmuss

Our Sunday School picnic was at Trout Park this year, with 235 in attendance. All seemed to enjoy the evening spent together.

Sis. Mary Kercher has left to make her home at the Peoria Apostolic Christian Home at 7023 NE Skyline Dr., Peoria, Ill. 61614. We will miss her in our Christian fellowship, but wish her God's blessings. May He watch between us when we are absent one from another.

The engagement of Bro. Keith Kellenberger, son of Bro. and Sis. Nathan Kellenberger, and Sis. Sharon Blunier, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Harold Blunier was announced. We wish them God's blessing in their undertaking.

One of our Sunday School Bible Class students, Daniel Bohlin, son of Wallace and Lillian Schrock Bohlin, has left for four year's service in the air force. We will miss him, and wish Him God's protection in all his ways.

Our guest ministers the past month were Bros. Clarence Yackley of Phoenix, Albert Aberle of Tremont, LeRoy Messner and Elmer Schmidt of Winthrop. From north or south, east or west, God's word is always the mirror where we see our faults and duties as they are, our likeness unto Him. May God bless the brothers for their efforts.

ELGIN, IOWA

Mrs. George Butikofer

Since our last writing we were saddened by the occurrence of two deaths. Sis. Esther Moore and Robert Schupbach passed away. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved of both families.

Esther Moore was born on the Frieden farm in Clayton County on March 9, 1895, and passed away at the Postville Community Hospital on June 22, following a cerebral hemorrhage, at the age of 72 years. She was a daughter of Ben and Leah (Schneider) Frieden.

On Sept. 29, 1915, she was united in marriage to Emil Moore a Swiss immigrant, and to this union eight sons were born. Surviving are Leonard of Elkader; Herman of Union Bridge, Md.; Orville, William and Robert of Elgin; and Clarence of Postville. Preceding her in death were her husband, Emil, in 1956,

and sons Werner in 1965 and Leo in 1937 (at the age of 3).

In early married life she was converted. She cherished the faith and remained a faithful member until death.

Survivors include 17 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; one sister, Celia Butikofer of Elgin; one brother, Will Frieden of West Union; two half brothers, Eli and Will Sutter; and one half sister, Marie Blunier.

For her enjoyment, Esther leaned toward the more simple things of life, a friendly visit with family and friends always pleased her most.

Services were held Sunday, June 25. Interment was in the Apostolic cemetery.

Robert Schupbach, son of George and Mildred (Butikofer) Schupbach, was born on a farm in Marion township, Clayton County, on November 30, 1943, and died in People's Hospital, Independence, Iowa, Sunday, June 25. Death was the result of a one-car accident west of Winthrop, Iowa, on highway 20.

Robert graduated from Valley High School in 1962. At the time of his death, he was employed by the John Deere Tractor Works, Waterloo.

Survivors include his parents, George and Mildred Schupbach, Elgin; two sisters, Mrs. Leo (Carol) Gage, Evansdale, Mrs. Stanley (Sharon) Shaffer, Hiawatha; three brothers, John, presently serving with the Army in Thailand, and Michael and Charles, at home.

Services were held on Thursday, June 29, at the church. Interment was made in the Apostolic cemetery. Bros. Uriel Gehring and Gerald Sutter officiated at the service.

Bro. Lawrence Gehring missed church a few Sundays, due to severe cold on his lungs, but he is well again. We are very thankful to see him among us again.

We are happy to see Mrs. Andrew Braker able to attend services once more, after having a period of illness.

If nothing interferes, our annual Sunday School picnic will be held on July 16.

One of the hymns sung at our Thurs. night services was No. 206 in our **Hymns of Zion** book. Bro. Paul Butikofer read the 23rd chapter in the Acts for his text reading. One of the thoughts he imparted to us was that we should not only be hearers of the word, but doers as well.

We have been enjoying visiting brethren. This is a lovely season to be visiting; God gives us most magnificent scenes in the nature world at this time of the year.

FAIRBURY, ILLINOIS

Joyce Huber

We praise the Lord for two more who were baptized and added to the fold—

"I thought of some of the miracles God did for me, and knew the least I could do was to repent and live for God," said Keith Steffen, son of Bro. Emanuel and Sis. Lucille Steffen. In his strong testimony, Keith told of his experiencing the fulfillment of the words of the Lord Jesus: "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I you. . . ." John 14:27.

Walt Steffen, son of Bro. Ben and Sis. Nina Steffen, said he saw that the members had much joy, and he desired to be in the fellowship with them; and that when his cousin was killed, if it had been him, he would not have been saved; and so he made the change.

We enjoyed the visits and messages of Bro. Noah Schrock, Bro. Henry Kilgus, and Bro. Henry Sabo, and thank them for coming.

Sis. Carrie Roth wishes to thank everyone for the cards, gifts, flowers, prayers, and visits during her extended stay at the hospital, as she greatly appreciated it, and trusts God to bless everyone for their love and kindness.

Sis. Colleen Walter is able to come in her wheel chair to assemble with us at church, after having hip surgery and spending some time in the hospital. We trust the Lord to grant a full recovery and that she will soon be out of the wheel chair.

FORREST, ILLINOIS

Martha Stoller

Carolyn Zimmerman

Patients at the hospital the past month were Sisters Mary Ann Plattner and Leona Wallace, both surgical, and Sis. Irene Traub, medical.

Bro. Larry and Sis. Cynthia Kaiser have named their first child **Angela Sue**. Wayne and Marjorie Blunier call their second child **Mark Wayne**. He has a sister, Susan.

Our three converts, Gene and Carol Metz, and Elaine Mueller gave their testimonies on Saturday evening. Bros. Gene Bertschi, Roanoke, and Josh Broquard assisted Bro.

Kilgus. Also here for the baptisms, the next day, were Bros. Ed Frank, LaCrosse; Noah Hermann, Tuscon; and Walter Anliker, Eureka. Other ministers visiting us this month were Bros. Elmer Bucher, Francesville, and Alfred Bahler, Wolcott.

Ronald Rieger, son of Bro. Richard and Sis. Marion, has completed his duty with the armed forces, and has returned to his home here.

In a recent sermon by one of our local ministers, mention was made of the experience of a noted painter. For the benefit of our readers who may not be acquainted with this article, and with the support of this minister, we would like to share it with you in a condensed version.

"The Last Supper" was painted by a noted artist, Leonardo Da Vinci. The models representing Christ and His twelve disciples were living persons. A model for the figure of Jesus was chosen first. After weeks of careful searching, finally a young man nineteen years of age was found. He was chosen because his face and personality showed innocence and beauty, free from the scars of sin. During the next six years, Da Vinci continued his labors. One by one, fitting persons were chosen to represent each of the twelve apostles.

The final task of his masterpiece was to find a man to represent the character of Judas. This man was to have a hard countenance, marked by the scars of deceit, hypocrisy, and crime. After many discouraging experiences, word came to Da Vinci that a man, whose appearance fully met his requirements had been found in a dungeon in Rome. This man was sentenced to die for crime and murder. By permission from the king, the prisoner was allowed to be led out into the light of the sun each day at an appointed time, and sit before the gifted artist.

As he finished his last strokes, Da Vinci said to the guard, "I have finished. You may take the prisoner away." As they led him away, the prisoner turned to the artist and said, "Do you know me? I am the same man you painted seven years ago as the figure of Christ."

This story teaches strongly the effects of right or wrong on the life of the individual. Here was a young man whose character was unspoiled by the sins of the world. Within seven years following a life of crime, he was changed into a perfect picture of the most traitorous character ever known.

FT. SAM HOUSTON, TEXAS Steve Gerst

In the troubled times in which we live, so often we feel that there is nothing lasting or assured. Perhaps we have a problem that seems overpowering to our faith, or possibly we feel our faith is not strong enough to meet the test of our troubled times. No doubt many an unconverted soul has asked, "Where can I turn? What is lasting?" The Bible tells us to seek first the kingdom of heaven, and all other shall be added. This then is what is lasting and true: God and His Son.

Each Sunday of the year, year after year, a special invitation is extended to all those within listening, to accept this wonderful plan.

What: Special gathering for all who are weary and heavy-laden.

When: Now, today. Time is at hand. The eleventh hour is here.

Where: Follow the straight and narrow path to the top of Calvary's hill. Stop, seek for the cross, and ye shall find.

Why: For eternal life, bliss, and happiness. To lay down your heavy burdens and walk with the Saviour.

Such a simple plan is this, and yet so vitally important to each soul. Everyone should like to receive an invitation that offered such riches of the spirit so freely, and yet what a small number it is that knows of such an invitation in this world. What a blessed people we are to have opened before us a door which no man may shut. To those who have not answered the invitation: Will you not respond today? Will you not lay down your burden of this world for the cross of Zion? The invitation is extended! Do not delay!

Our dearly beloved friend, Dave Gilliom, of Bluffton, has decided that the world has nothing to offer to him. He has heeded Jesus' invitation and is willing to walk the road of repentance. May God richly bless Dave, and may others be led to Calvary through his experiences.

Visiting ministers: June 11, Bro. Henry Grimm of Morton, and June 25, Bro. Elmer Bucher of Francesville. They were wonderful and blessed week-ends. We can truthfully say that the Lord was in our presence.

New Servicemen: Bro. Lyle Wettstein of Gridley, Ernest Graf of Akron, Duane Schieler of Fairbury, and Jerry Gasser of Rittman. We want to welcome them in our small fold.

FORT SCOTT, KANSAS

Anabelle Bahr — Marie Zaugg

Bro. Alpha Strahm of the Bern church, was our guest minister this past month. We thank him for serving us, and trust he will visit us again. Bro. Sam Huber, Gridley, was also present.

Sis. Clara Marti remains about the same, able to be up some, but has not felt able to attend church services for some time. We miss her. She is being cared for in the home of her sister, Sis. Louise and Bro. Emil Banwart.

Our new house of worship is nearing completion. We hope to be able to start using it within the next few weeks.

FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

Mary Eisenmann — Marge Gerber

Do not put off till tomorrow
Your repentance; Come today!
For to wait will bring you sorrow;
Only grief comes from delay.
At the feet of Jesus bowing
Make confession of your sins;
While your tears of grief are
flowing,
Let the loving Savior in.

These words (from Hymn 52 in our **Zion's Harp**) were mentioned in a message by Ministering Bro. Wendell Gudeman of Francesville, when he visited in our midst on June 11. Surely they would express our prayers for all our dear friends!

"What A Friend We Have In Jesus" was sung for our friends, John Lieberenz, son of Floren and Sis. Edith, and Dan Pulver, son of Bro. Lester and Sis. Florence. John left on June 16 and Dan on June 22 for service with the Navy. Both are now in training at the Great Lakes Naval Training Center. May they find it a great privilege and comfort to carry **everything to God in prayer.**

We welcome Bro. Dave and Sis. Ilene Pulver to our community. Their new address is: R. R. 2, Woodburn Ind. 46797. Bro. and Sis. Levi and Lillian Pfister and family have moved to a newly-purchased home and farm land across the road from where they had been living. Their address is R. R. 2, Auburn Ind. 46706.

Hospitalized was Melanie Hackenjos, six-year-old daughter of Bro. and Sis. Myron and Lorene, with infectious diarrhea. We are thankful that she has completely recovered.

We rejoice with a dear friend, Kenneth Clauss, son of Sis. Mattie,

who brought a testimony of repentance and peace with God, and was baptized and added to the brotherhood on June 25. May God ever be with him in his new walk of life! We extend our thanks to Elder Bros. Sam Aeschliman of Bluffton and Theo. Beer of Milford, who were with us for this blessed day.

Sis. Mary Pulver, daughter of Bro. Lester and Sis. Florence, is in Alabama, helping with Vacation Bible School for two weeks. May God bless her for this.

We trust that God will be the guide and protector of Sis. Eleanor Stieglitz, who is currently chaperoning ten students on a study tour in Germany and Austria. The students will study German three weeks in Dusseldorf, Germany and then transfer to Seefeld, Austria to continue their studies an additional three weeks. Culture study excursions will be made to various points of interest on week ends. The group plans to return on August 15.

God has blessed the home of Bro. Ken and Sis. Linda Honegger with a "Bundle from Heaven". Marlene Annette was born on July 3. We know that these precious bundles are not only an immeasurable privilege and blessing, but also a great responsibility. May God grant them the needed wisdom, strength, and joy to obey the Scripture's teachings. Grandparents are Bro. Dave and Sis. Irene Stoller of Latty and Bro. Alvin and Sis. Alice Honegger of Bluffton.

What made us friends in the long ago,
When first we met? I think I know—
The best in me and the best in you
Hailed each other, because they knew
That always and always, since life began,
Our being friends was **Part of God's Plan!**

The above lines, on the front of a card, were sent to me by a very dear friend soon after I came to Indiana to live, and have been "in view" ever since! (On the inside of my china cupboard door)

Surely our Christian friends and the friendships that develop are a part of God's plan, and those friendships that God sanctions are the lasting kind.

Scriptures tell us that a FRIEND shows pity to the afflicted, loveth at all times, will stick closer than

a brother, and a close neighbor (or friend) is better than a brother far off. A friend will overlook our faults and see only those good things in us, and we can place our complete confidence in a true and lasting friend, knowing he will stand by us. A friend is faithful in all things, and rejoices and lifts up our hearts. A friend will share with us our every care and sorrow, as well as our joys and happiness. John 15:13 says, "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."

The above describes, in part, a real friend who faithfully corresponds and keeps in touch with me through weekly letters, even though it often goes weeks or even a month until I find time to answer. I thank God for such a friend as this!

GIRARD, OHIO

Jesse C. Emch

Psalm 105:1-3 "O give thanks unto the LORD: call upon his name: make known his deeds among the people. Sing unto him, sing psalms unto him: talk ye of all his wondrous works. Glory ye in his holy name: let the heart of them rejoice that seek the LORD."

The poet has well said: "Good-night here, but good morning up there."

Deaths: Our congregation has been saddened by the passing of two dear sisters and one friend. This happened in the space of one week. Sis. Emma Tochtenhagen passed away June 13 at the age of 78 years. She was confined to her home over eight years. Her funeral was held June 16, at the church. Sermon was by Bro. Jesse C. Emch, assisted by Bro. Lorentz Emch. Sis. Lena Deislinger was called to her rest on June 17. She was 86 years of age. Funeral service was from the Weller Funeral Home, Youngstown, Ohio. Elder Bro. Graf officiated, assisted by Bro. Jesse Emch. Sis. Lena was a faithful child of God for over seventy years. She had worked for the Weller family 36 years, after coming back from California where she had lived several years. Friend Robert D. Emch died June 15 at the Youngstown Hospital, North Side, at the age of 85 years. Funeral services were at the Blackstone Funeral Home, Girard, on Saturday, June 17. Bro. Robert Stoll officiated. Robert Emch was a son of the late Bro. Isaac Emch and Sis. Catherine Emch, and a brother

to Sis. Charlotte and Bro. Martin Emch. We wish to express our deepest sympathy to all the bereaved families. We will miss all of the departed.

The Lord is still calling souls who will heed and come and follow Him. On Saturday evening, June 17, Friend Frank Emch was given the opportunity to give his testimony before the congregation. Then on Sunday, June 18, he was baptized by our elder, Bro. Rudolph Graf. We wish Bro. Frank much grace to go forth as a newborn child of God.

The Golden Anniversary of Bro. Jesse and Sis. Marie Emch was celebrated on Sunday, July 2, by many at an open reception. They were married June 2, 1917. They have four children, two sons and two daughters, and fourteen grandchildren. All were present except two granddaughters.

Graduates: Those who graduated from their respective high schools are: Bro. Don Stoll Jr., Sis. Gail Price, Friends Kathi Stoll, Joan Benner, Barbara Lance and Virginia Lance (both are granddaughters of Sis. Louisa Lance), and Tommy Emch (grandson of Bro. Frank and Sis. Minna Emch.) May each one, as they seek higher education, be committed into God's care.

We especially want to thank Elder Bro. Rudolph Graf for the God-inspired messages brought to us on Sunday, June 18. We wish him and his family God's blessing.

We welcome all to come and worship with us.

GOODFIELD, ILLINOIS

Mrs. Bob Grimm

We are so pleased and happy to report that the waters have been troubled, here in our Goodfield congregation, and one by one dear friends are stepping in, to feel the healing powers of our loving Saviour. Each time we hear the good news of one more soul, it thrills us. We praise the Lord for His love and patience in these evil days. There are 12 souls now repenting here, and needless to say, we are hoping for many more.

Bro. and Sis. Chris and Vi Hohulin recently announced the engagement of their son, Stanley, to Jean Hodel, daughter of Bro. and Sis. George and Rachel Hodel of Eureka.

Bro. and Sis. Norman and Eileen Musselman were blessed with a new little girl. They have named her Jaci Lynn, and she was born on

June 22. She has two brothers. Bro. and Sis. Bill and Clem Joos of our congregation are the maternal grandparents.

Bro. and Sis. Jerry and Alline Stephen have a new baby boy. Kim Shannon was born on June 27. He is their third son, and fourth child.

We miss Bro. and Sis. Pete and Janet Meiss and their little boys this summer. They are spending the summer months at Macomb, where Bro. Pete is attending school.

Visiting ministers to our congregation in the past month were Bro. Vernon Leman of Eureka, Bro. Simon Wagenbach of Tremont, and Bro. Le Roy Huber of Eureka.

Dean Nohl, son of Bro. and Sis. Ivan and Pearl Nohl, was married to Sara McCloud of Eureka on June 11.

Sis. Fannie Witzig has just returned to her home, after being a patient in the Eureka Hospital for the past week or two.

Cindy Sue, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Wesley and Mildred Knapp, was a patient at the Barnes Hospital in St. Louis for a few days during the past month, but has returned to her home, and is again romping and playing, for which we are glad.

Bro. Tom Hohulin, son of Bro. and Sis. Ed and Elsie Hohulin, was married to Sis. Carol Roth, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Elmer and Verena Roth, on Sun. June 11 at Cissna Park. They are making their home in Tom's folks' basement until school starts—at which time they plan to move to Pekin. There, Bro. Tom will teach in the Jr. and Sr. High Schools. Sis. Carol will be teaching the first grade at N. Pekin.

GRIDLEY, KANSAS

Mrs. Rudy Bahr

Mrs. Eldon Metzger

Bro. Sam Anliker came over for afternoon services, told us about the proposed retarded children's home and need for the pledges to be in soon, and invited us to their proving and baptizing at Lamont. It was a most inspiring week end. Our church was dismissed at noon, and we attended their afternoon services and the baptism of Bro. Bill Emch. The weather was perfect, and the baptism was held outdoors at this picturesque country church. In the evening, they assembled with us for our monthly singing, and Bros. Raymond Roth and Roy Wernli gave us short messages, after the group sang together for a

time. Upon retiring, one had to thank the Lord for such a blessed "perfect day."

Sis. Lydia Bahr had her hip surgery at Wichita and had the cast removed yesterday (July 7) . . . May the Lord give her much strength and encouragement, as when the time comes she will have to learn to walk again (muscles were cut when they put in a plate between the socket and ball, and bone chips put in the place where a cyst was removed from the ball).

Sis. Alice Raaf still remains about the same in the hospital. We are glad to report that Sis. Esther Kraft has regained her voice and is able to attend services again . . . also seemed so good to see Sis. Hannah Grimm in church. Sis. Dorene Strahm had the scars on her face "sandpapered" at K.U. Med. Center last week and got along fine.

One can hardly believe that a few months ago things were so dry; we now have had much rain, and most of the ripened wheat is still too wet underfoot to combine.

LAMAR, MISSOURI

Marie Marti

"Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord" II Peter 1:2.

The love of God is great! When the light of life falls upon the life of men, then secret powers begin to slowly unfold, slumbering perceptions begin to awake, and the whole being becomes alive unto God. You must seek God in the morning if you want Him through the day. Ten minutes spent in deep devotion (even if it be two minutes heart to heart) will make the whole life different.

A son, Nathan Scott, was born to Billy Dean and Mary Ann Schlupp on June 5. Noah and Mae Schlupp are his grandparents.

We appreciated Bro. Carl Kipfer's inspiring messages, on a Sunday during a recent visit here.

Timmy Frieden is in military training at Ft. Knox, Kentucky. He will be there at least six months.

Plans are being made for our Sunday School to attend a youth fellowship in Topeka, some time in August.

LAMONT, KANSAS

Mrs. Stephen Schrader

Our congregation has again been blest this past month. Bill Emch, son of Bro. Bernie and Sis. Dena

Emch, was united into the mystical body of Christ, on July 2. Bro. Bill has been stationed at Ft Sam Houston, but is being transferred to West Germany and will be stationed near Stuttgart. We wish him much grace and strength from the Lord, and trust that his faith will be a bulwark to him in the days ahead. Among the visiting ministers present were Bro. George Lambert of Wichita and Bro. Raymond Roth of Burlington, Oklahoma. The wonderful spiritual truths in the 15th chapter of St. John were expounded upon; these are so edifying not only to the new convert but also to every Christian, no matter how far he has journeyed on the path of faith.

Among our shut-ins is our friend, Ben Ott, who recently submitted to major surgery. He is a patient in the Newman Memorial Hospital, Emporia, and is progressing satisfactorily—we wish him a speedy recovery.

Sis. Katie Fankhauser, our other shut-in, is improving somewhat slightly. She remains a patient in the Elm Unit of Newman Memorial Hospital, Emporia.

LESTER, IOWA

Emelie Knobloch

Dale Feucht, son of Ernest and Sis. Martha Feucht, was home on leave and has been moved to Memphis, Tenn.

Earl Meyer, son of Bro. and Sis. Alvia Meyer, has returned from a year of duty in Viet Nam. Earl Meyer and Barbara Baer announced their engagement. We wish them God's blessings in their new undertaking.

Word was received here of the sudden death of Adrian Metzger, son of Bro. and Sis. Will Metzger of West Bend. He has two sisters living here, Sisters Iola and Zelma Knobloch, and a host of relatives. May the Lord share his sympathy to his loved ones.

We feel the work of God again. He has called a loved one to surrender and to search for her soul's salvation while grace is yet to be had, Mary Metzger, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Jacob Metzger. We had many folks witness the testimonies and baptisms of four souls, on July 2: Bro. and Sis. Orlan Kellenberger and Bro. and Sis. Roger Knobloch. Brothers sharing the week end with us were Bros. Paul Fehr, Paul Banwart, Carl Hartman, Herman Kellenberger,

Noah Miller and Earl Banwart. A week end such as this makes one reminisce and refreshes our souls.

Bro. Edwin Knobloch remains about the same. May God help him through his pain and suffering. We know the Lord will be with us through such trying times if we abide in his grace.

We had several folks here on vacation. May they all be protected on the highways and biways of life.

MORTON, ILLINOIS

Rose Getz — Ruth Rapp

Funeral services were held June 20 for Sis. Pauline (Mrs. Chris Wiedman), age 93. She was the daughter of John and Caroline Wieland. Surviving are five sons, John, Chris, Albert, Edwin and Elmer, and three daughters, Anna, Sis. Edna (Mrs. Frank) Dufelmeier and Sis. Elsie (Mrs. Ben) Knapp. Bro. Henry Grimm and Bro. Josh Broquard officiated.

Funeral services were held July 5 for Bruce Schoenbein, 38, who was killed in an automobile accident. He was the son of Carl and Lillian Kinsinger Schoenbein. Surviving are his wife, Lydia Wiegelmann, and five children. Bro. Francis Rother and Bro. Henry Grimm conducted the services.

Sis. Janice Kay Frautschi and Bro. Steven Kaiser (of Milford) were united in marriage June 18. Bro. Russell Rapp performed the ceremony. Bro. Henry Beer & Bro. Elmer Hartter of Milford and Bro. Homer Reineck of Toledo attended also and brought us some precious teachings out of God's word. Bro. Kaiser is stationed at the U.S. Proving Grounds, Aberdeen, Maryland; they will reside at Meadowvale Quarry Road Graceview Dr., Apt. No. 14 Havre de Grace, Maryland.

Bro. Albert Sauder and his wife, Sis. Frances, were seriously injured in a car accident. At present, they are slowly recovering.

Sis. Mabel Belsley (Mrs. Robert) is recuperating at home, having had major surgery.

Sis. Olga Frintz is recovering nicely, having suffered a concussion, the result of a fall.

A baby daughter was born to Bro. Louis and Sis. Vilas Birkey Belsley on July 6.

NEW MARTINSVILLE, W. VA.

Mrs. Gus Weltz Miss Della Witschey

Dan Witschey has not been well for several days, and was taken to

the local hospital on July 7 for medical care. His many relatives and friends are hoping for an improvement in his condition soon.

The services at the country church on June 25 were well attended, with many friends coming from various points to enjoy the day in worship and fellowship together.

Another service will be held at the church on July 30. At this writing, it is not known who the ministers will be, but everyone is invited to attend.

Henry Sabo, Alvin Riggenbach, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Beer of Mansfield, visited with friends on June 24, attended services at the Monroe church in the evening, and were among the many visitors at the June 25 meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Froelich and Mrs. Grace Calvert attended the funeral of Robert Emch in Girard, on June 17.

Mrs. Elza Ritz and Mrs. Gus Weltz attended services at the Monroe church on Sunday, June 18.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Witschey of Dallas, Texas, visited with his father and sisters during the first part of July.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Froelich, Mrs. Grace Calvert and Mrs. Gus Weltz attended services at the Monroe Church on June 24.

Mr and Mrs. R. D. Williams of Akron visited with relatives here on July 7, on their way home from a brief visit with relatives in eastern West Virginia.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Thomas of Niles, O., attended the Durig reunion, held here on Sunday, July 2.

Samuel Wilbert Fuchs Sr., aged 78, of Terrapin Ridge (near New Martinsville), passed away on July 5 at his home. He leaves his widow, three sons, one daughter, one sister and eleven grandchildren. Services were held in the Iams Funeral Home on July 7, with interment in Northview Cemetery. He was a retired farmer.

Karen and Mark Wade spent the week-end of June 30 with their mother in Columbus, Ohio.

James L. Wade of Cleveland, O., spent a two-week vacation here with his parents and family during July.

We have been blessed with several good rains, and it has eased the drought situation quite a bit.

OAKVILLE, IOWA Martha Steiner

Visiting ministers this month

were Bro. Al Fisher from Chicago and Bro. Sam Huber from Gridley, Kansas. We were richly blessed by the teachings from the Lord, and appreciate our brethren who are willing to be used.

A son, John Paul, was born to Mr. and Mrs. John Gerst. Grandparents are Dave Gerst of Oakville and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Heiniger of Mediapolis.

An Open House was held Sunday, June 25, in our newly-completed dining room and Sunday School facilities, for those in this area who wished to come and see it. We invite everyone to visit us; we now have plenty of space to accommodate more visitors.

PEORIA, ILLINOIS

Emily Tanner

Mrs. Michael Weyeneth

We are so thankful that two more dear souls were moved to repentance and could give their testimonies of their conversion and faith. On June 25, our congregation welcomed as a new brother in faith Alan Herman, son of Bro. Noah and Sis. Lorraine Herman. Our new sister in faith is Lois Risinger, who is formerly from Tremont.

We're thankful for the gospel messages proclaimed through our brethren who lend themselves in this service of the Lord. Visiting our congregation were Bros. Dan Koch, Clarence Yackley and Noah Herman. Bro. Noah and Sis. Lorraine Herman are spending the summer months here in Peoria; we're happy to have them assemble with us again.

Bro. John Woerner received his Doctor of Medicine degree from the University of Illinois on June 9. He is interning at St. Francis Hospital for one year. We welcome him and Sis. Judy in our assembly and also their baby daughter, Michele Ruth, who was born June 14.

Bro. Marshall and Sis. Janice Heinold are the parents of a baby boy. Wesley John was born June 17.

Sis. Carrie Joos, who was injured in a car accident May 19, died on June 5. Our sympathy is extended to Sis. Frieda, her sister with whom she lived. She is survived by seven brothers, Brothers John and William, Frederick, George, Paul, Ben and Sam Joos, and three other sisters, Sis. Bertha Michel, Emma Ackerman, and Louise Winemiller.

Our sympathy is also extended to the Bro. Harold Herrmann family, whose father, Bro. John Herrmann

of DeLand, Fla., died June 22.

Emil M. Kramer died July 4 at the Buehler Memorial Home, where he had resided. Surviving are one son, Elmer R. Kramer; one sister, Sis. Nettie Witzig; 4 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. His wife and one son preceded him in death.

Bro. Gottfried Witzig is a hospital patient. Sis. Ollie Rocke has been transferred from the hospital to Rest-Mor Nursing Home in Morton. Bro. Louie Ehnle has been dismissed from the hospital and is now home again. We pray the Lord will reveal his love and bestow his blessings on all who are in failing health, so they can feel His nearness and know He will not forsake them.

PORTLAND, OREGON

Mrs. Edward Unsicker

"Never man spake like this man." Yes, the words of Jesus and those whom God's Spirit inspired are most certainly the truth forever! And, praise God, this truth is still in our possession. Let us humbly and prayerfully study the Bible, let us fervently love it, and love to share it with others. Not one of us who belong to Jesus is too insignificant to devote our lives to this truth. We were so vividly reminded of this the other Sunday, when visiting minister, Bro. Carl Kipfer said, "If you or I would have a message like **this** to tell the world, we would not go to the docks to get poor fisherman—we would go to the most influential men in every country to propagate this wonderful news! Sometimes we wonder why God does things as He does—" but God's ways are not our ways.

The following Tuesday evening, visiting Bro. Elmer Schrenk again bore out the great value of humility—Bro. Elmer emphasized that only with God-given love and meekness can weak humans accomplish that which is God's holy will.

How impressive were the parables of the sower and the kingdom of heaven. Sunday, June 25, visiting minister Bro. Roy Grimm read and meditated on Matthew 13. "What horror this will be", said Bro. Grimm, "for grown people to be eternally wailing and gnashing their teeth! Yet, all whom God has warned have ears to hear, and it is very dangerous to postpone!" Yes, this warning and all these truths are yet in our possession—may we all pursue God's word with great diligence, if God in His mercy still

allots us a little time. We do not know.

"... let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." Galatians 6:9

We are so happy to have Ft. Lewis boys visit us on week-ends again. Everyone of you is very welcome, anytime!

SABETHA, KANSAS

Mrs. Joe Steiner

We extend our sympathy to Sis. Mary and Bro. Joe Aberle, on the death of their little five-year-old granddaughter, Annette Novy. She passed away June 20 at her home in Simi, California, after a lengthy illness. She leaves behind her parents, Esther and Lowell Novy, and two sisters, Debra and Judith. May the Lord be their consolation and help.

A daughter, Susann Elizabeth was born on June 8 to James and Willa Steiner of Hazelwood, Missouri. She is their first child. Grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Wilhelm Metzger of Bern, and Bro. and Sis. Joe Steiner of Sabetha.

Bro. Ben Stavenik of Mansfield visited us recently and proclaimed the word of God. We thank him for his efforts.

Sis. Mary Aberle has again entered the hospital, Cynthia and Lnette Meyer, daughters of Sis. Lois and Bro. Eli Meyer, were both hospitalized for tonsillectomies.

Sis. Louise Stavenik of the A.C. Home wishes to thank friends, members and relatives for remembering her with cards, letters and gifts, while she was in the hospital.

Our Sunday School classes were dismissed for summer vacation. They will resume again around Labor Day.

TREMONT, ILLINOIS

Josephine Schaefer

Mary Jane Leuthold

Sis. Nancy Beutel and Bro. Jim Koch were united in marriage June 18. Bro. Richard Steiner and Sis. Ann Rinkenberger were united in marriage June 25. The two couples will be making their homes in Tremont. We wish them the grace and blessings of God.

Visiting ministers this month were Bros. Roy Sauder, Peoria; Noah Herman, Tucson; Henry Grimm, Morton, and Edmund Klotter, Fairbury. God's rich storehouse always seems to provide for his least ones, as the true word brings

out both comfort and conviction.

Another soul has found the way from the lost sinful road. Christie Koch, daughter of Bro. Dan and Sis. Carol, has turned her back to the world. We wish her much grace and peace from God.

Peter Aberle, son of Bro. Ernie and Sis. Freida, had the misfortune of falling out of the haymow, and received a badly broken elbow and wrist (on his left arm). He is again home, but must wear a cast for quite a length of time.

Virgil Kaeb, son of Bro. Elmer and Sis. Darlene, fractured his arm when he fell off a bicycle.

Joseph Edward Beutel arrived July 4 in the home of Sherrie and Phil. He is welcomed by one sister, Angela. Paternal grandparents are Bro. Will and Sis. Rose Beutel.

The hours, days, months and years are swiftly going by.

Can you **RIGHTLY** meet your Maker, if **TODAY** you should die?

VALPARAISO, INDIANA

Mrs. W. A. Jacob

Mrs. Harry Bucher

The good life is like a fishing net. Faith in God is represented by the corks that float the net, tribulation by the leads at the bottom. It takes both to make an effective fishing net and a good life! Take away the cork, and the net will sink. Remove the lead, and the net will float ineffectively. The good life is balanced. Sorrow and joy. The very trials that beset us are part of our education in the spiritual life.

Let God use your life like the fishing net. Sorrow may weight it down, but the hope that is born in Him will keep it afloat. We do not ask God to take us out of the storms of life, but to give us the ability to stand the breaking waves and keep on the direction of eternal life. We must through much tribulation enter into the Kingdom of God (Acts 14:22).

Our dear friends, Clyde and Charlene Knobloch and their two children of Tinley Park, Ill., have moved to Mendota, Ill. They have made Valparaiso their church.

PFC (Bro.) Dillar O. Ames Jr. was home for two weeks from Camp Lejeune, N.C. Our Sunday School picnic was held at Lakewood Park, Valparaiso on June 11.

The Apostolic Christian Women Fellowship meeting and luncheon

was held at Nettie Jacob's home, LaPorte, Ind., last month. We are making a quilt for the needy of Alabama.

LA CROSSE, INDIANA Joanie Heiniger

Visiting ministers the past month were Bro. Clarence Yackley of Phoenix, Bro. Ezra Feller of Cissna Park, Bro. Earl Schmidt of Winthrop, Bro. Earl Kilgus of Remington, Bro. Elmer Bucher of Francerville and Bro. Al Fisher of Chicago. They each brought us a message for all, both young and old, to members and friends alike.

Dick Bucher, son of Bro. and Sis. Don Bucher, was a tonsil patient, and is getting along fine.

Sis. Peggy Metzger finished her nurse's training and has gone with her husband, Duane to make their home at West Bend. We are sorry to lose them from our congregation.

We surely had a blessed day today, as three souls, Dennis and Dianne Bucher, son and daughter-in-law of Bro. and Sis. Art Bucher, and Glenn Pfeifer, son of Bro. and Sis. Ernest Pfeifer, were added to the fold. The waters surely are troubled, as ten more souls have turned to the Lord. They are Robert and Dianne Gudeman and Joyce Gudeman, son, daughter-in-law and daughter of Bro. and Sis. Art Gudeman; Barbara Frank, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Edward Frank; Dianne Bucher, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Merle Bucher; Lori Bucher, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Art Bucher; Rachel Rinkenberger, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Charles Rinkenberger; Barbara and Marcia Troxel, daughters of Bro. and Sis. Philip Troxel; and Emily Heinold, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Aaron Heinold.

Dear Brothers and Sisters-in-Faith:

Up until this time, the students at Indiana University have had no regular meetings of the members and friends on campus, as our numbers have been few.

We are expecting more students from our churches to be on campus this fall than ever before, and if there is sufficient interest, perhaps we could meet regularly for singing and fellowship. Also, we would encourage all those on campus to journey with us to Indianapolis to attend church the second and fourth Sunday of each month, as we often do.

I would appreciate very much if you or some friend or relative of yours will be attending Indiana University at Bloomington this fall, if you would send me the name and address of the student. Also, if you know where you will be staying on campus, I would also appreciate your campus address of this fall, as this will help in contacting students this fall. Your least brother-in-faith, Jerry Banwart.

ROANOKE, ILLINOIS

Sara Aeschleman—Norene Herbst

We have had many occasions of joy the past month, although we were not without sorrow.

Vacation Bible Class was held each morning the first two weeks in June, for classes from four years of age through sixth grade, with an average daily attendance of 180. Evening classes were held the second week in June for combined Roanoke and Eureka Junior Bible classes, with local brothers alternating as teachers. Evening classes were also held the second week for the combined Roanoke and Eureka Senior Bible classes (including young adults), with ministers from our various congregations of this area in charge.

On June 10 and 11, Sis. Naomi Heimer of Taylor, with her family, visited our congregation. June 10, Bro. Jim Hoerr showed slides (which Sis. Heimer brought with her) of Haiti and the Dominican Republic, which Jim and the late Bro. Bill Heimer had taken while on their trip for the Heifer Project.

Communion services were held for the first time in our new church on June 11, with Bros. George Yergler, Henry Kilgus and George Gramm assisting Bro. Eugene Bertschi.

Christian Endeavor was held Sunday evening, June 11, with Bible classes from thirteen of our Illinois churches participating. Bro. Fred Knapp of Congerville spoke a few words at the close. The attendance of Bible class students participating was approximately 475.

We were happy to have the Mansfield Vesper Choir visit us the weekend of June 17-18. On Saturday evening we enjoyed a hymn service, during which the Mansfield Choir also sang several numbers, which were beautiful and inspiring. We shared the blessings of Christian worship and fellowship on Sunday, and count it a privilege and pleasure to have had them visit us.

Our newly-elected Sunday School teachers are Bros. Walt Schwind, Bill Leman, Leslie Luginbuhl and Richard Stoller.

Bro. Donald Bowald has returned from several months of military training in Missouri and Arizona.

We were saddened at the passing from this life of Sis. Irene (Hodel) Legel, wife of Bro. Art Legel. She became ill, June 14, and passed away June 28. She had improved considerably, after having suffered a stroke in December 1965. She was a former reporter for the Silver Lining. She is survived by her husband; her parents, Bro. Silas and Sis. Carrie Hodel; a step-daughter, Sis. Carol (Legel) Schrock; two step-grandchildren, five sisters and five brothers. Funeral services were held July 1, with Bro. Eugene Bertschi and local ministers officiating.

Bro. Will and Sis. Percida Roche are residing at the Apostolic Christian Home in Eureka.

Sis. Fannie Minger has been dismissed from the Eureka Hospital, where she had been a patient a few weeks. Sis. Wilma (Mrs. Donald Sauder) is recovering from major surgery; she was dismissed from the hospital June 18. Sis. Marie Blunier is recovering from major surgery at the Methodist Hospital in Peoria. Sis. Anna Herbst (Mrs. Fred) is improving, after being confined to her home since June 18 because of illness. Sis. Lucy Hodel (Mrs. Ed Sr.) became ill July 4 and is a patient at the Eureka Hospital.

Bro. Joseph Hoffman passed his 95th birthday several weeks ago. Since then he has suffered two heart attacks.

Bro. Joseph Leman reached the age of 93 years July 3. In June he visited Sis. Katie Pelsy, his sister, who is 106 years of age. He was accompanied to Francesville by Bro. Fred & Sis. Anna Leman, Sis. Eliza Leman and Sis. Esther Weyeneth.

Eleven more souls have turned to the Lord in repentance. They are Dick Hoffman, John Hodel, Cassie Fehr, Amy Leman, Barbara Hodel, Kathy Hodel, Junetta Kempf, Patricia Rassi, Janet Blunier, Alice Leman and Joyce Aeschleman.

Baptismal services were held Sunday, July 9, for David Hodel, Roger Bradle and Donna Bowald. Bro. Leroy Huber assisted Bro. Eugene Bertschi on Saturday evening, and again on Sunday with the baptisms.

Bro. Mike Weyeneth and Sis. Emma visited our congregation Sun.,

July 9. Bro. Weyeneth served us in ministering the word.

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

Mr and Mrs. John Isch

It certainly is a joy to see our small gathering grow. We are so pleased to welcome another new family to our congregation. Bro. and Sis. Howard Getz have recently moved from their home in Morton to Bloomington, where Bro. Howard will further his study of education. We hope they will be blessed in their new home and be happy here in the area.

The Francesville congregation has again served us so willingly during the past month. Bros. Wendell Gudeman and Lester Huber ministered the good word to us. We surely thank them for their efforts, and trust that the good Lord will be their rewarder.

We would again welcome any and all to come worship with us, on the second and fourth Sundays of every month.

JUNCTION, OHIO

Mrs. Alvin H. Manz

Mrs. Ben Manz

Our Ministering Brother Henry Manz has been admitted to the Paulding County Memorial Hospital. He had been not feeling well for several days.

Roland Manz, son of Bro. Emmanuel and Sis. Ruth Manz, is attending school in Minnesota. His address is Colonial Residence Room 52, 1918 Park Ave, Minneapolis Minn 55404.

MILFORD, INDIANA

Marguerite Hoerr

The marriage ceremony of Bro. Steve Kaiser and Sis. Janice Frautschi, in Morton, was a happy occasion which many of our congregation were privileged to attend. Steve is the son of Bro. Bob and Sis. Helen Kaiser of Milford, and Janice is the daughter of Bro. Carl and Sis. Ann Frautschi of Bloomington. Steve is stationed at Aberdeen, Md., and the young couple is making their home near there. That God's blessings and love be showered on your life together is the wish of all of us for you, Steve and Janice.

One of our good friends, Dick Hunsberger, has been hospitalized for several weeks as the result of a heart attack. Dick is a farmer in our community and attends church regularly along with his wife, Melba and two of their sons, Bruce and

Keith. Many earnest prayers were interceded for him, and we are happy to report, in spite of serious complications, he is gaining strength daily.

Bro. Ernest Krauter was hospitalized briefly for observation. It was a real pleasure to have him worship with us recently, after a long absence as the result of a stroke.

Our sympathy is extended to our friend, Ted Baumgartner, whose wife, Gladys passed away as the result of several months' illness. They have two sons, Roger and Steve and eight grandchildren. Only God can comfort at times such as these, and we ask that a full measure of His comfort be given to her family.

One of the happiest times that our congregation has shared in a long time was this past week-end, when nine young people gave the testimony of their faith before us and sealed their covenant with God in the waters of baptism. Joy and thankfulness were our emotions as we welcomed Susie Price, Dave Beer, Ned Speicher, Stan Wuthrich, Bob and Bill Steffen, Bill Troup, Joyce Beer and Bob Beer into our membership. Large numbers of their friends and family came to share this occasion with them, and visiting elders and ministers included, Bros. Sam Aeschliman and John Yergler of Bluffton, Joe Schrock of Congerville, Bob Beer of Mansfield, Vernon Leman of Eureka and Walter Rehklau of Toledo.

ROCKVILLE, CONNECTICUT

Carlton J. Lanz

Stricken while at work, Bro. Fred Luginbuhl, one of our song leaders for more than fifty years, died June 21 at the Rockville General Hospital. He was 75. Besides his wife, Sis. Lydia (Marti), he is survived by a son, Bro. Roy; one daughter, Sis. Shirley; three grandchildren; five brothers and four sisters. Funeral services at the church were conducted by Bros. Rudolph Graf of Akron and Robert Beyer of Naumberg. Burial was at Ellington.

Bro. Gottlieb Zahner, 89, one of Rockville church's oldest members, and also one of its most dedicated, passed away Monday night, July 3. His loyalty to the church was real and unconcealed. He attended services there when he could. Rarely was he absent, even on Wednesday evenings. Bro. Gottlieb in his high age made an effort to be present.

He leaves a daughter, Sis. Rose; five brothers, Ernest, Benjamin and Bros. John, Walter, and Emanuel; and several grandchildren. Funeral services were held by Bros. John Bahler, Ernest Luginbuhl and Ernest Gerber. Burial took place at Ellington.

Bro. Dennis Kupferschmid is on a 30-day leave, at present. He is scheduled to leave for Viet Nam on July 31. Bro. Dale Zahner, stationed at Ft Sam, was here to attend the funeral services for his grandfather, Bro. Gottlieb Zahner.

Enroute on a vacation to northern New England, Bro. Russell Rapp of Morton, with his wife and four children, took time out to spend Sunday, July 2 here with us. We enjoyed his sermons, filled with sound teachings. May God strengthen him in his duties as elder. This was his first visit to Rockville. Bro. John Bahler was in Alabama on that Sunday, July 2.

LEO, INDIANA

Mrs. Elias Souder

There was singing at the Fellowship Center Sunday evening July 2; afterward, Tim Ringger from the Bluffton congregation showed some pictures.

The children attending Bible School gave a program at the church one Sunday evening. A project this year was to help the Crippled Children's School. The school is where Kalisa Souder attends.

Diana Conrad has recuperated from her illness and is attending church services again.

Cora Levy, is still at the Crow's Rest Home at Ft. Wayne.

Bro. Maurice Frank conducted church services for us on Sunday, July 9.

Elias Souder is at the Lutheran Hospital in Ft. Wayne.

Lynn Klopfenstein is going to school in North Carolina.

The Edward Frautschis' are living in their home in Rochester, N.Y. They enjoyed attending church services at Croghan.

The Junction Sunday School visited our Sunday School Sun., July 9. A dinner was enjoyed at the Fellowship Center.

From a letter from Dave Klopfenstein to Mark Souder:

Dear Mark,

Greetings in the name of our Saviour and protector. And believe me, Mark, God has protected me and my friends in this company.

Yes, I remember you probably better than you do me, as I kind of envied you on your day of baptism, which was my last day home. That Sunday eve. all or many, of the relatives were at our house to say goodbye to me. They all left crying, but I was happy to go, so no tears shed by me. I had put myself in God's hands before I even got orders for V.N. (Viet Nam) . . . so I was happy to go, and I wanted to repent if it was his will, but I wanted to be alone with God when I did so I was sure. I never shed a tear leaving the airport and told mom to quit crying because God's will would be done. Change your worry to trust and prayer, mom", I begged her. After on the plane I went to sleep, and in my subconsciousness my thoughts were on why I never repented while home. I was a fool. Why? (From the day I got orders I felt I was going to die! I could picture myself going in a Line company but not returning like I hope.)

After arriving in Oakland, California I felt awful! ! I thought: "Here I feel this way knowing I might? die but not sure, and no one is against me but praying for me." How must Jesus have felt when: **He knew** He was going to die, and all those He loved was against him, mocking Him and also He had the bitter cup. He even felt God forsook Him. It must have been awful (compared to how I felt), and here He did this for me. Then I thought, Judas betrayed Christ for money and here I'm betraying him for nothing. Who's worse. That was about all I could take. I read my Bible and decided if I didn't feel better by 10:15 a.m. I'd call home. Mark, I couldn't even talk for crying.

I did die, but a spiritual death, and if I wouldn't have surrendered I know I'd have been killed here. Now all is in God's hands, and if I die things will be much better than on earth so I'm happy all the time.

AKRON, OHIO

Florence Graf

The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength **they be** fourscore years, yet **is** their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away . . . So teach us to number our days, that we may apply **our** hearts unto wisdom. Psalm 90.

Sis. Margaret Albrecht of Francessville passed away on June 15.

Sis. Margaret was the mother of Sis. Kathryn Novotny and worshipped in our congregation many times. We extend our sympathy to Bro. Charles and Sis. Kathryn and the many loved ones who are saddened by Margaret's passing.

The engagement of Bro. Ronald Pallitto and Sis. Lynell Hartzler of Rittman was announced recently. Ronald is the son of Bro. John and Sis. Martha Pallitto; Lynell is the daughter of Bro. Ernest and Sis. Pauline Hartzler of Rittman. May the Lord grant His blessing to the young couple.

Sis. Elizabeth Kraus is making her home in Mansfield. We will miss Sis. Elizabeth here in Akron, but surely wish her happiness in her new home. Elizabeth's new address is 2 Illinois Avenue, Mansfield, Ohio 44905.

Bro. Peter and Sis. Eva Wenhardt left recently for a trip to their native Hungary. We wish them a pleasant journey—May the Lord watch between me and thee—when we are absent one from another.

The annual church picnic was held at Camp Mingo on July 8. Many enjoyed the fellowship and companionship such a gathering offers.

ALABAMA

Ann Klopfenstein

Births: a daughter to Bro. Carl and Sis. Shirley Haggenmaker.

Hospitalized: Bro. Wesley Long, James Harville, Sis. Wray and Debbie Allen.

On July 1, the home of Mrs. Symanthis Dotson, Landersville, was struck by lightning and completely destroyed by fire. Virtually all her belongings were also destroyed. Mrs. Dotson is the mother of Sis. Bessie Drake.

The Athen's Vacation Bible School has been completed. The theme this year is: How shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation (Heb. 2:3). Attendance varied from 130-150. We thank God for the joy of gathering around His word.

KILLED IN ACTION IN VIET NAM

Sgt. Thomas Allen Johnson, 20, son of Sis. Cleo and Jimmy Johnson, was killed in action in Viet Nam on June 21. Thomas entered the army in the spring of 1966, and went to Viet Nam in July last year. He was killed about two weeks prior to completion of a one-year commitment

of service in Viet Nam. Funeral services were held at the Athens church July 2. An estimated 450 people attended the funeral. Burial was at the Tanner Graveyard.

Survivors include his parents, four sisters and three brothers: Mrs. Dorothy Moore, Mrs. Cleo Barnett, Mrs. Geneva Plott, Mrs. Shirley MacMullin, Junior, Donald and Carl Wayne.

Thomas had attended the Athens church and Sunday School for many years. He was also active in the teenage group activities, prior to leaving for the military service.

Bros. Lynn Klopfenstein, Lavoyd Moore and Noah Bauman conducted the final services.

RITTMAN, OHIO

Ella Mae Trent — Claribel Walters

Bro. Ernest and Sis. Pauline Hartzler announce the engagement of their son, Ben, to Sandy Numbers, and their daughter, Sis. Lynell to Bro. Ronnie Palitto, son of the John Palitto family of Akron.

Dean Maibach and Jimmy Ruffer were hospitalized following accidents. Both are continuing their recovery at home.

Paul and Corleen Snyder welcomed a girl, Rebecca Jo, born June 23.

July 8, Bro. Glenn and Sis. Louise Riggerbach welcomed a daughter, Rebecca.

Bro. Denny Neiman has been worshipping with us, following his arrival home from a Japanese hospital. He plans to convalesce at home a month or two.

July 9, Bro. Ben Blough, son of Bro. Willard and Sis. Anna, and Sis. Janette Hartzler, daughter of Bro. Ben and Sis. Clare were united in marriage. We were reminded the church should be clothed in proper attire when Christ comes to claim His bride, even as proper attire was worn on this special day.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

Diane Olson

"And he came into all the country about Jordan, preaching the baptism of repentance. . ."

Our congregation was able to feel God's power in our presence, as we recently witnessed the proving and baptism of our friend, Sophie Sikaparija. Bros. Paul Fehr, Morris, and Leo Moser, Lester, were here to assist in the blessed event.

God's divine word was also brought to us this past month by Bro. Harold Messner of Winthrop.

We wish Clarence and Joyce Messner and family well in their new home. They have moved to Gaylord, Minn. and will be attending the Winthrop church.

Doug Olson, son of Everett and Sis. Kathryn, returned to Meridian, Miss., where he is stationed in the Navy. He was home on leave for three weeks.

At home convalescing is Everett Olson, after submitting to major surgery.

WINTHROP, MINNESOTA

**Delores Messerli
Carol Ann Messner**

We have started the basement of our new church. The site lies directly north of our present building. May the new structure be erected to the honor and glory of God.

Vernon, son of Bro. Harold Messners, is recuperating from rheumatic fever.

Tom Miller was hospitalized for an appendectomy.

Allen, son of Bro. Kenneth Schmidgalls, had a tonsillectomy and is getting along nicely.

Sis. Viola (Donald) Messner had surgery.

Our young people enjoyed themselves at the annual Youth Fellowship, held this year at West Bend.

TAYLOR, MISSOURI

**Mrs. Bill Heimer
Mrs. Gerald Sutter**

On July 18, Sis. Susanne Cottrell and Bro. Russell Henning were united in marriage by Bro. Harvey Heiniger of Oakville. Sis. Susanne is the daughter of Bro. Wm. and Sis. Ruth Cottrell, and Bro. Russell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henning, reside in Elgin, Ill. Bro. Russell has been in service, and he and Sis. Susanne returned to Ft Bragg, North Carolina (where he is stationed). We wish them the Lord's richest blessings in their married life.

We were so richly blessed by the visits of Bro. Clarence and Sis. Vera Yackley and Bro. Sam and Sis. Mary Huber and family. Bro. Clarence ministers for the Phoenix church, and Bro. Sam for the Gridley, Kansas church.

Dickie Gerst returned to his family, Bro. Dick and Cleo Gerst, after serving 15 months in Germany. The Gerst's daughter, Connie left June 26 on a trip to France and Switzerland, with a group of French students from all over the U.S. for 6 weeks. They will also take a tour

to Rome, Italy.

Bro. Boyd and Sis. Lois Metzger moved from St. Louis to the Chicago area, around July 1. Sis. Doris Knapp, who has been working with Bro. Boyd in research, is also moving to the Chicago area. They often assembled with us here at Taylor, and we shall miss seeing them.

Bro. Eli and Sis. Elizabeth Sutter were at Barnes hospital in St. Louis for a week (for test) and upon returning on July 1, Bro. Eli entered Blessing Hospital. At the present time he is in the Intensive Care Section with a heart condition. Our thought and prayer go out for them.

Our friend, Eleanor Yackley has found peace with God and has been announced for proving and baptism in the near future. She is the daughter of Bro. Perry and Sis. Clara Yackley.

PHOENIX, ARIZONA

Mrs. Joe Beer — Mrs. Ervin Rokey

It is summertime in our valley, with the temperature soaring in the 100's. We call these months our "winter months", since these are our most uncomfortable months of the year. Many of us ventured out in the afternoon heat one Sunday for a picnic of barbecued beef at North Mountain Park. The beef was delicious, and we all enjoyed the fellowship—even though it was quite warm.

Bro. Carl Blumenschein is in the hospital at this writing for treatments. He is doing real well and is expected home in several days. Bro. Roy Stevig was in the hospital about one week for treatment and observation. He is able to assemble with us again. Our elderly Bro. Sam Farney is not too well.

Bro. David Stevig was home several days before his departure to Europe for several months. He is attending medical school in Chicago.

FT. LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA

Louise Akel

Bro. Wendel and Sis. Wanda Gerber have six girls; all names begin with M. There's Melanie, Melissa, Mona, Margo, Marsha and Maureen. It is a pleasure to see them attend church each week.

John Klopfenstein had to have about 25 stitches in his leg. He dropped a saw, and it bounced and cut him.

We are having more company than usual for this time of year. It is a big help. Several packages are

being made up to send to the soldiers, boxes of small necessities and goodies.

My two daughters (Caroline and Gloria) and I formed a "club". We discuss the housework, any problems, and we sing a few hymns. We voted whether or not they were old enough (12 and 14) to sit with their mother during the second service, instead of playing with the children, and I am happy to report that it was unanimous to sit with me.

Thought for today: If you bestow all your goods to feed the poor, and neglect to give to our brethren in need, it is not as it should be. Jesus said, If ye do it to the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me.

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Our hospital patients this month were Sis. Edith Joos, Connie Zeltwanger, and John Spohr. Bro. Gilbert Schmidgall has met with an accident, receiving injury to his eye. He was also hospitalized. We wish them all a speedy recovery.

David Joos Jr., son of David Joos Sr., and Phyllis Hoffman were united in marriage on July 2. We wish them the Lord's blessings.

Bro. Carl Hartman, Sabetha, visited our congregation this month. We are thankful to God for his visit, and invite him to visit us again soon.

Your Gift Of Faith

God knows our needs, if we but trust

His will for us each day . . .

Oh Lord, let me remember this
As I kneel down and pray.

Keep all my loved ones safe from harm;

Bless each and everyone,
I place them in Thy hands, dear God,
And may Thy will be done.

Forgive me for those thoughtless words
That I may sometimes speak.
I do not want to hurt, dear Lord;
Thy grace is what I seek.

Let me do unto others that which I know
You would have me do.
Let me help someone along the way
Who is tired or worried or blue.

Let me live this day, being kinder to all
Who I sometimes forget need a lift . . .
Let me be honest in all that I do,
For all that I have is Your gift.

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"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6

Many enthusiastic children were eager to learn about Jesus, as we began our two weeks of Vacation Bible School June 5. The 16th, we closed with an afternoon picnic and an evening program. Adult classes were held three nights each week.

In the June issue, we regret that Ann Schlatter's name was omitted from our list of graduates.

A son, Jerry Lee, was born to Bro. Raymond and Sis. Catherine Klopfenstein on June 22. He has a brother and a sister to welcome him.

June 26, we enjoyed the messages of Bros. Walter Anliker, Eureka, and Leroy Hartman, Peoria. They came also to assist with Sunday School literature.

We experienced a joyful Sunday, to have three new souls added to our fold. They are Bro. Dennis Stoller and his wife, Sis. Nola, and Bro. Billy Rager. Bro. Walter Reklau, Toledo, ministered to us on this blessed day.

Know Each Other Better

Sis. Dora Miller Sinn was born Sept. 8, 1880 to Bro. John Miller and Sis. Mary (Larshider) Miller, near Cissna Park. She was one of nine children, and is now the only survivor.

On Dec. 16, 1902, she was united in marriage to Fredrick Sinn. To this union four children were born: a daughter, Lydia Mae, who died at birth, and three sons, Wilbur, Roy and Lawrence. Wilbur passed away at the age of 48, leaving a wife and six children. Sis. Dora has fifteen grandchildren and 37 great-grandchildren.

Seven years after Dora's marriage, her husband suffered a stroke which left him an invalid for 32 years. During these trying years, they both learned to know their Saviour, by answering his call. In the year 1917 they moved from Illinois to Paulding County.

In the year 1920, her twin sister, Lydia, who was married to Jacob Schweitzer, died of childbirth and left three children, which Sis. Dora raised for two years, in spite of the handicaps of an invalid husband. When Bro. Jake remarried, he took the two older girls, Mary and Martha, and Sis. Dora kept the baby, Dorothy, who was 2 years old. They moved to Briceton, Ohio, in the year of 1927, where she later opened a grocery store in her home, to help make a living.

It was there where her invalid husband passed away, Nov. 1940. She continued with her small grocery business, until once again misfortune struck. One night, two men entered her home, beat and robbed her. Soon after, she closed her grocery business, in the year 1947; however, she still lives in her home in Briceton.

Submitted by Dorothy Glass.

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WONDERS

"And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars: And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered."

Revelation 12. From high view, the child of God is shown as the Father sees. How He prizes Israel. In splendor He sets her. He selected that, of Israel, Christ should come in the flesh.

The adversary: "And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads."

God does not underestimate the power of the enemy. Man's ideas are sometimes fanciful, unreal. God's are always real, the way things are. The fierce dragon told of in Revelation is snarling with death.

"And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born."

The dragon comes in human shape; Herod angrily sought the child Jesus to destroy Him. One came who in glorious grace won each encounter.

"And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne."

The holy scripture is beautiful in hope. Here is the daily news, the coming kingdom, of not too far away. Jesus will rule. Today, He sits on our Father's right hand.

"And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days."

The antichrist is wrathful. The time of dreadful chaos soon zeroes in!

Something very important happens—"And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought

against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven."

Their place, gone. Far away, beyond ages known, a beautiful figure had been created. He was very intelligent. He ruled a large territory, had beautiful surroundings. Vast armies of spirits did his bidding. Then, iniquity was found in him. Rebellion against God. The uprising was strong, but God was almighty. Stern measures were taken.

This war in verse 7 is another time, perhaps our time. In Job we can read how Satan took the opportunity to present himself before God. This great move of God, is toward final wind-up. Satan's place is gone from heaven, forever. What bliss this means, what gains.

"And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him."

Satan in modern times, as in Job's, still presented himself in heavenly place. Devil, means accuser, slanderer. The devil goes over our record and points his mean finger. . . But a glorious time comes. "And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night."

Brethren being accused, overcoming by the blood—this is the victory for the Believer. Satan opposes God in his plan, at every point he can. The saint is one sanctified, kept, guarded. Victory is daily.

"And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death."

It will be a relief, a pleasant difference, for the evil powers to be absent in heavenly places. "Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them." Will the joy also be felt by the pilgrim toward the gate? Yes, it could be, for we sit in heavenly places and set our affec-

tion above. Rejoice, then, ye that dwell there.

"Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time."

Poor earth, when the devil wrecks his viciousness!

Israel, for centuries absent from the circle of nations, has appeared in this 20th century.

"And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man **child**."

Israel. The devil is bent on extermination. Could it be that we see now part of the very headlines of the end forming?

"And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent."

Israel is airborne from the land. Our Lord very vividly portrayed the end-time.

"And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood."

More than one time has the devil's trap snapped shut against Israel, failed. This will be one more desperate attempt, and will fail.

"And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth."

There is no counsel against God. No one can hinder or hurt His plan.

"And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ."

How the Father gathers a remnant is known unto Him. His church, the believers. In a beautiful Sunset, they will glorify His name, and enter His gate.

Glorious is God in all His ways!

The editor