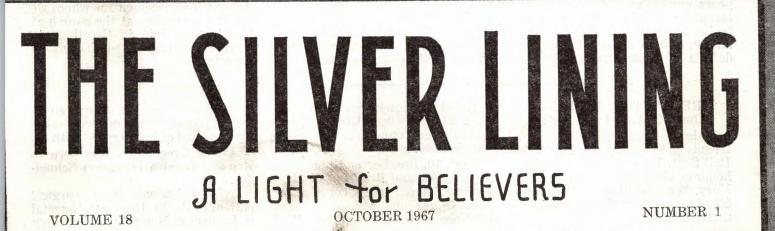
For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:

Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.... But glory, honour, and peace, to every man that worketh good . . .

Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear....

For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ...

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



Reflections Of Our Trip To Europe

(July 1967)

Henry Beer

A long-cherished wish and desire has been fulfilled, in our visit to the homeland of our parents. How well we recall hearing their accounts of life in the lovely little country of Switzerland.

Switzerland is a country nearly as large as the state of Indiana, and has a population of about five million people. German, French, Italian and Swiss dialects, even varying from canton to canton, are spoken. German is the offical language. One can readily see that they are industrious and thrifty, and they also have a high standard of morality and respect for law and order.

Father's old home at Trub, in Emmathal, still stands, and is located on the top of a high hill, to which one ascends with much effort. The keeper of the archives said that thirty thousand families had emigrated from this area, as living conditions due to the rugged and hilly terrain were not inducive to farming.

The attitude and composure of the people is soon noticeable, as they are kind, considerate and very hospitable. The people speak in modest tones and seem composed and relaxed, possibly due to the fact that they have enjoyed many decades of peace, and with surrounding nations at war they have assumed a position of neutrality.

The past history of European countries is deeply cherished, and as one's attention is called to the famous churches which have stood for six and up to eight hundred years, one can recall the tremendous struggles of the churches, many trying to retain the unity of church and state, and many who saw the defects of such associations tried

REMINGTON, INDIANA Anna M. Waibel and Sisters

A large group of relatives and friends gathered at the Fellowship Hall Sept. 7 for a shower, given in honor of Clyde Waibel and his bride, Mary. We wish them God's richest blessings as they start out in their married life. to become free and to live their lives as the Lord revealed the Scriptures to them, by the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Father's true birthday was revealed by the early records, which shows that his age was reckoned from the date of his infant baptism, rather than from the actual birth, which was on Jan. 30, and not on February 18, as we had always supposed, this being the date of his state-required infant baptism.

The reformation did bring access to the word of God, by the translations from Greek and Latin to German and English. Through access to the word, true seekers after salvation realized that infant baptism was wholly unscriptural, neither did the practice of confirmation necessarily make the young man or woman a Christian. The early pilgrim fathers sought to be free from the oppression of the state churches. Bro. Froehlich expounded the doctrine of the baptism of faith; the true seekers found the God-intended Apostolic order. Scripture then and now commands repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

How much we owe to the forefathers for their unwavering and fearless stand. Fearing God more then man, they continued to teach and preach, as did the Apostle Paul. Our forefathers saw that the new world, America, would be a refuge for them, where they could worship God according to the dictates of their heart, based upon the infallible and inspired word of God.

This religious freedom reminds me to make known to our brethren and friends some statements made by one of the elders in Switzerland, who is also a professor of economy and has some understanding of the world's present crisis. He said America represents and stands as the great, and possibly last, pillar of the free world, and if we should fall, the cherished liberties and freedom of religion and other's rights would be lost, and the smaller nations would also consequently fall. The people look with grave concern to the dangerous trends in our country and government.

As to the churches we visited, they teach and preach the faith we have embraced, and one can say as the Apostle said, One Lord, one faith, one baptism. Yes, God is also preparing a people for His honor in Germany, Switzerland and Austria, and the unity of the Spirit existing between us assures us that we together are children of God and heirs to His kingdom.

An elder brother in Austria said, He wished to show me an example of a soul who loses his love for the Lord and is drawn away by the allurements of the world. We went up to the top of a rather high hill or cliff. There one could see a clear. blue stream of water rushing downward from the mountainside, and into a larger stream very muddy and dirty, which flowed through the valley. He said, Look how quickly the clear water is lost and absorbed in the muddy stream. This, he said, is an example of a soul who turns back, as Demas of old, who left the way of faith because he loved this present world.

The believers, along with the American servicemen for whom we conducted services at the church at NeuHuetten, join in Greetings to brethren, parents and friends in America.

A bridal shower was also given Sept. 21 for Colleen Clauss, Robert and Mildred's daughter, who will be married soon.

Sept. 10, Bro. Lester Huber from Francesville and Bro. Harvey Heiniger ministered to us. On Sept. 28, Bro. Kipfer and Bro. Myer from Bluffton were with us for Wed. evening services. We always enjoy and apprecate everyone who takes the time and effort to spend with us.

A son, Greg Allen, was born to Ken and Loretta (Beckley) Schneider.

Rube Scharlach is a surgical patient at the St. Elizabeth Hospital in Lafayette. May God in His mercy grant all that is needed to bear his lot.

We were thrilled when sisters from Fairbury spent the day. It was a beautiful day and made one feel this is a day the Lord hath made; let us be glad and rejoice in it. We ought to get together more often and enjoy the fellowship, love and encouragement we can acquire from one another; which helps us to testify that God is alive . . . would that one could always turn the searchlight into our own hearts and know ourselves better, which would help us to live in deeper love and harmony.

TOKYO. JAPAN Yoshio Yamazaki

It is typhoon season in Japan, but it is really thankful that typhoon isn't attacked harvest field in this time. Our farmers are very busy every day for full of harvest. Tokyo is still had weather coming these days. When you go to the street, police are talking by loudspeaker to all vehicle drivers to be careful, because traffic accidents are developing day by day.

These last couple months, the soldier boys aren't visiting to our churches in Japan from Viet Nam. According to several brothers news, most boys returned to the States and one got married. It is really wonderful and thanks be to God for His protection.

On September 6, we very much welcomed the new baby boy Andrew David, to Bro. John Klaus home in Tokyo. It is very much bigger than our Japanese babies. They are very happy and thanked God for His wonderful gifts. Andy has 3 sisters and 1 brother.

September 10 and 17, Bro. Al Hunziker's wife, Sis. Virginia, visited in our church in Tokyo: we were very happy to have Virginia with us. We had nice church supper for her on 17th, Sunday evening.

Also we really thanked God for He sent Sis. Betty Klaus' mother, Sis. Anna Haas, from Elgin, Illinois. The Klaus family and all the children were really excited about her coming from such far country of America and are really enjoying her visit.

In the fall, it is very beautiful in in our country, and so many fruits are in season. Most farmers are very happy, because this year so much rice and produce could harvest. We should realize how our Father in heaven is so wonderful. He gives us such a wonderful earth, but unfortunately most of the people don't appreciate it and do bad deeds themselves every day.

TAMAHATA-CHURCH Akito Inoue

At Tamahata we have afternoon service. Bro. Willis Ehnle ministers at Shioda in the morning and comes to Tamahata in the afternoon. Although our congregation is very small, we feel God is close to us. We receive much blessings everytime we meet to give service to our Father in Heaven. I am very happy to write that someone will be baptized, if it's God's will, when brothers come from the States. There are some more repenting, and we are praying hard that God may give them the full grace.

I received much kindness in America. I want to thank you for it. I wrote as many letters as I could: I could not extend my thanks to everybody. I thank God that He gave me this faith I have in Him and in the Lord. I thank that I joined this church and not other one, for I know this is the true and best church for me. Some may think that church best and another may another, but for me it is the only church I can serve the Lord truly. I thank for this precious experience of fellowship I had with American brethren and the hope and conviction God gave me through it. God heard my prayer I had before I left home and granted my prayer in every step of my walk in America. God showed me better picture of myself, and I learned about myself more and I realize how weak I am. I will be more careful and will reinforce my guard against Satan. I know I owe to the kindness and prayers my brothers and sisters so kindly and willingly offered, not only during my trip but since long ago. My thoughts go back to every minute and every spot I enjoyed: singing, talking, meeting wonderful friends, visiting nice places, birds, trees, lakes, hills and sunshine. They all will remain in my heart as wonderful memories, and they will be a great inspiration.

When I went to see Bro. John Klaus soon after I returned, I received through him a wonderful poem from someone named June. I so much appreciate the kindness. Guessing that she must be someone living for the Lord or has just decided to do so recently, I made the following and want to send to her and everybody, especially to those who decided to live for the Lord recently.

Our Life On Earth

What is life upon this earth? Life is but a dream and span? Made of joys, happiness and

sorrows?

And when it ends, ends in vain?

Life is given so our soul may learn The true purpose for which we live, The true joys for which we bear, Pains and griefs with smile and song.

When our Lord, the Son of God

Traced the thorny way to painful hill,

What was there in His heart?

What He wished for you and me?

Since you learned the wish He had, The purpose of life for which you live,

- You gave your heart as rose of June,
- And I know it's the first rose of summer.

I know how much it cost to you, I know how much you gave up for it, But you know Jesus gave His life, And surely He knows what you have done.

What is life upon this earth? Life is but a dream and span? It is walk where you can strive. For eternal life, for eternal joy!

As I am reading this later, it reminds me of the old brothers I met in America. I have specially strong respect to them. I met many young

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gifted brothers, and I had such respects to them, but when I met very old brothers, how much more I was impressed with them. The depth they had in themselves, and most of all, in their weak collapsing mortal body they retained such a pure and earnest desire to serve the Lord and as I greeted them, so often. I could not keep my tears back. I have just a few very strong desires and this is one of them, that when I grew old and gray, my memories are gone and physical strength has left me, that I might still retain this sound spiritual desire and that once for a while my younger brothers visit and greet me with the love with which I greeted those wonderful old brothers. May God bless everybody who was so kind to me.

APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN HOME EUREKA, ILLINOIS August Mueller

There never was a "time" that cannot come back again. These are the words my father used in his days. I believe we are well on the way where we meet some of the times of which we read in the prophet Isaiah, in Daniel and Jeremiah, in the gospels and in the letters of the apostles. I read in Isaiah where the Lord said He will turn the world upside down. If we stay close to Him, He will stay close to us.

It is my wish, and not only mine but all the members, that the merciful Father may extend His mercy so that a lot of souls could be saved yet. The Lord has a plan, and He works according to His plan. He will come around to see what tree brings good fruit. If not, we know what the result will be. Let us watch and pray, that when the Master comes He may find a light in every window. If we lose the way, it will be our own fault. Even the hymns we sing on a Sunday tell us the way we have to go. I love the Lord because He loved me first. He pulled me out of the deep waters and put me on solid ground. Of course, I have to ask Him to help me from day to day.

O how lovely is the morning when it is begun with God, joy and thanks our hearts adorning as behoves a child of God. We cannot find words enough to praise our heavenly Father for his mercy and patience in which He carries us. He does not need us, but we need Him. Where would we be if it were not for Him? The poet says in his hymn, And praise His mercy with my voice. Only yesterday we heard that it will be like it was at the time when Noah was building the ark. They ate, and they drank; they married and were given in marriage; they bought and they sold, but when the water started to come higher day by day and Noah could not open the door any more, then they saw the mistake they made. Where the Lord closes, no one can open, and where He opens no one can close.

It is a good faith, love and charity, these three, but the most important is charity. There are but a few that pray to God in the spirit and in truth. It is a precious thing to praise the Lord. He is friendly and His mercy endureth for ever and ever.

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

Today was Sunday School graduation, and will give you the minutes. On this beautiful morning, the little children came so willingly and joyfully to their Sunday School room, where a six-year-old boy stood by the door with a big smile for each one. Then part of the first song they all sang was: Into our class, Into our class, Come into our class Lord Jesus.

For another song an innocent little child held up a Bible while all sang, The B-I-B-L-E, the book God gave to me; It tells us of God's wondrous love, The B-I-B-L-E. There were more songs that sounded just like a little angel choir.

A story was then read to everyone, and I sure got a blessing from it. It was about a little boy talking to his sister. He asked her, "Do you remember what Daddy said last night when he said the family prayer?" "He said we should always ask God what to do when we are in trouble." "And do you remember the Bible verse we learned last Sunday?" "I will trust, and not be afraid". Then as the brother said his evening prayer, after a mishap he had, he prayed, "Thank you God for helping me today; I fell into a hole and you helped me out".

Next, the sweet four-year-old children each said, "Even a child is known by his doings, whether it be pure or whether it be right." Other classes then gave the Ten Commandments, the Lord's Prayer, and sang the Books of the Bible. These little children then, up to ten years of age, went to their separate rooms for their lessons. The next Sunday, if it is the Lord's will, all children will move one class ahead, and the new little beginners will get to start, which they really look forward to.

Great joy has come to the Ivan Pelsy family, as God gave them a sweet baby girl, which they named Dynelle Maree.

Bro. Walter Stefan's visited us and those that have afflictions received a great comfort from him. He prayed for our dear Grandma Pelsy, saying her physical sight has been withheld her, but she always keeps looking up, where all help cometh from.

Now in closing: The dearest path that can be trod is to the church to worship God.

ROCKVILLE, CONNECTICUT Carlton J. Lanz

Brethren serving in the ministry at Girard, Princeville and Tremont were visitors at Rockville: Bros. Jesse Emch, George and Simon Wagenbach respectively. We are a blessed people and are grateful to God for the continued provisions He offers to man, where one can still hear the pure truth! This is precious and certainly to be treasured.

Some years ago, a dedicated brother, his life ebbing away, pleaded with his children at his bedside, "Not to make the path or way any wider!" We assume that he was concerned for the church's future. As of now, we can believe these pleadings have been carefully observed.

On crutches with a leg wound as a result of Viet Nam action, Bro. Dennis (Denny) Niemann of Rittman, now at Valley Forge General Hospital for treatment, was able to worship with us. Bro. Dennis Koehl, of Fairbury, stationed at the same hospital accompanied him here. We were happy to have them with us. The hours we spent together were pleasant. Back from Viet Nam where he had spent a year in service, Bro. Roger Moser has now been discharged. He convinced his superiors there that his need at home was more urgent than "hanging around" at the Post. So he was given an early out, Christmas would have been his expiration date.

The leaves again have begun to fall—a reminder that the cold months lie ahead, and that another summer has gone. A new season is here; however, autumn in reality is ancient! The countryside, the woodlands and the distant hillsides, as in the past are once again ablaze with the annual fall colors. This goes on and on, year after year timed with such divine precision! The glory and the greatness of God's work is revealed in this! We dare to say, that without any doubt this magnificent display of nature is still one of the many wonders of creation. The hymn writer sings "How Great Thou Art"!

The announcement of the engagement of Sis. Sharon Luginbuhl to Bro. Eric Kloter was made here on Sunday, Sept. 17. They have our good wishes!

For surgery, Bro. John Luginbuhl is currently hospitalized. The latest reports on him were good.

FORT WAYNE, INDIANA Mary Eisenmann — Marge Gerber

Often coming to mind are these words: Rejoice with those that rejoice, and weep with those that weep. How true this is! We rejoice with the family of Terry Fulkerson, that he has arrived home again after completing his two years of service in the Army, most of which time was spent in Germany. Terry is the son of Bro. Sy and Sis. Velma.

Dan Pulver spent a two-week's furlough with his parents, Bro. Lester and Sis. Florence, and now is stationed out of Norfolk, Virginia, with a supply ship.

Sept. 24 was another day of great rejoicing. A dear friend could testify how she found the words of her Sunday School so very true, It is really easy to repent if you let God step in. We truly enjoyed the testimony of Nancy Newport, daughter of Ralph and Sis. Ann Swihart, and welcome her as a dear sister-infaith. We are thankful to Elder Bro. Sam Aeschliman of Bluffton for his services that day, and also for the messages we heard through him and Bro. Bob Meyer, who accompanied him. May God continue to bless them.

Oct. 1 was Promotion Day in our Sunday School. A picnic and short program was held that afternoon at Memorial Park. Bro. Myron Hackenjos is the Bible Class teacher, with Bros. Raymond Pulfer and Stanley Clauss as helpers or substitutes. Bro. Lee Eisenmann has the Intermediate class, (sixth, seventh and eighth), and Bro. David Pulver the fourth and fifth grades, or Junior class. Bros. Jim Gerber and Ken Honegger are substitutes. Other teachers are Sisters Sharon Pfister, LeNora Stoller, Ann Swihart, and Ilene Pulver.

We miss the presence of Sis. Anna Gudeman, who has been confined to "quiet rest" in her home for a heart condition. As we cannot go to visit her, we surely remember her and her loved ones in our prayers.

Our college students this fall include Bro. Richard Meister, Ron and Kay Fulkerson, Steve Stoller and Phil Martin. May they not only work for an earthly education, but seek a high grade when scoring themselves on God's word, the "School of Truth", as we were reminded by Bro. Sam Aeschleman recently.

MANSFIELD, OHIO Aaron A. Sauder

At this colorful season of the year, the entire countryside is ablaze with breath-taking splendor, truly bearing out the words of the psalmist, "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork."

We are thankful that Sis. Elizabeth Griffon has been released from the hospital and is staying in the home of her daughter. Sis. Elizabeth Krause was also a recent hospital patient, but is convalescing at our Church Home. Little John Graszl (son of Tom and Marty) spent a few days in the hospital, due to a tonsillectomy.

Bro. Wayne Gerber of Lester ministered to us at evening services on Friday, Sept. 8. For his text he read the fourth chapter in Philippians, which contains such wonderful promises for the Christian: verse 7, "And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus;" verse 19, "But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus," and so many others.

On Sunday Oct. 1, Bro. Joe Ramsier from Rittman worshipped with us, and shared God's word with us at both morning and afternoon services. He used the 5th chapter of II Corinthians, as he told us how, just that morning, he had received a telephone call advising that Bro. Joe Maibach had gently gone from this life, during his sleep the previous night: "For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."

PULASKI, IOWA Mrs. Dave Wiegand

On Sept. 3, Bro. Clifford Grimm from West Bend was with us. Bro. Paul Banwart, also from West Bend, was here Sept. 10. We thank these brothers and invite them back anytime.

On Sept. 17, Pulaski Sunday School was host to about 125 boys girls, teachers and parents from Burlington, Oakville and Taylor. It was a blessed day, enjoyed by all.

What a blessed day we had Oct. 1. Loved ones from far and near gathered in our little church to hear the testimonies and witness the baptism of our dear friends, Bill and Ernestine (Gerber) Wuthrich. Bro. Leo Moser of Lester performed this work. On Saturday evening before the provings, Bro. Wayne Gerber, also from Lester, warned us not to build up confidence in ourselves, and thereby lose our closeness with God. We must always watch and pray, so that we will be ready when that great and notable day comes.

Bro. Leo once again warned us of the times being fulfilled, and on Sunday afternoon Bro. Wayne exhorted the friends to heed the signs and come now, as the door of grace may soon be closed.

It is truly a blessing to have these dear ones as our new brother and sister in faith, and to see our little flock increase. May God bless and ever keep them near and dear unto Him.

Harvest is starting. We had a freeze on Sept. 28, so there is a lot of bean-combining now. Some cornpicking is starting. By the middle of October, it will be in full swing.

TUCSON, ARIZONA Jay Bertsch Noah Herman

Due to the extreme heat this summer, everyone goes on vacation. We discontinued holding services here for almost three months. Everyone has come back home. We are holding services every Sunday. Services begin at 11:00 a.m. at the Lighthouse YMCA, located at 3706 East 5th St.

We recently had a visiting minister, Roy Farney of Phoenix.

Martha Blessman, a sister in faith, underwent surgery, but is at home now and doing well.

Mrs. Ruth and Miss Peggy Griffith, daughter and granddaughter of Bro. Jay Bertsch, have moved here to reside one year. Her husband, William, will be stationed in Viet Nam for that length of time. We wish him a safe tour of duty, and pray he will return home safely.

We wish to extend a hearty greeting, and an invitation to all who are traveling in the Southwest, to assemble with us anytime it is convenient. All are welcome.

FT. LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA Louise Akel

A little angel stopped to say "Hello" A few days here on earth below,

The allotted span in this life

- For the son of Roger Souder and his wife.
- Weep not; he has not seen the evil in this world.
- He'll go to Heaven's gates, so young, unspoiled—
- To bear your loss, you'll think it very hard,
- Until you realize that he was picked by God!

His Wonders Are Past Finding Out

One day we looked out of the window and saw a strange red plant, the shape of a top, fleshy in appearance, deepening to a bright red. There were designs all around it, similar to candy canes or snowflakes, and it had a single, hairy root. We pulled it up and put it in a jar. It had an odious smell and seemed to be resting on a tiny cup-shape bottom. The grass had been mowed the day before, so it sprang up over night to a height of about 5 inches. Never had we seen such a strange thing before. A nursery identified it as a fungus, similar to the mushroom family. This is only one of God's hidden creations.

New Residents: Norman Rioux and wife, Kathy and their 4 children moved here from Detroit church, living in Hollywood, Florida. Sue Plattner, daughter of Robert Plattner from Peoria, living in Ft Lauderdale and teaching in Hollywood. Sis. Eileen Keller and her brother Duwayne, who is attending college in Miami. Wayne Gochich and wife from Cleveland living in Hollywood.

Elder Brother LeRoy Huber is visiting.

When all members, friends and the Sunday School are assembled, we have a total of 71 souls. We will miss Dennis Leman and his wife. His time in the service was spent. They have returned home.

BREMEN, INDIANA Marge Zeltwanger

We praise the Lord for Wayne and Shirley Lehman and John Schuch, who were baptized September 24.

". . . and a little child shall lead them." Isaiah 11:6. This verse came to my mind when Wayne gave his testimony before our congregation. When asked, one day by his little son if he knew how to pray, Wayne confessed that his convicted heart had to find relief, and soon afterwards he yielded his life to Christ. This was an answer to many prayers especially those of his wife, Shirley who had turned to the Lord several weeks before.

John Schuch testified that he had believed in the Lord for many years, but until just recently could he completely surrender his will to God. May God richly bless these new converts, along with the following elder brethren who were willing to be with us that day: John Bahler, Rockville; Noah Bauman, Rittman; Rudy Graf, Akron; Silas Leuthold, Princeville; Joe Waibel, Bay City.

Tom and Mary Ann Steele have answered the call of the Lord. We trust their new walk with Christ will be a never-ending rich and rewarding exprience. Mary Ann is the daughter of Bro. Eugene and Sis. Leah Zimmer.

We all enjoyed the visit of loved ones from the Wolcott and Remington churches. A number of Sunday School young people and their teachers came, along with Bros. Earl Kilgus and Vernon Schwab, who so willing ministered to us that day. We encourage a return visit soon.

EUREKA, ILLINOIS Cathryn Wettstein—Salome Walter

Those who have been in the hospital recently are: Levi Anliker was a patient in the Eureka Hospital and is now at home. Sis. Elizabeth Bittner is a medical patient in Eureka Hospital. Sis. Mary Kay Anliker, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Walter and Wilhelmina Anliker, underwent an appendectomy, but is now at her home. Charles Mangold was a surgical patient recently. Sis. Mary Rocke was a patient in Eureka Hospital for several days, but is now back in the A.C. Home, where she resides.

Another friend has turned to the Lord in repentance. She is Janet Fisher, daughter of Bro. Eli and Helen Fisher.

Beautiful poetry written by Bro. Henry Beer would be very appropriate to include, in this news.

When come the pleasant days of fall

When trees are on a dress parade With garments all by nature made. The reddened fruit of apple trees Is swaying in the autumn breeze. The red Delicious, Jonathan,

The Greening and the Northern Spy.

We see upon the bending bough, Appealing to both heart and eye. So come with me, once more look

'round-

Where is such splendor to be found, Save in the hand of God, all-wise, Whose glory fills the earth and skies.

Plans are being made to have the Elder's Meeting and the Conference of Apostolic churches here in Eureka, Oct. 31, Nov. 1 and 2.

LATTY, OHIO Mrs. Tom Grant Mrs. Delmar Stoller

Funeral services were held Sept. 12 for Ernest Pfister, age 70, a former resident of the Paulding area. He died at a veterans hospital in Tampa, Florida. He was the son of Bro. John and Sis. Anna Pfister. Surviving are four brothers, Carl, of Fort Wayne, Bro. Walter of Bluffton, Eli of Rockford (Ohio) and Otto of Tampa; a sister, Miss Emma Pfister, Clearwater, Fla. Funeral services were conducted by Bro. George Sinn.

On Sept. 17, the Lord saw fit to call Bro. Raymond Stoller to his Heavenly Home. He was the son of Bro. Ben and Sis. Emma Grieder Stoller. Surviving are his wife, Emma; two stepsons, Harry Hein-old, Fort Wayne, and Robert Hein-old of Columbia City (Ind.); a stepdaughter, Mrs. Helen Huff of Woodburn (Ind.); four brothers, Bros. Irvin of Latty, Harry of Woodburn, Roy of Oakwood (Ohio) and Lawrence of Rittman; two sisters, Sis. Sadie Riggenbach of Latty and Mrs. Nettie Strietmatter of Princeville. Services were held Sept. 19, with Bro. Loren Stoller officiating. Only less than a year ago, Bro. Ray-

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mond and Sis. Emma found grace to repent and were added to the fold. We all witnessed the complete happiness on his face when we would meet and greet him.

Harold Klopfenstein was in the hospital and underwent major surgery but is home again.

Mark Stoller, son of Bro. Louis and Sis. Mildred, was involved in a serious auto accident. He was fortunate to escape with only minor injuries.

Bro. Jacob and Sis. Bertha Stoller observed their Golden Anniversary Sept. 30. They were honored by a card shower, and received approximately 200 cards. They have asked us to express their thanks to everyone who remembered them with cards, gifts and flowers. Words cannot express the joy and gratitude they felt as they opened their cards. May God bless you for your thoughtfulness.

Gold is the perfect symbol of the fiftieth wedding anniversary, for these are truly the golden years of marriage. The love of a man and his wife, like the beauty of gold, deepens and mellows with the passing of years . . . And so, every golden moment they share is rich with the understanding, trust and devotion that can come only with time . . . only in the Golden Years.

LESTER, IOWA Emelie Knobloch

Engagements were made known of James Gerber and Susie Miller of Sioux Falls; and Larry Knobloch and Sherryl Ellis of Sioux Falls, South Dakota. We wish them blessings on their new step in life.

Bro. Adolph and Lydia Moser received word from their son, David, in Thailand that he was in a truck accident and has a collapsed lung. He was flown to a hospital in Japan for treatment.

Bro. Dennis Warner received a leg fracture and cuts when a bucket on the tractor tripped and fell on him. He will be hospitalized for some time yet. We wish the ill God's blessing for a speedy recovery.

Our hearts felt a deep loss when God relieved a dear brother, Edwin Knobloch, and called him home. Edwin is now relieved of all pain and suffering which he endured. God assures us we may meet face to face on yonder shore if we abide in his faith. Bro. Ed found his Saviour in his youth. He was born in this vicinity on Oct. 13, 1925. He was mar-

ried to Sis. Elgeva Kellenberger on April 13, 1958. He leaves to mourn his wife; one son, Vernon; 4 daughters, Carolyn, Shirley, Donna, and Linda; his parents, Bro. Jacob and Sis. Lydia Knobloch: six sisters. Sis. Matilda Fehr-West Bend, Mrs. Dena Wiess and Sis. Eunice Knobloch of Elgin Ill, Sisters Gladys and Betty Knobloch of here, and Sis. Ella Schmidt, Fairmont, Minn; four brothers, Nathan, Arthur, Dale and Orvie of here. Services were held on Sept. 11, with Bro. Leo Moser officating. May we have our spiritual house in order when he summons us home. The family of the bereaved wish to extend their sincere and heartfelt thanks for all deeds of kindness and acts of love bestowed during his illness and passing.

Our convert, Mary Metzger, gave her testimony on Sept. 17, with baptism following. Elder Bro. Paul Fehr assisted Bro. Leo Moser. We wish her God's grace as a newborn child of God.

Tim DeHaan, son of Mr. and Mrs. John DeHaan, has left for military service. May the Lord protect those who serve their country in this capacity.

Sisters Violet and Betty Knobloch, Sis. Elizabeth Traub (West Bend) Sis. Eunice Knobloch enjoyed a 3week tour of Europe. Bro. and Sis. Wm. Nester and Sis. Naomi Knobloch just returned from three weeks with relatives in Germany.

OAKVILLE, IOWA Martha Steiner

Friend Wayne Gerst has been discharged from the army and is now home from Germany, where he had been stationed.

Visiting ministers were Bro. Paul Banwart from West Bend and Bro. Herman Kellenberger from Elgin, Illinois.

Sis. Julia (Chris) Grimm departed this life Sunday, Sept. 24, at the age of 75. One sister, Sis. Bertha (Philip) Moser, Gridley, and one brother, Bro. Adolph Massner of Burlington are the only ones of a large family remaining. Beside her husband, Sis. Julia leaves two daughters, Sis. Ursul (John) Barth of Oakville and Sis. Mavis (Kenneth) Kaiser of Morton; seven sons, Bros. Jess, Mark, Kenneth and Clyde of Oakville, Bro. Charles from Wichita. Flovd from Chicago. and David from Colby, Kansas. Sis. Julia's presence will be missed by our congregation.

We have again begun our monthly services in Iowa City at Danforth Chapel, to be held the third Wednesday evening of each month. We assemble at 7:30 p.m. and encourage anyone who can to join us.

Friends Don and Becky Carpenter are parents of a baby girl, Kathie Lynn, born Aug. 13. She is welcomed by a brother. Maternal grandparents are Bro. John and Sis. Ursel Barth.

PEORIA, ILLINOIS Emily Tanner Mrs. Michael Weyeneth

We rejoice as the angels in heaven also rejoice over one sinner who repents. Three dear souls were announced for proving and baptism, Doug and Myrna Schwenk and Rita Koehl. Doug is the son of Herb and Sis. Ida Schwenk, Myrna is the daughter of Bro. Ira and Sis. Caroline Rokey of Goodfield; and Rita is the daughter of Bro. Harold and Sis. Lillian Koehl.

David and Karen Dunbar have adopted their second daughter. Kimberly Michelle came to live with them on Sept. 12, just four days after she was born. Karen's parents are Bro. Sam and Sis. Persida Eberhardt.

Bro. Al and Sis. Anna Thomas will be missed in our assembly. We hope they will like living in Tucson, where the climate should be an asset to their health.

Sis. Elizabeth Hartman is at home recuperating, after surgery. Her son and his wife, Jerry and Jan Hartman are the parents of Todd Edward, born Aug. 29. They live in Kankakee.

United in marriage Sept. 16 were Cheryl Ann Dreyer, daughter of Aaron and Alma Dreyer, and Don C. Hendress, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hendress of Watseka. The young couple are residing at Echo Lake, North Lakewood Lane, Lake Zurich, Ill.

May the Lord bless Bros. Robert Pohl and Ben Fehr for their ministering to us. Many good teachings and exhortations were brought to our attention.

Elmer Schafer died at his home Sept. 22. He was married to Lydia (Dolly) Bittner, who died June 5, 1966. Surviving are one daughter, Becky Sue Schafer, at home; one sister, Sis. Kathryn Schafer; five brothers, Harlan, Walter, and Bros. Chris, Amos and Fred.

The Pfaffmanns received word

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of the death of their mother, she lived with her daughter Elise in Germany. Sis. Elise Pfaffmann died Sept. 26. Our sympathy is extended to Bro. Fritz, Karl and Ernest, also to her sister, Sis. Sophia Joos.

Bro. Gottfried (Fred) Witzig died at the Fireside House Oct. 3. He had been a patient there since July 27. Surviving are his wife, Sis. Nathalia; one daughter, Sis. Louise Fehr; three sons, Bro. Walter, Gene and George Witzig; 11 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. One daughter, Sis. Esther Grimm preceded him in death.

Bro. Louie Ehnle died Oct. 3 at the St. Francis Hospital, where he was admitted the evening before. Surviving are his wife, Sis. Julia; four sons, Louie and Robert and Bros. Edward and Roy Ehnle; two daughters, Laura Stahl and Sis. Mary Kaisner; one brother, Bro. William Ehnle; 20 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. One son, Carl, preceded him in death.

PRINCEVILLE, ILLINOIS Ruth Ricketts — Anna Marie Baer

Rich blessings were derived during the past several weeks, with several visiting brothers ministering to us. We heard of the precious gift of grace, for which we should be so thankful and never give it up. If something is lost, it is often impossible to retrieve it, and how sad when we realize what we have lost. Our fellowship with one another is something of great value, and the concern for each other should always be of importance to us. Bros. LeRoy Hartman, Al Fisher, Walter Koehl and Edmund Kloter so lovingly brought out these precious teachings and we are truly thankful for them, and especially thankful to God for inspiring humble brothers to proclaim the truth in these trying times.

Marlene Rumbold, daughter of Bro. Ezra, has graduated from a course in Practical Nursing.

A son, Timothy George, was born to Sis. Elaine (Bauman) and Bro. Lawrence Wagenbach, Sept. 30. Three sisters and a brother were at home to welcome him.

We are very thankful to have Marvin Eberle again in our midst, after serving two years in the armed services. The last several months having been spent in Germany. It is a joy to have them worship with us. A dear brother, Henry Endress, has been relieved from his earthly suffering. He was called Home the evening of Oct. 4, at the hospital where he had been a patient the past two months following a stroke. He had been a patient sufferer, yet was longing to come to his home, but the Lord took pity and called to his eternal home. Services are set for Sunday, Oct. 8. We pray for the Lord's nearness during the time of bereavement for the dear family, especially to his faithful wife, Sis. Marie.

The Princeville Bible Class and some of their parents journeyed to Joliet, Illinois, recently to tour the state penitentiary. It seemed to leave an impression upon us all, in one way or another. One couldn't help but feel sorry for the many men behind locked doors, realizing that perhaps they never had the opportunity to learn of Christ's way of life.

Sin is like a disease, which can grow into crimes and eventually end up in prison. How fortunate we should feel to have the privilege of attending Sunday School in our youthful years and learn the truth and know right from wrong. I beieve ln a spiritual sense we can sav the best things in life are free. Jesus' death upon the cross is what sets us free in the spirit. The blood that was shed there on Calvary's Hill as a ransom for our sins costs us nothing, only we must give our own self-will and desire. Thinking of the many souls involved there at the prison, I couldn't help but think, The big flings in life are far from free. This is true in this life already, and more so in the life to come. We think of a whole life in prison as a long time, but it is like a vapor that is here today and gone tomorrow, compared to endless eternity.

We feel sin and crime usually begin in a small way; perhaps getting in with the wrong crowd is the usual beginning. The word teaches us we should be true and faithful in small and unimportant matters, and that we should refrain from all appearances of evil.

I feel that our visit to the state prison has created some deep thoughts and sincere thinking. Life is too short to toy with sin and the evil thereof.

Send The Silver Lining to a College student.

WEST BEND, IOWA

Anna Schmidt — Mrs. A Banwart Sis. Ida, wife of Bro. Wm. Metzger, had eye surgery. She is now home from the hospital and recovering satisfactorily. Her daughter, Sis. Marie of Elgin, Ill. is home helping at the present time. Charles, son of Bro. and Sis. Lawrence and Ella Schneider, spent several days in the hospital at Emmetsburgh, but is getting along all right now.

Bro. Walter Anliker of Eureka and Bro. Robert Grimm of Goodfield spent a blessed Sunday with us recently, sounding forth many inspiring words. We thank them so much for their efforts and hope they can visit us again soon.

Along with our earthly harvest we are happy to also be reaping in the spiritual field. Dale, son of Bro. and Sis. Earl and Edna Banwart, has sought the Lord in repentence, and Friends Philip and Katherine Fisher were announced to be added to the fold soon. May the Lord's will be done in all things.

We rejoice with Bro. and Sis. Dwayne and Peggy Metzger over the arrival of their first child, Sarah Jean, born Oct. 2.

BLUFFTON, INDIANA

Delutha Moser — Carolyn Gerber

Autumn's Here

Autumn is the harvest season;

We now reap what we have sown.

What we've planted in the springtime

To maturity has grown.

Oh how rich are this year's harvests!

How abundant are the yields From the gardens and the orchards, And the many, many fields!

Lord, to thee we owe our praises; We thy precious name adore. Thou again hast blessed our nation As thou always didst before. We must now from our abundance Gladly give a goodly share To relieve the needy people, Burdened with a load of care.

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Shut-ins: The following were hospitalized: Sisters Dee (Elmer) Steffen, Mary (John) Baumgartner, and Bros. Dwight Gerber and Oscar Schaefer.

Births: Sept. 9 a son, Jonathan Daniel to Bro. and Sis. Wallace Leman. Sept. 28 a daughter, Vivian Rose to Bro. and Sis. Robert Steffen.

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Wedding: On Sept. 26 Friends Sue Heyerly and John Lants were united in marriage. Bro. Sam Aeschliman performed the ceremony.

"For thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive; and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon thee." Psalm 86:5. During the past month, provings and baptisms were held for the following friends: Linda Tonner, Lu An Tonner, Carol Tonner, Marcella Dillman, Rick Stuckey, Steve Stuckey, Kathy Gerber, Bill Baumgartner, Nila Schaefer, Mary Ann Kipfer, Ruth Kipfer, Ed Hegerfeld, Nancy Neuenschwander, Jerry Drayer, Leon Gerber, Ruth Schwartz, Gayle and Vickie Aschliman, Ed Schwartz, Connie Meyer, Lu Ann Fiechter, Ronnie Kipfer, Mr. and Mrs. John Steffen. Elders assisting Bros. Sam Aeschliman and John Yergler were: Elders, David Bertsch, Eugene Bertschi, Dan Koch and Russel Rapp.

Funeral: Services were held Oct. 6 for Bro. Jacob Schweitzer, age 92. Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Raymond (Mary) Pulfer, Mrs. Amos (Martha) Reinhard, and Mrs. Harold (Dorothy) Glass. Bros. Sam Aeschliman and John Yergler officiated the services.

WOLCOTT, INDIANA Arles Kropf

Our congregation was richly blessed recently when Bros. Ed Lanz and Harvey Heiniger and others from Oakville spent a week end with us. Many of us had never met these folks before, but as we so often experience in our precious faith, we do not feel like strangers when we meet those from distant places. A carry-in supper and song service at Fellowship Hall on Sunday evening was enjoyed by all.

Bro. Don and Sis. Rita Furrer are the parents of Troy Lee, born Oct. 3. Big sister, Donita Sue also welcomes him.

Jerry Kyburz, son of Bro. LeRoy and Sis. Edna, was married on Sept. 30 to Nancy Wortman, daughter of the James Wortmans of Reynolds. May the Lord be with them as they travel life's pathway together.

Our college students this fall are Bro. Nathan Lehman, who has resumed studies at the Tech School in Valparaiso, and Charles Lehman, who has enrolled at Ball State at Muncie.

BERN, KANSAS Esther and Stella Moser

Kristy Sue was born Sept. 10 to Sis. Ruth and Bro. Frank Hertzel. She was welcomed into the family circle by two brothers, Gerry-12, David—11, and especially by 6year-old Karen. Grandparents are Sis. Lydia and Emery Meyer.

Sept. 17, baptismal service was held for Lois Mason. Bro. Gene Marti was our guest minister, and also helped Bro. Lester Hartter with the proving and baptism. May God's grace and richest blessings be with Sis. Lois, as she continues her studies in the school of nursing.

Our hospital patients are all able to be in church again: Sis. Emma Strahm, after a four-week's stay with blood clots; Bro. Noah Edelman, due to a back injury, caused when a scaffold he was working on fell. Sis. Marie Leuthold is slowly improving and able to be out on short drives.

Our college students are all busy in their various places of learning. We are always happy to have them assemble with us on their week ends home.

BRADFORD, ILLINOIS Mrs. Loris Kieser Mrs. Don Duckworth

We rejoice with the angels in heaven in reporting that our dear friend, Judy Guingrich, has made a new beginning in her life, to live for the Lord.

Friend Hulda Koelling was a surgical patient, and is now residing at the Eureka Home. We miss her gathering with us, but wish her much happiness and God's blessings in her new home.

Our sympathy is extended to Bros. Roy and Ed Ehnle of our congregation, whose father, Bro. Louie, passed away in Peoria.

Victor Koelling, son of Levi and Mary, has left for the service and is presently stationed at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

We are thankful that our Friends, Bob and Rollie Rumbold and Dale and Cindy Endress have arrived home safe from the service and can again be in our midst. Bro. John Guingrich has received his discharge and is spending a few days visiting before returning home.

Several young people from our congregation have begun their year at college. With their many studies, we hope they will not forget the most important book, the one which teaches us all the way to eternal life—the Holy Bible.

GRIDLEY, ILLINOIS Eunice and Lydia Kammerer

A son, Micheal Ray, was born to Bro. Larry and Sis. Rozella Knapp on Aug. 31.

Sis. Carolyn Schlipf has sufficiently recovered from emergency treatment in Mennonite Hospital to return to her home. We are glad she made a good recovery.

Bro. Russell Rapp of Morton was our guest minister on Sat. and Sun., Sept. 16 and 17, to assist in the testimony and baptism of Dennis and Barbara Stoller. We are glad they have found salvation in the Lord, and wish them God's grace in their new walk of life.

Our dear old Sis. Barbara Jampen was called to her rest. Her funeral was on Sat., Sept. 23. Sis. Barbara made her home in Meadow's Mennonite home, Meadows, Ill.

Sally Witzig and Ed Fritz were united in holy matrimony in the home of her parents, Oct. 8. Sally is the daughter of Bro. Ed and Sis. Dorothy Witzig and Ed is the son of Bro. Emil and Sis. Martha Fritz of Morton. We wish them much happiness.

Bro. Mike Weyeneth of Peoria and Bro. Russell Rapp of Morton were our guest ministers on Sun. Oct. 8. We had many inspiring messages proclaimed by them, quoting "... the truth shall make you free."

Our monthly Sunday evening songfest was held on the third Sunday of Sept. Our young choir sang several beautiful selections.

DETROIT, MICHIGAN Ruth Knochel — Ruth Gudeman

Our Elder Bro. Joe Waibel visited us. His exhortation to the church was to shun worldliness. It should be known by our actions, words and dress that we are members of the body of Christ. We always welcome Bro. Joe's visits.

Sis. Lois Belsley has been hospitalized for major surgery. We pray that she will have a speedy and complete recovery.

Sis. Gail Barton is attending Wayne State University.

ELGIN, ILLINOIS

Louise Steffen — Katie Kachelmuss Our Bible Class were presented Bibles. Bro. Nathan Steffen was in

Why not invest in college students?

attendance, and said that the Bible should be taken in hand and be our compass on the sea of life, for as without a compass a ship could not be kept on course; we would drift further and further from our destination and goal.

Sis. Eileen Yackley has returned to her home in Phoenix. We were sorry to see her leave, but wish her the Lord's blessing in her new line of work. Sis. Marie Metzger has gone back to her home in West Bend. We will miss her, too.

Bro. Charles Huber is presently at Sherman Hospital, having undergone eye surgery. Carl Schmidgall, husband of Sis. Rose Schmidgall, also had surgery at St. Joseph Hospital. May God be with all the sick and the aged, also those who care for them.

We are glad to report that Bro. Thomas Schifferer is back from Viet Nam, will spend a couple of days in California before returning home. Thanks be to God for protecting him from the many dangers and trials over there and bringing him safely back to the States. We are all anxious to meet and greet him again, and know he will have many interesting things to tell about.

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

Bro. Arthur Heiniger and his wife visited us recently and showed slides of the Heifer Project in Haiti. The pictures were enjoyed by members and friends of both congregations.

Hospitalized were Sis. Anna Farney and Gertrude Herzig.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Widrick are parents of their eighth child. A son, Scott Declan, was born on Sept. 18. Scott is a grandson of Elder Bro. John and Sis. Berdena Widrick.

FAIRBURY, ILLINOIS Joyce Huber

We rejoice that Roger Bachtold has repented and received peace with God.

Bro. Ed Hohulin of Goodfield and Bro. Perry Zimmerman of Forrest were guest ministers last month.

Bro. John Hartman, who had spent one year at Viet Nam, returned home and received his discharge.

Sis. Louise Moulton's son-in-law, Harry Johnson, received a broken neck when he fell from an apple tree, leaving him paralyzed from his shoulders down. Our sympathy and prayers go to Harry and his wife Nancy, and family.

Sis. Hermina Zimmerman had surgery, and Chris Gerber had a leg amputated and is getting along as good as can be expected.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Zehr were blessed with a new baby boy, Trent, Grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Joe Zehr.

Sis. Shirley Aberle was taken to the hospital with a heart attack. We pray for her speedy recovery, so she can return to her home and work.

GRIDLEY, KANSAS Mrs. Rudy Bahr Mrs. Eldon Metzger

Elder Bro. Sam Anliker performed the marriage of Mara Jean Strahm, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Loren Strahm, and Albert Edelman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Levi Edelman, Fairbury, at the home of the bride's parents Oct. 1. Bro. Al Langhoffer and family came to attend the wedding, and Bro. Al had church services with us.

A smile is the light in the window of your face to let others know your heart is at home.

ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY Sue Ann Kupferschmid

Time is very sly. While we are young and carefree we look upon time as a vast length of days stretching far into the future. We easily walk along day by day, paying little attention to precious little minutes which cleverly slip by. We don't stop to realize that each little minute which passes is gone forever, shortening our lives by that much. The clock keeps ticking, as time quickly crosses off the days. Suddenly, I begin walking a little faster. How much time do I have left? Perhaps only one more breath. Will I have time to do everything in so short a lifetime? Will I even live a lifetime? I begin to run. Why does time keep marching on . . . faster, faster. I can't keep up. Faster, faster, time is running on before me, Will it ever slow down? "Someone help me," I cry. Stop!-I have the answer; I must begin walking slower again. I must take the time to talk to talk to God, for he has promised that if I become His child and do His perfect will He will give me life which will never end. Good-by, Time! I no longer need you. I have the Lord and time eternal."

Bro. Joe Schrock began his 11th year of ministering to us on Sept. 14, as we begin another year of school. We come to school for more knowledge, but Bro. Joe reminded us that **the fear of God is the begin**ning of wisdom. He told us that education is a fine thing if it's kept in subjection to the Holy Spirit. Once we think we are strong enough, we will fall, because we will no longer lean on God."

Sept. 21, Bro. Ben Fehr visited with us. He read the story of the prodigal son. "If you are a prodigal child, if you have a Christian father and mother, their thoughts all day long are with you. They are praying constantly for you". He told us, "Our life is as a vapor. The crowns in heaven are the ones that count. **Everything** is gathered around the small word faith. If we lose faith, we lose everything."

"We are human and have earthly problems," Bro. Vernon Leman told us on Sept. 28. "We must put our faith and trust in the Lord, and He can help us." Bro. Marvin Schmidgall reminded us that God is just a prayer away. He will hear our prayers if we are earnest and sincere.

Oct. 5, Bro. Joe Schrock spoke to us about certain current events which pertain to the end-times and the coming of our Lord. He explained how it tells in Ezekiel 38 and 39 about preparations which are going forward today, and battlelines which are being prepared. He warned us that we should also be prepared.

We wish God's love and blessings to Sis. Joanie Honegger, Forrest, and Bro. Robert Moser, Cissna Park, whose engagement has been announced.

We also wish much grace to two of our new students, Bros. Kenny Schrock and Jack Miller, who were baptized Sept. 17 in Congerville.

We are happy to see so many new faces at Bible Study, and hope many more will take the opportunity to come and fellowship with us.

LAMAR, MISSOURI Marie Marti

Our hearts are saddened tonight. The news of the accidental death of little five-year-old George Stefan came as a tragic shock. One moment so alive, so vibrant—the next moment so quiet, so still—asleep in

the arms of Jesus. Yes, God chose to reach out and pluck a radiant bud so young and tender. Our memories of dear little George will always be precious ones-his ready smile, his quick response in Sunday School. and his friendly greeting each Sunday morning from the top of the steps, from across the lawn or from nearby. God is gathering in His precious jewels. May He comfort the family-we share their loss. It is a grim reminder of how uncertain life is. George is survived by his parents, Bro. William and Sis. Hilda Stefan, two brothers, Willie and Paul, and a sister, Hildegard.

We were richly blessed this past month by the visits of Bro. Roy Wernli and Bro. John Wagenbach. It is a privilege to sit and listen to the heart-warming messages brought to us. We invite them to visit soon again.

Our young people going to college this semester are: Toni Thiebaud and Ben Kibler to K.S.C., Pittsburg, Kans.; Sis. Joan Banwart to School of Nursing in Pittsburg, Kans.; Sarah Lee Somerhalter and Larry Marti to Southwest in Joplin; and Wayne Marti to Business of Commerce in Springfield, Mo. Our prayers go with them, that they may be protected.

LAMONT, KANSAS Mrs. Stephen Schrader

Autumn brings with it the blaze of color and changing hues, which attest to God's majestiy and handwork. It is truly marvelous to witness the changing seasons.

We welcome Bro. Charles and Sis. Carrie Gleichman into our church community. They recently moved to Madison from Harper, Kansas. They formerly attended church at Burlington, Oklahoma.

Bro. Harvey Grimm of Bern recently visited our congregation and ministered unto us. Sis. Grimm accompanied him.

It is the time of year when our children are once again starting to school . We are reminded of the admonition that Paul sent Timothy: "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

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

We are enjoying fall weather, have had several good rains, and the air has the feel and tinge of fall and winter.

Many folks from distant points attended the dedication of the Monroe Church on Sept. 3. Visiting and calling on friends on Sept. 2 were Mrs. Ada Zimmerman and Miss Emma Klaus of Eureka, Mrs. Dave Mangold and Mrs. Rose Sauder from Roanoke, and Mrs. Josephine Bauman from Rittman. They also visited the country church here on that date.

On Sept. 10, Mr. and Mrs. Neil Schmidgall of Fort Meade, Md.; Dennis Koehl of Valley Forge, Pa.; Mr. and Mrs. Warren Hartman and Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Steffen and son Harvey of Fairbury, attended the Monroe Church, visited the church in the country on Sunday morning and spent the 9th here with friends.

On Sept. 17, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Kaisner of Forrest, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Steffen of Fairbury, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sabo of Mansfield, visited the Monroe Church and spent Sunday evening and overnight here with friends. On Monday morning they toured Viking Glass Company, before leaving for home.

Dan Witschey remains a patient in the local hospital, and his condition remains about the same.

Virgil Frei was a patient in the local hospital for several days, but has been able to be returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Witschey and Joe Witschey of Doylestown, O., Miss Della Witschey and Miss Mary Witschey visited on October 3 with Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Frum in Jeannette, Pa.

Mrs. Edna Hart of Brownsville, Pa., spent ten days here with her brother, Gus Weltz, and family the last of September.

Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Wade, Mrs. Elza Ritz, Mrs. Gus Weltz attended services at the Monroe Church on Sept. 10 and 17.

PIRMASENS, GERMANY Sherry and Ken Sauder

Summer has now vanished, but all of us stationed here in Europe during this year will remember the sunny days we enjoyed and recall how they enhanced the pretty landscape.

Our many "Stateside" visitors were another blessing. During the week end of August 5 and 6, our tiny two-room Pirmasens apartment accommodated approximately

25 people. Besides the many service boys our visitors included Bro. Francis Rother (Morton) and his father, Bro. Anton; Sis. Anna Baer (Peoria) and her nephew, Peter (Boeblingen, Schabacker Germany); Bro. John and Sis. Edith Stahl (Princeville) with their daughter Joyce and her friend Peggy Holmes; and Bro. Vernon and Sis. Verda Blunier (Roanoke). All enjoyed singing and visiting Saturday evening and Sunday. We were permitted to use the Pirmasens Post Chapel Sunday afternoon, so Bro. Francis could spiritually feed us. The "live" sermon provided such a blessing for us who are not privileged to receive this gift weekly.

A favorite German pastime is walking, so our group not only walked to and from the chapel, but also decided to "hike" the several blocks to our local "Wienerwald." This is a chain restaurant specializing in spit-turned chicken. Bro. Francis had brought a money gift from the Morton congregation, and the service boys enjoyed their meal paid by Morton. Naturally we wish to thank the Morton people for their generosity, and also Bro. Francis and our other visitors for spending some time with us.

During the month of August we were also privileged to meet Sisters Elda Martin (Princeville), Ella Thomas (Peoria), and others on the Caterpillar Tour, when they made an overnight stop in Heidelberg. Dave Stevig, Doug Kinsinger, and Bill Reber (from the Arizona-California area) toured Europe this summer in their Volkswagon camper. Many of us enjoyed spending a short time with them, as they passed through this area before returning to the States and their college studies.

Many of the service boys take advantage of their stay in Europe to travel and see this part of the world. Recent travels by various ones included such places as England, Spain, Israel, and Switzerland, in addition to other parts of Germany. In Switzerland, a favorite stop is at the Alfred Lanz family in Bern. The Lanzs speak fluent English and are quite interested in Americans, as most of their immediate family are living in the States. During our Labor Day visit, the Lanzs informed us that we were the forty-fourth American visitors to stay with them this summer, and their home is

fondly becoming nicknamed "The Lanz Hotel."

Now the colorful autumn has painted our area of the "Schwarzwald" even more picturesque. In the valleys, the farmers are busily harvesting their hay, potatoes, cabbage, "rueben", grapes, apples, pears and other necessities for life. Most of the field work here is still accomplished by hand, so one sees entire families working together to harvest the crops on their tiny farms.

The number of our service boys in Europe is diminishing. It seems more old ones are returning home than new ones are arriving. During this past month Steve Kahr, Wayne Gerst, Marvin Eberle, and Eugene Rumbold are among those who happily received their Army discharge and returned to their respective homes. Another departee from Germany was Sis. Anna Baer. She returned to Peoria for the winter, after spending several months caring for her ill sister and family.

SHIODA, JAPAN Nancy Roth

September has been a time of grapes. About five varieties are produced, with three of them harvested in September. They grow in a canopy above your head-if you're not tall-and some varieties have bunches a foot long, with grapes an inch in diameter. Sisters Saigusa and Furuya both have grapevines. They begin working with the vines in March & the care, all hand labor, continues until the last harvest. Saigusa said that for two weeks she, her husband, and father-in-law started at about 5:30 a.m. and finished work at about 11:00 p.m. I suspect that she took a half hour or forty-five minutes out of her work-time to prepare meals. Furuya, who's a widow, has a hired helper, but her daughter, who is a teacher, prepares the evening meals.

English classes are showing progress. Sis. Nancy Schrock has divided several classes, to meet the needs of the more advanced students. Last year we began with about 80 pupils, but when they found out that English takes practice and time, attendance dropped. The students now attending seem very determined. We pray that they will also begin attending the church services and become determined to live for the Lord.

Nancy is also teaching 4 children

-3 Japanese and one Americanevery morning in kindergarten. They eat lunch with the elementary students. It's rather interesting to listen to them chatter away, and not be able to understand them. Sometimes the teachers have to ask the elementary students to interpret. The children are learning English much more quickly than the teachers are learning Japanese! They've already learned about ten new songs this month.

We ended this month by cleaning the church. We were very happy that each member's family was represented, and especially happy that some of our English students came to help after school—school is held until 12:30 on Saturday.

Visiting this month was Bro. Akito Inoue, who had just returned from the States, also Bro. Al Hunzicker and his wife, Sis. Virginia from Morton. We pray that she arrived safely back in the States, while he remains here to finish his asignment with Caterpiller-Mitsubishi. Sis. Betty Klaus's mother, Sis. Haas from Elgin visited.

Bro. Akira Utsuki was our guest minister this month. His message in the afternoon was very inspiring. He read in Genesis, where Jacob worked years for his beloved Rachel and in the New Testament where the Canaanite woman begged Jesus to heal her daughter, but He refused. Neither she nor Jacob were discouraged, but persisted. So we must be. Our prayers may not be answered the moment of asking, but this should not discourage us. It will only make our happiness more wonderful when our prayer is answered.

UNION CITY, NEW JERSEY E. A. Aeschleman

Ministering Bro. Jesse Emch and his wife, Marie visited us. We appreciated his God-inspired words of life that were offered. Other visitors: Bro. Neil and Sis. Linda Schmidgall of Morris, but stationed in the army near Baltimore, Bros. Denny Nieman and Denny Koehl, in the service near Valley Forge, Pa.

We miss the presence of Sis. Ida Knecht from our small congregation. Sis. Ida has been ill and confined to her home. We pray to God for the early return of her health.

The Lord saw fit to call a dear friend out of this life and out of our congregation. Henry Kaegie passed away suddenly and without warning Sunday evening, Oct. 1. Henry respected God and His church, helped where he could, and faithfully attended services. We will all miss him. We pray God will comfort the loved ones left behind.

VALPARAISO, INDIANA Mrs. W. A. Jacob Mrs. Harry Bucher

Bro. Cortland and Sis. Donna Bucher are parents of a daughter, Lisa Ann, born Sept. 8. She has two sisters, Wendi, 5, years and Terri, 7.

Lynn Frieden (majoring in business), son of Bro. Roy and Sis. Aldene Frieden, and Barry Bucher (majoring in electrical engineering), son of Lowell and Sis. Evelyn Bucher, are attending Purdue University, West Lafayette. PFC (Bro.) Dillar Ames Jr., son

PFC (Bro.) Dillar Ames Jr., son of Dillar and Sis. Mildred Ames, has left for California, after being home on leave. He is on his way to Viet Nam. May God watch over him.

Show me thy ways, O LORD; teach me thy path. Psalms 25:4

WINTHROP, MINNESOTA Delores Messerli and Carol Messner

JOY: Past Joy, When Jesus came; Present Joy, Victory now; Future Joy, With Christ in heaven.

Open House was held in honor of Sis. Emma Schmidt's 75th birthday on Sept. 16. May the Lord keep and watch over her in her sunset years of life. Sis. Emma is the mother of 15 living children, of whom 12 were present. All her brothers and sisters except one came to be with her.

A son was born to SP4 Steven and Linda Howk, Sept. 28. This is the first grandchild of Bro. Roy and Sis. Rose Alice. Steven is stationed in Germany, and baby Brian Scott and Linda stay with Steven's parents.

Dick and Mary Lou Schmidt are new parents of a baby boy, Darren Richard, born Oct. 1. The paternal grandparents are Bro. Elmer and Sis. Hazel Schmidt.

We welcome Al and Sis. Donnabell Nelson and family, Sue. Candy, Lance, Holly, Jill, Scott and Garrett to our Winthrop church. May the Lord bless them in their new home.

Bro. Roy and Sis. Rose Alice Howk announce the engagement of their daughter, Sharon Rose, to Dennis W. Christensen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Christensen of Glencoe. A February wedding is planned.

ALTO, MICHIGAN Myrna Steffen — Loretta Steffen On Sept. 22 a daughter, Penny Sue, was born to Harold and Louise Disotell. Louise is the daughter of Bro. Derry and Sis. Virginia Schutte.

Three of our new converts have received peace and been announced. They are Sharon Wingeier, Linda Schrenk and Susan Root. May the Lord continue to guide and direct them.

Our visiting ministers were Elder Bro. Joe Waibel and Bro. Henry Beer. We enjoyed Bro. Henry's pictures and account of his recent trip to Switzerland.

BAY CITY, MICHIGAN Marlene Mosher

Sis. Linda Andryewski and Sis. Nettie Knochel are two of our sisters among the sick. Sis. Ida Hasselbring is very ill. We wish her and all those who are ill the Lord's blessings and grace. Friend Tom Wieland has suffered an accident and has a broken leg, but he is doing better. Tom is the son of Bro. Erwin and Sis. Nina Wieland.

PORTLAND, OREGON Mrs. Edward Unsicker

"In forty days of temptation without food, perhaps without sleep even, the Saviour's temptation must have been very intense indeed!" said Bro. Noah Schrock, after reading from Luke 4. "Jesus," he continued, "could have taken a different position—He could have told the devil who He really was, but He said, "It is written . . ." He unfailingly used the word of God! And, to combat the forces of evil, we surely need to use the word of God! This is where we receive our answers--through these channels God speaks to us! Also, it is again the word of God that even seeking souls must resort to and rely upon for their teaching." Bro. Noah stopped here on his way to Japan, sharing many precious blessings from the Lord with us. On Monday night he was at Silverton church, where he read and explained Revelation 21. We were gripped with awe at this timely message from God's wordeverybody should reread this chapter with a special prayer for its revelation-it will help deliver us from **self** and help us to walk as God intends! (Galatians 2:20)

It is so heart-warming to see Sis. Clara Kaufman and her son, John, and his family back in our midst. They had spent the last few months in Illinois, John and Betty with her folks in the Morton-Peoria area, and Clara at the lovely rest-home in Fairbury.

We were greatly saddened as we bid farewell to our dear sister, Irene Baer at the airport, after several weeks of close and blessed fellowship. When you have returned to Germany, dear Irene,may an extra measure of God's grace be given to you in your sometimes lonely circumstances, and may you be comforted by the assurance that your brothers and sisters in the States are praying for you!

AKRON, OHIO Florence Graf

Bob Wells arrived home from Viet Nam Sept. 17. We rejoice with his parents, Sam and Margie Wells, that Bob was protected upon the battlefield during his year of duty with the Marines. After a leave spent with his family and friends, Bob will be stationed in the States for the duration of his service.

Little Tracy Lawrence, granddaughter of Louise French, underwent surgery Sept. 20. She is making good progress toward recovery.

Vicki Scheetz and Ernie Graf were united in marriage in Texas on Sept. 29. Ernie is stationed at Ft. Sam Houston, and Vicki is presently remaining with him. Our sincere wishes for the Lord's blessings are extended to the young couple.

Sis. Mary Ann Maibach, daughter of Bro. Ernest and Sis. Louise Graf, visited her husband, Bro. Gary Maibach. Gary was on R and R from Viet Nam, and he and Mary Ann spent a short time together in Hawaii.

Contributions for the annual renewing of Silver Lining subscriptions are now being accepted. Fees may be given or sent to Florence Graf, 568 Washington Ave., Barberton Ohio 44203. Our contributions will be sent to Grabill as a congregation before the first of the year.

son of John and Sis,

God grant that I, too, may be missed After I am gone . . .

God grant that I, too, may be remembered

For the good that I have done.

Help me to live each day for Thee As our loved brother lived That I, too, may be remembered After I am gone . . .

In memory of Bro. Forrest Ritzman, who passed away Nov. 12, 1966.

FT. SAM HOUSTON, TEXAS Steve Gerst

It shall be well, if we with tears are sowing

The seed in hope of blest eternity, Despising scorn our foes are here bestowing,

And bearing persecution patiently; Eternally will prosper fresh and vernal,

The seed of faith that we have planted here,

When we shall harvest 'mid the joys eternal,

And see the ripened sheaves in glory there.

So often we speak of repentance and conversion, but it is also important to speak of the guidance and chastisement of His Holy Spirit. We receive this Comforter to lead and guide us through our many trials and temptations. The value of our suffering for His namesake is a joy, when we think of the reward hereafter. To keep our humility and meekness, we need discipline to bring us to obedience. At the time of the chastisement it may hurt us for awhile, but we later realize it was for our own good. This adds to our faith and makes us stronger to forebear other trials. We want our robe to be white and spotless when the Master shall knock at our door.

Beloved pilgrims, faith's association, Keep on in striving for the promised land!

- Be praying, fighting without hesitation,
- For the great harvest-day is near at hand!
- Behold the fields; they are soon ripe for harvest;
- The fig tree now is putting forth its leaves.
- Up, gather in! who slothful is in harvest,
- No crown of righteousness from God receives.

Visiting ministers: Bro. Ben Hartzler of Rittman proclaimed the blessed word to us on the weekend of Sept. 10, and Bro. Ed Hohulin of Goodfield ministered on the 24th. If we as brethren obey the teachings and lessons given by our ministers—our trials and temptations shall be few.

Discharges—Rollie Rumbold of Princeville has left us this past month. He had served a year in Viet Nam and finished his time at Ft Hood, Texas. We want to wish Rollie the best, and may he never forget his Lord.

Bro. Bill Cottrell of Taylor has joined us at our meetings on his off weekends. Bro. Bill has served a year in Viet Nam and is now finishing his time as a medical corpsman at Ft Walters, Texas. We pray for his protection on the highways when he travels to join us.

We have, indeed, been blessed with visitors too numerous to mention, for which we are thankful. It is a blessing to meet the beaming and friendly faces of our members from other congregations. The love and fellowship of our home churches is missed by us, until our visitors appear in the doorway. We want to take this opportunity to thank every visitor for his wonderful fellowship.

MORRIS, MINNESOTA Mrs. Herman Schaefer Mrs. Otto Schaefer

Bro. Leo Dogotch was a hospital patient. He had an appendectomy. We are glad to hear he is getting along fine.

Donald Joos, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Joos, was married to Jeanette Melchert on Sept. 16. We wish them the Lord's blessings.

The new Sunday School teachers elected were Bro. Bill Zeltwanger Jr., Bro. Vernard Brown, and Sis. Joyce Moser. Bro. Lloyd Fehr, Bro. Ervin Moser and Sis. Eva Jean Schaefer are the substitutes.

Bro. and Sis. Richard Schmidgall are the parents of a new little girl, Lois Lynn. She has three sisters and two brothers. Sis. Emma Schmidgall and Sis. Clara Moser are the grandparents.

Since the last time I wrote the Silver Lining news, my dear Mother has passed out of this life into eternity. Thankful am I that I could be at her side the last week and a half of her life, and could even visit with her. Even though her suffering and pain was great, she was able to sing hymns and speak of heavenly things. I would like to dedicate this poem to my Dad. Because there is a God We'll always have another dawn When morning ends the night; We'll always know this world of

ours

Will somehow turn out right.

A peace will strangely fill our hearts When weary work is done,

And though the storm is long and rough,

A bright new day will come.

Because there is a God, I'm sure We'll always have a smile, And somehow we will find a way To make each day worthwhile.

A friend will bring us endless joy And love will live through all . . . We'll have a winter wonderland Where snowflakes softly fall.

Because we live by simple faith With beauty ever near, Because we only know a trust And never have a fear . . .

I do not know why days are sad, Why life must bring a care; I only know that God above Is ever watching there.

And sometimes though your heart can't smile,

Though dark the road you trod, You'll always find your way at last, Because there is a God.

SARDIS, OHIO Doris Indermuhle

Friendship is the sunshine That turns the sky to gold. Friendship is the fragrance A thousand blessings hold.

We were blessed by the presence of many visitors. The ministering brothers that were among them included Bros. Joe Kaisner, Forrest; Henry Sabo, Mansfield; Lorentz Emch, Girard; Ben Stavenick, Mansfield, and Gene Pamer, Akron. We sincerely thank them for bringing the precious word in its fullness.

Our small congregation can easily tell when a few are absent for a period of time. Enrolled at Akron University are Bill Brake, son of John and Sis. Almeda Brake, and Delmos Figel, son of John and Sis. Rosella Figel. Ken and Sis. Doris Indermuhle, son and daughter of Bro. Delbert and Sis. Martha Indermuhle are again attending Kent State. We wish them God's richest blessings while we are apart from one another.

We are happy to have Tom Riggenbach, son of Roy and Wilma Riggenbach, home from his service duties in Viet Nam. Tom's grandparents are Bro. Ferd and Sis. Emma Riggenbach.

BURLINGTON, IOWA Verna Woodward Elaine Eisenmann

We were blessed with two visiting ministers, Bros. Joe Stoller and Arthur Bauer from Princeville. We enjoyed a wonderful day of fellowship.

In the hospital are Sis. Lillian Massner, wife of Bro. Adolph, and Sis. Ann Massner, wife of Bro. Allan. We pray that they may both soon be restored to good health, so that we may have them assemble with us again. We know that each soul is precious in God's sight. In a small congregation like ours, each absent one is really missed.

The engagement of Bro. Paul Wagler and Sis. Ella Thomas of Peoria was announced. We surely wish them God's grace and much happiness in their life together.

BURLINGTON, OKLAHOMA Millicent Frieden — La Verne Roth

Sept. 10, services were held at the Kiowa Manor Rest Home, following church. One knows his time and effort has not been wasted when he sees the looks of appreciation on the faces of the residents.

We are sorry to lose Bro. and Sis. Reuben Farney, as they depart from our community to go to their winter home in California. If it be the will of the Lord, we shall look forward to their return next spring.

Farmers in this area have been sowing seed-wheat. If the good Lord wills, the correct amount of rain and sunshine will bring forth another wheat crop next summer. . . And such is the way of a soul: he must be dead and buried of his sin; new life is then brought forth and nurtured to maturity, all for the increase of the Master.

CISSNA PARK, ILLINOIS Mary Young — Margaret Rudin

Sis. Leona Knapp passed away Sept. 13 at the age of 63 years; she had been in ill health. The last few weeks she suffered very much. Bro. Fred and the following children survive. Bro. Richard, Sisters Aldine Locker, Eva Jean Schaefer and Roger. She will be greatly missed; she had been one of the pillars of the church. She and Bro. Fred took care of the church lunches for funerals etc. for many years. Funeral services were held Sept. 16, Bro. Ezra Feller officating.

Bro. Wm. Stock, age 69, died Oct. 5 at the Hoopeston Hospital, after a one-day illness. Survivors are 4 daughters, Sis. Violet Stock, Margaret Collins, Gene Fairchild, Lillian Davis, and four sons, Bros. Melvin, Fredrick, John and Gilbert, 23 grandchildren and one sister, Sis. Freda Kuntz. His wife, Sis. Jane, one daughter and two brothers preceded him in death. Funeral services were conducted by Bro. Emmanuel Gudeman.

Hospitalized: Sis. Esther Fisher (but she is home again). Sis. Lyda Ehman, Sis. Lena Feller and Bro. Sam Drayer. Our friends, Grace Laubscher and Sam Knapp, are recovering from surgery. Bro. Jon Bauer is at the Passavant Hospital at Chicago. Mrs. Dick Feller is in the hospital for tests.

Shirley (Hauptli) Krumweide gave her testimony on Sept. 16 and was baptized the following Sunday.

Births: a girl to Cal and Rachel Bauer on Sept. 27; she was named Penny Rae. A girl, Holli Renee to Don and Dorothy (Clauss) Holmes on Sept. 23. A girl to Bro. Charles and Sis. Wilma Walder on Oct. 5; she was named Judith Lynn. A girl to Kenneth and Nancy Gudeman on Oct. 3; she was named Tina Renee.

The engagement of Sis. Jayne Kaufman to Bro. Dan Plattner of Goodfield was announced Oct. 1. Jayne is a daughter of Bro. and Sis. Bob Kaufmann. Dan is a son of Bro. and Sis. Harold Plattner of Goodfield.

On Sept. 17, Peoria invited our Sunday School Bible Class to meet them at Lake Bloomington for an evening of fellowship and song service together. A catered dinner was brought in and enjoyed by all. Bros. Emanuel Gudeman, Roy Sauder and Ben Fehr shared the evening service.

Cissna Park was host to the Christian Endeavor Bible Classes on Oct. 1 and 8. The first Sunday, our visitors were from Tremont, Fairbury, Forrest, Gridley and Roanoke. After enjoying two hymns from each group, an inspirational message was brought by Bro. Elmer Witzig. The second Sunday, the Bible Classes from Peoria, Eureka, Goodfield, Congerville, Princeville, Bradford and Morton were present. Bro. Joe Stoller from Princeville brought the message. It was indeed a great pleasure to have all these young folks visit our congregation. Refreshments were served in the church basement.

FORREST, ILLINOIS Martha Stoller Carolyn Zimmerman

Two families have welcomed a new baby into their homes: Bro. Robert and Sis. Donna Leman have named their sixth son Benjamin Glen; he also has two sisters. Bro. Nick and Sis. Jean Ricketts have a new daughter, Amy Sue; she has one brother, Alan, to welcome her home.

Visiting ministers were Bro. Sam Kilgus, Remington; Bro. Walter Steffen, Milford; and Bro. Joe Schrock, Congerville.

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA Howard and Louise Getz

Our congregation was blessed with messages from guest ministers Edwin Bahler (Remington) on Sept. 24, Loren Stoller (Latty) on Oct. 1, and John Bollier (Leo) on Oct. 8. Our appreciation is extended to each of these ministers and to those who accompanied them and helped with songleading and in the Sunday School classes. The traveling time to Indianapolis involves extra effort on the part of our visitors. and we pray these efforts are rewarded in part with the knowledge of the blessings and fellowship it brings to us. We need your support and prayers, as we continue to hold services weekly rather than semimonthly.

Since college classes have resumed, many students have joined us for our worship services, not only from Indiana University and Purdue, but from several other Indiana universities. We hope their families and friends can meet here and share a few hours of fellowship. Everyone is certainly welcome. The fall foliage season is bringing visitors from many places to enjoy the natural beauty God has so lovingly provided.

A special note of thanks is due John and Mary Isch, who had been the reporters for Indianapolis church. May God bless them for their loving service.

GOODFIELD, ILLINOIS Mrs. Bob Grimm

We had a most blessed day on Sept. 10. Bro. LeRoy Huber, Roy Sauder, Silas Leuthold, and Joshua Broquard were with us to serve Holy Communion, and also to assist with the duties of selecting a new minister. Bro. Willis Wiegand was chosen to fill this office.

Our beloved brother and retired elder, Frank Woertz, also resigned from his duties as a ministering brother. He has served us long and well, and certainly deserves a few years of rest. We thank him for his tireless efforts, and pray that the Lord will bless him.

Bro. Noah Schrock spent the morning with us on Sunday, Sept. 17, and fed us well. We thank him for his visit.

Sis. Esther Hartman was admitted to the hospital for major surgery, and has again returned home, where she is convalescing satisfactorily.

Jim Wagner, son of Sis. Vi Wagner, was married to Diana Casey, from Louisville, on Sat. Aug. 26. They will make their home in Louisville, for the time being.

Bill Hinrichsen, son of Bro. and Sis. Hans and Arlene Hinrichsen, was married on Sat. Sept. 23 to Janet Winkler from Larose, Ill. They are living in Peoria.

The engagement of Bro. Dan Plattner of our congregation, and Sis. Jayne Kaufman, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Bob and Marie Kaufman, of Cissna Park, was announced on Sun. Oct. 1. A December wedding is being planned.

Sis. Corine Roth, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Fred and Anna Marti of Lamar, who lives here in Goodfield, was a patient at the Methodist Hospital in Peoria a couple of week's ago. She is recuperating at home. Bro. and Sis. Marti have been staying with her.

Word was just received, at this writing, that Paul J. Wiegand, of East Peoria, died in an airplane crash. The accident occurred on Thurs. night, Oct. 5. Mr. Wiegand was a brother to Sis. Esther (Mrs. Ben) Hohulin of Goodfield.

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

Elder Bro. Theo. Beer of Milford was with us for services, reading from I Kings 21, of the deceitfulness of Jezebel and showing us how many could be deceived by one if we are not watchful.

We had our cornerstone laying services on Sept. 28; it was noted that Sept. 11 marked 75 years of services in our present building. Our elder brother, George Sinn of Latty spoke to us of the 12 memorial stones as recorded in Joshua 4, and reminded us that God does not dwell in "temples made with hands", but in the hearts of His children. The church is a place in which to gather and worship together in Christian love, striving to preserve this precious faith for our future generations.

MILFORD, INDIANA Marguerite Hoerr

Bro. Mike and Sis. Madeline Zimmerman have moved to their brand new home in town. Their farm home, where they had lived for many years will be occupied by their son, Mike Jr. and his new bride, Carolyn, upon Mike's release from service this month.

A new daughter, Christy, was welcomed into the home of Bro. Bill and Sis. Anne Troup. She has an older sister, Angie. Bernie and Carol Beer are happy over the arrival of their third son, Kirk Alan. Brad and Todd are his two older brothers. We would ask God's blessings on the lives of these new arrivals and their families.

Bro. Glenn Price Sr. was readmitted to the hospital and submitted to an emergency appendectomy. We are happy to report he is fully recovered and able to assemble with us again.

Sisters Shirley Beer and Carol Hurd are newly-elected teachers for our Primary classes in Sunday School. They will fill the vacancies left by Sisters Evelyn and Eleanor Beer, who spent many years faithfully instructing our younger children.

A very enjoyable week-end was spent with the Detroit congregation, when thirty-seven of our young folks and Sunday School teachers made the trip by bus to that city. The warmth and fellowship extended was a very valuable lesson in Christian love. We are grateful for this.

RITTMAN, OHIO

Ella Mae Trent — Claribel Walters "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith; Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day:" These fitting words were read by Bro. Sam Aeschliman at the funeral of our oldest brother, Joseph Maibach, 85, on Oct. 4. He was born Aug. 21, 1882 in Monroe County, Ohio to Benjamin and Margaret Gehring Maibach. He was a member for 66 years. Surviving are his wife, Emma Ramsier Maibach; seven sons, Frederick, Robert, Arthur, Alpha, John, Joseph Jr. and Dale; two daughters, Margaret Calame and Mary Ellen Gerber; one sister, Margaret Bauman.

Amid our sorrow there is also joy, for two dear souls have turned to the Lord in repentance: Ida Powell, 78, and Andrew Winkler, son of Bro. Alvin and Sis. Stella Winkler.

Hospitalized are Bro. Chester Rufener, Bro. Herman Ingold, Sis. Verna Rufener, Russell Mathys, Bro. Everett Stoller and Sis. Joanne Widmer.

Sept. 15 a daughter, Mary Ann was born to Bro. Dave and Sis. Eileen Emch. At home to welcome their sister is Craig, Carol, Beverly and Dana. Sept. 27 a son, Steven Alan was born to Ronald and Jeannette Woyat. He is welcomed by a brother, Andy at home. Oct. 6 a son, Steven Walter was born to Walter and Betty Marquart. Awaiting him at home is brother Michael.

Engagement: Gerald Gasser, son of Bro. Robert and Sis. Neva, to Deanna Rowe, daughter of the Dean Rowes.

United in marriage on Oct. 8 was Sis. Betty Riggenbach, daughter of Bro. Geo. and Sis. Minnie, to Bro. Daniel Baltic, son of Bro. Mitchel and Sis. Violet. May the Lord bless them each step along life's way.

A note of thanks from our dear brother, who under the Lord's protection was brought home safe from Viet Nam: I sincerely wish to thank all who remembered me during my convalescence. The cards, letters, gifts and especially prayers were so much appreciated. My leg has healed well and I am able to walk good. I could surely feel God's help. May the Lord richly bless all of you loved ones for your kindness and thoughtfulness. A least one in this most precious faith, Denny Nieman.

TREMONT, ILLINOIS Josephine Schaefer Mary Jane Leuthold

We were truly blessed with visit-

ing ministers. Bros. Dave Kieser, Princeville; Gerald Sutter, Taylor; and Merle Laukhuf, Latty, expressed God's rich word. Elder Brethren Silas Leuthold, Princeville; Theo. Beer, Milford; and Roy Sauder, Peoria assisted Bro. Dan Koch with the testimonies and baptism of our six new brethren. Thank you for your willingness to come and help. God never runs out of words to express to us, not always a new story, but one that has been told over and over, but never grows old.

"To me is given boundless mercy, a gift that I did not deserve; such wondrous love, it is so marv'lous, that such for me should be reserved." How these words must have rung, in our friends as they gave their heartfelt, humble testimonies. We can feel the joy and peace instilled in our hearts and minds, as we meekly welcome Sisters Melba Hangartner, Christie Koch, Bro. Ken and Sis. Sandy Dill and Bro. Vernon and Sis. Myrna Koch into the body of Christ.

The announcement of the engagement of Bro. Harold Steiner, son of Bro. Dan and Sis. Sophia, to Sis. Karen Kieser, daughter of Bro. Dave and Sis. Ruth, was made known. We wish the simple blessings sent from God in their future together.

Bro. Bill Scholl and Sis. Joann Frank were married Sept. 10. May they walk hand in hand with the fear of God in their hearts.

The door of grace has again opened wide and brought Mike Aberle, son of Walt and Sister Vera, unto repentance. May His faith and grace be with you, Mike.

Bro. Ed Kahler, 80 years old, passed away Sept. 19. He had been in ill health for the past twelve years. Surviving are his wife, Sis. Rose; a son Ervin; and three daughters, Mrs. Gladys Powell, Sis. Lenora, who lived at home, Mrs. William (Marjorietta) Largent; five brothers and four sisters. We wish for the family the comforting spirit of our Lord.

The Old and New

I wandered lonely, thinking I knew the path I treaded, but only now realize it really was a life I dreaded.

It took much meekness and humbleness on my part, until I finally broke down and gave God my old heart. He granted me prayer and willingness to confess, then freely gave me grace, faith, peace and rest.

This old evil world has nothing in store for me I now know; today we washed away my sinful heart and made it as white as snow.

A better place in heaven is waiting there for me, if the narrow path I take and true and faithful be.

ALABAMA

Ann Klopfenstein

Carolyn Pack, daughter of the Thomas Packs, and Nick Prestrage were married on Sept. 23. Two weeks later on Oct. 6, Linda Pack (Carolyn's sister), and James Rouse were married. Both couples were married by Bro. Lavoyd Moore.

Mr. Henry Mills, grandfather of Betty Campbell, died on Sept. 23. The funeral was at the Ardmore, Tenn. funeral home.

The Athens youth group took a trip to Wheeler Dam. After the trip, they enjoyed a wiener roast at Bro. Lavoyd Moore's home. The Landersville youth group enjoyed a trip to the Redstone Arsenal Space Center in Huntsville, Ala. We then enjoyed a wiener roast at the church.

Hospitalized: Roger, son of Sis. Eva Will, and Woodrow Haggenmaker.

Sis. Ora Kelly is improving slowly, after many weeks of illness.

Song fellowship was held at the homes of Bro. Junior Hale and Mr. and Mrs. Devany.

CHAMPAIGN-URBANA ILLINOIS Ben Blunier

Bros. Ezra Feller, Phil Sauder, and Emanuel Gudeman, Cissna Park; Al Aberle, Tremont; Ed Hohulin, Goodfield, Vernon Leman and Marvin Schmidgall, Eureka, so ably ministered to us. We are most grate ful to them for the blessings provided.

Bro. Ezra said we need to put God first, if we hope to be blessed. So often we take one step forward and fall back two, when we try working out our problems. With a little more faith we can leave it all with Jesus, and He calms the tempest. "Peace, be still."

MAYWOOD, CALIFORNIA Ruth Dapper — Marcelle Dapper

October 1 was our first Sunday to have classes in our new Sunday School room. We are really happy and pray that we may use it to the honor and glory of God.

"The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel." The waters have again been stirred, as we have two new converts in our congregation. Penny and Terry Julien, daughter and son of Dee and Helen (Ruhle) Julien have turned to God in true repentance. We wish them God's richest blessings and grace, and pray that they may hold fast to this precious faith and wonderful works which they have begun, and then into their hearts can be granted the peace of God.

Our annual election of officers was held Oct. 1. The following were chosen to serve for the following year: Sunday School superintendent, Bro. Ernie Dappe ; Sunday School teachers, Sis. Julie Dapper and Sis. Jan Elsasser; trustees, Bros. Ernie Dapper, Dale Dapper and Ben Amman; Silver Lining reporters, Sisters Ruth Dapper and Marcelle Dapper. We pray that the Lord will grant the needed grace and strength to these brothers and sisters, as they lend themselves as teachers and workers of our church.

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

Quietness

"Be still, and know that I am God", That I who made and gave thee life Will lead thy faltering steps aright; That I who see each sparrow's fall Will hear and heed thy earnest call. I am God.

'Be still, and know that I am God'', Who made the atom's tiny span And set it moving to My plan, That I who guide the stars above Will guide and keep thee in My love, Be thou still.

College students: Bro. Loren and Wayne Schrenk, Sis. Caroline Dotterer, Bro. Steve and Dan Roth (Fairbury), Patsy Messner, Lori Wirtz (West Bend), Marsha Lemons, Jerome Rokey and Gordon Heiniger (Kouts).

Our friend, Janet (Mrs. Terry) Klaus was hospitalized, but is home now. We wish her a speedy recovery.

ROANOKE, ILLINOIS

Sara Aeschleman — Norene Herbst Bro. Joe and Sis. Mardell Aeschleman are the parents of a little girl, Beverly Jean, born Sept. 21. Bro. Morris and Sis. Ida Mae Barth have a new son, Michael John, born Sept. 26.

There were six souls added to the fold Sept. 24, for which we are so happy. They were Juenetta Kempf, Dick Hoffman, Amy Leman, Cassie Fehr, Barbara Hodel and Kathy Hodel. May the Lord continue to grant to each one His great mercy and love, that they might stay true and faithful.

Our friends, Tim Hoffmon and Jean Moser were united in marriage Sun. Oct. 1. Bro. Eugene Bertschi officiated.

Sis. Mary Minger died Oct. 2, at the age of 73 years. She was the daughter of Theophilus and Louisa Weuthrich Minger.

Visiting ministers to our congregation were Bros. John Yergler, Roy Sauder, Elmer Bucher and Wendell Gudeman.

Sis. Elisa and Sis. Martha Bertschi of Zurich and Basil Switzerland, respectively, are visiting our community.

TAYLOR. MISSOURI Mrs. Eli Sutter Mrs. Bill Heimer

On Sept. 17 we were privileged to have as guest ministers Bros. Ezra Feller (Cissna Park) and Bob Pohl (Burlington, Ia.).

The Bible Class enjoyed the week end of Oct. 1 as guests of the Burlington Bible Class. They were accompanied by their teacher, Bro. Marvin Wiegand, and Sisters Joann and Naomi Heimer.

Sis. Linda Kolthoff has employment at Decorah, Ia. She is staying with Sis. Eleanor Yackley at Calmar, which is close to Decorah. We wish her the Lord's blessing in her new position.

Bro. Roy Grimm spent a few days in the hospital for tests. We are glad to report that nothing of a serious nature was found.

Bro. William Cottrell is at the University Hospital at Iowa City, and will have tests taken to determine the cause of his back trouble. Sis. Ruth accompanied him.

WICHITA, KANSAS Mrs. Larry J. Farney Mrs. Harvey Smith

Hospital patients recently were Bro. Harvey Farney and Priscilla Bowers, daughter of Bro. Milton and Sis, Lillian. Harvey had a virus intestinal infection, and Priscilla had exploratory surgery, resulting in the removal of her appendix.

We rejoice with Bro. Ernie and Sis. Nellie Lambert, that their newest grandchildren are home from the hospital. Twins, a boy and a girl, were born to Andy and Kathy Lambert Aug. 4. The twins have had a hard time getting started, and are now receiving medication for help in digesting their food and retaining the fluids. They seem to be doing well now, and we hope and pray they will be blessed with good health.

Bro. Steve Langhoferr has been added to the fold. We wish him, as we do for each of us, the grace and strength to be true and faithful to the Lord unto life's end.

We are sorry to see Sis. Dee Metzger leave our congregation. Dee is going to work at Peoria. We know our loss will be their gain, and we hope she will come back and visit us.

FORT SCOTT, KANSAS Annabelle Bahr — Marie Zaugg

Our beloved sister, Clara Marti, is now in the hospital. We hope and pray her sufferings won't be too great nor too long, but God knows best, May His will be done in all things.

Betty Sinn is teaching high school in Highland, Kansas 66035.

ALTADENA, CALIFORNIA Doris Graf — Jeri Minger

We were very thankful for the visit of Ministering Bro. Carl Feucht from Lester. Bro. Carl and Sis. Emma used to live in California when they were first married.

Sunday School classes are back in session. Election was held for new teachers and trustees. Those elected to serve as Sunday School teachers are: Bros. Bill Witzig and Virgil Graf, Junior High and High School classes; Sis. Rhoda Minger, Elementary School Class; and Sis. Judie Bittner, Primary Classes.

Those attending college are Jan Beyer at Santa Monica Junior College and Dale Graf, Pasadena City College.

Bob Minger, son of Bro. and Sis. William Minger, spent a month's leave with his family and friends. He was stationed in Iceland in the Navy for the past year but has been reassigned to Rhode Island.

ELGIN, IOWA Mrs. George Butikofer

And I saw how the Master Painter Uses gold, vermilion, bronze, Arcing it over with cloudless blue Reflected in the ponds.

Iowa's hillsides are covered with warmth and color. Ever on cloudy days the yellow and red orange arches make the days brighter. It is wonderful weather to walk, listening to the crunch of fallen leaves and breathing the invigorating crisp air. The cornfields are in this area nearing the days when the pickers will enter to harvest, which appears to be a very productive yield.

Ida Fannie Pulfer was born April 14, 1901 to Mr. and Mrs. Tofield Fischer of Roanoke. At the age of five they moved to Oakville. She died at the age of 66 years. On December 20, 1925 she was united in marriage to John Pulfer of Elgin. To this union, nine children were born. Surviving are seven children namely; Mrs. Roy Funk of Gridley; Helen M. Jacobs of Remsen, Ia.; John of Monrovia, Calif.; Leslie of Pekin, Ill.; Mrs. Lynn Rinkenberger of Gridley; Mrs. Wm. Butikofer of Durant; Mrs. Kenneth Winter of Oelwin; 26 grandchildren; three sisters, Nettie, Marie, and Bertha.

She found faith in the Lord in her youth, became a member and remained faithful to the end. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, October 8, by Bro. Uriel Gehring of Burlington.

From this world of pain and sorrow, To the land of peace and rest God has taken you, dear mother, Where you have found eternal rest.

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks for the cards, gifts, prayers, food and kindness extended to our mother during her illness, and the time of our bereavement. The family of Mrs. Ida Pulfer.

LA CROSSE, INDIANA Joanie Heiniger

Visiting ministers were Bro. Mike Weyeneth of Peoria and Bro. Fred Knapp of Congerville. We enjoyed the messages very much.

Bro. Stan and Sis. Naomi Vogel and two little girls have moved to the Kouts vicinity to make their home, and are making La Crosse their church. We sincerely welcome them to our congregation. Since moving here a little son, Thomas was born to them, on Sept. 7.

Janet Heinold, daughter of Bro. Roy and Sis. Marie Heinold, gave her testimony, was baptized and received into the fold. May God grant her the grace and strength from above to live for Him. It is always a joy when another soul becomes a child of God.

Bro. Nile and Sis. Phyllis Bucher and two small sons left our community to make their home at Bluffton. We will miss their presence. May God bless them in their new home.

A near tragedy took place in our family by an accident; the two boys, David 16 and Paul 14, were enroute to school two weeks ago. The car skidded on wet blacktop pavement. David was thrown from the car and was in critical condition for several days. To save his life, his left leg had to be amputated at the knee. Thanks be to God that he is still with us, and that Paul escaped without a scratch. We sincerely appreciate all the prayers offered in behalf of David. Prayer availeth much, as we so offtimes experience. Where can one turn to but to the Lord for help. He will be in the hospital for some time yet. Those who care to remember him with a card may send it to: David Heiniger, Pine Lake Div. Hospital Rm. 209, La-Porte, Ind. 46350.

LEO, INDIANA Mrs. Elias Souder

Our dear sister Cora Levy went to be with the Lord. Services were at the Leo church, and burial in the Leo Cemetery. She will surely be long remembered for the many loving deeds she rendered to others, especially the little children. We believe there were some of those awaiting her at the Beautiful Gate.

Elias Souder is home again, after spending a number of weeks at the hospital. Some of the young people came to visit him while there and sang some of the Gospel Hymn songs, which he enjoyed so much.

Sis. Mary Troxel is ill.

Emma Jean and Oliver Steiglitz are the parents of a new baby boy.

CONGERVILLE, ILLINOIS Lorna Schrock — Jeanette Knapp

Visiting ministers were Bros. Noah Schrock, Oakville; Herman Kellenberger, Elgin; Leroy Huber, Eureka; Elmer Bucher, Francesville; and Bob Grimm, Goodfield. We are thankful for their words of exhortation and encouragement.

Ruth and Elmer Miller are grate-

ful that their son, Duane, has returned from Viet Nam, where he served in the Air Force. Following a 30-day leave, he will complete the remainder of his service in the states.

Dave Miller, son of Lena and Art, spent a few weeks in the hospital, due to a blood clot in his leg. We wish him a quick and complete recovery.

Two-year-old Mary Kay, daughter of Bro. Gene and Sis. Carrie Lou Hartman, fell off a swing set, suffering a broken leg, which now is in a cast.

It was a joy to hear the testimonies and witness the baptism of the following friends: Sharon and Bob McClure, and Jack Miller (daughter, son-in-law and son of Bro. Walt and Sis. Irma Miller); Kenny Schrock (son of Bro. Joe and Sis. Esther Schrock); Cheryl Schrock (daughter of Bro. Roy and Sis. Polly Schrock); and Beverly Schieber (daughter of Bro. Harvey and Sis. Fanny Schieber). We wish them all God's grace and guidance each step of the way on their journey to Zion. Bros. Noah Schrock, Herman Kellenberger and Leroy Huber were in charge.

"Know Each Other Better"

[Editor's note: The Know Each Other Better was sent in before. The passing of time has seen good things happen. One or a few things in the above news has brought awaited happiness.]

When asked to write about 5 different people for the new special feature "Know Each Other Better", I felt that perhaps the readers would like to know a little more about the wives of our ministers.

The wife of Bro. Ben Zimmerman, who is now retired from the ministry, was the former Louise Ann Aeschleman, better known to us as Lula. She was one of 10 chil-

dren born to Bro. Joe and Sis. Mary Yergler Aeschleman, near Sabetha, May 25, 1881. Only five of the ten are still living. Lula spent her childhood days and the first three years of her marriage near Sabetha. At the age of 18 she was converted. Three years after her marriage to Bro. Benjamin E. Zimmerman, on Feb. 12, 1911, they moved from Sabetha to a farm near Carlock, Ill., where they lived until 1948, when they moved to their present home in Congerville. Five children were born to this union, and Lula experienced the heartache of losing an infant son in 1919 ... But she has also had many joys; her three voungest children are Christians and members of our church, and only recently her oldest son has also repented and is awaiting baptism. Thus she can anticipate an unbroken circle in the realms of glory. Also awaiting baptism are two of her sixteen grandchildren. We can see that her prayers continued to be answered.

Sis. Lillian Welk, daughter of Bro. George and Sis. Bena Kaufman Welk, became the wife of Bro. Jesse Schrock in Morton on Sept. 26, 1921. She was one of 10 children, 9 of whom are still living. Morton was her home from her birth, Feb. 15 1895, until her marriage. She and Jesse have lived on the same farm south of Congerville for the 46 years of their marriage. Here were born three sons, all of whom are members. She was converted at the age of 16. Now she is rejoicing in the coming baptism of the oldest of her seven grandchildren.

Bro. John and Sis. Anna Aeschliman Rassi were the parents of Sis. Esther Rassi, who married Bro. Joe Schrock in Milford on June 4, 1939. Outside of four years at Bremen, most of her single days were spent in Milford, where she was born Jan. 4, 1913. She was from a large family of 14 children, 2 of whom have passed away. At the age of 16 years, Esther was converted and baptized. Since her marriage, she and Joe have lived in Congerville and here raised three children. One infant daughter was born prematurely and died in a few days, and a son was stillborn. Their oldest two children are members, and the youngest is awaiting baptism. Esther only recently became a grandmother for the first time.

Rankin, Ill. (near Cissna Park) was the birthplace of Sis. Marge Farney, Jan. 25, 1930. Her parents are Bro. William and Sis. Lizzie Neukomm Farney, who have twelve other children, one of whom has passed away. Marge went to school in Rankin, and lived there until her marriage to Bro. Fredrick Knapp on Oct. 22, 1950. The early days of their marriage found them living in an apartment, then temporarily on a farm near the one they now live on, north of Congerville. It wasn't until 1957 that she and Fritz yielded to the Saviour's call and were baptized together, in our Congerville church. Their six children range in age from 5 to 16 years.

These four women have been faithful supporters of their husbands, especially during the time of their ministries. We can believe that much of their lives have been spent in intercessory prayer. One cannot underestimate the power of prayer, for we read, **The effectual** fervent prayer of a righteous man (or woman) availeth much. We can see the results of the prayers of these sisters, even extending to the third generation. We are thankful for their examples of cheerfulness, sincerity, and service toward all of us.

History American Elders

INDIANA Bluffton

Hartman, Adam, Bluffton. Born in Adams County, Indiana, 1838. Installed elder in 1887 by Bro. Joseph Bella, Monroe County, Ohio. Served from 1887-1888. Died 1888.

Rauch, Godfrey, Decatur, Ind. Born in Bern, Switzerland, 1858. Installed elder October 1913 by Bros. Henry Souder Sr. of the Leo church; Gottlieb Maibach, Bay City; and Samuel Engwiller, Mansfield. Served from 1913-1935. Died July 21, 1935.

Aeschliman, Samuel, Bluffton. Born in Wells County, Ind., December 31, 1891. Installed elder July 21, 1941 by Bros. Ernest Graf Sr., Akron; Elias Dotterer, Junction; and Jacob Stettner, Elgin (Ill.).

Yergler, John. Installed elder

November, 1966.

In the year 1858, several families moved to Wells and Adams Counties, in Indiana near Bluffton. Church meetings were held in the members homes, Bro. Joseph Bella from Monroe County, Ohio, serving as their elder until the year 1887. Bro. Adam Hartman was then ordained elder, and served until his death about one year later. Bro. Henry Dotterer, Junction, then served as their elder, assisted by other elder brethren, especially Bros, Sorg and Schwier.

In 1867 the first church building was erected. In 1897, this was replaced by a larger building and in 1933, because of lack of room, this church building was enlarged. In 1949 the present building was begun, and the first services in this building were held in July 1950.

Elders who have served in the Bluffton church: Bros. Joseph Bella, Adam Hartman, Henry Dotterer, Adam Imthurn, Henry Souder Sr., Godfrey Rauch, Elias Dotterer, Samuel Aeschliman, John Yergler, Bro. Rauch served the Bluffton church as elder for 22 years—true and faithful until the Lord took him to his reward and rest.

During the time the Bluffton Church has been in existence, approximately 1000 souls have been baptized and added to the flock.

Bros. Samuel Aeschliman and John Yergler are now serving as elders of the Bluffton church. Bremen

First church services were held

in April 1911, in a dwelling-house donated by Bro. John Gerber, of Bremen congregation on one of his farms. As the little congregation grew, more room was needed, so a country schoolhouse was purchased in 1917 for \$100 and moved to the church building. In 1924, the new brick structure was erected in Bremen, at an approximate cost of \$21,000. It was dedicated November 9, 1924.

Bremen was served by Bros. Barthol Rapp, Morton; Henry Souder Sr., Leo; Samuel Aeschliman, Bluffton; Theo. Beer, Milford.

Being introduced to God and following on will bring a world of wealth to come. Deepening the acquaintance now, immediate family ties, divine, brings a deepening joy in full measure.

What really does satisfy? "I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world."

Apart from Him, there is no life. The soul is in darkness in the withering night. Drawn to Him, light reveals life eternal. From reckless, shiftless days of sin the soul turns. Repentance is the change. The Father sees a great way off. Jesus is merciful. He takes us. We could never atone. He cleanses. By faith we come, and become one with Him who died in our place.

There is power in His resurrection!

"But Mary stood without at the sepulchre weeping . . ." Jesus was her friend. The beautiful light shone, the sweetness remained. Where Jesus was, His life caused heavenly response.

They had taken Him, and bruised Him. They hurt Him, and pressed the cruel thorns on His head. They fixed Him to the wood. He breathed out His life. He was buried. The memory was vivid. Now, on that early Sunday morning, she had come. But His body WAS NOT THERE. It seemed too much. The tears welled from her eyes.

Misted sight, but the glory be-

Henry Souder Jr.

Nearer, Still Nearer

gan to unfold. There were the two angels in white. Then that turning back. Sweetness. Glory. What chorus began in a single word. "Jesus saith unto her, Mary."

Jesus really knows each of our names. He knows us better than we do ourselves. He's outside the tomb, up there in heaven. He sent His Spirit to do His work, and to walk His walk. His Spirit is with power. He is alive for evermore. This is the marvellous work, being made conformable to His death, and knowing the power of His resurrection shining forth.

"I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty."

The silent empty spaces outside the starry sky would bring deafening fear without God. The mighty plunges to nowhere would rend the mind, without a refuge. The blistering heat of fright would tremor, uncontrollably, of existence that dies not.

We would be in a fearful prison were it not for the Light. We need not be afraid. The everlasting arms stretch from eternity to eternity. In beautiful light and glory they reach where thoughts fear to travel.

"For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain." To express all the love of Jesus in mortal word is impossible. His personality will radiate in ages to come, as we see His love.

Sometimes we perhaps don't listen to a verse. There is a distance from a saying. Moments may seem somewhat gray, colorless. The beauty is still there. It's just we haven't drawn close enough. Our faith needs be larger.

Life in Jesus holds inexpressible discovery. What awaits for one who looks? The joy now is unspeakable and full of glory. The love passes knowledge. "O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God!"

But what awaits! "How that he was caught up into paradise, and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter." Literally, speakings which cannot be spoken, to come.

Communication is the way we tell one person what we have to say. We get to know each other better this way. Now, what is that awaiting? What are those other speakings? What beautiful things do they talk about? And it cannot even be framed by mortal tongue?

Heaven will indeed be wonderful. The ages to come will be wonderful.

"And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God."

Think how our president is esteemed. Some can see him; some can talk with him. Some are invited to his place, the White House. What a wonderful privilege to have God dwell with us. He is an inexhaustible resource an ever-flowing stream that will entertain with joys unthought of in ages to come. And

how our hearts will be warm and glow with perfect satisfaction. He speaks. He sings. Who knows the thrilling chords that will bring sheer joy? What He will tell, and how!

Today we have the priceless opportunity of getting to know our God better, and becoming more like Him.

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