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PREACH JESUS TO ME

(Handed to the Bern, Kansas reporter by Sis. Ella Hartter. Let us hold fast to our heritage! How sad for some.)

We've got a new minister coming, I hear; the old one, I'm told had his day. . .

Too old-fashioned and slow, and not up to date;" at least so the younger folks say.

So the old man who's grown gray in the service of God, aside now must stand,

While a youth fresh from college, with "brand-new" ideas is going to take things in hand,

And we'll hear the old truths told over again, from Genesis way down to Paul,

And told in the latest, most new-fangled way, so that no one will know them at all.

There's this much I know, whoever may come, and whoever the minister may be,

If a blessing he wants from this heart of mine, he's got to preach Jesus to me!

The old style of preaching the gospel of God, with eloquence simple and strong,

Repentance, salvation, through Jesus who died, they've "discovered" at last is all wrong,

And instead we have lectures on various things, political, social, and such—

All told in a genteel, half-hearted way, with a "matter-of-fact" sort of touch,

And about as much use to a hungering soul as would be if you gave it a stone.

All food for the mind, for the spirit and heart, must be left most severely alone.

Not a word in the whole discourse will you hear of the cross and of grim Calvary;

Such kind of fare, it may satisfy some, but you've got to preach Jesus to me.

Oh what a change has come over the land from the days that I once knew of old,

When the good brothers' voice, so grand and inspired in sonorous majesty rolled,

And we heard the old story of God and his love, and of Jesus the Saviour of men,

And the next Sabbath day with the same eager hearts we came back to hear it again.

We never grew weary; we never grew tired of that tale of God's wonderful love;

Our religion we drew not from "books" or from men, but straight from the Father above.

For the grace that He gave us came down like the rain, so plenteous, so full, and so free,

And it's that blessed grace that my thirsty soul craves, so preach the dear Saviour to me.

Ah, in those good old days, sin, it was nailed down as sin;

No trimming of sails to suit this one and that, but the shafts of the gospel sank in;

The wrongdoer's heart, and rich man or poor, face to face in an instant was brought.

With a terrible price, the sinner must pay who sets God's commandments as naught.

No parleys with sin, temporizing with wrong, but heart-searching within and without.

Oh the wonderful faith of those blessed old days, with never a question of doubt!

Just the Bible, God's word from beginning to end, and to those precious pages I flee,

And I pick out the texts that thrilled me with joy, when the Saviour was first preached to me.

With the scythe of the Reaper coming daily more near, and the eyes growing dimmer with age,

Oh don't take away the comfort the Holy Book gives, as we ponder over each precious page.

Oh take not away . . . for there's nothing to cheer our last breath,

No nothing but those blessed pages to help, as we draw near the portals of death.

There's naught but our Lord that can then stand between our soul's eternity,

So give me the light of God's gospel, And preach Christ Jesus, the Saviour, to me.

Attention Servicemen APO San Francisco And All Interested!

One of our ministers, Bro. Joe Schrock has plans to go to Japan, via Anchorage, Alaska and home-ward stopping at Hawaii. His wife, Sis. Esther, and the wife of one of our servicemen in Korea, Vicki Schipf (Dale is her husband) are to accompany him. The tentative schedule is August 1 for Anchorage, and next day, Japan—with the international dateline crossing, it will be August 3. Four Sundays will be spent in Japan. Here is an opportunity for some to meet Bro. Joe. The plans call for the last week or part thereof in Hawaii. Should someone in Alaska, Hawaii or elsewhere want to, why not write or call Bro. Joe? His address, Joe Schrock, Congerville Ill 61729. His telephone: area 309, 448-2236.

Thurs., Aug. 1 is the scheduled arrival, at 1:43 p.m. in Anchorage. Plans are to be at the Captain Cook Hotel. At 2:45 on the 2nd they are to leave Anchorage; arrival time in Tokyo is shown as 4:05 Tokyo time, Sat., Aug. 3. Plans are to stay at the New Otani Hotel during most of the days Aug. 4-9. Schedule is to be in Tokyo for Saturday evening services, and again Sunday, Aug. 4; in Shioda, Sunday, Aug. 11; in Tamahata Sun., Aug. 18; and again in Tokyo church Sun., Aug. 25. Plans are to leave Japan on the 26th and arrive in Honolulu 10:10 p.m. Sunday, and to be at the Reef Tower Hotel during part of the week. Scheduled leaving of Honolulu 11:45 a.m. for Phoenix, Sat., Aug. 31.

FRANCESVILLE, INDIANA

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

Everyone was welcome to our Vacation Bible School. It is now past, but the blessings were untold. Our precious children, grandchildren, and all the teen-agers have such loving ways about them, that our greatest concern is for them, to have a happy Christian living on this earth, and then much greater joys will be theirs in the never-ending eternity.

There were seven different groups taught by brothers and sisters who wanted to teach the children all good things about Jesus. They also made such touching things to hang in their rooms, which will help to keep their thoughts aright.

Then the older ones had the great blessings of a visiting minister each evening:

Monday—Bro. Edwin Ringger (Gridley) spoke on "Personal Life", and a sextet sang, "What A Day That Will Be".

Tuesday—Bro. Norman Stoller (Ft. Wayne) spoke on "The Home", and a girls' group sang "When Love Shines In".

Wednesday—Bro. Nathan Steffen (Elgin) spoke on "The Church", and a girls' quartet sang, "Jesus Opened Up The Way".

Thursday—Bro. Edwin Bahler (Remington) spoke on "Hell", and a girls' quartet sang "Prepare To Meet Thy God", and a sextet sang, "Sorry I Never Knew You".

Friday—Bro. Edwin Hohulin (Goodfield) spoke on "Heaven", and a girls' group sang "Where Will You Spend Eternity?"

These five ministering brothers will sure be blessed on this earth, and then much more in all eternity, for the wonderful messages that they so willingly gave us. They would say it was a "Joy" to be with us, but we think ours was almost a double "Joy".

On Sunday evening, all of the young folks came to the church then, to tell us some of the things that they learned in their week of Vacation Bible School. Words cannot say the touching "Heavenly Love" they gave us.

Bro. Edward Lanz (Oakville) came with a basketful of spiritual food for us. God bless him and all others who came.

Now the last good news item is that our dear Bro. Maurice Huber

could return home safely from the service. This little verse is like him—

While going through this life,
Lord, hold my hand in Thine,
That Thy nearness to my soul
May cause my light to shine.

ATHENS, ALABAMA

Mrs. William Hagggenmaker

"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. . . . For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

We are very happy for three souls who have repented and wish to be baptized. They are: Dean Chambers, son of Sis. Retha Chambers; Hazel Kyle and her daughter Floy Hilliard. They are to give their testimonies July 6, and be baptized July 7, the Lord willing. We thank God for these three souls.

Sis. Annis Perry is at home now, after having gall bladder surgery, and is doing very well.

Sis. Zelmear Young was in the hospital recently with a strained back. She is still weak, but felt like coming to church last Sunday. We were glad to see her fill her usual seat.

Our Vacation Bible school starts July 1.

FORT SCOTT, KANSAS

Wanda Kraft — Marie Zaugg

The wedding of Sis. Ruth Banwart and Bro. Jim Bahr was solemnized by Bro. Sam Anliker, the evening of the 12th of June. A reception was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Banwart, brother of the bride. May God's richest blessings ever be present in their home.

At this writing, Bro. Gus Sinn is in the hospital. We hope that he will soon be blessed with full recovery.

MORTON, ILLINOIS

Rose Getz — Ruth Rapp

Funeral services were held June 1 for Lizzie Wanner, 88. She was the daughter of August and Katherine Heihs and wife of the late William Wanner. Surviving are two grandsons, Donald Heihs of Phoenix and Richard Heihs of Pekin.

Funeral services were held June

23 for Walter Seidel, son of Andrew and Susan Streitmatter Seidel.

Bro. Russell Rapp, assisted by Bro. Elmer Witzig of Gridley, performed the wedding ceremony of Mary Menold, daughter of Bro. Herman and Sis. Oleta Honegger Menold, and Bro. Jerome Witzig, son of Bro. Sam and Sis. Louise Funk Witzig, on June 23.

Bro. Russell Rapp, assisted by Bro. Eugene Bertschi of Roanoke performed the wedding ceremony of Sis. LeAnn Bertschi, daughter of Bro. Rudy and Sis. Irene Sauder Bertschi, and Guss A. Schlatter, son of Bro. and Sis. Joe D. Schlatter of Paulding, Ohio, on June 8.

The wedding of Jeanne Stetzler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Stetzler, and Jake Plattner, son of Bro. and Sis. Jacob Plattner Sr., was solemnized in Champaign, June 11.

We were so thankful for the precious words brought to us by Bro. Ben Maibach of Detroit, Bro. Earl Zeltwanger of Bremen, and Bro. Walter Anliker of Eureka.

Sis. Hilda (Mrs. Sam) Roth and Sis. Elma Heiniger, who were hospital patients, are convalescing at their home.

Bro. Carl Kaiser and Bro. George Yentes were also hospital patients.

Announcement has been made of the forthcoming marriage of Sis. Marie Kaufman and Bro. Chris Hauter.

Bro. John and Sis. Loretta Widmer Kaufman are moving to Normal. Their address is 20 Grandview Drive, Normal Ill. 61761.

A daughter, Jennifer Kay, was born June 17 to Steve and Kay Schock, Corvallis, Oregon. The grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Al Wiedman and Bro. and Sis. Lee Schock.

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WOLCOTT, INDIANA**Arles Kropf**

We were blessed the past month with visits by Ministering Bros. Merle and Elmer Bucher, Joshua Broquard, and John Bahler. The Sunday Bro. Joshua was here we partook of Holy Communion, which indeed is strengthening to our faith.

Our children attended vacation Bible School at Remington during the week of June 10. We trust they all received a blessing in fellowship with each other and learning from the word of God.

Sis. Reva Waibel and sons, Gerry and Dwight, were involved in an auto accident recently, but are thankful they were not more seriously injured.

ALTADENA, CALIFORNIA**Marilyn Graf**

We were blessed with the visit of two ministering brothers, Bro. Homer Reineck and family from Toledo and Bro. Jim Hoerr from Peoria. We thank them for sharing the word of God with us.

School is out, and our Sunday School is having a short vacation. The high school class had a picnic.

Domonic David is the son born to Hank and Joyce Cordoza, on June 14. Maternal grandparents are Bro. and Sis. William Minger.

Bro. Steve Aberle, son of Bro. and Sis. Joe Aberle, Sabetha, is living here this summer with his sister and family, Lowell and Esther Novey. We welcome him to our congregation.

LANDERSVILLE, ALABAMA**Billie Jo Harville**

"I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD."

Our Bible School started June 17, and services were conducted through June 21. We were glad to have Bro. Willis and Sis. Lois Ehnlé and their children with us. For our first service, Bro. Willis, from Japan, was our speaker. We all enjoyed it. The thought he left with us was wisdom, understanding, and fear of the Lord. We all sure want to keep these things in mind. We pray God's rich blessing's upon them in their work.

Sis. Martha Hemmer from Princeville has been visiting with her daughter, Mariam Klopfenstein and family for a few weeks. We welcomed her to our congregation and enjoyed the fellowship we had with her.

BAY CITY, MICHIGAN**Marlene Mosher**

The Bay City church has been shown the blessings of our dear Lord and Saviour, with the selection of two new ministers, Bros. Roy Wieland and James Ramseyer. We wish these two brothers God's help and grace in the new task they have been chosen to do.

Bro. Derrell Steffen and Sis. Susan Ramseyer were united in Holy Matrimony. We wish the new couple the Lord's blessings in their new life together.

Bro. Clifford and Sis. Carol Wieland have a new baby daughter, Mindy Jo. Bro. Roger and Sis. Sandra Wieland have a new baby son, Lee Allen.

We again took part in Holy Communion with our dear brothers and sisters in the Lord. It was a very blessed day. We had with us Bro. John Bahler.

The summer months are upon us and a lot of our youth do not know what to do with their free time. Be careful dear friends; the idle time is when Satan has a field day, even though you don't realize it. When you find yourselves with mother all day long, one of the ways he loves to work is for you to get sassy with mother and make her unhappy. Be watchful in all things you do and say, and the friends you have. Don't follow the crowd; if you don't think something is right, don't do it. You can get yourself into so much trouble, even without knowing it sometimes. Be careful, dear friends; turn to the Lord now, and have a friend at your side always.

FT. WAYNE, INDIANA**Mary Eisenmann — Marge Gerber**

As the Lord spoke through His prophet, Haggai, consider your ways, so have we again been reminded to consider our ways and come to know our Saviour, Whose way leads to life eternal. Our guest minister this month was Bro. Wendell Gudeman of Francesville. Through his message we were reminded that envy, love of money, lying, false witnessing, and instability still are weapons against Christ, prevalent in our world today. Francesville was host at our June singing.

Sis. Edith Lieberenz was hospitalized for surgery, but is home again. May God bless her to a speedy recovery.

Bro. D. J. and Sis. Billie Klop-

fenstein and family of Florida spent several weeks visiting his mother, Helen Eisenmann, and other relatives in our community during their vacation. We were happy to have their children, Danny and Mary Beth and their cousin, Stephanie Zeltwanger, from Bremen with us for Vacation Bible School. Their daughter, Sally, remained in Ft. Wayne to work this summer and is staying with her grandmother. She will return to Florida the middle of August, and enter college.

Dan Pulver is spending a 30-day leave with his parents, the Lester Pulvers, and other relatives. He reports on July 22 to Camp Pendleton in San Diego, California, for three weeks of further training, after which his orders are for Viet Nam. May God go with him wherever he is sent.

Robert and Sis. Janice Pfister and family have moved to a farm home near Cedarville. Their new address is: R. R. No. 2, Ft. Wayne Ind. 46805.

Bro. David and Sis. Sharon Pfister and Karen have moved into the downstairs home vacated by the Robert Pfisters. Their address is unchanged.

MEMORIES OF AUNT RUTH

by Mary Eisenmann

Sis. Ruth M. Pfléderer passed away nearly 25 years ago, at the age of 37, but I well remember "Aunt Ruth", and she was the first one that came to my mind when I received the letter asking for the feature, "MEMORIES".

In corresponding with those who knew her and were with her a lot, I find the same thoughts expressed. She was one others enjoyed being with, for she was always happy and cheerful, and often had a song on her lips or whistled as she went about her daily life. . . And she had many friends!

Different ones mentioned going flower-picking in the timber—This I too remember, as Aunt Ruth would take us nieces and nephews flower-picking in the spring of the year. This tradition is still carried on by one of my brothers and his children, who remembered the graves (including Aunt Ruth's), as well as their living mothers each year on Mother's Day with a bouquet of flowers from the timber.

Altho' she never married, she seemed to have a great love of children, and would often spend time with us nieces and nephews. She

would take us with her in her work where it was permissible. It was a great treat to spend Saturday night with Aunt Ruth at the telephone office, where she worked at one time. And of special remembrance was the double deckered ice cream cone.

I am sure there were times when Aunt Ruth didn't feel well at all, but she wasn't one to complain, and accepted her lot as the Lord's will. The last summer and fall she lived, she spent most of 3 months in bed at my folks. If she had knowledge of the severity of her illness, she didn't show it. There was one time when mother was quite concerned that the end was coming, and we girls were with her to fan her, as she needed air; the younger children were sent outdoors to play. One of them returned to the door to call out, "Did she die yet"? Another time we were having a severe electrical and wind storm, and I had to stay with her so she wouldn't be afraid and know how bad things were outside. There were wires and tree limbs everywhere! But in that room all seemed calm. I am sure Aunt Ruth knew more than she let on that she knew, and probably helped the rest of us too! Did she fear death? Surely, it was not her will to die so young, but she had sought her Lord in her youth and was ready to go when her call came. Those who knew her felt her to be sincere and earnest, and one who lived a devoted Christian life.

During this lengthy illness, it was evident that she had many friends, for she received many gifts and sunshine boxes. It was like Christmas every day to us children, and we enjoyed the opening of those gifts as much as she did, I am sure. It was one of these gifts, a salt and pepper shaker, (later given to me as a remembrance of her) that was the start of my collection.

The following poem, "SWEET MEMORIES OF RUTH", written by Sis. Matilda Rassi of Morton, was composed in memory of Aunt Ruth, and it is with her permission that I enclose it with my article.

SWEET MEMORIES OF RUTH

Fond recollections come to my mind
Of our dear Ruth who was always
so kind.

My thoughts revert to days gone by,
When we discussed our wish how
we would like to die.

Death we knew we all must face
Trusting in God for His help and
grace.

Ruth's desire was fulfilled we know
For she felt it was a nice way to go.
However, we do not know today
Just what took place at the break
of day,

But we know the death angel took
from this life,

Our Ruth who had bravely fought
the battle of strife.

Her course was finished; with one
accord

We know and feel 'twas the will of
the Lord.

But oh, the parting grieves us so,
For we did not realize, and did not
know,

When we said adieu a short week
before

That we her smiling face would see
no more.

Eternal Rest was her aim,
A Heavenly Home, what a sweet
refrain.

Yes, God called her to His Home on
High,

For 'twas His will that man should
never die.

Therefore salvation for humanity
was assured

By death on the cross our Saviour
endured.

His precious blood was shed for one
and all,

And Ruth in her youth answered
His call.

Instilled in her heart and mind
Was the blessedness of being loving
and kind.

We shall ne'er forget her thoughtful
deeds,

For somehow she always saw
other's needs.

Little thought for herself she gave,
And a busy existence she did crave.
Thus onward she journeyed until
her time was o'er

And she was taken to yonder shore,
Where her reward she'll win for her
ever helping hand,

As she joins the host of His Holy
Band;

And may we who are left, I pray
Meet her Over There some day,
And as we cherish memories of her
so sweet,

Ourselves prepare for our Lord to
meet.

REMINGTON, INDIANA

Anna M. Waibel and Sisters

Bible School was held the week
of the 10th of June, with a program
on Saturday evening, relating the
lessons and showing the things that
were made throughout the week.
Lunch was served and an hour of
fellowship enjoyed. Trust is each

one was blessed thereby, be they
student, teacher or kitchen helper.
The cooperation of all was needed
to accomplish the work that was
done. Wolcott assembled with us.
May we always appreciate the fel-
lowship and the ability to work
together in peace and harmony.

Bro. George Lambert of Wichita
and Bro. Al Fisher and others were
with us one Sunday. Trust is that
every brother is richly blest when
they put forth the effort to visit
other churches. May each of us
strive to gain thereby, as each pro-
claims the gospel in their own way
as the Lord gives.

Sis. Mary Bahler is unable to be
in her own home, so she is staying
with sisters Nathalia and Marie
Schini.

Bro. Gust Knochel was in the hos-
pital several days, and is much im-
proved.

"But he knoweth the way that
I take: when he hath tried me, I
shall come forth as gold."

Bro. Eldon Getz returned to Tex-
as June 21, after his furlough—
which is always over all too soon.
May God be with him in all his
undertakings, is our wish and
prayer for all the boys.

Bro. Irvin Lehman was with us
Sun. afternoon, June 23.

Sis. Marie Neihouser of Frances-
ville showed us her pictures of Ja-
pan and her experiences there over
a period of a year or so as she
taught school there. It does us all
good to see the need of others and
helps us appreciate our way of life
which we take for granted and are
not thankful enough for, all our lux-
uries compared to people of other
lands.

The Sunday School picnic was
held at Fountain Park, June 30. In
the evening, church services were
held in the tabernacle on the
grounds. Bro. John Bahler from
Rockville helped make the evening
complete.

Our family had to miss the en-
joyable evening, as our Lehman
reunion (our mother's side) was held
at Forrest. Our brother, Arnold
(his wife passed away in January)
and son, Ken from Lakeland Fla.—
first time they've been here for 10
yrs. or more. Ken was in the peace
corps over in Africa for 2 years.
The past year he taught school in
Philadelphia, and won a 6-weeks
scholarship at the Urbana, Ill. Uni-
versity, which he is now taking. . .
Then he goes on to Hawaii to teach.
. . . we're thankful they could spend

a week here together with us before he leaves.

VALPARAISO, INDIANA

Mrs. W. A. Jacobs

Mrs. H. G. Bucher

Look onward and up O heart of my heart,
Where the road strikes the skies afar;
To cheer you and guide thro' your darkest hour,
Behold you beckoning star.

We were saddened by the sudden passing of our dear Bro. Jack Bucher, but are happy to know he had found Christ in his later years. Funeral services were held June 14. Bro. Edwin Ringger officiated.

For the month of June, Bro. Elmer Bucher brought us the message of God, which was very inspiring; also enjoyed were his family with him.

"Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip."

ALTO, MICHIGAN

Loretta Steffen

Greetings! dear ones far and near. Our Christian greeting is a precious thing, a gift of love from the Father. When we greet our brethren, we wish upon them the love, mercy and peace from the Heavenly Father. Jesus told us to love one another as He loved us. So may we express our love for our brethren in our Christian greeting, with the cherished expectation of someday being found worthy to greet our precious Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Many of our older folks have not been feeling well. We pray that Jesus will lead them gently through their twilight hours to a better home above. We pray, too, that they might have many prayers upon their hearts, that our faith might be preserved, pure and holy, until Jesus comes. Do not be discouraged, our beloved older brethren; you have a duty and a job! It is to pray for us and teach by your examples the true way to heaven.

Bobby Schrenk, young son of Bro. Tom and Sis. Joan Schrenk underwent surgery because of a hearing defect. We rejoice and thank the Lord his recovery is complete and his hearing has been restored.

We had three visiting ministers during June. Elder Bro. John Bahler and Bro. Ernest Luginbuhl, Bro. Andy Virkler, Bay City. We thank them for their inspiring messages, and we thank the Lord for giving them words to speak.

"So fare ye well! Our hands are joined in parting.
This may our final farewell parting be.

O, let us look unto our Lord and Saviour,

Who'll lead us into all eternity!
O may God's grace, our bond of love completing,
Protect us all; this is our farewell greeting!"

CONGERVILLE, ILLINOIS

Fannie Schieber — Jeanette Knapp

We had several in our congregation that graduated from high school. They are Friends Sandra Zimmerman, Rae Ann Harsh, Steven Dietrich; Sis. Sandra Miller; and Bro. Fred Zimmerman. We wish them much success and happiness in the future, and hope they will always put their trust in the Lord, from where all help cometh.

Our visiting ministers were Bros. Josh Broquard and Herman Kellenberger. We thank our elders for all their labors and good teachings.

Adair Knapp, son of Bro. Kenneth and Sis. Phyllis, was hospitalized a few days because of asthma.

A son, Magnus Jay, was welcomed in the home of Bro. Gene and Sis. Carrie Lou Hartman on June 15. His brothers and sister are Mike, Jim, Bobby and Mary Kay. Bro. Eli and Sis. Lida Knapp and Sis. Esther Hartman of Goodfield are the grandparents.

DETROIT, MICHIGAN

Judith Aberle — Donna Hartzler

"Take fast hold of instruction; let her not go: keep her; for she is thy life."

Congratulations to our high school graduates: Barbara Belsley, Jeannie Belsley, Larry Novak, Evelyn Polk and Bonnie Wieland. Several plan to go on to school to further their education.

Bro. Larry Belsley, son of Bro. Ben and Sis. Lois, is still in Korea, but is now with another infantry division. He is hoping to get his R & R in August and travel to Japan.

Amy Ann, baby daughter of Bro. Walter and Sis. Mary Gasser has undergone surgery. We are thank-

ful for her improvement, and pray that she will be blessed with good health.

Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above.

When we asunder part,
It gives us inward pain,
But we shall still be joined in heart
And hope to meet again.

As is so beautifully written in the above verses, it makes us sorrowful to have Bro. Walter and Sis. Mary Gasser and family leave our congregation. After spending 3 years and completing his residency of internal medicine at Henry Ford Hospital, Bro. Walter will now be fulfilling his obligation in the service at Ft. Benning Georgia.

ELGIN, ILLINOIS

Louise Steffen—Katie Kachelmuss

Bros. Al Fisher and Dale Eisenmann were with us at a Wednesday evening service. "We hear from time to time Thy Gospel's lovely chime: **Grace eternal.** May God bless the brothers for their efforts in expounding the precious word of life.

Bro. Robert and Sis. Jean Scheitlin have announced the engagement of their daughter, Kay to Ronald Meiss of Hancock. They plan a fall wedding. May God share His blessing to them.

Hospitalized were Sis. Frieda Schock, and Bro. August Greiner. They have both returned to their home, but Bro. August is quite weak and feeble. May God be with him and give strength to his loved ones who so tenderly care for him.

Our Sunday School picnic was well attended. May God bless all who took part, for their efforts in this undertaking which brings together so many in love and unity.

Bro. Thomas Schifferer and Sis. Kathleen Kellenberger were married on June 9. They are now living at 512 Enterprise.

We had some friends who now live at a distance visit us, the James Wewetzer's from Lynchburg, Virginia, and the Robert Hoppe's from Bethel Park, Penn. We are glad when our friends assemble with us while here, to hear the word of life.

Sis. Nina Moser is grateful to all who remembered her with prayers, cards and tokens of love in her illness. May God bless you.

EUREKA, ILLINOIS
Cathryn Wettstein
Salome Schumacher

Our visiting ministers have been Bros. Willis Wiegand—Goodfield, Noah Hermann—Tuscon, Al Aberle—Tremont, Eli Somerhalder—Burlington, Okla. We say "thank you" to all our visitors.

Births—A son, Timothy Lee to Jerry and Bonnie (Turner) Getz. They also have a daughter, Tammie. Timothy was born June 8. A son to Bro. and Sis. Robert and Charlene (Wiegand) Schumacher. He was born June 22. He has been named Dale Robert and has three brothers. A son to Richard and Janet (Wiegand) Knecht, born June 22, has been named Thomas Keith; he also has three brothers.

Sis. Della Anliker fell at her home and broke her hip. She is a patient in Eureka Hospital. Susie Hinrichsen, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Thurman and Ladine, was a patient several days in Eureka Hospital. Bro. Paul Tanner is a medical patient in the Methodist Hospital in Peoria.

Our friends, David and Mary Ginzler are repenting. He is the son of Bro. and Sis. Elmer and Dorothy, and she is the daughter of Bro. and Sis. Noah Hermann from Tuscon. Our wish is that many more will come to the Lord before it is forever too late.

Weddings—Samuel Schumacher and Linda Harms; he is the son of Bro. Walter Schumacher—Robert Stoller and Sharon Kenagy, he is the son of Bro. and Sis. Willis and Wilma Stoller.

Vacation Bible School with an average daily attendance of 153 is over again. One week of Bible Class for high school students and older was held in the evenings. Those from Goodfield, Congerville and Roanoke were also invited. A ministering brother from various congregations was in charge; each evening a different topic was explained.

Bro. John Rocke, age 92 passed away Saturday July 6 at the Apostolic Christian Home. He is survived by his wife Sis. Mary, eight sons and five daughters: Lester, Bro. Ed., Parnell and Lawrence of Eureka, Walton and Wilbur of Washington, Milton of Orlando, Fla., and Richard of Geneva, Ill.; Mrs. August (Nettie) Knapp, Goodfield; Mrs. Arch (Clara) Knapp, Morton; Sis. Ruth, Mrs. George (Helen) Swing, and Mrs. Clifford (Wilma) Blackmer all of Eureka. Also one

sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Strahm, Bluffton. His funeral was July 9 at the church, with Bros. Vernon Leeman and Joe Zimmerman officiating. He and his wife were residents of the home since June 1966. May God comfort the dear family and help each of us all to realize we have no continuing city here.

FORT SAM HOUSTON, TEXAS
Barry Isch

Do we appreciate it enough that we are able to worship our Lord with such freedom, without hindrance from the outside world? When the Army provides us a chapel on post for services here and makes it possible that we don't have to bear arms—are we thankful enough?

We were blessed with many visitors.

June 2—Bro. Wayne and Sis. Laura Kupferschmid, Tom, and Beverly, were here from Eureka to visit their sons, Bro. Ed and Lonnie. Alph Kupferschmid's wife Wanda has arrived to live with her husband. Bro. Dean & his wife Sis. Robin Kupferschmid from Forrest, Convert Rich's and Alph's brother, were also here to visit. Sis. Linda and Sis. Ruth Klein were here from Peoria. From Bluffton, Bro. Don Isch (my brother), Bro. Alan Ringger and Bro. Ron Frank.

June 9—Ministering Bro. Dale Eisenmann from Chicago, his wife Sis. Judy, and their son Bradley, also Bro. Earl and Sis. Lu Feller from Cissna Park.

June 23—Elder Bro. Noah Schrock from Burlington, Iowa. Ministering Bro. Orville and Sis. Naomi Ringger and Bro. Sib and Sis. Vi from Bluffton were here visiting Bro. Kent and Sis. Janice Ringger. Bro. Henry and Sis. Loree Plattner, their family, Sis. Susan, Joan, and Janet were here from Sabetha to visit Carol Plattner. Sis. Laura and Sis. Marilyn Weyeneth from Roanoke visited Clarke Weyeneth. Tom Saurer (Rittman) who is spending a year in college in Bryan, Texas.

Drafted—Bro. Gaylord Dotterer (Mansfield), Bro. Ron Koehl (Forest), Bill Wiedman (Morton), Dan Kael and Charles Knapp (Fairbury).

Reassigned—Herb Steffen (Fairbury) to Ft. Knox, Kentucky; Duane Bach (Fairbury) to Germany; Dean Eisenmann (Cissna Park) to Ft. Lewis, Washington; Ed Laub-scher (Cissna Park) to Japan. Bro.

Ed Kupferschmid (Eureka), Bro. Kent Ringger (Bluffton), Bro. Floyd Frieden (Elgin Iowa), Cloyce Gress (West Bend) all to Viet Nam. May the Lord watch over them.

Discharged—Bro. Joe Beer (Milford) and Bro. Bruce Witzig (Gridley) have now left us. We pray that the Lord will guide them.

Bro. Joel and Sis. Sonia Banwart & family spent their last Sunday with us and plan to return to their home in Roanoke after completing a year of college in Bryan, Texas.

As Bro. Joe Beer has now entrusted me with this report, let us all pray one for another and may the ties that bind be closer knit.

Our next scheduled ministers; August 11—Bluffton, and August 25—Eureka.

GRIDLEY, ILLINOIS

Lydia and Eunice Kammerer

... Now he sees his buddies falling;
 one by one they meet their doom,
 While the rockets light the heavens,
 sadness shrouds his heart with
 gloom.

Like an old man bent and weary in
 the muddy fox-hole there
 Kneled the lad in noise of battle as he
 offered up a prayer:

Heavenly Father, hear your child;
 why must people suffer so.
 I'm so weary of this battle;
 surely Father you must know.

In your gentle way bring comfort
 to my buddies lying there.
 Ease their pain with all your mercy;
 this dear Father is my prayer. . .

As he rose to struggle onward,
 silhouette against the sky,
 One lone sniper raised his rifle
 and 'twas heard a pleading cry.
 Oh so young to die in battle
 far from loved ones all alone;
 His still face was turned to Heaven,
 waiting for his journey Home.

—Author unknown

Submitted by Sis. Lena Funk, in memory of Raymond Witzig:

Our Vacation Bible School was held June 10 through June 21. There were 102 children enrolled. The theme was: "Witnessing for Jesus." The program was held on Friday, June 21 and was well attended by the parents.

Our regular Sunday School classes are over until school starts again in the fall; we are having summer Sunday School for grades 1 through 8. Our Sunday School picnic was held on Sunday June 23 at the Gridley Park. We had 25% of the Sunday School with perfect attendance

for the first year.

Visiting our congregation were Bros. Noah Herman (Tuscon), Alphi Moser (Morris) and Cleo Rinckenberger (Oakville).

Birth: Bro. Roger and Sis. Nancy Musselman are the parents of a son, Matthew Christian, born June 19 in Brokaw Hospital, Bloomington.

Engagement: Announcement has been made of the engagement and approaching marriage of Sis. Linda Kline, Peoria, and Bro. Lyle Wettstein from Gridley. Bro. Lyle is presently serving his country in Viet Nam. We wish them the Lord's blessings.

Sis. Mary Menold from Morton and Bro. Jerome Witzig, Gridley, were united in marriage on Sun. June 23. The new home will be made in Gridley, where Jerome is engaged in farming.

Sis. Carol Schlipf and Janice Downen graduated from Methodist Hospital School of Nursing, Sun. June 9. Sis. Carol, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Adam Schlipf, and Janice is the daughter of Bro. Sam and Sis. Louise Witzig, all from Gridley.

Bro. Bruce Witzig, son of Bro. Alph and Sis. Lillian Witzig has received his discharge from the Service, and will be employed in Peoria. He and Sis. Lila Kay Funk are to be married in August.

With the Sick: Sis. Rozella Knapp and friend Marion Funk have returned from the hospital, and are both able to assemble with us again.

JAPAN

Yoshio Yamazaki

It's rainy season now in Japan, and most of the day we are having quite a bit rain. I wonder how is the United States today?

I'm sorry to heard that Mr. R. Kennedy assassinated in Los Angeles first of this month and also before two months King assassinated also. We wonder what it happen in the America? World become worse and worse. I believe that our Jesus Saviour will comes very near. We also have many problems in our country, and killed so many people by a kind of accidents and also murders. However, we really thank to God that He gave us much blessings and mercies, and He protected us from all trial and temptations.

We really thank God that He gave a real fine baby boy to Bro. Akira and Sis. Toyomi Utsuki on May 12. They really happy, and

thanked God of course. Now mother and baby are both fine.

The Ehnle family left to the U.S. on May 30, and a week later, June 8, Sis. Betty Klaus and her 5 children left to the U.S. Bro. John Klaus still in Japan till middle of next month, because he have to teach English for college students at their school.

I went to Shioda church most every week since the Ehnles left to the States, and had real blessed time with our brother and sisters in faith there. Bro. Toshio and Sis. Morie Uchida and also Sis. Natori are helping American sister. At Tamahata. Bro. Akito Inoue is taking care of it every week, and surely that the Lord blessings us. We need your prayer all the time.

Sis. Nancy Roth had appendicitis and was operated last week; she is now much better. I pray for her and He give her much strength body and soul. She is very good worker for the Lord here in Japan, since two years.

Bro. Dan Kupferschmid visited Tokyo church. In that day we had a meeting at Utsuki family. Utsuki family invited us to supper. It was real nice supper, and Bro Dan enjoyed very much.

LATTY, OHIO

Delores Grant — Marguerite Stoller

We welcome Sis. LeAnn Schlatter to our congregation. She is the recent bride of Bro. Gus Schlatter, and was formerly LeAnn Bertschi from Morton. They are residing near Latty.

Dale Laukhuf, son of Bro. Lester and Sis. Vera, was united in marriage to Marcia Arn, of Convoy, Ohio. They are residing in Lima, Ohio where he will be a band instructor at Lima Bath High School, and she a medical technician.

The Sunday School children again completed their two weeks of Bible School. A picnic and program followed.

Ron Gerber, grandson of Bro. Jesse and Sis. Mary Gerber, was home from the Service for a short while, before departing for Korea. While home, he and his wife Diane, daughter of Bro. Clem and Sis. Elizabeth Wieland, turned to God in repentance. We wish them God's blessings and grace, especially during their year of being parted. It is our prayer that God will watch over Ron and guide him safely home, when his service is completed.

A blessed Sunday was experienced by all who heard the mes-

sages of Bros. Wendell Gerber and Robert Meyer of Bluffton, who ministered to us on June 23.

Sis. Rosa Guingerich, who was hospitalized, is now home and doing well.

Bro. Jesse Gerber, who has been ill for quite sometime, wishes to submit the following note of thanks:

I would like to thank all from our neighboring churches and those further away who remembered me with their prayers and sent cards and letters while in the hospital and since I am home. May God bless everyone. Jesse Gerber.

Sp/5 David Klopfenstein, who is stationed at San Antonio, Texas, is hospitalized, due to infection. Dave is due to be discharged in August.

PRINCEVILLE, ILLINOIS

Ruth Ricketts—Anna Marie Baer

We are thankful that Bro. Willis and Sis. Lois Ehnle and family had a safe journey from Japan and are enjoying their visit with their relatives and friends. Bro. Henry Beer shared the ministry with Bro. Willis one Sunday; we were abundantly blessed with the word of God. We were told how many of the prophecies in the scriptures are being fulfilled. We believe we are nearing the end. We were told of the tribulation and Eternity, for which we are all striving. How wonderful if each could reach that place of rest.

Sis. Mary Bahr was a hospital patient for several weeks, receiving tests and treatments. She is now recuperating in the apartment in Peoria she occupied with several friends. Mary is from Kansas, but is employed in Peoria and worships with us in Princeville. May the Lord be near and sustain her every need. He is only a prayer away from all.

Bro. Levi Endress is presently in Parkhill Nursing Home in Chilli-cothe, receiving treatments. We trust he will soon be able to be at home with his family. Bruce, son of Bro. Richard and Sis. Jeanette Graham had his tonsils removed and has fully recovered. Our friend, John Hager, who is in the hospital convalescing from a broken leg, had an emergency appendectomy. We trust he is recovering satisfactorily, and pray he will look up to the Lord for strength and courage.

Miss Bonnie Fehr, daughter of Ed and Linda Fehr of Eureka, and Greg Martin, son of Sis. Edith Martin, were united in marriage June 15. After a short wedding trip, they

are at home near Princeville. It makes us happy to have them worship with us.

235 children, parents, teachers and friends gathered one Sunday for the annual Sunday School picnic; it was thoroughly enjoyed by all. It was a beautiful evening, and all enjoyed being out in God's creation.

The children and teachers will enjoy a few weeks' vacation during the summer months. Two new teachers were chosen to fill the vacancies left by two retiring teachers. Bro. Edwin Baurer will replace Bro. Nathan Martin, whose term has expired after ten years of teaching, and Sis. Bernice Stahl will replace Sis. Ruth Ricketts, who has taught the innocent little ones for twenty-seven years. Many blessings have been derived, and each Sunday held a new teaching from the little ones. May the Lord bless the new teachers. We retiring ones can truly say we have felt His blessings abundantly.

RITTMAN, OHIO

Florence Hartzler — Elma Stoller

It has been said that there is joy in the presence of the angels over 1 sinner that repents. . . So likewise we rejoice when souls give their hearts to the Lord. We are thankful for these new converts, Ken and Linda Indermuhle, Miriam Hilty, and Sarah Webb.

The Lord blessed the following families with a "little bit of heaven"—babies! Parents for the first time are Rex and Carol Young, a girl, Dawn Marie; great-grandmother is Sis. Della Maibach. A son, Ross Elliot, was born to Dale and Dixie Maibach; grandmother, Sis. Emma Maibach. A girl, Rebecca Sarah, was born to Dave and Sis. Mary Ann Zollinger; Ann and Paul welcome their sister home. Rudy and Brenda Zollinger are parents of a son, Anthony Charles. Four sisters and one brother welcome Anthony home.

Funeral services for Sis. Callie Schar were held on June 12. Sis. Callie passed away at her home in Rittman after a long illness. Surviving are three daughters, Sis. Elda Hartzler, Sis. Jessie Winkler, and Martha Blatter; three sons, John, Dale, and Junior. One brother also survives.

Miriam Hilty is confined to a hospital, and since she has to be there for awhile, I'm sure she would appreciate hearing from any one.

(Her address is Canton Aultman Hospital, Canton, Ohio.) Bro. Herman Ingold and Berdean Shiffer were hospital patients for a few days. Leon Rufener underwent minor surgery. We are thankful most of these loved ones are home and able to attend church.

Betty Maibach and Zane Bachman have recently become engaged. Betty is the daughter of Bro. Roy and Sis. Mabel. Also engaged are Tom Saurer and Mary Lou Hoover. Tom is the son of Bro. Harry and Sis. Esther.

The marriage of Paul Reusser and Jenny Johnson was performed on June 22. Paul is the son of Bro. Fred and Sis. Mildred.

Sgt. and Mrs. Jerry Gasser spent some time at home visiting their parents. They will be going to Europe, where Jerry will spend part of his army duty. Jerry is the son of Bro. Robert and Sis. Neva. We pray the Lord will protect these loved ones, and return them home safely when their tour of duty is over.

STUTTGART, GERMANY

William Emch

We welcome Bro. Harlan Metzger, West Bend, to Germany. This is the time of the year replacements start arriving in Germany, and we are looking forward for others to come.

Sunday, June 23, Bros. Harlan Metzger and Bill Emch and Friends Roger and Marge Ackerman, Morton, were able to visit with Friends Jim and Barbara Zaugg, West Bend.

Sunday June 30, Bros. Harlan Metzger and Bill Emch went to Neuhutten to church. The fellowship and hospitality that these families show truly is wonderful. We have to be so thankful to God that He provides for those in need, wherever we are and whatever our needs. We are reminded of that song, "God will take Care of You."

WEST BEND, IOWA

Anna Schmidt — Mrs. A. Banwart

Hospital patients were Sis. Esther (Mrs. Nathan) Banwart for surgery; Bro. John Benninger, Marcia (daughter of Bro. and Sis. Alvin and Phyllis) Banwart for tonsillectomy; and Byron, son of Leonard and Helen Anliker, who has been in Iowa City. All are showing satisfactory improvement.

We welcome two new babies in our midst. They are Terry Lee, born on June 5, a son to Arnold and

Elaine (Fehr) Wilderman; and Tammy Lou, born on June 29, a daughter to James and Sherrie Schmidt.

Twice recently we've enjoyed visiting ministers. One Sunday Bro. Gene Marti of Sabetha served us, and Bro. Henry Wackerle of Bay City held Friday evening services for us. We are always happy for an extra gathering, which means an extra blessing.

Keith, son of Bro. Edwin and Lucille Wirtz was married to Sandi Howard on June 8. Prior to this, a shower was held for them. Fred and Sis. Hulda Wirtz held a reception for their son John and his bride, Jo Ellen Wharem. May they ever seek Higher Help in the important step of marriage and through all this life.

As we see our children graduating from high school, our prayers go out to the Lord, that they may never cease learning in the highest school of all, that of spiritual learning and progress. College graduates from here are Sidney, son of Bro. and Sis. Elmer Banwart, and Terry, son of Ray and Meriam Freiden. Our high school graduates this spring were Barbara Banwart, Bro. Dale Banwart, Wayne Grimm, Darrel Zaugg and Norman Zaugg.

How thankful we are to the Lord for protecting our Bible Class on their most enjoyable and blessed Sundays they spent, visiting the Winthrop church, for our annual Sunday School picnic, Fairbury church, and attending Christian Endeavor at Eureka. Only through the love and cooperation of a great many people can these activities be carried out with the help of the Lord. Countless blessings are indeed ours each day.

Again we have great reason to rejoice, as two dear souls have heeded the call of the Lord. Galen, son of Bro. and Sis. Arnold and Alice Metzger, and his wife, Mary Jo, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Joe and Lois Wiegand of Oakville have sought the help of our Saviour in repentance.

Memories

Many times the crosses we hear nothing about aren't given time or consideration in these busy times. Even the thought crosses our mind for a fleeting moment, 'How much shall I yet be called upon to bear'. Often it is then that the silver lining on the clouds burst into view, and we carry on with the most help-

ful promise of the Lord, **Ye shall not be given more than ye can bear.**

Sis. Elizabeth Anliker, daughter of the late Henry and Mary Schmidt, was born at West Bend on Jan. 21, 1898. She went to the center school, east of West Bend. Elizabeth repented in her youth and was united in marriage to Bro. Noah Anliker on Jan. 18, 1919. To this union twelve children were born. They lived on a farm south of town, and later moved to Hardy, Ia. On their way to church on Jan. 13, 1941, they had a car accident which hospitalized Noah, Elizabeth and a small son Paul, besides causing instant death of a daughter, Alice, age 17.

Sorrow again came over the beloved family in 1943. The mother was in failing health this year when their last child, Esther, was born. (As Elizabeth was unable to care for the baby, Lydia, Mrs. Raymond Wilson, provided a loving home and raised Esther from a baby of six weeks old, thus fulfilling the wishes of her sister, Elizabeth.) On Aug. 15, 1943, the mother of this dear home passed away. Elizabeth was a kind and loving mother, endowed with the true faith. She was very devoted to her dear family and was an example of faith for them to follow. This left the household duties rest upon a daughter, Hazel, who at the time being only 14 years old carried them out very capably.

Six years to the day after their tragic car accident, Bro. Noah and four of his children were seated in church on Sunday morning, feasting on God's word, when the disheartening news was brought to him that their home was on fire. There had been an explosion and a daughter, Helen, age 15, perished. Richard, an older brother, was severely burned while trying to rescue Helen, and passed away later that same day, but not before he sought the Lord's mercy, which was a great comfort to all. Yes, whenever we feel burdened, a review of Bro. Noah's sorrows and great cross can help us. Bro. Noah has done a fine job of keeping his family together and enjoys his children and grandchildren. May the Lord bless him.

FAIRBURY, ILLINOIS

Joyce Huber

“. . . thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of his knowledge by us in

every place.” The Apostle Paul wrote that God will manifest His power, that in every place we in Christ may triumph, which is to celebrate a victory. Paul could physically see triumphs of a victor riding through Rome in a chariot, with the enemies the victor conquered under chains walking behind, **making a shew of them openly.** We can overcome, God causing us to triumph, or to celebrate the victory, because Christ “having spoiled principalities and powers”. . . . “made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it.”

Bro. and Sis. Ervin Maurer and boys of Phoenix spent about a week visiting Ervin's family and others here.

Sis. Carol (Don) Bazzell returned home, after being in the hospital, and is recuperating. May God's word be her strength and present help in time of need.

Our annual Sunday School picnic was held Sun., June 30 at Lyle's Acres, with inspirational singing after the meal.

Duane Bach, son of Bro. and Sis. Reuben Bach, and Herbert Steffen, son of Bro. and Sis. Alph Steffen, are both home on furlough before being assigned further, Herbert to Kentucky and Duane to Germany. Dan Kaeb, son of Bro. and Sis. Dave Kaeb, was drafted and left for service. Our refuge is in the word for Psalm 90:16 states, “Let thy work appear unto thy servants, and thy glory unto their children.”

Sis. Jean Bittner and other sisters spent 3 weeks in Europe and returned home after a safe and blessed trip.

Sis. Mary Hannie, Mennonite Hospital, Bloomington, will be 96 years old July 26. May God bless her.

TAYLOR, MISSOURI

Mrs. Eli Sutter — Mrs. Bill Heimer

The Bible Class, accompanied by their teachers and parents, attended the semi-annual meeting of the Youth Fellowship at Oakville. The companionship of those of like faith is important and was enjoyed by all.

Bro. Russ Henning, stationed at Ft. Bragg N. C., and his wife, Sis. Sue spent a leave with her parents, Bro. William and Sis. Ruth Cottrell. Sis. Sue spent her vacation from nurse's training with Bro. Russ at Ft. Bragg, N. C. She now joins her classmates at the psychiatric hospital in St. Louis for further train-

ing. Sis. Edra Gerst, Oakville, and Lois Doorneweerd, Lester, are also among those taking part in this training.

The Stavenik reunion was held at the home of Bro. Norman and Sis. Sally Haerr, on Sat. June 29. We were glad to have them assemble with us for Sunday services and to have Bros. Ben Stavenik, Mansfield, and Marvin Stieglitz, Leo, to minister to us.

Bro. Eli Sutter is again a hospital patient with a heart condition. He is slowly improving.

Stevie, 6-yr.-old son of Bro. Marvin and Sis. Joann Wiegand, had eye surgery. He has returned home and is getting along very well.

GIRARD, OHIO

Jesse C. Emch

“Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits. Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men. If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men.”

Well wishes to all the Graduates! John Emch, son of Bro. Harold and Sis. Kathryn Emch, Hubbard High School; Rita Emch, granddaughter of Sis. Helen Emch, Liberty High School; Ronald Emch, grandson of Bro. Frank and Sis. Mina Emch, Girard High School; Donald Riehl, son of Bro. Ray and Sis. Doris Jean Riehl, Liberty High School; Sis. Diane Emch, daughter of Bro. Harold and Sis. Kathryn Emch, Illinois State University, Normal. She has her degree for teaching.

The Stoll family reunion was held Sunday, June 9, at the home of Bro. Don and Sis. Monell Stoll, Roger, Ohio. There was a good attendance. Some came from a long distance.

We are appreciative of all who visited us and especially for those who lend themselves so willingly to proclaim God's word.

Sis. Esther Saylor was admitted to the Youngstown Hospital, Northside, Sunday June 23. She underwent surgery Wednesday, June 26, and is doing as well as can be expected. Sis. Ethel Hafely is at home convalescing, after being hospitalized.

On Sunday June 23, Sis. Karen Stoll of Girard, daughter of Bro. Robert and Sis. Arlene Stoll, and Bro. Robt, Indermuhle of Sardis, son of Bro. Delbert and Sis. Martha

Indermuhle, were united in Holy Matrimony by Elder Bro. Rudolph Graf. The church was filled to capacity to witness the ceremony, and all could hear what a serious step this is. Following the ceremony, there was a reception at the home of the bride; many attended. I am sure we all wish them God's blessing throughout their married life. We will miss Karen here in Girard. Sis. Karen graduated from the Trumbull Memorial Hospital Nursing School, Warren Ohio in June, and will be on the nursing staff of the New Martinsville, W. Va., Hospital.

GRIDLEY, KANSAS

Mrs. Rudy Bahr

It seems we have a tendency to take our health "for granted", until we're ill or an accident happens. Several of our congregation are on the illness list this month:

Sis. Lydia Bahr had to leave her home again and return to Wichita. The infection in her hip flared-up again and is still draining. It was a year ago June 22 since her surgery.

Bro. Joe Somerhalder had to return to the hospital, where they removed the 18" bar from his leg that was put in when he broke it before Christmas. It wouldn't hold in his bones and was slipping, causing much pain. He was fitted with a brace and is now making improvement at home.

Sis. Wilma Young had major surgery and is making good progress at home.

Bro. Loren Strahm had major surgery July 3, and is getting along as well as can be expected.

On the brighter side—Bro. Eldon Metzger and son Shawn have been dismissed from K. U. Medical Center check-ups. Shawn should return in two years in regard to his facial scar.

Marilyn Young, daughter of Junior and Sis. Wilma Young, and Steven Owens were married June 9.

Ministering Bros. Eli Somerhalder and Raymond Banwart were here for the Ott Reunion and spent Sunday afternoon with us.

Friend Ralph Rodgers, son of Robert and Mildred Rodgers and grandson of Bro. Jack Beyer, was called into the reserves.

The children sang a grumblers song at Bible School and this I clipped: No talent, no self-denial, no character are required to set up in the grumbling business.

MANSFIELD, OHIO

Aaron A. Sauder

"... and I will cause the shower to come down in his season; there shall be showers of blessing."

There shall be showers of blessing,
This is the promise of love.
There shall be seasons refreshing,
Sent from the Saviour above.

Our week of Bible School was opened by all joining in singing this hymn of rich promise. . . And what a week of blessings it proved to be! This was our first venture of holding a Vacation Bible School, but all who were privileged to attend—whether the graded classes for children through ages 15, or the adult Bible class—were so enthusiastic from this experience, that the Lord willing, we hope this will become an annual function. We surely thank our wonderful God for the teachers and helpers who worked with the younger classes and for the brothers who took part in the adult Bible class. "All thy works shall praise thee, O LORD; and thy saints shall bless thee."

We thank Bro. Aaron Steffen from Alto, who visited our congregation on June 2 and shared God's word with us.

Bro. Will Sauder was again admitted to the hospital when he developed an infection, after he had been recovering from his recent surgery. We are pleased to report he has again been able to attend church services. Sis. Freda Kaschuba Beer (Mrs. Ben) is a hospital patient, where she has undergone major surgery. May the healing power of the Lord be with her.

Welcome to the arrival, Charles Lee Beer, who was born to Bro. Joel and Sis. Sue Beer on June 25. Little Charles has one sister and two brothers to welcome him. Bro. Dave and Sis. Lena Beer are the paternal grandparents, and Sis. Frieda Ruch of Milford is the great-grandmother.

We extend our sympathy to the many nieces and nephews of Jehu (Jay) Beer, who passed away on June 5 at the age of 96 years. Although health did not permit him to attend church during his stay in our community, many of us enjoyed our visits with him, while he made his home with nieces who cared for him in their homes. Sisters Aldine and Martha Fuhrer shared their

home with him for several years. Burial was in Milford.

Lead me gently home, Father; Lead me gently home,
When life's toils are ended, and parting days have come.
Sin no more shall tempt me, Ne'er from Thee I'll roam,
If thou't only lead me, Father,
Lead me gently home. . .

And so the Father has gently led our Sis. Elizabeth Griffon home. After being cared for so lovingly by her family during her long illness, Sis. Griffon fell asleep in Jesus on June 8, at the age of 86, with funeral services held on June 10. Her kindly and friendly greetings will long be remembered by those of us who have enjoyed her friendship these many years. Our heartfelt sympathy goes to her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

MAYWOOD, CALIFORNIA

Marcelle Dapper — Jan Elsasser
Ruth Dapper

Our dear sister, Nettie Locher is among the shut-ins. She underwent surgery on June 12, and seemingly is getting along as well as can be expected. She has again been able to return to her home. It is our prayer that God will watch over and protect Sis. Nettie, and if it so be His will that she may be restored to good health. We should leave all in the hands of the Great Physician, our Almighty God and Father in Heaven. We who have our good health don't seem to appreciate it enough, and pray for those who are less fortunate.

"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow". We were richly blessed by the visits of two of our ministering brothers from the East. Bro. Homer Reineck and family of Toledo were with us on Sunday evening June 16. A usual third Sunday meal was served at the church for visitors, friends and members, for both Altadena and Maywood congregations. Many simple truths of God's precious word was again revealed through this humble brother. The evening of June 28, Bro. Jim Hoerr of Peoria was in the area on business and lent himself to both congregations. We were warned we should at all times feel the chastisement of the Lord: "For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth . . ." If we don't feel the Lord's chastening,

we can be in danger of being lost spiritually, and then will become as the Laodicean church spoken of in Revelation—So then thou art neither cold nor hot; I will spue thee out of my mouth.

Ray Vaughn, husband of Ruth (Koehl) Vaughn of Huntington Park, was taken to the hospital by ambulance for emergency surgery for a perforated ulcer. We are happy to report, all went well and he is home recovering.

Bro. Albert Kaisner wishes to express his gratefulness to all who remembered him with cards, and especially for their prayers, during his long illness. His recovering is still very slow. May the Lord continue to give him the grace and strength to endure his cross.

MILFORD, INDIANA

Marguerite Hoerr

Bro. Walt and Sis. Dorothy Steffen have been blessed in their home with a little daughter. She has been named Kristi Lynn. She is a fortunate little girl as she came into this world, having four big sisters and two brothers to welcome her.

Especially happy over the birth of a son were Bro. Virgil and Sis. Nancy Zimmerman and their five daughters. Little John Virgil will be a well-cared for baby, with such a wealth of baby-sitters.

Martin Stookey Jr. (Butch) and Kathy Ann Cripe were united in marriage, and we offer our sincere congratulations to them, along with our wishes for much happiness together. Butch's parents are Lorene and Martin Stookey, Sr., and his grandparents are Bro. George and Sis. Teena Lehman of our congregation.

Also joining the ranks of the newly-weds is our daughter, Becky Ann and our new son-in-law, Dick Pelath. They were married June 9 in our home by her grandfather, Bro. Theo. Beer. They are making their home in Michigan City this summer, where Dick is teaching at Beatty Memorial Hospital. May God bless the marriages of both of these couples and guide them daily in their lives together.

Bro. Michael Zimmerman was hospitalized for a lengthy period recently, for medical treatment. He has been released to his home and is improved. He has been scheduled for surgery next week, and our prayers go with him and his family. May God, the great Healer grant him health again.

Sis. Rosa Waldbeser had a fall at home, resulting in a badly fractured wrist. She has been released from the hospital to a nursing home, where she can recuperate with the necessary help. We miss her in church and hope she can soon assemble with us.

Our third annual Sunday School picnic was well attended again this year, and warm sunshiney weather smiled on the day. Teachers, parents and children enjoyed the good food. The children from the Sunday School presented a short program, closed by an inspiring talk and prayer by our Ministering Bro. Walt Steffen.

We were fortunate to have Bros. Merle Laukhuf, Latty; Eugene Bertschi, Roanoke; and Homer Reineck of Toledo visit us and minister to our congregation. We are grateful to them all for their ministry.

ROCKVILLE, CONNECTICUT

Carlton J. Lanz

With the summer season here again, the Sunday School children were given a picnic. Their teachers, parents and some friends prepared a variety of food dishes, cold drinks and took along other essentials, so that this annual event might again be a pleasant one. Another year, another outing has come and gone, so soon, seemingly so; Time hastens on! Yet these children, we venture to say, will hold dear these memories for years to come. For we, who have advanced in years, be it who it may, often reflect in retrospect on some of the fond memories; we too, delighted in our then care-free years, and now have become precious to us.

Moreover, time and generations move on, and in just a matter of but a few fleeting years, these same children of today will be assuming the responsibilities to carry-on the important work in the Sunday School and uphold and support its fine traditions. The teachers and those assisting in this work are to be commended for their noble service.

Bro. Arthur Gudeman in his sermon here on Sunday, looked up from the pulpit, towards the balcony where a large number of children had gathered, and addressed them directly. He ended his brief remarks firmly but pleadingly with the words, "Children, appreciate what is being done for you!"

On Sunday June 23, wedding

vows were exchanged by Sis. Mary Luginbuhl and Bro. Keith Kloter—son of Bro. Emanuel and Sis. Helen Kloter—then solemnized by Bro. John Bahler, who then chose to sing from the beautiful hymn in the Zion's Harp No. 79. A lovely supper was served at Bro. Ervin and Sis. Viola Luginbuhl's home (parents of the bride.) The couple left later on their honeymoon for Virginia Beach and a trip thru the Blue Ridge Mountains.

Here with his family for the wedding, Bro. Arthur Gudeman in his prayer reminded his hearers that God **must** rejoice in that another Christian home has been established, where believers will find a welcome and the Spirit of God rules. By his love and pleading sermons, Bro. Arthur touched the hearts of young and old. May his efforts be blessed.

Two dear friends, Kay Kloter and Luella Schneider presented their testimonies before the member body and then were baptized. These are precious hours for them and us.

Sis. Ruth Dapper, a reporter for the Silver Lining at Maywood, and her husband Bro. Dale spent several days here with her mother, Sis. Lena Ludwig and Bro. Gerald, her brother.

Adolf and Rose Hani of Diessbach, Buren Switzerland are visiting his brothers here. He has five; four in Rockville and one in Castorland N. Y. A little of the German language was used in the church service for their benefit, since our English language was not readily understood.

TOLEDO, OHIO

Mary Ann Weigele

On June 16, Sis. Janet Rehklau and Bro. Tom Kipfer from Bluffton were united in holy matrimony. We wish them much happiness in their new life together.

Bro. John Fetter was recently hospitalized for tests.

UNION CITY, NEW JERSEY

Ed. Aeschleman

The Lord has surely heard our prayers for an increase to our congregation. Bro. Kaywin and Sis. Karen Martin have recently moved to Martinsville, New Jersey, where he is employed by Ford Motor Company . . . and are now worshipping with us. We thank God for sending them and their two children to us.

Bro. Denny Koehl, who was stationed at Valley Forge, Pa. in the

service, has been transferred to Germany. May God be with him and protect along the way.

MORRIS, MINNESOTA

Mrs. Herman Schaefer
Mrs. Carl Joos

Bro. and Sis. Wallace and Diane Feuchtenberger are the parents of a daughter; she has been named Sara Beth. Sara has three brothers and a sister. Bro. and Sis. Joe Feuchtenberger are the grandparents.

A daughter, Denise Kay, has come to live at the home of Bro. and Sis. Arthur and Sandra Nohl. Denise has two sisters to welcome her. Bro. and Sis. Alvin Nohl are the grandparents.

Allan and Ilene Burnham are the parents of a son, Chad Allan. The grandparents are John and Esther Spohr. Tom and Terry Kellenberger are the parents of a son. He has been named Eric Allen. Bro. and Sis. Ernest Kellenberger are the grandparents. A son, Paul J., was born to Bro. and Sis. Neil and Linda Schmidgall. The grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Wayne Schmidgall.

CHAMPAIGN, ILLINOIS

Verna Roth

Little 3-year-old Sarah, daughter of Jerry and Lois Vogel, has a new baby sister, Julie Lee, born June 9. The paternal grandparents are the Walter Vogels and maternal grandparents the Isaac Steiners, all of Cissna Park.

Barbara Roth, daughter of Elmer and Verna Roth, and Bill Thomas, son of Herbert and Marguerite Thomas of Cropsey were married in Urbana June 22. Bill has one more year of college in Urbana.

Our Champaign-Urbana church is small in number during summer school vacation. We always enjoy blessed Sundays and mid-week Bible Class every other week. Last Sunday, Bro. Joe Schrock of Congerville helped our Bro. Dave Wiegand in our worship services. Joe's wife, Esther, his brother, Alvin and wife, his sisters Neoma and Mae and Bro. and Sis. Pohl of Normal were along and helped to give us a very pleasant visit.

The Sunday before, we enjoyed Bro. Morris Frank from Chicago church. He had his family and his mother with him.

Bro. and Sis. Ed and Elsie Hohulin of Goodfield met with us at our last mid-week Bible class. Bro.

Ed gave a very interesting talk on and about "The Bible".

Last Sunday we were reminded not to live on selected passages alone, but from "every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." This should make one more watchful at all times.

Some of our newcomers this summer are: Sis. Jan Herman took a position as a secretary in the university in Dept. of Marketing. Bro. and Sis. Paul and Millie Leman with their 2 small children moved here from Chicago; Paul is furthering his education. Bro. and Sis. Ron and Kayleen Heiniger moved here from Jacksonville. Ron is doing advance work at the university, and his wife is nursing in Burnham Hospital.

There are other students here for the summer working toward their masters degree, namely, Sis. Alta Zbinden, Bro. Daryle Hari and Elda Kaufman.

Bro. Ed. Hohulin and Sis. Elsie visited our congregation. Bro. Ed lent his service in helping Bro. Dan minister God's word.

LESTER, IOWA

Emelie Knobloch

Birth: To Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Leuthold, a son, Stewart Gregg—May 2.

Sandra Leuthold, daughter of Bro. & Sis. Alvin Leuthold has announced her engagement to Ronnie Feucht, son of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Feucht.

Roy Wulf, Gary Feucht and Alan Doorneweerd spent furloughs in the home of their parents. Alan is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Doorneweerd; he left for Germany. Robert Leuthold left for 6-months in the National Guard. Daniel Moser will leave soon for the Navy. David Moser is to arrive from Thailand soon on furlough, and then will leave for 18 months in Germany.

Paulette Meyer had an appendectomy surgery and is recuperating nicely. Verlyn Kellenberger, son of Bro. and Sis. Henry Kellenberger narrowly escaped death in a tractor accident. He is recuperating at home from bruises and a broken foot.

Our community suffered a great loss. The Lord called Sis. Elsie Dietrich Metzger to her eternal reward. Elsie had been ill, but was around as usual when she collapsed from a heart attack June 1. She was born to August and Kate Dietrich at Plato Center Ill. Dec. 22, 1915. She married Bro. Jacob Metz-

ger of this community. The Saviour called them to repentance after their marriage. She is survived by her husband, Bro. Jacob; four sons, Bros. Eugene & Dale, William, and Marvin, at home; six daughters, Eleanor, Mrs. Edward Popkes (Ellsworth Minn.) Barbara and Linda (Sioux Falls, S. Dakota). Mary, Margene and Jane at home; a brother Clarence; two sisters, Florence (Mrs. John Feucht), Sis. Ruth Metzger. Services were held June 4, with Bro. Leo Moser and Bro. Uriel Gehring in charge.

May the Lord share his love and sympathy to the family. We know there will always be a vacancy, but fond memories linger. The "Memorial" read, **the Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even forevermore.**

Our Sunday School picnic was to be held June 2 at the close of our season. Due to the death of Sis. Elsie it was postponed about 2 weeks.

We had several that expounded on the word of God: Bros. Noah Shrock, Ben Fehr, and Dave Kieser. May the Lord bless them.

Many folks were here the week end of July 7; some remained for the Sunday services, which we sincerely appreciated. These folks were in attendance of the "Knobloch Reunion". The Knoblochs were some of the folks who were the first people to start the church here. Bro. Dave Kieser made note of the loved ones in the church who are no longer with us, even some very young ones, of which we should not question or wish back, only be thankful their race could be completed so soon.

We have had several nice showers, and everything is progressing nicely.

We would like to thank each of you for your acts of kindness, cards, letters, memorials, help, and prayers during the recent and sudden death of our dear wife and mother. Your kindness was deeply appreciated and will always be remembered. May the Lord bless you. The Jack Metzger Family.

NEW MARTINSVILLE, W. VA.

Mrs. Gus Weltz
Miss Della Witschey

Services at the country church were well attended on June 30. Sam Aeschliman of Bluffton was the main speaker for the afternoon, with other ministers having a part.

The weather was good and all enjoyed the day.

Mrs. Lillian Riggenbach Cochran, daughter of the late Fred and Bertha Riggenbach passed away on June 9, following a brief illness. Services were held on June 11. Surviving are one daughter, three grandchildren, one great-grandchild, two sisters and four brothers.

Walter Emch is a patient in the local hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. John Widmer of Sterling and Fred Widmer of Rittman visited with relatives here on June 29 and attended services at the country church on June 30.

Charles Ross Sidell, husband of the late Luella Bleuer Sidell died on June 29. Services were held on July 2, and interment followed.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Emch of Girard visited with relatives here on June 29 through July 1, and also attended services on June 30. Dr. T. B. Gordon is a patient in the local hospital for some time; however, his condition has improved.

Catherine Leap Rothlisberger passed away on July 2, following an illness of several months. Services and interment took place on July 5.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Wade and family spent two weeks in Daytona Beach, Fla., the last of June. They were accompanied home by Mrs. Jack Wade and two sons, who spent the winter in Florida.

L. E. Anthony remains quite ill and is a patient in the hospital at times. John Schupbach, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Schupbach has been very ill and is a patient in the local hospital.

Mrs. Imogene Weltz, daughter-in-law of Gus Weltz, passed away quite suddenly on July 6. Her husband preceded her in death in 1964.

Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Wade and Mrs. Elza Ritz spent June 8 and 9 with their sisters, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Williams in Akron and Mrs. Freda Durig and family in Girard.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Fiess celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on June 15 at the home of their daughter, Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Allen. Open house was observed. Many relatives and friends called during the afternoon and evening.

PULASKI, IOWA

Mrs. Dave Wiegand

We were glad to have Bro. Art Gudeman from La Crosse with us. He reminded us to not forsake the

reading of the Bible in our homes. Family worship is important, and we need it daily.

The engagement of Carol Rinckenberger to Dale Strassheim has been announced. Parents of the couple are Bro. Cleo and Sis. Esther Rinckenberger and Sis. Mayme Gerst from Burlington, Iowa. They are planning an August 3 wedding. We wish them many rich blessings in their future life together.

Many farmers here are combining wheat and making hay. The corn is really growing. We are hopeful of a bountiful harvest this fall.

PEORIA, ILLINOIS

Emily Tanner

Mrs. Michael Weyeneth

Herbert and Sis. Ida Schwenk announced the engagement of their daughter, Paula, to William D. Rogers. He is the son of Mrs. Mildred Hitt of Christopher.

The engagement of Sis. Vicki Rocke to Bro. Steven Sauder was announced to our congregation. Sis. Vicki is the daughter of Bro. Orval and Sis. Doris Rocke of the Tremont congregation, and Bro. Steve is the son of our Elder Bro. Roy and Sis. Gertrude Sauder.

Christine Ellen Mason, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James P. Mason, East Peoria, became the bride of Frederick C. Pfaffmann, son of Karl and Marie Pfaffmann May 25 in Arvada, Colorado. They're living at 3003 S. Kearney St., Denver, Colo.

Jessica Ruth Randolph, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Randolph, Morton, and Thomas Ray Martin, son of Bro. Ray and Sis. Eunice Martin were married June 15. They are living at 1965 E. Washington St., East Peoria Ill. 61611.

Sis. Shirley Klaus, daughter of Bro. Ernest and Sis. Vera Klaus, who was injured so seriously at Easter-time, has been showing decided improvement, which her family feels very strongly has been due to the prayers of many and God's great love. Sis. Shirley has been moved from the hospital in Springfield Mo. to the St. Francis Hospital, Peoria Ill 61603. She is getting therapy treatments. This week end the doctor permitted her to spend her first week end at home with her dear family.

Sis. Ida Farney has returned to her home, after quite a lengthy stay at the hospital. Sis. Mattie Fisher has also returned to her home, after several weeks of hospitalization. Louise Wieland has been a hospital

patient for the past two months and is now receiving therapy treatment. May we remember these dear ones in our prayers.

Bro. Randy Kellenberger received his discharge from the army May 15. We welcome Bro. Randy back to our assembly; we're so thankful when each serviceman returns home safe. Bro. Randy arrived home June 14, after vacationing in Germany a month.

Bro. Noah and Sis. Lorraine Herman, Tucson, are spending the summer months here. We welcome them to assemble with us, and thank Bro. Noah for his labors of love. We also thank Bros. Edward Aeschleman, Union City; Earl Zeltwanger, Bremen; Russell Rapp, Morton; Samuel Aeschliman, Bluffton; Willis Ehnle, Shioda, Japan, for their labors of love and their visit.

Bro. Chris C. Hoerr Jr. died June 30 at St. Francis Hospital, where he had been a patient 19 days. Surviving are his wife, Sis. Ella; two sons, Chris R. Hoerr III, and Edward C. Hoerr; four daughters, Marian Hardin, Delores Metzger, Barbara Kokinson, and Karen Carson; two brothers, Bro. Phillip J. Hoerr, and John H. Hoerr; two sisters, Emma Ackerman and Lena Hoerr; and 13 grandchildren.

Our sympathy is also extended to Sis. Lena Sauder and Sis. Hannah Plattner; their sister, Sis. Sophia Sauder was buried in Tremont June 28.

SARDIS, OHIO

Doris Indermuhle

Bro. Bob and Sis. Karen (Stoll) Indermuhle have returned to the Sardis area to make their home, after a wedding trip through the western states. May they ever put their trust in God—the third strand of the three-fold cord that shall not be lightly rent apart.

We have been richly blessed with many visitors. Among those who came to minister were Bros. Sam Aeschliman and Orville Ringger from Bluffton and Bro. Ben Hartzler from Rittman. Also with us the week end of the 30th were many from our congregations in Rittman, Bluffton, Girard, and Rockville.

We are very happy that several of our congregation have found it the proper time to turn to the Lord. May He give them the needed grace to repent and commit themselves fully in His care.

Bro. Robert Stoll was with us

on July 7, and through the Lord, was able to bring us many helpful and uplifting teachings. We were reminded that the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness and temperance. Let us earnestly strive to attain each of these to the best of our abilities.

Bro. Ferd Riggenbach has not been able to assemble with us, because he has been confined to the hospital for treatment of a throat infection.

We were happy to have Bro. Keith and Sis. Mary Kloter here to worship with us while they are on their wedding trip. Our whole congregation joins in wishing them sincere congratulations and best wishes, as they begin their life together with God.

LEO, INDIANA

Mrs. Elias Souder

The wedding of Jyl Maxfield and Kenneth Norr was solemnized Sat., June 15.

Bro. Maurie Frank from the Chicago church ministered to our church the following Sunday.

John Klopfenstein is our June graduate. He graduated from the International Business College in Ft. Wayne.

Ground-breaking ceremonies for our new Sunday School rooms was held on Wed. evening, June 26. Visitors were here from other congregations. Elder Bro. George Sinn of the Latty congregation was guest speaker.

The Bible School children presented a lovely program at the church on Sun. evening, June 23.

Mary Schwartz spent sometime at the hospital in an eye operation. (Recently, the other eye had been successfully operated.)

BURLINGTON, OKLAHOMA

Millicent Frieden — Lavern Roth

Congratulations to our two high school graduates: Sam Ott, son of Bro. and Sis. Arnold Ott, and Steven Farney, son of Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Farney. May God bless and direct them both.

We wish to extend our sympathy to Sisters Marie Schurter and Edna Reed and Bros. Elmer and Frank Kisling, on the death of their sister Mrs. Leonard Bangert, the former Mabel Kisling of Leoti, Kansas.

Funeral services were conducted July 5 for Sis. Minnie Schupbach, age 88. Bros. Sam Anliker, Raymond Roth, and Ronald Nelson were

in charge. Sis. Minnie was preceded in death by her husband, Bro. William, and is survived by two sons, Floyd of Burlington and Alpha of San Antonio, Texas; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. Sympathy is extended to the family and loved ones.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Stevenson are parents of a son, Todd Wesley, born June 29. Sis. Helen and Gerald Morrow are the maternal grandparents and Sis. Martha Roth is the great-grandmother.

We were privileged to have as our visiting minister July 7 Bro. Harold Messner of Winthrop, who was accompanied by his family. We enjoyed the truth and teachings he brought to us.

Services were held at the Kiowa Manor Rest Home July 7, following church services.

We have recently begun monthly hymn singings. . . Sometimes in loved ones homes, such as Bro. and Sis. Wayne Kircher and Bro. and Sis. Richard Guthrie, who each opened their homes to our gatherings, and occasionally in the church when there is much company. Everyone seems to enjoy these monthly singings.

CISSNA PARK, ILLINOIS

Mary Young — Margaret Rudin

We had many visiting ministers the past month, along with many other visitors, Sunday School teachers and song leaders, for which we are very grateful to God, so thankful for the wonderful gift of charity.

Many attended the wedding of Bro. Wayne Drayer and Sis. Gloria Bachtold at Forrest. We welcome the newlyweds into our congregation, as they both expect to teach in our vicinity.

Funeral services were held July 4 for Bro. Louis Freidinger, 83, who passed away at the Iroquois Hospital. He had been in poor health the past few months and had a longing to go to his heavenly home. Surviving are sons Arthur and Harry; daughters, Mrs. Velma Schmidt, Mrs. Una Baier, Mrs. Eva Jean Newlin. Mrs. Mary Lou Conlin, Sis. Viola Barth, Sis. Vera Yergler; three brothers, Jake and Bros. Ben and Walter; one sister, Sis. Bertha Getz. Our sympathy is extended to the family; he will be greatly missed in our community. Bro. Sam Aeschliman and Bro. Henry Wackerle officiated at the services.

We were shocked to hear Bro.

Louis Landes, 95, collapsed at the visitation of his nephew, Louis Freidinger. He was rushed to the hospital and had passed away upon arrival there. His funeral services were held July 6; Bro. Ezra Feller officiated. Surviving are one son, Harold, and four daughters, Mrs. Florence Cowger, Mrs. Erma Larson, Mrs. LaVern Sobak, and Hazel, who faithfully was home caring for her father; two sisters, Sis. Lena Feller, Sis. Ida Eisenman. Our sympathy is extended to the family.

Sis. Lena Feller is again hospitalized. Sis. Eliza Schmitt is home, getting along quite well.

A boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Ravens. Mrs. Lloyd Ravens and Sis. Ellen Hofbauer are grandmothers. On June 24, a boy was born to Bro. and Sis. Fred Waldbeser; he was named Mark Fredrick. Bro. and Sis. Joe Waldbeser and Bro. and Sis. Ezra Feller are grandparents.

Our sympathy is extended to the Bro. Phil Sauder family, in the recent loss of his sister, Sis. Sophie.

THE SILVER LINING

There's gladness when we receive
the Silver Lining,
As when the sun through the clouds
is shining.

Many good teachings written by inspiration,
Which throws light on the plan of salvation.

It brings forth treasures old and new,
As one reads these pages through.

Many good teachings makes it apparent
The brethren have made use of their talent.

It reminds us of loved ones east and west,
If they become ill, or when they go to rest.

As we reminisce the years of yore,
So many loved ones have gone on before.

"Pray", Lord send labourers, the harvest is great,
That many may enter before it is too late.

We hope the sun will keep on shining
Down through the pages of the Silver Lining.

E. J. F.

CROGHAN-NAUMBURG, N. Y.

**Mrs. David Shamback
Carol Virkler**

For some time, two of our ministering brothers, Ralph Beyer and Floyd Graves have been hospitalized. We feel very fortunate that Bro. Ralph has been able to return to his home and again share with us God's word. We expect Bro. Floyd to return home this week, after having submitted to surgery on his back.

On May 11 Duane Farney, son of Bro. Niles and Sis. Polly Farney, and Karen Broit, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clement Briot, were united in marriage. We all join in wishing them God's blessing in their new life together.

June High School graduates were: Randy, Martin and Michael Hirschey, sons of Bro. Leland and Sis. Bernice; Linda Herzig, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Herzig; Marilyn Schamback, daughter of Bro. David and Sis. Lois; Owen Virkler, son of Bro. Bernard and Sis. Carolyn; Sanford and Clifford Lehman, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Lehman; David Virkler, son of Bro. Clayton and Sis. Lillian; Bonnie Farney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Urban Farney; and Linda Purvines, daughter of Lawrence and Sis Louise.

Just a reminder, we have Wednesday evening services until about Thanksgiving beginning at 7:30 and alternating between Croghan and Naumburg Churches. We extend a hearty welcome to all; visitors are very much appreciated.

FORREST, ILLINOIS

Martha Stoller

Carolyn Zimmerman

We were greatly blessed by the following visiting ministers: Bros. Frederick Knapp and Joe Schrock, Congerville; Edwin Bahler, Wolcott; Alfred Bahler, Remington; Marvin Schmidgall, Eureka; Silas Leuthold, Princeville; Josh Broquard and Edmond Kloter, Fairbury; and Dale Eisemann, Chicago.

Gary and Nancy Ifft, son and daughter of Bro. Harvey and Sis. Velma Jean, gave their testimonies and were baptized recently.

Our new converts are Kathy Gerber, daughter of Bro. Earl and Sis. Esther; Peggy Stoller, daughter of Bro. Elmer and Sis. Rosetta; Gail Blunier, daughter of Bro. Homer and Sis. Virginia, and Dennis Fehr,

son of Bro. Gene and Sis. Margaret. It gives us new courage to see our young people give their hearts to their Saviour.

Sis. Gloria Bachtold and Bro. Wayne Drayer, Cissna Park, were married by Bro. Perry Zimmerman. We wish them the Lord's blessings as they establish their new home together. They both plan to teach in the Rankin school system, so Cissna Park will be their home church.

Hospital patients are Sisters Emma Ifft, medical, Carrie Leman, medical; and Esther Miller, who sustained a hip injury in a fall. Bro. Gene Metz had a short hospital stay, following a farm accident, when he received burns from a liquid fertilizer which he was applying.

Shirley Koehl, daughter of Bro. Clarence and Sis. Doris was married on July 7 to Warren Fehr, son of the Reuben Fehrs of Fairbury, at the home of her parents, by Bro. Perry Zimmerman. Her brother, Bro. Dennis, who was spending a 14-day leave before going to Germany, was home for the wedding.

Bro. Ronald Koehl, son of Bro. Leroy and Sis. Janita, left this month for the armed service.

There were many who enjoyed the annual Sunday School picnic at Marsh Park this month.

FT. LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA

Robert and Janice Sutter

"He will come at a time that we know not when," exclaimed Bro. Willis Ehnle, "and we had better all have our house in order, or He will pass over us and we will lose all that we have or should have sought for."

Visiting ministers besides Bro. Ehnle and his family from Japan included Bro. Bob Grimm and his family from the Goodfield congregation. Bro. Bob touched upon the fact that we should not separate entirely our religious life from our business life, but that the two should run parallel—that we should and can be a light in our business, as well as our private life.

Since the summer months are seen with few visitors in this section of the country, we especially enjoy all who can find time to pay us a much appreciated visit.

Engagement was announced recently of Friends Peggy Birtline, daughter of Mrs. R. A. Birtline and John Yergler, son of Bro. Bob and Sis. Carolyn Yergler.

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

Howard and Louise Getz

With many of our students gone for the summer, our groups at Indianapolis have been smaller, but rich in blessings of fellowship. On June 9 Bro. Wendell Gerber, and the following Sunday Bro. Bob Meyer both of Bluffton, served the congregation. Bros. Norman Stoller (Ft. Wayne) and John Bollier (Leo) spent the Sunday of June 23 with us, and as on the past Sabbaths we received many kindly admonitions and lessons. Bro. Ed Frank of La Crosse brought more food for thought on June 30. On July 7, a minister was unable to join with us, so our meeting consisted of a hymn service and a Bible reading and later a fellowship hour. We welcome all to visit us.

JUNCTION, OHIO

Mrs. Ben Manz — Mrs. Alvin Manz

Our elder brother, George Sinn was present with us for our first services in our new building, on June 9. Other visiting ministers for the month were Bros. Sam Aeschliman and Carl Kipfer, Bluffton; Elmer Schrenk, Alto; Eugene Fetter, Toledo.

Lowell Schlatter, son of Bro. Ben and Sis. Esther, suffered a broken arm in a fall and now wears a cast. We hope the time will be short until he is healed.

Our many visitors through the years have been a blessing to us, for which we are so thankful. We welcome all to come. Our worship schedule is as follows: Sunday Services 10:30 AM, 1:00 PM (Singing to begin 10:15 AM, 12:20 PM). Sunday evening singing 7:30 PM, each third Sunday in the month. Thursday evening worship service 8:00 PM. To reach our church from Paulding, take State Route 111 northeast 8½ miles, then right ½ mile (south) on Township road 147.

A public auction was held on the church grounds June 29, to dispose of the old church buildings and furnishings no longer needed. The old church building was purchased by the Bair family, and is to be moved away for use as a library. Many of the benches were purchased for use in a church in Auglaize Village, which is being restored as a historic site in Defiance County.

SABETHA, KANSAS

Mrs. Joe Steiner

It was reported in the last issue, that Sis. Bessie Elliot was in the

Stormont-Vail Hospital in Topeka. She has since been transferred to the Santa Fe Hospital, 417 E. 6th. Room C64, Topeka Kansas 66607. She is now doing well, and appreciates all mail.

Sis. Louise Hartman has returned to her home, after an extended stay at the hospital following major surgery. Her address is Mrs. Carl Hartman, 416 Grant, Sabetha Kansas 66534.

Other patients at the local hospital are Bro. Joe and Sis. Ida Hartter. Sis. Elizabeth Marti and Bro. Ben Aberle were also there for a short time, but are again at their homes.

Visiting ministers have been: Bro. Harold Messner, Winthrop; Bro. Russell Rapp, Morton; Bro. Clarence Kachelmuss, Forrest; Bro. Walter Anliker, Eureka. We certainly enjoyed their visits and appreciate their efforts in ministering unto us.

Our Sunday School election was held a recent Sunday. Teachers for the coming year will be Bros. Harlan Meyer, Velmer Meyer, Walter Strahm, Ben Wysong, Eli Meyer, with Bros. Virgil and Roger Hartter as substitutes. Sis. Lois Grimm, Sis. Loree Plattner, Sis. Cheryl Metzger, with Sis. Arlinda Strahm as substitute. This year our Sunday School will be held through the month of July, with only one month of summer vacation.

WINTHROP, MINNESOTA

Delores Messerli — Carol Messner
Flourishing youth, Thou our hope and fond expectation, Hark to the voice that is calling in kind invitation. That hand obey Which oft has pointed the way To the dear Saviour's salvation.

This year was Winthrop's turn to host the annual Bible Class gathering. Lester, West Bend, Morris, and Minneapolis young people were invited. About 165 guests were entertained on Saturday evening and Sunday, June 8 and 9. Guest speaker was ministering Bro. Arthur Gudeman of La Crosse. Ministering Bros. Aaron Steffen of Alto, Floyd Schmidgall of Morris, and Wayne Gerber of Lester also participated.

Open House was held June 23. Our visiting minister was Harold Gramm of Morris. Many from this community viewed our new edifice. This was a new experience, as there is no other church in our locality with facilities for baptism by immersion.

LORD, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? who shall dwell in thy holy hill? He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart." On June 30, dedication services were held, with Elder Bro. Noah Schrock reading II Timothy 2, starting with verse 19. Elder Bros. Leo Moser and Paul Fehr shared in the service. We were reminded: This is the same church moved into a new building; churches constitute assembling together, and our church has to be built within the walls of our heart. When once there is worship without righteousness, it becomes an abomination.

Other visiting ministers were Bros. Henry Wackerle of Bay City, Joe Stoller of Princeville, Earl Banwart of West Bend, Noah Miller of Minneapolis, and Gene Metzger of Lester. Bro. Henry Wackerle stayed for evening service.

This wonderful blessing of God's Sanctuary has been made possible by many prayers and gifts which have been so willingly given. The congregation wishes to express their sincere thanks to you, one and all. May God bless everyone who contributed to make this building possible.

David, son of Marvin and Verna (Schmidt) Bruns had surgery.

PHOENIX, ARIZONA

Connie Beer, substituting

Ministering Bro. Homer Reineck from Toledo visited here on June 12. His wife, daughter and Sis. Emily Frautschi accompanied him.

Sis. Gladys Fisher is recovering from surgery. We are glad to report that she is home and improving nicely. Aldo Yackley has been a shut-in with the mumps.

Four young boys have turned in repentance. They are John Dotterer, son of Bro. and Sis. Joe Dotterer; Cedric Messner son of Bro. and Sis. Lou Messner; Bill Sanders, son of Bro. and Sis. Earl Sanders; and Tom Freed, son of Bro. and Sis. Allan Freed. We wish them God's grace, and pray more can follow.

We are sorry to report that our friend, Sylvia Schmidgall has been transferred to Elgin, Illinois. We will miss her in our congregation.

We enjoyed a visit from Bro. and Sis. Robert Young, Wichita. They were visiting Bro. and Sis. Clarence Yackley.

ROANOKE, ILLINOIS

Norene Herbst — Mary Hoffman

Sis. Leah Moser spent some time in the Eureka hospital. Since her dismissal from the hospital, she is residing at the Roanoke Manor Nursing Home.

Bro. Joe Leman Sr. had a fall and has a thin fracture of his knee. He suffers considerable pain. On July 3 he reached his 94th birthday.

Sis. Clara Diggelmann spent several weeks in the hospital, but returned to her home July 5. We wish her, and all those in sickness, God's help and healing strength.

Bro. Fred Siebenthal has been able to leave the hospital and is convalescing at home.

Bro. Fred Herbst has been confined to his home since June 20 because of illness. He is reported improving.

Bro. Devon and Sis. LaVielle Yoder suffered a large loss, when the interior of their home burned July 4. They were not at home at the time of the fire. The interior & contents were damaged by fire, smoke and water.

Bro. Les and Sis. Judy Luginbuhl are the parents of a daughter, born June 25. She is their second child and has been named Lynn Annette.

We were privileged to have a number of visiting ministers this month who kindly invited the friends to become believers, and encouraged the believers to steadfastness in the faith and a closer walk with our Lord. The brothers who served us were George Gramm, Henry Wackerle, Roy Sauder, Ed Aeschleman and Jim Hoerr.

TREMONT, ILLINOIS

**Josephine Schaefer
Mary Jane Leuthold**

We are thankful for the blessings we received during the visit of Bro. Noah Herman of Tucson. We appreciated his remembering us, and hope he will soon return.

Bro. Dean and Sis. Mary Jane Leuthold have welcomed into their home Carla Lynn, who was born on July 2. She has one other sister, Gwen.

As I write this, it is storming outside, and the thunder, lightning and torrents of rain certainly remind one of the might and power of God. Some of the people with whom I work have a great fear of storms, and I often have to think how wonderful it is to have the peace of God in our hearts, that we do not have to fear these things.

Announcement has been made of the engagement of Sis. Vickie Roc-

ke, daughter of Bro. Orville and Sis. Doris, to Bro. Steve Sauder, son of Bro. Roy and Sis. Gertrude of Peoria.

The engagement of Mary Lou Koch to Herbert Leonard Fritz has also been made known. Mary Lou is the daughter of Halo and Bro. Cleo Koch. We certainly wish for these couples the blessings of the Lord.

We are sorry to report that it was necessary for Marie Schurter to spend some time in the hospital.

It brings sadness when loved ones are taken from this life, but it is a comfort to think they now have a better place. Thus it was with Sis. Sophia Sauder, who passed from this life on June 25 at the age of 74. She had been a resident of the Restmor Nursing Home in Morton for one year and nine months. She is survived by Bros. Levi, John, Edward and Willis Sauder and Sisters Emma and Ann Sauder, all of our congregation. She is also survived by Bro. Dan Sauder of Congerville; Bro. Philip Sauder of Cissna Park; Sis. Lena (Chris) Sauder, Sis. Hannah (Walter) Plattner of Peoria; and Sis. Irene (Rudy) Bertschi of Morton. We extend our sympathy to all of the family and loved ones.

We also extend our sympathy to the family of Sylvia Koch, who passed away on June 22. For many years she made her home in Tremont, but later moved to Saginaw, Michigan. Funeral services were held in Tremont by Bro. Mike Weyneth of Peoria and Bro. Joe Zimmerman of Roanoke. She was preceeded in death by her husband, Bro. Casper, who passed away in 1925.

“... The LORD hath his way in the whirlwind and in the storm. . .

NOTICE—SOLDIER'S REUNION

A reunion will be held for all servicemen who were discharged from the US Armed Services with ETS since January 1, 1967 at Princeville over Labor Day week end. Supper is planned for 4:00 P. M. on Saturday, August 31. Anyone wishing more information should contact Mr. and Mrs. Harold Steiner, 12150 Whispering Woods Dr, Lake of the Woods, Dunlap Ill 61525.

WICHITA, KANSAS

Mrs. Larry Farney
Mrs. Harvey Smith

This month we were blessed to enjoy Holy Communion. Elder Bro. Sam Anliker was here to serve us.

It is so uplifting to our spiritual life to receive the bread of our Lord's body and the wine of His atoning blood.

Bro. Max Reimschisel has been hospitalized for the past week for tests. The diagnosis has been viral encephalitis. We pray for a speedy recovery for Bro. Max.

We are happy to have our ministering Bro. George Lambert and his wife, Sis. Elsie, in our congregation again. They have been on an extended trip, and we have missed them. Many of our loved ones are traveling on the highways at this time of year. We are thankful to the Lord when He grants them a safe return to us.

AKRON, OHIO Florence Graf

These past few weeks our congregation has enjoyed the presence of a number of visitors. How wonderful is the fellowship in the Lord, that one may go from place to place and encounter such Christian love in those we perhaps have never before met! This is a love and fellowship those of the world find difficult to understand—only through enlightenment and understanding from the Lord can we enjoy this blessing.

Bro. Ben Stavenik and Bro. Kenneth Sauder from Mansfield were our visiting ministers. How refreshing and inspiring were the efforts these brothers made in our behalf, in bringing us the word of God—a word always the same and yet always different. We thank the brothers for their visit, and hope they will return in the near future.

Little Theresa Lynn arrived in the home of John and Margaret Gallagher on June 6. She is their first child and the grandchild of Bro. Rudolph and Sis. Betty Graf. Mrs. Mary Gallagher of Cuyahoga Falls, O. is the paternal grandmother.

ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY Nancy Blunier

Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard?

That the everlasting God, the Lord,

The Creator of the ends of the earth,

Fainteth not, neither is weary?
There is no searching of his understanding.

As we journey through this life, especially as we walk back & forth across campus, the thought oft-

en comes, “This world is not my home; I'm just a passing through” . . . And in the quest for more and more knowledge, the cry rings out, “Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard. . .?”

We are so thankful for our ministering brothers who take time to come and proclaim to us what we know is the truth. As Bro. Joe Kaisner from Forrest mentioned on June 20, at the first meeting of the summer session, he came not to bring anything new but to refresh us. What a refreshment it was, and again on the following week when Bros. Ed Aeschleman from Union City and Don Sauder from Roanoke were with us.

They reminded us that wisdom is the ability to know what to do with the knowledge we have gained. “. . . hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world?” Surely all our studying and cramming for knowledge can avail us nothing compared to what only God can give us as expressed in this short plea:

“God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change,
The courage to change the things I can,
And the wisdom to know the difference.”

LAMAR, MISSOURI Marie Marti

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” Truly our cup runneth over recently, when we all felt the rich and abundant blessings flowing from our God to our small congregation, while our dear Bro. Danny Braker gave his testimony and was baptized. We were led back to the time of our own conversion, and we felt the Lord had led Bro. Danny through a true conversion. We pray that the Lord will continue to grant him a rich measure of grace. Put your heart at rest; He has blessings unending waiting for us, if we live to please Him.

Elder Bro. Sam Anliker and Bro. Homer Reineck gave us many precious teachings on that day. Many of the teachings were applicable to our everyday living for our Lord. In the secret hours of our lives, may we be about our Father's work.

“... seek ye the kingdom of God; and all these things shall be added

unto you." Gail, daughter of Bro. Art and Sis. Ruth Banwart, has turned to the Lord in repentance. We rejoice that Gail has made this all-important decision to live for the Lord and has realized that "where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

Bro. Alfred Banwart was hospitalized for surgery. We are thankful that he has returned home and was able again to assemble with us at church. Sisters Caroline Lehman and Lizzie Remm were hospitalized as a result of injuries received in an automobile accident. We pray for their recovery.

BURLINGTON, IOWA

Mrs. Paul Wagler

Mrs. Paul Eisenmann

We are glad to have Bro. Jerry Banwart of LaCrosse back at Burlington, where he is working for the summer.

Sis. Sarah Gerst (Julius) and Sis. Betty Applegarth (Blaine) have spent time in the hospital. They have both returned home and Sis. Sara is assembling with us again. We hope Sis. Betty will soon be able to attend services, too.

We miss having Bro. Uriel Gehring minister to us at mid-week services this summer, while he is attending a summer school session for eight weeks in Cedar Falls, Iowa. However, he has been able to come on Sundays. During his absence, we have enjoyed having some of the Oakville ministers come to assist Bro. Pohl.

On June 16, the Bible Classes of Burlington, Quincy, and Pulaski were guests at the Oakville Church for the day. The Burlington and Oakville churches were hosts to the Ft. Sam Reunion on July 7. We are grateful to God that we can still have fellowship one with another in these perilous times.

ELGIN, IOWA

Mrs. George Butikofer

We are contemplating on replacing our church benches with new ones. Some time will elapse before the installation, however; a committee has been named to make the proper plans.

Clarence Thoman had surgery at the University Hospital at Iowa City and is getting along real well. He may be returning to his home this week.

Bro. Fred Marti is still not feeling very well. He is making his home with the Elmer Butikofers at pres-

ent.

The Lord has blessed with sunshine and rainfall the last few weeks. Now the fields of corn and meadows of hay and pasture are beautiful to behold.

The Gehrings and the Schneiders both held family reunions. Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Gehring Jr. & family of Clarion, and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Massner of Wapello, Iowa, represented the folks who came the farthest to attend the get-together. Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Schneider and family, Mrs. Nima Fehr, her daughter and two sons and Mr. and Mrs. Levi Banwart of West Bend traveled the most miles to come to the Schneider reunion. There seems to be a blessing in meeting kindred folks.

A few weeks ago Communion was served to us. This is always a very sacred event. The following ministers were here. Bros. Noah Schrock, Leo Moser and Paul Banwart. We are always glad to see them in our midst. May we ever keep in mind what a supreme sacrifice our Saviour made to make our salvation a reality.

Bro. Jacob Gehring and his wife, Sis. Bertha conducted our one-week Bible school.

BREMEN, INDIANA

Ann Zimmer — Becky Coombs

We give praise to the Lord for our Vacation Bible School in June. The classes were held in the evenings this year, giving the adults a chance to attend also, and everyone was thankful for the blessings all received. We thank the following visiting ministering brothers for bringing the messages for the adults: Bros. Verlin Stoller, Merle Bucher, Elmer Hartter, and Wendell Gudeman.

Sis. Hazel Clauss underwent major surgery and is recuperating at home now. Bro. George Zimmer had minor surgery, and was home in a few days. In our trials, small or large, we trust the Lord knows best, and works out His will for our good.

A new daughter, Kristin Ann, was born to Eugene Jr. and Paulette Zimmer. A sister, Mary Beth, welcomed her home. Eugene Jr. is the son of Bro. Eugene and Sis. Leah Zimmer.

BRADFORD, ILLINOIS

Mrs. Loris Kieser

Mrs. Don Duckworth

We were very happy to have

Bros. Nathan Steffen, Willis Ehnle and Walter Rehklaue with us, to bring wonderful words of life.

About 40 Bible Class students and Sunday School teachers took interesting tours of the Dwight and Joliet state penitentiaries.

At our annual church meeting this month, Bro. Charles Kieser and Sis. Charlene Dietz were chosen as Sunday School teachers, to replace Bro. William Elsasser and Sis. Marie Kieser, whose terms expired. Bros. Loris Kieser, Bob Wieland, and Don Duckworth are our new ushers, and Bro. Ray Klumpp, was elected trustee. May God help each one to do their duty no matter how small, according to His will.

Sophie Hunziker was moved to Parkhill Medical Complex in Chillicothe, from the hospital, until she recovers enough to go home. May God give her much patience to endure her lot, and strength that she may soon be healed.

Happy parents of Lori Jane on June 29 were Bro. Loris and Sis. Martha Kieser. Welcoming her at home are Marcia, Mark, Timothy, Jeffrey and Susan. Bro. Sam and Sis. Lucille Kieser and Bro. Silas and Sis. Mary Leuthold are Lori's grandparents.

The annual Sunday School picnic was held June 30, at the park in Princeton. This marks the beginning of a 2-month vacation for the Sunday School children.

OAKVILLE, IOWA

Martha Steiner

Although it saddens us to report the earthly departure of those we know and love, still we rejoice that they have gone to meet their Creator. Sis. Rose Frank, wife of Bro. John, went to her rest June 7, leaving us to mourn her passing. The bereft include her husband; five sons, Bro. Robert, Oakville; Edward, Danville; John Jr., Mt. Pleasant; Bro. Norman, Sperry; Kenneth, Crozet, Virginia; four daughters, Sis. Lillian Ramseyer (Bro. Ralph), Bay City; Sis. Evelyn Schmidt (Bro. Ivan), West Bend; Sis. Ruth (Bro. Chris) Pfloderer, Tremont; Sis. Betty Anliker (Mrs. James), Burlington; two brothers, Bros. George and Emil Vierling, Oakville; three sisters, Sisters Emma and Esther Vierling, Burlington; Mrs. Marie Schmidgall, Morton; and 33 grandchildren. Rose was born to Bro. William and Sis. Lizette Rudolph Vierling in Tre-

monton, Utah, on March 1, 1901. She married John on January 30, 1921, and enjoyed 47 years raising their family together and watching their grandchildren grow up. We all will certainly miss her cheerful presence at our gatherings.

Ministers visiting us were Bros. George Wagenbach, Princeville, Al Aberle, Tremont; Henry Grimm, Morton (who came for the Steiner family reunion held in Oakville).

Friends John and Dorothy Heiniger of Iowa City are the happy parents of a son, John Anthony, born June 7. Paternal grandparents are John and May Heiniger of the Oakville area.

The Oakville Sunday School was host to the Sunday Schools from Pulaski, Burlington, and Taylor, on June 16. This semiannual event is rotated among the four churches.

Bro. John Wagenbach has been relieved of his duties in the ministry for health reasons. We cannot fully express our gratitude for those who undertake this responsibility with the grace of God, but we do realize that it is a very important part of our spiritual lives.

Five-year-old Dan and four-year-old Joe have come to live with the Robert Schrock family. Bro. Bob and Sis. Edith now have six children to make theirs a happy home. Dan and Joe are welcomed by three sisters and a brother.

Approximately ninety people were in attendance at the soldiers reunion of brethren and friends who were at Ft. Sam Houston together, which was held in Oakville on Sat. July 6. Hosts were Bro. John and Sis. Carol Steiner, Bro. Conrad and Sister Roletta Gerst, and Bro. Lloyd and Sis. Edith Massner. Certainly the ties among the service men are strongly knit, and the fellowship is greatly enjoyed and longlasting.

GOODFIELD, ILLINOIS

Elna Grimm MEMORIES

I think, perhaps she spoke one of the most forceful sermons ever proclaimed by man, in the manner which she lived. It's been over 3 years since she's gone to claim her reward, but here in our hearts, we still recall the sweet, unselfish devotion of Sis. Edna Schieler. I had heard a lot about Sis. Edna. . . she lived in a little home in Deer Creek, with her husband, Sam. She was a cripple in a wheel chair, unable to work with her hands, or even feed

herself. She was entirely at the mercy of those about her. She could do nothing but sit and wait, it seemed. Having heard these things about her, I rather dreaded my first visit there. Expecting to find a sad discouraged soul, I wondered "What would I say to cheer her?" Reluctantly, I went. . . and what I found, I could never convey to you in simple words . . . For her face was radiant, she wore a smile that was kind and natural, her voice was sweet, and she was **happy** to see me. I didn't have to wonder what to say, for she led the conversation with bubbling enthusiasm. . . (how were my children? would I take them to see her? what a lovely family she had—how they cared for her—how she loved her grandchildren—her son—her husband. . . and how she prayed for those whom she loved, that they, too, might someday have that peace of heart which she enjoyed). When it was time to go, I felt a great blessing had been mine. I had gone to cheer her, but she, in turn, had cheered me; I had hoped to encourage her, but she seemed to need no encouragement. I loved her very deeply from that time on, and always looked forward to a visit with her.

Then came the day when she was called to her eternal rest. We rejoiced for her, but oh how it hurt to see her go. For, truly, she had brought sunshine to many a soul. She was one of the most beautiful examples of love and patience that I have ever seen. Her cheerful disposition was God-given and priceless. I hope the little seeds, which she so carefully planted, will grow . . . and somehow, I believe they **must**; for didn't He say, "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you"?

We were served Holy Communion on Sun. June 9 by Bro. Ed Hohulin and Bro. Roy Sauder. It was a memorable day, as once again we went to Calvary to see our Saviour die. Surely it is strengthening to review those hours of agony, which He suffered for us; and how it reassures us of His love.

The annual Sunday School picnic was held on the last Sunday in June. Sunday School classes will be discontinued until the first Sunday in Sept. . . Also mid-week services will be discontinued thru July and August.

Our community was saddened by

the sudden death of our friend, Robert Reeser, of Goodfield. He was killed in a truck accident the first part of June. He is survived by his young wife and two small children. Robert was a nephew to our Bro. and Sis. Harold and Violet Reeser.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Wagner from Louisville, Kentucky have a new baby girl. Jackie Diane was born on July 6. Jim is the son of Sis. Vi Wagner.

Douglass Reeser, son of Bro. and Sis. Harold and Violet, is to be married to Sandra Peace of Peoria on Sat. July 27.

BERN, KANSAS

Esther and Stella Moser

HOW THANKFUL ARE YOU?

Did you think ere you awoke this morning

To thank God for this newborn day?

And ere the day was dawning,
Did you pause a moment to pray?
If so, your day will be brighter;
Your road more easily trod.
The load will be so much lighter
Because you gave thanks to your God.

June 9, Bro. Lester Hartter united in marriage Bro. Stephen Hartter, son of Lester and Ella, and Sis. Lois Mason, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Mason, McHenry, Illinois. After a trip to Texas, they are now at home on a farm near Bern. May the Lord add His blessing, as we extend our well wishes for much happiness along life's pathway.

Sis. Pearl Meyer's son, Earl, after spending a 15-day leave at home reported to Ft. Lewis, Washington, and from there was sent to Korea.

Bro. Melvin and Sis. Florence (Grimm) Rokey observed their 25th wedding anniversary June 6. That evening a group surprised them, to spend an evening in song and fellowship. May the Lord continue to bless them as they travel onward on life's pathway.

The Waymer Esslinger family is having quite a siege with measles. First, the three children had them, then their mother. Now 5-year-old Michael is hospitalized with follow-up complications.

Sis. Marge (Mrs. Morris) Edelman was hospitalized a short time (tonsillectomy). Sis. Freida Strahm, after a lengthy hospital stay is slowly improving at home. The blood clot in her leg has been very painful. Jud Meyer, 4-year-old

son of Bro. Louis and Sis. Mavis, had a little difference with the family dog that ended up with some stitches on his cheek.

We assembled with the Sabetha congregation on a Friday evening, when Bro. Harold Messner, Winthrop, ministered to us.

BLUFFTON, INDIANA

Delutha Moser — Carolyn Gerber
"God finds use for all those who show a readiness to serve Him."

Birth: June 28 a son, Wayne Terry, to Bro. Terry and Sis. Gloria Steffen.

Engagements: June 9, Sis. Vicki Aschliman to Bro. Steve Bucher of LaCrosse. Parents of the couple are Bro. and Sis. Robert Aschliman and Bro. and Sis. Vernon Bucher. The engagement of Sis. Connie Meyer and Bro. Mick Cupp was made known on the same date. Parents are Bro. and Sis. Robert Meyer and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cupp.

Shut-ins: were Sisters Marlene (Tim) Ringger, Mrs. Harry Baumgartner and Nellie Bertsch.

"For thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive; and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon thee." Psalm 86:5. Friends Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Gilliom and Herman Drayer Jr. were added to the precious fold.

We enjoyed the visits of Ministering Brothers Robert Pohl and Perry Zimmerman.

Funeral: During the past month, services were held for our aged brother William H. Frauhiger, age 91. Surviving are seven daughters, Mrs. Tilman Bauman, Mrs. Wm. Kipfer, Mrs. Clyde Clayton, Mrs. Leonard Reynolds, Mrs. Paul Scott, Mrs. Robert Brickley and Mrs. Louis Steffen; three sons, Ora, Sylvan and William H. Jr. A brother and five sisters who survive are: Adam Frauhiger, Mrs. Andrew Reinhard, Mrs. Jeff Heyerly, Mrs. Homer Hanni, Mrs. Elizabeth Dubach, and Mrs. Leroy Beer. Bro. Samuel Aeschliman officiated the services.

TUCSON, ARIZONA

Anna Thomas

We miss our minister, Bro. Noah Herman, and Sis. Lorraine, who are visiting their family in Illinois.

Sis. Lydia Maahs was in the hospital for a week for tests. She is home and getting along good.

A son, Sean Lamar, was born

June 12 to Douglas and Suzi Weaver of Albuquerque N. Mexico. The grandparents are Bro. Alfred and Sis. Ama Thomas. The great-grandmother is Sis. Mary Hofstetter of Wolcott.

Our visiting ministers for June were Elder Bro. Roy Farney and Bro. Clarence Yackley from Phoenix. We are thankful for their visit and enjoyed the messages they brought. They were accompanied by their wives.

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ALARM!

Henry Souder Jr.

A funnel on the skyline. A long, dark line, up and down, means danger.

"Thus saith the LORD of hosts, Behold, evil shall go forth from nation to nation, and a great whirlwind shall be raised up from the coasts of the earth. And the slain of the LORD shall be at that day from one end of the earth even unto the other end of the earth: . . ."

Alerts and warnings could be hard, unless we flee, constantly, to the sure refuge. Strain need take no toll.

The holy scriptures show plainly the fury of coming storms. No words are minced or spared. Yet through them is provided a peaceful shelter, a gentle quiet from the storm.

Tribulation is a fierce, hot, savage storm. What is a key, to show when it has turned from warning to onrushing crusher? ". . . when ye shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing where it ought not, (let him that readeth understand,) then let them that be in Judaea flee. . ."

An abomination is something detestable. It is a stench to the soul. To be turned away from. Desolation is a picture of something wrecked, like the mass of confused strubbings from a tornado.

Such is the scripture picture of the works of the man of sin. He is the antichrist. In Daniel we can read, ". . . he shall plant the tabernacles of his palace between the seas in the glorious holy mountain. . ." This sounds like the location is Jerusalem. Paul plainly shows that the man of sin will sit in the temple of God. The antichrist, the Bible says, will be "shewing himself that he is God." The Revelation shows the image of the beast. Those who would not worship this image were ordered killed.

The Bible shows this man of sin as cunning, clever, smart. Darkness will spare no punches in parad-

ing him as the man to serve: "with all power and signs and lying wonders."

His program and method of rule is geared to dark interest. He will flatter. By peace he will destroy many. He will be the champion of his crowds. Applause like ticker-tape will ring through the cities. He will bring prosperity of sin to new heights. He'll remember the commoner. Paul warns of the time they shall say peace and safety!

Many a cloud has gathered. The horizon is darkening. Israel is surrounded by a foe who wants to murder. Someone has written that Israel's population is out numbered (by the Arabs) 50 to 1, its armed forces 10 to 1, its weapons 4 to 1. The red scourge is darkening lands near Armageddon. Russian ships churn waters of the Mediterranean, and stop at enemy ports. Russian manpower trains Israel's enemy.

In Ezekiel we read: ". . . profane wicked prince of Israel, whose day is come, when iniquity shall have an end. . ." The Jews that do not believe will receive him: "And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week." (In scripture, these words mean 7 years. A year for a day. Like Jacob serving a week, seven years, for Rachel.)

This evil man will make a treaty for 7 years. What do we see today? Tiny Israel, and an enemy who wants to kill. It is such a situation this person of sin, with smooth tongue, could turn to dark advantage.

But how the Jews will be treated! Antichrist is a treaty breaker. ". . . and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate. . ." That is the signal to run. The Revelation says the woman was given "two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly. . ."

". . . then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time,

no, nor ever shall be." Terror and destruction shall rain brutally. Turmoil, blood, ruins, death and dying. Much of civilization shall be in ruin. Towers shall fall. Victims shall number in the millions, perhaps even billions.

In Iowa, a missile stood ready for shooting. On target, if shot, several thousand men, women and children would die, 18 minutes after it went skyward. Today, missiles are bigger and deadlier. Thermonuclear warheads will be able to head, one part toward a city, and from the same missile, more to other places. Now death is multiplied. Millions will be in panic of destruction. Weapons wrote about among other are the FOBS. Set off in the air, it could possibly burn thousands of square miles. The Scripture says that tribulation will not be a threat, but the trigger will be pulled.

A reaper works, regardless of the clouds. God's children find courage to continue.

A dream one night: Mother and I were outside. There were clouds. I saw it . . . a long, dark funnel. Alarm was voiced to the brethren in the assembly. The brothers filed down to the basement. One was my dad. He came and looked out the window. He was not panicked at all. Sometime around then, I noticed he was singing. I caught three words, **The glorious blood.**

That is a sure refuge.

"Come, my people, enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee. . ."

A little said can mean a lot . . . If you enjoy the Silver Lining, perhaps you can tell somebody who doesn't receive it. Lend them a copy. The footpath called day is very short . . . If a friend is a concern to you, why not send the Silver Lining. Every precious means should be used.

If you are moving, don't forget to let us know. Notify us 30 days ahead. Remember to send your zip number. Henry