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THE LORD JESUS CHRIST CARES ABOUT YOU

Bro. Willis R. Ehle, Japan

Every young person standing on the threshold of life considers marriage in one way or another. For some, because of illness, physical handicap or personal conviction, it may only be in a negative sense, "It's not for me", but nevertheless, it is considered.

Sometimes the order is reversed—but marriage usually follows the completion of formal education and the finding of employment for maintaining a livelihood. The striking part of it is that from 12 to 20 years are spent in formal education, primarily to prepare for a vocation, while the idea of preparing for marriage is almost non-existent. Yet, the fact remains that a young married couple who are well-adjusted and happily married can get along on a very meager diet, with hardly a roof over their heads and clothes on their back, but the same young couple cannot get along with all the wealth in the world if they are not well-adjusted and hap-

pily married. Sickness, sorrow and despair may be brought on by an unhappy relationship.

Good marriages are earned like a doctor's degree from a good university; they don't just happen. That is why I am opposed to romantic novels or any influence which gives a distorted view, or paints an unrealistic picture of life as it really is, especially in the sense as to what is required for the "good" life.

What can you do to prepare for marriage? You can read the Bible, repent and give your heart and life to Jesus Christ. You can seek God's guidance in prayer in regard to marriage, instead of being led about by your emotions. Our emotions are wonderful and God-given, but they were meant to be controlled by our heart and mind, and not our heart and mind controlled by our emotions.

To prepare for marriage it is not enough to simply become convert-

ed. The Lord Jesus Christ cares about you, and desires for you to put into practice that which makes for a successful marriage which will bring honor to God. For a married couple to kneel in prayer together (and to verbally forgive each other daily if necessary), to remember to speak some kind word to each other often, and to seek to please God first of all, but certainly the marriage partner ahead of "self" this is the criteria for a good marriage. Christ has shown us the proper attitude by denying Himself, for us, the glory He had with the Father, and by offering forgiveness to any and all who will believe and obey.

Children born to a union where it is as natural and common for the whole family to kneel together in prayer as it is to eat three meals a day, will find that they have been left a rich heritage from the tremendous storehouse of the Almighty God.

Where History Never Fades . . . The Holy City

Bro. Carlton Lanz, Rockville

The Land of Israel . . . scene of divine revelations, the home of the People of the Book, background of the marvels recorded in the Bible. . . . a land held sacred by Jew, Christian and Moslem alike . . . Retracing the footsteps of Jesus in the very country where He once lived is more than just a visit or journey—it is a pilgrimage. . .

Jerusalem sprawling about ten kilometers (over 6 mile) each way, across the Judean hillsides, had a population of 266,000 in Sept. 1967 (200,000 in the New City or Western Jerusalem, 66,000 in Eastern Jerusalem & the walled Old City). Both parts of the city, as the result of the six-day war of June 1967, have become a single municipal

area.

A city of ageless splendor, capital of King David, the psalmist, it is the heart of the holy places of three world religions. It has more history and drama per square meter perhaps than any other place in the world.

To the Jews, it represents the materialization of the glories of their past history, their hope for the future and the preservation of their faith throughout the ages. To the Christians, Jerusalem is above all the place that beheld the mystery of the Passion of Christ and of His resurrection. To the Moslems, it is simply "El-Kuds", the Holy, towards which Mohammed prayed. . .

There are scores of shrines and places of worship to be found nearly everywhere in the Old City, the mount of Olives and Western Jerusalem. A visit confined to absolute essentials would reasonably require several days, two or more of which should be devoted to the Old City.

The huge walls that surround the Old City was built in the 16th century. It is breached by the following gates; Damascus, Herod's, Lion's (or St. Stephens), Dung Zion, Jaffa, New and Golden. The street from the Lion's (or St. Stephens) leads to a high platform, to the left with ancient foundations where, according to tradition, St. Stephen was stoned to death, also where Jesus was condemned in the

Roman Pretorium (judgment Hall) of Pontius Pilate. In commemoration of the scenes of agony on His route of Martyrdom, tablets have been set in the walls of churches and chapels, marked in Roman numerals.

The Mount of Olives is holy to Christianity for its close associations with Jesus. It was here that He wept, as He looked down to the unrepentant Jerusalem. (The ridge faces eastern Jerusalem the Old City and the Temple area). Further east and above is the village named Bethphage, which provided the ass on which Jesus rode into the city. On the slope of this mountain ridge is Gethsemane, where He was betrayed . . . a peaceful grove of ancient, gnarled olive trees, with lovely and well-kept flower beds. At one of the summits of this mount, it is believed Jesus' ascension took place.

Bethlehem—home of Boaz, Ruth, King David and Jesus. . . Off at a nearby hillside is Shepherd's Field, where it is said the angel appeared to the shepherds and brought the tidings of the birth of Christ the Lord. Nazareth, sacred to millions, nestles in beautiful hills of Galilee. To this day one can visit the traditional sites of Joseph's workshop and the well from which Mary drew water. About six miles northeast of Nazareth is Cana, a small village presumed to be where, at a wedding, Jesus performed His first miracle and transformed water into wine, as narrated in John Chapter 2. At the edge of the village bubbles a spring. Our guide told us this spring has never run dry and that the inhabitants of the village depend on it for their source of water.

Crossing the Sea of Galilee from Tiberias, we reached the shores at Capernaum. Jesus found His first disciples, Simon and Andrew. They had been casting their nets into the waves when He said to them . . . "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." It was here at a synagogue where Jesus spoke the words: "I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst." This was the traditional site of where Jesus, on the slope of the mountain nearby, spoke the immortal phrases of the Sermon on the Mount. "Blessed are the poor in spirit: for their's is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they that mourn; for they shall be

comforted. . . Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled." These words were read by one of our group as we stood on the summit and visualized Jesus speaking to multitudes. This reading was followed by an appropriate hymn, sung by more than seventy mixed voices. It was indeed an inspiring setting . . . our view, down into the valley below, and just beyond stretched out the beautiful Sea of Galilee.

The fascinating panorama around Mount Tabor is reminiscent with Bible memories. It is a crest of incomparable majesty, overlooking the Great Valley of Esdraelon (Jezreel). It was in this vicinity that King Saul consulted the witch of Endor; across the valley at the foot of Mt. Gilboa is Beit Shean, upon whose walls were hung mortal remains of Saul and his son Jonathan slain.

At Casarea, not long ago, a slab of stone was discovered with an inscription bearing the name of Pontius Pilate. Jaffa (Biblical Joppa), 70 miles south along the coast, a famous maritime town, was where Jonah the Prophet embarked on his ill-fated voyage to Tarshish. . . also in the town just mentioned was where Peter raised Tabitha from the dead.

Every meter of the Old City has been enriched by five thousand years of deep emotion and drama. History never fades here! It is a part of this Holy City! Year after year an endless stream of pilgrims come here to see with their eyes and to walk in what is known to millions . . . The Holy Land!

The recent edition of *Hymns of Zion* is now completed. The hymnals are available for Sunday School and devotional purposes. The binding & printing is of good quality, & orders can be sent out promptly. Large orders can be secured at my Book Shop, to save handling and transportation charges. The listed tape of unfamiliar songs will soon be available, to accompany your order of books. Henry Beer, Milford Ind; Phone 658-4712.

ELGIN, IOWA

Mrs. George Butikofer

This finds us at the Mayo clinic. We are here in the interest of our brother, Arthur's health. We are praying for God's blessing on the

treatment, so that he will feel better real soon.

Through heat and cold the sparrow sings,
And in the storm-tossed tree
He sleeps serenely through the night
As trusting as can be,
As though he knows an allwise God
Keeps vigil from above,
And holds the morrow in His hands,
Safe-guarded by His love.

Mrs. Sam Fischer (Sis. Ida) from Roanoke is visiting in the Albert Butikofer home, getting acquainted with a new grandchild. Sis. LaVerne and Bro. Albert are the parents of a baby girl named Betty Lou. She was born on the 31st day of March. Butikofers have a son, Tommy.

Mrs. Edwin Frieden (Sis. Joy) and her daughter, Sis. Gloria spent a few days in Hawaii, visiting with her son, Bro. Floyd Frieden, who is in service in Vietnam. They found him in good health.

The only bit of tree greenery we see from our home is the lacy affair on the willows. However, the lilacs and the maples too show signs of opening up their springtime leaves. The robins and bluebirds have returned. We are delighted to see the latter resting on one of the houses built expressly for their use. May God be thanked for all the lovely creations which we can enjoy. What a beautiful place heaven must be.

It might be of interest to folks who formerly lived here to read the names of those at our church as of March 2: Elizabeth and Marie Schneider, Anna and Lena Schup-

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bach, Marie Butikofer, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Gehring, Marie Schmid, Celia Butikofer, Alta Thoman, Lena Pulfer, Mr. and Mrs. George Schupbach and son John, Mildred Butikofer and son Tim, Anna Butikofer, Ruth Schupbach, Mr. and Mrs. William Butikofer and children—Mike, Julie, Joni, Mark and John, Ida Frieden, Mr. and Mrs. Gottlieb Pulfer, Mary Pulfer, Ed Pulfer, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Butikofer and son Tommy, Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Metzger and daughter Eunice and sons Philip and David, Elizabeth Moore and daughters—Marian and Karla and sons—Dale, Wilmer and Eugene, Fred Marti, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Butikofer, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Gehring and daughter Janet, Mr. and Mrs. Orville Moore.

WOLCOTT, INDIANA

Arles Kropf

We enjoyed the presence of a number of visitors. Among them were ministering Bros. George Gramm of Gridley, Elmer Schmidt of Winthrop and Earl Zeltwanger of Bremen.

On March 30 we heard the testimony of Jerry Kyburz, and after baptism welcomed him into our brotherhood.

Our Sunday School children are practicing for their Easter program, which is to be on April 2,

Our friend, Pete Luthi was stricken with a heart attack and is in the hospital. Latest reports are that he is improving. His wife, Sis. Lill, who has been an invalid for many years, and whom he so patiently cared for, has been moved to Lake Manor Nursing Home at Monticello. We pray that the Great Physician might heal for both body and soul.

ROCKVILLE, CONNECTICUT

Carlton J. Lanz

Born to Bro. and Sis. Emanuel Schneider, a little girl, Mary Ann, on March 17; a little girl, Carolyn Denise, to Bro. Arthur Foote and Emily Foote; a little girl, Carrie Beth, to Bro. Dale and Sis. Harriet Zahner. The infant is their first child.

FRANCESVILLE, IND.

Mrs. Herman (Chris) Wuethrich
Mrs. Otto Wuethrich

Our News Correspondent told us to write about one of our trustees, perhaps the chairman. Bro. Keith Getz would be the chairman, as he has now started to serve two years,

and Bros. Eugene Huber and Keith Putt were nominated to help him. Our son-in-law, Edison Gutwein was trustee and treasurer for two years, so this year it was suggested that just being treasurer was sufficient for him.

So I am asked to tell a little about our chairman, and this is what was told me. "Bro. Keith spends endless off-time hours from his business to repair all the plumbing. 'He has never accepted pay, as he feels he hasn't the talent of singing to go to the monthly singings at the County and Nursing Homes.'" "His wife also does little repair jobs, that only women see the need that they should be done." They have three "sunshine" daughters—Jill, Jenna and Jodi. Their grandmother just remarked to me how thrilled Jodi is, who is 5 years old, when she takes her on a shopping surprise and lets her pick out her own penny candy and gum.

A widow neighbor lady said that Bro. Keith & Sis. Doris has invited her to their home the last two years for a Thanksgiving dinner. This gives us all "Food for thought." A sister in the church said, "Doris is tops, like a mother to me; she baby-sits whenever she sees she can—much more than I did when she had her baby."

Now we will say something about our other trustees. Bro. Keith Putt and his wife, Sis. Lorna are a real brother and sister to us all. They really put forth much effort to do work for the Lord, in many, many ways.

Bro. Eugene and Sis. Mildred are loved by everyone. This incident will prove that Eugene will make us a good trustee. Last fall in the watermelon season, at our grocery store he bought all the melons they had, and I came in and asked the clerk to buy one, and she said she is sorry, but they are all sold. When going to my car then, Eugene came over and put one of the melons in and said, "I know I can spare one."

So we prayerfully commit our dear trustees to the Lord, for His doing. We know they cannot always do things to satisfy everyone, but they want to take the congregation as a whole.

We appreciated the services spoken to us by Bro. George Yergler, who has been just like a "church father" to us, and the loving brother, Edward Frank.

Closing with two happy families' news. . . God has given to Bro. Karl

Westphalls a baby girl, that her sister and four brothers heartily welcomed. . . And God gave Richard Boehnings a baby boy that his brother and three sisters heartily welcomed.

SARASOTA, FLORIDA

Velta Laukhuf

Mae Shrock

Our visiting minister was Bro. Irvin Stoller of Latty. Bro. Irvin read and meditated from the 73rd Psalm. We sincerely thank Bro. Stoller for his inspiring message, and welcome him back.

On March 17, Bro. George and Sis. Ida Graff left for their home at Milford, after receiving word that their son Douglas was being sent to Korea. We all wish Doug a safe trip, and pray that God will be with him at all times and bring him home safe, in due time. Bro. George and Sis. Ida expect to be back with us again this fall. Bro. Robert and Sis. Mary Reiman have departed for their home in Peoria, on March 22. They too expect to be back with us again next winter.

The fore part of March, two of our loved ones in Sarasota celebrated their 85th birthdays. It is our most fervent prayer that God will grant them health and many more years here.

Bro. Phil and Sis. Fern Wingeier wish to take this opportunity to thank each one for their deeds of kindness shown them during this winter.

As we bring our little church group to the end of another season, we say our fond farewells, and hope and pray that God will grant everyone another year of fellowship together in Sarasota.

VALPARAISO, INDIANA

Alma Morris — Jeanne Morris

We are pleased to have this opportunity to better acquaint you with the chairman of our trustees, Mr. Roy Frieden. The guiding principle of his trusteeship is faith in God. Whenever there is a problem before the trustees to be solved, he first takes it to the Lord in prayer, asking that God's will be done. Bro. Roy's firm faith in God and his readiness to obey the teachings of Christ have served as inspiring examples, not only to our other trustees, Mr. Willis Feller and Bro. Dillar Ames, but also to the congregation as a whole. Bro. Frieden is a patient, amiable man who is always willing to lend a help-

ing hand or say an encouraging word. It was through the initiative of Roy and a few others that made it possible for us to have a church in Valparaiso. Bro. Roy has continued to work very hard in our little church. We are few in number, but have many friends who attend. During the six years of our being together as a church, we have been blessed with five people who have repented and been baptized.

Bro. Roy is the son of Bro. and Sis. George Frieden of Lamar. He is married to Sis. Aldene Heinold, and they are the parents of four children, and the grandparents of two grandchildren. Mr. Frieden is engaged in farming near Wheatfield, Indiana.

TOKYO

Yoshio Yamazaki

JESUS IS THE LIVING WATER

John H. Klaus

Jesus is the living water; by it I am fed,

And by His own Holy Spirit, Even, down to claim His own, every day I'm led.

When He comes again from Heaven I shall sit with Him in glory on His heavenly throne.

Sometimes when the devil tempts me, and I lean toward sin, Just a little prayer in His name gives me grace again.

Sometimes when my burden's heavy, and I'm at a loss, Then I think of my dear Jesus dying on the cross.

People wonder why we're happy, singing all the day;

They don't know the joy of serving, or the joy to pray.

They forget that our dear Jesus promised us one day

That we need not fret or worry; He will show the way.

So let's seek this living water; now it's flowing free.

It is such a precious fountain; come and taste and see.

You will know that worldly pleasures are but for a time,

Can't compare with Heaven's glory, happiness sublime.

"And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be."

We really appreciated for the love of God and who sent us great Saviour Jesus Christ for our personal Saviour through repentance.

May we have the eternal hope through His resurrection. Our heavenly Father still the door opened and invites us to His kingdom. However, it is unfortunately that the people of this world are very ignorant of such wonderful grace. The loving Word of God, it's said, "For many are called, but few are chosen."

Our Tokyo church isn't very fast to grow today, even passed 10 years already, but we should have more patience with them because our Lord had patience until we repented. Materialization seems overcoming among this generations, but we really believed real victors are us who had eternal power through the love of God. Apostle Paul said in the Scriptures. "Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us."

We had a real nice meeting at Yamanashi-Prefecture, where is near Mt. Fuji, and over 40 people attended there. Bros. Willis Ehnle and Toshio Uchida took the responsibility. **Theme was the Last Week** before Christ hung on the cross. We had real wonderful blessed time, and a number of young people attended there especially. We wish that the fellowship meeting was for His glory and His hand of grace knocked at the hearts of those young people.

Japan is very beautiful country, and we really thanked Him and praise Him for that He created such wonderful Island for us.

"The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament showeth his handiwork."

FT. SCOTT, KANSAS

Wanda Kraft — Marie Zaugg

It was a blessing to us to have the conference report read and meditated upon by our Elder Bro. Samuel Anliker. It is now our responsibility to support the conference.

We were privileged to have as our visiting minister, Bro. Elmer Bucher, Medaryville, Indiana. We thank him and his wife for their visit.

We are glad to report that David Sinn, the son of Wayne Sinns, is back in Sunday School, after being in the hospital for an emergency appendectomy.

It was a most inspirational evening to us when Elder Bro. Noah Schrock and our Elder Bro. Samuel Anliker visited us. Bro. Noah used to be our Ft Scott elder, and we are thankful that they took the

time to spend an evening with us. We also had several visiting ministers with us, as well as many other visitors.

Sunday School children are busy learning their songs and recitations for the program they are planning to present on Easter.

Oh the light and joy of Easter! In remembering, we find our faith renewed, our spirits refreshed. Through the resurrection, the windows of the soul may be touched with the golden rays of God's un-failing love, giving the faith and the hope that sustains us.

ASCHAFFENBURG, GERMANY

Harlan Metzger

Let us rejoice that Christ the Lord has risen from the dead, and all prophecies he faithfully fulfilled... But may we forever be mindful of the burdens and agony He bore upon the Cross of Calvary. It should teach us all what we must do to rise with Him some day.

March 8 Lynn Young, Bro. Eldon Getz, Bro. Dennis Koehl, and Bro. Harlan Metzger were able to spend the week end with the Heinz Maurer family at Nuehutzen. Farewell was bid to Bro. Dennis Koehl, as it was his last week end in Duet-schland.

Bro. Harlan Metzger was permitted to take a short leave to Salzburg Austria. He was able to look up the Heinrich Muller family and spend some time with them. One finds these families so warm and kind-hearted, and finds a blessing to be able to visit with them.

The last weekend in Mar., Bro. Eldon Getz and Bro. Harlan Metzger were able to go to church and spend the week end at the Emil Mueller family at Nuehutzen.

CONGERVILLE, ILLINOIS

Fannie Schieber — Pauline Roth

Spring is here—the grass is starting to get green and a few of the early flowers are blooming. We haven't had much real warm weather or sunshine. Maybe after Easter the weather will be more settled.

Bro. Wm. and Sis. Emma Reeser celebrated their 49th wedding anniversary with a family dinner at their son Richard's home, near East Peoria. We hope they will have good health and be able to celebrate their 50th anniversary together next year.

Bro. Wm. and Sis. Sherry Diet-

rich have a new little son, born March 26 in Peoria. John and Tim welcome their new brother home. He has been named Robert James. Bro. Wm. Sr. and Sis. Sara Dietrich of our congregation are grandparents.

Bro. Allen Schrock was a surgical patient at the Brokaw Hospital in Normal. We are glad he can be home with his family again, and hope he will continue to improve each day.

Bro. Glenn Knapp was a patient at the Eureka Hospital several days for tests. We are glad to report he is home.

Duane, son of Friends Elmer and Ruth Miller is home from his second tour of duty in Viet Nam. We are glad that he was protected and could return safely home.

Good Friday services were held at our church.

HONOLULU, HAWAII

Keith and Sharon Kellenberger

As I write this, we are in the midst of the Easter season. To many people it is just another Friday and just another Sunday. How sad that so many do not realize, or perhaps care to realize, the significance of Christ's suffering on the cross and His resurrection. Our lives would truly be empty if Easter were merely colored eggs, bunnies, and new clothes. As we thank the Lord for dying that we might live, let us also pray for those who do not know our Saviour and His love.

We enjoyed a blessed week of fellowship with Bro. Floyd and Sisters Joy and Gloria Frieden from Elgin, Iowa. Floyd, here on his R & R from Viet Nam, his mother Joy, and sister Gloria stayed with us. We pray for the Lord's protection of all the brethren and friends serving in Viet Nam and Korea. May they all come home safe to their families.

MAYWOOD, CALIFORNIA

Marcelle Dapper — Jan Elsasser

The Easter season is the most meaningful time of the year and dear to all our hearts; it is through Christ's death and resurrection we have a hope for life eternal. We are so thankful for the many beautiful verses in our hymns we sing. One that certainly portrays the agony our Lord suffered for all is entitled, "The Seven Words of Jesus on the Cross".

... The thief in penitence
Is pardoned ere he dies;
**Today shalt thou yet be
With Me in Paradise.**

I thirst, He cries in pain,
For there is no distress
Which Christ the Friend of man
Endured not at His death.

He bows His head and cries,
Tis finished, all is done.
O God, receive my soul.
Life's victory is won.

We were pleasantly surprised on Sunday, March 16, to have Bro. Robert Stoll from Girard visit us. He and his family were visiting in our community. Bro. Stoll left with us many wonderful teachings. We certainly want to thank him for his visit, and pray that God will bless him for his efforts.

Note of Thanks: My sincere thanks to the many loved ones who remembered me with prayers, gifts and mail during this illness. Sis. Nettie Locher.

We extend our sympathy to our friends, Elizabeth and Jim Sanville, in the loss of Elizabeth's stepfather, Bro. Chris Kaeb from Fairbury.

MORTON, ILLINOIS

Joan Getz — Mrs. Ken Getz

On Sat. evening, Feb. 8, Bro. Chris Zeiler suddenly slipped into the Great Beyond to gain his reward. He is survived by his wife, Frieda and son, Walter. His love and compassion for his fellowmen was vividly revealed in many ways. For many years, Bro. Chris and his wife volunteered many hours of faithful service in the clothing collection drives at Morton.

Words of inspiration given to us by our visiting ministers, Josh Broquard, Joe Zimmerman Sr., Don Sauder and Marvin Schmidgall, were greatly appreciated.

The Morton congregation was spiritually uplifted by the visit of the Bluffton Gospel Quartet.

In loving memory of our dear wife, mother and grandmother, Lillie Widmer, who passed away so suddenly on March 13, 1968: The depths of sorrow we cannot tell, Of the loss of one we loved so well, And while she sleeps a peaceful sleep, Her memory we shall always keep.

Those in the hospital are: Henry A. Stieglitz, Sam Musselman, Henry Aberle, Louisa (Weishaupt)

Rapp, Martha (Strunk) Nohl, Viola (Heininger) Huette, Bro. Jacob Stevig and Bro. Harry Schmidgall. Sis. Marie (Hirstein) Belsley fell and broke her hip, and will be bedridden for some time. Carl Huette and George Ackerman have been convalescing at home. Cards to these dear ones might add much courage and faith to their convalescence.

Announcement was made of the engagement and forthcoming marriage of Sis. Kathleen Zimmerman, daughter of Bro. Joe and Sis. Mildred (Getz) Zimmerman and Bro. James Heininger, son of Bro. Arthur and Sis. Verena (Moser) Heininger. The engagement of Sis. Joan Getz, daughter of Bro. William and Sis. Laura (Kuntz) Getz to Bro. John Oberlander, son of the late Phil and Sis. Katie (Frank) Oberlander was also announced.

Know Each Other Better Series

In Morton, the present chairman of the trustees is Bro. Arthur Heininger. He grew up in La Crosse. Some time after he married Sis. Verena Moser, they settled in Morton, where their three sons were born. Larry married Bonnie Roby, and they have two sons, Michael and Steven. James is in the service at Ft Sill, Okla. and is engaged to Kathy Zimmerman. Ronald is married to Kayleen Rumbold, and they live in Quincy, Illinois.

Art, along with Bro. Jack Krantz, has been very active in getting interested and experienced brothers to help out in the work at the Dessi Scott Children's Home in Kentucky. Art has also given us a bit of history on previous trustees and also what he feels is the duty and thoughts of those who have charge of the maintenance of the church:

"Footprints in the sands of time" are very precious to a redeemed and born again Christian. Many of those that have gone before us in our faith have left imprints in the minds of many of us.

As this article is about the trustees of the church, I would like to first of all mention those who served around 35 years in the maintenance and upkeep of the church sanctuary. Our records show that John Strunk, Gottlieb Aupperle and J. C. Ackerman served all those years.

In 1948 a rotation system was started, and five brothers were placed on the board, with the old-

est in seniority serving as chairman. Since that time, each year another brother was voted in by the congregation, and he began his five-year term. This system has worked very well and is used at the present time.

Other brothers who have served since then are: Sam J. Getz, Elmer Witzig, Sam W. Rapp, Ben Kaiser, Dan Grimm, Fred Huetten, George J. Getz, Myron Springer, Ben E. Getz, Clarence Schmidgall, Chris Knapp, Jack Stieglitz, Sam W. Ackerman, Arthur Heiniger, the present chairman—along with Carl Wyss, Karl Schuon, Marvin Getz and Don Hermann making up the present board.

The trustees meet once a month at the church house. Business matters are taken up in an orderly manner. Last year we began keeping records of the business meetings.

The spending of the Lord's money is of much concern to the board. Large projects, improvements or changes are given careful consideration. These are considered by the ministers and then given to the congregation for their approval, before any action is taken. Regular maintenance and upkeep projects, which are always necessary and must be done in order to keep our church in good order, are considered by two members of the board.

A chairman's duty is to see that business matters and projects are explained to the rest of the board. After some discussion of a project, and if all are in agreement, the project is given to one of the trustees. His duty is to see that the project is completed, calling on other members of the congregation to assist him.

The trustees should see that as many people from the congregation as possible be given some duties in the church. This will create more unity among the brethren. This unity should be one of our main concerns, that we as a congregation can work together in harmony.

Some say God is dead!
That He's out of our lives forever.
But how can this be true?
If you wake before sunrise and
walk into a field of daisies,
You see the simplicity of His world.
You see the shadow of a moon,
The faintest hint of light in the
east.

Suddenly, all His glory bursts in
the brilliance of the rising sun.
How can you say He's gone?

You walk through a forest glade,
Stepping on the soft carpet of moss
which lies before you.

Golden rays of sunlight filter down
through the shade of blooming
trees.

You sit with your back against a
majestic oak tree.

You feel the silence around you and
the coolness of the breeze.

You hear the small insects hum-
ming their way through the air,
Birds begin to sing in the quiet
And you say He never was?

The dusk softens the sharpness of
the day

And suddenly you find yourself
walking through an open
meadow . . .

You look up,
See the glimmering stars in the
vastness of the universe.

You see the moon reflected in the
small stream whispering beside
you.

You see the flowers closing their
petals,

Awaiting the next glorious sunrise.
You say He's gone? How can you
say this when the miracle of life
surrounds you?

I do not think He is gone.
He lives in the hearts of all who
cherish Him.

Written by Michael Rocke
An 8th Grade Student

TAMAHATA, JAPAN

Willis R. Ehnle

Sis. Junko Inoue, who teaches nursing and health at the high school level, continues to bring some of her students to church. These students not only come to church, but have taken it upon themselves to clean up the church yard in their spare time. Sis. Junko is becoming very enthused about teaching Sunday School, and out of our local budget has purchased an enclosed bookshelf for storing materials.

In a small infant church such as Tamahata, the need for each believer to visit with, to teach others, and to convey to them the word of God, not only by life and action but also in print, is very apparent. Otherwise the church may die; but we have no intention of the church dying and are trusting in God for victory. "This is the victory that

overcometh the world, even our faith."

SHIODA, JAPAN

Toshio Uchida

To all of our brothers and sisters in America, we send our heartfelt greetings in celebration of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ.

At the Shioda Church, the Ehnle family and Sisters Nancy & Marie are fine and busy for the Lord's work, although for just a couple of weeks the sisters have spring vacation from their school teaching.

On March 28 and 29, our three churches had special meetings at Lake Saiko near Mt. Fuji. Forty-four persons attended. The theme was the last week of Christ's life before His crucifixion. It was a wonderful time of meditation on God's word, with much interest being shown in the teaching of the word by the different brothers. The Son of God was bruised for our iniquities. This fact must be considered very carefully by all . . . And now we look towards the resurrection, with the desire to celebrate it with earnestness and sincerity.

Our kindergarten begins a new term and a new school year this month (school begins in April in Japan, not September), and with Sister Nancy Schrock returning to the States in July, we are concerned about having a teacher for our kindergarten from September. Please give us your support. Believing "The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want", we are waiting for God's blessings. Anyone interested, please inform your elder.

Blessed is he who is persecuted for righteousness sake for his is the kingdom of heaven.

And now to the many brethren and friends in America, may God's blessings be upon you abundantly.

Translated by Willis R. Ehnle

PRINCEVILLE, ILLINOIS

Ruth Ricketts — Anna Marie Baer

After what seemed a rather long, dark winter, we enjoyed a few very warm, spring-like days. A few hurriedly planted a few seeds in the garden, raked lawns, and such. It also inspired others to get machinery ready for the field work. One day Bro. John Weiland was sanding a plough, when the sander slipped, striking him in the face. He received a bad gash just below his mouth that required a number of stitches to close the wound. He remained

in the hospital overnight, then returned home, where he has recovered nicely and is able to do his daily tasks again. After the breath of spring, we tasted of winter again and had another snowfall. The sun, being quite powerful quickly melted it, and we were thankful for the moisture.

A son was born to Bro. Ellsworth and Sis. Donna (Sauder) Martin, March 7. Larry Dean was welcomed home by Brenda, Becky, Joyce and Todd.

We are so thankful that Sis. Mina Klumpp is able to worship with us again. She has been shut in most of the winter, and even though weak, enjoys being in the assembly with God's children. We are sorry that Sis. Ida Huber is confined to her home and unable to worship with us. Bro. Will is not feeling so well either and is not always able to be with us. We trust they will lay their cares on the Lord, and He will help them through their trying days.

When the heart is near to breaking,
Rough your lonely road,
Hope extinguished, joy forgotten,
Grief and pain your load . . .
Plod on bravely through the darkness,
Groping all the way,
Till God brings you to the sunshine
Of a brighter day.

A dark shadow has come into the life of our older Bro. Emil and Sis. Louise Lauber, upon hearing the word that their grandson, Robert Lauber, was killed in Viet Nam, March 28. He had been overseas three months. Bob was the son of Walter and Mildren Lauber and had one sister, Kristine.

May the bereaved family look up to God from whence all their help comes.

For each valley there's a hilltop,
For each raindrop there is sun;
For each twilight there's a dawning
When dark hours of night are done;
For each thistle there's a flower,
For each tear there is a smile.
Your sorrow will give way to joy
In just a little while.

This week is Holy Week. Not only this week, but every day we should think of the suffering of our Lord and Saviour and the great price He paid for our salvation. Do we treasure it highly enough? We can be reminded of the resurrec-

tion: for with the coming of spring all is awaking from the dark winter days, and bursting forth into glorious light. Shouldn't we all renew our faith and let it too burst forth, so the world may know we have something special in our hearts?

BLUFFTON, INDIANA

Delutha Moser—Carolyn Gerber

Births: A daughter, Amy Joe to Bro. and Sis. Al Ringger; a daughter, Rachel Lee to Bro. and Sis. Sammy Gerber; a daughter, Renee Lynn to Bro. and Sis. Lee Gerber.

Wedding: March 16, Sis. Judy Fiechter and Bro. Patrick Dubach were united in holy matrimony. Parents of the couple are Bro. and Sis. Walter Fiechter and Bro. and Sis. Leonard Dubach. **From this day forward may both of you be united in love and harmony.**

Shut-ins: Sisters Ida Liebig, Emma Isch, Helen Stoller and Esther Geisel, Sis. Mahilda Dubach.

Funeral: Services were held for Bro. Henry B Drayer, age 74. Surviving are a niece, Mrs. Jerry Gerwig and two brothers, Chris and Charles. Bro. Orville Ringger officiated the service.

Food For Thought

Have you heard the story of the lady who had a beautiful home here on earth, and also had a maid to keep it tidy and clean? And how in the course of time she died and was taken to heaven. There, she was greeted by an angel, who was to show her the mansion prepared for her. They began to walk down a beautiful street with large mansions on either side, and the rich lady said, "Surely one of these is mine". but the angel answered, "No I'm sorry; yours is farther down the street". As they walked and came almost to the end of the street, they saw a small mansion, and the angel said, "This one belongs to you"! The lady was surprised, but the angel answered and said, "You sent us only enough material from earth to build this one. And one of the first ones we saw is for the maid, who worked for you." Submitted by a brother-in-faith.

Bluffton's Fellowship Hall

Open House and Dedication were held in March for the nearly-completed Fellowship Hall, which was

built about 300 feet behind the church.

The need for a building such as this was felt for several years. Due to the size of our congregation, there are many weddings of friends, wedding receptions and suppers, and other special occasions which require a large gathering-place.

The exterior of the building is brick and vinyl, with a covered carport. The paneled and carpeted interior covers 6250 sq. ft. There are two large rooms which can be divided by a 40 ft. folding door. One of these rooms, the chapel area, has a cathedral type ceiling, with exposed beams. Weddings for friends and singings can be held here. The dining area is equipped with 35 folding tables and 325 folding chairs, to accommodate large groups.

Built-in cabinets, an automatic ice-maker, two stoves, a griddle, and steam table are part of the kitchen equipment. A nursery, utility and storage rooms, and restrooms complete the building. Cabinets for sewing storage were built across one storage room. The building was started in July, 1968 and was ready for use by March, 1969. It is completely air-conditioned and is heated electrically.

Hundreds of members and friends gave of their time and money in order to make this a reality. The plumbing and heating, wiring, insulating, carpet-laying, painting, and much general construction was done by the congregation.

It is the hope of all that the Fellowship Hall will edify the church and be a spiritual benefit to those who use it.

BREMEN, INDIANA

Helen Zimmer — Pauline Laidig

A little child lay in the dark;

The room was strange, he saw nowhere;

He was afraid; but then he called,
"Father, are you there?"

He felt a hand, so strong and warm,
Close clasping his; then calm and clear

He heard his father's tender voice,
"Yes, laddie, I am here."

Like the small child, we sometimes feel

That we are in the dark of care;
In terror of some harm, we call,

"O Father, Are You there?"

We reach our hand to Him, and find
A blessed answer to our fear;
His hand holds ours; we hear His
voice,
Fear not, for I am here.

So though we tremble in the dark,
In need of strength and help and
cheer,
We have a tender Father's word,
Fear not, for I am here.

After visiting with Sis. Lydia Heuberger, who is in St. Joseph's Hospital in South Bend for tests and treatments, we certainly felt she had reached for the Father's hand and has found comfort, strength and contentment in her hours of trial. She testified of how the Lord has worked things out in such a wonderful way. We came away rejoicing to hear of her experiences.

Sis. Rosena Hueni has been released from the hospital and is being lovingly cared for in the home of her son, Robert and family.

Sis. Pauline Nicholas is a medical patient in the Bremen Hospital.

We pray the Lord will be very near each of these dear sisters and will restore them to good health if it is His will.

A number of families from our church spent a blessed Sunday with the congregation at Wolcott. We look forward to a return day of fellowship with them here. How fortunate we are that we can come and go freely, and find joy and strength for our souls.

JUNCTION, OHIO

Betty Manz — Henrietta Manz

Bro. Irvin Stoller, Latty, visited us at our monthly singing. We enjoyed his message and encouragement. Our monthly singing is the third Sunday of the month, and we do appreciate visitors.

A group recently sang for our friend, Mary Manz, who is recovering from a broken hip. She is improving, but healing takes time. Sis. Madeline Manz has returned to her work at the hospital after an extended illness. What a blessing it is to be able to work. We should thank the Lord when we can go about our duties day by day.

Bro. David Manz, son of Bro. Elias and Sis. Evelyn, graduated in March from International College, Ft. Wayne, and has accepted employment at National Bank of Paulding. We wish him help from above in his new job, and are

thankful he sought employment near home. Several of the college students were home for mid-term vacations.

Sis. Janet Schlatter, daughter of Bro. Richard and Sis. Juliet, spent some time in Canada in connection with her college course in French at Defiance College. She had many interesting experiences, and found she could manage pretty well living with French-speaking people. May the Lord always be near those who must be away from home. There are many dangers, but we know the Lord can help if we put our trust in Him and remain humble.

Elder Bros. Sam Aeschliman and John Yergler, Bluffton, assisted our Elder Bro. George Sinn, Latty, in serving us Holy Communion. It can even be a special blessing to have Holy Communion so near to the time of the year when we remember our Lord's suffering on the cross. St. Matthew Chap. 26 was read and meditated upon. May we now go forward with a renewed effort to do better. After Holy Communion, a brother was selected to help in the ministry. This duty fell on our dear Bro. Ben Manz. Before the final selection was made, one of the elder brothers said he does not want to pray unless every one of the members prays too. When the whole congregation unites in such a sincere prayer, we know that the Lord can direct the way. May the Lord help Bro. Manz to carry out his duties to the honor of the Lord. We also wish a special blessing for his dear wife, Sis. Carolyn, so that she can carry out her duties as a ministering brother's wife.

Several of our brothers spent some time at the Dessie Scott Children's Home in Kentucky. It seems the children are so eager for love and attention, and the brothers were much inspired by their visit.

Quite a number of the brothers, sisters and friends meet for our World Relief meetings, which we try to hold once a month during the winter. An observer can see a five-year-old tearing bandages, an eighty-year-old sister knitting comforters, a young brother sewing, and many hands working together to help the poor. It is a good time for old and young to work together, and we enjoy the fellowship.

Mother's Day will soon be here. May the Lord bless our mothers, who sacrifice so much without com-

plaining. May all those who still have their mothers try to do a little something special for them. After they are gone, how many times we would like to ask them something, but cannot.

The trustees have had installed another protective light at the church. May our lights as children of God shine brightly in a dark world.

LATTY, OHIO Marguerite Stoller Delores Grant

Before the dawn of Easter, There
came Gethsemane . . .
Before the resurrection, There
were hours of agony . . .
For there can be no crown of stars
Without a cross to bear,
And there is no salvation Without
faith and love and prayer,
And when we take our needs to
God, Let us pray as did His Son
That dark night in Gethsemane—
Thy will, not mine, be done.

We all have our Gethsemanes and our daily cross to bear and we have a Father we can go to with our care, a Father who will listen as He listened to His Son, and give us strength to carry on until life's work is done.

Visiting ministers were Bro. Norman Stoller of Ft. Wayne and Bro. Perry Zimmerman of Forrest. We thank them for their visits and their inspiring messages.

Those in the hospital were Bro. Sam Laukhuf, Carl Laukhuf, Sis. Mary Stoller and Marsha Stoller, daughter of Bro. Darl and Sis. Iva. Bro. Sam and Carl Laukhuf suffered heart attacks; we are happy to say they are home again.

Bro. Millard and Sis. Irma Stoller and their two little girls welcome a new baby boy into the family. He was named Cody Wayne.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA Alma and Gus Baum

Bros. Floyd Schmidgall, Alpha Moser and Harold Gramm from Morris assembled with us for services. What a privilege to sit in the green pastures, by the still waters, and hear God's word. We treasure and appreciate every visitor.

Our congregation was invited to Winthrop to hear the memorandum. It is inspiring to see and feel the love and concern of our elder brethren for their flocks. How grateful we are to God for them.

Kenny Lawson gave his testimony and was baptized, a truly encouraging and refreshing experience to witness. We welcome him as a brother in faith, and rejoice with him and his wife, Sis. Sharon.

God blessed the home of the Wayne Millers with a baby daughter, Leslie Ann. They have another daughter, Lanette. The Tom Miller home was also blessed with their first child, a son, Jeffrey Thomas. Bro. Noah and Sis. Laura Miller are grandparents.

MANSFIELD, OHIO

Aaron A. Sauder

We were blessed by visiting brothers Wayne Gerber of Lester, who ministered to us at evening services on March 6 and again on Sunday March 9, and Carl Kipfer, who delivered the gospel message at our midweek services March 13.

Sis. Elizabeth Grossenbacher spent a few days in the hospital for minor surgery, but has returned to her home. Sis. Katherine Houston has been a hospital patient for several weeks, and is in a very weak condition. May she experience the fulfillment of the promise, "The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms".

Our many wishes for blessings go to the new Mr. and Mrs. David Beard, who exchanged nuptial vows on March 17. David is the son of Sis. Caroline Domka Beard. In addition to our expression for much happiness, we also extend our sincere sympathy to the young couple, as the new Mrs. Beard's mother passed away on April 4.

Our prayers for God's protection go with Jerry Bird, who left to serve two years in the Navy, starting March 31. Jerry is the son of Bro. Bob and Sis. Miriam Sauder Bird.

The Sunday School program was presented in the evening on Easter. Always the joy in their hearts is evidenced by their shining faces, as they relate the glorious news, **He is risen!**

We would like to dedicate this poem to those of you who have been blessed by the privilege of being a mother:

Children do not realize

How deep is mother love, how wise . . .

They do not fully understand

The goodness of her guiding hand,

And yet she's always held above
The childhood things that children love,
And as they grow the long years through,
That love for her keeps growing too,
Until they learn the full extent
Of what a mother's love has meant,
The heartaches she's concealed within,
How truly wonderful she's been!

May our Lord's richest blessings be upon each one of you.

REMINGTON, INDIANA

Anna M. Waibel and Sisters

Lee Allen was born to Clyde and Mary Waibel Mar. 16. Bro. Herman and Sis. Anna are the paternal grandparents.

We were grateful to have Bro. John Bollier in our midst.

Mar. 15 and 16, we were happy to have Elders Herman Kellenberger—Elgin Ill, Joe Waibel—Bay City, George Gramm—Gridley Ill, Irvin Lehman—Wolcott with us for the provings and baptisms of Terry and Beverly Miller, Gene and Diane Waibel, Marvin and Micheline Braker. It is very encouraging to all of us to have them added to the fold. **The growth of a saint is the task of a lifetime. The road to Christian victory is found only by taking the pathway of complete submission to the will of God.**

Yes, I'm saved, but do I know Him
In His resurrection power?
Does some brightness of His glory
Fill me every day and hour?

So let the resurrected Christ live in you, that your life will be a rebuke to sin wherever you go!

Sis. Sophie Siebenthal sold her house and its contents and is making her home at the Apostolic Christian Home. Ed and Sis. Lily Frey are there too. We will miss them all and are sorry they are not able to be with us any longer.

We rejoice that Jim and Marjore (Sauder) Braker are repenting. He is the son of Bro. Ben and Sis. Clara. Jim is going to school in Ft. Wayne. When school is out, they intend to make their home here. We are very thankful for all that have been added to the fold.

The Sunday School presented the Easter program on good Friday evening, which was well attended.

Bro. Gust Knochel is still in hospital, after having a stroke.

It Shows in Your Face

You don't have to tell how you live each day;
You don't have to say if you work or you play.
A tried true barometer serves in its place;
However you live, it will show in your face.
For the skin and the blood are a thin veil of lace;
What you wear in your heart, you wear on your face.
If your life is unselfish, if for others you live,
(For not what you get, but how you give),
If you live close to God, in His infinite grace,
You don't have to tell; it shows in your face.

EUREKA, ILLINOIS

Cathryn Wettstein Salome Schumacher

We had a number of visiting ministers. They are as follows: Bros. Arthur Gudeman—La Crosse; Joe Schrock—Congerville; Eli Somerhalder—Burlington; Henry Sabo—Mansfield; Fredrick Knapp—Congerville; Joshua Broquard—Fairbury; Edwin Hohulin—Goodfield; Dan Koch—Tremont.

March 9, Sis. Beth Hodel and Bro. Curtis Rocke were united in holy matrimony by the groom's uncle, Bro. Leroy Huber. Her folks are Bro. and Sis. Harold and Mildred, and his folks are Bro. and Sis. Virgil and Pauline. May God bless their home! This day also the announcement of the engagement of Sis. Emma Klaus and Bro. Eli Somerhalder, Burlington Okla., was made known.

March 15, the provings of six souls were performed this evening. They were Sandy and Ervin Knecht, Judy and Ernest Knecht, and Judy and Edward Knecht. They are the sons and daughter-in-laws of Bro. and Sis. Fred and Emma. Bro. Joshua and Bro. Edwin assisted Bro. Leroy in the provings. The next day they were all baptized, and are now sisters and brothers in our precious faith. May God always be near these loved ones and grant grace and strength to them and us all, as we journey through this world and time.

March 10, a large group of

people gathered to clean our house of worship this evening. It is the annual spring house cleaning; what didn't get done was finished the next day.

Hospital patients: Sis. Margaret Getz, wife of Bro. Melvin was a surgical patient; Bro. Walter Anliker, tests and X-rays; Bro. Philo Fehr, observation and tests.

Death: Sis. Emma Wuethrich passed away at the A.C. Home (where she had been a resident for the past two months), March 14. She was almost 94 years old. Her funeral was the following Monday, conducted by Bro. Marvin Schmidgall and Bro. Vernon Leman. She is survived by one brother, Bro. Chris of Francesville and two sisters Sis. Bena Fehr and Sis. Rose Wuethrich, both of Eureka. Several brothers and sisters preceded her in death.

The Lord's Supper was served March 30, with Bro. Dan Koch helping Bro. Leroy Huber. How it should humble each to think that as we partake of this holy feast, how the Lord said that we should do this in remembrance of Him until He comes again.

The Easter program was given by the Sunday School classes on Wed. evening before Easter. The Roanoke Bible class sang two songs. It was a very impressive service.

A large crowd gathered for Good Friday services, held on this evening. Bro. Marvin Schmidgall had the sermon, and brought out how shamefully our Saviour was treated before and after He was put on the cross.

Birth: a son, first child to Robert and Sharon Stoller, born March 31 and named Tracy Allen. His grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Willis and Wilma Stoller.

Three more souls are repenting. They are Joyce Leman, daughter of Bro. and Sis. David and Ann; Marjory Fehr, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Ralph and Lula; and Lola Blunier, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Vernon and Verda.

We all have a secret weapon
Which can cure our deepest woes;
It can tear down walls of hatred
And confound our godless foes.

It's not guarded from the millions;
Each of us can do our share . . .
It grows stronger as you use it,
For it's better known as **PRAYER!**

FAIRBURY, ILLINOIS

Joyce Huber

With great joy we welcomed into the fold Bro. Sam & Sis. Anna Steffen's son, Earl, and his wife, Betty. On Saturday evening, they gave strong testimonies of their conversion and peace with God, and baptismal services were held on March 9. They have put their delight in the Lord, so they may receive the promise, **Delight thyself in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thy heart.**

In the home of the bride's parents, our elder Bro. Josh Broquard united in marriage, Sat. March 8, his son, Dean, to Sharon Tjaden, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Tjaden of Long Point, Illinois.

Bro. Donald and Sis. Ione Broquard were blessed with a new baby girl March 10. Baby Crystal is fortunate to come to this family, where she has brothers and sisters: Sammy, Nancy, Jane, Diane, and Johnny. Crystal's grandparents are Elder Bro. and Sis. Sam Anliker of Kansas, and Bro. and Sis. George Broquard.

Bro. Chris Kaeb, age 79, passed away. We trust the Lord to comfort his wife, Sis. Esther. Also surviving are sons, Bro. Alph of Bay City and Bro. David of Fairbury, and stepchildren Bro. Fred Feldman of Fairbury, Bro. John Feldman of Conn., Elizabeth Sanville of Calif.

On Palm Sunday, our Sunday School presented an inspiring program portraying the Easter Story.

We were happy to have visiting ministers, Bros. George Gramm, Hartzell Kaisner, Sam Kilgus, and Roy Wieland.

The Army transferred Bro. Steve Roth to a clerk-typist at Ft. Carson, Colo., where he rejoiced to be near his former classmate, Jim Steffen, who is a flight instructor near Ft. Carson.

ATHENS, ALABAMA

Mrs. William Haggemaker

"I will sing unto the LORD as long as I live: I will sing praise to my God while I have my being. My meditation of him shall be sweet: I will be glad in the LORD." A group of us from the Athens church went down to the Old Folk's Home to have preaching services. It was a joy indeed to hear them sing unto the Lord, and to see the look on their faces as they listened to the scriptures read and explained; their meditation was indeed sweet. I hope

everyone received as great a blessing as I.

Mr. Dale Brown wasn't able to leave his bed to attend, and he really was feeling low. Mr. Brown is Bro. Frank Haggemaker's stepfather, and we would appreciate your prayers for Mr. Brown. He always attended the Althens church when he was well, and now he really regrets not being there.

Wed. night Bro. Lynn preached a wonderful sermon on the death and resurrection of our Lord. Bro. Marvin and Sis. Ruby Moss were present; it certainly was good to see them again. Their daughter Dorothy turned to the Lord; we are very happy for her. Dorothy married Mickey Barnett, who is Sis. Doris Moore's brother. They were all present Wed. night and heard Bro. Lynn preach. I'm very glad they were; they would have missed a great blessing.

Bro. Henry Perry wasn't well enough to attend Wed. night, but I hope he can be with us Sunday.

Spring is here; everyone is enjoying the weather and planting gardens. It certainly is a wonderful and beautiful world which the Lord has made. Let's enjoy and use it to God's glory.

BAY CITY, MICHIGAN

Marlene Mosher

Bro. George Knochel passed away after a long illness, leaving behind his wife, Sis. Freida and nine children: Sis. Ella Schlatter (Elias), Sis. Nina Weiland (Erwin), Sis. Lois Wieland (Gerald), Mrs. Viola Northrup, Bro. Robert, all of Bay City; Sis. Arlene Belsley (Willard), Sis. Dorothy Knochel, Bro. Dan Knochel, all of Detroit, and Mrs. June Schuerch of California.

We have lost another of our dear loved ones out of our midst, my grandfather, Bro. Carl Wackerle. Bro. Carl has left behind: his wife, Sis. Ellen (Lambert) Wackerle and four children, Sis. Loretta Mosher, Ronald and Willis Wackerle of Bay City and Sis. Neola Nussbaum of Fairbury. Bro. Carl was a member of our Lord's body for 54 years, along with his beloved wife Sis. Ellen. His dearest wish was that all of his children and grandchildren could follow in our Lord's footsteps until life's end.

The Easter season is passed; we have commemorated the death and arising again of our dear Lord and

Saviour. Let us remember every-day.

The spring season is with us. We can see the buds and flowers pushing through, to begin to bloom, and everywhere you look you can see God's creation coming to life.

Sis. Nina Wieland has been in the hospital. She has had foot surgery, but has now returned home.

Bro. Darrell and Sis. Susan Steffen have been blessed with a baby daughter, Tanya. Grandparents are Bro. Heck and Sis. Naomi Ramseyer of Bay City and Bro. Elmer and Sis. Delima Steffen of Bluffton.

BERN, KANSAS

Esther and Stella Moser

Bro. Sam Huber was our guest minister at a regular Wed. evening service.

Bro. Lou Baumgartner is again able to assemble with us, after a five-week stay in the hospital. Sis. Emma Wittmer is hospitalized for tests and observation. Bro. Allen Rokey is having a bout with dental surgery.

James Meyer is home on 30-day leave, after serving 12 months in battle-torn Vietnam. He will be stationed in the states until October, when his time will be up.

Even as we are rejoicing over a friend's safe return home, another friend, Gordon Grimm, must leave April 27 for Vietnam. Gordon was called up for active duty with the National Guard last May, and has since been at Fort Carson, Colo. Our well wishes and prayers go with him; may he also return home safely in due time.

We assembled with Sabetha for Good Friday services. Starting Easter, we again have song service, discontinuing midweek services. We alternate every two weeks with Sabetha.

Plans for a new church building are progressing. On the finance committee are Bros. Noah Edelman (Treas.), Pete Esslinger and Reuben Moser. Chosen for the building committee, Bros. Emil Strahm, Ben Leuthold, Leonard Baumgartner, Joe Rokey and Ephraim Strahm.

Resurrection

Last fall the lilies died; their withered stalks
Rustled in the wind, along the garden walks.
Gone were the petals of snowy white

Whose perfume blessed many a summer night.

I covered their bed with an earthy mound,

And the lilies slept there, under the ground.

When springtime comes, and the skies are blue.

With life renewed, the lilies will push through.

Greater, grander, more lovely than before,

The lilies will come to life once more.

If lilies return in such complete perfection,

Why should man doubt his own resurrection?

CISSNA PARK, ILLINOIS

Mary Young — Margaret Rudin

There were several hospital patients. Bro. Charles Bauer had surgery on his knee. Sis. Eliza Schmitt has been a medical patient. Sis. Esther Fisher was hospitalized a few days for observation. All are home again, showing improvement. Sis. Lena Rocke entered the hospital for eye surgery.

Births: A daughter, Dawn Michelle was born to Sis. Shirley and Ronald Krumwiede March 9; Bro. Gene and Sis. Irene Hauptli and Mr. and Mrs. Adolf Krumwiede are the grandparents. A son, William Neil was born to Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Cornell March 28; William and Sis. Anna Marie Reutter and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Cornell are the grandparents.

Many from our congregation attended the wedding of Bro. Daryle Hari and Sis. Janet Heinold at La Crosse. We wish the young couple much happiness and God's blessings.

Bro. John Maul, age 73, passed away March 12 at his home. Even though he had not been well for sometime, he had hopes of getting well enough to come to church again, but it was not God's will. Early in the morning he had complained of having a chest pains. His wife gave him the heating pad. Then upon arising, she got no answer from him. God had called him Home. Surviving are his wife, Sis. Kathryn; daughters, Mrs. Wilma Allison, Mrs. Dorothy Martin; a son Glen; two sisters, Sis. Sarah Maul and Sis. Emma Geyer. Funeral services were held March 15; our home minister officiated. How good to be prepared. The family wish to express their thanks for all the love shown them.

A group of brethren contributed their efforts at the Dessie Scott children Home. Their help was very much appreciated.

Resurrection: The Lord Jesus died for our sins and shed his blood. Forgetting Himself, He died without money; even His robe had been taken from Him. His prayer for those that crucified him was "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do." We are thankful Christ arose from the grave and is at the Father's right hand, interceding. Good Friday services were observed, when the Sunday School children presented the Easter Story in scripture reading and beautiful hymns. How it does stir our hearts to hear the innocent children blending their voices. In conclusion, the children were reminded that perhaps next year some would be on their own, but to take these teachings with them. We thank the many visitors who helped make this Easter Sunday an enjoyable day for us.

A mother is the sacrifice
The sympathy and care
That makes each joy seem brighter still

And pain less hard to bear.
A mother is the someone dear
Who's cherished all year through;
A mother is a wondrous gift.
I'm glad God gave me a mother.

ELGIN, ILLINOIS

Louise Steffen

Katie Kachelmuss

Bro. Elmer Witzig of Gridley was our guest minister, and served us with the Bread of Life. May God bless him for his efforts in preaching the gospel of salvation.

Sis. Pauline Deihls passed away at Sherman Hospital, at the age of 75 years. Just two days after her death, we rejoiced with the angels. A precious young soul was added to the flock, now Bro. John, son of Bro. Eugene and Sis. Libbie Ann (Goll) Moser.

Mrs. John (Florence) Feucht had surgery and is at home again.

Memory is a gift of God which death cannot destroy. How often little things that come up recall to memory a loved one who has passed away quite a while ago. In our monthly meetings when we work at making things for the needy, there are many little tasks. One cutting material for quilt blocks brought to memory a brother who faithfully ministered to us the word of God,

Bro. Carl Baer, who came to Elgin from Archbold, Ohio, and had a greenhouse where he raised carnations. Later on, he and Sis. Anna moved to Peoria, where he passed away eight years ago. In one of his sermons he reminded us of always taking Jesus as our pattern and example. He said if we were to cut quite a few pieces and wanted them alike, it would not do to cut one according to the pattern, then take the one just cut to make another, and the next, and so on, because we would find that very soon we would be far off from the original pattern . . . and so we should take Christ for our pattern, and not anybody or anything else, so we would not get off of the way of truth and salvation.

Sis. Sarah (Metz) Braun is one of our oldest members and still has a keen and alert mind. She was born in Hill Top, Kansas, now called Lamont, on Dec. 15, 1876 and lived there 16 years. She repented at the age of 15. They moved to Fairbury and lived there 9 years, before coming to Elgin in 1900. She married Bro. Fred Braun in 1912, and has a son, Arnold and two grandchildren. She is at Sherman Hospital on account of a heart condition. She says she has been here long enough and would like to go home to be with the Lord.

FT. SAM HOUSTON, TEXAS

Wendell Anliker—Merle Rocke

The weather is quite pleasant in San Antonio. Each day the sun seems a little brighter and hotter than before. The beauties of God's creation are everywhere evident, as the flowers and trees are in full bloom, the skies are deep blue, and the invigorating fragrances of spring float on soft breezes.

We took advantage of the beautiful spring weather the 22nd of March, when we enjoyed our first picnic of the year at Olmos Park. Ministering Bro. Simon Wagenbach and his wife Sis. Louise were with us that Sunday, along with many other visitors.

Other ministering brethren that visited us in March were Bro. Alpha (and Sis. Mamie) Strahm, Bern; Bro. John (and Sis. Julia) Bahler, Bro. Corbin (and Sis. Virginia) Bahler, Rockville; Bro. Dale (and Sis. Judy) Eisenmann, Chicago. On Easter we enjoyed having Bro. Cleo (and Sis. Esther) Rinkenberger of Pulaski with us. Our sincere expression of gratitude to

these dear ones for many gifts of kindness toward us. We also thank our many other visitors from Morton, Roanoke, Eureka, Latty, Leo & Bluffton—especially Bro. and Sis. Virgil and Pauline Rocke, Jane, and Sis. Ila Huber, Eureka, who helped clean our apartment and cook a few meals "just like back home."

New soldiers with us are Harvey Stoller, Latty; Harold Stickling, Lester, and Bill Schmidgall, Gridley, Illinois. Our warm welcome also is extended to Jane Steiner, bride of Stan, Cissna Park, who just joined her husband. These additions bring our total number to twenty-nine, including the seven wives. Stephanie Ann, a sweet little daughter, was born to Bill and Charlotte (Wagenbach) Metzger. We are all pleased to now have two babies in our group. Lon and Candy Kupferschmid, Eureka, are missed; they are home on leave.

Departing were Bro. Jim Heiniger (Morton) to Ft. Sill, Oklahoma, and Art and Eilene Beery (Rittman), home on leave before Art goes to Viet Nam. To all who have left us, and to all who read these lines: **May God bless and keep thee; The Lord make His face shine upon thee and be gracious unto thee; The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee and give thee peace.**

FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

Mary Eisenmann — Marge Gerber
"In Memory of Eddie"

Who would have thought those few short weeks ago, as we greeted and then bid farewell to Bro. Eddie in the church assembly at midweek services Jan. 27, that SO SOON would come the heart-breaking message, "your son and your husband is missing in action"—Yet "hope" was given and prayers were turned heavenward, as anxious loved ones awaited further word—

Bro. Edwin Stoller, 20-year-old son of Sis. Lenora of Ft. Wayne and the late Bro. George, and husband of Sis. Cynthia, who is living with her parents, Bro. and Sis. Levi and Kathryn Beer of Milford, had been in Korea 5½ weeks as an evacuation medic. He was on a mission to the Demarcation Zone to evacuate soldiers wounded by North Korean gun-fire, when the helicopter crashed and burned shortly after lift-off, on March 15 in a blinding snowstorm. Six others perished in the crash.

The period of waiting that fol-

lowed was surely felt by all who knew and loved Eddie and his dear family; the last "thread of hope" he might still be alive was broken when word was brought on March 25, that there was now evidence that Eddie had been on the helicopter. His remains were returned to Ft. Wayne on March 30, accompanied by one who had been in basic training with him at Ft. Sam and was later his roommate in Korea, PFC Gordon Richard (Dick) Benjamin of Holland, Michigan.

Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon at 1 P.M. at the Ft. Wayne Church, with Bros. Wendell Gudeman and Earl Zeltwanger officiating. The prayer at the cemetery by Elder Bro. Sam Aeschliman was followed by a military service during which the flag draped over the coffin was folded, and then presented to Sis. Cindy by his military escort.

Bro. Edwin not only gave his life for his country, but in his tender years dedicated his life to His God and became one of God's children through faith and baptism on May 2, 1965. Surely it is hard to understand why one so young should be taken, but we can only feel that God wanted him, and so took him to his home in glory to await the meeting of his loved ones someday. May God grant the much needed grace, strength and comfort to this dear family!

The family wishes to express heartfelt thanks to all who helped to lighten the load of those 18 days. It was deeply appreciated! A special debt of gratitude was felt for PFC Dick Benjamin for his gracious offer to escort Ed's body to its final resting-place and for his kind and patient answers to their many questions; and our prayers would surely go with him as he returns to his post of duty in South Korea.

The Family's Farewell

It has not been easy, Dear Eddie, to accept, or even to comprehend your being torn from the midst of those who loved you to die on a lonely Korean hillside, half a world away. Our first impulse has been to decry the loss of the great promise which your young life held, with all its dreams, plans and hopes for the coming years. Your grandfather's allotted time upon the earth was threescore years and ten; your father's, little more than two score; but unto you were

granted only one score years. We look back upon your drinking of the cup of life in such deep and eager draughts with a newly-found perspective; there was so much to be done, and so little time in which to do it! How we shall miss your blithe and amiable spirit, your refreshing candor, and your voice, melodious in song!

But how thankful we are that the Saviour called you in the days of your youth, and that you found grace to answer that call! How thankful we are for God's gift to you of our Sis. Cindy, who gladdened your last days upon the earth. We are not surprised to learn that your last reported words were of her and your unborn child.

We remember how deeply impressed you were with the Apostle Paul's picture of Christians as Ambassadors for Christ—Representatives of their King in a strange and alien land. We remember how often it was your prayer that you might, indeed, be such an ambassador . . . And we rejoice that your last deed was an action of mercy and compassion toward fellow-beings in distress. You gave your life as an Ambassador for Christ. We know of no better way for man to meet his God.

So in the assurance that whatsoever He doeth is well done, we pray for courage to pick up the threads of life and press forward toward that high mark. May it also be our lot, as of all faithful ambassadors, to one day be called home to receive the reward and commendation of the King!

Along with your beloved Cindy and her family, we, your grandparents and cousins; your aunts and your uncles, who somehow were never quite able to fill the vacancy left by the loss of your father at such a crucial age; your sister; and your mother who bore you, and endeavoured in the Lord to guide your steps aright; together, we call to you across the Vale: "Good-night, Dear Ed, Goodnight! We shall see you in the morning!"

"Can you say, come, Lord Jesus come now?" . . . Asked of us as we worshipped with our loved ones at Cissna Park on Easter.

We surely have felt the love and much comfort through the messages of our beloved visiting ministers, and to each we give a special **thank you**—Bro. Walter Rager, Toledo; Elder Bro. David Bertsch,

Leo; Bro. Harold Zeltwanger, Bremen; Bro. John Bollier, Leo; and Bro. Henry Beer, Milford. (Bro. Edwin Stoller was the nephew of our own ministering brother and his passing away has surely been felt by them, as well as by all who knew and loved him).

Hospital patients were: Al Gerber, surgical; Chris Pulver, son of Bro. Lester and Sis. Florence, surgical; and Bro. Bill Levy (who is still hospitalized), surgical.

Mary Lynn was the name given to the little daughter born March 16 to Bro. David and Sis. Sharon Pfister. She was welcomed home by a sister, Karen. Grandparents are Bro. Levi and Sis. Lillian Pfister and Bro. Oscar and Sis. Mayme Getz, all of our congregation.

BURLINGTON, OKLA.

La Verne Roth — Millicent Frieden

We enjoyed having Bro. James Heiniger of Morton, who is stationed at Ft. Sill Okla., assemble with us March 23 and lend himself as song leader. It is comforting to know that souls will drive several hundred miles to seek His word, teaching, and Christian fellowship of those of like faith.

Worship services were held at the Kiowa Manor Rest Home. The residents seem to appreciate our efforts to bring the living word of God, as well as the singing of hymns.

Sis. Eli Frieden, who had been a patient in the Kiowa Hospital, has now become a resident in Kiowa Manor Rest Home.

A hymn-singing was held the first Sunday of this month in the home of Bro. and Sis. Elmer Tanner, with many in attendance.

GIRARD, OHIO

Jesse C. Emch

Visitors: Sunday March 16 there was a group of young folks from Rittman who spent the day with us. We wish to thank Sis. Joan Benner, who is a student at Mt Union College, Alliance, Ohio, for having this group visit us. Following church service, the young folks went to the Glenn Manor Nursing Home at Mineral Ridge, Ohio to sing hymns. Sis. Ethel Hafely is still a patient at this Home. Then they spent some time singing hymns at the church while waiting for supper to be served. The blessings for the day were multiplied by having Bro. Ben and Sister Clara Hartzler with

us and to hear the God-inspired words that were spoken by Bro. Ben. We were pleasantly surprised to have Bro. Homer and Sis. Josephine Reinick of Toledo spend Sunday March 30 with us. They were returning from a trip to Washington, D.C. The messages he brought were very edifying. We extend a hearty welcome to all to come again.

We are thankful that Bro. Robert and Sis. Arlene Stoll and their two girls had a safe plane trip to California. There they spent several days and were able to visit Aladena and Maywood; they visited Phoenix. Under God's protecting hand they had a safe plane ride to Cleveland. They were very disappointed when they found their car had been stolen from the airport parking lot.

It is nice having Bro. Frank and Sis. Mina Emch home, after spending nearly two months in Florida.

Sis. Marion Klotzle is home convalescing, after being in the Youngstown Hospital South Side for eye surgery. She is doing quite well. We were glad she could be in church to worship with us Easter.

Births: A baby girl was born March 17 to the Kenny Emch family of Youngstown. Her name is Julia Patricia. They have two other children, Christine and Kenny. On March 22 a son, Daren Edward was born to the Larry Emch family, Girard; this makes two boys, the older one is Scott Lawrence. Mrs. Edward (Dorothy) Emch is happy grandmother; Bro. Lorentz and Sis. Caroline Emch are great-grandparents.

Know Each Other Better

Bro. Joseph D. Emch is the oldest son of the late Bro. George Abraham and Sis. Mary Emch. There were ten children in this family. Bro. Joe was married to Sis. Alma (Muntz) Emch in May 1920. Their home is at 315 Broadway, Girard. They have five children, four sons and one daughter. He is a veteran of World War I. He was a salesman for the wholesale grocery company, for about 20 years, and clerk-treasurer of the Girard Board of Education for 22 years. Bro. Joe was chosen as Sunday School supt., and served for about 17 years. He was given the duties as church-treasurer of both the general fund and the new building fund 22 years ago and is still active as treasurer. Joe served as a trustee for some 25

years, and was chairman a good part of that time. In handling of finances, Bro. Joe has been found very reliable, not only in the church but also in the business world. As a trustee he was always ready to lend a helping hand and to see that things were done when needed. He is now 82 years of age. One will always find him on time, especially at church.

GRIDLEY, KANSAS

Mrs. Rudy Bahr
Mrs. Eldon Metzger

Here it is Monday morning and the calendar says time to send in the Silver Lining . . . seems like I just wrote it not so long ago . . . **there's a time for planting** . . . we've had such wet weather along with some chilly, too, and our spring season is "behind" . . . Rudy first got part of our garden tilled that had been too wet since fall to do it. The weather forecast calls for rain this night.

Norma Beyer, daughter of Bro. Ivan and Sis. Ada Beyer and James Hildebrand, son of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Hildebrand of Burlington were married March 28.

Bro. Noah Schrock ministered here for combined evening services with Lamont. We thank you for stopping on your trip.

Bro. Joe Somerhalder had trouble with his leg a few days after I wrote last time. His broken leg was not knitting; they took a bone graft from his good leg, and he is now in a cast that covers his back, stomach and the entire leg. They are taking him to therapy, and if the progress is satisfactory, they hope to bring him home with the cast on in the near future.

A clipped thought-provoker: When I am put on the spot about my faith, is my first reaction embarrassment, anger or pride?

LA CROSSE, INDIANA

Mrs. Lucille Heiniger

The Christian Endeavor of the Indiana churches met here on March 16, with a good attendance. God was surely pleased to hear the beautiful singing from our youth. Bro. Harry Bucher of Valparaiso gave an appropriate message in keeping with the songs that were sung.

Bro. Ed Wittmer once more entered the hospital for nine days. He is home and much improved. He again thanks each one who remem-

bered him while in the hospital and since returning home.

Sis. Janet Heinold and Bro. Daryl Hari were united in holy matrimony by Bro. Edward Frank on Sunday March 30. We wish them God's blessings as they begin their life together.

The college students were home from their respective colleges to spend the Easter vacation with their families.

Services were held Good Friday evening. Immediately following the services, Holy Communion was served by Bros. George Yergler and Edward Frank. It is indeed a solemn time, when we are reminded of the Lord's death and partake of the bread and wine which represents the body and blood of our Lord.

Visiting ministers were Bros. Maurice Frank, Dale Eisenman and Arnold Gerst, all of Chicago, and George Lambert of Wichita.

Communism and Satan

Communism and Satan are working hand in hand to win the world to their dooming doctrines of evil and atheism! I came across this Communist "BLUE PRINT FOR WORLD CONQUEST" which was captured in Dusseldorf, May 1919 by the Allied Forces. It is still followed today, as is substantiated by leading known communists:

Corrupt the young, get them away from religion. Get them interested in sex. Make them superficial, destroy their ruggedness. Get control of all means of publicity and thereby: Get people's minds off their government by focusing their attention on athletics, sexy books, plays and other trivialities. Divide the people into hostile groups by constantly harping on controversial matters of no importance. Destroy the people's faith in their natural leaders by holding the latter up to contempt, ridicule. Always preach true democracy, but seize power as fast and as ruthlessly as possible. Encouraging government extravagances, destroy its credit, produce fear of inflation with rising prices and general discontent. Foment unnecessary strikes in vital industries, encourage civil disorders, and foster a lenient and soft attitude on the part of the government toward such disorders. Cause the breakdown of the old morale virtues, honesty, sobriety, continence, faith in the pledged word, ruggedness.

LAMONT, KANSAS

Mrs. Stephen G. Schrader

Spring, the season of renewed life, is again here. It is a privilege to have a special time of meditation on our Lord's sacrificial death on the cross. Bro. Roy brought out in his Easter meditation, the men of Nineveh will one day rise in judgment with Christ's generation and will condemn it or those who had a chance to but did not believe on Christ. Why?—because they had repented at Jonah's preaching, and the later generation had not believed on Christ, who was greater than Jonah. This is also an indictment against our generation; what a sentence rests upon the individual who rejects or ignores Christ!

Our congregation is enjoying having services in our newly-rededicated sanctuary. It is a boon for which we're thankful to be able to worship freely in this nation and also to be able to worship in a pleasant atmosphere. We are also thankful the Lord could manifest Himself in this endeavour by the unity with which it was undertaken, for only with the Lord's blessings can we hope to experience any spiritual worth in any project. The Gridley congregation was host to ours for the three Sundays when the remodeling was being done.

Sis. Dena Fechter has returned home to her sister Leah and brother Joe, here in Emporia, after staying in Phoenix for a time. At the present, she is in Newman Hospital in Emporia for rest and observation. May she be granted a measure of health, if it is His will.

Bro. Chris Sauder also remains a shut-in. We trust that Bro. Chris and Sis. Dena will be sustained at all times by their mutual faith in Christ.

MORRIS, MINNESOTA

Mrs. Herman Schaefer
Mrs. Carl Joos

On Saturday evening, Bro. Leo Moser assisted our Elder Bro. Paul Fehl with the reading of the memorandum. We are thankful for their kind admonition. The same evening we were privileged to hear the testimony of our friend, Kenneth Lawson. Sunday we all witnessed the baptism of this dear soul. We wish Ken God's grace in his new walk of life. Bro. Harold Messner, Winthrop, and Bro. Noah Miller, Minneapolis were in our midst.

Bro. Elmer Witzig Gridley was

with us on Good Friday for services, and also Easter. We enjoyed his inspiring message. We thank all our visitors for coming and welcome them back soon.

Our hospital patients were George Luthi, Bro. C. R. Koehl and Bro. Calvin Moser. They all returned home and recovered nicely.

We have two births to report: a son to Ken and Karen Koehl on March 17; he was named Lane Lee. He has a brother Eric Lee. Grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Ben Griener and Bro. and Sis. C. R. Koehl. A son was born to Bro. and Sis. Don Luthi on March 28; he was named Bradley Donald. He has two little sisters to welcome him. The grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Will Luthi.

NEW MARTINSVILLE, W. VA.

Mrs. Gus Weltz

Miss Della Witschey

Frank Durig is a patient in the Veteran's Hospital in Clarksburg, W. Va., and is quite ill.

Mrs. Elizabeth McGuier of Washington, Pa., visited with her aunt, Miss Della Witschey.

Gus Weltz was a patient in the local hospital and in the Ohio Valley Hospital in Wheeling for two weeks during the last part of March. He is somewhat improved.

Mrs. Lena Frayer visited with her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hoyt in Fairmont over the Easter holiday.

Miss Della Witschey was honored with a birthday dinner on March 16 by her neices, in the home of Elizabeth and Margaret Witschey.

Mr. and Mrs. James L. Wade and son Jimmy of Cleveland visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Wade for the Easter holiday.

Mrs. Ida Barth Steel is very ill in the local hospital. Her condition is not good at this time.

Mr. and Mrs. Verda Fankhouser (Naomi Witschey) of Easton, Md., visited with the Witschey families here.

Larry Albert Thornton and Joyce Pamela Pickering were united in marriage on April 5 near Charleston, W. Va. He is the son of Arthur and Daisy Riggenbach Thornton and a grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Albert Riggenbach.

Miss Pamela Emch of Lima, O., visited over the Easter week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Emch.

Walter Emch remains about the

same in the local hospital, where he has been a patient for several months.

PEORIA, ILLINOIS

Emily Tanner

Mrs. Michael Weyeneth

"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." These words were brought to our attention by Bro. Russell Rapp when our last converts were taken in the fold. We welcome as our dear brother and sisters, Dale Hunziker and his wife Barbara, and Irene Aeschleman. Bro. Dale is the son of Bro. Al and Sis. Helen Hunziker, Sis. Barbara is the daughter of Herbert and Naomi (Reeb) Perrine, and Sis. Irene's mother-in-law is Sis. Mary Aeschleman of Roanoke.

Four more dear friends have repented and been announced for proving and baptism. They are Ron and Judy Sinn, Joe Thomas, and Thomas Rieker. Ron's parents are Bro. A. R. (Gus) and Sis. Ruth Sinn of Ft. Scott, and his wife Judy's parents are Eldred and Marjorie Loyd from Iowa. Joe's parents are Joe and Helen Thomas, and Tom's parents are Fred and Sis. Norma Rieker.

Keith and Barbara Schafer are the parents of Kimberly Ann, born March 5. Maternal grandparents are Bro. Sam and Sis. Gertrude Hodel from Cissna Park.

"For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come." We are so thankful that we could partake of Holy Communion on Palm Sunday. Bro. Russell Rapp assisted our elder, Bro. Roy Sauder in serving this holy rite.

The Fellowship Hall is now completed, thanks to the hard work of many volunteers who spent their Saturdays, evenings and whenever they could to do some work on the site, which also was donated. The building is located on Route 150 West, 6 miles from University St. A fund-raising dinner was held there March 22, at which time the building was dedicated by Bros. Michael Weyeneth and Roy Sauder. We also enjoyed the beautiful harmony in the hymns sung by the Mortonaires. The fellowship among believers is something we treasure highly and hold dear to our hearts.

Sis. Fredericka Sauer died March 17 at Methodist Hospital, where she had been a patient 10 days. She

was a resident at our church home. Her husband, Fred Sauer died in 1925. Surviving are one daughter, Sis. Marie Schmidgall Belsley; five sons, Fred, Roy, Paul, Charles, and Robert Sauer.

Services for Teresa Peckenpaugh, 21-month-old daughter of Robert and Shirley Lubitz Peckenpaugh were held at Schmidt Funeral Parlor. The child died March 27 at University of Illinois Educational and Research Hospital, Chicago, after undergoing heart surgery. Surviving are her parents; one brother, Douglas; and one sister, Donna; her grandparents, William and Sis. Katherine Lubitz and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Peckenpaugh.

Mrs. Florence Aberle died March 31 at Methodist Hospital, where she had been a patient 7 days. She was a daughter of Bro. George and Sis. Mary Zeller Kibler and was married to Joseph Aberle in 1923. Surviving are her husband; one son, James Aberle; one daughter, Mrs. William (Virginia) Looger; two sisters, Mrs. Helen Moser, Mrs. Rugh Kastner; and one brother, George Kibler.

Bro. Al and Sis. Anna Thomas have moved back to their home in Washington. . . Glad to see them in our assembly again.

We were pleased to have Bros. Russell Rapp, Robert Pohl, Albert Aberle, and George Lambert minister to us, and we thank them for their labors of love.

The Sunday School children presented their Easter program in verse, song and readings the evening of Palm Sunday. May the seed that is planted in tender hearts be nurtured and grow to the honor and glory of Him who was crucified, bled and died for us all.

Note of thanks: I wish to thank everyone that remembered me with gifts, cards, prayers, visits, and kind deeds during my confinement in the hospital and nursing home. It will always be remembered and deeply appreciated. May God bless you all. Sis. Emma Binkele. Sis. Emma is at home since the last week of January.

Note of thanks: I wish to thank all my relatives and friends for cards, gifts, flowers, visits, and prayers during my illness. May God bless you. Sis. Alma Rocke.

In memory of MOTHER, Sis. Julia Kaupp, whom God called away to her Heavenly Home 10 years ago.

MOTHER

Who reared us from the cradle
With gentle loving care,
Throughout all those trying years
Shared our joys, helped our sor-
rows to bear?

Mother.

Who toiled for us long hours each
day
And nights would knit or sew
To while the evening hours away;
Who sent us off to school each
morn
With prayer in heart, for our safe
return?

Mother.

As we grew up and left our home,
Who gave us her blessings, as one
by one
We ventured into a world unknown,
With her prayers and guidance,
we'd safely won!

Mother.

Who opened the door with welcome
arms
On our frequent visits home?
Who waved a farewell at the win-
dow
Each time, as we drove away to
our home?

Mother.

As I reminisce the yesteryears,
Innumerable memories to me are so
dear,
But the memory cherished most of
all,
In my heart it shall always dwell—,
Years have passed since God called
her away,
Yet it seems like only yesterday
I saw Mother sitting in a rocking
chair
By the window, smiling, as she
waved a farewell.

This poem was written by a mem-
ber of the family in April, 1963.

ROANOKE, ILLINOIS

Mary Hoffman — Norene Herbst
Several weeks ago it was decided
that we should have another broth-
er to help in the ministry. On
March 16, after prayerful consid-
eration by the congregation this duty
was laid on Bro. Jim Leman. We
pray that he may be led by the
Lord in this important work, and
we surely will support him, as we
do all of our ministers. We also
pray that God's blessings will rest
on him and his family.

On March 21, our congregation
was saddened by the passing of a
dear brother, Mike Belsley. He is

survived by his wife, Sis. Viola, and
the following brother and sisters:
Sam, Sisters Ann Heiligenstein,
Emma Bowald, Louise and Ella (all
of Roanoke) Minnie Leman and
Rose Minger of Eureka. He will be
greatly missed by our congregation.

Sis. Esther Sauder suffered a
broken arm in an automobile acci-
dent.

We were privileged on March 30
to partake of the Lord's Supper.
This truly is a blessed experience,
and wakens us anew to the great
sacrifice the Lord made for us. Bro.
Noah Schrock was here to assist
Bro. Gene in this important work,
and we thank him for being with
us.

Funeral services were held for
Bro. Ed Hodel on March 31. He is
survived by the following children:
Carl, Bro. Alvin, Bro. Glen, Ed,
Bro. Ray, Sis. Lena Weigand, and
Sis. Mae Rocke. We were reminded
that as Bro. Ed was the last of his
generation, that this door was now
closed, and the responsibilities now
fall on the shoulders on the next
generation.

**A Tribute To Our
Christian Mothers**

We truly owe a word of thanks
to our Christian mothers for their
interest in our soul's eternal wel-
fare. We will perhaps not realize
the true worth of their guidance
until they are no longer with us,
wishing we had followed more
closely the wisdom of our mothers
who taught us in early childhood
that someday the Lord would say
To here and no further, and who
taught us what we must do that we
may enter into heaven, and en-
couraged us to seek our soul's sal-
vation. . . teaching us to be ground-
ed and settled in the faith. . . help-
ing us to be chaste, modest and
moderate in all things. . . who en-
couraged us not to offend the world
nor our brethren . . . encouraging
us to have fellowship with the be-
lievers . . . and to enjoy our Chris-
tian life.

**OUR CIRCLE OF BYGONE
YEARS**

Among our circle of bygone
years was Bro. John W. Schmidt,
an assistant elder in the congrega-
tion on the Prairie. Bro. Schmidt
was born in Bern, Switzerland June
5, 1844. He came to America and
settled in Peoria, working as a tai-
lor. He attended church there, and
began preaching in Peoria before

his marriage to Verena Meyer. He
also preached in the Partridge area,
as revealed by the following taken
from the diary of Bro. John Krein-
bill's daughter. Bro. Kreinbill was
also a minister there. "November
18, 1869: Mr. Schmidt stayed here
all night. Snow so deep that horses
can scarcely get through." "Dec.
4, 1870: We went to meeting at
Bittner's home. Sermon by Mr.
Schmidt in the morning." He
moved to Eureka and preached at
the Roanoke Prairie church. He
was a very conscientious and much
loved brother which became very
apparent in his later years.

One time while reading a chapter
from the Old Testament during his
afternoon services, Bro. Schmidt
paused for a moment and looked
over the congregation and said,
"Oh, if one would not always have
to read of so many battles and ter-
rible happenings that are contained
in the Old Testament." It seemed to
hurt him to read of such things.

When souls would give their tes-
timonies, he would speak English
with them, often going down from
the pulpit and speaking directly to
them. But during all the years of
his ministry he preached only one
English sermon, which was during
a Wednesday evening service in
Eureka, not too long before he died.
Many had requested that he preach
in English, but he felt he would be
unable. During this very short
English sermon, while having a
little difficulty with the English,
he looked to Bro. Andrew Zimmer-
man and asked, "Can you help me
with this?" When bidding Bro. Ar-
thur Klaus farewell that evening,
he said, "Now you know that I
can't". He was to be commended
for making the effort to fulfill
their request at the age of ninety
some years.

He worked in his garden the
week before he died, and was called
to his rest Oct. 7, 1939 at the age
of ninety-five years and four
months, having served in the min-
istry seventy-two years.

SABETHA, KANSAS
Mrs. Joe Steiner

Dr. and Mrs. William J. Hawley
of San Antonio, Texas are the par-
ents of their second daughter,
Christine Ann, born March 18. Bro.
Reo and Sis. Verna Strahm are the
grandparents.

We were happy to have Bro. Sam
Huber in our midst to minister un-
to us.

The Bern congregation assembled with us on Good Friday to commemorate the death of our Lord and Saviour. On Easter we had our regular services, but with the thought that **He is risen**. Bro. Alpha Strahm was with us in the afternoon to minister unto us. We also had many visitors from other congregations. A potluck and singing was held at our Fellowship Center on Saturday evening so we could "fellowship" with the visitors. A singing was held at the Bern church Sunday evening, which now begins the Sunday evening singings for the remainder of the year. They will be held every other Sunday and will alternate with the Bern church, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Midweek services are discontinued, except for special occasions when we have visiting ministers.

TOLEDO, OHIO
Mary Ann Weigele
Emily Frautschi

Two dear friends were entrusted for proving and baptism; Diane Reineck and Sue Rehkla. Diane is the daughter of Bro. Homer and Sis. Josephine Reineck and Sue is the daughter of Bro. Walter and Sis. Freda Rehkla. We are so thankful they obeyed the command of our Lord by deciding to live their lives for Him.

Katherine Raleigh passed away on March 12. She was the mother of Warren Newman, and had spent the last five years in a nursing home.

ALTO, MICHIGAN
Loretta Steffen

We were richly blessed when Bro. Jim Ramseyer, Bay City, and Elder Bros. Joe Waibel, Bay City, and Rudy Graf, Akron, ministered to our spiritual needs.

At our house (Aaron and Loretta Steffen) we have a precious new baby boy, named Nathan Douglas. How thankful we feel that the Lord saw fit to send us a perfect little treasure. Our other children think he is just wonderful!

Mother's Day is soon coming, and I must add a note of tribute for our wonderful Christian mothers. When our new baby arrived, Grandmother Bocka kept the other children for a few weeks in Mansfield, and Grandmother Steffen took over the household chores. Sometimes we take our dear mothers for granted, but we should be thanking the

Lord for their understanding ways.

When God looked down upon the earth
 And chose to put new blessing here,
 Gift from above to show his love
 And lighten earthly joy and care,
 He gave the sky the sunset glow
 Gave fragrance to the lily's blow,
 To children's play,
 And then to every living soul
 He gave the gift of tender worth.
 A Mother!

My husband just related this little story to me, and I thought it worth repeating.

A couple once had a child that was very lame. Through painstaking work and much therapy, they taught their son to walk. Years later a man called on them to see their son whom they had taught to walk. The mother said, "He isn't here; he is in prison." "Prison!" the man replied. "Yes," said the mother, "we taught him how to walk and forgot to teach him where to walk."

Let's each take a lesson from this, and strive to teach our children the true values and goals in life are spiritual, and not carnal.

BURLINGTON, IOWA

Mr. Wm. Oberman
Mrs. Paul Wagler

We welcome back the various ones who left our midst for "warmer" areas for the winter months. It is nice to have all with us again.

Our monthly hymn-sing was well attended, with a number of visitors joining us. We also had a number of visitors at our Good Friday and our Easter services. We hope they always feel welcome to assemble with us.

**THE MYSTERY
 OF INTERCESSION**

Though thou hast left Me and wandered away,
 Chosen the darkness instead of the day;
 Though thou art covered with many a stain,
 Though thou hast wounded Me oft and again,
 Though thou hast followed thy wayward will;
 Yet, in My pity, I love thee still.
 Wonder of Wonders, it ever must be!
 Jesus, the Crucified, pleads for me.
 Lord, I have left Thee, I have denied,

Followed the world in my selfish pride;
 Lord, I have joined in the hateful cry,
 Slay Him, away with Him, crucify.
 Lord, I have done it, oh; ask me not how;
 Woven the thorns for Thy tortured brow!
 Yet in His pity so boundless and free,
 Jesus, the crucified, pleads for me.

**CROGHAN—NAUMBURG,
 NEW YORK**
Carol Virkler

Mrs. David Schamback

The memorandum was read to us March 23 by Elder Bros. Noah Bauman and John Widrick. May we each one strive to walk in the Spirit, even patterning ourselves after Jesus' perfect example, that we may grow in love and unity. We truly enjoyed a blessed week end.

Ministering Bro. Leland Hirschey is able to assemble with us, after undergoing surgery. Others hospitalized are Sis. Lucy Hany Bro. Leon Ebersol and Pernal (Bro. Howard) Virkler.

We extend sympathy to Bro. Arthur and Sis. Mary Jane Hirschey in the death of Mary Jane's mother, Grace Crosby. Bro. Arthur has also been shut-in with pneumonia, but is improving.

Only today, April 7, we received word of the passing from this life of Sis. Mary Rohr, 85. Survivors include her husband, Bro. Theodore, and three sons, Alton, Bernard and Richard. We are so thankful for the promise that, after the sufferings of this life, what a wonderful rest is awaiting the true and faithful. The funeral will be Thursday in the Naumburg Church.

We were blessed with the visit of four dear sisters from Princeville and Tremont, and four dear ones from Rockville. Several of us enjoyed a day in the surgarbush, gathering sap to make maple syrup; even in the evening under the stars and with moonlight, we gathered. Far away from the noise of this life and time, we sang hymns together. We are left to marvel at God's wonderful creation. Later we enjoyed a hymn-sing and a very blessed fellowship together where the syrup was being made.

Our midweek services will begin this week, alternating between Croghan and Naumburg, on Wed. evenings. We extend a hearty welcome to all to assemble with us.

DETROIT, MICHIGAN

Judith Aberle — Donna Hartzler

Several from our congregation have been on the sick list. Sis. Anna Sabados was in the hospital for an appendectomy, and Sisters Mary Sabados and Christine Dimitrie are in the hospital, undergoing tests. May God's healing and guiding hand be upon them.

For an Easter project, the Sunday School classes met and worked on World Relief projects. The older children met one evening and worked on health aid kits and rolled bandages. The following evening, the younger children met and made school kits and rolled bandages. It makes us all just a bit happier when we can share with boys and girls who have so much less than we.

FORREST, ILLINOIS

**Carolyn Zimmerman
Juanita Schneider**

Bro. Dean and Sis. Robin (Gee) Kupferschmid have been blessed with a baby son, Michael Dean, on March 27. To welcome him home are a brother, Todd and a sister, Barbara. Michael's grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Bill Kupferschmid, Forrest. Sis. Rosetta Stoller spent a short time in the hospital; also, Sis. Elsie Waibel has undergone throat surgery, but we are thankful that they have both returned to their homes. Word has been received that our friend, A. P. Loomis was stricken with a heart attack while visiting in Indiana. May the Divine Healer restore health where it can be His will.

God has answered our prayers and Bro. Dennis Koehl is assembling with us again, after serving his tour of duty in Germany with the Army.

Announcements were made of the engagements of Sis. Maribeth Ebach to Bro. Richard Kupferschmid, both from our congregation; Sis. Shirley Kachelmuss, Forrest, to Bro. Ernest Herman, Morton; and Sis. Janice Laukhuf, Latty, to Bro. Herbert Bachtold, Forrest. May they all continually put their trust in the Lord.

Our congregation was richly blessed with the visits of Elder Bros. Lester Hartter, Bern, and Josh Broquard, Fairbury; Bros. Henry Sabo, Mansfield; Ben Fehr, Roanoke; Hartzell Kaisner, Detroit; Merle Kaisner, Fairbury; Earl Kilgus, Remington; and Vernon Schwab, Wolcott. May we con-

tinually strive to be doers, and not only hearers of God's wonderful word.

GOODFIELD, ILLINOIS

Elna Grimm

Our Father knows what's best for us,

So why should we complain—
We always want the sunshine,
But He knows there must be rain—
Our Father tests us often
With suffering and with sorrow;
He tests us, not to punish us,
But to help us meet tomorrow . . .
For growing trees are strengthened
When they withstand the storm,
And the sharp cut of the chisel
Gives the marble grace and form. . .
God never hurts us needlessly,
And He never wastes our pain,
For every loss He sends to us
Is followed by rich gain. . .
And when we count the blessings
That God has so freely sent,
We will find no cause for murmur-
ing
And no time to lament. . .
For our Father loves His children,
And to Him all things are plain,
So He never sends us pleasure
When the soul's deep need is pain. .

The soul-stirring, age-old story of the death of our Saviour was beautifully portrayed in our Good Friday evening services, which were held by Bro. George Gramm of Gridley. This touching story was further fixed in our minds, as we partook of Holy Communion immediately after the Good Friday services. Bro. Ed Hohulin was assisted in this work by Bro. Gramm and Bro. Sauder of Peoria.

Bro. and Sis. Jim and Joy Hohulin have a new little baby girl named Jill Ann. She was born on Mar. 26 and is their first child. Bro. and Sis. Ed and Elsie Hohulin are the paternal grandparents, and Bro. and Sis. Walter and Hannah Plattner of Peoria are the maternal grandparents.

Our friends, Jerry and Ann Binkele also had their first child. He has been named Benjamin Henry; he was born on Mar. 17. Bro. and Sis. Ben and Esther Hohulin are the maternal grandparents, and the Henry Binkeles of Morton are the paternal grandparents.

Sis. Norma Bauman has been hospitalized, because of a fall suffered in her home. We have her in our prayers and wish her a speedy recovery, for she has certainly had

her share of misfortune in the past few years.

Bro. Steve Weigand was slightly injured when he was hit by a falling tree. Needless to say, this could have been a very serious accident, but thanks be to God, he escaped with minor injuries.

GRIDLEY, ILLINOIS

Lydia and Eunice Kammerer

Bro. George Gramm gave us a wonderful message of the death and resurrection of our dear Saviour, who was nailed on the cross and shed His blood for us and all mankind. It was truly an impressive message. Easter was such a beautiful day.

Our congregation hosted two Christian Endeavors, one on Sunday Mar. 18 and one on Mar. 25. It inspires one to think they will be our future church.

Apr. 3, Michell Lynn was born to the happy parents, Bro. Enid and Sis. Lila Schlipf; grandparents are Bro. Emil and Sis. Ella Schlipf, and Mr. and Mrs. Chester Haney, all of Gridley. April 4, Glen Allen was born to Bro. Dale and Sis. Fredora Wiegand; Glen has one sister and brother to welcome him home. Grandparents are Bro. Ben and Sis. Anna Wettstein and Sis. Fannie and the late George Wiegand.

Sis. Elizabeth Funk had the misfortune to fall, and fractured her pelvis. She was taken to Fairbury Hospital, where she will be for several weeks. We wish her a complete recovery. Sis. Mary Stoller was released from Fairbury Hospital, where she had vein surgery. Sis. Sophie Witzig is again able to attend services, after a month's illness with flu.

Sis. Lena Funk was housed in for several weeks and is able to be about. Sis. Lena had an 84th birthday. Sis. Lorene Stoller has recovered from ear surgery. Sis. Annie Gramm has recovered from major surgery and is able to be home with his family. Sis. Ida Rinkenberger is able to come to our services, after a bout with the flu. Sis. Winifred Schlipf entered Mennonite Hospital for further surgery. We wish her well.

A beautiful and impressive wedding ceremony was performed for Bro. Earl Ringger and Sis. Dixie Stoller on Palm Sunday. Bro. Edwin Ringger, father of Bro. Earl performed the ceremony. Sis. Dixie is the daughter of Bro. Clarence and Sis. Lucille; Bro. Earl is the

son of Bro. Edwin and Sis. Pat Ringger. Bro. Stoller from Bradford, Bro. Ed Hohulin and Bro. Edmund Kloter were guest ministers.

Bro. Jack Gramm has returned home from a year's duty in Korea. We are glad for each soldier who returns safely to their families.

Henry Waggoner, son of Dave and Sis. Lucille, returned to the Navy, after a 28-day leave with his parents and family.

LAMAR, MISSOURI

Marie Marti

God smiled on us this Easter Day and loaned us hope anew. He filled our hearts with love and peace, as we entered into the church whose doors were open wide, and we greeted dear loved ones from many distant places who had come to worship with us on this holy day. His message touched every soul as the word was spoken by Bro. Carl Hartman from Sabetha, who brought to us the Easter story of **Christ and the Resurrection**. In thought we traveled back to that first Easter, and we beheld the Lord in all His glory. Yes, in simple faith we met here almost two thousand years later to worship. A calm uplifting power flowed through our country church as the room was filled with glorious song.

We were happy to have Elder Bro. Sam Anliker visit us. His messages were sincere warnings, as well as encouraging teachings.

Billy Dean and Maryanne Schlupp have a baby boy named Christopher Noah. Billy Dean is serving in the armed forces in Viet Nam. Noah Schlupp is the grandfather.

MILFORD, INDIANA

Marguerite Hoerr

During this happy springtime and Easter season, when we recall the Lord's resurrection from the dead, we are thankful anew for His suffering and great love. We are promised life eternal because of this greatest of all sacrifices.

We need to lean on this promise for comfort again as we mourn the loss of two loved ones.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Sis. Cindy Stoller, who has received the heartbreaking news from the Secretary of the Army that her husband, Bro. Ed Stoller, has been killed in Korea as the result of a helicopter crash. Ed was the medic dispatched to pick up wounded as the result of a border

clash, and while the helicopter he was on was leaving the scene it crashed and burned. Only God can know the anguish caused a family when it receives news such as this. We do offer prayers, that the difficult time his loved ones are going through can be made more bearable by the knowledge eternal life is promised to those who have accepted Him who made this supreme sacrifice.

Sis. Ruby Zimmerman, 66, passed from this life on March 17 as the result of a stroke. She had been living with her daughter, Mrs. Fred (Opal) Bullinger at Walkerton for the past 11 years. Surviving are three other children: a daughter, Mrs. Herb (Mabel) Reidel and two sons, Guy of Fort Wayne and Elmer of Milford. Services were conducted by Bro. Theo. Beer. Ruby was loving and kind, and exemplified the traits of a true Christian. Our sympathy is extended to her family.

Ted and Sandy Speicher are the parents of their first child, a daughter, Melissa Lynn, born April 7. Bro. Lew and Sis. Mim Speicher are the paternal grandparents, and Lyle and Helen Yoder of Nappanee the maternal. Our congratulations to her parents. May God bless your new little daughter.

Easter, we were blessed with three visiting ministers: Bro. George Lambert of Wichita & Bros. George Yergler and Ed Frank of La Crosse. Bros. Yergler and Frank assisted Bro. Theo. in serving the Lord's Supper to us, following services. We thank them for taking the time to share such a blessed day with us.

PULASKI, IOWA

Mrs. Dave Wiegand

We have been richly blessed here. Among other company, we have had two ministering brothers visit us. Bro. Harvey Heininger, Oakville, said he marvels at how God has entrusted the ministry of his holy word to mortal man. This truly is a responsibility, and we must all do our best to support the brothers who proclaim the Gospel.

Bro. Willis Wiegand, Goodfield, left us something to ponder. How many of us, on that great and notable day will be able to say, as our Lord said, "O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?" Let us strive for this!

Sis. Minnie Getz is again able to assemble with us. She is still rather

weak, but is glad to be able to come to church.

Sis. Hattie Miller is in the hospital, having undergone major surgery. She is getting along pretty well. We miss her, and pray that God will restore her health, so she may soon be back with us.

It looks like spring is here. The grass is getting green, and the trees are starting to bud. What a wonderful time of the year!

RITTMAN, OHIO

Mrs. Ben Blough Florence Hartzler

The Lord has blessed five families in our congregation with new arrivals. Lynn Marie arrived at the home of Gaylord and Cheryl Beery. She is their first child. Bro. Harlan and Sis. Jean Stoller and their daughter Dianne welcomed little Lisa Marie to their home. Corbin Dee was welcomed to the home of Bro. Ed and Sis. Anita Riggenschach. Corby was also welcomed by sister Karen and two brothers, Bobby and Chad. Bro. Galen and Sis. Cheryl Indermuhle and daughter Melanie welcomed little Julie to their home . . . and Gary John came to live at the home of Bro. Rowan and Sis. Judy Schar. Little Gary joins brother Tim and sisters Jenee and Joni at home.

We have been saddened at the passing of two dear sisters from our midst. Sis. Soloma Snyder passed away suddenly at the age of 83, and was laid to rest March 7. She is mourned by her husband, Bro. Willis, five sons and three daughters. Funeral services were held April 5 for Sis. Minnie Bauman, who passed away at the age of 68, after a short illness. She leaves behind her husband, Bro. Ben, daughter—Sis. Lois Beres and sons Richard, Kenneth, Marion, and Harold. Our sympathy goes out to this family who have lost two sons in the past few years also, and pray the Lord will greatly comfort them. We shall miss these two dear sisters whom the Lord saw fit to call home.

Hospitalized patients were Sis. Clara Zollinger, Sis. Rhea Beery, Alvin Marty, and Art Riggenschach. We hope that they are feeling better and are on the way to recovery.

The engagement of Sis. Mary Jane Beery, daughter of Bro. Karl and Sis. Ruth Beery, and Bro. Andy Winkler, son of Bro. Alvin and Sis. Stella Winkler has been

announced. We wish them God's guidance as they plan their life together.

We enjoyed a beautiful Easter and were reminded of the song "Easter"—

Oh who among the sons of men,
By word or song or deed or pen,
Can ever fittingly convey
The meaning of this blessed day.
It gilds the holy sacred page;
It brings to every clime and age,
To every people, tribe, and race
The story of redeeming grace.

SARDIS, OHIO

Doris Indermuhle

We rejoice with our dear friends, John and Paula Figel, who have found peace with the Lord and are awaiting the time when they can give their testimonies and, the Lord willing, be baptized in His holy name.

We were privileged to have the memorandum read to us by our elder, Bro. Rudolph Graf.

I was recently hospitalized for a tonsillectomy. How much more we realize the goodness of God in such times! I am very grateful to Him and to all those that remembered me during my surgery and convalescence.

We were happy to have most of our families home for the Easter season. Home on leave from his duties in the service of our country was Delmos Figel. Delmos will be stationed for the following year in Key West, Florida. We wish him the protection of our Lord.

TAYLOR, MISSOURI

Mrs. Eli Sutter—Mrs. Bill Heimer

Bro. Roy Grimm had a tape of the brotherhood meeting, so we spent three Wed. evenings listening to it instead of having our regular church service. It was interesting to listen to the speakers and to hear how the meeting was conducted. We are thankful for the admonitions and help we received, and for the concern of the elders and ministers in our behalf.

Mrs. Vernon (Judy) Huber was released from the hospital and is getting along quite well.

With nice weather and many willing hands, our church received the annual spring house-cleaning.

Sis. Naomi Heimer announced the engagement of her daughter, Debbie to Myron Barkley. Myron is also from the Taylor community.

UNION CITY, NEW JERSEY

Ed. Aeschleman

Sis. Bertha Weisert, who had been in the hospital and then convalesced at home for several months, has been able to worship with us again.

Sis. Marie Walsh was confined to her home during most of March, due to illness. We pray God will restore her to a reasonable health again.

WEST BEND, IOWA

Anna Schmidt — Mrs. A. Banwart

Our sincere thanks to Elder Bros. Leo Moser of Lester, Paul Fehr of Morris, and Herman Kellenberger of Elgin, who came and after messages of God's Holy Word read and explained the memorandum to us. May their warnings never go unheeded. While they were here, we voted on a new minister, and the duty fell on Bro. Duane Metzger. May we all strive to be a little more obedient, and pray for all our ministers who so labor to lead us on the righteous paths.

Byron, son of Helen and Leonard Anliker, has had ear surgery in Iowa City, but is getting along all right. Mrs. Louise (Reuben) Anliker was in Rochester, Minn. for observation, but is getting along as good as can be expected. Sis. Lydia Jergens' arm is improving. Many of us were quite ill with the flu. We can't fully appreciate our blessing of health until deprived of it even in a small measure. How much happier we are when we take a few minutes off and count our blessings.

We rejoice with Friends Janet Mogler and Cheryl Gerber, that they have now been announced as having made peace with their Maker and man. May the Lord keep calling souls to Him. Palm Sunday, the full Easter story was brought to us from the lips of the Sunday School children in the evening. May these small verses find a corner in their hearts to be remembered throughout life. Our Good Friday services were held on Thursday evening, due to conflicts on Friday. Any extra church service is so welcome and edifying.

It was inspiring to hear the Lord's message brought to us through Bro. Gene Marti of Sabetha on Easter. We thank him for visiting us.

William (Bill) Zaugg son of Bro. and Sis. Ed and Helen Zaugg was

inducted in the army and is at Ft Sam for his training.

As again we look to Jesus,
Who became our Risen Lord,
Let us strive as sincere pilgrims
In the works that faith affords.

Let us reminisce together
From His manger to His grave;
And remember how He suffered,
Yet in agony forgave.

List! The angels! How they
chorused
That this Babe on earth was born,
For they knew that soon redemption
Could poor wretched man adorn.

John's baptism of Christ, our Lord
Fulfilled God's righteousness.
The Holy Spirit—as a dove—
Then sealed His sacredness.

And so He lived as man on earth.
(The tempter sought Him, too.)
He healed; He soothed; He loved
and taught
God's perfect will to do.

Then came His grief! How dark!
Forlorn!
The sinless Lamb for sin!
Oh Lord, we pray, help us to pay
The debt we feel within.

Help us, dear Lord, this Easter-time
To remember more and more
The price of Thy great sacrifice
Which opened Heaven's door.

Help us to grasp all Thou hast done.
Give strength Thine own to be.
For Thou hast said, Thy will be
done
In dark Gethsemane.

WINTHROP, MINNESOTA

Delores Messerli—Carol Messner

May God watch over and heal our dear Sis. Jerry, wife of ministering Bro. Harold Messner. She is hospitalized for major surgery. Bro. Ray Messner and Deanna (Mrs. Marvin) Messner were patients a short time for observation.

Bro. Marlyn and Sis. Lois Messner are the parents of a new son, Kendal Scott, born March 9. Nancy and Joe welcomed their new brother.

Easter—Time of Sorrow and Rejoicing. "Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: And that repentance and re-

mission of sins should be preached in his name among . . . nations . . ."

Ministering Bro. Harold Messner gave the members an exhortation for Holy Communion. He told us, "It takes a truly humble Christian to say, I'm sorry, and ask for forgiveness."

Memories of Mother

The memories of bygone years, My mother's love, my mother's tears, The tho't of all her constant care Doth bring the answer to her prayer.

O mother when I think of thee,
'Tis but a step to Calvary;
Thy gentle hand upon my brow
Is leading me to Jesus now.

Trustees of our Church

Bro. Fred Messner and Sis. Linda live on a farm near Gibbon. Bro. Fred is semi-retired. He was a farmer all of his life. They have five children. Bro. Leo Messner and Sis. Georgia live on their small farm near Gaylord. They both are employed at the Gaylord Public School, and have three children. Bro. Marlyn Messner and Sis. Lois farm near Gaylord. They have three children, one of whom is a new baby.

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

Howard and Louise Getz

Springtime has arrived and beckons us to share the beauty and freshness of God's creation. The rebirth of slumbering winter seeds should remind us of our past rebirth in the spirit—it needs the Bible's nourishment and God's sunshine to bring blossoms and fruits.

Bros. George Yergler (La Crosse), Elmer Hartter and Walter Steffen (Milford), and Bob Meyer (Bluffton) brought God's word to us and meditated on passages for our benefit. On Easter, a small group listened to a tape recording of a previous Easter sermon, as so many were missing because of spring vacation.

We have heard from Bro. Ronald and Sis. Kay Heininger of the Taylor church, that he plans to begin attending Indiana University in June. We are pleased to have another married couple of our faith at the campus, and pray that others will also be encouraged to come.

OAKVILLE, IOWA

Martha Steiner

We are thankful for the messages brought to us by visiting

ministers: Bros. Jim Ringger, Bradford; Henry Grimm, Morton; and Arnold Gerst, Chicago. We also enjoyed having Bro. Joe Schrock, Congerville, with us at our meeting in Iowa City, and Bro. Earl Banwart, West Bend, with us in Ames.

Little Valerie Dawn, born March 13, was welcomed into the home of Bro. John and Sis. Carol Steiner on March 17. She has a sister, Melody Rose. Bro. John and Sis. Nelda (Kuntz) Rowell are parents of a boy, Nathan Jay, born March 14. They have another boy, Landen Lee.

Bro. Noah Schrock performed the marriage ceremony for Sis. Rebecca Steiner and Bro. Larry Endress (Bradford). We wish them many blessings in their new pathway of life.

At our recent church business meeting, Bro. Myron Schulz was given the duty of church trustee; Bro. Harold Massner is cemetery trustee; and Sis. Margaret Grimm is to serve on the ladies' food committee.

TREMONT, ILLINOIS

Josephine Schaefer

Mary Jane Leuthold

We certainly rejoice that three more souls, Mary Woerner, daughter of Bro. Chris and Sis. Wilmina; Carol Sinn, daughter of Bro. Emmanuel and Sis. Elsie; and Sally Beutel, daughter of Bro. David and Sis. Eunice have turned to the Lord in repentance. We wish for them a rich measure of God's grace and spirit.

Bros. Roy Grimm of Taylor, Bob Grimm of Goodfield, and Edwin Ringger of Gridley brought us the word of God in its fullness. Their visits left us with many blessings and with many good teachings, and we are thankful that God opened the way so they could visit us.

Bro. Dave Koch has been discharged from the service. He spent most of the past two years at Ft Bliss, Texas. Welcome home, Bro. Dave.

Elise Brunner, daughter of Elmer and Dorothy, of our congregation was united in marriage with Loren Joos, son of Bro. Bill and Sis. Clementine of Goodfield, on March 1.

We extend a warm and hearty welcome to Raymond and Clea Rinkenberger and their three children. They have recently moved here from Gridley, Illinois.

LANDERSVILLE, ALABAMA

Rt. 1 — Moulton, Alabama

Springtime blossoms forth with the beauty and handiwork of an almighty Creator. The budding of trees and flowers is due reminder that God is bringing forth the season of renewal. May each child of His renew daily the living faith. May each day exhibit the joy of salvation and the assurance of eternal hope in the lives of God's children.

We are thankful to partake in the Lord's supper on Easter eve. The blessings of Communion were showered upon us, as Bros. David Bertsch and Junior Hale reviewed the Bible account of Jesus' last supper.

Bro. Manz of Ohio visited here and shared the gospel message.

Hospitalized: Mrs. Bernice Roberson; Mr. Will Latham; Mrs. Nell Hale.

Early Easter morning, the home of Edd and Sis. Mauvlyn Harville was totally destroyed by fire. Only a few items of furnishings were saved. Pray for these who suffer loss, that the One who cares for all will meet this special need.

LEO, INDIANA

Mrs. Elias Souder

Easter has left us with many happy memories. Bro. Maurice Frank had our morning service, Bro. Loren Stoller from Latty sharing our afternoon service. Bro. Stoller accompanied us to Butler, where we visited three Rest Homes. Bro. Maurice and family also came to attend the 25th wedding anniversary of Helen and Pete Maxfield. The young people and children gave a lovely Easter program in the evening at the church.

Imogene Stieglitz has recovered nicely from the major surgery, and is able to come to church again.

Bro. Joel Souder is improving and getting stronger. A church service was held in his home on Good Friday afternoon. Regular Good Friday church services were held at the church in the evening.

Bro. Fred Wiggs who is at the Butler Hotel Rest Home, and Bro. Edw. Bertsch who is at the long-term unit of the Park View Hospital, remain in the same condition.

Our little Poster Girl for Easter Seals, for Allen County, Kalisa Souder, spent about 10 days in the Lutheran Hospital. She is much improved now and able to be around again.

John Klopfenstein, who is in training at Ft Sam Houston, spent a few days with his family.

FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA **Robert and Janice Sutter**

Again the incomprehensible gift of life has touched our congregation: a boy Seth Michael, was born on March 22 to Bro. Roger and Sis. Judy Sauder. Grandparents are Bro. Harry and Sis. Florence Sutter of Ft. Lauderdale and Sis. Ida Mae Sauder of Tremont.

We received a blessing from the Easter program presented on Easter by the Sunday School students, and also enjoyed the Easter message given by Bro. Ben Maibach from Detroit. It was indeed a very blessed day.

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

A son, Christopher Edward, was born to Bro. Ed and Sis. Connie Frautschi on March 6.

On March 9, Bros. Joe Stoller and Art Baurer of Princeville ministered to us. We are thankful for the many good teachings which we received.

We were saddened by the sudden passing of Milan Kulyan on March 9. He and his wife, Marie, have faithfully assembled with us in recent years, and we extend our heartfelt sympathy to her.

A number of our congregation attended the wedding of Bro. Daryle Hari of here and Sis. Janet Heinold of La Crosse, on March 30. We welcome Sis. Janet to Chicago and wish the Lord's blessing upon them.

After an extended illness, Sis. Aldenne Schurter was able to assemble with us again.

Engagements of Sis. Kathy Zimmerman to Bro. Jim Heininger of Morton, and Sis. Nancy Roth of Fairbury to Bro. Glen Pfeifer were announced.

URBANA, ILLINOIS

Jan Herman — Susan Zimmerman

We are thankful for the efforts of the brothers who come from their various congregations to bring us the word. The following brothers were with us: Bro. Don Sauder, Roanoke; Bro. Arnold Gerst, Chicago; Bro. John Rocke, Goodfield; Bro. Perry Zimmerman, Fairbury; Bro. Jim Hoerr, Peoria; Bro. Nathan Steffen, Elgin. We invite them to meet with us again. We cannot fail to mention our minister, Bro. Dave Wiegand,

who so faithfully brings us the precious Gospel.

On March 16, we enjoyed having a group from Peoria with us. The choir sang in the evening, providing an added blessing to the day.

The week-end of March 23 brought groups of brothers and sisters from Chicago, Gridley, Cissna Park, and Roanoke. It is such a precious privilege to meet from various locations and meet new faces when our hearts are bound with a common cord—the love of God.

Ofttimes the day seems long,
Our trials hard to bear;
We're tempted to complain
To murmur and despair,
But Christ will soon appear
To catch His bride away,
All tears forever over
In God's eternal day.

Sometimes the sky looks dark,
Without a ray of light;
We're tossed and driven on,
No human help in sight,
But there is one in heav'n
Who knows our deepest care.
Let Jesus solve your problems;
Just go to Him in prayer.

Life's day will soon be o'er,
All storms forever past;
We'll cross the great divide
To glory safe at last,
We'll share the joys of heav'n
A harp, a home, a crown.
The tempter will be banished;
We'll lay our burden down.

It will be worth it all
When we see Jesus;
It will be worth it all
When we see Christ.
One glimpse of His dear face
All sorrow will erase,
So bravely run the race
'Til we see Christ.

We are thankful to see more souls turning to the Lord. Steve Leman (Roanoke) and Steve Sauder (Tremont) have asked the Lord to hold their hand as they go through life.

BRADFORD, ILLINOIS

Delores Duckworth **Martha Kieser**

The God-inspired messages brought to us by Bros. Silas Leuthold and Dave Kieser from Princeville and Uriel Gehring from Burlington were deeply appreciated.

Sis. Martha Jane and Marilyn

Siebenthal were very fortunate to have escaped serious injury in an auto accident, in which the other couple was killed. Sis. Esther Leroy Streitmatter has gone to Mayo Clinic in Rochester for tests.

The marriage of Bro. Larry Endress from here and Sis. Rebecca Steiner was solemnized on March 23 in Oakville by Bro. Noah Schrock. Our sincere wish is that God will richly bless their life together. We heartily welcome Sis. Becky to Bradford!

Bro. Wm. (Nick) Knobloch recently returned from Haiti with several other brothers (to check on our World Relief Projects there). He reports that he believes our money and efforts are well spent there. God blesses us so bountifully—May we each do our part in sharing with those less fortunate.

A number of us gathered together for the annual church house-cleaning. It was an enjoyable day, working together in God's house. May we each clean our spiritual house daily, to get rid of all that is not pleasing to our God.

PHOENIX, ARIZONA

Carolyn Dotterer — Lois Heiniger

Our friend Alan Knochel, son of Bro. Ted and Sis. Madeline, was hospitalized for surgery, after he was robbed and severely beaten. We are thankful that he can again assemble with us.

Visiting ministers were: Bro. Robert Stoll of Girard, Bro. Roy Grimm of Taylor, Bro. Noah Herman of Tucson, Bro. John Klotzle of Altadena; Bro. John Dapper of Maywood; Bro. Corbin Bahler and Elder Bro. John Bahler of Rockville. We are grateful for the time they shared with us.

Sis. Lois Heiniger was hospitalized for a short time.

On Sunday, April 6, our Sunday School Easter program was held. It is indeed humbling and touching to hear from our children by verses, songs and Scripture reading of Christ's love for man.

PORTLAND, OREGON

Connie Steffen

Our flowering shrubs are about a month behind their normal blooming time this year, but we are being rewarded with a beautiful show of colors. Yellow Forsythia, Flowering Plum (that ranges from light to dark pink), red Japanese Quince, white Baby Breath, and a variety of Camellias make the

yards look like big bouquets.

Bro. Paul Rumbold asked to resign as teacher of the Senior Sunday School class. Paul has taught Sunday school since he and Sis. Ann moved to Oregon in 1946. At that time there were only a few children of Sunday School age, and Paul was elected to teach them. Through the years the Sunday School has grown, and Paul has faithfully and joyfully taught many young people from God's word. Bro. Garth Steffen advanced to become teacher of the senior class, and Bro. Leroy Leman was elected to teach the intermediate class.

Our friend, Lowell Ditch is doing very well. He's looking forward to being fitted with an artificial leg, then even returning to work.

Portland Church: We had the privilege of enjoying a potluck supper and evening of fellowship at Silverton church. Silverton is a peaceful town nestled in the foothills of the Cascades. It's a little less than 50 miles from Portland with a very scenic drive where one can see several snow-covered peaks.

AKRON, OHIO

Florence Graf

Ground has been broken and the footer laid for our new house of worship. If all goes well, we hope to enjoy a new church building in the very near future . . . may the Lord add His blessing to our venture.

Andrew Leidal underwent surgery. He is progressing satisfactorily—we wish him a speedy recovery.

Following his testimony on Saturday evening, David Graf, son of Bro. Ernie and Sis. Louise Graf, was baptized on Easter. Many relatives and friends gathered with us. Bro. John Fetter of Toledo was our visiting minister—we enjoyed his inspiring message, and invite him to visit us again.

WICHITA, KANSAS

Mrs. Larry Farney

Mrs. Harvey Smith

Our dear friend, Jocelyn Langhofer, has received peace and desires to be baptized. The Lord willing, her wish will be granted April 27.

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Sis. Mae Aeschleman and her family in the loss of her son, Vance. He passed away as the result of a disease of the nerves. We

ask the Lord to comfort them in their time of grief.

We know that Grace cometh from God

He giveth more grace when the burdens grow greater;
He sendeth more strength when the labors increase.
To added affliction He addeth His Mercy;
To multiplied trials, His multiplied peace.
His love has no limit; His grace has no measure,
His power has no boundary known unto men.
For out of His infinite riches in Jesus
He giveth and giveth and giveth again.

Builders

We are the builders who build today,
But someone before us has paved the way.
Someone has dreamed and someone has prayed,
And through their visions our hearthstones are laid.

We also are dreamers today who dream,
But someone tomorrow must cross the stream.
Someone must fashion from our mind's view
The future building that we would do.
Someone will master because we believe;
Someone will do what we dream to achieve.

Something to Ponder

The average age of the world's great civilizations has been 200 years. Nations have progressed through this sequence:

From bondage to faith
From faith to great courage
From courage to liberty
From liberty to abundance
From abundance to selfishness
From selfishness to complacency
From complacency to apathy
From apathy to dependency
From dependency back into bondage.

In less than ten years, our United States will be exactly 200 years old.

It was so beautiful, he repeated. I was sitting beside her bed last evening when she turned to me and

said, "Can you hear it?" "Hear what?" I asked. "The music she said, 'the music. Listen!'" Her face was aglow; her eyes were shining, and she raised her head a little from the pillow, as if to hear it better. . . . I knew by the light in her face what joy it was giving her, when her head slipped back on the pillow. I would not have done anything to keep her from hearing that glorious music forever.

"ARE ALL THE CHILDREN IN?"

(Let each who reads these lines make sure that, when time is gone, each will be among the children—then we will be happy and forever satisfied. Why risk such an opportunity!)

I think ofttimes as the night draws nigh,

Of an old house on the hill,
Of a yard all wide and blossom-starred,
Where the children played at will.
And when the night at last came down,
Hushing the merry din,
Mother would look around and ask,
"Are all the children in?"

'Tis many and many a year since then,
And the old house on the hill
No longer echoes to childish feet,
And the yard is still, so still,
But I see it all as the shadows creep,
And though many the years have been,
Since then, I can hear mother ask,
"Are all the children in?"

Might we suggest you send the Silver Lining to someone you are lovingly concerned about. Don't overlook any tool to accomplish God's work.

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GREEN OF THE LEAF

Henry Souder Jr.

Long winter sees only the branch. No green. Then, **IT'S SPRING!** Balmy weather, blue skies, green. There is a beautiful time, just around the corner. Our Lord told us some things, so we could live wisely. . . And look for the green. . .

"And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many." There is a great danger. We all need warning to be wise. The humble will heed. The words are from the Lord Himself. Many false preachers with smooth words shall lead away many. The trap is set.

The unheeding will fall.

"And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold." Iniquity means lawlessness. A trampling, a surging and bursting of the good of the law. Pillars are crumbling. For the average citizen of the USA, it is stated, chance is one in 5 he or she will suffer from a major crime this year.

"But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved." Hold on. Find relief. There is quiet in His presence. We are under attack. Words seen, heard, and read burst as shells on a war front. . . but the end, that is the beginning. . . His word holds secrets above the furthestest science. . .

"And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world

for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." God's work reaches right down to the line. Our lives should work for the glory of His kingdom. Where is there another activity that reaps such harvest? The moment is priceless.

"When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand". A wicked dictator is going to have residence in Jerusalem. He will wreck the good. His iron heel will grind his victims. The children of Israel are in possession of the holy city. Centuries and centuries they were not; now they are there. But tensions tighten. The eyes of the world are being drawn to dramatic happenings . . . yet, wait and watch for the green. . .

"Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains: Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take anything out of his house". When that smooth subtle dictator is received in the Jewish house as friend, he is going to turn and be different. Ferocious & angry, the beast will bare his fangs at his former friends. The Revelation tells about two wings of a great eagle being given to the woman, and yet an attempt to destroy with water as a flood. Israel, shall she be flown some place? The

beast's effort to stop will come to naught.

"Neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes. And woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days! But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day." Emergency orders. The sirens wail. Listen to the word. Notice the thin edge between death and escape. The words show fleeing, flight swift, swift.

"For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be." Certainly every hot line has then ceased to function. The signal shall be given. The button pressed. This is the day of darkness, of gloominess . . . the day of the great slaughter, when the towers fall. Disaster . . . pall . . . unearthly gloom.

"And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened." Again that rumble of thunder. Destruction. . . Are there clouds in our skies? Is the clanging of armor shown on our forecast? Armageddon, will its future array soon be the outline of today?

It is not very far away. Look for the green.