

And seeth two angels in white sitting, the one at the head, and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain.

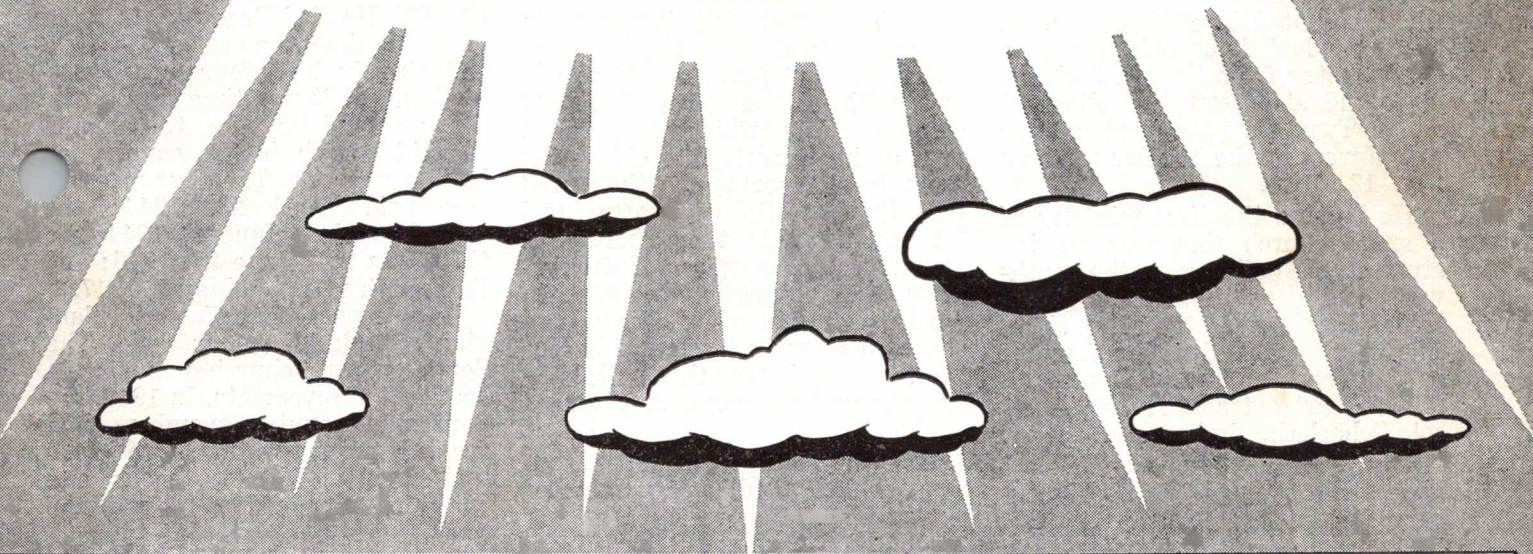
And they say unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? She saith unto them, Because they have taken away my Lord, and I know not where they have laid him.

And when she had thus said, she turned herself back, and saw Jesus stand-

ing, and knew not that it was Jesus.

Jesus saith unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? whom seekest thou? She, supposing him to be the gardener, saith unto him, Sir, if thou have borne him hence, tell me where thou hast laid him, and I will take him away.

Jesus saith unto her, Mary.



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

THE SILVER LINING

A LIGHT for BELIEVERS

THE BEGINNING OF A NEW DAY

Bro. Al Frautschi made the following words available to Bro. Ed.

This is the beginning of a new day. God has given this day to me to use . . . I can waste it or I can use it. I can make it a day long to be remembered for its joy, its beauty and its achievement, or it can be filled with pettiness, and ugliness.

What I do today is important be-

cause I am exchanging a day of my life for it. When tomorrow comes, this day will be gone forever, but I shall hold something which I have traded for it . . . if it is a worthy one I shall not regret the price. I hope it may bring gain, not loss; good, not evil; success, certainly not failure.

So here is the day, and here am I. God will not expect more of me

than I am capable of giving, but He will expect my best. There will be beauty, and I must not miss it. There will be cries of people in distress, and I must hear and answer. There will be opportunities, and I must be ready.

And finally, when night falls, may I look back without regret, and forward with radiant spirit and thankful heart.

HISTORY OF APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF PLEASANT RIDGE TWP.

Livingston County, Illinois

In the year of 1864, Joseph Virkler and family came from Croghan and settled on a farm in Section 21, Pleasant Ridge Township. In 1868, Rudolf Leutholds came to this country from Zurich, Switzerland, and also settled in Pleasant Ridge Twp. He purchased a farm to the west of the Virkler farm on Oct. 12, 1868.

He became the first minister of a small church that was getting started in a building on the southwest corner of the Virkler farm. He also served as the first elder. The church served a few families at the time, the Keller, Ramseyer, Metz, Swartzentraub, Huber, Abersol, Scharlach, Stoller and others.

The church was growing, and about this time the Jacob Honegger family came from Zurich, Switzerland to this country, in 1866, landed in Morton, and came to Forrest a short time later. Also being a minister of the Apostolic Christian faith, he helped fill the needs of the growing congregation as minister of the gospel and was elder until his death. A larger church was built in the year of 1875, also on the Virkler land, one-half mile further east, in Pleasant Ridge Township.

This site was deeded, along with the cemetery ground on the west side of the farm, by Joseph Virkler to the trustees of the church at that time, who were Bros. Nicholas Ramseyer, Frederic Metz and Rudolf Leuthold. By this time there were many more families settling in the region of Forrest, namely: Haab, Detweiler, Bollier, Schnei-

der, Geiger, Lear, Ebach, Nussbaum, Bach, Stortz, Mauler, Hess, Yoder, Fortna, Kilgus, Hirstein, Munz, Yakle and Moser.

In the year of 1893, it was again necessary to enlarge the building, and a 32 x 44 foot assembly room was built on the south of the old assembly room (which was changed to a dining room). The old dining room to the north was then used for Sunday School room and kitchen. At this time there was also more land acquired of the Andrew Abersol farm to the east, to meet the needs of a larger yard and also room to build stables for the teams of horses that pulled the buggies and wagons over the mud roads.

Elder Rudolf Leuthold passed away in 1892, and for a number of years this church received help in its times of need by ministers from the South Church and others, as Elder Honegger was called to serve in council quite often. Some years later, Bro. Gilgian Stoller began to serve in the ministry, along with Elder Honegger. Bro. Giligan Stoller passed away in 1919. Elder Honegger passed away in 1920.

Bro. Edward Honegger began to minister after his father's death, till the year of his death in 1925. In 1923, Bro. Peter Bach began to minister, was ordained as elder in 1933, and died in 1946. Bro. John Maurer started to minister in 1919, and moved to Fairbury in 1922. Bro. Henry Kilgus was put into the ministry in May 1931, and was ordained as elder in December 1946. Bro. Alex Stoller began to minister in 1934, and moved to

Fairbury in 1946. In 1946, Bro. Joseph Kaisner started to minister. Bro. Ben Wiegand moved here as a minister from Taylor in the spring of 1947. He died December 5, 1956.

By this time, the year of 1947, we had already held four meetings—feeling that it was time that something should be done to remodel the old church in the country or build a new one. The first meeting was held April 24, 1944; the second was held June 28, 1944; the third was held June 27, 1946; and the fourth was held May 7, 1947.

In the year of 1947, much planning and deciding was done. The South country church was also in need of improvements. In 1948, the Southside country members had decided that, two-thirds to come to Forrest and build with us, and one-third planned to go to Fairbury.

Our new church was built in Forrest in the years of 1948 and 1949. The church was finished for

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services Jan. 1, 1950; services were held twice before the church was completed. In the spring of 1950, both country churches, North and South, were sold and disposed of.

December 18, 1949 was the first time we gathered to worship in the new church building at Forrest, although it was not yet fully completed. Everyone enjoyed themselves in comfort and were thankful to God. We met for the second Sunday on Dec. 25, 1949, with many visitors to witness the Sunday School program which was enjoyed by all.

January 1, 1950, we met with quite a number of visitors, with everything completed. Many came to go through the new building for the Open House, from 2:00 till 4:00. Bro. Andy Nussbaum, Remington, was visiting minister. Dedication services were held at 1:00

o'clock on Jan. 2, 1950. Bro. Schrock, Bro. Mangold, and Bro. Getz filled the pulpit, with a full house.

During the year of 1950, we witnessed the blessings with 16 converts, 4 weddings, held the Lord's Supper once, and had only one friend to pass away, Mary Kemp.

Bro. Andrew Koehl began to minister in the South country church in March 1932, and came to Forrest in 1950. Bro. Clarence Kachelmuss was put into the ministry in 1957 . . . the ministers, Elder Henry Kilgus, Bros. Joseph Kaisner, Andrew Koehl, and Clarence Kachelmuss. Present trustees are Bros. Frank Honegger, Emil Sohn, John Kyburz.

(Editor's note: The following are figures which later show a growth.) Our church considers the Sunday School of great importance and is crowded for room, having

191 scholars. Nine brothers and seven sisters are teaching, with Bro. Perry Zimmerman as superintendent.

Bro. Perry Zimmerman started to minister May 20, 1966. On October 18, 1967 ground was broken to add a dining room and Sunday School rooms. Bro. Perry Zimmerman was ordained as an ordained deacon Nov. 29, 1967. First Sunday in new addition was July 28, 1968. Open House Aug. 25, 1968. Bro. Andy Koehl passed away June 27, 1969. Bro. Earl Gerber was elected for the ministry Sept. 5, 1969.

There were 4 Sunday School teachers elected Oct. 5, 1969. We now have 15 Sunday School teachers, 218 Sunday School scholars. 245 members, Jan. 1 1970.

This record has been brought up to date January 1, 1970 by Bro. Henry Kilgus.

TRAVEL-TIME

and

THE RICHES OF FELLOWSHIP

There was blue sky that day we came to San Antonio . . . some clouds, and a prediction of coming rain. Palms were near our momentary inn. Nearby Ft. Sam Houston has 3,000 acres, 1900 buildings. It is situated on the northeast side of the city.

We looked up 463 Eleanor, the apartment for our servicemen. There were familiar names on the front: John Klopfenstein, Wendell Anliker, more. It is a place of blended hearts. I left a note (no one was there).

Along about 8:30-9:00, there was the ring of a phone in Room 123. It was John . . . Have church tomorrow afternoon and evening . . . happy to hear from us . . . not expecting it.

In my records, I jotted down a little of a beautiful gospel hymn—"I'm A Pilgrim" . . . can tarry but a night. (How true, wherever we are).

Services breathed divine blessings. How rich are the hymns, "Word of Life" and "The Magnet". What a priceless privilege to be with John, Dave Knobloch, Leon Gerber, Floyd Frieden, Cleve Klopfenstein, Keith Kellenberger and all that assembly.

A voice from the recorder was Bro. John Yergler, Bluffton . . . we heard of the flood, and of the coming of the Son of Man. The saints who meet at Ft Sam have indeed riches that shall not fail.

John, Leon and Floyd took us on a tour. The Brook General Hospital at Ft Sam is the largest burn hospital in the world. Ft Sam is a great medical establishment.

Roger Hitz had been on guard duty. Now he was walking along. We backed up a little; there was conversation of our boys. We saw the place where one works in a mess hall. Others are in clerical work. We ate together. Robert Beebe is a veterinarian, and in service . . . his wife is the former Sue Kupferschmidt, who reported for the Silver Lining for Iowa City.

Evening services: our Lord gave messages in song—Prayer seemed stressed—I Need The Prayers, Did You Think To Pray, An Evening Prayer . . . Bro. Knepp from Roanoke read Proverbs 13:1-15, including hope. The skyline of San Antonio was colorful . . . There is to faith a beautiful, perfect Skyline on a brighter horizon . . .

A train whistles in an evening . . . Saltillo, Mexico. Founded in 1555, this city of approximately 110,000 is said to be a mile high in elevation. Mexico . . . there's something much different. Often there

is no common understanding. The money is pesos, not quarters nor dimes. Not gallons, but liters. The measurement down the road no longer is a mile, but a kilometer. No longer is it the well-know of the States . . . The border, its passage was away, beyond.

There were nice views in Mexico . . . across the darkness, a city of lights on the hillside . . . A bird singing, iris blooming . . . A distant mountain . . . Hope sees Mt. Zion in heaven . . . we live by faith as a city set on an hill . . . love sets the joy ringing.

Back across the border, the things would be more easy to understand. What we talk, the measurements for how far we think . . . The service station knows what we want, and its easy to tell them.

Deeper, more real, and a far more exciting and enriching reality is fellowship. The circle of believers at Ft. Sam has fellowship—a language of the heart, a mutual understanding, a common bond, a joy of heavenly partnership. God's friendships enrich forever and ever.

With such ties, where two or three meet together, we are home, sitting in heavenly places, even when beyond any border. A lone-some heart finds joy, when the kilometers count down toward Home.

LONG BINH, VIET NAM Merle Rocke

"At some time or other . . . in some way or other, the Lord will provide." How often have we in Viet Nam found courage in these words . . . And just as the dear Lord shared many blessings with Art Beery and I when He permitted us to visit Bro. Dale Strassheim in Bangkok, Thailand, likewise did He provide, for our great spiritual needs when Art and I were permitted to fly to Japan together on R&R. Having not been able to assemble in God's House for quite sometime, it was truly a joy for us to fellowship with our Japanese brethren, to hear God's word proclaimed, and to sing hymns of praise together. A highlight of our trip was having Bro. Gary Roth in Tokyo with us. Gary is stationed in Korea, and Art and I had not seen him since he left Ft. Sam over a year ago. All three of us are certainly indebted to the Klaus family, the Ehnle family, Sisters Marie Neihouser and Carol Schrenk, and to our Japanese brethren for the warm Christian love they showed us. We thank God for the blessings of His presence, which we were able to feel so strongly in Japan.

Bro. Gaylord Dotterer, who was stationed briefly here at Long Binh, has now returned home and has received his discharge from the Army. We rejoice with him and with his parents and family at Mansfield.

In the circumstances which face us here, it seems that we are permitted to view life as we knew it at home from afar, and our perspective, understanding and appreciation of the blessings we enjoyed there tend to be magnified. We miss the fellowship of the brotherhood, opportunities to sing together, witnessing provings and baptismal services, and sharing the holy kiss of love and faith. These are priceless blessings from the Father. Value them!

After nearly a year of "Longing for my Homeland", I now hope to return to my loved ones in June, the Lord willing. I humbly and gratefully thank all of you who have prayed for us here—for countless are the times I felt faint and stumbled, and then I was bouyed up by the prayers of others on my behalf. It's an experience words cannot describe. Surely we

all need each other's support, prayers, and encouragement if we are to reach the Eternal Homeland for which we all yearn. Somehow, by God's grace, may we all be worthy.

FRANCESVILLE

Mrs. Herman (Chris) Weuthrich
Mrs. Otto Wuethrich

May 28, was a blessed Sunday for us. One thing was, that lunch was served to us from California, from a dear friend there, Betty Jeges, who has accepted her Saviour. We pray that much grace will be given her, as her afflictions are many. She wanted to do something for her loved ones here, so Communion Sunday was chosen for her wish to be fulfilled. We all wish to sincerely thank you Dear Betty for this loving deed.

Next then we had the "Blessed Feast of Love," given to us by the dear Elder Bros. Noah Schrock, George Yergler and David Bertsch.

Then our prayers were answered; a brother was given that we could look up to for God's message, and he could look to us, as we give him our whole-hearted support. Bro. Karl Westfall, his companion is Sis. Mary Louise (Gutwein) was chosen. Then last, but not least, Bro. Harry Bucher ended our bountiful day with an inspiring prayer.

Another Sunday, "some food for thought" was given us. "If we would always get our ways in this life, it might be the most harmful thing for us." Bros. Fredrick Knapp and Verlin Stoller were so uplifting, and our prayers of thanks go to them.

Bro. Pierre Neihouser had to have surgery, and this was said: "Bro. Pete has so often offered prayers in our assembly, and we pray it will be the Lord's will that he can again assemble with us and offer prayers."

Sis. Veronica Bucher's smiling face is with us again, and also prayer is that Sis. Pearl Getz can soon be back, as "She is a pearl".

"Take My Hand, Precious Lord"; this is what our dear Sis. Emma (Schmit) Boehning wishes, as she had to give up her companion, George. Bro. George Yergler knew him so well, from their Sunday School days in Cissna Park, and he gave very comforting words to the family. The two sons said he was good to them, and their wives said their communciation with him

was peace and joy. When Emma went up town he would say, "P sure and bring candy for the neighbor children."

Farewell with this—
Do all the good you can
In all the ways you can
For all the people you can
Just as long as you can.

MORTON, ILLINOIS

Mrs. John Oberlander
Mrs. Ken Getz

Six dear souls were baptized the first week of May. They are: Carla Vierling, daughter of Bro. Carl and Sis. Rose Baer Vierling; Greg Rassi, son of Bro. Eli and Sis. Pearl Schweight Rassi; Dana Taufer, son of Bro. Robert and Sis. Marie Grimm Taufer; Kristine Zimmerman, daughter of Bro. Russell and Sis. Elvina Grimm Zimmerman; Debbie Koehl, daughter of Bro. Eric and Sis. Mildred Domnick Koehl; Jean Roeschley, daughter of Bro. Kenneth and Sis. Dorothy Bauman Roeschley. Twelve more dear ones have been announced and will give their testimonies later this month.

Visiting ministers were Bros. Joseph Ramsier of Rittman and Fred Knapp of Congerville. Bros. Noah Schrock, Jesse Schrock, and Gene Bertschi were here with our congregation April 5, to help take part in the Lord's Supper. We thank them for their untiring efforts.

The Levi Pfister family suffered the loss of their home by fire. May the Lord be with them as they start a new home.

Bro. Henry Rapp Sr. and Sis. Anna Kibler Rapp celebrated their 49th anniversary April 5. Henry has been a shut-in for some time. May God be with them.

Bro. John Schick is in the hospital in St. Louis. Our prayers are with him.

Ken and Jody Baum have a new baby son—Terry Lee. He has two brothers at home.

We have had many loved ones in the hospital. They are: Dyke Martin, son of Robert and Dorothy Martin, Rose Knapp, Sisters Mary Getz, Til Kaiser, Anna Heinold, Louise Stoller, Betty Rassi, and Bro. Al Koehl.

The Mortonaries spent the April 26 week-end in Milford. A blessed time was had by all. A special thanks to the families of Milford who so graciously opened their homes unto us.

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

Mrs. Craig Gutwein

Another school year is coming to a close. For those who are graduating, this will be the beginning of your careers. It will open many new ways in which to serve the Lord. May God's blessings be upon you, and may he guide your steps always. We will miss all of you. Have a wonderful summer, and we hope to see the rest of you back next fall.

Bro. Edwin Bahler and others from Remington were down on the 12th of April. Ed read from St. Matthew, chapter 7. He reminded us that a good foundation is needed, and this foundation should be built on the rock of our Lord. Many blessings were received on this Sunday.

On April 19, a few from the Milford congregation came to worship with us. Bro. Walter Steffen led us in worship. There was a large size group which gathered; many blessings were shared by all.

Two ministers from the Bluffton congregation joined us for worship on the 26th, Bro. Sam Aeschliman and Bro. John Yergler. Only a few were able to gather together. In the afternoon the memorandum was read, and we had communion. It was indeed a very well-blessed day.

May 3, Francesville joined us. Bro. Wendell Gudeman led us in worship. We enjoy so much his ministering. Wendell said, Let us not pray that we don't have trials, but that we can overcome them. A warm **thank you** goes to all those who worshiped with us.

I have been writing the **Silver Lining** in Indianapolis for a year now, and I am now retiring. Craig and I are being blessed in a few weeks with a child. I just wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for your help, support and prayers in helping me write these news items. Thank you and may God bless you.

BREMEN, INDIANA

Emma Unsicker

How beautiful the month of May! Only God, the Creator of heaven and earth, could paint such loveliness. We four sisters and our brother are very thankful we will have our mother to enjoy. She will be eighty years old this summer. She certainly has been blessed with good health, and is a real inspiration to all of us. She enjoys

working in her yard and garden, and gives every plant and flower such tender loving care. She loves to visit her family, friends, neighbors, and the shut-ins. I sincerely believe that if our youth of today would communicate more freely with their parents, they would be much happier.

"Fathers are head of the home"
"Mothers are heart of the home"

What a priceless treasure to God and to this troubled old world is a praying Christian mother. God's word says, "Train up a child in the way he should go . . . Children, obey **your** parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord."

Preparations are being made for our Vacation Bible School.

Sis. Helen (Mrs. George) Zimmer is recovering at home from surgery.

Our youth group and all others who went to Mansfield had a happy time in fellowship with loved ones there, and wish to thank them for their kind generosity.

LAMAR

Marie Marti

We rejoice with the angels in heaven when souls heed the word of God and turn to Him in repentance. Three dear ones have chosen the path which leads heavenward. Gene Banwart, son of Bro. Art and Sis. Ruth Banwart; Carol and Kent Marti, daughter and son of Bro. Dale and Sis. Corrine Marti, have made this important decision to live for the Lord. May God grant them an abundance of grace and courage.

Joy again filled the hearts of Bro. Dale and Sis. Corrine Marti, their family, and friends when their son, Larry returned from Viet Nam on Sun., April 26. He returned in time to yet clasp the hand of his dear grandfather. Surely he must have somehow known his grandson had come home safely under God's protecting wing. Intermingled with joy this month we have experienced sorrow.

Linda Braker, daughter of Bro. Leonard and Sis. Bonnie, was hospitalized for an appendectomy. Sis. Lizzie Remm entered the hospital with a blood clot. Then on April 26, after having returned from a visit with her two great grandchildren in Raytown, my mother, Sis. Bertha Marti, slipped quietly into

a deep coma as a result of a severe cerebral hemorrhage. She remained in this condition for four days, then gradually began to open her eyes and speak to us. For two weeks she, Sis. Lizzie Remm, and Bro. Fred Marti lay in adjacent rooms in the hospital, the families of each keeping hourly vigil. Then one night God called one of them home.

"In my Father's house are many mansions: if **it were not so**, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, **there ye** may be also."

Bro. Fred Marti was called to his reward on April 29, after having been hospitalized for two weeks, following a cerebral hemorrhage. Fred was 74 years old and had served faithfully in the vineyard of the Lord for many years, having served as a minister for 23 years. He is survived by his wife, Sis. Anna; three sons, Bro. Dale and Bro. Leonard of Lamar; Ervin of Burlington, Iowa; four daughters, Sis. Ruth Schrock, Oakville; Sis. Dorothy Wagenbach, Burlington, Iowa; Sis. Corrine Roth and Sis. Allene Steffen, Goodfield; and one sister, Sis. Louise Banwart of Ft. Scott. Fred turned to the Lord in his youth and found contentment in living for Him for more than half a century. His steadfast faith and Christian living are reflected in his children and grandchildren, many of whom have made the same choice which was made by him so many years ago, a choice which is far more valuable than all the material wealth and fame that anyone could attain, one which brings everlasting peace and happiness.

REMINGTON, INDIANA

Anna M. Waibel

The nation endured some tense moments when the astronauts encountered trouble going to the moon. How thankful everyone was when they again landed safely. How encouraging and strengthening it was to know all took time to give God thanks, and to hear Pres. Nixon suggest Sunday to be a day of Thanksgiving.

We are so happy that five souls in our midst are to be proved in the near future: Mich and Coleen (Clauss) Culp, Curt (Bro. Edwin

and Sis. Lois) Bahler, Wayne Steffen (Bro. Ray and Sis. Lucile), and our dear old friend Ed Frey, who is up in years and his health has been failing for years. He is in the Kentland Kare Nursing Home at Kentland, Ind., 102 E. Carroll. I'm sure he would be encouraged to hear from anyone who could give him words of comfort and encouragement. My brother worked for him on the farm for many years, and our folks and his folks were good friends.

Robert (Bob) Bahler has been in the hospital for observation and treatment. Let us remember all our sick in prayer.

Bro. John Steiner and family, his folks from Oakville and others were with us. It is interesting and inspiring to note his faith and courage, as he is young in the ministry.

Bro. Bernard and Sis. Carolyn Virklers from New York were here several days to help her mother, Sis. Mary Schieler with her work, as her health does not permit her to get along alone.

The following is said about a friend which can also be applied to **Mothers**. A friend is one to whom we may pour out the contents of our hearts, both the chaff and the grain together, knowing that the gentlest of hands will sift it, keeps what is worth keeping, and with a breath of kindness blows the rest away! A friend is one who knows all about you and loves you just the same! A true friend loveth at all times.

The week-end of May 2, a car from here were at Eureka and Princeville. We visited the folks at the A. C. Home, Sis. Julia Frey and Sis. Sophie Siebenthal. They lived in our midst many years . . . spent the night with Bro. John and Sis. Tillie Wittmer. They lived neighbors to us when we lived on the farm. I spent many a day and night with them and their family as they were growing up . . . on Sunday, enjoyed seeing the beautiful new church at Princeville . . . made calls at several homes, and were sorry to find Sis. Marie Siebenthal in bed. My sisters often went to her home when they worked in Peoria and always were welcomed there at anytime, as were many girls who were away from home. We all enjoyed the hospitality at Sis. Ruth Ricketts home . . . we enjoyed relating experiences.

SHIODA, JAPAN Toshio Uchida

With praise to our Lord, again we send a letter from the church in Japan to everyone in the church in America. Spring has visited our Shioda Church, and the peach blossoms are in bloom.

Sisters Marie and Carol are busy in their schools. A new school year began in April in our kindergarden, and now we have more boys than girls. The Ehnle family is well. It is a great blessing that we can live each day under the grace of God. It is also a great joy.

"For thou, LORD, wilt bless the righteous; with favour wilt thou compass him as with a shield."

Youthful brethren from the American Church who are in Viet Nam sometimes visit our Shioda Church. Please pray for these young brothers. I see by today's news that the war is becoming bigger. It is a great sorrow for so many youthful lives to be lost. Japan previously had many wars, but now as a result of having lost the war it has become more peaceful than before.

Those of us who are in Christ always beg for a righteous world, and that even one person more might come to know the teachings of Christ. Let us believe that the Lord is our Shepherd and follow Him. There is much work to be done in our churches, and Bro. Ehnle (Willis) is busy. Please encourage him and pray for the power of the Holy Spirit upon him. Our brother John Klaus from the Tokyo Church has gone to America for one week.

We have been considering a plan for helping needy children. We realize that to train children in the way they should go is difficult unless begun very early. To help the orphans is one of the tasks God has given us believers to do. It is our work.

Everyone in America, please pray to God that you might have a peaceful country without war.

"Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful."

Translated by Willis R. Ehnle.

TAMAHATA Willis R. Ehnle

He departed again into a mountain himself alone. The Lord Jesus

Christ must have lived a lonely life on earth. There were many who wanted to utilize Him, but few indeed who saw merit in bearing a cross.

Bro. Hisato Inoue is still in the hospital as a result of an automobile accident last September. He has trouble with headaches as a result of injury to nerves in his shoulder. He was able to come to church at Tamahata on Sunday, April 26, but had to return to the hot springs hospital, where he receives therapy and treatment for the injured nerves. On April 28 he had an operation on his neck, his second for correcting injured nerves. May the words of Job 23:19, When he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold, be fulfilled in his life.

Servicemen visiting Japan the second week in April were Bro. Merle Rocke of Eureka, Bro. Gary Roth of Roanoke and Friend Arthur Beery of Rittman. Gary is stationed in Korea, but Merle and Arthur are in Vietnam. The following week Bro. Jerry Drayer of Bluffton visited us. We had an English worship service in early morning at 6:30 during visits of these servicemen. We are very happy to have visitors.

In the church in Japan as in so many places, storm clouds sometimes arise. Let us humbly remember each other in prayer.

ALTADENA Freda and Rhoda Minger

Bro. Reuben and Sis. Marie Farnley have left for Burlington Oklahoma, where they will spend the summer. Reuben enjoys doing some work on his farm during harvest season with his son Aron, who lives near Burlington.

Sis. Judy Bittner has left our congregation to make her home in Illinois. Her new address is 5110 W. Bryon, Chicago 60641. She will be greatly missed by us all, and wish her the Lord's blessings in her new undertakings.

We are thankful to God for His many blessings, and are happy to have Sis. Elizabeth Beyer and Sis. Helen Klotzle attend services again. We missed their presence.

May 10 is a day set aside honoring mothers. We are grateful to our dear Lord for our Christian mothers. The following was submitted by our ministering brother, John Klotzle.

Mother

"She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness. She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness." While the many other verses of this proverb would apply, these few lines speak to the inner and spiritual part of one of the most loving of all God's creation—Mother!

To enumerate her many virtues—the countless acts and deeds of love, the sacrifice and sufferings, would not meet with her approval, for this would be heaping honor and acclaim upon her. Better, then, to reflect upon the spiritual gifts she has shared with us.

Love and example, humility and concern, these exemplify the one who though frail in body shared with us her spiritual strength. Even as she fed and nursed us through innocence and youth, when the day arrived to become reconciled with God, a new help and service became known. Above all her prayers and steadfastness faith have created the pattern that we willingly want to follow.

Mother's courage in the face of pain, perseverance through times of uncertainty, and her loving and forgiving heart depict the results of her faith. Although we must each guide our own ship of life and establish our own anchor of faith, knowing that the one she set still holds and is a beacon to us when we need help gives us comfort and courage.

As she now approaches the twilight of life, her daily reliance upon God's help teaches us hope and patience. The past, so filled with wonderful memories, has been woven. The threads of the future are in God's merciful hands. Whatever His plan, may we yet utter in grateful prayer, "Thank you God, for our Mother!"

FORT WAYNE, INDIANA
Mary Eisenmann — Marge Gerber

"Mother, where are you?"
Came a happy little voice,
door swung wide
And pattering feet echoed thru the house!—

"I'm here dear, what did you want?"

A bundle of sunshine dashed into my room;

Two dear little arms around my neck did creep!

A quickly-given kiss and a hurried reply,

"I only wanted to tell you I LOVE YOU!"

And she left me to ponder "The Blessings of Motherhood"!

(ME)

Amy Lynn was born on April 10 to Gerald and Sis. Nancy Newport. She was welcomed home by a brother, Danny. Ralph and Sis. Ann Bahr Swihart from our congregation are maternal grandparents.

We rejoiced as we could partake of Holy Communion in remembrance of what our Lord and Saviour did for us. Elder Bros. John Yergler of Bluffton and George Sinn from Latty were with us for this blessed day, April 12.

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Bro. George Stieglitz of Leo, and especially to his daughters, Sisters Lenora Stoller and Eleanor, and sons, Russell and Harold of our congregation.

We enjoyed precious fellowship when ministering brother, David Wiegand, his wife Ethel and two children of Champaign spent a week end in our community. Especially dear to me were reminiscings of bygone days, when Sis. Ethyl and I worked in Peoria, and a two week vacation we took in 1955.

Words of Elder Bro. Joe Waibel of Bay City spoken at Latty: "Why did you come to church today?" To hear God's word, To sing songs of praise, To pray together . . . "And these we have done!" he said.

Another very precious and blessed week-end was ours when the brothers of the "Hymnsmen Octet" of Eureka and Roanoke visited our congregation. The fellowship was wonderful and the program of songs was truly inspiring! Again there was much reminiscing of bygone days! May we ever thank God for those Christian friends and fellowship of our youthful days! May His blessings follow these dear ones in the good they are doing and the joy they are spreading.

I think of the visit at the hospital with Bro. Ken Laukuf of Latty—With special arrangement, the brothers of the Octet met Ken

in the Hospital Chapel to sing a few songs. Ken related the overwhelming experience it was for him, having been absent from church assembly six weeks, and felt humbled it was shared with "just him"!

Now my thoughts turn to those dear ones of our own congregation who are hospitalized, all at St. Joseph Hospital, 700 Broadway—Bro. Phil Clauss in Intensive Care, having suffered a heart attack on Sat. p.m.; his wife, Sis. Emma, major surgery on Thurs.; and Lois Pfister, daughter of Bro. Levi and Sis. Lillian, medical. May these dear ones and their families feel our prayers and deep concern for them.

Roger Stoller, son of Bro. Gene and Sis. Minerva is spending a leave with his family and relatives. He will return to San Diego on May 18 for Electronics School.

PEORIA, ILLINOIS

Emily Tanner

Mrs. Michael Weyeneth

Mother —

Oh, what a wonderful word!

Tenderly —

Her voice is no longer heard.

Eternally —

Rests now her soul in peace.

Sincerely —

Dearest memories of her kindness remain.

Anchored —

Yes, deep in my heart, imbedded with pain.

Written by Sis. Louise Fink

Bro. Will and Sis. Mayme Erkert have returned to their home in Peoria. They spent the winter in Fort Lauderdale.

Bro. Jonas and Sis. Sophia Ball are thankful to be home again. While in Kansas on their way home from Tucson, Bro. Jonas was hospitalized with pneumonia. Mrs. Jacob Hoerr is a patient at St. Francis Hospital.

The Peoria Adult Choir prepared and served a delicious dinner at the Fellowship Hall, April 11. After dinner was served, they sang a selection of Easter hymns. We appreciate the interest and fellowship of beloved brethren from neighboring churches who joined us in a blessed evening.

The Morton Bible Class and their teachers spent a Sunday with our Peoria Bible Class. It was so

nice to see so many young folks in our assembly. May they seek to further their fellowship with God's children.

We enjoyed the fellowship of the Adult Choir from Morton and their selection of hymns which they sang at our May Hymn-Sing.

The progress of the building-on of an infirmary at our A. C. Home on Skyline Drive is coming along real good. The bricks are laid and the roof is on. Electrical work and plumbing is now in process.

Dear Bro. Souder

I am sending you a letter that was sent to us by our son Tom. Thomas is our youngest son . . . Tom took his father's advice and registered as a conscientious objector and asked to be given training in medics. He is now a medic in The First Air Cavalry . . . Raymond Martin.

Here is the letter:—dated March 26, 1970, Viet Nam
Hi Folks:

What with the mail strike and the fact that I haven't been able to write for a while . . . I suppose you were wondering when you were going to get a letter. We've been busy the last couple of weeks because our last trip to the boonies (boondocks or jungles) we took a lot of casualties—four dead and thirty wounded. Thanks to God's help, I made it through without getting hurt. You asked in your letter when I was getting a rear job. . . . I got it. My job in the rear is about as safe as being in Peoria . . . I'm glad to hear that the sales help is going good. Just keep the business going . . .

I've still got the same ideals that I left with, in that I haven't even shot at anybody and I don't intend to. As a matter of fact, I patched up a (Viet Cong) that was shot. It's not my job to kill and I don't. I really don't have much else to say other than take care of yourselves and the business and everything is OK here.

Tom
P.S. Keep praying and writing.

FRANKFURT, GERMANY

David Kaeb

"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? . . . For I am persuaded,

that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, . . . nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Surely those of us who are separated by thousands of miles from loved ones can testify of the above verses. We can sure feel the love of God in our fellowship each week-end. I thank God for the many hours I have been able to spend with Ced Messner from Phoenix. Terry Nussbaum has been able to assemble with us also. The three of us cannot help but marvel at the beauty of the Lord's creation when hiking over the hills and through the woods.

Dwayne Laukhau is home on leave, and Bro. Jim and Sis. Kathy Heininger are in Norway on leave. Dan Weiland of Bay City received his discharge from active duty and is touring Europe.

May God bless you all. Auf Wiedersehen!

PURDUE UNIVERSITY

Veronica Bucher

Another month has brought us many blessings from visitors who traveled many miles to bring us God's word. The Bluffton congregation was with us on April 8, and Bro. John Yergler gave the evening message. Bro. Walt Steffen from Milford spoke to us at our next meeting, on April 22.

A blessed evening was enjoyed when the Purdue group was invited to the services at U of I in Champaign on Wed. April 15. We of our faith are so fortunate to have the fellowship we do, and that we can even enjoy having a mid-week service. Perhaps we never could appreciate it as much as we should unless the privilege was someday taken from us.

On May 2 and 3 a large number of students from colleges in Illinois and Indiana visited us at Purdue. On Sat. evening, Bro. Elmer Bucher from Francesville brought an evening message. Bro. Merle Bucher from La Crosse was with us for Sunday service, and we indeed received many spiritual blessings from the week-end. Everyone then went to Happy Hollow Park for a picnic and a few hours of fellowship. Before parting, we gathered together outside to sing. Standing there and enjoying the beauty of

God's creation around us, the song "Mansion over the Hilltop" given. Then the thought comes: "What must heaven be like, when we can experience joys like these here on earth!"

VALPARAISO, INDIANA

Thy word O Lord forever is
The mirror where we see
Our faults and duties as they are,
Our likeness unto Thee.

We were richly blest Sunday with Bro. Loren Stoller from Ohio, who led us in worship. He said we could give away all we have, but all this would not make us right with God . . .

We are truly happy and grateful that our minister, Bro. Harry is able to be back with us and he added a few words of importance. It is not where we have been, but where we are going. Yesterday is gone, and we cannot change it, so we try not to make the same mistakes again.

We have had a lot of wonderful ministers in Bro. Harry's absence. Some came willingly; some said they had other plans. One was convicted and came anyway, and sure he got as much blessing as we all did. He had a very touching sermon . . . as Paul said, Eye has not seen, ear has not heard for the love that God has bestowed on us if we but open our hearts.

WOLCOTT, INDIANA

Arles Kropf

A blessed day was enjoyed on May 3, when our church was filled to overflowing as Bro. Art Gudeman brought to us much food for thought. May the Lord richly bless him for his efforts.

The Death Angel has again come into our congregation, and taken Home our Sis. Priscilla Gauger, age 75. She had been ill the past several months, but apparently passed away in her sleep, and was found the morning of May 1 by her sister Emma, who had been staying with her. Surviving besides her sister are a daughter, Anna McClard of Indianapolis, a son Marvin of Wolcott, and a brother, Paul of Illinois. Funeral services were held at the church on May 4, with Bros. Vernon Schwab, George Yerxa and Alfred Bahler officiating. Priscilla will be greatly missed as she had done much in helping towards our World Relief Sewing projects and was always found busy in the

kitchen every Sunday noon and whenever there was a meal to be served for funerals.

Sis. Sophie Farney has been hospitalized due to an infection. She is a resident of Lake Manor Home at Monticello.

Vickie Waibel, daughter of Bro. Leon and Sis. Reva, is our only high school graduate this year. May the Lord bless her and go with her.

ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY Christy Koch

Another ISU student has found the need of repentance. Cheryl Joos, of Morton, has asked God to help her walk through this life and lead her to eternity.

Some of the students spent the week-end of May 2-3 at Purdue University. We certainly felt the blessings of gathering with those of like mind.

Bro. Henry Grimm, on April 9, reminded us that our hearts must be completely cleansed before the Holy Spirit can dwell there. To retain the Spirit, we must be constant in prayer and cling to our faith. On April 16, Bro. Ed Hohulin compared the life of Abraham to our lives of faith. Abraham wasn't able to make his sacrifice—only Christ could make the Supreme Sacrifice for us. Bro. Gerald Sutter meditated on Acts 27, comparing our lives for the Lord to a shipwreck. Even though the ship is broken into many pieces, some can still be saved by clinging to a single board; likewise we too, if our faith is floundering, should cling to the last strand to reach our goal of Life Eternal. Bro. Bob Pohl told us that God is waiting for every soul to trust in Him. He will help you through every trial and care in this life. Turn to God before it's too late. Perhaps Today He will come.

LATTY, OHIO

Dolores Grant — Iva Stoller
A Christian, now baptized,
To me much grace is given.
Why was this granted me?
That I with Christ am risen!

We gained four new souls into our brotherhood the 19th of April. They are Bro. Rodney Laukhuf and wife, Sis. Edith, son and daughter-in-law of Bro. and Sis. Merrill Laukhuf; Bro. Phil Grant, son of Bro. and Sis. Thomas Grant and Sis. Suzanne Wieland, daugh-

ter of Bro. and Sis. Clem Wieland. We experienced a blessed day, with many visitors who came for provings and baptisms, and are thankful for the messages of inspiration from three ministers who came to share our blessings: Bro. Joe Waibel, Bay City; Bro. Arthur Gudeman, La Crosse; and Bro. Floyd Wieland, Detroit.

Hospital patients were Bro. Ben Schlatter; Bobby Sinn, son of Bro. Walter and Sis. Renee; and Mrs. Dave (Nancy) Laukhuf, all mostly for tests, home again. Bro. Kenneth Laukhuf, who has been hospitalized for quite some time, is home convalescing from back surgery. Our dear aged Sis. Bertha (Jake) Stoller was admitted to a rest home in Defiance, Ohio. . . . We often miss the presence of our aged who are not able to assemble with us. Sis. Dora Sinn also has not been able to assemble with us. May God be with them in their infirmities.

This Mothers Day, we wish to remember not only our own, but these aged mothers of our congregation. We can believe they have endured many hardships and sorrows, along with happiness on life's pathway, leaving behind a shining example, like footprints in the sand. Our prayer is that we can follow.

We have one birth to announce; a son, born May 3 to Bro. Gus and Sis. LeAnn Schlatter. Little Matthew Jay is their first child.

We were privileged to have with us on May 3 Bro. Hartzell Kaisner from Detroit, who gave us inspiring messages. May 6, Bro. Ben Manz from Junction was with us for our midweek service. We thank God that we can still sit and listen to sound doctrine . . .

I would like to share with you the following poem written by one of our young brothers:

As days go by and time draws near,
And we so humbly pray,
Our Creator up in heaven, so dear,
will bring us home some day.
Every hour we watch to see for signs from up above;
If we sincerely pray on our knees
We'll experience His wonderful love.
Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard,
Tis what you and I have read;
In the book of John, this is referred,
He calls it heaven, instead.

So let us be faithful to our Master
in the sky,
And always remember Him with
our love,
For in doing so, we'll soon know
why
There's such a place up above.

MAYWOOD, CALIFORNIA

Elizabeth K. Kaisner

JESUS was tried to the uttermost
When condemned to die by an evil
host.

Forsaken of GOD, He in agony
cried,
'Tis finished, as on the cross He
died.

So are our lives . . . they are
often full of cross and sorrow, with
the trials and temptations that confront us in this life. Only each one can understand the trials they go through . . . These are a great school of preparation for us individually, to the saving of the soul.

When troubles press your heart
and mine
And Satan tempts us all the time,
Ernest prayer has wondrous power,
And the most troubled heart can
soothe.

Bro. Albert Kaisner has gone
through severe tests and trials as
he lay face to face with death two
years ago. God has spared him, and
he is in fair health and strength
again. These trials certainly were
beyond words.

In sorrow and pain thy trust do
retain,
In JESUS the merciful Saviour.

In patience then bear All trial and
care;
Above streams of bliss will refresh
thee.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

Alma Baum — Gus Baum

From our picture window, this
May 6 we see out upon masses of
ice, that have been pushed into our
bay by mighty northwest winds,
some of which is still twelve inches
thick. Fifteen inches of snow fell
the week of April 19. One day the
temperature went up into the lower
70's. The last two mornings it was
down below the 30 degree mark.

In several open water patches,
ducks and loons swim leisurely
about, gulls too join them, enjoy-
ing the icy water. Two huge geese

can be seen across the narrow part of bay, seemingly sunning themselves on the ice, resting on their journey north. Two whistling, beautiful white swans have been about until a few days ago, when the huge masses of ice were blown in, covering their feeding grounds. Every spring and fall they come to rest on the lake. They feed on water roots; most of the day is passed with their long necks submerged in search of tidbits. One fall we sighted a flock of near one hundred in number. Usually they linger from two to four weeks, before again resuming their flight. Even tho' spring delays its arrival, we find many interesting hours to enjoy this beautiful creation, God's handiwork.

Our elder brother, Paul Fehr, also Bros. Floyd Schmidgal and Bert Butikofer visited our congregation during April. We must say again, how gracious God is to inspire dear brothers from time to time, who so faithfully rotate their turns from the various nearby churches to assist our minister, Bro. Noah Miller, to sound the gospel message.

Sis. Viola Aupperle is a welcome addition to our congregation. She has recently moved from Morris. We wish you God's blessings, Viola.

A precious little girl, Christine Marie, has been born to John and Barbara Olson. Our best wishes join them. Everett and Sis. Kathryn Olson are the grandparents.

We are still not completed with the remodeling of our future church. Perhaps those who have experienced the trials and labors of remodeling can best understand the efforts required. Truly we have, one and all, learned more about the valued virtue, **Patience**. However, we hope completion is not too distant.

Wish at this time, on the behalf of our congregation to express our sincere thanks to the many churches who from all over the country so faithfully shared, making a church possible in the city of Minneapolis. God bless you one and all.

WEST BEND, IOWA

Anna Schmidt — Mrs. A. Banwart

Our congregation has been blessed with two new baby boys. Mark Alan was born to Bro. and Sis. Jim and Sharon Fehr on April 20, and Roger Paul was born to

Paul Jr. and Emy Banwart on April 21. May the Lord bless these parents and help them to bring them up pleasing to our Lord.

The engagement of Sis. Judy, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Verner and Beverly Wirtz, and Bro. Dennis, son of Sis. Nima Fehr has been announced. Bro. and Sis. Albert and Betty Banwart have announced the engagement of their daughter, Rose Ella, to Wayne Clifford, son of Bro. and Sis. Clifford and Rosene Grimm.

Sis. Jessie Fehr is improving since her hospital stay. Bro. Joe Benninger is home from the hospital and showing improvement. Douglas, son of Bro. and Sis. Verner and Beverly Wirtz lost the tip of one finger and badly damaged others in an accident, but is getting along real well.

Another faithful old pillar has been removed from our midst, but has left us many good examples and memories of how happy a devout Christian's life can be. Her cheerfulness and ambition to assemble in the Lord's house with us, regardless of her handicap of failing eyesight, was an inspiration to all of us. Sis. Mary (Gerber), wife of Bro. Alfred Fehr, quietly passed away in the Clearview Manor Rest Home. Elder Bro. Leo Moser of Lester conducted the funeral services on April 14. At the age of 12 she moved with her parents, Mathias and Margaret Gerber from Bluffton to Eureka, where they made their home until coming to West Bend. In Jan. 1910 she was united in marriage to Bro. Alfred Fehr. The Lord blessed them with five sons and one daughter. Two of the sons, Daniel and Eli, preceded her in death, while sons, Bro. Paul of Morris, Bro. Elmer and Henry, and Sis. Hulda (Wirtz) of West Bend survive, as well as one brother, Joe Gerber of Avoca, Minn., and one sister, Sis. Lydia Jurgens, residing at Clearview Manor.

AKRON, OHIO Katherine Ries

Oh, how joyful is the hour when we, Lord, draw nigh to thee,
And the words of life and power from Thy holy lips receive.
May we not in vain assemble round Thy word, O Lord, today;
Into our hearts meek and humble write the word of life, we pray.

April 12 was dedication day in Akron. Visiting elders and ministers were Bros. John Bahler (who held the dedication services), Sam Aeschliman, Joe Waibel, Noah Bauman, Henry Grimm, Ezra Feller, Corbin Bahler, Robert Beyer, Marvin Stieglitz, Henry Manz, Walter Anliker, Henry Sabo, Walter Rehklau, Homer Reinick, Lorentz Emch, Ben Hartzler, Fred Marty, and Ben Stavenik. In addition, brethren from Connecticut, New York, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, and Ohio were present. The dedication of a church building is a most humbling experience, and we sincerely thank the Lord and all that made it possible.

The many blessings we have received from the Lord in the past have been multiplied many times over for everyone of us here, brethren, children, and friends alike since assembling in our new church building Dec. 7. The inspired messages brought to us by our beloved elders and ministers have been a gigantic feast for our spiritual being, each Sunday School class meeting in separate rooms (taking place during the morning services) eliminates confusion and lends to greater meditation for the students . . . The Fellowship Hall where brethren and friends visit before and after services. The rafters seem to ring out with voices when we sing hymns to the praise and honor of the Lord.

April 26 we were blessed with the inspired message of Orville Ringger, who served us.

Our elder brother, Rudy Graf and Sister Bettie left for Switzerland to visit relatives, members and friends stationed in Germany. We welcome Sis. Freda and Bill Von Gunten back, after wintering in Florida, also our dear aged Sis. Lena Wright, who spent eight weeks visiting her granddaughter in California. We are happy to report, Mark T. Fritz, son of Harold and Sis. Esther, has returned to duty after being hospitalized for eight weeks in the Phillipines. We miss Bro. Noah Baumgartner, who is in the hospital. We wish him a speedy recovery. A daughter, Terry Lou, was born May 5, to Bro. Marvin and Sis. Rose Luginbuhl at Rockville. Grandparents,—Bro. Ernst and Sis. Louise Graf of Akron, Bro. Roy and Sis. Helen Luginbuhl of Rockville.

EUREKA, ILLINOIS**Cathryn Wettstein
Salome Schumacher**

"In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world."

God understands your weakness
He knows the tempter's power
And He will walk beside you
However dark the hour.

April 12, Holy communion was served at the Old People's Home for residents who were unable to attend at the church a few weeks earlier and for members who were unable to be in the House of worship when the Lord's supper was served earlier. Bro. Silas Leuthold assisted Bro. Leroy Huber this afternoon.

Other visitors the past month were Bro. Robert Grimm Goodfield, and Bro. Joe Stoller, Princeville.

Bro. Edwin Hohulin was a guest and performed the wedding ceremony on April 19 for Sis. Joyce Leman and Bro. Wesley Hohulin (his nephew). Joyce is the daughter of Bro. and Sis. Dave and Ann Leman. Wesley the son of Bro. and Sis. Chris and Violet Hohulin of Goodfield. They will reside in Metamora, Ill.

Bro. George Hodel is a medical patient in Eureka Hospital. Sis. Nima Zimmerman is a medical patient in Methodist Hospital in Peoria. This bit of verse is meant for those who are ill:

God has given you His promise
That He hears and answers prayer,
He will heed your earnest
pleadings
If you cast on Him your care.

A new wing is being built on to our present Old People's Home. It was started last fall and will be finished this summer. It is to contain 11 apartments for the elderly.

Bro. Will Herbst is our latest resident to come into the "Home". He is formerly from Peoria.

Note of thanks: I wish to say thanks to all my friends and relatives for their many cards, gifts and visits during my stay in the hospital and since returning home. I also sincerely wish to thank the ministers for their visits and prayers. May God richly bless each one of you. Sis. Martha Grusy.

Correction: Bro. Bill Cottrell

from Taylor is employed in Bloomington, not going to college as I had mentioned in the last issue.

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

The last week of April brought real summer weather, temperature ranging from 70 to 92 degrees. The first week of May brought freezing weather, temperature dropping to 28 degrees on May 7.

J. Howard Riegenbach is doing fine, gets around on crutches, and is driving his car again, but will have to undergo surgery again soon.

Walter Emch remains about the same, is being cared for in the home of his sister, Mrs. Grace Emch Calvert, assisted by another sister, Mrs. J. C. Froelich and a niece, Anna Grace McPeck.

Mrs. Carl Indermuhle of Sardis was a patient in the hospital here in April, but was able to return home and is doing nicely.

Ray Schupbach, son of the late Lucy and Amos Schupbach Sr., suffered a severe heart attack several days ago and remains a patient in the local hospital.

Miss Margaret Witschey has returned from an extended visit with her sister, Mrs. Verda Fankhouser in Easton, Md. Mrs. Fankhouser underwent eye surgery some time ago and is doing very nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. William Murdock and son Tim moved from Doolin Road on May 5 to a recently purchased home on North Main Street here.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Smith became grandparents on May 4, when a son was born to their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Marshall and sons moved into the home of Mrs. Marshall's parents. Mr. Renner is living in a garage apartment on his property nearby.

The annual Sunday service will be held at the country church on June 28. We do not know who the visiting ministers will be; all friends and relatives of the church are invited to attend.

PHOENIX, ARIZONA**Wilma J. Pulfer**

Sis. Emma Moser recently celebrated her 70th birthday. She would like to thank all who remembered her with cards, letters and

gifts. Her address is 2610 East Glenrosa Apt. 5, Phoenix, Arizona.

We welcome a new family to Phoenix. They are Friends Ron and Faye Hoenes and their three sons, Jeff, Vernon and Clifford from Columbia, Missouri. Ron is going to school here. Their address is 2009 North 23rd Place, Apt. A, Phoenix, Arizona 85006. We wish them many blessings and hope they make Phoenix their permanent home.

Hospitalized were Bros. Ken Beer, who underwent an emergency appendectomy, and Bro. Dick Fischer for corrective surgery. We are happy to report, both are recovering nicely.

Our visiting ministers were Bro. Ed Hohulin from Goodfield and Bro. John Dapper from Maywood. We thank them for their visit and for bringing God's precious teachings to us.

PRINCEVILLE, ILLINOIS**Ruth Ricketts**

A drive through the countryside is a most rewarding experience, as everywhere one looks we see beauty . . . The pure green grass—yes even thick with yellow dandelions, but how beautiful they are. Have you ever examined one carefully? The trees are leafing out, many in full bloom. It really lifts one's spirit when we behold the awakening after a long winter. The early spring flowers are blooming in all their glory and makes a dull garden bright. Would not this be a wonderful time for a spiritual awakening?

We were quite impressed early in the month when we arose very early in the morning to view the comet that appeared in the eastern sky for several weeks. Each week the flaming tail got longer, and at last it faded from view again. Are we not told that we would see signs in the sky?

We were rewarded with an unexpected visit from Bro. LeRoy and Sis. Clara Huber one Wednesday evening. It is always uplifting to listen to LeRoy's humble teachings. The Old Testament reading tied in with the New Testament teachings. The children of Israel followed the Ten Commandments from God given to Moses; thus they lived by the law. We follow the teachings of Jesus our Saviour, who died for us, and live by grace through faith in Him. All of us can

do our part to help each other by being kind and loving, admonish in love and forgive one another.

We have been richly blessed with visitors, and sincerely welcome each one and thank them for visiting us. One Sunday it was a pleasure to have Ronnie Hoerr, his children, Julie and Jacob, and his mother, Jewel Hoerr, worship with us. We were sorry to hear they had been called from their home in Arizona due to the serious illness of Evelyn's mother. She was not with her family at church, but with her mother in the hospital, (who is now much improved, for which we are thankful).

One Sunday Sis. Esther Grimm had five of her sisters with their husbands visit. It looked so nice to see the sisters all on one bench, and the thought came to me, how wonderful it will be in heaven when those who have gone on before will be reunited. Sisters Lena and Matilda Steiner were here from Sabetha; Priscilla Anliker of Francesville; Martha Bittner and Louise Stichling of Peoria.

Sis. Anna Roach had her brother-in-law and sister-in-law from California visiting her and brought them to worship one Sunday. They had made the trip here to celebrate their 67th wedding anniversary, and were indeed an interesting couple. Mr. and Mrs. Peek take a trip each year, and feel indeed fortunate that each one is enjoying good health.

The sanctuary was quite filled one Sunday with many young folks from Indiana and our surrounding churches. The singing was indeed beautiful. How it must please God to see these young souls put their trust in Him and lift their voices in praise to Him. How truly will they be blessed for following Him.

It was a pleasure to have Bro. Walter Reklau from Toledo. How we wish we could contain more of the precious teachings we are privileged to hear. In the Old Testament we read how the widow gave the prophet her last cake, and because of her faith and obedience was provided with meal and oil during the drought. In the New Testament there is a story of the poor widow who cast in two mites into the treasury. Both had given their all and because of their faith were blessed. Do we give our all to the Lord?

Sis. Marie Siebenthal is conval-

escing in the home of her niece, after receiving treatment in a hospital. Sis. Julia Miller is happy to be home again, after spending several weeks in the hospital. Both commented on the deep value of sincere prayer, not only their own, but those of their loved ones. What a little thing for each of us to remember those less fortunate than we in our prayers, yet we can see what help and comfort it gives to the suffering.

I feel that one of our most cherished possessions is a God-fearing mother. She does everything she can for the comfort of all others. She is unselfish, loving, kind, and truly an inspiration for all. Do we honor them enough? Only one day a year is set aside when mother's are honored, but I feel it would be wrong if we did not honor our mother's every day. We cannot thank God enough for giving us such precious treasures. May we realize the precious gift we have while we have them yet with us.

Since we are now observing daylight savings time, we have discontinued our mid-week services during the summer months.

We wish to express our deepfelt thanks for all the kind and loving deeds shown us during our husband and father's long illness, and now our time of bereavement. The cards of sympathy and memorial offerings were very deeply appreciated. May God bless each one who so willingly helped in anyway. Sis. Mildred Endress and family.

WINTHOP, MINNESOTA

Delores Messerli — Carol Messner

What does the Risen Lord mean to me? A dear sister in faith, raised in another faith, answered: "Because Jesus rose from the grave I do not fear death and have hope of eternal life." Another dear sister raised in our faith answered: "Through His death and resurrection I may have eternal life. I can pass through this life and be with my Risen Lord in eternity."

Bro. Harold Messner gave an inspiring exhortation to Holy Communion. We expect the elders to serve communion soon.

Faye Messner, daughter of Bro. Mike and Sis. Joyce, had her tonsils removed. She is back in Sunday School.

We rejoice with Ministering Bro. Le Roy and Sis. Jo Ann Messner in the birth of their first son,

Mark Le Roy. He is welcomed home by three sisters, Cheryl, Sandra, and Bonnie.

Our nation sets aside a day for fathers. The Holy Bible has special teachings in Ephesians telling of the children's duties to parents. "Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. Honour thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise;" The Bible also tells fathers to bring up their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

BERN, KANSAS

Esther and Stella Moser

Bro. Joe and Sis. Lila Rokey's family circle was enlarged by two new members in a period of two weeks. April 19, their son Bro. Morris was married to Sis. Arlinda Strahm (Bro. Walter and Sis. Mildred), Sabetha. May 3, daughter, Sis. Marilyn was united in marriage to Bro. Jay Kellenberger (Bro. Gene and Sis. Marion), Sabetha. Jay is in the employ of Uncle Sam, stationed at Ft. Leonard Wood, which makes their future plans a little uncertain. We wish both couples much happiness. May the Lord ever be the unseen guest in their homes.

Bro. Darrell Stoller had a short leave to spend with home folks and attend the wedding of his cousin. Sis. Marilyn to Bro. Jay. Darrel and Jay were in basic training together at Ft. Sam.

Our friend, Ernest Gerber is hospitalized.

Linda Esslinger (Bro. Martin and Sis. Arlene) has turned to the Lord in repentance.

A mother's love is many things:
A lullaby, a prayer on wings;
The words of anger left unsaid;
The hug, when one is tucked in bed;

The many duties, day by day,
To make a home the happy way;
The yeasty smell of baking bread,
Ginger cookies, stories read;
A great gift from God above
To children is their mother's love.

RITTMAN, OHIO

Florence Hartzler—Janette Blough

Pray, brethren, pray!
The sands are falling;
God's voice is calling . . .
Yon turret strikes the dying chime;
We kneel upon the verge of time.
Eternity is drawing nigh!

Praise, brethren, praise!
The skies are rending;
The light is ending.
Behold, the glory draweth near;
The King Himself will soon appear.
Eternity is drawing nigh!

We were **Most Richly Blest** with words of love, wisdom, truth, and faith. Bro. Joe Waibel ministered to us during the day, and in the afternoon assisted Bro. Noah Bauman in serving Holy Communion. We enjoyed a very blessed day, and want to thank Bro. Joe for his love and kindness.

"Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart . . ." We pray these few words may comfort our dear Sis. Neva Gasser, as she spends most of her time at the side of her husband, Bro. Robert. He became ill while sitting in church, was taken to a hospital, and is still a patient there. Son Fred was called home from Ft. Sam to be near his father. The last report is that he is improving slowly. We are always sad when our dear ones must suffer. Paul Zollinger, son of David and Mrs. Mary Ann, has been quite ill for some time. He has not been able to attend school, but is doing his school work at home with the help of a tutor. Bro. John Widmer was hospitalized for a time, and Sis. Anna Hodovan is still confined. We pray the Lord can heal these dear ones, young and old, if it is his will.

Our community was saddened with the sudden deaths of four young people, all from one family. Three children and one grandchild of Harlan and Vivian Ramsier were taken from this life in a traffic accident, only about three miles from home. They are the grandchildren and great-grandchild of Bro. Ben and Sis. Elizabeth Ramsier. Our sincere sympathy is extended to these dear families and other relatives. So many, many times we are reminded of the brevity of life, and that not only the old must die, but the young can die. Has there ever been so loud a calling from God as we have in these times? . . . am reminded of the words of a song we sing sometimes: "In times like these you need a Saviour; in times like these you need an anchor. Be very sure your anchor holds and grips the Solid Rock! This Rock is Jesus, yes, He's the One—The Only One!"

"And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes . . .

A son, Richard Dale, was born to Jerry and Deanna Gasser. This is their first child, and we wish them God's blessing with their bundle of joy. James Edward is the name given to the new son of Bro. Ed and Sis. Shirley Zollinger. Three sisters and one brother welcomed the little one home.

The engagement of Bro. Duane Indermuhle and Sis. Joan Miller was announced. We pray the Lord will bless these dear ones as they are about to embark on this journey together.

We are so thankful for each visitor, especially to the ones who bring us God's word through inspiring messages. We thank you brethren, Bros. Lorenz Emch, Girard; Delbert Indermuhle, Sardis; and Roy Weiland, Bay City.

Al Hartzler is now living and working in the Princeville area. We miss him, but we know he has been made welcome in the Princeville church.

The rain came softly, falling gently like a whisper from God. It bathed the earth with a refreshing dew, making everything look clean and new. The lightning scampered across the sky, while the thunder echoed around the countryside. We could hear the wind singing through the trees—we could not tell from whence it came, and cannot say where it went. We know this is all part of God's plan to replenish the earth, so we can have a fruitful harvest. God is ruler over the universe, and we also are part of his handiwork.

"But as truly as I live, all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the Lord."

BLUFFTON, INDIANA Imogene Steffen — Pat Isch

As we see the leaves bursting forth on the trees, the lawns becoming a carpet of green, and again the farmers returning to their fields tilling the soil and planting the seed, but as always entrusting it to God for His blessing for a harvest, we are revived after a long winter, to see God's goodness and power come forth to His people. We could surely call this earth our cathedral as illustrated in the following verses.

Our cathedral has a ceiling of blue,
Where we can lift up our eyes
Unto the hills and hear music
From a stream rippling by.

For here, we pray
In a place so grand,
The carpet we kneel on
Was made by His own hand.

Our cathedral has candles
Lighted by the stars,
And mighty pillars of trees.
No other cathedral is so beautiful,

For God made our cathedral for us.

Our church at Bluffton was honored to have as visiting minister, on April 12, Bro. Earl Kilgus of Remington. We were reminded of the need for a deep concern for our spiritual walk of life, that it would, in the end, be well with our soul. We thank him for his visit.

On Sunday April 19, announcement was made of the approaching summer wedding of Sis. Andrea Aeschliman, and Bro. Richard Stoller of Gridley. Parents are Bro. Walter and Sis. Imogene Aeschliman and Bro. Harold and Sis. Mary Stoller. We wish them the Lord's nearness as they seek to do His will in planning their future lives together.

Those hospitalized have been Bro. Roy Gerber; Bro. Phil Kaehr; Sis. Lydia (John) Kaehr; Sis. Dorothy (Jay) Kipfer; Sis. Joyce (Claren) Gehring; Rhonda Leman, daughter of Bro. Wallace and Sis. Marilyn Leman; Lynn Gehring, son of Bro. Claren and Sis. Joyce Gehring. We are always thankful when those that have been shut in can return to our fellowship.

A dear old sister of ninety-four years, Sis. Rosa Speheger, died April 21 in a nursing home, after two years of illness. Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Evelyn Pease; two sons, Lloyd and Jesse; a sister, Sis. Emma Heyerly; a brother, Bro. Eli Dubach. Funeral services were held April 24. Sis. Rosa was born near Bern, Switzerland, and she lived to be the oldest member of our Bluffton church.

Ralph Isch, age sixty-one, died in Chicago. Funeral services were conducted April 19. Survivors include a stepmother, Sis. Emma Isch; five sons, Fred, Hubert, Lawrence, John, and David; three sisters, Sis. Mary (John) Diggleman and Sis. Esther Isch of New

Jersey, and Sis. Alice (Alvin) Honegger; and one brother, Ed.

Four new little additions were added. Laurie Ann was born to Bro. Carl and Sis. Evelyn (Stoller) Hackenjos; Grant William, to Bro. Doyle and Sis. Jane (Kaehr) Frauhiger; Austin Leigh, to Allen and Joy (Kaehr) Birch; and Lisa Marie, to Julie and Lonnie Frauhiger. **God placed all children of His creation in a garden spot on this earth . . . enhancing each life with the beauty of His love.**

Bro. Emil and Sis. Rosolene Steffen observed their Golden Wedding Anniversary. May God continue to bless them in the coming years.

This union of their hearts
Shall stand through grace in Jesus;
They walk the path of life,
While cheer and trust increases.
Where God in truth abides,
Where two join hand and heart,
We find a three-fold cord,
Not lightly rent apart.

CONGERVILLE, ILLINOIS

Pauline Roth — Phyllis Knapp

An artist may paint a picture,
A poet may write a poem,
But it takes a mother's love
To make a house a home.

As we set aside a day to honor mothers, both living and dead, it brings to mind Prov. 22:6 "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." How thankful we can be that we were blessed with God-fearing mothers who carried us and then took us to the house of worship Sunday after Sunday, and reared us in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. For some of us, this seed which was planted in our hearts when we were children lay dormant many years. Even so, in due time, thro' the love, grace and mercy of our Lord, His eternal truths sprang forth within us. We were able, thro' His grace, to be forgiven of our sins and gain the hope of eternal life, if we remain true and faithful until life's end.

We have received many wonderful teachings and exhortations thro' the visits of Ministering Bros. Joe Ramsier, Rittman; Merle Kaisner, Fairbury; Harold Schmidgall, Gridley; Alfred Bahler, Wolcott; and Earl Kilgus, Remington. We thank them for their visits,

One brother impressed me with the question, "Have you ever thought what it would be to go to the grave without Christ?"

On May 2, we were privileged to have our elder brothers, Joshua Broquard and Silas Leuthold with us for the proving of our friend, Vera Grusy, who testified of her lost and wretched condition, only to receive the peace and love of God in her cleansed and purified heart. The following day, Bro. Josh baptized Vera, and she is now our dear sister in faith. Bro. Joe Kaisner was also a welcome ministering brother that day.

Sis. Sheri Dietrich (wife of Bro. Bill Jr.) was hospitalized a few days, but is again able to assemble with us.

Sis. Erma Miller (wife of Bro. Walter) is a patient at Mennonite Hospital in Bloomington, where she has undergone surgery. We are so thankful her present condition is satisfactory, and hope and pray she will have an uneventful recovery. May her faith sustain her and the Lord provide her daily needs.

ELGIN, ILLINOIS

Louise Steffen Katie Kachelmuss

We give Thee thanks, Oh Lamb of God,

That on the cross beam Thou hast bought

For us salvation, peace and grace
With Thee in heaven's resting place!

We give Thee thanks.

Bros. Joshua Broquard and Clarence Kachelmuss were with us when three precious souls gave their testimony and were baptized, Ben Knobloch, Richard Schock Jr., and Leslie Schambach.

If man knew the blessing, We enjoy in Thee

Far more would be willing, Now to follow Thee.

Sis. Ricka (Jacob) Stettner, 632 Forest Avenue, had a fall in her home and broke her ankle. She is getting along as well as could be expected.

In a letter from Jim Wewetzer of Lynchburg, Virginia, he mentions how much he enjoys reading the Silver Lining. We're glad you do, Jim.

Bro. Walter Steffen of Milford

visited us, and we received many good teachings from God's holy word. Walter told us how much he enjoys coming back to where he was born and raised, but this wasn't necessary to say, as it is evident that he is so glad to meet and greet everyone, and he was so happy to see our new members and those who now have turned to the Lord and feel their need of a Saviour.

Sis. Karoline Kuehner extends her thanks to all who remembered her with cards, flowers and tokens of love on her 92nd birthday. She had a nice day with her immediate family and a few close friends.

Sis. Helen wishes to thank one and all who remembered her in her illness with cards, prayers, and other tokens of love and kindness. May God bless you all.

A son, Troy, was born to Ronald and Kay Scheitlin Meiss on May 2. The grandparents are Bro. Harold and Sis. Ann Meiss of Morris, and Bro. Robert and Sis. Jean Scheitlin of Elgin.

A group of 36, our Sunday School teachers and their spouses enjoyed a blessed evening and dinner at the Embers. The opening prayer was led by Bro. John Schambach. Bibles were presented to retired teachers Elizabeth and Dorothy Schambach, Betty Schambach Bachtold and Louise Steffen. In closing they sang, "Blest Be The Tie that Binds."

Bro. Albert and Sis. Anna Foell Scheitlin observed their 50th wedding anniversary with a family dinner. May the Lord continue to bless this God-made union.

FAIRBURY, ILLINOIS

Joyce Huber

The Lord's Supper was served to us, and as we partook both of "the communion of the blood of Christ" and "the communion of the body of Christ", we were reminded of the atonement. Jesus' physical body was broken for our divine healing, and symbolically we break the bread. Jesus' blood was shed for peace for our soul, the forgiveness of sins, and symbolically we drink of the cup. How wonderful for the perfection of the whole atonement, providing for our whole body and soul and spirit to be preserved blameless.

Two of our brothers plan to fulfill Ecc. 4:9, "Two are better than one; because they have a good re-

ward for their labour", as their engagements were announced: Bro. Jerry Zimmerman, son of Bro. and Sis. Lloyd Zimmerman, to Sis. Sharon Wingeier of Alto; and Bro. Larry Leman, son of Bro. and Sis. Chris Leman, to Sis. Nada Baumgartner of Cissna Park.

Bro. Lloyd and Sis. Myrna Moser were blessed with a new baby boy, named Kevin Lee. Their other children are: Marsha Kay, Bonnie Sue, Janis Lynn, and Douglas Eugene. Grandparents are Bro. Walter and Sis. Perseda Moser, and Sis. Sadie Riggensbach of Latty.

Visiting ministers were: Bro. August Bolliger and Bro. Simon Wagenbach of Tremont, Bro. Vernon Leman and Bro. Walter Anliker of Eureka, Bro. Raymond Roth of Okla., Bro. George Gramm, Gridley, and Bro. Ezra Feller of Cissna Park.

Hospitalized were Bro. Chris Huette, Bro. Silas Clauss, and Kate Haab.

FORT SAM HOUSTON, TEXAS **Wendell Anliker**

We have many spiritual and precious memories from our visiting ministers, Bro. Samuel Anliker, Lamont, and Bro. Joe Schrock, from Congerville.

Other visitors were Bro. Ben and Sis. Nina Steffen and daughter Kathleen and Sis. Lucille Steffen from Fairbury. Bro. Larry and Sis. Bonnie Nohl from Morris stopped by while on their honeymoon.

Starting basic training was Ben Tanner Jr. from Goodfield.

As born again Christians, we should make this our motto, The Will of God, nothing more—nothing less—nothing else!

GOODFIELD, ILLINOIS **Elna Grimm**

A Mother's love is something that no one can explain;
It is made of deep devotion and of sacrifice and pain.
It is endless and unselfish and enduring come what may,
For nothing can destroy it, or take that love away . . .
It is patient and forgiving when all others are forsaking,
And it never fails or falters even though the heart is breaking . . .
It believes beyond believing when the world around condemns,
And it glows with all the beauty of the rarest, brightest gems . . .

It is far beyond defining; it defies all explanation,
And it still remains a secret like the mysteries of creation . . .
A many-splendored miracle man cannot understand,
And another wondrous evidence of God's tender guiding hand.

Bro. and Sis. Mike and Barbara Meece of Bloomington are the parents of a new little baby girl. Kelly Lynn was born on April 14, and is their first child. Sis. Eloise Meece, also of Bloomington, and Bro. and Sis. Stanley Hodel of Roanoke are the grandparents.

Sis. Julia Leman and Friend Hulda Helderle were both in the hospital for surgery. Bro. Jerry Steffen was hospitalized because of burns suffered, as a result of spontaneous combustion while working in the shower at his home. All of these folks have been released from the hospital and are getting along well, for which we are so grateful.

Benjie Tanner, son of Bro. Ben and Sis. Leona, has entered the armed service. His address may be found in this issue of the Silver Lining.

Doug Reeser, son of Bro. Harold and Sis. Violet, is home on leave before being sent to serve in Viet Nam. He and his wife, Sandy are spending this time with relatives and friends.

Our hearts go out in sincerest sympathy to Sis. Corrine Roth and Sis. Allene Steffen, who lost their father, Bro. Fred Marti of Lamar. We of the Goodfield congregation held a deep love and respect for Fred, and admired him for his gentle, loving ways. We always enjoyed the visits of him and his dear wife . . . and wish now to extend, in Christian love, our heartfelt sympathy.

Bro. Wes Hohulin, son of Bro. Chris and Sis. Vi was married to Sis. Joyce Leman, daughter of Bro. Dave and Sis. Ann on Sun. April 19. We are most happy to welcome Sis. Joyce to our congregation.

MILFORD, INDIANA **Marguerite Hoerr**

Sis. Anna Homan has become a resident at the Alfran Nursing Home in Warsaw. She would welcome visits from her many friends.

Bro. Bert Krauter had eye surgery and is recuperating at the home

of his niece and nephew, the Herschel Rocks in New Paris. He is getting along very well. Bro. Sam Reimchisel has undergone surgery. Reports tell us he will soon be able to worship with us again.

Sis. Mary Armbruster is still confined to her home, but is making satisfactory improvement. We look forward to the day we will see her walk through our church doors again to congregate with us.

Our congregation was saddened at the death of Bro. Clarence Rassi. Our sympathy is extended to his many brothers and sisters, among whom are Sisters Helen Baumgartner, Ida Graff, Leona Price and Betty Beer of our congregation. Clarence found his Lord late in life, but seemed doubly appreciative of this experience. His family finds great comfort in knowing he has gone to be with his Master.

The Mortonaires were visitors in our community. It was a pleasant experience to have them with us, and especially so as we enjoyed their very inspirational contribution in song to our Sunday afternoon program. Songs of praise and worship, properly and reverently sung cannot help but be pleasing to our Father above, who deserves the very best we have to offer. Many Bremen friends and members assembled with us on that Sunday, and Bro. Earl Zeltwanger added to the blessing of the day as he shared God's words with us. Everyone was invited to share in a cooperative dinner in the church basement following services. A special thanks to the Mortonaires for their visit.

We have the privilege of greeting three new converts as our brothers in the Lord. Hearing the testimonies of Joe Krauter, Bob Coburn, and Phil Price was a true inspiration, and what a joy to witness their baptism, as they pledged their vows to remain true and faithful to the forgiving God they now know so well.

Carol Beer (Mrs. Bernie) is hospitalized, undergoing tests. We trust her stay will be a short one and that God will bless her with good health soon.

Vacation Bible School will be held the third week in June in Milford. We are making our final plans and look forward to a week of enlightenment and blessing.

Our mothers seem especially dear to us at this time as we honor

them on their own special "Mother's Day". It was through them we learned of Him first, and therein should lie our greatest gratitude. May God especially bless each mother and give them all a special measure of happiness.

SABETHA, KANSAS

Mrs. Joe Steiner

The marriage of Judy Eidson of Waycross, Georgia and Ramon Aberle was held on March 28. He is the son of Bro. Ben and Sis. Liseton Aberle of Sabetha. The couple are living at Panama City, Florida, where he is stationed at Tyndall Air Force Base.

Miriam Aberle, daughter of Bro. Alpha and Sis. Irene was married to James Southerland of Stuttgart, Arkansas. They are now living at Gainesville.

Sis. Arlinda Strahm and Bro. Morris Rokey of Bern were united in marriage on April 19 by Bro. Eugene Marti. A reception was held at the Fellowship Hall.

Sis. Marilyn Rokey of Bern was united in marriage to Bro. Jay Kellenberger on May 3. Jay is stationed at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo.

About the first of the year, Bro. Paul and Sis. Helen Strahm moved from their home on the farm to the new house which they had built in Sabetha. A few of us met one evening at their new home for a surprise "house-warming". An enjoyable evening was spent in singing and fellowshiping together.

Again on April 15 some of us met at the new home of Sis. Matilda, Sis. Lena and Noah Steiner for a "house-warming". Matilda and Lena returned to Sabetha a year ago, after having lived in Elgin, Ill. for a number of years. They are now living with their brother, Noah in their new home on the farm.

Bro. Elmer and Sis. Phyllis Strahm have adopted a little boy. He is 9½ months old and has been named Loel Edward. They have one daughter, Sonia.

Donald Strahm, son of Bro. Paul and Sis. Helen, has been confined since March 29 at the KU Medical Center at Kansas City, Kansas, where he has had major surgery. He expects to be there for another couple of weeks.

Also hospital patients were Bro. Dan Steiner, Sis. Mary Marti and Joan Plattner. They have all returned to their homes.

PORTLAND, OREGON

Connie Steffen

Sis. Margaret Wanner invited the families from the Portland and Silverton churches for a supper at Silverton church. Verna Bolliger and Emma Neuschwander helped her, and we all had a very enjoyable evening of fellowship.

Lowell Ditch is in Portland at the Rehabilitation Center. He is now able to walk with a walker and hopes soon to be fitted with his left leg. After having his right leg in a cast for a year, he seems to be progressing very well, but still has quite a lot of pain.

Ely and Kristine Ardu have left France and are now living in Australia. They and their children worshiped with us before their return to France. Their address is: Mr. and Mrs. Ely Ardu, 45 Ginifer Ave., North Antona—Melborne, Vic. Australia.

We really enjoy company and encourage you to come see us. Please call anyone of these numbers. The area code, from out of state is 503.

Portland: Bro. Ray and Sis. Margaret Banwart, 777-1138; Bro. Ray and Sis. Virginia Cooper, 659-5122; Bro. Ed and Sis. Judy Knecht, 632-3570; Bro. Leroy and Sis. Florence Leman, 284-1490; Bro. Art and Sis. Betty Metz, 292-6477; Sis. Rose Miller, 236-4570; Bro. Robt. and Sis. Pearl Miller, 771-7834; Bro. Paul and Sis. Ann Rumbold, 656-4572; Bro. Garth and Sis. Connie Steffen, 761-4531; Bro. Ed and Sis. Elva Unsicker, 771-5500.

Silverton: John and Betty Kauffman, 873-4844, and Sis. Margaret Wanner, 873-6546.

LEO, INDIANA

Mrs. Elias Souder

John Klopfenstein spent over a week at home on furlough from Ft. Sam. He was able to attend the baptismal services of his sister, Janet, and Wm. Hartman, who is in service in Colorado. Bro. Theo. Beer from the Milford congregation assisted Bro. David Bertsch.

Bro. Ben Manz from Junction held our services one Sunday. We always appreciate our visiting ministers. The old, old story is ever new when retold.

Seems like old-times and it brings back pleasant memories to have Lucille and Maurice Frank here again. There are many

changes, but we hope they will like it here as well as we like to have them back.

We have a correction to make. It wasn't David Lantz's sister, but his brother-in-law, Ida's husband, who passed away.

We are glad to report Bro. Al Frautschi is home and improving. He has been able to attend church services again.

Sis. Diane Conrad is in the hospital for an heart ailment, and Sis. Elaine Norr is also there, having had surgery. Both seem to be improving.

We have started a class for Bible Study on Wed. evening; so far our attendance has been good.

Another one of our loved ones went to be with the Lord, Bro. George Stieglitz. Another seat is vacant, and another has joined that innumerable group beyond the River Jordan. George is survived by his wife, Elizabeth; four daughters and six sons. He was laid to rest very near my husband, Elias, and Elias' brother, Joel.

The railroad came very close to the old Stieglitz home place near Morton . . . George and his brother would wave at the engineers and conductors, on the old TH&P. Coming over the hill, sometimes a train couldn't make it. It would unhook and pull part into town, then come back for the rest . . . George wanted to be an engineer, but listening to his parents led to a better choice, and the Lord led to riches far greater.

Sunday April 12 . . . Late morning, toward twelve o'clock . . . George spoke of the new church building in Gridley, Ill. . . in the NE section of town . . . and the tornado once near or in Connersville, Ind. . . George found a card in the field, from that area . . .

George was feeling better than sometimes . . . That noon some of the songs where: Tell Mother I'll Be There . . . Where The Roses Never Fade . . . The Last Mile of The Way . . . later from the Zions Harp 220 and 252 . . . Services were concluded . . . The hour and the minute hands very soon pointed to the conclusion of George's hours . . . sitting in a chair that afternoon, departure time had signaled, life's run was complete, and he entered the haven of rest.

Note of thanks: The family of George Steiglitz wishes to thank

everyone for the prayers, cards, deeds of kindness and words of sympathy shown them in the loss of their loved one. They were all greatly appreciated, and may God reward you and bless you.

BRADFORD, ILLINOIS

**Delores Duckworth
Martha Kieser**

Spring is here, and everything has burst forth with new life again. How can anyone say there is no God when they see the beautiful flowers and the big plants, and even trees, which grow from one tiny seed.

Soon it will be Mother's Day. These words from a beautiful hymn tell of our feelings for our dear Christian mothers.

"I'm following Jesus and trusting
His love;
I'm sure I shall meet my dear
mother above.
She taught me to love Him; she
taught me to pray,
And now I am walking in mother's
bright way.

O mothers, be true to your dear
ones, I pray;
Be sure to point out the bright,
heavenly way;
Instruct them to follow and teach
them to love,
That they may serve Jesus and
meet you above.

A new mother in our congregation is Sis. Becky Endress. Lavonne Louise was born to Bro. Larry and Sis. Becky on April 15. Lavonne's grandparents are Sis. Mildred Endress from Princeville (and the late Bro. Lee, whose funeral was just one week before) and Bro. Orel and Sis. Rose Steiner from Oakville.

We received many wonderful teachings from our visiting ministers, Bros. Simon Wagenbach (Tremont), Dave Kieser (Princeville), Walter Rehklau (Toledo) and Al Aberle (Tremont).

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Nature has again demonstrated the resurrection of natural life from a winter of cold and dormancy. This past month brought a great change to the trees, shrubs, and lawns, as the leaves are more in evidence and the trees are in bloom.

We were glad that Bro. Ed Alt

of the Cissna Park congregation could spend April 19 with us. We thank him for his labors.

On May 4, we were privileged to hear the testimony of Friend Norma Frank and to witness her baptism. It is encouraging to see that the door of grace is yet open, and hope that many can still take advantage of this day.

May 4 was also the last Sunday that Bro. Maurice and Sis. Lucille Frank would be coming to Chicago church and considering it their home church. May they add to the spiritual wealth and Christian love to the Leo congregation as they have in ours. Sis. Norma and her sister, Pam, are finishing their school year in Madison, Wisconsin. Norma is planning to return there next year for her senior year in college.

CISSNA PARK, ILLINOIS

Mary Young — Margaret Rudin

We feel very grateful for our visitors. Bro. Arthur Gudeman brought us many good teachings, reminded us we are living in perilous times. Bro. Roy Ehline and Bro. Dale Eisenman reminded us to support the church and abide by the teachings of the Bible. Bro. Charles Hemmer of Peoria and Bro. Edwin Ringger of Gridley, Ill. spent a Sunday with us; we felt it was a blessed day. Bro. Raymond Roth of Burlington Okla. was with us for mid-week services: There is always a blessing in meeting and greeting. Visitors are always welcome.

Among the sick are: Our aged friend, Anna Reutter is a hospital patient for observation and tests. Jill Hauptli, daughter of Sis. Nancy and Wayne Hauptli was in the hospital; she had the misfortune of falling and breaking her ankle. Sis. Noami Knapp was a hospital patient for observation and tests. We are so thankful she is home and can care for her loving husband, Bro. Clarence, who is confined to his home for some time. Bro. John Lackey also was in the hospital a few days and is able to be home again.

Note: We wish to take this opportunity to thank everyone who showed any act of kindness to us and our family while we was in the hospital and since we are home, for all the prayers and visits, and again on my birthday for the many beautiful cards I received. It was cer-

tainly all appreciated. May God bless you all. John and Helen Lackey.

The engagement of Sis. Nada Baumgartner to Bro. Larry Leman has been announced. Nada is the daughter of Bro. Alvin and Sis. Loretta. Larry is the son of Bro. Chris and Viola Leman of Fairbury. Our best wishes are extended to them.

A farewell hymn was sung for Bro. Earl and Sis. Lucille Feller; they are leaving our midst and attending the Chicago congregation. Our loss is their gain. We hope they will come back to visit us often.

DETROIT, MICHIGAN

Donna Hartzler — Judith Aberle

Our best wishes go to Bro. Floyd and Sis. Perceda Wieland, who celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary April 8. May God bless them with many happy years to come.

We welcome Helen and her daughter, Bonnie Popp into our fellowship as sisters in Christ. We heard their testimony of faith on Sunday, April 26. It was nice to have Helen's brother, Bro. Dave Maletich and his wife, Sis. Mary, from Rittman here to share in this blessed occasion.

Bro. Harve Bertsch is recuperating at home, after injuring himself in a fall at work which required hospitalization and surgery. May he be blessed with a speedy recovery.

We enjoyed a blessed evening, May 4, when Bros. Noah Schrock and Joe Waibel ministered to us. Through God's word we were again reminded that as the world was once destroyed by water, so it shall be that the elements shall melt with fervent heat and the heavens shall pass away, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up . . . But we who have come to repentance, according to his promise, look forward to a new heaven and new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.

ELGIN, IOWA

Mrs. George Butikofer

The midwest area of our county is a very pretty place this time of the year. The dogwood, forsythia, and sweet william add much to the already verdant forests and meadows. In places, the new seedlings are appearing. Corn-planting is now in process. The bluebirds are

nesting in one of our houses put up expressly for them, and a pair of robins are building a nest under the eaves on our own dwelling.

We have been saddened by two deaths since our last communication.

Our dear friend, Mrs. Andrew Braker (formerly Florence Thoman) passed away on the 22nd day of April at the Palmer Hospital at West Union, Iowa. She was afflicted with a serious ailment for a considerable length of time. Her life terminated at the age of sixty-seven years and seven months. We miss Florence, and our sympathy is extended to her husband and her relatives. May the presence of our dear Lord ever seem near to them.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Favrhaw, who reside in Quincy, Ill., came to visit in the Bert Butikofer home a week ago yesterday, planning to stay a considerable length of time, as Mrs. Butikofer is their daughter (Sis. Beulah). However, Mrs. Favrhaw became ill and passed away very suddenly Wed. morning of this week. Today the funeral is being held in Quincy. Our Sympathy goes out to the family. May God comfort them in their loss of a dear one.

Bro. Albert and Sis. LaVerne Butikofer are the parents of a baby girl, Sandra Kay. This is their third child. Her grandparents, Sis. Ida and Bro. Sam Fischer from Roanoke, are here in the Butikofer home, to help in welcoming the little miss.

Elder Bro. Leo Moser came to assist our Elder Bro. Paul, to serve Communion to our congregation. It is indeed a very sacred service, carrying out our Lord's command to do this from time to time in remembrance of what He sacrificed for our sakes, so that all men might have eternal life.

Bro. Carl Feucht from Lester visited our church last Sunday, and we wish to thank him for expounding the scriptures to us . . . Life is so brief that it behooves everyone to heed the call of the Saviour to do God's will.

We did appreciate very much having Bro. Noah Gerber of West Bend give us an inspiring message.

FORREST, ILLINOIS
Carolyn Zimmerman
Jaunita Schneider

We would like to begin this

month's report with a thoughtful message handed us by a dear sister in our congregation. We always appreciate anyone taking the interest in helping make our news interesting and worthwhile. "He that cannot forgive others breaks the bridge over which he himself must pass if he would ever reach heaven; for everyone has need to be forgiven."

We will miss the fellowship of Bro. and Sis. Bob Kiefer and their family in our congregation. After a fire damaged their home, they left sooner than expected for their new home in Wapello, Iowa; we hope you will come visit us often, Bro. Bob and Sis. Delores.

Janice Ifft, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Elmer Ifft has turned to God in repentance and is looking forward to being one of His followers.

Sis's. Louise Anliker and Bena Lehmann spent some time in the Fairbury Hospital. Bro. Oscar Schneider was a surgical patient; all are home again. Bro. Silas Nussbaum, formerly of our congregation, now residing at Fairview Haven Resthome in Fairbury, is at Fairbury Hospital. We must always pray for our elderly loved ones, where much faith and patience is needed.

Bros. Arthur Baurer, Princeville, and Uriel Gehring, Burlington, Iowa, were in our midst. Their teachings left us much to ponder over and a true desire to live closer to our calling. We also were privileged to have Bro. Ernie Gerber, Rockville, with us for a month's vacation spent with his loved ones, who live here.

Bro. and Sis. Elmer Bachtold have announced the engagement of their daughter, Linda, to Ronald Kinder from East Alton, Illinois. Jim Traub, son of Ed and Sis. Mildred has been announced for marriage to Linda Goodwin, Champaign. Jim is now residing at Mt. Vernon, Illinois, and is affiliated with the Pillsbury Co. there. We pray both these friends will always remember the precious seeds that have been planted in their hearts (while assembled with us).

FORT SCOTT, KANSAS
Ida Sinn

Our sympathy goes out to Sis. Louisa Banwart, in the loss of her brother Fred Marti of Lamar. Bro. Fred's demise leaves Louisa the last surviving member of her fam-

ily of eleven. We will miss Fred's visits to our congregation.

Another dear friend has turned her back to the world and has chosen to serve the Lord. We wish Linda Sinn the needed grace and the Lord's blessings in her endeavor. Linda is the daughter of Wayne and Waneta Sinn.

Cheryl Miller, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Pearl and Wayne Miller was hospitalized for minor surgery this week. Albert Hawkins remains in the hospital, after having a heart attack two weeks ago.

With the approach of Mother's Day, we naturally think a little more about **Mother**. Some of our mothers have long gone to their eternal rest. Others will have our mothers with us. May we give a tribute to all God-fearing mothers, and praise and thank the Lord for the same.

GIRARD, OHIO
Caroline Emch

The Lord willing, Bro. Joe and Sis. Alma Emch will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on May 20. We wish them the Lord's blessing.

The door-bell rang, and we answered, there to find some of our brethren from Bluffton. Even tho' we had never met before, we knew they were of our people. The visit was such a joy and blessing. We can say it is a foretaste of heavenly blessings.

We are having beautiful weather; the spring flowers are in bloom; the leaves on the trees and the lawns are so beautiful and green, and it's time to plant our gardens again.

GRIDLEY, ILLINOIS
Lydia and Eunice Kammerer

Bro. Joshua Broquard, from Fairbury, and Bro. Ezra Feller, from Cissna Park, were here to assist Bro. George Gramm with serving Holy Communion, the last to be held in our old church, where as Bro. Joshua said in his prayer, they have shared joys and sorrow with us. All our shut-ins were able to attend the Communion service but one, Sis. Mary Funk, who was served in her home.

Bro. Earl and Sis. Dixie Ringger are the parents of a baby daughter, Casandra Lee, who checked in at Carle Hospital, Champaign, April 16. Grandparents are, Bro. Clarence and Sis. Lucille Stoller,

and Bro. Edwin and Sis. Pat Ringger, all of Gridley. Sis. Leah Ringger, Gridley, and Sis. Stoller from Princeville, and Sis. Anna Kauffman, Cissna, are Casandra's great-grandmothers.

Sis. Viola Witzig is a patient in Mennonite Hospital, Bloomington, the result of a two-car accident in which she was injured.

Bro. Elmer Meiss has returned home from the hospital in Springfield, where he underwent back surgery.

Announcement has been made of the engagement and coming marriage of Bro. Richard Stoller and Sis. Andrea Aeschliman. Richard is the son of Bro. Harold and Sis. Mary Stoller, Gridley, and Andrea is the daughter of Bro. and Sis. Walter Aeschlimon, from Bluffton.

Fire badly damaged the Reuben Stoller Implement Co. a few weeks ago. Bro. Alan and Sis. Delores Marty also had the misfortune of a fire in their home, Wed. evening May 6. Sis. Delores is the daughter of Bro. Reuben and Sis. Emily Stoller.

We thank the "Peoria Chorus", who sang so beautifully at our April "Singspiration". We do hope they come again . . . and "thank you", too, third and fourth grade Sunday School students for your fine singing.

GRIDLEY, KANSAS **Mrs. Joseph Somerhalder** **Mrs. Andy Young Jr.**

"This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me." These are Christ's words to his apostles.

Elder Bro. Lester Hartter of Bern assisted our Elder Bro. Samuel Anliker in serving Holy Communion. What a blessed privilege to partake in such a solemn feast. May the Lord continue providing humble brothers to serve the flock.

Bro. Ronald Nelson of Burlington Okla., spent a Sunday with our congregation. His meditations were timely and appreciated.

Friend Kerry Jo, daughter of Bro. Loren and Sis. Lisiten Strahm, spent a week in the hospital with a virus infection. She has resumed her duties as an LPN.

We extend our sympathy to Sis. Emma Bahr in the sudden passing of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Ben Reber of Fall River Kansas.

Two recent visits to our Golden

Age Lodge proved quite rewarding; the residents appreciate any interest shown them. Our oldest Sis., Alice Raaf, who is 93 years, has been a resident for 6 months. She has been mostly bedfast for 3 years. While we were there, she requested a prayer, was concerned for her soul's welfare. We expressed our confidence that she was ready and waiting for the Lord's call. "Yes, I think so—but I sometimes wish God would tell us if He is satisfied." It is impressive to see one of senile mind still concerned to please the Lord, that she may inherit eternal life.

Thanks to the brothers who ministered to us; we welcome them and others, to remember us when the opportunity avails itself.

Spring is such a beautiful season. Driving a few miles into the country, we saw alfalfa fields soon ready to cut, corn up nice, and farmers busy planting. . . enjoying lettuce, radish, onions and asparagus from our garden.

MORRIS, MINNESOTA **Ann Meiss — Helen Joos**

"There is beauty all around, when there's love at home." What a joy has come into our hearts and homes as our dear children have now become children of God. Elder Bro. Ed Hohulin of Goodfield and Elder Bro. Paul Banwart of West Bend came on April 25 to assist our Elder Bro. Paul Fehr with the provings on Saturday evening of Janice Joos, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Albert; Pam Schmidgall, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Floyd; and Carole and Richard, children of Bro. and Sis. Harold Meiss. As they gave their testimonies, I relived my own proving over 30 years ago and had to thank God that this plan of salvation has not changed. His love and grace are sufficient and His promises are true. How much we owe to our parents, that they did keep this way for us. May we all look to Him who died for us and paid it all.

On Sunday we were renewed in faith by the inspiring messages spoken to us by Bro. Ed and Bro. Paul. Beside the baptismal water, we sang hymn No. 42. The four souls then made their vows unto God before many witnesses. Our prayer to God is that all God-fearing parents could experience the conversion of their children. It is a very humbling experience to have

a child come to you broken in heart and spirit and oh, the joy when our loving God speaks peace unto them.

We will Remember Thee: In the evening we were privileged to partake of Holy Communion. We truly went to Calvary's Hill. We thank the dear elders, who through the spirit did reveal the true blessings of this blest sacrament. As we sang, "Anew, Lord, we are bound to Thee", we also prayed that it may be so. We hope it will never be forgotten by the new babes in Christ or anyone else who did partake.

We thank all who came to share the day with us.

From Baltimore, Maryland, we received a phone call from our son Ron Meiss and wife Kay, "Dad, Mother, we want to repent. How thankful we felt to know that God heard their prayers there, just as He does at home or wherever sincere hearts call unto Him. We anxiously await meeting them, as they have now left Baltimore and became parents of a son, Troy William, born at Elgin, Ill., on May 2. Ron is being transferred to Kansas City. He hopes to find a place to live there, so Kay and the baby can join him later.

Our season is very late this year. A wind-storm did extensive damage at the Henry Nohl Jr. farm home. Heavy rains and hail delayed field work.

Bro. Gene Schmidgall and Dorothy are parents of a daughter, born April 11. She was named Ruth Marie and has three brothers and two sisters. Mrs. Henry Schmidgall is the grandmother. A daughter, Rachel Marie, was born to Bro. and Sis. Jack Knobloch on April 22. She is welcomed home by two brothers, Mark and Brent. Bro. and Sis. Paul Fehr are maternal grandparents.

We are happy to report that Sis. Marian (Mrs. Chris) Moser is at home again, after spending several days in the hospital as a medical patient.

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

The beautiful dogwood season has come and gone, a sure sign that spring is really here.

This is a busy season for the farmers; corn planting is nearly finished and they are busy planting beans.

A son, Nathan Frederick, was

born to Bro. Don and Sis. Judy Feller on April 17. Little Nathan has two brothers and two sisters. Grandparents are Sis. Louise Grimm and Bro. Ezra and Sis. Ollie Feller.

A group of members and friends gathered at the church to do the annual spring house cleaning. With so much good help we got most of it done in one day. We also have a new cemetery fence, which is a nice improvement.

Our sympathy goes out to Sis. Beulah (Bert) Butikofer and family, Elgin, Ia. in the death of her father, William Favhrow of Quincy, Ill.

Bro. Arnold Gerst came to Quincy on business, so he and his family assembled with us and Arnie brought us God's Word. We are always happy to have them come, as they used to live here and this was Sis. Marjorie's home before their marriage.

Vernon Huber, who had been a patient at the U.S. Naval Hospital at Memphis, Tenn., spent a leave with his family, before going to Camp Lejeune, N.C. where he will be stationed for the rest of his tour with the Navy. His family plans to join him as soon as school is out.

ROANOKE, ILLINOIS

Norene Herbst — Mary Hoffman
Jan Hodel, daughter of Bro. Ben and Sis. Ruth (Roecker) Hodel is recovering nicely from surgery for appendicitis.

Bro. Charles Farney is again able to assemble with us, after being absent a number of Sundays because of illness.

Nettie Aeschleman Steffen suffered a fractured hip in a fall from a step-ladder and has not been able to assemble with us. Since being hospitalized for several weeks, she is now at the Washington Nursing Center, Washington Ill. 61571.

Bro. Bill and Sis. Helen (Hodel) Leman are the parents of a son, born April 8. He has been named Robert Todd.

Neil Hodel surprised his family by coming home from Viet Nam on a month's furlough. He is the son of Bro. Bob and Sis. Lorene.

Eleven of our friends have given their testimonies of repentance and conversion. On April 15, Andy and Emma (Steffen) Schumacher gave their testimonies and were baptized. Rita Leman, Ruth Ann Le-

man, Cindy Leman, Kenneth and Judy (Rokey) Knapp, Ray and Carol (Knepp) Luginbuhl and Roger and Kathy (Knepp) Leman were baptized Sunday, April 26, having given their testimonies on the previous Wed. and Sat. evenings. Bros. Roy Sauder and Russell Rapp assisted in this work on Saturday evening and were again with us on Sunday for the baptisms.

We enjoyed the services of a number of visiting ministers. In addition to Bros. Sauder and Rapp, we were served by Bros. Wendell Gerber, Bob Meyer, Fred Knapp, Vernon Leman and John Rokey.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Torres of Waukegan announce the engagement of their daughter, Jeannette, to Lt. Morris R. Wiegand of Del Rio, Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Wiegand Sr. of Roanoke. Miss Torres graduated from Waukegan High School and Illinois State University. She is teaching third grade in Waukegan. Her fiancée, a graduate of Roanoke-Benson High School and Illinois State University, is in pilot training at Laughlin AFB in Texas. A May wedding is planned.

TREMONT, ILLINOIS

**Josephine Schaefer
Mary Jane Leuthold**

Bro. Karl and Sis. Velda Glueck welcomed little Carol Kathleen into their home April 9. Her five sisters and brother were also overjoyed to have a little baby sister. What joy and blessings a tiny innocent baby, sent from God, can provide for a home.

We were again richly blessed with many inspiring messages sent through God's servants, Bro. Marvin Schmidgall, Eureka, and Bro. Loren Stoller, Latty. We heard much about the Shepherd and his flock. The Shepherd and his sheep and lambs can be compared to Christ and all true believers and also to an elder and his congregation. Where Christ leads, the true sheep and lambs will follow; otherwise, if they stray away to a seemingly greener pasture (a broader way), they can be lost forever, for one sheep alone can not find his way home. Only if the Master searches and gently leads him back home will he again be safe in the arms of Jesus. May this be our lot now and on that great day.

Our dear Sis. Lena Woerner was confined to the hospital, but is now home, although unable to assemble with us at this time. May God speed her recovery.

UNION CITY, NEW JERSEY Ed Aeschleman

Ralph Isch, 61, of Chicago passed away April 16. He was the brother of Sisters Mary Diggelman and Ester Isch of our congregation. Services were held April 19 in Bluffton, with Bro. Sam Aeschleman officiating. May God comfort the loved ones left behind in their sorrow.

Jim, the son of Bro. Len and Sis. Audrey Hitz, visited Spain on a trip arranged through his high school. We thank God for his safe return to us.

UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

Mrs. Gary Anliker

"Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." This message goes forth yet today. One day, we will all have to give an account of our lives to God. The books will be opened and everyone will be judged of his deeds.

Joyce Eland, daughter of Bro. Bob and Sis. Clara Frank, has turned to the Lord in repentance. May God grant her much grace in her new walk of life.

We are happy to announce our plans for services at Iowa City during the summer months. Our meetings have been changed to Thursday evening to avoid conflict with Oakville and Burlington. The summer schedule is follows: **Thursday**, June 18, July 16 and August 27, at 8:00 p.m. DST, at Danforth Chapel.

We are grateful to all the ministers that were so willing to come to Iowa City to minister unto us this past year. May God richly reward them.

MANSFIELD, OHIO

Aaron A. Sauder

We are thankful the Lord has brought Gaylord Dotterer safely home from Vietnam, where he served in the armed forces. Gaylord is the son of Bro. LaVern and Sis. Christine.

Our best wishes for the Lord's blessings for much happiness to the new Mr. and Mrs. Tom Them. Before their wedding on May 9, the bride was the former Paula Kochheiser; her parents are Bro. Harry and Sis. Marymae Bocka, and her grandmother is Sis. Katherine

Bocka. Sis. Lillian Them (Mrs. M.) is the grandmother of the groom, and Mr. and Mrs. Everett Them are the parents.

Carl and Sis. Ruth Weiss are announcing the arrival of a new grandson on March 9. Ronald and Marilyn Layland are the parents of Todd Alan, who was welcomed by two sisters. Bro. Will and Sis. Mary Sauder are the paternal great-grandparents. Also announcing the birth of a grandson are Bro. Dave and Sis. Lena Beer. Joel Henry Vent was born on April 23 to Richard and Becky Beer Vent; he has one brother, Rick. Sis. Frieda Ruch from Milford is the maternal great-grandmother.

Bro. Bob Sauder is again a hospital patient. Little Lulie Sauder (daughter of Bro. Kenny and Sis. Sue) spent a couple days in the hospital in Columbus, where she underwent surgery to her lip.

We extend our sympathy to Bro. Ted Schauwecker, who recently received word of the death of his sister in Germany.

There is coming a day when no heartaches shall come;
no more clouds in the sky, no more tears to dim the eye.
All is peace forevermore on that happy golden shore.
What a day, glorious day that will be.

BURLINGTON, IOWA

Rosella Obermann
Verna Woodward

We are all very happy to report that two dear souls in our congregation are seeking the Lord in repentance. May much grace be given to them. It is our sincere prayer that many others may also see their soul's deep need, and that they then can turn to the only true source of help, our precious Lord and Saviour.

We were glad to see Bro. Lloyd Massner back at our assembly, after quite a long absence, due to back surgery.

Bro. Allen and Sis. Ann Massner are the parents of a new baby boy, Chad. He was welcomed by his sister, Paige, and brother, Kipp.

Bro. Lloyd and Sis. Edith Massner added a new daughter to their family. Her name is Jana. She joins Carolyn and Deonna already at home.

Fred and Carolyn Pohl have had their first child, a daughter, Heather Christine.

Note: Bro. Lloyd and Sis. Edith Massner would like to very sincerely thank all those who sent cards, gifts and those who visited them during Lloyd's long confinement. Your thoughtfulness was very much appreciated.

JUNCTION, OHIO

Henrietta Manz — Betty Manz

Bro. Carl Kipfer, Bluffton; Henry Sabo, Mansfield; and Eugene Fetter, Toledo, were our visiting ministers. It is always uplifting to be able to sit and listen to the Gospel in its truth and purity.

Bro. Fred Wahl is not well. We wish him the Lord's nearness in whatever lies ahead. Sis. Martha Laukhuf also is not well, and much of the time is not able to assemble with us.

Tim Schlatter (Sis. Juliet) was awarded the State Farmer degree at Columbus. Tim works hard with his farming and livestock, and we wish him God's blessings. It is not easy to take over a farm after losing your father.

I had to think when we were visiting, how wonderful our fellowship really is. This is something we feel in our heart, but certainly cannot explain to the world. How precious it is to even go to a congregation where many of the people are "strangers" to us, and yet are our brothers and sisters, and this bond of love is there.

After a very rainy season, we are thankful that the farmers are now able to get in the fields. May the Lord protect them in this busy time.

OAKVILLE, IOWA

Martha Steiner

We welcome Bro. Robert and Sis. Delores (Wuthrich) Kiefer and their four children from Forrest to our congregation, as they have moved to this area.

At our annual business meeting, the following trustees were elected: Bro. David Eisenmann, church trustee; Bro. Conrad Gerst, cemetery trustee; Sis. Verna (Bro. Ortie) Rocke, women's food committee.

We will miss the visits of Bro. Fred Marti from LaMar to this congregation, as he was called to his eternal home. Three of his children are of the Oakville congregation: Sis. Ruth (John) Schrock, Sis. Dorothy (Paul) Wagenbach, and Ervin Marti. We also rejoice

with the family in that one of Bro. Fred's granddaughters is among those in our midst who are seeking their soul's salvation and turning their backs on this evil world.

"I wish to express my sincere thanks to all who remembered me in their prayers, and the many cards, gifts, flowers, and visits I received while in the hospital and since returning home. A sincere thanks also to our neighbors for all the food brought to our home. These many acts of kindness were very much appreciated and will never be forgotten. May the Lord bless you for your kind efforts and deeds." Sis. Bernice (Bro. Earnest) Frank.

PULASKI, IOWA

Mrs. Dave Wiegand

It is a busy time of the year. The farmers are planting their crops. We pray for the Lord's blessing on our efforts, and that He will add the increase so that, if He wills it, we may have a bountiful harvest.

We surely enjoyed Bro. Bob Pohl's visit and hope he will return. We welcome all visitors. Our congregation is small, but we have lots of room for visitors.

SARASOTA, FLORIDA

Philip Wingeier

"Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house."

The month of April is the time when many of us who have spent the winter in Sarasota begin thinking of going back to their respective homes in the north, east and west. On April 19, we all gathered at the home of Bro. and Sis. George Graff, also Bro. Albert Fisher of Chicago joined us. Bro. Al ministered unto us, and we were very happy to have them in our midst. Bro. Rudolph Moser was able to be with us on this Sunday, for which we were thankful to God. April 26, a few of us from Sarasota called on Bro. Leon Virkler's at St. Petersburg, and then drove to Tampa, where Bro. Rudolph Moser had to be hospitalized on their way to airport. We had service at their motel room and also called on Bro. Rudolph at the hospital. We are all very sorry for the Moser family,

to learn since this time, Bro. Rudolph has been called to his eternal rest in that glorious Home above. Our sincerest sympathy goes out to the Moser family.

Sis. Ferne and myself wish to express our sincerest thanks to all the congregation at Sarasota and the many who came to visit us, both at our apartment and at church, for every deed of kindness that was shown to us, both according to soul and body. May God bless each one . . . trusting in the Lord we shall be able to return early this coming fall to our place of worship at Sarasota.

WICHITA, KANSAS
Mrs. Barbara Hangartner
Mrs. Larry Farney

Elections were held, with the following results: Sis. Ann Farney, primary grades; Sis. Gussie Wullschleger, 3rd, 4th and 5th grade class. Bro. Steve Langhofer was elected to the office of treasurer.

Bruce Wuulschleger, son of Bro. Art and Sis. Gussie, was hospitalized for an appendectomy, but has returned to church and school.

ALTO, MICHIGAN
Loretta Steffen

We had many happy events. Sis. Sharon Wingeier, daughter of Bro. Dave and Sis. Bertha, and Bro. Terry Zimmerman of Fairbury have announced their engagement. We wish them the Lord's rich blessings in their future together.

We rejoiced to have Bro. Nathan Steffen minister to us on April 19. It never fails to amaze us how the Lord uses His servants to further His precious word.

Little Jeanette Overholt is out of the hospital again, after fighting a bad infection. She has had many visits there in her few short years. We pray the Lord will bless the little Overholt family and give them a bright and happy future.

Sweet little baby Joel Schrenk made his entrance into this world on April 27. He is the 4th boy of Bro. Tom and Sis. Joan Schrenk. Baby Joel also has one sister and was fondly welcomed by all!

Elder Bros. Joe Waibel and Ben Maibach were here April 29 in the evening to read the memorandum. They shared many precious instructions with us. Each of us went home that even with the feeling, in our heart, **My cup runneth over!**

We wish to extend our best wishes to the recently married Mr. and Mrs. John Grawburg. They are living near Toledo, where John is stationed with the Mich. State Highway Patrol.

Sis. Lena and Ernest Roth wish to thank everyone who has remembered them when they were confined at home due to Lena's health. Most of all Lena thanks the Lord for wonderful friends who fulfill their Christian duty and share cheer and joy with them thru letters, cards, gifts and prayers.

BURLINGTON, OKLAHOMA
Millicent Frieden — Laverne Roth

Guest minister has been Bro. Richard Schupbach of Phoenix. Richard was accompanied by his sister and brother, Sis. Doris Konavich of Phoenix and Leon Schupbach and his wife of Nebraska. They came to help celebrate the 81st birthday of their dad, Bro. Sam Schupbach. Other children residing in this area are Sis. Nelda Ott, Sis. Shirley Nelson, and Milford Schupbach.

Our small congregation was saddened to learn of the loss of one of our oldest and most faithful members. Sis. Katie Bear, age 83, was laid to rest April 28, after a sudden heart attack. Services were conducted by Bro. Eli Somerhalder in a Harper Ks. funeral home, and burial was in the Harper Cemetery. Katie is survived by one sister, Sis. Jennie Schrock of Harper.

Perhaps it would be of interest to explain how these two older sisters came so faithfully to our Oklahoma church. When the Harper Kans. Apostolic Christian Church closed, due to there being only 4 members left, these few souls then drove to Burlington each Sunday—a distance of nearly 100 miles, round trip. In recent years, only Jennie and Katie were left to make the trip. Sis. Katie will surely be missed by all of us who came to know and love her.

Hospital patients have been Sis. Emma Somerhalder and Rose Schupbach. Bro. Eli Frieden was transferred to the Kiowa Manor Rest Home.

CROGHAN — NAUMBURG
Carol Virkler

Mrs. David Schamback

We are happy to report that Terri Steiner, daughter of Bro. Norbert and Sis. Doris, is now in a

walking cast and also recovering from kidney surgery. She was injured last Christmas-time when struck by a car.

Esther (Mrs. John) Rauhe is home and feeling well, following surgery. Sis. Laura Virkler and Pernal (Bro. Howard) Virkler are also home.

Pam Herzig, daughter of Bradley and Sis. Regina underwent surgery on her legs. She has been in a wheelchair much lately. We surely hope she will be better, the Lord willing.

Hospitalized are Michael, son of Nat and Sheila Virkler, and Sis. Betty (Bro. Arthur) Herzig, for tests. We trust that the Lord will watch over each of us with love and provide our needs.

HONOLULU, HAWAII
Bill and Sharon Dotterer

We enjoyed meeting and sight-seeing with Charlotte and Bill Metzger's company. Bill's sisters, Linda and Barbara from Lester spent their vacation here.

We were hoping for a hot and sunny two weeks for them, but the rainy season still is here. Often the rain is very pleasant—a light mist with the sun shining. Lately, the rains have been harder, making beautiful rainbows and also many double ones.

A wonderful feeling comes over us as we look at the rainbows, reminding us of God's promise, that He will never let a flood destroy the whole earth. Today, people make promises with good intentions of keeping them, but many are broken. How blessed we are that we don't have to worry about the Lord ever breaking any of the many wonderful promises He has left for us.

Charlotte and Bill Metzger hope that anyone intending to visit Hawaii will let them know. Their address is 67-202A Kahaone Loop, Waiialua Hawaii; their phone is 637-5802.

We also extend a hearty welcome to anyone coming here. If you are planning a vacation or R&R on the islands, we would like you to contact us so we can get together. Our address is 1224 Ala Kapuna, Apt. 103, Honolulu Hawaii 96819; or phone is 839-0965.

FT. LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA
Howard and Joyce Baumgartner

Our winter visitors are leaving

us and returning to their homes in the North. April 12 was the last Sun. Elder Bro Al Fisher, from Chicago, was in our midst. We enjoyed their usual visit and wish him a measure of good health, so he may continue in the service of the Lord.

Bro. and Sis. Roger Sauder are the parents of a new son, Douglas Roger, born April 15. We wish them much happiness with their new baby.

Our ministering Bro. and Sis. Harry Sutter celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary. May God grant them many more years together.

BLOOMINGTON-NORMAL, ILL

Bro. Duane Witzig and wife, Judy, welcomed little Jason Aaron, born April 27. His three brothers, Bret, Jeff and Raney no doubt will enjoy him.

Ministering brothers who served our congregation during April include: Nathan Steffen, Elgin; Roy Sauder and Jim Hoerr, Peoria; Arnold Gerst, Chicago; Leroy Huber and Marvin Schmidgall, Eureka. We sincerely appreciate their efforts and hope that God will be their rich rewarder.

For those of you who would like to visit us and are not familiar with our assembly, the following information should be helpful. We rent the Mennonite church at University and Church Streets in Normal. The first service begins at 12:30, with singing commencing at 12:15. After the first service, we have lunch and a second service, similar to most of our other churches. Sunday school is held during the first service for all ages. Although we have services practically every Sunday, there are occasions when the Mennonite people retain the use of their building all day. We extend a hearty invitation for you to visit us.

ROCKVILLE, ILLINOIS

Carlton J. Lanz

Bro. Rudolph Moser, 60, died in a Tampa, Florida, hospital, where he had been a patient. Because of the nature of his illness, Rudy for several years had spent his winters in the South, the climate being less severe. Besides his wife, Sis. Emma, he leaves four sons, Bro. Benedict, Edward, Bros. James and Roger; a daughter, Sis. Florine Moser Luginbuhl; three sisters,

Bertha Moser, Frieda Moser Zahner, and Marie Moser Hany, all of Ellington. Burial was in Ellington Center Cemetery. Officiating at the services were Elder John Bahler and Bro. Ernest Luginbuhl.

Births: May 5, a daughter, Terry Lou, to Bro. and Sis. Marvin Luginbuhl; grandparents, Bro. Ernest and Sis. Louise Graf, Akron, and Bro. Roy and Sis. Helen Luginbuhl. A daughter, Debra Beth, was born May 6 to Bro. and Sis. Owen Bahler; grandparents, Bro. John and Sis. Flora Feldman and Sis. Olga Marti Bahler.

Testimonies of God's readiness to forgive sin, and His eagerness to bring peace of mind and heart to the repentant were presented by four dear friends who had made this wonderful experience. The church then witnessed their baptisms, uniting them to the church body. Bro. Rudolph Graf, Akron, was present, assisted by our elder, Bro. John Bahler, in this and in the serving of Holy Communion of The Lord's Supper which followed. Names of the new young converts are, Crystal Luginbuhl, Joan Ballasy, Joan Luginbuhl and Terry Gottier. Parents of these are Bro. Urban and Sis. Charlotte Luginbuhl, Bro. Ernest and Sis. Aline Ballasy, Bro. Leonard and Sis. Irma Luginbuhl, and Warren and Sis. Carol Gottier.

Relatives, friends and neighbors visited the Kloter home on Sunday, May 10. They had come to bring gifts of silver in various designs, and to offer, with many others, their congratulations and good wishes to Bro. Emanuel and Sis. Helen Kloter, celebrating their 25th Wedding Anniversary. A delicious buffet luncheon was served.

BAY CITY, MICHIGAN

Marlene Mosher—Carolyn Knochel

Our cherry tree's blossoming reminds me of a chapter read—how the seed "brought forth fruit, some an hundredfold, some sixtyfold, some thirtyfold." Wouldn't it be wonderful if we all, as does the cherry tree with hundreds of blossoms on each branch, could bring forth "an hundredfold"?

Bro. Richard and Sis. Yolanda Jackson welcome home a baby boy, John Louis. Baby John joins Susan, Cindy, Don and Bobby.

We were saddened by our dear sister Judith Wieland's loss, when her father, Dan Collver, passed

away. Judy is the daughter-in-law of Bro. Erwin and Sis. Nina Wieland. We pray that God will comfort this family in their sorrow.

INVITATION TO SOLDIERS' REUNION Barry Isch

A reunion will be held for all servicemen who were discharged from active duty between Jan. 1, 1967, and Jan. 1, 1970, or within a few months thereafter.

There is a supper planned for 4:00 p.m. on Saturday evening, July 25, at the Fellowship Hall directly behind the Bluffton Church.

The church location from Bluffton is, 5 miles east on St. Road 124 and 2 miles south on County Road 700 West. From Decatur, Ind., it's 7 miles south on U.S. 27, 6 miles west on St. Rd. 124, and 2 miles south on County Rd. 700 West.

Each church should receive additional information. If there are any questions, contact Bro. Dave Klopfenstein, Rt. 2, Paulding, Ohio 45879. Latty and Bluffton will serve as hosts.

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WINDOW TO BEYOND

Henry Souder Jr.

What is beyond the gateway? Shall we know one another? Shall we talk?

We can know from One who knows, our Lord Jesus. He inhabits eternity. He is from everlasting to everlasting. It's a familiar place to Him, where our eyes have never been.

He gives an account in Luke. The rich man is passed by without name. Jesus knows His own people by name. Mention that it is a parable is absent. It is a fact, a statistic. Notice the plush surroundings. "There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day."

There are a lot of contrasts: day and night . . . black and white . . . rich and poor. Those neglected of man are cared for of God. He has deep pity, wonderful compassion. He knows. "And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate, full of sores, And" . . .

The God who sends the thunder, whose majesty can be told from the beauty of the storm sees things as they are. His memory does not miss little deeds that could have been . . . He knows every moment of suffering. Look how he read Lazarus's heart: "desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table:" . . .

The pathetic notes of this time are noted, for our learning. The rich man was the one in real misery. He was barren of true riches, while Lazarus had the splendid resources of God's promise. Lazarus, rejected, unwanted, unfed. Yet more: "moreover the dogs came and licked his sores." What

price pain? Only a little, just a little.

The scene changes. Death, like a sharp dagger, strikes. Death can be beautiful. Jesus points to the faithful, what happens right after departure. There is no state between. No soul-sleep. The Lord consciously omits "buried". The body sleeps, till Jesus brings the spirit with Him at His return. The Lord showed a sad contrast. "And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried;"

There was a time in Scripture where the disciple that Jesus loved was "leaning on Jesus' bosom". Now, style of furniture today is of many kinds. Between now and then, we have a different style of eating, a different method of arrangement and seating. It is said, at our Lord's table, the way would be not our way of sitting, but one hand or elbow would rest on the table. The feet would be away, behind. (Remember how one came and washed Jesus' feet with tears?). Kind of reclining.

In this way, the beloved disciple was in the bosom of Jesus. He was next to Him, a wonderful friend, so very close to such a very dear one. When this disciple, though, asked Jesus, who it was that would betray, a different word is used. "He then lying on Jesus' breast". Closer for a quiet communication. This "in his bosom" has a beautiful outlook, for our heavenly festivity. What a fellowship! But how sharply it cuts for the lost. "And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom."

Real people, real, individual names . . . the personality of the soul is the same as here. There is real sight, actual looking. There is real rest, relaxation, contentment. There is no dissatisfaction in that bosom picture. There is communication, talking, understanding, answering. Yet there is such contrast, severe, unreachable: such beauty and pain, light and darkness, joy and despair. "And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame."

We live now in what will be, the remembering then. See that ability to recall. The sunshine is gathered richer to us, when we have known the sorrow and pain. What contrast, though. It will add to the anguish of one whose last hope is smothered in blackness! "But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented."

It is terrifying to think of the concrete cast of one lost. Fixed. Unmoveable. Permanent. More than the sealed casket covered with smothering earth. It is utter dejected despondency, summed up so accurately and soberly by our Lord: There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Let us cry and plead, before the sun goes down, forever, on Today!

"And beside all this, between and you there is a great gulf fixed, so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from hence."