

For from you sounded out
the word of the Lord not only
in Macedonia and Achaia, but
also in every place your faith
to God-ward is spread abroad;
so that we need not to speak
any thing.

For they themselves shew of
us what manner of entering in

we had unto you, and how ye
turned to God from idols to
serve the living and true God;

And to wait for his Son from
heaven, whom he raised from
the dead, even Jesus, which de-
livered us from the wrath to
come.

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

THE SILVER LINING

A LIGHT for BELIEVERS

HOME FOR THE HANDICAPPED

Northwest of Morton on the VFW Road, the home is sponsored by the Apostolic Christian Churches of America and will be situated on a 40-acre tract 2½ miles from Morton.

A Washington, Ill., firm, Koehl Construction Company, has been awarded the general contract. Meister Brothers of Peoria has the plumbing and heating contract, and Stephens Electric Company of Morton will install electrical service. The home is scheduled for occupancy in June, 1971.

The one story brick structure will accommodate 50 mentally or physically handicapped residents in a home-like atmosphere. The building will be air-conditioned, provide space for therapy and crafts, and provide a living room with fireplace.

Thomas N. Landes & Associates of Chillicothe have incorporated a variety of features into the design with use of different materials and colors to minimize the institutional appearance of the residence. The building design will provide capacity to accommodate expansion

of the facility to 100 residents in the future.

Policies and plans of the home, established by a board of directors representing Apostolic Christian churches throughout the U.S., have provided for 24-hour residential care and limited activities, plus planned purchase of diagnostic treatment and training services.

A simple and brief yet very impressive service was held on Sunday, June 7 at the site. It was attended by an estimated 250 people from a number of the surrounding churches.

Elder Bros. Russell Rapp and Roy Sauder were in charge. Russell read from John 9: 1-4, and Galatians 6:2. These particular portions of scripture should be a great source of comfort to families who have a handicapped child, and are certainly an exhortation to all of us, that our being spared from the care and heartache does not exclude us from the responsibility of helping those loved ones who do need a home for their handicapped. I believe it is a wonderful opportunity that is afforded us to have

a part in such an undertaking as this.

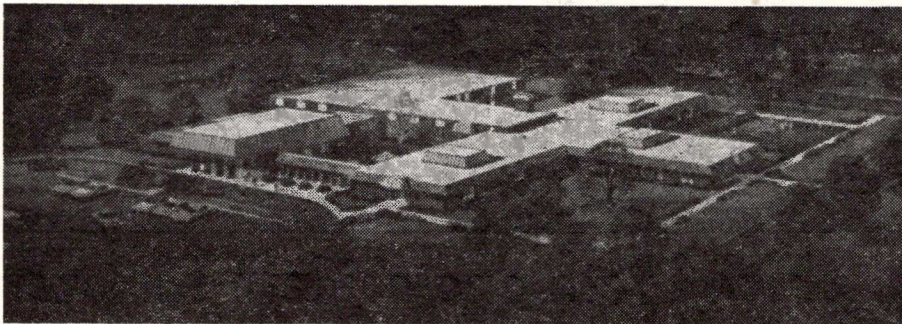
Russell reminded us that there have been many tears shed over handicapped children and that it is wonderful to see this Home becoming a reality, after years of study and planning. Roy asked that God might bless this undertaking, as he led us in a closing prayer. Frank Honegger, treasurer, turned the first spade of ground to complete the service and mark the beginning of the construction.

Earth-moving equipment was on the grounds, and work was officially begun on Monday morning, June 8. The estimated time of construction is 10-11 months.

Again we want to thank every one that has helped in any way toward the furtherance of this Home for Handicapped and pray God's richest blessing upon you. It is the intent of the committee to visit as many of our churches as possible to answer any questions and resolve any doubts that are in the minds of our brethren and friends.

We are very much aware of our dependency upon God's blessings and your prayerful, moral, and financial support. May He continue to move the hearts of the brethren and friends to that end.

The committee members are: President—Carl W. Frautschi, Bloomington; Vice President—Herman Menold, Morton; Treasurer—Frank E. Honegger, Forrest; Asst. Treas.—George C. Baurer, Cissna Park; Secretary—A. E. Hunziker, Morton; Asst. Sect.—Elmer J. Bucher, Francesville; Directors—Harvey Grimm, Sabetha; Phil Mogler, Lester; Harold Krantz, Morton.



(Bro. Elmer Bucher has sent a picture and the accompanying words. The first part is from a newspaper.)

WISDOM AND MORALS

Bro. Henry Beer

"The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do his commandments. . ."

Civilization is a common word, and the advance thereof has been attributed to knowledge and learning. Many have, of the last decades,

thought that the advance in free schools and college educations, that the problems of life would be solved, and that by education of the masses the golden age, or the Utopia, would be ushered in.

When we look at the world status and the alarming conditions in scho-

lastic circles, we are made to wonder how academic freedom is being turned into licentiousness. It appears that the underlying cause has been education without morals or religion.

I myself at one time thought the quest and attainment of knowledge

would be the means by which the soul would be satisfied and contented. Then the teaching of Paul was revealed to me, that it is possible to be ever learning, and yet not able to come to the knowledge of the truth. Wisdom is not of temporal nature, but is found in our relationship to God. The great mistake has been made that we have education without religion and moral background.

A former President has said, If you educate a man in mind but not in morals, you educate one who may in turn be a menace to society. Is it possible that intellectual brilliance, coupled with moral darkness is producing our troubles in America and even in foreign lands? Unsanctified intellect may go to great extremes, and knowledge alone can and often does lead one farther and farther away from faith in his Maker and Creator. What wonder the Apostle enjoined, I would not have you to be ignor-

ant, that not many wise men after the flesh, not many noble, nor mighty are called.

This article is not written to discourage college education, but rather to encourage our young people to seek the wisdom that cometh from above, and then temporal learning will have a balance and useful purpose in life, and thus be of greater use and service to our Master and mankind.

Our elders and parents of young people who are attending higher schools of learning have deemed it wise and necessary to supply centers for worship, and well it will be if our young people will avail themselves of the opportunity to assemble wherever the word of God is proclaimed in truth.

Bro. Henry also sent the following from a hymnal:

Hush'd was the ev'ning hymn;
The temple courts were dark.

The lamp was burning dim before
the sacred ark,
When suddenly a voice divine rang
thro' the silence of the shrine.

Oh give me Samuel's ear, The open
ear, O Lord,
Alive and quick to hear each whisper
of Thy word,
Like Him to answer at the call, And
to obey Thee first of all.

Oh give me Samuel's heart—A lowly
heart that waits—
When in Thy house Thou art, Or
watches at Thy gates
By day and night, a heart that still
moves at the breathing of Thy
will.

Oh give me Samuel's mind! A
sweet unmuting faith,
Obedient and resigned to Thee in
life and death,
That I may read with childlike eyes
Truths that are hidden from
the wise.

TRAVEL-TIME

the editor

Conclude. Our days have their final chapter. A tick of the clock and all our time will be done!

We visited Bro. Sam Getz, my great-uncle. Nearby, Illinois corn would grow and wait a golden harvest. Man's intersections, so close, plunges his mistakes into tragedy.

Sam told us of a good trait of the elder in Morton, Bro. Russell Rapp. Brevity (and should not a speaker also be listening to the listening in his audience). Russell believes in order in time. He will briefly hasten the close, if needed. Order is a golden sound in the word, written for our benefit. We do well in writing the Bible in our life.

Soon we would be home. Home is where we know those who are most in detail in our life. Home, like the old shoe, is where we fit, in Indiana or at the ends of the earth.

Bro. Ed Hall before he died had a beautiful vision. His wife motioned him to come; she was in white. Ed said, There were church people all over the place. Church people . . . Try leafing your names of those who wait in Tomorrow.

We enrich our today and Tomorrow with treasures we meet . . . and know more in detail—like Sis.

Rose Getz, 7023 North Skyline, Peoria. These people of ours, those God has given. We do not touch another's life without having some opportunity . . . more than gold.

Our momentary inn was at Bro. Sam and Sis. Ann Lemans, on the Prairie at Roanoke. Day by day this family lives in charity. We paused next morning at the cemetery . . . there was resting the bodies of Jack and Lillian . . . she saw and left messages. It's just like we always believed, and Jesus is beautiful.

Home—It had been Mountain Time, Central, and then Eastern, losing two hours. We had to adjust. The best to adjust by is eternal truth. Some day we will fully know that prize vacation ahead, detailed in happiness, Home forever!

The things of earth grow dim in the light of the beautiful details that are everlasting. What a conclusion to reach!

PORTLAND, OREGON

Connie Steffen

We had a very blessed day when our three young converts were taken into the fold. What a joy to see the most solemn act of baptism, and relive within our hearts the time when we made this promise to remain true to God throughout our lives. The young sisters, Paulette Leman, Sharon Unsicker,

and Linda Miller also joined in singing "The Baptismal Covenant". May we always remember:

And I have vowed to fear and love
Thee

And to obey thee, Lord, alone;
I feel Thy Holy Spirit move me
And freely pledge myself Thine
own; Renouncing sin to keep
the faith

And war with evil UNTO DEATH.

Bro. Carl Kinsinger, our elder from Altadena proved and baptized the girls. Carl told us of their trip to India. We were blessed by the visit of two ministering brothers, Bro. Ernest Gerber of Rockville, and Bro. Earl Gerber of Forrest.

Our friend, Lowell Ditch, has re-

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turned to his home in Medford, after being fitted with his artificial limb. He is doing real well, but still has much pain in his right foot and ankle.

We are glad to have Bro. Kieth Schmidgall with us. Kieth is stationed at Tacoma, at Madigan Hospital. It's a joy to have young brothers who make such an effort to drive all those miles to be with us.

FRANCESVILLE, INDIANA

Mr. and Mrs.

Herman (Chris) Wuethrich

It is in great humbleness that we could go to Hawaii, and as it is time to write the news, will do it from here, staying at our nephew's home. Our main concern is for the loved service boys and those that can be with them here. On the Sunday gathering, Bro. Sam Aeschili-man had the services (on tape). He so touchingly told us, "We are just unable to count our many blessings". Homes that have boys in the service can understand the gap between loved ones a little better, and with communications between loved ones, it is filled, but often at the cost of pain. One of the service boys said, this is their feeling, as this song said "I Cannot Tell How Precious The Saviour Is To Me." . . So we left with this word, "Aloha", which means, Love, Greetings, and farewell.

"It Is No Secret What God Can Do". Sis. Octavis Erb had two "Joys" in a week's time. Bro. George and Sis. Elaine Erb had a baby girl, naming her Laurel Rose; she has one sister and two brothers. This is now the "Greatest Joy", when Dwight and Carol (Erb) Bucher were baptized, with Valerie Bucher (Wally) and Bill Brettin. When Bro. George Yergler helped Bro. Wendell with the proving he said, "On legal papers you always have to use your full name, so on this most important step in your life, it will be all right to call you William, won't it?" You can guess what his answer was.

Now our Bro. Dwight Bucher gave us tears of joy then, as he said, how hard it would have been to help carry his mother or father to their last resting-place in his unconverted state, but how harder if his parents would have had to seen him in his grave, in his unconverted state?

We pray for our four happy con-

verts, as the poem heading says, "My Peace I Give To You", which was a comfort to them, and is to us all.

Dear Mother, Sis. Nola Wuethrich, can assemble with us again; we pray that she can become as strong in her bodily strength as she is in her spiritual.

These are always happy days--when two can join hands and hearts to walk the pathway that God has given, Chris Huber (Eugene) and Sharon Tanner.

Closing with our grandchildren's recent saying--"Go North or South, East or West, But Home is Best."

MORTON, ILLINOIS

Mrs. John Oberlander

Mrs. Ken Getz

Funeral services for Bro. George Giesel, 94, were held July 5. He died July 2 at Rest-Mor Nursing Home, having been their first patient. He is survived by a daughter, Sis. Lorraine (Mrs. Victor) Schieber.

Again our congregation has been truly blessed, by the repentance and baptism of two dear souls: Paul Plattner, son of Bro. Jacob and Sis. Bernice Getz Plattner, and Cheryl Joos, daughter of Ben and Bernice Kyyburz Joos.

Visiting ministers were Bros. Edward Aeschleman and Edward Alt.

Twenty-five years ago our beloved Bro. Henry Grimm Sr. began his labor of love in the ministry. He has given much of himself in preaching the word.

Ted, son of Bro. John and Sis. Pauline Schink, underwent surgery. Ted has been in the hospital since Nov. 1969, following an automobile accident. Our prayers go with him daily. Willis Belsley and Kenneth Warren suffered accidents at work. Willis, son of Bro. Joe and Sis. Emma Belsley, is in Methodist Hospital, Peoria. A card of good cheer would be much appreciated. Bro. John W. Frank and Sis. Bertha Voelbel Frank were in the hospital.

Bro. Art and Sis. Verena Moser Heiniger visited their son, Bro. James, and his wife, Sis. Kathy Zimmerman Heiniger, stationed in Germany. Kathy's grandmother, Sis. La Vina Stoller Getz and aunt, Sis. Edith Getz also spent some time with Jim and Kathy. The Heinigers and Getzs enjoyed their tour of Europe.

PRINCEVILLE, ILLINOIS

Ruth Ricketts

DEDICATION

In solemnity and with humble, thankful hearts, we were privileged to enjoy the dedication services of our new house of worship July 19. We need to realize, as members of the body of Christ, that when we dedicate our church, we are dedicating our very lives to the service of God, and as individuals carry a great responsibility to the Lord, and one to another.

We were reminded in the dedication service by Bro. Joe Waibel that, as the bricks of the walls are in unison one with another, each doing its part, depending upon the other for support, so likewise shall the members, as lively stones in a spiritual house be. Paul reminds us, that we shall with all lowliness, meekness, and longsuffering, forbear one another in love. Endeavoring to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace.

In the morning service the words of the hymn were so appropriate, "Let your whole life be an offering to God and to Christ the Lord." If in our walk of life we are obedient to those words, then the church can flourish with Christ as the chief cornerstone.

The Bible tells us "There is . . . one Lord, one faith, one baptism, One God & Father of all, who is above all, and in you all." If then this spirit be dwelling within our heart when we depart this life, we have the assurance that when our Lord returns for his Bride, the true church, we shall be raptured. The true bride, even in a natural way is devoted and dedicated to her husband.

How much more should the Church be to her Lord and Saviour, that we grieve not the Holy Spirit of God whereby we are sealed unto the day of redemption.

We were reminded of the beautiful temple of Jerusalem, which Solomon built, how each stone was hewn, chiseled and polished BEFOREHAND, so when the temple was erected every piece of stone fit perfectly. We as lively stones in God's spiritual house need to be shaped for the eternal home, where there will be no misfits.

The accident that befell our dear Bro. Louie Kieser left a dark cloud hanging over our congregation and the complete event. However, if we take an example from his life, and

When his passing in the service of God the ultimate result can be rewarding.

We appreciate the response of all our visitors, and especially visiting ministers, who attended open house July 12, and our dedication service July 19. Two days before dedication, Bro. Louie Kieser fell a short distance from a truck, striking his head, laying unconscious for a week, before departing this life on July 23. He had devoted so many hours working faithfully in many ways. God can give comfort to the bereft; "Someday we'll understand."

Twelve members who were baptized in the country church and worshipped in the edifice built in town, are now worshipping in the new edifice. There are a number of those who anticipated worshipping in the new building who were called from this life before its completion, and some who perhaps thought they wouldn't see the new building are now permitted to worship there.

We were thankful to have Bro. William Gudeman from Elgin visit us, and were comforted with words spoken by William. Our hearts were all saddened with the passing of Bro. Louie, and we felt William was especially welcome that Sunday.

Bro. Joshua Broquard assisted our ministers in conducting services for Bro. Louie Kieser July 27. Joshua read "For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him." We feel Louis was a ripe fruit, and had so untiringly cared for his family. Patiently he looked after his aged father who only recently went to rest, then his invalid sister all her life, as well as for anyone in need. His life's work is ended, and now he rests in peace. He is survived by his wife, Sis. Bertha (Sauder); and a daughter Janet; five sisters, Sisters Dorothea and Marie; Frieda, Esther and Pauline. He was laid to rest in the church cemetery.

Sis. Ida Huber spent several days in the hospital for tests and observation, and is now confined to her home. Sis. Marie Endress is confined to her home and looks to the Lord for her help. Bro. Richard Seidel is slowly recovering from eye surgery and is thankful to worship with us again. "I wish to thank everyone for the many deeds of kindness, cards, gifts, and visits

during my stay at the hospital and after my return home. Your love and prayers mean so much to us. May God richly bless all of you." Richard Seidel

Bro. James and Sis. Jean Metzger are rejoicing over the birth of a son, Trent Alan, born July 15. They are living in Detroit, where James is attending school. Bro. Richard and Sis. Marie Seidel are the maternal grandparents; Bro. Jame's parents are from Sabetha.

REMINGTON, INDIANA

Anna M. Waibel

Bro. Elmer Bucher of Francesville brought us a very inspiring message on our midweek service and gave us the opportunity to see pictures of the home for handicapped.

Bro. Corbin Bahler, Rockville, came for the Bahler Reunion here and took time to be with us on Sunday evening service. Bro. Roy Wernli of Lamont spent Thursday, July 23 here. We always appreciate all who come to visit us.

Bro. Robert Clauss had some damage to his buildings during a storm the first part of July.

A number of families had children from the Dessie Scott Children's Home.

Elmer Wasner was in the hospital for treatment. Carol Schieler and two Anliker sisters had a car accident. They were not seriously injured but the car was damaged extensively.

John Schieler, Bro. Herbert's son is here from Viet Nam.

Bro. Al and Evelyn (Bahler) Knochel moved to Monticello, Ind. from Lafayette, and Ed Frey was taken to their home July 25, and was taken into the fold. Bro. Geo. Yergler of Lacrosse and Bro. Wendell Gudeman of Francesville, his nephew, performed the ceremony, with the family and sisters and brothers present. We rejoice with all.

BAY CITY, MICHIGAN

Carolyn Knochel—Marlene Mosher

Summer is a busy season, with many visitors from many places; among them was the Fairbury Sunday School, who joined us for our annual Sunday School picnic. We invite our many loved ones to return.

The engagement was announced of Sis. Ardi Hodder and Bro. Roland Manz of Junction. Ardi is the

daughter of Jess and Sis. Mildred, and Roland is the son of Bro. Emmanuel of Junction. We wish them God's grace and love in their life together.

Hospitalized were Sis. Mary (Bro. Earl) Ramseyer and her daughter-in-law Linda, son Daryl's wife. We wish them God's strength for a quick recovery.

Carlton Wieland and Candance Hipke were married July 11. He is the son of Bro. Erwin and Sis. Nina, and she is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hipke. We welcome Candy to the family.

PEORIA, ILLINOIS

Emily Tanner

Mrs. Michael Weyeneth

When Jesus said, Ye shall be witnesses unto me, both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth, He spoke to all the disciples.

We had a blessed Sunday July 26 when three dear souls, Sandy Pfaffmann, Joanne Plattner, and Kathryn Hoffman were added to the fold. Provings were held on Sat. evening, with Bro. Ed Hohulin assisting.

Our dear sister, Hannah Traub, age 88 years old, passed away. She was a resident of the Apostolic Christian Home here the last three years. She was an active member of the sewing circle of the church. Surviving are three sons and two daughters. Her funeral was held Mon., July 13 with a large attendance.

The sad news came on Thurs. morning July 10 of the passing away of our dear Bro. Dan Hoerr, age 69. His funeral was held on Mon., July 13. He will be greatly missed by his dear wife, Verna and all of us. Surviving are his widow, four brothers and three sisters. He formerly lived at Quincy, Ill.

Deborah Sue Musselman, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Howard Musselman, became the bride of Richard Anthony Harvey, son of Mrs. Louis Harvey. They were married July 18.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Arnett announced the engagement of their daughter, Barbara, to Robert Leuthold, son of Bro. and Sis. Chris Leuthold. They will be married in Sept.

Bro. and Sis. Russell Henning moved here from Quincy, Ill. Their address is 2209 N. North St. Mov-

ing from Bradford are Bro. and Sis. Walter Feucht and their 6 children. Their address is 2324 Grandview Ave. Mr. and Mrs. Worthington, who lived in Salem Ore., moved here. Their address is 1100 Tripp Ave. We wish to welcome all of them.

Our visiting minister was Bro. Ed. Aeschleman of New Jersey. Services were held at the Fellowship Hall, because of new carpeting being installed in the assembly room of the church.

Bro. Ronnie Kipfer of Bluffton is working here at Caterpillar. His address is 727 N. Eleanor.

Miss Vicki Hartman, daughter of Bro. LeRoy and Sis. Elsa and Ken Knobloch, son of Bro. Nick and Sis. Gladys, of Wyoming, were married Sat. July 18. They are living at Washington, Ill.

We enjoyed a visit from the Dessie Scott Orphanage from Kentucky in Aug. About 50 came altogether. They stayed in Morton, Princeville, Bradford, and Peoria. We had a gathering of about 500 at the Fellowship Hall on Mon. Aug. 19 for a picnic.

On Sunday July 5, there were Bible Classes from 12 area churches at the Fellowship Hall. They had both a dinner and a supper, and a nice program was enjoyed by all.

We are on daylight savings time. Our church services start at 10 A.M., song service at 12 P.M. and afternoon services at 12:15 P.M.; Wed. services are at 7:30 P.M.

PHOENIX, ARIZONA **Wilma J. Pulfer**

July 12 was the last Sunday in Phoenix for Bro. Ken and Sis. Lynn Beer, who are leaving our congregation after a year of teaching. They are returning to Milford, to accept new teaching assignments this fall. Ken was assistant Sunday School Superintendent this past year. We will miss both of them and wish them many blessings in their new positions.

Our visiting minister was Bro. Joe Aberle from Sabetha. May God bless them richly for their visit.

Our Friend, Russell Kauffman suffered a heart attack. Our prayers are with him for a complete recovery.

We extend our sympathy to two families in our congregation: Sis. Evelyn Hoerr in the loss of her mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Gauwitz of Peoria, and Sis. Alice Baumgartner

in the loss of her brother-in-law, Mr. Dan Feichter of Bluffton. May God comfort them in the loss of their loved ones.

ALTO, MICHIGAN **Loretta Steffen**

"Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths."

Tim Steffen, son of Sis. Helen, underwent surgery and is now fully recovered.

We enjoyed our many visitors during July. The 12th Bro. Art Gudeman of LaCrosse, and Bro. Gerald Sutter of Taylor were servants sent to proclaim God's word. On the 26th, Bro. Ken Sauder of Mansfield ministered to our spiritual needs. The Forrest Sunday School and their teachers spent that week-end with us. We thank our visitors and hope they will have the opportunity to return again.

BLOOMINGTON-NORMAL, ILL. **Virgil and Shirley Funk**

Visiting ministers for the month of July include Bill Gudeman, Elgin; Joe Kaisner, Forrest, and Eli Somerhalder, Burlington. Their efforts are appreciated, and we beseech God's blessings on them. We hope and pray that the Lord's servants will always proclaim sound doctrine, as inspired by the Spirit, until the Lord returns to claim His own.

Bro. Raymond Haerr, his wife, Sis. Jeannie, and their three children moved into town on July 1, and are now attending services with us. Raymond practices internal medicine.

BREMEN, INDIANA **Emma Unsicker**

"Ring the bells of heaven! there is joy today" was the song last Wed. evening at Bible study. Indeed we are rejoicing for Phil and Mary Jane Zeltwanger.

Believing souls, rejoicing go,
There shall to you be given
A glorious foretaste, here below,
Of endless life in heaven.

We thank Bro. Earl Kilgus and all our visitors who spent a Sunday with us in July.

Happy excitement was among many families at Bremen when the

children from Dessie Scott came to spend a few days with us.

In the hospital are Sis. Leah Zimmer and Ed. Germann. May God's love flow in the hearts of all who are ill, that they might receive strength and courage. A Swiss physician once wrote—"Every healing is given as a grace of God, whether it is effected through a scalpel, medicine, or the prayers of a fine Christian."

Thank you note: A sincere thanks to all members, friends and relatives for remembering me with cards, gifts, prayers and visits while in the hospital and after returning home. It was very much appreciated. Bro. Dan Clauss.

LATTY, OHIO **Dolores Grant — Iva Stoller**

On July 14, a dear little miss was welcomed by Bro. Charles and Sis. Debbie Dunham and by a brother, Charles Ryan.

We were fortunate to have several visiting ministers. Bro. Earl Banwart of West Bend brought his message of truth and love on July 19, and on the 26th Bro. Vern Leman of Eureka and Bro. D. Koch of Tremont blessed us with their teachings. May we each learn anew.

Bro. Ray Sinn and Sis. Dorothy Stoller met with separate accidents. They were both rather fortunate, although Dorothy has been quite handicapped with a badly bruised foot.

Our hearts were gladdened when another dear friend felt the need to find comfort in her Saviour. Our new convert is friend Shirley Stoller, daughter of Bro. Glen and Sis. Edith.

We were also happy that our friend Tom Laukhuf was able to assemble again with us. May he find a new-found joy in his converted life.

Then shine for the Lord and show
Him forth;
Let naught that blest glow e'er
hide.
We're just the lantern—a thing
of naught—
But Christ is the Light inside!

MAYWOOD, CALIFORNIA **Elizabeth K. Kaisner**

We often are with joy impressed
When some lost soul who was
distressed

Did part from sin and all his ways rest in peace throughout his days.

Our friend Betty Yeges, who has been in the hospital since Jan. 13, has repented, confessed peace and has been announced for proving. She had lived at Francesville in former years. We wish her all of God's blessings. Bro. and Sis. Herman Wuetrich have been here to visit with her; they are from Francesville.

We were privileged to have as our visiting ministers, Bros. Joe Aberle and Clarence Yackley. May God bless them for the word and blessings brought, that we may by His grace endure true and faithful. In faith we know there is a living God: Faith prepares us for our goal.

UNION CITY, NEW JERSEY Ed Aeschleman

On Sunday June 14, we were blessed with a visit from Elder Bro. John and Bro. Ernest Gerber. The Lord richly provided spiritual food through these his faithful servants. John also served the Lord's supper; it was truly a very blessed day, for which we all are thankful to God.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to Alice Engelbrecht (Sis. Ida Knecht's daughter) and her son Jeffry, in the loss of their dear husband and father. Charles Engelbrecht died suddenly on May 21, at the age of 53. May God comfort all the loved ones.

Ministering Bro. Andrew Virkler visited our congregation on Sunday June 28. We all enjoyed good fellowship and were blessed with the inspired word of God.

Our sincere sympathy is offered to the Leonard Hitz family. Leonard's father, Emil passed away in LaCrosse. May God's comfort be a consolation to all who sorrow in the loss of Bro. Emil.

WOLCOTT Arles Kropf

Bro. Corbin Bahler of the Rockville Church was with us a Sunday. Thanks, Bro. Corbin, for your efforts in bringing us the good word.

We are thankful that God has freed our dear friend, Clara Furrer, who suffered several heart spells. We're glad to have her in church again.

Bro. John Schmidt is hospitalized, having had his leg amputated

below the knee, due to infection. Reports are that he is very cheerful. May the Lord continue with him.

Several families in our congregation were host to the children from the Dessie Scott home during their visit, and report it was a real blessing to have them.

The new front entrance on our church is taking shape, and we trust will soon be completed. Our hope and prayer is that through these doors many souls will enter the sanctuary, and find that which will lead them to seek their salvation.

Bro. Nathan Lehman had the misfortune of injuring his ankle while on vacation and has to be in a cast.

ALTADENA

Freda and Rhoda Minger

On July 26 we received many teachings, as Bro. Clarence Yackley of Phoenix spoke on love and charity. Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.

Bro. Joe Aberle of Sabetha spent a Sunday with us, and we enjoyed a very blessed day. We surely feel the need to fellowship together and encourage one another in our Christian life, and we do appreciate the time given by these ministers.

We've had two blessed arrivals, both girls. Our son, Bob and Linda Minger named theirs Tammy Lyn. Our oldest daughter, Irene and Matt Oilnero have chosen Kerry Elizabeth. We wish them God's blessings to care and provide for their needs.

ELGIN, ILLINOIS

Louise Steffen Katie Kachelmuss

Much has taken place in our Church Circle. We have two new young sisters; Mary and Cindy, daughters of Bro. Robert and Sis. Jean Kellenberger Scheitlin, gave their testimonies, were baptized, and are now lambs of Jesus' flock.

... But joy here alternates with woe. . . Bro. Carl Martin was so suddenly taken from our midst with a heart attack. Bros. Eugene Bertschi and Joseph Zimmerman of Eureka, and quite a number of others came for the funeral. Sis. Martha Lanz passed away after a lingering illness. She had been living with her brother, John, at 116

Hilton Place. Her two sisters, Sis. Frieda Ruch of Milford and Sis. Bertha (Joseph) Lauber tenderly and constantly cared for her nearly eight weeks at the hospital. **Asleep in Jesus, blessed sleep, from which none ever wakes to weep.**

Other guest ministers were Bros. LeRoy Huber, Marvin Schmidgall, Arthur Gudeman, Uriel Gehring, Edmund Kloter, Noah Schrock, Eugene Metzger and Clifford Grimm. We are thankful to God for all His servants who preach the word of life so willingly.

Howard, husband of Sis. Mary Graf Kimball was hospitalized for surgery, and is assembling with us again. Alfred, husband of Sis. Martha Wiegand Hugh is at the hospital, following a heart seizure. They live at 516 Villa, Elgin 60120. Bro. Joseph Schmidgall, 679 Park St., Elgin 60120 had surgery, and is again home with his loved ones.

Sis. Beverly, daughter of Bro. Edward and Sis. Jennie Schambach, was united in marriage to Bro. Merle Rocke of Eureka, by Bro. LeRoy Huber. The newlyweds will make their home in Eureka.

We had a farewell. Bro. Douglas, son of Bro. Freeman and Sis. Lucille Kellenberger, and Robert, son of Bro. Wm. and Sis. Cora Schambach, were called into the Service and are now stationed at Ft. Sam Houston. We wish them God's protection, as well as all who have to be away from homes and loved ones.

The Carl Martin family wish to thank all who remembered them with cards, gifts, prayers and the many expressions of sympathy in the loss of their husband and father. Sis. Ricka (Jacob) Stettner extends her thanks for the cards, gifts and prayers during her confinement. May God bless you all.

A Birth—to Jerry and Barbara Rudin Schifferer, a daughter, Michelle Lee, born Aug. 2.

Thank You Note: The family of Sis. Martha Lanz wish to thank all for the cards, prayers, gifts and the love shown them during her illness and death. May God bless you.

SABETHA, KANSAS Mrs. Joe Steiner

Visiting ministers were Bros. Elmer Bucher, Francesville; Harvey Heiniger, Oakville; and Sam Huber, Gridley. After evening services, Elmer spoke on the Home for the Handicapped, how it was

started and the progress that has been made.

Sis. Edna Steiner had the misfortune to fall and break her arm. She has it in a cast.

A son, Keith Joseph was born to Mr. and Mrs. Norman Steiner of Chagrin Falls, Ohio, July 11. They have two other sons, Richard Frederick, 8, and James Robert, 5. Bro. and Sis. Joseph Steiner, Sabetha are the grandparents.

Friends Sandra Perkins of Bern and Kenneth Aberle of Sabetha were united in marriage on Aug. 1. They are now at home in Sabetha. Kenneth is the son of Bro. Ben and Sis. Liseten Aberle. We wish the young couple much happiness as they begin their life together.

TOLEDO, OHIO Diane Reineck

After convalescing at home, Sis. Frances Laidig and Bobby Beard, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Beard, are able to gather with us at church, for which we are thankful.

Mr. and Mrs. Rolf Kaeppler and Mr. and Mrs. Hans Baer have returned to their native Germany for a visit over the summer. Sis. Suzanne Rehklau and her sister, Joyce are travelling through Europe. We wish all safe travelling on this earth. But we pray for safe travelling for all to that promised land.

DETROIT, MICHIGAN Donna Hartzler — Judith Aberle

"In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judaea, and saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." It is truly a joy to know that souls are still heeding the call of the Lord to follow and serve Him. Beverly Maibach, daughter of Bro. Ben and Sis. Lorene, and Charlotte Barton, daughter of Bro. Jim and Sis. Vi. have confessed their need of a Saviour. May God grant them grace, to experience a true repentance and to build their ship of faith on a firm foundation.

We enjoyed having ministering Bro. Eugene Pamer with us on Sunday, July 19, and we were given much food for thought. It is our prayer that God will continue to bless those who minister, wisdom and understanding to proclaim the true Gospel.

Bro. Jim and Sis. Jean Metzger are the happy parents of their first

child, Trent Alan, who was born July 14. How fortunate a child is to be welcomed into a home where there is love.

We extend our sympathy to Bro. George Aldea and his family, whose wife and mother, Theresa, passed away July 24, after a long illness. May they look to God for comfort and consolation in their hour of need.

MANSFIELD, OHIO Aaron A. Sauder

Aug. 1 was the date chosen by Sharon Ervin and Carl Witschi for their marriage, at which Bro. Henry Sabo officiated. Carl is the son of Sis. Marie and the late Bro. Ted Witschi. May the Lord's blessings be ever with this young couple.

Our sympathy goes to Lee Ann Riggensbach (Ronald), whose father passed away July 12.

Sis. Theresa Stier and Sis. Martha Cordrey (Kenneth) have been hospital patients. Carolyn, Paul and Robb Hollinger (young children of Paul and Sis. Marjorie) were all hospitalized at the same time for tonsillectomies.

Bro. Wallace and Sis. Helen Ramsier are the parents of a son, Todd Brian, born Aug. 3. Little Todd has seven big sisters and two big brothers to love him. His maternal grandmother is Sis. Tillie Oesch (Karl); and Bro. Ben and Sis. Lizzie Ramsier of Rittman are the paternal grandparents.

Heather Jo is the name given to the baby daughter born on Aug. 8 to Bro. Bernie and Sis. Beverly Washington. She was welcomed by three brothers and one sister. Mildred Dolce (Gabe) is the maternal grandmother, and Sis. Mary Sauder (Will) is the great-grandmother.

A Note of Thanks: Having been confined to the hospital and recovering at my home, I am moved to express my Sincere Thanks to our elders, ministers, brothers, sisters and friends, who so lovingly came to visit me, for their prayers and good wishes, and the many get-well and birthday cards and writing and letters of encouragements. It certainly humbles me, as I feel all unworthy of such great love and respect. My wish would be that God may bless and reward each. This time of confinement gave me much time to think of the past years of our life. We were privi-

leged under God's protection to visit so many of our beloved brethren and friends practically in all churches. The love and hospitality extended to us, these blessed memories come to us which we enjoyed, now a lasting blessing. I am slowly getting stronger. I wish everyone that is afflicted or suffering can enjoy the comfort and blessings which I experience.

Henry C. Sabo

AKRON, OHIO Katherine Ries

We welcome Sis. Gail and Ned Spangler and their children, Lisa and Eric, who now reside in our community. Ned is associated with Eckhard-Baldwin Funeral Home. Their new address is 3117 Whipple Ave. Barberton Ohio 44203.

We extend hearty greetings to Sis. Kathy Bako's mother, Elizabeth Muller, who is visiting from Hungary. Julie, daughter of John and Janice Graf has been hospitalized for adeno-tonsillectomy.

We are grateful to the young people who have visited us in groups from Bay City, Junction Rittman, and Mansfield, for the fellowship and their beautiful voices singing hymns to the honor of the Lord.

Elder Bro. Theo. Beer and Bro. Eugene Fetterer were welcome visitors, bringing us the word of God, offering blessings untold, if we love him and obey His commandments.

Bro. David Graf is scheduled for induction into the service Thursday Aug. 13.

Bro. Alex Bako is recovering from a siege of pneumonia.

Andrew Stanick has passed to his rest. Services were held by Elder Bro. Rudy Graf, Aug. 1.

BERN, KANSAS Esther and Stella Moser

Tis done, the great transaction's done;

I am my Lord's and He is mine;
He drew me, and I followed on,
Charmed to confess the voice divine.

Oh Happy Day—It was just that for Linda Esslinger July 26, when she was baptized and taken in the fold. Bro. Gene Marti assisted Bro. Lester Hartter in the proving and baptism. Among our visitors that day were Bros. Harvey Heiniger, Oakville; Elmer Bucher,

Francesville. It was a blessed day with many good teachings. Bro. Paul Butikofer, Elgin (Iowa) was our guest minister the Sunday before. Thanks brothers; come again.

Bro. Gene also helped Bro. Lester in serving Holy Communion to us one Sunday. In his message, Gene brought out the good Shepherd and parable as of today's living. When we are following a car down the highway, we must follow rather closely or we lose sight of it and the first thing we know we make a wrong turn, finding ourselves on a side road. Thus it is following the good Shepherd . . . get too far and we get side-tracked and lost. We always enjoy Gene and his family.

We extend sympathy to Sis. Stella Wenger (Jake) in the death of her brother, Sam Moser, Burlington, Iowa.

Sis. Julia Plattner is slowly recovering from her burns. She has asked me to extend her thanks to all who remembered her with cards, gifts and visits. Hospital patients are Bro. Melvin Rokey and Sis. Pearl (Harlan) Stoller, both surgical; Sis. Roberta Farney was hospitalized a short time. Tonsil patients, Angela and Beth Plattner (Bro. Eldon and Sis. Waneta).

The following is a poem which was written for and presented to Sis. Linda Lehman by a brother in faith:

My Prayer

A sin-sick soul, I tossed about
On life's tempestuous sea.
Yes, I was lost in deep despair—
Thy light I could not see.

I prayed, O Lord, that Thou
wouldst take
My heart and make it thine.
My plea was heard and mercy
came
And caused the sun to shine.

I cannot fully comprehend
The peace that came to me,
And yet I know, it was His blood
That truly set me free.

Thank thee, Lord, for Thy great
love,
And for Thy word so pure,
Which shows the way that we
must take
To reach the Golden Shore.

I now have vowed to serve Thee
true
As long as I shall live.
Please give me, Lord, grace from
above—
Which only Thou canst give.

Help me, God, to live each day
As tho' it would be my last.
Guide me in the future years
As Thou hast in the past.

Though the storms of life will come
And trials seem severe,
If Thou wilt hold my hand each
day,
Nothing will I fear.

O may my life so be a light
To all the folks I meet,
They too will want to live for Thee,
And make their life complete.

With misty eyes I cannot see
What the future holds in store,
But this I know If we serve Thee
true,
We'll meet on yonder shore.

BLUFFTON, INDIANA Imogene Steffen — Pat Isch

Welcoming new babies into their homes are Stanley and Sandy (Cline) Heyerly, who now have a daughter, Laura Ellen; a son, Kyle Steven, was born to Bro. Steve and Sis. Karen (Fiechter) Aschliman; a girl, Jamie Michelle, was born to Bro. Luther and Sis. Sharon Gerber; a boy, Craig Neil, to Robert and Mary (Hooper) Heyerly; and a daughter, Marci Lynne, has arrived to Bro. Ted and Sis. Deb (Baumgartner) Neuenschwander, who are stationed in Connecticut, but due to return home soon. A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Willis Prichard. Our good wishes to the new family circles.

Two of our dear ones who were reported as shut-ins last month have now passed on to eternity. They are Dan Fiechter and Roland Beer. Bro. Orville Ringger conducted the services for Dan's funeral, held on July 20. His survivors include his wife, Clara; a daughter, Barbara Hoeltke; two brothers, Bro. Joel and Bro. John; five sisters, Sis. Emma Baumgartner, Sis. Lillian Stoller of Latty, Elma Hoffman, Elizabeth Ginzel, and Queenie Barger.

Our friend Roland was relieved of his months of suffering on July 27, following an illness of pancreatitis. Our sympathy goes to his dear

wife, Sis. Sarah (Gerber), who survives. It is hard to understand why someone only 46 years old had to endure such, but God knows the reason and sometime we'll understand. Other members of his family include two sons, Edward and Phillip, and two daughters, Judy and Nancy. Bro. John Yergler conducted the services.

Sis. Mary Ann Reinhard has now moved to Swiss Village Retirement Home near Berne. Others residing there are Sis. Emma Isch, Bro. Joel Kehr, and Harry Dubach. Hospital shut-ins have been Sis. Sylvia (Ervin) Gerber, Bro. William Kaehr, Sis. Clara (Homer) Fiechter, Sis. Katie Isch, Bro. Fred Gerber, Bro. Emil Reinhard, and Darryl Gerber, son of Bro. Wilmer and Sis. Clara. We hope and pray that these souls may be blessed with God's peace, contentment, and His hand of healing.

Sat. evening, July 11 at our Fellowship Hall was the scene of the wedding ceremony of our friends Karen Hakes and Neil Gerber. Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Paris Hakes and Bro. Lloyd and Sis. Martha Gerber. Their vows were received by Bro. Yergler.

The engagement of Bro. Lewis Gerber and Sis. Mary Moser was announced. They were united in marriage at our mid-week service on July 29 by Bro. Sam Aeschliman. We are happy for them and wish them many contented years together.

On Sunday, Aug. 2, Sis. Andrea Aeschliman and Bro. Richard Stoller were married in an impressive ceremony by the bride's grandfather. Their parents are Bro. Walt and Sis. Imogene Aeschliman and Bro. Harold and Sis. Mary Stoller. May the Lord bless this union of hearts.

Guest ministers present for the above occasion were Bro. Ed Hohulin of Goodfield, Bro. Edward Alt of Cissna Park, Bro. Ed Ringger of Gridley, and Bro. Merle Bucher from LaCrosse. Other recent ministers visiting in our church were Bro. Homer Reineck of Toledo, Bro. Ben Manz of Junction, and Bro. Glenn Hackenjos of Altadena. Thankful always for such visits, we do hope they will return soon.

Many of the homes in our community were open to the children of the Dessie Scott home. We did enjoy their stay and are thankful they had a safe vacation.

BRADFORD, ILLINOIS

**Delores Duckworth
Martha Kieser**

We were thankful for the teachings brought to us by Bros. Joe Kaisner (Forrest) and Hartzell Kaisner (Detroit). May God bless all who labor in the Lord's vineyard.

Bro. Herman Dietz is still in the hospital, but is getting along better and hopes to return home soon. Bro. Clarence Knobloch was hospitalized for tests.

United in marriage on July 18 were Kenny Knobloch, son of Bro. Wm. and Sis. Gladys, and Vicki Hartman from Peoria, daughter of Bro. Leroy and Sis. Elsa. We wish them many heavenly blessings in their life together.

Bro. Verle and Sis. Lavonne Kieser welcome a baby boy, Perry Lynn, in their family circle. Perry was born Aug. 3 and has two brothers, Wesley and Kurt. His grandparents are Bro. Dave and Sis. Ruth Kieser from Princeville & Bro. Eli and Sis. Lena Grimm from West Bend.

Bro. Walt and Sis. Iola Feucht and family have moved from Bradford to Peoria. We will miss them, but wish them many blessings in their new home. Their address is 2324 Grand View Ave., Peoria, Ill.

Children from Dessie Scott Childrens Home stayed with families here during their vacation. We enjoyed having them with us.

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Visiting ministers were Bros. Ed Gudeman, Elgin and Lynn Klopfenstein, Alabama. We are grateful for the inspirational teachings which the Lord provided through their ministry.

Sis. Susanna Gonglach underwent surgery and is now recovering at home, for which we thank the Lord.

On Sunday afternoon, July 26, a supper was held at the church in honor of Bro. Fred and Sis. Marie Meyer and their daughter, Patty, who are moving to the Ft. Lauderdale area. They will be greatly missed in our congregation. We wish them the Lord's rich blessings in their new endeavors.

CISSNA PARK, ILLINOIS

Mary Young — Margaret Rudin

Gloria Knapp and Randy Feder were united in marriage July 26, at the home of the bride's parents,

by Bro. Ezra Feller. Gloria is the daughter of Bro. Melvin and Sis. Doris Knapp; Randy is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ozzie Fedder of Oswego. Our best wishes are extended to them.

We had a joyful Sunday when our dear friends, Jay Rinkenberger and Mark Alt were added to the fold, and are thankful Bro. Ed Hohuhlin assisted in this important work. We wish them much grace in traveling the new path of life. Other visiting ministers in the past month were Bro. Simon Wagenbach of Tremont and Bro. John Steiner of Oakville. We enjoyed a very pleasant day, and hope to meet again soon.

Bro. Clarence Knapp is a medical hospital patient. Sis. Minnie Feller entered the hospital as a medical patient. May the Lord be their Comforter in these trying days.

FORREST, ILLINOIS

**Carolyn Zimmerman
Juanita Schneider**

"For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh." Our sister Jeanne Ricketts, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Meredith, and Bro. Steve Langhofer, Wichita, son of Bro. and Sis. Al, have announced their engagement to be married. May God bless this important step in their lives.

We have been refreshed through our visiting ministers: Bros. Marvin Stieglitz, Leo; Ernie Gerber, Rockville; Roy Wernli, Lamont; Vernon Schwab, Wolcott; Merrill Laukhuf, Latty; Jess Schrock, Congerville and John Rokey, Goodfield. May God bless these brothers for their labors of love.

Sis. Bertha Maurer remains a patient at Fairbury Hospital, where she submitted to surgery. Sisters Marlene and Marilyn Kupferschmid spent some time in the Gibson City Hospital, Marlene having surgery and Marilyn for injuries due to a fall. Sis. Hulda Honegger submitted to surgery on her knee at the Champaign Hospital. May God grant healing and strength where it is His will.

Our friends, Cheryl Schlatter, daughter of the Dan Schlatters, and Capt. Dennis Mangers of Aurora were united in marriage on June 27. They are living at Rapid City, S. Dakota, where Dennis is serving

in the Air Force. Dale Zimmerman and Carol Menold were united in marriage at the Peoria Fellowship Hall by Bro. Perry Zimmerman. Dale is the son of Bro. and Sis. Glen Zimmerman. May God bless these couples as they set up their homes.

"I wish to express my thanks to all my friends and relatives who remembered me with cards, gifts and prayers during my surgery and convalescing at home. It was all appreciated, and would pray that God would reward each one. Duane Schneider.

"Life is not so short but that there is time for courtesy."

**FORT SAM HOUSTON, TEXAS
Cleve Klopfenstein**

We have enjoyed many visitors. Included among these visitors were Elder Bro. Wendell Gudeman from Francesville and Ministering Bro. Marvin Stieglitz of Leo, who proclaimed the word unto our small group.

Becky Kupferschmid of Cissna Park has returned home, after spending two months here at Ft. Sam with her sister and brother-in-law, Bro. Robert and Sis. Sue Ann Beebe.

We welcome Bro. Dale and Sis. Carol Strassheim and daughter Angela, who have joined us at Ft. Sam for the coming year. Dale plans to attend college in San Antonio.

After 3 months of service, Fred Gasser of Rittman received his discharge, due to his father's illness at home.

Leaving Ft. Sam for further duty as medics were Bro. Keith Schmidgall (Morris) to Tacoma and Phil Baumgartner (Bluffton) to Germany. Ben Tanner of Goodfield has received orders for Vietnam and will be departing soon.

Arriving for basic training in July were Bro. Mark Gutwein (Francesville), James Martin (Bloomington-Normal), and Ken Reutter (Cissna Park).

We at Ft. Sam appreciate being able to receive **The Silver Lining** and look forward to its arrival each month. It may be interesting to note that the Ft. Sam group has several large notebooks containing the Silver Lining, since its origin in 1943.

Changing address? Tell your reporter. Remember to send zip number!

FORT SCOTT, KANSAS**Ida Sinn**

Elder Bros. Sam Anliker and Lester Hartter were with us over the week-end of Aug. 1. Wayne and Juanita Sinn and their daughter Linda, and Nancy Kraft gave their testimonies on Saturday evening and were baptized on Sunday. Each deserves to be commended, the reborn for forsaking their life of sin to serve the Lord and the elders for lending themselves for this weighty work.

Bro. Vernon Schwab paid us an overnight visit on their way to Colorado. While we were sitting in the House of Worship, the rain came. We were getting quite concerned about the drought. The newspapers stated . . . Hottest July on record . . . Water shortages . . . Crops are parched . . . An emergency has been declared . . . Over 100 degrees temperatures for the 9th consecutive day . . . No relief in sight. The Lord has never forsaken us. This shower was just like an answer to a prayer.

GRIDLEY, KANSAS**Edna Somerhalder****Wilma Young**

"I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life."

The Gridley and Lamont congregations were hosts to Youth Fellowship, (7th grade through high school) from Sabetha, Burlington, and Ft. Scott, July 18 and 19th. There were 100 present Sat. and 150 on Sunday. As we viewed the large group of youth, we beheld our future church. We trust the dear Lord will add His blessings to the occasion.

Joseph Lee is the new son of Sam and Carol Kraft, grandson of Bro. Sam and Sis. Esther Kraft. He was welcomed home by Mike, Mark, and Matthew.

Douglas Kraft, son of Bro. Lloyd and Sis. Nadine, was hospitalized 4 days due to infected tonsils. He has resumed work at the boat factory. Ronnie Ellis, 3, grandson of Bro. Ephraim and Sis. Dorothy Young, was hospitalized 3 weeks, due to a protein deficiency in the blood. Before his dismissal, his 1-year-old brother Denny was hospitalized for pneumonia. They shared the same room. Sis. Lydia Bahr spent a couple weeks in her home, then another siege of infec-

tion in her hip. She is Wichita taking antibiotics.

We welcome Rodger and Janice Shannon, who have moved here from Culver City, California. Janice is the daughter of Bro. Ivan and Sis. Ada Beyer. Rodger will attend KSTC at Emporia.

The Lamont congregation assembles with us the first Sunday evening of each month for an hour of hymn singing. Though the temperature was near 100, our group was larger than usual. . . a nice way to worship our Lord.

We're experiencing one of the longest heat spells in several years. Crops are suffering, badly in need of moisture.

HONOLULU, HAWAII**Bill and Sharon Dotterer**

We enjoyed many visitors from the Mainland. Stan and Jane Steiner from Cissna Park took their R and R here. Bro. Herman (Chris) and Sis. Lauretta Wuethrich from Francesville flew over with their daughter Betty, who met her husband, Charles Lyons, for his R and R.

Jim Wagenbach from Tremont spent his R and R visiting with his brother-in-law and sister, Bill and Charlotte Metzger. It worked out that Bro. Simon and Sis. Louise Wagenbach from Tremont could be here at the same time with their son, Jim and daughter Charlotte.

We felt a wonderful blessing of fellowship whenever we got together. Our prayers and thoughts go with each one as they return to their station of duty. We hope the time will go quickly, and they will be able to return home soon to their families.

Bro. Roy and Sis. Pearl Rumbold visited their son Howard, who is stationed at Tripler Hospital.

Sis. Hiroko Natori from Japan had a 2-day layover, before continuing her trip to the mainland. It is wonderful how our Christian bond can overcome nationality and language barriers.

We enjoyed having our sister from Phoenix, Sis. Carolyn Dotterer, with us for a few weeks.

If any are planning a vacation or R and R in Hawaii, we hope you will get in touch with us. Our address is 1224 Ala Kapuna, Apt 103; phone 839-0965.

The amount suggested for the Silver Lining, \$2.00 per year.

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA**Charles and Doris Neuenschwander**

The brothers bringing us spiritual blessings have been: Bro. Henry Kilgus from Forrest, Bro. Earl Kilgus from Remington, Bro. Elmer Hartter from Milford, Bro. Carl Kipfer from Bluffton, and Bro. Henry Beer from Milford.

We will have no services the last Sunday of August, so anyone who wishes can enjoy Youth Day held at Camp Mack on that day.

LAMAR**Evelyn Marti — Bonnie Braker**

Three dear souls gave their testimonies before the congregation on Saturday evening, July 11, the next day were baptized and now are brother and sisters in faith. They are Gene Banwart, son of Bro. Arthur and Sis. Ruth; Karel Marti, daughter of Bro. Dale and Sis. Corrine; and Elaine Braker, daughter of Bro. Raymond and Sis. LuEttie. May they always be as humble and submissive as they are now. Elder Bro. Sam Anliker, Bro. Sam Huber and Bro. Raymond Banwart were with us.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Marti, Shari and Jerry welcome a baby girl, Julie Ann, into their family. Sis. Olive Marti is grandmother.

Geo. Adams, stepfather of Sis. Evelyn Marti, was dismissed from the hospital following surgery. Sis. Bertha Marti still remains in the hospital.

We wish to extend our sympathy to Bro. Fred and Sis. Emma Lanz and family, in the loss of their dear sister and aunt, Martha Lanz.

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

Blessed are they that hear the word of God, and keep it. We have been richly blest with many inspiring messages and have enjoyed the visits of ministers from various congregations: Bro. Earl Zeltwanger, Bro. Ed Aeschleman, Bro. Perry Zimmerman, Bro. Marvin Schmidgall, and Bro. George Gramm. We thank God that all preach the same gospel, Jesus and Him crucified, and we can pray together for grace and strength to strive daily to walk sincerely on the straight and narrow way. May God bless all who labor in the ministry.

After spending several weeks at home, Bro. Henry Nohl is again hospitalized; his condition is improved. Bro. Ferd Tohm had the

misfortune of injuring his hand very badly while at work. He is in the Morris Hospital. We hope God will grant healing and strength again. Doreen Gall had her tonsils removed and is enjoying better health again.

A daughter, Christine Kay was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ray Luthi on July 18.

NEW MARTINSVILLE, W. VA.

Mrs. Gus Weltz
Miss Della Witschey

Gerald Grimm of Sabetha, John Lehman, Dale Strahm, Neil Hartter and Joe Rokey of Bern visited here on Aug. 5, and went out to the country church. They came back by one of the winding, very hilly roads, but they marvelled at the beauty of the hills and valleys, and called it one of the most interesting sights of their vacation.

Mrs. Delbert Indermuhle of Sardis underwent gall bladder surgery in the local hospital on Aug. 4 and is doing nicely. L. W. Witschey of Moundsville remains quite ill in his home.

James Wade, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Wade left on July 14 for a tour of duty with the U.S. Army. He is stationed at Fort Dix, N. J.

J. Howard Riggenschach is able to be out again, drives his car, and seems to be enjoying fairly good health, after a year spent in hospitals and undergoing surgery so many times. W. E. Riggenschach of Paden City is not doing too well; he is confined to his home most of the time.

Miss Elizabeth Richard of Gallipolis, O., visited with her cousin, Mary Ann Brothers. Mr. and Mrs. Verda Fankhouser of Easton, Md. visited with relatives in early August.

The annual Homecoming for teachers and pupils of the Lime-stone School will be held at the school on Sunday, Sept. 6. A basket dinner will be enjoyed at noon, and a program of fellowship will follow.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Tuttle, local residents, celebrated their 67th wedding anniversary on Aug. 2.

PULASKI, IOWA

Mrs. Dave Wiegand

Mrs. Roger Musselman

We were very happy to have Bro. Corbin Bahler from Rockville and Bro. Ed Lanz from Oakville spend

an evening with us. Corbin stressed obedience to the word and what the consequences will be if we do not obey.

At our business meeting, Bro. Bill Wuthrich was elected treasurer; Bro. Ronnie Rinkenberger, trustee; Bros. Roger Musselman, Richard Teubel and Dave Wiegand, to serve on the building, hail, and personal property aid, respectively; Bro. Kenny and Sis. Charity Scheitlin and Sis. Shirley Wuthrich, Sunday School teachers; and Sis. Nancy Musselman, assistant Silver Lining reporter.

Vera Schaer, daughter of Bro. Bernard and Sis. Leah Mogler Schaer is engaged to Richard Blew. We wish these young people much happiness in their future life together.

RITTMAN, OHIO

Janette Blough—Florence Hartzler

We were richly blessed with food for our soul by visiting ministers, Bro. Ernest Gerber of Rockville and Bro. Art Gudeman of La-Crosse. May these dear brothers be rewarded and blessed by our Father for the many good teachings.

Nine souls have made the decision to turn their backs to the world and have turned to the Lord in repentance. We rejoice and are so thankful for them. They are Marvin Dotterer, son of Bro. John and Sis. Betty Dotterer; Virgil Gasser, son of Bro. Glen Gasser; Karen Riggenschach, daughter of Bro. Roy and Sis. Mabel Maibach; Teri Gerber, daughter of Sis. Mary Ellen Maibach; Marion and Lois Walder, daughters of Bro. Don and Sis. Martha Walder; Diane Maibach, daughter of Bro. Alpha and Sis. Helen Maibach; Carol Patterson, wife of Bro. Bill Patterson; and Richard Steiner, son of Bro. John and Sis. Wilma Steiner. May our Lord grant each one the needed grace and bless each one in their new life.

On July 26, Bro. Andy Stoller and Sis. Robert Beery were united in holy matrimony. Andy is the son of Bro. Carl and Sis. Mary Stoller. Roberta is the daughter of Bro. Robert and Sis. Martha Beery. May our Lord bless their life together. On Aug. 2, Bro. Bill Brake of Sardis and Sis. Miriam Hilty took their marriage vows. We wish them God's guidance and His rich blessings. Sis. Miriam is the daughter

of Bro. Herbert and Sis. Ruth Hilty.

Dale Gasser, son of Bro. Glen Gasser, was quite seriously injured in an automobile accident. We are so thankful and happy to report that Dale has been discharged from the hospital and is now recovering from his injuries at home. Bro. Robert Beery suffered hand injuries from an electric saw and was hospitalized. He is home and recovering.

Sis. Ruth Beery was hospitalized for a few days after minor surgery. She is home recovering. Shelly Jenkins, daughter of Don and Clara Jenkins, fractured her arm. Diane Steiner, daughter of Bro. Bob and Sis. Betty Steiner was in the hospital for a few days and is now home again.

The engagement of Sis. Elizabeth Rufener and Bro. Glen Gasser has been announced. We wish them God's blessings as they plan their life together. The announcement was made of the engagement of Sis. Jenny Walters and Bro. Ben Bauman. We wish them the blessings and guidance of our Father.

Bro. Elmer and Sis. Lorene Blough are the happy parents of a little girl, Margaret Clara. Little Margi is welcomed at home by sisters Ruthann and Ellen and by brothers David and Danny.

On Aug. 8 Dot Hartzler, daughter of Bro. Ben and Sis. Clara, and David Ramsier, son of Bro. Nelson and Sis. Aldene, spoke their wedding vows. May they have a long and happy life together, with many blessings.

TAMAHATA

Willis R. Ehnle

On July 28, 29, and 30, about 30 members and friends from our three churches gathered together in the mountains of Yamanashi Prefecture, at the invitation of the Tamahata Church. Four services were held, at which the ministers spoke much the same as at a Sunday worship service. On the one evening there was a lot of hymn singing around a fire, with informal speaking by different brothers.

Bro. Hisato Inoue was present and told of his experience in having an auto accident, that life is indeed very uncertain. He said he didn't even know he had an accident until he came to in a hospital and someone told him.

Bro. Yoshihito Kawana referred

to different scripture passages and what they mean to him. For instance, when Martha felt Mary should be helping to serve, Christ's answer reminds us that to communicate with the Master and to be spiritual is even more important.

Bro. John Klaus spoke of different scientific facts which prove God is the Creator. He pointed out that according to scientists bumble bees should not be able to fly because of the size of the body compared to the wings etc. However, the bumble bees go ahead and fly anyway, as God intended for them to do.

TAYLOR, MO.

Mrs. Eli Sutter Mrs. Bill Heimer

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Dan Hoerr, who passed away at Peoria; he formerly lived here. He has three brothers living here, Bros. John, George and Rudie.

We enjoyed a blessed week end when Bro. Noah Schrock was here to prove and baptize Randy Sutter. There were many here from different churches to witness this most important step in Bro. Randy's life. We pray he may walk the Christian path of life in true humility, and always remember how precious this "first love" was to him, as it should be to us.

Other ministers that were here were Randy's grandfather, Bro. Albert Wuthrich, Pulaski; Bros. Wayne Miller, Ft. Scott; Sam Huber, Gridley; Harold Gramm, Morris; Bro. Bob Pohl was with us on Saturday evening.

Bro. George Hoerr was a patient in the hospital for several days for tests. Sis. Rosemary Hoerr was hospitalized for a few days following a car accident. She was trying to avoid hitting an animal on the highway, causing her to lose control, and she was thrown out on the pavement. She received a back injury, but we are thankful she wasn't hurt more seriously. She is the daughter of Bro. John and Sis. Rose Hoerr. Both patients are at home and doing quite well.

Bro. Russ and Sis. Sue Henning have moved to Peoria, where he is working for Metropolitan Life Ins. Co. We are sorry to have them leave, but wish them the Lord's blessing in their undertaking.

Connie Gerst and Michael Bender were united in marriage July 24 in Quincy, Ill. Connie is the daughter of Bro. Dick and Cleo

Gerst of Alto, and Michael is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bender of Kansas City, Missouri. Michael left for Turkey, where he is stationed and has from 6 months to a year left to serve there. Connie will continue to live in Quincy until his return.

Bro. Roy and Sis. Donna Grimm are the parents of a daughter, Renee Lee, born July 25. They now have four girls and one boy. Grandparents are Sis. Louise Grimm and Bro. Ezra and Sis. Ollie Feller, Cissna Park.

Our annual Sunday School picnic was held on July 26, a time we can enjoy with our children. We were glad to have visitors from Bradford church spend the day with us. Ministering brother Nathan Stoller was among the visitors, bringing us God's holy word.

TUCSON, ARIZONA

Jay Bertsch

Then come into our midst today; impart Thyself to us, we pray. This cup and loaf are proof and sign of this, Thy covenant divine In Jesus Blood. The Tucson assembly was again privileged to partake of Holy Communion before the summer vacations. Elder Bro. Roy Farney served.

During our summer vacation, Ministering Bros. Clarence Yackley and Richard Schupbach visited with us. We thank them for their labors of love and all interest shown in the Tucson church.

Our ministering Bro. Noah and Sis. Lorraine Herman spent some time in Illinois with their family and friends. Bro. Jack and Sis. Esther Sutter enjoyed having their daughter, James and Sandra Staub and 2 sons with them for 2 weeks. The boys are spending the rest of the summer with grandparents. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Whitley enjoyed having his mother spend some time with them. Mrs. Whitlev lives in California.

We are having our hot weather now, with evening rains.

WEST BEND, IOWA

Anna Schmidt — Mrs. A. Banwart

Visiting ministers were Bro. LeRoy Messner of Winthron, Bro. Noah Miller of Minneapolis, and Bro. Uriel Gehring of Burlington. Elder Bros. were Paul Fehr of Morris and Eugene Marti of Sabetha. How thankful we are that men are still willing to lend themselves, so

that we can learn more of our duties while here and take courage to press forward toward that Promised Land.

The engagement of Sis. Kathy, daughter of Sis. Nima Fehr, to Bro. Leland, son of Bro. and Sis. Silas and Della Metzger has been announced. May the Lord bless them in this important undertaking.

The song "Ring the Bells of Heaven; There is Joy Today" certainly seemed to come to mind when we learned that Lavilla Zaugg, Chuck Mogler, Irene (Anliker) Rick, yielded to their convictions and asked the Lord to be their Saviour.

Leann Banwart, daughter of Ministering Bro. Earl and Sis. Edna Banwart, has turned to the Lord.

Sis. Esther (Nathan) Banwart has been a hospital patient and has improved. Lance Banwart, 1-year-old son of Bro. Victor and Sis. Marilyn Banwart had the misfortune of breaking his left arm. Little Elizabeth, 3-year-old daughter of Robert and Kaye Banwart, fell while playing and broke her leg just above the ankle.

On Sunday, Aug. 2, Sis. Judy Wirtz and Bro. Dennis Fehr were united in marriage by Bro. Eugene Marti of Sabetha. The age-old story of Isaac and Rebekah as expounded by Gene was an inspiration to all. Dennis and Judy will make their home on the farm near West Bend. May God bless their marriage.

Sunday Aug. 9 was the most important day of Mary Mogler's life, as she stepped into the baptismal waters and vowed to serve her Master and Maker lifelong. . . Thanks to Elder Bro. Leo Moser, who so willingly performed this holy act, assisted by Bro. Paul Banwart. We appreciated hearing Bro. Harold Messner's message this same day. Mary is the daughter of Bro. and Sis. Ervin and Elma Mogler.

LEO, INDIANA

Mrs. Elias Souder

We had two visiting ministers. Bro. Vernon Schwab from Wolcott on a Wed. evening. Then Bro. Willis Wiegand from Goodfield visited us on a Sun. and had our services. We appreciated the help of the song leaders and Sunday School teachers who were here also.

Funeral services for Sis. Bertha

Keller were conducted at Leo by Bros. Verlin Stoller and John Yergler. Surviving are 3 daughters and one son.

It was a shock to this church and community when our Bro. Amos Pulfer met with a fatal accident, coming home from work. Funeral services were Sun. Aug. 9, conducted by Bro. David Bertsch. Surviving are his wife, Ethel; three daughters; and one son. He was laid to rest near his father, in the Leo Cemetery.

CONGERVILLE, ILLINOIS

Pauline Roth — Phyllis Knapp

Our dear Sis. Lena Schieber is spending this week-end in her home, in observance of her 90th birthday Aug. 10. Lena resides at the Apostolic Christian Home in Eureka, but occasionally is able to come home. She is blessed with a devoted family who visit her often and spend many hours with her. She maintains an active interest in everything; it is always a pleasure to visit her. Her life is an example of faith and humility, a real light and example to all who know her.

It was a blessing to all of us to see Bro. Ben and Sis. Lulu Zimmerman in our midst. Neither have been able to assemble with us for many weeks, and the load of joy on their faces told us how happy and thankful they were to assemble in the house of the Lord.

We regret the loss of Bro. Joe and Sis. Cora Schumacher from our congregation. They moved to Eureka; we surely wish them the Lord's blessings in their new home.

Sis. Emma Kieser has been able to assemble with us more, after being confined to her home most of the time with back pain. Sis. Sharon McClure (Bro. Bob) and Mark and Lori Schrock (Bro. Allen and Sis. Carol) submitted to tonsillectomies. Tim Blunier has spent a few days in the hospital for tests and observation.

Bro. Bill Dietrich Sr. and Bro. Bill and Sis. Sheri Dietrich, Jr. returned from a 2-week trip to Germany. Bill Sr. has many relatives there.

We have enjoyed the visit of Bro. Bob and Sis. Jean Knapp and family, who are residing in Glasgow, Scotland, while Bob fulfills a work assignment for Caterpillar.

Dennis Knapp (Bro. Glenn and Sis. Jeanette) finished his basic

training and spent a 2-week furlough with his family.

The home of Bro. Ralph and Sis. Carolyn Gudeman was blessed July 28 with the birth of little Janet Sue. Debbie is happy to have a little sister.

It was a blessed Sunday when Bro. Henry Beer visited our congregation and left us with many good teachings—if only we could retain them all!

The week-end of Aug. 1 and 2, we enjoyed the visit of our elder Bros. Joshua Broquard and Leroy Huber, at which time they proved and baptized LuAnn Knapp (Bro. Frederick and Sis. Marge), who is now our dear sister in faith. We wish her much grace as she daily walks the narrow path of life.

FAIRBURY, ILLINOIS

Joyce Huber

Bro. John and Sis. Rosemary Hartman became a Dad and Mother, with the July 12 arrival of their new baby, Carmen Leigh. The baby girl's grandparents are Bro. Eli and Sis. Della Meiss and Bro. Vernon and Sis. Pat Hartman.

Tricia Kay Steffen, who was born July 15, is the newly-adopted daughter of Bro. Henry and Sis. Lola Steffen. The infant girl arrived July 20 at the Steffen home, where she has a sister, Tami Lyn. Grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Alph Steffen and Jack and Sis. Margaret Ott.

Visiting ministers were Bros. Everett Hari, Ernie Gerber, Corbin Bahler, Joe Waibel, Al Aberle, and Sam Kilgus.

A Ft. Sam reunion was held at Fairbury, with many attending the Bar-B-Q Saturday. Many of the guests stayed for Sunday, including Bros. Robert Pohl, Burlington, and Art Baurer, Princeville.

GOODFIELD, ILLINOIS

Elna Grimm

And he came down with them, and stood in the plain, and the company of his disciples, and a great multitude of people. . . and they were healed. And the whole multitude sought to touch him: for there went virtue out of him, and healed them all.

How we marvel at these beautiful words which were written so many years ago. It must have been wonderful when Jesus was here on earth performing such miracles! But do we realize that He is still

available to all those who seek? We don't very often hear of great numbers being made whole, but souls are still being rescued, for which we give thanks and praise.

Peggy Grimm, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Bob and Elna, has confessed peace with God and man, and is hoping to be taken into the fold in the near future.

Sis. Ruth Hohulin wishes to express her sincere thanks for the many cards, gifts and prayers during her illness.

IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

Ames, Iowa

Mary Jo Metzger

Church services were held July 19, Bro. Duane Metzger. West Bend was our minister.

Wally Gerst, a senior at I.S.U. gave his testimony and was baptized July 12; Wally is the son of Bro. Richard and Sis. Liberty, Oakville. We wish him much grace in his new walk of life.

Ralph Lanz is staying with his parents, Henry and Marie Lanz while assisting a veterinarian in Bolton, Conn. He will be gone until the end of August.

JUNCTION, OHIO

Henrietta Manz — Betty Manz

Our visiting ministers were Bro. Earl Banwart, West Bend, who spent a Sunday evening with us, and our Elder Bro. George Sinn, Latty, who spent a Thursday evening with us. It is such a blessing to have visitors.

Our monthly singings are held the third Sunday of the month at 8:00 o'clock, and we welcome anyone who can come.

Bro. Emmanuel Manz spent some time in the hospital, but is much improved and able to assemble with us, for which we are thankful. Little Debbie Grubb (Bro. Ben and Sis. Carolyn Manz) was in the hospital for a tonsillectomy but is better again.

The engagement of our Bro. Roland Manz (Bro. Emmanuel) and Sis. Ardie Hodder, Bay City, was announced. We wish them God's blessings. A Fall wedding is planned.

MILFORD, INDIANA

Marguerite Hoerr

We warmly welcome Bro. Ken and Sis. Lynn Beer, who have moved to our Milford community. They will both be teaching in our

Lakeland School Corporation in September. We are so happy to see them as part of our congregation each Sunday.

David Beer, son of Bro. Maurice and Sis. Betty, was united in marriage to Diane Horein in July. They are making their home south of Milford. We ask God's blessings on their marriage in full measure.

Bob and I happily announce the birth of our first grandchild, a dear little boy named Scott Douglas, whose thankful parents are Dick and Becky Pelath of Michigan City. This is a special blessing that one has to experience to believe, the joy of a grandchild.

The testimony of our friend, Delores Rescendez, will be heard on Aug. 16. Delores makes her home with Bro. Levi and Sis. Katherine Beer and has attended our Sunday School and church for a number of years. We are thankful she has found the Lord as her Saviur.

Our sincere wishes for a speedy recovery go to Sis. Hulda Graff, who was involved in a car accident over the past week-end. Hulda has had surgery to correct a painful knee injury. We are thankful to report Bro. Oscar, who was driving, was not injured. She is in Elkhart General Hospital, and we pray God will be near her constantly during this recovery period.

Bro. Bob Beer from Mansfield spent a week-end in our community, and he willingly shared his ministry with us during morning and afternoon services. We thank him for his visit.

NEUHUTTEN, GERMANY

David Kaeb

"And if we never meet this side of Heaven, may we met on Heaven's shining shore." These were the words expressed to Henry Frohlich and Paul Baumann of Zurich and Bern this past Sunday by Terry Nussbaum, Al Kuenzi, Bro. Bill Baumgartner, and I. We were on our way to Spain. Henry and Paul spent a year with the brethren of our Bern and Sabetha congregations.

Our visitors were Sis. Theresa Rassi of Morton and Rose Ann Wenger of Sabetha. Rose has been spending the summer in Bern with Baumanns.

The third week-end of July, a number of us met at Maurers, grilled hamburgers, and spent the week-end in fellowship. Those present

were Bro. Jim and Sis. Kathy Heininger, Dwanye Laukhau, Ced Messner, Terry Nussbaum, Al Kuenzi, Bro. Bill Baumgartner, Bro. Bill Witzig, Ken Koch, Rose Ann Wenger, and I.

Auf Wiedersehen!

ROANOKE, ILLINOIS

Norene Herbst — Mary Hoffman

Sis. Nettie Pfau was in the hospital, following an accident, but is home and much better. Sis. Luella Leman is in the hospital. May God restore her health, so she can soon return home. Sis. Anna Legel and Bro. Art Legel had eye surgery, and are home. We are always thankful when loved ones who must be hospitalized or are sick can experience the healing power of the Lord.

Bro. Tom Hoffman and Sis. Kathy Hodel were united in marriage by Bro. Gene Bertschi on July 26. Bro. Dick Hoffman, who is at Ft. Sam, was able to be home for the wedding. The parents of the couple are Bro. Warren Hodels and Bro. Rudie Hoffmans. May God bless their life together.

Our dear old Sis. Anna Pfister passed away on July 24. She had made her home at the Eureka nursing home for the past few years. May God bless her neices and nephews for the many acts of love shown to her.

Bro. Leonard Luginbuhl and family of Rockville are visiting the Sis. Elizabeth Pfister family. This is the first time for several years Sis. Irma has been home, and we surely enjoy having them among us.

Our visiting ministers were Bro. Ed Aeschleman, Union City; Bro. Corbin Bahler, Rockville; Bro. Edmund Kloter, Fairbury; Bro. Walt Anliker, Eureka. We appreciate their visits and labors of love. May God bless each one.

Engagement was announced on Sun., Aug. 2 of Bro. Don Gudeman, son of Sis. Elizabeth Gudeman, and Sis. Evelyn Zimmerman, daughter of Sis. Nima Zimmerman of Eureka.

ROCKVILLE, CONNECTICUT

Carlton J. Lanz

A son, Steven Michael, was born July 13 to Sis. Loraine (Ott) and Robert Dombek. His maternal grandparents are Louis and Sis. Matilda (Schneider) Ott; his paternal grandparents are John and Ha-

zel Dombek. A daughter was born July 14 to Bro. Ted and Sis. Debbie Neunschwander of Bluffton. The infant, their first child, was named Marci Lynn. Ted has been a frequent visitor here. He is serving in the Navy, in the Submarine Division, at New London, Connecticut. His wife taught school in Norwich, not far from where he was stationed. They plan to return to Bluffton as soon as his tour of duty ends, which should be Aug. 29.

Bro. Dan and his wife, Sis. Diane, Stoller are back at their home in Iowa City. Stationed here in the East for two years, Dan and Diane would often come to worship at Rockville. Both took time while here to find their salvation and were baptized. The Preacher, son of King David said, there is a time for every purpose under the sun, and they wisely saw a purpose in doing what they did.

Sis. Rose Hany is at the Rockville General Hospital for observation, of a medical nature according to reports. She became ill in Switzerland, while visiting there with her husband Bro. Werner.

The blight of one living without God

Not long ago a young man stopped for a little talk with his neighbor—a brother in the church here. His conversation was brief, yet meaningful. He appeared a bit depressed. He began by reminiscing over the past, how they had grown up together, how they had had things in common, and how everybody seemed to be a part in everything. . . but he said, as soon as you joined that church, those certain activities stop right there and then. Even those of a lesser significance (naming some) are no longer practiced nor indulged in, he noticed. **You people are so close. you stick together; I can't understand it; you must have something,** he mused. The brother then told him, "We believe in the Bible." He said he does too, yet not any of his families, past or present, have any religious affiliations nor tendencies toward such. On the contrary, their living habits have been of a somewhat reckless nature. He bemoaned the fact, however, that he nor they have what we have. He told of his father, and him not getting along, and neither does his wife get along with him. Problems pile up, and then he tries to drown them out with no success. We certainly

believe that there are many of these cases across the land, but this brief incident can prove one thing, that the life of a Christian sets out there as a beacon! Note: His 22-year-old brother, married and with children, ended his life several years ago, his conscience heavy with crime.)

Announcement was made of the engagement of Sis. Norma Diggleman to Bro. Daryl Luginbuhl. Parents are Bro. Albert and Sis. Elsie (Diggleman) Lanz and Bro. Urban and Sis. Charlotte (Lanz) Luginbuhl. Announcement of the engagement of Sis. Sally Schlatter, Bay City, to Bro. Curtis Zahner, son of Bro. Emanuel and Sis. Clara (Beckley) Zahner was made here Aug. 9. Sally's parents, Bro. David and Sis. Margaret Schlatter's home is at Bay City. Both couples have our warmest wishes.

UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

Mrs. Gary Anliker

Strait is the gate, and narrow is the way which leadeth unto life and few there be that find it. Bro. Uriel Gehring was with us for our July meeting. He reminded us that few find the narrow gate to life eternal. May we ever strive to be a good tree and to bring forth good fruit, for we know a corrupt tree will be cast into the fire.

If anyone knows of students that will be coming to the university this fall, please let us know. We try to get together from time to time, and would welcome them.

LAMONT, KANSAS

Mrs. Stephen G. Schrader

Another night with lightning and heavy clouds has passed without precipitation; it will soon be six weeks since our last appreciable rain. We hope that it will be as God's counsel to Israel through Moses, as they prepared to enter Canaan: "... I will give **you** the rain of your land in his due season, the first rain and the latter rain, that thou mayest gather in thy corn, and thy wine, and thine oil."

It was a blessing to see the fellowship between our young friends, when the Gridley and Lamont Sunday schools were hosts to the Sunday Schools of Sabetha and Burlington.

We rejoice to have our shut-ins assembling with us. Sis. Hulda Jacobs is recovering from surgery, and the injuries Sis. Leah and Sis. Dena

Fechter sustained in an auto accident are mending.

Our little son John had the misfortune to fracture his right forearm, when he fell while playing in the barn. It is humbling to see how quickly a child can assume a burden such as this without complaining; their sunny disposition soon returns. How often we perhaps murmur too quickly over really insignificant things. May we, as children of God, take our cares and anxieties to Christ and leave them there.

We have enjoyed the fellowship of Bro. Wayne and Sis. Gloria Dreyer of Fairbury. Wayne has been doing some graduate work at KSTC of Emporia. We wish them Godspeed on their way home and thank them for the bright moments of spiritual fellowship we have had together.

Bro. Bernie and Sis. Dena Emch and Bro. Bill have had as a house guest Sis. Dena's cousin, Christine Sommer of Zurich, Switzerland. We enjoyed the fellowship with Christine and appreciate the opportunity of seeing ourselves as only we can when viewed through the eyes of one from another country. Her loved ones here will have many happy memories to cherish as she returns home.

WICHITA, KANSAS

We have been blessed by the visits of ministering Bros. Roy Farney of Phoenix, Bro. Al Aberle of Tremont, Bro. Vernon Schwab of Wolcott.

Announcement has been made of the engagement of Bro. Steve Langhofer, son of Bro. Al and Sis. Judy Langhofer, to Sis. Jeannie Ricketts, daughter of Bro. Meredith and Sis. Leona Ricketts of Forrest. We wish them the Lord's rich blessings.

Our dear friend Terry Farney has repented and found peace with the Lord. He is the son of Bro. Harvey and Sis. Ann Farney.

CROGHAN — NAUMBURG

Carol Virkler

Mrs. David Schamback

Those recuperating from hospitalization are Pearl Colgrove, Karen (Duane) Farney and Sis. Barbara Virkler.

We were richly blessed with the fellowship of visitors from Oakville, Cissna Park, Rockville and

Sabetha. This fellowship, we know is truly a gift of God.

The farmers have finished the hay harvest and will begin reaping the grain which stands ripening in fields of gold. When we behold such a beautiful sight, we marvel at what God does for us. He sends the rain and the sunshine as needed, to provide for His own the necessities of life.

Omissions for last month were two graduates from high school: Henry, son of Sis. Nina Beyer, and Loren Hirschey, son of Bro. Leland and Sis. Bernice. Graduating from Syracuse University was Warren Rauhe, son of John and Esther Rauhe.

The Croghan Sunday School had their annual picnic at the Boonville Park, and the Naumburg Sunday School enjoyed a chicken Bar-B-Que at Whetstone Gulf State Park. Many were in attendance and spent precious hours together.

GRIDLEY, ILLINOIS

Lydia and Eunice Kammerer

"Keep thy foot when thou goest to the house of God, and be more ready to hear, than to give the sacrifice of fools: for they consider not that they do evil."

Open house for surrounding churches was held Sunday, July 26. Dedication will be Sunday, Sept. 13.

We always regret seeing our young brothers and friends leave for the service. Bro. Roger Witzig and Friends Bob Witzig and Joe Stoller are reporting for service. Bro. Cleve Klopfenstein enjoyed a week with relatives and friends. Cleve is stationed in Ft. Sam Houston.

We have two little newcomers in our congregation. Bro. Pete and Sis. Jan Meiss are the parents of a little daughter, Melinda Sue. Melinda has three brothers who welcomed her home. Bro. Larry and Sis. Rozella Knapp are the parents of a second son, Mark, born July 15.

Sis. Elizabeth Stoller, who has been a patient in Brokaw Hospital for some time, is now a resident in the Fair Haven Rest Home in Fairbury. Sis. Lena Funk had the misfortune to fall and break three ribs and is now a patient in Brokaw Hospital, Bloomington. Sis. Katie Funk is a patient in Fairbury Hospital.

Many from our congregation attended the wedding of Bro. Rich-

ard Stoller, Gridley, and Sis. An-
dria Aeschliman from Bluffton.
Richard and Andria will make their
new home in Lafayette, where
Richard teaches school.

Sis. Mary Alice Witzig has ac-
cepted a position to teach in the
elementary school system in Prince-
ton, Illinois.

LA CROSSE, INDIANA

Lucille Heiniger

Our friends, Edward Troxel and
Michael Rinkenberger gave their
testimony, were baptized and re-
ceived into the fold. May God bless
them as they live for him.

The Bible Class of Latty were
guests of our Bible Class. We en-
joyed them and their sponsors very
much. Our annual Sunday School
Picnic was held at the school
grounds. Each one with perfect at-
tendance receives an award.

Our sick were surgical patients:
Bro. Sam Frank, Sis. Diana Gude-
man, Louise Alt and Shirley Pfeif-
er. Sam and Diana have returned
home from the hospital, and Louise
and Shirley are getting along quite
well and hope to be home soon.

Our friends John and Carol Ailes
are the parents of a son, Douglas
John, born June 23. Bro. Ben and
Sis. Lena Hitz are the maternal
grandparents.

Allen, son of Bro. Ben and Sis.
Lena Hitz, left for Viet Nam July
29. His wife and two small sons
are with Ben and Lena. We wish
him God's protection in his stay
on foreign soil.

Our visiting minister was Bro.
Wendell Gudeman, who blessed us
with an inspiring message from
God's word.

The announcement was made of
the engagement of Evelyn, daugh-
ter of Edna Klein of Peoria to Eu-
gene Heinold, son of Bro. Aaron
and Sis. Grace Heinold. We wish
them God's grace and blessings in
their life together.

Mrs. Davis is graciously welcom-
ing a new daughter by adoption.
May the Lord bless her for her
kindness.

We enjoyed the visit of the chil-
dren and staff of the Dessie Scott
Children's Home.

Note of Thanks: We wish to
take this opportunity to thank ev-
eryone for their prayers, cards and
assistance during the illness and
death of our beloved husband and
father Emil. Sis. Esther Hitz and
sons, Bro. Leonard, Jerry and Ted.

OAKVILLE, IOWA

Martha Steiner

We are grateful for the minis-
tering brothers who have labored
in our midst: Bros. Roy Farney,
Phoenix; Duane Metzger, West
Bend; Arnold Gerst, Chicago; Cor-
bin Bahler, Rockville; Simon Wag-
enbach, Tremont; and Albert
Wuthrich, Pulaski.

Bro. Dan and Sis. Diane Stoller
have returned to our congregation,
upon the completion of his mili-
tary duties. They were fortunate
to have been in New York State,
close enough to attend the Rockville
church. We welcome them home.

Sam Moser has departed this life
and leaves his wife, Sis. Hilda
(Heiniger); two daughters, Eileen
Varvel and Alma Jean. We sympa-
thize with the family in their loss.

The time is here for Sunday
School vacation, and the election
of new teachers. Those selected to
help in this important work are
Bro. Joe Wiegand Jr., Bro. Mark
Grimm, and Sis. Luanne Gerst.

Friends Cathy Schrock and Jack
Larson were united in marriage on
Aug. 1 at her parent's home by her
grandfather, our Elder Bro. Noah
Schrock. Cathy's parents are Bro.
John and Sis. Ruth (Marti)
Schrock.

We are looking forward to hear-
ing the testimonies of five more
friends who have found peace with
their God: Andy Moser (Bro. Rog-
er and Sis. Mary), Dennis Massner
(Bro. Earl and Sis. Ada), and Joyce
Frank Eland, Dale, and Lynn
Frank (all three are children of
Bro. Bob and Sis. Clara). We re-
joice with them and all others who
have turned their back on the
world.

Bro. Virgil and Sis. Barbara
(Wagenbach) Massner are the
parents of a son, Taylor Clark, born
Aug. 12. He is welcomed by a sis-
ter, Kathryn, and two brothers,
Todd and Troy.

TREMONT, ILLINOIS

Josephine Schaefer

Mary Jane Leuthold

We thank Bro. Harold Zeltwang-
er of Bremen for his visit. In his
message, Harold spoke of the two
destinations, and mentioned that if
it were possible to spend just a few
minutes in either heaven or hell,
it would certainly change our lives.

Bro. Chris Frank spent some
time in the hospital with pneumo-
nia, but is now recovered. Bro. Ac-

quilla Pflederer is in the hospital,
and I know many thoughts and
prayers are with him.

In these days when evil and
wickedness seem to have reached
proportions as never before, the
following thought once related by
a brother comes to mind. All the
water in the ocean can never sink
a ship unless it gets inside. Like-
wise, all the evil in the world can
never harm us, unless we let it
come into our lives.

It matters not how oft you kneel
In attitude of prayer so true,
Unless inside, where no man sees
Your very soul is kneeling too.

EUREKA, ILLINOIS

Cathryn Wettstein

Salome Schumacher

"Be ye also patient; stablish your
hearts: for the coming of the Lord
draweth night."

How safe and how happy are they
Who on the Good Shepherd rely!
He gives them their strength for
the day;

Their needs He will surely supply.

We were blessed with several
ministering brothers. They were
Bros.: Corban Bahler, Rockville;
Noah Herman, Tuscon; Jesse
Schrock, Congerville; Ed Aschle-
man, Union City; Michael Weven-
eth, Peoria; Eli Somerhalder, Bur-
lington.

Illness: Sis. Anna Pfister was
taken to the Eureka Hospital from
the Home; there it was the Lord
called her to her rest on July 24.
She was from the Roanoke area.
Bro. Carl Sinn, also from the Home,
fell and broke his hip. He is a
patient in the St. Francis Hospital
in Peoria.

Bro. George Hodel was a patient
in the Eureka hospital a few days.
Bro. Gary Knepp was a surgical
patient in the hospital, following
surgery on his knee. His parents
are Bro. and Sis. Carl and Freda
Knepp. Sis. Martha Grusy was a
medical patient for several days in
Eureka Hosnital.

Engagement: Sis. Evelyn Zim-
merman and Bro. Donald Gude-
man. Her mother is Sis. Nima Zim-
merman, and his mother is Sis.
Elizabeth Gudeman of Roanoke.

We are so glad that two dear
friends have turned their backs to
the world and are repenting. They
are Shirley Knepp and Joyce Getz.
Bro. and Sis. Carl and Freda Knepp

are Shirley's parents; Bro. and Sis. Emery and Mable Getz are Joyce's parents.

On July 29 during a thunderstorm, a bolt of lightning struck our church house, but we were all so thankful that God had His protecting hand over the building; there was no fire. The loud speaker system was knocked out of service.

Birth: A son to Cy and Sis. Madlyn Cawley, born on July 28. He was named Bradley Keith, and has three brothers and five sisters to say **Welcome**.

We are glad that Roger Blunier and his bride, Wendy (Ehnle) live in the Eureka area and will be attending our services. Also Bro. Merle Rocke and his bride, Sis. Beverly (Schambeck), are living near Eureka and will be assembling with us. Both of these couple were recently married.

Friends

The poem was handed to me by a brother who wrote this when he was in the Army during World War II.

There are friends that I have in the Army

There are friends that I have or the sea,
But the friends that have peace in our Saviour
Are the friends that I'm longing to see.

Though my life here on earth seems a burden,
Still I know of that great by and by
When our life here on earth is all over,
We can meet up in Heaven on high.

When I think of our loved ones in Service,
And the heartaches and pains they endure,
I'm so glad that our Saviour has promised
Them peace when they knock at his door.

Oh I pray that they'll all heed his warning
And I'll ask Him to lead them the Way,
Till we meet on that great judgment morning,
Where Jesus has planned that Great Day.

URBANA, ILLINOIS

Susan Zimmerman
Teresa Hufford

Our visiting ministers have been Bros. Joe Zimmerman from Morton and Dan Sauder from Roanoke. May God bless them for serving us the heavenly manna.

Our friend Keith Weber (Detroit) has left to be stationed in Turkey. He was serving at Chanute Air Force Base in Rantoul and worshipped with us in Urbana.

Bros. Mark Alt and Jay Rinkenberg were taken up at Cissna Park. They frequently assemble with our congregation, and we welcome them as brothers. Bro. Paul Plattner and Sis. Cheryl Joos were taken into the fold at Morton. Paul is a student at the University of Illinois, and Cheryl will be teaching in Rantoul and residing in Urbana. **Tis a loving Father calls the wanderer home: Whosoever will may come.**

We welcome back Bro. Gary Roth to our area, as he will be employed here.

There will be a farewell singing for Bro. Gary Ifft (Forrest), who will be entering the service on Aug. 25. He attended the University of Illinois and is employed at Decatur.

Summer Bible School was held at Urbana. "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God."

Someone Above

See the buds unfolding on the trees;
See them blossom into leaves.
Wise men know
Someone above has made it so.

See the daffodils and crocus fair,
As they bow their head in prayer,
For they know
Someone above has made it so.

Man can build his city, plant his yard,
Paint a picture and call it ours,
But I know
Someone above has made it so.

WINTHROP, MINNESOTA

Delores Messerli — Carol Messner

A son, Sidney Ray, was born to Bro. Gene and Sis. Ella Mae Schmidt July 13. He is welcomed home by Veryl, Marcy, Leona, Lila, and Wesley.

Lupe, wife of Kenny Howk, en-

tered the hospital for major surgery.

We have had visitors who were going through the Mayo Clinic at Rochester, Minn. The Winthrop congregation wants to welcome any others to come and worship with us.

A RESOLUTION

Let me be, when I am weary,
Just a little bit more cheery;
Let me be a little braver
When temptations bid me waver;
Let me serve a little better
Those that I am striving for.
Let me strive a little harder
To be all that I should be.
Let me be a little meeker
With the brother that is weaker.
Let me think more of my neighbor
And a little less of me.

BURLINGTON, IOWA

Rosella Obermann
Verna Woodward

Our congregations have been rather small due to many on vacations. We pray and trust the Lord will protect us all that are traveling and return us safely to our homes. It is a beautiful creation that God has given to enjoy. Let us thank him every day that he affords us this privilege.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Seggermann of Mt. Union. She has been named Janel Diane. Janel made her appearance June 10th.

Sis. Sara Gerst has been dismissed from the hospital again. We wish her the Lord's blessings and prayers extended to her for a quick recovery, so she will be able to attend church with us.

FT. WAYNE

Mary Eisenmann — Marge Gerber

DAD

It may not be written in the halls of great fame,
But imbedded deeply in our hearts is found a dear name.

Our thoughts turn back to the year gone past,
As we ponder a miracle with memories that last.

We think of those days which were lonely and sad,
And confinement in a wheelchair was yours, Dear Dad.

We think of the knowledge that to
man God is giving—
Yet how close your call to the land
you are striving!

We think of last Christmas when
the family was together,
How our hearts ached for one that
was absent, dear mother!

Your hospital days numbered
many, Tis true,
And we know at times they seemed
long and blue.

But at last the day came that at
home was your face!
The wheel chair was gone! A walk-
er in its place!

A miracle to behold! Our thanks to
God was brought
As best we could, as we'd been
taught.

As your strength increases and you
grow stronger
Likewise your steps, too, will get
better and longer.

So may your days here on earth be
brightened,
And your concerns for your chil-
dren be ever lightened—

And if it is not found in the halls
of great fame,
To us, DAD will always be a dear
name!

(M.E.)

LESTER, IOWA
Emelie Knobloch

To A Beloved Mother and Dad

Written by my sister, Sis. Violet
R. Knobloch.

Who gave you a home so bright
and fair,
Who nurtured your body with ten-
der care,
Who rocked your cradle to bring
sweet rest,
Who held you close to their love-
filled breast,
A loving Mother and Dad.

Who tended each ache and every
pain,

Who stood at our bedside till good
health we'd gain,
Who tried to protect us from life's
hard blows,
Who gave us courage when we were
tossed to and fro,
A concerned Mother and Dad.

Who told of the love of God in
Heaven,
Who taught that all blessings, from
Him were given
Who prayed for protection of our
body and soul,
Who read from God's word of our
Heavenly goal,
A believing Mother and Dad.

Who gave us examples by the lives
they led,
Who thanked God for our being
clothed and fed,
Who taught of faith, abiding and
true,
Who took us to church and Sunday
School, too,
A Christian Mother and Dad.

Who carefully corrected us when
we were wrong,
Who lightened our load with a joy-
ful song,
Who never would boast or promote
conceit,
Who gave us the courage to accom-
plish each feat,
A caring Mother and Dad.

Who suffered the hurt of earthly
losses,
Who carried the weight of many
crosses,
Who wouldn't complain on life's
tempestuous sea,
Who asked God for grace, abun-
dant and free,
A praying Mother and Dad.

Who toiled hard from morning 'till
night,
Who never left their heavenly goal
from sight,
Who earned a living by the sweat
of their brow,
Who never looked back, but held to
the plow,
A courageous Mother and Dad.

Who suffered the pains of advan-
cing age,
Who had God as the Author of
life's last page,
Whose voices are silent and who
have gone home to rest,
Who stood firm in faith and have
passed the test,
A rewarded Mother and Dad.

BURLINGTON, OKLAHOMA
Millicent Frieden — Laverne Roth

We enjoyed the visit of our elder,
Bro. Roy Farney of Phoenix the
Sun. of July 19.

Bro. Raymond Roth, one of our

ministers, escaped serious injuries
when hit in the head by the straw-
spreader, as he was cleaning out
the combine—preparing for alfalfa
seed harvest. It took a number of
stitches to close the laceration.

We had only one hospital patient,
another brother who met with an
accident; Bro. Reuben Farney lost
two fingers on his left hand in a
power-saw.

Church services were held at the
Kiowa Manor Rest Home Aug. 9.

Wherein Is Happiness?

Not In Money—Jay Gould, the
American millionaire, had an
enormous fortune. When dying
he said, "I suppose I am the most
miserable man on earth."

Not in Pleasure—Lord Byron lived
a life of pleasure and ease. He
wrote: "The worm, the canker
and grief are mine alone."

Not in Military Glory—Alexander
the "Great" conquered the
known world in his day. Then he
wept: "There are no more
worlds to conquer."

Not in Unbelief—Voltaire was an
infidel of the most pronounced
type. He wrote: "I wish I had
never been born."

Whoso trusteth in the Lord,
happy is he. Men who have sur-
rendered to the resurrected Christ
have His resurrection power.

FT. LAUDERDALE

Howard and Joyce Baumgartner

We were visited by Bro. and Sis.
Wendell and Wanda Gerber and
family. They formerly lived at Ft.
Lauderdale, now in Bluffton. I am
sure many fond memories were re-
newed. Likewise, Bro. Gerber
brought us a very inspiring mes-
sage, which we do cherish and will
remember.

We want to welcome two couples
to our congregation. They are Bro.
and Sis. John and Mary Isch and
son Andrew from Indianapolis, and
Bro. and Sis. Richard and Kathy
Sutter from Chicago. This will
make our church a little larger, and
we all wish them God's blessings in
their future undertakings.

Bro. Robert Meyer from Bluff-
ton spent Sunday, June 21 in our
midst. We were privileged to sit
and listen to a sincere and uplifting

sermon, brought to us by Bro. Meyer. In the evening supper was served in the church dining room.

Bro. Dave Bertsch from Leo stopped to visit us while on a tour of the South. We are very thankful for our brothers who proclaim God's word, and wish them much grace to continue in the service of the Lord.

Prayer for Protection

The light of God surrounds me;
The love of God enfolds me;
The power of God protects me;
The presence of God watches over me.

Wherever I am, God is!

GIRARD, OHIO Caroline Emch

On Sunday, July 12 our elder brothers, Rudy Graf and Noah Bauman were with us. We had inspiring messages in the forenoon and afternoon. The Lord's Supper was served. We were all surely reminded anew of the suffering and death of our Lord. As we partook of the bread and drank of the cup, we were reminded to do this in remembrance of Him, until He comes again.

On July 19 a picnic supper was held at Bro. Robert and Sis. Arlene Stolls; guests were from Akron, Rittman, Bay City, and California. The evening was spent by singing hymns. We wish to thank everyone for their visit.

The Lord God planted a garden
In the first white days of the world,
And he set there an angel warden
In a garment of light unfurled.

So near to the peace of Heaven,
That the hawk might nest with the wren,
For there in the cool of the even
God walked with the first of men.

"When the path you have chosen
grows rough and steep
And you're groping to find your way,
When burdens are making you weary,
Pause and pray.

When a sea of sorrow engulfs you
And the clouded skies are gray,
When you're frightened and over-anxious,
Pause and pray.

In sickness, despair, discouragement, pain—

Come whatever may—
The Father is near; He will always hear
When we Pause and pray."

QUESTIONS

Received in Phoenix

I heard a voice from the infinite say:

What did you do for your soul today?

Did you help the world sing a happier song?

Forgive someone who had done you wrong?

Did you help a stranger on life's hard road?

Did you try to lighten another's load?

Restore the dreams to an empty heart?

Give a failure a brand new start?

Did you coax a smile to a tearful face?

Stand by somebody in disgrace?

Go out of your way for some wandering boy?

Did you build when twas easier to destroy?

Did you plant a kiss on a lonely cheek?

Did you prove you were gentle, kind and meek?

I heard a voice from the infinite say:

What did you do for your soul today?

Time's countdown continues. Circle a day ahead in your mind. If the Lord lets you live, you will soon be there and past. Moments move. We should look for every opportunity. Let love write its verse in our lives and those we love. Is there someone that would read the Silver Lining? Send in their addresses: include the zip number, if you know. Where one can, two dollars is suggested per year.

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To receive from the Lord is really great. Reading is good, yet this is more than reading. "For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you," . . . When we receive from the Lord, it is written in our heart. It prompts and moves us to live those words. To move men in the deep reality of truth, that only the Lord can do.

Why was there this bread? Why did the Lord give this, about breaking? Jesus said that He was the bread of life. What is life? Glorious love provided, "That the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread:" . . .

We humans had disobeyed God. In that day, we surely died. We died into darkness. Without God. We couldn't appreciate Him. He is life . . . the bread . . . the joy, the beauty, the breath of kindly living that knows no shadow of turning. . .

We know what good food here can do: appetizing menu, skilled cooking, pleasant smells from the kitchen. We are hungry. We sit down to a good meal. We like it. How much more, beyond measure, is it to find God, real bread, real life. Nothing outside of God can satisfy our soul.

He is from everlasting to ever-

lasting. He always was the same, perfectly beautiful. He died for us. "And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me."

Never can we exhaust. Nor reach all while here. This far-reaching love. Time's reckless logic falls. Ahead was Gethsemane. Death visited there. What whirlwind of anguish was this that made Him so heavy? His soul sorrowful even unto death? His heart was pressed, and His eyes wet. Through the mists, we grasp the sweetness of One who was atoning in the travail of His soul. Never, never had there been anything like this.

He won there. That was the night, and the morning came on, and night again at noon. For God, the Son, the cruel hurts flung from bitter mouths was felt in so loving a heart. But bearing night on the nails! Every hot moment pressed a pain in the soul. Then that cry, "Why"! He doesn't say, Why do I feel, or Why does it seem, but "why hast thou forsaken me?"

Love splended in such greatness will take eternity to show all His kindness. Here was a test of endurance no other could possibly trod. The angry thorns laced their

wound; a blood-drop would stain. The nails, those nails of man's inhumanity, and breakers of our Lord's body, strode the shouting nerves. His blood, sinless, pure, and innocent, was there. Then the body hangs; the spirit has flown. One comes and with the speared point breaks the body . . . there flows out blood and water.

This, mark you, from the body of God, the Son. He did not deserve the slightest mark of criticism. This was for us, that we might partake of His bread, His righteousness, His resurrection, His saving. "After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me." No wonder it is so bright and precious a moment.

There is a fellowship in His suffering. We could not be comfortable otherwise. What opportunity to be a companion, a brother, to the incomparable Christ. We are saved by His suffering, and daily must we feed in this fact. It needs to strike home. We need to show. The trumpets for the soul point us to this place of continuous victory: "For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come."