

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

I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.

Blessed are they that do his commandments, that

they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.

For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie.



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

THE SILVER LINING

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THE HOUR IS LATE

(Editor's note: My mother found or came across a paper; part was typed, part attached with tape. Part seems like what I type—but part is like my dad, Bro. Elias Souder, used to prepare. I have supplied the title. The message is for the hour.)

What the scriptures say: "For in those days shall be affliction, such as was not from the beginning of the creation which God created unto this time, neither shall be. And except that the Lord had shortened those days, no flesh should be saved: but for the elect's sake, whom he hath chosen, he hath shortened. . ."

"Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it: it is even the time of Jacob's trouble, but he shall be saved out of it."

"Behold, the day of the LORD cometh, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate: and he shall destroy the sinners thereof out of it. For the stars of heaven and the constellations thereof shall not give their light: the sun shall be darkened in his going forth, and the moon shall not cause her light to shine. . ."

They forsook all, and followed him. A certain titled British gentleman was converted. He loved the Lord a great deal, but he was not well taught in the Scriptures. He thought that he could continue in some of his worldly engagements and still bear a good testimony. On an occasion some weeks after he gave his heart to the Lord, this man accepted an invitation to a

very worldly party. Upon his arrival, one of the guests greeted him with these words: "I'm so glad to see you and to know that it isn't true." "I beg your pardon," he replied, "but I think I don't quite understand you." "Why", said the other guest, "rumors were around that you had been converted a few weeks ago; I'm so glad you're here and to know, therefore, that the rumor was unfounded." "But it is true!" . . . Hesitating a moment, he added, "I see that you think this party is no place for a Christian to be. And you are right. You will never again see me at such an affair, nor will anyone else." And bidding his host and hostess adieu, he departed from his last worldly engagement. **Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creation: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."**

Then there are some quotations:

"The bomb on Hiroshima suddenly woke us up to the fact that perhaps we have a very little time. The hour is growing late."

. . . "but there is still a little time to listen—yes, and a little time in which to learn. Fifteen minutes more? . . . perhaps five minutes anyway."

John A Simpson, chairman of the Executive Committee of Atomic Scientists of Chicago: "It seems to me at the moment that we have a very short time to put our house in order."

The July 1947 issue of the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists had

for its cover design the hands of a clock approaching twelve.

Norman Cousins: . . . "the precise fact that the atomic bomb plus another war equals global disaster."

General Smuts: "There can be no doubt anymore that for us, for the human race, the hour has struck. Mankind has arrived at the crisis of its fate. . ."

A statement from Princeton, New Jersey, by the Emergency Committee of Atomic Scientists included: ". . . we approach what may be the last hour before midnight."

"And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; Men's hearts failing them for fear. . ."

A strange plant in Jamaica, called the life plant. It is so named because it is almost impossible to kill or destroy any part of it. When a leaf is cut off and hung by a string, instead of shriveling up and dying like so many other leaves, it sends out white threadlike roots, and thus gathers moisture from the air and begins to grow new leaves.

The Bible is God's Life Plant, so to speak. Preach it, circulate it, and it will soon take root in some hearts and send out **tendrils of Life**. It is incorruptible, indestructible, and invincible!

Launch out into the deep . . . for a draught.

THE SHADOWS ARE LONG

Is the end near? Is some great catastrophe about to rain from the skies, a just judgment of a righteous God? The day, is it far gone? Watchman, what of the night? Look for yourself into the suggested Scripture and all of the Bible. Let your mind be open . . . no man knows the day nor the hour of our Lord's coming . . . and man can be wrong, but God is never wrong. God has given word pictures of

prophecy. He wants His people to know.

In 1969, 602 bombings or attempted bombings are numbered . . . in 1970 just through July, there had already been 586. (Read Mark 13:8 and Luke 21:25.)

The Mideast . . . moves played on the brink. The Soviets wanting what they call a "state of peace", inch forward in deadly armaments. There is worry over Russia's grow-

ing combat role. How much longer before psychological was explodes? "It's no longer just an Arab-Israeli scrap. Both Russia and the US are in it". (Read Daniel 11:36-45. Ezekiel 38,39)

1970 . . . The Middle East . . . Time running out . . . "impression is beginning to spread around the Arab world, according to . . . observers there that the Russian involvement is gathering momentum and

will not stop short of direct physical confrontation with Israel."

Alexei Kosygin, Soviet Premier—"We have an agreement with the government of the UAR (Egypt) under which our military advisors are attached to the troops of the UAR. This is done with the object of combatting Israeli aggression." Soviet embassy, Washington: "Soviet pilots will protect Egypt."

One top civilian planner in Washington: "History has taught us to beware of anticipating events in the Mideast merely on the basis of rational behavior. All of the ingredients for a sudden explosion are there, right now."

Lawlessness: Date, Sept. 1969 . . . In US, someone is murdered every 39 minutes. There is an aggravated assault every 2 minutes, an auto theft every 41 seconds. Estimate, 1968, 4½ million serious crimes committed. Between 1960-1968, serious crimes in US increased 122%. (See Matthew 24:12)

When does great Babylon come? Are there indications or even formings today?

A giant religious, wealthy organization will be in the end . . . In 1962, there were four denominations in a huge convention . . . a plan is drafted at Dayton Ohio . . . the COCU, Consultation on Church Union . . . 25 million members, merger of 10 denominations . . . a "Super-church", about 40% of American Protestants. . . The World Council of churches—a key Jesuit suggested, "seriously consider the possibility that the Roman Catholic Church might one day be a member" . . . nine have already been elected to one commission. (Read II Timothy 3:5 and The Revelation, chapters 17 and 18.) When and Where is this strange mixture of business and souls of men?

Earthquakes: Scientists had believed the volcanoes in Antarctica were dead. On Deception Island, 600 miles south of South America, the penguins and shua gulls were abruptly leaving their place. . . In 4 hours an earth tremor came . . . a supposedly extinct volcano erupted. Scientists fled for their lives. Jan. '67, discovery of a second active volcano on rim of Antarctica . . . December, it exploded. . . A third sent a jolt through the world's scientific community. It was written, Antarctica is a barometer of worldwide seismic activ-

ity . . . Antarctica is otherwise quiet this way. . . What does one man think? "Something worldwide is going on, but it is hard to say just what it is . . . we don't know what. But great forces are at work in relative patterns, trying to pull our continents in one direction or another. This is due to something below, a great strain that is accumulating. . ." (Read Matthew 24 and Mark 13. The Revelation 16:18.)

Knowledge is on the increase: From the birth of Christ to or about 1750, it is estimated knowledge doubled. A second doubling, about 1900. A third, approximately 1950. A fourth in 1960. (Read Daniel 12:4)

Wars: 1898 to 1907, there are numbered 9 wars . . . 1908-1917, 15. . . 1918-1927, 11. . . 1928-1937, 8. . . 1938-1947, 12. . . 1948-1957, 28. . . 1958-1967, 45. Of the 128 armed conflicts, 73—or 57% have taken place in the past two decades.

Gigantic Spectre of Desolation: It is written that the Soviets deploy a missile sub-fleet around U.S. Appearance is that permanent stations are on the Atlantic seaboard, Gulf of Mexico, off San Diego, LA, San Francisco, Seattle.

US Congress authorized 41 missile subs. Each carries 16 hydrogen missiles (656 atomic warheads). The total is 1.9 billion tons of ordinary explosives, roughly the entire weight of World War II bombs dropped on Germany. . . But one estimate is the Red fleet has more nuclear and conventional subs than the entire world combined. Sobering is the thought of multi-missile units that can circle the earth at 100 or 200 miles out, being set off ground-instructed, and hurtle atomic destruction over many target areas, covering thousands of miles, all at one time. A senator said that Russia could make bombs come down like Roman candles. (Read Daniel 12:1 and Matthew 24:21, 22)

Famine: An advisor to the government of India . . . the world is on the threshold of biggest famine in history. . . (Read Matthew 24:7, Revelation 6:6)

Harold Urey . . . Nobel Peace Prize . . . one of the physicists whose work led to creation of the atomic bomb. . . "I write to make you afraid. I, myself, am a man who is afraid. All the wise men I

know are afraid." (Read Luke 21:26)

There is a sure Refuge, a calm, peaceful place where fear does not bother. Jesus tells His people to see that they are not troubled. To the believer, these times can bring rejoicing . . . (Read Mark 13:7, John 14:1, Isaiah 26:20)

The end is not yet. The man of sin has not made his appearance. This dictator must be before the day of the Lord. (II Thessalonians 2:3)

The hour is late. How late we do not know. The clock on the cover of the **Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists** is set at 11:53. The advance was the first since 1953. Writes this editor, "In sad recognition that the past six years have brought mankind farther down the road to nuclear disaster. . . moved closer to midnight." (Read I Peter 4:7, Daniel 12:9, 10; Matthew 24:25)

The only accurate clock is God's. He pictures much in scripture, but the day and hour is hidden. (Mark 13:32)

The air is charged, the hour is with dark clouds. Are the thunderings of wrath rumbling? The storm is gathering; the horizon ominous. Our opportunity is great . . . Move in view of God's majesty, and the gain shall be great.

Students go to classes . . . others are working away from home . . . studying is work, too. A real picture . . . where they are, our love should look. Remember, when they come home, it only takes a little bit to go a little out of the way. Give them a smile and warmth of heart. A letter can be a helpful hand, too.

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THE CHICAGO FIRE AND THE GOSPEL HYMNS

(If you were to look in the edition of Gospel Hymns 1-6 Complete book—the first printed page would have the name, **Sankey**. This is his eye-witness account of a time of emergency and tragedy. The hymns told of are now numbers 630 and 68 in the **Gospel Hymns Revised**.)

Sunday evening, October 8, 1871, we were holding a meeting . . . crowded to the doors. At the close of his address . . . I began the old familiar hymn, "Today the Saviour calls." By the time I had reached the third verse,

Today the Saviour calls:

For refuge fly;
The storm of justice falls,
And death is nigh"

my voice was drowned by the loud noise of the fire engines rushing past the hall and the tolling of bells, among which we could hear, ever and anon, the deep, sullen tones of the great city bell, in the steeple of the old court-house close at hand, ringing out a general alarm.

Tremendous confusion was heard in the streets . . . the audience was becoming restless and alarmed. As the people dispersed, I went . . . down the small back stairway leading into the old Arcade Court, and from our position there we watched the reflection of the fire, half a mile away, on the west side of the city, as it cast its ominous glare against the sky. After a few moments we separated, I to go over the river to where the fire was raging. . .

On reaching the scene of the fire I found a whole block of small frame buildings burning fiercely, and with others I assisted in tearing down some board fences, to try to keep the fire from spreading to the adjoining territory. While thus engaged, the wind from the southwest had risen almost to a hurricane, and the flying embers from the falling buildings were quickly caught up and carried high upon the roofs of the houses adjoining, which were soon in flames. Thus the fire spread from building to building, and from block to block, until it was evident that the city was doomed. . .

I now gave up the fight, and made haste to recross the river,

hurrying back to my quarters—my living room and office. . . The fire followed so rapidly that several times I had to shake from my coat the falling embers. Arriving at the hall, I gathered a number of belongings . . . placing them close to the door of my office, went out . . . It was now between one and two in the morning. . .

I returned to the hall and commenced the task of carrying my effects toward Lake Michigan, half a mile distance. On the way to the lake I passed the present location of the Palmer House then being erected . . . and hid 2 large valises in the darkest corner I could find. As yet only a few people were moving out of their homes in this section of the city, and, as I noticed the seeming indifference of those who had come to the windows of their houses, I called out to them to escape for their lives, as the city was doomed to destruction. Some became alarmed; others laughed me to scorn. I returned to the hall for another load. . . Again, for the third time, I went back to my rooms. . .

. . . the people were fully awake, rushing about the street, or anxiously looking out of their windows and from the tops of their houses in the direction of the fire. I could not help thinking of the Bible story of the destruction of the Cities of the Plain in the long ago, as many still made light of those who said the city would be destroyed. The air was filled with flying sparks of fire, resembling a spring snowstorm, when the sky is filled with huge, falling flakes. . .

I secured help, and at last reached the lake, where I deposited my trunks and possessions close by the edge of the water, with the thought that if the flames came to the edge of the lake I would walk into the water and be saved from the heat. . . I returned to the Palmer House block, to secure, if possible, my first cargo. . . I found them still there, and carried them away to the lake.

By this time I was greatly exhausted, and almost famished for want of water (that along the shore not being fit to drink). I asked another refugee, who was in like case with myself, watching his little

store of precious things, if he would look out for mine while I returned into the city to get some water to drink. The man consenting, I went back to Wabash Avenue, one of the finest residential streets in the city, and, entering one of the large houses, asked if I might have some water. I was told to go into the rear of the building and get all I wished. I found a faucet, but, on attempting to draw water, air rushed out instead. This was my first intimation that the waterworks, two miles to the northward, had been destroyed. A few minutes later I heard a terrific explosion, which seemed to shake the city, and was told that the city gas works had blown up.

Things began to look very desperate—no water, no light in the houses, and the city in flames! I made my way back again to the lake, and wrapping myself in a great overcoat, lay down behind one of the large trunks I had saved. Thus sheltered from the wind, I slept for an hour. On awaking I could hear the rush and roar of the fire coming nearer and nearer. The sun, slowly rising out of the waters of the lake, seemed like a red ball of fire. The wind had not fallen, and huge waves were breaking on the shore at my feet.

I now felt that I must have water to drink, and after wandering along the shore for some distance, found some small rowboats, and asked a man nearby, who seemed to be their owner, if I might have one to go out into the lake for fresh water. "Yes", he said; "if you can manage the boat you can have it, as we are not likely to have much more boating in this section for some time to come." So I took possession of one, and rowed down to where my goods were deposited. Rolling them on board, I made my way out into the lake. . . I rowed out far enough to find fresh water. Then, tying my boat to some timbers that were being used for the erection of a new breakwater, I climbed up on the pile of lumber and for several hours watched . . .

The day wore away, but the city was still burning, and, as the sun was sinking in the west, a song came into my mind which I had been singing a few days before. . .

I sang it through as I sat there,
with the waves beating about me.
The first verse was as follows:

Dark is the night, and cold the wind
is blowing,

Nearer and nearer comes the
breakers' roar;

Where shall I go, or whither fly
for refuge?

Hide me, my Father, till the
storm is o'er.

(It is estimated a thousand lives
died in that fire. Now it is 1970.
—Is a great bell tolling? Are si-
rens sounding of a great trouble?
Listen and flee to His safety!

MORTON, ILLINOIS

Mrs. John Oberlander

Mrs. Ken Getz

Funeral services were held for
Bro. Christian S. Ackerman, 86,
who was a life-long resident of the
Morton area. He is survived by
four sons, Emanuel, Edward, Rob-
ert and Melvin; and three daugh-
ters, Sis. Viola (Mrs. John) Per-
delwitz, Velma (Mrs. Fred) Kerr
and Lanora (Mrs. Ray) Fort. He
was the last of his family and will
be missed in our congregation.

Bro. Jim (who is stationed in
Germany) and Sis. Kathy Zimmer-
man Heiniger announce the arrival
of a daughter, Lori Suzanne. In
September they will be returning
to the States and to Champaign,
where Jim will resume his studies.
Bro. Joe and Sis. Mildred Getz
Zimmerman were in Europe at the
time of the arrival of their first
grandchild. The paternal grand-
parents are Bro. Art and Sis. Ve-
rena Moser Heiniger.

Also visiting in Europe were Bro.
Howard and Sis. Louise Roecker
Getz and her parents. Bro. William
and Sis. Kathryn Schock Roecker.
Bros. Kenneth and Sis. Dorothy
Bauman Roeschley returned from
their visit with their daughter and
son-in-law, Carol and Gary Orrison
(stationed in northern Germany)
with many pleasant memories.

Two more dear converts have
been received into the body of
Christ: Sis. Karen Wyss, daughter
of Bro. Carl and Sis. Lydiann Metz-
ger Wyss, and Sis. Janet Hunziker,
daughter of Bro. Albert and Sis.
Virginia Haerr Hunziker. Our con-
gregation appreciated the labors of
Bro. Fred Knapp, as he made the
words of our Lord on the sermon
on the mount come alive.

Willis Belsley, who had his leg
removed due to an accident, is re-

cuperating in Room 669, Methodist
Hospital, Peoria. Cards of cheer
would be welcomed and appreciated.
Bro. Ben Kaiser and Sis. Lydia
Rapp Pfleiderer are convalescing at
their homes. May the Lord be with
these loved ones.

Ted Schick wishes to express his
gratitude to everyone who has re-
membered him with cards, gifts
and prayers during his many
months in the hospital. Ted is now
home and gaining strength daily.

ATTENTION TO THE MORTON
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this time.

FRANCESVILLE

Mrs. Herman (Chris) Wuethrich

Mrs. Otto Wuethrich

God has sent us another grand-
child, and this "Joy" wants to
come to you first. Baby Andrew is
given constant care by the Bro.
Edison (Chrisann) Gutwein fam-
ily. Three other precious babies are
so welcome in their home, and in
our church. Tracy came to Norman
(Mary) Putt, Chad to the Gene
Hubers, and Jason to the Gordon
Gutweins.

Bro. Kenneth Schrock had many
of his relatives that attended his
happy marriage to Sis. Janet Over-
meyer. This happy reunion with so
many of their friends is just like a
Heavenly Reunion, we all believe.
Uncle Henry Lemans had a grand-
daughter, Beverly Troub, married
to Michael Maurer, at Tremont. Be-
cause God has led these two couples
together, we know they intend to
join hands and hearts until death.

We at Francesville wish to thank
the Altadena and Maywood church
folks, for so lovingly visiting Sis.
Betty Jeges, who formerly was
from here. We certainly wish her
God's daily comfort in her afflic-
tions. This was written to us: "Bet-
ty gave her testimony and was
baptized. She seemed so happy, and
we are glad and thankful that she
could have her wish fulfilled."

"It's those we love we pray about,
so they will get well"—so these
are who we pray for—John Pelsy,
Roberta Geyer and Ivan Pelsy.

A welcome visitor was Sis. Clara
Heiniger from Alabama, who the
Sunday School children know, or
heard about, as daily working for

the Lord. . . And a welcome Sis.
Marie Neihouser, who spent the
past 1½ years teaching children in
Japan, is now welcomed by the
school children: she will be their
teacher here.

We feel God was standing beside
these brothers who so lovingly min-
istered to us—Jess and Joe Schrock,
Lynn Klopfenstein and Roy Wie-
land. We wish to sincerely thank all
our visiting ministers.

LESTER

Emelie Knobloch

God knows the way; He holds the
key.

He guides us with unerring hand.
Sometime with tearless eyes will
see.

Yes, there, up there, we'll under-
stand.

Our visitors, Bro. Clifford
Grimm, Paul Fehr, Alphi Moser,
Silas Leuthold, John Dapper, and
Andrew Virkler, had very inspir-
ing messages. We wish to thank
these loved ones, and we hope they
will remember us again.

Alphi revealed to us about his
tour of duty during World War II,
how he too had to go overseas
against his wishes. The memory of
his returning home he couldn't for-
get. The officer told him he would
be under the Golden Gate bridge at
noon. He often thinks of how great
a joy when he could view his home-
land, but what a greater joy when
he can view the shores of eternity.

We have joys amid the grief and
woe, when the invisible God be-
came reality in the lives of loved
ones. We can only believe, "For
by grace are ye saved through
faith; and that not of yourselves:
it is the gift of God". We have had
three souls who have accepted His
invitation. They are Lyla Meyer,
Mae Donna Wulf, and Marjean
Metzger. God sent His son to bring
peace to those who call on His
name in repentance. We know we
are only one heart beat from eter-
nity.

One of the brethren meditated on
Job. We cannot always see or un-
derstand now, but God will not
forsake us. Job believed in God's
goodness and mercy and endured
his suffering. It was written, "I
know that my redeemer liveth, and
that he shall stand at the latter
day upon the earth. And though
after my skins worms destroy this
body, yet in my flesh shall I see

God". A greater joy we could not wish for.

Many loved ones witnessed the testimony and true faith of Paullette Meyer. May God grant us grace so we may remain in true faith until our journey is o'er.

Births: Bro. and Sis. Eugene Nester, a daughter July 4, Charlotte Kay. Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Leuthold, a daughter, August 23, Stacey Lynn.

Among the ill: Bro. John Moser was able to assemble again. Bro. Alfred Feucht received a very bad cut. Marvella Knobloch fell from a tree, and stepped in a spike when she landed, so has been on crutches. Sis. Violet Knobloch had minor surgery. Andy Leuthold was hospitalized. Perry Mogler is much improved.

Beth Moser, daughter of Sis. Donna Metzger, and Gary Metzger, son of Bro. and Sis. Elmer Metzger were married in the home of the groom's parents. Bro. Leo Moser performed the ceremony July 24.

Allen Doorenweerd, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dietrich Doorenweerd and Carolyn Rogers were married Aug. 8. They plan to live at Valley Spring, S. Dakota.

We wish them God's blessings in their life together.

The engagement of Sis. Susan Fuecht, daughter of Bro. and Sis. August Feucht and Bro. Gary Schneider, son of Bro. and Sis. Lawrence Schneider was made known.

Sharon Severson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Segfred Severson, and Samuel Moser, son of Bro. and Mrs. Adolph Moser announced their engagement.

Joyce Benson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Benson, announced her engagement to Marvin Roeman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Roeman.

Daniel Moser was home on leave, and returned to Beeville, Texas.

We had several girls graduating from LPN training, Sis. Mary Metzger, Sis. Cheryl Gerber, Arlene and Kathy Metzger, and Cheryl Bruellman. We wish them the Lord's blessings.

"O God, give us serenity to accept what cannot be changed, courage to change what should be changed and wisdom to distinguish the one from the other."

GIRARD, OHIO

Caroline Emch

We have been having lovely summer weather. The fields are beautiful, and those of us with gardens have had a bounteous crop. The flowers are a beauty to behold. These are all the handiwork of God. We are very thankful for these precious gifts.

We were blessed to have Bro. Carl and Sis. Emma (Ruehle) Feucht with us on Aug. 16. Carl ministered unto us; we enjoyed many spiritual blessings during the day. Emma, formerly from Youngstown, noticed that many changes have taken place in the community. The Ruhle family moved to California a number of years ago. We wish to thank all the visitors that have visited us in Girard and welcome all to visit us again.

BREMEN, INDIANA

Emma Unsicker

This month, as we are thinking about the children returning to grade schools and higher institutions of learning, how important it is to remind ourselves not to neglect their spiritual education.

It takes a **heap of teaching** by the parents of our youth

To build a firm foundation for a life of love and truth.

It takes a good example that is lived day by day;

It's the only kind of teaching that we find will ever pay.

We sincerely thank Bros. Bob Myers and Lynn Klopfenstein for the wonderful messages they brought us.

Bro. Sam Schuck is hospitalized for injuries received from a fall at his home. We pray God will be very near to him and Sis. Ann.

Our high school age teens, along with those from other of our Indiana churches, enjoyed an inspiring week-end August 29 and 30 at Camp Mack, near Milford. With the Lord's blessing and the enthusiastic cooperation of all, an enjoyable time was had. We pray God will bless the friendships that were made and bring forth a spiritual harvest from the seeds that were sown.

PRINCEVILLE, ILLINOIS

Ruth Ricketts

Our dear Sis. Julia Miller passed away very unexpectedly August 12. She had been in failing health for some time, but had entertained vis-

itors in the afternoon and told them how good she felt. Shortly after they left, she was gone. Services were held by our local ministers and Bro. LeRoy Ehnle of Bradford, on August 15. Psalm 116 was read, as it seemed to fit the way Julia lived. Her life was truly dedicated in serving the Lord. She was the daughter of Bro. Sam and Sis. Carrie Streitmatter and was married to Bro. George Miller, who survives. Also surviving are five daughters, Sis. Rosene and Marilyn Grimm of West Bend, Sis. Carolyn Joos of the Princeville congregation, and Lorene and Loretta Miller of Peoria; two sons, Bro. LeRoy and Lloyd of Chillicothe; four sisters, Sisters Bessie Martin and Leila Elsasser, Lavina Sloan of Princeville, Ida Koehler of Prophetstown; four brothers, Bro. Ben, Roy, Paul and Emmanuel of Princeville. She was laid to rest in the church cemetery, near the resting place of a young son who met his death in an accident a number of years ago. Our sympathy goes out to the family, and especially to her aged husband for whom she was so concerned.

What can we say to those who weep for wife or husband dear?

How can we comfort or sustain when loneliness they fear?

The utmost we can do, perhaps, is share their grief;

Our sympathy, though ill-expressed, may help to bring relief.

A listening ear, a helping hand, can show we somehow UNDERSTAND.

We have had quite a number of shut-ins, and are glad that most of them are improved. Sis. Ida Huber, who had been confined to her bed for several weeks, is slowly showing improvement. Bro. Emil Lauber isn't feeling well the past few days. Bro. Chris Martin is about again, following pneumonia. Sis. Marie Eberle has been ill and not able to come to church for awhile. Sis. Ruth Streitmatter is gaining nicely after surgery. Sis. Marie Endress has been very ill with a heart condition and confined to her bed the past four weeks. She tells of an experience while in her weakened condition, of how she went far away and even touched the hem of His garment, but she couldn't go farther just yet, so had to come back for awhile. She has always walked so closely with

her Lord, and now we feel He is at her side.

Howard Rumbold is recovering from sinus surgery. His parents, Bro. Roy and Sis. Pearl enjoyed spending a week with him in Honolulu, Hawaii, where Howard is stationed.

Sis. Marie Siebenthal has moved to the Apostolic Eureka Home and would be happy to have her friends write to her there or pay her a visit.

A son, Frank Eugene, was born August 6 to Frank and Hannelore Reliford. A sister, Lisa, welcomed her new brother home. Bro. Eugene and Sister Elsa Christ are the maternal grandparents.

A soldiers' reunion was held here at Princeville August 15 for those stationed at Ft. Sam from January 1, 1963 to January 1, 1967. One hundred twenty were in attendance, with twenty-one congregations being represented. We were happy to have several couples stay over and worship with us on Sunday.

Our sympathy is extended to Bro. and Sis. Doris Guingrich and family, with the death of Doris' mother, Sis. Tillie Fehr. Even though she suffered many bodily afflictions she was patient, and she will be greatly missed, for parting causes pain. We are so thankful that she could be relieved and go to rest with her Lord.

Note: I wish to express deep gratitude to everyone who remembered me with prayers, flowers, cards, and gifts while I was in the hospital, and for the food that was brought in since returning home. God bless each one. Ruth Streitmatter.

**TAMAHATA
AND SHIODA, JAPAN**
Willis R. Ehnle

On Saturday, August 8, Sunday School children with their teachers from Tamahata and Tokyo churches came to Shioda for a Sunday School get-together. The children had name tags with difference colors for the different churches. The theme of the meetings was God and Nature. The children from Tokyo stayed overnight Saturday. Besides the Sunday School meetings, the children attended the Sunday morning church service, where Bro. Uchida had the sermon. The children became bet-

ter acquainted and had a blessed time.

Bro. Glen Heinold of LaCrosse is visiting us from Vietnam. The other evening, while reading the story of the workers in the vineyard to our children from Matthew 20, both Glen and I noticed for the first time that the master of the vineyard specifically instructed that the workers be paid beginning from the last to the first, when instructions to pay from the first to the last would have avoided the issue about the amount of wages. He purposely did it this way to teach the evils of being greedy or envious of others who seem to fare better than ourselves.

Sis. Hiroko Natori and Junke Hatsuomi returned safely to Japan from the U.S. on August 29. We thank all those who showed them so much love and hospitality.

WEST BEND

Anna Schmidt — Mrs. A. Banwart

There are so many burdens that seem lighter, and it really gives us all courage to press forward when we are privileged to have more of our friends turn to the Lord in repentance. The most recent converts are Eileen Fisher, Kenneth Banwart and Mike Wirtz.

On Sunday, Aug. 16, the wedding ceremony of Sis. Shirley Gerber and Bro. Larry Ifft of Forrest was solemnized by Elder Bro. Leo Moser of Lester. Bro. Perry Zimmerman of Forrest also spoke inspiring and timely on the importance of marriage. Many spiritual blessings were received by all. We wish Larry and Shirley the Lord's richest blessings as they travel hand in hand through this life. They are at home in Urbana, where Larry is attending the University of Illinois.

Elder Bro. Leo Moser performed the wedding ceremony of Friends Rose Banwart and Wayne Grimm on Sunday, Aug. 23. They will be at home in St. Peter Minn. as Wayne is attending Mankato State College. How humbling and yet heart-lifting it was to have them return home in repentance, asking the Lord to also be their Saviour, after being gone only one day. May an extra portion of grace be afforded all of the dear converts, so they can build a firm foundation in faith.

Visiting ministers, other than those mentioned elsewhere in our

news were Bro. Vernon Schwab of Wolcott and Bro. John Dapper of Maywood. Each one had such inspiring messages, and we thank the Lord that His servants are still willing to teach us of our duties.

A word of thanks to the Bern Sunday School and congregation for the blessed week-end our Bible Class and older Junior Bible Class members spent with them. May the Lord reward them and Bro. Vernon Leman of Eureka, guest minister, for their labors.

WOLCOTT
Arles Kropf

Visiting ministers during August were Bros. Karl Westphal of Francesville and Al Fisher of Chicago. We thank them for their efforts.

Mark Schwab, son of Bro. Vernon and Sis. Arlene suffered painful facial injuries while playing with a firecracker. We are thankful it was not more serious and is healing nicely.

Sis. Priscilla Anker was hospitalized for tests and observation, but is again able to be at home.

Tragedy has again struck our community and little congregation. Bro. Kenneth Furrer, 39, was fatally injured on Sept. 4 when the hay mow floor gave way, pinning him beneath it and the ground corncobs which were stored in the mow. Surviving are his wife, Sis. Louise; a daughter, Julie; a son, Sammy; his mother, Sis. Emma Furrer, 5 brothers and 6 sisters. Funeral services were held at the church on Sept. 6, with burial at Fairbury.

AKRON, OHIO
Katherine Ries

"But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread and drink of that cup." August 9, Elder Bro. Noah Bauman of Rittman assisted our Elder Bro. Rudy Graf to serve the Lord's Supper. We are most grateful for this holy sacrament, a rite ordained by our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Bro. Paul Gasser was elected to help in the ministry. We are glad for those he will assist, and wish him the Lord's blessings in his efforts to serve.

Bro. Philip Sauder of Cissna Park was a welcome visitor, bringing us the message of Joseph's interpretation of the dreams of the butler and the baker, and from the New Testament, the Lord's parable

of the sower and the seed, with the world of today's explanation of the thorns. We thank him for his visit.

“. . . faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”

“And Hezekiah received the letter of the hand of the messengers. . . read it: and Hezekiah went up into the house of the Lord, and spread it before the LORD.” In repeating this verse from II Kings 19:14, Elder Bro. Rudy Graf spoke of the about-to-take-place conference in Princeville, of the faith of Hezekiah and referred to hymn 220, “Boundless Mercy”. “To me is given boundless mercy, A gift that I did not deserve; such wondrous love it is so marv'ous, that such for me should be reserved, but since I know, I will rejoice, and praise Thy mercy with my voice.” Our prayers go with all attending the conference.

We appreciate for having received many brethren and friends from the churches in Indiana, Illinois and Ohio at the first Sunday night hymn-sing in September. It was a joyous evening in fellowship, in the singing hymns of praise and honor to the Lord, and hearing the word of God. Thank you.

Our prayers go out to our dear brethren and friends who are in the service of our government. May the Lord's blessings and protection follow them wherever they go.

BAY CITY

Carolyn Knochel—Marlene Mosher

August has again been a busy month, with many visitors and many of our home folks travelling. We pray that everyone may return safely to their homes.

Clint and Rene Srawn welcome home their first child, a son, Matthew James. Rene is the daughter of Bro. Sam and Sis. Lorraine Wackerle.

The engagement of Sis. Sally Schlatter and Bro. Curtis Zahner of Rockville was announced. Sally is the daughter of Bro. Dave and Sis. Margaret, and Curt is the son of Bro. Emanuel and Sis. Clara. We give them our best wishes.

Weddings: Mark Wieland and Jay Francis were married on August 8. He is the son of Bro. Gerald and Sis. Lois, and she is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Francis. On Sept. 4, Chuck Westphal and Marilyn Wieland (Bro. Gerald and Sis. Lois) were married. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry

Westphal. Both couples are making their homes away from here.

Hospitalized: Sis. Helen Lambert (Bro. John) for tests; we pray the Lord will soon return her to our congregation. Marvin Wieland (Bro. Erwin and Sis. Nina) had an emergency appendectomy; he is doing well and soon should be home.

Sis. Magdalena Meyer passed away on August 10, after being ill for a time. She is survived by five sisters, Sis. Julia Wackerle, Sis. Hanna Stevig, Mrs. Verena Wackerle, Mrs. Ida Sinn, and Mrs. Esther Kempf, and two brothers, Sam and Albert Neyer.

BERN

Esther and Stella Moser

Sunday School is once more in session after a short recess. New teachers are Bro. John Lehman, (to serve with Bros. Louis Meyer, Wilfred Strahm and Stephen Hartter.) Sisters Mavis Meyer, Marie Grimm, along with Sis. Janette Strahm will teach the little folks.

Sis. Roberta Farney has gone to Normal to further her education. Bertie has been the efficient Home Economics teacher in the Bern School for six years, and during that time assembled with us. Our best wishes go with her.

The week-end of Aug. 29-30, we hosted the Bible classes from West Bend, Burlington, and Sabetha, along with their teachers and visiting minister Bro. Vernon Leman, Eureka. On Sunday morning we all assembled together, and Vernon so lovingly invited the youth to forsake the lusts and pleasures of this world for a richer life. He told them the wheel of life keeps turning, and those on top will soon be on the bottom, and they on top. In the afternoon, Sunday School was held, with dinner served at the church later. It was a blessed day, and we extend our thanks to Bro. Vernon for his willingness to serve us.

New residents at the A.C. Home are Sis. Lizzie Strahm and Sis. Louisa Baumgartner (Bro. Lou's mother). Louisa was a hospital patient for two months after major surgery. She is slowly regaining strength.

Also hospital patients have been Sis. Lola (Mrs. Glenn) Luthi, (surgical); Bro. Stephen Hartter, with infection in a thumb; Sis. Lena

(Mrs. Lou) Baumgartner, with an injured ankle due to a fall.

Sis. Lucinda (Minger) Brunner passed away Aug. 24 at the Sabetha Hospital. Born Sept. 14, 1885 at Wells County, Ind., she almost reached the age of 85. On Nov. 2, 1912, she was united in marriage to Gottlieb Brunner, who preceded her in death Feb. 2, 1966. Surviving are two sons, Harvey—Hermosa, S.D., Melvin—Knightstown, Ind.; two daughters, Sarah Jones—Louisville, Ind., Nettie Kopp—Fairview, Kansas; two step-daughters, Sis. Lana Wenger and Mary Lohman, Sabetha; two sisters, Sis. Hulda, (Mrs. Dave) Strahm and Nettie (Mrs. Will) Strahm, Bluffton. Lucinda was stricken with a stroke three years ago and was unable to speak since then. However, her smile told you she appreciated what was done for her during the three years she was a resident at the A.C. Home. Lucinda was a faithful member since her youth, always willing to help along at lunch-time at church. Services were held Aug. 29 by our ministers, with burial in the church cemetery.

EUREKA

**Cathryn Wettstein
Salome Schumacher**

“The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.”

“Go to the depths of God's promise; Ask freely of Him, and receive; All good may be had for the asking; If seeking, ye truly believe.”

This bit of verse is so true—“if seeking, ye truly believe”. Through faith in Him we must believe that all things are possible with God's help and grace.

The past month we were truly blessed with many ministers as guests. They were as follows—Bro. Elmer Witzig, Bro. Harold Schmidgall, Gridley; Bro. Willis Wiegand, Goodfield; Bro. Henry Manz, Paulding; Bro. Jesse Schrock, Congerville; Bro. Uriel Gehring, Burlington; Bro. Fredrick Knapp, Congerville; Bro. Don Sauder, Roanoke; Bro. Everett Hari, Normal.

Sis. Martha Grusy is a medical patient in Methodist Hospital, Peoria. Will Grusy is a medical patient in Eureka Hospital, Bro. Ed Geiger a medical patient in the same Hospital.

Sis. Tillie Fehr passed away Aug. 30 in the ‘Home for the Aged’,

after being a patient for 4½ years. We will miss her, but we know she has gone on to a better place.

Aug. 30, Sis. Kathy Farney and Bro. Kenneth Hodel were united in marriage by Bro. Leroy Huber. They will reside in Roanoke.

Raymond Schumacher has been discharged from the Army and returned home. His parents are the Russell Schumachers.

FORT SAM HOUSTON, TEXAS

We enjoyed the visit of Elder Bro. Noah Schrock, who proclaimed to us God's holy word in its truth and simplicity. Bro. Ben Fehr of Roanoke also visited us and delivered inspiring messages.

Those arriving at Ft. Sam to begin their service were Robert Shambach and Bro. Doug Kellenberger of Elgin, Illinois; Bro. Jon Zeller of Morton; Bro. David Graf of Akron, Robert Witzig and Bro. Roger Witzig of Gridley, Illinois.

The following have left Ft. Sam Houston and will soon be starting duty at their new duty station: Bro. Dick Hoffman—Roanoke (Okinawa), Tom Fehr—Roanoke (Vietnam), Stan Knapp—Cissna (Ft. Carson, Colorado), Leon Gerber—Bluffton (Korea), Cleve Klopfenstein—Gridley, Ill. (Vietnam).

Bro. John Klopfenstein has returned home to Leo, after completing his two years of service at Ft. Sam Houston.

GRIDLEY, KANSAS

Edna Somerhalder
Wilma Young

"Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." These are Christ's words to the eleven before his ascension to Heaven. How marvelous that there are brothers who willingly share the gospel's unadulterated truth.

Bro. Vernon Schwab from Wolcott spent a Sunday evening with us. The Lamont congregation assembled with us. Other ministers present were Elder Bro. Samuel Anliker, Bro. Roy Wernli, and Bro. Samuel Huber.

Bro. Wayne and Sis. Gloria Drayer have returned to their home at Fairbury, where they are employed as teachers. We miss their presence in our assembly, also their friends and relatives who visited our congregation. Our congregation is small; visitors are welcome.

We extend sympathy to Sis. Leona (Lehman) Kraft in the loss of

her sister, Sis. Bertha Marti. Leona has spent much of her time in Lamar the past year, helping care for her sisters.

We extend sympathy to Bro. Matthias and Sis. Lena Strahm, in the tragedy that called her nephew, Bro. Kenneth Fuhrer, from this life. Bro. Vernon Leman spent an evening of worship with us.

Bro. Joe Aberle spent Sunday with us.

We thank each minister who visited us, and welcome all to return as the opportunity avails itself.

Julie Strahm, daughter of Bro. Loren and Sis. Lisiten Strahm, was hospitalized four days for an infection, which resulted from a riding mower accident. She's okay now, and attending her senior year.

How we rejoice the good Lord has blest us with several good rains. The pastures and lawns are turning green again.

LAMONT, KANSAS

Mrs. Stephen G. Schrader

It has been our pleasure to have several visiting brethren minister unto us.

Bro. Vernon Schwab of Wolcott brought us a timely exhortation from II Tim. 3, on the last days during the apostasy and how the Holy Scriptures are to be our source of help in withstanding the evil pressures about us.

Bro. Al Langhofer of Wichita meditated on Titus 1, concerning the qualities an elder must possess and the duties of his office.

Romans 12 and what a Christian's conduct is to be toward his brother-in-faith and also toward those outside of Christ was the basis for Bro. Raymond Roth's meditation.

We thank these brethren for their efforts; may they be rewarded eternally.

Sis. Leah and Sis. Dena Fechter wish to thank the many brethren for their acts of kindness during their confinement, following their auto accident.

LATTY, OHIO

Dolores Grant — Iva Stoller

Jesus said, I'm the way, the truth and the life;

No man cometh to God but by me; And that way back to God is to wash in the blood

That was shed for you at Calvary.

Caroline Zeltwanger has found her way to the Saviour. She is the daughter of Bro. Albert and Sis. Rose (Rager). We rejoice over every soul that seeks repentance.

Sis. Hilda Wenninger (Rudy) was admitted to a Lima, Ohio, hospital for an emergency operation. We are happy to hear she is home again.

Visiting ministers were: Bro. James (Ramseyer) from Bay City, August 30, Bro. Marvin Schmidgal from Eureka, Sept. 6.

Sis. Dora Sinn, who is now residing with her daughter, Dorothy, in Toledo observed her 90th birthday Sept. 8. We wish her many rich blessings. In the past year she has been cared for by members of her family, as Dora is not able to be alone.

We wish God's blessings upon the marriage of Diane Klopfenstein and Allen Zigler. Diane is the daughter of Bro. Floren and Sis. Mary Ella, formerly from our congregation. They are residing in Ft. Wayne.

Our congregation was also saddened by the sudden death of Bro. Kenneth Fuhrer from Wolcott, and we wish to extend our sympathy to his two sisters who reside here at Latty; Sis. Dorothy (Wayne) Stoller and Sis. Janet (Gale) Stoller, and to the remaining family; we deeply feel your sorrow.

Not now, but in the coming years,
It may be in the better land,
We'll read the meaning of our
tears,
And there, sometime we'll understand.

MAYWOOD

Elizabeth K. Kaisner

To see the heavenly glories
From earth we must arise.
Tis far too bright and splendid
To view with mortal eyes.
We have to hope and wait awhile,
And we only can surmise,
As we tread the steep and narrow
way
From earth to Paradise.

Sis. Nettie Locher is in the convalescent hospital and very ill; may God give her grace and courage.

On Aug. 23, a few of us were present at the baptism of Betty Yeges, who is now a sister in the faith. May the Holy Spirit be her faithful guide, and God's grace her consolation.

Sis. Jan Elsasser, who had lived a few years in California, has returned to her home in Princeville.

Bro. and Sis. John and Julia Dapper are visiting in the East; may God bless and protect them on their journey and bring them safely home. In his absence, one of the Altadena ministers come to serve us at Maywood; may God bless them for their efforts in this worthy cause.

Sis. Esther Kiefer from Fairbury, who had lived and worked in California for a few years, is here for a visit.

I am grateful for each blessing; Therefore I cannot help but sing, And give God thanks for everything.

NEW MARTINSVILLE

Mrs. Gus Weltz
Miss Della Witschey

Mrs. Jessie Bleuer, daughter of the late John and Carrie Riggenbach, passed away on August 13, following a brief illness. She leaves one daughter; two brothers, Howard and Roy Riggenbach; two sisters, Mrs. Minnie Durig and Mrs. Ada Durig. Services and interment were held on August 16.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Haab of Milford visited here on August 13, and this reporter went with them out to the country church; they had been on vacation to Washington D.C. and many places of interest. Come again.

Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Wade, Mrs. Elza Ritz and Mrs. Gus Weltz spent Sunday August 16 with their sister, Mrs. Freda Durig in Girard. Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Williams and families from Akron were also there, and a family picnic was enjoyed at noon.

The annual Homecoming was held at the Limestone School on September 6, with many coming from distant points to renew old friendships.

Miss Della Witschey is a patient in the local hospital. Her brother, L. W. Witschey, is a patient in the hospital in Moundsville, W. Va. Jimmy Wade, who is in boot training in Fort Dix, N. J., spent the Labor Day week-end here with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Wade.

Tim Murdock, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Murdock, left on August 25 for Morgantown, W. Va.,

where he enrolled at West Virginia University.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Thomas of Niles, O., visited with relatives here over the Labor Day week-end and attended the Limestone Homecoming.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Barth of Parkersburg, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Williams of Akron, Mrs. Freda Durig of Girard, Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Wade, Mr. and Mrs. Elza Ritz, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Weltz held picnic dinners on August 30 and 31 in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ritz.

PEORIA

Emily Tanner

Mrs. Michael Weyeneth

"And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment; That ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ: Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God."

The engagement of Sis. Evelyn Klein, daughter of Sis. Edna Klein, and Eugene Heinold, son of Bro. Aaron and Sis. Grace Heinold of LaCrosse was announced to our congregation.

Adelheid Marie Gertrude Hechel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bruno and Theresia Hechel of Germany, and James Thomas, son of Bro. Alfred and Sis. Anna Thomas, were married May 12 in Tirschenreuth, Bayern, West Germany. Heidi and James have been living in Washington, Illinois, since July.

Barbara Arnett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Arnett, and Rob-Leuthold, son of Bro. Chris and Sis. Sophia Leuthold were married September 5. Their address is 6728 Wilshire Drive, Peoria Illinois.

Bro. John and Sis. Judy Woerner and their two daughters are happy to be home again. John has been in service and is now in residency at St. Francis Hospital. Their address is 107 E. Gift, Peoria Illinois.

We welcome Bro. Tom and Sis. Kathy Hoffman in our assembly. They are making their home in an apartment at 2112 W. Manor Parkway, Peoria Ill. A daughter, Amienne Leigh, was born September 3 to David and Joyce Snider. Maternal grandparents are Bro. Ernie and Sis. Dorothy Haefli.

A singing was held at our Fellowship Hall Thursday evening

Sept. 3. Bro. and Sis. Richard Schupbach were among some of the brethren who were visiting in this area. It is so uplifting when God's children can commune and blend their voices in love and harmony to God's praise and honor. Our first Hymn-Sing for this season was held the following Sunday at the Fellowship Hall. A pot-luck supper was enjoyed there earlier in the evening for those who wished.

Sis. Eva Baurer and her mother, Sis. Christine Baurer have moved to our church home at 7023 Skyline Drive, Peoria Illinois.

Sis. Julia Sauder, who lives at our church home, is a patient in the hospital. May we remember her in our prayers.

Bro. Joseph Plattner, 82, died August 27. Surviving are three daughters, Sisters Anna Marie Koch of Tremont, Betty Wiegand of Fairbury and Grace Bauer of Cissna Park; three sons, Bros. Russell Plattner of Roanoke, Melvin and Kenneth Plattner of Peoria; and four sisters, Sisters Fannie Witzig and Julia Leman of Goodfield, Anna Kaiser of Morton and Hulda Plattner of Peoria.

Note of Thanks: A sincere thanks to everyone for the cards, gifts and visits while Dad was at Restmor, also for the many kind deeds following his death. All was greatly appreciated. The family of Joe Plattner.

REMINGTON

Anna M. Waibel

Quite a number from here attended Camp Mack. We always look forward to going but this year our plans were changed suddenly, due to the sudden departure of my brother, Herman.

Bro. Herman Waibel, 69, passed away Sat. afternoon, Aug. 22, while taking his afternoon nap. He was married to Anna Knapp of Cissna Park in 1929. She survives, with one daughter, Mabel Buschman, Fowler, Ind.; three sons, Lloyd of San Bernadino, Calif., Bro. Ralph and Clyde of here; 4 sisters, Louise, Anna, Eunice and Sarah and a brother, Paul of here; a brother, Arnold of Lakeland, Florida. One brother, Andy preceded him in death, Dec. 1, 1969.

Bro. Nathan Steffen, Elgin Ill., was with us on mid-week services, and Bro. Charles Hemmer, Peoria was with us on a Sunday . . . always appreciate all of our visitors

... trust each visiting minister is richly blessed for their coming.

The community at large was shocked at the accidental death of Bro. Kenneth Furrer of Wolcott. His wife, Sis. Louise is our second cousin. Our heartfelt sympathy goes to all concerned.

Though His wise and loving purpose
Clearly now thou mayst not see,
Still believe with faith unshaken;
All shall work for good to thee.

Cheryl Knochel, Bro. Al and Sis. Evelyn's daughter, is repenting ... trust many can be awakened through the tragedies of the past weeks, which is a sermon itself to all, young and old, converted and unconverted. If it were me that was called out of this life without a moment's notice, would I be ready?

TOLEDO, OHIO Diane Reineck

Our little congregation was blessed with many visitors this Labor Day week-end. How wonderful it was to have a full church and to hear the many voices blending in praise to God.

Our words of sympathy and prayers for God's help in times of distress go out to George and Clara Beard, on the death of his mother, Sis. Mary Beard, Girard.

Howard Rehklau, Texas, visited his parents, Bro. Walter and Sis. Freda. It was nice to see him and visit with him again.

WICHITA

Dave and Barbara Hangartner

Our brothers, Terry Farney and Marty Langhofer have left to attend Kansas State University in Manhattan. May the Lord direct their paths.

Bro. Dennis Fehr, who was living in Wichita for the summer returned home to Forrest and will attend the University of Illinois. We enjoyed having him here and extend him an invitation to visit us again.

Sis. Rose Marie Reed goes to the hospital for surgery. We all pray that she will have a speedy recovery.

We extend our sympathy to Bro. Roy Yackley, and family, whose brother Elmer passed away in Taylor.

Sisters Emma Marti and Leah Schneider visited with us, and we

enjoyed fellowshiping together. They live in Rockville and were on a trip to Colorado.

CISSNA PARK

Mary Young — Margaret Rudin

Funeral services were held Sept. 1 for our dear friend, Walter Kellerhals, age 53, who passed away Aug. 27, suddenly while at work. Survivors include his father, Bro. Fred Kellerhals; two sons; two daughters; two sisters, Bertha Benshimer and Laura Lockhard; four brothers, Albert, Edward, Robert and Arthur. Our ministers officiated. Our sympathy is extended to the family.

Craig Rudin, son of Bro. Willard and Sis. Tillie Rudin was inducted into the army. Sis. Lille Waldbeser had major surgery and is getting along nicely. Sis. Bertha Reineke is a hospital patient, having had eye surgery. May we always be mindful of the sick and shut-ins.

While some remodeling was done on our church and carpet installed, we were not able to have services Aug. 30. We were privileged to visit our neighbouring churches and enjoyed fellowship. We now welcome you to visit our assembly.

Our dear friend, Kay Kaufman, found the need of repentance. She has found peace with God and man, and hopes to bring her testimony in the near future. Bro. David Wiegand of Urbana was our guest minister the past month. He brought us a wonderful lesson of meekness and patience.

Thank you note: Many thanks to all brothers and sisters in faith and dear friends that remembered me in the hospital and since I am home. How wonderful to be remembered by brethren of our churches. Lillie Waldbeser, Cissna Park, Ill.

CONGERVILLE

Pauline Roth — Phyllis Knapp

The worship most acceptable to God comes from a thankful and cheerful heart.

There have been three weddings. On Aug. 8, Barbara Zimmerman (Mahlon and Katherine) became the bride of Richard Bartels. Barb is teaching in the Delavan schools; Dick in Atlanta. On Aug. 9, Bro. Kenny Schrock (Bro. Joe and Sis. Esther) and Sis. Janet Overmeyer (Bro. Lee and Sis. Velda) were married in Francesville. They are now living in Normal where Ken

is a senior at ISU. Rick Knapp (Bro. Frederick and Sis. Marge) & Kathy Kempf (Bro. Bill and Sis. Clara) of Eureka were married in the home of Kathy's parents by Bro. Eugene Bertschi, on Aug. 15. Rick will be a sophomore at ISU; they are living in Normal. May God bless these young couples.

Vacation-time is about over for many, but Bro. Richard and Sis. Edna Pohl are enjoying a 5-week trip to Germany to visit Richard's relatives. On a tour of Eastern Europe and Russia are Bro. Roy and Sis. Polly Schrock.

We surely miss Loren and Evelyn (Kyburz) Knapp and their 5 children who have moved to Tucson. We wish them many blessings as they establish their home in a different part of the country. Their address is 6412 E. Shepherd Hills Dr. Tuscon Ariz. 85710.

We have had several incapacitated. Bro. Sam Zimmerman and his daughter Cindy were injured in an auto accident. Cindy was released after 2 days hospitalization and is again able to assemble with us. Sam remains hospitalized at Mennonite Hospital, Bloomington, but seems to be making satisfactory progress. Bro. Glenn Knapp received a painful injury when he was kicked by a horse, but is able to be out again. Sis. Minnie Schurter was hospitalized for a few days and is now continuing treatment as an outpatient. Tim Blunier is able to be out some, after being confined to the hospital and then his home.

Our visiting ministers were Elder Bro. Joshua Broquard and Bro. Perry Zimmerman, who were with us on a Wed. evening.

Bro. Don and Sis. Carolyn Ott are the parents of Rebecca Jo; she arrived Aug. 28. Happy to have a new little sister are Debra, Mikel, Luella, James and John. Grandparents are Mrs. Herbert Alsene and Clayton and Sis. Margaret Ott.

We have a number of young people going into fields of advanced education. Those who will be seniors are Lonnie Steffen (Bro. Ed and Sis. Mary), who is returning to NIA at Dekalb; Bro. Roger Miller (Bro. Chris and Sis. Betty) to Missouri School of Mines, Rolla, Mo.; Bro. Kent Schrock (Bro. Joe and Sis. Esther) and Bro. Jack Miller to ISU in Normal. Our sophomores are Tim Zimmerman (Bro. Orville and Sis. Lulu) and Dennis

Miller (Bro. Chris and Sis. Betty) to WIU at Macomb; Sis. Beverly Schieber (Bro. Harvey and Sis. Fannie) and Rich Knapp (Bro. Frederick and Sis. Marge) to ISU; and Sis. Cheryl Schrock to Peoria Methodist Hospital School of Nursing. Those who will be going as freshmen will be Jim Steffen (Bro. Duane and Sis. Lois) and Norman Wettstein (Bro. John) to U. of I.; Sis. Vera Grusy (Bro. Elmer and Sis. Minnie) to Parkland Jr. College, Champaign; Chuck Schrock (Bro. Roy and Sis. Polly) to ISU; Glenn Ott (Clayton and Sis. Margaret) to ICC at Peoria; and Yvonne Steffen (Bro. Ed and Sis. Mary) to St. Francis Hospital School of Nursing.

I read a rather sobering thought the other day, as we consider the pros and cons of higher education "The most influential of all educational factors is the conversation in a child's home."

FT. WAYNE

Mary Eisenmann — Marge Gerber

Vacations are over; the school doors have opened for our children; beautiful fall days will soon be here; and fields are laden with ripened grains waiting for their harvest—

In a sermon we were reminded that our hearts are neutral—what we sow in them, we will also reap—"How will it be for you when the reaper gathers you in, and you stand before the Judgment Throne?"

My apologies for the lack of news last month, but we were ending a wonderful vacation to the beautiful Colorado Mountains when the date passed by! We marvel at the glorious creation God has provided for mankind. How much more the glory that awaits those who serve this great Creator while here on earth!

Our sympathy is extended to Sis. Helen Eisenmann in the death of her sister, Sis. Bertha Keller, and Bros. Lester and Raymond and families in the death of their brother, Bro. Amos Pulver.

Just this morning, I learned of the death of one we knew for many years, Bro. Kenneth Furrer of Wolcott. Surely the thought of death is . . . yet comforting for his dear wife (a long-time friend) and children, that their father was ready to meet His Maker. I think of these

words found on the dresser of dear ones we visited last week-end:

Walk tall and straight, you fine young dads,

And watch the way you choose;
There may just be a growing youth
Behind you in your shoes.

So give a lot of thought and prayer

While raising up your lad;

The words that you could hear—

"I want to be like Dad!"

Kay Fulkerson, daughter of Bro. Sy and Sis. Velma was united in marriage with Warren Rauhe, son of Friends John and Esther of Lowville, New York, on Sat. evening, Aug. 22. Following an Eastern trip they will be at home at 507 S. McCullough, Urbana Illinois, where Warren will be in post-graduate school. He had made his home the past two summers with his aunt and uncle, Betty and Leon Schulz of our church.

Diane and Allen Zegler of Ft. Wayne were united in marriage on Sat. evening, Sept. 5. They will be at home in the Portage Apartments, Ft. Wayne.

We welcomed Sis. Mary Pulver back to Ft. Wayne. Her new address: 816 Rivermet, Ft. Wayne, Ind. 46805.

The month of September is the annual collection time for the Ft. Wayne "Silver Lining" readers.

GOODFIELD Elna Grimm

Benjie Tanner, son of Bro. and Sis. Ben and Leona has spent a couple of weeks at home on leave. He was to report to Oakland, Calif. on Sept. 5, from which he is to be sent to Viet Nam. Our thoughts and prayers are with him and his very concerned parents.

Hospitalized was Bro. Harold Hohulin, who had surgery on his knee, and his son, Kenny, who had an emergency appendectomy one Sunday afternoon. They are both reported as improving satisfactorily, although Harold had to miss several weeks of work. Sis. Nettie Knapp, wife of Bro. Kores, fell in her home and broke her arm. She is now in the Eureka Hospital recuperating.

Sis. Julia Leman is in the Methodist Hospital in Peoria, after having fallen from an embankment in a parking lot. She suffered a fractured bone in her arm and a broken hip. Surely the hours grow very

long for these dear sisters, as they must lie in the hospital waiting to be healed. It might be good, if we who are well would stop to say a prayer, and send a card, or possibly pay a visit to these loved ones.

Yes, the Great Physician is still at work, and it seemed we could almost feel His mighty healing power once more, on Sat. evening Aug. 22 when Peggy Grimm gave the testimony of her experience in turning to the Lord. How she sensed His nearness in the noise and confusion of this world—and yet, how it puzzled her. . . Could He really be there. . . in such a place?? Then how she prayed that He'd lead her aright. . . and how He did just that in His own miraculous, convincing way. Peg was baptized on Sunday, Aug. 23. She is the daughter of Bro. and Sis. Bob and Elna Grimm.

Births: A baby boy was born to Don and Mary Alice Tanner of R.R. Deer Creek on July 16. His name is Lee Randolph. The grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Adolph and Esther Tanner of R.R. Deer Creek and Mr. and Mrs. Ruric Huff of Peoria. A baby girl was born to Bro. and Sis. Larry and Betty Bauman of R.R. Eureka on Aug. 6. Her name is Elizabeth Ann. The grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Ezra Schlipf of Roanoke, and Bro. and Sis. Lou and Norma Bauman of R.R. Eureka. A baby girl was born to Bro. and Sis. Glenn and Beverly Joos of R.R. Deer Creek on Aug. 21 Her name is Robyn Lea. The grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Howard Heinold, and Bro. and Sis. Bill and Clem Joos both of R.R. Deer Creek.

GRIDLEY, ILLINOIS Lydia and Eunice Kammerer

Autumn seems to be with us, as September made her bow, with rain and cooler temperatures after ten days of hot, dry weather. Soon corn harvesting will begin, perhaps even earlier than usual due to th blight, but God always provides again.

Bro. Eli and Sis. Lorene Kiefer have returned to their home, after visiting their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Kiefer, in London.

Bro. Lynn Klopfenstein from Alabama visited their families and friends the past month. We enjoyed the many good teachings Lynn brought. Bro. Huber from Okla-

homa was our other guest minister.

Another young soul has answered the call to repentance. Ronnie Fleming has turned to the Lord. We wish him grace and strength in this most important step.

Sis. Lena Funk, who was a patient in Mennonite Hospital, has returned to her home, but is in a weakened condition. Lois, daughter of Sis. Rose Schlipf, was a patient in Brokaw Hospital, but is now improving in her home.

Bro. Harold and Sis. Wava Kaupp are the parents of a son, born Aug. 23. He has twin brothers who welcome him home.

The young people are all preparing to go back to their studies in grade, high school and college; some are beginning new jobs and training for new jobs. Sis. Gail Funk is teaching near Chicago, Elma Lou Schlipf has entered nurse's training in Springfield, Ill., and Steven Stortz is a student in Florida. We wish them all God's grace and protection.

HONOLULU, HAWAII

Bill and Sharon Dotterer

The weather has been quite warm, but the nights cool off. The trade winds provide a cooling breeze, which makes even the heat of the day comfortable.

Bro. Mark Moser from Bluffton spent his R & R here. We were glad to see him, after being with him at Ft. Sam. Meeting him were his fiancée, Sis. Wanda Fiechter; her parents, Bro. Melvin and Sis. Doris Fiechter; Bro. Butch and Sis. Pat Moser and Bro. Sam Kaehr, all from Bluffton.

Sis. Marie Neihouser from Francesville had a 2-day stop off before returning to the mainland. She just finished her teaching in Japan. Dale and Carol Zimmerman from Forrest chose Hawaii for their honeymoon. Visiting here were Sis. Kathleen Steffen from Peoria and Sis. Mary Lou Ott from Peoria.

Bill and Charlotte Metzger and their daughter Stephanie left the island for Lester after completing 2-year service in the Army. We rejoice with them that they could return home, but we will miss them very much.

After finishing her summer classes, Barbara Pelsy is returning to Purdue University this fall as a senior. We are sorry to see her leave. On Aug. 9 we were blessed

with a baby girl, Nancy Lynn. We were very glad my mother could come over here to help us for a few weeks.

It is so amazing, how perfectly little infant's features are formed and made, and how well-equipped they are for this life. Seeing and observing a tiny baby can certainly strengthen our faith that God is the Creator of us all. This is truly one of the greatest of His blessings and miracles.

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

Charles and Doris Neuenschwander

With the school doors opening again, may we all watch the crossings very carefully for all our children.

On Aug. 9 we had no minister, so Bro. Howard Rapp led the adult group in a Bible discussion. On the week-end of the 16 we had visitors from Illinois and Michigan. We enjoyed a picnic together on Saturday and on Sunday. Bro. James Hoerr from Peoria and Bro. Roy Wieland from Bay City brought us many good teachings.

Bro. Ed Frank from La Crosse and Bro. Carl Kipfer from Bluffton spent a Sunday with us. Carl left us with this thought: How we spend our life here on earth will determine how we will spend eternity.

Whatever is wrong
with your life today,
You'll find a solution
if you kneel down and pray,
Not just for pleasure
enjoyment and health,
Not just for honors
and prestige and wealth . . .
But pray for a purpose
to make life worth living,
And pray for the joy
of unselfish giving,
For great is your gladness
and rich your reward
When you make your life's purpose
the choice of the Lord.

LAMAR

Bonnie Braker — Evelyn Marti

Elder Bro. Dan Koch from Tremont ministered unto us. We never grow tired of hearing God's word, and may our ministers never grow weary of teaching us.

Funeral services for our dear Sis. Bertha Marti were held on Wed. Aug. 19, with Elder Bro. Sam Anliker and Bro. Lester Braker officiating. She is survived by two

daughters, Sis. Marie Marti and Sis. Caroline Banwart; three sisters, Sis. Lizzie Remm, Sis. Caroline Lehman and Sis. Leona Kraft one brother, Henry Lehman.

Bro. Willie Stefan got a piece of steel in his eye and had to have medical attention. We are thankful he is much better.

A group from the Lamar and Ft. Scott churches surprised Bro. Art and Sis. Ruth Banwart and Bro. Raymond and Sis. Kathryn Banwart on their Silver Wedding Anniversary.

Tim Frieden, son of Sis. Edna Frieden, and Brenda Shultz were united in marriage Aug. 9.

Judy Banwart, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Floyd Banwart, and Doyle Miller were united in marriage Aug. 23. May God bless them.

We can rightly feel small and helpless, as we stand by and watch our crops burn up from lack of moisture. Truly God can give and God can take. Still the Lord does provide. We did get some rain which will help some crops yet.

How thankful we are for the privilege of having had a wonderful Christian mother. She turned to the Saviour in her youth, and for some 70 years found peace and joy in serving the Lord. Then the morning came, after many months in the hospital, when we realized the hours were few. Her eyes were bright as we read the 23rd Psalm and sang her favorite hymns for her. Very soon she quietly slipped away, and we stood near, broken-hearted. Then, out of the depths of despair like the melody of music came the marvelous declaration of our Lord, "I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die."

We feel that our loving mother was an inspiration not only to her family, but to many with whom she came in contact even during those last months. A friend who helped care for her writes in part, "I too learned to love your mother in the short time I knew her. She was an inspiration to me, and I thank you for allowing me the privilege of being with her. Truly she was a blessing to many." Another friend, who expressed how she had felt enlightened while staying with mother, writes this, "The places that have known her shall know

her no more, but her virtues are written upon the tablets of love and memory."

Note of Thanks: Our warm and sincere thanks to all the many wonderful people who showed their love and kindness to our beloved mother and grandmother, by helping care for her during the months she was in the hospital and to us now by the many acts of sympathetic love and remembrances accorded us, which comforted and warmed our hearts. The Family of Sis. Bertha Marti.

LA CROSSE Lucille Heiniger

Sis. Mary Heinold was united in holy matrimony to Bro. Robert Honegger of Bluffton on Aug. 16 by Bro. Sam Aeschliman. Many were here to witness the marriage ceremony. We wish them God's blessings as they begin their Christian home together.

Quite a few from here attended the youth fellowship meeting at Camp Mack. It is a real blessing to sit and listen to the youth sing praise to our God.

Sis. Connie Knobloch accompanied her aunt, Aline Merkle, to Europe, visiting several countries. We are thankful for their safe return and glad to have them in our midst. Bro. Ernest and Sis. Emma Pfeifer left for a visit with Ernest's brother and sister, who are living in Germany. Bro. Glenn and Sis. Nancy are staying with Shirley during their absence.

Our sympathy is extended to Sis. Lena Bock and her family. Her little grandson, Christopher, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bock of Brussels, Belgium, died while visiting here in the United States.

Our visiting ministers were Bros. Sam Aeschliman and John Yergler of Bluffton, Bro. Perry Zimmerman of Forrest, and Bro. Wm. Gudeman of Elgin.

LAUDERSVILLE Mrs. Billie Jo Harville

Blessed are they that hear the word and keep it.

We have been richly blessed. Billy and Shelby Dutton and Doris Nolan gave their testimony of faith and conversion. We welcome them in our fold.

We are glad Bro. Richard Frost is improving and is able to be back in services. When one is absent, they are always missed.

We miss Sis. Martha Hemmer, who spent some of her time this summer with her daughter, Marion Klopfenstein.

We have enjoyed our visitors during the summer months, and we welcome anyone that is passing by to stop in.

"The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest."

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. Billie Jo Harville.

MILFORD, INDIANA Marguerite Hoerr

August 13 was the birth date of little Sherrill Kay Beer, daughter of Bro. Bob and Sis. Linda. She is their first child and is also the first grandchild of Bro. Walter and Sis. Emily Anliker of Francesville. Paternal grandparents are Bro. Howard and Sis. Eleanor Beer of our congregation. May God shed His love and blessings on this little girl and her happy family.

Indiana Youth Fellowship Day has come and gone, but the memories of a blessed, inspirational day linger on. The various phases of the day's worship were shared between our Indiana churches, and plans moved smoothly as each group efficiently did their part. The Sunday School classes were very well attended, and their lessons were based on Galatians 5:13-26. "For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another. For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. . ." Devotional services during the afternoon were conducted by Bro. Art Gudeman of La Crosse, and by Bro. Theo Beer of Milford in the evening. Both were truly fed by the Spirit as they ministered to us. Hillside services brought tears to our eyes, as young people's voices from the various churches sang their beautiful hymns. "A Mighty Fortress is our God" had new meaning as their combined voices blended in the mass choir at the close of the evening services. They were directed by Bro. Glenn Price Jr. of Milford.

Additional blessings were obtained as old and new friends were brought together during the fellowship periods. Saturday afternoon and evening were well planned for high school freshmen through seniors. We realize many people worked long, hard hours as they prayerfully planned the week-end, and we thank them for their interest and dedication in making it all possible.

Bro. Andy and Sis. Bertha Beer have observed the 65th anniversary of their marriage. We thank God for sharing this dear couple with our Milford church for these many years, as they are sincerely loved by us all. May He continue to bless their lives and be near each day.

Bros. Vernon Leman and Leroy Huber of Eureka and Bro. Joe Schrock of Congerville have all enriched our services, as they visited and shared the word of God with us. Special thanks to all of them, and may special blessings be granted for their faithfulness in proclaiming His word.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to Marcy (Mrs. Steve) Haab for the loss of her oldest brother, Bro. Ken Furrer of Wolcott. May God comfort her and all her family.

We rejoice with Pat Steffen, daughter of Bro. Walt and Sis. Dorothy, as she has found the Lord to be her own Saviour.

Pat Beer and Fred Hoerr are starting their freshman year at Purdue this fall. Chas. Baumgartner is returning to Vincennes and Larry Kammerer to Grace College. Sis. Susie Price will be continuing her studies at I. U. Extension in South Bend, and Bob Hoerr will be starting his senior year on the Bloomington IU campus. Bros. Ned Speicher, Bob Coburn, and Phil Price are all returning to Manchester College, Bob and Ned as seniors, and Phil beginning his sophomore year. To all of you and all others who are pursuing your college careers, we wish you the nearness of your Heavenly Father. Know for a certainty He will be there whenever you need Him.

MINNEAPOLIS

Alma Baum — Gus Baum

Written and submitted by Bro. Noah Miller for our Dedication Service August 30. . . wish to pass it along for anyone interested and unable to share these precious hours.

"Except the LORD build the house, they labour in vain that

built it . . ." Welcome to the dedication of our house of worship. May God bless our being together. We thank you for coming and sharing our blessings. ". . . let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works; Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together. . ."

History

First service in Minneapolis was held in homes until Feb. 1963, when we rented a YWCA building. Services were held in the morning until 1968. Starting in Sept 1968, lunch was served, followed by afternoon service.

Dec. 9 1970, this building was bought. With the help of many members and friends, the interior was remodeled. On May 17, the first service was held.

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

Grateful thanks are offered to all groups and individuals who gave so generously of their time, talents, financial and moral support in behalf of this place of worship. May it long stand as a place where God is served and honored.

"For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name. . ."

NEUHUTTEN, GERMANY

David Kaeb

Another month has past and the summer is gone. It reminds me of Jeremiah 8:20, "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved." In this land the wheat has been harvested, and surely harvest is passing. The ground is becoming barren rapidly. Spiritually we hope souls realize that harvest is passing and millions are dying without Jesus Christ as their Saviour. As grievous woes and unrest has befallen us, we can see the handwriting on the wall. We hope that sinners can perceive this and reach out to be embraced by the beautiful beckoning arms of our Lord.

The brethren and friends in Germany cordially thank Bro. Joe Zimmerman for his meditation on Matthew 26. Accompanying Joe were his wife, Sis. Millie, and Bro. Howard and Sis. Louise Getz, all of Morton. Other visitors have been Bro. and Sis. Herman Laidig and Bro. Dave Koch of Tremont, Bro. Bill Deitrich Sr. and Bro. Bill and

Sis. Sherri Deitrich of Congerville, Bro. and Sis. Roecker and Bro. and Sis. John Teubel of Morton, and Bro. and Sis. Richard Pohl of Bloomington.

Another joy has entered the home of Bro. Jim and Sis. Kathy Heininger. They were blessed with a baby on August 14; Lori Suzanne was born in Frankfurt. Maternal grandparents are Bro. Joe and Sis. Millie Zimmerman, and paternal grandparents are Bro. Art and Sis. Verena Heininger, all of Morton. Millie stayed in Germany to assist Kathy.

Jim Heininger separated from active duty on Sept. 3 and returned to Illinois. Jim and Kathy shall be greatly missed among us here, but all are happy that he has come to the end of his enlistment. In the Army it is customary for every unit to choose a soldier of the month. We are all soldiers of the cross, and Jim, as a Christian soldier, possessed an outstanding virtue. That was Christian love. His quick smile and gentle ways has won many friends and has been an inspiration to all of us. May God be with you all.

OAKVILLE, IOWA

Martha Steiner

It's a boy! Seldom could such good news be received more joyously than in the home of Bro. Albert and Sis. Aldene (Bucher) Wiegand. They and their six daughters happily welcome little Jay Albert, who was born August 3. We are thankful that this precious baby has arrived safely and know that he will be much appreciated.

We enjoyed the visit of Elder Bro. Ben Maibach (Detroit) and Ministering Bro. Raymond Banwart (Ft. Scott) on a recent weekend, when we were privileged to hear the testimonies and witness the baptisms of five dear souls: Sis. Joyce Frank Eland and Bros. Andy Moser, Dennis Massner, Dale Frank and Lynn Frank.

Bro. David Eisenmann was given the duty of Sunday School superintendent by the current staff which is seeking to undertake this important work of teaching our children during the coming year.

Friends Ed Stoller and Patty Kelly have announced their engagement; no wedding date has been set. Ed's parents are Bro. Earl and Sis. Ione Stoller.

RITTMAN, OHIO

Florence Hartzler—Janette Blough

"How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things." We want to thank the visiting ministers that brought the glad tidings and good teachings to us: Bros. Wendell Gudeman, Rudy Graf, Merrill Laukhauf, Ernest Graf and Lorenz Emch. We also received many blessings from other visitors. Isn't it wonderful that we can meet brethren from many miles away, and find that they have the same goal as we, to go to live with our Lord when this life is over.

"Love of all gifts is the greatest which the Spirit does bestow . . ." Many friends and relatives were present at the wedding of Bro. John Schamback and Sis. Joyce Beery, with Bro. Rudy Graf officiating. Bro. Glen Gasser and Sis. Elizabeth Rufener were married in a nice Wed. evening ceremony. We pray for these two dear ones many blessings and grace from God, as they embark upon this sea of life together.

A double wedding was held in the home of Bro. Robert Gasser for his two children, Beverly and Jim. Beverly was married to Randy Moore, and Jim was married to Patricia Kessinger. We pray the Lord will bless these unions as they take this important step in life.

A daughter, Carol Dianne, was born to Ron and Joanne Christian. One sister, Pam, welcomes her new sister too. Bro. Andy and Sis. Mary Jane Winkler are first-time parents with the birth of a girl. She has been named Sara Lynn. God bless these two families with their new arrivals.

Bro. Robert Beery is recovering nicely from surgery; Bro. Alvin Winkler was fortunate to have only slight injuries in a car accident. We can thank God the sick-list is not too long this time.

We rejoice with our dear friends that have found peace and are now waiting to be taken into the fold. Think how the angels in heaven rejoice over one soul that repents; how they must rejoice when nine seek their soul salvation.

Thank you: "My family and I wish to thank everyone who helped us in any way during my recent illness. We certainly appreciate all the love and kindness that was

shown unto us. May the Lord richly bless each of you. Sincerely, Dale Gasser."

SABETHA, KANSAS
Mrs. Joe Steiner

Bro. Joe Stoller, Princeville, was a visitor in our community. We appreciated his efforts in bringing us the word, and hope he will return.

We welcome Randy Kellenberger as a dear brother in faith. May the Lord be with him throughout his walk of life.

Bro. Reo Strahm was re-elected to the Board of the Apostolic Christian Home. He has been very faithful in looking after the affairs of the Home.

Those in the hospital have been Sis. Katie Leiser, Sis. Susie Brunner and Sis. Verna Strahm. They have all returned to their homes. Hospitalized is Reuben Steiner. We hope he also can return home in the near future.

Bro. Phil and Sis. Bertha Metzger have two new grandchildren in the last two months. Bro. James and Sis. Jean Metzger of Detroit had a son, Trent Alan, in July. Mr. and Mrs. Ron Metzger of Asheville, North Carolina, had a daughter, Emily Jo, August 12. Both babies are the first child for their happy parents.

Bro. Eugene Marti conducted graveside services on Sept. 2 for Vince Noland, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Bailey of Sabetha. He is survived by his parents; a brother, Lafe; and sister, Selena. Bro. Louis and Sis. Tillie Wenger are the maternal grandparents.

TUCSON, ARIZONA
Tucson Sewing Circle
954 So. Magnolia Ave.

Our monthly fellowship dinner was held Sept. 2, in the church dining room. We extended a warm welcome to our two new families. Bro. Henry and Sis. Ora Schrenk from the Phoenix congregation and Loren and Evelyn Knapp and family from the Congerville congregation have settled here in Tucson. We spent the evening singing hymns of praise.

We welcome Sis. Martha Blessman and her granddaughter, Ruth Blessman, back to our congregation. They spent the summer in Wisconsin with Sis. Martha's daughter, Shirley.

VALPARAISO, INDIANA
Alma Morris

Things don't just happen to us
who love God;
They're planned by His own dear
hand . . .

Then moulded and shaped, and
timed by his clock;
Things don't just happen, they're
planned.

We don't just guess on the issues
of life;
We Christians just rest in our
Lord.

We are directed by His sovereign
will
In the Light of His holy word.

We who love Jesus are walking by
faith,
Not seeing one step that's ahead.

Not doubting one moment what
our lot might be,
But looking to Jesus instead.

We praise our dear Saviour for
for loving us so,
For planning each care of our
life . . .

Then giving us faith to trust
Him for all,
The blessings as well as the
strife.

Things don't just happen to us who
love God,
To us that have taken our stand.

No matter the lot, the course, or
the price,
Things don't just happen;
they're planned.

"And we know that all things
work together for good to them
that love God, to them who are the
called according to his purpose."

On the sixth of September we
were richly blessed by the mes-
sages of Bro. Dan Wiegand.

ALTO, MICHIGAN
Loretta Steffen

"But rather seek ye the kingdom
of God; and all these things shall
be added unto you."

Schools and colleges have re-
sumed their courses again, and our
vulnerable youth swarm to these
schools and mingle with false phi-
losophy, sin and vice of every sort.
Oh youth, if you would only look

ahead into eternity, instead of the
immediate today, you would see
that the treasures of this life are
not worth having in comparison
with a future with Jesus.

This little prayer seems to be so
fitting for the struggle which our
young people are having.

Dear God, I keep praying for the
things I desire,
You tell me I'm selfish and
"playing with fire"—

It is hard to believe I am selfish
and vain,

My desires seem so real and my
needs seem so sane,

And yet You are wiser and Your
vision is wide

And You look down on me and You
see deep inside,

You know it's so easy to change
and distort,

And things that are evil seem so
harmless a sport —

Oh, teach me dear God, to not rush
ahead,

But to pray for Your guidance and
to trust You instead,

For You know what I need and
that I'm only a slave . . .

I pray for the things that I WANT
and DON'T NEED —

And instead of a CROWN please
send me a CROSS

And teach me to know that ALL
GAIN is but LOSS,

And show me the way to joy
without end,

With You as my Father, Redeemer
and Friend —

And send me the things that are
hardest to bear,

And keep me forever safe in Thy
care.

Our visiting ministers for Au-
gust were Bros. Walter Steffen,
Milford; Alfred Bahler, Wolcott;
and Joe Schrock, Congerville. We
enjoyed the many visitors that ac-
companied them.

We rejoice that we have access
to travel and fellowship between
our churches. This is a precious
gift for which we should thank the
Heavenly Father. Think of the
blessings which we would miss if
our government did not make this
so convenient for us.

Wise King Solomon said there
is a time for everything under the
sun; a time of sorrow and a time of
joy, and how often we observe this.

Bro. Ott and Sis. Pat Schlatter
mourn the loss of their premature-
ly born twin daughters. We share

their sorrow, and pray the Lord will comfort and sustain them. As it is the Lord's will, He will surely stand mightily by their side.

Sis. Linda Koehl was hospitalized for an infection, but is feeling better.

Aug. 27, joy arrived at the home of Tom and Carolyn, (Blough) Berry. A sweet baby boy, Michael Thomas, was born. He is their first child.

Babies are a blessing from the Lord, and as parents we must raise them in the love and fear of God, ever praising and thanking Him for His precious blessings.

BLUFFTON, INDIANA Imogene Steffen — Pat Isch

The Good Life

To wake in the morning, refreshed and renewed;

To know the great joy of a deep gratitude

For God's perfect gift of another good day

In which to be useful—to work on the way . . .

To look from the window and thrill with delight,

Whether it's raining, or whether it's bright;

To go through the day with a song in your heart,

Doing your duty and playing your part.

Looking for lame souls to help over the miles,

Meeting your troubles with courage and smiles;

To eat and enjoy, and thank God for each meal;

To try to distinguish the false from the real;

To harness the hours, so that none is ill-spent,

Wherever you are, to be glad and content;

To keep a wise check on the unruly tongue,

Ready to learn from the old and the young.

So with the darkness, to lie down and rest

In the sweet knowledge that you've done your best.

Bro. William and Sis. Edna Moser are the parents of a son, Trout Tee; Marvin and Della (Gerber) Steffen have a daughter, Sharlene May; Bill and Linda Schaefer welcomed a baby boy, Kurtis William; and Bro. John and Sis. Marty (Pfister)

Pence have their second son, Jason Robert.

On Aug. 16, we were very happy to have Bro. Everett Hari from the Bloomington-Normal church expound the precious word to us in great power. We hope he will return soon and visit us again. May the Lord bless his efforts in the ministry.

Friend Randy Neuenschwander was united in marriage to Judy Grandlinard. The parents are Bro. John and Sis. Irene Neuenschwander and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Grandlinard.

Bro. Sam Aeschliman received the vows of Friends Sam Ringger and Rebecca Liddy, in our Fellowship Hall. Their parents are Bro. Sylvan and Sis. Violet Ringger, and Merideth and Marjorie Liddy.

Bro. Bob Honegger received Sis. Mary Heinold as his wife in a ceremony performed at the La Crosse church on Sun. Aug. 16. Parents of this couple are Bro. Alvin and Sis. Alice Honegger and Bro. Ray and Sis. Marie Heinold.

Bro. John Yergler solemnized the wedding of Bro. Gary Schladenhauffen and Sis. Nancy Neuenschwander on Aug. 23. Gary is the son of Bro. Everett and Sis. Luella, and Nancy's parents are Bro. William and Sis. Mildred.

To all of these couples go our best wishes. May their love continue to grow in nearness to the Lord.

This past month found several souls shut-in: Bro. Roy Gerber; Bro. Robert Aschliman; Sis. Cordelia (Harry) Aschliman; Bro. Ralph Steffen; Sis. Katie Isch; Max Steffen; Courtney Pfister, son of Bro. Ted and Sis. Rose; and Tonia Sue Tonner, daughter of Bro. William and Sis. Diana. May each one find God's nearness during hours of need, and may they each soon regain health and vitality.

Bro. Samuel and Sis. Katie (Schwartz) Maller observed their 50th wedding anniversary. We are thankful that the Lord permitted them to share life's pathway together for fifty years, and may He continue to shower blessings upon them.

MANSFIELD, OHIO Aaron A. Sauder

Bro. Kenny and Sis. Sue Sauder were hosts for the annual Sunday School picnic held on their farm, Sunday afternoon August 9. It was

a beautiful day for the outing.

Bro. Henry Beer of Milford visited our community September 6, to attend the Beer Reunion. We thank him for ministering to us during both morning and afternoon church services.

Hospital patients were Bro. Albert Gasser Sr. and Sis. Mary Sauder (William). We are thankful both have again assembled with us for worship.

We extend a most hearty welcome to Bro. Wayne and Sis. Dorothy (Sabo) Gerber and their three children, who have moved to Mansfield from Lester.

ATHENS, ALA. Irene Haggermaker

"The earth is the LORD's, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein."

It is the time of year when the farmers start to harvest their crops. It is also a good time for souls to be harvested for our Lord. How hard are we really working to do this? It seems the Lord has blessed the farmers real good with their crops. How much more would he bless for helping to harvest souls?

Bro. Lavoyd Moore and family have just returned home from a week of visiting with brethren and friends of Leo and Rittman churches; Sis. Doris told me they surely all enjoyed it very much and received a wonderful blessing and welcome everywhere they visited.

We were ever so thankful for our Elder Bro. Bertsch for being with us again this past Sunday.

Oh! to have the faith of a little child. A few days ago my niece, Rose King and my nephew, Mike Cross, 8-yrs.-old, were riding their bikes about ½ mile from home, when they saw a big steer behind them. They were so afraid, for they could not get back home without going past him. There was a little county church nearby. So who did they turn to in time of fear? They went and knelt down on the steps of the little church, and asked God to protect them from the steer. Then they got on their bikes, unafraid, and went past the steer on home.

BLOOMINGTON--NORMAL, ILL. Virgil and Shirley Funk

Visiting ministers for the month of August include the following: Dale Eisenman, Chicago; Earl Ger-

ber, Forrest; Walter Anliker, Eureka; Edwin Ringger, Gridley; Art Bauer, Princeville; and Clarence Kachelmuss, Forrest. The effort exerted by these brethren is greatly appreciated, and we beseech God's blessing on each.

Several meetings have been held to consider the possibility of acquiring or constructing a church building for our congregation. A committee has been appointed, consisting of Bros. Alden Nussbaum, Albert Stoller, Carl Frautschi, and Carlton Klopfenstein. Bro. Nussbaum is primarily responsible for the finances, while the other brothers constitute the building committee.

A singing was held at the home of Bro. Richard and Sis. Aldene Martin on Sunday evening, August 9.

We are sorry that two families have moved out of this area. They include Bro. Gary, Sis. Gloria Volk and daughter, who moved to California; and Bro. Ben, Sis. Miriam Metz and two daughters, who moved to Bradford. We wish them God's blessings in the respective congregations.

BRADFORD, ILLINOIS

**Delores Duckworth
Martha Kieser**

We were richly blessed with the visits of Bros. Dale Eisenmann (Chicago), John Steiner (Oakville), Dave Kieser (Princeville), and Earl Gerber (Forrest). We sincerely thank these brothers and hope they will visit us again. Visitors are always welcome in our small congregation at Bradford.

Bro. Herman Dietz has returned home from the hospital and is able to assemble with us. We are thankful that his surgery was successful. Sis. Marvel (Bob) Knobloch was hospitalized, but is home again. Sis. Pauline Knobloch had minor surgery, and is feeling better now.

We heartily welcome Bro. Ben and Sis. Miriam Metz and children, Mary and Valerie into our congregation. They have moved to Bradford from Normal. Ben is teaching in the Bradford school system.

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Sis. Doris (Ed) Guingrich, in the loss of her mother, Sis. Tillie Fehr from Roanoke.

Bro. Charles Kieser has returned from accompanying a load of cattle to Guatemala for the World Relief

Project. He reports it was a most interesting and rewarding experience. May God bless this work which is done in His name.

Sis. Pauline Knobloch wishes to thank all for the beautiful cards and gifts she received for her 80th birthday August 9.

Note: I wish to thank everyone who remembered me with prayers, cards, visits and gifts during my stay in the hospital and since returning home. May God bless you! Clarence Knobloch.

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

The Chicago congregation has purchased a vacant property, in the western suburb of Hillside, for future building. While the present location has served well through the years, the uncertainty of the stability of the neighborhood has made it desirable that a new site be acquired.

Bro. Daryl and Sis. Janet Hari and daughter have returned, after Daryl spent the summer in Champaign continuing his education. Bro. Jim and Sis. Jeanne Rinkenberger have returned from another summer in Oregon, where they are continuing their graduate studies. Daryl, Jim and Jeanne are teachers in area schools.

Bro. Duane Reutter has finished his schooling in Milwaukee. He and Sis. Kay have moved to Niles, Ill., a northwestern suburb.

It is good to see the faces of those that have been away for the summer, and we thank the Lord for His protection for all.

The visiting ministers have been, Bros. Nathan Steffen and Herman Kellenberger from Elgin, Ill., and Bro. Wayne Miller from Ft. Scott. We pray that the Lord will bless them for their efforts.

BURLINGTON, OKLAHOMA Millicent Frieden — Laverne Roth

Bro. and Sis. Ronald Allenbach are the new parents of a son, born Aug. 28. He has been named Richard Gene and is welcomed home by Randy, Amy and Elaine. Maternal grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Richard Guthrie, and paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Simon Allenbach, all of here.

A business meeting was held Aug. 30, with Bro. John Kraft being reelected to serve on the trustee board of the Sabetha Rest Home. Four brothers were elected to serve on the newly-organized

building committee: Huber Farney, Charles Terry, Joe Frieden, and Ronald Allenbach.

Our only visiting minister has been Bro. Richard Schupbach of Phoenix.

Hospital patients of late have been Sisters Rose (Sam) Schupbach, Elizabeth (Wilmer) Diel, Marie (Isaac) Diel and Mrs. Alice (Simon) Allenbach.

CROGHAN — NAUMBURG

**Carol Virkler
Mrs. David Schamback**

Henry Virkler, son of Bro. Clayton and Sis. Lillian Virkler, and Mary Berleth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Berleth of Long Island were married August 1, at Huntington, Long Island.

Warren Rauhe, son of John and Esther Rauhe of Lowville, and Kay Fulkerson, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Sylvester Fulkerson of Ft. Wayne were married in Ft. Wayne on August 22.

Bro. John Schamback, son of Dave and Sis. Lois Schamback, and Sis. Joyce Beery, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Melvin Beery, were married at Rittman, on August 23, by Elders Rudy Graf and Noah Bauman.

We wish these three couples God's richest blessing and favor on their marriages, and may they ever look to Him at all times.

Hospitalized and on the road to recovery are Sis. Kathrine O'Brien, and Terri Lu Steiner, daughter of Bro. Norbert and Sis. Doris, of Croghan congregation. Clifford Lehman, son of Norman and Alice Lehman, and grandson of our dear older Sis. Barbara Bachman of Naumburg is also recovering from a stay in the hospital.

On August 23, Friend John Clough gave testimony and was baptized into the fold. Bro. John Widrick was assisted by Elder Bro. John Bahler of Rockville. We rejoice with him and wish him the grace of God to grow in this new life he has chosen.

DETROIT, MICHIGAN

Donna Hartzler — Judith Aberle

Through the healing hand of God, Bro. Ben Belsley is able to assemble with us again, after having spent several days in the hospital. Also on the sick list was Sis. Mary Kovach, who has returned to the nursing home where she has been

staying, after being hospitalized several days.

We were blessed with visiting ministers, Bro. Loren Stoller on Sunday, August 16, and Bro. Phil Wingeier, August 18.

We enjoyed many visitors in the past weeks, including the four girls from Japan—Sis. Hiroko Natori, Junko Hatsuumi, Makiko Watanabe and Hatsune Uchida.

ELGIN, ILLINOIS

Louise Steffen Katie Kachelmuss

Now it is accomplished! My soul
He hath healed.

A portion in heaven to me He hath
sealed.

O may He direct me through joy
and through ill;

I'll never forsake Him, but follow
Him still.

We were happy to hear the testimonies and witness the baptisms of three dear souls, Herman Haas, James Dietrich and Clara (Ben) Knobloch. Bros. Earl Zeltwanger, Albert Fisher and Perry Zimmerman were with us for this blessed occasion. Our other guest ministers recently were Bros. Cleo Rinkenberg, Willis Wiegand and Paul Banwart. These are always times of blessing and rejoicing. May God continue to inspire His servants that, prompted by His Spirit, they work and toil with merit, unto the glory of His name.

We had friends visiting us from a distance, Robert and Beth Kellenberger Hoppe and family from Bethel Park, Pennsylvania, and James and Sharon Wewetzer and family from Lynchberg, Virginia. We always enjoy having them assemble with us to hear the teachings His messengers to us are preaching.

We are glad that Otto and Lydia Stettner are able to assemble with us again, after quite an absence due to the illness of Otto.

Births: A son, Paul Frederick, on August 15 to Bro. Tom and Sis. Kathleen Kellenberger Schifferer. A son, Kevin David, on August 18 to Bro. Herman and Sis. Sharon Poulsen Braun.

ELGIN, IOWA

Mrs. George Butikofer

Even though the leaves on the trees have not as yet changed to their brilliant shades of autumn, we have indications that summer is fast waning. Among them are the

song of the katydid and the chirping of the cricket. The swallows have left us to travel to the northern part of South America, where they spend the winter. The bluebirds and robins are seen and heard less frequently; they too will soon be leaving for the southland.

Among the blessings received while attending the dedication of the Minneapolis church . . . hearing Elder Noah Schrock give the services on dedicating a church to God. He explained how the architecture of a building was of little significance in the sight of our Creator; it was however important as to what was in people's hearts, as they worship and go about conducting their life's work.

Our two ministers, Bro. Bert and Bro. Paul Butikofer were in attendance at the wedding of Bro. Dale Moore and Sister Cheryl Gerber at West Bend. Fortunately Bro. Eli Somerhalder from Burlington, Oklahoma stopped here on their way to Illinois, and so Eli conducted church services for us. The eleventh chapter of Luke was expounded upon. He commented on how the standard of living has been raised considerably since pioneer days, but how the spirit of God has not changed; His love for us remains; let us turn to Him in repentance and there insure our future eternal happiness.

Sis., Aunt Ella remains in the Good Samaritan Nursing Home at West Union, Ia., and seems to be getting along real well. She does not know just when she can return home. This depends on what the X-ray picture will disclose, which was taken a few days ago.

FAIRBURY, ILLINOIS

Joyce Huber

Our hearts are deeply saddened, and we sympathize with the family of Bro. Sam and Sis. Anna Steffen that their daughter, Sis. Louise's husband, Bro. Kenneth Furrer, Wolcott, was killed. After visitation and services for Kenneth at Wolcott, the body was brought to Fairbury for visitation and burial, and a supper was served. May God fulfill His promises to all, especially to Sis. Louise and their two children, Julie and Sammy, in providing their needs and desires.

Congratulations to Bro. Kenneth Steffen, son of Bro. Ezra and Sis. Aldine, on his engagement to Sis. Janice Honegger, daughter of Bro.

and Sis. Wm. Honegger of Forrest.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Steffen were blessed with their first baby, a boy, Aaron Herbert. They chose the name Aaron, as they heard it read in services in church. Grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Alph Steffen.

Those in the hospital were Bro. and Sis. Dave Hartman, Sis. Mary Kilgus, Sis. Tillie Steffen, and Sis. Tillie Kaisner. May God help each one to recuperate.

FORREST, ILLINOIS

**Carolyn Zimmerman
Jaunita Schneider**

School is again underway, leaving many homes quiet and empty—let each Mother use a bit of this time to think a little of her own life—are we reflecting a good, wholesome way of life to our children, one they can pattern after. Are we letting them know we must put God's will first. Here are just a few lines that we could repeat each day as a quiet prayer to our God.

O Lord, take from me what keeps
me from Thee;
O Lord, give me what brings me to
Thee;
O Lord, take myself and give me
Thyself!

We were sincerely reminded of God's love and our responsibilities to do our part by our visiting ministers. They included Bros. Paul Butikofer, Elgin, Iowa; Earl Kilgus, Remington; Dave Weigand, Champaign; Ed Alt, Cissna Park. We feel a special blessing from God through the visits and fellowship of these brothers and their families.

Bro. William and Sis. Mary Masters have been blessed with a new son. He has been named Cory Allen. Two brothers and a sister welcome him home. Cory's maternal grandparents are Ed and Sis. Mary Ann Plattner, and great-grandfather is Bro. Roy Metz, all of our Forrest congregation.

The engagement of Sis. Janice Honegger, daughter of Bro. William and Sis. Esther, has been announced to Bro. Kenneth Steffen of Fairbury. Bro. Wayne and Sis. Elanore Honegger have announced the engagement of their daughter, Jane to Gary Brown of Forrest. We all wish them much happiness in this important step.

Our hospital patients were Sis.

Tillie Reiger, Bro. Sam Zimmerman, and Jess Sohn. We always pray for our shut-ins, and hope each of us can always accept the Lord's will in such times of illness.

FT. LAUDERDALE

Howard and Joyce Baumgartner

We are happy to have Bro. and Sis. Fred and Marie Meyer, and daughter Patty, from Chicago, move into our area. Fred is retiring and has decided to make Florida his future church and home. May God bless them.

Ministering Bro. and Sis. Harry and Florence Sutter toured foreign lands this summer. Points of interest were Germany and France, but the main highlight was visiting relatives in Switzerland. We are thankful God has brought them back safely.

One of our young couples, Bro. and Sis. John and Peg Yergler, son of Bro. and Sis. Robert and Carolyn Yergler, have moved to Bluffton, where John has accepted an elementary teaching position. We all want to wish them God's guidance and much happiness.

God did not make us to be eaten up by anxiety, but to walk erect, free, unafraid in a world where there is work to do, truth to seek, love to give and win.

JUNCTION, OHIO

Henrietta Manz — Betty Manz

Bro. Arthur Gudeman, LaCrosse, and Bro. Eugene Fetter, Toledo, were our visiting ministers. It was stressed that we should strive to preserve the faith for our children. They'll only have what we leave them, what we put in our homes, & speak and do—that's what we leave for our children. Think of it, what ARE we leaving behind for our loved ones? We don't want to be idol worshipers, but we were told that the wealth and pleasures of this life are idols. Do we think too much of them?

Bro. Bill Schlatter (Sis. Juliet) is attending Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Sis. Janet Schlatter (Sis. Juliet) is a teaching intern, teaching fourth grade at McClure; Bro. Don Manz (Bro. Eli and Sis. Evelyn) is attending Indiana University, Ft. Wayne; and Bro. Kenneth Manz (Bro. Eli and Sis. Evelyn) is attending Purdue University, Ft. Wayne.

Paul Manz (Bro. Emmanuel)

was in the hospital for an appendectomy and is recovering. Sis. Emily Manz (Bro. Eli and Sis. Evelyn) also was in the hospital for eye surgery and is recovering.

Roger Manz (Bro. Eli and Sis. Evelyn) narrowly escaped serious injury when a car ran over the bicycle he was riding. He was thrown from the bicycle and was not hurt.

FORT SCOTT, KANSAS

Ida Sinn

Bro. Roy Wernli spent a Sunday with us, and the following Sunday Bro. Sam Huber was with us. We count it a blessing that these brothers could be brought into our midst, and that through them the gospel truth could be expounded unto us.

Our sympathy goes out to Sis. Elsie Sinn, in the death of her sister, Selma Streitmatter of Peoria.

Trevor Scott is the name chosen for the adopted son of the Gerald Sinns' in Denver. Bro. and Sis. Gus and Ruth Sinn are the paternal grandparents.

Sis. Ruby Sinn is back to her books in Manhattan. Our other college folks will live at home this semester. Some will go to Junior college here, and some will commute to Pittsburgh.

Sis. Carrie Massner has moved to town. She now lives next door to our church.

PHOENIX, ARIZONA

Wilma J. Pulfer

On August 16 Bro. Henry and Sis. Ora Schrenk were honored at a farewell potluck held in the church dining room. They have moved to Tuscon. We wish them many blessings in their new home and hope to see them often.

Our Friend, Russell Kauffman, has been able to assemble with us since his heart attack.

Recent accidents left our Elder Roy Farney with a broken bone in his foot. Bro. Earl Sanders received broken ribs in a fall. We are glad to report they are recovering satisfactorily.

We extend our sympathy to Bro. Clarence Yackley's family. His brother, Elmer passed away at Taylor. May God comfort them in their bereavement.

PORTLAND, OREGON

Connie Steffen

Beautiful Fall weather has come

to the Pacific Northwest. The trees are beginning to get their festive colors, and birds are making large bands in preparation of their trip to winter nesting grounds. All around, nature speaks clear and plain of the wondrous works and plans of God.

Bro. Ed Knecht was elected to serve as teacher for the intermediate class. He takes the place of Bro. Leroy Leman. Leroy resigned since moving to Silverton, where they attend every second Sunday.

Bro. Ray and Sis. Virginia Cooper and their five boys are leaving our congregation to move to Altadena. Ray has much pain with his back and hopes to find relief in the hotter climate. Words can't express our feelings when we said "Goodbye", but it's a joy to know we are one in the love of our Lord, even though miles separate us. We feel the Lord will bless them, and know they will be a blessing to those they will be with.

Our dear parents, Ezna and Rose Steffen, who have stayed the summer with us, are returning to their home in Elgin, Illinois. We will surely miss them, and our congregation will be greatly reduced at mid-week services and Bible study.

PULASKI, IOWA

Mary Wiegand—Nancy Musselman

Bro. Carl Kinsinger, from Altadena, spent the Sunday before the Brother meeting with us, as he does each year. We were truly blessed in the Spirit.

Our Sunday School started on Sept. 6. We pray that the teachers may ever have God's blessings on the words they teach, and that the children will be attentive, so that one day they, too, may become God's children.

LEO, INDIANA

Mrs. Elias Souder

We were richly blessed with visiting ministers, Bros. Lynn Klopfenstein and Lavoyd Moore from Alabama, Al Fisher from Chicago, Ben Stavenik and Kenny Sauder from Mansfield.

Announcement has been made of the engagement of Janet Klopfenstein, daughter of Wm. and Nancy Klopfenstein to Wm. Hartman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Hartman of Leo. William is a careworker at Frontier Boys Village, Box 158, Larkspur Colorado 80118. A November wedding is planned.

A surprise welcome home dinner was given Sun. evening, Sept. 6 for Maurice Frank and his family.

At one of the nursing homes, fire broke out; it started in the laundry room in the basement and filled much of the home with smoke. Due to God's vigilance, and work by the people nearby, no one was injured. Many were back when visited the first Sunday of September.

We find a number of our young people back at teaching school, Lynn Klopfenstein (his wife Christie is nursing at Park View Hospital). Joyce Schlatter is teaching nearby. Steve Bollier is in Fort Wayne. He and Carolyn have moved there, so they would be closer to their work. Cynthia Bertsch is continuing her school in nursing at Park View. Norma Frank goes back to Wisconsin for her college. Mark and Nancy Souder are going to Indiana University.

MORRIS, MINNESOTA

Ann Meiss — Helen Joos

Happy were the faces and eager the hearts as the Sunday School classes resumed after a month's vacation. Two new teachers were present, Bro. Lyle Zeltwanger and Sis. Ruth Nohl. May the Lord grant His grace and understanding unto the teachers, that they may teach these young people the **fear of the Lord**. This does not mean being frightened at the Lord, rather respect and reverence for Him who sees all, knows all, and has all power. We should teach them that there is no hiding from the Lord, nor any deceiving Him. How well if we as parents and teachers would keep the teaching of Genesis 16: 13, "Thou God seest me" ever before us, and try to live reverently before Him. How much happier and more useful will be the lives of those who fear the Lord and honor Him.

May God richly bless those who have given of their time and talents for many years. We thank God for the strength, health and willingness He has granted to Bro. Ernest (Kellenberger), who taught our Bible Class for so many years.

We thank you loving teachers too,

For all your love and care.
You teach us of the heavenly home,

How we may enter there.

And when we leave our father's house,

And journey thru this world of strife,

Oh may your loving counsel then
Show us the path of life.

Many guests gathered with us over the Labor Day week-end. Our hearts were gladdened to have Bro. John Dapper from Maywood with us, also Bro. Elmer Schmidt of Winthrop. We thank God for the inspiring messages and fellowship of all who visited us. Other ministers during the month of August were: Bro. Ezra Feller of Cissna Park, Bro. Jim Ringger of Bradford, Bro. Bob Grimm of Goodfield, Bro. Harold Schmidt of Gridley, Bro. Clarence Kachelmuss of Forrest, and Bro. Henry Beer of Milford. "... we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip."

We rejoice with the members and friends of the Minneapolis congregation. They now have their own place of worship. We pray for God's grace and blessing over this small group.

Bro. Herman Schaefer was involved in a two-car collision near his home. He was hospitalized for 10 days, but has returned home to rest and recuperate. May God grant him a speedy recovery. We were happy to see our aged Bro. Henry Nohl Sr. in our midst after a long absence.

August 22 was the wedding of Charles Spohr, son of Mrs. John Spohr, and Elizabeth Boyum. Ardis Luthi, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Luthi, and Harold Juergens were united in marriage on Sept. 6. Our best wishes are extended to these two couples.

ROCKVILLE, CONNECTICUT

Carlton J. Lanz

We cannot but feel that God is still among us, for several dear friends, in giving their testimonies, revealed how the love of God was so great to lead them into repentance and then give them that wonderful peace. Some had never known of this faith, but had heard of it and came to look into it. The names of the new converts follows: Bro. Arthur Gottier and his wife, Sis. Judy; Sis. Betsy Erickson; and Sis. Margaret Spielman. Bro. Joe Waibel spent the Sunday with us, and assisted Bro. John Bahler

with this work. These are blessed moments when we can feel that God is yet with us. Bro. Ed Aschleman spent a Sunday with us, as did Bro. John Diggleman. Many fine teachings were brought to us. We dare believe that not one present left the meeting-house without a blessing.

We have several hospital patients who submitted to surgery: Sis. Hilda Aberle Hany, for a detached retina in one of her eyes; Bro. Walter Hany, eye surgery; others, various ailments, Bro. Paul Lanz, Bro. John Ruch; and Bro. John Hoffman had major surgery.

Announcement of the coming marriage of Sis. Crystal Luginbuhl to Bro. Chris Hansen was made by Elder Bro. John Bahler. Our good wishes are for a happy and pleasant union.

TAYLOR, MO.

Mrs. Eli Sutter Mrs. Bill Heimer

Our visiting ministers were Bros. Walter Steffen, Milford, and LeRoy Huber and Walter Anliker, Eureka. We appreciate having ministers to proclaim the word to us.

A son, Chad Blaine was born to Bro. Stan and Sis. Linda Heimer on Aug. 7. The paternal grandmother is Sis. Naomi Heimer, and Sis. Elizabeth Sutter is the great-grandmother. The maternal grandparents are Bro. Clarence and Sis. Rosella Koltoff, and great-grandmother is Mrs. Charles Linstrom of Maywood. They are the parents of another son, Trent.

Bro. Marvin and Sis. Joann Wiegand are the parents of a son, Daniel William, born on Sept. 1. They are also the parents of Steve, Mark and Phillip. The paternal grandmother is Sis. Fanny Wiegand of Gridley, Ill., and maternal grandparents are Bro. George and Sis. Betty Hoerr.

Elmer Yackley, 69, of Maywood, Mo., died on Aug. 31. Services were conducted by Bros. Roy Grimm and Gerald Sutter. Elmer was the son of Bro. Andrew and Sis. Matilda (Gerst) Yackley. He was married to Mary Elizabeth Kraft, who survives; also surviving are three daughters, Linda Carol, Anita Denise, at home, and Mrs. Cleo Yvonne Stumb; five brothers, Ervin of Waco, Texas; Paul of Pueblo, Colo.; Bros. Roy of Wichita, Clarence of Phoenix, and Perry of Taylor. He was preceded in death by Bros. Harry and Bill. Our sym-

pathy goes out to the family in their loss.

The men are busy shelling corn, and so far the early corn has not been damaged as much from the blight as we were afraid it would be.

Do what you can, where you are, with what you have.

TREMONT, ILLINOIS

Josephine Schaefer
Mary Jane Leuthold

The thought came to my mind of that hymn, "The Ministers of the Gospel", No. 113 in the **Zion's Harp**, as I look over the names of ministers who visited our congregation. Their thoughts must turn to many of those words as they stand before us empty minded, only hoping to be filled with spiritual inspiration. Bros. Harvey Grimm, Bern: Verlin Stoller, Ft. Wayne; and Phil Sauder, Cissna Park, indeed were filled with the true gospel of our Lord and Saviour, as they ministered unto us. We appreciate and thank you for the visit you made to us.

Bro. Aquilla Pflederer is confined to the hospital, and Friend Pete Winzeler had a short stay there but is again home.

We welcome Friends Dale and Jane Kaufman to our congregation, and also rejoice with them as they have turned their hearts unto our precious Lord and Saviour, the only refuge for our sin-sick, weary soul and mind. May grace abound with them.

Friends Gale Rapp, daughter of Bro. Elton and Sis. Helen, and John Renner of Tremont have announced their engagement. May the love of God dwell in their hearts and union.

UNION CITY, NEW JERSEY

Ed Aeschleman

We bid farewell to Bro. Philip and Sis. Janice Webber, as they left this area to go to Germany, where Philip will study for about a year. May God bless them with a safe journey and keep them in His care.

A baby girl, Valerie Jean, was born Saturday August 22 to Bro. Dave and Sis. Gail Gasser. We know they are thankful to God for this precious gift.

Christy, the 11-year-old daughter of Charles and Denise Knecht, just returned from a 6-week's vis-

it with relatives in Europe. We welcome her back to our Sunday School class and thank God for watching over her.

Sis. Ida Knecht has been in the hospital for several days. We pray that it may be God's will that she can recover from her affliction soon.

Sis. Rose Sauder of Roanoke is visiting her daughter's family in Delaware. We are pleased that she could worship with us several Sundays.

God saw fit to call Catherine Kaegi out of this life on August 18. Her husband Henry preceded her in death several years ago.

UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

Mrs. Gary Anliker

It was our privilege to have Ministering Bro. Vernon Leman, his wife, and her parents Bro. Ezra and Sis. Luella Beer worship with us. They continued on to Omaha, Neb. to visit with Bro. Vernon and Sis. Viola's son and family. We are thankful for the faithful brethren who are willing to labor in the Lord's vineyard.

Services have been held at the University of Iowa for six years. Bro. Harvey Heiniger has been in charge of them. When services were begun here, there was only two friends and one brother in faith. The number has increased steadily since then. We now have nine members and two friends. We had services over the summer this year. The attendance was very good.

Bro. Dan and Sis. Diane Stoller are back with us. Dan is continuing his education. Their new address is 128 Hawkeye Court Apts., Iowa City Ia.

WINTHOP, MINNESOTA

Delores Messerli — Carol Messner

We have certainly been blessed with visiting ministers. Bro. Henry Beer and his wife spent time here showing samples of his many books. Bro. Arnold Gerst and family of Chicago were here also. They used to attend church here when he worked in Minneapolis. These past few weeks, Bro. John Dapper and Sis. Julia Dapper were here from Maywood; they are the in-laws of Sis. Marcelle (Messner) Dapper, who was raised here. She is the daughter of Bro. Fred and Sis. Linda Messner. We thank them all for their efforts and that

the Lord may richly bless them.

Sunday School has again started after a short vacation. Children will now be deeply involved in school work and activities. May we as parents not forget to instill in their hearts the need for our precious Lord and Saviour. Our Sunday School cannot do it in one hour a week, when all the other forces of this world are with them constantly.

Bro. James Messner has been undergoing tests at the University Hospital in Minneapolis. Bro. Fred Messner was hospitalized for observation.

What kind of home do you have? When Jesus was on the cross, being crucified, He asked John to take His mother home. Have you thought? . . . Is your home the good Christian home Jesus would want for His mother?

ROANOKE, ILLINOIS

Norene Herbst—Marilyn Weyeneth

Sis. Dena Gunther Aeschliman died very unexpectedly at her home, Sun. Aug. 9. She is survived by her daughter, Sis. Marjorie, and two foster sons, Harvey and Louis Meier. Her husband, Joseph, and a son preceded her in death.

Mabel Knobloch Herbst, wife of Ernest (Nick) Herbst also died unexpectedly at her home, Sun. Aug. 31. She is survived by her husband and two sons, Donald and Roger. A son preceded her in death.

After many years of confinement with lingering illness and several years of being bedfast, Sis. Tillie Schumacher Fehr passed away Sun., Aug. 31 at the Apostolic Home in Eureka, where she had lived 4½ years. Surviving are three daughters, Sis. Doris Guingrich, Sis. Bena Mae Rocke, and Sis. Lois Descarpentrie; and three sons, Bro. Ben, William and Edward. Her husband, Bro. Ben Sr., and a son, Isaac preceded her in death.

Bro. Melvin Rocke has returned home after a stay in the hospital, where he had undergone surgery for a ruptured appendix.

Sis. Faith (Mrs. Marvin) Fischer is at Mayo's Clinic for examination and medical care.

Bro. Pete Pfister passed his 95th birthday Aug. 25 and is enjoying reasonable health.

Larry and Marjorie (Bowald) Moritz are the parents of a son, Terry Lee, born Aug. 7.

Bro. David Hodel and Sis. Max-

ine Kempf were united in marriage Aug. 23. The parents of the couple are Bro. Stan and Sis. Verna Hodel and Bro. Ervin and Sis. Alice Kempf. Dane and Maxine are living at 1004 Howard, Apt. A, Normal Ill. 61761.

New residents of Roanoke are Bro. Kenneth and Sis. Kathy (Farney) Hodel, who were married Aug. 30 at Eureka.

Marriage services were held Aug. 15 for Gene Hodel and Cathy Bolam, at Peoria. Gene is the son of Bro. Alvin and Sis. Emma (Mosser) Hodel, and Cathy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bolam of Portland. The newly-married couple is living at 17510 S. Ridgeland, Tinley Park Ill. 60477.

Our friend, Robert Rebbec has returned safely from his tour of duty in Viet Nam. We are thankful for the safe return of each one in service.

We enjoyed the services of Bros. Albert Scheitlin (Elgin Ill.), Dave Wiegand (Champaign), and Francis Rother (Morton).

Don and Helen (Farney) Brown are the parents of a son, born Sept. 8. No doubt he is welcomed by his five sisters.

Carolyn Nichols and Robert Brown (Peoria) were married Sept. 5 and are living in Peoria. Bro. Joe and Sis. Agnes (Stoller) Rocke are Carolyn's foster parents.

**PETER'S THREE DENIALS
AND SUBSTANTIATION
OF HIS AVOWALS**

**Bro. Fred W. Leman,
who went Home in 1933**

While gathered on the Mount of Olives,
The Saviour to His own then spake,
That in that night of His betrayal
They all would flee and Him forsake,
And all in Him would be offended,
But Peter spoke quite hastily:
Though all in Thee will be offended,
Yet I will not be offended.

Upon this Jesus gave the answer
And unto him did prophesy,
That ere the cock would crow that morning
He would his Saviour thrice deny;
But list to Peter's firm avowal,
As in his strength he would rely,
Though I should die with Thee,
my master,
Yet I will never Thee deny.

It was a good sincere intention
That prompted Peter as he vowed,
But his own strength was not sufficient,
And he was not with strength endowed
From heaven by the Holy Spirit
By which one only can confess
The humble Jesus in all conflict,
And in all trials and distress.

As Peter sat without the palace
To where our Lord that night was led
By band of soldiers as a captive,
A damsel came to him and said:
Thou also art this man's disciple,
But Peter, who by then forgot
What Jesus spoke of his denial,
Then weakly said: I know Him not.

Ah, we recall our Saviour's anguish
As He was left to meet His fate
In judgment hall by His disciples,
Where He His verdict did await.
There He was mocked, struck and tormented,
And with great hatred was reviled,
But this He bore with wondrous patience,
The Lamb of God so meek and mild.

And Peter stepped . . . with longing
For Him whom he could not confess,
As he was once again accosted,
For courage he did not possess
To claim Him as his loving master
Whom they blasphemed and put to shame,
But he again denied with cursing
A knowledge of the Saviour's name.

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P E A C E

Henry Souder Jr.

It is beautiful, this peace of God. Deep, meaningful. Peace is a part of the wonderful wonder of God.

We see it, on the waters. The wind was blowing. The lake was churning, the waters beating. Breaking across the little ship, the wet spray splashed again and again. The boat was filling. No let-up in sight. Deep darkens into fear in their thoughts. They go to Jesus. "And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm." Perfect composure—nothing even slightly ruffles His peace.

What is this? This great peace in which God lives? We see Him in the night. The wind blowing. The sound of the sea is real, roaring, splashing, plunging. To them, unsure dark depths were there. Then Jesus came, walking on the water. Here was calmness that reaches into eternities. They didn't recognize him and were scared. "And immediately he talked with them, and saith unto them, Be of good cheer: it is I; be not afraid."

God's peace is a beautiful calm. Beautiful glow, quiet loveliness, rich beauty. Moon glow on waters smooth like pearl is a placid scene. There is a lot of learning of something so wonderful. There is a richness in character that is a delight to know. "Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you."

The way Jesus lived above troubles! The grave and death of one He loved, Lazarus, has such a remarkable meeting from Him. Where He moves, How He moves, wherever He is, this wonderful peace radiates its blessed presence. Lazarus "sleepeth". Perfect composure, perfect peace graces every moment. The presence of peace is where life is real in full glory. This is what He gives. "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."

The purchase price of peace was awesome. Reach in heart to those feelings in the garden. The cloke of death already wrapped His soul. He is sorrowful, even unto death. The dreadful day of the morrow presented itself . . . And there, Jesus presented Himself a living sacrifice. The tears came. He fell on His face. We listen. "Abba, Father, all things are possible unto thee; take away this cup from me: nevertheless. . ."

The chastisement of our peace was upon Him. By His stripes we are healed. The lash of the brutal thong would descend again, and again. . . Cutting, biting, stinging. The back of that pure, innocent One would be a mass of bloody welts. It is our healing. "The word which God sent unto the children of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ: . . ." "For he is our peace. . ."

Peace countenances the unconquerable Christ. Our peace, bear-

ing our sins, in His perfect soul. What beautiful love is shown on that cross. We read the sweetness of His eyes, and the gentleness of His soul.

We see it at every turn of our path. He who carried the sins and cares of the world tells us not to carry our worries. Not to be full of care about anything. He wants us to come and tell Him; "And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

Our cares do not naturally go to God. It takes heart-work to get hold of them, and put them in God's care. More effort is required. We are asked to take up our cross daily. This means we go to Calvary and put to death the old man. How we look at things, what we see and hear does make a difference. Jesus has not promised peace as the world gives. Not in shouts, frenzied excitements, retreats from reality, a vain world. The Bible is a light on a pleasant path. It is up to us to choose for peace, "For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace."

God is doing a great work. He is sanctifying, making our innermost self like Himself. Holiness is beautiful. "And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."