



Therefore, son of man,
 prophesy and say unto Gog,
 Thus saith the Lord GOD;
 In that day when my people
 of Israel dwelleth safely,
 shalt thou not know it?

And thou shalt come
 from thy place out of the
 north parts, thou, and many
 people with thee, all of
 them riding upon horses, a

great company, and a
 mighty army:

And thou shalt come up
 against my people of Israel,
 as a cloud to cover the land;
 it shall be in the latter
 days, and I will bring thee
 against my land, that the
 heathen may know me,
 when I shall be sanctified
 in thee, O Gog, before their
 eyes.

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

THE SILVER LINING

A LIGHT for BELIEVERS

EMANCIPATION FROM EVOLUTION

The gales that sweep today bring sounds of crumbling. Men are enmeshed in webs that don't unentangle.

What is life? Be free! Know the truth. Know what really is . . . what really shall be, after all these things are gone.

Evolution knows no truth. Its theories are lied . . . Twisted, turn-

ed, tangled, tormenting. Its words can never meet. No dust every rose to upright itself. There is no cry, not even a whisper. Not even the syllable that begins to form.

No fossil calls its reasons. All cry in oneness of Him who created them. The unbridgeable order continues. Creation cries the immeas-

urable depths of Genesis. False reason must crumble in the fires of fact.

Jesus is the truth. From Him proceeds the upholding, the order, the creation. Only God gives the truth. Then every heartbeat takes up the answer, and chords joy in life.

THE GREATEST SCIENTIST

Bro. Willis R. Ehnle, Japan

There is a lot about this universe and its plant and animal life that puzzle us. Being naturally inquisitive and having a mind that enables him to collect data, man is ever on the search for more knowledge and understanding.

Knowledge can be divided into three categories, what has happened in the past, what is happening now and what will probably happen in the future.

As we delve into geology, the study of the upper crust of the earth, we find many interesting things, such as faults or breaks in the earth's surface, volcanoes with their molten lava, and underground rivers. How this all got started in the first place and came to its present condition has led to many theories. One cannot help but wonder who designed all this and measured the 23 degree angle at

which the axis of the earth tilts to give us our temperate climate to maintain life, but we would all agree that He is the Greatest Scientist.

In the world of biology, definite boundaries have been set. A donkey and a horse can mate and the offspring is called a mule, but there the experiment stops. Mules cannot reproduce mules. Man is helpless to move beyond the established boundaries set by the Greatest Scientist.

In a hospital, a patient suffering from excessive loss of blood receives from the hands of those skilled in the field of medicine human blood of the same type, regardless of the race of the donor. "God . . . hath made of one blood all nations of men". The blood from a monkey or a dog just won't work. God is the Greatest Scientist.

In the field of mathematics, one may use parallel lines as a simple illustration of man's limitations. By definition, parallel lines are equal distant at every point, yet to comprehend the lines going out from the earth's surface and off into space forever, equally distant at every point, is somewhat beyond the absolute nature of mathematics itself and difficult to imagine. Therefore, parallel lines are said to meet out somewhere, far off from man's domain at a point called infinity. We speak of our infinite, or boundless and unlimited God. It can be said then that parallel lines meet where God is. He is the beginning of all beginnings, the source of all sources, the end of all endings, and the final judge of all judges. He is the Greatest Scientist.

EVOLUTION'S SINKING SANDS

So-called "Java man" — What was found was an ape-like skull and a human femur bone — Dubois did not tell that the latter was found 50 feet away and a year later, and that four more femurs and a human tooth had been found. The "link" was later announced as a giant gibbon!

Or "Piltdown" man — England — a fabricated union of bones, declared a forgery. Or "Hesperopithecus" — hailed as another "link" — was a part of an extinct peccary (or pig). Or "Peking man" — Conclusion: Wild bones of apes which

had been killed by man for food.

Sir. Cecil G. Wakeley, former President of the Royal College of Surgeons, England, has some words: "It seems such a pity in a scientific age where precision and detail are so important that the vast majority of modern scientists believe in evolution, and yet the basic facts are against such a theory."

The truth: "Thou, even thou, art LORD alone; thou hast made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth, and all things that are therein . . ."

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YOUTH REJECT INSTANT PLEASURES

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(Sent in from Alto)

Ellington—In an age when teenagers are grooving on pot, rock and peace, one minority of young people has turned its back on the now generation and its immediate gratifications.

They don't believe in getting involved, speaking out, experimenting, demonstrating . . .

The United States claims only 70 churches of this faith, with an estimated membership of 10,000.

Located in the fertile Connecticut River Valley, the dairy farming community of Ellington is the site of the church in New England. Attendance has grown to 600 since 1891, when 25 Swiss farmers built the first church.

Although Catholic and Protestant churches alike throughout the nation are turning to rock masses and a brand of "turn on, tune in and drop out" sermon to reach today's youth, the church is still reaching its younger members with a traditional approach of living strictly by the Scriptures.

One 19-year-old gave up her steady beau of four years to join the church this year. A boy described as a "straight-A student and star athlete" in high school gave up a promising career in sports as a freshman at the University of Connecticut to become a member.

A pretty high school senior who was "one of the crowd" renounced dating, smoking and mini-skirts when she visited the church in Switzerland with her parents . . .

Giving up worldly pleasures is a part of becoming a member . . . and the part that most outsiders consider the hardest to believe. "I suppose we're a peculiar people," one teenager said, "But look at what Christ gave up for us."

"You join the church . . ." said a second. "I don't feel so different. What's giving up 'homo' movies or certain clothes when there are so many other things in life?"

Conviction is the whole point, according to John Bahler, elder of the Ellington church, "And you can't get into conviction unless you've gotten into sin.

"You die unto sin and then become alive unto the spirit," he said,

quoting the Scripture.

"Sure, our young people date, smoke, wear mini-skirts and do everything else young people do before they join the church," he said.

"But once they've had an experience of conviction, they put away worldly pleasures and live according to the Scriptural doctrines of our church."

Bahler says there is "no sin in the Apostolic Christian Church . . . There may be sins among our members," he added, "but not to our knowledge."

No "arm-twisting or brain-washing" is used to make people join the church, Bahler said. "Our church has a strong foundation . . . when our people have gone through soul-searching and made a conversion, they know the church is right for them."

The Swiss Church does not believe in child baptism . . .

Members enter the church on Sunday morning, addressing each other as "Brother" or "Sister." The women sit in pews on the right side of the church, and men sit on the left. Every member greets the person sitting next to him (or her) with the holy kiss, or kiss of love as instructed by Paul.

Singing is led by men of the church; no musical instruments are allowed in the church.

A brotherhood aid has existed that acts as a kind of insurance policy for its members. Each member pays . . . on real and personal property, according to Bahler.

"If a man's house burns or his crop is ruined, he'll receive enough money from this aid program to enable him to build back right away. "It has been a real boon to families that have experienced disaster."

For the total commitment and acceptance it commands of its members, the church is sometimes resisted strongly by its unconvinced.

"Sure I rebelled against this peculiar religion, as I thought of it as a boy," Luginbuhl (Roy) said. "Until I realized what those people had. I think young people feel the same way today."

"There's no way for a person outside the church to understand what happens to our young converts" . . . There's a change in attitudes, moderation in hairdo and voice, change in the words that come out of the mouth. Cursing is gone and smoking is over—the things that are part of a young person's life are completely gone."

About 20 per cent of the 600 students at Ellington High School are Swiss, according to Principal Gordon C. Getchell, who says "they are hard-working, industrious kids and no discipline problem."

An English teacher who has taught at the school for 10 years said she "wouldn't want to teach anywhere else.

"This is not a usual school situation," she said. "We have no discipline problems here and I think it's because of the influence of the Swiss students and their respect for authority."

She also said their parents back the teacher '100 per cent of the time."

The initial step toward marriage is made by the man . . . who goes to the elder. The elder then talks to the girl's parents and they bring the proposal to her attention. She is left time for "soul-searching" and, if she agrees, she gets the word to the man through the elders.

How do they know if a person is right for them? "Through faith and God's blessing." Divorce is virtually unheard of in the Swiss Church.

The following was with the Maywood News:

It was His great desire
To share the cup and bread
With His beloved disciples,
Before dying in our stead.

With anguish in the garden
Of dark Gethsemane
He prayed to God, Remove this
cup,
Which is so bitter.

While praying in submission,
Not my will but Thine,
An angel came to strengthen Him
At this most sorrowed time.

FRANCESVILLE, IND.

Mrs. Herman (Chris) Wuethrich
Mrs. Otto Wuethrich

Their faith says, "God knows why". They are Bro. Ronald and Sis. Dianne (Gutwein) Vogt, who gave their 14-month-old darling son, Luke, back to the Lord, after a tractor backed over him at his family home. He was priceless then suddenly lifeless, but could go in the arms of his dear departed great-grandfather, Bro. Joe Stefan . . . So no one knows when there will be a third one in this family circle, which never can be broken. Bro. Art Gudeman helped with the comforting words, also given by Bros. Elmer Bucher and Wendell Gudeman.

A bud was taken from us, and also a flower in full bloom. Sis. Christine Gutwein has left to be with her companion, Bro. Philip, who also was a real pillar in our church for many years. Her children and grandchildren were always so devoted. One daughter, Sis. Angela May, wrote this of their mother: "She was a dear "old-fashioned", hard-working mother, with a heart full of compassion for her children, loving and tender and kind, generous and forgiving, the "hearth-fire" of our home". A remark also was said, "She was often found among her flowers or her sweet-smelling kitchen." Bro. Wendell Gudeman was assisted by Bros. Henry Beer, Karl Westfall and Elmer Bucher. The Eureka Home did so much for Sis. Christine, and all these kind deeds bring a person "Close To Thee".

Bro. Fred Gutwein could not attend the funeral, but it was prayed that, if it is the Lord's will, he could soon return from the hospital, and still remain with us all. He had to be suddenly taken for his heart, but is home again. Sis. Lena Ward had our prayers also that her hospital stay could be short and uplifting.

We have nine more added to our church assembly. The Daniel Reinhard family of eight, from Bluffton is giving us much joy, since they moved to our community . . . and Wayne Putts have a son Brian, who has a "Good Mother Sis. Paul-ette (Schamback)" to care for him.

We thank the Lord, and Bro. John Dapper, who came from far away California and asked us this question, "What would we do if we

did not have the word of God anymore?"

In closing, if no visitation ministers ever came to pay us such nice visits, it would be like "a shirt without a pocket".

MORTON

Mrs. John Oberlander
Mrs. Kenneth Getz

The new Sunday School term began in September. New Sunday School teachers are: Sis. Cindy Rassi, Bros. Albert Hunziker, Brent Pflederer, Marvin Hodel and Howard Getz. We wish them God's grace in their new duties.

Bro. Robert and Sis. Lillian Fehr Getz welcomed home a new grandchild. Rodney is the son of Michael and Linda Getz Klein; he has one brother.

Those in the hospital or convalescing are: Sis. Anna Yentes, Opal Rocke, Clara Grimm, and Ila Stieglitz Kaiser; Bro. Chris Getz and George Ackerman, Sam Musselman and Willis Belsley.

Visiting ministers were Bros. Richard Schupbach, Carl Kinsinger and John Dapper.

Sis. Caroline Hoerr Grimm, 78, passed away at Restmor Nursing Home. She is survived by her husband, Bro. Fred, and one daughter, Betty June Buttrich.

Sis. Verna Thomson Bauman, 66, wife of Bro. Warner Bauman died after an extended illness. She is survived by her husband and two daughters, Phyllis (Mrs. Harold) Yordy and Sis. Lois (Mrs. Melvin) Aberle.

Sis. Verna (Mrs. Russell) Rapp's father, Alvin Birkey, passed away after being ill for some time. Our thoughts and prayers go with all these loved ones in time of sorrow.

Bro. John and Sis. Rose Scham-bach Teubel returned from Europe. They spent many happy hours with loved ones in Germany and Switzerland.

Handicapped Home Progress

As of Sept. 25, three wings of the building are ready for steel; this is to be done the week of Sept. 29. The roof will follow, so by the end of October this portion should be closed in against winter weather. By Nov. 1 all masonry should be complete, and by Nov. 15 the building should be completely roofed. Furnaces are on the job site, ready to be installed. Curbing for drive-ways are finished, and it is hoped

the gravel will be poured this week. As soon as the masons are finished, grading of the grounds will commence. All in all, the project seems to be on schedule, for which we thank our gracious Lord.

Future Home for Unwanted and Neglected Children

At the Roanoke conference of 1969, permission to form a committee to investigate the need for a home for orphaned, unwanted or neglected children was formed. The committee found a great need for help for the unfortunate children in America. This was passed on to the elder body at the conference at Princeville. They in turn advised the committee to make further studies and surveys as to where this home should be located. No action will be taken toward building until the Handicapped Home is in operation. More will follow on this subject at a later date.

Jack Krantz

REMINGTON

Anna M. Waibel

A number of us were happy to be present at the Dedication of the Gridley Ill. church. We enjoyed the beautiful singing and the comforting and inspiring prayers and messages. May we all rededicate ourselves to Jesus and strive to grow in the Spirit and dwell together in love and unity.

Bro. Herman Kellenberger was with us on midweek services. We are looking forward to have him come soon again to prove my nephew and his wife, Clyde and Mary Sue Waibel, also Cheryl Knochel.

Robert Bahler was in the hospital, but is home, slowly improving. We pray for his well-being, both for body and soul.

Sis. Mary Schieler is able to attend church again and stay alone in her own home after a siege with a blood clot. She wishes to thank one and all for everything that was done for her.

Quite a number went to Francesville to visitation and funeral of Sis. Christine Gutwein. Many of us cherish loving memories of her. Would that more of us could be a bright and shining light as she was. Our sympathy goes to all concerned. Her daughter, Sis. Angie May lives here.

Bro. Francis Rother from Morton was with us on Sunday. May we cherish the words that were spoken and grow thereby.

"Man's tensions grow worse as he increases his search for a substitute for God."

It is a great day for pessimists. I can sympathize with the boy whose teacher asked, "Jim, what is the shape of the world?" The lad answered without hesitation, "My dad says it is in the worst shape it has ever been in." Remember, however, the winds that blow against us will not destroy us if we lean our weight on the anchors that can save us.

What are the anchors that saved Paul and can save us? Faith in an eternal God who created us. Faith in an eternal Book whose words have been, and will ever be, a guide on the treacherous sea or on the quiet waters. Faith in the everliving Christ, who proved that nothing, not even death, could destroy Him and His teachings. Faith in an eternal plan, of which we are a part.

"Every man's life is a plan of God." We are here, each of us, for a purpose. There may be many crises that we must face in life, but if we cast out the anchors and pray for the day, we will come through the storm.

BREMEN, INDIANA

Emma Unsicker

Nearly everybody looks forward with great anticipation to some kind of promotion, whether in school, at our job, or in other important events in our lives. The great anticipation for all born-again Christians is to look to that joyous of all promotions, from our earthly life to that glorious resurrected life, to be with the Lord forevermore. We extend many thanks and much appreciation to Bro. Gene Sauder, our Sunday School superintendent, and his wife Sis. Kate, who dedicate so much of their time and talent in planning such interesting programs for our young people. The promotion program given by and for our Sunday School classes was very inspiring to all of us.

Bro. Sam Schuck is improving and able to be home. Two new babies were added to our cradle roll. Racheal was born to Bro. Tom and Sis. Mary Ann Steele; grandparents are Bro. Gene and Sis. Leah Zimmer. Timothy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Larry Lawmaster;

grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Meister.

Best wishes are extended to Bro. Silas and Sis. Pauline Ladig, who have moved into their new home in Bremen.

BURLINGTON, IOWA

Verna Woodward
Rosella Obermann

Sunday, Sept. 27, a group from Forrest spent Sunday with us. After the afternoon services, they went sightseeing around Burlington, enjoying the Lord's creation and all its surroundings. In the evening a pot-luck was served at the Perkins Park shelter-house for everyone.

New Sunday School teachers were elected. Bro. Marvin Woodward was put in for the new 3-year term. Bros. Allen Massner, Gary Anliker, and Bill Abermann were elected substitutes. In the small children group (4 yrs. to 2 yrs.), Sis. Elizabeth Schumacher was elected for 2 years and Sis. Verna Woodward 1 year. Substitutes are Sis. Dorothy Taeger and Sis. Rosella Abermann. Song leader went to Bro. Paul Wagler and Sis. Dorothy Taeger was elected for 3 years on the Food Committee.

Behold the whitened harvest,
Behold the fallen grain,
Behold the souls in bondage;
Oh must they cry in vain?

Behold the Master's calling.
"Go ye" is His Command.
Oh won't you heed His urgent plea
To reach that distant land?

ELGIN, ILLINOIS

Louise Steffen Katie Kachelmuss

O how lovely is the morning—
we're having some of October's
bright blue weather, and it is a
beautiful morning; having had
much rain in September, every-
thing is nice and green, so nice to
be outdoors and enjoy the good air,
not as polluted as they would want
us to think.

We are glad to welcome into our church circle Bro. Walter and Sis. Marie Fritz Gasser and children. Their address is 973 Stephen Ave., Elgin 60120. We miss Sis. Lena Vege, who has gone to make her home in Arizona. We wish her God's blessings in her home.

Bro. Clarence Yackley of Phoenix ministered to us for an evening service, which he ended with: "let

us pray a little more; let us read the Bible a little more; let us be a little more fervent in the service of our Lord."

Peg, daughter of Bro. Wm. and Sis. Evelyn Wewetzer Gudeman, and Don, son of Lester and Emma Reber Heiniger, were united in marriage by Peg's uncle, Bro. Perry Zimmerman of Forrest. We wish them God's blessings in their future life together.

Sis. Minnie Goll is still confined to her home with illness. She lives at 1558 Maple Lane, Elgin, Ill. 60120. Our servicemen, Robert Schambach and Bro. Douglas Kellenberger are being moved.

What glorious state, to be a lamb
of Jesus,
To feel the faithful shepherd's
loving grace.
In all the earth there is no higher
standing
Than this . . . to follow in the
Saviour's ways.

This is now the lot of two dear young souls, Karen, daughter of Bro. Gerald and Sis. Marilyn Graf Kellenberger, and Duane, son of Bro. John and Sis. Elizabeth Wuetrich Schambach. Bros. Ben Fehr, Ezra Feller and Albert Fisher were with us to share the joy of this blessed occasion.

This is an informative message to all who have so generously supported our World Relief Fund: Some money was sent to the two orphanages in Brazil, one at Nepomuceno, the boys' home, and the other at Boa Esperanco, the girls' home, to provide milk cows. As of now, each home has purchased four young cows and are getting enough milk so all the children can drink all the milk they need, and have enough money left to buy two more cows when needed. In a letter from Carlos Marsi, they expressed their warmest thanks for the \$3000 sent to help finish the old people's home at Sao Paulo, which they need so badly. We received warmest and heartfelt thanks from the Heinz Maurer family at Neuhutten, Germany, for the gifts of love shared with them for the benefit of our soldier brothers and friends stationed over there, who really enjoy the wonderful hospitality and warm-hearted welcome they always receive from this family in their home. May God richly bless and reward them and all of you who

have made these gifts possible. The Committee.

PRINCEVILLE, ILLINOIS

Ruth Ricketts

The Princeville congregation deemed it a great privilege to be hosts for the conference, being held September 9, 10, and 11. We trust that each one went home feeling truly blest, as we feel we derived many blessings. What a joy to observe the peace, unity and the love displayed in discussing the matters of the present day church, amidst the turmoil of this wicked and sinful world. The presence of God was felt. Let us do our part and be obedient children and help our elders in making their cross more bearable. It really doesn't require much effort on our part, and if each is obedient, what a joy for our elders as well as for ourselves.

We wish to thank everyone for the cooperation and kind deeds. Many from the Bradford congregation helped in various ways. When each one does his duty willingly and cheerfully, it makes it a pleasure. We are truly thankful to the dear Lord for being in our presence, and hope we can serve him more faithfully.

We appreciate the messages of all the ministers who were with us the two nights for evening services. May they all continue to be blest for their efforts, for they left us with many precious thoughts. We indeed have many precious memories of those three memorable days and will treasure them.

Another enjoyable day was on a Saturday, when loved ones gathered from churches from Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, and Minnesota at the Fellowship Hall near Peoria. I believe we all go forth with more enthusiasm to do for those very needy ones in this land and in foreign lands. It was interesting to hear reports of the different groups telling what they make and how they go to motels to gather soap etc. Many things were displayed; it is amazing how many different ideas are brought forth to make something useful out of practically nothing of value. We would encourage anyone who is not now taking part to attend one of the sewing meetings and see how interesting it can be. Even our little children have a part, as they bring articles such as crayons, pencils, tablets, etc. and these are as-

sembled into school kits. When each one has a part, they feel more like they are doing for someone.

A daughter, Tonya Lee, was born to Bro. Robert and Sis. Nancy (Kieser) Wieland Sept. 25. A little sister, Tammy welcomed her home. Bro. George and Sis. Esther Kieser are the grandparents.

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Sis. Christine Baurer, as we know she will be missed even though she was not able to be about the past few years. She often visited our congregation, as she had a son, Bro. John, and a daughter Sis. Louise Martin living here. God gathers all His precious jewels when He is ready for them, and we feel Mother Baurer was a special one. She lived a very devoted Christian life.

One day a number of relatives and friends gathered and picked the corn for Sis. Bertha Kieser, whose husband Bro. Ludwig died a few weeks ago. May she be comforted to know others care and are willing to help where they can.

Sis. Ida Huber is showing a little improvement since entering the hospital, and was sitting in a chair when Bro. Will went to see her one day. She had been bedfast for some time before entering the hospital. Sis. Marie Endress is still spending most of her time in bed and is slowly recovering from a heart attack. She is glad to be able to be up for short periods. May these dear sisters look to the Lord for their help and comfort. He will not leave them alone and has promised to help carry their cross.

In our area we have received much rain, nearly 14 inches in September and 48 inches so far this year. The farmers were glad for a few good days, when they could start to gather in the beans and corn. It is a concern, as the corn has a blight which affects the ears, caused from the wet weather. Some is turning out better than anticipated, and some not so good. We should not complain, for have been richly blessed the past number of years.

The leaves are beginning to color and in a few days will be a beautiful sight. The trees across the front of the church parking-lot are getting so pretty. Aren't we fortunate to live in a part of the country where we have a change of seasons and can witness so much beauty in God's creation?

ALTADENA

Freda and Rhoda Minger

We welcome two new families into our community and our church. Bro. Gary and Sis. Gloria Volk and daughter, Jamie, have moved here from the Gridley, Ill. area. Their new address is 267 St. Joseph, Long Beach, California. Bro. Ray and Sis. Virginia Cooper and five sons, Ken, Bill, Don, David, and Gary, have moved from the Portland congregation. Their new address is 4451 Locustdale St., El Monte, Calif.

Bro. Bill and Sis. Mary Witzig and family have moved from Altadena to their new home in Ventura. Their address is 121 Gorrion St. Bill and Mary still worship with us in Altadena, and we rejoice with them that their oldest daughter, Linda, has found grace to repent and find peace with her God.

Ministering Bro. Glen Hackenjoes and wife, Sis. Kay and family have moved to 10564 Haverly Street, El Monte, Calif. May God's rich blessings be with each of these families in their new locations.

Friends Bill and Patty Schwarz are the parents of a little girl, Christina Lynn, born Sept. 13. Bobby and Jimmy welcomed their little sister home. Bro. Bill and Sis. Naomi Schwarz are the paternal grandparents, and Dr. and Mrs. Wm. Kirkpatrick are the maternal grandparents.

Even as our natural life is undergoing a constant change, so our spiritual life should be changing, and with each day we His children should become stronger in our faith, as Peter did exhort us, **add to faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; add to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; and to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. Let us think on these things.**

ATHENS

Irene Haggermaker

"For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:" What a great day this shall be for all who love and obey the Lord.

We women of the Athens church have started a women's fellowship group, and for our first project, we plan to make quilts for the needy. We pray that we shall always do God's will and not ours, in whatever we do.

Bro. Henry Perry and Bro. Jim Goode were voted our trustees for the coming year. We thank God for such faithful brothers.

Charles Vilpert, husband of Sis. Hazel, has had a severe back operation, and spent 4 or 5 weeks in the hospital, but he's home now and doing somewhat better.

Sis. Lois Goode has been sick. We were thankful to have her back in church this Sunday. Her daughter Linda has also been very sick. We pray for all the sick; surely God is the greatest physician of all.

We look forward to having our elder brothers with us on Oct. 25. God willing, we plan to serve dinner for them at the church.

SHIODA & TAMAHATA, JAPAN Willis R. Ehnle

On this lovely autumn day, the sun shines with penetrating rays through the clouds which seek to block the way. The sunshine of His love also shines through the clouds of discouragement which threaten to block the way, and manages to bathe our hearts with an encouraging balm. **The apostles spoke to them and encouraged them to keep on living in the grace of God.** Acts 13:43.

The Lord Jesus was abrupt and stern with the fig tree which bore no fruit for Him, even though it was not the season for figs. He said, "Let no fruit grow on thee henceforward for ever." He did it no doubt to teach a lesson. The Apostle Paul exhorts, "Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine."

The Lord cursed the fig tree in His day, but He certainly is blessing ours. The tree keeps spreading out in every direction, including up; each year I cut it back severely so it doesn't produce figs where I can't conveniently reach them, only to find that it sends out many new branches and produces more and more. Unlike apples, where you pick them and you're done, this fig tree seems always to have smaller ones coming on, with the

ripe ones needing to be harvested every other day, and no end in sight. It should be the same way in the church, always with little ones coming on to ripen for the Master's harvest. The trouble is that the evil one comes and sows tares to destroy the harvest.

My wife, Lois, is presently teaching our 12 kindergarten children five days a week. It is an opportunity to teach them many Bible stories and Jesus songs. Lois uses the Japanese language part of the time for better communication. She welcomes any ideas for teaching the Bible lessons to these children through everyday experiences. I help some in the kindergarten and in the American elementary school taught by Sis. Carol Schrenk, on days when I am home. I have part-time employment in Tokyo. I also teach two English classes a week, using Bible materials. Bro. John Klaus, in the Tokyo area, has similar English classes in his home and in the Tokyo Church.

We continue to have our Tamahata Church services each Sunday at 3:00 on Sunday afternoons. Instead of Bro. Uchida writing the Shioda news and me translating it, I am writing for both churches.

EUREKA

Cathryn Wettstein
Salome Schumacher

Our visitors were as follows: Bros. Theo. Beer, Milford; George Yergler, Lacrosse; Wendell Gudeman, Francesville; Art Gudeman, LaCrosse; Noah Hermann, Tucson; Roy Ehnle, Bradford.

It was more than a year since we had a funeral in our church; however, the death angel called twice in a week, so we had two funerals in one week. Will Grusy, age 88, passed away at the Eureka Hospital on Sunday, Sept. 20. He is survived by six sons, Isaac, Robert, William, Ira, Elmer, and Bro. Alf; five daughters, Hilda, Ollie, Esther, Viola, and Virginia. His funeral was on Wed, Sept. 23, conducted by Bro. Leroy Huber. On this same day, Lydia Sauder, aged 66, passed away at the Eureka Hospital, after being a patient a month. She is survived by her husband, Saul; a son, Harold; and a daughter, Margaret Boertlin. Bro. Frederick Knapp of Congerville conducted the services. May

the Lord comfort the bereft families in their sorrow.

Bro. Ed Geiger is a medical patient in the Eureka Hospital. Sis. Marie Stoller was a patient in the hospital a couple days. She is Bro. Isaac's wife.

We are rejoicing that three dear souls are repenting. They are Stanley and James Stoller, sons of Bro. and Sis. Leroy and Clara (Stoller) Huber, and Jane Anliker, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Walter and Wilhelmina.

Oct. 4 was the day that Bro. Don Gudeman and Sis. Evelyn Zimmerman exchanged wedding vows. Bro. Roy Sauder of Peoria performed the ceremony. Her mother is Sis. Nima Zimmerman, and his mother is Sis. Elizabeth Gudeman. May God bless their married life.

A bit late but never too late to mention, the wedding on Aug. 15 of Kathy Kempf and Rick Knapp. Her parents are Bro. and Sis. Will and Clara Kempf; his parents are Bro. and Sis. Frederick and Marge Knapp.

Leonard J. Hartter Jr. has been discharged from his army duties and has returned home safely. His parents are Bro. and Sis. Leonard and Ann Hartter.

Howard Leman left Sept. 25 for 6 month's training in the National Guard. He has joined a medical unit of the Guard, and will be a medical record keeper. He is now stationed at Ft. Polk, La., and will later be transferred to Ft. Sam Houston to complete his training. He is the son of Bro. Vernon and Sis. Viola Leman.

FORT WAYNE

Mary Eisenmann — Marge Gerber
"Beyond The Sunset", beautiful words sung at the grave of a dear one, Sis. Katie Isch, at Bluffton.

Will there be a glad reunion, "Beyond" the Sunset, with loved ones who've gone on before, for you and me?

Oh, that every precious soul could have that hope, Lord Jesus, when life is o'er, to be with Thee!

How thankful we are for every dear one who finds his salvation. Doug Clauss, son of Sis. Mattie and the late Bro. Jeff, gave his testimony and was added to the fold on Wed. evening, August 19. El-

der Bros. Sam Aeschliman and John Yergler were with us for this blessed evening. Mattie can now rejoice with the words in the hymn, "The Believing Family": "I and my house, we are prepared" . . .

Our Friend, Ray Virkler, of Bay City, was hospitalized for surgery on his right thumb. He is now recuperating at the home of his sister and family, Betty and Leon Schulz, where he has been staying since the latter part of August.

A "Promotion Day" program was presented by the Sunday School classes the last Sunday in September. The children were promoted to the next classes by their teachers. October 4 was the beginning of the last quarter.

Enclosed is a poem written by one of our sisters.

I walked down the street of our town one day;
Dear little children were busy at play.
One came in tears at some childish pain;
I stopped to soothe 'til he smiled again,
And Jesus was very near that day.

I went to a home where old folks stay,
Who've borne so long the heat of the day,
With many a care and yet many a load,
And now patiently waiting the end of the road.
I reached out my hand to help, if I may,
And Jesus was so very near that day.

I went to a place where sick ones lie,
And there found a dear one who was going to die.
I sought to give comfort and courage some way,
But I was the one who was taught that day!
It's not what we've earned, but what we've done;
Not how long the race, but how it's run;
Not yet what we've kept, but what we have given,
And if we have hope for that home in heaven.
The tears ran free as I knelt to pray,
And Jesus was nearest of all that day!

I've had a great Friend for many a year;
With each passing day he becomes yet more dear.
I tell Him my troubles and all of my care,
And whenever I need Him He's sure to be there.
He's promised me peace; He's promised me rest.
Is it any wonder I feel so richly blest?
I just wish you could know Him, my dear friend so true.
He's my blessed Saviour.
Friend, what's He to you?

My little son once said to me:
"I don't believe in eternity;
When the curtain falls and death comes to call,
I believe that's the ending for us, one and all."
"My dear son, it will come to you as to me,
When some dear loving face for the last time you will see,
And everything in you will cry out in pain:
'My God, Oh dear God Let us please meet again!'"
Mrs. Martha (John) Stoller

GRIDLEY, KANSAS

Edna Somerhalder — Wilma Young
"And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone." Announcement was made of the engagement of Sis. Susan Kraft, daughter of Bro. Lloyd and Sis. Nadine Kraft, to Bro. Bill Emch, son of Bro. Bernie and Sis. Dena Emch from the Lamont congregation. The wedding date has been set for Nov. 8.

Richard Duane is the new son born to Gary and Janet Kemp. This is their first child. Janet is the granddaughter of Sis. Lydia Bahr.

Sis. Lydia Bahr remains in Wichita, under antibiotics and sedation for pain. She went there two months ago for hip infection, which hasn't responded to treatment. May she find comfort in Jesus' words, "My grace is sufficient for thee". If anyone cares to write, she's staying with her daughter. Address: Mrs. Lydia Bahr, 2228 S. Crestway, Wichita Ks. 67218.

Sam Young submitted to surgery, was hospitalized five days. He has recuperated and returned to school. He is the grandson of Bro. Andy and Sis. Lydia Young.

World Relief sewing has been re-

sumed. A group went to Newton to spend a work-day preparing World Relief materials. We trust each shall be rewarded for their efforts in this worthy cause.

The past 10 days have been perfect for any outdoor activities. The farmers are busy harvesting crops and sowing wheat. Some wheat-fields are already green.

This verse is one of many beautiful verses in our **Zion's Harp** No. 86.

Though troubles assail
And dangers affright,
Though friends should all fail
And foes all unite,
Yet one thing secures us
Whatever betide,
This promise assures us,
"The Lord will provide."

HONOLULU, HAWAII Bill and Sharon Dotterer

Once during September we enjoyed having a minister in our midst. Elder Bro. Carl and Sis. Margaret Kinsinger from Altadena were with our little group on the Sunday evening of Sept. 20. Although we appreciate and have received many blessings from hearing tape-recorded sermons, it is certainly refreshing to have one of God's ministering servants with us.

While visiting with Bro. Carl and Sis. Margaret, Carl told us a little about his trip to India. It was very interesting to hear of some of the conditions in that country and of the spiritual work that is being done over there. It seemed to strengthen our faith to learn that in spite of the heathen religious environment, a church was begun many years ago, based upon the Holy Bible, and has continued up to the present time, its beliefs and practices being very similar to those of our own church.

We encourage any who are planning to come to Hawaii to get in touch with us. Our address is 1224 Ala Kapuna, Apt. 103, Honolulu, Hawaii 96819. Our phone is 839-0965.

KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY MANHATTAN, KANSAS Mrs. Daryl Meyer

There are around twenty-five members and friends attending Kansas State University this year. We are also happy to have Bro. Ron and Sis. Kay Heiniger, and John and Sally Schaffer with us. Bro.

Ron and John are both in the service, stationed at Ft. Riley.

We plan to meet each second and fourth Wednesday of the month for services. The meetings are held at 7:00 in the Danforth Chapel, here on the campus. We would like to welcome anyone to come. Bro. Sam Anliker from Lamont and Bro. Lester Hartter from Bern conducted services Sept. 23. There were other guests from Bern, Lamont, Ft. Scott and Gridley. We wish to thank them for expending their time and effort to spend an evening with us and to bring us God's word.

The engagement of Sis. Ruby Sinn to Bro. Gerald Grimm was announced. Ruby is from Ft. Scott, and is a senior at K-State; Gerald is from Sabetha. We wish them God's richest blessings in their new life together.

We are happy to have a new brother in faith in our midst. Bro. Mark Bahr was taken into the fold on Sunday, October 4. He is a freshman here at K-State, and is the son of Bro. Willard and Sis. Eloise Bahr of Sabetha.

LATTY, OHIO

Delores Grant — Iva Stoller

A sweet little girl made her home with Bro. Willis and Sis. Ellen Stoller. They have named her Marlisse Michelle. Monica and Brent welcome their new sister. Bro. Millard and Sis. Irma Stoller also welcome a baby girl. Her name is Sue Lynn. She has two sisters, Lane and Amy, and one brother, Cody. On Oct. 6, a baby boy was born to Bro. Ray and Sis. Ann Sinn. The little lad has four brothers and two sisters at home.

John and Lillian Schlatter have announced the engagement of their daughter, Anna Rose, to Keven Geiger of Fort Wayne. They are planning a February wedding.

We were all deeply concerned for Lydia Ann, daughter of Bro. Charles and Sis. Laura Dunham, when she submitted to brain surgery. We are very thankful, as she seems to be progressing very well.

We are also thankful for the many teaching and blessings brought to us through Bro. Joe Ramseyer of Rittman, on Sept. 27, and Bro. Merle Bucher of La Crosse, on Oct. 4. I am sure we were all enriched thereby. May they be blessed for their efforts.

Again we are entering the beau-

tiful autumn season. Everywhere we see splashes of vivid color. It is also a season of rejoicing, when we are able to gather in the fruits of our efforts. The Lord likewise rejoices when he can gather in a soul to him.

Harvest Thoughts

Whoever reaps a harvest
Matured by sun and rain,
Sees more than seed and fruitage
And more than measured grain.

He knows, with heart uplifted,
Returning from the field,
Man only plants, believing
God gives the harvest yield.

NEW MARTINSVILLE

Mrs. Gus Weltz Miss Della Witschey

Fred Widmer and Charles Zolinger of Rittman visited with relatives and friends here on Sept. 10 and 11. Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Froelich and Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Moser spent the 9th of September with relatives in Rittman. Mrs. Elza Ritz and Mrs. Gus Weltz attended church services at the Monroe church on Sunday, Sept. 13.

L. W. Witschey of Moundville, a former resident, passed away on Sept. 30, after several weeks' illness. He was the son of the late John and Elizabeth Emch Witschey, and was preceded in death by five brothers and five sisters. He leaves his widow; one son; three daughters; one sister, Miss Della Witschey. Services were held on Oct. 2, and interment followed in Greenlawn Memorial Park in New Martinsville.

Paul Frederick Schupbach, son of the late Jacob and Emma Schupbach passed away in the hospital here on Oct. 4, after a lengthy illness. He leaves his widow, one brother, and four sisters. Services were held on Oct. 4; interment was in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Mrs. Clarence Zink remains quite ill at her home in Hannibal, Ohio. Mrs. William Murdock, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elza Ritz was a patient in the University Hospital in Morgantown, on Oct. 1, 2, 3. She will return to the hospital on Oct. 15 for further treatment and care.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Berger, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Froelich, Mrs. C. O. Wade, Mrs. Elza Ritz and Mrs. Gus Weltz attended the services at the Monroe Church on Oct. 4.

John Lewis Riggenschbach of

Sardis, son of the late John and Caroline Riggenschbach, passed away on Oct. 2. Services were held at the church on Oct. 5, and interment followed in the church cemetery.

PEORIA

Emily Tanner Mrs. Michael Weyeneth

Autumn's Song

It is autumn; serenity lulls our land,
Yet the calm is broken by someone's unseen hand;
Listen closely, strains of music fill the air!
Rendering rapture, tender sweet beyond compare.

Autumn's but a vapor; find the fruits without delay.
Like a thief winter stealthily steals our way.
How sad for those that sleep, and do not hear
A musical message, severing silence, soft but clear.

Vesper voices of autumn seem to say,
Come now prepare, winter is not far away—,
Then reap the harvest counted for you by the score;
Time grows short, autumn's aria will be heard no more.

Sis. Louise Finck

We are so thankful for one more dear soul who was not satisfied with his old life, felt condemned, has repented, and is now ready for baptism. Richard Hermann, son of Bro. Joe and Sis. Lydia is thankful God had mercy on him and gave him grace to make a change in his life.

Bro. Roy Sauder had asked our congregation to give prayerful consideration in choosing one of our ministering brothers to assist him in his duties in the Peoria church. The day is likely to come when the mantle will be passed on; then if it is God's will, the brother will be prepared to accept it, and our congregation will not be left shepherdless. Bro. Charles Hemmer is the brother who is now deacon in our congregation. May we ever give him our prayerful support and let him feel our love.

We had a blessed number of visiting ministers. We thank them for the spiritual food they shared with us. Bros. Joseph Waibel, George Sinn, Ben Maibach Jr., Harry Sutter, Noah Herman, Al-

bert Scheitlin, Carl Kinsinger let themselves be used. Bros. Edwin Hohulin and Daniel Koch were here when our deacon was selected. Bros. Robert Pohl and Roy Grimm, Burlington and Taylor, accompanied their Bible Classes, to visit us on Oct. 4. It was so nice to have them sitting in the front rows during morning church services; we hope they will be our future church and carry on God's teachings in the manner we know and love. A dinner and Hymn Sing were enjoyed at the Fellowship Hall.

Roger Herman, son of Bro. Joe and Sis. Lucille Herman, and Carol Stalnaker daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Stalnaker, were married July 17. They are living in Bloomington; Roger attends college at Normal.

Sis. Margaret Schumacher and Sis. Elizabeth Hartman were in the hospital for surgery. Sis. Margaret is now home convalescing.

Graveside services for Carolyn Jean Schmied, 2-week-old daughter of Daniel and Nancy Steinbach Schmied were held in Swan Lake Memory Gardens. She died Sept. 6. Among the survivors are paternal grandmother Sis. Louise Schmied and great-grandmother, Sis. Lydia Schmied.

Mrs. Pearl F. (Selma C.) Streitmatter died Sept. 7. She was born February 27, 1906, a daughter of Gottlob and Mary Gehrig Eberle, and was married Dec. 19, 1929. Surviving are her husband; three sisters Mrs. Chris (Lydia) Ehnle, Mrs. John (Edna) Russell, both of Speer, and Mrs. Harold (Leah) Wertz of Pekin; three brothers, Bro. William Eberle of Speer, Daniel of East Peoria, and Bernard of Toulon; a half brother, Fred Eberle of Peoria, and three half sisters, Mrs. Carrie Sund of Elgin, Sis. Lena Eberle of Peoria and Mrs. Fred (Elsie) Sinn of Ft. Scott.

Sis. Christine Baurer, 98, died Sept. 24 at Apostolic Christian Home on Skyline Drive, where she had been a resident since Sept. 7. Born in Germany May 10, 1872, she was a daughter of Johann and Margaret (Frank) Gauger. She was married in 1892 in Peoria to John F. Baurer. He died in 1918. Surviving are two sons, Bros. Ben Baurer of Peoria, and John F. Baurer of Princeville; six daughters, all sisters in faith, Mrs. Roy (Gertrude) Sauder, Mrs. Harold (Lillian) Koehl, and Eva Baurer,

all of Peoria, Mrs. Louise Martin of Princeville, and Mrs. Mary Koch and Wilhelmine Baurer, both of Tremont. A son, Bro. Frank Baurer, and a daughter, Sis. Emma Sinn preceded her in death.

Andrew (Andy) Herman died Sept. 29 in the hospital at Phoenix. He had surgery and had apparently gotten along all right, when he had a turn for the worse and met his death. Surviving are his wife, Ina; five brothers, Bro. Noah Herman of Tucson, Bro. Joe of Peoria, Bro. Clarence of Morton, Raymond of Brimfield, and Kenneth of Mossville. Two sisters, Sis. Alice Gray of Peoria and Florence Sutter of Ft. Lauderdale. One brother, Bro. Louie Herman, preceded him in death.

Sis. Mina Tanner, born Oct. 27, 1882, died Oct. 1, on Dad's 91st birthday. They married in Switzerland March 12, 1907. Surviving are her husband, Bro. Rudolph; five sons, Bros. Adolph and Ben of the Goodfield congregation, Paul of Eureka, John of Bradford; and Gotthold of Morton; six daughters, Sisters Adele Stahl and Minnie Grusy of the Congerville "Dells" congregation, Clara Yackley of Taylor, Mary, Martha and Emily of Peoria. One son, William, twin brother of John, died when he was 5 days old. Also surviving is one brother, Bro. Theophil Haefeli of Peoria. Her shining example of **doing unto others** in life displayed how **comfortable** and **peaceful** it is to die in sweet death. She was the first adult in our immediate family circle to die. It is a great comfort that she was a shining example, leading the way, which is so typical of a mother . . . teaching, by showing, doing, and telling. God be with us 'till we meet again.

Note of Thanks: The family of Sis. Christine Baurer wish to express their heartfelt thanks and appreciation for the acts of kindness, love, and sympathy received from their kind friends during the illness and death of their mother. Bro. Rudolph Tanner and family wish to express to their many friends their heartfelt thanks for the tokens of love, kindness and sympathy tendered them during the time of mother's illness and death.

Moving? Drop a card ahead. Tell both old and new address. Give plenty of time.

PURDUE UNIVERSITY

Emily Heinold — Linda Laidig

"I cannot tell how precious the Saviour is to me; I only can entreat you to come and taste and see." We sang these words together at our first church service of the new school year. We cannot tell the vast numbers of students on campus how precious our salvation is, but by our walk of life we may create a desire in their hearts so they will come, taste and see.

Bluffton church was our host for this service on Sept. 23. Bro. Wendell Gerber brought us the message, and the challenge was given to serve our Lord faithfully while here.

We welcome all the new students at Purdue, and those who have begun employment in Lafayette. The new students are: Pat Beer and Fred Hoerr from Milford; Tom Conrad from Bremen; Sis. Marcia and Bro. Ed Troxel from La Crosse; Dan Gudeman from Francesville; and Jean Leman from Remington. The newcomers working in Lafayette are: Jane Leman from Remington, Sis. Rhonda Pelsy, Pat Fritz, and Sis. Kris Leman from Francesville.

Many of the Purdue group enjoyed the week-end of Sept. 27 at Brown County State Park with other college groups. The Indianapolis church and the students of Indiana University were our hosts, and we shared many blessings together. The fellowship of God's people is an encouragement to us, after being in the world and away from Christian homes.

Joy was brought to many hearts as another soul has decided to turn from the world and follow the Lord. We thank God for calling our friend Dan Gudeman, and pray that many more souls may come before the door of grace is closed.

We welcome anyone who is interested in attending services here at Purdue. They are held every other Wed. night in the chapel of the University Presbyterian Church. Services begin at 7:30.

RITTMAN

Janette Blough Florence Hartzler

We were glad to have many of our brethren from Akron and Mansfield in our congregation, as Bro. Perry Zimmerman of Forrest ministered unto us. We received much food for our soul.

Brenda and Rudy Zollinger are

the parents of a new little baby boy, Robert James. Robert is welcomed home by four sisters, Deanna, Denise, Sandy and Tonya, and by two brothers, Steve and Tony. Nancy and Fred Little have a new little boy who has been named Fred Jr. Little Fred has a sister, Lori to welcome him home. Michael Frederick was born to Martha and Bob Maag. Michael has one sister, Andrea, to help care for him.

The engagement of Bro. Pete Baltic, son of Bro. Mitch and Sis. Violet Baltic, and Sis. Karen Ramsier of Mansfield has been announced. Karen is the daughter of Bro. Wallace and Sis. Helene Ramsier. May our Lord bless and guide them as they plan their lives together.

We are sorry to report that Sis. Emma Riegenbach has fractured her hip and has been hospitalized for some time. Emma celebrated her 85th birthday this past year, has been blessed with good health most of her life, and has been able to attend services at church very regularly and faithfully. We pray that her suffering will be eased, that her strength will return, and that she can return to good health.

Bro. Robert Gasser is very ill and has been transferred from Rittman-Wadsworth Hospital to the University Hospital in Cleveland. Our prayers are with this brother and his family, that he may be returned to good health if it is our Lord's will.

Sis. Dorothy Zollinger was hospitalized, but is home, recuperating from her illness. Sis. Delphine Neiman was in the hospital. We hope that all those on our sick list will have their suffering eased and their health restored.

Thank You Note: My sister, Elizabeth, and I wish to thank all who remembered me with cards, gifts, and prayers while I was in the hospital and after returning home. Your kindness is appreciated. Sis. Ella Widmer.

TOLEDO

Diane Reineck

As our many students return to colleges and universities, we pray that the LORD may guide their every thought and action, and that their lives may be a shining example to those around them.

We have two students in our area for the school year. They are Sue Jenkins, Rittman, and Rick Schlatter, Latty.

ROANOKE

Marilyn Weyeneth

Our Sunday School classes resumed Sept. 13, with 285 children enrolled. Bro. Bill Zimmerman is superintendent; Bro. Howard Sauder, assistant superintendent; Bro. Bruce Leman, treasurer. Elected as new teachers were Bros. Melvin Hohulin, Jack Sauder, and Wayne Steffen.

Our visiting ministers included Bros. Jim Ramseyer, Bay City; John Dapper, Maywood; Loren Stoller, Latty; Harvey Heiniger and Ed Lantz, Oakville; Ed Frank, LaCrosse; Joe Zimmerman Jr., Morton; Fred Knapp, Congerville.

Our friend, Tom Fehr, son of Bro. Walt and Sis. Arlette Fehr, and Bro. Dick Hoffman, son of Bro. Rudie and Sis. Mary Hoffman arrived home from Ft. Sam Houston on leave, before reporting for further duty. Tom has been assigned to a military advisory team in Vietnam, and Dick was sent to Okinawa. We wish them God's protection as they carry out their new duties and responsibilities.

Henry Diggle of Gridley, Ill., passed away; his funeral was Sept. 20. He is the father of Bro. John Diggle.

Sis. Faith (Mrs. Marvin) Fischer returned home Sept. 20 from Mayo Clinic, where she underwent surgery. John Hangartner, 6-year-old son of Bro. Eugene and Sis. Evelyn Hangartner, suffered a broken wrist and concussion, from a fall from a ladder of their corn crib.

Richard Beer, son of Sis. Rose and Roy Beer, and Lynn Bertolino, daughter of Ernest J. Bertolino and the late Mrs. Bertolino of Downers Grove, Ill., were married Sept. 12. Larry Blunier, son of Bro. Harlow and Sis. Sally Blunier, was married to Gayle Costello, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vincent J. Costello of Hazel Crest on Aug. 8. The Beers are living in Roanoke and the Bluniers in Pontiac, Ill.

On Saturday, Sept. 26, our four converts, Ann Farney, daughter of Bro. Alvin and Sis. Marie Farney; Dan Fehr, son of Bro. Carl and Sis. Louise Fehr; Pat Plattner, daughter of Bro. Russ and Sis. Marge Plattner; and Patsy Zimmerman, daughter of Bro. Rich & Sis. Helen Zimmerman, gave their testimonies. On the following day, baptismal services were carried out.

Sis. Edna Stoller is making her home with Sis. Marjorie Aschliman, since the passing of Marjorie's mother, Sis. Dena Aeschliman.

Frank and Linda (Sauder) Kandel are the parents of a son, born Sept. 21, at Goshen, Indiana. He is their first child, and has been named Bradley.

WOLCOTT

Arles Kropf

The trees in vale and forest
Are robed in garments bright;
They do foretell the season
In autumn's pleasant light.

H.B.

A special thanks to Bros. Wendell Gudeman and Merle Bucher for words of comfort spoken at the funeral of Bro. Kenneth Furrer. May it be as Wendell said, that this might be the seed from which will spring forth the increase for which we are all praying.

Blessings in abundance have been ours through the visits of Ministering Bros. Elmer Schmidt, Winthrop; Ernest Gerber, Rockville; Earl Gerber and Clarence Kachelmuss, Forrest; John Dapper, Maywood; Bob Walder; Congerville; Willis Weigand, Goodfield; Eugene Fetter, Toledo; Marvin Steiglitz, Leo; and Walt Steffen, Milford.

A nice group gathered at the White Co. Fairgrounds on Sept. 20 for our annual Sunday School picnic. Song service was enjoyed following the meal.

Bro. Dave Strahm has entered Lake Manor Nursing Home at Monticello for care.

Those from our congregation in schools of higher education are Bro. Roger Schwab (who will be completing his course at Valparaiso Tech School this semester); Vicki Waibel at Porter College, Indianapolis; and Eric Weiss at Indiana State, Terre Haute. May the Lord watch over them, and may they look to Him as the best instructor of all.

The engagement has been made known of Marjean Lehman, daughter of Sis. Irene, and Eric Weiss son of the William Weiss'. As they make plans for their life together, we trust the Lord will be their helper and guide. A December wedding is planned.

Lowell Farney, son of Leroy and Frances had the misfortune of breaking an arm while playing.

AKRON, OHIO Katherine Ries

Again we were blessed with many good teachings. Our visiting ministers, Bro. Robert Stoll of Girard and Elder Bro. Noah Bauman of Rittman served us. The reading of John 21 and meditation on "love" gave us much to think about, also Matthew 7. "Judge not, that ye be not judged . . . And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye? Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: For this is the law and the prophets."

Further blessings were received in the visit of brethren of various churches and 25 of the Detroit Sunday School group. We are grateful to them and wish the Lord's blessing upon them.

Sept. 12, John and Margaret (Graf) Gallagher were blessed with a new baby girl, Ann Marie. A sister, Theresa welcomes her. Maternal grandparents are Elder Bro. Rudy and Sister Bethi Graf, paternal grandmother, Mary Gallagher. God bless them.

Duane Stingley, husband of Diane (Fritz), was hospitalized after an auto accident. We are glad to report he is home and improving nicely.

Bro. Leo and Sis. Elizabeth Heib's daughter, Bridgett is home, after spending the summer visiting relatives in Germany.

November is annual collection time for Akron subscribers to **Silver Lining**. Please contact your reporter.

FAIRBURY Joyce Huber

The oldest sons of two of our ministers were married one week apart. Barry Kloter, son of Bro. Edmund and Sis. Lorene Kloter, was married to Jacqueline Abel of Saybrook on Sept. 12. Barry is employed as an apprentice at Caterpillar and the couple is residing in Peoria. Robert Kaisner, son of Bro. Merle and Sis. Marge Kaisner, married Colleen Swearingen of Fairbury on Sept. 19. The newlyweds are living in Fairbury, as Robert is employed at the Texaco station.

We were happy to have the following visiting ministers: Bro. Merrill Laukoff, Bro. Hartzell

Kaisner, Bro. Ed Frank, Bro. John Dapper, and Bro. Ernie Gerber. Bro. Dapper of the west coast and Bro. Gerber of the east coast were on our pulpit at the same time.

Sis. Ida Bahler was hospitalized. May she soon be out again.

Our elder, Bro. Josh and Sis. Marie Broquard have a new grandson, as their daughter, Doris, and her husband, Larry Cottrell are the parents of their first child, a boy, Troy Eugene, born Aug. 10 at Brokaw Hospital. The paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Clair Cottrell.

GIRARD, OHIO Caroline Emch

At Home, 'tis Well!

There shall the pilgrim tarry,
When tired and worn by sorrow,
grief, and strife;
In heav'n, when the hard race of
earthly life
Is run, the long-borne load no
more she'll carry.

Spoken by Bro. Joseph Ramsier at the funeral of Sis. Mary (Engelhardt) Beard, age 67. After many years of suffering, God has taken her home to eternal rest. Mary (Engelhardt) Beard was born Nov. 15, 1902, daughter of the late Bro. John and Sis. Ida (Hartman) Engelhardt. She leaves her husband, George A.; one daughter, Doris Harris of Columbia, S.C.; three sons, George A. Jr. of Toledo, John (Jack) of Warren Ohio, Victor of San Francisco California. Funeral services were held at the church Sept. 8. We wish to express our sympathy to the family at the passing of their dear wife and mother.

The annual Sunday School picnic was held at Liberty Park Sept. 12, with a good attendance. Visitors were from Akron and Sardis.

LAMAR, MO.

Evelyn Marti — Bonnie Braker

One by one the leaves are falling from the trees. Leaves are turning beautiful colors. It is such a wonder how God makes the different seasons, and each has a special beauty.

One by one we are going down the path of life. How much beauty depends on what we put into it. Our life can be rewarding, or a complete failure. With God's help, it need not be failure.

Our friend, Keith Simons has

our sympathy in the loss of his brother, Wilbur Simons.

Bro. Willie Stefan received a badly-cut thumb in a farm mishap. We are glad it was not worse.

Going back to college are, Bro. Gene Banwart, Bro. Danny Braker, Ivan Frieden. May the Lord be with them.

Shut-ins are Sis. Lizzie Remm and Mrs. Rentch. May the Lord bless them and those who care for them.

Fred J. Marti, son of Bro. Dale and Corrine Marti, received injury to his hand in a grinder. We are thankful the hand was spared.

A kind word is never lost. It keeps going on and on, from one person to another, until at last it comes back to you again.

NEUHUTTEN, GERMANY David A. Kaeb

The month of September has brought three new faces to Germany. They are Dale Young of Cissna Park, stationed at Bamberg; Phil Baumgartner of Bluffton, stationed at Ansback; and John Aberle of Sabetha, stationed at Wurzburg.

On September 26, a number of us joined the German youth for a weiner roast and campfire sing. It was an inspirational evening for all who attended.

Bro. John and Sis. Lydia Wiedman of Fairbury and Sis. Wiedman of Morton were the visitors in Neuhutten.

Dwayne Laukhauf has separated from military service and has returned to his home in Latty.

LAMONT, KANSAS Mrs. Stephen G. Schrader

The wonderful crisp, beautiful God-given days of autumn, glowing with yellows, oranges and browns are with us again. The time of harvest and bounty never fails to instill within us an urge to thank our Almighty Creator for His goodness and mercy. We have also been blessed with those much-needed fall rains.

We took our little ones back to the timber one sunny afternoon to gather walnuts and pick wild grapes. That scent which is peculiar to the timber in the autumn, the dry creek which had babbled so merrily, the changing hues of the leaves, and the majesty of the towering trees gave us new appreciation of our God's creation. What

a blessing to see God's greatness reflected in His handiwork!

We wish Sis. Susan Kraft and Bro. Bill Emch the Lord's richest blessings on the announcement of their engagement.

Bro. Chris Sauder, who has been a shut-in for quite some time, is now in the Meadows Rest Home in Emporia, Kansas. We wish the Lord's blessings and protection on him and also on Sis. Dena, who has so faithfully cared for him during his lingering illness.

One of our friends, Sam Enz, is hospitalized for diagnosis and treatment. May our Lord extend to him a healing hand and give him a measure of health, if it is His will.

PULASKI, IOWA

Mary Wiegand Nancy Musselman

Sis. Minnie Getz spent some time in the hospital, after she fell and broke her wrist and hip. She is now at the Silver Haven Nursing Home in Bloomfield, until she is able to get around "on her own" and take care of herself. At that time, she hopes to go home again with her sister, Sis. Lydia Wuthrich.

Linda Kay was welcomed into the home of Bro. Ray and Sis. Edna Drayer Martin on Sept. 16. She has four sisters and two brothers who think she is pretty nice. Grandparents are Sis. Louise Martin of Princeville and Bro. Sam and Sis. Louise Drayer of Cissna Park.

Harvest is coming along slowly. We have had a lot of rain, which has held up the fall field work.

SARASOTA, FLORIDA

Philip Wingeier

"Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole. This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner. Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."

Once again, as the time and seasons pass along, as usual many will be seeking a warm climate for the winter. We are planning, the good Lord willing, to begin our services in Sarasota the second Sunday of November. We trust all

who travel this way will stop and worship with us, to ministers a special invitation, that our place of worship may be filled.

Sis. Ferne and myself will be located, as of last season, 4620 Proctor Rd., Sarasota 33581. We hope our phone number is the same as last year, 924-4525. Place of Church service, The Women's Club Building, Palm Ave. and Park Ct., at 1:00 p.m. EST.

WEST BEND, IOWA

Anna Schmidt — Mrs. A. Banwart

Warm brilliant sunshine is so welcome after our refreshing fall rains. Thankfulness fills the heart, yet we are moved to strive more earnestly to live pleasing before our Lord, when we see how He again has blessed the labors of our hands.

Mrs. Elaine Wilderman was hospitalized for ear infection, but is improving. Sis. Anna Fehr had the misfortune of falling and injuring her leg. We are thankful she is getting along all right. A good way for us to show our appreciation for reasonably good health is to visit the sick and aged in the rest homes. Just an hour of our time can brighten their whole day. Reviewing the thought, would we be in their place, should give us realization of the blessings we have.

On Sunday, Sept. 6, Sis. Cheryl Gerber and Bro. Dale Moore, son of Sis. Elizabeth Moore of Elgin, Ia., were united in marriage by Bro. Paul Butikofer of Elgin. Many timely teachings and admonitions were an inspiration to all. Cheryl and Dale will make their home on a farm near Elgin. May God bless their marriage.

On Sunday, Sept. 13, Sis. Kathy, daughter of Sis. Nima Fehr, and Bro. Leland, son of Bro. and Sis. Si and Della Metzger, were united in marriage by Bro. Paul Fehr of Morris. Everyone present could benefit from the messages of the Lord which were so evident. May the Lord bless this marriage. They will make their home on a farm near West Bend.

Bro. Paul Banwart's thirteen children were all home for his eightieth birthday on Sept. 20. Paul is enjoying good health.

Visiting ministers, besides those mentioned elsewhere were Bros. Carl Feucht of Lester, Bert Butikofer of Elgin (Ia.), and Albert Wuthrich of Pulaski. We thank

them for their visits, which were appreciated.

A new son, Michael Charles was born to Robert and Barb Fehr, on Sept. 14. He has one other brother, Joseph Edward.

"I enjoyed the good wishes, cards, gifts and visits at the time of my birthday and wish to thank each one of you. God bless you for your kindness." Bro. Paul Banwart Sr.

WINTHROP

Delores Messerli — Carol Messner

Our Bible Class wants to extend their **thank you** to the Morris Bible Class and teachers for the enjoyable week-end we had there and a **thank you** for their labors.

Bro. Elmer and Sis. Hazel Schmidt announce the engagement of their daughter, Nancy, to Dick Van Deest. A November wedding is planned.

A baby boy, Cory Michael Schmidt, is welcomed home by Darren and Rachael. The parents are Bro. Dick and Sis. Mary Lou.

Bro. Mike Messner was hospitalized following a back injury. He is back at work. Heather Ann Redmann, daughter of Jane and Darrel, had surgery. She is back in Sunday School.

We enjoyed pot-luck at Bro. Harold Messners. Later in the evening, songs were sung, scripture read and meditated on.

Sam, son of Bro. Carl and Sis. Sophie Miller has been called to duty in the service of our country. He is taking his basic training at Ft. Campbell, Kentucky.

Serviceman Bruce Messner is home on leave. He expects to leave for Vietnam the end of this month. Bruce is the son of Bro. Harold and Sis. Jerry.

Bro. Raymond and Sis. Bernadine Messner's sons, Gary, Stan and Jeff, expect to leave for Vietnam the first part of November. They are stationed in California. May the good Lord watch over these boys and bring them safely home to their loved ones.

It was my privilege to attend the World Relief meeting in the Peoria Fellowship Hall. Elder Bro. Herman Kellenberger gave a short talk and opened the meeting with a prayer. He told us, "This work is not new". At a meeting in Zurich, Switzerland, held Oct. 21, 1841, the brothers wrote: "The sisters should meet once a week to work for the

poor and for the edification of their souls." The Apostolic Christians of America wanted to not only be good, but do good. The elder body appointed a committee to investigate ways of helping others. Throughout the day we heard of the great need in foreign lands. Articles to be sent were displayed, and reports given from the various churches. A special **thank you** to our hosts for the day.

ALTO, MICHIGAN Loretta Steffen

The zoo in Grand Rapids was the place chosen for our yearly Sunday School picnic on Sept. 12. The children certainly enjoy these events and look forward to them with great anticipation.

Our yearly meeting was held on Sept. 20, in the evening. Those elected to new offices were Sisters Janice Schrenk, Melva Oesch, Bros. Joe Oesch and Tom Schrenk as Sunday School teachers, and Bro. Ernie Oesch as our new trustee. We thank God for being present and helping to have a good meeting, also we wish each one a portion of grace to carry out their respective duties.

Elder Bro. Joe Waibel and others from Bay City spent Sept. 27 in our midst. We thank them for their efforts of love.

We extend our sympathy to Sis. Helen Steffen whose brother, Alvie Forman of Muskegon, Mich. died on Sept. 18.

We have two loved ones hospitalized. Sis. Fern Wingeier and John Krebs both underwent surgery and are recovering.

What God Has Planned

I do not know what God has planned to come to me today;
I only know that He has promised me to be my stay,
And that His hand has mapped out all the way that I must go.
I do not know the road o'er which my feet must run the race,
But I do know, though rough it be, though steep in many a place,
That He has said, **Sufficient is My grace**, as on I go.

BERN, KANSAS Esther and Stella Moser

Happiness came to Bro. Louis and Sis. Mavis Meyer, when their daughter Mary turned to the Lord in repentance . . . And again when they welcomed their first grand-

child, Jason Carl, born Sept. 13 to Sharon and Carl Morris. Sharon and Jason are staying with her parents during the time Carl is serving naval sea duty.

Ada Strahm, Bro. Alpha and Sis. Mamie, is also seeking the Lord in repentance. We wish both Ada and Mary much grace in their undertaking.

Bro. Harvey Grimm was re-elected as trustee for the A.C. Home. At the same time, Bro. Harlan Stoller was selected as appraiser for the Building Aid. Harlan replaced Bro. Louis Meyer, who due to the infirmities of age is no longer able to serve. Lou served faithfully for many years. Harlan will work with Bros. Alvin Strahm and Reuben Moser (Treasurer).

The annual Board Meeting of the Apostolic Christian Home was held, with a good attendance of the trustees from the eight area churches. After the meeting, a dinner was served at the Sabetha Fellowship Center.

Bro. Ben Maibach was our guest minister on a Sunday morning. Many of us were also able to attend afternoon services in Sabetha, which included baptism for two dear souls.

Lewis J. Meyer will shortly complete his active duty in the National Guard. He will then return to K-State, Manhattan, for post-graduate work.

BLUFFTON

Imogene Steffen — Pat Isch

Our congregation is very fortunate to have three dear friends who have found peace with their Maker and are waiting to be proved and taken into the fold. We hope and pray that others may follow and turn their backs to the world.

I once was lone and idle;
I was a sinner too.
I heard a voice from Heaven,
Saying there is work to do;
I took my Master's hand,
And joined that heavenly band,
Now I'm on the battlefield for my Lord.

I'm fighting for the kingdom;
The battle must be won,
The trumpet will be sounding
For the coming of the Son:
I'll lay my armor down,
Take up my robe and crown,
Then I'll walk the streets of gold
With my Lord.

Bro. Leon Gerber has been sent to Korea to complete his duties in the service. We are thankful he has arrived there safely and pray for the Lord's continued guidance and protection.

The announcement of the engagement and approaching marriage was revealed of Sis. Kathleen Gerber and Bro. John Clough of New York. Parents are Bro. Elmer and Sis. Emma Gerber and Mr. and Mrs. Warren E. Clough. We wish this couple God's blessings on this step of their lives.

Three infant girls were born: Kara Lynn was welcomed by Bro. Simon and Sis. Deloris (Meyer) Heyerly and two sisters at home. Their first daughter, Kelley Jo, was born to Bro. Steve and Sis. Carol (Tonner) Stucky. Bro. Gary and Sis. Diane (Gerber) Tonner are parents of Shelli Ranae. Three brothers at home will welcome their first sister.

A very dear sister departed from this earthly life to her eternal home. Sis. Katie Isch died October 1 at the Clinic Hospital. Her death was attributed to a cerebral hemorrhage. Surviving are one daughter, Sis. Helen (Alvin) Gerber; two sons, Bro. Harry and Bro. Roger; four brothers, Bro. Emil, Bro. Joseph, Samuel, and William; two sisters, Sis. Mary Kipfer and Sis. Leah Ringger. Katie was indeed loved by all, both young and old, and will truly be missed.

In sorrow and pain
Thy trust do retain
In Jesus the merciful Saviour.

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

Comforting words, to our shut-ins this month: Sis. Irene Kipfer, Bro. Levi Schwartz, Bro. Edward Schwartz, Sis. Delilah (Stanley) Biberstein, all who submitted to surgery. Bro. Sam Kaehr remains hospitalized, and Sis. Ella (John) Yergler is recuperating at home from a mild stroke. May the Lord bestow blessings of health to these brethren, that they may soon be well.

Sunday, Oct. 4 brought us the blessings of three visiting ministers, Bro. Joe Zimmerman of Morton, Bro. Homer Reineck of Toleado, and Bro. Merle Laukhuf of Lat-

ty. Bro. Henry Beer was here for mid-week service. Our lights should truly burn brighter after such loving and inspired instructions.

The Silver Lining payments are now due. A donation of \$2.00 is suggested. Please submit payments to the reporters during the month of October.

CONGERVILLE

Pauline Roth — Phyllis Knapp

In this beautiful season we are so vividly reminded of the eternal truths as recorded in Genesis 8:22: "While the earth remaineth, seed-time and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease," and Ecclesiastes 3:1, 2: "To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted".

After some very adverse weather, the farmers in our area are taking full advantage of the beautiful days we have been having. The beautiful trees, with their changing leaves attest once more to the omnipotence of our great God.

Our Elder Bros. Joshua Broguard and LeRoy Huber spent a Wednesday evening with us. During the time of the Conference we had a number of visiting brothers, including Bros. Aaron Steffen, Alto; Kenneth Sauder and Ben Stavenik, Mansfield; Bro. Wayne Miller, Ft. Scott. We thank them for their visits. May God bless each one for their willingness to impart unto us the wonderful words of life.

We extend our sincere sympathy to Sis. Adele Stahl and Sis. Minnie Grusy in the loss of their dear mother, Sis. Mina Tanner of Peoria.

We surely miss our friends Junko Hatsuumi, Hatsume Uchida and Makiko Watanabe, all of whom have returned to their homes in Japan. We have enjoyed knowing them and having them with us, and wish them many blessings as they return to their homeland.

Bro. Sam Zimmerman remains a patient at Mennonite Hospital in Bloomington, but is making satisfactory progress in recuperating from the injuries sustained in an auto accident.

DETROIT

Judith Aberle — Donna Hartzler

Our best wishes to Connie and Roger Kahler, who were united in marriage Sat., Oct. 26. Connie is the daughter of Bro. Ben and Sis. Lorene Maibach, and Roger is the son of Ervin and Sis. Edna Kahler of Morton. As Bro. Ben mentioned when taking their vows, may they look to God for guidance as they begin life as husband and wife. The couple are making their home in Morton.

We were privileged to have Bro. Joe Kaisner assemble with us on Wed. evening, Oct. 7. Bro. Joe brought us an inspiring message, portraying how one had wanted to repent, but put it off until it was too late. As mentioned in the sermon, it is necessary to have our lamps trimmed and burning when the Saviour calls.

On Sunday, Oct. 4, our Sunday School enjoyed visiting the Akron church. Thanks to the Akron congregation for their love and hospitality. May God bless you richly for it.

Bro. Louis Magyar is in St. Mary's Hospital since suffering a severe heart attack. He is responding to treatment, and our prayer is that God will grant him a speedy recovery.

FORREST

Carolyn Zimmerman Juanita Schneider

Again it is September,
Where fall and summer meet,
Where gala loving autumn
Assumes the reigning seat.

The corn is ripe and golden;
The grain is in the bin,
And apples in the orchards
Will soon be gathered in.

We too have gala seasons
Resplendent in our mind,
Reflecting like a mirror
The years we've left behind.

May the beauty that God puts into autumn dwell in each of our hearts. With the conference being so close, we were blessed with visiting ministers: Bros. John Dapper, Maywood; Joe Waibel, Bay City; John Bahler and Ernie Gerber, Rockville; Ben Maibach and Hartzell Kaisner, Detroit; Alfred Bahler, Wolcott; Roy Ehle, Bradford; Josh Broquard, Walter Koehl,

Merle Kaisner and Edmund Klotter, Fairbury. May we all accept the admonitions and warnings, appreciate the love that our visitors have for us, and be thankful for the wonderful fellowship that does uplift our weary hearts, especially when loved ones come from both coasts and we can hear the same sound doctrine.

Sis. Clara Honegger spent some time in the Hopedale Hospital, and Sis. Leona Ricketts is a patient at the Ottawa Arthritic Clinic at Ottawa. Bro. John Koehl and Velma Koehl were patients at the Fairbury Hospital, as was Jim Kachelmuss, son of Bro. Clarence and Sis. Laura. Karla Kupferschmid, daughter of Bro. Orville and Sis. Marlene, had the misfortune to break a bone in her foot, when a wagon tongue fell on it. Sis. Leah Koehl is in the Pontiac Hospital, undergoing tests and treatment. May God grant healing where it can be His will and courage, and strength to face each trial that may be before us.

Thank you: I wish to take this opportunity to thank each of you who remembered me during my illness. The many cards, letters, gifts and prayers were all greatly appreciated. Sis. Bena Lehmann.

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

Charles and Doris Neuenschwander

God gave His Son that we might
know
His Father heart had loved us so;
And from the heavenly home on
high
Our blessed Lord came forth to die.

God gave His Son; O holy thought,
That He our foolish love had
sought
Dear Father, take this heart of
mine,
And make it wholly, deeply Thine.

Two dear souls have surrendered
their hearts to the Lord. They are
Cheryl Kray and Nancy Rapp.

On Sept. 13, Bro. David Bertsch from Leo brought us many good teachings. Sept. 20 we spent the day at our home church at Bluffton, but were told that Bro. Merl Laukhuf of Latty ministered here. On the week end of the 27th, many brothers, sisters and friends enjoyed Brown County; Bro. Wendell Gudeman also spent part of the day with them. On Sunday Bro. Wendell

spent the day worshipping with us. Also bringing us God's word was Bro. Bob Meyer.

On Oct. 4, Bro. George Yergler of La Crosse brought us inspiring messages. We sure wish to thank George for traveling this distance to be with us. He has served his Master for many years. Before departing he asked that we sing the parting hymn, "Blest Be The Tie That Binds."

We wish a speedy recovery to Bro. Herman Norr. He spends much time and effort in helping us, here at Indianapolis, to find a piece of land or church we can call our own.

LESTER, IOWA

Emelie M. Knobloch

While sitting and meditating, I could not help enjoy this writing: "Evening silence brings me solace and a special peace of mind—that through each passing day somehow—I seldom seem to find—for when the sun is sinking low—I feel a thrill so rare—and just like magic I'm relieved—of all my worldly care—it's just as if I'm carried to—a dear enchanted land—where everything is fashioned of—the things I understand—I do believe the night was made—not only for sweet rest—but for communication with—the Master of our quest—so much contentment derive—when evening shadows fall—oh, yes, this is a tender time—I love the most of all—and as the diamond stars peek through—I know that all is right—I talk with God and gain new faith—to greet the dawning.

Our harvest is going along rapidly, with the dry weather, and not so plentiful.

We resumed our Sunday School with the beginning of the school term. May God's blessings rest upon the teachings spoken to them, that they may become children of God and be our church of tomorrow.

Ministers visiting us: Bros. Silas Leuthold, John Steiner, Paul Buttkofer, Noah Gerber, Duane Metzger, and Earl Banwart. We want to thank the Lord that His servants were willing to share the Gospel for the welfare of our soul's salvation. We can see hope for the future, if we make prayer a wholesome and natural part of our lives; if we meditate on great words of wisdom found in Isaiah, we can receive a great deal of comfort and encouragement. Oftentimes, I am

sure we prayed for certain things, but in waiting we discover God knows what was best, as it reads, They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary; and they shall walk and not faint. (Isaiah 40:31)

Births: Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Feucht, a son, August 31, Jason Dean; Bro. and Sis. Raymond Feucht, a daughter, Aug. 25, Sonja Pauline; Bro. and Sis. Wm. Gerber, a son, Sept. 6, Monte Ray; Bro. and Sis. Melvin Knobloch, a daughter, Sept. 25, Julie Jo; Bro. and Sis. Arthur Knobloch, a son, Sept. 3, Loren Arthur.

On Sept. 27, Bro. Leo Moser solemnized the marriage of Sis. Susan Feucht and Gary Schneider of West Bend. A reception was held at Community Building at Rock Rapids, following the marriage. They will make their home on a farm near West Bend. We wish them God's blessings in their new life together.

Among the ill: Joyce Mogler and Gail Knobloch are recuperating from leg injuries. Sis. Paulina Knobloch and Sis. Marie Feucht were hospitalized for a few days. Bro. John Moser has been able to attend services for a half-day. Sis. Emma Leuthold has not been too well and has been unable to attend services. We hope they can have the faith that God will stand by their side during their trying hours.

New Sunday School teachers are Sis. Mary Metzger and Bros. August Feucht and Dale Metzger.

JUNCTION

Henrietta Manz — Betty Manz

Our brothers have again met at the conference. One brother commented things went "almost perfect" at the meeting. Now may we be obedient to what was decided upon, so we may be not "almost" but "entirely" ready when the Lord comes.

Paul Manz (Bro. Emmanuel) was in the hospital in Ft. Wayne for ear surgery, but is recovering nicely.

Our Elder Bro. George Sinn spent a Thursday evening with us. After services, Bro. Alvin Manz was elected to serve for the personal property aid, which office was left vacant after the death of our dear Bro. Fred Wahl. Sis. Annabell

Manz was elected to oversee the kitchen. She replaces Sis. Lydia Wahl. May God help each one in their duties.

Little Baby "James Kevin" has come to the home of Bro. Ben and Sis. Carolyn Manz. May God bless them for giving a temporary home to Welfare children. We learn to love these little children so much, and hope wherever they are placed some day that they can be brought up to know the right way.

One Sunday for most of the forenoon, the lights were out in the church. We were reminded how we take things for granted, and don't think about it until we don't have them. Even though it was not so light in the room, we were told we still have the light of God's word.

The address of Bro. Bill Schlatter (Sis. Juliet), who attends Massachusetts Institute of Technology, is Apt. 2, 102 Warren Ave., Marlboro, Mass. 01752. He attends services at the Rockville church. We'll be glad when he's home again and can assemble with us.

SABETHA, KANSAS

Mrs. Joe Steiner

We are thankful that the Lord has provided for Bro. Sam Huber to serve in the ministry here in Sabetha. He and his wife, Sis. Mary, and family moved to our area from the Gridley, Kansas church some time ago and now assemble with us. We surely welcome this family to our congregation and trust the Lord will bless them as they labor for Him.

We were pleased to have Bro. George Lambert of Wichita with us one Sunday. As we heard—we are the candles to be placed on a candlestick, and our light must shine brightly so that we will be a light unto the world.

Bro. Ben Maibach of Detroit was here to help with the provings and baptism of two of our friends, Martha and Mark Bahr, daughter and son of Sis. Eloise and Bro. Willard Bahr. We welcome Sis. Martha and Bro. Mark into the fold. May the Lord be with them and guide them throughout their walk of life.

The engagement was made known of Sis. Ruby Sinn of Ft. Scott and Bro. Gerald Grimm of Sabetha. We wish them the blessings of the Lord.

Sis. Ollie Strahm is at home again, after having had a cataract

removed from her eye some time ago. It seems to have been successful. Bro. Roy Wysong has been hospitalized. We hope he can soon recover and return to his home.

One of our Sunday School classes was quite large, so we had need of an additional teacher. Bro. Willard Bahr was selected to serve, along with Bros. Roger Aberle, Eli Meyer, Steve Aberle, Fred Aberle, and Ben Wysong. Bros. Elmer Strahm and Gerald Grimm are the substitute teachers.

Friend Howard Plattner, son of Sis. Marie and Bro. John Plattner, has arrived safely in Vietnam. He is stationed near Chu Lai. May the Lord watch over him and keep him safe until he can return to his loved ones. Friend John Aberle, son of Sis. Liseten and Bro. Ben Aberle is now stationed in Germany at Wurzburg. May the Lord also watch over him and keep him.

PHOENIX, ARIZONA Wilma Pulfer

We welcome to our congregation three out-of-state students attending colleges in our area. Lori Weerts from West Bend is at Arizona State University in Tempe; her sister, Rene, also from West Bend, is at Glendale Community College in Glendale; and Jim Gramm from Gridley, Illinois, is attending DeVry Institute of Technology in Phoenix. They have many hours of study ahead, and we hope to see them often.

Our sympathy goes to Bro. Dick Fischer's family. Their daughter-in-law, Lucia, passed away in California. May God comfort them, her husband and little boy.

A farewell potluck dinner was held at our church for Bro. Stan and Ann Francis, who have moved to Norton, Ohio, to make their new home. We wish them many blessings as they leave our congregation.

The last Sunday of September was our Sunday School picnic at Roadrunner Park. Almost everyone, young and old, attended. We thank the Sunday School teachers and their wives for all of their efforts.

TAYLOR, MO.

Mrs. Eli Sutter—Mrs. Bill Heimer

We have had more than a week of most beautiful fall weather, much appreciated after several days of rain. One evening we were privileged to see a most beautiful

sunset, which to me always brings hope and a promise of better days to come. We are in the midst of the turmoil and strife of this world, but for God's children there is a brighter day coming, a promise the sunset seems to hold for us.

The semi-annual business meeting was held the first part of September, and new teachers were elected to coincide with the beginning of the public school term.

The new teachers are Bro. Norman Haerr, Sis. Ruth (Louis) Hoerr and Sis. Charlene (Richard) Sutter.

Work has been started at remodeling and enlarging our church building. Our greatest need was for more Sunday School rooms. We pray that whatever is being done will be to the honor and glory of God.

Little Chad, infant son of Bro. Stan and Sis. Linda Heimer, was a medical patient at the hospital for several days. He has returned home and is quite well again.

Students that have gone on to schools of higher learning are Cindy, daughter of Bro. John and Sis. Rose Hoerr, and Sandy, daughter of Bro. William and Sis. Ruth Cottrell, in nurses training at Methodist Hospital in Peoria; Vicky, daughter of Bro. James and Sis. Lois Sutter, in the school of Practical Nursing in Quincy, Ill.; Kent, son of Sis. Naomi Heimer, attending Hannibal-LaGrange College at Hannibal, Mo.; and Karen, daughter of Bro. Perry and Sis. Clara Yackley began her Junior year at KSTC at Kirksville, Mo.

The Bible Class, accompanied by their teacher, Bro. Norman Haerr and Sis. Sally, also Bro. Roy and Sis. Dona Grimm, were guests of the Peoria Bible Class. They enjoyed the day very much.

Our sympathy is extended to the Bro. Perry Yackley family in the death of Sis. Clara's mother, Sis. Mina (Rudolph) Tanner of Peoria.

UNION CITY, NEW JERSEY Ed Aeschleman

A baby girl, Laura, was born to Bro. Allen and Sis. Dorothy Beer in September. This is their fourth child and third daughter. May God help them and all of us who have children, to rear them in the fear and admonition of the Lord.

Elder Bro. Theo. Beer of Milford visited our congregation on Sunday Sept. 20, along with Bro. Jesse

Emch of Girard. It was a blessed day of teaching and fellowship, for which we are grateful to God.

TUCSON, ARIZONA Tucson Sewing Circle 954 So. Magnolia

Vacation-times are over, and all have returned home safely, for which we are thankful.

We have been enjoying Sis. Lena Joos in our congregation. She is staying with her son, Chris and his family.

We were impressed by the late brotherhood conference, and the unity and good order with which it was presented. We think of the last prayer of our Lord; perhaps it will be answered among us.

"Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word. That they all may be one; . . . And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one. I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me."

In spite of all our variations, there is a way, where all members of the church can be as one. May the Lord bring us to this end.

BRADFORD, ILLINOIS Delores Duckworth Martha Kieser

Corn and soybean harvest is in full swing in our area. Due to wet weather and the blight, the corn crop is below average, but we trust that somehow the Lord will provide. A year like this makes us more fully realize on whom we depend for all things.

The Lord still abundantly blesses us. We are so thankful for the good teachings brought to us by His servants. Bros. Duane Metzger, West Bend, and John Steiner, Oakville, spent an evening with us before the conference at Princeville; Bros. Art Baurer—Princeville, Frederick Knapp—Congerville, and Dave Kieser, Princeville have expounded God's holy word to us.

Mark Ehnle, son of Bro. Roy and Sis. Donna, was seriously injured and had emergency surgery. He is getting along better and hopes to return home soon.

Bro. Ben and Sis. Miriam Metz, Marcy and Valerie, welcome little Helen Janeen into their family

circle. Helen was born Sept. 25. Her grandparents are Carl and Sis. Dorothy Bachtold and Sis. Persida Metz from Forrest.

We rejoice with the angels in heaven, in reporting that Dean Knobloch, son of Bro. Clarence and Sis. Emma, has surrendered his life to the Lord in repentance. We sincerely pray that many more dear souls might realize their need for a Saviour before it is too late.

United in marriage on Sept. 12 were Gary Ehnle, son of Bro. Roy and Sis. Donna, and Carole Kelley, daughter of the Clarence Kelleys. May God bless their life together.

Our sympathy goes out to Bro. John Tanner of our congregation, whose mother, Sis. Mina, from Peoria has gone to her reward.

CHICAGO

On Sunday, Sept. 20 we rejoiced to have Bro. Maurice Frank and family in our midst once again. Sis. Norma has now returned to Madison to complete her education. We look forward to having her assemble with us.

Bro. Al Aberle from Tremont and Bros. Ezra Feller and Phil Sauder from Cissna Park were also visiting ministers recently. We appreciate the blessings given from God's word and the fellowship with His children.

Sis. Jackie Koehl of Peoria is now attending school in Chicago. We welcome her into our congregation.

Bro. Cleve Klopfenstein, son of Bro. Ralph and Sis. Catherine, spent some time at home, and has now left for Viet Nam. May we never fail to entreat the Lord to provide for our loved ones in the service.

CISSNA PARK

Mary Young — Margaret Rudin

We have certainly been blessed with visiting ministers: Bro. Arthur Gudeman, Bro. James Ramseyer from Bay City, Bro. Fredrick Knapp, Bro. Edwin Bahler, Bro. Everett Hari of Normal. On one midweek service, Bro. John Dapper gave us a pleasant visit; Bro. Joshua Broquard accompanied him. On Sept. 19 our dear friends, Kay Kaufman and Philip Alt gave their testimonies, and were baptized the following Sunday. Bro. George Yergler assisted in this blessed occasion; also Bro. Dave Wiegand was present and his company, for

which we are very thankful and hope you will all be back.

The farmers are busy harvesting, after much rain. We are also witnessing a spiritual harvest. **The harvest is past and the summer is gone and we are not saved**—Such has been the cry of our young converts. May the Lord work into many hearts while it is yet day of grace. We can sow; we can water, but God has to give the increase.

Our dear friend, Naomi Streitmatter is a hospital patient for observation and tests. Sis. Margaret (Aaron) Bauer had surgery and is recovering nicely. A baby girl, Susan Anne was born to Bro. Charles and Sis. Wilma Walder Sept. 15; Louie and Sis. Louise Baer of Princeville are the grandparents.

CROGHAN-NAUMBURG

Carol Virkler

Mrs. David Schamback

We have enjoyed the fellowship of visitors from Akron, Rittman and Rockville. They in turn have enjoyed our fall beauty, which by the grace of God we enjoy so much. He, the Maker and Creator of all, alone can do such wonders as we witness at this time of the year in our northern New York. The red, yellow, orange and green of the foliage is proof that He is always mindful of us, if we only give Him the opportunity and let Him come into our lives.

Hospitalized are Bro. Asa Virkler, Sis. Inez Snyder and Pam Herzog. Lynn Virkler, a student at Cobleskill State ATI, had an appendectomy at the hospital at Cobleskill but is recuperating satisfactorily. He is the son of Bro. Howard and Pernal Virkler.

ELGIN, IOWA

Mrs. George Butikofer

Autumn, with all its splendor has definitely arrived. The vivid reds and bright yellows of the maple and oak leaves is truly a gorgeous sight. A wedge of geese flying south was sighted, and it's infrequently that a robin is heard or seen; most of them have gone to their winter haunts. Speaking of the colored woods and roadsides, no artist can do justice to God's creations. May we all be grateful to him for His unspeakable gifts, both in the physical and spiritual realm.

An "open house" was held for the Moores. We are getting ac-

quainted with Sis. Cheryl Gerber Moore, who is Bro. Dale Moore's bride from West Bend. The wedding took place on the 6th day of September, and was solemnized by our elder, Paul Butikofer, at the West Bend church. May God grant them many blessings in their lifetime, and we truly welcome Cheryl into our midst.

Sis. Marie Butikofer spent a few days in the hospital, due to a leg ailment, but is now at home feeling much better, for which we are very thankful.

We were privileged to have Bro. Noah Gerber, West Bend, with us last Sunday, expounding the scriptures. His concern was very much on the subject of repentance. The Bible tells us that unless we repent, we shall perish. We thank Noah for his love and efforts.

FT. LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA

Howard and Joyce Baumgartner

"Suffer the little children to come unto me . . . for of such is the kingdom of God."—this could have been the theme for our annual Sunday School picnic, held at one of our beautiful state parks. We have an enrollment of 35 scholars in our Sunday School. For many churches, this would seem very small, but for us it is a great and precious number. The entire church took part in the outing and enjoyed the children's high spirits. We count it a privilege to thank Bros. Bob Yergler and Roger Sauder, and Sis. Doris Huber for their patience and efforts in teaching and guiding our Sunday School.

Bro. and Sis. John and Mary Isch flew to Bluffton to attend funeral services for their grandmother, Sis. Katie Isch. Several of us have always known Sis. Katie, and want to share our sympathy with the bereaved family. Bro. and Sis. Harry and Florence Sutter flew to Phoenix to attend funeral services of her brother, Andy Herman.

Bro. and Sis. Rich and Kathy Sutter are the parents of a little girl, Amy Jo, born Sept. 16.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gallik and grandson, of Mansfield, have acquired a business in our vicinity. We heartily invite them to assemble with us in the house of God.

Friend Karen Troxel, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Ken Troxel has returned home from Indiana, where she spent the summer.

Friend Sally Klopfenstein, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Darrel Klopfenstein, left for Tallahassee, where she is enrolled at Florida State University. Friend Faye Gerber, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Ed Gerber left for Lafayette, where she will resume studies at Purdue University.

FORT SCOTT, KANSAS

Ida Sinn

The engagement of Sis. Ruby Sinn and Bro. Gerald Grimm has been announced. Ruby is the daughter of Bro. Charles and Sis. Dorothy Sinn, and Gerald is the son of Bro. Nathan and Sis. Lois Grimm of Sabetha.

Bro. Joseph Banwart is convalescing at home, after spending some time in the hospital. Joe Sinn remains in the hospital. He is recuperating from a light stroke.

Seven of us joined others in Newton, Kansas, on Oct. 6, to help in relief work there. Mingling with those of like faith and doing a small bit in the work for the needy certainly made the day worthwhile.

ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY

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The Normal students would like to thank Bro. Joe Schrock, Bro. Edwin Bahler, Bro. Elmer Bucher, and Bro. Carl Kipfer, who have visited our Thursday Evening Bible Studies so far this fall. We would also like to thank those ministering brothers who brought the word to those who were here during the summer months.

The fall semester brings with it many activities. The ISU student picnic was held Oct. 2 at Three Bears' Park by Lake Bloomington. Oct. 11 is to be the Freshman-Parent Day. This is an annual event in which all parents of freshmen are invited to spend the day at the Normal Church.

The ISU students are very happy for some of their classmates who have turned to their God in repentance. We pray for grace for every one of them.

GRIDLEY, ILLINOIS

With the harvest of corn in full swing and so much talk about blight in the harvest, it might be good to ask ourselves, "If the Lord would call us from this life, would there be a blight in our spiritual harvest?" Let's all look within our-

selves and separate that which would spoil our fellowship with the Lord.

The home of Dane and Sis. Lucille (Rudin) Wagner was saddened on Sept. 21, when their son, Jeffery (age 23) was killed in a motorcycle-truck accident. Jeffery was a senior at Ill. State University in Normal and lived at home with his parents.

Sis. Lena Funk, age 87, had the misfortune of falling and breaking several ribs and the pelvic bone. She is at home and getting a little stronger each day.

Sunday Oct. 4 was a blessed harvest day in Gridley. Four young souls gave testimony and were baptized. They were Colleen Hodel, Kathy Gramm, Susan Gramm, and Donita Marti. Elder Bro. Ed Hohulin from Goodfield assisted Elder Bro. George Gramm with baptism and proving.

Kurt Fleming, Becky Gramm, and Nancy Funk have responded to God's call and are repenting. We wish them much love and grace.

We are sorry to lose our reporters from our congregation. Sisters Eunice and Lydia Kammerer have sold their home in El Paso and purchased a house at 4008 N. University in Peoria. We wish them God's blessing in their new home.

IOWA CITY

Beverly Mogler

The school year has begun, and we are happy to see so many familiar faces again, along with several new ones. Even though we are small in number, we feel God has blessed us by allowing us to fellowship together from time to time.

For our September meeting, Bro. Roy Grimm from Taylor read and expounded to us from St. Mark 4. Although we have heard the parable of the sower before, we can always gain something new from those age-old stories. Let us all strive to prepare our hearts as good soil, that we might "hear the word, and receive it, and bring forth fruit, some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some an hundred."

We certainly appreciate the efforts of our ministering brothers who bring us the good word. It is so comforting to be able to pause for a moment from our busy schedules, to listen to and be taught about the real truth which can make us free.

LANDERSVILLE, ALABAMA

Billie Jo Harville

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Tom Norton had open house, Sat. night Oct. 3 at their home, to celebrate their Golden wedding anniversary. It is good to know that God has blest them to have 50 years of marriage together. We hope they will have many more.

We are thankful that the Lord gave Sis. Hulda Martin strength of health to visit her niece, Marion Klopfenstein. We welcome Sis. Hulda Louise and Clrine Martin in our Sunday service. We thank God for their safe trip.

When I stand at the judgment seat of Christ, and he shows His plan for me. The plan of my life as it might have been had he had His way in me, Will there lie grief in my Saviour's eyes, Or will he say, Welcome home. Lord of the years that are left for me, I will give them to Thee now. Take me and mould me to the pattern Thou hast planned.

MANSFIELD, OHIO

Aaron A. Sauder

Announcement has made of the engagement of Sis. Karen Ramsier, daughter of Bro. Wallace and Sis. Helen (Oesch) Ramsier, to Bro. Peter Baltic of our Rittman congregation.

Congratulations and best wishes for many years of happiness are extended to Jeffrey Lynn Ramsier and Cheryl Lynn Howe, who exchanged wedding vows Sept. 12. Bro. Wally and Sis. Helen Ramsier are the parents of the groom.

Hospital patients have been Bro. Fred Dinger, Sis. Marjorie Hollinger (Paul) and Lee Ann Riggensbach (Ronald).

Our sincere sympathy to Bro. Richard Banks, whose sister passed away Sept. 24, just hours after the death of her husband. May our Lord grant comfort in this double loss.

OAKVILLE, IOWA

Martha Steiner

Angela Dawn is the name chosen for the sweet little baby born Sept. 9 to Bro. William and Sis. Phyllis (Gehring) Massner. She is welcomed by three sisters—Cindy, Jeri, and Diane—and a brother, Chuck. Grandparents are Bro. Adolph and Sis. Lillian Massner (Burlington) and Bro. Jake and Sis. Bertha Gehring (Elgin, Iowa).

It isn't always easy
to smile when things go wrong,
To go about your daily tasks
and raise your heart in song.
It isn't always easy
to be merciful and meek,
To take the bitter tauntings
and to turn the other cheek,
But Christ did!

It isn't always easy
to bear a heavy load,
To carry on in spite of pain,
endure the stinging goad.
It isn't always easy
to forgive your enemy,
To pray for them who do you
wrong and treat you spitefully,
But Christ did!

Life's never very easy,
but it will always pay
To follow in the footsteps
of Him who is the way.
He never will forsake us;
He'll go with us to the end.
He'll be our guide and helper,
an understanding Friend.

PORTLAND, OREGON

Connie Steffen

October already! It seems the year has passed so swiftly by. We have had quite a lot of company this summer and have certainly enjoyed each one.

It's a very pleasant time of year; the gardening is done, and most of the produce is prepared for winter. Right now the grapes are ready. We have quite a heavy crop, for only two plants. While sorting the clusters, there is some culling has to be done, and it makes me think of the time of a heavenly harvest, soon at hand, when the Master of Harvest will come, and oh how terrible for those who are sorted out and cast away.

Our children and young people have returned to school. They really need our prayers. On every side their faith in a living God is tested and "hammered" at by many unbelieving teachers. Evolutionary teachings are being presented to children in primary grades. With all the false teachings and sin displayed around us, our children must have a strong faith that **God Is**, before they start school, and should be taught daily of His love and the fear of His wrath.

A dear older sister gave this poem she has held dear for many years, hoping it will be a joy to those who read it:

I shall have faith, though an ocean
rise
Hiding the opposite side from my
eyes.
I shall not falter, for I have been
shown
That God never fails to care for
His own.
I shall have faith, placing all I
hold dear
Under His care; there is nothing
to fear.
Night has no terrors; storms
cannot appall.
Shadows are veils that the sun-
beams let fall.
Dawn scatters darkness; It brings
a new day,
And I shall have faith, because God
walks my way.

BLOOMINGTON-NORMAL

Virgil and Shirley Funk

Visiting ministers include: Jesse Schrock, Congerville; Jim Leman, Roanoke; Russell Rapp, Morton; and Joshua Broquard, Fairbury. Each should be assured of our appreciation for the service rendered, and we hope God will be their rich rewarder.

As a result of a vote held at a meeting of the congregation, a preference was indicated to acquire land for a building site within the city limits, instead of out in the country.

Bro. Virgil and Sis. Shirley Funk were blessed with the arrival of a baby boy on Sept. 28. He was named Mark Leon.

IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

I am Patty Steiner, a student at Iowa State University. Mary Jo Metzger has asked me to write the news this month for ISU.

James and Denise Whipple are the parents of a boy, Marcus James, born Sept. 1. Grandparents are Lawrence and Sis. Lorraine Whipple of Oakville and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pogemiller of Wapello.

Bro. Noah Schrock of the Oakville congregation was with us for our September services. We are so thankful that we can hear the holy word spoken, even while we are attending school away from home.

We have many friends attending school in or near Ames this year. We welcome Keith Kuntz, son of Sis. Ruth Kuntz of Oakville; Pam Wirtz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Wirtz, of West Bend; Mr. and Mrs. Mike Banwart, son and daughter-in-law of Mr. and Mrs.

Art Banwart of West Bend.

Dennis Endress, son of Bro. and Sis. John Endress, and Lorie Knobloch, son of Bro. and Sis. Ed Knobloch, who are both from Bradford are attending school in Des Moines.

Lavilla Zaugg, daughter of Bro. Oscar and Sis. Frances, and Eileen Fisher, daughter of Bro. Philip and Sis. Kathryn, both from West Bend are attending nurse's training in nearby Marshalltown. Both have found grace to turn to the Lord in repentance.

TREMONT, ILLINOIS

Josephine Schaefer

Mary Jane Leuthold

We have two new little ones in our congregation. Jeffrey Alan was born on Sept. 9 to Sis. Lavonne and Simon Wagenbach Jr., and on Sept. 10, Sis. Nancy and Bro. Jim Koch became the parents of Nathan Daniel.

After a year of service in the armed forces in Viet Nam, Jim Wagenbach has returned home safely. He will be stationed at Ft Monmouth, New Jersey. Certainly we have many reasons to be thankful, when we consider that God shielded him from the dangers of the battlefield, and once again he will be permitted to assemble in the house of God.

Bro. Fred Endress underwent surgery, and, since his release from the hospital, is making his home at Restmoor Nursing Home in Morton.

Our congregation was host to the young people who participated in the Christian Endeavor program. The hymns they sang had very timely messages, something for everyone who earnestly listened to these beautiful melodies, I am sure.

Bro. Aquilla Pfloderer went to be with the Lord on Sept. 27. We extend our sympathy to his wife, Sis. Helen, and his son, Ben, as well as to his many other relatives and friends, and especially so to those in our congregation. May God comfort them in their sorrow.

Sis. Helen asked that we include the following: The family of Bro. Aquilla J. Pfloderer wishes to thank all for the cards, prayers, gifts and love shown them during the illness and death of their loved one. This was deeply appreciated, and may God bless everyone for their kind expression of sympathy.

We also have the following note

from Sis. Martha Kaeb: "I wish to thank everyone that remembered me on my 80th birthday. May God bless you."

God certainly opened the windows of heaven and showered many blessings upon us through the messages brought to us by Bro. Ben Fehr of Roanoke. We are thankful the brother was willing to labor in our behalf.

URBANA, ILLINOIS

**Teresa Hufford
Susan Zimmerman**

Our annual church picnic was held Sept. 23 at the Lake of the Woods. It was a very enjoyable evening for all, and gave new friends an opportunity to get acquainted with others.

Many of us had the opportunity to hear the testimonies and witness the baptisms of two dear souls, Dan Fehr (Roanoke) and Kai Kaufman (Cissna Park). Dan and Kai assemble with us in worship, and we welcome them as a brother and sister in faith.

We were blessed with the teachings of God through our visiting ministers, Bro. Chuck Hemmer (Peoria), Bro. Walt Anliker (Eureka), and Bro. George Wagenbach (Princeville). We sincerely thank them for bringing us the precious word.

We have many new converts with us in Champaign-Urbana. It is a wonderful thing when a dear one begins to live for our Lord. May God give much grace to these dear souls and guide them through their period of repentance and all the days of their life.

One pair of hands built a mountain;
One pair of hands formed the sea,
And one pair of hands made the sun and the moon,
Every bird, every flower, every tree.

One pair of hands formed the valleys, the ocean,
The rivers and the sand,
His hands are so strong,
So when life goes wrong, put your faith into one pair of hands.

LA CROSSE Lucille Heiniger

Bro. Ernest and Sis. Emma Pfeifer returned home safely from a 3½ week trip to Germany, where they visited Ernest's brother, Gottfred and other relatives. We

are thankful to God for their safe return home, as there were several planes hijacked at the time of their travels.

Miss Mary Lynn Feller, daughter of Bro. Lynn and Sis. Mary Ann, was a surgical patient.

Our sympathy is extended to Lydia and Bro. Elmer Heiniger, in the passing of Lydia's dear mother, Mrs. Olga Johns.

Our visiting ministers were Bro. Bob Meyer of Bluffton and Bro. Arnold Gerst of Chicago.

MILFORD, INDIANA

Marguerite Hoerr

Sis. Esther Beer and Bro. Elmer Haab were united in marriage on Oct. 7 by Bro. Theo. Beer. They will be making their home east of Milford. God's blessings on them in their new life together. We all wish them a great deal of happiness.

Max and Ginger Beer are now the happy parents of a little boy, whom they have named Max Jesse. Paternal grandparents are Bro. Henry and Sis. Alice of our congregation.

My folks have returned from a trip to Philadelphia, where they welcomed a new granddaughter. Little Laura Naoma is the third daughter and fourth child of Bro. Alan and Sis. Dorothy Beer of that city. Welcoming her into their home are Michael, Betsy and Margaret. We ask God's guidance in the lives of these two new babies. May their homes be filled with love, and may they come to know the way to salvation.

Our sympathy was extended to three families in our congregation, as they lost their loved ones. Herb Baumgartner, 70 years of age and the brother of Sis. Edith and Bro. Ted, was taken from this life very suddenly with a heart attack. Herb had operated a service station in our community and had just recently retired.

Sis. Flossie Hartter, Bro. Glenn Price and Everett Price laid their dear mother to rest, after an extended illness, and Sis. Emma Haab and Bro. John Martin lost their brother, Bill Martin, quite suddenly following major surgery.

All three of the above mentioned people were lifelong residents of our Milford community and were well known and respected by all of us, so we feel a keen personal loss, also, as we extend our sincere sympathy to members of their families.

New teachers who assumed their duties the first of October as the classes changed are Sisters Becky Doll and Edna Lehman and Bros. John Hurd and Nelson Beer. Becky and Edna are resuming duties, as they both had put in long years of teaching before the rotation system was established. We especially want to thank those who have faithfully devoted their time to teaching our children. We wish those who are beginning a special measure of patience and love for those students who will be under the sound of their voices each Sunday.

BAY CITY

Carolyn Knochel—Marlene Mosher

We were blessed with several visiting ministers. Bro. Hartzell Kaisner (Detroit) and his father, Bro. Joe Kaisner (Forrest) brought us many wonderful teachings. Elder Bro. Paul Butikofor of Elgin, Iowa came and taught us of God's great salvation.

Bro. Cliff and Sis. Cathy (Hodder) Jones and son Timmy welcome home another boy, Kyle Clifford. Bob and Maureen (Knochel) Weiss have their first, a son, Robert Jr.

Peter's Three Denials and Substantiation of His Avowals (Concluded)

And while the Saviour's trial continued,
Another one to Peter turned
And said: Thou art this man's disciple,
And confidently thus affirmed,
But thrice now does this weak disciple
Deny that he this Jesus knew—
We see the prophecy's fulfillment,
For suddenly the cock then crew.

Ah then he instantly remembered
That Jesus said, he would deny
His Saviour and he gave the answer—
I never will though I should die!
And now his heart with grief was strickened,
As he recalled he had not kept
His vow to Jesus, and lamenting,
He went without and sadly wept.

Can we the heavy grief imagine
Of this disciple, who denied
His master, whom those evildoers
Then led away and crucified?
It was a very grievous parting,
For Jesus in the grave was laid,

And Peter's cowardly denial
Upon his conscience sadly preyed.

Upon the day of Resurrection
Two women to Christ's grave drew
near,
Where they beheld an angel sitting
Who said to them: Christ is not
here;
But go your way, tell His disciples
And Peter that they Him will see,
Where He before them makes His
entrance
Into Galilee.

Oh what a message of great
comfort
The angel sent, of sweet relief,
To Peter, whom he specially
mentioned,
For we assume He knew the grief
That he had borne in true
repentance,
Because he Jesus had denied
Who was condemned before his
presence
And led away and crucified.

It was a meeting full of rapture
For Peter and the others too,
When Jesus entered their assembly
And said: My peace be unto you!
And Peter, who was now converted,
No longer felt downcast and sad
When Jesus spoke these words of
comfort,
Which made the grieved disciples
glad.

Some time had passed when four
disciples
And Peter launched out on the sea,
Where they in vain the night spent
fishing
Until the morn when they did see
A stranger on the shore appearing
Then after that vain fruitless
night,
Who gave to them the good
instruction
To cast their net out on the right.

And now their net was filled with
fishes,
A great amount to their surprise,
And by this miracle and wonder
They then the Saviour recognized.
They drew to shore unto their
master,
Who fish and bread had there
prepared
And they partook of the provisions
Which He, the master, to them
shared.

Now Jesus spoke to Simon Peter
And said to him: Dost thou love
me?

Who gave the answer to his
Saviour:

Thou knowest Lord that I love
Thee!

Then Jesus, with a knowing
purpose,
Commanded him His lambs to feed,
That as His people should be
gathered,
Which as a shepherd he should lead.

Again we see the Saviour speaking
To Peter with the selfsame words:
Dost thou love me, O son of Jonas?
Who said: Thou knowest I love
Thee Lord!

The Saviour then gave the
commandment
To Peter, who in faith should keep
Unfaltering in true obedience
The Lord's command: Feed thou
my sheep.

A third time Jesus asks the
question
Of Peter, if his love was true,
Who now in grief said: Thou who
knowest

Everything dost know I do
Love Thee Saviour, who then
answered,
Saying to him: Feed my sheep,
Over which this weak disciple
Fearlessly should vigil keep.

O what a serious impression
These questions made on Peter's
mind,
Who by his very three confessions
Could then substantiate, we find,
His vow made to his loving master,
When Jesus said, he would deny
His Saviour, and he gave the
answer:

I never will though I should die!

O what a strong and fearless
servant

This weak disciple proved to be,
When after Jesus had ascended
High up to heaven triumphantly,
For lo, he now with strength was
girded,

By the Spirit from heaven above,
To e'er confess his loving master
By his true services of love.

We note the boldness and the
bravery

By which he then confessed the
name

Of Jesus Christ before the rulers,
Which he before denied in shame,
And now undaunted and with
courage

He proved his earnestness to keep
His last commandment from his
Saviour,

Instructing him to feed His sheep.

Yea, many trials and afflictions
He now endured for Jesus' name,
By leading many to the gospel,
And healing impotent and lame.
The selfsame scorn which was
directed

At Jesus now became the lot
Of His disciples in His service,
Who did the works their master
wrought.

And as the Saviour was convicted,
And as His blood was freely shed,
So thus His servant Simon Peter
To the cross was also led,
Where for his faithful testimony
Which he in bold faith testified
Of truth against all sin and evil,
He there was also crucified.

Now here we see how this disciple,
As he was then with strength
endowed

From heaven by the Holy Spirit,
In faith fulfilled what he had
vowed

Unto his master in the garden,
When Jesus said he would deny
His Saviour, and he gave the
answer:

I never will though I should die!

MORRIS, MINNESOTA

Ann Meiss — Helen Joos

"Thou crownest the year with
thy goodness".

We feel so thankful unto our
loving God, who has blessed us so
bountifully. The farmers are busy
gathering in the harvest. We pray
that we may be privileged to gather
in a spiritual harvest.

Gather them in, for yet there is
room.

Tis a message from God above.
Oh gather them into the fold of
grace

And the arms of the Saviour's love.

We rejoiced on Sunday to hear
that Mike Schmidgall confesses
peace with God and man and is
awaiting the privilege of being bap-
tized. Mike is the son of Bro. and
Sis. Don Schmidgall. "Remember
now thy Creator in the days of thy
youth". May we all serve the Lord
with all our heart, as He does
teach us.

The pupils of the Winthrop Bible
Class gathered with us on the
week-end of Sept. 20. Bro. and Sis.
Dennis Messner and Bro. and Sis.
Rollie Messner came with them.
We feel that it is a blessing from
our Heavenly Father that our

young people have this desire to mingle and become acquainted with those of other congregations and to gather in Bible Class and church with them.

Lorna Kellenberger and Dale Erickson were married on Sept. 19. Lorna is the daughter of Bro. and Sis. Ernest Kellenberger.

GOODFIELD Elna Grimm

Autumn with her gentle ways has again dipped her paint brush into October's bucket of rustic hues. As I observe each graceful swish she makes, I marvel at her seeming unlimited talent, and whisper a prayer of thanks to my Maker, for allowing me to live and breathe in a world so utterly and excitingly beautiful.

Our congregation was blessed to have with us on Thurs. evening of the Brother Conference, Bros. Harold Gramm and Alpha Moser of Morris and Bro. Gene Metzger of Lester.

A son, William Troy, was born to Friends Bill and Vermeda Young of R. R. Congerville on Sept. 8; Bro. and Sis. John and Ruth Rokey of Goodfield are the grandparents. A daughter, Jenise Lyn, was born to Bro. and Sis. Howard and Phyllis Zobrist of Goodfield on Sept. 16; the grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Ed and Bena Stephen of Goodfield, and Sis. Clara Zobrist of Eureka.

The following poem was written by a niece of one of our sisters in faith:

Sunset

When my days on earth are ending
And I face the setting sun;
When the battle's nearly over
And the victory almost won . . .

I can look back on the pathway
That my weary feet have trod,
And rejoice I took the narrow way
And chose to walk with God.

Tho' mine eyes have never seen
Him
Yet I feel His arms so strong,
And I hear His voice so tender
As He gently leads me on.

He led sometimes through
heartbreak,
Through suffering and pain,
As all things work for good to me;
These trials brought me gain.

His love has healed each heartache,
Each sorrow I have known.
Our fellowship is precious;
I never walk alone.

I love Him more than life itself,
Because He died for me,
And shed His precious, holy blood
From sin to set me free.

Now I have eternal life
And joy and peace and rest,
And glad assurance I shall live
Forever with the blest.

When life's short day is over,
I'll enter, by His grace,
The pearly gates of Heaven
And see Him face to face.

MAYWOOD, CALIFORNIA Elizabeth K. Kaisner

Two friends from Japan, Hatsune Uchida and Makiko Watanabe, stopped off in California on their return to Japan; may God bless and protect them.

Sis. Nettie Locher is quite ill. Sis. Betty Yeges is confined to a wheel-chair and bed, and suffers quite a lot of pain and discomfort. May God make their lot bearable with His comforts. We have a number of elderly ones among us that are feeling the age of time, and could very well say they have no pleasure in them.

Late Report: Sis. Nettie Locher passed away out of this life into eternity about 11 p.m., Oct. 5. We all extend our sympathy to the family in their loss. Funeral services will be Oct. 9. Surviving are the husband, Bro. Andy, one son and four daughters.

Fall weather is about here, and it is nice out. Our rains should soon start and will be welcome, as we have it very dry here, with great fire hazards and many fires in the surrounding areas.

When life on earth is o'er for me,
As falleth the tree, so shall it be.
Unless Thou saith, **Depart from Me,**
Forever shall I be with Thee.

LEO Mrs. Elias Souder

There really was joy in our midst when the church sang "Ring the Bells of Heaven" for our dear Betty. My daughter-in-law made her decision to become one of our Lord's followers; may God give her the much needed grace and help her to grow in the ways of the

Lord.

Bro. Herman Norr is much improved, is at his home again, and soon will be able to be out among us.

Sis. Jennie Klopfenstein (Mrs. Wm. Klopfenstein Sr.) is at the Sauder Hospital at Auburn, Ind. She is improving and able to be up part of the time.

We do thank the Lord for His wonderful care he gives our dear loved boys who are in service. John Klopfenstein has returned home from his service in the Army.

A bridal shower was given at the Fellowship Center, honoring Janet Klopfenstein, whose wedding is planned for the first Sunday in November.

Lillian Winzeler is back in college at Wheaton, Illinois.

Bro. Edw. Bertsch is at National Nursing Home, 2402 Beacon St., Ft. Wayne.

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"desiring greatly to see us"

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As we look into the glass darkly, many wonderful scenes of real life appear. A picture window looks out to awesome beauty of natural wonder. So do we look to greater wonder in His word.

"Wherefore when we could no longer forbear, we thought it good to be left at Athens alone:" Paul was alone. This "alone" is a cross-bearer's work-station. Someone is alone by one passing on . . . or far afield in lonely battalion . . . or alone at home in prayer and love for the flock. It's good to be alone, when God put us there.

If each of us would take one talent and do all we could with it, what a mighty stirring of events would come!

Now, why did Paul think it was good to be left alone? We continue to look: "And sent Timotheus, our brother, and minister of God, and our fellowlabourer in the gospel of Christ, to establish you, and to comfort you concerning your faith:" That word "comfort" is very important. The Holy Spirit is the Comforter. We all need the divine enthusiasm. It is an urging, a coming to the side to help. It is the pep talk to get us out there where the goal is for eternity.

The situation in Paul's time is for us. When our situations are alike, then we know we are in success. The Bible is like a series of pictures; we hold up ours, and they match. So when afflictions come,

good. The Bible expects them (and so can we in our hearts)! We meet them, and go on through: "That no man should be moved by these afflictions: for yourselves know that we are appointed thereunto."

We are not to count the fiery trial as a strange thing. It burns away till all is pure gold. It is very important. It is a showing of the righteous judgment of God, that we "may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God." Tribulation . . . pressing together . . . trouble . . . perplexity. Our common lot is a Bible picture: "For verily, when we were with you, we told you before that we should suffer tribulation; even as it came to pass, and ye know."

These dear people had a place forever in Paul's heart. They were his "hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing", when the Lord would come. Now somebody you love, your heart's going to be right with them, fighting their battles. "For this cause, when I could no longer forbear, I sent to know your faith, lest by some means the tempter have tempted you, and our labour be in vain."

The ties of eternity are lived and loved in this life. Those sweet hearth-fires are resplendent with familiar, at-home memories. The joyful chorus of merry voices sound in scenes that never pass away. When we add our memories like Paul, increase the love, and

long for others . . . our lives become rich.

Timothy brought good news. Just look. "But now when Timotheus came from you unto us, and brought us good tidings of your faith and charity, and that ye have good remembrance of us always, desiring greatly to see us, as we also to see you:" How large is our desire? There is a lot of comfort here.

There is so much good to bring, rejoicing in the life of charity. There's rich scenes that satisfy. Welcome now your brother for eternity. Welcome sweet scenes of life. This was an encouragement for Paul. We have the word "comfort". It comes to help . . . urges us on . . . peeps us up. "Therefore, brethren, we were comforted over you in all our affliction and distress by your faith:"

What an effect a little news of the right kind had. Joys sunshine the day. If we seek out the joys found in the cross, then we have much. Look what this comfort brought to Paul. His soul bubbles with happiness and joy . . . with life, living. Nothing can compare with it . . . "For now we live, if ye stand fast in the Lord."

Paul prepared His work. Such lifting and happiness in his heart would not have been possible, except, he in grace worked all things.

Success and joy comes to Him who prepares in the Lord.