



And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger!

I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee.

And am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants.

And he arose, and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him.

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

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GOSPEL HYMNS

(They are hymns with a gospel message, tidings of eternal life. Listen to the power of their message.)

A man was connected with a large, well-known piano factory, but leading an ungodly life. One day he saw an announcement, and instantly resolved to go and hear the singing. He and a companion reached the hall in good time, as they thought, only to find it crowded to the doors. An overflow meeting was announced . . . and thither they went. By and by someone sang, "To the hall of the feast came the sinful and fair." This man listened. The past life seemed to rise before him; tears rushed into his eyes; his heart seemed broken. Coming out, he asked his companion what he thought of it. "Oh" was the careless reply, "he is a nice singer". "Is that all? It has broken my heart."

A wild young soldier was induced to attend a meeting . . . As he entered, the congregation was singing, "Are you coming Home tonight?" The song made a deep impression on him . . . He continued to attend . . . "I had to come," he said, "that hymn would not let me stay away. I could not sleep at night. All night long that question of the song, both in the words and music, kept returning to me, demanding an answer: Are you coming Home tonight?"

An actress in a town in England, while passing along the street, heard singing in a house; the song, "Depth of Mercy". Out of curiosity, she looked in through the open door and saw a number of people sitting together, singing. She listened to the song and afterwards to a simple but earnest prayer. When she went away, the hymn had so impressed her that she procured a copy of a book containing it. She gave her heart to God and resolved to leave the stage. The manager of the theatre pleaded with her to continue to take the leading part in a play which she had made famous in other cities. Finally he persuaded her to appear. As the curtain rose, the orchestra began to play the accompaniment to the song which she was expected to sing. She stood like one in thought, and the band supposing

her embarrassed played the prelude over a second, and a third time. Then with clasped hands she stepped forward and sang with deep emotion: "Depth of mercy, can there be Mercy still reserved for me?" The change in her life was permanent.

"Do you know who is coming here to work today?" "No, I did not hear of anybody coming here." ". . . it is Tommy Dodd." "And who might Tommy Dodd be?" "He is a painter, and the greatest drunkard and wife-beater in Yorkville." ". . . Joe, we must give him a warm reception." "Yes, we will sing like everything so that he can't get a bad word in."

So when Tommy Dodd came, they struck up "Hold the Fort." And they kept on singing till he left his work and came closer to listen. He asked them to sing it over and over again, joining heartily in it himself, for Tommy was very fond of singing. The Spirit led him to surrender to Christ. He was found at the church instead of the saloon, singing the sweet songs of Zion.

"I Am Praying For You" went directly to the heart of a woman. All the way to her home the first line of the hymn, "I have a Saviour; He's pleading in glory" kept ringing in her ears, and next morning as she awoke she heard a voice singing, "I have a Saviour". She came to Jesus, and her husband followed. They had sent out invitations for a large dancing party . . . but the dance was never held.

After a sermon, someone sang, "Jesus of Nazareth passeth by". A certain man relates: "I was deeply moved by it, and when he came to the lines,

Too late! too late! will be the cry;
Jesus of Nazareth has passed by;

Oh! I thought to myself, will that not be my cry? Will God not then say to me, Depart from me; I never knew you? I felt in great anguish of soul . . . All the way home those two lines still rang in my ears. It was a long time before I could go to sleep. My brain seemed all afire; my past sins came up one by one before my mind. This man found the Saviour.

A woman sat at a window sewing: She was singing, alone by herself: "Oh to have no Christ, no Saviour . . . How dark this world must be!" When she had finished, she heard some one calling and saw two girls looking over a neighboring fence. One said: "Won't you please sing that again?"

This soul sang it over again, praying God to bless the song, and then went to talk with them. She recognized them as of a house of evil resort . . . The next day, one came and threw herself, weeping, into the arms of the singer, saying: "I have been so unhappy since I heard you sing! You remind me of my mother and the days when I was innocent and good. I had a good home, but quarreled with my mother, ran away and got into a life of sin; I am tired of it; won't you pray for me?" They had prayer. She said: "I'll never go back to that place again . . ."

. . . "I enlisted in the army and was soon appointed a first lieutenant. I was not yet eighteen and had never been away from home influences. I had never tasted liquor and did not know one card from another. The regiment to which I was assigned was principally officered by young men, but many of them were old in dissipation. This new life was attractive to me, and I entered upon it with avidity. I was soon a steady drinker and a constant card-player. I laughed at the caution of the older heads, and asserted with all the egotism of a boy that I could abandon my bad habits at any time I wanted to. But I soon found that my evil desires had complete control over my will . . . being a physical wreck, I resigned, and determined to begin a new life. Time and again I failed, and at last I gave up all hope and abandoned myself to the wildest debauchery, speculating with reckless indifference on how much longer my body could endure the strain. In anticipation of sudden death I destroyed all evidences of my identity, so that my friend's might never know the dog's death I had died. It was while in this condition that I one day wandered . . . and found a seat . . .

There I sat in my drunken and dazed condition, looking down upon well-dressed and happy people. I concluded that it was no place for me, and was just about to go out, when out of a perfect stillness rose the voice . . . singing . . . **What Shall the Harvest be?** The words and music stirred me with a strange sensation. I listened till the third verse had been sung . . .

Sowing the seed of a lingering pain, Sowing the seed of a maddened brain, Sowing the seed of a tarnished name, Sowing the seed of eternal shame; Oh what shall the harvest be? These words pierced my heart. In desperation I rushed downstairs and out into the snowy streets. I soon found a saloon, where I asked for liquor to drown my sorrow. On every bottle in the

bar-room, in words of burning fire, I could read, **What shall the harvest be?** When I took up my glass to drink I read, written on it, **What shall the harvest be?** and I dashed it to the floor and rushed out again into the cold, dark night. The song still followed me wherever I went, and finally drew me back . . . Broken, weak, vile and helpless, I came to Him . . .

AKRON

Katherine Ries

Feb. 7 Elder Bro. Noah Bauman visited our congregation and we were blessed with many good teachings. He joined with Elder Bro. Rudolph Graf in the reading of the memorandum. In the election that followed, Bro. Kenneth Weerts was elected trustee, Bro. John Palitto and his daughter, Sis. Carolyn, Sunday School teachers, and Bro. Richard Baumgartner, usher.

Feb. 22, Rudolph Graf Jr. and Jean were blessed with a son, Mathew John; a brother Michael welcomes him. Feb. 26, Bro. Carl and Sis. Kathy (Gangel) Graf were blessed with a daughter, Sandra Lynn. Bros. Edward, Gary, and Thomas welcome her, and all are doing fine. May God bless them all.

Bro. Stanley Francis has been hospitalized, after a heart attack on Feb. 22. He expects to be released soon to his home at 3418 Fairway Dr., Norton Ohio 44203. Our prayers are for a speedy recovery.

We are most grateful as we thank Bro. Gary Maibach of Rittman for bringing us the message of God's word, while visiting our congregation.

ALTO

Loretta Steffen

"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."

We have often heard the saying, **seeing is believing**, but faith is believing without seeing. Jesus told Thomas, "blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed."

So let us all be of faith and believe the promises of God written in the Bible.

Little 3-yr.-old Luke, grandson of Bro. Derry and Sis. Virginia Schutte fell 30 ft. in the barn and escaped with only a small cut.

There is hardly even a scar left from that. We must thank our God for protecting little Luke from harm. Surely his guardian angel was hovering nearby.

Sally, daughter of Bro. Joe and Sis. Melva Oesch broke her leg and is getting around on crutches.

We have resumed our World Relief activities and all the ladies are busy working on quilts. One evening as we were tying quilts, we wondered where they would go and who would use them. There has been so much disaster in the USA this year.

There have been many in our congregation who have had flu and its many complications.

We had a 4-day break in the weather. It warmed up, and we saw the ground for first time since December. Now we have a heavy blanket of snow again.

Bro. Joe Waibel and Bro. Geo. Sinn gathered with us Feb. 28. We thank the Lord and our dear elders for their concern in these latter days of grace. They read the memorandum and encouraged us on our Christian journey. Fare ye well.

BAY CITY

Carolyn Knochel—Marlene Mosher

March has arrived, a lion this year, with our usual "spring" snow-storm arriving on a Saturday and Sunday. We were unable to assemble on Sunday because of road conditions, but a few of us were fortunate enough to be able to visit some of our loved ones who have been shut-in or ill. What a blessing we received from this day! Among those we visited was Sis. Blanche Wieland, who is home after being hospitalized with a severe ear infection. We thank God that she is able to assemble with us again.

"Thus united, and in concord, let us walk the path of life . . ." Since it has been announced that we will hold Holy Communion in the near

future, let us seek more fervently to make peace with each other, and be more firmly united!

ALTADENA

Freda and Rhoda Minger

"For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places." There is no question in the minds of we here in Southern California that these words clearly illustrate the conditions at the breaking of day, Feb. 9. I would like to add that as far as we know, no extensive damage was done to the property of any of our church people. The church building has a few new plaster cracks and one chimney cracked and shifted. The chimney had to be removed and reconstructed. However, when you feel the earth moving and truly realize how we are so completely in God's hands, we can only say how thankful we are that He saw fit to spare us of the devastation that befell so many. When we thank the Lord, however, perhaps we should remember that the rain falls on the just and the unjust. How would your faith stand if your earthly possessions would be snapped from

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you without warning in 60 seconds of time? ?

We have learned through faith to depend on our Lord to bring us light after darkness, sun after rain, and joy after sadness. So it was on the evening of Feb. 9, with our minds and conversation absorbed with the occurrence of the day, we could gather in His House and there have our thoughts diverted to the joy and happiness present when God can draw two of His children together in Holy Matrimony. We are thankful that our little Altadena church could be an instrument of God's will, and that Bro. Chris Getz and Sis. Esther Aberle (both from Morton) could in the presence of our small congregation be joined in marriage by Elder Bro. Carl Kinsinger. We wish them many happy days together.

Friend Barbara Mott and Edward F. Carrera were united in marriage on Sat., Feb. 20. Barbara is the daughter of Russell and Sis. Margariet Mott.

We are thankful for our many visitors and wish to extend our appreciation to all those who have taken the time to visit our Altadena congregation in the past two months, especially our ministering brothers, Phillip Sauder, Cissna Park and Noah Herman, Tucson.

"Golden Years" need not refer to our physical age, but rather as with Sis. Marie Farney, to our age in service to our Lord. "My present age is 60 years, of which 40 years I have been a converted member in the Body of Christ. In my younger years, being raised in our church, many times I had in mind repentance. I delayed until an accident occurred which sounded so tragic that my first thought was, 'Did this girl (who had been killed) have time to repent and be ready?' I felt this was my calling. There was a pamphlet in my drawer which had printed on it, **This thing is from me.** In my mind, these five words were repeated over and over again. This was the awakening of my soul to repentance and conversion. When I had made a complete confession to God and man, I found I was still disturbed and peace seemed to delay in coming to me. Satan kept telling me there is nothing to all this repentance. I almost became discouraged, until a sermon touched me and gave the necessary strength and hope. The minister said, "We need more patience."

This revealed to me that additional patience was what I still needed. Since my conversion and baptism, forty years ago, I find that there dwells in me an ever-growing hope of meeting those who have gone to their reward.

For the new convert, I would suggest prayer and the reading of the Bible often, in addition to taking the advice given by our elders and ministers as they are guided by the holy word. The world is full of temptations, and only by prayer and supplication can we find grace to overcome. On our journey of life and faith, we need to hold to many scriptural passages for our daily guidance. The one I find most profitable to me is the instruction to be at peace with all men as far as it is possible and keeping the Beatitudes. I pray and trust that these words may be of help to someone. Marie Farney.

BLOOMINGTON-NORMAL

Virgil and Shirley Funk

Someone Was Watching

Some of our sisters-in-faith were riding a train. They went to the diner to eat; however, before partaking of their food they bowed their heads in silent prayer.

A colored waiter approached them and related that he had been watching for a long time to see if anyone would still pray before they ate. He also remarked that it did his heart so much good to see this and brought back memories of his childhood, when he apparently had some religious training.

This waiter did everything that he could to serve them well and make their meal an enjoyable one. Perhaps we may be surprised if we knew who is watching our everyday conduct—let us remember that our life is being recorded daily.

Services were conducted only the last two Sundays this month, as the Mennonites retained the use of their building the first two Sundays. Visiting ministers included Joe Kaisner from Forrest and William Gudeman from Elgin, Illinois. May God reward them for their efforts.

BERN

Esther and Stella Moser

Bro. Allen and Sis. Glenda Rokey have a new son, Brian Lee, born Feb. 8. A brother, Todd makes him welcome. Bro. Roy and Sis. Lucy

Rokey, and Bro. Nathan and Sis. Lois Grimm, Sabetha, are the grandparents.

Bro. Frank Hertzell had corrective surgery on the thumb he injured some time ago, in hopes it will increase its usage. He has it in a cast. Sis. Verona Strahm (Bro. Wilfred) is getting around on crutches. She had the misfortune to fall and fracture her knee cap.

Bro. Harlan Stoller was elected as our new trustee, to serve with Bros. Alvin Strahm and Morris Edelman.

Bro. Roy and Sis. Lucy Rokey have moved to 603 No. 13 in Sabetha. Their son, Bro. Allen and family moved to their farm.

Exchanging homes from farm to town are the Bro. Lee Plattner family with his parents, Albert and Sis. Julia, Lee to the farm and Albert to Bern. We wish all these families happiness in their new homes.

BLUFFTON

Imogene Steffen — Pat Isch

The Golden Years Give Counsel

Amid these latter days of turmoil and strife, the wisdom of the golden years of experience is a priceless treasure. So it was found one evening as we visited with Bro. Jacob Kaehr, aged ninety-one. Repenting at the age of nineteen and receiving God's peace in his heart, he has thus far spent seventy-two years in the service of the Lord.

Jake spends his days at his home in Bluffton with his daughter, Sis. Francis, and attends church every Sunday. He thoroughly enjoys the fellowship and states he loves every member and every friend. Visiting with one another, he states, is necessary to lift each other up and to encourage one another.

Bro. Jake advises that we all need much faith to overcome the battles of life. The Lord will help us in time of need, but we must learn to wait upon Him. He explains that during youthful years, one is occupied with many and various activities and Satan is there to tempt. However, in latter years, Jake says, Satan is still there to trouble the souls. He relates it is necessary to say, **Satan, get thee behind me,** as Jesus said when on earth.

Bro. Jacob was married to Sis. Fannie Reinhard, who died in 1945. There are eight living children,

twenty-nine grandchildren, and fifty-four great-grandchildren. Jake served as song leader, Sunday School teacher, and teacher of vocal music. He was chosen Sunday School superintendent and held the office eighteen years. Many of us remember the familiar tap of his cane on the bench to call order in Sunday School.

In answer to the question of how we can live a better Christian life, Jake advises to pray for grace and diligently strive to live each day better than the days before. He suggests to always remember Christ's commandments — Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength, and Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.

Bro. Wayne Fiechter and Sis. Kay (Tom) Fairchild were hospitalized. We appreciate the fact that they were both dismissed and thankful that they can again return to our fellowship. Bro. Don G. Gerber, Bro. John Fiechter, and Sis. Dorothy (Vernon) Gerber are under treatment in the hospital. We entrust them all into the Lord's care, that he may heal where it is His will, or grant His eternal reward to the older who are desirous of only their heavenly rest.

Tyler Eagon became the infant son of Bro. Richard and Sis. Elaine Reimschisel. Three brothers welcome this new arrival.

Two dear friends have been announced for provings. They are Jon Gilliom and Ann (McCune) Frauhiger. We wish them the Lord's continued grace and guidance.

A refreshing mid-week service was enjoyed as Bro. Simon Wagenbach favored us with a visit. Bro. Walter Rehklau was with us the following Sunday, bringing so many good teachings of the Spirit. Both of these brothers truly instructed us to stay on the narrow way, for it and it alone will lead us to those pearly gates. The sacrifices which we make while on this earth will truly be worth it all.

BRADFORD

Rebecca Endress

Spring seems to be trying to push its way through the snow, and the last half of February we experienced fourteen straight days of above-average temperatures.

It was a lovely springy day that

brought a surprise to the Stisser family, as Randy Stisser flew to Peoria from Vietnam. Not having told anyone of his arrival, he rented a car and drove to the trailer home of his wife, Linda and son Daryl. He is the son of Bro. Loris and Sis. Lottie Stisser. We are glad he has come back safely.

We have been blessed with several visiting ministers: Bro. Harvey Grimm, Bern; Bro. John Steiner, Oakville; and Bro. George Wagenbach, Princeville. We enjoyed their visits and invite them back.

BREMEN

Aldean Feldman

On Feb. 28 we were privileged to have Bro. Jack Bollier and other brethren of Leo and Bro. Walt Steffen and other Milford brethren to worship with us. Bro. Bollier richly reminded us to let our love shine and not to keep it hidden. Power of God gives light in various ways through all His followers, just as light shines through different fixtures, such as candles, lanterns and electric lights. Bro. Steffen brought us a timely message on talents, naming love as the greatest we can have and use. In the afternoon we enjoyed dinner and a time of fellowship. Later there was a singspiration together, with all ages joining together, praising God.

Our best wishes and the Lord's blessings are extended to Pamela Weldy and Tom Missman, who were married March 6. Pamela is the granddaughter of Bro. El and Sis. Mae Schumacher.

BURLINGTON, IOWA

Verna Woodward — Edna Pohl

The last Sunday in February gave us a heart-warming day, with many young brothers and sisters from La Crosse. The young members from Oakville joined us for the afternoon service. It certainly stirs one's heart to be joined in faith with God's redeemed children . . . ever reminding us this is a foretaste of a better Bliss to come, and share with our Heavenly Father above."

For lack of a personal visit with our Sis. Sarah Gerst, we visited by phone. She is a living example of "Endure and be still", like many a soul in trials and tests. Sarah has been shut in the past year, and still can't walk on her weak leg, but stands awhile between times. She has visitors now and then to help

keep the sunshine in. "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

With March coming in like a lamb, we heartily look forward to that wonderful reawakening of the earth, with the beautiful flowers, shrubs and trees soon to come into bloom again. It is worth living through the 4 seasons, where each has its time of serene beauty. One never ceases to marvel and praise our Heavenly Father for His wonderful works, and to the children of men.

He lifted me out. I was out on the Broadway of sin and despair, crushed 'neath my burden of sorrow and care:

My constant companions were trouble and doubt till Jesus reached down and lifted me out.

CHICAGO

Our visiting ministers were Elder Bros. Noah Bauman—Rittman, and Rudolph Graf, Akron. Let us heed the words, inspired by the Spirit, that are shared with us by God's servants each time we assemble in His name.

We rejoice at the betrothal announcement of Sis. Lois Heiniger and Bro. Herbert Gray. During the week following their announcement, Lois entered the hospital for knee surgery. The operation revealed a malignant bone tumor, necessitating the amputation of her leg. Lois is recovering in the hospital and will be released in several days. Her Christian spirit is unwavering, and she is eagerly anticipating her recovery.

Sis. Diane Bucher, wife of Bro. Dennis, was confined to the hospital for about a week and is now convalescing at home. Sis. Connie (Edw.) Frautschi was in the hospital for several days. She is now recuperating at home. Lu Ann Eisenman, nine-month-old daughter of Bro. Dale and Sis. Judy is in the hospital with bronchitis and is undergoing tests.

Sis. Diane Olson has gone to New Orleans as a part of a research team from Children's Memorial Hospital in Chicago. The research project should last about six months.

May we always pray for the sick and those in remote places, that they can be strengthened by

our Lord with grace for each day and trial.

Our pledges of monetary support have been given to our building committee, as continued progress toward the building of a new assembly is being made.

BURLINGTON, OKLAHOMA

Janice Frieden — Janice Springer

"Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth." We rejoice to know that our friend Pete Farney has found peace with God and is now awaiting baptism.

On Sunday, Jan. 7, our congregation held services at the Kiowa Rest Home, and despite icy roads many attended the first-Sunday-of-the-month singing at Dale and Sis. Marie Tucker's home. After singing and refreshments, Dale showed us some very interesting pictures of his trip to Africa.

Our congregation was saddened at the passing of two dear sisters in faith: Sis. Ida Schrock, wife of Bro. John Schrock, and Sis. Caroline Kraft, wife of Mike Kraft. May God grant His comfort to their helpmates and their families.

The engagement of Sis. Deborah Springer, daughter of Sis. Mabel Springer, to Bro. Lonnie Banwart, son of Bro. and Sis. Raymond Banwart, Ft. Scott, was made known on Feb. 21. May God bless their engagement and forthcoming marriage with His abiding love.

Hospital patients include Bro. George Miller and Sis. Rose Schupbach. We hope they will soon be up and about.

One day as a sister in faith stood watching her small children play, this verse came to her:

As I stood watching my children play,
I so clearly heard the Saviour say:
Just what have you taught them
of Me today?

CISSNA PARK

Mary Young — Margaret Rudin

The angels rejoice greatly over every sinner that repenteth; likewise, our congregation rejoiced over six precious souls that gave their testimonies Feb. 13 and were baptized Feb. 14. They were Ray Bauer, Brenda and Bonnie Hoffman, Mary Lou Greiner, Kathy Knapp and Nancy Kaufmann. Bros. Roy Sauder and Herman

Kellenberger assisted with this important work. Three more precious souls found the need for repentance. They are Gloria Stock, daughter of Bro. Lester and Sis. Arleen; Rita Eisenman, daughter of Bro. Ray and Sis. Emily; and Diane Feller, daughter of Bro. Ed Jr. and Sis. Betty. They gave their testimonies March 6 and were baptized March 7. We welcome them all into our brotherhood. Bro. Ben Maibach assisted with this important work.

The engagement of Sis. Hulda Honegger to Bro. Emil Schmitt has been announced; our best wishes are extended to them.

Guest ministers were Bros. Walter Steffen, Arthur Baurer, Edwin Bahler, Henry Beer, Bob Grimm, and Harold Schmidtgal. We thank them for their precious teaching and hope they will come again soon.

Among the sick are Jim Bauer, son of Bro. Kenneth; and Sis. Loretta has been a hospital patient, having had surgery. Ronald Krumwiede, husband of Sis. Shirley, had surgery, and Joyce, daughter of our friends Ronald and Mary Ann Young, had surgery. Sis. Esther Siegle returned to her home after having taken treatments at Madison, Wis. May God's healing balm be poured in and give them strength.

Bro. Albert Martin, age 76, passed away Feb. 12 after a long illness. Funeral services were held Feb. 15 at the funeral home in Watseka. He leaves to mourn his wife, Molly, who so faithfully cared for him; a daughter, Mrs. Robert Long; two sons, William and Jerry; a sister, Sis. Mary Yergler. He was laid to rest at Watseka Ill. Our sympathy is extended to the family.

Stanley Gudeman, son of Bro. George and Sis. Caroline, has had a medical discharge from the army.

Those Golden Years

Bro. Lucien and Sis. Freida Kuntz observed their Golden Anniversary with open house at the home of their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Shoufler, Hoopston Ill., Feb. 27. Lucien was born in Alsace-Lorraine on Feb. 20, 1819, and came to Cissna Park April 18, 1914, to the late Bro. Lucien Feller home, being a relative of his. He was converted, and was baptized Sept. 22 1919 by Elder Bro. Eugene Schladenhauffen. Freida

was born near Cissna Park on Sept. 7, 1894, the daughter of Bro. Fred & Sis. Katherine (Kaufman) Stock. She was baptized Aug. 26 1917 by Bro. Schladenhauffen. They were also married by Bro. Schladenhauffen, on Feb. 27, 1921, and farmed in the Cissna Park community until Dec. 1952, when they moved to their present home in Hoopston. They were blessed with six children, Mrs. Gerald (Katherine) Nease, Waterloo Wis.; Mrs. Dale (Sis. Mabel) Farney and Charlo, Cissna Park; Mrs. Herbert (Marguerite) Shoufler. Lillian and an infant son are deceased. They have shared joy and sorrow and have been good pillars in the church. They thank and give all praise to God for His love and rich blessings and the good health they are enjoying. They express their thanks and appreciation to all who remembered them with cards and gifts.

Thank you: I want to thank all of my dear relatives and dear friends for all the nice birthday wishes that were sent to me for my 85th birthday. Thank you also for the gifts.—Leah Aeschleman. Sis. Leah is still very active; she helps with the dishes almost every Sunday.

CONGERVILLE

Phyllis Knapp — Norma Stahl

Begin the day with God!
He is thy Sun and Day!
His is the radiance of thy dawn;
To Him address thy lay.

Thy first transaction be
With God Himself above;
So shall thy business prosper well,
And all the day be loved.

Bro. Ben and Sis. Lula Zimmerman celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. The Lord has surely blessed them, making it possible to be together and to live a life for God. If it's the Lord's will, may He bless another year together.

A couple Sundays ago it was real gloomy outside, but at church the sun was shining inside. Sis. Ida Nussbaum for the first time since her major surgery was there. How evident it was that everyone was so happy to see her. How well she carries her cross. The Lord must surely be well pleased. May God bless her and her family for their

patience and for the light they shine for others.

Suellen Ott, daughter of Bro. Don and Sis. Carolyn, had a tonsillectomy. It is good to report that she got along fine and is out and about.

Elder Bros. Josh Broquard, Herman Kellenberger and Leroy Huber were here on a Wed. night and read the church letter.

Our visiting ministers were: Bro. Dave Wiegand of Urbana; Bro. Willis Wiegand of Goodfield; Bro. Orville Ringger of Bluffton; Bro. Bob Meyer of Bluffton.

DETROIT

Donna Hartzler — Judith Aberle

It is refreshing to know souls still have a desire to turn their backs to the world and to serve God. Those confessing this desire are Joe Sabados, son of Bro. Paul and Sis. Mary; George Popp, whose wife is Sis. Helen and daughter is Sis. Bonnie; and Roger Saurer. Roger works and lives in Lansing but assembles with us here. His parents are Bro. Harry and Sis. Esther of Rittman. May God grant them all the grace to experience a true repentance and surrender their lives to His service.

There are several from our congregation who were on the sick list. Among them were little Gretchen Elise, infant daughter of Bro. Ernie and Sis. Mary Weigele, who is home from the hospital recovering from bronchitis; and Hilda Baurer, who was in the hospital for surgery. May we put our trust in God, that He will lay His loving hand upon the sick and heal them as He sees best.

ELGIN, ILLINOIS

Louise Steffen Katie Kachelmuss

We had two announcements of coming weddings, Bro. Stanley Schambach and Sis. Norma Frank of Leo, and Bro. Richard Schock and Sis. Janice Joos of Morris.

John Lanz, brother of Sis. Bertha (Joseph) Lauber passed away at the age of 80 years. Our sympathy is extended to the family.

Bro. Alvin Lohbauer, 701 Linden Ave., Elgin Ill. 60120, has been hospitalized but now has returned to his home.

Jean Schock Schambach has gone to be with her husband, Robert, who is stationed at Maine, Germany.

The committee on the World Re-

lief Program met here, and in unison and concord discussed the necessary procedures in their worthy project. May God add His blessings to their efforts and labors. All left for home again except Bro. Noah Schrock, who stayed over for our Sabbath Day services, and we had a blessed day, as sweetly echoed the gospel call, wonderful words of Life, offering pardon and peace to all, wonderful words of Life. May God bless him for his efforts and labor of love.

We wish all a blessed Easter Day, especially our brothers and friends in the service of our Country who must be away from their homes and loved ones.

Inspire, O Lord, each servant
With love and ardor fervent
Thy gospel to proclaim;
That, prompted by Thy Spirit,
They work and toil with merit
Unto the glory of Thy name.

This is our plea and prayer for Bro. Clarence Dietrich, who was ordained to the ministry in Silverton, where he now is and will be moving his family there soon. We will miss them all but wish them God's blessings in their new home. Their address is R. 3, Box 141B, Silverton Oregon 97381.

ELGIN, IOWA

Mrs. George Butikofer

Spring will soon be here. The thought of it gives us pleasure, for trees budding and the green blades of tulips appearing is as a true miracle after all of nature has been embedded in ice and snow for the winter season. Easter seems to spell new hope and a revitalizing of our spirits, and so we are happy for this event which will soon be upon us. May God be praised for His plan of salvation and for Christ's willingness to die for our sins and may we rejoice because of His resurrection.

Speaking about golden years giving counsel, my mother, who was converted in her early twenties states that she has discovered that the Lord always provides both spiritually and materially if one trusts in Him. Another stated that she feels that everything works for the best to those that love the Lord and are called according to His purpose. Sis. Bertha and Bro. Gottlieb Pulfer, who have both attained the age of 87 can both testify to the

Lord's goodness and mercy throughout their lives.

Sis. Elizabeth Moore has been blessed with two grandsons. They are the children of Melvin and Vicki Moore. Shawn, the elder of the two has started to school, and Chad was born in December of '70. The Melvin Moores are located at Chesapeake, Virginia, where he has employment with the GE. Mrs. Moore came to visit her father, Abe Habegar, who has been quite ill. (At present he is recovering quite satisfactorily, for which all concerned are very thankful.)

EUREKA

**Cathryn Wettstein
Salome Schumacher**

**Let us not be weary in well doing;
for in due season we shall reap, if
we faint not.**

Don't stop praying but have more trust;

Don't stop praying for pray we must.

Faith will banish a mount of care;
Don't stop praying! God answers prayer.

Birth: A son to Bro. and Sis. Dale and Friedora (Wettstein) Wiegand. He was born Feb. 5 and has been named Charles Leon. They have two boys and a girl to say **Welcome** to the new little one.

At the January Business meeting chosen were: Bro. Sam Blunier, for trustee; Bro. Robert Wiegand, Bro. Dale Wiegand and Bro. Ernest Knecht for Sunday School teachers; Bro. Paul Rocke, to take care of World Relief.

One Sunday, Bro. Everett Hari from Normal was our guest.

Feb. 27 three friends were proved. They were James and Stanley Stoller, sons of Clara (Stoller) Huber and Bonnie Wuthrich, the daughter of Bro. and Sis. Willis and Flo. Bro. Josh Broquard helped Bro. Leroy Huber. The next day they were baptized before a large crowd of dear relatives and friends. Many visiting ministers were with us. Some of them were Bros. Nathan Stoller and Mike Weyeneth, who lent themselves in speaking God's word so clear and plain, so that surely all who had ears to hear could have heard the message of salvation.

Bro. Leroy Huber reminded us, as this is the spring of the year, it would be good if we would all do

a little pruning away of the things that are not good for us, just as a gardener prunes the grape vines. This is something to think about for each of us.

Bro. and Sis. Dave and Ann Le-man are announcing the engagement of their daughter, Joann, to David Lockwood.

Sis. Wilhelmina Anliker, Bro. Walter's wife is a patient in St. Francis Hospital. Larry Wettstein, the son of Bro. and Sis. Robert and Verna, is confined at home in bed with rheumatic fever. Sis. Tillie Wittmer is improving at her home, but still isn't strong enough to assemble in God's house. May her strength soon be restored to her with God's help.

Sis. Elizabeth Funk from Gridley is a new resident at the Home.

A Note of Thanks: I wish to express my sincere thanks to my friends and relatives who remembered me with cards, gifts, flowers, and prayers during my hospitalization and since returning home. It was all greatly appreciated. May God bless each one of you. Sis. Tillie Wittmer.

BIBLE READING SCHEDULE

Apr. 1, 1 Samuel 1-2; Apr. 2, 3-5; Apr. 3, 6-8; Apr. 4, 9-10; Apr. 5, 11-13; Apr. 6, 14-15; Apr. 7, 16-17; Apr. 8, 18-19; Apr. 9, 20-21; Apr. 10, 22-24; Apr. 11, 25-26; Apr. 12, 27-29; Apr. 13, 30-31; Apr. 14, II Samuel 1-2; Apr. 15, 3-5; Apr. 16, 6-9; Apr. 17, 10-12; Apr. 18, 13-14; Apr. 19, 15-17; Apr. 20, 18-19; Apr. 21, 20-22; Apr. 22, 23-24; Apr. 23, I Kings 1-2; Apr. 24, 3-5; Apr. 25, 6-7; Apr. 26, 8-9; Apr. 27, 10-11; Apr. 28, 12-13; Apr. 29, 14-15; Apr. 30, 16-17.

FAIRBURY Joyce Huber

Bro. and Sis. Henry Maurer were blessed with having their 50th wedding anniversary. The former Fannie Moser and Henry Maurer were married Feb. 24, 1921 and now observed their golden anniversary with an open house. They are the parents of 5 children: Sis. Lorene Roth, Bro. Ervin, Sis. Mary Beth, Sis. Eileen Bauer, and Evelyn, deceased. They wish to express their thanks to everyone that made their day a memorial one with their visits, cards and gifts.

Bro. Lyle and Sis. Edith (Huber) Huette celebrated their Silver Anniversary with an open house. They

are the parents of 3 children: Russel, Joan and Loretta. May both of the couples have many more happy anniversaries.

Sis. Martha Widmer, 72, passed away at the Fairbury Hospital, after an illness of 2 weeks. Her husband, Bro. Carl Widmer, died in July 1969. All of their children survive: Sis. Lucille Richardson, Sis. Madlyn Zimmerman of Metamora, Sis. Anna Belle, Sis. Doris, and Edwin, Harry, and Lloyd.

Bro. Harvey and Sis. Janice Schieler were blessed with a new baby girl, Suzanne Leigh. Other children are: Stephanie, Eric, and Keith.

Sis. Louise Bach and Sis. Jean Bittner have been chosen to teach in Sunday School. May God be with them in helping the children.

It was reported that Bro. Dan Roth was leaving for Viet Nam. After he was in California, his orders were changed, and he was sent to Germany. Bro. David Kaeb has returned from his army duties in Europe and received his discharge.

We enjoyed visiting ministers: Bro. Marvin Schmidgall, Eureka; Bro. Ben Fehr, Roanoke; Bro. Earl Banwart, West Bend; and Bro. Clarence Kachelmuss, Forrest.

FORREST Carolyn Zimmerman Juanita Schneider

Our Bro. Alf and Sis. Wanda Kuiperschmid are the parents of a little girl, their first child; she has been named Kristin Renee. Grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Bill Kuiperschmid of Forrest and Bro. and Sis. Merle Kaisner, Fairbury.

We were very privileged to have several visiting ministers to expound God's wonderful word to us. These brothers were Walter Anliker, Leroy Huber, Eureka; Elmer Witzig, Harold Schmidgall, Gridley; Ernie Gerber, Rockville; Earl Banwart, West Bend; Edmond Kloter, Walter Koehl and Merle Kaisner, Fairbury. We truly thank God for the wonderful words of life!

We welcome Terry Nussbaum, son of Bro. Dean and Sis. Betty, home from his tour of service the past year which was served in Germany.

Bro. Sidney Leman was a surgical patient at Fairbury Hosp., and Sis. Irene Traub submitted to surgery at Carle Hospital, Champaign; both are home again. Sis. Karen

Honegger and Sis. Emma Ifft and our friend Ed Stoller were medical patients.

Bro. and Sis. Art Huette have announced the engagement of their daughter, Kay to Jay Davis from Forrest. We hope they will always feel they are welcome to worship with us.

The Apostolic Christian Youth Fellowship's annual meeting was held at Forrest.

Once more Easter anthems gladden the morning air,
Once more joy in hope renewed is evident everywhere.
Glad hearts quicken life's pulsing flow.

Faces are lit with an inner glow
For once more we can say,
Christ is risen today!

FORT SCOTT Ida Sinn

Bro. Charles Sinn has been home on a recuperation leave and will report back in a few days for therapy. Shrapnel from a land mine severed the artery in his upper arm. He will enter the hospital upon his arrival.

The engagement of Lonnie Banwart and Debra Springer has been announced. Lonnie is the son of Bro. and Sis. Raymond and Kathryn Banwart, and Debra is the daughter of Sis. Mabel Springer of the Oklahoma congregation.

We wish to extend our sympathy to Sis. Dorothy Sinn in the loss of her brother, Leo Kraft at Gridley, Kansas. He met death in an automobile accident on Feb. 26.

Three of the Sinns have been hospitalized: Leon for an appendectomy; at the same time, his two-year-old daughter Staci was entered for observation; Bro. Gus entered for tests, besides nursing a broken arm from falling on the ice.

We count it a blessing that Bro. Sam Anliker, Sam Huber and Charles Marti have come into our midst and brought messages for the welfare of our spiritual needs. May God bless them for their efforts.

FORT LAUDERDALE

We have been blessed with the following ministers: Bro. Arthur Gudeman (LaCrosse), Bro. Charles Hemmer (Peoria). We simply say, thanks a lot brethren.

Our church was served Holy Communion by our elder, Bro. John Bahler and assisted by Elder Bro. Ben Maibach. Immediately follow-

ing, the memorandum was read. We want to thank all the brothers for their efforts, and we hope the Lord will reward them.

Bro. and Sis. Carl Hancher, from Bradford, have purchased a home in Ft. Lauderdale, and we welcome them to our congregation.

A daughter was born to Bro. John and Sis. Mary Isch; she has been named Mary Elizabeth. May the Lord bless this new addition.

We are happy to have Sis. Anna Mangold, widow of Elder Dave Mangold, with us for the winter. We have spent many precious hours together.

Something of Interest Sis. Elsie Bolliger was the first convert in Ft. Lauderdale. She was baptized in the Atlantic Ocean by Elder Bro. Joe A. Getz. Members that were present said it was a very impressive ceremony, as Bro. Joe and Elsie waded into the ocean's waters.

Daily Thought: Let not your good be overcome with evil, but overcome evil with good.

FORT WAYNE

Mary Eisenmann — Marge Gerber

"If Christ would enter the church today, to stand before us and beckon His loved ones home, would you be READY to go, or would you have to REMAIN in your bench?" May it be the lot of every dear soul to "Meet with Christ our Saviour, when He comes to claim His own!"

The call of the Lord was sent out to our friends through one of our beloved ministers, when Bro. Walter Rager of Toledo asked, "As He calls today, won't you answer?" Walter read of Daniel in the lions' den, which brought to memory the song, "Dare To Be A Daniel", so often requested by the Sunday School children when he was a teacher in the Ft. Wayne Sunday School. (And still a great favorite).

Dare to be a Daniel;
Dare to stand alone!
Dare to have a purpose firm!
Dare to make it known!

We were richly blessed through the words spoken by Bro. Bob Meyers of Bluffton and the precious fellowship of his visit (when Bro. Norman spent a Sunday with our norms and brethren at Indianapolis).

We are thankful that Bro. Floren

Klopfenstein's stay at the Mayo Clinic was short, and glad to hear they could give him relief. Floren Lieberenz sustained a fractured rib in a fall in his home. Bro. Elmore Schlatter is a patient at Parkview Hospital with a back injury, since mid-February. May the Lord bless and sustain all our loved ones in time of sickness and suffering.

How the mighty works of God was manifested to us . . . we took our daughter to O'Hare Airport at Chicago to fly to Florida . . . could motor to Cissna Park, where testimonies of dear ones were given and three precious souls were added to the fold, one a niece, the other two being in nurse's training at Mennonite Hospital in Bloomington, where I was in training and caring for a sister of the Cissna Park church when I received PEACE WITH GOD! And then on our homeward journey were engulfed in a blinding snowstorm, in that we spent the night in a motel. Have you ever been in a blinding snowstorm?—so much like a lost sinner groping about in the dark, then daylight and sunshine—so reminds us of the hand of God reaching out to the struggling sinner and guiding him to that safe harbor.

FRANCESVILLE

**Mrs. Herman (Chris) Wuethrich
Mrs. Otto Wuethrich**

Valentine Day meant a lot to us. Three loving daughters gave their hearts to the Lord on Valentine Day: Linda and Lorene Pfladderer (Bro. Bob and Sis. Norma) and Gail Gutwein (Bro. James and Sis. Marion). Bro. Russell Rapp assisted in their baptism's with such an open heart. In their testimonies one daughter said her baby sister slept with her one night, and looking at her so peaceful, she knew she would have to be like her to have a Heavenly Home to go to. Also she thought if she would wake up and all her family would be taken and she was left? A darling little nephew had to suddenly be taken . . . These girls wanted the kind of happiness that they saw in the members.

Another person that will never forget Valentine Day is Sis. Charlene Anliker (Bro. Elmer and Sis. Emilie), as her engagement was announced to Bro. Eldon Getz, Sis. Eliza) of Remington. They are

thanking God for opening their hearts for each other.

Softly these hearts are asking for God's help, as they are lying on hospital beds, Sis. Mabel Pelsy's husband Ivan, Sis. Angela Von Tobel and Bro. John Pelsy.

Our hearts were made so happy to have three God-loving brothers—Charles Marti, Marvin Schmidgall and Vernon Leman with us, who gave us so much joy with the precious word of God. What was in their hearts was spoken, and we have the opportunity to use it or reject it.

A touching "Farewell" from one visitor—After a chilly morning, we came to your warm church that was filled with warm hearts.

GIRARD Monell Stoll

The Girard congregation resolved many items of church business in the past few weeks.

Bro. Joseph Emch's son, Harold Emch was elected treasurer.

Elder Bros. Rudolph Graf of Akron and Noah Bauman of Rittman conducted Sunday services in Girard on Feb. 28. Services were followed by a business meeting during which the memorandum was presented.

Other business concerned the electing of a new minister. Bro. Harold Emch of 1262 W. Liberty, Hubbard, Ohio was chosen to serve the congregation. With the grace and help of God through his Holy Spirit, Harold's voice will be added to the call. The church is a hospital for sin-sick sinners. "They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick."

In Appreciation: Bro. Jess and Sis. Marie Emch would like to thank everyone for their thoughtfulness during Jess's confinement for eye surgery and during his time of convalescing. May God bless you all richly.

Sis. Minnie Emch wishes to thank all those who remembered her during her illness. She and Bro. Frank were able to attend services last Sunday for the first time in some weeks.

One of our oldest brothers, Wesley Stoll of West Farmington was taken to the hospital with congestive heart failure a few weeks ago. He is again at home with his son Elmer, but is unable to worship with us.

On Sunday, Feb. 14, Bro. Joe

Grey, his wife, and their daughter, Sis. Myra Grey visited with us. Myra had been studying at St. Francis Hospital in Pittsburgh, taking a course in physical therapy. We enjoyed her visits while she was there, but her work is now finished, and she has returned to Indianapolis to complete nurse's training.

Bro. L. Donald Stoll and Sis. Gail Stoll of Alliance, Ohio are the parents of a baby daughter, Lorrie Dawn born on Feb. 25.

GRIDLEY, ILLINOIS

Dixie Ringger

Our dear friends, Nancy Funk and Becky Gramm gave their testimonies on Feb. 13; Elder Bro. LeRoy Huber assisted Bro. George Gramm with the provings. On Sunday, the holy work of baptism was carried out.

We are happy for our friend, John Schlipf, son of Bro. Ralph and Sis. Winifred, whom the Lord has called unto repentance.

Bro. Dave and Sis. Gloria Wettstein are parents of their second son, Mark David, who arrived Feb. 3. Bro. Dale and Sis. Vicki Schlipf have been blessed with a second son, Jared Shane, born Feb. 5.

Bro. John Schlipf, who underwent serious back surgery, is convalescing at home and improving quite well.

Our visiting ministers were Bro. Marvin Schmidtgall and Bro. LeRoy Huber.

The Golden Years Give Counsel

It has been almost fifty years since I repented, and there has never been a time that I was sorry that I chose to follow our dear Lord and Saviour; the blessings and joy I have received has far out-weighed the worldly pleasures. I often recall the blessings enjoyed when visiting with the dear older brethren in my youth, learning from their past experience, and the example of their Christian walk of life. I believe there is a great blessing in gatherings where the aged and youth get together and sing and praise God together; by this the blessing is twofold, as both can learn and also get a lift. The main thing is to be honest and upright with ourself, for we are swiftly going down the valley, and for some of us the sun is low in the west.

I am sure that when we reach our life's end we will not feel that we gave up too much; we need not

look far to see what lack of respect for law and order has done, when we see what has happened in the colleges of our beloved America.

I know that our beloved elders as shepherds have a great responsibility, and we do well if we follow their leading; there is a blessing in obedience. A remark by a dear old elder years ago gave me a lift, "We have younger brothers in the church that want nothing but what is right", and to that I can say Amen.

A final thought, when dogs or wolves attack a flock of sheep and lambs, it is never the one near the shepherd that is lost, but the one that gets too far away from the shepherd and the flock. Yours in Faith.

GRIDLEY

Edna Somerhalder — Wilma Young

"O LORD, how manifold are thy works! in wisdom hast thou made them all: the earth is full of thy riches."

God revealed His might in a snowstorm, Sunday the 21st. We assembled as usual, little realizing what proportion the snow was accumulating. Due to blizzard conditions, many encountered difficulties reaching home. This was named the worst blizzard since 1886. On the brighter side—a tour in our yard shows many signs of spring, the jonquils full of buds, trees and early shrubbery budding, and the robins are building nests. How welcome are the signs of spring!

Brian Lynn is the son born to Bro. Lloyd and Sis. Nadine Kraft. Those who welcomed his arrival are Bro. Douglas, James, Barbara, Mary Jane, Richard and Dale Ray. One sister lives at Madison, Sis. Susan (Bill) Emch.

Friend Charles Knapp spent ten days in the hospital for observation and treatment . . . glad to see him back in church. Bro. Douglas Kraft spent eleven days in the hospital following a tonsillectomy. He made a slow recovery and has returned to work at the boat factory.

We welcome the newlyweds, Bro. Martin and Sis. Karen Beyer into our midst. They're at home in Gridley, where Martin is employed at the Beyer Motor Co.

Bro. Samuel Huber also Joe Aberli spent a Sunday with us. Other visiting ministers were Elder Bro. Samuel Anliker and Bro. Roy

Wernli. Each left us with many thoughts to ponder. Welcome to all visitors.

We wish to extend sympathy to Sis. Leona Kraft and family in the three-vehicle crash that claimed the life of Leo Kraft, 41 years. Leo was the son of the late Bro. Dan and Sis. Lizzie Kraft. His wife, a drowning victim, preceded him in death in 1966. He is survived by three children, Terry, a Junior and Jan and Jill in grade school; his stepmother, Leona, and seven sisters. Our sympathy is extended to the Youngs in the passing of John Young; he was a nephew of Bro. Andy and Sis. Lydia.

Sis. Lydia Bahr hasn't responded to treatment for her hip infection. She has spent the past seven months with her daughters in Wichita. At present she is with her daughter, Sis. Dorothy Brown. Her address, 310 S. 5th St. Kiowa, Ks. 67070. We wish her God's healing power and strength.

HONOLULU

Bill and Sharon Dotterer

Christians have a wonderful source of power and help from prayer. As we listened on Sunday to a taped sermon, the thought came to me how many prayers have been said for those in the service. Others in the Army probably feel the same as we: how often have we felt the strength and power of the churches' prayers. We certainly need each other's prayers.

Many visitors enjoyed Hawaii's sunny warm weather. It was enjoyable visiting with Bro. Art and Sis. Alma Schmidt from Elgin, Ill.; and Bro. Harold and Sis. Violet Reeser and their son Steve from Goodfield.

Bro. Stan Wuthrich flew here for a short leave from Viet Nam; we had a nice time together. He was granted an "early out" and should be home at Milford by the end of February.

Bro. Happy and Sis. Ann Hodel from Roanoke came to Hawaii on a tour. Their efforts to be with our little group for a few additional days were certainly appreciated.

Dick Dietz underwent minor surgery at Tripler Hospital and should be getting out very soon.

ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY Cindy Rassi

Bros. Vernon Leman, Joe Schrock, Dan Koch, Dave Wiegand,

and Ed Hohulin have served our ISU gatherings. We give our thanks to each of them.

There have been several wedding announcements, which include our ISU students: Bro. Keith Funk (Gridley, ISU) and Sis. Kathy Fischer (Roanoke, Mennonite Nurse's Training); Bro. Steve Leman (Roanoke) and Sis. Shirley Getz (Roanoke, Mennonite Nurse's Training); Bro. John Kelly (Morton, ISU) and Sis. Marcia Koehler (Morton); Bro. Jack Miller (Congerville, ISU) and Sis. Jean Roeschley (Morton); and Bro. Ted Witzig (Morton, ISU) and Sis. Cindy Rassi (Morton, ISU). May the Lord's blessings rest on each of them.

The annual Easter program will be held April 1 in Hadyn Auditorium, on the corner of College and University Avenues. Bro. Lloyd Schumacher will lead the ISU students in singing praises to our Lord.

INDIANAPOLIS

Charles and Doris Neuenschwander

When all seems darkest
And life is a hard uphill climb,
Have faith, have hope, and pray,
For all things worthwhile take
time.

Many good teachings were brought to us. On Feb. 7, Bro. Wendell Gerber was with us. Feb. 14, Elder Bro. Sam Aeschliman and Bro. Bob Meyer came and the Memorandum was read. May we all take this seriously so that some day we can be rewarded for it. Other visiting ministers were Bro. Maurice Frank, Bro. Alfred Bahler and Bro. Norman Stoller.

Sunday morning, March 7, Bro. Tom Frank called and said his wife, Sis. Caroline, became ill and had to be admitted to the hospital. We all wish her a speedy recovery.

IOWA CITY

Beverly Mogler

"Help us, Oh Lord, that we may be able to answer the question of those around us who are seeking to know more about Thee." These words were uttered in a prayer by Bro. Bob Pohl, who was with us in January. In his sermon he further advised us to commit passages of scripture to memory, so when we are confronted about our faith, our answers may be based on the scriptures.

At our first meeting in February, words of encouragement came through Bro. Ed Lanz of Oakville. We were taught about the necessity of living a pure and upright life in Christ. Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could say as Paul? . . . "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith".

It is amazing how words of warning can become words of comfort when one is converted. Regardless of our standing with God, we all received a blessing when Bro. Harvey Heiniger expounded on events yet to be fulfilled, as they are spelled out in the Revelation. As we see predicted events coming to pass, we wonder how long God will let the world stand.

IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

Ralph and Diane Lanz are the parents of a baby son, Brett Christopher, born March 5. Brett has one brother, 4-year old Jeffrey Ralph. Maternal grandparents are Bro. Orel and Sis. Rose Steiner of Oakville. Paternal grandparents are Henry and Sis. Marie Lanz of Rockville.

We were privileged to have with us at our February meeting Bro. Bill Funk of the Pulaski congregation.

JUNCTION

Henrietta Manz — Betty Manz

Maburn Hale spent several days in the hospital for tests. We are glad when he is able to assemble with us again. We wish all the dear shut-ins God's richest blessings.

Ministering Bro. Henry Dotterer, Rittman, spent a Sunday with us. We had a blessed day. Henry grew up in our community, and it brought back memories. We wish him God's help and grace in his added duties as a minister. Bro. Eugene Fetter, Toledo, spent a Sunday with us. We are always glad to see Bro. Eugene, Sis. Marilyn and little Eadie come to visit us. Marilyn (Dotterer) also grew up here and has her aged mother (Sis. Leona) and many relatives living here.

Sis. Martha Laukhuf wishes to thank everyone who remembered her on her 88th birthday, March 5. She feels so thankful that she is still able to keep up her own home. She often doesn't feel well, and very seldom is she able to go to church. She appreciates the mail she receives. Since it is very hard

for her to write, she wanted to take this opportunity to extend a thanks to all.

LA CROSSE

Mary Ann Feller — Pearl Nuest

After the tempest — calm,
After the shadow — light,
And the golden dawn breaks clearly
After the long, long night.
After the rain, the sunshine,
After the tears, the laughter,
And when this life is over . . .
Life eternal follows after.

Our hearts were deeply saddened by the death of our beloved Sis. Lydia Moser. Mrs. George Moser, 83, of Valparaiso passed away Feb. 22. She is survived by two daughters, Lorene and Erma at home; and three sons, Henry, Wayne and Marvin, all from Valparaiso. Her husband, two sons and two daughters preceded her in death. Funeral services were conducted by Bros. Ed Frank and George Yergler.

Our congregation was blessed by the teachings of our visiting ministers, Bro. Edwin Hohulin, Goodfield, and Bro. Duane Metzger, West Bend.

A baby girl, Heidi Lynn, was born to Teresa and Carl Melcher on Feb. 8. Grandparents are Fern and Bart Antrim and Don and Jean Melcher; maternal great-grandmother is Alice Heinold. Also blessed with a baby boy, Leonard Earl, on March 5 were Sis. Janet and Bro. Elvin Nuest. Grandparents are Bro. Lester and Sis. Ann Nuest and Sis. Ruth Lowery. He was born on the 87th birthday of his great-grandmother, Sis. Lena Nuest.

LAMAR

Bonnie Braker — Evelyn Marti

Bro. Noah Schlupp and Calvin Lanz were surgical patients. Sis. Arlene (Dean) Marti, after many weeks in the hospital and being confined to her home following surgery, was able to worship with us Sunday. Sis. Bertha Rou leau of Springfield, Mo., has been in the hospital. Mary Engelage, daughter of Sis. Rose Widmer, broke her ankle and is in a Springfield hospital.

Bro. Fred and Sis. Emma Lanz celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Feb. 27. Over 150 guests attended a reception Sun., Feb. 21, hosted by Bro. Fred and Sis. Emma's children.

Bro. Bill Pfister and Sis. Elizabeth from Bluffton visited his

aunt, Luisa Rentch, on their way to Phoenix. Luisa has been confined to her home for some time, after breaking her hip.

We were blessed by having Elder Bro. Paul Fehr from Morris with us.

We extend sympathy to Bro. Fred and Sis. Emma Lanz and the Lanz families in the death of their brother, John Lanz.

KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY Mrs. Daryl Meyer

Wed., Feb. 10, a Bible Study was held at Danforth Chapel. Bros. Joe Aberle and Sam Huber, Sabetha, conducted the study from the book of Phillipians. We wish to thank them for coming down.

Most of the members and friends enjoyed a vacation, from Feb. 19-22, but due to the snowstorm, classes were not resumed until Tuesday the 23rd.

Wed., Feb. 24, a church service was held, with Bro. Lester Hartter, Bern, and Bro. Sam Huber, Sabetha as ministers.

LAMONT Betty Wernli

In recalling a conversation between an older brother-in-faith and one younger, in discussing ways of serving the Lord, the eldest exclaimed, "I try!" Does the Lord ask more than this, that try with all our hearts to serve Him. He will not expect perfection, but true obedience.

Bro. Chris Sauder, born April 5, 1883, departed this life on Feb. 12 at Newman Memorial Hospital in Emporia. He has been unable to assemble with us for some years and has spent the last few months in a nursing home. Survivors include his wife, Dena, of the home, and three sons and five daughters, who so lovingly saw to his every need. Bro. Sam Anliker conducted the funeral services. We are so thankful that Bro. Chris could be relieved of his earthly suffering, to live forever with the Lord. May God ever be near Sis. Dena in her loss.

Sis. Karen Huber of Sabetha and Bro. Martin Beyer of this congregation were united in Holy Matrimony. May the Lord ever bless them, and that they always feel the presence of the Lord in their union, that this **threefold cord be not lightly rent apart**. They shall make their home in Gridley, which

is the home church for both of them.

Sis. Hulda Jacobs spent some time in Stormont-Vail Hospital in Topeka; Sis. Lucy Imthurn has had complications from a fall. Sis. Dena Sauder was confined with the flu; Sis. Dena Fechter and Sis. Lea Fechter were shut in with their afflictions. . . . So glad to have them in our midst, as we in our small congregation need and miss each one.

Sam Enz is home from the hospital and doing as well as expected.

LANDERSVILLE Billie Jo Harville

The time has come to celebrate Easter, and I wonder how many will think of Jesus? How many will think of God's Son, that came to this sinful world to shed his blood and give his life.

Would the Lord find you sleeping as Jesus found the disciples, if he came today? After the Pass-over Supper, Jesus led the disciples to a garden, on the Mount of Olives, called Gethsemane. He told the disciples to stay there while he went to pray.

Then taking Peter, James and John, Jesus went a little farther into the garden. He told the three men, **My soul is very sorrowful, even unto death. Stay here and watch with me.** Jesus then went a little farther, fell on the ground and prayed to his Father. After a time, Jesus rose from prayer and came to the disciples, and found them sleeping.

Why do you sleep, asked Jesus? Rise and spend your time in prayer. Could you not watch with me one hour?

If Jesus came today, how many of you would he find sleeping. Be thankful that there is a merciful and just God, who will forgive you of your sins.

Remember the time "Easter" for what it Represents—Not your own celebration but for the Death, Burial, and Resurrection.

On the 8th of March, friends and relatives surprised Sis. Barbara Simmons at her home, for a birthday supper. Everyone had an enjoyable evening.

We are happy to announce that little Arlan Byars, son of John and Betty Byars, is out of the hospital. Everyone remember Arlan in your prayers.

LATTY

Dolores Grant — Iva Stoller

Soon we will bid farewell to another winter season and hopefully wish for spring weather.

We have three births to report during the month of February: a boy, Jason Paul, born to Sis. Edie and Bro. Rodney Laukhuf (Grandparents are Bro. Merrill and Sis. Dolly Laukhuf). A girl, Jenny Lynn, to Jerry and Janette Schlatter (Grandparents are Bro. Herman and Sis. Viola Schlatter). A girl, Tamara Jo, to Sis. Nancy and Bro. Gary Stoller (Grandparents are Sis. Lillian Stoller and Bro. Bill and Sis. Elsie Rager).

We welcome Harvey Stoller, who has returned from serving with the Army. Harvey's parents are Bro. Dave and Sis. Irene. While gaining one, we bid farewell to Mark Stoller, who has left for his tour of duty in the Army. Mark is the son of Bro. Louis and Sis. Mildred Stoller. We are thankful to have loved ones return safely, and sorry to see another depart. Our prayers are for his protection. Mark will be stationed at Ft. Sam.

Bro. Eli Rager was hospitalized a short while, undergoing tests.

Congratulations and Best Wishes go to Anna Rose Schlatter, daughter of John and Lillian Schlatter, who was married to Kevin Geiger, Ft. Wayne. They are residing in Ft. Wayne. We wish them God's blessing.

I just received word that our dear aged Sis. Dora Sinn passed away . . . we had just visited her on Sat. evening at the rest home. She thought Sis Bertha and Bro. Alfred Beuhlar were by her bedside (They were dear friends of hers that have long passed on). She remarked in her feeble voice, "It's just wonderful—It's wonderful," in German. She passed into eternity 30 hours later.

Bro. Loren Stoller reminded us in his sermon, as the Pillars of our church pass on, will there be some one to take their place so that our churches will not fade away. It leaves us with the importance of remaining steadfast.

Send address of someone you love, if you want that one to receive the Silver Lining. Two dollars is suggested a year for the Silver Lining. Notify us, if possible 30 days in advance, of any address change.

LESTER

Alice Metzger — Paulette Meyer

Although it is still cold in north-west Iowa, the lengthening hours of daylight and the gradual disappearance of the snow from the fields gives us a promise that Spring cannot be far away. The Creator of all never fails to change the seasons, a miracle for all to behold.

Our church has felt the need for additional help in the ministry, and the Lord has provided. This duty has fallen on Bro. Dennis Warner, and we trust that he and Sis. Esther will accept this as an opportunity to be of service to their Lord. Elder Bro. Paul Fehr of Morris assisted our Elder Bro. Leo Moser.

On this same week-end of Feb. 20, we were privileged to hear the testimonies of faith of Jerry and Sue Leuthold. They were baptized the following day before a large group of witnesses and are now our brother and sister in faith. Jerry is the son of Bro. and Sis. Alvin Leuthold, and Sue is the daughter of Sis. Donnabelle and Alvin Nelson of Winthrop.

On Feb. 14 the wedding of Carol Wulf and David Knapp was solemnized in the home of the bride's parents, with Bro. Leo Moser conducting the service. She is the daughter of Bro. and Sis. Wm. Wulf, and he is the son of Bro. and Sis. Maurice Knapp of Roanoke. We appreciated the many visitors who were here for the day, and were grateful to have Bro. Fredrick Knapp of Congerville minister to us.

Our dear aged Sis. Mary Knobloch, wife of Bro. Ernest, is able to assemble with us again, after being laid up with surgery and hospitalization for several weeks. We rejoice to have her back in church. Other hospital patients were Mrs. Lou Moser; Sis. Florence Knobloch (August); Kevin, son of Bro. and Sis. Fredrick Metzger; and Matthew, the small son of Bro. and Sis. Gilbert Knobloch. All had surgery, and we are happy to report all are doing fine.

We are thankful to have our dear friends return, after serving in the service of our country. Charles Leuthold, son of Bro. and Sis. Art and Lynn Doorneveerd (son of Sis. Karoline) have safely returned to their families and church. Don Metzger, son of Bro. and Sis. Elmer, has been released from active

duty with the Air National Guard.

Rollyn Knobloch, son of Bro. and Sis. Gilbert, has been inducted into the army and is stationed at Ft. Lewis, Washington.

A daughter, Wendy Sue, was born to Bro. and Sis. Howard Mogler on Feb. 13.

MANSFIELD

Aaron A. Sauder

"... and be ye thankful." So we join with Bro. Jim and Sis. Clara Sabo Zimmer in giving thanks that their teenage daughter Susan is improving, after having been in critical condition with encephalitis. We are also thankful that Sis. Theresa Stier is reported improving, after being seriously ill with infection in the hospital. Bro. Bob Sauder is also a hospital patient. Our prayers are with these dear ones, that God would heal and strengthen as He knows best.

We extend our sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Dinger on the death of their infant grandson.

May God bless Dave and Geri Beard and their new little son who was born on Feb. 8. Aaron David is the Beard's first child. Sis. Caroline Beard is his paternal grandmother; his grandfather is George Beard of Toledo, and his great-grandmother is Sis. Hazel Domka.

Another one of our young men has been inducted into the Army. Dan Domka, son of Bro. Steve and Sis. Ruth Sabo Domka left for the service March 3, going to Ft. Knox for induction. We pray that the Lord protect Dan.

We appreciated the visit of Bro. Ben Hartzler of Rittman, who ministered to our congregation Sunday Feb. 28.

MAYWOOD

Elizabeth K. Kaisner

If we do live until tomorrow, We know that God will all provide; Therefore we live this day alone, And lay all future cares aside.

For the month of Feb. we had three visiting ministers, Bro. Noah Schrock from Iowa, Bro. Clarence Yackley from Phoenix, and Bro. Philip Sauder from Cissna Park. These brothers brought forth inspiring meditations from the word of God; may He bless them for their efforts and protect them on their way.

California has been shaken by a severe earthquake, with much damage in certain areas in and

around Los Angeles. This shows us the power of GOD, when the earth is rolled and tossed about. Man has been trying to find out what causes all of this disturbance. DO THEY KNOW? ?

"He looketh on the earth, and it trembleth; he toucheth the hills, and they smoke. I will sing unto the LORD as long as I live: I will sing praise to my God while I have my being."

MILFORD

Marguerite Hoerr

We're all so happy for Sis. Linda and Bro. Stan Wuthrich and for his parents, Martha and Walter. Stan has just returned home safely from his tour of duty in Vietnam. He and Linda have moved into their home south of Milford, and we ask God's special blessings on them and their home.

We extend our sympathy to Sis. Frieda Ruch, whose brother, John Lentz passed away at Elgin. Frieda and her family were unable to attend services for John, as the weather was so bad as to make travel impossible. Frieda told me, "God took John to be with him, and God also made the weather." Her complete acceptance of this was a lesson to me, and I hope I can remember to have such faith when sadness comes into my life.

Sis. Mary Armbruster's son-in-law, Charles Mikesell, passed away quite unexpectedly with a heart attack. He was the husband of her daughter, Barbara, to whom we extend our heartfelt sympathy. Mary is back in church again, after a fall on the ice, and we're grateful.

Bro. Hartzell Kaisner was a guest minister; we're truly appreciative of his visit to our congregation.

A committee has been chosen to make plans for our second Vacation Bible School. They are: Bros. Walter Steffen, Willard Schieler, Steve Kaiser and Sisters Shirley Beer and Sandee Price.

My Aunt Irene (Mrs. Bill Best) is hospitalized at Elkhart Hospital. She has had a coronary, but we're happy to report she is making satisfactory progress daily. Her twin sister, Lorene Sorg, is still at Goshen Hospital, where she had additional surgery. She, too, is making satisfactory progress, for which we're most thankful.

I had the opportunity to visit Sis.

Anna Hohman at the Turtle Creek Nursing Home. It was so good to walk in and see her busy at her usual task, that of sewing carpet rags. She sends her greetings to everyone.

MINNEAPOLIS

Alma Baum — Gus Baum

Bros. Leo Moser, Lester, and Floyd Schmidgall, Morris, were our visiting ministers. We are most grateful for their efforts.

While many have enjoyed the warmer sunshine areas, we have preferred winter in these parts . . . have had many days of sunshine, even tho' temperatures dipped to 33 degrees minus, and remained sub-zero for weeks, also generous snowfalls, totaling to near sixty inches. Just a week ago we experienced a heavy blizzard, which left the woods in unforgettable beauty.

The deer of which we see many are having problems finding food; for their sake we are happy spring is nearing. Numerous folks have taken to feeding them. Can see them waiting in the background, partially hidden under the pines, as we bring them food. They travel mainly on the packed snowmobile trails, since snow is too deep otherwise. Their sharp hoofs grind the snow so powdery that we find it difficult walking. Many of our winter hours are spent walking and enjoying this vast winter wonderland. We marvel at our Creators Master Hand.

MORRIS

Ann Meiss — Helen Joos

If any little word of ours can make one life the brighter, if any little song of ours can make one heart the lighter, God help us speak that little word and take a bit of singing and drop it in some lonely vale and set the echos ringing.

The month of March brings renewed hope to our hearts that winter will soon be past, and snow and cold will be replaced with sunshine and the beauty of growing plants.

We are thankful that the illness of Mike Moser was not serious and his stay in the hospital was very brief. Bro. Earl Kussatz had the misfortune of falling and breaking his arm. May God grant His healing power and strength.

A baby daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. John Goll Jr. She has been named Wendy Marie.

Announcement was made of the

approaching marriage of Sis. Jan Joos and Bro. Rich Shock of Elgin, Ill. Jan is the daughter of Bro. Albert and Sis. Edith. Rich's parents are Bro. Richard and Sis. Lila. We wish them God's rich blessings

There are many rewarding experiences in life, such as being able to enjoy beautiful scenes, making new acquaintances, helping the sick, seeing them restored to health, but the most rewarding experience one could think of is to be able, in the "golden years of life", to look back upon a path of life that led through years of raising a large family, through flu epidemic, years of drought, hardship, as well as years of joy and happiness, and be able to say, Jesus lead me all the way. So seems the life of Sis. Rosena Moser, as seen today.

She was born on a farm in West Bend in 1885 and named Rosena Luthi. The family moved to Hancock-Morris area in 1902. Rose was 17 years old; there was no church here. A few families lived here, and on Sunday they would get together in homes, to sing hymns and read the word of God. Neither of Rose's parents were members. The Lord has loving ways. One of Rose's friends started to repent. Rose noticed her hair style changed and thought, "No, that's not for me." She sought rather to puff up her hair and put the Lord aside. Her friend met her and said a few words; Rose could no longer refrain, but began to repent. She was 17 years old. In the course of events, her mother began repenting too. Now there were five souls repenting and there was no church here. On Dec. 11, of the same year, Elder John Plattner from Kansas and Bro. Joe Banwart from West Bend came to prove and baptize them. They went to the John and Emma Zaugg farm, one-half mile east of the present church, and broke the ice in the stock tank to baptize those dear souls. Those taken up were John and Emma Zaugg, Will Reber, Rose Luthi and her mother. Then they went into the house . . . In the living-room the brothers prayed for the seal of the Holy Spirit. A supper was served in the same home. So began a new life in Christ.

In 1906 the little congregation had grown, and they had begun to build a church. On Easter, 1907, they held the first service in their

new church. In the meantime, the Jacob Moser family moved from Lester (1904). Jacob Moser was placed in the ministry and served the congregation till his death.

Joe, a son of the Jacob Moser's was led to repent, and later led to marry Sis. Rose, in 1914. Five sons and four daughters were born to Rose and Joe. A very busy life followed—care for the family, making of a large garden, years of drought, and hard going, all to test the strength of those vows promised to God. In spite of the challenge, there was always time to worship, as well as for hymn singing in their homes. All these things make a life in Christ complete.

The word of God has always brought comfort and strength to this old sister. When asked for advice to this generation, she would advise to always stay humble, also not try to live more than one day at a time.

One time as this writer was visiting with Sis. Rose about spiritual life, she said that sometimes we have a spiritual spanking coming to us, and we must learn to accept them in patience and be thankful for them, as saith the scripture, "for whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth".

Rose lives in Morris in her home. Her sister, Mary Luthi, lives with her. They are able to attend church most every Sunday, for which they are very thankful.

MORTON

Mrs. John Oberlander Mrs. Ken Getz

The following engagements and forthcoming marriages have been announced: Bro. John Kelley, son of Vernon and Eleanor Klopfenstein Kelley, and Sis. Marcia Kahler, daughter of Ervin and Sis. Edna Dietz Kahler; Bill Wiedman, son of Bro. Albert and Sis. Wilma Steiner Wiedman, and Cynthia Hirstein, daughter of Willis and Wuanita Rinkneberger Hirstein; Fred Endress, son of Sis. Lois Miller Endress and the late Daniel Endress, to Joann Belsley, daughter of Bro. Robert and Sis. Mabel Martin Belsley; and Bro. Ted Witzig, son of Bro. Joseph and Sis. Aldeine Koehl Witzig, and Sis. Cynthia Rassi, daughter of Bro. Solomon and Sis. Alberta Somerhalder Rassi. May God be with them as they begin a new life together.

Bro. Christ Getz and Sis. Esther Kaisner Aupperle were married Feb. 9 at Altadena. We wish them the Lord's blessings.

Those who have been in the hospital and are convalescing are: Sisters, Dorothy Landes Krantz, Elizabeth Muselman, Rose Teubel, Martha Aberle Fritz; and Margaret Hauter and Shirley (Mrs. Ray, Jr.) Frank; Bros. Albert Sauder, Dale Domnick, Ben Kaiser, Henry Rapp Sr.; and Donald Getz, Willis Belsey and Joe Staker.

Two dear ones passed away: Frank Maurer of Hopedale; he is survived by his wife, Anna Hauptli Maurer, a son, Leslie and a daughter, Lucille. Sis. Hannah Rapp, 85, passed away Feb. 21 at Restmor. She is survived by two brothers, Joseph and Albert.

NEUHUTTEN, GERMANY

Jon Zeller

Give of yourself to the Father
For He gave to us His son,
But give of yourself with loving
Or the battle cannot be won.

The victory is won with love;
The battle is fought with giving
'Tis easy to give without loving,
But we cannot love without giving.

We welcome five more to our ever-increasing family. Bro. Dan Roth of Fairbury; Sis. Elaine Witzig, wife of Bro. Roger Witzig of Gridley; Robert Shambach of Elgin, Ill.; David Klopfenstein from Salem, Oregon and Jake Bogner from Mansfield. Bro. Douglas Kellenberger from Elgin is also in Germany, but we haven't been able to get together as yet. Our number now totals seventeen, and we rejoice in the Lord that we may all gather under the same roof in His name. May the Lord bless everyone of our meetings.

NEW MARTINSVILLE

Mrs. Gus Weltz

Miss Della Witschey

The month of February ended with lovely weather, and the first day of March came in like the proverbial lamb, but on March 3 we experienced one of the hardest day and night of the season. We had at least six inches of snow, the winds were very high, causing much drifting, schools were closed for two days, and traffic was almost at a standstill.

Paul Barcus passed away very

suddenly on Feb. 16. He owned and managed the Barcus local and long distance moving company, also was the agent for Railway Express Co. He is survived by his widow, Helen Witschey Barcus; two sons, Paul Jr. and John; three sisters, two brothers and his father. Funeral services were held on Feb. 19.

Howard Riggenbach remains a hospital patient; he was not able to return home on Feb. 9, as was reported in last month's news. He has been quite ill, but is improved and hopes to soon be able to return home. Mrs. Fred Burton has been ill for some time with inner ear trouble; she underwent surgery in a Pittsburgh hospital on Feb. 9 and came home in a few days, but since has been taken back to Pittsburgh for further care.

Miss Della Durig had the misfortune to fall on Feb. 21 in her home, breaking a wrist, with a severe laceration on her face; she is still hospitalized, but improving. A. C. Renner has returned home from the University Hospital, but goes back for medical care. Mrs. Bonnie Riggenbach Hawkins has regained her health, after surgery, and will soon be able to return to her teaching.

Keith Alan Durig, son of Mrs. Freda Durig and the late Albert Durig of Girard, was united in marriage to Miss Harrise Huda on Feb. 20. They are living at 243 Church Hill Rd in Girard; she is employed at a department store, and he is a foreman trainee at Republic Steel.

The Ormet Company at Hannibal, O., went on strike on Feb. 1, which idled 1800 employees; the meetings between the union and company have not solved any of the problems. The loss of a \$300,000 a week payroll in this area is being felt by all business and families of the idled workers.

OAKVILLE

Martha Steiner

We enjoyed the visits of Bros. Arnold Gerst (Chicago) and Edmond Kloter (Fairbury).

Bro. Ed and Sis. Anna Lanz have moved into the Home for the Aged at Wapello, having spent some time in the hospital. We are thankful that such places are available for us to live in when health fails. What a joy it must be to know that life on earth is nearly over and heaven

awaits our dear aging soldiers of the cross.

Sis. Edna Wiegand had the misfortune of a car accident; we are thankful that she suffered no serious injuries from the accident, although she is currently in Memorial Hospital at Burlington.

We were informed of the engagement of Sis. Lois Heiniger (daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Heiniger) to Bro. Herb Gray of Chicago. Lois has been working in Chicago for some time; however, we do expect to see her soon in Oakville, where she will be recuperating from major surgery. So long as we are at peace with God, we can take comfort in the thought that all physical afflictions are only temporal.

Having lived with his daughter and family, Wallace and Lorraine Peterson, for several years, Ezra Enz departed this life at the age of 81. He is also survived by 3 sisters, Sis. Julia Ellenson of Burlington, Mrs. Anna Woodruff of Peoria, and Mrs. Mary Vautrin of Shepherd, Michigan.

PEORIA

Emily Tanner

Mrs. Michael Weyeneth

Smile

When gloomy clouds hover, hide
the sun away;
When your skies of blue transform
to grey,
When trials surmount along life's
pathway,
Just wear a smile, it will brighten
your day.

If you meet a traveler along the
road,
And he seems unable to carry the
load,
Just turn on a smile, soon it will
convey
A message of cheer to enlighten
the way.

Lend a helping hand with a kindly
deed,
An encouraging word give a friend
in need.
Inspirationally aid a weary soul
today,
Remember to smile, it will richly
repay.

Dark clouds vanish, a silver lining
comes through,
At the end of the day someone
smiles with you . . .
You'll find your life will be more
worthwhile,

If you replace a frown with a friendly smile.

Written by —Sis. Louise Finck

We feel so thankful to have 3 more precious souls added to the fold. We welcome as our dear sisters-in-faith, Janet Schubert, wife of Sigfried Schubert, and daughter of Bro. Chris and Sis. Bessie Martin of Princeville; Gloria Hunziker, wife of Bro. Willis Hunziker, daughter of Bro. Otto and Sis. Clara Scherer of Roanoke; also welcome as our dear brother-in-faith Willis Hunziker, husband of Sis. Gloria, son of Bro. Al and Sis. Helen Hunziker. It is really so much to be thankful for when husband and wife can repent together and have a Christian home for their children, to be reared in the environment of God-fearing parents. Willis and Gloria have three children, Debra, 13; Sandra, 9; and Gregory, 5.

Mrs. Kathy Lyman, who is the daughter of Bro. Sam and Sis. Aldine Leman of Eureka has also repented and is awaiting baptism.

Visiting ministers were Bros. David Kieser, Joseph Stoller, Arthur Baurer and Roy Ehnle. We thank them for their labors of love.

Gotthold and Anna Tanner of rural Morton announced the engagement of their daughter, Ruth Ann to William H. Hoerr, son of Sis. Frieda and the late Bro. Emil Hoerr of Peoria. The engagement of Sis. Lois Heiniger and Bro. Herbert Gray, son of Sis. Alice and the late Nelson Gray of Peoria was announced. We wish for these two couples much happiness and God's blessings on their marriages.

A son, Jesse Alan, was born Feb. 11 to William and Sis. Joyce Wai-bel. They now have four boys and four girls.

Mrs. Emma Z Metzger, 93 died March 1 at Proctor Home, where she had been a resident since 1962. She was married to Charles F. Metzger in 1906. He died in 1930. Surviving are two sons, Howard C. of Clearwater, Fla. and William J. of Peoria. Services were held at Cumerford-Endsley Memorial Home, with our church ministers officiating.

Sis. Rose Koch, 91, died March 1 at the Christian Buehler Memorial Home, where she had been a resident since 1952. She was born in Bavaria, Germany and had never

married. Surviving are one sister, Mrs. Lydia Baer, and one brother, John B. Koch, both of Peoria.

Sis. Katharine E. Fehr, 83, died March 3 at Methodist Hospital, where she had been a patient since Feb. 16. A resident of Peoria 35 years, she was born in Roanoke, the daughter of Nathan and Mary Blunier Steffen, and was married to William Fehr March 3, 1912 at Roanoke. He died in 1948. Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Joseph (Sis. Wilma) Hoerr of Peoria, Mrs. Robert (Lillian) Getz of Morton; two sons, Wade Fehr of Peoria and Maynard Fehr of Tucson; one brother, Bro. C. E. Steffen of Congerville; four sisters, Sisters Persida Rocke, Eunice Steffen, Alice Funk, all of Eureka, Lillian Hart-ter of Peoria.

Bro. Michael and Sis. Emma Weyeneth have moved. Their new address is 7083 N. E. Skyline Dr., Peoria Ill 61614. Sis. Anna Miller has also moved, and her address is 7023 N.E. Skyline Dr.

The adult group from Goodfield joined us for our Hymn Sing in February. They had such lovely harmony and we enjoyed listening to their selection of hymns. We thank them, and also thank the Mortonaires for joining us at our Hymn Sing in March.

Hospital patients include Sis. Bertha Peters, Sis. Ida Schmidtgal, Sis. Sophia Joos, and Sis. Martha Altorfer. Sis. Mary Hohulin was a surgical patient in the hospital, but is home recuperating.

Note of thanks: "My thanks to all who remembered me with cards, gifts, visits and prayers while I was in the hospital and since I am home. My family join me with thanks for the many kindnesses shown unto us." Ezra and Mary Hohulin.

PHOENIX Wilma Pulfer

Our visiting ministers were Elder Bro. Noah Schrock from Oakville and Bro. Raymond Roth from Burlington (Oklahoma). May God bless them richly for their visit.

Hospitalized for a tonsillectomy was Herbie Knochel. Herbie is the son of Bro. Herb and Sis. Joanne. We are happy to report he is getting along fine. Also in the hospital is Bro. Sam Farney. Sam is 91 years old. Let us all remember him in our prayers.

PORTLAND Connie Steffen

"And as they did eat, Jesus took bread, and blessed, and brake it, and gave it to them, and said, Take, eat: this is my body." We were reminded of our Lord's suffering and death for our sins, and the sins of the whole world. What a great price He paid! Our Elder Bros. Carl Kinsinger and Noah Schrock ministered to us. We really enjoyed their visit and appreciate the many hours of unselfish service they give for us.

Since our church at Silverton has been increasing in numbers, the need of a minister for that area was felt. Bro. Clarence Dietrich was selected, and we pray the Lord will richly bless his ministry.

While the elder brothers were here, Bro. Noah stated, "it is good for us to stop and reflect and consider the course our lives might have taken, but for the grace of God. I have thought, in my case, it might have been to an unmarked grave."

PRINCEVILLE Ruth Ricketts

". . . the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many."

Bro. Al Aberle visited us. We were reminded not to rely on our own self as Peter did and perhaps fall, but to draw from the oil found in the word of God. Each one must contribute his part to preserve the precious heritage preserved by our forefathers, a true faith, so we too may give to our children this heritage. We feel all derived many blessings and trust Bro. Al too received a blessing for sharing the word with us.

"Whoso findeth a wife findeth a good thing, and obtaineth favour of the LORD." Emil and Liseth Stahl observed their 50th wedding anniversary Feb. 14. Their children, Sis. Anna and Richard held open house for them in their home, with many relatives and friends coming to wish them well.

"My flesh and my heart faileth: but God is the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever." We are thankful that Bro. William Stahl is able to be out, after a stay in the hospital recovering from a heart ailment. May he continue to improve each day. Sis. Nettie

Feucht is making satisfactory recovery, following surgery.

Bro. Harold and Sis. Karen Steiner welcomed a daughter Feb. 7. Little Tricia has a little sister, Robin; grandparents, Bro. Dan and Sis. Sophia Steiner of Tremont, Bro. Dave and Sis. Ruth Kieser of here; great-grandmothers, Sis. Edna Steiner of Sabetha and Sis. Pauline Knobloch of Peoria.

Bro. Ray and Sis. Edna Martin and family have moved to our community from Pulaski. We welcome them and trust they will find the Lord's blessings here.

A large number from the Princeville and Bradford congregations enjoyed viewing slides and listening to the interesting narration of India given by Bro. James Hoerr. When one can see such poverty, we can indeed be thankful for all we have in our country.

We are happy to see few signs of spring, the air getting warmer, the days getting longer, the grass getting green, and even some of the early flowers are beginning to show above the ground. A robin was even seen. How wonderful the resurrection of life! Doesn't it just warm the heart to see all that was dead sprout and begin to grow again? Will we also let our spiritual life grow? In a short time we will again observe the Lord's suffering on the cross and then the glorious resurrection from the grave. How fortunate we are that we know this precious truth and can renew our faith in the Living Lord and Saviour.

PULASKI

Mary Wiegand Nancy Musselman

It is the things we always hold
That we will lose some day;
The only things we ever keep
Are what we give away.

We are looking forward to spring weather.

We were sorry to see Bro. Ray and Sis. Edna Martin and their family move (near Princeville). We will miss them in our congregation. Our loss is Princeville's gain. May God be with them and bless them.

We heartily welcome our dear friends, Robert and Becky Joos, who have moved here from Peoria. Robert's parents are Bro. Bob and Sis. Lorene Joos from Peoria.

Sis. Lydia Wuthrich and her sister, Sis. Minnie Getz, are sharing a

room at the Silver Haven Nursing Home in Bloomfield. Lydia suffered a stroke about the middle of January. She is getting along fair. She knows people, but can't say but a few words. Minnie is getting along pretty good. She broke a wrist and hip a few months back and is walking with a walker now. They are happy that they can be together, although of course they would much rather be in their own home.

PURDUE UNIVERSITY

Emily Heinold — Linda Laidig

Nothing is lost that is done for the Lord,

Let it be ever so small;
The smile of the Savior approveth
the deed,

As though 'twere greatest of all.

In his message of Feb. 10, Bro. Earl Kilgus from Remington stressed the point that faith and works must go hand-in-hand. Because of our faith and trust in Christ, we as His followers should be willing and anxious to tell others of Him through words, as well as actions.

We were sorry to hear that Bro. Dick Stoller broke his leg, and we trust that he will soon be healed.

On Feb. 21, we again held Sunday services here. We want to thank Bro. Wendell Gudeman for coming and sharing with us a message from God's word.

La Crosse was here for our Wednesday night service on Feb. 24. Bros. Merle Bucher and Ed Frank pointed out to us that in order to obtain and appreciate true liberty, we must be born again and live for Christ.

I take the life of victory,
Not I, but Christ Himself in me;
He conquers now, **He sets me free;**
I take, He gives—the victory!

RITTMAN

Florence Hartzler—Janette Blough

"In times like these you need a Saviour; In times like this you need an anchor . . ." These could have been the thoughts of our dear friend Roger Saurer, as he has seen his need for a Saviour and has turned his back on sin and the world. We rejoice with his parents, Bro. Harry and Sis. Esther, who received a phone call early one morning from Detroit, Roger calling to say he is repenting! He lives in Michigan and attends the Detroit

church. ". . . In times like these I have a Saviour; In times like these I have an anchor; I'm very sure my anchor holds and grips the Solid Rock, —Jesus!"

We want to thank Bro. Kenny Sauder, Mansfield, who brought us the word of life, and gave us many wonderful words to think about. May our hearts ever be full of grace to receive such blessings that we need.

God has blessed the following with new cherubs: A son, Dwaine Mark, to Art and Eileen Beery; a daughter to Dean and Paula Reusser and named Melanie Lynn; a daughter, their first child, to Marv and Wanda Ullman, named Tracey Lynn. We pray the Lord will bless these families with their precious treasure.

Art Ingold has left for the service and is at Ft. Campbell, Ky. Bro. Carl and Sis. Irma are his parents. We pray the Lord will protect our loved ones as they are called away from their homes.

Many of the dear ones who have been ill have been able to attend church again, for which we are very thankful. Sis. Carolyn Gasser had surgery, but is happy to be home again. Sis. Ella Widmer and Sis. Lydia Steiner have been confined to their homes this winter. Sis. Lula Bertschy has been confined to her home for quite some time. Since she can't come and go as we can, I'm sure she would enjoy hearing from some of you readers. Her address is Creston Ohio 44217.

The Lord has made it possible that these dear ones could spend most of their lives together as husband and wife: Bro. John and Sis. Lydia Hassig have been married 60 years. They were married on Feb. 12, 1911 at the church in West Virginia. Bro. Herman and Sis. Rosa Ingold were married on Feb. 29, 1912, 59 years that day.

The engagement of Ben Maibach and Linda Humphrey was announced. Ben's parents are Bro. Roy and Sis. Mabel Maibach.

In this part of Ohio, we have felt the power of God almighty, who has shown His hand in the weather. We have had lots of snow, some rain and thunder storms, high wind, and we are so thankful we have been spared of some of the destruction that these conditions have caused in other parts of this country.

REMINGTON Anna M. Waibel

Feb. 14, Bro. Eldon Getz. (Sis. Eliza's son) announced his engagement to Sis. Charleen Anliker, daughter of Bro. Elmer and Sis. Emily of Francesville. May God's richest blessings be theirs.

Feb. 21, Bro. Robert and Mildred (Anliker) Clauss celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary, and Bro. Jake and Emma (Steffen) Bahler their 45th.

God fill your hearts with happiness;
God bless your homes with joy,
And may the gift of love you share
Be strengthened by His constant
care, today and ever after.

Bro. Levi Pfisters were among our visitors today, and he told us his father, Bro. Albert passed away about a month ago. He was 96. They lived here quite a number of years. His daughters at Mansfield took care of him, which is very commendable, as very few children take care of their parents this day and age.

Bro. Ed. Alt and quite a number of young folks from Cissna were with us. Very inspiring messages were brought forth in word and song . . .

Feb. 13, Sat., Sisters Nathalia and Marie Schini had a household sale . . . was a very cold and windy day. A week later, Bro. Earl and Sis. Arlene Kilgus and family moved into the house vacated by the Schini girls . . . Trust God will bless them in their new home. We will enjoy having them, as they are just a block from our house.

We were all thankful to have Bro. Erwin and Charlotte Bahler with us again; they returned from a trip, were snowbound in Kiowa Kansas for several days, but were fortunate to be with folks they knew.

Regarding the Bible, we should know it in our heads, store it in our hearts, and show it in our lives!

ROANOKE

Norene Herbst—Marilyn Weyeneth

Bro. Charles Farney is at the Washington Nursing Center, Washington, Ill., since his dismissal from the hospital. Sis. Nettie Pfau is spending the winter months at Rest-Mor Home in Morton. Boni Hodel, daughter of Bro. Bill and

Sis. Betty, has recovered nicely from ear surgery. Others who have been hospitalized are Bro. Andy Schumacher and Sis. Ollie (Andy) Leman.

The marriage engagement of Bro. Steve Leman and Sis. Ann Getz was announced Feb. 14. Their parents are Bro. Rouland and Sis. Verla Leman and Bro. Emery and Sis. Mabel Getz. Steve submitted to an emergency appendectomy the same day and has made a quick recovery.

Bro. Herman Luginbuhl is our newly-appointed church treasurer. Donald Roth, son of Bro. Harold and Sis. Edna, has been inducted into the military service.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Blunier of Pontiac are the parents of a daughter, Christine Lynn. The grandparents are Bro. Harlow and Sis. Sally Blunier and Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Costello. A daughter, Nicole Lynn, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Blunier of Normal. Bro. Wilmer and Sis. Sylvia Blunier and Mr. and Mrs. John Smock are the grandparents.

Bob Sauder and Janice Monge were united in marriage at the Apostolic Christian Fellowship Hall in Peoria, Feb. 27. Bro. Eugene Bertschi performed the service. Their parents are Bro. Howard and Sis. Edith Sauder and Mr. and Mrs. Tino Monge of Roanoke. The couple is living in Roanoke.

A wedding reception was held at the home of Bro. Maurice and Sis. Helen Knapp for their son David and his wife Carol, on Feb. 28. Carol is the daughter of Bro. Wilhelm and Sis. Leona Wulf of Hills, Minn. The address of David and Carol is R. R. 1, Eureka Ill.

Bro. Lyle and Sis. Barbara Moser have announced the engagement of their daughter Gladys to Thomas Carr, son of Dr. and Mrs. Richard White of El Paso and the late Mr. Carr. A June 19 wedding is planned.

Bro. Alvin and Sis. Marie Farney and Sis. Ann have moved from Congerville to their new home, their new address, Eureka, Ill.

Susan, daughter of Bro. Ben and Sis. Ruth Ann Hodel, having repented has been announced to give her testimony of repentance and conversion.

Bro. Maurice Knapp submitted to surgery March 8 at the St. Francis Hospital, Peoria.

ROCKVILLE Carlton J. Lanz

Sis. Leah (Bahler) Gerber has died; she was 75. She had been confined to her home for quite some time and had been tenderly cared for by members of her family, especially her daughter, Sis. Verona, with whom she had spent her last year or so, because of the nature of her illness. While she still had her health and even in earlier years she believed in serving God's people. Her home was open for this. She no doubt thought of the reward promised beyond this life. Besides her husband, Bro. Walter, she leaves a son, Bro. Edwin; a daughter, Sis. Verona (Gerber) Schneider; two brothers, Elder John Bahler, Rockville, and Simon, California; and a sister in Iowa, Sis. Anna (Bahler) Lanz. Funeral service at the church was conducted by Bro. Rudolph Graf of Akron and Bro. Albert Schneider of Rockville. Burial was in the Ellington Center Cemetery.

The announcement of Sis. Jane Luginbuhl's engagement to Bro. Brian Webb was made known by Bro. John Bahler. Parents of the couple are Bro. Roy and Sis. Helen Luginbuhl and Bro. Clinton and Sis. Eloise Webb, respectively. They have our warmest wishes.

SABETHA Mrs. Joe Steiner

Sis. Karen Huber and Bro. Martin Beyer of Lamont were united in marriage by Bro. Eugene Marti on Feb. 14. A reception was held at the Fellowship Hall. We wish Karen and Martin the blessings of God as they establish their new home together at Gridley, Kansas.

Bro. Roy Wernli, Lamont, held the morning services on Feb. 14. We also rejoiced to have Bro. Sam Anliker, Lamont, minister unto us at our mid-week services the following week. We thank them both for their labors.

Bro. Ben and Sis. Janice Wysong are the parents of a daughter, Rebecca Sue, born Feb. 22. She is welcomed by a brother, Benjie and two sisters, Natalie and Erin. Grandparents are Bro. Roy and Sis. Evelyn Wysong and Bro. Ben and Sis. Liseton Aberle.

TAYLOR

Mrs. Eli Sutter—Mrs. Bill Heimer

A few robins have been seen, and the ducks and geese are wing-

ing their way north, signs that spring will soon be here.

We were glad to have Bro. Phil Sauder, Cissna Park, bring us God's word. He and his wife, Sis. Anna, spent a Wednesday evening with us.

Bro. Will Butikofer had eye surgery, and Sis. Ruthie (Louis) Hoerr had minor surgery. They have both returned home and are recuperating satisfactorily. We received word that Judy (Vernon) Huber had major surgery at the base hospital Camp Lejeune, N.C., and are glad that she came through the operation all right. They lived here until Vernon was sent to North Carolina, where he is stationed. They plan to return here sometime in June, when he will have finished 20 years in the Navy.

With so much snow north of us, we are again threatened with high water. The river has been up to 17.5 ft., which is over flood stage, but has gone down to near normal level. However, predictions are that when the spring thaw comes we could have a crest of 24 ft. or higher, comparable to the 1965 flood.

SARASOTA Phillip Wingeier

The apostle Paul to the Christians at Thessalonica. He tells these Christians that he thanks God for them. They are patient and true through persecution and trouble.

Paul had taught them that Jesus is coming again, and some were expecting Him soon and were not doing their work. Paul tells them that no one knows when Jesus will come, that everyone must do his work, and that those who will not work have no right to eat. Paul relates to them, The Lord is faithful, who shall establish you, and keep you from evil.

February is usually the month that brings a good number of traveling people to Sarasota from many places. Among these were ministering brothers, Paul Gasser (Akron), Henry Beer (Milford) and Art Gudeman (Lacrosse).

We enjoyed having these to minister unto us from the precious gospel, which indeed is bread unto our souls.

Elder Bro. and Sis. Ben Maibach and part of their family have been here most of the month of Febru-

ary and plan to be here for some time.

We of the Sarasota congregation extend our sincerest sympathy to Elder Bro. John Bahler and family in the death of his sister. We likewise are going to miss Bro. John's visit to Sarasota, trusting that he will visit us another time.

The month of Feb. has been a very beautiful one, with a number of very pleasant days for those who travel for a short vacation. The Sarasota area has been very much in need of rain for gardens and groves.

May God bless us all in heart, home and spirit.

Place of worship: The Women's Club Building, Palm Ave. and Park Ct., 1:00 EST.

SHIODA, JAPAN Willis R. Ehnle

Sis. Judy Bauer of Cissna Park arrived in Japan on Feb. 13 and is busy teaching kindergarten. We very much appreciate having her with us, as does her roommate, Sis. Carol Schrenk.

Bro. Toshio Uchida, while working at an emery wheel, got small pieces of metal in his eye. At first it was thought to be quite serious, but he is now recovering his normal eyesight without hospitalization, for which we are most thankful to God.

A young lady of Junior high age has started coming to church. Her uncle brought her to our house one day and asked if she might come to church. Making a special trip to ask is part of the formality of old Japan. The norm is to have a go-between, or at least an introduction, when going to a place for the first time. This young lady, whose name is Kazumi, tells us that about four years ago her younger brother was killed when struck from behind, while walking down the highway. Now her father refuses to buy an automobile because of his grief, due to the loss of his son by an automobile. We should definitely encourage one another to drive an automobile with utmost care and prayerfulness.

A young man who was formerly a brother in our faith called me the other day by telephone at the company where I work part-time in Tokyo. He asked for an introduction to a certain company, with which I am well acquainted. I called the company, informing them that

this young man would be calling on them in regard to a certain product. Then I informed the young man whom to see in the company. Again the formality of a go-between. He wrote me a card expressing appreciation.

It is true that we need a go-between, a Redeemer, a great high priest, to get right with the Almighty God and to stay right with Him. Please pray for this young man and others like him everywhere, who start in the life of faith but lose their way. May they return in all humility and may the rest of us be careful.

TUCSON Tucson Sewing Circle 945 So. Magnolia Ave.

Sunday, Feb. 7 our Elder Bro. Roy Farney of Phoenix spent the day with us. The Tucson Church enjoyed having Bro. John Klotzle of Altadena spend the week-end in Tucson. We all enjoyed the Christian Fellowship. Elder Brother Noah Schrock of Oakville was our guest minister for evening services on Feb. 18.

We extend a warm thank you to all who visit our church and for their acts of kindness.

We were filled with joy at the announcement of Loren and Evelyn Knapp of Tucson; they have given their hearts to the Lord and are enjoying peace with their God. They plan to be baptized in the near future.

In The Desert

Both sunrise and sunset are a blaze of glory! Each in its own way tells a most thrilling story; Of the Master Mind who invented it all—To fill souls with wonder and hold them in thrall. The wonderful colors the Desert displays, Make gorgeously beautiful the nights and days; And over it all is the wonderful peace—That settles upon one, and seems to increase, Till the Heaven's above one, down to the earth's sod, Proclaim the encompassing PRESENCE OF GOD!

TREMONT Josephine Schaefer Mary Jane Leuthold

A little girl, Lisa Anne arrived Feb. 16 to share the home of her parents, Warren and Sue Mura. Maternal grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Weldon and Doris Staker.

We were richly blessed with the teachings brought forth by visiting brothers: Uriel Gehring, Burlington; Roy Sauder, Peoria; and Ed Hohulin, Goodfield. One thing brought out was that it is being stressed to attend the church of your choice, and this surely is not the way we should select a faith. We should attend the church that preaches Jesus Christ and him crucified. By attending a church of our choice, we will tend to go where we hear sermons pleasing to our ears and souls, and could perhaps receive a false hope and promise for life hereafter.

Bro. Roy and Bro. Ed helped Bro. Dan convey to us the conference teachings. We were told never to get the feeling that you are doing good enough, that you have nothing to worry about, because this is when we can fall from being a child of God.

Sis. Esther Musselman has returned to her home, and we hope she can soon again assemble with us.

Our friend, Marie (Bill) Schurter fell in her home and is a patient in Mennonite Hospital, Bloomington. She is expected to be there for sometime.

Friend Carol Frank, daughter of Bro. Chris and Sis. Margaret, has announced her engagement to David Barnard of Washington.

TOLEDO Diane Reineck

This is a letter from our recent convert, Chloris Burkholder. As this sister is completely deaf, her conversion restores our faith in God and His many wondrous ways.

A big Thank You to all brothers and sisters in our precious faith—Being a new sister I now receive the Silver Lining and would like to take this way to thank each and everyone for all the love, kindness, and wonderful things the brothers and sisters have done for me—I am aware of the extra problem I was for the Elder Brothers ministering to perform my baptism, me being deaf, but everyone was so kind and patient with me. "What Brotherly Love." Bro. Rudolph Graf and Bro. Ben Maibach had many miles to come; such wonderful messages they gave. Brothers, ministers, and elders, and sisters at Toledo Church have worked so patiently with me and always made

me feel I was one of them—I searched long for a church that would give me some meaning in life—and from my heart I can say, "I never could have found a better church for myself." Thank you dear Lord for directing me to this church—thanks and praise be to God for our minister who brings us His word—

Thank you God for everything
big things and the small
For every good gift comes from
God—

the giver of them all
All too often we accept
without any thanks or praise
Gifts God sends as blessings
each day in many ways—
Little things we take for granted
and don't mention when we
pray—

Thank you for this miracle
that I was much too blind to see
And help us to remember
our many gifts from Thee.

From the bottom of my heart
I thank you one and all.
Sis. Chloris Burkholder

Sis. Josephine Reineck was admitted to the hospital. We are all praying for her speedy recovery.

URBANA Teresa Hufford Susan Zimmerman

"If you've ever wondered where God lives, if sometimes He seems far away in His house in heaven, look around you . . . God is everywhere. You feel his touch in the gentle rain. . . . Even in small secret places, he is always near. His miracles are as small as a snowflake and as great as a sky full of stars. God brings the spirit of joy to your home and the spirit of peace and thanksgiving where you worship. When you speak to God, He guides you. He is your strength when things don't go right and your comfort when you are lonely or sad. When you are kind and thoughtful, you are helping to do God's work, and in return He sends you the gift of happiness. God is love, and he lives everywhere there is love. Most of all, God lives in your heart."

Paul and Virginia Bodine have been blessed with a new son, born to them on Jan. 7. He has been named David Paul. David was welcomed home by his brother, Frank-

lin. May his arrival add joy to their family.

We have had two engagement announcements; Bro. Steve Leman to Sis. Shirley Getz (both of Roanoke), and Bro. Richard Schock (Elgin) to Sis. Jan Joos (Morris). Steve and Rich are both attending the U. of I. Shirley and Jan are both attending nurses training. May God bless them in their future together.

The testimony and baptism of Ray Bauer was held at Cissna Park. Ray assembles with us frequently, and we welcome him as a brother in faith. May God guide him throughout his walk in life.

We wish to thank our visiting ministers for bringing us the precious teachings. Those that came to speak the word were Bros. Josh Broquard, Henry Gramm, John Rocke, Eugene Bertschi, Ernie Gerber, and Earl Gerber. Their presence is always appreciated in our small congregation.

VALPARAISO Alma Morris

Faith looks across the storm;
It does not doubt.
Or stop to look at clouds
and things without.

Faith does not question why
When all His ways
Are hard to understand,
But trusts and prays.

It fears no cloud, or wind
That it can bring;
Faith looks across the storm
And still can sing!

We were blest with messages from Bro. Henry Grimm of Morton and Bro. Edwin Ringger of Gridley Ill. We had a blessed day.

WEST BEND Mrs. A. Banwart Mrs. Melvin Fehr

Joy again fills our hearts as Bill Zaugg, son of Bro. and Sis. Ed and Helen is able to assemble with us, having returned from duty in Viet Nam. We're so thankful for each one that the Lord sees fit to return to us safe and sound.

Our community has been shocked into realization of living our life as if it would be our last day. We are thankful Steve, Brian, and John, sons of Bro. and Sis. Eugene and Evie Bruellman, who

were hospitalized as a result of an auto accident, were spared their lives. The driver of the other car, a neighbor and school friend of many, never lived to realize that the accident had happened. Had this been you, would you have been ready for life eternal?

We are glad to report that these have returned home from the hospital: Sis. Alice (Arnold) Metzger; Bro. Noah Anliker; Bro. Earl Banwart; Sis. Lena Grimm; Byron, infant son of Bro. and Sis. Wayne and Kathy Fehr; Brian and John, sons of Bro. and Sis. Eugene Bruellman. Steve Bruellman remains in the hospital. Sis. Rosa Zaugg is still confined to her home. May the Lord relieve the suffering of the sick, and heal according to His will.

Mike, son of Bro. and Sis. Verner and Beverly Wirtz has found the greatest gift of all, peace with our Lord and Maker. May we often think of the day this was granted to us and keep it close to our hearts.

Bro. Noah Gerber and Sis. Katharine (Philip) Fisher have submitted to surgery and are getting along well.

WICHITA

Dave and Barbara Hangartner

When across the heart deep waves
of sorrow break as on a dry
and barren shore;
When hope glistens with no bright
tomorrow and the storm seems
sweeping evermore;

Blessed Healer, all our burdens
lighten; give in place, Thine
own sweet peace, we pray!
Keep us near Thee till the morn
shall brighten, And all the
mists and shadows flee away!

Our Sunday School friend, Philemon Bower, son of Bro. Milton and Sis. Lillian, has had the misfortune of breaking his neck in a sledding accident. He is in the Wesley Hospital here. Our prayers go out for him and commit him to our Heavenly Physicians will.

Our Ministering Bro. George Lambert was in the hospital for a few days. We are glad he is home again and able to minister to us. Bro. Al Langhofer ministered to the soldier boys at Ft. Sam Houston. He said he was very uplifted with the zeal the young brothers had in serving their Lord.

Our dear Sis. Mae Aeschleman

had to go to the hospital again; she goes almost every three weeks to receive blood and has to stay a few days until she has some of her strength back, but she is a good soldier of the cross, and said she is ready and waiting for her Lord to call her home in Heaven. We can all learn a lesson from Sis. Mae as she has patience and always has a cheery word to say.

"Jesus told of the faith that removes mountains.

May not cheerfulness in the face of difficulty and privation be an evidence of that wonder working faith."

The snowstorm we had Feb. 21 was indeed beautiful to watch and look at, but we couldn't have Sunday services, which we all missed. The roads were drifted, and many were closed, so we had to meditate in the comfort of our own home.

WINTHROP

Delores Messerli — Carol Messner

Look back and give thanks
Look forward and take courage
Look around and serve
Look up and ask God's help.

Sam Miller, son of Bro. Carl and Sis. Sophie, has completed his duty in the service of our country. We thank the Lord for His protection over our service boys.

Mona (Duane) Messner and Charlene Schmidt, daughter of Bro. Elmer and Sis. Hazel, spent time in the hospital. They are both getting along fine, at home.

Thank You: Sis. Celina and Henry Schmidt wish to extend their appreciation for all kindnesses shown to them in honor of their 50th anniversary. They are both in good health and live in their farm home near Hutchinson.

Bro. Wayne and Sis. Rose Grimm are a welcome addition to our small congregation. They live in a mobile home in St. Peter. Wayne attends college at Mankato State.

The Winthrop area suffered a severe snowstorm, during which many people were without telephone service, electricity and heat for as long as 2 days. It makes us stop and count our blessings for countless things we take for granted, that make our lives so much easier and pleasant. Did we ever stop and think about the thousands in this world that have none of

these conveniences and are thankful to the Lord just for enough to eat? How thankful are we for America, but how long will God permit this freedom and the luxury of this life? There were no church services on Sunday following this storm. Do we appreciate this precious privilege of gathering together?

WOLCOTT

Arles Kropf

We rejoice greatly with our dear friend, Clara Furrer (wife of Bro. Sam), who after many years has found grace to sincerely seek to find peace and enjoy the full fellowship. She has now been announced for proving. This is indeed an answer to the many prayers that have been in her behalf over the years, and we trust God will yet grant her many years to enjoy this full salvation. Our prayers are also for the many others who stand without, and yet we know have the same longing as Clara has had, to someday make this experience.

Visiting ministers have been Bros. John Bollier of Leo and Edwin Bahler of Remington.

Sis. Ada Abersoll had the misfortune of an auto accident one Sunday on her way home from church. We are thankful to God she was not injured.

Bro. John Schmidt suffered another serious stroke and is in the White Co. Memorial Hospital at Monticello. Paul Pelsy was hospitalized but is again at home.

Bro. Dan and Sis. Margaret Reel were pleasantly surprised on Feb. 28, when their children hosted a reception, honoring their 45th wedding anniversary. We wish them many more years together, and the blessings of the Lord. Bro. Dan and Sis. Margaret very capably take care of our church building.

LEO

Mrs. Elias Souder

Sun. worship services 10:00 am, 12:00 pm; Song service 12:00; Wed. worship service: 7:30 pm—song service; 8:00, church service; Bible Study after services. First Sun. of each month, church service at three rest homes at Butler. First Wed. evening of the month after church service, missionary committee meeting.

We are all happy Dean, son of Ernie Stollers, is out of the hospital and at home.

It was nice to have Bro. Sam Aeschliman at Leo. He has worked often with this church in past years. Too often we forget to show our appreciation and we do appreciate his work. He helped Bro. David Bertsch in reading and explaining the memorandum.

Some of our men fixed a mile of fence at the Dessie Scott Children's Home.

Groups from the surrounding churches met here to review guidelines for a home for neglected and orphaned children.

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FEARFUL HEART

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Don't we like happiness? For God's children, happiness at its best will break in unbroken blue on a glad day. Onward, upward and unending will stretch the boundless satisfaction of supreme happiness.

The sunshine of His light will be gloriously bright. To look at Jesus, to be nearby, to feel the joy of His presence will be happiness unexcelled. To see the Father, the fountain of life, that will be experience that far, far outshines earth's most pleasant place.

Will you be there?

Some will never make it. The saddest parting, from God, will take place: To see the beauty, the wondrous color, the great glowing love of the Father . . . and then be turned away. No place . . . what a sad story. "And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them."

No greater personality is there than God. Yet He is more. Pure love would draw you, and fill your heart with unsurpassing joy . . . and there, its magnetic charm would thrill and fill, and would be an unequalled and perfect Best. The time comes when this God will have fiery indignation. Think, to look at Him face to face, and find He has no part with you . . . He's against you . . . an angry look! The loving personality that could have

been endless joy at its Best cutting off forever.

"And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is **the book of life**: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works."

Unparalleled Risk. Time's count-down continues. God has given no promise of tomorrow. Tonight the soul was required of the rich man. The broad way is a Killer Highway. Tragedy, and **it's all over**. That final plunge from a slippery day for some can leave a prayer unanswered. Did you know that someone may be reading this, condemned already. If you do not believe on the Son, you are guilty now. God need only cleave the ground under you, and you will slip into an anguish that never can be changed.

At the printing company, someone sets up the type. Molten, hot metal receives the impress that the typesetter gives. It becomes hard, later is brought into words on page form. Then the presses turn, and this imprint forms on the paper. Today, what startled look is being formed for someone at judgment. How personal, familiar, and accurate will be that reading.

Is there a balm for healing? Is there a Physician? Yes, yes. His hands hung out once, with nail

pounded through. The wail of a thousand miseries can find comfort in Him now. Why not then forsake the storm-wrought? Why not then come while He waits? Why not then call on the Lord that you might be saved?

"And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works." That gets terribly personal, on that day. No heart can measure the terrifying, heart-rending look of the lost.

"And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death." We do not know the depths of that fiery grave. We don't know what storms swoop its anguished waves, nor the death stare that does not die. We do not know all of how terribly wretched it would be to have hope forever cut off . . . to know there is no grace forever.

"And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire." We do not know all . . . the searing torture of the mind . . . the suffering of being with souls in their mad cruelty and hate . . . the same wretched old body in endless existence . . . the black suffocation of no hope, no repentance and no change.

We do know that today the opportunity is priceless! Call upon Him while He may be found!