

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

And when she had thus said, she turned herself back, and saw Jesus standing, and knew not that it was Jesus.

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

Jesus saith unto her, Mary.

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

THE SILVER LINING

A LIGHT for BELIEVERS

A PRAYER

Submitted by Bro. Carlton Lanz, Rockville

It is said the following, printed in part, is the prayer of Manasses, king of Juda, when he was held captive. **The prayer is not, I believe, included as a part of our Bible. It does contain some requests and cries of a deeply penitent soul. The seeker acknowledges also the beautiful power and majesty of God.—The editor.**

(This young king was 12 years old when he began to reign, and he did that which was evil before God. His prayer reveals his penitent spirit and gratefulness for God's compassion.)

O Lord, Almighty God of our fathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and of their righteous seed; who hast made heaven and earth, with all the ornament thereof; who hast bound the sea by the word of thy commandment; who hast shut up the deep, and sealed it by thy terrible and glorious name; whom all men fear, and tremble before

thy power; for the majesty of thy glory cannot be borne, and thine angry threatening toward sinners is importable; but thy merciful promise is unmeasurable and unsearchable; for thou art the most high Lord, of great compassion, longsuffering, very merciful, and repentest of the evils of men. Thou, O Lord, according to thy goodness hast promised repentance and forgiveness to them that have sinned against thee; and of thine infinite mercies hast appointed repentance unto sinners, that they may be saved. Thou, therefore, O Lord, that are the God of the just . . . thou hast appointed repentance unto me that am a sinner; for I have sinned above the number of sands of the sea. My transgressions, O Lord, are multiplied, and I am not worthy to behold and see the height of heaven for the multitude of mine iniquities. I am bowed down with many iron bands, that I cannot lift up mine head, neither

have any release; for I have provoked thy wrath, and done evil before thee; I did not thy will, neither kept I thy commandments; I have set up abominations, and have multiplied offenses. Now therefore I bow the knee of mine heart, beseeching thee of grace. I have sinned, O Lord, I have sinned, and I acknowledge mine iniquities; wherefore, I humbly beseech thee, forgive me, O Lord, forgive me, and destroy me not with mine iniquities. Be not angry with me for ever, by reserving evil for me; neither condemn me into the lower parts of the earth. For thou art the God, EVEN the God of them that repent; and in me thou wilt shew all thy goodness: for thou wilt save me, that am unworthy, according to thy great mercy. Therefore I will praise thee for ever all the days of my life: for all the powers of the heavens do praise thee, and thine is the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

TRIP TO THE ORIENT

Dear Bro. Henry,

Greetings in our blessed Redeemer. Bro. Rudolph Graf and I are contemplating a trip to the Orient, the good Lord willing to be there the first part of October.

We have been invited to also worship with the brethren in Korea and if the way is open, we intend to go on, because the trip is a short flight from Japan.

We give a hearty invitation to any of our brethren and friends who are in service, if they could arrange to meet us there and worship with us while they are on RNR.

We know from the past how hungry and thirsty those who are called to serve our country, yet, for the bread of life and the fellowship with God's children and people . . . We certainly covet the prayers of our brethren and friends. This will be my seventh trip, and it is not without its apprehension, and we certainly learn that of ourselves, we can do nothing,

but when God is with us all things are possible according to his good will and pleasure. I'm deeply appreciative of the support of Bro. Graf. He had made the trip formerly in 1962, and when one is so far from home you certainly appreciate a council of brethren, and it is nice to have those who have been long faithful in the service at your side . . . Your Prayer Needy Bro. . . Ben Maibach.

Itinerary for Bros Ben Maibach and Rudolph Graf—Trip to Japan

Arriving in Tokyo—Friday, Oct. 1
Will spend Sunday, Oct. 3, at the Tokyo Church. Address: 4-41, 1-Chome, Nishi Tsutsujiga-Oka, Chofu-Shi, Tokyo-To, Japan Post No. 182.

Will spend Wednesday evening with Bro. and Sis. John Klaus. Address: Mr. and Mrs. John Klaus, 2026 Shindo, Sagamihara-Shi, Kanagawa-Ken, Japan No. 228.

Will spend Sunday, Oct. 10, at

Shioda and Tamahata. Addresses: Shioda — Ichimiya-Cho, Higashi, Yatsushiro-Gun, Yamanashi-Ken, Japan 409-14. Tamahata—Nishiya-hata, Nakakoma-Gun, Ryuo-Cho, Yamanashi-Ken, Japan.

Contact: Mr. Willis Ehnle, 692-2 Shioda, Ichinomiya-Cho, Higashi Yatsushiro-Gun, Yamanashi-Ken, Japan 409-14.

Arriving in Seoul, Korea—Saturday, Oct. 16. Will spend Sunday, Oct. 17 with Bro. and Sis. Ron Meiss. Address: SP/4 Ron Meiss, E 4765444200, AFKN News, APO San Francisco 96301.

Arriving in Honolulu, Hawaii—Friday, Oct. 22. Will spend one day in Hawaii.

If you should want to know how to obtain the Silver Lining, many of our reporters are willing to of service. If your address is or will be different, please let one of the reporters know, or send in direct.—The Editor.

ASLEEP?

Alto R R

Jesus was in the garden praying for the Father's will to be done, the eve before the crucifixion. His disciples were asleep nearby. As an example for us, Christ asked for the Father's will to be done in all His prayers.

With great zeal do all of us that are redeemed proclaim, **Jesus I will never leave.** We picture ourselves martyred for Christ, and yet we cannot watch with Christ one hour. Oh we say, surely I could have watched with Christ one hour. Could we? Have your eyelids ever become heavy in church? That is only **one** hour. While the ministers speak God's message and Christ pleads for us, we slumber on . . . There may be a crucial time in the coming week that the message would have fit our needs or filled our aching heart . . . but we missed it because of our lethargic condition.

Do we yearn to be with Jesus? Do we adore Him? We can read, the spirit is willing, but the flesh weak, and thus, we console our guilty feelings and say He understands.

But this is a wrong attitude!

An elderly brother once spoke and said, the very name of Jesus should keep us awake; we should be so filled with love and gratitude for what Christ has done for us.

We pray for our church, children, friends; we plead for them. Our heart aches, for their salvation is at stake. But, do they see by our conduct and attentiveness, our zeal and love for Jesus, or do we keep it well hidden?

How do we know that the Lord may not ask us what we did with our talent of attentiveness? Three things Christ said to His disciples: (1) Could **ye** not watch with me one hour? (2) Watch and pray that **ye** enter not into temptation. (3) **Sleep** on now and take your rest, the hour is at hand that I will be betrayed. Are you Christ's disciple? Will you let Him down? Poor, pathetic Peter! He vowed his life and death for Christ. Yet he slept, while Christ prayed for the sins of the world resting on His shoulders.

When the soldiers came and seized Jesus, Peter rising from

sleep, possibly groggy and confused, grabbed a sword and chopped off the ear of a servant of the high priest. If Peter had been praying, he probably would never have resorted to such frustrated action. Christ had compassion for the servant and healed him immediately. Christ professed the sword of the spirit, not an instrument of injury!

Furthermore, Peter was not prepared for the bitter days ahead. All the disciples forsook Christ, and Peter followed afar off, interested to see what the end would be. He watched the false witnesses bring their accusations. He watched the jury pronounce the sentence of death. He even watched them spit on Jesus' face, buffet and slap him, and mock him.

I'm sure Peter was horrified by the situation, but he still hadn't remembered to pray. Thus he didn't have strength to resist denying Christ three times.

As Christ's followers, let us watch and pray that we enter not into the same temptation; because we had not watched one hour with Him, would not be able to overcome our weaknesses.

Peter remembered what Christ had said to him. A rooster can make himself heard, and Peter certainly heard it. Poor Peter had finally woke up, and wept bitterly! He was in such bitter remorse and repentance. The trial was over. The crucifixion would take place in only a few short hours. Peter had been sleeping, instead of watching and praying.

Peter's next few days were like ours during our repentance. He watched Christ's awful death, he felt the despair of losing not only a beloved friend, but the hope of all the ages, and what he thought was the salvation of Israel. Peter experienced the horrible misery of one who had forsaken his dearest friend, Jesus. Now he was gone! He couldn't even tell him he was sorry!

Peter didn't know what we know now, Christ arose from the dead! Hallelujah!

Oh, the joy that fills my soul. Something happened, and now I know,

Christ cleansed me and made me whole!

When Peter felt Christ's forgiveness and redeeming power, he was so filled with joy and peace that he went throughout the world and proclaimed the gospel message. Now Peter was really awake!

Through the writers of old who made these records for us, we find these messages further in the New Testament.

Romans 13:11: "And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed."

I Corinthians 15:34: "Awake to righteousness, and sin not; for some have not the knowledge of God: I speak **this** to your shame."

The very name of Jesus should keep us awake, and if we are awake and praying, we will be able to resist evil, through our faith and Christ's nearness and help.

In your church circles, the names of our oncoming little ones by birth or adoption are opportunities. These tiny years are important. If the church can make the warmth of love felt, something very good is being done. So go over and over the name . . . write it down . . . and make your acquaintance . . . let them know you love them . . . so the little one grows up in the bosom of the church.—The Editor

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ARE YOU GOING FLAT?

Roger W. Sauder, Elgin, Illinois

Most tires go flat by a slow leak rather than a blowout. Christian lives that go flat tend to do so the same way. There is no need for us as Christians to go flat any way. As we read the Holy Bible, it tells us God's grace is sufficient for every condition and circumstance any of us shall ever meet. God gives us every resource heaven affords, to enable us to go through life whole and sound in soul and spirit.

Sometimes the leak in the tire is so small that even the repair man has difficulty in finding it. This is true also with the small leak in our lives. Usually the leak starts with a neglect of Bible reading. Where can we find a smaller leak? If we fall short here, it will be either in the privacy of our home or the office, so who is really going to know? Maybe we ourselves won't even realize it, because it comes so gradual. It all starts with one day we are too busy, so since we have been reading every day we decide

to skip it today. Another day we will rationalize by saying, it really didn't hurt us the last time; my day didn't go any worse or better than it ever does. We skip again! After awhile it becomes easier and easier to forget.

What about prayer? Can't this work the same way? If you were to oversleep one morning and you are going to be late for work, would you neglect to pray? Each time we do, it becomes easier the next time. There are other times we need caution in prayer also. Let's not forget to ask the Lord in the morning for grace sufficient to take us through the day; thank him for each meal He provides for us (one at a time); and thank him for the many blessings He has provided for us that day, before we lay our head down at night.

We have one other area we need to be careful of, and that is fellowship. We are living in such a busy world and time that we hardly

think of the other person. We hardly ever get together to sing songs of praise to our Lord. We are just too busy. When is the last time you went to visit someone who was sick? When is the last time you visited the aged, perhaps even in a nursing home or where they can't get out even to go to church? How about the widows or even your brother or sister? The Bible tells us we should do these things.

Aren't these all places for a slow leak to get started? The best time to stop a slow leak is when it starts. We must plug the little holes and keep the inner pressure high, so the journey will be swift and safe, and the destination sure. If we cheat we are only cheating ourselves, for who else will know?

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.

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Notice to All Churches

To all Sisters in Faith and friends—If you are interested in making or donating any items or articles for the Gift Shop in the Home for Handicapped, please bring them to the Home at Morton on or by Sept. 10. If you have any questions on what to make or send, please write to the Home for Handicapped, Veterans Road, Box 292, Morton, Ill. 61550, and we shall be happy to help you. Thank you.

As we return to the U.S., we bring with us many edifying memories of a fellowship which, being based on the essential unifying factor, Jesus Christ, rose above all differences in language and custom.

We thank all who supported us in prayer and letter through our stay abroad.

Philip and Janice Webber

TODAY, LEARN FROM ANOTHER

It happened in the 1800's

I had been preaching in Chicago on the subject of the Life of Christ, and we had followed him from the cradle to the judgment hall of Pilate. I have always felt that on that night I made one of the greatest mistakes of my life. How often I have wished that I could call back what I said to the congregation at the close of the meeting on that memorable night of the Chicago fire! That night I spoke from the text, What shall I do with Jesus? and as I closed I said: Now I want you to take this question home with you, think it over, and next Sunday night I want you to come back here and tell me what you are going to do with Jesus. What a mistake! I gave them a week to decide; but I never met that audience again. Even then the huge bell of the court-house nearby was tolling out what proved to be the death-knell of the city. How well I remember the hymn at the closing moment of that meeting:

(Gospel Hymn 630 is the song.)

Today the Saviour calls; for refuge fly;
The storm of justice falls, and death is nigh.

... It was the last verse sung in that beautiful hall. We closed the meeting and went out into the streets, never to meet again. It is estimated that a thousand lives were lost that night. . . .

LEXINGTON KENTUCKY

The Hubers

Greetings in the precious name of our Lord and Saviour from this state of Kentucky. May the mutual fellowship of our Saviour, Jesus Christ overshadow these perilous times and tests of faith.

The Lord has been faithful to His word in blessing the seed sown in hearts. Testimony is made of God's mercy and forgiveness, also to the joy and peace received personal experience and commitment of life and trust in a Saviour.

Some of our home church from Francesville shared and witnessed

a baptismal service for a first convert, on June 6. Pray with us that additional candidates may be moved of the Lord to follow in this obedience of faith. Our mutual enemy, the devil, scores many victories at this potential point of establishing a local church. Permanent help and support would answer an urgent prayer request.

We are grateful to the Lord and to the Milford church who has generously initiated the start for our bus fund. The possibility of a church building is a concern, that establishment of a local church may be recognized. Up to this point we are recognized as a mission (not a church), because of the city zoning ordinance. This causes some reservation on the part of people seeking for a home church. Pray for God's leading in this matter.

We wish to thank everyone who has shared a part in this the Lord's work. A warm welcome stands to all who desire to worship with us, especially all our brothers who would serve in this ministry "Finally . . . pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified, even as it is with u."

WICHITA

David and Barbara Hangartner

As we write the news, we feel moved to say it will be our last report from Wichita. The Lord has opened the way for us to live in Rockville. Dave has secured a job there. It is with a sad heart we bid farewell to our friends and brethren, whom we have loved and enjoyed fellowship with in the Kansas churches.

To our little Wichita congregation:

We pray you will walk in the path of our Saviour.

To follow wherever He leads, Knowing His love is around us, Fulfilling our hopes and our needs. This is the way of the Christian, The way you and I have chosen too. May you all be guided and richly blessed.

Always—your life-time through.

Bro. Steve and Sis. Jeannie Inghofer have moved into their home; they had been living in an apartment.

Bro. George Lambert has had an ear operation. He had a broken

ear drum, and skin was grafted over it.

Bro. Howard Warner touched two hot wires and had to jump to free himself from getting electrocuted. In jumping he smashed his heel, and will be laid up for quite some time. We were all sorry to hear of his mishap. May he put his faith and confidence in the Lord and lean on him, for he has promised to care for His own.

TUCSON

Mrs. Loren Knapp

The monsoon season has begun here, in southern Arizona. Up to now it has consisted of electrical storms in the mountain regions surrounding Tucson. If the Lord be willing, the rains will soon reach our beautiful valley.

We rejoice that Dorothy Bertsch, wife of Jay, is home after a short stay in the hospital. We will be very happy when she is again able to assemble with the congregation.

"If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove . . ."

Thought For The Day: Faith makes things possible; it does not make them easy.

CHICAGO

A large number of our congregation gathered at the site for our new church, on the evening of July 21 for Groundbreaking Services. Bro. Herman Kellenberger assisted Bro. Al Fisher in invoking God's blessing upon this undertaking. The Lord has moved the hearts of many brethren and friends from near and far to contribute to this endeavor, for which we are deeply grateful. Although we are still substantially short of our financial goal, we have decided to proceed, in the faith that God will continue to move the hearts of His people to further support this cause.

Bro. Edw. Aeschleman of our Union City church brought us the inspired word during his visit.

Friend Jim Schlatter has testified of peace received, and has been announced for proving. We pray that many could find their Saviour while there is yet time.

Bro. Al and Sis. Margaret Fisher sold their home and have moved into an apartment. Their new address is Surrey Hill Apt. 305, 201

Tyler Road, St. Charles Ill. 60174. Their phone number was changed to AC312-584-8213.

NEUHUTTEN GERMANY

Jon Zeller

We praise the Lord and rejoice in His love, as He has so generously provided for us this month with visitors and visiting ministers.

Elder Bros. Leo Moser and Paul Fehr and Ministering Bro. Roy Luginbuhl were with us the 11th and 25th to deliver His word unto us . . . And we were richly blessed with Communion services on the 25th. We thank God for the attention that He delivers unto our needs.

Traveling and visiting with our brethren were their families, Sis. Leona Moser and her children, Sis. Anna Fehr, and Sis. Helen Luginbuhl and her daughter, Debbie, and niece, Julie Schneider.

ALTADENA

Freda and Rhoda Minger

Sunday, July 4, Independence Day, and what better way could we celebrate our independence than to assemble in God's house and there worship God according to the dictates of our heart. It was our privilege on this day to have as our guest speaker, Bro. Earl Zeltwanger of Bremen, who with his family was vacationing in southern California. He was inspired to minister unto us concerning the founders of our country and their concern for religious training. So concerned were they about freedom of worship that when drawing up the "Bill of Rights," religion was a foremost thought. "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof." As you and I go forth in our daily walk of life, do we fully appreciate the meaning of religious freedom? As for myself, I must confess that it is taken too much for granted. Consider, if you will for a moment, life without the right of assembly, without the freedom to worship our Creator as we so choose, life without the right to be an open follower of Christ, without the privilege to speak of His redemption. Would religious persecution change your life in any way, or have you become so complacent and lukewarm that such a restriction would not change your daily rou-

tines, your weekly routines, or your conversation?

We would like to extend our sympathy to Bro. Glen and Sis. Kay Hackenjos and Bro. Ray and Sis. Virginia Cooper and their families. Our prayer is that God will fill the vacant spot left by the passing of Sis. Kay and Sis. Virginia's mother, Sis. Rose Miller of Portland. Rose has been relieved of her sufferings and for this we must surely thank God.

Sis. Elizabeth Kaisner has suffered a fall and the fracturing of her left arm. We pray God will be near her side and give her the added strength to endure the pain.

BURLINGTON, OKLAHOMA

Janice Frieden — Janice Springer

On the week-end of July 4, we had one of God's most beautiful works in our church. He brought together, by faith, Sis. Deborah Springer and Bro. Lonnie Banwart in holy matrimony. Everything began on Saturday evening with a supper and a singing for the bridal party and visitors. Then on Sunday morning, God blessed us with joyous singing by the congregation and words of wisdom from the Bible, by Bro. Gene Marti of Sabetha. On Sunday afternoon, Bro. Eli Somerhalder read of God's first plan for marriage in the Garden of Eden. Then Sis. Deborah and Bro. Lonnie exchanged their vows and God made them one, as stated in Genesis 2:24: "Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh."

A reception was held at the home of Sis. Mabel Springer for Sis. Deborah and Bro. Lonnie, and a supper was also served for those who had to travel a long distance to go home.

Sis. Elizabeth Otti, Sis. Laverne Roth, and Sis. Rose Schupbach were hospital patients. We are thankful Elizabeth and Laverne are able to worship with us again.

Brenda Diel, daughter of Butch and Sis. Betsy Diel was married to Larry Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Miller of Amorita, Okla. on July 23. May God always bless their lives together, and may they grow to love one another more and more as each day passes.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Bro. and Sis. John Kraft, at the passing of her brother, Julius Strahm of Bern, also to Bro. and

Sis. Reuben Farney at the passing of his cousin Joel Luthi of Madison, Ks.

Thought: To will what God wills, brings peace.

FORREST

**Carolyn Zimmerman
Juanita Schneider**

I once heard this thought expressed, and it often passes through my mind; "If you were the only Christian someone knew, what would that person think of Christians?"

Sis. Ella Honegger, Sis. Bertha Maurer, Sis. Louella Sohn, Hazel Karcher, and Margaret Sohn were hospital patients. Sis. Dorothy Bachtold had surgery, and our friend, Tom Hamilton was hospitalized for more treatment on his hand. Our friend, Andy Rieger, son of Bro. and Sis. Richard Rieger underwent his long-awaited kidney transplant at Mayo Clinic, Minnesota. The donor was his brother, Tom. Both are doing satisfactory, and certainly this is an example of love and charity we read much about in the good word.

Three families in our congregation have been blessed with new babies. Bro. and Sis. James "Nick" Ricketts have a new little girl, named Sarah Evelyn; she is named for both grandmothers, and has two brothers and two sisters at home. Grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Merideth Ricketts of Forrest. Bro. and Sis. Herb Bachtold have their first baby, a daughter. She has been named Heather Lynn. Grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Merril Laukhuf, Latty, and Carl and Sis. Dorothy Bachtold, Forrest. Robert and Sis. Elaine Mueller have a new son, Brian John. Brian has one brother and a sister at home. Grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Silas Hohulin, Forrest. May each one love and cherish these gifts from God and bring them up to reverence Him.

Bro. Merril Laukhuf, Latty, ministered unto us, when he and his family came to see their new granddaughter. Also visiting us were ministering Bros. Roy Wernli, Lamont; Elmer Bucher, Francesville; and Ernie Gerber, Rockville. We sincerely appreciate the blessing and fellowship from each family that visits us.

Our dear friend, Linda (Bachtold) Kinder has expressed a desire for a change in her life with

a need of repentance. She is the daughter of Bro. and Sis. Elmer Bachtold. Linda and her husband, Ronald live in Chenoa and are attending our Forrest church. May God bless her and open the understanding of many others to this need.

Bro. Marvin and Sis. Virginia Huette have announced the engagement of their daughter, Karen, to Barry Spitzness of Bloomington.

Our Bible classes have spent two enjoyable week-ends, one at Peoria Fellowship Day and one at Sabetha. We wish to extend our **Thank-You** to both congregations and to the Sunday School children for their co-operation.

Thank You: I want to thank everyone for your prayers, cards and gifts while I was in the hospital. Thanks so much! Bro. Andy Lehman.

LATTY

Connie Stoller — LeAnn Laukhuf

We were privileged on Aug. 1 to have Ministering Brother Merle Kaisner from Fairbury with our congregation. It was very strengthening to hear such words of life.

We are happy to announce the arrival of a daughter, Lisa Jo, to Bro. Bill Jr. Rager and Sis. Lou-Ann. May God bless them with their first child.

The following were hospitalized for a short period of time and are all home again: Sis. Janet Stoller, Sis. Shirley Stoller, Keith Klopfenstein and Lane Stoller. Sis. Lydia Schlatter fell and broke three ribs and was hospitalized, but is back home recuperating.

Eli Schlatter, son of Bro. Joe and Sis. Elsie, had the misfortune of losing his left hand in a farm accident. We wish him courage for the future and may God bless him.

We enjoyed having Mark Stoller home from Ft. Sam to assemble with us for two Sundays. May we always remember the servicemen in our prayers.

Our young group spent a wonderful week-end in LaCrosse. We were also privileged to be in Junction, when the Eureka young group visited there. We really enjoyed the blessed fellowship.

Latty Sunday School was held to the Milford and Mansfield Sunday Schools the week-end of July 17. A good time was reported by all.

PEORIA**Emily Tanner****Mrs. Michael Weyeneth**

Ann Domnick, daughter of Bro. Alvin and Sis. Veva Domnick, and Ronald Largent, son of Mrs. Ronald Largent of Hanna City were united in marriage the 19th of June. Their address is 133 Hollywood Circle, Creve Coeur Ill. 61610.

Sis. Katherine Hoffman and Bro. Warner E. Bauman of Morton were united in marriage July 28. They are residing at 33 E. Woodlawn Pl, Peoria Ill. 61614.

Sis. Rosemary Eckert, daughter of Bro. Herb and Sis. Christiane Erkert, and Michael Gramm, son of Bro. and Sis. Jane Gramm of Gridley, Ill. were united in marriage Aug. 1. They plan to live at 710½ S. Race St., Urbana Ill.

Our congregation is so thankful for four more souls who have repented and received peace from above. They are Paul Jr. and Judy Meister, whose parents are Bro. Paul and Sis. Rhoda Meister, and their cousins, Mark and Mike Meister. May the Lord bless and keep them in His grace.

We welcome Morris and Carol man, their son, Sean, and daughter Cindy, who have been assembling with us for several months. Their home address is Rt. 2 Woodland Knolls, Metamora Ill. 47030. Our assembly also welcomes Bro. Tom and Sis. Nancy Sinn, formerly from Ft. Scott. Their address is 5250 N. Knoxville Ave. Apt. 522 B, Peoria Ill. 61614.

Youth Fellowship Day was July 18. There were 14 Illinois churches represented. An inspirational and blessed day was enjoyed at the Fellowship Hall.

This past month brought several visiting ministers to our assembly. We appreciated their labors of love and the inspirational teachings of Bro. Hartzell Kaisner of Detroit, Clarence Kachelmuss of Forrest, Noah Herman of Tucson, George Gramm of Gridley and Harold Gramm of Morris.

Mr. Pearl Streitmatter had been in the hospital and has been moved to the infirmary of our A. C. Home on Skyline Dr. Sis. Elizabeth Voelpel is there, too. Sis. Martha Lambert is home recuperating, after surgery. Bro. Alvin Domnick is home recuperating, after cataract removal in June.

Expression of Thanks: Bro. Chris A. Sauder is still confined to

his home with a back injury. We wish to thank everyone for their expressions of sympathy and prayers, the many cards and gifts of love that were sent him.

Sis. Mattie Fisher, 74, died July 8 at A. C. Home in Eureka. She had been living there since Oct. 31, 1968. Mattie had been a secretary 45 years and retired when Altorfer Bros. Co. was sold. Surviving are two brothers, Bros. Al and Frank of the Chicago area; four sisters, Mrs. Virgil (Eugenia) Martin, Mrs. Conrad (Sis. Emma) Woerner, and Mrs. Bertha Sieben-thal, all of Peoria, and Mrs. Joseph (Sis. Edna) Wiegand of Oakville.

Diane Rae Sinn, 2-year-old daughter of Bro. Ronald and Sis. Judith Loyd Sinn was found dead in bed at 11 p.m. July 23 at Hornick, Iowa where they had been visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Eldred Loyd. Surviving besides her parents and maternal grandparents are her paternal grandparents, Bro. and Sis. August Sinn of Fort Scott, and one sister, Dana Jo Sinn at home.

Notes of Thanks: We are most thankful and grateful for the many cards, gifts, and prayers extended unto us in sharing our sorrow. We truly felt the hand of God and experienced His boundless mercy. We pray that we may be worthy of the great love shown us. Ron, Judy and Dana Jo Sinn. The family of Frank Lambert wish to express our sincere thanks for the endless kindnesses shown us during our bereavement and ensuing hospitalization.

ATHENS**Zelma Young**

O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good: because his mercy endureth for ever.

We are so thankful for our good Saviour's will. Our VBS is over. We really had a wonderful VBS. Some turned to the Lord, for which we were thankful. We had real nice crowds each night. We had the inspired word of God taught.

We had visitors this morning, for which we were thankful.

O but that people would understand God's plan of salvation Seek, knock, and find. It shall be opened unto thee.

FT. LAUDERDALE**Henry H. Schwartz**

Bro. Ed and Sis. Viola Gerber

have returned from their visit to Japan. We are pleased to have them back with us. Bro. Albert J. Schneider and family, having spent several weeks with us in Ft. Lauderdale, have returned to Rockville (enjoyed very much the spiritual guidance).

Ken Troxel and family are visiting in Bluffton and will be there for the marriage of their daughter, Karen Lou, to Mr. Albert J. Aeschliman.

Dr. John Isch and family have returned from their stay in Tampa, Fla., to our congregation. Bro. George Bolliger has been hospitalized last week for surgery. We are glad to have him back with us.

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

Our arms are open to welcome you, Sis. Karel (Marti) Anliker, the new bride of Bro. Wendell Anliker . . . But was so sorry that his father, Bro. Eli was unable to attend his son's wedding, but from his hospital bed we know his prayers were with them. And all our prayers are for Bro. Eli . . . He also was given a granddaughter by Roger and Marilyn Albrecht, so his hospital stay had some joys.

Bro. Elmer Anliker's daughter, Sis. Shirley, and Sis. Emma Furrer's son, Bro. Irvin prayed hard to their Heavenly Father that it would be His will for them to be married, which Bro. Wendell Gudeman did, and Bro. Adolph Bahler, from his Wolcott home church had the prayer. They come to Bro. Wendell with a Bible that was given them, which truly is a blessed gift to read from and then to follow, by prayer, as Bro. Irvin's dear departed father always did. "Give to each other all your love and you can get more from God." Bro. Walter Anliker and Bro. Arthur Gudeman also gave us all comforting blessings.

Bro. Karl Westphall finished his services with tearful thanks to all for their prayers, that their son could return home safely from Viet Nam. There are also many other dear sons that our hearts cannot be thankful enough to see them well and safe again . . . Heard this remark, "Count your blessings and don't ask for anymore."

Precious Lord, take the hands of Bro. Carroll and Sis. Annabell Messer and son, as they are leav-

ing us to move back to California. We are thankful for their gain, but sorry for our loss. We wish them godliness with contentment.

Glen and Sis. Eileen Boehning's daughter, Connie had the misfortune of being kicked by a calf, and has suffered many weeks in a cast.

This has also been so sad that Bro. Fred Gutwein's wife, Sis. Katie, had to have surgery and has been quite ill. If it is the Lord's will, we surely pray for her returning strength. She also had a joy though, that she could have a great-granddaughter born to Bro. Ron and Sis. Dianne Vogt.

Heaven is where God is; home is where father is. A mother's love is a picture of God's love for us.

PHOENIX Mrs. Allan Freed

July, in Phoenix, has been a typically hot month, but this year it has also brought us an unusual amount of strong winds and dust storms. Thankfully, there hasn't been any damage to speak of.

Don and Kathy Emch are the happy parents of a baby girl, named Stacy Eileen. She was born July 9. Bro. Paul and Sis. Irene are the paternal grandparents.

Sis. Edith Schrenk and her daughter, Sis. Frances, have moved to their new mobile home in Tucson. We miss them and wish them many blessings in their new home.

We rejoice that Julie Hoerr has found peace with God, and looks forward to giving her testimony and being baptized in the near future. Julie is the daughter of Bro. Ron and Sis. Evelyn.

We welcome Kathy (Brockwell) Gramm, who became the bride of Jim Gramm on July 17 in Gridley, Ill. Both are originally from that area, but Jim has been attending school in Phoenix for the past year.

Bro. Ervan Rokey was hospitalized for tests for one week, but we are thankful he has been dismissed and is able to assemble with us again.

Sis. Vera Yackley is to enter the hospital Mon., Aug. 1 for tests. We pray the Lord will be near to her and every shut-in. I recently came across this worthwhile thought: "When the OUTlook is dark, try the UPlook."

Bro. Bill Dotterer has completed his tour of duty in Hawaii, and he and his wife, Sis. Sharon, and their 11-month-old daughter, Nancy

Lynn, have returned to Phoenix. We are happy to have them back in our midst, and to make the acquaintance of little Nancy, who was born in Hawaii.

WOLCOTT Arles Kropf Marjean Lehman

On July 25, Bro. Irvin Furrer (Wolcott) and Sis. Shirley Anliker (Francesville) were united in Holy Matrimony. We wish to welcome Shirley to our congregation. May God bless you now and all your lives, as you walk together.

Sis. Nancy Christopher entered Bluffton Clinic to undergo tests and is now assembling with us again.

Two escaped serious injury here. They were Wayne Christopher, in a gas truck accident, and Jon Schwab in a motorcycle accident. Larry Blume suffered a broken arm. We're thankful these accidents were not worse.

We were richly blessed to have Bro. Willis Wiegand (Goodfield) spend the day of worship with us on August 1. May God also bless our brother for his efforts toward us.

AKRON Katherine Ries

"And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ . . . Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven . . . Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest . . . For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

The past month brought many welcome visitors into our midst, among them Elder Bros. Theo. Beer, Ben Maibach, ministering Bros. Loren Stoller, Vernon Leeman, Gary Maibach, Merrill Laukhuf, Harold Emch, and vacationing brethren. We are grateful and thankful for the inspirational messages and for the fellowship before, during, and after the services. Thank you one and all.

Bro. Stanley Francis, after his recent attack of virus, is able to be up and around again with the aid of a walker.

We extend greetings to visitors Susannah Kramer of Hungary, sister of Sis. Eva Wenhardt, and Reinhardt Grawunder of Germany, a student of the University of

Hamburg, cousin of Fred Grawunder. We wish them well and hope they may retain many happy memories we experienced during their visit.

ELGIN ILLINOIS Louise Steffen—Katie Kachelmuss

Come, come, sweet rest, which leads to God
And brings us to our blessed Saviour.
In that blest place, where face to face
The ransomed host sings to God's praise and favor.

This has become the lot of Sis. Hattie Rein, who was called from time into eternity. She had reached the age of fourscore years. Bro. Noah Schrock conducted the services. He told of how he felt so close to this family, because Sis. Hattie and her husband, Bro. John, lived with him and served him faithfully in his home when they were first married. Bro. Elmer Schmidt closed the services at the church. May God comfort the bereft family with the thought that blessed are they who die in the Lord.

Two more precious souls were added to the Flock, Otto and Lydia Reber Stettner. Bro. Joshua Broquard of Fairbury assisted in this holy act, and we are happy to have them now as brother and sister in the Lord. We would wish the same for many more.

Sandra, daughter of Bro. Arthur and Sis. Alma Schmidt, was united in marriage to Walter Schubert, son of Mrs. Julia Schubert. They are making their home at 500 N. McLean Blvd., Elgin Ill. 60120. We wish them God's blessings in their future life together.

Bonnie, daughter of Henry and Verona Schock, was united in marriage to Jay Eigel. They are making their home at 105 E. Green St., Champaign Ill. 61820. May God bless them in their future life together.

Births: A daughter, Rachel Elizabeth, to Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Schurter of Hillsboro Ill. 62015. A son, William Henry, to Gordon and Carole Braun, on July 9. They live at 858 St. Charles St., Elgin Ill. 60120.

Sis. Lydia Messerschmidt, 668 Forest Ave., Elgin Ill. 60120, is hospitalized. May God be with her

and all the sick and aged, also those who care for them.

Bro. Stanley and Sis. Norma Frank Schambach, who were married recently, are now making their home at 809 Jefferson Ave., Elgin Ill. 60120. We wish them God's blessings in their new home and life.

ELGIN, IOWA Mrs. George Butikofer

The peace of summer rests upon
the fields;

It is apparent with the days first
light

And lingers on through all the sun-
ny hours

Until replaced by gentleness of
night.

The peace of summer brings a
robe of green

To growing corn, and for the fields
of wheat

A golden garment covering the
land,

To where one sees the earth and
skyline meet.

The peace of summer has a restful
touch,

No matter if some fear of worry
chides,

For nature speaks a language of
her own

To tell mankind of One who still
abides.

Tamara Sue is the name given to the baby girl who was born to Sis. Cheryl and Bro. Dale Moore on the 24th day of July. We are happy the little miss has come to bless their home.

Sis. Bertha Pulfer is yet in need of hospital care, and remains in the Postville Ia. one. Her condition is termed as being fair. May God grant her patience to bear her ailments. We miss her very much in our church worship.

My brother, Allen Schneider, suffered a heart attack yesterday morning and is now hospitalized.

FAIRBURY Joyce Huber

We rejoice that Ira Kilgus has come to repentance. Ira is a brother to Bro. Herman Kilgus.

Visiting ministers were Bro. Hartzel Kaisner, Bro. Everett Hari, Bro. Duane Metzger, and Bro. Joe Aberle.

Bro. & Sis. Chris Leman were on

a trip to Hawaii. Their son and his wife, Bro. and Sis. Larry Leman, also went on the vacation trip with them.

Bro. and Sis. Earl Roth, Charlene and Todd, made a trip to Europe. They could be with their son, Bro. Dan, who is stationed in Germany.

Sis. Louise Bach wishes to thank everyone who remembered her with gifts and kindnesses while recuperating from surgery.

Sis. Anna Roth, who resides at the Home, fell, breaking a bone in her arm, and was taken to the hospital.

FT SAM HOUSTON

Ask the Saviour to help you,
Comfort, strengthen, and keep you.
He is willing to aid you;
He will carry you through."

What better advice could we give those that are leaving us than to call upon the Saviour when in need? He will never leave us. This month we said goodbye to Bro. Darl Schieler and Morris Braker, who will be leaving for Viet Nam in August. Bro. Mark and Sis. Janet Gutwein are moving to their new assignment at Walter Reed General Hospital in Washington D.C. We have shared many blessed times with them all. Let us extract the good from these experiences and use it to season the rest of our lives.

We have been reminded of our duty here on earth and encouraged to keep our lights shining brightly. Our visiting ministers were Bro. Carl Hartman, Sabetha; Kenny Sauder, Mansfield; and Roy Ehnle, Bradford. We wish to thank them for their many efforts which reflect the love and concern of the home congregations.

The Light

Driven by discontent
I'm moving toward confusion
Following the rest
I'm chasing an illusion
True love is obscured
And peace I cannot find
This cold wicked world
In darkness I am blind.

The word reaches me
There's a light up ahead
It is the Son of God
His warmth amazes me.

He points to the way
To save my soul from death
To fill my heart with joy
And give me peace and rest.

MORTON Mrs. John Oberlander Mrs. Kenneth Getz

Bro. Eli Somerhalder gave us five steps to repentance: 1, Conviction and sorrow for sin; 2, One must cease from becoming a sinner; 3, Confession of sin; 4, God expects restitution of sin; and 5, Live for God. Also visiting were Bros. Robert Grimm, Harvey Grimm, Marvin Stieglitz and Raymond Banwart.

The following engagements have been announced: Becky Bauman, daughter of Bro. Eldon and Sis. Doris Fort Bauman, to Tom Kaiser, son of Harold and Ila Stieglitz Kaiser; and Tresa Rapp, daughter of Bro. Howard and Sis. Delores Beyer Rapp, to Bill South, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rudy South of Peoria.

Marriages: Sis. Kristine Zimmerman and Bro. Dana Taufer; Sis. Christine Baer and Bro. Greg Kaiser; Sis. Cindy Rassi and Bro. Ted Witzig, and Sis. Katherine Hofmann and Bro. Warner Bauman.

Chad Alan Beeman was born to Randy and Jean Wiedman Beeman. He is their first child, and the first grandson of Bro. Al and Sis. Wilma Steiner Wiedman.

Those who have been in the hospital and are convalescing are: Sis. Emma Zimmerman Zobrist, Lydia Muselman, Nettie Gerber Frank and Caroline (Mrs. Ray) Grimm; Bros. Henry Rapp Sr., Chris Kaisner, John Frank Sr.; two children, Wesley Knepp, son of Wayne and Jody Springer Knepp, and Andy Pfloderer, son of Bro. Robert and Sis. Eleanor Zimmerman Pfloderer; and Mary Seidel Gunther.

Sis. Irene Schwarzentraub Stoller, 64, passed away July 30. She is survived by five daughters; Sis. Phyllis (Mrs. Richard) Greene, Sis. Sherill (Mrs. Gene) Jones, Charlene Herstein, Carol (Mrs. Russell) Sus, and Jeanie (Mrs. Charles) Linderud.

Several from Morton have visited in Europe: Bro. Herman and Sis. Maxine Schick Schmidt; Bro. Otto Baum, his daughter—Barbara and son, Kenneth, and daughter-in-law—Jody Grimm Baum; Henry

and Sis. Norma Grimm Zeller; Bro. Eric and Sis. Mildred Koehl and their daughter, Sis. Debbie Koehl; and Sis. Karen Kaiser and Diane Grimm.

Bro. Frank and Sis. Naomi Grimm Bauman celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Aug. 6. May God grant them many more happy years together.

Sunday School teachers elected recently are Bros. Edward Hauter, Roy Getz, Ted Witzig, and Howard Leman.

PORTLAND Judith Knecht

How God Is Merciful To His Own

Several of our brothers and sisters climbed Mt. Hood (11,244 ft.). It was indeed an unforgettable experience for them to stand at the summit of a snow-covered peak and overlook God's beautiful creation. While descending our Sis. Irene Baer slipped, and zipped down the mountain about 1,000 feet. As she began to fall, she yelled for help, but to no avail, as no one heard her. When she finally came to a stop, she had lost her whistle and ice axe, very vital in mountain climbing. Blood was running down her face, and she was lost—on the back side of the mountain, a long way from anyone. Truly the Lord protected her during the fall, as she could have hit many big rocks.

The fall occurred about 1:15 p.m., and after having waited half an hour for help to come, she realized she would have to try alone to find a way back. Due to much snow and crevasses, it was extremely difficult. After having climbed for hours, desperately trying to find a way out, she became more and more perplexed. The dark of night was quickly closing in, the temperature freezing, and she had only an extra sweater and pair of socks. Faced with death and spending the night on the mountain alone, she was comforted only with the fact that the Lord heard her constant prayers. Very frightened and cold, she found a little shelter under a small tree and spent the night.

As Sis. Irene was struggling her way around the mountain, people were searching for her on the other side. It was evening before our dear sister was discovered missing and lost. Rescue teams could not be formed that night (takes 12 hours), but efforts were put in effect the following morning.

In the pre-dawn hours, Irene, tired, exhausted, and dehydrated, continued in the direction which seemed to be that of the Lodge, praying and hoping for help! After many tiring hours, the Lodge and rescue teams were sighted. She yelled to them, collapsed, and first aid was administered. What a terrifying experience! She said, It was truly her God that led her and alone saved her life on the lonely side of the mountain.

"We just have to trust the Lord and pick up new courage," were the recent words of our now departed Sis. Rose Miller. Our dear sister was 79 years of age and served the Lord 65 of these years. What a joy that must bring. Many will remember her for her warm hospitality and kind thoughts of helping others. May the Lord grant her children the grace to pick up new courage. They are: Sis. Elva Unsicker, Portland; Sis. Kay Hackenjos; Altadena; Sis. Virginia Cooper, Oxnard, Calif.; Bro. Robert Miller, Portland; and Bro. Harold Miller, Portland.

Bro. Carl Kinsinger, Bro. Glen Hackenjos and Bro. Don Sauder were our visiting ministering brothers. How thankful we should be that our laboring brothers are inspired by the Lord.

PULASKI

Mary Wiegand—Nancy Musselman

In the days of youth seek ye the Lord,
His love and truth with one accord;
Go offer Him thy youthful days
And walk within the Saviour's ways.

The congregation of Pulaski is rejoicing with the angels in heaven as three young people have found grace to repent. They are Anthony and Willa Funk, son and daughter of Bro. William and Sis. Verle Funk, also Don Clark, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Clark of Garden Grove.

We are thankful to visiting ministering Bros. Michael Weyeneth of Peoria and Albert Aberle of Tremont.

RITTMAN

Florence Hartzler—Janette Blough

We have enjoyed many rich blessings from our visiting ministers. We wish to thank Bro. Ed Aeschleman, Bro. Merle Kaisner,

and Bro. Ben Maibach for bringing us the word of life. Bro. Ben also assisted Bro. Noah Bauman and Bro. Rudy Graf with proving and baptism. Those taken into the fold are Sis. Brenda Saurer, Bro. Bill and Sis. Norma Saylor, Bro. Terry Young, Bro. Bruce Maibach, Bro. Dave Maletich. We pray that many more might follow the example these dear ones are showing, and have taken.

The Lord has sent a bundle of joy to the home of Bro. Andy and Sis. Roberta Stoller. The little girl has been named Gwen Elaine, and is their first child.

Sis. Doris Gasser is a hospital patient since a car accident a few weeks ago. Even though she has to lie flat on her back, she still has a cheerful smile for everyone. Sis. Norene Miller is recovering from a leg injury. While she was mowing lawn, a stone was thrown and hit her leg, causing her to have quite a few stitches to close the wound. Sis. Mary Maletich is recovering from surgery; Sis. Marian Steiner was in the hospital for a few days; Bro. Ray Musser, too, had to have hospital care. We pray for these dear ones, that their health can be restored again if it can be His will.

Our sympathy is extended to Tom and Mary Lou Saurer, at the passing away of her father, Lewis Hoover.

Art Ingold has left for Viet Nam, after spending some time here at home with his folks. May His protecting arm be over all who are serving our country, whether here at home or in foreign land.

Two of our young boys narrowly escaped serious injury when their car was hit and demolished by a freight train. Another young man escaped with cuts, after his car struck another. We are so thankful these boys were protected by God's hand.

We have been blessed with rain, which seems to have come at the time when the fields needed it the most. Now the corn looks good again, and the grass has turned green. Our God always gives us what we need at the right time. We must never forget to thank Him for His blessing.

SHIODA, JAPAN Willis R. Ehnle

The Lord Jesus Christ is the Son of God, and He died for our sins.

Beginning with this simple message, we had a special day on Sunday, August 1, commemorating the 15th anniversary of the dedication of our Shioda Church. A brief history of the church was read prior to the morning service. About 20 adults were present, including our close neighbor, Mrs. Ishikawa, to whom our little boy, Tommy, once spoke about attending church. It was her first time to attend church in the 15 years. People come on a special day who would not come on an ordinary Sunday.

Each one was to bring something for our noon meal, and after enjoying eating together we had our afternoon service of singing and scripture reading. Several groups sang hymns as part of the program. Among others, Sis. Atsumi Takai and her family, as well as Sis. Asakawa, who was our former caretaker at Shioda, attended. They now live quite a distance away.

On Monday, Aug. 2, Sis. Carol Schrenk of our Chicago church returned to the U.S.A. after giving two years serving the Lord in Japan. The amount of money she accumulated was zero, but it is our hope that she accumulated other forms of wealth. We thank her, her parents, and the Chicago church for unselfish and energetic service.

We await the arrival of Sis. Sue Schock of Elgin, Ill., but her visa to enter Japan has been delayed, probably because the Japanese government wishes to carefully investigate all schools set up to teach English. Sue will be our kindergarten or nursery school teacher. Since the students are Japanese, they naturally learn English.

Bro. Ben Maibach and Bro. Rudy Graf now plan to visit us the first part of October. By that time, Bro. Akito Inoue, whose marriage to Sis. Marie Neihouser is to take place on Aug. 15 at Francesville, should be back in Japan. He is a very useful brother and excels as an interpreter.

EUREKA

**Cathryn Wettstein
Salome Schumacher**

"Blessed be the LORD, who daily loadeth us with benefits . . ."

When thou hast thanked thy God
For every blessing sent,
What time will then remain
For murmurs or lament?

We were blessed with three visitors; they were Bros. David Keiser, Princeville; Eli Somerhalder, Burlington, Okla.; Noah Hermann, Tucson.

Those who have been ill are: Randy Grusy was a medical patient in Eureka Hospital almost a week. He is the son of Bro. and Sis. Alf and Martha Grusy. Sis. Wilma Lehman, wife of Bro. Clarence, was a medical patient a few days in the Methodist Hospital. Sis. Nelma Eastman, wife of Bro. Richard is a medical patient in Methodist hospital. Sis. Julia Lemman had been in the Methodist Hospital, after breaking her hip, but has returned to the Home again.

Birth: Jill Christine was born to Bro. and Sis. Richard and Nelma Eastman on July 22. This is their fourth child. Two brothers and a sister say **Welcome**.

The Stanley Schumachers have returned to the states, after being in Belgium for several years for the Caterpillar Tractor Co.

Sunday School has started again the first Sunday in August, after a brief vacation. May all the parents encourage their children to attend regularly, and also, it is encouraging to the teachers if the parents will visit the classes that their children are in, occasionally.

Sandra Getz, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Allen and Nathalia Getz, was a patient in Proctor Hospital in Peoria nearly two weeks. She had an appendicitis operation and also developed pneumonia. Bro. George Sauder was a surgical patient at the Mayo Clinic in Minnesota. Bro. Ed Suttor was also a surgical patient at the Mayo Clinic.

Bible Reading

Sept. 1, Ezekiel 5-7; 2, 8-11; 3, 12-15; 4, 16-17; 5, 18-20; 6, 21-22; 7, 23-24; 8, 25-27; 9, 28-30; 10, 31-33; 11, 34-36; 12, 37-38; 13, 39-40; 14, 41-43; 15, 44-46; 16, 47-48; 17, Daniel 1-2; 18, 3-4; 19, 5-6; 20, 7-8; 21, 9-10; 22, 11-12; 23, Hosea 1-5; 24, 6-10; 25, 11-14; 26, Joel 1-3; 27, Amos 1-5; 28, Amos 6-9 & Obadiah; 29, Jonah 2; 30, Micah 3-7.

ROANOKE

**Marilyn Weveneth
Norene Herbst**

Bro. Larry and Doris Aeschleman and their family have moved

to Roanoke. Their former home was in Peoria.

Visiting ministers were: Bros. Raymond Roth (Burlington), David Bertsch (Leo), Ed Aeschleman (Union City), Vernon Lemman (Eureka), Walter Anliker (Eureka), Verlin Stoller (Ft. Wayne).

Sis. Shirley Getz and Bro. Steve Lemman were united in marriage July 18. Their parents are Bro. Emery and Sis. Mabel Getz, and Bro. Rouland and Sis. Verla Lemman. They are making their home in Eureka until this fall, when they will be living in Champaign.

Pam Moser and Dan Martino were married July 17. (Harley and Sis. Gerry Moser and Mr. and Mrs. Mike Martino are their parents.) They are living in Metamora.

Bro. Kenneth and Sis. Judy Knepp are the parents of a daughter, Lorna, born Aug. 3. Other children are Cisne and David. Grandparents are the Ralph Knepps and Irwin Rokeys.

Note of Thanks: As I am unable to write, I'd like to take this means to thank everyone who remembered me with cards, gifts, food, flowers, visits and prayers while I was in the hospitals and since returning home. Many thanks to all who remembered my birthday with cards and gifts. Words can never express my deep gratitude. Everything was deeply appreciated. May God reward you all. (Viola) Mrs. Mike Belsley.

Ezra Schlipf wants to thank the many friends and relatives for the many visits, cards, gifts and prayers rendered to him while in the hospital. May God richly bless you for your kindness.

BRADFORD

Rebecca Endress

Take time for God. Amid the hurrying of this life, slow down and think on things that last. There is so much to do in our labor to make our living, but when we are old and the mortal body fails, then the moments for things eternal will mean so much to us.

Sis. Eunice (Bro. Raymond) Klumpp was hospitalized for major surgery. She is recovering at home and feeling better. Nathan Hernjar was hospitalized and can assemble with us again. The doctor had told him only God could heal his collapsed lung. It is healed, and

they are sure it was through prayer.

We enjoyed the visit of ministering Bro. Joe Schrock.

James Gary Ehnle has some happy new parents. He was born to Bro. Gary and Sis. Carole Ehnle. He is also the first grandchild for Bro. Roy and Sis. Donna Ehnle.

BREMEN Aldean Feldman

Prayer will make a man cease from sin, or sin will entice a man to cease from prayer. Pray often, for prayer is a shield to the soul, a sacrifice to God, and a scourge to Satan.

We were richly blessed on July 25 with a visit from Bro. Joe Waibel.

Bro. Clint and Sis. Gayle Bucher and Bro. Steve and Sis. Vicki Bucher and son, Chris and daughter, Dana Michelle, and Bro. Robert and Sis. Sue Beebe and son Michael have accepted employment and are making their home in South Bend. We welcome them to share their love and in return receive our love in fellowshiping together.

Sis. Diane Zimmer is on a tour of Switzerland with other friends. We pray the Lord will watch over them.

Sis. Emma Unsicker's son, Lt. Commander David Unsicker and wife and children, Christopher and Mellissa have recently returned from a 3-year-tour of duty from Japan. He will be stationed at Great Lakes for three years. We thank God for His watchful care over them and pray He will continue to watch over them.

We're thankful for the Master Healer who again has shown His power. Mrs. Ed Germann is home from the hospital, recovering from surgery. Bro. Tom Steele is home, after being hospitalized with injury to his back. Sis. Pauline Clauss has been able to fellowship with us again. She expresses the great joy in being able to come to church. May we all appreciate this great privilege we have and attend the house of worship whenever there are meetings.

GRIDLEY

Edna Somerhalder—Wilma Young

Lord, Thou Creator, glorious is thy kingdom! In all the world we sing of thy great fame. The hosts of heaven with all the true and faithful Eternally shall praise thy

holy name. Thou art exalted there in heaven's splendor, And kings and powers shall to Thee surrender.

Our Elder Bro. Samuel Anliker spent a Sunday afternoon with us. We thank him for many timely words of advice. When we see the concern our elders have for the church, all should put forth new efforts to walk in our Saviour's footsteps.

Bro. Samuel Huber spent a Sunday here . . . always a pleasure to have them.

We wish to express our appreciation to the Alice Raaf family for the mercury light installed in our churchyard as a memorial for their mother . . . A nice addition to our church. If Sis. Alice was here to give testimony she would be pleased.

Lynette Young, daughter of Bro. Ephraim and Sis. Dorothy, spent two days in the hospital for a tonsillectomy.

Sympathy is extended to Bro. Frank and Sis. Elizabeth Beyer in the accident which claimed their nephew's life, Joel Luthi, 17 years.

INDIANAPOLIS Tom and Carolyn Frank

The Indianapolis congregation enjoyed the presence of ministering brothers: George Yergler, La Crosse; Elmer Hartter, Milford; Carl Kipfer, Bluffton; Harold Zeltwanger, Bremen; and Wendell Gudeman, Francesville. We are thankful for their efforts in bringing God's word to us.

Vacationing in Europe this summer are Sisters Edith Mayer, Sue Mayer, Myra Gray, Connie Isch, and Diane Zimmer.

On July 4, Cindy (Nuenschwander) Cox, her daughter Toby, Kathy Nuenschwander, and Carol Nuenschwander had a car accident on the way home from church. No one was seriously injured.

We are happy to learn that Eric Zeller is repenting. He is spending the summer in Morton, and intends to begin his sophomore year in the school of dentistry this fall. We wish Eric God's grace as he makes a new beginning in life.

The courage to break down and rebuild does not come easily. It takes great strength, great vision, and strong hearts. It is the glory of a man to be able to examine, within his own heart, the person

he really is. Here he dares to be painfully honest with himself. Here he can break down all the false fronts, all the vain images of himself, and bring out that inner person, hidden under pretension, fear, ignorance, and self-pity. Only by recognizing his own inner spirit can he rebuild.

LA CROSSE

Mary Ann Feller — Pearl Nuestr

"In days of youth seek ye the Lord, His love and truth with one accord, Go offer Him thy youthful days and walk within the Saviour's ways."

On the last Sunday of July, we held our annual Sunday School picnic. The entire church participates, both young and old, and it is a blessing to have our youth with us and recognize the efforts of the Sunday School.

Allen Hitz, son of Bro. Ben and Sis. Lena, arrived home from Viet Nam on Aug. 2. He will be able to spend some time here with his family before going to California, where his next assignment awaits him.

LANDERSVILLE Billie Jo Harville

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death into life."

We were blessed with visiting ministers during the month of July. We were glad to have our Elder Bro. David Bertsch with us, along with Verlin Stoller, Corbin Bahler. It is wonderful to have ministers who will travel so far and preach the gospel.

We were glad to have the Ft. Wayne Sunday School group with us. Dinner was served in the church basement, and the afternoon was enjoyed by all. We hope they can visit us again soon, for it is always nice to fellowship with Christian believers.

God's work was ministered unto us by Bro. Harold Zeltwanger. We were told of what a beautiful place we could all go to, and be with Jesus some day, if we obeyed God, but we were also reminded of where the unbelievers would go.

Bro. Lloyd Schumacher was our songleader during our five-night service, which we all took a part in and enjoyed. We believe there

is a sermon in every song. We thank them all for helping, and hope they can come back soon.

Friends and relatives gathered together Friday, July 30, to be present at the wedding of Rodger Harville and Kathy Copeland. Bro. Lynn Klopfenstein solemnized the ceremony. Rodger is the son of Edd and Sis. Mauvlyn Harville. Kathy is the daughter of Kenneth and Joy Copeland.

MILFORD

Marguerite Hoerr

Jean Kaiser, daughter of Bro. Bob and Sis. Carol, was united in marriage on the 19th of June to Gary Branson of Lafayette. They will be making their home in Lafayette, where they are both teaching at Jefferson High School. We ask God's blessings on their marriage and join their many friends and relatives in offering our congratulations.

Sis. Sue Price and Bro. Bob Cockburn's marriage was solemnized on the 27th of June. Sue is the daughter of Bro. Glenn and Sis. Kate of our congregation. Bob's parents and family traveled from Altoona, Pa. to be present. The young couple is living south of Milford, near Waubee Lake, and we wish them years of happiness together in their new home, with God an ever-present guest.

Jane and Jerry Templin are the happy parents of a new son. He has been named Terry. His older sister, Kristi, and his big brother Scott helped welcome him home. Bro. Howard and Sis. Eleanor Beer are the maternal grandparents.

We enjoyed Bro. Willis Weigand's visit to our congregation and his ministry. We thank him for coming.

The Ft. Sam Reunion will be held in Milford on Sept. 4 and 5 for GI's with ETO from the 1st of Jan., 1967 to the 1st of Jan. 1970. Anyone who is eligible to attend and has not received an invitation, please contact Bro. Joe Beer, R. R. 1, Milford.

Collection for the Silver Lining dues will be made in Milford during the next two weeks following publication of this issue, for those who have not previously paid this year.

Sis. Anna Stieglitz has spent some time in the hospital for medical treatment. She's home again and able to be up and about.

Bro. Dick Kaiser leaves for the Mayo Clinic for surgery within the next week. Our prayers accompany him and Sis. Clara on their trip.

We extend our sincere sympathy to two families who have lost loved ones: To the Don Beer family on the death of Sis. Ruth's father, Guy Rarig, and to the Stieglitz family on the death of their brother Edward.

We send our best wishes and assurance of prayers to Sisters Emma Graff and Anna Homan, who have been unable to worship with us for a lengthy time, and to Sis. Laura Wuthrich. We're so glad to see her with us when she's able.

Marilyn Wuthrich, Mrs. Glenn, has been admitted to Goshen Hospital for major surgery. We will remember her in our prayers.

It seems when I submit the news each month, most of the items of necessity concern illnesses, surgery or death. This is the way of life, but we're always glad for a happy note. Two of our young people have surrendered their lives to the Lord. They are Tom Speicher and Dave Baumgartner. The happiness we have in hearing is only a fraction of the happiness they will experience throughout their life as a result of their decision.

The need for a fellowship hall is under consideration for our Milford congregation. Questionnaires have been mailed to everyone, and the results show a majority feel a definite need for additional facilities. We ask God's blessing on this project.

It was considerate of Bro. Arnold Gerst to spend a Wednesday evening with us in our church home and to minister to us. We thank him for coming.

MAYWOOD

Elizabeth Kaisner

With all our heart, O Lord, we praise Thee,
That Thou upon this earthly sphere
Hast chosen Thee a holy people
To honor and exalt Thee here.

Your Silver Lining reporter is laid up with a broken arm, from falling on a wet floor. Bro. John Dapper has also been injured, when he slipped on a wet floor and had to be hospitalized. Bro. and Sis. Pete Schick are confined to their home. Nature will have to take its

course in healing, and it could have been much worse. May God comfort each one in their affliction.

Bro. and Sis. Zeltwanger from Bremen were in our midst. May God bless him for his visit and the word of God which he expounded unto us.

In waiting, I waited, for the Lord . . .

And Patience was willing to wait.

MINNEAPOLIS

Alma and Gus Baum

The time flies on and death draws nigh;
Unite us Lord with Thee on high!
Prepare us now to live with Thee
Forever in eternity!

How precious to ponder over the hymn writer's message; in this busy day and time, we suddenly realize the summer is behind us for another year, and we are prompted with the question: what have we gained spiritually, in these months?

Bros. Albert Wuthrich, Pulaski and Carl Feucht, Lester, were our guest ministers. We appreciate more than we can express in words, our thanks to them.

Our hearts are moved in grief upon learning of the sudden death of Bro. Richard Schmidt. In behalf of those of our Circle, who could not personally share this burden with Sis. Betty and the children, also the mother, sisters and brothers, we extend our deepest sympathy. May God's blessings find a way to fill the emptiness in this sorrowing household.

Correction: The July news misprinted Mark and Diane Kellenberger's baptism, as Mark and David.

NEW MARTINSVILLE

Mrs. Gus Weltz Miss Della Witschey

The annual Homecoming for the teachers, pupils and friends of the Limestone School will be held at the school on Sunday, Sept. 5. A basket dinner at noon will be enjoyed and a program will follow. All friends of the school are invited to attend.

Mart C. Bucher, 89, of Reader, W. Va., passed away on Aug. 1. His wife, the former Bertie Snodgrass, preceded him in death on

June 26. He is survived by four daughters and seven sons.

Mrs. Ruth Froelich Wells, accompanied by friends, spent two weeks in Switzerland and other countries in July, this being her third time to visit the homeland of her grandfather, the late John Emch. She has many pen pals in that country.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Riggensch visited Switzerland and many other countries in June; they also visited many interesting places, this being the homeland of Mr. Riggensch's ancestors.

Mrs. L. W. Witschey of Moundsville, who suffered a fractured hip in a fall in her home a few weeks ago, is home from the hospital and is able to walk with a walker.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brothers and grandchildren of Mt. Vernon, O., visited with Mr. and Mrs. Gus Wultz on July 31.

Mr. and Mrs. James Wade and son, Jimmy Joe of Cleveland, visited with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Wade over the July 31 week-end. His parents accompanied them home and visited during the week with Mrs. Wade's sisters, Mrs. Freda Durig in Girard and Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Williams and family in Akron.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Williams of Akron spent the week-end of Aug. 7 with local relatives.

The doctor shortage here was eased a bit the past month with the arrival of Dr. Chengoppa, a native of India, who has completed his internship in the Ohio Valley Hospital in Wheeling. He returns to his native India this month to be married to a doctor also, and she will also intern in Wheeling; they have established their home here. We are very happy and fortunate to have gained this family.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Lantz of Bluffton were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Froelich; they also visited the eastern part of West Virginia and reports are from them that they rode on the scenic railroad at Cass, W. Va., which attracts many visitors to that area during the summer months.

REMINGTON

Anna M. Waibel & Sisters

Bro. Kurt Bahler was here for a short week-end from Ft. Sam, which gave him the opportunity to meet many of his relatives, as the Jake Bahler Sr. reunion was held

here at the town Park, Sun. p.m.

Bro. Alva Clauss and Bro. George Waibel have been on the sick list . . . happy to report, both are improving.

The Christian should not follow the crowd, but rather show them the Way.

A man can go to Hell in his own way, but can only go to Heaven in God's way.

If you want to be rid of darkness, turn on the light by the switch of faith!

TAYLOR

Elizabeth Sutter — Naomi Heimer

I walked a mile with Pleasure;
She chattered all the way,
But left me none the wiser
For all she had to say.

I walked a mile with sorrow
And not a word said she,
But oh the things I learned from
her,
When sorrow walked with me.

How true it is when we walk with pleasure, we soon take for granted the things that the Lord has given us, and the price He paid for our salvation, but when we walk with sorrow we remember His goodness and seek His help and comfort in our need. Again the time comes when we can rejoice as the psalmist writes, **Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.** Chastening is necessary, for we learn the deeper lessons in the school of sorrow.

Karen Yackley, daughter of Bro. Perry and Sis. Clara, graduated from N.E. Missouri State College with a B.S. in Education in Home Economics. She plans to be married the 14th of August.

The Sabetha Bible Class visited us one week-end. The singing of the combined Sabetha and Taylor Bible Classes was most beautiful, giving us the assurance of the continuance of our beloved church when we see the interest they show. We all enjoyed their visit and hope they will come again.

Scott, son of Bro. Robert and Sis. Emma Dee Hoerr is a hospital patient, with infection in his knee. He is getting along well and will be able to return home soon. Bob, son of Sis. Naomi Heimer, is also a hos-

pital patient with a case of hives.

We had our annual Sunday School picnic; it was well attended and enjoyed. The month of August is vacation time, with teachers in attendance for those that would rather go to Sunday School. As one of the substitute teachers last Sunday, I noticed that most of the pupils were there.

WEST BEND

Mrs. Melvin Fehr Mrs. A. Banwart

"There are loved ones in the glory, whose dear forms you often miss. When you close your earthly story, will you join them in their bliss? . . . One by one their seats were emptied, one by one they went away. Now the family is parted, Will it be complete one day?" As we were singing this beautiful hymn during our regular, first of the month Sunday night singing, little did we realize that the next morning another would be parted from his family here on earth. All of us were drawn a bit nearer to our Lord and Creator as we learned that our dear Bro. Richard Schmidt had fallen asleep in Jesus, due to injuries received while working in the silo on his farm, on Aug. 2. Not many of us have our earthly labors completed at the age of 36, as Richard has. May the Lord always be near his wife. Sis. Betty (Banwart), as she continues rearing their five children: Rodney, Mary, Twyla, Joleen, and Ellen, all at home. Our sympathy is extended to them, as well as to his mother, Sis. Emma (Fred) Schmidt of Lafayette, Minn., and his two sisters and 11 brothers: Bro. Arthur and Bro. Delbert of Elgin, Ill.; Donald of Aurora, Ill.; Orville of Tucson; Bro. Elmer of Lafayette, Minn.; Alvin, Lester and Bro. Kenneth, all of St. Paul; Bro. Eugene and Caroline Overson of Gaylord, Minn.; Darrell and Ethel Bednarski, both of Minneapolis; and Merlin of Whittemore, Ia. He was preceded in death by one daughter, his father, and one brother.

As we carry our sorrows, the Lord also lightens the burden with joy. Our dear friend, Sue Banwart, daughter of Bro. Albert and Sis. Betty, has found grace in God's sight to seek her Saviour. Our prayers are still uttered for more souls to seek their soul's salvation while it is yet day of grace.

It's so upbuilding to our faith

when ministers can come from far and near, and be of the same mind, and render teachings for our need through the inspiration from Above. Visiting ministers were Bro. Albert Wuthrich from Pulaske and Bro. Alpha Strahm Jr. from Bern. We thank them both for their words of instruction and inspiration.

Hospital patients include Sis. Rosa Zaugg, who has been confined to her home for some time and is now a medical patient at Mercy Hospital in Ft. Dodge, and Bro. Bert Thomann, who is recovering from eye surgery at Rochester, Minn.; Ray Wilson and Louisa Zaugg—medical, Mrs. Madaline (Art) Banwart and Rodney Ludwig (small son of Randy and Deanna Ludwig) both surgical patients . . . are all home again and improving daily.

Words cannot express our gratitude to each of you who in any way helped us during our loss. We could feel your thoughts and prayers were with us. Special thanks for the cards, gifts, flowers, food and many other deeds of kindness. Your thoughtfulness and love at this time of sorrow will never be forgotten. Mrs. Richard Schmidt and family.

BERN

Esther and Stella Moser

At Home, 'tis well! Isn't that a happy thought? And so fitting for our dear departed sister, Rose Ulmer. Rose was born to Ulrick and Elizabeth Marti Strahm on Feb. 1, 1883 near Sabetha, and passed away July 27 at the Seneca Hospital, age 88 years. Nov. 15, 1908, she was united in marriage to Ernest Ulmer, who preceded her in death, Jan. 14, 1961. Surviving are four daughters: Sis. Anna, who faithfully cared for her mother through her failing years; Lucille Moorhead, Sabetha; Emily Stone, Exeter, Calif.; Lydia Marie Heiniger, Seneca. 3 sons, Amos, Seneca; Raymond, of the home; Glen, Elmwood, Nebr.; one sister, Sis. Elizabeth Strahm, Sabetha; and a brother, Bro. Amos Strahm, Bern. A son, Ernest Jr., preceded her in death. Rose turned to the Lord in her young years, and faithfully served Him, ever looking forward to coming to church again. Our ministers conducted the services July 30, with burial in the church

cemetery. Her cheerful, uncomplaining disposition was an inspiration to many, and your reporter feels a personal loss.

Sis. Janice Lehman has completed two years of study in Radiological Technology at Peoria Methodist Hospital. We are happy to have her assemble with us again.

Bro. John Lehman spent a month in Europe, most of the time in Switzerland, where his ancestors were born. A great uncle is still living there. John will again teach in the Effingham schools.

Dianne, 16-year-old daughter of Bro. Martin and Sis. Arlene Esslinger, had a close brush with death. She was using a sprayer in the milking parlor that evidently developed a short in the wiring. She called for help, and when 11-year old Danny got to her she was on the cement floor, unconscious and turning blue. Danny had presence of mind to pull the plug which released her grip on the machine. Dianne is now O.K., but it again shows us how very uncertain life can be.

We enjoyed our guest ministers, Bros. Joe Kaisner, Forrest . . . Carl Hartman, Sabetha.

Jeffery Baumgartner, 8-year-old son of Bro. Leonard and Sis. Nancy, had a short hospital stay, when he had quite a few stitches taken on his head, due to a tangle with a dog.

CISSNA PARK

Mary Young — Margaret Rudin

Faith and Doubt

Doubt sees the obstacles;
Faith sees the way.
Doubt sees the blackest night;
Faith sees the day.
Doubt dreads to take a step;
Faith soars on high.
Doubt questions Who believes;
Faith answers I.

Bro. Raymond Roth brought us the message so clear and plain. We thank him for coming.

We have many sick ones among us. Bro. Wm. Farney has gone to the Eureka Home to be cared for. Bros. Wm. and Ed Feller were hospitalized for some time. Sis. Bertha Reinke had eye surgery and is home again. Sis. Sarah Maul and our friend, Huldah Rentsch, are in the hospital for tests and observations . . . also Bro. Phil Alt, son of Bro. Ed and Sis. Marg . . . Sis.

Emily Rudin is a medical patient. She is in Watseka Memorial Hospital, Watseka Ill. 60970. Sis. Lucille Knapp had surgery. May God pour his healing balm that our loved ones can again be healed if it is His will.

A boy was born to Bro. and Sis. Fred and Joan Waldbeser on Aug. 4. He was named Philip Ezra.

Bro. John and Sis. Helen Lackey were on their way to the east coast with several other members of their family, to meet their son John Jr., who was returning from West Germany (where he had been stationed in the Army). They met with an accident on the Pennsylvania turnpike, when the car went out of control. Their daughter-in-law, Kathleen Winger Lackey, was fatally injured. Bro. John and Sis. Helen were hospitalized, and later flown back to the Paxton Ill. Hospital. They are released and at home. Our sympathy is extended to them.

GOODFIELD

Elna Grimm

We smiled and wept, as again the beautiful story of love and innocence was renewed to us by the testimonies of four dear souls. On Saturday evening, July 24, David and Becky Knapp, Stanley and Jean Hohulin were proved. Bros. Roy Sauder and LeRoy Huber were here to help Bro. Ed Hohulin. These two couples were baptized the following day.

Sgt. Ben Tanner, son of Bro. and Sis. Ben and Leona, arrived home Sat. July 17 from an 11-month stretch of service in Viet Nam; he is being transferred to Ft. Hood, Texas on Aug. 20 for the remainder of his service.

Melvin Hartter, son of Bro. and Sis. Richard and Verna of R. R. Eureka, was married to Margit Thamm Rau, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hans Rau of Nurnberg, Germany on July 24. They plan to make their home in Eureka.

Our friend, Lois Hohulin, wife of Bro. Eli has returned to her home, after spending several weeks in the hospital. She wishes to extend her heartfelt thanks for all your deeds of kindness . . . for cards, gifts, visits, and most of all, for your prayers.

A baby girl, Dawn Renee, was born to Bro. and Sis. Dan and Jane Plattner of Morton on July 23. The grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Har-

old and Gerry Plattner of Goodfield, and Bro. and Sis. Robert and Marie Kaufman of Cissna Park. A baby girl, Holly Lyn, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Hohulin of Goodfield on July 19. Bro. and Sis. Lawrence and Laura Hohulin and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Van Natton, both of Goodfield, are the grandparents.

We thank Bro. Loren Stoller for his visit to our church, and for the message he brought.

HONOLULU, HAWAII

Sherman Lanz

I am sad the group has diminished again . . . this time leaving only one. The Dotterers, Bro. Bill, Sis. Sharon and their little daughter, Nancy has returned to Phoenix. Bill has completed his active duty. He has received an early out for teaching.

I was blessed to spend a week-end with Bro. Ben and Sis. Anna Freidinger from Morton. I also enjoyed fellowship with Bro. Chris and Sis. Viola Leman of Fairbury and Bro. Larry and Sis. Nada Leman of Urbana.

I welcome anyone who wishes to correspond or comes to the Island of Oahu. For writing: Sp/4 S. T. Lanz 042384040, 1BN 5 INF, 1 BDE 25 DIV, APO SF 96557. To locate on Island: Schofield Barracks, Quad E, Headquarters company. Phone, Days—659340; Evenings, 650385.

ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY

Sandy Pfaffman

We have been blessed with many brothers coming to us to deliver the spiritual messages. All of us here at ISU are very thankful that these brothers take time out of their busy schedules to come to our services and to give us all spiritual uplifting. Those visiting us were Bro. Joe Schrock, who serves as our advisor; Bro. Hartzel Kaisner (Detroit); Bro. Roy Ehnle (Princeville) was also with us when we had visitors from Detroit and surrounding areas, Bro. Ben Fehr was with us on the fifteenth of July, and on our last Thursday night in July we had Bro. Jim Ringger (Bradford).

For post session we will be meeting in the fourth floor, Stevenson lounge. Despite the fact that many students are moved home for the summer, we have had quite a large group attending, and want to thank

all for coming and hope that everyone will continue to come during post session.

JUNCTION

Henrietta Manz — Betty Manz

We were really blessed with visiting ministers, Bros. Robert Walder and Jesse Schrock, Congerville; Delbert Indermuhle, Sardis; George Sinn, Irvin Stoller, Loren Stoller & Merrill Laukhuf, Latty; and Merle Kaisner, Fairbury. God feeds and nourishes his little flocks, too, and how thankful we are!

We rejoice to report that our two friends, James and Oliver Spangler, have turned to the Lord and have been announced for proving. The Lord has wonderful ways to seek out His own.

Bro. Bill Schlatter (Sis. Juliet) has completed his course in engineering at MIT and is now home again and employed at General Motors, Defiance. It seems so good to have him back with us, after what has seemed like such a long absence. Thanks to the Rockville congregation for taking such good care of him. He has many precious memories of the kindness shown him.

Sis. Julia Hale has retired. May God richly bless her and Maburn now in their retirement years.

A blessed week-end was enjoyed when young folks from Eureka and other places visited us. How precious is the fellowship we share.

Heard from the pulbit: "He promises us a safe end, but He doesn't promise us an easy journey." How true.

Bro. Alvin Manz had the misfortune of getting steel in both eyes. It could all be removed, and he got along nicely.

LAMONT

Betty Wernli

"Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works". . . Simple and sincere teachings as contained in Titus for we redeemed, "the salt of the earth", keeping the world from spoiling or from being tasteless. We are to be "the light of the world", providing light for the pathway of men who would otherwise stumble along in darkness.

Bro. George Lambert of Wichita came to spend a Sunday with us. God bless him for giving of himself in the service of the Lord . . . and as the word does teach, that where two or three are gathered, I shall be in the midst of them.

LESTER

Alice Metzger — Paulette Meyer

A very large Knobloch reunion was held here the first Saturday of July, and we appreciated the many visitors who remained to worship with us on Sunday. Among them was Bro. Dave Kieser, who ministered to us. We do appreciate visiting ministers. Others this month were Bros. Gene Marti, Simon Wagenbach, Nathan Stoller, Don Sauder, and Noah Gerber . . . our thanks to them for bringing us the good word.

Our sympathy goes out to Sis. Betty Schmidt and her young family in the tragic death of Bro. Richard Schmidt in West Bend. We cherish the memory of visits with a man who impressed us as being so thankful for his hope of salvation.

"Patience is bitter, but its fruit is sweet." This thought goes to those hospitalized with afflictions of the flesh. Those hospitalized were Chad, son of Bro. Orlie and Sis. Mary Kellenberger; Rick, son of Bro. Frank and Sis. Verna; Sis. Mary Knobloch, wife of Bro. Ernest; and Sis. Paulette Meyer, daughter of Bro. Alvia and Sis. Emma.

We have this message from Jeff Myrlie, who spent many weeks in the hospital, following burns . . . and subsequent skin grafting. He is getting along fine now. "Sincere thanks to all who remembered me with prayers, cards, gifts and other kind deeds while I was in the hospital. God bless you all." Jeff Myrlie and parents.

We have two new baby boys in our church. Bro. Wm. and Sis. Eleanor (Schrock) Knobloch are the parents of Jeff William, who is welcomed home by three delighted sisters. Bro. Raymond and Sis. Twyla (Bauman) Meyer are the parents of Merlen Gene, who is welcomed home by three brothers and two sisters.

Elder Bro. Gene Marti was here to solemnize the wedding vows of Linda Doorneweerd, daughter of Sis. Karoline, and Verlyn Kellenberger, son of Bro. Henry and Sis.

Elaine, on July 17. The lawn wedding took place at the home of her uncle, Bro. Lawrence Wulf. May God bless them in this important step.

OAKVILLE
Martha Steiner

Though great distances separates us
Passing through this world below,
Still such love does flow among us
If we trust Him; this we know.

We were privileged to hear the testimonies of George and Mary Nesbitt from Regina, Saskatchewan, on July 17, and witness their baptisms. Guests with us for this special day were Elder Bros. Herman Kellenberger from Elgin, Illinois, and Paul Butikofer from Elgin, Iowa; also, Bro. Joe Schrock from Congerville.

Another blossom for the Master's bouquet left this earth when he was only 27 days old. Ryan Lowell Lanz, infant son of Bro. Robert and Sis. Emma Jean (Wagenbach) Lanz, died on the operating table during heart surgery. We sympathize with them and their three children—Lori, Robbie, and Monte—as well as the grandparents. Only God knows best.

Our annual Sunday School election resulted in the following being given new duties: Bros. Norman Frank, Leon Kuntz, and Robert Kiefer and Sis. Mary Moser, teachers; Bro. Robert Schrock, superintendent.

ROCKVILLE
Carlton J. Lanz

Bro. William (Bill) Schlatter, having finished a special course of engineering, of nearly a year at M. I. T., has gone back to his home in Junction. Much of his off-campus time he spent here at Rockville . . . at our mid-week services, Sundays and other occasions . . . neither storms or distance prevented him from being present at our many song services and fellowship gatherings we so greatly enjoy. He made and has left many close friends and brethren as well. We wish him well in his future undertaking with the General Motors Corporation.

There was open house at the Urban Luginbuhls on July 25, in observance of their Silver Anniversary. Relatives, friends and neigh-

bors joined in the bringing of good wishes and other acts of kindnesses. Charlotte's parents are Bro. Paul and Sis. Bertha (Gerber) Lanz, and Urban's, Bro. Christian and the late Sis. Bertha (Schneider) Luginbuhl.

Bro. Marvin Luginbuhl and family are leaving Rockville and will make their future home at Akron. There is a feeling of regret by them and their many friends with whom they had close ties. Yet Sis. Rose, his wife, lived at Akron before coming to Connecticut.

We gladly welcome Bro. Lorin Schrenk of Phoenix, who has accepted a position with the Pfizer Co., a drug and cosmetic concern at Groton, Connecticut.

Our church enjoyed a short visit by Bro. Simon Wagenbach, who has again brought us several sound messages of the Gospel, as he has done many times in the past. He is the father of Sis. Joyce Schneider, wife to Bro. Roy Schneider.

Bro. Ezra Ebersoll, 68, died Saturday, Aug. 7. He had moved here from the Croghan area several years ago, and had worshiped here. He is survived by his wife, Sis. Rose, and a daughter, Thelma . . . Burial is to take place at his former home, at Croghan.

SABETHA
Mrs. Joe Steiner

The Sunday school is our delight;
We love it more and more.
'Tis here we learn to do the right
And live forever more.
We hear the truth, so pure and clear,
Of Jesus' love, so sweet and dear.
There we are taught to lift our eyes
To Him who lives on high.

Our Bible class was host to the classes of Forrest and Bern churches. A meal was prepared at the Fellowship Hall, Saturday evening, for the students and those that came with them. They spent the evening there. Sunday morning they all attended church services, and in the afternoon they had their combined class. A meal was served at church, before they boarded their chartered bus for the return trip. Bro. Kaisner also came with them and ministered unto us. We thank him, the students, and all those that came for their visit, and invite them to come back.

Our Sunday school is dismissed for the month of August. It will begin again in September.

TREMONT
Lydia Rassi

We were happy to have Bro. Hartzel Kaisner of Detroit and Bro. Roy Ehle of Bradford minister to us Wednesday evening, July 7. Precious teachings were given. Be wise, alert, and always ready, for we know not when the Lord will return.

It was good to have Bro. Harold Zeltwanger speak to us in his loving manner, Sunday July 11. He reminded us not to set our goal upon fallible man, but upon the solid rock, Jesus Christ.

We enjoyed brethren from many churches who worshiped with us Sunday, July 11, after the Camp Pickett reunion, which was held on July 10 at the Tremont Park Shelter.

Bradley, son of Clifford and Roberta Stieglitz Schweigert, was hospitalized for an appendectomy. He is home and recovering nicely. Our dear Sis. Amy (Jesse) Koch is still hospitalized. The need for surgery arose again, and now she is improving. Our dear Sis. Lydia Kaeb is a surgical patient at St. Francis Hospital, Peoria. Also our dear Sis. Matilda (Ralph) Koch was a surgical patient at Hopedale Hospital, is home and slowly improving. We pray the Lord will strengthen and comfort our dear ones.

Memorial services were held Wed. July 28 at Davis Mortuary for Fred Unsicker of Mackinaw. Surviving are his wife; a son, Howard; and daughter, Shirley; also a brother, Chris, of rural Pekin.

The engagement of Sis. Carol, daughter of Bro. Emanuel and Sis. Elsie Sinn, has been announced to Bro. John Sinn of Sabetha. He is the son of Bro. Dan and Sis. Dorothy Sinn. May God bless their future plans.

Kristine Renee was born July 29 to David and Margo Yergler Wilcox. Gene and Sis. Betty Yergler are the maternal grandparents. Jeanne Marie was born July 31 to Bro. Vernon and Sis. Merna Blunier Koch. She has two sisters and two brothers. Sis. Mary Koch is paternal grandmother, and Sis. Marie Blunier maternal grandmother. God bless these little ones.

Kenneth Koch, son of Bro. David

and Sis. Frances Koch, has been discharged from the service of our country. We are thankful to God that he has protected Kenneth and brought him home safely to his loved ones.

We regret the error in the May issue. It stated that Mr. and Mrs. Michael Yergler returned home after serving in the navy in Italy; it should have read, returned home from Rota, Spain.

URBANA

Teresa Hufford

Summer school will soon be out here. We know the students are looking forward to it, and hope they enjoy their remaining vacation time. However, we'll welcome their return this fall, so that we may meet new and old friends.

Our thanks go to our visiting ministers, Bro. Clarence Kachelmuss and Bro. Nathan Steffen, who were with us on Sunday services. Also, Bro. Ed Hohulin brought us the precious word on one of our Wednesday services.

WINTHROP

Delores Messerli — Carol Messner

We of the Winthrop congregation extend our sympathy to the family of Sis. Emma Schmidt in the loss of her son, Bro. Richard Schmidt of West Bend. Only last Friday evening his mother was telling visitors of her 13 sons, and all surviving except one. My aged aunt, now deceased, used to say, "God never gives us a bigger burden than we can carry." Only God knows why this dear family is left in His tender, loving care.

Bro. Albert Wuthrich held evening services for our small flock. He renewed many precious memories in the minds of our older members. Bro. James Ramseyer of Bay City, ministered to us. How we were all so blessed with spiritual blessings from heaven. Our heartfelt prayer is that many more could come and taste and see.

We all enjoyed the two-week visit of Bro. Ernest and Sis. Marcelle Dapper and family of Maywood. Marcelle is the daughter of Bro. Fred Messner of here. How like-minded we all can be in the Lord, though thousands of miles apart, truly a gift of God.

Hospital patients were Bro. Walter Messner, Bro. Fred Messner, and Sis. Bernadine Messner (Ray).

Forget It

There's no need to be depressed,
Tho' you've gone through many a
test,

And you feel that you're oppressed
And by many cares possessed.

Tell the Lord; He knows what's
best,

If you all your wrongs confessed,
And you'll follow His behest,
Then your soul will be blest
And you'll find such perfect rest
Like a birdie in its nest.

There's no need to be depressed.
FORGET IT!

LEO

Mrs. Elias Souder

Art Bauer of the Princeville congregation and Walter Steffen of the Milford congregation were our guest ministers Sunday Aug. 8. We had a dinner at the fellowship hall. I'm sure everyone had a blessed Sunday.

Correction: Sis. Mary Troxel is at the Twin Maple Nursing Home in Ft. Wayne, instead of the National Nursing Home, where Bro. Edw. Bertsch is. Both are doing real well.

Our church groups again visited the three Butler Rest Homes the first Sunday of the month. One lovely, white-haired lady said she had lost her husband and two sons, and she was alone. Another patient helped sing, but couldn't see anymore, but knew the songs by heart; he had been a good singer in church. Another young woman has for years been paralyzed from her waist down and always lies on her back. Yet she has a sunny smile when we go to see her. Sometimes I wonder who gets the most good of the visit, the patients or us.

Lowell Lantz spent several days in the hospital with a back injury. He was home, and is again back in the hospital.

A wedding shower is being planned, honoring Joyce Schlatter, who is engaged to Steve Kaiser of Milford.

Our Bible Study Group is studying Revelation. Until now I always considered Revelation as a book of prophecy. I did not realize I would live to see this revelation unfolding. When you see the gathering of the Jewish people, the terrible earthquake in Peru, where many thousands were killed in a few minutes, and other earthquakes in many places, the running to and

fro, the rapid increase of knowledge, it truly is a revelation.

LAMAR

Bonnie Braker — Evelyn Marti

At the altar of marriage, together they stand,
Hearts in union, hand-in-hand.
Oh Pilgrims, new to this way of life,
Starting your journey as husband and wife,
Standing before God, repeating your vow,
Will you always be as faithful as you are now?

The future before you, that only God can see,
But 'tis yours to make it, what it will be.
Are you thinking of pleasure, not mixed with pain?
Or of loss and sorrow, as well as gain?
Remember your promise, for better or worse,
For the fruit of this day, may be blessing or curse.

For marriage means body and heart and soul;
'Tis the song of a lifetime, perfect and whole.
A life of devotion, tender and true,
Was that what you meant, when you said I do?

We feel that Sis. Karel Marti and Bro. Wendell Anliker, have much faith in God and each other. They feel the Lord led them together. Bro. Sam Anliker performed the marriage, Aug. 1. Their parents are Bro. and Sis. Dale and Corrine Marti, Bro. Eli and Sis. Priscilla Anliker of Francesville. We were sorry Bro. Eli could not be present for his son's wedding, and we hope by this time, he is much better. Our loss is Francesvilles' gain. May the Lord bless this union.

Judy Workman and Larry Marti were united in marriage Aug. 7. Parents are Bro. Dale and Sis. Corrine Marti, and Mr. and Mrs. Jewell Workman of Lamar. May God bless this marriage.

Don and Eileen Braker have a baby girl. Sherri Ann has two sisters.

Alma Frieden is in the Springfield Hospital, a very sick one. May God ease her suffering if it could be His will. She has endured much.

May God also be with her husband, George. It is not easy to watch while our loved ones are in such pain. Our only hope is in God. Sis. Lizzy Remm is still confined to her home, lovingly cared for by her sisters. Sis. Marie Stewart just returned home from the hospital, after a bout with a stubborn cold. Louella Marti, daughter of Bro. Dean and Sis. Arline Marti, was injured in an auto accident. We are happy to say, she is home now and on the mend.

We have much to be thankful for. God has even blessed us with rain when we need it. We are so unworthy; it makes us ashamed.

BLOOMINGTON-NORMAL Virgil & Shirley Funk

Visiting ministers for the month of July include: Walter Anliker, Eureka; Elmer Witzig, Gridley; Art Bauer, Princeville; and Ezra Feller, Cissna Park. Let each be assured that their labors are appreciated, and we beseech the Lord's blessing on each.

Sis. Emma Grusy of Gridley had the misfortune of breaking her leg when visiting our church on July 11. She was taken to the Brokaw Hospital, where she is convalescing.

I wish to thank everyone who remembered me with prayers, cards, letters, gifts, and visits while I was in the hospital. All acts of kindness meant so very much to me. They will never be forgotten. Sis. Ann Sorg.

BLUFFTON

Imogene Steffen — Pat Isch

Three dear friends have been added to the fold. Rose and Laura Moser, daughters of Bro. Glen and Sis. Dina Fae, and Ruby Habeggar, daughter of Bro. Ben and Sis. Arlene were baptized on July 11. We welcome these new sisters in faith and are thankful that the door of grace is still open for them and others who are waiting also for this important work. We were privileged that Bro. Alfred Bahler and others from Wolcott were with us. We thank him for his faithfulness in bringing the true word of God to us. May he be blessed for coming.

There are always some who need to be cared for in our hospitals. This past month has taken the following to the hospital for surgery: Clara Tonner, Sis. Arlene (Ben)

Habeggar, Friend Mary Lou Kaehr, daughter of Bro. Roger and Sis. Pat; and Sis. Berthlean (Richard) Reinhard. Others also in for treatment are Bro. and Sis. John and Lydia Kaehr, and Friend Gary Maller, who was injured in an accident (the son of Bro. Eugene and Sis. Delores).

A new little daughter, Brenda Sue, was born to Bro. Stan and Sis. Genny Isch. Two other girls welcome Brenda at home. Grandparents are Bro. Ervin and Sis. Anna Isch and Bro. David and Sis. Ada Gerber.

I took a child by the hand
To lead her on her way;
I told her of the love of God
And taught her how to pray.

And as I searched for better ways
Her guide and help to be,
I found, as we walked hand in
hand,
That she was leading me.

Many wonderful words of life were strewn over a multitude of brothers, sisters and friends on August 1, when Bro. Aaron Steffen from the Alto congregation was our guest minister. He reminded us of the song "Sweet Hour of Prayer," and how we hardly pray a few minutes, and also the song, "Oh, for a thousand Tongues to Sing," and do we use the one we have? We thank him for coming and for his firm faith in the Lord.

It seems that whenever we can assemble around His work, it is always such a blessing. As we sat through a nice quiet mid-week service and heard Galatians, chapter 5 meditated upon, it was indeed stirring to hear first of the works of the flesh, and then of the fruits of the Spirit. With such a vivid contrast, may we not only live in the Spirit, but also walk in the Spirit. We thank our own ministers for their dedication and willingness to permit the Spirit to work through them to us, the hearers. God will bless you all.

The betrothal of Sis. Sheryl Fiechter and Bro. Al Ringger was made known to the congregation Aug. 8. Their parents are Bro. Homer and Sis. Clara Fiechter, Bro. Raymond and Sis. Vi Ringger. May showers of blessings attend this couple as they plan their future together.

CONGERVILLE

Phyllis Knapp — Norma Stahl

The message of trial is but to increase worthiness, as the oak is not only tested by the storms, but toughened by them.

Little Benjie Knapp (son of Bro. Ralph and Sis. Linda) was in the hospital for a few days. He is home now.

Ministering Bro. Jesse Schrock was in an auto accident and was in the hospital for a few days. He is getting along pretty well now. May the Lord be with him.

Bro. Glenn and Sis. Jeanette Knapp spent a couple weeks in Germany and saw their son Dennis. They were so happy to bring back the good news that Dennis has decided to live a life for the Lord. We all pray for those that have just made a beginning, and pray they may receive sufficient grace, wisdom, and knowledge.

Our Ministering brothers were Bro. Earl Gerber—Forrest; Bro. Marvin Schmidgall—Eureka; Bro. Nathan Steffen—Elgin.

FT. WAYNE

Mary Eisenmann — Marge Gerber

How can you serve in the House of God? We can not all be ministers, missionaries, or Sunday School teachers, but we can pray, sing "Songs of Praise," speak kind words, do kind deeds, be a good influence, and keep our "Lanterns Lit."

"Do you know the Lord, my Master?" The tearful gratitude in the eyes of a little old lady, whose fall had been averted by a great lawyer as she thanked him and asked him those simple words, brought this same great lawyer to his knees and his SALVATION.

One Sunday morning, as a much appreciated rain was falling, a visiting brother from Mansfield prayed, "Just as the rain is absorbed into the dry ground, so may we absorb the words we have heard to bring forth spiritual fruit."

"What would your role have been had you been present when Christ was crucified?"—Indifferent as you sat and watched, would you have run away, abused our Lord with stones and sticks, denied Him, or would you have acknowledged Him before those present as your Lord and Master?

Larry Gerber (Bro. Jim and Sis. Marge) was a medical patient at

Parkview Hospital. How thankful that his stay was short!

New Address: John Knobloch, 3333 W. Washington Center Rd. Lot 44, Anthony Estate Trailer Ct., Ft. Wayne Ind. 46808.

There is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth—And hymn No. 171 in the **Gospel Hymns** . . . "There Is Joy Among The Angels"—

There is joy Oh there is joy,
Joy that never can be told,
When a soul that long has wandered
Comes within the Saviour's fold.

How we do rejoice with the two precious souls that have turned from sin and were added to the Household of God. Testimonies were given Saturday evening, and baptismal rites performed Sunday, Aug. 8 for Leroy and Sandy Kuncle Swihart, by Elders Sam Aeschliman and John Yergler. We surely welcome them as brother and sister in Christ. What higher standing could we attain! Leroy is the son of Sis. Ann (Bahr) and Ralph Swihart, and relates after having absented himself from the church assembly for about 5 years, felt as the "Prodigal Son." He felt something **had** to be done, and could remember how happy his mother was when she was baptized, and did testify to the example for him of one who had been called home in his youth (the late Bro. Edwin Stoller). Peace came one afternoon as he was driving home from work under an overcast sky, and in one little spot the sun shone through, and he felt that "God was pouring His love down on him." Sandy, though not having been brought up in our faith, has felt the love of God's children, and feels we are as one big happy family—May we all strive together to keep it so!

September is the month for the annual collection for the **Silver Lining** for Ft. Wayne. This may be given to either of your reporters.

IOWA CITY

Beverly Mogler — Diane Stoller

We were grateful to Bros. Gerald Sutter and Edmund Kloter for bringing God's word to us. We were warned not to be caught up in the pride of life, lust of the flesh, and lust of the eye, but were told we should number our days, think where we are going, and ask our-

selves what we want. We were also taught what an important role in our life the tongue plays. When we are the recipient of some gossip, perhaps at times we should consider replying, "I can't believe that," and in so doing stop the gossip with our reply.

Forget each kindness that you do,
As soon as you have done it.

Forget the praise that falls to you,
The moment you have won it.

Forget the slander that you hear,
Before you can repeat it.

Forget each slight, each spite, each sneer,
Wherever you may meet it.

MORRIS

Ann Meiss — Helen Joos

Bro. Paul and Sis. Anna Fehr wrote this summary of their trip:

In response to give a short detail of our trip to Europe the past few weeks, it was with a great deal of humility and a real privilege for my wife, Anna, and I to accompany Bro. Leo Moser, his wife Leona and their two children. Our primary purpose was to visit our young brethren and friends who are stationed in Germany, and then to visit some of our relatives in Switzerland.

It was indeed a heart-warming experience to be able to meet the young brethren who were so eager to have us come, and to share with them God's word in their own tongue, and to speak of their problems and concerns. We found them all well, and they seem to have found a haven of rest in the home of Heinrich and Trydi Maurer and family at Neuhausen, whose hearts and home are ever ready to receive them. So much effort is put forth by these dear folks to entertain and accommodate these boys over the week-ends and when off duty.

We spent our first Sunday, July 11, with our young brethren and friends; arrangements were made to have our services in a room in the old folks home in Neuhausen. It seems every effort of those dear folks was made to open the way for us to spend the day with our American boys. It was indeed a blessed day.

My wife and I proceeded on to

Frutigen, Switzerland, where we met with relatives that we had never met before. Needless to say, we did encounter some problems with our language difference, but managed to get along quite well.

We were privileged to spend several days sightseeing in the Alp Mountains with Bro. Leo Mosers and Bro. and Sis. Roy Luginbuhl from Connecticut. A great deal of thanks goes to Roy and Helen . . . having been there a number of times and knowing their way around, came to our rescue and did some interpreting for us.

We spent July 25 with our brethren and friends in Neuhausen, where we were privileged to hold Holy Communion with them. What a joy for them and us to break bread together, remembering Christ's suffering and death.

On Monday, July 26, we took our homeward journey. We concluded God was indeed good and His protecting hand was over us all the time. Many thanks goes to the Maurer family and everyone who was so kind in making this trip such a pleasant one.

I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord. Our house was truly filled on Sunday Aug. 1. The bi-annual Ft. Sam soldiers reunion was held here on July 31. The host families were Le Roy Fehr and Dan Luthi, along with the Gene Schmidt family of Winthrop. The reunion includes those of 1956-1963. 87 adults and 79 children met at the Fellowship Center. After a dinner in Morris, all reassembled at the Fellowship Center, where a short business meeting was held. A song service and a social hour followed. On Sunday, a 4:30 pot luck dinner was served, as is our custom in the summer-time when we have many visitors. The host families wish to thank the whole congregation for the willingness and kindness in assisting them in this memorable occasion. The next reunion is planned for Taylor.

Bro. Jim Ramseyer of Bay City attended the reunion, and Bro. Jim ministered to us out of God's word on Sunday. Bro. Noah Gerber of West Bend was also a guest minister the past month.

Our dear aged Bro. Jacob Nohl (90 years) departed this life on Aug. 3. He passed away in the Morris Hospital, where he had been a

patient for several weeks. His wife, Sis. Anna (Zobrist) passed away Aug., 1956. Bro. Orville lived with his father on the home farm, and lovingly cared for him when his health failed. The sons, Bro. Lawrence and Bro. Noah, and the daughters, Laverna Heil, Cornelia Joos, and Sis. Edith Joos families all of this community, willingly shared with Orville in caring for their father. Bro. Jake was a minister of this congregation for many years, and indeed had a grave concern for the welfare of the plan of salvation. His life was an example to us all. Bro. Leo Moser of Lester assisted Bro. Paul Fehr at the funeral service, Fri. morning Aug. 6. Let us pray for strength and sufficient grace to live and end our life in Him, that we may meet in Heaven, where there will be no more parting.

PRINCEVILLE
Ruth Ricketts

Each morning as I rise, I say,
This is a clean, new, holy day,
A leaf out of the book of life.
May I write on it kindness, rife.
I give good measure, running
o'er;
I'll go the second mile, and more.
Then at the close of each glad day,
With thankfulness I'll kneel and
pray.

After being in ill health the past few years, George Streitmatter passed from this life July 4. Funeral services were held in our church July 6, with Bros. Dave Kieser, Jim Ringger and other local ministers officiating. In later years George realized he found comfort attending the church where his parents worked out their soul's salvation. Survivors include his wife, Nettie (Stoller); two brothers, Alvin of New York, and Nathan of Indiana; three sisters; Sis. Elizabeth Stoller of our congregation, Lydia Stisser and Sally Smith of Peoria. Nettie has been unable to attend church the past few weeks, due to injuries received in a fall. We trust she will soon be able to worship with us and find comfort there.

We were pleased to have Bro. Clifford Grimm with us July 11. We thank Bro. Clifford for his sincere, humble teachings, which were indeed far reaching. We were clearly told of repentance and baptism, so none has an excuse of not hav-

ing understanding. If we keep the first love kindled, we can be a light to those around us, and perhaps someone may observe something in us to be helpful to change their way of life.

We are thankful that Bro. Will Huber is able to be up and about, but activities are limited. John Stahl, too, is able to worship with us again; however, he too is restricted as to his ability, due to a recent attack of angina. He wishes to thank everyone for all the kind deeds extended to him and Sis. Edith during his illness and since at home. The cards, gifts, visits, and especially prayers were greatly appreciated. May God bless all.

The Pebbled Path

Each day I walk the pebbled path;
It takes me o'er the hill,
In the quiet of the evening,
When the world at rest is still.
I like to take my soul in hand,
For He is there to see;
Upon that cross in yonder land
Christ bore that cross for me.

I sit there at the summit,
With His sorrows and His cares;
I think not only of His past,
But the cross that I must bear.
I'd like remaining on that hill
In view of Calvary,
For then I'd know the gates of
Heaven,
Would be open wide for me.

My goal is not that easy,
For temptations come my way.
That's my reason for the pebbled
path;

I test my soul each day.
Just to sit there at the summit
When my evening chores are done,
Brings back years and years of
memories,
Of what family prayers have won.

(Written by one who had gone through sickness and suffering.)

Sis. Elizabeth Wagenbach has not been able to assemble with us for several weeks, due to an attack of pneumonia. We are glad that she is feeling better, and hope she can worship with us soon.

UNION CITY
Gail Gasser

We are happy to have Bro. Ben Blough of Rittman with us for 3 months. He is taking additional training in his job, and is living in

New York during this period. Our small congregation always welcomes brethren or friends, to worship with us.

CROGHAN-NAUMBURG
Carol Virkler
Mrs. David Schamback

Word has been received of the passing from this life of Bro. Ezra Ebersol of Massachusetts, formerly of Croghan, on August 6. The funeral will be held on August 10 from the Croghan church, with Bro. John Bahler officiating. Ezra is survived by his wife, Sis. Rose; daughters, Thelma and Jacqueline; and a brother, Bro. Joe Ebersol, of the Croghan church. Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family.

Hospitalized are Sis. Florence Herzig and Grace Merz. Home from the hospital and on the road to recovery are Emerson Schneider, Sis. Clara Virkler, and Sis. Barbara Virkler.

Sis. Minnie Taube is able to assemble with us again, after a few weeks confined at home.

We greatly enjoyed the fellowship of visitors from Eureka, Elgin, Rockville, Latty, Ft. Wayne, Bay City, and Akron.

The Naumburg congregation held their annual Sunday School picnic on July 31, with a good attendance.

The Annual Meeting of the Croghan church was held on July 30.

On Sunday, August 8, we were greatly blessed with many teachings by the visit of Elder Bros. John Bahler and Rudy Graf. We also were served Holy Communion by the brothers, reminding us of the great price which Jesus paid on the cross. The brothers instructed us to use this act of partaking of the bread and wine as a renewal of our vows which we made at the time of our conversion and baptism, and to have a greater love and compassion for our brothers and sisters in faith.

ALTO
Loretta Steffen

"Bless the LORD, oh my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name."

We rejoiced to have Bro. Arnold Gerst from Chicago minister to our spiritual needs July 25. Thankful are we to the Lord for the precious words of truth which were shared to us.

Bro. Joe Oesch has recuperated from his back surgery last Dec. He is still confined in a back brace, but is gaining strength and health and is thankful to the Lord. He and his family wish to express words of thanks and gratitude to all those who sent words of comfort in cards and letters, also the gifts and visitors who helped to pass the months of waiting. It's times like these when we really learn to appreciate our Christian faith and fellowship.

BAY CITY

Carolyn Knochel—Marlene Mosher

Though troubles assail and dangers affright, Though friends should all fail and foes all unite, Yet one thing secures us, Whatever betide, This promise assures us: The Lord will provide. What a comfort are these words in times of sickness and pain, a great reassurance of something to cling to. Recovering from illness is Bro. James Wieland; Bro. John Wackerle has submitted to surgery.

We again enjoyed a month full with visitors from many places. Bro. Ted and Bro. Herb Krochel and their families (Phoenix) visited their parents, Bro. Fred and Sis. Nettie, and brothers and sisters. We enjoyed listening to visiting ministers. Bro. Joe Zimmerman Jr. (Morton) and Elder Bro. George Yergler (La Crosse) brought us God's holy word.

Note of thanks: We wish to thank our relatives and friends for the many beautiful cards sent to us for our 50th wedding anniversary. Ed and Minnie Freidinger.

DETROIT

Judith Aberle — Donna Hartzler

The disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world.

Three times on Sunday, July 25, the word of God was brought to us regarding the end-time. Our elder Bro. Ben Maibach spoke of it in the morning hour, then in the afternoon Bro. Walter Rager of Toledo ministered to us, and the Bible was opened to St. Matthew, chapter 24. For evening services, Ministering Bro. Joe Aberle of Sabetha was with us, and the Bible was opened to St. Luke, chapter 21. The most important question is, though, will we be ready when

the Lord calls us, whether it be the end-time or the end of our life's journey.

We enjoyed having Ministering Bro. Roy Wieland here for Wednesday evening services on Aug. 4. In the book of Acts, we were reminded of how Paul stood up for what he believed. May our lives be a light and example for others, and may we not be easily swayed by the crowd.

It was a blessed week-end of fellowship when a group of young folks from Morton visited our congregation. Also on Sunday, Aug. 8, we had young folks visiting from LaCrosse and Bay City. It is our prayer that through this blessed fellowship we will be all drawn closer to God.

It has been a blessing to all of us to have Bro. Charles Sinn of Ft. Scott assemble with us. Charles is temporarily stationed at Selfridge Air Force Base.

FORT SCOTT

Ida Sinn

"Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven." We were saddened by the sudden death of little two-year-old Diane Sinn of Peoria. She was the granddaughter of Bro. Gus and Sis. Ruth Sinn.

Announcement has been made of the engagement of Sis. Carol Sinn of Tremont and Bro. John Sinn of here. Carol is the daughter of Bro. Emanuel and Elsie Sinn of Tremont, and John is the son of Bro. Charles and Sis. Dorothy Sinn. We wish them God's blessings in their undertaking.

We appreciated the visits of Bro. Eli Somerhalder and Bro. Sam Huber, and for the gospel messages they brought unto us.

Bro. Charles Sinn has been transferred from Ft. Sam to Selfridge Air Force Base at Mt. Clemens, Mich. This is a 90-day assignment, and soon after that his time in service should be over.

IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

The Wayne Banwarts

Since most of our college students are gone during the summer, we especially enjoyed the fellowship of Bro. Gene Metzger of Lester, who attended a two-week short course on the campus.

On July 6, a severe windstorm passed through Ames. Buildings

were damaged, trees were uprooted, and several mobile homes in our park were demolished by the strong wind, rain, and hail. We are thankful that there were no serious injuries and that our homes were spared.

We are happy to have Curt and Dana Ehnle, sons of Bro. Dave and Sis. Beulah Ehnle of Princeville, in this area. They are attending United Electronics Institute in Des Moines.

Sincere congratulations and best wishes are extended to Sis. Mary Jo (Wiegand) Metzger, who has completed a year of nurses training and will receive an LPN degree at the end of August.

Elder Bro. Noah Schrock of Oakville and Bro. Earl Banwart of West Bend provided much food for thought at our June and July meetings. We wish to thank the ministering brethren and visitors for their continued support in our community.

Services are held the second Sunday of each month at the First Christian Church, Sixth and Clark Streets in Ames. We begin singing at 1:00, with the service starting at 1:30. Everyone is welcome.

MANSFIELD

Aaron A. Sauder

Afer spending several weeks in the hospital where he underwent major surgery, we were thankful to have Bro. Robert Beer worship with us again. Sis. Elizabeth Wahl has been moved from the hospital to Mansfield Memorial Homes; Sis. Tillie Bucher has been released from the hospital to the Sturges' Nursing Home. Bro. Bob Sauder was again a hospital patient; John Nolan is in poor condition; Sis. Elizabeth Grossenbacher was admitted to the hospital. Having a ride on a hay wagon started out as a lot of fun, but ended in a fall and two broken bones in his right arm for Grant Gerber, 5-year-old son of Wayne and Sis. Dorothy (Sabo) Gerber; however, his stay in the hospital was just for one day, and he has been released, with his arm in a cast and sling.

Thank you to our visitors during July, including Ministering Bros. Joe Ramsier and Gary Maibach from Rittman and Eugene Fett from Toledo.

Carl and Sharon Witschi are the parents of their first child, a son born July 30; Sis. Marie Witschi

(Ted) is the paternal grandmother of little Theodore Ray.

Praise the Lord, O my soul . . .
For sixty years of holy matrimony with my dear wife. On July 30, 1911, Bro. Aaron Sauder and Sis. Katherine Schneider were united in marriage by Elder Bro. Samuel Engwiller. Our hearts are full of thanks and praise for the love we have shared, the wonderful children, grandchildren and now great-grandchildren with which the Lord has blessed us, the health we even yet enjoy, and the countless blessings He has showered upon us in these years together. We want to thank all those who remembered us on this occasion.

This covenant shall then
Endure and stand forever;
There neither grief nor pain
Shall come to part or sever.
There God shall e'er abide
With us our truest friend,
Our hearts in Him unite
Forever, without end.

Lamar

We borrowed the following from dear sister.

Would You?

I try to think before I speak
Lest something I should say
Would cause someone as weak as I
To stumble, lose his way.
I try to live my life as though
Each day was all the time I had,
For I know Someone's watching me
And what I do, if good or bad.
I also know that all are judged,
And I wouldn't ever want it said
That someone else's life was lost
For following a path I led.

GRIDLEY, ILL.
Ruth Gramm

Speak or write nothing you would not want Jesus to hear. Do nothing you would not want Jesus to see.

We think of our many young Christians, stepping out of the nest into unfamiliar cities, schools and peoples. May we parents be in constant prayer for them all, as Bro. Michael Weyeneth of Peoria gave us such testimony, on his visit to our congregation. Also, we were grateful for Bro. Roy Sauder's message.

We are happy to have Bros. and Sisters Elmer and Marjorie Witzig and Ed and Dorothy home safe,

after their European visit to their children in service in Germany.

Bro. Fred and Sis. Mary Ringger have added a fourth son, Brent, to their family.

Sis. Emma Grusy is still in the Brokaw Hospital at Bloomington, after a fall that broke her hip.

Friend Jim Gramm and Kathy Brockvell were united in marriage by Elder Bro. George Gramm on July 17.

If you move, please let us know 30 days in advance. Give both old and new addresses.

BEGIN THE DAY WITH GOD;
Kneel down to Him in prayer;
Lift up thy heart to His abode.
And seek His love to share.

OPEN THE BOOK OF GOD,
And read a portion there;
That it may hallow all thy thoughts,
And sweeten all thy care.

I Know Something Good About You

Wouldn't it be fine and dandy
If each hand-clasp, fond and true,
Carried with it this assurance—
"I know something good about you!"

Wouldn't it be nice to practice
That fine way of thinking, too?
You know something good about me;
I know something good about you?

We urge you to try the above.

Received in Phoenix
The Record Book

There is a record book, I'm told,
With every deed and word;
It even keeps the record of
Our thoughts that can't be heard,
The good, the bad and ev'ry sin,
For nothing has been missed.
It really makes me feel ashamed
To think what's on my list.
And yet, the pages of my past
Shall never bother me,
For Jesus nailed them to His cross
One day at Calvary . . .
And now I stand in Him complete,
Redeemed from sin and strife,
For with His blood He wrote my name
Down in the book of life.

Princeville

The Light of Faith

In those lonely days when his heart shall ache
And it seems that soon shall his courage break,
There is only one Place to borrow . . .
One Place to go for the strength he needs.
He must bind with faith every wound that bleeds
And cling to his faith through sorrow.
For truly forlorn is the man who weeps
When his dead lies buried in floral heaps
And friends his path are lining;
And a pitiful creature He's doomed to be
If he cannot look through the gloom and see
The light of his faith still shining.

Burlington Ia.

Rules For A Perfect Day

Just For Today I will do somebody a good turn and not get found out.

Just For Today, I will do a task that needs to be done but which I have been putting off.

Just For Today, I will dress as becomingly as possible, talk low, act courteously.

Just For Today, I will be unafraid, especially I will not be afraid to be happy, to enjoy what is beautiful, to love, and to believe that those I love, love me.

If you are moving or have moved . . .
Make a quick note, a reminder, and when you can, send it in or tell your reporter. Tell when to change. Give 30 days notice ahead when you can.

Service Addresses

[Write a welcome letter to someone away.]

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FREEDOM

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Heavenly living is full, and many-splendored. Its characteristics are so good. Its aspects so many. That upper city is alive. Beautiful living.

Plans, budgets, discussions in our modern cities are many. They want a nice, pleasant, lovely city. Jerusalem, the upper, is in a class by itself. Nowhere do we find such here. It is free, and free in a way that is the entire, whole outlook, in its heavenly meaning. How easy and delightful to breathe in this heavenly atmosphere. We are its inhabitants, its citizens, its children, even down here: "But Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all."

Children of the heavenly Father cause great happiness. The sinner repents, and the joy of heaven is beautiful. What great happiness. The apostle, John says he has no greater joy than that his children walk in the truth. Being happy because someone you love does right! Paul in II Corinthians 2:2 shows that gladness comes from the hearts of heavenly children. Being happy comes from hearts in fellowship.

God's word is the life of the church. The heavenly emotions that carry us into the skies are the words of God in action. "For it is written, Rejoice, thou barren that bearest not; break forth and cry, thou that travailest not: for the

desolate hath many more children than she which hath an husband."

It is a great thing to be born into the promises of God. Hagar's son came, the son of a bondmaid. Isaac came because God had promised. What a difference is promise! If we can let His peace guard us, there is no end to the fulfilling "Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are the children of promise."

Children of promise. It takes a life of practicing the caution of His word to win. God knows the pitfalls. The solid route through the desert is true. There is a road that seems right to man, but the end is death. The same tempter has his dark mirages today. Many today, mired in sin, have a certain appearance, yet natural, a yoke. It is still slavery . . . "Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage."

Are you abiding in grace? Have you kept the faith? Have you remained in His commandments? To fall from grace is to lose heaven and joy. The heart that strays is in great danger. Through grace we are saved. If someone puts himself away from its light, only darkness remains. "Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace."

There is a waiting . . . a beauti-

ful abiding. Not that the humble child is perfect, but he runs the race, keeping his eyes steadfast. Whether you are right with God or not depends on whether you are waiting through the Spirit. Working? Yes, but waiting . . . abiding . . . keeping the eagerness for that glorious coming. "For we through the Spirit wait for the hope of righteousness by faith."

Strange how some words which have a proper place get twisted and turned. Satan tried to trip Jesus by using Scripture. He is very sleight of hand with his method. He builds a false front, like a movie set. The real test is what is behind. Is it wrought in God? Is it the true faith? Your score on this exam means life or death. "For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; but faith which worketh by love." Do you have faith, the right faith?

Let's all carefully hold up our lives to the light of the scriptures. Let's dig for the truth. How short and how shallow, yet how tragic, can a mistaken statement be. How sharply can it swerve someone from the right course. Let us pray our Lord will make it plain to us and that we can hear if He say "This persuasion cometh not of him that calleth you."

How happy then will we be on that great day!