



They that sow in tears
shall reap in joy.

He that goeth forth and

weepeth, bearing precious
seed, shall doubtless come
again with rejoicing, bring-
ing his sheaves with him.



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

THE SILVER LINING

A LIGHT for BELIEVERS

THE BIBLE

(Editor's note: The following is a paper, printed in part, which a member wrote "for a western civilization history teacher. . .

When I was first confronted with the scope of my task, I'll confess I really panicked! On a subsequent cold, windy, late Sunday afternoon I found myself walking the fourteen blocks to church. Sitting on a bench at an eating-table, huddled up in a big coat and scarf, and with my Bible in front of me, I really knew the Lord's presence. From that time on, it was as if He was doing the writing!")

The Bible is my choice for a book report, because I think it is the greatest book that has ever been written, and because, in the midst of chaos, it has given me the basis for successful living.

The Bible is divided into sixty-six books, thirty-nine in the Old Testament and twenty-seven in the New Testament, all dealing with one theme—directly or indirectly, it centers in God incarnate in Jesus Christ, for the redemption of man. It is this central theme that I shall attempt to follow.

The first section, the Old Testament, is the history of the Hebrew nation. In founding this nation, God's ultimate object was to bring Christ into the world; His immediate object was to establish the idea that there is one true and living God, as a background to the coming of Jesus Christ.

The entire Old Testament is interlaced with the promise of the advent of a Saviour, first made after Eve's banishment from the Garden of Eden. God, referring to Eve, and speaking to Satan, pointed to his future destruction, "And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel."

Again the promise appears, this time to Abraham in Genesis 12:3, ". . . and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed . . ." referring to the all-encompassing mission of Jesus, who was to come through Abraham's generations. Further on in Genesis and in Deuteronomy are other relevant promises, throughout King David's prophetic Psalms they are becoming more numerous, and more in

the books of the prophets Isaiah, Zechariah, and Daniel—

"All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all. . . . He shall see of the travail of His soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for He shall bear their iniquities."

finally culminating in prophecies of His resurrection . . .

Later, about 600 B.C., during the reign of King Jehoiakim, the Hebrews were taken captive by Nebuchadnezzar and led away to Babylon. Here, in this strange city, the prophet Daniel came with the exact time when the Christ, the Messiah, was to be born! From the time that the King of Persia should order the rebuilding of Jerusalem to the coming of the Messiah Prince would be sixty-nine weeks—sixty-nine prophetic weeks, with each day reckoned as a year, 483 years to be exact!

Thus, "when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons."

This Son, Jesus Christ, taught, before reaching God's time for Him to be offered as the Sacrifice, "A new commandment I give . . . you, That ye love one another . . . as I have loved you . . ."

Although Jesus wasn't harsh or stern, but always exuded great compassion, He revealed God's perfect will for us in His Sermon on the Mount, and in His numerous parables, His earthly stories with heavenly meanings. Jesus taught that we must be honestly changed within our own hearts—then we will be able to accept external circumstances which we cannot change, knowing all is in the hands of a sovereign God. In the third chapter of St. John, describing the experience of a new life in Him, He said, "The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth; so is every one who is born of the Spirit. . . ."

Jesus Christ's trial, crucifixion

and resurrection culminates all four Gospels, or New Testament accounts of His life on earth. In Acts 1, following these books, is the story of His ascension and the promise of His coming again to earth: This same Jesus, who is taken from you into Heaven, shall so come in like manner as you have seen Him go into Heaven.

The New Testament letters of the Apostle Paul to the various Christian churches were for the purpose of establishing Christian doctrine and living, plus encouraging and fortifying them in the face of severe persecution. However, Paul's letters to Gentile believers point out to all people how they can find deliverance from sin and eternal death, in Christ (I Cor. 15). His redemption is shown to be humanity's only hope, thus continuing the central theme of the Book. In Romans 5:1,2 Paul wrote, "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God."

The epistles of Peter, James and John pursue the same Gospel message for all mankind.

In John's Revelation, the last book of the Bible, Jesus repeats His promise to return to earth, and describes the glory awaiting those who have been redeemed by faith in Him.

Yes, the Bible presents one continuous story—that of human redemption through the shed blood of Jesus Christ.

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THE BOOK OF BOOKS

There is rich gold of heavenly treasure . . . We may speak of 6 per cent interest, or profit even higher . . . maybe a million or more a year . . . but among investments, the heavenly opportunities are the best. Sending the word of God is incomparable with these daily rates, for interest is compounded in love and lasts eternally. . . is incalculable, for this rich return is in full happiness and endless love in that Home. . .

A HINDU college student in Visakhapatnam, India, received a Youth Testament from the Gideons and wrote, "I never thought such GOLDEN WORDS are hidden in the pages of the Bible. Today on I am starting to read chapter by chapter. Please help me in understanding the word of God and in knowing the greatness of Christ."

"That's better than the Communist Manifesto," exclaimed a Bolivian youth named Juan to his roommates, after reading the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 5-7. This would not only change society, it would change people—if only we could get men to practice it."

Juan, who worked as a labor agitator in a mining company in Oruro, was unaware that he was reading God's word. A few days before as he walked along a dirt pathway, his foot had struck what was part of a book. He picked up the badly-stained pages, brushed off the dirt and started to read: . . . vanity of vanities! All is vanity. What does man gain by all the toil at which he toils under the sun? Because of he biting relevance of the words, he continued his reading on the spot, as well as later in his garret room. After going through all of the pages, which ended with the opening verses of the Gospel of Mark, he read them again and again.

One day when traveling by train, Juan met a former classmate with whom he shared some of the contents of the pages. Looking puzzled and perplexed, the friend finally exclaimed: "But Juan, don't you know that's a Bible." "Impossible," Juan remonstrated. "You know I wouldn't have anything to do with the church or anything associated with Christianity."

Having just become a Christian, the friend carried a Bible with him.

He compared his book with Juan's well-worn pages and was able to convince the agitator that what had so intrigued him was indeed a portion of God's word.

Juan himself became "an agitator for God."

A patient in the American Hospital in Turkey received a Bible from a visitor. When he was released, he took the Bible to his home in an Armenian village. The Muslim teacher snatched it from him and flung it into the street, where it lay until a grocer picked up the pages, to use them as wrapping paper. Soon these were scattered all over the village as wrappings for cheese, olives and other purchases. It wasn't long before customers were asking for more of that kind of wrapping paper but his supply was exhausted.

One day a visiting Bible colporteur was amazed to find over a hundred persons eager for the Scriptures he was selling, although no Christian teacher had ever visited that village.

"So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth; it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accompany that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it."

Baldomero Diaz of Argentina was converted to Christianity. Because of his active part, his stepbrother, Salvador, vowed to kill him. One day Baldomero was on his way to a meeting. It was his custom while traveling on mule-back to read the Bible. In the midst of the woods he lifted his eyes off the book, saw his stepbrother, and thought his last hour had come. Motionless he held the open Bible in his hand. Later, Salvador said that he was unable to murder his brother "because that Book stopped me. To have attacked you with the Bible in your hand would have been like attacking God Himself. That Book saved your life!"

A report from India notes that it is not always the rich and highly privileged who come forward with donations for the Bible cause, but often the poor and underprivileged who, even out of their poverty, gladly and warmly support the

work. A factory worker, a farmer, a driver, a nurse, a village school teacher, a cook and an office clerk are included among the people who give generously. A retired railway guard, who is suffering from heart disease and is not allowed by his doctor to ride a bicycle, walks all about the town of Jhansi collecting money for the spread of the Gospel and distributing receipts and annual reports.

"Greatest moments" in the work of the Bible Society in the East Africa republic of Kenya are the release of new editions of Scripture.

"People talk about it for weeks." "When the day for the release of a new edition of Scripture comes, other things stop. The people buy the books. They don't wait to go home to read their copies. They sit right out there in the sun and start reading immediately.

Received at the Bible House in Lusaka, Zambia: "I am asking you kindly if you will send me the Bible. **I want to be a Christian.** If you send me I can be happy."

And Israel . . . with shadows long, the Jew is again in the land. This was received in 1970: The ensuing years have been filled with progress, the land has been made fertile, small towns bearing ancient names have grown into great modern cities. Increasing numbers of Scriptures are being distributed and read, and at the Easter Season we are again making a special effort in both Israel and Jordan to reach, with God's message of hope and salvation, as many as possible who are looking for the message that will teach them how to live and die.

The days grow shorter . . . the golden rod in colorful hue adds a September touch . . . the look of the age grows darker . . . storm warnings are of a darker nature than the sky . . . there is the tattered beat of the restless drums in a savage jungle and in the American city. . .

God's plan marches on, toward sure success . . . eyes look upward. People like the simple hill folk in a village called Ani, 150 miles deep into the Himalayan Mountains, who from morning until eve-

ning clustered around the Bible Society distributor as he shared with them God's word. In return for the nearly 500 Gospels he distributed, they brought him apricots and peaches from their fields; one even offered him an egg! Four of the villagers sat with him all that night to help protect him from two bears seeking food in a nearby orchard.

... Or the twelve-year-old Tanzanian boy who came to the door every day and asked, "Has my Bible arrived yet?"

Or the Congo... a young man traveling three days on foot, to obtain the Bible in his native tongue.

God's word goes forth... Bible distribution, for the American Bible Society... in ten years is listed as a 61.9% gain... Testaments 326%... Distribution of Bibles, Testaments, Portions and Selections, 469.4%. "Urgent and increasing requests for more Scriptures are coming from all parts of the world. Some part of the Scrip-

ture has already been translated into 1,431 languages.

The goal of the United Bible Societies is to reach every person in the world with a copy of Scripture in a language he can read and easily understand. In pursuit of this goal, the American Bible Society alone has distributed more than one billion Scriptures since its founding in 1816.

People who speak languages in which no Scripture is yet available are not being neglected. By 1965 at least one book of the Bible had been translated into 1,250 languages and dialects. In the following five years, translations of at least one book were published by the Bible Societies and other Christian organizations in an additional 181 languages. Some portion of Scripture has been made available in the languages spoken by more than 97 per cent of the world's population and approximately 3,000 translators are at work on 800 new translations or revisions.

And we have passed the date the above words were written... God's

plan reaches toward perfection... "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come."

"And the gospel must first be published among all nations."

No one can stay God's hand... His is the victory.

The Red Guard activities during the height of the "Cultural Revolution" in Red China wiped out many Christians. Bibles plundered from the churches and the homes of believers by the youthful Guard were destroyed in public burnings throughout the area. So scarce have copies of God's word become that each copy becomes the focal point of each group's life; when not in use, it is hidden in a secret place.

One man, after the Guards had burned his Bible found a charred page from Matthew's Gospel in the ashes, and these words were legible on the scorched page: "upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

IN MEMORY

Robert J. Meyer

(Editor's Note: The following was taken from the book, **The First One Hundred Years 1890-1970**, Apostolic Christian Church, Bluffton, Indiana... It is a look at what God has done among a people He purchased for His own. There are pictures, poems, and many names... The love and work of Bro. John Baumgartner, now at Home with the Lord, are in evidence.)

The author of this book found pleasure in the scent of a tiny blossom or the radiance of a rose in full bloom, the budding of trees in springtime, or picturesque colors in the fall. The summertime frolics of the squirrel, and the cardinal surveying his domain in the winter were reminders of God's great creation.

The desire of teaching his fellowmen to appreciate the fragrance of a flower, the beauty of a bird, the loveliness of the landscape and the simplicity of a song was evidence of his love for nature and music.

The great heritage of faith and salvation was precious to his heart. This appreciation was expressed by the many years he diligently taught children in Sunday School, directed choirs and congregational singing.

After painstaking research and many hours of compiling names, dates and places, he completed his work on earth by leaving to those who remain an up to date record of the First Hundred Years of our church.

John H. Baumgartner passed away one month after this book

went to the printer for final preparation before going to press. It is only fitting and proper that this memorial be written for him to make this book complete, as he has joined many souls awaiting the coming of the Lord.

Attention Servicemen in Far East and Others Interested: Bros. Ben Maibach and Rudolph Graf will be arriving, from their trip to Japan, in Honolulu on Friday, Oct. 22. They will spend one day and night there and will be registered at the Ala Moana Hotel. Anyone wishing to get in touch with them while in Hawaii should contact Bro. Sherman Lanz. His address is: SP/4 S. T. Lanz, 042384040 HHC 1 Bn 5 Inf, 1 Bde, 25 Div APO San Francisco 96557.

TOKYO

Yoshio Yamazaki

It is very hot this summer here, and also bad pollution gas has spread around this area. These make us hurt eyes. Church attend-

ance is very poor, because a lot of people are going to the beach or mountain-climbing on week end. However, we Christians are faithful serving the Lord.

Our Sunday School is much bless-

ed by Him, and almost over 20 children are coming every Sunday morning. Sisters Hiroko Utsuki and Yoshiko Asano are very faithful in taking care of the classes every Sunday.

We have good plan to the children for teach English Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday afternoons. I'm going to teach them the Bible 5 or 10 minutes before start the English class. We also have the Bible class on every Wednesday night, and try to lead English students in our Bible class. Mr. Enda, a young man who is one of our seekers of Tokyo church, is faithful to come to the Bible class. I'm very much expecting in him. One of the young men whose name is Saegusa was baptized at Tamahata Church on Aug. 8. He is real wonderful and faithful young man.

Yes, it is really wonderful that Bro. Akito Inoue of Tamahata and Sis. Marie Neihouser of Francesville are going to get married on Aug. 15. I think it is very difficult and steep, their future life here in Japan, but the Lord bless them if it's the Lord's will. I'm surely much confident and expect much of them in future.

Sis. Carol Schrenk left to the States on Aug. 2, Monday night, and we really thank her for her loving fellowship and her wonderful deeds in Japan for two years. May the Lord bless her and her future.

FT. LAUDERDALE Henry H. Schwartz

Our church group has been quite small for some time, but since the vacationers have mostly returned, attendance has increased and is back to near normal.

A baby daughter, Dawn Marie, has been welcomed into the home of Bro. Robert and Sis. Jan Sutter. This is their second child; she also has a brother, Matthew.

ATHENS Zelma Young

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, the one who died and gave Himself a ransom for our sins. "Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him." Oh but that today people would repent. Behold, now is the day of salvation.

We are still having lots of sickness around in the community.

We had a right nice group for church Sunday. We had visitors from Rittman. Bro. Noah Bauman gave the inspiring word of God. It was a wonderful message.

We are having lots of rain.

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

This month's news is from half the world away, Japan. Aug. 11, our Ministering Bro. Akito Inoue, and his mother, Sis. Tamino, arrived to get his bride, Sis. Marie Neihouser. . . . will first tell of the great blessings he gave us on his first Wednesday evening services. He said, "I'm so glad to share with you many greetings from Japan; they are really special, hearty, warming and loving greetings. I could feel that you have been praying for me; it humbles me for accepting your love, and to meet brother, sisters, and friends in this country with such kind hearts and loving minds. How the love of God goes clear around the world." Before we sang a welcome song then, Bro. Wendell asked Bro. Akito to read it to his mother in Japanese. She cannot speak English like her son. At the Saturday evening singing, she was asked what song she liked, and she said "Are You Washed In The Blood Of The Lamb". She also wanted to learn our ways; one food we gave her, she said, "It tastes too good in my mouth to swallow it". She crochets much, including the dress she wore for the wedding.

Bro. Akito's Christian father passed away many years ago; also his ministering brother, who on his death bed squeezed his hand hard, as sick as he was, and said to Akito, "Always have much joy in serving the Lord".

Aug. 15 was the answer to Bro. Akito and Sis. Marie's prayer, and they were united in marriage by Bro. Ben Maibach and Wendell Gudeman—so one more "Christian Home" is starting in this world, and we wish them both the very best. Also attending were Bro. Noah Schrock, who has been like an earthly father, in faith, to him. Also many neighboring ministers had a desire to meet him, and as one said, "It was a new experience for him to minister here; I could just have put my arm around him, as I could feel the new experience for him."

In farewell, they thanked the Lord for the good time, and as they packed their belongings in the suit-case they said, "If we would try to put the blessings of the Lord in the suit-case, it would not hold them."

MORTON Mrs. John Oberlander Mrs. Ken Getz

Our congregation rejoiced as we listened to six dear souls give their testimonies. New brothers and sister in faith are: Bros. Doug Kruse, Eric Zeller, Tom Witzig, Dave Hermann and Dennis Kaufman and Sis. Gerry Domnick. Visiting ministers for the provings and baptismal services were: Bros. David Bertsch and Harold Zeltwanger.

Bill and Cindy Hirstein Wiedman are the parents of a little boy, William Christopher Jr. Grandparents are Bro. Albert and Sis. Wilma Steiner Wiedman and Willis and Wanita Rinkenberger Hirstein.

Tom Schick, son of Bro. John and Sis. Dolly Feucht Schick, announced his engagement to Carol Koener, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Boswell.

Jo Beth Schock, daughter of Bro. Lee and Sis. Eunice Anliker Schock, became the bride of Ron Diehl of Lanark, Illinois.

Bro. John J. and Sis. Anna Mae Lanz Getz and Bro. Bob and Sis. Diane Belsley Kaiser spent some time in Europe. Bob and Diane visited with Larry and Jane Funk Bertschi and Bill Kaiser, who is stationed in Germany.

Those who have been sick are: Sisters Lydia Waldbeser Getz, Mary Hauter Hofmann and Elizabeth Huette; and Anna Dietrich Weishaupt. Bros. Donat Widmer and Frank Bauman, and Melvin Baum; and two children, Lisa Grimm, daughter of Bro. Milton and Sis. Shirley Wuthrich Grimm, and Mark Leman, son of Bro. Howard and Sis. Gloria Vierling Leman.

BREMEN Aldean Feldman

"The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved." The warning Jeremiah the prophet gave to his people is the same for us today.

What a joy to hear of the young people's experiences of the Indiana churches as they gathered some on Saturday, and many more on Sunday at Camp Mack. We rejoice souls were touched and surrendered their hearts to the Lord. We pray many more will experience this great joy.

We will miss Sis. Emma Unsicker, as she is leaving our area to make her home (near) Ft. Wayne. She has always been a faithful sis-

ter, and willingly used her many talents in the Lord's work. May the Lord richly bless her. We rejoice with her that she will be near her family, and to enjoy her grandchildren.

We congratulate our newlyweds, Bro. John and Sis. Jayne Conrad. May their new home be blessed with joy as they serve the Lord together. Their address is: 20700 New Road, Lakeville Ind 46536.

BURLINGTON, OKLAHOMA Janice Frieden — Janice Springer

My Task

To love someone more dearly every day,
To help a wandering child to find his way,
To ponder o'er a noble thought and pray,
And smile when evening falls—
This is my task.

To follow truth as blind men seek for light,
To do my best from dawn of day till night,
To keep my heart fit for His holy sight,
And answer when He calls—
This is my task.

And then my Saviour by and by to meet,
When faith hath made her task on earth complete,
And lay my homage at the Master's feet,
Within the jasper walls—
This crowns my task.

Our first Sunday-of-the-month singing was held on Aug. 1 at the church, and God blessed us with a lovely evening of fellowship with our brothers and sisters in faith.

Have you ever noticed the joy in the faces of the elderly folk when you go to visit them? If not, you've missed something, because they love it so! We sang at the Rest Home in Kiowa on Aug. 8, which not only brought joy to their faces, but to their lonely hearts also. I know God blessed the givers as well as the receivers.

Aug. 15 was the date set for our Sunday School picnic. All day it looked as if it might rain us out, but by evening the weather was calm and lovely. Just one more example of God's master hand.

We were saddened to hear that Bro. Eli Somerhalder was hospital-

ized in Peoria, while vacationing in Illinois. He has undergone surgery. We pray that if it be God's will, his health may be restored soon.

The summer has gone by so fast and school is starting again. Three in our large Sunday School class will be starting their first year of college. They are: Susan Guthrie, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Richard Guthrie; Danny Frieden, son of Bro. and Sis. Joe Frieden; and Stan Tucker, son of Dale and Sis. Marie Tucker. Our prayer for each of them is that they will take God with them to college. He's the best friend anyone could take! Remember: The Christian on his knees sees more than the philosopher on tiptoe!

ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY Sandy Pfaffman

Greetings to all from ISU. We students were very busy the first two weeks of this month finishing up with summer school. Graduating are Sis. Mary Hohulin and Sis. Roberta Farney. We wish them God's richest blessings as they now undertake their new positions in life.

Our visiting ministers have been Bro. Simon Wagenbach, Tremont, who brought us the message on the 12th of August. The 19th of August brought us Bro. Don Sauder from Roanoke, and the 26th Bro. Art Bauer from Princeville brought the message to us. Our advisor, Bro. Joe Schrock delivered the message on the 5th. Our heartfelt thanks goes out to all of you brothers for being with us.

Note: Anyone knowing the names of new students at ISU, Illinois Wesleyan, or in nurses' training, please send their name, home address, and their Bloomington-Normal address to Sandy Pfaffman, 515 Hovey, Normal Ill 61761 as soon as possible please.

The time is again rolling around for fall, God's most colorful season, & for everyone to return to school. We welcome all to come and visit us at ISU Bible Study every Thursday evening at 8 p.m. looking forward to everyone's safe return. See you soon!

BERN

Esther and Stella Moser

After a short recess, Sunday School is again in session. Teachers are Bros. Louis Meyer—superintendent, John Lehman, Stephen Hartter and Wayne Strahm; Sis-

ters Janette Strahm, Marvis Meyer and Marie Grimm will teach the little folks. May God grant these teachers the much-needed grace and patience.

Bro. David Strahm passed away Aug. 10 at the age of 80 years. Dave was born at Sabetha and lived here until 1968 when he and Sis. Hulda moved to Wolcott to live with their daughter, Reva. We extend our sympathy to Sis. Hulda (Minger), Sis. Reva Waibel and family; his brothers here, Bro. Alpha and twin, Bro. John; a sister, Sis. Louisa Rokey, also survive.

Bros. Amos and Sis. Lena Strahm have moved from the farm to Sabetha.

We enjoyed our guest ministers, Bros. James Ramseyer—Bay City, Bro. Art Gudeman—LaCrosse. Bro. Art spoke on the importance of prayer, how our parents prayed for their children. . . and we carried them to the grave. Prayer is now up to us, and then this generation will carry us to the grave, and so on down through the generations, should the world stand.

Keith Meyer, Sis. Pearl's youngest son, has been discharged from the Army.

Our high school graduates are all going on to higher learning except Don Rokey, who chose to farm with his Dad. May they ever remember through which book comes the highest degree of learning. Leland Esslinger goes to Vo. Tech. in Atchison (carpentering); Dean Strahm and Janet Meyer to K-State, Manhattan; Jan Baumgartner to Emporia; Margaret Rokey to Vo. Tec., Topeka (L.P.N. Training); a recent convert, Galen Rokey, back to K-State in his Junior year.

Sis. Janice Lehman started work as a radiologist at Stormont Vail Hospital, Topeka. Janice, Margaret Rokey and Sis. Gloria Grimm (Sabetha) share an Apt. at 817 Lincoln, Topeka.

Hospitalized: Friend Ernest Gerber and Sis. Pearl Meyer. Pearl had a heart attack after major surgery and is on the critical list. Bro. Glen Luthi was also a hospital patient. He was working with some trees and in some way fell, breaking the heel bone on one leg and fracturing a bone in the other one, plus injuring the knee. Bro. Morris Edelman had a badly-cut upper lip, when the lid on a pump house fell on his

head. Many stitches were needed, both inside and out. We take them all to the great Physician in prayer.

BURLINGTON, IOWA

Verna Woodward — Edna Pohl

Greetings in Jesus name to all who read the Silver Lining. "And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills, and all nations shall flow unto it." Bro. Art Gudeman was our visiting minister that Wed. evening of Aug. 18. He gave a stirring message on that 2nd chapter. We just can't be reminded enough to be ready at the Lord's coming and to watch and pray. Our church was filled, with Oakville members joining us. We thank Bro. Art for pausing with us while traveling homeward from Kansas.

The Lord's day of Aug. 15, we enjoyed a blessed day with visiting Ministers, Bro. Robert Walder and Bro. Jesse Schrock. The Lord rewarded them for their labors.

Aug. 22, the Sunday School held their annual picnic. The tables were laden as usual with God's blessing of food. Hymns were sung back at the church.

Aug. 30 we again were blest with visiting minister Duane Metzger. We are grateful for the visit of one and all.

Bro. Uriel is doing well now, after vein surgery. Sis. Judy is getting along well too, after similar surgery.

Bro. Marvin Woodward and Sis. Verna have had a busy month or two, giving in marriage their two oldest daughters. Friends Dianne and Tom Ebert are living in Elgin, Ill. and attend church there, when not visiting their parents here. Sherri and her husband live in Burlington.

EUREKA

**Cathryn Wettstein
Salome Schumacher**

The words of an old song means so much in this day and time in which we are living:

Don't stop praying, but have more trust;
Don't stop praying, for pray we must.
Faith will banish a mount of care;
Don't stop praying: God answers prayer!

We were blessed with many visitors, as one Sunday was a soldier's reunion here. Our guest speakers were: Bros. Merle Kaisner—Fairbury, Earl Kilgus—Remington, Ben Manz—Junction, Bert Butikofer—Elgin, Iowa, Earl Gerber—Forrest, Marvin Stieglitz—Leo, David Wiegand—Champaign.

Our sick, many are better and some are still in the hospital. May God be near and help them to regain strength and health if it be His will. Sis. Esther Klaus was in the Mayo Hospital awhile. David Schumacher was a surgical patient in St. Francis Hospital; he is the son of Bro. and Sis. Robert and Charlene Schumacher. Sis. Lorene Schumacher was hit by a car while crossing the street in Peoria and is a patient in St. Francis Hospital, suffering a fractured pelvic bone.

Sis. Freda Knepp was a patient in Eureka Hospital a few days. Sis. Nelma Eastman has returned home from Methodist Hospital, after having surgery. Betty Kinder was in the hospital a few days. Sis. Clara Zimmerman has gone to Mayo's Clinic for tests.

Bro. and Sis. Eli and Emma Somerhalder were visiting relatives in this area, when Eli became ill. He was taken to Peoria to a hospital and underwent surgery. He is showing some improvement.

Bible Reading

Oct. 1, Nahum 1-3; Oct. 2, Habakkuk 1-3; Oct. 3, Zephaniah-Haggai; Oct. 4, Zechariah 1-6; Oct. 5, 7-10; Oct. 6, 11-14; Oct. 7, Malachi 1-4; Oct. 8, Matthew 1-4; Oct. 9, 5-7; Oct. 10, 8-10; Oct. 11, 11-12; Oct. 12, 13-14; Oct. 13, 15-17; Oct. 14, 18-20; Oct. 15, 21-22; Oct. 16, 23-24; Oct. 17, 25-26; Oct. 18, 27-28; Oct. 19, Mark 1-3; Oct. 20, 4-5; Oct. 21, 6-7; Oct. 22, 8-9; Oct. 23, 10-12; Oct. 24, 13-14; Oct. 25, 15-16; Oct. 26, Luke 1-2; Oct. 27, 3-4; Oct. 28, 5-6; Oct. 29, 7-8; Oct. 30, 9-10; Oct. 31, 11-12.

**FAIRBURY
Joyce Huber**

We praise the Lord that George and Rachel Saathoff are seeking the Lord Jesus.

Bro. Harvey and Sis. Nancy Steffen have a new baby boy, born Aug. 19, which they named Paul Andrew, the middle name for his great-grandfather, Andrew Steffen. They have another son, Daniel. Grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Ezra Steffen and Mrs. John Mueller.

Bro. John and Sis. Rosemary Hartman, were blessed with a new baby Aug. 21. The new boy, Mark Regan, has a sister, Carmen Leigh. Grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Eli Meiss and Bro. and Sis. Vernon Hartman, and great-grandmothers are Sis. Ida Meiss and Mrs. E. Bell Caudell of California.

Mr. Alpha and Sis. Clara (Heinold) Maurer celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a family dinner. Their nine children are: Ray, Donald, Bro. Howard, Larry, Sis. Dorothy Hoffman, Sis. Helen Vaughan, Sis. Gladys Koehl, DeLoris Thomas and Sis. Wilma Honegger.

We enjoyed having the Roanoke Sunday School class visit us, and also enjoyed ministering Bro. Ben Fehr and others accompanying them.

Hospitalized were Bro. John Wiedman, Sis. Kathryn Steffen, Bro. Dave Hartman, Sis. Betty Steffen, Sis. Hermina Zimmerman, Sis. Esther Kiefer, and Chris Gerber.

In Memoriam

In loving memory of Kenneth Furrer, who left us so suddenly one year ago Sept. 4.

Though your smile is gone forever
And your loving hands we cannot touch,
We shall never lose all the sweet memories
Of the one we loved so very much.
Though your memory is a keepsake
With which we'll never part,
God has you in His keeping,
But we still have you in our heart.
The flowers we lay upon your grave
All seem to wither and decay,
But our love for you who sleeps beneath
Will never fade away.

Sadly missed by his wife and children, Louise, Julie, and Sammy.

FORREST

**Carolyn Zimmerman
Juanita Schneider**

Once again it's September. The fields are golden for harvest. The wonderful meaning of the resurrection and new life is again revealed, for as the plant dieth and is cut down, the new life appears. Autumn is such a majestic time, as the whole earth seems to be preparing for a peaceful rest.

Bro. John and Sis. Beverly Eisenmann are parents of a son, Eric

Scott. Eric has two brothers, David, Daniel, and one sister, Carol. Grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Emil Anliker, Forrest, and Sis. Lydia Eisenmann, Cissna Park.

The engagement of Bro. Edward Bach and Sis. Clara Ebach was announced. We wish them happiness and contentment in their new life together.

We've had many shut-ins. Sisters Nathalia Wenger and Nancy Ifft and Bro. Bill Kupferschmid were patients at the Gibson City Hospital. Sis. Velma Schladenhauffen and Paul Koehl had surgery at the Fairbury Hospital. Sis. Esther Honegger and Janet Maurer, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Roy Maurer, had foot surgery at the Hopedale Hospital. Our friend, Edith Honegger, is at Mayo Clinic for tests.

The Eureka Sunday School Bible Class visited our congregation. We enjoyed the Ministering Bros. Vernon Leman and Marvin Schmidgall, who accompanied them.

Notes of Thanks: Our sincere thanks to the many who remembered us in so many ways during our stay at the hospital in Rochester and our convalescence at the apartment there. Andy and Tom Rieger. . . . I want to thank everyone who remembered me in any way during my illness and since returning home. Sis. Velma Schladenhauffen.

LATTY

Connie Stoller — LeAnn Laukhuf

There is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth. Truly, we too rejoice when a soul turns his back to Satan and surrenders his heart unto God. Mark Stoller, son of Bro. and Sis. Louis Stoller, has begun this new life in Christ. As Mark will be going to Viet Nam, we wish him God's nearness and protection. Mark does not fear going, for he feels now he's not alone.

Sis. Leah Stoller and Sis. Margaret Kupfersmith were hospitalized for major surgery, and are both home recuperating. Archie Delong was in the hospital for treatment and is home, feeling much better. Bro. Melvin Stoller is also home, after an operation.

Bro. Gary Grant from here and Sis. Linda McKeon from Bay City were united in marriage on Aug. 15 at Bay City. They will reside here, and we wish them God's blessings in their new home. We are happy to welcome Linda into our

Latty congregation.

We were very privileged on Wednesday evening, Aug. 18, to have with us Ministering Bro. Akito Inoue from Shioda church and his wife, Marie. His inspiring message makes one appreciate more our wonderful fellowship. God bless them for their efforts, and may we remember our churches everywhere in prayer.

LESTER

Alice Metzger — Paulette Meyer

Our beloved Sis. Mary Knobloch was called home on Aug. 20. She was ready to lay down her cross and go to her heavenly home, as she knew her life was ebbing away in her last weeks on earth. She was born to Jacob and Rosina Banwart Moser Nov. 15, in 1888 at West Bend, and reached the age of 82. She married Bro. Ernst Knobloch when he was a widower with a family. She became a mother to them and loved them as much as if she had given birth to them. Surviving besides Ernst are four sons and four daughters: Bro. Clarence of Bradford, Otto, Carl, Bro. Ezra, Sis. Frieda (Ed) Gerber, Mrs. Elsie (Andy) Leuthold, Clara, and Nettie of this community; also her brother, Philip Moser of Gridley, Illinois. She was preceded in death by a son, Walter. Bros. Noah Gerber and Leo Moser conducted the funeral services. She will be missed, for she was a true Christian Light. She was so loved by so many.

Note of Thanks: May God bless all for the cards, gifts, prayers and deeds of kindness during the long illness and bereavement of our loved one. With grateful hearts we thank you. The family of Mary Knobloch.

It was her time to die, and it was the time to be born for four new babies. Friends Lois and Ellsworth Niemeyer are the parents of Karoline Ann, their first child and also the first grandchild of Sis. Karoline Doorneweerd. Bro. Larry and Sis. Sherryl Knobloch are the parents of Dean Alan. He has a sister at home, and they are the grandchildren of Sis. Iola Knobloch. Friends Keith and Mary Metzger are the parents of Todd Michael, their second son. Bro. Emil and Sis. Flora Metzger are the grandparents. Bro. Dale and Sis. Cris Metzger are the parents of Cindy Sue; she has two sisters and a brother. Bro. Jacob Metzger is the

grandfather. These two Metzger babies are the 62nd and 63rd grand children for Fred and Sis. Carrie Metzger.

Myra Moser, daughter of Bro. Leo and Sis. Leona, was hospitalized for a tonsillectomy and is doing fine.

There were many visitors the first week-end in August, when a Ft. Sam reunion was held here. Visiting ministers were Bros. Charles Marti, Noah Miller, Maurice Frank, John Steiner, and Duane Metzger. Other ministers recently were Bros. Noah Gerber and Art Gudeman, besides several who came for the funeral of Aunt Mary.

Carol Leuthold, daughter of Andy and Elsie, was married Aug. 14 to William Stover at Inwood, Iowa. On Aug. 20, Cindy Metzger, daughter of Bro. Eli and Sis. Alice, was married to Robert Leuthold, son of Bro. Paul and Sis. Betty. Elder Bro. Leo Moser solemnized the marriage ceremony at the home of Cindy's parents. We pray for God's blessings on these two new homes. In his visit, Bro. Art Gudeman so aptly reminded our young folks that when they leave the home where their parents pray, they have a responsibility to pray for themselves.

Announced was the engagement of Bro. Wilhelm Nester and Sis. Elizabeth Metzger of West Bend. Bro. and Sis. Ernest Metzger announced the engagement of their daughter, Arlene, to Rodney Grimm, son of Bro. and Sis. Nathan Grimm of Sabetha.

MORRIS

Ann Meiss — Helen Joos

Bro. Randy Sutter and Sis. Pam Schmidgall were united in marriage on Aug. 15 by Bro. Paul Fehr. Many relatives and friends were present, including Ministering Bros. Bob Pohl, Burlington; Albert Wuthrich, Pulaski; and Gerald Sutter, Taylor. Randy and Pam are at home at 416 Warren Ave., Normal Ill. 61761. Bro. Clarence Kachelmuss, Forrest, and Bro. Bob Grimm, Goodfield were also guest ministers this past month.

Our Friend, Alfred Luthi, passed away on Aug. 21, following an illness of two weeks. He is survived by a brother, George, and two sisters, Sis. Anna Fehr and Sis. Emil Feuchtenberger. We will miss his presence among us.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Feuchtenberger are the parents of a daugh-

ter, Janet Marie, born on Aug. 27. A daughter, Carla Rose, was born to Bro. and Sis. Ray Luthi on Sept. 3.

After a month of vacation, Sunday School will resume Sept. 5. Newly-elected teachers are Sisters Marion Schmidgall, Marilyn Joos, Sharon Koehl; and Mary Koehl, substitute.

Speak Out For Jesus

You talk about your business,
Your bonds and stocks and gold;
And in all worldly matters
You are so brave and bold,
But why are you so silent
About salvation's plan?
Why don't you speak for Jesus
And speak out like a man?

You talk about the weather,
And the crops of corn and wheat;
You speak of friends and neighbors
That pass along the street.
You call yourself a Christian,
And like the Gospel plan—
They why not speak for Jesus,
And speak out like a man?

I'd like to tell the story sweet
Of Jesus. Wouldn't you?
To help some other folks to meet
Their Saviour, Wouldn't you?
I'd like to travel all the way
To where I'd hear my Jesus say:
You've helped my work along today.
I'd like that. Wouldn't you?

NEUHUTTEN GERMANY Jon Zeller

Bro. Edward Ringger from Gridley, Ill., held services with us the 29th, and indeed the Lord did provide in His timely coming. . . For yet another friend, Bruce Stoller from Latty has opened his heart unto the Lord and has entered upon a pilgrimage to heaven. We praise God for His infinite grace.

God is in my every morning,
Greeting me as I do rise.
He walks with me through misty
gardens;
He comforts me with loving eyes,
Which created all the world and
skies.

His path is that of polished gold,
And blessed am I to walk with He;
To feel His love wrought from
within,
To taste of life from off His tree,
A life of love in eternity.

God is in my every evening;
Peace He brings to me each night,
For daily go I through repentance,
To seek my way to truth and right,
Through Christ His Son, through
Christ my light;
And faith and trust and love are
mine,
And a prayer to keep me for a
warning,
And a comforting peace for the day
ahead,
Another day nearer my crown
adorning,
For God is in my every morning.

PORTLAND Judith Knecht

There is never a day so dreary
But God can make it bright,
And unto the soul that trusts Him,
He giveth songs in the night.
There is never a path so hidden
But God can lead the way,
If we seek the Spirit's guidance
And patiently wait and pray.

Our Silverton and Portland congregations have been blessed with two ministering brethren, Bro. Maurice Frank from Leo and Bro. Clarence Kachelmuss from Forrest. May we ever thank the Lord for His precious word and ever appreciate the freedom we have to assemble ourselves in His holy house.

REMINGTON

Anna M. Waibel and Sisters

Bro. Gene and Sis. Diane Waibels are parents of a baby girl, Amy Nicole, born Sat., Aug. 14. Cindy and Kevin welcome their baby sister. Grandparents are Bro. George and Sis. Anna Waibel.

Harlan and Martha Braker have a baby girl, Kimberly Kay, born Wed., Aug. 18. Little Lora is their firstborn. Grandparents are Bro. Ben and Sis. Clara Braker. Their son, Morris Braker left for Viet Nam Aug. 19. May God keep His protecting arm over all our boys everywhere.

Bro. Henry Kilgus, Forrest, and Bro. Nathan Steffen, Elgin, Ill., were our visiting ministers.

The nursing home here in town burned Aug. 19. Sixteen patients were safely removed and taken to Rensselaer. The cause is unknown.

Joyce Schieler, daughter of Bro. Herbert and Sis. Mary Jo, was married to Mike Rowland of here, on Sat., Aug. 21 at the Fellowship Hall, with the reception following.

They are living in Indianapolis.

Bro. Herman and Sis. Emma Beckley and his sisters, Sis. Emma and Anna, went to Rockville to be with their sister Lora and Ed Zahner as they have their 25th wedding anniversary. Lora used to live here before she was married, and many from here join in wishing them well and God's richest blessings.

We were happy this summer to have our nephews visit us . . . they are all many miles from us . . . means so much where families get together: David (Andy's son), his wife and his daughter from near Toledo. (In air conditioning business); Ken and his wife (Arnold's son), from Hawaii, both teachers; Jim, his wife and their adopted baby girl, also Arnold's son from Lakeland, Florida; Lloyd, wife and their 3 boys from California, (Bro. Herman's son) . . . first time they've all been here since they moved away 8 years ago.

SHIODA, JAPAN Willis R. Ehnle

Sis. Sue Schock of Elgin, Illinois, arrived in Japan on Aug. 28 to begin teaching, and working with the children in our kindergarten. We are very thankful to have her with us and trust that God will bless her for adhering to the Scripture, "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service."

Too many people are trying to follow the world and the Lord Jesus Christ at the same time and find it very disconcerting or frustrating. Jesus said, **Ye cannot serve two masters.**

Luke Huber, who grew up in Brazil, has been visiting us. That young man has a tremendous appetite for work, more than most young men I've known. He paints, hoes, weeds, does anything. He must think the Scripture, **Be not slothful in business** was written especially for him. I hope every young person who reads this will have the same attitude. We should not have the attitude of give me more for doing less.

I've been thinking about humility and am of the opinion that it is a condition of the heart which cannot be measured by the angle at which we hold our heads when we are sitting or walking, although a

humble appearance is important. According to the example the Lord Jesus left us when he washed his disciples' feet, humility is closely associated with our willingness to serve in any capacity.

August is very hot and sultry in Japan, so even our English conversation classes have been on vacation. In September the English classes, kindergarten, and elementary school all start up again, which makes for quite a bit of activity around our Shioda church. We only hope and pray that the contacts made and the spiritual seed planted will bear fruit.

TUCSON

We congratulate Wayne Schrenk and Alana Freed, who exchanged vows on Aug. 14 in Phoenix. Wayne is the son of Bro. Henry and Sis. Ora Schrenk. May God bless them in this union.

Friend Ruth (Bertsch) Griffith is now home convalescing, after surgery in the hospital.

There have been two new births. A son was born to Wendell and Donna Bertsch. The grandparents are the Donald Meyers of Wayland, Iowa, and Bro. Jay and Sis. Dorothy Bertsch of Tucson. A baby girl was also born to Bro. Donald and Sis. Gloria Bauer, the grandparents being Charles and Barbara Bauer of Cissna and Noah and Lorraine Herman of Tucson.

Our congregation have been enjoying the visit of our loving Sis. Lena Joos of Peoria. We rejoice to add to our flock Sis. Edith, and Francis Schrenk of Phoenix.

"By taking time for daily conversation with Christ, we learn to love him."

WEST BEND

Mrs. Melvin Fehr
Mrs. A. Banwart

Through His great love, the Lord has drawn two faithful soldiers of the Cross together, as Sis. Elizabeth Metzger (daughter of Sis. Ida) and Bro. Wilhelm Nester of Lester announced their engagement. May the undertaking be blessed.

How true the words brought to us in St. John 21, where Jesus commanded Simon Peter to "Feed my lambs" . . . "Feed my sheep". All present were amply fed, as visiting ministers Bro. Art Gudeman—LaCrosse, Bro. Al Langho-

fer—Wichita, and Bro. Albert Wuthrich—Pulaski followed these instructions. May the Lord bless these servants.

God does not promise about tomorrow. Many of the West Bend congregation were not permitted to become very well acquainted with Friend Willard McCue, who recently moved here from Elgin, Ill. Funeral services were held for Willard McCue, husband of Leona (Jurgens), on Aug. 22. Surviving besides his wife are one nephew and three nieces.

Our August hospital patients are Bro. Bert Thomann (eye patient); Bro. Elmer Fehr (broken leg); Mona Bruellman (tonsillectomy) and Wendell, son of Bro. Ivan and Sis. Evelyn Schmidt (surgical). All are doing quite well, for which we are grateful.

We of the West Bend congregation extend our sympathy to the Ernest Knobloch family.

WINTHROP

Delores Messerli — Carol Messner

For travelers and Back-to-schoolers:

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

Wherever I am, God is.

After a short summer recess, I heard many happy-sounding remarks from the young tongues. They were "so glad to be in Sunday School again" . . . "These are good stories" . . . "These are true stories".

Youth of today, do not forget: "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge".

We will collect the wages of sin unless we accept the gift of eternal life that is offered through Christ. ". . . the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Do not wait for the eleventh hour to seek repentance, for death might come at 10:30. Death waits for no man. ". . . now is the accepted time; now is the day of salvation." "To day if ye will hear his voice, Harden not your heart".

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

WOLCOTT Marjean Lehman Arles Kropf

A blessed week-end was enjoyed on Aug. 21 and 22, when Charles and Beverly Klopfenstein brought their testimonies and were baptized. We truly welcome them as our new brother and sister in faith and wish them many joys and blessings. Bros. Wendell Gudeman, Theo. Beer, and Art Gudeman brought us many good teachings.

Funeral services were held Aug. 13, by Bro. Lester Hartter of Sabetha and Bro. Alfred Bahler, for Bro. Dave Strahm, age 80, who passed away after a lingering illness. He is survived by his wife, Sis. Hulda; one daughter, Sis. Reva (Leon) Waibel of Wolcott; 2 brothers—his twin, Bro. John, and Bro. Alpha; and one sister, Sis. Louisa Rokey, all of Sabetha. The Strahms were former Kansas residents, moving here to the home of their daughter several years ago.

Bro. Darl Schieler spent a 30-day furlough with family and friends and has been sent to Viet Nam. We pray for his protection wherever he must serve.

Bro. Dan Reel has been a surgical patient, but is improving satisfactorily, at home. Sis. Emma Kropf has suffered a light stroke and has paralysis in her left arm.

Tragedy has again struck in our little church, taking the life of our dear friend, Marcille (Kyburz) Furrer, age 35, and seriously injuring her husband, John. They, along with two of their children, Nancy and Rex, were struck by a switch-train near Lafayette. Nancy and Rex received minor injuries, but were released. John is confined to Indiana University Medical Center at Indianapolis, where he underwent surgery for head injury. Surviving besides her husband are the three children, Allen, Nancy, and Rex at home; her parents, Bro. Ed and Sis. Viola Kyburz, and two brothers, Edward Jr. of Wolcott and Paul of Otterbein; also her grandmother, Sis. Lena Kyburz. John's parents are Bro. Sam and Sis. Clara Furrer. Funeral services were held on Sept. 2, with Bros. Art and Wendell Gudeman and Vernon Schwab officiating.

Thank You Note: The family of Bro. David Strahm wish to thank all for the prayers, cards, letters and love shown them during the

time of death and funeral of their loved one. May God bless you.

In memory of Kenneth Furrer, who left us so suddenly one year ago Sept. 4.

Your gentle face and patient smile
With sadness we recall.
You had a kindly word for each,
And died beloved by all.

You are not forgotten, loved one
Nor will you ever be,
As long as life and memory last
We will remember thee.

We miss you now; our hearts are sore.

As time goes by we miss you more

Your loving smile, your gentle face.
No one can fill your vacant place.

AKRON Katherine Ries

Bro. Noah Baumgartner underwent surgery for gall bladder and is now convalescing at his home, 874 Greenwood Ave., Akron O 44320. Friend Fred Burr (husband of Helen) re-entered St. Thomas Hospital for tests and treatment for kidney infection. Bro. Stanley Francis has been able to assemble with us Sunday afternoons, after an absence of six months. We always feel sadness for our brethren and friends when it becomes necessary to report illness, and are happy to report, "condition satisfactory", which is the case this month. We extend best wishes and a speedy recovery for all.

Visiting ministers, Bros. Norbert Steiner—Croghan, Gary Maibach—Rittman, and Roy Luginbuhl—Rockville, inspired of God, favored us by serving us; though the passages read are the same, the approach to and the interpretation thereof are many, which fill each of us with new thoughts to carry on our pilgrim pathway. Thank you.

Sis. Jane Greenbank left Akron to make her home in Phoenix. Her new address, 2929 N. Greenfield Rd., Phoenix Ariz. 85016. Elder Bro. Rudy and Sis. Betti Graf are now in their new home at 1404 Keystone Blvd., Akron O 44320. Bro. John and Sis. Joyce (Berry) Shamback's new address, 3371 Brenner Rd., Barberton O 44203. Bro. Ned and Sis. Gail (Maibach) Spangler also have a new address, 4325 Debbie Lane, Norton O 44203.

We are happy to welcome to our community Bro. Marvin and Sis. Rose (Graf) Luginbuhl from Rockville. Their new home address is 1385 Keystone Blvd., Akron O 44320.

From one of the services this past month: It is "Not that which goeth into the mouth defileth a man; but that which cometh out of the mouth; this defileth a man."

BLUFFTON

Imogene Steffen — Pat Isch

On Friday evening, Sept. 2 we were privileged to hear the testimonies of three dear souls who have found peace with their God. It was so refreshing to again be taken back to the time when we were brought into the fold. We will welcome after baptism Sept. 12 Vicki Meyer, daughter of Bro. Bob and Sis. Lela; Jack Schwartz, son of Bro. Kenneth and Sis. Elizabeth; and Gary Schwartz, son of Bro. Howard and Sis. Beulah, as our sister and brothers in the Lord.

The waters are again troubled, as we have several friends who are seeking the Lord. We are thankful for each one who can turn their back to this sinful world and say it is now enough. We pray that there will be many more yet to come, taste and see.

Many prayers have been offered up in behalf of the elder body and other brethren at the Conference. May we always continue in love and unity and be obedient to that which is right.

Several have been admitted and released from hospitals: Sis. Betty Gerber, Sis. Naomi (Orville) Ringger, Sis. Lula (Ervin) Moser, Bro. John Schaefer, and Alan Gerber, son of Bro. Don and Sis. Mary.

Bro. Harry and Sis. Cordelia Aschlman were involved in an auto accident, and Cordelia must remain hospitalized for several weeks. We truly wish that time may pass quickly for her until she has fully recovered. May God grant each and every shut-in the necessary grace and patience to live each day as it comes and to trust their needs to Him who generously gives from His storehouse of blessings.

There have been many summer weddings of our dear friends: Stanley Bertsch and Cynthia Baker (Their parents are Bro. Oscar and Sis. Sylvia Bertsch and Mr. and Mrs. Vance McIntosh). Walter W. Steffen and Vicki Gilbert (Parents

include Sis. Nova Steffen and Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Gilbert). Sharon Fiechter and Kim Adams (whose parents are Herman and Sis. Phyllis Fiechter and Mr. and Mrs. Ora Adams). Bert Aeschliman and Karen Troxel (Parents are Bro. Walter and Sis. Imogene Aeschliman and Bro. Ken and Sis. Joyce Troxel). Karen Kaehr and Mike Todd (Their parents are Bro. Vernon and Sis. Mary Ann Kaehr and Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Todd). Ruth Bertsch and Andy Anderson (Parents are Bro. Godfrey and Sis. Anita Bertsch and Mr. and Mrs. Harry F. Anderson). Larry Maller and Cheryl Miller (whose parents are Bro. Robert and Sis. Gladys Maller and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Miller).

Bro. Hubert and Sis. Judy (Ringger) Isch joyfully welcomed their first child, little Mary Jo, into their home. Grandparents are Sis. Minnie Isch and Bro. Ray and Sis. Vi Ringger. A second son arrived for Bro. Herb and Sis. Nancy (Gilliom) Frank. Little Ross Michael will be welcomed at home by his brother, Nick. Grandparents are Sis. Hazel Gilliom and Bro. John and Sis. Dorothy Frank. May God's blessings be bestowed on these happy families.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, Sept. 5, for Harry Frauhtiger, 55, who died after being hospitalized 2½ years. Eleven years ago he fell from a barn roof, and since that time had been paralyzed. Surviving in addition to his wife, Bernice, are four daughters, Sis. Carolyn (William) Gerber, Judy, Marv Jo, and Barbara; seven sons, Phillip, James, Stanley, William, Robert, Frederick, Gerald; three sisters, Sis. Irene (Glennes) Steffen, Sis. Doris (Melvin) Fiechter, Sis. Bernice (Alvin) Fiechter; and three brothers, Bros. Earl, Ivan, and Melvin.

In sorrow and pain
Thy trust do retain
In Jesus the merciful Saviour.
When burdened with care,
When thou wouldst despair,
Then call on thy loving Redeemer.
He'll shield and defend
His child to the end;
No suffering or death shall appall
thee.

This time of the year finds many entering schools of higher learning to further their knowledge. May these souls stand firm in the straight and narrow way and ever

be a shining light in this dark world. May the opportunities and time allotted to us be used wisely in our Christian lives.

Lost . . . Forever

Lost, yesterday, somewhere between sunrise and sunset, two golden hours, each set with sixty diamond minutes. No reward is offered, for they are gone forever.

We are again collecting money for the **Silver Lining**. You may pay two dollars to either of the reporters now and through the month of October. Any change of address or new subscription may be reported also.

BRADFORD Rebecca Endress

We enjoyed the Sunday evening visit of Ministering Brother Edward Unsicker of Portland. May God bless you for your service.

Many of our congregation gathered with Princeville for the provings and baptisms of twelve souls. Among them was Robert Rumbold, son of Bro. Louie and Sis. Anna Rumbold of Bradford.

Our sympathy is extended to Bro. Clarence Knobloch, whose mother, Sis. Mary Knobloch of Lester passed away, and also to Bro. John Tanner in the loss of his father, Bro. Rudolph Tanner of Peoria.

Bro. Marvin and Sis. Jane Leman are the happy parents of a healthy boy. His name is Mitchell Jon, and big sisters Joan and Dawn are glad to have a little one to help take care of. Grandparents are Bro. Sam and Sis. Lucille Kieser of Bradford and Bro. Joe and Sis. Dena Leman of Roanoke.

Thank You Note: We wish to thank everyone for the many cards, prayers, and all kindness shown to us and our family, while in the hospital and since returning home. May God bless all. Eunice and Raymond Klumpp.

Sis. Eunice is getting along well, and we are glad to have her assembling with us again.

CISSNA PARK

Mary Young — Margaret Rudin

We were reminded we have work to do in the vineyard of the Lord, and that person is I.

Sis. Jayne Bauer and Bro. John Conrad were united in Holy Matrimony Aug. 22 by Bro. Earl Zeltwanger, May God bless this un-

ion, as they walk hand in hand. They will make their home in Lakeville, Indiana.

School has again started, and many will go to schools of higher learning. I would like to share this with them in packing. A Christian packing his bag for a journey said to a friend: "I have nearly finished my packing. All I have to put in are a guidebook, a lamp, a mirror, a microscope, a telescope, a volume of fine poetry, a few biographies, a package of old letters, a book of songs, a sword, a hammer, and a set of tools." "But you cannot put all that into your bag," objected the friend. "Oh yes," said the Christian, "Here it is", and he placed his Bible in the corner of the suitcase and closed the lid.

We still have several hospitalized, Bro. Phil Alt, son of Bro. Ed and Sis. Marjorie, had surgery for brain tumor, and is getting along quite well and was able to come home.

Bro. Walter Hari, our custodian, suffered a heart attack; he is getting along quite well. Sis. Emily Rudin has been able to come home, and is being cared for at home. Sis. Ida Eisenman is being cared for at home; she misses assembling in God's house. Sis. Carrie Waldbeser is a medical patient. Let us ever remember our loved ones.

Our visiting ministers were Bros. Noah Bauman, Verdon Feldman, Lenard Meyer, David Wiegand, Leroy Huber. Bro. Dale Eisenman visited our Sunday School. We thank them for bringing us the living word and hope they will come soon again.

Sis. Katherine Schott, 78, passed away at the Wateska Hospital. Funeral services were held Sept. 6. She leaves to mourn five sisters, Sis's. Carie Knapp, Anna Krantz, Martha Martin, and Leah Seymour, and Bertha McDonald. It has been many years since she has been able to attend church services. Her sisters have so tenderly cared for her. We can be thankful she could so quietly go to sleep.

Note of Thanks: As we are unable to answer all letters, we would like to take this means to thank everyone who remembered us in any way, also visits and prayers while we were in the hospital and since returning home. May God reward you all. Bro. John and Sis. Helen Lackey.

In loving memory of Ervin L.

Walder, who passed away one year ago, Oct. 20, 1970:

Written by Bro. Andrew Maibach

A loved one has flown
away to his rest,
to be there forever
with all of the blest.

In earth there were trials
and failures alike,
but God who in Heaven
is aware of our plight.

Our memory goes back
just a few short years
when our loved one was healthy
and full of good cheers.

He loved to work
in the sweat of his brow
to gather the blessings
that earth did allow.

The memories are many
of the way he could write
to tell of his troubles
with body and life.

Yet in all he could see,
desire to be, at peace
with his Maker that
all would be right.

His life passed so quickly
away from our sight
To dwell in a land
where there'll be no night.

He mentioned just shortly
his faith in his God,
that after this life
he would be with his Lord.

DETROIT

Judith Aberle — Donna Hartzler

It was very inspiring to have Bro. Akito Inoue minister to us on Sunday, Aug. 22. Bro. Akito, his new bride, Sis. Marie, Sis. Sharon Neihouser and Akito's mother, Sis. Inoue spent the week-end in Detroit. Akito brought us many words of wisdom and spoke in particular about Jesus' crucifixion. Although we did not physically crucify the Lord, if we continue to live in sin and do not follow His teachings, we are guilty of crucifying Him and will some day have to give an account for it. It is our prayer that God will bless the new couple, as they return to Japan and begin life together. May the Lord dwell in their hearts and home, and may they always put their trust in Him

to direct their lives in His service. Our prayers are also that God will bless the journey and labors of our elder brothers, Bro. Ben Maibach and Bro. Rudolph Graf, as they make the long, tiring journey to Japan to visit the churches there.

Bro. Hartzell and Sis. Mary Kaisner are the parents of a baby girl, born Sept. 1. To welcome baby Diane Kay home are a brother, Kenneth, and two sisters, Joanne and Karen.

ELGIN ILLINOIS

Louise Steffen—Katie Kachelmuss

"Except the LORD build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the LORD keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain." In this faith, our elder, our ministering brothers, and some of the committee gathered at the site of our future home for the elderly, which is finally being built after much discussion and research. In earnest prayer and supplication, this momentous project was committed to God, His divine guidance and His blessing upon the building and services of the new Home.

Our Vacation Bible School classes were well attended, and we trust that some fruit will come from the good seed sown. Bros. Edwin Ringger—Gridley, David Wiegand—Urbana, Benj. Fehr—Roanoke, and Wendell Gudeman of Francesville conducted classes, and our thanks to them for their efforts; may God give the increase to the labors of love.

Bro. Duane Schambach, son of Bro. John and Sis. Elizabeth, and Sis. Donna, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Sherman of Eureka were united in marriage by Bro. LeRoy Huber of Eureka. Bro. Walter Anliker was also with us. We wish Duane and Donna God's blessings, and may He be the unseen guest in their home always. They are living at 357 Standish St., Elgin Ill 60120.

Sis. Lydia Messerschmidt was taken from the hospital to the Mary Margaret Manor (nursing home) at 134 No. McLean Blvd., Elgin Ill 60120.

Bros. Frederick Knapp and Jesse Schrock of Congerville spent a Sunday with us and we received many sacred teachings. May God continue to send His holy teaching to us in humble preaching, yet in the Spirit's power, and bless the

ministering brothers for their labors in His vineyard.

Funeral services were held here for Leonard Baer of Logansport, Indiana; burial was in Lake St. Memorial Park.

DeAnne, daughter of Bro. Lyle and Sis. Deloris (Lohbauer) Kellenberger, was united in marriage to Bobbie L. Cox, son of Mrs. Orvetta M. Westcott of West Dundee, Illinois. They will be at home at 709 Linden Avenue, Elgin Ill 60120. May God add His blessings to this union of hearts.

FT SAM HOUSTON

Kurt Bahler

"But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."

We rejoice with the angels in heaven when a lost soul repents. This last month our friend, Mark Stoller, gave his heart to the Lord. Our sincere prayers go with him as he leaves for Viet Nam in September.

Several others have been reassigned. Bro. Bill and Sis. Miriam Brake have moved to El Paso, Texas. Bro. Dale and Sis. Carol Strassheim and their family will be living in Indianapolis. We want to thank these couples for opening their homes to us. The encouragement they gave us and the love they shared will always be remembered. Bro. Greg Stoller is stationed at Ft. Hood, Texas. Ben Tanner, returning from a tour of duty in Viet Nam, was also assigned to Ft. Hood. Fred Domka completed his school here and was sent to Ft. Gordon, Georgia, for further training.

Sis. Leann Hohulin of Goodfield and Bro. Arden Bucher, who is stationed here were united in marriage on Aug. 15 at Goodfield, by Elder Bro. Ed Hohulin. May the Lord richly bless them as they begin their life together in His service.

As we gather each Sunday, we pray for a blessing. We need to hear the word of God spoken in truth and sincerity. We were blessed this month with visiting minister, Bro. Gerald Sutter from Taylor.

I would rather see a sermon than hear one any day;
I'd rather one would walk with me than merely show the way,

For the eye's a better pupil.

And more willing than the ear;
Fine counsel's often confusing,
but examples always clear,
And the best of all the preachers
Are the men who live their
creeds

For to see good put into action
is what everybody needs.

We would like to extend a welcome to anyone wishing to spend a week-end with us. Anyone coming into the service or visiting Ft. Sam, please notify us. Address: Apostolic Christian Church Apt., 463 Eleanor St., San Antonio Texas 78209. Phone: 512-824-9803.

FORT SCOTT

Ida Sinn

As I sit and write this, a much-needed rain is gently falling. We can never be thankful enough for all the Lord's blessings.

David Huber, son of Bro. and Sis. Sam and Mary Huber of Sabetha, and Jacqueline Sue Harris, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Harris of Blue Mound, were united in marriage on Aug. 22. David lived with his grandmother while going to Junior College here. He is continuing his studies at Kansas State University at Manhattan. They are at home in the Jardine apartments in Manhattan Ks. 66502.

Little Diane Kraft was hospitalized for the removal of her tonsils.

Sis. Anna Pfister handed me this poem in church. . .

Of all life's treasures on earth that
I see,

There's none so precious as Jesus
to me.

He left heaven's glory to ransom
my soul;

To serve Him and love Him shall
be my life's goal.

He loved me so much He shed His
own blood,

That I might be cleansed in that
glorious flood.

Tho' I can't comprehend with my
finite mind

What it cost God to give such a gift
so divine,

Yet I'll praise Him and thank Him
for each day of grace,

Till I see Him and meet Him at last
face to face.

What joy and what glory for me
that will be

To know the dear Saviour, who died
once for me!

Calv'ry beckons and calls to who
will come.
Why not plunge in while day
be on your way Home?
The Saviour will greet you on life's
distant shore,
And dwell with you alway—to part
never more.

INDIANAPOLIS
Tom and Carolyn Frank

If I knew you and you knew me—
If both of us could clearly see,
And with an inner sight divine
The meaning of your heart and
mine—
I'm sure that we would differ less
And clasp our hands in friendli-
ness;
Our thoughts would pleasantly
agree,
If I knew you and you knew me.

If I knew you and you knew me,
As each one knows his own self,
we
Could look each other in the face
And see therein a truer grace.
Life has so many hidden woes,
So many thorns for every rose;
The why of things our hearts would
see,
If I knew you and you knew me.

We were pleased to hear mes-
sages by Bros. Corbin Bahler,
Rockville, and Alfred Bahler, who
attended our church in Indianapolis,
along with members of the Wolcott
congregation on Aug. 8. Following
services we enjoyed a picnic at a
nearby park.

We are thankful for inspiring
sermons by Bros. Homer Reineck,
Aug. 15; Bro. Bob Meyer, Aug. 22;
Bro. Verlin Stoller, Sept. 5. Serv-
ices were not held on Aug. 29, since
many attended Camp Mack.

Bro. Chuck and Sis. Doris Nuen-
schwander announce the engage-
ment of their daughter, Sheryl, to
Carl Cress of Indianapolis.

Bro. Dale and Sis. Carol Strass-
heim and their two children are
making their home in Indianapolis,
while Dale is doing his internship
in hospital administration at the
Methodist Hospital. We welcome
them into our fellowship.

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.

GRIDLEY

Edna Somerhalder—Wilma Young

We rejoice with the angels of
heaven, in that we have five young
souls seeking their salvation. It is
so uplifting to know the Lord is
still calling our dear friends. While
visiting with one of our new con-
verts, her wish was, "If only we
could tell others how easy it is;
even the sermons seem different."

. . . wish to thank our Elder Bro.
Samuel Anliker for the message he
brought one Sunday afternoon. . .
also, thanks to Bro. Al Langhofer.
All visitors are welcome in our con-
gregation.

The Lamont and Gridley congre-
gations were hosts for a Youth Fel-
lowship week-end with the Bern
and Wichita Sunday Schools. They
met at Kelly Park Saturday eve-
ning had a hamburger fry, and
then ended at the Gridley Lake,
having a singing, and watermelon.
Sunday morning all attended Lam-
ont church. At noon, all returned
to Gridley for the Sunday School
lesson with Bro. Ron Nelson of Bur-
lington Oklahoma. Supper was
served at Gridley church, and the
pleasant fellowship ended. Thanks
to all for coming.

Bro. Loren and Sis. Lisiteen
Strahm and family are enjoying
their new home in Gridley. They
moved in from the farm, where
they have lived the past twenty-
seven years. May the Lord bless
them in their new home.

Charles Knapp is in the hospital,
recoverating from surgery. We
wish him the Lord's healing power.

Sympathy is extended to Bro.
Frank and Sis. Elizabeth Beyer in
the passing of her sister-in-law, Ida
Luthi.

Two of our friends have complet-
ed training for the National
Guard: Pfc. Jack Maclaskey (son-
in-law of Bro. Ivan Beyer and Sis.
Ada) and Pfc. Randall Somerhalder
(son of Bro. Joseph and Sis. Edna).
They and their wives have returned
to Gridley. Both men have returned
to the Gridley oilfields to work.

JUNCTION

Henrietta Manz — Betty Manz

On Aug. 22 we welcomed into
our brotherhood two new brothers
in faith, James Spangler and Oliver
Spangler. May they and all of us
always stay humble, so God will re-
main with us. Elder Bro. Sam
Aeschliman, Bluffton, assisted our
Elder Bro. George Sinn in this im-

portant work. Bros. Henry Beer,
Milford, and Loren Stoller, Latty
were also with us for the proving
on Saturday evening. We indeed
had a very blessed week-end.

We were pleased to have Minis-
tering Bro. Eugene Fetter, Toledo,
spend a Sunday with us. A brother
once said, "It is the same word, but
we like to hear it in a different
vein." It is always so refreshing to
have visitors with us from time to
time.

Little Stevie Manz (Bro. Ben and
Sis. Carolyn) had the misfortune
of breaking his arm, but he is get-
ting along fine.

Sis. Madeline Manz submitted to
major surgery on Aug. 23. She is
home from the hospital and re-
cuperating. May we remember all
the sick ones in our prayers.

We have been blessed with rain,
after an extremely dry season. How
much the rain refreshes the lawns
and crops!

Again it is that time of the year
and the children have gone off to
school. We hope they all can take
with them the message that they
are being brought up in Christian
homes. May God bless all the dear
children!

Bro. Don Manz (Bro. Eli and Sis.
Evelyn) has returned to his college
training, this time as a student
teacher for the fifth grade at Ant-
werp. We wish him God's help and
blessings in this undertaking.

It was so good to have Sis. Min-
nie Dotterer back in our midst one
Sunday. She has been, and soon
plans to return to Mansfield, as her
two sisters, Sis. Katherine Fuhrer
and Sis. Elizabeth Wahl, are quite
ill. We miss Sis. Minnie when she
doesn't assemble with us.

LAMONT
Betty Wernli

We rejoice that the Lord has
blessed us so abundantly with vis-
iting ministers. Bro. Art Gudeman
of LaCrosse stopped off for an eve-
ning visit and was truly a blessing
for us all.

Lamont and Gridley Sunday
Schools were host to the Bern and
Wichita Sunday Schools for a week-
end of "fellowshipping" together.
Bro. Ronnie Nelson of the Oklaho-
ma church was guest speaker. May
the efforts of this brother have
been an inspiration to all.

Bro. Vernon Schwab, his wife,
and family spent a week-end with
us, and this is always sort of a

"homecoming", as they made their beginning in our congregation. May God bless the efforts of these dear brothers in their labors for the Lord.

Bro. Pete Fankhauser, who recently celebrated his 90th birthday, has sold his home and went to live in Madison Manor. Pete has lived alone since his wife's death, and he thinks that after one has taken care of oneself this long, it might be nice to have someone else do it. Then, too, he maybe won't be quite so lonely. We wish much grace to this dear old brother who has done much for others, that he may make the adjustment and find much contentment and happiness in the remaining days in service to the Lord.

Sis. Kathryn Anliker, after a short stay in the hospital, is assembling with us again.

NEW MARTINSVILLE

Mrs. Gus Weltz
Miss Della Witschey

Miss Della M. Durig, daughter of the late Adolph and Carrie Bushon Durig, passed away on Aug. 29. She is survived by two brothers and five sisters. Services were held on Aug. 31, and interment was in Northview Cemetery.

Mrs. Ruth (Kocher) Lee of Michigan is spending some time here with relatives. Mr. and Mrs. Verda Fankhauser of Easton, Md., visited the last of August with relatives here. Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Williams and children of Akron visited with the Barth families here on Sept. 1.

Mrs. Elizabeth Isinghood is not too well; she is at home and able to get around the house.

The annual Homecoming at the Limestone School was well attended on Sunday, Sept. 5.

Mr. and Mrs. James Brennan of New York City and Miss Pam Emch of Lima, O., visited with relatives here during the last of August and helped to celebrate the 85th birthday of their grandmother, Mrs. Wm. Emch.

Miss Louise Bleuer, who has been very ill for some time, is home from the Ohio Valley Hospital in Wheeling and slowly improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Moser vacationed the first of September with relatives in Oklahoma and Colorado. Miss Elizabeth Witschey spent a vacation in early September with her sister and brother-in-law, Mr.

and Mrs. Verda Fankhauser in Easton, Md.

Harry Mullett, who has been quite ill for some time, is recuperating nicely in his home on Doolin Road.

Mrs. Roberta Emch Welch and family of Pittsburgh visited during August with Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Froelich and family and other relatives.

PULASKI

Mary Wiegand—Nancy Musselman

We were so happy to have Bro. Roy Ehnle from Bradford with us. He reminded again of the importance of repentance, especially in these evil times.

Our Sunday School has started again. Bro. Roger Musselman has been elected to be a teacher. Bro. Ken Scheitlin is superintendent. Bro. Russell Wuthrich was elected to the Personal Property Aid committee, and Bro. Bill Wuthrich will be the new trustee.

SARDIS Doris Miller

We are very thankful for the good news we have heard from Ft. Sam. Bro. William and Sis. Miriam Brake have received orders for Ft. Bliss in El Paso, Texas. Their new address is 3600 Keltner Avenue—Apt. 3, El Paso Texas 79904.

Diane Figel, daughter of John and Sis. Rosella Figel, has gone to Madrid, Spain, to complete her college requirements for student teaching. While she is there, she will also be touring other countries in Europe. Before Diane returns home in late December, she may get to meet her brother, Delmos, who is with the U.S. Navy on a ship in the Mediterranean area. Our prayers are with all these dear ones while they are apart from us.

We have received many blessings though our visitors this summer. We thank all who made an effort to be with us.

TOLEDO Lydia Meister

Our Toledo church has been blest with several visiting ministers. Our elder brother, Ben Maibach, and Elder Bro. Rudolph Graf also spent an evening of service with us. When the word is brought to us through our elders and ministers, it brings to us much spiritual strength and blessings. We thank them all for their visits.

We are glad Joyce Rehklau and Carol Frautschi are staying in town this fall to attend college. It pleases us when our young folks stay with us.

Our little congregation was deeply saddened by the death of our dear young friend, Jim Frautschi. His life was taken in an auto accident Aug. 30th. Our sympathy goes out to his parents, Arthur and Betty Frautschi and their family.

UNION CITY Gail Gasser

A cook-out was held by our congregation in the churchyard on Aug. 8, to extend our farewell to two of our sisters and three of our friends who are leaving us. Sis. Elsa Welti has moved to Baltimore, Md., where she will live with her daughter and family. Sis. Ida Knecht and her son and his family, Charles, Denise, and Christiane Knecht, have moved to Connecticut, where they will assemble with the Rockville congregation. We will certainly miss all of these folks and wish them God's blessings in their new homes.

We are happy to welcome back from Germany, Bro. Phil and Sis. Janice Webber and son, Mark Philip. They had been gone almost a year, while Phil was studying there.

ALTO Loretta Steffen

Congratulations go to Fred and Donna Oesch, who were married Aug. 7 by Elder Bro. Ben Maibach. Fred is the oldest son of Bro. Joe and Sis. Melva.

Sis. Linda Koehl was hospitalized and has been returned to good health.

Fairbury Sunday School was host to our group Aug. 22. We thank the teachers, parents, and students for sharing such an enjoyable week-end with them, memorable times which will never be forgotten.

We are thrilled that the Lord has opened the way for another young soul to find Him. Joylene Blough, daughter of Bro. Noah and Sis. Marguerite has turned her back to the world and surrendered her life to the Saviour. We pray that her courage and faith will be strong, since she will be a senior in high school this year and will meet with many challenging tests.

Fair congregation was richly

warmed by God's word. Bro. Walt Steffen of Milford brought us inspired words of life as he spoke to us from Romans 9 on Aug. 1. Sept. 5 we were privileged to have Bro. Merle Bucher and Bro. Walter Anliker to minister to our spiritual needs. Neither minister was aware of the other coming to our vicinity. Both stayed at the same motel overnight and were pleasantly surprised when they discovered each other.

Bro. Merle exhorted us "to render to Ceasar the things that are Ceasar's, and to God the things that are God's", giving God all that is due Him. Bro. Walter read, "Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip." He challenged us to have a closer and more consecrated walk with God, being careful that we should not let our precious faith and promises slip from us. We thank these dear brothers and their families for spending a Sunday with us and lending themselves to the Lord's work.

In closing, let us ponder this thought: **Don't limit God!**

God is all powerful and majestic. His abilities and doings have no bounds. Yet we must be careful that we do not limit God's power in our lives: If we are disobedient, If we do not rely upon his guidance every day, If we do not take everything to God in prayer, If we do not allow Him to have full control of our actions, If we do not listen to the Spirit's gentle prompting . . . We are limiting God's mighty power in our lives.

September is the time for the **Silver Lining** dues to be collected in Alto. See your reporter.

FT. WAYNE

Mary Eisenmann — Marge Gerber

No matter what befalls us here on earth—Joy, sorrow, burdens, tribulations—it will either be **BITTER** or **BETTER** when life is over!

Monica Dalene Pulver was born Friday, Aug. 13, at the Parkview Memorial Hospital. Her parents are Bro. Dave and Sis. Ilene, and she was welcomed by a brother, Mark. Grandparents are the Andy Kammerers of Milford and the Lester Pulvers of Ft. Wayne.

Sis. Anna Gudeman had been absent from our church circle due to

a fall at her home. We are thankful she had no broken bones and is now able to assemble with us.

Dennis Pulfer received his army discharge on Sept. 1, and is now at home with his parents, Bro. Raymond and Sis. Mary, and his family. Thanks be to God for every dear one who is safely returned home from their duties of service for their country.

I read a verse that mentioned **three gates of gold** a tale should pass before it is told: "Is it true?" . . . "Is it needful?" . . . "Is it kind?"

The summer days have swiftly past,
With joyful memories that last!
It's back to school for our children dear—

Back to their learning for another year.

As these busy days go swiftly by—
Do we share memories with
"Those on High"?

Do we seek learning from the Redeemer above?

He who has given us much, His
Eternal Love!

GOODFIELD

Elna Grimm

Sis. Leann Hohulin, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Ed and Elsie, was married to Bro. Arden Bucher, son of Bro. and Sis. Art and Esther of the LaCrosse congregation on Sun., Aug. 15. Bro. Ed Hohulin performed the wedding ceremony, making it a particularly special occasion, since Leann is their only daughter. Ardie is stationed at Ft. Sam Houston, and Leann plans to do her student teaching in Decatur, Ill., after which she will join Ardie in Texas, the Lord willing.

Glen Bauman, son of Bro. and Sis. Elmer and Mildred, reached home on Aug. 19, having completed his duties in service. Glen served in Viet Nam for 14 months, so we are all very grateful that he was permitted to return to his home and his loved ones safe and sound.

Our visiting ministers have been Bro. Ed Frank from LaCrosse, Bro. Carl Kipfer from Bluffton, and Bro. Gene Metzger from Lester.

Sis. Fannie Witzig is a hospital patient at Eureka.

MANSFIELD

Aaron A. Sauder

Aug. 8 is the birth date of Tracy Michelle Oesch, whose parents are Bro. John and Sis. Kathryn (Stol-

ler) Oesch; two brothers and 13 sisters are abundantly bestowing love on the new little girl. Sis. Thelie Oesch (Karl) is the paternal grandmother, and Bro. Mike Stoller of Latty is the maternal grandfather.

Bruce Donald was born on Aug. 27 to Bro. Dick and Sis. Carolyn Sauder. He is receiving a full share of affection from his seven brothers and two sisters. Sis. Mary Sauder (Wm.) is the paternal grandmother.

Bro. Dick and Sis. Mabel (Fuhrer) Banks are the grandparents of a baby boy, born on Aug. 14 to their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. James Banks.

Our hospital patients have been Bill Bidinger, Larry Banks, Sis. Hermine Beer and Sis. Kate Blumenschein. We would pray the Lord would give strength and grace as is needed by each one who is ill and in pain.

Bro. Rudolph Graf was with us on Sunday, Aug. 29, when we were privileged to hear the testimony and witness the baptism of Jeralyn Beard (David). We welcome Sis. Geri into our fellowship, and pray that many more of our dear friends would accept the Saviour's invitation, "Come unto me". We also thank Bro. Henry Beer, who worshipped with us on Sunday, Sept. 5.

OAKVILLE

Martha Steiner

We were privileged to hear the word of God brought to us by Ministering Bro. Edward Unsicker from Portland. It is truly satisfying to know that we can hear the same word from coast to coast.

Deanne Dawn is a welcome addition to the family of Bro. Conrad and Sis. Roletta (Farney) Gerst. She came to live with them and Roy, Linda, and Danny when she was only a few days old. Grandparents are Bro. Leslie and Sis. Sarah Gerst of Oakville and Bro. Roy and Sis. Minnie Farney from Phoenix.

Sis. Joyce (Frank) Eland will be leaving us soon to join her husband, Brad in the service of our government at San Antonio. We will miss both of them, but are happy they can be together again.

It is that time when some of our college students must again leave our community to continue their education. We hope and pray they can

be a shining light, whatever their lot and station in life.

Notice to Oakville members: Your reporter will receive contributions for the **Silver Lining** during the month of October.

MAYWOOD Elizabeth Kaisner

Bro. John Dapper is able to minister again, after having been disabled through an accident. His brother, Mike Dapper, has passed away, and our sympathy goes out to the families in their loss of a loved one.

Sis. Julie Ann Dapper has been in the hospital.

Bro. and Sis. Pete Schick, who for some time were unable to assemble with us, have again been able to come to church.

We have had many visitors through this year thus far, and thank all for their visits and extend our invitations to all.

Trembling keep your soul from falling;

Prize your ransom more and more.
Daily round your carnal body
Countless dangers hover o'er.

PEORIA Emily Tanner

Sunset

Gazing toward the vast horizon
When my daily tasks are done,
As resplendence of a painting
Transform in the setting sun.

Numerous colors of the rainbow
Are transfigured there to see,
That no artist 'ere could match
This Master ingenuity.

Red's with gold, orange and blue,
Bordered by angelic white;
Clouds of interchanging hue,
Creative art of God's great might!

Serenity reigns, as dusk descends,
Tinged clouds now disperse in air,
Thus my spiritual faith renews,
Exulting in God's presence there.

Written by Sis. Louise Finck.

I want to write this letter, even tho' it is late, for as I count my many blessings, I feel I should openly praise and thank our great God for His wondrous love to me. Harold was very ill a number of times through the years, but God waited until our oldest son David could help support us, our youngest

son Dean could take over the yard work and chores here at home, and, not least, our 20-year-old daughter Marcia, who keeps me in wonder and amazement in how she can balance a budget in her own way.

Even tho' it is through tears now I write, thinking again of you many dear ones, who shared in our deep sorrow in the loss of our dearly loved husband and father. To his beloved Peoria congregation, words cannot express our feelings of heartfelt thanks and love for your prayers and supplications for us. I surely can say I felt and feel the strong hand of God even now. Harold many times mentioned in his long 2-month's stay in the Iowa City Hospital, and already his times in the Methodist Hospital in Peoria and long shut-in hours at home, how he felt strong in the Lord, and together in prayer we found our strength, as each new day he found courage to endure his pain and suffering. He was so touched by even a card in the mail, so I know how overwhelmed he would have been of the concern for him and his family, by everyone, especially by his faithful army comrades. . . Words cannot express our inner feelings to you . . . I will never forget you in Iowa City, Oakville, and Burlington, and all who traveled so far to pray with us, and not least, our own faithful families, each taking their turn in bringing our children to see their Dad. As his wife I can say he had an extra special talent in his home, of kindness and appreciation for his own family and wife, so you know how sorely we miss him. . . surely our burden was lightened by the love of everyone in our precious fellowship, in our deep faith in our almighty God and our loving redeemer, Jesus, that I actually can say even in sickness and sorrow we found joy; surely the half has never yet been told what God will do for His own, even in this life, if we walk prayerfully in faith, so I do not ask to understand; I just need to hold His hand, and for the sake of anyone needing encouragement, here is your answer—remember God is God, not mere man. He will do all for you that He tells you He will in His holy word. Pray often and keep faith in Him always, and know He cares, and also cares for His own. He will just never fail you. But remember, He can't help you if you don't talk to Him in prayer and if you don't have

faith in Him. So God is near me; I pray always to keep this nearness, through His Son Jesus Christ, through whom God bridged this chasm for us, and since our Saviour went through so much suffering for us!—should we not take full advantage of Him as God wants us to do?—and I am so thankful to Him that He did relieve Harold of his suffering and he is now peacefully sleeping in Jesus. Harold's family, Lucille, David, Marcia & Dean Thomas.

Sue Ann Collins of Princeville and Steven Michael Race, son of Mr. Bernard and Sis. Leona Race, were united in marriage Aug. 15. Their address is 214 N. Nebraska, Morton Illinois.

Dianne Hoerr, daughter of Bro. Jim and Sis. Virginia Hoerr, and Howard Leman, son of Bro. Vernon and Sis. Viola Leman, were united in marriage Aug. 29. They plan to be at home for the next two years in Champaign Illinois, 408 Mathew St.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Koehler, Edelstein, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Bonnie Lou, to Walter James Geyer, son of Bro. Walter and Sis. Hazel Geyer.

We were thankful to have Bros. Ed Unsicker and Vernon Leman in our assembly the Sunday of the Hoerr-Leman wedding.

Sis. Sharon Herman has moved from Morton to Peoria. We welcome Sharon in our assembly.

Bro. Ken and Sis. Darlene Hoerr have adopted their third child. Aimee Diane was born Aug. 28. Jamie, their 6-year-old daughter, and Scottie, their 4-year-old son, are very fortunate to have a God-fearing home, where tender love is shared with one another.

Sis. Carrie Gehrig, who lives at the A.C. Home, fell and broke her hip Aug. 26. She is at Methodist Hospital.

Sis. Julia Sauder, 87, died Sept. 1 at the A.C. Home on Skyline Drive. She had been a resident at the home for the past 40 years. Born near Secor, she was the daughter of Henry and Lydia Stortz Sauder. Surviving are one sister, Sis. Katie Heinold of Goodfield; and four half-sisters, Mrs. Alpha Leman, Mrs. John S. Bittner, both of Eureka, Mrs. Albert (Sis. Helen) Hunziker of Peoria, and Mrs. Orie Aeschleman of Roanoke.

Bro. Rudolph Tanner, 91, died

at 7:30 A.M. Sept. 2 at his home. Dad will be missed very much, but we are thankful he was called to rest graciously. He enjoyed visiting with several of his grandchildren and a great nephew from Switzerland the evening before he died. Dad was born in Switzerland Oct. 1, 1879; he married Sis. Mina Haefeli March 12, 1907. She died 11 months ago. He was longing to join her again, but still he enjoyed life and loved the brethren of the church, and really loved young and old alike. . . was very fond of little children, and they reciprocated his love. Surviving are five sons, Bro. Adolph, Gotthold, Bros. Paul, John, and Ben R. Tanner; six daughters, Sisters Adele Stahl, Clara Yackley, Minnie Grusy, Mary, Martha and Emily Tanner; two sisters, Mrs. Lena Metzger of West Bend and Mrs. Bertha Berchtold in Switzerland.

Note of Thanks: The family of Rudolph Tanner wish to express to their many friends their heartfelt thanks for the tokens of love, kindness and sympathy tendered them during the time of Dad's death.

PHOENIX

Mrs. Allan Freed

Our Sunday School will resume the first Sunday in September, after a month's vacation.

Sis. Vera Yackley, wife of Bro. Clarence, underwent a very lengthy and serious operation Aug. 11, for a tumor on her brain. This was her fourth ordeal of this kind, and her recovery has been very slow. She has lost her eyesight and the doctor says only time will tell what the outcome will be. She was able to come home yesterday, after spending 33 days in the hospital. Let us remember Sis. Vera and her family in our prayers.

Alana Freed, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Allan, and Wayne Schrenk, son of Bro. and Sis. Henry of Tucson, were united in marriage Aug. 14, at the home of the bride's parents by Bro. Roy Farney. They will be making their home in Tucson, where they are both students at the U. of A. Their new address is: 1515B East 10th St., Tucson Ariz 85720.

We are glad to have Lori Wirtz in our midst again, after having spent the summer with her family in West Bend. She is doing her student teaching here.

Nancy Freed, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Allan, has been announced as confessing peace with God, and is awaiting proving and baptism.

Tornado warnings caused the cancellation of our Wed. evening church service on Sept. 1. Funnel clouds were sighted in the area, but, thankfully, none touched the ground in populated areas.

Thought from a sermon: "Our burdens will either make us bitter or better. They are supposed to make us **better.**"

PRINCEVILLE Ruth Ricketts

Prayers should be the key of the day and the lock of the night.

How we all enjoy the fellowship with one another.

We are so thankful for the sincere, humble teachings brought forth by James Ramseyer of Bay City. By reading and meditating on the Lord's suffering and agony in the Garden, we could again search our hearts. . . Thankful too were we for the few words spoken by Bro. Lynn Klopfenstein of Alabama, who with his family spent a few days with Sis. Miriam's mother, Sis. Martha Hemmer, and sisters.

Aug. 22 dawned a beautiful sunny day, with visitors coming from far and near to be present for the marriage of Sis. Marlene Rumbold and Bro. James Plattner. In the morning, Bro. Perry Zimmerman of Forrest brought out so plainly the suffering and patience of Job. Are we so patient and trusting? Words by Bro. Harvey Grimm, of Bern, are always so timely and welcome. We are always glad when our brothers come and thank them for their untiring efforts. In the afternoon Bro. Dave Kieser performed the impressive ceremony which joined Bro. James and Sis. Marlene as husband and wife.

"This union of our hearts shall stand through grace in Jesus; We walk the path of life while cheer and trust increases. Where God in truth abides, where two join hand and heart, We find a threefold cord Not lightly rent apart."

We wish Bro. James and Sis. Marlene God's rich blessings as

they walk their new life together in faith.

The Lord has touched the hearts of a number of dear friends, and twelve were able to surrender their hearts into the Lord's will, confess their sins, find that blessed peace in their heart and asked for the opportunity to tell the members of their new-found faith. We all truly rejoice with all the new converts and their families, and pray that God may always be near and direct them.

On Wed. evening, Aug. 25, six souls gave their testimonies; Patricia Kieser, daughter of Bro. Dave and Sis. Ruth; James Elsasser, son of Bro. John and Sis. Lillian; Nancy and Fred Menold, daughter-in-law and son of Bro. Leonard and Marie; and Connie and Rita, daughters of Bro. Leonard and Sis. Marie and grandchildren of Bro. Silas and Sis. Mary Leuthold. This important work was carried out by Bro. Joshua Broquard, LeRoy Huber and Dan Koch and our Bros. Silas Leuthold and Dave Kieser. . . Saturday evening, Bros. Noah Schrock, Herman Kellenberger, and Roy Sauder came to assist our elder brothers in hearing the testimonies of Linda Endress, daughter of Sis. Mildred and the late Bro. Levi; Janice Herrmann, daughter of Bro. Eugene and Sis. Betty; Sharon and Mike Menold, daughter-in-law and son of Bro. Leonard and Sis. Marie and grandchildren of Bro. Silas and Sis. Mary Leuthold; Sammie Martin, son of Sis. Louise and the late Bro. Sam; and Robert Rumbold, son of Bro. Louie and Sis. Ann.

Many precious moments were shared by all, and we could indeed feel the presence of God and His holy angels. All these young souls could testify they were filled up with the cares of this world and when they could not go on, turned to God, where they found relief and a peace they did not know existed. They were overwhelmed by the love showered on them. Some stated how they could see this was truly the holy church, where the true word was preached and practiced. There must have been much joy in heaven on Sunday, Aug. 29, when these twelve innocent lambs stood before the waters of baptism, gave their vows to stay true and faithful to life's end, for those in attendance could surely feel a deep joy. How the precious singing must have

been pleasing to God. Will we all be present to sing the new song in Heaven?

It is indeed strengthening to all when we can look over such a large body of faithful believers, God's children, who are all journeying on this same Road of Faith, striving for a good and faithful end.

We experienced much joy, yet we also had heartaches, as our dear Sis. Martha Streitmatter (Mrs. Jeff Sr.) suffered a stroke in her home. She was confined to her bed for some time, and is now able to be up a limited time. May she have patience and grace to accept her cross and feel the nearness of our precious Lord and Saviour.

It has been some time since our friend, Liseth (Mrs. Emil) Stahl has been in our assembly and now is confined to the hospital, suffering a stroke in her spinal column. She is suffering paralysis in the lower part of her body. We pray the Lord's nearness and help.

It is at the time of year when schools have reopened and the children are again in their classrooms, learning many necessary things. It is a concern especially for the older ones who are going into colleges, where they are brought face to face with so many dangers. The prayers of all the true and faithful are needed to help these dear souls to walk the right path.

RITTMAN

Janette Blough—Florence Hartzler

We were privileged to have Bro. Norbert Steiner of our New York congregation minister to us on Wednesday evening, Aug. 25. May the Lord bless the word which was brought to us.

Audrey and Norman Beery are the parents of a new little girl, Jennifer Kay. Little Jennifer has one sister, Missy, to welcome her at her home. Grandparents are Harold and Sis. Rhea Beery.

Steven Michael is the name of Bro. Keith and Sis. Linda Dotterer's new little boy. He has a sister, Kathy, and his grandparents are Bro. John and Sis. Betty Dotterer and Ralph and Mildred Christian.

Bro. Merle and Sis. Bonnie Hartzler are the happy parents of a little boy named Timothy George. Timothy has one sister, Betty, and two brothers, Danny and Mark. His grandparents are Bro. Reuben and Sis. Velma Hartzler and Bro. George and Sis. Minnie Riggenbach.

We welcome Bro. Ben Blough back, after three months in New York City, where he was sent by his company for further schooling. While Ben was in New York he attended services at our Union City church.

We have several dear ones who were hospitalized. Sis. Mary Winkler was hospitalized for surgery and is now recuperating at home. Sis. Dorothy Zollinger was hospitalized for a short time, and is attending services with us again. Sis. Neva Gasser was in the hospital for tests, and we are so happy to have her back with us. Sis. Adele Ickes was also hospitalized for tests and treatments. Sis. Ella Widmer is home again, after being in the hospital. We are happy that Sis. Mary Maletich is able to attend services with us again, after recovering from surgery. Sis. Doris Gasser was able to attend church after her lengthy stay in the hospital. She is getting around quite well with the aid of crutches.

Bro. Dave Maletich is spending some time in Germany, where he was sent as part of his military service.

Sis. Emma Bucher was moved and is now making her home in Mansfield. Sis. Josephine Sauder moved also, and is now living at the Sara Lee Rest Home.

ROANOKE

Norene Herbst
Marilyn Weyeneth

Bro. Keith Funk, son of Bro. Eugene and Sis. Kathryn Funk, and Kathy Fischer, daughter of Bro. Earl and Sis. Martha Bowald and the late Bro. August Fischer, were united in marriage Aug. 8 and are living in Roanoke, where Keith is employed as a teacher.

The marriage ceremony for David Lockwood, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lockwood, and Joanne Leman, daughter of Bro. Dave and Sis. Ann Leman was performed Aug. 8 at the Fellowship Hall in Peoria. The couple is living in Eureka.

A reception was held Aug. 17 for Tim Hodel (son of Bro. Vince and Sis. Mae Kae Hodel) and Lynne Mass (daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Al Mass of Chicago), who were married in Chicago Aug. 14. They will reside in New Jersey.

Bro. Mike Aberle and Sis. Susan Zimmerman were united in marriage Aug. 15, and will be living near

Tremont (R.R. 2—Delavan). The parents of the couple are Bro. Walter and Sis. Vera Aberle of Tremont and Bro. Richard and Sis. Helen Zimmerman.

Bro. Robert and Sis. Mary Bradle are the parents of their first son, John Robert, born Aug. 15. They also have three daughters.

Our friend, Jimmy Leman, will be given an opportunity in the near future to give his testimony of repentance and conversion.

Bro. Ben H. Martin has been able to return to his home, after convalescing at the Roanoke Nursing Home.

Sunday School will resume Sept. 12, with Bro. Howard Sauder as the new superintendent.

Sis. Elizabeth Farney is now living in an apartment at the Eureka Home, where her husband, Bro. Charles Farney is a patient.

Bro. Peter Pfister passed his 96th birthday Aug. 25. On Oct. 6 our Bro. Dave Fehr will reach his 94th birthday. They are both enjoying reasonable health, are able to care for themselves, and attend church regularly, which is much to be thankful for.

We were pleased to have the following visiting ministers with us to serve us: Bros. Fred Knapp, Eli Somerhalder, Joe Stoller, Albert Aberle, Simon Wagenbach and Joe Zimmerman Jr.

ROCKVILLE

Carlton J. Lanz

Bro. Charles Lanz suffered a broken pelvis when thrown from his tractor, in attempting to remove a large tree limb from his lawn. The tractor, with the bucket attached (which he was then using) lurched sideways, throwing him to the hard road surface. He is hospitalized, yet in fairly good spirits. A few doors down the corridor in the same hospital, also a patient, Sis. Dorothy Schneider has undergone surgery (several days ago). A visit to her room found her improving and cheerful. She pointed to the stack of cards on the window and the lovely flowers that she had received, and said that these are things that cheers one in such situations.

Bro. Peter Carl Hany and Sis. Vergene Schneider had their engagement announced some time ago. It should have reached this column then, but an oversight caused this belated reporting. They

have our best wishes. Parents of the couple are Bro. Leon and Sis. Martha Schneider and Sis. Hilda and the late Bro. Arnold Hany, respectively.

Births: A son, Kent David, to Bro. Curt and Sis. Salley Zahner. Grandparents are Bro. and Sis. David Schlatter of Bay City and Bro. and Sis. Emanuel Zahner, Rockville. Also a son, Christopher John, to Bro. and Sis. Chris. Hansen. Grandparents of the infant are Bro. and Sis. Urban Luginbuhl and Mr. and Mrs. Lee Bilodeau.

Our church enjoyed hearing the wholesome messages brought us by Bro. Harvey Heiniger of Oakville. We count ourselves blessed and a privileged people to be able to sit and hear the sound teachings contained in the holy scriptures and spoken by inspired brethren.

TAYLOR

Elizabeth Sutter — Naomi Heimer

We have been having beautiful late summer weather, not too much rain. Harvest is here and the crops look good; we have much to be thankful for.

Bro. Adolph and Emma Gerst celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on Aug. 8. We wish them the Lord's blessing and many more years together, if it is His will.

Vicky Sutter graduated from Licensed Practical Nursing School and will be working in the Intensive Care Unit at St. Mary's Hospital in Quincy. She will also be taking a pharmacology course at the hospital.

Our visiting ministers were Bro. Jim Ringger, Bradford, and Bro. Ezra Feller, Cissna Park. We are thankful to have brothers to proclaim His word to us.

Karen Yackley and Rick Rule of Palmyra, Missouri, were united in marriage on Aug. 14. They will live at Rolla, Mo., where he has another year at the University of Missouri in mechanical engineering. Their address is Apt. 4, Box 217, RR 3, Rolla Mo. 65401. Karen is the daughter of Bro. Perry and Sis. Clara Yackley.

Many relatives from here attended the wedding at Morris of Sis. Pam Schmidgall and Bro. Randy Sutter, on Aug. 15. Pam is the daughter of Bro. Floyd and Sis. Vila Schmidgall, and Randy is the son of Bro. James and Sis. Lois Sutter. They are living at Normal, where Randy is computer pro-

grammer for Nussbaum Trucking. Their address is 416 Warren Ave., Normal Ill. 61761. We wish these young couples the Lord's help and blessings in their walk of life together.

Our sympathy is extended to the Perry Yackley Family in the death of her father, Bro. Rudolph Tanner of Peoria.

SABETHA

Mrs. Joe Steiner

Our guest ministers were Bro. Art Gudeman of La Crosse and Bro. Jim Ramseyer of Bay City. We certainly enjoyed having them in our midst again. We thank them for their visit and for bringing us the true word, and hope they will come again soon.

We are happy to report that Friend Howard Plattner has fulfilled his obligation to the government. He has returned from Vietnam and has been discharged from the service. We are thankful that the Lord has been with him and has brought him safely home. He is the son of Bro. John and Sis. Marie Plattner.

DeVere Meyer, son of Bro. Harlan and Sis. Florence, was a surgical patient at the Stormont—Vail Hospital in Topeka. He had surgery on his knee, but has returned home, where he is getting along quite well with the aid of crutches.

We had our annual business meeting. Bro. Harlan Meyer was re-elected as a trustee at the A.C. Home. Sis. Shelby Meyer was selected as a Sunday School teacher with Sis. Ruby Grimm and Sis. Florence Meyer as substitutes. Bro. Daryl Meyer and Bro. Gerald Grimm were selected as teachers, and Bros. Elmer Strahm, Roger Hartter, Walter Strahm and Harlan Meyer as substitutes.

TREMONT

Lydia Rassi

Mary Jane Leuthold

Bros. Phil Sauder, Noah Herman, George Gramm, and John Steiner proclaimed God's rich word. We thank them for their willingness to visit our congregation.

We richly rejoice and welcome into our body Bros. Jerry Kaiser (Bro. Mel and Sis. Marlene) and Marvin Sauder, son of Bro. Earl and Sis. Glenna; and Sisters Becky Hohulin (Bro. Martin and Sis. Edith); Carol Steiner (Bro. Dan and Sis. Sophia); and Kathy

Schaefer (Bro. Ernie and Sis. Freida). We pray for these new children of God, that much faithful strength and the blessed virtues of the Spirit of our great God could dwell in their hearts always.

We welcome Sis. Susan Zimmerman Aberle into our Tremont congregation and hope we can grant to her an abundance of Christian love, that should always flow from heart to heart. Sis. Susan married Bro. Mike Aberle the 15th of August. May God live and reign richly in their hearts, home and life together.

Sisters Amy Koch, Lydia Kaeb and Til Koch have returned to their homes from their hospital stay. They are experiencing the weakness of the body, but we can feel their spiritual body is standing strong, on that road that leads to everlasting peace and rest, and where all pain will be wiped away. Our thoughts and prayers arise often for you, sisters, that God might grant strength to your mortal bodies, if it is His will.

Unless ye repent, ye shall not see the kingdom of God. Friend Curt Rassi, son of Bro. Arnold and Sis. Lydia, has heeded this command of the Bible and has turned his life to the way that leads to that heavenly home. We pray for him much grace, faith and a fervent and true heart.

Friend Sheri Beutel has had surgery.

We welcome Bro. Chris and Sis. Alice Rinkenberger and their son, La Vern, into our midst. We pray he and his wife can find the same Spirit dwelling in our congregation as in their Burlington Iowa church.

Teresa Marie arrived Sept. 1 in the home of Friends Fred and Jeanette Wagenbach Beutel. How welcome this little girl is to her parents.

BAY CITY

Carolyn Knochel—Marlene Mosher

"To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: . . ." As we see the seasons unfold, we are reminded that the Great Harvest is at hand, and we pray constantly that the number of souls gathered in might grow daily. Surely if we show happy and pleased we are to God's will, our friends will want to join us.

We were blessed by the visits of Ministering Bros. Robert Pohl,

Burlington; Norbert Steiner, Croghan; Aaron Steffen, Alto, and Gary Maibach, Rittman. When our brothers step forward in the pulpit to speak, do we take it for granted that we will receive the spiritual food we need, or do we pray fervently that God will give them words to speak and us receptive hearts? God wants us to ask for His help, for that means we are ready and willing to do what He asks of us.

On Aug. 15 our congregation and many visitors witnessed the marriage vows of Sis. Linda McKeon and Bro. Gary Grant, of Latty. We felt the Lord's presence as we learned what a Christian home should be like; we pray that He will always watch over this dear couple and help them to be true and faithful.

A poet once said that we should greet each person we meet as though we knew something good about him; wouldn't that make it a warmer, happier world if we tried harder to find something to love in every person we knew? In spite of all He knows about us, our God still loves us!

CONGERVILLE

Phyllis Knapp — Norma Stahl

There are many crosses . . .

Use your cross as a crutch to help you on, and not a stumbling-block to cast you down;
You may others from sadness to gladness beguile,
If you carry your cross with a smile.

We would like to extend our sympathy to the family of Bro. Rudolph Tanner, who passed away Sept. 2 at his home, at the age of 91.

Our visiting ministers were: Bro. Edward Unsicker—Portland, Bro. Francis Rother—Morton, Bro. Joshua Broquard—Fairbury, Bro. Merle Kaisner—Fairbury.

CHICAGO

On Aug. 8, our congregation rejoiced to hear the testimony and witness the baptism of Jim Schlatter. Bro. Perry Zimmerman of Forest was with us for this blessed day.

Bro. Eli Somerhalder of Burlington, Okla. visited us Aug. 15. He assisted Bro. Al in serving Communion. We are deeply grateful for the

uplifting experience of sharing the Lord's supper together.

We feel a great loss in the departure of Bro. Ralph and Sis. Catherine Klopfenstein and family, who have moved to Gridley. We wish them the Lord's blessings. Sis. Sandy Ringger of Gridley has begun her teaching assignment in LaGrange. We welcome her to our congregation.

Sis. Carol Schrenk has returned, after spending two years in service to the Japanese congregations. We are thankful for her safe return, and look forward to hearing of her many experiences in the Orient.

CROGHAN-NAUMBURG

Alice Virkler
Mrs. David Schamback

We have shared many of the blessings of God's great love shown to those who love and serve him.

We have been blessed with bountiful rains, which were greatly needed for our crops. Our summer has been real dry, and we can feel these rains were a blessing from God.

We received many blessings from our many visitors who traveled many miles to spend some time worshipping with us on Sundays and also at our mid-week services. Ministering Bros. Andy Virkler of Bay City, Harvey Heiniger of Oakville, and Ernest Gerber of Rockville left many of God's teachings with us. We wish to thank each of our visitors for the time they have taken to worship with us. How wonderful it is when we can travel even hundreds of miles to worship and fellowship with those of like mind and faith.

A bundle of love from God was sent into the homes of two of our young families. A son, Craig John, was born to Kendall and Judy Virkler on Aug. 18. Welcoming little Craig was two-year-old Teresa. Grandparents are Bro. Theodore Sr. and Sis. Amelia Belle Virkler and Mrs. Ruth Dosztan. A little son was also welcomed into the home of Duane and Karen Farney on Sept. 7. Todd Jeffrey's grandparents are Bro. Niles and Sis. Polly Farney, and Mr. and Mrs. Clement Briot.

Niles Farney, son of Bro. Niles and Sis. Polly, suffered an injury to his foot (requiring several stitches), while he was cutting down trees with an axe. Bradley Herzig, son of Bradley and Sis.

Regina Herzig, received a painful injury to the end of his finger, suffering a broken bone and also requiring several stitches.

Those who have been hospitalized and have returned to their homes are Sis. Lucy Hany, Bro. Asa Virkler, and Grace Merz. We surely feel our many prayers are answered when loved ones receive healing and can assemble with us again, as has Sis. Lucy Hany, and also Emerson Schneider, who has recovered sufficiently from a heart attack and is able to assemble with us again. Hospitalized is Clarence Farney.

The Croghan Sunday School held their annual picnic at Boonville Park on Aug. 14. A blessed day was enjoyed by a large attendance at the picnic.

The annual business meeting of the Naumburg congregation was held on Aug. 23.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Donald and Sis. Rita Petzoldt and family. Donald's mother, Mrs. Ethel Petzoldt, passed away after an illness of several months duration.

GRIDLEY, ILL.

Ruth Gramm

Out of this life I shall never take
Things of silver and gold I make.
All that I cherish and hoard away
After I leave, on earth must stay.
Though I have toiled for a painting rare
To hang on the wall, I must leave it there.

Though I call it mine and boast its worth,
I must give it up when I quit the earth.
All that I gather and all that I keep,
I must leave behind when I fall asleep . . .

And I wonder often, just what I shall own,
In that other life when I pass alone.
What shall He find and what shall He see,
In the soul that answers the call for me?

Shall the Great Judge know, when my task is through,
That my soul had gathered some riches too?
Or shall at the last it be mine to find,
That all I had worked for I had left behind?

We are happy to have added two precious lambs to our fold. Nancy and Norma Zimmerman, twin daughters of Bro. and Sis. Roy and Helen, gave testimony and were baptized on Aug. 22. We thank Elder Bro. Koch of Tremont for being with us on that day.

We welcome Bro. Cleve Klopfenstein home from Viet Nam, and Bro. Bill Witzig home from Germany . . . thankful that God protected them during their service to our country.

Three new babies: Carlina Sophia Miller, born to Bro. and Sis. Orlan and Carol Miller; Peggy Lyn, born Aug. 14 to Bro. and Sis. Earl and Dixie Ringger; Christian H. born Aug. 25 to Bro. and Sis. Jack and Liz Gramm.

LA CROSSE

Mary Ann Feller — Pearl Nuest

We have the happy occasion to report to you: A baby girl, named Debra Sue, born on Sept. 2 to Bro. Garry and Sis. Lois Bucher. The grandparents are Bro. Vernon and Sis. Melva Bucher and Bro. Les and Sis. Sarah Gerst. . . Also, two weddings. The wedding of Bro. Arden Bucher and Sis. LeAnn Hohulin was solemnized on Aug. 15. They will make their first home at San Antonio, where Ardie is stationed in the Army. On Sept. 2, Linda Anderson and Jim Albrecht were married. We wish them God's richest blessings as they walk life's pathway together.

We were truly blessed with inspiring messages from Bro. Edwin Hohulin of Goodfield, and Bro. Arnie Gerst from Chicago

Bro. Harvey and Sis. Sylvia Banwart and Bro. Harold and Sis. Sherry Fritz returned from a two-weeks' visit to Germany. Sherry's sister, Jill and her husband, Jay Plattner of Goodfield are spending a year in Germany. The six of them spent the two weeks together touring East and West Germany, Switzerland, and Austria. They had many pleasant experiences, and we are thankful that they had a safe trip home.

LAMAR

Evelyn Marti — Alice Marti

Our sympathy is extended to the Frieden family in the loss of their loved one. Mrs. Alma (George) Frieden passed away on Aug. 13, after spending almost three weeks in the hospital. Alma very courage-

ously endured a long illness, always finding ways to help and cheer others, rather than dwelling on her own burdens. May God comfort and strengthen George in his lonely hours.

God Knows Best

Our Father tests us often
With suffering and with sorrow;
He tests us, not to punish, but to
help us meet Tomorrow;
For growing trees are strengthened
When they withstand the storm,
And the sharp cut of the chisel
gives the marble grace and
form.

God never hurts us needlessly,
And He never wastes our pain,
For every loss He sends to us is
followed by rich gain.

And when we count the blessings
That God has so freely sent,
We will find no cause for mur-
muring, and no time to la-
ment;

For our Father loves His children,
And to Him all things are plain,
So He never sends us pleasure
When the soul's deep need is
pain;

So whenever we are troubled,
And when everything goes wrong,
It is just God working in us, to
make our spirit strong.

LANDERSVILLE

Billie Jo Harville

His word: "I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work."

We are thankful for our youth group, knowing they will be our church of tomorrow. Our prayer is that they will continue to stay with the true word and not be deceived. Their regular meeting is every two weeks. At their last meeting, they visited teenagers, inviting them to come out to the house of God. We are thankful for their good group leaders, Bro. John and Sis. Betty Byars. Everyone remember them in your prayers.

Visiting with us was our elder, Bro. David Bertsch. We were reminded as he read from Daniel how we should be brave and depend fully upon our Lord. We are serving the same God Daniel did, so we should have faith as Shadrack, Meshack and Abednego.

Hospitalized were Bro. Richard Frost, Teresa Harville, Michael No-

"In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also."

Jim Tom Naton was called to his reward Sept. 2, at the age of 77. He is survived by his widow, Cora, three daughters: Jimmie Lee, Inez, Bernice; two sons: Cullie and Luther. We pray God will be close to them in their hour of sorrow. From Uncle Jim's testimony, they can all go to be with him some day, where God will wipe away all tears.

MILFORD

Marguerite Hoerr

Bro. Maurice Beer had surgery. We're pleased to see him home and completely recovered.

We wish Bro. Ken and Sis. Lynn Beer much happiness in their new home in Danville, Ind., where Ken has accepted a teaching position.

Our prayers accompany our ministering brothers, Theo. Beer, Elmer Hartter and Walt Steffen, they attend the Brotherhood Conference in Morris. May God's presence be felt throughout the sessions as all the brothers labor with love for our churches.

We thankfully report a no-serious injury accident. Bro. Frank and Sis. Lois Beer and their daughter Sally were involved in a 15-car accident on the Indiana Toll road. Their car was totally wrecked, but they were all able to worship with us the following day.

College students are leaving for their various schools: Tom Speicher and Bro. Bob Cockburn at North Manchester; Dave Baumgartner at Vincennes; Chas. Baumgartner, Pat Beer, Russ Mikel and Fred Hoerr at Purdue; Bob Hoerr at Bloomington (IU), Sis. Pat and Shirley Steffen at Ivy Tech in South Bend, and Sally Beer, attending the Ray Vogue School in Chicago. May God go with them and keep them daily as they prepare for their life's vocations.

Larry Kammerer, son of Bro. Andy and Sis. Laura, was united in marriage on Aug. 14 to Kay Kaiser, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. Kaiser of Milford. The young couple is making their home in Leesburg. May God bless their home and grant them happiness together.

LEO
Mrs. Elias Souder

Sweetly, Lord, have we heard Thee calling,
Come follow me,
And we see where thy footsteps falling
Lead us to Thee.

There are three more loved ones in our congregation seeking to follow the footsteps of Jesus. It is so refreshing and reviving to see this.

Sunday, Sept. 12, is the day planned for the wedding of Joyce Schlatter of this congregation and Steve Kaiser of the Milford congregation. Joyce has lived here, and we certainly will miss her when she goes to her new home in Milford.

Verlin Stoller spoke inspiring words in his service here one Sunday afternoon.

Our young people enjoyed Camp Mack. It was a day to make new friendships and renew old ones.

School buses are again rolling, and children bustling off to school. So far our schools have been peaceful from serious disorder.

We have had loved ones in and out of the hospitals. Sisters Elizabeth Stieglitz and Dorothy Norr are home again, after spending some time in the hospitals in Ft. Wayne. Sis. Maudy Greuter is hospitalized at Auburn Indiana, and Bro. Herman Norr still remains in the hospital in Ft. Wayne.

BLOOMINGTON-NORMAL

Virgil & Shirley Funk

We are still appreciative that other churches are sending in visiting ministers almost every Sunday. During August such visitors include: Vernon Leman, Eureka; John Rokey, Goodfield; and Simon Wagenbach, Tremont. May God be the rich rewarder of these brethren.

Jeanise Morton, daughter of Bro. Richard and Sis. Aldine, has announced her engagement to Timm Frank, son of Elmer and Sis. Bernice Frank of Tremont.

Sp4 James R. Martin, son of Bro. Richard and Sis. Aldine, is stationed in Wuizburg, Germany, after spending a furlough with his wife and parents. His wife hopes to join him soon.

God uses trouble to teach His children precious lessons. They are intended to educate us. When their good work is done, a glorious recompense will come to us through them. There is a sweet joy and real value in them. He does not regard them as difficulties, but as opportunities.

ELGIN, IOWA
Mrs. George Butikofer

We were saddened by the passing away of my brother, Allen Schneider. He suffered a severe heart attack and was hospitalized for two weeks, passing away at St. Mary's Hospital at Rochester, Minnesota. He was one of ten children of Elizabeth and Fred Schneider. His father passed away 18 years ago, and his brother Arthur two years ago. He is survived by his mother, four sisters and three brothers who miss him very much. We can be consoled by the statement he made before he left this earth, that he was ready to go.

He passed away on the 16th of Aug.; funeral was held Aug. 19. Elder Paul Butikofer conducted the services. Had Allen lived until the 26th of Aug. he would have been 64 years old.

Sis. Bertha Pulfer is now at the Good Samaritan Home, located in West Union, Iowa. Her condition is fair.

A good remedy for those who are afraid, lonely or unhappy is to go outside somewhere, where they can be quite alone with the heavens, nature and God.

IOWA CITY
Beverly Mogler — Diane Stoller

"The Lord again has given His counsel and His will . . ." So it was during the month of August, when Bro. Bob Pohl, Burlington, and Bro. Carl Feucht, Lester visited our congregation. We heard much about the faith of our forefathers and how we can benefit by trying to follow their example day by day.

In our small group, we are thankful for each one that lives in the area, as we must lean upon each other for spiritual admonition and encouragement. Every soul counts. We are thankful Sis. Jane Wiegand of Oakville and Audrey Pulfer from Elgin, Ia. have been added to our group, as they have both found employment in Iowa City.

THE HOURS TURN ON

As the sun shines in the windows, and one thinks of home when you're away . . . the beautiful singing, loved ones, Sunday School . . . a lonesome feeling can come. Why not remember your one at school with the Silver Lining. Let this sunshined ray glow into that room!

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—The Editor.

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THE BEAUTIFUL NEWS

Henry Souder Jr.

The word for gospel was news Tidings told, or sent, from one to another. Do we really appreciate the best news, that from God? Words that bear the handwriting of God? Our name really is, the receiver of joyous tidings. Paul, to us, in faith . . . "Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated unto the gospel of God," . . .

We read further . . . "(Which he had promised afore by his prophets in the holy scriptures,) . . . Something we can depend on wholly. Someone we can lean on altogether. In the darkest hour, He knows where the ship is going. These holy writings came true . . . they always do. They are the holy ways of God; it is charted His way. The storm is at His command . . . the cross is His command . . . the harbor, His heaven.

The news is beautiful, for it tells of One whose compassion brings happiness. Like a sweet dream or a fond thought. Such delight is it to consider: "Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh;" Such a wonderfully sweet Person. Moods of our making, or our lack of faith sometimes cloud. But There, radiant, beautiful, shining above the sun at its fullest, is our Lord.

"And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead:" Actually One became alive. He lives . . . and with

great power gave the apostles witness of His resurrection. We never had a face to face introduction. We never saw His mouth move, or looked into the eyes that tell of kindness no human can measure . . . not physically, but really spiritually . . . We know Him. We are familiar and intimately acquainted. We know His peace that calms the storm, and brings us awe with His whispered word of command. We know how He thinks and feels. Yes, we are brought up to love and know, in the finest details not one can measure.

He is King of kings, and those who meet His approval find His favor. They find His grace. Things happen, events move, enemy strongholds fall, and buildings of wondrous beauty rise in the heights. The sending forth, the apostleship, is from God. There is a living faith, a working belief, one that has counted the cross, and works toward finishing the work of God. "By whom we have received grace and apostleship, for obedience to the faith among all nations, for his name:" Not just statements, but grace brings action!

What a privilege is His calling! Some people have national honor. Some are renowned from coast to coast and in foreign lands. Some have fame that is in writings of history. To be called to His priceless privilege is to inherit joy now, and the promise of full happiness. This is a fame of everlasting life . . . of kindness that considers, enjoys fel-

lowship, and goes on beyond the tomb. "Among whom are ye also the called of Jesus Christ:"

When we consider who He is that does the calling, it is really wonderful. Here men can write checks for a million . . . give prized income for life . . . offer yachts, dazzling gifts, glittering goods. These pale beside the splendor and glory of the giving of God.

What though the road be rough, the body have burden. When twilight ebbs, eternity dawns. A perfect picture is made of His parts, and that's the way we would want them . . . just like that, if we viewed them from over there.

There is much to learn of this wonderful God and His Son. In the ages to come, He will be revealing His kindness. How our happiness will glow, beam and fill. What a beautiful thought, like a dream, is happiness and full satisfaction. On on on, never stopping! Now He gives so much that is so necessary. Let us remember, it is tailored of Him who is perfect in knowledge.

"To all that be in Rome, beloved of God, called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ." What a privilege to set in His place.

With such, can we not head into the path of this day with confidence, heed the desire of Him who is so wondrous, and have His victory, with our listening?

Obedience in faith . . . our pathway of God.