



The heavens are thine, the earth also is thine: as for the world and the fulness thereof, thou hast founded them.

The north and the south thou hast created them: Tabor and Hermon shall rejoice in thy name.

Thou hast a mighty arm:

strong is thy hand, and high is thy right hand.

Justice and judgment are the habitation of thy throne: mercy and truth shall go before thy face.

Blessed is the people that know the joyful sound: they shall walk, O LORD, in the light of thy countenance.

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

THE SILVER LINING

A LIGHT for BELIEVERS

Bro. Ed. Souder recorded some very shining words, spoken by Bro. John Baumgartner. Ed requested of him, Remember what you said when you die: . . . **The . . . my greatest thought is that I will wait my turn to get to the Saviour.** John would like to have a talk with Him . . . see the nail prints in His hand . . . the smile on His face. "That is my greatest ambition" . . . He will be happy to take his turn to get up to Him . . . Not too long after this desire was spoken, Bro. John went to be with the Lord.

MOTHER'S GRAY MUFFLER

Bro. John Baumgartner,

from the book

The First Hundred Years

Remembering so well as it were yesterday, When as a boy and liked to play; But one chore I had was a certain thing; The cows from the forty I had to bring Home to the stable, was an evening chore, But was too small to do much more.	One cold winter day when almost zero, A beggar came trodding hardly able to go, He came on the porch, knocked on the door, Rushing inside, he put his bags on floor, Opening the oven door of the old wood range, Almost huddled in it, he looked so strange.	Several years went by; did he pass away? No! he came back again at the close of a day. He came round the house from the dusty road, Coming up on the porch he put down his load. He reached in his coat with a smile on his face, Pulled out the gray muffler, like a fine piece of lace.
Nearing our home, could see the school; Sitting on the steps, how nice and cool, Was a beggar sunning, spending his time, To come to our home at supper- time; He knew the time that the bell would ring, So away he would come, the poor old thing.	Out came the coffee pot filled to the brim. Mother knew that one cup would never fill him! Meat, bread and cheese with butter so yellow— Knew it would take much to fill this old fellow! He ate like a thrasher; it must have tasted good! She showed real kindness the best that she could.	He said that the muffler he only did wear, On special occasions for fear it would tear. The beggar doesn't come to knock at our door; The poor shoes and old coat we don't see anymore, But the poor and needy can always be found, Or some hungry children, if we just look around.
They seem to know where the pasture was green, Where the food was plenty, and kind people were seen. To feed a beggar was quite a chore They ate like they hadn't eaten the day before. If the bowls and platters empty would be, Milk and bread how good, was always plenty and free.	His coat it was shabby; he looked like a wreck. His shirt didn't fit, very loose at the neck, So as he got ready to pick up his load, Mother got the gray muffler to wear for the road. Around his neck neatly the gray muffler she tied, And for her kindness—he almost cried.	It's not what we have or how much we spend; It's what we give away that will count in the end. The oil in our vessel is gathered drop by drop. When we end our last mile, only then can we stop, So cast your bread upon the water, for kindness does pay; It will come back to you in a won- derful way.

EDITORIAL

OUR APOSTOLIC CHRISTIANS

(Submitted by Bro. Martin Kipfer R. R. 4, Bluffton. This appeared in the Decatur, Ind. newspaper.)

A beautiful, 300-page book. "The First One Hundred Years . . . 1870-1970", the history of the Apostolic Christian Church of Route 4, Bluffton, on the Adams-Wells county line by French township, has been printed and distributed.

It is a beautiful book, and a fitting tribute to the earthly memory of John H. Baumgartner, the late author and compiler of the book.

This book includes not only the history of all of the early members of the church, but explains the

church itself, its history, customs and meaning. Some of Adams County's finest citizens are members of this church, and related families.

A copy is being placed in the Decatur library, and is already found in the Berne and Geneva li-

braries. It is well worth reading, being valuable to genealogists and those just interested in our neighbors and their story.

The Apostolic Christian Churches of America have, according to the 1970 church book, approximately 75 churches, 8,955 members, 80 Sabbath or Sunday Schools, with a total enrollment of 8,085. They have 216 ordained clergy.

They firmly believe the teaching of their group to be a continuation of the teaching of Jesus Christ, the apostles and of H. Samuel Frohlich, an important early minister of the faith.

Elders, chosen by the local church, preach, hear confessions, give guidance to converts, direct the unconverted, baptize, laying on of hands after baptism, perform marriages, and serve communion. The church also has ministers who

preach the gospel and visit the sick and afflicted, and handle the charity fund.

The church maintains no schools, seminaries or universities. The ministry and eldership serve without pay, do not study or prepare sermons, but simply meditate on a portion of scripture from the Bible. They rely on the Holy Spirit.

Oaths are not sworn, members merely affirming when asked.

The book goes on to explain many of the customs of the church, which we do not wish to attempt to paraphrase for fear of distorting the meaning.

The history of the various families . . . quite a few of them . . . and with references to many others, is particularly interesting, recounting many cross-Atlantic trips from Switzerland, the problems of the 19th century, and the growth of the local congregation.

We strongly urge all interested in this county to read the book and gain a greater appreciation of the contribution made by these industrious farm families, and their fine Christian morality and customs.

We encourage any of our members who are considering travelling to the Northwest to arrange your visit to include our Canadian members in Saskatchewan, Contact Bro. Keith Shipley, Ste 2-831 Empress St, Regina Sask., or Bro. George Nesbitt, Holdfast Sask. They will be delighted to have you stop. They meet Sundays, 2 p.m., on the third Sunday of each month. One of our ministers plans to visit them on such occasions. Meetings are held at the Westward Motel in Regina. Any other information desired, contact Noah Schrock, 2925 Sunnyside Ave., Burlington Iowa 52601.

ATTENTION: The Chicago congregation will soon be moving to our new church. We would like to extend a special invitation to anyone living in the Chicago area who has ties to the Apostolic Christian Church to worship with us. Please send names, addresses and phone numbers of persons who may be interested in obtaining more information to: Dr. and Mrs. Boyd Metzger, 1337 High Point Lane, Northbrook Ill 60062.

Many of the student addresses will be pulled before the June mailing. If you are in school through the summer and would want to continue receiving **The Silver Lining**, tell your reporter, or write, Box 167, Grabill Ind. 46741. Is there someone who would enjoy the Silver Lining? Would a child of yours read these precious pages if he received them?

WICHITA

George Lambert

The passing of Sis. Marie Riedel completed another milestone in the history of the first Apostolic Christian Church members that settled in Wichita more than a half century ago. Marie with her husband, John Riedel moved here in 1911 and the Lambert family in 1916. A bond of friendship that was to last thru the years welded us together as few can understand. Marie found her Saviour while living here in Wich-

ita, and was respected and loved by everyone that learned to know her.

Her passing was not unexpected, as she has been failing in health for years, but always had a ready smile when visitors came to see her in the Home in Kiowa. She could not understand why she could not go home to be with the Lord, instead of just waiting and waiting to be called. With it all she had such patience and love for everyone. She was like a mother to some of us who had known her for some 56 years, and the memory of her parting will not pass easily. She would so often speak of her love for the Lord, and the tears would flow freely. She truly was a saint, and loved by young and old alike. We will miss visiting her at the Home for the aged in Kiowa.

The lamp of faith she carried some day will shine again in the glorified new heaven and earth, where God shall wipe away all tears, where there will be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, no more pain, for the former things will have passed away.

We were very happy to have Bro. Noah Schrock with us again. His timely message was appreciated. To many of us the thought came to mind, perhaps this will be the last time we will see him this side of heaven. Bro. Joe Schrock brought a wonderful message out of God's word, and again we appreciated it very much. Bro. Harvey Heiniger

from Oakville, with Elder Bro. George Yergler were with us also for evening services and their message to the congregation was a blessing. We want to thank them all for coming.

On March 14 the following churches were represented at our semi-annual World Relief work at Newton: Wichita, Burlington, Ft. Scott, Lamont, Lamar, and Gridley. The total representing these six churches was 43, and the fellowship was indeed wonderful. The working center had been changed, a more efficient work center so that with less effort we were able to bail 55 bales of clothing, yard goods, new sheets, towels and even hospital items to be shipped around the world to the needy. We were glad

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that we could share this work. We will be looking forward to our next meeting together.

We in Wichita are looking forward to the moving of Joe and Sis. Kathleen Galatin and their two daughters from their present home in Emporia, to Wichita where they will be in business for themselves. We certainly welcome them as one of us, and hope they will enjoy our fellowship.

IOWA CITY

Patty Stoller — Beverly Mogler

Where will you spend eternity? This question comes to you and me! Tell me, what shall your answer be? Where will you spend eternity?

This was the question brought to us by our Ministering Bros. Harvey Heiniger, Albert Wuthrich and John Steiner. What we do in this life will determine the answer. One of the first steps in gaining the hope of eternal life is to repent and be converted. We were also taught that not only do we need to serve God in truth and spirit, but we also have a duty to show our love toward one another, for in serving our brother, we are actually serving our Heavenly Father.

Announcement was made of the engagement of Sis. Jane Weigand and Bro. Ron Schmidgal. We wish them God's blessings as they take this important step.

After a short stay in the hospital Brian, son of Sis. Edie and Bro. Gary Anliker, is home and feeling well.

TUCSON

Mrs. Loren Knapp

As spring approaches in our valley, the temperatures soar way above normal, with rainfall much below normal. If it be the Lord's will, we should have some moisture in the near future.

Many visitors have blessed our congregation, with visiting ministers, Elder Bro. Noah Bauman of Rittman and Bro. Richard Schupbach of Phoenix.

Bro. Jack Sutter wishes to offer his sincere thanks for the prayers and acts of kindness shown to him while he was in the hospital and since his return home. Bro. Jack's health seems to be improving toward a full recovery. We thank the Lord for this.

Remembering what the Lord told

Paul—"My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me."

SARASOTA

Beverly Maibach

How uplifting it is amidst physical ailments and misfortunes, to find strength for our soul and body, as we pause to nourish our lives with prayer and meditation. We are so thankful to have Sis. Helen Baumgartner (Milford) well on the road to recovery and back with us in church, after being hospitalized for major surgery. Recuperating and slowly recovering are Sis. Lorene Maibach (Detroit), from an ankle injury, and Sis. Ferne Wingeier (Alto), after not feeling well for some time. How thankful we should be to not only have a Saviour to whom we can turn for our strength, but also for the prayers offered on behalf of those in need. Let us never take for granted the privilege of prayer.

We are so happy to be blest again with the presence of visiting ministering servants and shepherds. We were inspired with the gospel messages of Bro. Daryl Klopfenstein (Ft. Lauderdale), Bro. Jess Schrock (Congerville), Elder Bro. John Bahler (Rockville) and Bro. Corwin Bahler (Rockville).

We were saddened by the passing of Sis. Lillian Meister from Peoria. It is truly a comfort to believe that in finishing her sojourn on this earth, she can now begin an eternity of bliss in the presence of her Lord. Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to her dear husband, Bro. David Meister and their family and grandchildren. May the Lord in His lovingkindness grant them comfort and strength in their loss.

Our annual business meeting was held prior to midweek services, and was conducted by Elders, Bro. John Bahler and Bro. Ben Maibach. This year marks the 15th anniversary of the brethren congregating in the Sarasota area. God has blessed us so bountifully, and we are truly thankful for those who are so faithful in their concern and love for the welfare of establishing a church here. May it be God's good will to add the increase.

With spring in the air, many who have resided here during the winter months are now beginning to

leave for their homes up North. In travelling homeward, it is our prayer that God will guide and protect them in their travels and Lord willing, we look forward to seeing them again next year.

TOLEDO

Lydia Meister

"Rejoice in the Lord . . . and again I say, rejoice." This has been the season of rejoicing and meditating on the resurrection of our dear Redeemer.

New life is springing up all about us, the trees and shrubs budding, the bulbs showing forth their tender green leaves. The very air seems vibrant with new life. So is the soul of man given new life through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. St. John 1:4 tells us, "In him was life; and the life was the light of men."

The Easter Program by the Sunday School Classes was lovely. The recitations and songs brought many messages of our Lord's love and sacrifice.

It is good to have the Rager sisters worship with us again, after weeks spent in nursing Sis. Lena's broken ankle.

Sis. Priscilla Rehklaue left us March 29. Funeral services were March 31 at the church in Junction. Sis. Priscilla lived in Toledo about 5 years, coming from Paulding. She leaves her sister, Lydia, who is 94 years old. Let us all remember Sis. Lydia in our prayers, for she is very lonely. Priscilla loved hearing our hymns and often joined in the singing. She was a faithful disciple of our Lord through many of her 89 years.

Jesus lives! Henceforth is death,
But the gate to Life immortal.

AMES

Charlen Banwart

The return of spring causes us to pause in wonderment at the beauties of God's creation. We were thankful to have a short spring vacation, to spend Easter with our families at our home congregations. May we strive to remember our Lord's death and resurrection each day of the year.

Bro. Eddie Lanz of Oakville ministered to us at our March meeting. He reminded us of the Scriptural directive to **Seek thy Creator in the days of thy youth**. We rejoice with the angels in heaven that one more

of our group has heeded this call. Beverly Grimm, daughter of Bro. Mark and Sis. Margaret Grimm of Oakville, has turned to the Lord in repentance. We wish her God's grace and blessings in the days ahead.

Sis. Kay Knobloch of Lester has completed her medical internship in Des Moines and returned to her home community. In a small group such as ours, we truly appreciate the contribution each member and friend makes. We have appreciated her fellowship with us and wish her God's blessings.

The engagement of Bro. Ron Schmidgall and Sis. Jane Wiegand, both of Oakville, was announced. Ron attends school here at Iowa State, and we look forward to welcoming Jane next fall. We are thankful the Lord is leading several young couples to establish homes here and pray His presence may be felt by all.

CONGERVILLE

Norma Stahl — Linda Knapp

**My Lord, an offering do I bring,
My heart I give to thee. I gladly
give this heart of mine Which Thou
dost ask of me.** We were privileged to hear the testimony and witness the baptism of our new brother-in-faith, Dennis Knapp. We welcome him into the fold and pray that God will give him sufficient grace for each day.

Millie (Dick) Honeg was hospitalized, due to some very bad burns, Sis. Esther (Merion) Miller for surgery, and Bro. Harold Schieber for tests. Jenny Schrock, daughter of Bro. Steve and Sis. Gerry Schrock, had the misfortune of breaking an arm. All are home and feeling much better, and we can certainly see that the real healing power comes from above.

Trista Brooke has arrived in the home of Bro. Steve and Sis. Bonnie Gerst. She was born on March 23 and is welcomed home by her sister, Tiffany. May God help them, and each of us, to raise our children according to his will . . . for we do look to them for our future church.

Our visiting ministers were Joshua Broquard, Fairbury; Leo Moser, Lester; Albert Aberle, Tremont; Henry Grimm, Morton; Robert Grimm, Goodfield; LeRoy Huber, Eureka. They have our heartfelt thanks for coming and sowing the good and holy word. We were reminded that Satan doesn't enter

our lives all at once. He just picks at us a little at a time, until it is too late. Let us not be negligent, but always stay as close to our Lord and Saviour as possible.

Tho't: Hold still to His Will

Thank You: I wish to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, gifts, flowers and visits, while I was in the hospital and since returning home. God bless you; your kindness will long be remembered. Sis. Esther (Merion) Miller.

GRIDLEY, KANSAS

Edna Somerhalder—Wilma Young

We enjoyed a blessed week-end the 11th and 12th, when five friends brought their testimonies of faith and were baptized. Elder Bro. Gene Marti and Bro. Elias Somerhalder assisted our elder, Bro. Samuel Anliker with the provings and baptisms. We welcome our new sisters in faith: Vola Young, Janiece Isch, and Marilyn Owens, all daughters of Sis. Wilma and Junior Young; Donna Lu and Sarah Lee Somerhalder, daughters of Bro. Joseph and Sis. Edna. May they ever remember the joy the true repentance brought, and never be ashamed to live for Jesus.

We rejoice that our friend, Rose Ann Schesser turned her back to the world to follow Jesus. She is the daughter of Bro. Loren and Sis. Liseten Strahm. May she find grace and joy in her new walk of life.

Visiting ministers: Bros. Carl Hartman, Lester Braker, Charles Marti, Al Langhofer, Roy Wernli, and Samuel Huber. Elder Bro. Roy Farney and Bro. Raymond Roth spent Wednesday evening with us . . . had been several years since Bro. Roy last visited us; we appreciated the timely warnings he shared.

Midweek services will be discontinued during the summer months.

Last month's hospital patients were dismissed. Tammy Isch, 10-month daughter of Sis. Janiece and Dale Isch, was again hospitalized, a week for double pneumonia, and is again with us. Hoyt McCurry submitted to surgery to regulate the pacemaker that was installed; he's home, doing fine.

A day of fellowship was enjoyed at Newton, when 45 members and friends from six of our churches assembled to assort, mend and pack clothing for the World Relief.

Bro. Lloyd and Sis. Nadine Kraft had a farewell singing for Bro. Mar-

tin and Sis. Karen Beyer. They are now living in Sabetha, where Bro. Martin is employed at Wenger Inc.

NEUHUTTEN, GERMANY

Beirne Messner Marvin Dotterer

"And so, farewell to you, beloved brother, As now we part and say our fond **farewell!** Should we again be meeting one another, then may we find that in you still doth dwell the love of Christ, that first and dearest treasure, that always fills our hearts with grateful pleasure."

We have again experienced giving the farewell greetings to brothers of like mind and faith and friends of the truth. Those whose tour of duty is over and who have returned to the States are Bro. Roger and Sis. Elaine Witzig, Friend Bob Witzig, Bro. Dave Graf, Bro. Jon Zeller, Friend Jake Bogner, and Friend Dave Klopfenstein. We enjoyed their fellowship, but are also happy that they can return home to loved ones.

The Lord has blessed us with a mild winter, and now we are enjoying spring weather and its blossoms. May we be thankful for all of God's blessings, the storms and rains of life, as well as the sunny and bright.

PEORIA

Emily Tanner

Mrs. Michael Weyeneth

We welcome eight more dear souls into the fold as newborn babes in Christ. Ron Herman, son of Bro. Noah and Sis. Lorraine Herman of Tucson . . . husband of Sis. Mary Ann Sutter Herman; Diane Meister, daughter of Bro. Paul and Sis. Rhoda Meister; Rachel Meier, daughter of Bro. Francis and Sis. Dorothy Meier; Becky Unsicker, daughter of Bro. Mel and Sis. Carolee Unsicker. Bro. Ed Hohulin assisted our Bros. Roy Sauder and Chuck Hemmer March 11 and 12 for the provings and baptisms of these four precious souls. On April 1 we were privileged to hear the testimonies of Joe Hoerr, son of Bro. Joe and Sis. Wilma Hoerr; Mark Hoerr, son of Bro. Don and Sis. Velma Hoerr; Jack Hoerr, son of Bro. John and Sis. Dorothy Hoerr; and Bob Hoerr, son of Bro. Max and Sis. Katheryn Hoerr. Bro. Lester Hartter from Bern assisted our brothers in the provings and baptisms on Easter. We also thank the other visiting ministers for their labors of love too, Bros. Noah

Herman, Ben Fehr, Clarence Kachelmuss, Edmund Kloter, Harvey Grimm, and Elmer Bucher.

We enjoyed having some of the Taylor folks spend the day with us on March 12. In the evening, more of the brethren joined us at the church for supper and Hymn Sing. We enjoyed their special selection of hymns and especially enjoyed hearing the one written by Bro. Edward Grimm many years ago, "The Little White Church on the Levee."

Our congregation feels very blest & is so thankful to have Bros. Roy Sauder and Chuck Hemmer, who serve us so faithfully and graciously. On Palm Sunday we could partake of the blessed sacrament of Holy Communion. It is truly a blessing to partake of the bread, Christ's body which is broken for us; the cup, which is the new testament in His blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of the Lord's death. In the evening, the dear Sunday School children presented their Easter program in verse and song.

Seven more dear friends have repented and are awaiting the opportunity to testify of their faith. They are Joanne Hemmer, daughter of Bro. Chuck and Sis. Marian Hemmer; Bro. Joe and Sis. Lucille Herman; Mary Sue Rieker, daughter of Fred and Sis. Norma Rieker; Ann See, daughter of Bill and Erma See; Susan Hoerr, daughter of Bro. Joe and Sis. Wilma Hoerr; Susan Hoerr, daughter of Bro. Wilbur and Sis. Eldora Hoerr; and Christine Hunziker, daughter of Bro. Dale and Sis. Barbara Hunziker.

On Easter, we had two wedding engagements announced. Sis. Carol Meiss, daughter of Bro. Harold and Sis. Ann Meiss from Morris to Bro. Ron Kellenberger, son of Bro. Eugene and Sis. Velma Kellenberger; and Sis. Sandy Pfaffmann, daughter of Ernest and Ida Pfaffmann, to Bro. Ken Fehr, son of Bro. Ernest and Sis. Mary Fehr of Eureka. Bob and Irene Weyeneth announced the engagement of their daughter, Beth Kay, to John Raymond Peterson, son of the Vernon Petersons of Ft Wayne, formerly of Peoria. A June 10 wedding is planned. We wish these dear ones much happiness and may the Lord bless them.

Bro. Jake and Sis. Dorothy Schneider observed their 50th wedding anniversary April 2.

Bro. Bill Cottrell from Eureka is

the new administrator at our Church Home on Skyline Drive.

Funeral services were held at Wilton Mortuary for Roy E. Worthington, 58, and burial in A. C. Church cemetery at Princeville. He was born in Pendleton, Oregon and moved to Peoria this past year. He married Rose M. Feucht in Vancouver, Wash. Surviving are his widow; his mother of Vancouver, Wash; and one daughter, Miss Dorene Dee Worthington of Peoria.

Sis. Lillian Meister, 76, died in Manatee Hospital, Bradenton, Fla. March 17. Lillian was born June 4, 1895, a daughter of John P. and Amelia Miller Kaufman and was married to David W. Meister Sr. in Chicago, Dec. 24, 1922. Surviving are her husband; four sons, Bros. David W. Jr., Edward L., Paul E., and Walter H. Meister, all of Peoria; one daughter, Mrs. Janet L. Wolfe, of Peoria; two sisters, Miss Ida Kaufman of Peoria and Mrs. Margaret Parsons of Atlanta, Ga.; three brothers, James of Oak Brook, John of Kankakee, and Conrad Kaufman of Peoria.

Sis. Bertha Peters, 92, died April 2 at St. Francis Hospital, where she was a patient a few days. Born in Switzerland, she was a daughter of Karl and Elizabeth Eglin Schmid. She was married to Henry Peters in Mackinaw Dells, December 1902. He died in Rensselaer, Ind. Sept. 21, 1933. Surviving are two daughters, Sis. Martha Peters, who lived at home with her mother and cared for her since she has been in failing health, and Mrs. Marie G. Billerbeck, both of Peoria; three sons, Ernest R. of Peoria, Herman H. of Brook, Ind., and Clarence E. Peters of Morton; one sister, Sis. Elsie Landes of Morton. We will miss both of these dear sisters-in-faith.

Hospital patients, but home now recuperating are Bro. Jess Leman, Sisters Norman Pfaffmann and Sharon Herman. Sis. Martha Lambert is confined to her home; we miss seeing her friendly smile in our assembly. Our friend, Lawrence Merkle is a hospital patient.

PRINCEVILLE, ILLINOIS

Ruth Ricketts

"... I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth..." We were privileged to have several ministering brothers visit us, for which we are truly thankful, having received

many blessings. The gospel of Christ was proclaimed in humbleness and sincerity; the invitation to repentance freely given, and kindly exhortations given to believers.

We were pleasantly surprised to have Bro. LeRoy Huber spend a Sunday with us early in March. Bro. LeRoy so clearly brought out how the early believers were given the gift of the Holy Spirit, were all of one mind and body, and were so willing to bring their possessions.

Each were on the same level and all had love for each other, not wishing to have more than his brother. We too should all strive harder to be of one heart and mind and as one body serve the Lord in love. We should never hold back anything that would be injurious, as Ananias and Sapphira. We thank Bro. LeRoy and also the other visitors who were present and took part in the song service, prayer, and in Sunday School.

On March 19, Bros. Charles Sauder of Tremont and Charles Hemmer of Peoria were our guest ministers; again our cups were filled to overflowing. We heard much of the second coming of Christ. Perhaps the time for the Rapture of the Church and Tribulation period is much closer than we realize. Where will we stand? How fortunate we are to have young brothers who are willing to minister and are able to deliver such stirring messages.

The following Sunday, Bro. Noah Schrock spent the day with us, and it too was a most blessed day. Following regular services, a goodly number partook of the Lord's Supper in all quietness and solemnity, in commemoration of His suffering and death for us all. "For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death mer; Myrna Herman, daughter of till He come." How wonderful that God gives strength to our brothers who must perform such solemn duties, and thankful too that two of our dear members who have been absent from our assembly for sometime could be with us and partake. Sis. Josephine Endress & Bro. Ray Martin were with us. This solemn act does indeed renew and strengthen our love for each other and binds us closer again. We thank Bro. Noah for his services.

We were thankful to have many friends gather with us for services Good Friday evening and again on Easter. Many precious teachings

were brought out. How wonderful it would be if all present could have that firm hope and assurance of a heavenly reward. Here already we experience so many blessings. We owe the Lord so much, as He did so much for all of us.

Bro. Edwin and Sis. Carol (Knobloch) Baurer are the parents of a daughter, born March 30. Jill Rachael was welcomed home by Cynthia, Renee, and Phil. Her grandparents are Bro. John and Sis. Louise Baurer of Princeville and Bro. Clarence and Sis. Emma Knobloch of Bradford; great-grandfather, Ernest Knobloch of Lester.

PURDUE UNIVERSITY

Norma Schini — Lois Kipfer

He suffered, bled and died on the cross for us, but now HE is risen and has ascended into heaven, there to intercede for us. Yes, this is the triumphant news we have been reminded of, as another Easter season has come and gone. Let us not let this season of rebirth pass by without it creating in us a stronger desire to live the good life of faith and love, so we may truly have life more abundantly. Let us take heed to the message in the beautiful Psalm 100 . . . " . . . Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name. For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations."

On March 22, we were richly blessed through the message given by Bro. Ken Honegger of the Ft. Wayne congregation. We had a very good turnout that evening, and we certainly all could feel God's presence and blessing upon us. We thank the brother for coming and all those who came with him for their support of our services.

We extend our congratulations and best wishes to our dear Sis. Carol Schieler, whose engagement was announced to Bro. Phil Gutwein. She is the daughter of Bro. and Sis. Harold and Marie Schieler of Remington. He is the son of Bro. and Sis. Carl and Mary Gutwein of Francesville. May God's richest blessings go with them.

We rejoice with our sisters in faith, Sis. Jean and Jane Leman, and wish them God's guidance, grace, and understanding in their Christian walk of life. They are the daughters of Bro. and Sis. Richard and Edna Leman of Remington.

WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

Mary Lynn Unsicker

On March 1, Elder Bro. Dave Kieser ministered to us from Acts 3. This chapter contains a parable of a lame man, who by God's power was made to walk. The man was so joyous when he could walk, and he knew the only way he could display his thankfulness was to appear before the masses of people who saw him sit day after day. This would be a sign of the great works of the Lord. We, as children of God, must show our thanks to God by living an upright life before the unbelieving. God has performed a great work in us.

Softly and tenderly, Jesus still calls—will you let him into your heart? Then you, too, can rejoice in your walk of life with Him.

Our next Bible Study will be held May 3, if God wills.

AKRON Katherine Ries

It was a cloudy, cold morning. A blanket of snow had fallen during the night. As we looked from our window, the crocus were visible in the snow, Lavender, White, Orange-Yellow; the sprouts of the Hyacinths, Daffodils, and Narcissus were a bright green, showing an inch and a half above the snow. Spring was stirring; new life was asserting itself. It was Easter morn in Northern Ohio, and we were making ready to commemorate the resurrection of our Lord. It was the beginning of a most blessed day.

Many visitors, both members and friends, met with us and enjoyed the services in which we were reminded of the events leading to the death of our Saviour, His suffering, His crucifixion, the laying away of His body in a sealed tomb, the resurrection. Our ministers pointed out, these truths are well-known and are a source of great comfort to many . . . But to receive the benefit of His great sacrifice, we are duty bound to live according to His teachings and to be reconciled with God.

In the evening, the congregation was joined by the Sunday School classes, who presented an excellent program, showing their love for the Lord, singing hymns. We wish to thank the teachers and the students for their efforts. With the additional voices of the visitors and friends of the day, we experienced a truly

joyful, heart-warming evening. It was a blessed day . . .

We wish to acknowledge the visit and thank Bro. Edward Aeschleman of Union City for the message he brought.

We rejoice as we assemble again with those who have been absent for long periods of time. It is good to have Bro. Paul and Sis. Rose Pamer back, and Sis. Marie Ritzman, who was hospitalized for several weeks. Baby Christina, daughter of John and Margaret (Graf) Gallagher was hospitalized for pneumonia for almost a week, is now home and doing well. Friend Fred Burr is still hospitalized. Helen says he is getting along better. Bro. Stanley and Ann Francis are still on the sick list. Friend Richard Messner underwent surgery at City Hospital April 4. He expects to be home in ten days, at 714 Orlando Ave, Akron O 44320.

ALTO Joyleen Blough

"He casteth forth his ice . . ."

On March 6 and 7 we had an ice storm, which caused many large branches and wires to break, due to the accumulation of nearly an inch of ice on them. Many of our families were without electricity and telephones several days. The following was written by a local resident after our ice storm:

"Yesterday evening the electricity went off, and as we sat down to the cold evening meal, and bowed our heads in thanksgiving, it occurred to me that it was sometime since I thanked the Lord for electricity. We had appreciated the heating and cooling equipment, and all the handy gadgets; but all those things were useless now, without "electricity." We had no lights, no heat or water. So we lit a few candles and sat around until the house got cold, and we put on more covers and went to bed . . .

But you know for over 5,000 years people lived without a single electric accessory and didn't miss them. Last night would have been a normal evening for them, with their arrangement.

How like that it is when one is used to living for the Lord, and having peace, and hope within, and help and counsel available constantly, and an unerring reference book handy for every occasion. Those that are not used to a life like that don't realize what they are missing.

Folks have died, rather than give up living for Christ."

Several of our children have had the mumps and chicken pox. One child who had had the mumps was heard to remark, "If you have the bumps, you can't go to church." To him not being able to go to church was quite a punishment. Is it like that for you when you are not able to attend church?

BLOOMINGTON-NORMAL Virgil and Shirley Funk

Our Easter program was held on Good Friday evening. It is always inspiring to observe innocent little children speak and sing about the Lord Jesus.

We extend our sincere sympathy to Bro. John and Sis. Rose Huette, in the passing of Sis. Rose's father, Bro. Carl Aberle from Fairbury.

As we were unable to rent the Mennonite Church on Feb. 20, a single service was held at the Adlai Stevenson Elementary School, 2106 Arrow Head Drive. It is becoming a common practice to use this facility on such occasions. Singing commences at 10:15 a.m. and services at 10:30 a.m. We welcome the following families to our congregation: Bro. Charles and Sis. Marie Kieser, along with their two children from Bradford . . . Bro. Ronald and Sis. Kayline Heiniger from Bloomington, Indiana.

What Have You Suffered?

I saw in a dream that I was in the Celestial City, though when and how I got there I could not tell. I was one of a great multitude which no man could number, from all countries, peoples, times and ages. Somehow I found that the saint who stood next to me had been in Heaven more than 1680 years.

"Who are you?" I said to him. (We both spoke the language of heavenly Canaan, so that I understood him, and he me.)

"I," said he, "was a Roman Christian; I lived in the days of the Apostle Paul. I was one of those who died in Nero's persecutions. I was covered with pitch, fastened to a stake and set on fire to light up Nero's garden."

"How awful!" I exclaimed.

"No," he said, "I was glad to do something for Jesus. He died on the cross for me."

The man on the other side then

spoke: "I have been in Heaven only a few hundred years. I came from an island in the South Seas. A missionary came and told me about Jesus, and I too learned to love Him. My fellow-countrymen killed the missionary, and they caught and bound me. I was beaten until I fainted, and they thought I was dead, but I revived. The next day they knocked me on the head, cooked me and ate me."

"How terrible!" I said.

"No," he answered, "I was glad to die as a Christian. You see, the missionaries had told me that Jesus was scourged and crowned with thorns for me."

Then they both turned to me and said, "What did you suffer for Him? Or did you sell what you had for the money which sent men to tell the heathen about Jesus?"

And I was speechless. And while they both were looking at me with sorrowful eyes, I awoke, and it was a dream! But I lay on my soft bed awake for hours, thinking of the money I had wasted on my own pleasures; of my extra clothing, costly car, and many luxuries; and I realized that I did not know what the words of Jesus meant:

"If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me."

DETROIT

Bonnie Popp — Linda Shaw

Ofttimes it is when we truly count our blessings one by one that we are most humbled and close to the Lord in prayer. It must be pleasing to our Heavenly Father when we come to Him with tears of gladness and thanksgiving, not just in sorrow and despair.

We share in the happiness of Joe and Donna Weber and Sis. Lucile Maibach in having son and grandson, Keith, home on leave. Keith had been stationed in Turkey, and received his new assignment in the States.

We are glad to have Sis. Lucile Maibach back with us, after spending a few of the winter months in Sarasota.

The week-end of March 4 was spent in fellowship with a number of visitors from Bluffton. How truly blest is the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love. Our visitors joined us in singing at some of our local homes for the aged. One and all found it a blessing.

Are you lonely, O my brother?
Share your little with another!
Stretch a hand to one unfriended,
And your loneliness is ended.

Sis. Ruth Gudeman had minor surgery and is feeling well and assembling with us again.

. . . With signs of spring peeking through . . . may we all find time to ponder on the handiwork of God and the wonderful plan of salvation.

FAIRBURY Joyce Huber

For the important occasion commemorating the crucifixion and resurrection at Easter-time, the Sunday School classes presented an inspiring program on Palm Sunday, telling the Easter story.

We were happy to have visiting ministers: Bro. Leo Moser, Bro. Noah Gerber, Bro. Walter Rehklau, Bro. John Steiner.

Our Elder Bro. Josh Broquard's wife, Sis. Marie had surgery. We are glad she is home recovering. Sis. Lydia Wiedman was hospitalized, and is home again. Sis. Mary Koehl was able to leave the hospital to make her home at Fairview Haven.

Our sympathy goes to Bro. Eli and Sis. Bertha Moser, as their 7-year-old grandson, "Robbie" Moser, drowned as he chased a rabbit onto snow-covered ice, which broke through at his parents' Wee Villa Resort, Fergus Falls Minnesota. Surviving are his parents, Robert and Edna Mae Germann Moser; his sister, Mary Alice; and his grandparents, Bro. and Sis. Eli Moser. It was Mary Alice who alerted her parents that two of four boys had fallen into the lake. At the time of the funeral, Bro. Eli was in the hospital, having had surgery, but a number of relatives attended.

LA CROSSE

Pearl Nuest — Gwen Bucher

Think what great honor and glory the Lord then will render Him who from childhood and till his last years did surrender all to the Lord; Even old age will accord crowns of God's mercy so tender.

Our Sunday School was host for Youth Fellowship Day March 19, with Francesville co-host. The invitation to come was sounded loud and clear by the inspiration of God through our visiting ministers, Bros. Gene Lehman (Wolcott) and Earl Kilgus (Remington). We

heard: The path of hell is paved with good intentions, not today but tomorrow."

Anew, Lord, we are bound to Thee through Thy blest sacrament, which we partook, that joined in heart and hand to Zion's realm and holy land we journey on. We were all richly blessed on Palm Sunday, when we commemorated the Lord's Supper, which was served to us by Elder Bros. George Yergler and Ed Frank. We also enjoyed a program of verse and song, reminding us of the Lord's suffering and death on the cross, which paid the price for the sins of the whole world.

In my Saviour's resurrection there is comfort; I am blest. In His life my hopes renewing; In His love my soul shall rest. Everything I have in Thee, life and hope and victory.

We are thankful that God has restored Sis. Melva Bucher a reasonable measure of health, that she could worship with us on Easter.

Births: To Dale and Nola Stewart a son, Trevor Allen, born March 13. Grandparents Bro. Doyne and Dorothy, and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Miller. He has one brother and one sister. To Bro. Eugene and Sis. Evelyn Heinold, their first child, Christine Marie, born March 26. Grandparents: Bro. Aaron and Sis. Grace and Sis. Edna Klein (Peoria).

We were saddened by the sudden death of our dear friend, Ernset Mueller, March 20. His friendly smile and warm handclasp will be remembered by all who knew him. **Note of thanks:** Mrs. Anna Holmes, Mrs. Louis Zimmerman, Mrs. Tillie Maier, Mrs. Aline Braun wish to express their thanks for the love, cards, flowers and many kind deeds shown them during the time of their brother's illness and death. Sisters of Ernest Mueller.

PORTLAND Carol Miller

"Does Jesus care when I've tried and failed to resist some temptation strong; When for my deep grief I find no relief, tho' my tears flow all the night long? O yes, He cares; I know He cares; His heart is touched with my grief. When the days are weary, the long nights dreary, I know my Saviour cares." When we think of how very much our Saviour has done for us, even in humbling Himself to the death of the cross, it pains us to think how often

we come short in serving Him out of a sincere heart with true devotion. How comforting and uplifting it is to know He will always remain faithful and is ever nigh unto the repentant and humble heart.

Bro. Ray and Sis. Margaret Banwart have moved to a new location, at 5059 S. E. Bybee Blvd. Their phone number is 775-8007. We wish them well in their new residency.

For the sake of convenience, our assembly time was moved from 10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. last Sunday, a week before Easter. We were privileged to have Bro. Clarence Dietrich from Silverton ministering in the afternoon. He read to us John's account of our Lord's trial and crucifixion. Although He was reviled, mocked, and falsely accused, Christ opened not His mouth. Pilate marveled at His silence. Indeed, as the apostle wrote, Christ Jesus witnessed a good confession before Pontius Pilate. Let us consider the beautiful example our Lord has set.

We are so fortunate to have the truth proclaimed among us in this age when deception seems so prevalent. May we always cling to the pure gospel and thank our Saviour often for blessing us so richly.

EUREKA

Cathryn Wettstein
Salome Schumacher

Greetings to all Silver Lining readers!

Our visitors were as follows: Bros. Vernon Schwab—Wolcott, Edwin Bahler—Remington, Noah Gerber—West Bend, Ben Fehr—Roanoke, Everett Hari—Normal, Robert Walder—Congerville.

Sis. Mary Rocke, aged 93, passed away at the "Home" March 21. She had been a resident for more than 5 years. Her husband was John Rocke; he passed away in 1968. Surviving are eight sons, Bro. Ed, Lester, Lawrence, Wilbur of Eureka; Walton, Parnell of Washington; Milton, Orlando, Fla.; Richard, of Geneva, Ill. . . . five daughters, Nettie Knapp, Goodfield; Clara Knapp, Morton; Sis. Ruth Schumacher, Helen Swing, and Wilma Blackmer, all of Eureka. Bro. Leroy Huber had the services on Friday p.m. March 24.

Our folks who have been in the hospital are: Sis. Jane Anliker had her appendix removed and was in Eureka Hospital for two weeks. She is Bro. Walter and Sis. Wilhelmina's daughter. Sis. Aldine Leman

is a patient in Methodist Hospital, where she had undergone surgery. She is Bro. Sam's wife. Sis. Martha Wettstein, my mother, has been in the hospital in Eureka for several weeks. She is Bro. Charles' wife.

Two wedding engagements: March 19, Sis. Dorothy Anliker and Bro. Keith Leman were announced. She is Bro. and Sis. Walter and Wilhelmina's daughter; Keith is Bro. and Sis. Vernon and Viola's son. April 2, Sis. Sandra Pfaffman of Peoria and Bro. Kenneth Fehr were announced. Her parents are Ernie and Ida Pfaffman and his parents are Bro. Ernie and Sis. Mary Fehr.

Another Friend has found it worthwhile to turn from this evil world of sin to her Lord and Saviour in repentance. She is Edith Blunier. Her parents are Henry and Sis. Wilma Blunier.

The annual house cleaning for our house of worship was accomplished the evening of March 27. About 125 sisters and brothers worked together to do this. May God bless all who shared this work.

Palm Sunday baskets of groceries were taken, one by each class in Sunday School to some poor and needy folks here in town. It is meant also as a token of love.

Good Friday evening services were conducted by Bro. Vernon Leman. A good crowd was present to hear how Jesus died and shed His blood for the sins of all people.

John Mogler, son of August and Sis. Inez has returned home from Germany and his duties in the Army.

Note of thanks: I wish to thank everyone for the most welcome prayers, visits, cards, gifts, also food brought in to my family while I was in the hospital. May God bless all for deeds of love. Sis. Marjorie Stoller (Bro. Melvin's wife).

Sis. Lydia Rocke, wife of Bro. Harry, was a patient in Methodist Hospital for surgery, but has now returned home.

ROANOKE

Marilyn Weyeneth—Norene Herbst

It was our privilege to partake of holy communion on Palm Sunday. Bro. Wendell Gudeman (Francesville) was with us to assist Bro. Gene Bertschi. That evening, the Sunday School classes and the Eureka Bible class took part in an Easter program.

Bro. Ralph Hodel, 52, passed away March 22. He had been a hos-

pital patient for four months and had just returned home from St. Louis, Mo., on Sunday, March 19. Funeral and burial services were March 24. He is survived by his wife, Sis. Thelma (Fehr); his mother, Sis. Caroline; two children, Roger and Mrs. Larry (Sharon) Neukomm; five sisters, Sisters Mildred Aeschleman, Melinda Gerber, Norma Bauman, Verda Blunier, Dorothy Schmidgall; four brothers, Bro. Roy, Bro. James, Bro. William and Gerald. His father and a sister preceded him in death.

Mrs. Nettie Weyeneth, 73, passed away March 19, and her funeral was March 22. Her survivors are Mrs. G. F. (Virginia) Small. Mrs. William (Elaine) Ott, Phillip Weyeneth Jr. Her husband, Phillip Sr. preceded her in death.

Those of our congregation who have been hospitalized are Bro. D. B. Hodel Sr., who had a heart attack March 12. Bro. S. J. Weyeneth, and Bro. J. C. Zimmerman, who was home and who has returned to the hospital. Sis. Ida (Sam) Fischer, Sis. Lucille (Lester) Fischer, and Sis. Minnie (Joe) Leman have all been surgical patients.

Bro. Vernon Leman (Eureka) was our visiting minister on Sunday afternoon, March 18.

Doug Fehr and Larry Neukomm have been discharged from the service. Larry, his wife and children have moved to a farm home near Roanoke.

Down, down like easy stairs, If conscience suffers little wrongs, soon larger ones it bears.

ELGIN, IA.

Mrs. George Butikofer

The robins and bluebirds have returned from the southern clime; the lacy foilage of the willows is apparent; our snow has practically disappeared, and so we can again sense the reality of the spring-time season. It is indeed a season of activity, pleasure, and one of hope. May we ever be thankful to our Creator for giving us so many blessings.

We are looking forward to seeing Bro. Huber from Eureka. He plans to visit our church, to assist Bro. Paul (our resident elder) in serving communion.

Sis. Lena Schupbach had the pleasure of friends and relatives dropping in to help her celebrate a birthday. In as much as she has

reached her 93rd milestone, she can furnish us with some early history. She, with her parents, brothers and sisters moved here from Sardis in 1887, when she was eight years old. Her father came here to help in the ministry and to work out a livelihood for him and his family.

Our church at that time had only one minister. He was Bro. Jacob Reugg. After Bro. Reugg passed on, Bro. Wenger assisted Bro. Schupbach; later, Bro. Jacob Gehring, who was my grandfather, was voted in to assist. Next came Bro. Ed Grimm and Bro. Alfred Imhof, then Bro. Emil Moor and Bro. George Metzger. After their passing, Bro. Uriel Gehring and Bro. Weiner Moor worked in the Lord's vineyard, and now we have Bro. Paul & Bro. Bert Butikofer and Bro. Dale Moor. When Sis. Lena and her folks arrived in Elgin, our church building was that of a small, white stone structure. It was about at the turn of the century that a frame addition was built to serve as a place for the Sunday School pupils to assemble. Lena has witnessed many changes during her span of years. God has been good to her. She is physically able to attend church services and do many tasks in her home. She and her neice, Sis. Ruth Schupbach live together in a home which lies real close to our church. One of the real satisfactions in her life has been that of helping in many homes when some one was ill or when a new baby had arrived. May God continue to bless Aunt Lena, as her neices and nephews call her.

Wed. evening marks again the beginning of our regular mid-week meetings. The first Wednesday evening of the month is devoted to a regular church service session; the following three to Bible study hours. During the winter, this schedule is not followed. We welcome visitors to attend our meetings.

We do appreciate our guest ministers. The two most recent ones were Bro. Harvey Grimm from Bern and Bro. Uriel Gehring from Burlington, Ia.

FT SAM HOUSTON Steve Elsasser

The Easter season is past, but the memories of this most sacred commemoration of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ will remain forever. For many of us who

have found the Lord, via the way of the cross, have found this avenue to be the sum and substance (meaning) of our life here on earth. It should be the practice of every believer, that he journey by the way of the cross daily and take inventory, to clean out that which is undesirable in the sight of God and keep our spiritual garments pure. As a peace-striving sinner evaluates the cross and resurrection, he finds a new hope, and if pursued, he will attain peace and hope of eternal life. Without Jesus we are nothing, being even as filthy rags, creating a most foul odor. May we all strive to view the true meaning of Easter in our minds daily, for it is for our own edification.

We were richly blessed as Elder Bro. Herman Kellenberger (Elgin, Ill.) and Bro. Irvin Stoller (Latty) brought us the word in its unadulterated form. We thank you, brethren, for your many efforts and letting yourselves be so freely spent for our sakes.

We have with us Doug Wulf (Morris), who was injured in Viet Nam while on patrol near Da Nang. He is progressing nicely. Doug is thankful that his injuries were no worse and that God spared him so he could return home.

Our hearts are burdened when we see young men return from war, oftentimes being disabled and wonder how we would react if we were them, but we know that all things work for good for those who love God, and that he will carry us through the most difficult of times, if we trust him.

GRIDLEY, ILL.

Dixie Ringger

The waters again are troubled in our congregation, as three dear souls have turned their lives to Jesus Christ. Arthur Schlipf, son of Adam and Lulu; Rick Ringger, son of Bro. Ray and Sis. Nadine; and Curt Witzig, son of Bro. Elmer and Sis. Marjorie have made this important beginning, and we wish them God's grace as they go forward.

Our visiting ministers were Bros. Jim Ringger, Bob Grimm, Marvin Schmidgall, Henry Beer, Russell Rapp and Al Fisher.

We certainly enjoyed and appreciated the efforts of the Mortonaire, as they joined us for our monthly hymn singing. Their singing was an inspiration to us.

Bro. Ray Alt underwent surgery and is improving. May God be his comforter during his convalescence.

KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY Libby Meyer

"Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand."

We were inspired by the many prophecies and revelations which visiting Bro. Joe Schrock related to us through God's word. Surely, the knowledge of these works being fulfilled should help us to watch and pray faithfully for our friends, as well as for the body of Christ.

Bro. Carl Hartman dwelt in St. Matthew for services. It is amazing how much meaning Christ could put into just a few words; each verse is an enlightenment in itself.

Again, we are very grateful to you brethren who have travelled miles to bring us the spiritual manna which we need.

LESTER

Alice Metzger — Paulette Meyer

Along with visitors from various churches, we were blessed on Easter to have Bro. Bert Butikofer in our midst to expound God's precious word. It was an enjoyable and beautiful spring day. However, the next morning we were surprised to find the ground covered with a blanket of heavy snow.

Sometimes spring has to battle to overcome winter, just as we have to battle against Satan and his temptations as we traverse this sod.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the sick. Hospitalized were Sis. Lydia (Jake) Knobloch, Sis. Salome (Albert) Knobloch, Sis. Marge Mogler, and Bro. Emil Metzger.

Two young couples have become engaged. Diane Leuthold, daughter of Bro. Paul and Sis. Betty Jean, is engaged to Dale Stickling, son of Bro. Herman and Sis. Evelyn. Rose Ann Wenger, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Lou Wenger, Sabetha, is engaged to Steve Knobloch, son of Bro. August and Sis. Florence. We wish them happiness in this special time in their lives.

A baby girl, Nancy Jo, was born to Jim and Betty Leuthold. She has one brother. Grandparents are Bro. Art and Sis. Emily Leuthold. Gary and Jean Heyer are parents of their

first child, Ryan Arthur. His grandma is Sis. Iola Knobloch.

We appreciate the visit of Elder Bro. Paul Fehr, who spent a Sunday in our midst. May God reward our elders.

Friends Virgil and Art Metzger and Art's wife, Cris, have found the world had nothing to offer and have turned to the Lord in repentance. Bro. Ernst and Sis. Ella Metzger are parents of the boys and along with them, we ask for God's grace in their behalf. They attend church at Elgin, Illinois, but are so precious to us at Lester.

The ladies of the church served the annual FFA banquet to approximately 300 at our local school. Their efforts were appreciated by school personnel and guests.

Dave Moser, son of Bro. Ade and Lydia, has moved to Sabetha to accept employment. We miss his friendly smile and handshake.

In his sermons, my Dad often spoke of the joys of heaven but would add, "Here joy is intermingled with pain." When pain and sorrow do come our way, how fortunate we are to have brothers and sisters who are willing to share it with us. This can be the silver lining to even the darkest cloud.

REMINGTON

Anna M. Waibel and Sisters

Sis. Emma Blume wishes to thank everyone for remembering her with kind deeds and gifts while she was ill. . . . Thankful she is much better. She again stays with her daughter, Donna and Art Knochel and family.

Keith Leaman (Rich and Edna) has been transferred to Dixon, Ill. He is with the Woolworth Co., no doubt would appreciate hearing from anyone who wishes to write or call on him in person.

The week-end of March 25-26, we had a large crowd, due to the proving and baptisms of the Leaman twins, Jane and Jean. Bros. Herman Kellenberger, Wendell Gude- man and Alfred Bahler were here.

Bro. Mick and Sis. Colleen were blessed with a baby boy, Eric Randall, April 1. This is their second son.

Robert Siebenthal has been in the hospital for several weeks with a blood clot in his lung. . . . Very thankful he has been spared. His wife is Sis. Esther (Wieland).

Sis. Bertha (Henry, deceased) Peters passed away and burial was

at Remington. They lived here (1st house north of the church) for many years. We grew up with their family, Martha, Marie, Ernie, Herman, Clarence (Walter deceased). She was 92 years old and lived a full life, a light to many wherever she went. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family, as we miss our loved ones, no matter at what age they leave us.

SHIODA, JAPAN

Willis R. Ehnle

One day when our oldest son, Tony was a very small boy, he was walking out-of-doors with an older friend. It had been raining, and the sun was breaking through, creating a beautiful rainbow which seemed to come down to the earth just over the way. Tony said to his friend, "Let's go over and get that rainbow and take it home to Mama." God has not only created beautiful rainbows, but has put into the hearts of small children a beautiful feeling of love and devotion toward their parents. If this can be nurtured rather than destroyed, as the child matures, the compensation to the individual, the family, one's church, one's country, and the contribution to the world and to heaven can be tremendous.

On March 7 I walked into my hotel room in Tokyo where I was to stay overnight, because of my part-time employment with a company, and I noticed a painting hanging on the wall. It was typical of a Japanese painting depicting old Japan. The mountains were there, the rice paddies in the terraced lowland, and the narrow road which was being traveled by a group of people and two heavily-laden donkeys. What attracted my attention was the palanquin, the platform being carried by two servants and upon which sat the feudal lord. Here the line between master and servant is clearly drawn. During my first years in Japan I was anything but a master; I was a student. I was clearly a servant and I still consider myself to be a guest of this country. Loved ones here have told me to be a stronger leader, and I am trying to be obedient to their suggestion, and at the same time remember that our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, at the time of eating the Passover Supper with his disciples, washed their feet and then said, "Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am.

If I then, **your** Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye . . . ought to wash one another's feet." When a perfectly able-bodied feudal lord, who could very well get off and walk himself, is carried along on a platform by two servants, I keep thinking it just doesn't match the picture of servitude which the Lord Jesus has left for us. Somehow, in Japan and throughout the world, children of God must grasp the concept, that in the church wholehearted cooperation is necessary to make it work, and that if the brethren who are called upon to be leaders are doing their duty according to the word of God, a lot of humility and self-denial will be required of everyone. This cooperation should not be contingent upon the individual leader's ability to make the impression of a commander rather than of a servant. The Lord Jesus said, Matthew 23:11, He that is greatest among you shall be your servant.

On Good Friday evening, March 31, we partook of Holy Communion at our Shioda Church. It was an appropriate time to remember our Saviour's suffering and death on the cross for us.

On Easter morning we had a special service by the river, about a ten minute walk from our church. We also built a fire and ate breakfast together, much as Jesus did with his disciples after His glorious resurrection. As soon as they were come to land, they saw a fire of coals there, and fish laid thereon, and bread.

On Easter afternoon, we took some of our Sunday School children and visited several homes where older people live who fear the living God. We sang hymns to commemorate the resurrection of our Lord. "Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord."

CHICAGO

Elder Bro. Gene Bertschi, Roanoke assisted Elder Bro. Al Fisher in presenting the memorandum to the Chicago congregation. Communion was announced and scheduled for April 16.

Bro. Homer Reineck from Toledo also came and provided us with words of truth and encouragement.

Bro. Paul Butach has again been confined to a hospital for treatment and surgery. Sis. Charlotte Meyer

was confined to the hospital for several days.

Friend Jim Grivet has made known his desire to be baptized. We hope many yet can find the true way.

Sis. Judy Kanitz from Goodfield has been practice teaching in the Chicago area. We have enjoyed having her assemble with us.

CISSNA PARK

Mary Young — Margaret Rudin

The Sunday School presented us with a program, **The Risen Lord**, on Good Friday evening. We enjoyed the singing of so many young people and the congregation.

On Easter morning, the Bible Class was attended at the home of Bro. Eldon Steffen. After the lesson and breakfast, they attended the morning service at church, which we were grateful for.

The engagement was announced of the forthcoming marriage of our Sis. Clara Eisenman to Bro. John Frank of Burlington, Iowa. The wedding date was set for April 9. Our best wishes are extended to them.

Sis. Diane Feller and Bro. Kenneth Virkler were united in Holy Matrimony, with an impressive ceremony by Bro. Edwin Hohulin on March 17. We join in wishing them a long and happy married life. They are at home in the Normal-Bloomington area. May God be their unseen guest at all times.

Funeral services were held March 18 for our dear Sis. Mary Yergler, age 85, who passed away at the Fairbury Hospital. She had made her home with her son, Willis and his wife the last two years at Fairbury. Survivors include sons, Acquilla, Elmer, Willis and Bro. Ben; one daughter, Mrs. Anna Marie Brosseau. Sis. Mary was always ready to lend a helping hand when she was able. Bro. Clarence Kachelmuss brought the message assisted by our ministers. We laid away this aged sister, and the next day we had to lay a young brother, Philip Alt, age 18, to rest. Phil was a senior in high school and would have graduated this year, but God saw fit to pluck a flower from His Garden. How good it is to have an anchor in times like this. He made good use of his Christian life; it was just two years since he had surrendered to the Lord. He loved to sing and supported the song leaders. Survivors include his parents, Bro.

Ed and Sis. Marjorie, Bro. Mark and his wife, Sis. Kai., John, and a sister, Beth. Bro. Dave Wiegand and Bro. Perry Zimmerman had the services. We will miss Bro. Phil in our midst. Our sympathy is extended to the families. **A Thank You:** Our humble thanks to all for your help in every way during the illness and passing of our beloved Phil. Edw. Alt family.

Our visiting ministers on Easter were Bros. Fredrick Knapp, and Gene Lehman from Wolcott. We surely thank these brothers and hope they will often visit us. Also, Bro. Elmer Witzig who was with us the past month.

Bros. Ben Laubscher, Lucien Kuntz, George Bauer have all been surgical patients. They are all home again and getting along nicely. Our Friend, Huldah Rentsch, was a surgical patient. Sis. Leah Aeschliman is a hospital patient, having had her leg amputated. She is in good spirits and is getting along nicely. We are thankful Sis. Emily Rudin can again assemble with us for half a day. Sis. Emma Wahl is slowly improving; she has not been able to assemble with us since September. Sis. Lillie Waldbeser too is able to assemble with us again. She wishes to thank everyone for their kind deeds of love and prayers while she was in the hospital and since she is home.

ELGIN, ILLINOIS

Louise Steffen

Katie Kachelmuss

Bro. Arthur Gudeman was with us on a Lord's Day and served us with the inspiring word of God, and Bro. Perry Zimmerman was with us on Easter and brought the joyful message of the glorious resurrection of Jesus Christ.

We had our Sunday School Easter Program on Palm Sunday. It was so good to hear the singing, and the little ones speaking. May God bless the teachers and the parents for their help in making this possible.

Sis. Mary Huber fell and fractured her hip. After being hospitalized for awhile, she is now at the Americana Nursing Home, 180 South State St., Elgin Ill 60120.

We have a new little student in Sunday School, Christine Reiser, age 11 years, and her mother, Karen (Charles) Reiser attends our church service. Her grandmother, Rose Greiner Davis, attended our Sunday School when she was young,

and now assembles with us again after a long absence. We welcome them into our midst.

Alfred, husband of Martha Wiegand Hugh, passed away at the age of 79 years. The family is comforted, feeling that he sought the Lord in his latter years. Address: Mrs. Alfred Hugh and family, 516 Villa St., Elgin Ill. 60120. Bro. Elmer Steffen the husband of Eleanor (Grimm) and the son of Bro. Jonathan & Sis. Ida (Wewetzer) Steffen, passed away at the age of 47 years after a sudden illness. Address: Mrs. Elmer Steffen and family, 628 St. John St., Elgin Ill. 60120. May God fulfill His promise to be a father to the fatherless and a comfort to the widows. We extend our deepest sympathy to these families.

The Alfred Hugh family wishes to thank everyone for the many kind expressions of sympathy and the acts of kindness shown them in their bereavement. May God bless you all. The family of Bro. Elmer Steffen wishes to extend their heartfelt thanks to all for the sympathy, love and kindness extended to them in their bereavement. May God bless and reward each one.

FORREST

Juanita Schneider
Eleanor Honegger

Our Sunday School children renewed the Easter story to us in word and song on Good Friday. May this be an inspiration to everyone who took part, whether participating or being in the audience.

We were privileged to have Bro. Noah Gerber—West Bend, Bro. Fred Knapp—Congerville, and Bro. Ed Frank of La Crosse in our midst. Many precious teachings and timely warnings were expounded to us through these beloved brothers.

Sharon Zimmerman, daughter of Elder Bro. Perry and Sis. Dorothy, has announced her engagement to Terry Joseph Adams, son of the Francis Adams of Dwight.

The wedding of Bernice Bachtold, daughter of Bro. Alfred and Sis. Dorothy, to Timothy Zeigler of Harristown was performed by Elder Bro. Perry Zimmerman. They will be residing in Nebraska, as he is with the Air Force.

Joy and Cindy Fellers, daughters of Glenn and Lucille, were surgical patients, and Sis. Lou Ida Steffen was a medical patient at Fairbury Hospital; all are home again. Sis.

Leona Wallace is a patient at Fairbury Hospital. Sis. Ruth Schlatter has entered the Carle Hospital in Urbana.

We will miss the welcome smile of Sis. Mary Yergler, who was laid to rest at Cissna Park. She had assembled with us for the past two years, while making her home with her son.

GIRARD Kathryn Emch

I need the prayers of those I love
While trav'ling o'er life's rugged
way,
That I may true and faithful be,
And live for Jesus every day.

This is the feeling of our very small congregation in Girard. We wish to extend a warm welcome to any traveling to the East to stop to worship with us.

We had Bro. Rudy Graf in our midst. Bro. Rudy shared the memorandum.

Bro. Joe Ramsier and Bro. Henry Dotterer both visited us on Sundays and brought God's word to us in fullness. May our heavenly Father richly bless these brothers for their efforts.

PULASKI

Mary Wiegand—Nancy Musselman

A baby is a sweet new blossom of humanity, fresh fallen from God's own home to flower on earth.

This certainly describes sweet little Daniel Wesley, who arrived to bring joy in the hearts and home of Bro. David and Sis. Mary Wiegand. Darrell, 3, and Doug 2, are delighted with their new brother.

Sis. Elizabeth Wuthrich spent a few days in the hospital with the flu.

RITTMAN

Florence Hartzler—Janette Blough

The wedding of Bro. Marvin Ramsier and Sis. Terri Gerber was performed by Bro. Sam Aeschliman, Bluffton. As Bro. Sam told them of their duty as husband and wife, we are reminded of our duty to God and the church. We need spiritual food to help us along the way, and we also want to thank Bro. Bob Meyer for feeding us through God's word. Our prayer for Bro. Marvin and Sis. Terri is: "O spread thy wing o'er them; let no ill pow'r find place, while onward to thy

presence their hallowed path they trace".

We are glad to have Art Ingold home again. His duty in Viet Nam was over early, and he's been discharged from the army. We are thankful for God's protection, in bringing Art back home safely to his family and friends.

Bro. Ken and Sis. Linda Indermuhle are first-time parents, with the birth of a son, Dana Jay. A little boy, their first child, was born to Bro. Dwaine and Sis. Joan Indermuhle and is named Chad Richard. Little Chad spent a few days in Children's Hospital, Akron, but he is home now. Bro. Herbert and Sis. Ruth Hilty received word of a new grandson, born to their daughter, Sis. Miriam and Bro. Bill Brake in El Paso, Texas. His name is Clifford Paul. We pray the Lord will bless these dear ones with their precious little ones, "for of such is the kingdom of heaven".

It's good to see Sis. Violet Baltic is able to attend church again. Sis. Ella Widmer was in the hospital for a few days, and Bro. Bill Saylor had surgery. We are always thankful when they are well again.

Bro. Richard Steiner must leave us for a time, as he is being inducted into the army. We pray the Lord will protect him as he is called from home to serve his country. "I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust."

Funeral services for Bro. Alfred Aebi was held in Rittman, Friday, April 7. Surviving are one son, Gerhart; three daughters, Sis. Yvonne Beery, Sis. Marie Beery, and Ellen Hess.

SARDIS Doris Miller

When a Christian dies,
Precious is the prize . . .

We always mourn the passing of those near and dear to us, but how much more are we comforted if the ones we lose are long-time pilgrims of Christ. We have parted with two fellow-pilgrims:

Bro. Ferd Riggenbach, a retired farmer, was born Jan. 5, 1888, son of John and Caroline Stukey Riggenbach, and passed away Feb. 27. Surviving are his wife, Sis. Emma; two daughters, Mildred and Marie; and one son, Dale, all of Sardis; one brother, Bro. Herman Riggenbach

of Rittman. One son, Roy, preceded him in death. Present to assist with the funeral services were Elder Bro. Rudolph Graf, Bro. Ernest Graf and Bro. Delbert Indermuhle.

Sis. Emma Riggenbach, a widow of 53 years, died March 22, at the home of her daughter, Sis. Pearl Gehring, with whom she made her home for several years. She was born at Sardis, April 21, 1887, daughter of Fred and Rose Bigler Baumgartner.

Surviving are two daughters, Sis. Pearl Gehring—Sardis, Sis. Emma Marty—Seville; and one son, Bro. Lester—Seville. Mrs. Rose Davies of Wheeling and Mrs. Margaret Kincaid of Girard are her sisters. Her husband, David, passed away in 1919, and her son, Clyde also preceded her in death.

Officiating at the services were Bro. Rudolph Graf, Bro. Gene Pamer—Akron and Bro. Ben Hartzler, Rittman.

We have been blessed with visitors this winter, coming from as far as Rockville to spend time and fellowship with our small congregation.

John and Sis. Almeda Brake have received the joyful word from Ft Bliss, Texas, that their son, Bro. William and his wife, Sis. Miriam (Hilty) have been blessed with a son, Clifford Paul. We all rejoice with them and look forward to having them return as a family of three, the Lord willing, when they are finished with their service in the Army.

Some attended the commencement at Kent State University, when Diane Figel received her degree in elementary teaching. She is seeking a position in that field. May God guide her in this endeavor.

CROGHAN - NAUMBURG

Alice Virkler Eleanor Herzig

As the spring season is welcomed, several of our families are busy with maple sugaring time.

When the first big flakes of "sugar snow" fall, trails are broken through the deep snow in the maple sugar groves, and farmers begin to make preparations to have all their equipment in good order. When the days begin to warm up, the farmer taps the sugar maple trees (with a drill), inserts a spout in each tap hole, and places a bucket at each tap.

When the temperature at night

goes below freezing and the daytime temperature is above the freezing mark, the sap begins to flow. The sap is gathered (on foot, and sometimes by wearing snow shoes to get through the deep snow in the woods) in a large "gathering tub" and taken to the sugar shanty, where it is boiled down to the final product, maple syrup. A large evaporating pan is used as the boiling pan, and every precaution must be taken to keep the fire under the pan hot enough to boil the sap down, and to keep the sap flowing into the pan so the syrup does not burn. It is a full-time job for one man to keep the syrup boiling. About 40 gallons of sap must be boiled down to make one gallon of maple syrup.

Some of the treats of sugaring time in New York are pancakes floating in fresh maple syrup, maple sugar cakes, and "wax on snow."

We have enjoyed the wonderful fellowship of loved ones who traveled from Bay City, Mansfield, Akron, Sarasota, and Rockville to assemble with us.

A gathering was held on the evening of March 22 at the Naumburg church. Bro. Elmer and Sis. Minnie Taube celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary. Minnie was unable to assemble with us, but has again been granted good health and could assemble with us on Sunday. May God be with Bro. Elmer and Sis. Minnie.

Sis. Leda Farney was able to return to the home of her daughter and family, after being hospitalized for several days. She has been unable to worship with us this winter.

Emerson Schneider has again been hospitalized. May God be close to each of those who suffer bodily afflictions and may they turn to God for their every need.

Card of thanks: Sis. Deborah Hoppel wishes to thank everyone who remembered her with cards and prayers on her 90th birthday.

A gathering was held at the Croghan church on Wed. evening, Feb. 16. The occasion was the 50th Wedding anniversary of Bro. Jerome and Sis. Cora Farney, and to bid farewell to Sis. Marilyn Schamback, who has moved to Bay City, where she has begun employment. As Sis. Marilyn begins her new work we will surely miss her in our small congregation. We wish her God's blessings in her new surroundings.

FT SCOTT

Ida Sinn

Our Elder Bro. Sam Anliker was with us on March 8 to share the memorandum. We count it a privilege that he could take time out from his busy schedule at home, to come into our midst to bring us a spiritual message and these minutes.

Elder Bro. Herman Kellenberger stopped to visit us on their way home from Texas. Bro. Joe Zimmerman Jr. from Morton spent Sun. March 19 with us. We are always happy to have the brethren stop to visit our little church. We thank God for the gospel message each one brought us.

Born to Bro. Lonnie and Sis. Debbie Banwart was a daughter, Taira Ann, on March 19. Bro. Raymond and Sis. Kathryn Banwart are the paternal grandparents, and Sis. Mabel Springer of Burlington, Oklahoma is the maternal grandmother.

ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY

Sandy Pfaffman

We have been privileged to have with us Bros. Bob Grimm, Goodfield; Francis Rother, Morton; and Bro. Bob Pohl from Burlington, Iowa. Bro. Joe also ministered unto us on one of our evenings together. The 23rd of March, our last meeting before Easter break, we had our annual Easter program. The ISU students sang seven selections, which took us back to the cross and reminded us of how Jesus died for all the sins of the world and arose again so that we may have eternal life. We want to thank everyone who came and fellowshiped with us, and hope that they can continue to receive a blessing when we gather. It truly has been a blessed month.

The engagement of our president, Bro. Keith Leman, to Sis. Dorothy Anliker of Eureka was announced. May the Lord's richest blessings be with them as they journey down the path of life as one. The engagement of Bro. Ken Fehr of Eureka was announced to Sis. Sandy Pfaffmann of Peoria.

PS. The Lord has richly blessed us all.

MILFORD

Marguerite Hoerr

And when I see the moment nearing
When I shall sleep beneath the
sod,
When time with me is disappearing,

I want to be alone with God.
 Alone with God, the world
 forbidden,
 Alone with God, O blest retreat!
 Alone with God, and in Him bidden,
 To hold with Him communion
 sweet.

The above words were sung at the farewell services for our dear Bro. Michael Reuter, who passed away on March 28 at the age of 87 years. His services were held on Good Friday, with Bro. Theo. Beer officiating. We express our deepest sympathy to his wife, our dear Sis. Marie, and to his entire family. Mike was a quiet, stalwart brother in our church and will be missed by everyone. We rest assured that he is, as the song states so beautifully, "holding communion sweet with God."

Spending time in the hospital for medical treatment were Sisters Aline Hoerr and Louise Rapp. They've both recovered sufficiently to return home, and we were all pleased to have Sis. Aline worship with us again.

Hospitalized briefly was our Sis. Tammy Sheets for medical treatment. She will be entering again this month for surgery. She and Bro. Tom Speicher have had to postpone their wedding, because of this unforeseen change in their plans.

Bro. Joe and Sis. Jan Beer welcomed their second child, a son named Joshua Michael. May God bless this little boy and give his parents and older brother Joel much joy in his coming to be with them.

We welcome Bro. Ted and Sis. Helen Baumgartner home with a special joy. Sis. Helen was taken ill during their winter stay in Florida, and we were all so pleased to have her return in good health.

Ground has been broken, and the foundation is being poured for our planned Fellowship Center. Again we ask God's presence in this project, so it will be a blessing to all who will use it.

Bro. Lew Rassi was involved in an auto accident and is injured rather seriously. Our latest report is that he is out of intensive care and is making satisfactory progress.

Bro. Frank Beer Jr. spent a short time being hospitalized for medical treatment. He is home again and feeling fine, and we're thankful.

Bro. Vernon Leman of Eureka spent a blessed Sunday with us on

Easter, thereby enhancing an already spiritually rich day of worship. We thank him for coming.

NEW MARTINSVILLE

Mrs. Gus Weltz
 Miss Della Witschey

J. C. Froelich was a hospital patient for a few days the last of March, but is home again and doing nicely.

Albert Hassig returned home the last of March, after spending the winter in California with a daughter and her family.

Okey Edge of San Leandro, Calif., underwent open heart surgery on March 28. Latest reports are that the operation was successful and he doing nicely. Mrs. Edge is the former Ruth Witschey, daughter of the late William and Lizzie Schupbach Witschey.

Carl Berger passed away on March 13, following a several week illness. He was a son of the late Chris and Emma Hafely Berger and is survived by his widow, Marie Bland Berger; one son, Gene; two brothers, Paul and Edward.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Witschey of Doylestown, O., visited with relatives here on March 12-13. Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Williams of Akron visited with the Barth families here on March 12-13.

Mrs. Emma Riggenbach, 84, of Sardis passed away on March 22; services were held at the Monroe Church on March 25. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Paul Berger, Mrs. Effie O'Dell, Mrs. Elza Ritz, Mrs. C. O. Wade and Mrs. Gus Weltz.

Mrs. L. W. Witschey and daughter Thelma and son Paul of Moundsville visited relatives here during the month of March.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Barth have returned from Florida, where they spent the winter months and spent Easter here with the Barth families. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Durig spent the Easter holidays with relatives in Canton and Doylestown, O.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wright and children of Shadyside, O., spent Easter here with her grandfather, Gus Weltz and family.

A baby son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Larry Thornton in Charleston, W. Va., on March 22; he has been named William Eric, and is a great-grandson of the late Albert Riggenbach.

A baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Mike Barth on April 3 in Park-

ersburg, W. Va. She has been named Jacqueline Nicol, a granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Barth, a great-granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Barth, and a great-great-granddaughter of the late Emma Barth.

Mrs. Emma Schupbach is a patient in the local Rest Home; and her condition has improved a bit the past few weeks.

F. M. Tuttle, an aged and very highly respected citizen, a good neighbor of Miss Della Witschey, is very ill in the local hospital. He will soon reach his 94th birthday.

Thanks—To the writer of the article which appeared in the December issue of the Silver Lining about our mother, Mrs. Emma Barth, who passed away twelve years ago today, April 4, 1960. Your many kind words were very much appreciated, and we feel she rightly deserved them; she was always grateful for a kind word or deed and practiced doing the same for her fellowmen.

UNION CITY

Gail Gasser

We enjoyed the addition of Bro. Dale and Sis. Joyce Hartzler and two of their children from Rittman to our Wed. evening service in the Philadelphia area on March 15. They were in Lancaster Pa. on business during that week and drove quite a distance to fellowship with us.

Some from our congregation visited Sis. Freda Wartman, who is convalescing in a nursing home after fracturing her hip. She is in very good spirits and is making much progress.

On Feb. 13 our friend, Kay Weidman was baptized in Morton. We are happy to welcome her into our fellowship as a sister in the Lord.

On March 5, our friend Larry Rufener was baptized in Rittman. Three families from our congregation were able to be present to witness this most important event. We heartily welcome Bro. Larry into our fellowship.

PHOENIX

Mrs. Allan Freed

We have been having very dry, hot weather here. It has been 100 days since there has been a measurable rainfall. However, the Lord has been sending us "showers of blessings" in many ways.

We received many blessings from the messages of Bro. Noah Bauman,

who was our visiting minister this month. Bro. Noah assisted Bro. Roy Farney in serving us Holy Communion on Sunday evening, March 12. We are always grateful for this precious privilege of remembering what Christ has done for us.

The following Sunday we enjoyed a covered dish dinner in the church dining room. Evening services were held, with Bro. Bauman ministering to us. We thank him and our many other visitors for spending some time with us.

We extend our sympathy to Louise Roth on the death of her grandmother, who lived in West Virginia. Louise spent several days there.

Al and Joyce Yackley are happy parents of their first child, a girl. Deborah Sue was born March 26. Bro. Clarence and Sis. Vera are paternal grandparents.

Bro. Ernest Elsasser was hospitalized for tests for a week, and the doctor found it necessary to operate. We are thankful Ernie came out of the surgery all right, and seems to be recovering satisfactorily. Our prayers are with him.

Don and Kathy Emch have answered God's call to repentance. We wish them much grace in building a firm foundation on which to build their faith.

Bro. Jim Gramm graduated this month from DeVry's Institute, where he has been attending classes. We are happy that he and Kathy, his wife, intend to stay in Phoenix for the present.

We are looking forward, the Lord willing, to hearing the testimony and witnessing the baptism of Alana Schrenk of Tucson the weekend of April 9.

A tho't: God did not remove the Red Sea, and He will lead us through our difficulties if they cannot be removed.

TREMONT

Lydia Rassi—Mary Jane Leuthold

Our Easter program was held on Palm Sunday evening. We were refreshed with the meaning of Easter and the story of Redeeming Grace, through verse and song. We thank the children and teachers.

Sunday, March 12, we received another precious soul into our fold. Kathy Sinn, daughter of Bro. Emanuel and Sis. Elsie, was proved and baptized by our elder, Bro. Dan

Koch. We wish her much grace in her new life.

We thank the Lord for the inspired message sent to us through Bro. Joe Schrock of Congerville. We thank him for his willingness to serve us. It is humbling to know we are provided with shepherds and ministers who have a deep concern to resound the sincere word of God.

We wish the blessings of the Lord upon Bro. Steve Sauder and Sis. Mary Woerner, who were united in Holy matrimony March 26 by Bro. Dan Koch. May the Lord lead and guide them in their life together.

Our dear ones in the hospital or convalescing are Sis. Annie (Gene) Koch, Sis. Lena (George) Woerner, Bro. James Pflederer, Peter Winzeler and Annette Musselman, daughter of Sis. Esther.

Announcement has been made of the engagement of Roger Schweigert, son of Bro. Chris and Sis. Ida, to Rebecca Sue Howard, daughter of the Wayne Howards of Minier. May the Lord bless their future plans.

Sam Schmitgall Sr., 80, of Manito passed out of this life March 18. He leaves two sons and three daughters in the Manito area.

Easter, Bro. Harold Zeltwanger from Bremen and Bro. Steve Rinckenberger of Cissna Park ministered unto us. We were surely blessed from above through their sermons. Bro. Harold meditated from Psalm 16 and brought out that God had prophesied from David's time, ". . . neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption", that Christ would not moulder in the grave: He would arise. Harold also emphasized the purity and loveliness of God as symbolized by His angel messenger in the empty tomb. Christ's message unto His disciples from Matthew 28 gives us hope of life eternal through His power, "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth", but goes on to exhort us to fulfill our obligations to our Lord and Redeemer.

In the afternoon, Bro. Steve expounded upon Exodus 24 and Acts 7. Stephen speaks to the council of the Sanhedrin, reviewing the history of the Israelite people, showing the disobedience of their forefathers and condemning their present disobedience even unto the law. Bro. Steve reminded us of the obedience of Abraham while Lot

lived close to the edge, and had to be warned to flee from Sodom and Gomorrah.

Now we too are in the wilderness, as were the Israelites. Let us be careful to be obedient to our Lord that we, as Caleb and Joshua, may enter into the Promised Land.

Note of Thanks:

The family of Mary G. Schweigert gratefully acknowledges with sincere thanks the many, many kind expressions of sympathy from friends and relatives during the illness and passing of our beloved mother. These deeds will long be remembered. God bless you all.

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks to all for the prayers, cards, gifts of love and all the kind deeds shown to us during the death of our little "angel", Jeanne Marie. May God bless you all. Bro. Vernon and Sis. Merna Koch.

WEST BEND

Mrs. Melvin Fehr

Mrs. A. Banwart

"Let not your heart be troubled . . ." What a wealth of comfort can be ours if we only seek our help from the Lord. It seems experiences the past month could easily have caused doubt and despair to overtake us were it not for the nearness of Jesus, who as we've been reminded anew, bore more than we can comprehend. Minutes after spending a blessed day in the Lord's house, an automobile mishap sent Bro. Nathan and Sis. Lillian Mogler to the hospital. Other members of their family received minor injuries, but how thankful we all were that there were no severe injuries. Other hospital patients have been Nathan Banwart (medical) and Bro. Gary Schneider (surgical). We are thankful to report that these are all at home and improving. Sis. Amy (Ervin) Banwart remains in the hospital following surgery. Should her progress continue, in the near future she expects to go home. It gives us great joy to report Sis. Sarah Kropf has been moved to Clear View Manor Rest Home and shows some improvement.

Eternal rest has been granted to our faithful Sis. Lydia Jurgens, at the age of 88 years. Lydia Ann, daughter of Mathias and Margaret Gerber, was born at Bluffton and came to West Bend at the age of 18 years. Lydia married Awalt Jurgens, and eight children were born to this union. Bro. Awalt passed

away in 1959. Six children survive. The last four years, Sis. Lydia has been residing in rest homes.

Mrs. Miriam Frieden, daughter of Bro. Paul Banwart Sr., was united to George Frieden of Lamar, on Friday, March 24. They are now at home at Lamar. We wish them God's blessings.

A son, Scott Joel, was born to Benjy and Betty Banwart on March 2. He has two brothers and a sister and is the grandson of retired Elder Bro. Paul Banwart Sr.

WINTHROP

Delores Messerli — Carol Messner

If we take happiness from God's hand, must we not take sorrow too? Job 2:10

What a glorious way to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ, by having communion. Elder Bros. Leo Moser and Paul Fehr held and served the Lord's Supper to us. It renews our zeal and gives us inner strength and grace to continue on this path of life, to be taken back to Calvary and the suffering Jesus bore for all mankind.

Some thoughts left with us were, sacrifices are made daily by a converted or non-converted person. We must each determine whether we will sacrifice to God or Satan. If we choose to reject Christ and His teachings, we sacrifice to the devil.

In these latter days when man preaches to the itching of man's ears, we must be thankful for the faithful that cry out the true word. If this shall cease, the church will be lost. This rock we preach is Jesus Christ, which we cannot run away from. This rock will follow to the ends of the whole earth, and condemnation will be there until a lost soul answers the Lord's call.

This past week a dear soul answered the call to repentance. Darlene is the wife of Darrel Schmidt (Sis Emma's son). On Monday, Darlene was involved in a car accident and her life was spared. She feels her life was saved only because of her repentance. In the twinkling of an eye our life can be snatched from us. Are we all ready to meet our Lord and Saviour?

Candy Nelson, daughter of Sis. Donnabell and Alvin, and Jerry Pederson were united in marriage on March 30 by Bro. Harold Messner, at the home of the grandparents, Bro. Fred and Sis. Linda Mess-

ner. We wish them God's blessings.

Michael, infant son of Kenny and Lupie Howk has been hospitalized several weeks due to a serious condition resulting from the flu. Grandparents are Bro. Roy and Sis. Rose Alice Howk.

TAYLOR

Elizabeth Sutter

Sis. Vickie Sutter and Bro. Roger Steffen were united in marriage by Bro. Roy Grimm on Easter. We wish them the Lord's blessings as they walk the path of life together. Vicki is the daughter of Bro. James and Sis. Lois Sutter, and Roger is the son of Bro. Ray and Sis. Lucille Steffen of the Remington congregation. They will live at Rensselaer.

It was a blessed and beautiful day as we commemorated the resurrection of our Lord and rejoiced with our loved ones as they took this important step in their lives. Visiting ministers on that day were Earl Kilgus, Remington; Walt Steffen, Milford; Floyd Schmidgall, Morris; Albert Wuthrich, Pulaski; Bob Pohl, Burlington.

We were glad to have Bro. Paul Butikofer with us on March 26.

Bob and Marilyn Frieden and their children, Kristie, Kelly and Bryon from Santa Ana, Calif., spent two weeks with us on their way to Bordeaux, France, where they will live. Bob was transferred there by his company. Bob is our foster son, and Marilyn's parents, the Harry Reynolds, live in Quincy. They attended the Maywood church while living in California.

LEO

Mrs. Elias Souder

March 12, Bro. Theo. Beer was here to assist Bro. David in the baptism of three precious souls. They are Christy Surface, E. J. Winzeler, and Gary Bollier.

Our friend, Esther Steiner, has spent some time in the hospital and has again returned home. Sis. Leah Conrad had the misfortune of falling and is in the hospital.

My brother, John Getz, is also in the hospital and has been on the critical list . . . has been in the Intensive Care unit. His condition is improved, and he is expected to be moved to another room soon.

We visited Bro. Edw. Bertsch, who is at the National Nursing Home, and Sis. Mary Troxel, who is at the Twin Oaks Nursing Home in Ft. Wayne. Both are doing real

well. They seemed to enjoy the hymns we sang with them.

Our Good Friday services were held on Good Friday evening. The children gave their Easter program at the church on Palm Sunday.

Announcement has been made of the coming wedding, April 23, of Velma Stoller Rice to James William.

Thank you: We want to thank our dear friends for remembering us with their prayers, cards, and comforting words during the loss of our dear husband and father. Sisters Helen and Elaine Norr.

BAY CITY Carolyn Knochel

"To every thing there is a season . . ." the season of spring is about to arrive, though it seems like the mud and grime is never-ending, still we know that the blossoms always arrive and the grass always gets green! So also should our faith in God be, that no matter how our burdens and trials, we should believe that He will see us through and a brighter day will come.

Announcement was made of the engagement of Sis. Julee Wackerle to Bro. Dennis Fehr of Champaign. Julee is the daughter of Bro. Frank and Sis. Faye; Dennis is the son of Bro. Gene and Sis. Margaret of Rockanoke, formerly of Forrest. We wish them much grace and joy in their life together.

Bro. Derrell and Sis. Sue Steffen have a son, Brent Edward. Brent is welcomed home by his sisters, Tonina and Christy.

Visiting minister was Bro. Albert Schneider from Rockville. How wonderful to hear that same truth from those of far away!

BERN

Esther and Stella Moser

On Good Friday morning we awakened to a surprise snow of 4-6 inches. Trees, bushes, everything was covered with a clean, white blanket. It was beautiful to behold. By evening when we went to church for Good Friday services, most of it was melted.

The Sabetha congregation assembled with us, and Bro. Carl Hartman spoke how the sad undertone of Christ's crucifixion was evident in the congregation. Then, on Sunday we rejoiced over our risen Lord.

Bro. Herman Kellenberger, Elgin, was our guest minister at a mid-week service.

Sis. Lucy Hartter suffered a broken hip and is a hospital patient. Other hospital patients have been Sis. Lydia Hanni, for tests, Friend Pauline Esslinger (Waymer), with pneumonia and flu complications.

Our mid-week services were concluded with Friday services. The first singing was held Easter in Sabetha. We will alternate every two weeks. The time is 7 o'clock, with everyone invited and welcome.

BURLINGTON

Edna Pohl — Elaine Eisenmann

Christ the Lord is Risen Today, Allelujah!

How thankful we should be that Jesus died for our sins that we could be saved. These past weeks we have been reminded anew of the crucifixion of Christ and how He rose again that we might be free, if only we take advantage of the price that was paid for our salvation.

Several of us plan to meet together at the church to give it the annual spring cleaning. The assembly was very recently repainted. Even though this takes an extra effort on our part, the fresh, clean smell is very rewarding.

We welcome Bro. Ernie and Sis. Rekie Anliker back to our congregation, after spending the winter months in Zapata, Texas. We miss our older members when they leave us, but rejoice when they arrive safely home.

FT. LAUDERDALE

Henry H. Schwartz

Our guest ministers were Bros. John Bahler and Corwin Bahler for midweek services on Wed. March 15, and on Easter, Bros. Dale Eisenman from Chicago and Irvin Stoller from Latty served us.

The Sunday School students delivered their Easter Sunday program, with about 60 attending. A church dinner was served to all on Easter Sunday evening at the church dining hall. We had an attendance of about 150.

FT. WAYNE

Mary Eisenmann — Marge Gerber

It isn't the things we DON'T do, but the things we DO and say that count in being a witness for our loving Redeemer.

Our sympathy is extended to Bro. Elmore Schlatter in the loss of his sister, Ethyl Swank of Ft.

Wayne, and to Bro. Myron Hackenjos and his family in the passing away of his father, Bro. Andrew Hackenjos of the Bluffton congregation. May the Heavenly Father comfort the bereft ones!

Hospital patients: Sis. Emma Unsicker, surgical at Parkview, and Bro. Elmore Schlatter, medical and surgical at Parkview. Both are home again. The Elmer Lanz family was involved in a minor auto accident; their daughter, Jennifer received a fractured right arm, which is in a cast. Sis. Martha Stoller wishes to express her thanks and appreciation for prayers, cards, and remembrances during her surgery and recovery.

Sat. evening, March 18, Elder Bros. Sam Aeschliman, John Yergler (Bluffton), and Loren Stoller (Latty) were with us to hear the testimonies of Jesse and Nancy Stoller. On Sunday, March 19, Elder Bro. John Yergler, accompanied by Bro. Wendell Gerber, fulfilled their desire for baptism as they were added to the fold. How we rejoice with them!

Our family was privileged to accompany the older Sunday School classes to Francesville, for the day and to LaCrosse in the evening for Christian Endeavor. We truly wish to express thanks from all of us for the love and kindness throughout the whole blessed day and evening, and to the loving Father for our safe return home again.

An Easter Program was held on Palm Sunday evening. It is always a blessing to gather together in God's House, to hear anew the story of Easter and our risen Lord through song and verse.

GOODFIELD

Elna Grimm

Friends Patty Wiegand, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Dan and Verla, and Pam Grimm, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Bob and Elna, were proved and baptized on Sat. Mar. 25 and Sun. March 26, respectively. Bro. Ezra Feller from Cissna Park (Pam's grandfather) was here to help Bro. Ed Hohulin with this sacred task. Bro. Henry Grimm from Morton and Bro. Roy Grimm from Taylor were here that week-end to share in the ministry.

Bro. Roy Sauder from Peoria was with us on Good Friday evening. He very forcibly reminded us of the cruel death at the cross; and then assisted Bro. Ed in serving of Holy

Communion. Somehow, the world with all its cares seems far away, when we can sit in the blessed sanctuary of God's house these sacred moments, listening to the testimonies of our friends; beholding their joy in baptism and the laying on of hands; and then to partake of Holy Communion . . . like balm to the weary soul or ointment on an open wound. Thanks be to God for quiet times like these!

Bro. Willis Wiegand was hospitalized and released. We wish to express our sympathy to his wife, Betty, in the loss of her brother Elmer from Elgin, Ill.

Notice to all Goodfield subscribers. May is our collection month.

JUNCTION

Betty Manz — Henrietta Manz

James Parker of Oakwood has made his home here with us for an indefinite stay. He enjoys attending our services, and we are glad to welcome him share our home and the services.

Our dear aged sister, Priscilla Rehkla, has finished her earthly journey and now at rest. She would have been 90 years old April 25, and was a daughter of Bro. John and Sis. Elizabeth (Imthurm) Rehkla. Sis. Lydia is now the only surviving member of this large family; our hearts go out to her in sympathy, especially since she is now alone for the first time in her life. Bro. Ben Manz had the services, and mentioned how, for many years they had been unable to attend church, and each time anyone gathered to visit, they were always interested in hearing the Bible read and singing of the **Zion's Harp**. Elder Bro. Loren Stoller and Bro. Henry Manz also assisted with the funeral service.

Bro. Verlin Stoller, Ft. Wayne, spent a Thursday evening with us. He spoke of the importance of love, how we should even be willing to give our lives for the brethren.

Ministering Bro. Gary Maibach, Rittman, spoke on going beyond repentance and living the way God directs, as Paul sets forth in the various letters. We should work and pray with all fervency that we remain humble and stay submissive. We should keep our armor bright and be on guard for Satan's fiery darts, lest he find a way through or a crack is in our armor.

Elder Bro. Loren Stoller shared the memorandum. It is always good

to be reminded of the dangers that are ever present. How much it pleases the Lord when we are obedient. We were reminded how we shouldn't go along with the world. We are thankful that Bro. George Sinn could be with us and could lend his support.

Sis. Martha Laukhuf reached her 89th birthday on March 5. We wish her God's blessings always. She is shut in much of the time and very seldom is able to go to church. Let's remember her in our prayers.

LAMAR

Mrs. Charles Marti
Mrs. Arthur Banwart

The first of April finds the local farmers busy in the fields, preparing the soil and planting corn. Lawn and garden work is much in evidence. Spring has arrived in all its glory and splendor. The greening countryside is brightened with brilliant splashes of color; the yellow jonquil and forsythia, the red quince and fruit trees are blooming. We were reminded that a glorious resurrection takes place before our eyes every spring. The bulbs and roots which have lain dead and dormant all winter are rising to life anew, just as our precious Saviour came alive again after death and the grave. **Low in the grave He lay, Jesus my Saviour. He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!**

Visiting ministers were Elder Bro. Sam Anliker, Lamont, and Bro. Elmer Bucher, Francesville. We thank the brothers for coming and ministering unto us. Many timely teachings and exhortations were presented, and we are grateful that the Holy Spirit still directs humble servants to proclaim the word of God in truth and sincerity.

We sympathize with Sis. Lydia Rentsch and her mother at the sudden passing from this life of their sister and daughter, Anna Houghton of Morton.

On March 24, George (Butch) Frieden of Lamar and Mrs. Miriam Frieden of West Bend were united in marriage. We welcome Miriam to our community and congregation and wish them God's blessings.

Not long ago, Bro. Lester warned us that there were people going around the community who say there is no hell, and we should be careful that we are not over taken by such unsound teachers. When one of those people was reminded of

the scriptural passage about Lazarus and the rich man (Luke 16:23), he replied that he wished that wasn't in the Bible because it is so hard to explain. Can you imagine a person professing to be a Christian and making a statement like that?

Instead of the word of God changing the heart of man; the evil heart of man is trying to change the word of God.

LAMONT Betty Wenli

To think that, had not Christ died and arose from the grave, our salvation would be in vain. May such wonderful teachings ever be sent forth, in season and out of season, that we ever be mindful of the price paid for our redemption.

Sorting, mending and baling was the order of the day as many brothers and sisters from the area churches gathered at Newton to make ready much clothing to be used in World Relief work.

Our congregation shared with Gridley the visit of Elder Bro. Roy Farney of Phoenix and Bro. Raymond Roth of Kiowa. Bro. Eli Sommerhalder of Oklahoma and Bro. Carl Hartman of Sabetha shared a Sunday with us.

Sis. Kathryn Anliker, in her bodily affliction, has been unable to assemble with us for sometime. May God's grace, strength, and courage ever be sufficient unto her to live each day, asking, Thy will be done.

Bro. Pete Fankhauser has returned from Phoenix to spend some time visiting here among his children, before settling down again. Seems good to have him in our midst, as we surely miss each one.

Martha Hughes has been released from the hospital and, with the aid of a walker to get around, is able to care for herself in her home.

Our friend, Clarence Young, is seeking the Lord in repentance. May the Lord grant him much grace as he seeks that wonderful peace of God. Clarence is the son of Sis. Dora Young of the Wichita congregation.

BURLINGTON

Janice Frieden — Janice Springer

"Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints." We can truly believe this of our dear sister in faith. Marie Riedel, who after many years of being a light to those around her, was lift-

ed to her Home where she shall be forever with the Lord. Ministering Bro. George Lambert of Wichita conducted the service & had a very touching message, as he recalled the many times he had looked to Sis. Marie for guidance and encouragement.

The Lord again blessed us with a lovely evening of fellowship for our monthly singing. May God be praised for this freedom of glorifying His name.

On March 14 the World Relief workers went to Newton to package the many things they have made for those in need around the world. God blessed them with a safe journey, and further blessed us all by sending Bro. Herman Kellenberger of Elgin to speak from God's own word. We're always so thankful to God for our ministering brothers.

Elder Bro. Roy Farney came on Friday, March 24 and read the memorandum. Then, on Sunday after services, we partook of sacred Communion and remembered all that Christ has done for us on the cross. Our day was blessed further by a supper and a message in the evening.

Good Friday services were held on March 31, to commemorate the torturous death our Lord suffered that we might have life eternal. On Easter morning, we celebrated His joyous resurrection, when death was swallowed up in victory . . . as the Bible says, "O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?" May God be praised for that Victory!

MANSFIELD

Aaron A. Sauder

We extend a hearty welcome to Bro. Ora and Sis. Dora Sauder, their daughter Mary, and son Randy, who have returned to our community from California. May the Lord bless and keep them as they establish their home at 1166 Laurelwood Rd., Mansfield Ohio 44907.

Hospital patients were Sis. Martha Fuhrer Cordrey (Kenneth), Linda Enderle, Bro. Ed Beer, and Tom Roberts (son of Bro. Dave and Sis. Shirley), who had surgery to his hand as the result of an accident.

Dan Domka has safely returned to the States, after being stationed in Viet Nam; he has more time in the service, but we are thankful to

have him back in our own country. On March 17, at the age of 64 years, Bro. Fred Dinger went to his Rest, after an illness of a number of years. We would express our love and sympathy to his family—his wife, Sis. Freda; his sister, Sis. Theresa Kissel (Andrew); and his brother, Joseph of our congregation, as well as his son Fred Jr.; two daughters, Shirley Lundsford (Paul) and Wanda Jean Phillips (John), his other two brothers and three sisters.

MAYWOOD John Dapper

He was wounded for our transgressions,
He was bruised for our iniquities;
The chastisement of our peace was upon Him,
And with His stripes we are healed.

Another page of our calendar has turned over and a new springtime month is before us . . . an impressive one for us all, as we held Easter in memory of our Saviour's resurrection. What a triumphant day it was when He arose, not only for us, but also for Him who ascended to be at the right hand of God, to enjoy now the victory He achieved and the eternal reward. How much more was accomplished for us, for our welfare eternally. We can view the memorial, and aim toward that goal also when we can attain to the finish, as our Saviour did, and find the eternal reward for us. The beauty of all that has been set forth by our great God, to choose such a time of the year when the flowers, trees and foliage are showing signs of coming to life to show forth the color and production. We can only stand amazed at these wonders and ask God to give us grace so we may, as the image of God, come forth and bear also the fruits of this so great a salvation.

We have a faith, a love, and hope . . . and with this a fellowship in the membership of Christ which so often refreshes us, especially when loved ones come from afar, such as we enjoyed when Bro. Noah Bauman, his wife Bertha, his daughter Jean, and granddaughter Barbara Gasser were with us and the teaching we received from Bro. Noah's sermon. How refreshing is the word of God and when we can assemble around it. We had other visitors and do enjoy having them come, especially when Bro. Eli and Sis-

Bertha Moser brought Bro. Bauman into our midst. We want to thank them for their efforts. May the grace of our Lord be with us all.

We are sorry to have Friends Bob and Marilyn Freiden and family leave our congregation. They have accepted a transfer with his company to move to France. We wish them God's protection and blessings.

MORRIS

Ann Meiss — Esther Schaefer

Our Sunday School presented an Easter program Wednesday evening. The simple childlike faith expressed by the children in their verses and songs is truly something for which to strive.

A son, Clark Richard, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Roger Hemming on March 29. Grandparents are Bro. Carl and Sis. Helen Joos.

Many prayers have been offered for Doug Wulf, son of Bro. Leonard and Sis. Violet Wulf. Doug was injured in action in Viet Nam, on March 8. He has been transferred to the states. His parents are in Texas to be with him.

Bro. John Schaefer became ill with a heart condition; he was taken to Northwestern Hospital in Minneapolis, where he was relieved through the use of a pacemaker. We are thankful to report that Bro. John is now at home and gaining in strength day by day. We hope he can soon assemble with us again.

The engagement of Sis. Carole Meiss, daughter of Bro. Harold and Sis. Ann, to Bro. Ronald Kellenberger, son of Bro. Gene and Sis. Velma of Peoria was announced on April 2. We wish them much happiness and joy in the Lord. Sis. Pauline Tohm wishes to thank the many friends and relatives for the cards, gifts and well wishes extended to her during her illness.

ROCKVILLE

Carlton J. Lanz

Easter is a time for the Christian world to rejoice. It is one of, if not the most of all days eternally important to the real Christian. It was on this day nearly two thousand years ago the resurrection of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, took place. He had given His All, when with a final loud voice He yielded up His spirit. The Bible tells us that the earth quaked, the veil of the Sanctuary of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom, and many

saints who had been asleep in their graves went into the holy city and appeared to many. (after his resurrection).

With the fulfilment of His earthly mission completed, this gave mankind a direct approach to God through Jesus Christ. Perhaps the pace of our lifetime is often so fast that many of us pass over this great event without much consideration. It is not new to us; we've heard it many times and celebrate it in various ways. In one of our beautiful hymns, its author tells or reminds us how he felt, when he wrote thus: And tho' we may read them a thousand times o'er, They never, no never grow old!

Death came suddenly to Werner Kunzli, who was widely known as a realtor. He was born in Switzerland and came to America many years ago. He leaves besides his wife, Bertha Gottier Kunzli, two sons, Werner Kunzli Jr. and Bernard Gottier; a daughter, Arleen Songailo. Services at the church will be on Friday, April 7. He was 66.

The engagement of Sis. Ida Zahner to Bro. Walter Gerber was announced on Sunday by Elder John Bahler. We wish them God's blessing.

SABETHA

Mrs. Joe Steiner

The engagement was made known of Rose Ann Wenger, daughter of Sis. Tillie and Bro. Lewis Wenger, to Steven Knobloch of Lester. They are planning to be married in August.

At our business meeting, Bro. Alpha Aberle was re-elected for another three-year term as trustee. Bro. Joe Menold and Bro. Jay Kellenberger were selected as ushers. Bro. Willard and Sis. Eloise Bahr were selected to serve as funeral director and on the food committee. Bro. Velmer Meyer was re-elected to another three-year term on the committee of the Fellowship Hall.

As has been our custom, our mid-week services have been discontinued and our Sunday evening song services have again started. The first one was held on Easter, here in Sabetha. They will be held every two weeks, alternating with Bern. They begin at 7:00 P.M., and everyone is invited to attend.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS?

Write us, or tell one of the reporters, if so.

SAGAMIHARA, JAPAN**John and Betty Klaus**

"Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised. . ." It is rather hard to comprehend that the Redeemed will be praising the Lord in all eternity, so while we are in our testing ground, should we not be also testifying to His goodness? One girl asked, "Why are the Japanese poor and the Americans so rich?" If riches were so important, Jesus would have been a millionaire. The goodness of the Lord are things that money cannot buy.

On March 31 and April 1 we had special meetings at a nearby grade school. One night was very windy, and the next was cold and windy. In some cases the local circulating bulletin was not circulated, and almost all the posters we put up were either blown away or torn off by someone. In one case, someone even tacked something over one of them. In spite of this, about 18 gathered, altogether. One time someone was calling me about the meetings and a lady next to him overheard him said, "Where are they? We would like to go." She didn't, but her daughter did, and she said through the speaking she became very interested. One of the teachers said he was very interested, and if we ever have any more meetings there, he would like to help us. So we praise the Lord for what He has done. We are thankful for two new boys and one girl who have come to the Bible class. We are still waiting for the return of Sis. Megumi Terauchi, who has had an extended visit to England.

This summer we had hoped to spend a couple months with you loved ones, but it seems it will have to wait another year. The Lord is blessing us with another child to replace our dear Sammy, who we are looking forward to meeting again some day.

Only one life, 'twill soon be past.
Only what's done for Christ will last.

SILVERTON
Judith Knecht

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved."

Let us be reminded daily of the pain and agony our Lord suffered for the sins of man, and not just once a year at Easter. May we all strive more prayerfully to serve our Saviour.

On the afternoon of Easter, the Sunday School put forth much effort for a touching program. We as parents wish to thank the teachers and children for the labors.

Sis. Beth Anliker wishes to express her sincere thank you to all who remembered her on her 70th birthday.

Thank you: We sincerely wish to express our heartfelt thanks to all the loved ones who remembered me so generously with birthday and get-well wishes, gifts and especially prayers during my illness. Bro. Clarence and Sis. Mildred Dietrich.

TAMAHATA**Akito and Marie Inoue**

On April 2, Easter, we had a special early morning service at Chiyoda lakeside, on a hill that surrounds the lake.

John, Chapter 20 was read and meditated upon. Our Lord left the glory in heaven and shared our pains and sorrows. The love with which he loved us, the wisdom and knowledge with which he taught us of heaven, the mighty works he worked among us, and the obedience even to the death on the cross were all again brought to our memory.

How great was the sorrow and despair, however, when the Lord was taken away from them. Beloved Jesus, the Son of God, the true friend of the poor and the sick, the King of Kings who worked miracles, was crucified and dead in a tomb.

Who could see the plan of God? Who could hope to see the Lord again? Who could understand that the gate to Heaven was opened? The way of God and His power was certainly beyond human comprehension.

We thanked God for His love and compassion to do all this for the ones like ourselves, and were moved with hope and joy that He still makes it possible that, if we are crucified with the Lord to our sins, we likewise shall be raised in him again.

May the hope of Easter be with you all.

The amount suggested for the Silver Lining, \$2.00 per year.

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

On Sunday, March 5, Bro. Phil Gutwein was thankful to God that he could have his engagement announced to Sis. Carol Schieler of Remington. The Vernon Pelsys also announce the engagement of their daughter, Barbara, to James Little of Mt. Prospect, Ill. We wish these two couples all of God's help that will make them the happiest.

Then on Sunday, March 19, we were thankful to God that so many dear dear teenagers from Ft Wayne and Bluffton kept filling the front benches of our church. It just made our hearts overflow with joy then when they all kneeled down in prayer—yes, there is so much good in our youth, and we wish them all special blessings in their lives. In the afternoon our neighbor, Bro. Alfred Bahler gave us much brotherly love.

And on Sunday, March 26, we had flown home from Florida to see my oldest brother, Herman Norr, whom we do not wish to grieve too much at his peaceful passing to eternity, as I never will forget when my dear mother also passed away so suddenly, and father told we seven children that we should try and be thankful that she did not have to suffer long. Now please accept my humble thanks again, for so many that traveled so far to extend their loving sympathy . . . of course, love those just as much who were not able to make the trip . . . and the many cards were so uplifting. Our dear Sis. Eileen Boehning's mother passed away, and Eileen certainly is given our sincere sympathy, as we all love her so much. Doesn't our precious faith make the path easier?

Mrs. Roberta Geyer had to be hospitalized, which was a great concern to us all, but so thankful she can be home again.

In closing, will try to obey what a member asked me, that he would like to read in the *Silver Lining* about our Florida trip. Must just say, "He's everywhere you go". While on a boat trip, where we could just see water in all directions, thought that also was a creation of God, and what was so touching, a beautiful white bird kept following us for so many miles and semed like it kept begging to take you under its wings and saying—

Jesus first, Others next, Yourself last.

OAKVILLE Martha Steiner

We enjoyed the visit of Ministering Bro. Duane Metzger from West Bend.

Bro. Gerald and Sis. Bonnie Wagenbach are the happy parents of a son, Michael Jon, born March 13. Paternal grandparents are Bro. John and Sis. Bertha (Gerst) Wagenbach. Michael has two sisters and four brothers to welcome him home.

Heidi Jo is the first child of Bro. Wayne and Sis. Joleen Gerst, and was born March 23. Her grandparents are Bro. Chris and Sis. Nettie (Hodel) Gerst and Friends Paul and Ruth Luttenegger.

We sympathize with Sis. Julia Ellenson in the departure from this life of her daughter, Mrs. Marie Hany, who lived near Chicago. Sis. Julia has been in the hospital, but is now home again in Burlington.

Marilyn Grimm, daughter of Bro. Jess and Sis. Elizabeth (Wiegand) Grimm, was married to Mike Wilkerson on March 18. We wish them a lifetime of happiness.

Many from our congregation attended the weddings of two of our Oakville brothers on April 9. Bro. Don Schmidgall (son of Bro. Hartzell and Sis. Marian Moser Schmidgall) and Sis. Carol Ann Wuthrich (daughter of Bro. James and Sis. Eunice Wiegand Wuthrich) were married in Morton. Bro. John Frank and Sis. Clara Eisenmann were married in Cissna Park. We wish the two couples, both younger and older, much happiness together.

Also recently announced was the engagement of Sis. Jane Wiegand (daughter of Bro. Joe and Sis. Lois Schrock Wiegand) to Bro. Ron Schmidgall (son of Bro. Hartzell and Sis. Marian). A June wedding is planned.

BRADFORD Rebecca Endress

Matthew David is the name Bro. Jerry and Sis. Wilma Kieser have chosen for their baby son, born April 1. He is welcomed home by two sisters, Barbara and Mary Ann, and two brothers, Joe and Robert. Sis. Emma Moser (Phoenix) and Bro. Sam and Sis. Lucille Kieser are the grandparents.

Nathan Herncjar was hospitalized for tests.

We enjoyed the visits of several visiting ministers during March: Bros. Don Sauder and Ben Fehr, Roanoke and Bro. Roy Wieland, Bay City. Bro. Wieland related to us many of the current events and how they are fulfilling scriptural prophecies. We have to think how close the Second Coming is when we consider these things. The Bible classes from Taylor and Pulaski visited our Sunday School and were accompanied by Bro. Cleo Rinckenberger. We enjoyed his ministry to us.

URBANA Teresa Hufford

We are happy to announce the engagements of Bro. Greg Rassi to Sis. Carla Vierling, both of Morton, and Bro. Denny Fehr (Roanoke) to Sis. Julie Wackerle (Bay City). Greg and Denny are students at the University of Ill. May God bless these two couples and guide them according to His will.

"Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife . . ." On March 26, Bro. Steve Sauder and Sis. Mary Woerner were united in Holy Matrimony in Tremont. Steve and Mary are residing in Champaign while Steve is attending the University of Ill. Our richest blessings go to them, and may they have a happy life together with the protecting love from our Heavenly Father.

During one of our midweek services, March 22, our Sunday School children put on their Easter program. In their childlike ways we were shown the meaning of Easter, and rejoiced in the words and songs they spoke about Jesus. Following the program, Bro. Vernon Leman (Eureka) spoke briefly about how Jesus died for us and arose to God the Father.

Our visiting ministers were Bro. Gerald Sutter (Taylor), Bro. Elmer Witzig (Gridley), Bro. Perry Zimmerman (Forest), Bro. Vernon Leman (Eureka), and Bro. Merle Kaisner (Fairbury). We thank them for traveling such distances to bring the wonderful teachings.

MORTON Mrs. John Oberlander Mrs. Kenneth Getz

Sis. Emma Rein Glaser, 90, passed away March 28 at her home. She is survived by two daughters, Sisters Martha and Alma Glaser; two sisters, Sisters Lydia Kuntz

and Lena Kuntz; two brothers, Bros. George and Charles Rein.

Henry and Sis. Bernice Rinckenberger Rapp announced the engagement of their daughter, Barbara, to Marvin VanEtten, son of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas VanEtten of Morton. Bro. Greg Rassi, son of Bro. Eli and Sis. Pearl Schweigert Rassi, announced his engagement to Sis. Carla Vierling, daughter of Bro. Carl and Sis. Rose Baer Vierling.

Bro. Dennis and Sis. Beth Menold Feucht are the parents of a son, Jon Herman; a brother and sister welcome him home.

Those sick or convalescing are: Sisters Lucille Beer Zimmerman, Cora Rechkemmer, Kate Waldbeser Stieglitz, Lydia Moser Miller, Mabel Martin Belsley and Joann (Mrs. Fred) Roecker; Bros. Carl Huette, Mike Schmidgall and Edwin Hartman.

Two dear souls have repented and were baptized, Gilbert Bruell and Carl Huette. We are happy to see those dear brothers who have found peace in the spirit of love and faith.

Thank you: We wish to express our heartfelt thanks and appreciation for prayers, gifts, and many other acts of kindness shared at the loss of our little one and while I was in the hospital. Janet and Phil Simpson and Grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Simpson and Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Kilgus.

LATTY

Connie Stoller — LeAnn Laukhuf

After the long winter months, we're always glad to see the first signs of spring. It really shows God is walking the earth and painting life again!

The following people were chosen to carry out certain duties for the year ahead. Bro. George Keysor and Sis. Iris Laukhuf as Sunday School teachers; Bro. Millard Stoller as trustee; and Sis. Vera Laukhuf and Sis. Bertha Sinn as the kitchen committee.

We were privileged to have the Morton Young Group and several other visitors with us on March 18-19. A spiritual blessing was enjoyed by all.

On March 31, our young group was invited to West Bend. This Easter season spent with those of our precious faith was very uplifting. May God richly bless those who showed such wonderful love and hospitality to us.

Hospital patients were Sis. Linda

Grant and Kimberly Dunham (daughter of Bro. Charles Jr. and Sis. Debbie). Both are home and doing fine.

Thank You Note: We wish to express our thanks and appreciation to our many friends, neighbors, and relatives for the cards, gifts, and food brought in during the passing away of our dear Eugene. The delicious meals prepared and such deeds of kindness were greatly appreciated. May God richly bless all of you. Archie and Sis. Bena DeLong, Janice DeLong and children, and Eloise Arend.

BLUFFTON

Imogene Steffen — Pat Isch

It was another stirring Good Friday when everyone could pause for a few hours and go to the house of worship to hear of our Lord's suffering and death. Bro. Theo. Beer was with us that evening and brought the message. We are thankful for his visit.

Just as the sun follows rain and clouds, it was good to hear of a risen Lord on Easter morning. We who have been redeemed know that the resurrection of our Lord is a most thrilling event, a season of the year which brings some emotion to everyone, even our friends. One dear friend surrendered her heart on Easter. What a wonderful time to seek salvation! Also, Elaine Kipfer was announced for coming proving and baptism. Bro. Martin & Sis. Marguerite are her parents. May many more search their hearts and see if they are prepared to meet this crucified and living Lord.

We anew enjoyed an Easter message with our Sunday School choirs singing many appropriate songs. Bro. Henry Beer stopped by for the evening and offered a closing prayer.

Our fellowship hall was the scene of two of our friends' weddings in March. Sharon Schwartz and Gary Merritt exchanged their vows on March 18. The couples' parents are Bro. Howard and Sis. Beulah Schwartz and Mr. and Mrs. George Merritt. On Saturday, March 25, Ralph Aschliman received Rosemary Lehrman as his bride. The parents are Bro. Roy and Sis. Ida Aschliman and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lehrman.

Bro. Mike and Sis. Becky (Tonner) Leye have a son, Jon Curtis. A brother, Troy welcomes his little brother at home. Larry and Cheryl

Maller also have a son, Christopher L. Leon and Cynthia (Moser) Kauffman are the parents of their first child, a girl whom they named Melissa Sue. Kenneth and Diane (Moser) Wolfe welcome a boy, Scott Charles. Sis. Mary (Ivan) Moser is the grandmother. **As soft wax is apt to take the stamp of a seal, so are the minds of young children to receive the instructions imprinted upon them.**

Bro. Andrew Hackenjoes, aged 75, was laid to rest, after being in failing health for seventeen months. Those surviving include his wife, Sis. Sylvia; three sons, Bro. Glenn of Altadena, Bro. Myron of Ft. Wayne, and Bro. Carl of Bluffton; four daughters, Sis. Fern Kaehr, Sis. Dema, Phyllis Smith, and Sis. Nilah Fisher of Morton.

The Lord also called another of his dear children home. Sis. Elizabeth Neuenschwander, aged 85, was released by death after many bedridden months. The family circle includes her husband, Bro. William; four sons and eight daughters: Bros. William, Charles, Walter, John, Sis. Virgil (Harold) Isch, Sis. Betty (Wm.) Frauhofer, Sisters Lucille (Walter) Kaehr, Martha (Luster) Heyerly, Ann (Earl) Frauhofer, Ada (David) Gerber, Ellen (Ervin) Fiechter, Joyce (Howard) Baumgartner; two sisters, Sis. Mary (Lewis) Gerber and Mrs. Sarah Gilbert; and one brother, John Schwartz.

We certainly are thankful that these souls could stay true to the end of their earthly life. They are an inspiration for those remaining. May the family circles be complete again in Heaven.

Those recently hospitalized were Bro. Levi Schwartz and Bro. Charles Drayer. There are many prayers and well-wishes for the shut-ins.

The Ivan Frauhofer family (Bro. Ivan and Sis. Sylvia) was happy to welcome home their son, Bruce from his Army duty in Viet Nam. We are thankful for the protection provided by the Lord in such a distant land and for his safe return.

WOLCOTT

Arles Kropf — Marjean Lehman

The Easter Program was held in the evening on Easter, April 2. From the congregational songs and opening prayer to the closing prayer many efforts were put forth. We trust many blessings

were received.

Bro. Pete Luthi was hospitalized for tests, but has returned home.

Bro. Robert (Pep) Oberlander has undergone surgery, and is home again.

Bro. Darl Schieler visited Hawaii while on leave from duty in Viet Nam and was joined by his parents, Bro. Bob and Sis. Milyn, and his brothers and sisters.

VALPARAISO

Irene Nuest

For our minister, Good Friday, we were very happy to have with us Bro. Verdon Feldman, and visitors to help us commemorate this very special day. Bro. Feldman impressed us with the story of "The Wondrous Cross." **And He went forth into a place called . . . Golgotha, where they crucified Him, yes, He thought of you, He thought of me, when hanging there in agony.** Certainly a life of gratitude and praise is the necessary response to such a matchless sacrifice. **Calvary is the result of God's heartache for perishing souls.**

On Easter, our minister, Bro. Harry Bucher so very clearly told us of the resurrection, of how our Lord paid our debt to set us free, if we will accept Him, and not reject Him, and how we need not be preachers, but how our works will determine if we have accepted Him. For if you live the gospel first, men will listen better later.

Our mother, Sis. Lena Nuest of LaCrosse, says Thank you for the birthday cards and letters, which she received for her 88th birthday.

BREMEN

Karen Feldman

We had a blessed Easter weekend and heard much from God's word.

Praise the Lord! On March 25 we heard the testimony of two dear souls, Ed Germann and Tina Meister. On Sunday we witnessed their baptism. May God be very near to them the remainder of their lives.

We were also privileged to partake of Holy Communion this weekend. We were glad to have Elder Bros. Joe Waibel and Dave Bertsch with us.

A baby girl was born to Bro. Bill and Sis. Ann Zimmer on March 24. Nancy is welcomed home by five brothers and one sister.

Hospitalized were Sis's. Helen Martin and Leah Souder.

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WHO AM I?

Henry Souder Jr.

Ten thousand evenings of fun . . . gay, reckless plunge in acres of merriment . . . night drive to places, feelings, and people, where time and money flies in gay pursuit. Feelings run high that people like fun.

Who are we? **Who am I?** The place where we were born, we know that . . . Our parents, our relatives . . . the world we live in. But more, who am I? Facts are very interesting. We gain insight into the true picture. We learn how to solve the meaning and find real happiness.

The following is our Saviour speaking: "And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger!"

Newly-awakened, he was aware of who he was. Where he belonged. And where the way was. Happiness is only found in God. In the holy scripture we find the record. Apart from this is confusion, mist, groping darkness. We were created with the breath of God. Only in Him can the soul find rest and satisfaction. Perishing indeed outside! Those who do not find Him will never find where true happiness is.

Do you want to find? It takes wanting, the desire called in prayer. Do you really want to? You have to leave all. Count all the cost. The air is freer, even with the first step. Sure, you see the load you had not seen before. You see you have hurt and grieved. Compared to the beyond it's really worthwhile. It is not

mountainous. . . if you determine to, a great battle is won.

"I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee, And am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants."

It is simple. The kindness of God takes your hand. Each step is made plain. We turn around, we change our desire and mind, we repent. Some voices falsely skip over, and the heart remains as it was. They really block with the will of man. The grace of God has a marvellous manner. It levels the high and fills in the low. Each step, one at a time. It's the same way we all went. Each day was better than all the old.

"And am no more worthy. . ." Only with this feeling can we come into the presence of God. We all fell short of His glory. "And he arose, and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him."

The hardness was from the world. Every soul can find rich peace and the beautiful promises. We missed it, and didn't know. Sweet, comforting, peace-giving is the Father's presence and favor. The soul that was long lost finds freedom and bountiful rest.

Words show we mean it. The human heart hiding still has a thousand fig-leaves. None help. Some people are going to be sorely dis-

appointed. Words indicate our child-likeness.

"And the son said unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son."

Jesus did the hard part. The awful fury of death's penalty for us fell at Calvary. The Father puts a beautiful garment on us. White and clean, it is the righteousness of our Lord and Saviour. He treats us like a prince. We do become His child. Listen: "But the father said to his servants, Bring forth the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet:"

How happy the Father is. How must His house in heaven ring with His joy, when someone comes home. To taste of His merriment and His feast, one day, is better than all the days of darkness. It is really feasting. The kind that lasts: "And bring hither the fatted calf, and kill it; and let us eat, and be merry:"

Not that there won't be days of sorrow and heaviness. We must go through pressing and testing to enter the kingdom of heaven. The gold needs to be made pure. We need to grow strong and sturdy. Through it all we can keep our eyes on the shining. Count it all joy, if we can't feel it. The meaning rises in heights untold and ages to come. "For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found. And they began to be merry." A beginning of no end for the faithful.