



And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.

And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul:

neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common.

And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all.

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

THE SILVER LINING

A LIGHT for BELIEVERS

OVER THE SUNSET MOUNTAINS

One night, it is written, a certain man was very tired. He dreamed: I was in a country . . . I wandered around looking for thorns and nettles, but I found that they did not grow there; . . . And I saw people in holiday attire, and I said, When will they put off all this . . . But they never put off the holiday attire . . . I looked all along the line for beautiful hills—the place where the dead might most blissfully sleep . . . but not a mausoleum or a monument or a white slab was to be seen . . . not a tear could I see, not a sigh could I hear . . . up to the flowery paths and across the shifting streams, there came a beautiful group thronging about me, and as I saw them come I thought I knew their step, and as they shouted I thought I knew their voices, but they were so gloriously arrayed in apparel such as I had never before witnessed . . . they clapped their hands and shouted, Welcome . . . and I found that time had gone and eternity had come, and we were all together again in our new home in heaven.

Why Must It Be

(In Memory of 10-year-old Kalisa Souder). Written by her sister, Kim, a teenager, for school work.

Why must it be
So hard to forget
The love of her soul,
The love we had met.

Why must it be
She was taken from us?
We had loved her so
But the Lord loved her best.

Why must it be
That we should live on
To endure the pain that must
prolong,
But we still must live
That much is known
To love and to hold those who live
on.

But now I know
That it must be
For she loved the Lord
That, I see.
Oh how I loved that body
and soul,
But to get to heaven was
her goal.

But when I die,
What I will do
Is get to heaven
To see her, too.

(Fresh and Lasting . . .
. . . In Remembrance)

Sagamihara

Our 10-yr.-old, Faith wrote this poem one year after our dear son was taken from us:

(The parents of Faith and Sammy are the John Klaus's)

Sammy

Sammy got hit by a truck, when he was five years old,
But he gets to go to a land where the streets are made of gold.
We all cried very much, but we don't have to worry,
Because Sammy is very happy, and will never be in a hurry.

The clothes which Sammy will receive will be very snow white,
And the animals in that land will never ever bite.

Sammy would be six now, next year he'd be seven,
But it really doesn't matter,
Because he's in the land of heaven.

Peoria

In loving memory of Harold Thomas . . . Submitted by his wife and family with the thought, that yet today, a broken father and mother's heart could find comfort in the following . . . written for Ezra and Mary Hohulin, at the death of their baby, by Mary's brother, Harold Thomas, at age 27 years, while in service in Kelheim, Germany, June 1945.

Dear Mary and Ezra,

Our loving Lord and Saviour, Jesus, is looking down upon this earth, and one day in May He saw a tiny infant, Elizabeth Jean, come into this world. He beheld that this beloved child was very beautiful, so delicate and loveable, a little angel; now the heart of Jesus is full of love and compassion for all of His Father's children here on earth . . . Beholding this world of sin, full of many trials and troubles, His heart was grieved to see so helpless and innocent a one enter therein. Mus-

ing further, Jesus decided that He could easily use the precious one in His glorious Kingdom, perhaps in His beautiful Temple, or maybe as a bright jewel in His crown of glory, or yet as one to romp and play in the bountiful pastures of Heaven. He had a purpose in mind.

Jesus knew full well how deeply the father and mother loved their little child and how bereaved they would be to part with her. But yet He also knew of their trust in God, that they would have a living hope to meet the little one in that beautiful wonderland, where joy and peace remain (even though parted for a time), and also that they would firmly believe that whatever happens must be God's holy will.

He left the child in this suffering world a few days to give the parents a chance to prove their love toward it. More than satisfied with their overflowing hearts, filled with love and affection, He finally said to one of His angels, **Suffer the little one to come unto me.** The precious one was called, and Jesus came forward with outstretched arms to receive her, and now she is resting safe in the arms of Jesus, feeding upon His wondrous love and mercy . . . How great is the love of Christ!

Yes, she is safe
Safe from all harm
Living with Jesus
In His strong arm
Safe from the world
With its trials and cares
Safe from the tempter
Who layeth his snares

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Safe from the suffering
 Her little body bore
 Now she's at home
 On that beautiful shore
 May your sorrow be lightened
 By the promise from above
 That the little one is resting
 In the depths of His love.

Gridley, II.

In loving memory of our two dear ones, Alph and Carolyn Stoller, who were taken from us so suddenly, June 28 and 29, 1967.

Their lives were like a song
 . . .
 When they were called to their home above;
 With knowledge profound, and ideals high,
 And though their voices are stilled;

Dear Brothers, Sisters, and friends: Greetings!

Sis. Vera Yackley, Phoenix, can walk without a cane, can dress and feed herself. Her mind is good again and memory is still improving. We are very thankful to the Lord for His mercy. This was her fourth cranial surgery—1955, 1958, 1964 and August 1971. Her paralysis has improved very much. Her speech is not affected, and tho' this fourth cranial surgery left Sis. Vera almost clear blind, she has found grace to accept it. One Sunday, on the way home from church, instead of complaining because she is nearly blind, she said she is glad she doesn't have to drive.

Sis. Eileen and I wish to thank everyone for the cards, letters, gifts and prayers. They helped so much.

They got about 80 percent of the tumor this time. The neurosurgeon says it's not malignant. May our Lord bless you all.

Humbly,
 Clarence Yackley

NEUHUTTEN, GERMANY

Beirne Messner Marvin Dotterer
 We have been enjoying wonderful spring weather in Germany, and with it have come many visitors from the States. Lynn and Annetta (Maurer) Young and their daughter, Laurie, from Cissna Park spent three weeks here; we enjoyed their visit. Bro. Harold Steiner and his wife, Sis. Karen and Sisters Shirley and Betty Jane Feucht from Princeville were with us for

Memories of the things they used to do and say,
 Will be an inspiration to those they left behind, until the end of time.

They are sadly and always missed by those who love them so dearly.

Princeville

Safely Home

I am home in heaven, dear ones;
 Oh so happy and so bright!
 There is perfect joy and beauty
 In this everlasting light.

All the pain and grief is over,
 Every restless tossing passed;
 I am now at peace forever,
 Safely home in heaven at last.

Did you wonder I so calmly
 Trod the valley of the shade?

Oh! but Jesus' love illumined
 Every dark and fearful glade.

And He came Himself to meet me
 In that way so hard to tread,
 And with Jesus' arm to lean on,
 Could I have one doubt or dread?

Then you must not grieve so sorely,
 For I love you dearly still.
 Try to look beyond earth's shadows;
 Pray to trust our Father's will.

There is work still waiting for you,
 So you must not idly stand.
 Do it now, while life remaineth—
 You shall rest in Jesus' land.

When that work is all completed,
 He will gently call you home;
 Oh the rapture of that meeting,
 Oh the joy to see you come!

two week-ends. Harold was in the service in Germany in "66" and "67". Now we are enjoying the visit of Bro. Frank and Sis. Gladys Messner, along with Bro. Sid Messner, Henry Messner, Sis. Jeanette Nohl and Bro. Rich Meiss from Morris. It always a blessing to fellowship with those of like mind and faith.

We have an addition to our small group. Daryll Ringger from Bluffton was with us this week-end for the first time, and we look forward to spending many more week-ends together.

TOLEDO Lydia Meister

"O taste and see that the LORD is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in Him." We raised our hearts in praise and thanks to God that we were privileged to sing these uplifting words:

Now it is accomplished;
 I'm no longer mine.
 Lord, I will forever and always be Thine,

For Thou hast created and purchased me too;
 Baptized with Thy Spirit, Thou makest me new.

Our dear friend, Mary Harmon became our sister in faith on Sunday, May 21. Our Elder Bro. Ben Maibach was assisted by Elder Bro. Loren Stoller in this precious and blessed service of baptism and prayer for the Holy Spirit's entrance to her heart. We are humbly thankful Sis. Mary now is one of the children of our God.

The elders also served us Holy Communion. It was a very blessed service. May we ever remember what a sacred privilege is ours to partake thereof. May it strengthen our faith, love and obedience to our Lord. We all had a blessed week-end and thank the brothers for their love and care. It was so good to have Bro. Sinn with us and all the dear ones who came to enjoy with us these spiritual blessings.

On May 6, a group of brethren and friends met at the church for spring cleaning. We accomplished much indoors and out, in spite of some rain. I think we owe our friends a special Thank You for so faithfully and willingly helping us in this work and all the many nice services they do throughout the year.

Our sister, Chloris Burkholder has moved to R. 2, Box 184, Wauseon Ohio 43567. Her former address was 115 Summit St., Morenci Mich. 49256.

Words are the voice of the heart.

SHIODA, JAPAN Willis R. Ehle

Years ago when I was working in a hospital in Alabama, we had a patient who was severely burned over most of her body, because she had gone into her burning home to attempt to rescue her children. On the way to the hospital in the ambulance her little girl, who was fatally burned, prayed, "Dear God, please help Mama to live." Perhaps

this is an important aspect of a child's nature which the Lord Jesus Christ had in mind when He said, **Except ye become as a little child, ye cannot enter the Kingdom of Heaven.** It is impressive that the little girl would pray that her mother could live, while she herself lays down to die. We also, are to pray for God to give spiritual life to others while we ourselves lay down to die, like a kernel of wheat, to die to self and this world.

Bro. Leonard Hitz of our Union City church is in Japan on behalf of his employer. He spent the week-end of May 28 with my family and me and travelled with us to visit the Tokyo church on that day.

While my family and I are in the States this summer, Sisters Judy Bauer and Sue Schock will be living in our home. Guests from the States, on vacation or business, are welcome as always; telephone 05534-7-1177. Guests could stay in the sisters' apartment in the upstairs of the church.

Satan's tactics of having the sheep blame the shepherd for their own inadequacies should be eradicated.

BRADFORD Rebecca Endress

"Ring the bells of heaven, there is joy today . . ." Six wandering souls are finding their way home. We rejoice that Bill and Karen (Ehnle) Ringger, Susan Ringger, David and Eileen Klumpp, and Gary Endress are repenting. They are the children of Bro. Jim and Sis. Lyola Ringger, Bro. Roy and Sis. Donna Ehnle, Bro. Ray and Sis. Eunice Klumpp, and Sis. Lois Endress. It is encouraging to see six miracles taking place before our very eyes.

Bro. Sam Plattner flew home from Vietnam for his R & R and spent ten days with his wife, Sis. Pat (Ehnle) and family. It was so good to see him again, but the time just flew.

We enjoyed the visit one Sunday of Ministering Bro. Joe Stoller (Princeville).

Bro. Loris and Sis. Martha Kieser are the parents of a new baby daughter, born May 12. Her name is Lisa Beth, and she has three brothers and three sisters. Bro. Sam and Sis. Lucille Kieser and Bro. Silas and Sis. Mary Leuthold are grandparents. Stephen Eric was born May 27 to Terry and Cathy

Stisser. His paternal grandparents are Bro. Loris and Sis. Lottie Stisser.

Congratulations to our high school graduates. They are: Sis. Teresa Stoller (Bro. Nate and Sis. Martha), Mike Dietz (Bro. Herman and Sis. Hilda), Karen Ringger (Bro. Roy and Sis. Donna Ehnle), and Judy Endress (Sis. Lois). We wish for all of you God's guidance as you go on to whatever life holds for you.

Nathan Stoller (Bro. Nate and Sis. Martha) was hospitalized for appendectomy. He is getting along fine. Michael Kuntz, son of Bro. Jerry and Sis. Doris, underwent surgery. We are happy that the reports were good and he is feeling fine. **Note of Thanks:** We want to thank everyone for their prayers, gifts, and cards to Michael during his surgery and stay in the hospital. Jerry and Doris Kuntz.

UNION CITY Gail Gasser

We were happy to have Bro. Louie Schoenleber back with us in church after being hospitalized. Sis. Freda Wartman is also convalescing at home.

On May 27 a picnic was held at the home of Bro. Ed and Sis. Nancy Aeschleman. Those of us in the Philadelphia area and several from the Union City area were present. Also with us were Bro. Chester and Sis. Roma Rufener and three children from Rittman. They were visiting their son, Bro. Larry.

We're glad that Friend Keith Weber, who is stationed at Dover, Del. was able to be with us last week-end.

FAIRBURY Joyce Huber

We rejoice that Elsie (Broquard) Denick has sought and found the Lord Jesus as her Saviour and received peace with God. May she grow in grace and rejoice in the Lord.

Bro. Al Langhofer of Kansas brought us an inspiring message one Sunday he was in this area. He meditated in the Book of Acts, bringing out that we in this 20th century could encounter the same experiences these apostles encountered, and that we are disciples of Jesus Christ, just as Peter was.

On Mother's Day, it was made known to our congregation that Bro. Art Bahler was chosen to

serve in the ministry. We believe the Holy Spirit moved the congregation that Bro. Art had the majority of the votes. We pray for him in his additional responsibilities, and know that he has the support of the group.

Bro. Ed and Sis. Lorene Kloter were surprised on the occasion of their Silver Anniversary, with their family and friends having made arrangements for them to have a reception at Lyle's Acres.

Sis. Lydia Aberle returned home from the hospital in Champaign, and wishes to thank those that remembered her for their thoughtfulness in the different things for her.

My parents, Bro. Edward and Sis. Lydia Huber, observed their 55th wedding anniversary Sunday, June 4, with a family dinner.

The engagement was announced of Sis. Kathleen Steffen, daughter of Bro. Ben and Sis. Nina Steffen, to Bro. Cleve Klopfenstein, son of Bro. Ralph and Sis. Katherine Klopfenstein of Gridley. We wish them God's blessings.

GRIDLEY, KANSAS Edna Somerhalder—Wilma Young

Flourishing youth, Thou our hope and fond expectation,

Hark to the voice that is calling in kind invitation.

That hand obey which oft has pointed the way

To the dear Saviour's salvation.

Announcement has been made that three converts profess peace with God and man, namely Barbara Kraft (daughter of Bro. Lloyd and Sis. Nadine), Paula Bahr (daughter of Bro. Rudy and Sis. Eileen), Judy Bahr, (daughter of Sylvan and Helen). The Lord willing, they will bring their testimonies of faith June 3.

A visit to our church Home in Sabetha proved time well spent. It is heart-touching how appreciative the residents are for a minute of your time. We especially wished to visit two of our congregation. . . Sis. Lizzie Beck, 92, widow of the late Bro. Jacob. Although somewhat of a senile mind, she was reluctant to let us go, wished us God's blessings. She went to the home with Bro. Jacob over ten years ago. Bro. Louis Somerhalder, who hopes to observe his 46th birthday June 13 has spent eight years at the

Home. He was happy to attend the Bern church dedication with us (He is a brother to Bro. Joseph). He expressed his joy for good food, "all I wish to eat". How wonderful there has been provision made for the less fortunate. May God bless those who make it possible.

Bro. Clarence Yackley, with his wife Sis. Vera and daughter Sis. Eileen, spent an evening with us. Other visiting ministers: Elder Bro. Samuel Anliker and Bro. Roy Wernli. Many thanks for the messages; we enjoy visiting ministers, also other guests, as our group is quite small.

A church shower was held for Mathias (Bud) Strahm and his new bride, Dorothy. Bud is Sis. Lena's son. They are at home in Crystal Lake, Illinois.

Bible School has been in progress this week for pre-school through the eighth grade, 8:45-11:00 a.m.

LATTY

Connie Stoller — LeAnn Laukhuf

We are happy to report that Bro. Dave and Sis. LouAnn Klopfenstein are the parents of a daughter, Wendy Lou. Wendy has one brother to welcome her home. May God bless them with their new daughter.

Congratulations to all the 1972 graduates! We have twelve in our Latty congregation: Sis. Shirley Schlatter (Bro. Herman and Sis. Viola); Sis. Darlene Stoller (Bro. William and Sis. Florence); Sis. Karen Stoller (Bro. Wayne and Sis. Dorothy); Sis. Connie Stoller (Bro. Glenn and Sis. Edith); Peg Carnahan (Othal and Arlene); Paul Grant (Bro. Tom and Sis. Delores); Gary Laukhuf (Bro. Bob and Sis. Iris); Greg Gerber (Bro. Roger and Sis. Eunice); Steve Plummer (Bro. Rex and Sis. Ann); Eli Schlatter (Bro. Joe and Sis. Elsie); Don Stoller (Justus and Ruby); and Dennis Rager (Roy and June).

The high school graduates have these future plans: Sis. Shirley plans to enter International Business College this summer, Sis. Darlene, Nurse's Training this fall; Sis. Karen, a job; Sis. Connie is working for an attorney and will enter International Business College this fall, and Peg is working at a clothing store. Paul is working at ALCO factory in Latty, Gary is entering Indiana University Extension at Ft. Wayne, to be a dentist; Greg will enter Pre-Med School at Ohio Northern University in Ada,

Ohio, and Steve plans to farm. Eli is selling lawnmowers and maintains a repair shop, and Don and Dennis plan to farm.

We have three girls graduating from college: Kay Stoller (Bro. Loren and Sis. Esther) from International Business College, who plans to get a job, Bonnie Stoller (Bro. Dave and Sis. Irene) from Dental Training—who now works for a local dentist, and Sis. Caroline Zeltwanger (Bro. Al and Sis. Rose) from Nurse's Training, who works at the Paulding Hospital. We wish all the graduates the Lord's blessings.

MORTON

Mrs. Keith Stevig Mrs. Harry Kaiser

We welcome Jane Knapp into the fold. She is the daughter of Bro. Chris and Sis. Emma Braker Knapp. Bro. Edwin Ringger from Gridley gave us an inspiring message the evening of her testimony.

Another visiting minister was Bro. Verlin Stoller from Ft. Wayne. He challenged each of us to put Christ first in our lives, and to use all our time wisely.

We have chosen Bro. Joe Braker to be our new minister. He is presently Sunday School superintendent. Let us all be prayerful for him and his family as he assumes this new responsibility.

The following babies were born: a son, Corey Andrew, to Dwayne and Dotty Keller; a son, Darin Scott, to Bro. Howard and Sis. Gloria Vierling Leman; a daughter, Nicole Lynelle, to Mr. and Mrs. Duane Strunk; a son, Matthew Jesse, to Gary and Patricia Kaiser; a son, Clint Patrick, to Bro. Greg and Sis. Christine Baer Kaiser; a son, Christopher Curtis, to Curtis and Jane Huette.

Those sick or convalescing are: Sisters Irene Banwart Kaiser, Mary Lou Blunier Grimm, Sylvia Klein Schmidgall, Ruth Zimmerman Kaiser, and Beth Menold Feucht; and Dorothy Weishaupt Aberle, Anna Wiedman, and Salome Domnick Carius.

Sis. Eliza Woerner Rother, 80, passed away May 28 after an extended illness. She is survived by her husband, Bro. Anton; a son, Bro. Francis; three daughters, Lydia (Mrs. Roy) Charlet, Sis. Kathryn (Mrs. Ray) Meiss, and Verla (Mrs. Jay) Weers; two sisters, Sis. Hattie (Mrs. August) Barth, Clara

(Mrs. Wm.) Mueller; one brother, Wm. Woerner.

Joyce Kaisner, 24, died at her home May 29. She is survived by her parents, Bro. Victor and Sis. Ruth Zimmerman; three sisters, Mrs. Duane (Barbara) Aberle, Rosemary and Linda; grandparents, Bro. John and Sis. Emma Belsley Zimmerman.

The following poem was read at Joyce's funeral:

Since Yesterday

Along the golden streets a stranger
walks tonight
With wonder in her heart—Faith
blossomed into sight.
She walks and stops and stares, and
walks and stares again,
Vistas of loveliness beyond the
dreams of men!
She who was feeble, weak and
shackled to a bed
Now climbs eternal hills with light
and easy tread!
She has escaped at last the cruel
clutch of pain;
Her lips shall never taste her bitter
cup again.
Oh never call her dead, this buoy-
ant one and free
Whose daily portion is delight and
ecstasy!
She bows in speechless joy before
the feet of Him
Whom seeing not, she loved while
yet her sight was dim.
Along the golden streets no stranger
walks today,
But one who long, long homesick
is Home at last to stay!

PEORIA

Emily Tanner

Mrs. Michael Weyeneth

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

We are truly thankful that two more dear souls were added to the fold May 28; they are Bro. Mike Honegger, son of Bro. John and Sis. Wilma Honegger, and David Hoerr, son of Dave and Sis. Hattie Hoerr.

Five more dear friends have repented and were announced for proving and baptisms. They are Dale Geyer, son of Bro. Walter and Sis. Hazel Geyer; Rick Plattner, son of Bro. Pete and Sis. Ella Plattner; Marsha Thomas, daughter of Sis. Lucille Thomas; Joan Binkele, daughter of Bro. Dick and Sis. Gladys Binkele; and Greg Herman, son

of Bro. Howard and Sis. Nancy Herman.

Hospital patients are Mrs. Edith Benz and Sis. Rose Barth.

A son, David Loyd, was born May 6 to Bro. Ronald and Sis. Judy Sinn. Bro. Bruce and Sis. Leila Witzig are the parents of their first-born, a son, Marshall Allen, May 16. Also born May 16 was Kimberly Ann, daughter of Don and Terry Bowen; maternal grandparents are Bro. Bob and Sis. Eileen Haefli. On May 26, Bro. Richard and Sis. Mary Streitmatter's son, Daniel Richard, was born.

The engagement of Sis. Patricia Kieser, daughter of Bro. Dave and Sis. Lucille Kieser, to Bro. (Skip) David W. Meister III, son of Bro. David Jr. and Mary Meister, was announced to our congregation. Bro. Melvin and Sis. Carolee Unsicker announced the engagement of their daughter, Teresa, to Norman D. Wettstein of Champaign, son of Bro. John Wettstein of rural Eureka. The engagement of Sis. Verna Knapp Hoerr and Bro. Andy Lehman of Forrest was announced to our congregation. We wish these three couples much happiness and God's blessings in their future.

The Peoria Choir sponsored a delicious dinner at the Fellowship Hall Saturday evening May 13. After the dinner, we enjoyed their program in song. Bro. Bob Pohl joined in the singing, too. We know this took a lot of effort and work, but it was very enjoyable to partake of the blessings. Bro. Al Fisher was present, and the following day, Mother's Day, he had the morning services at church.

Bros. John Wagler and Eli Sommerhalder were guest ministers on a Wed. evening.

Our congregation also enjoyed the fellowship of our brethren from Alabama, who spent the first weekend of June in Peoria. Bros. Lynn Klopfenstein, Lavoyd Moore and John Norman accompanied the group, and we especially wish to thank all our ministers for their acts of kindness and labors of love.

Vacation Bible School will be held for two weeks, starting June 5 . . . 7 to 8:30 p.m., Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday nights.

REMINGTON

Anna M. Waibel and Sisters

A picnic was held on May 27, as a group of old friends and neighbors gathered to be with some of

the Peters' family, Sis. Martha, Marie and Ernest, who lived here for many years and spent the weekend in the community.

The whole community was stunned on Thurs., June 1, as word came that Bro. Erwin Bahler passed away in his sleep. He married Sis. Anna Eisenman of Cissna Park, who passed away in 1967. In 1969 he married Sis. Charlotte Steiner, who survives with his children: five daughters, Sis. Evelyn (Bro. Alpha) Knochel of West Lafayette, Mabel and Edith (Ben) Kaufman of Ft. Wayne, Sis. Betty (Bro. Bill) Zimmerman of Roanoke, Sis. Viola (Bro. Richard) Stoller of Wolcott; three sons, Bros. Edwin and Walter, Remington; Raymond of New Haven. (David passed away the same year as his mother in a car accident); also seven sisters, Sis. Mary Schieler of here, Sisters Martha (Walter) and Nina (Ben) Steffen of Fairbury, Sis. Lydia (Bro. Henry) Kilgus, Forrest, Sis. Tillie and Leona Gerber of Bluffton, Sis. Eliza Getz of Wolcott; two brothers, Bro. Jake of Wolcott and Herman of Peoria.

Bros. John and Corbin Bahler stayed over Sunday and held the services, which was much appreciated. Our deep sympathy goes to all concerned, as we know what it means to have a sudden death, as our bro. Herman Waibel passed away in like fashion.

Through His wise and loving purpose
Clearly now thou mayst not see,
Still believe with faith unshaken;
All shall work for good to thee.

May 7 we had a very large group assemble with us, consisting of the many university students. That same afternoon, burial services were conducted at our cemetery for Sis. Strahm, Sis. Revan (Bro. Leon) Waibel's mother.

Sis. Loretta (Bro. Kenneth) Schneider fell and injured her knee.

The fire department was called to the church May 21, over the noon hour, as a motor burned out in the pump room . . . were very thankful it was not worse and that it happened when someone was there.

Bros. Herman Kellenberger, Alfred Bahler, and Wendell Gudeman were here on May 27. Bro. Ken Schneider was chosen to help in the ministry. May God give much grace, spiritual strength and in-

sight into the word, to reveal unto all God's will.

May the enclosed verse be the goal of all our graduates. Lynell Bahler (Bro. Elmer), Alberta Schini (Bro. Albert), Bradley Bahler (Bro. Edwin), Cynthia Clauss (Paul), Diane Schieler (Bro. Harold), Gayle Hageman (Robert), Katherine Kilgus (Bro. Earl), and Stephanie May (Hollis). May each one trust in God for guidance.

Thoughts on Life

To improve your life, and to make the Lord's heart rejoice as He scrutinizes your ways, learn the true value of time, the success of perseverance, the pleasure of working, the worth of character, the influence of example, the obligation of duty, the wisdom of economy, the virtue of patience, and the power of love. Happiness is service in the will of God.

TAMAHATA

Akito and Marie Inoue

In May we especially remembered the mothers of our assembly. A young student told me the best way to show appreciation to mothers in Japan is to be obedient to them. Those of us who are blessed with believing parents know that if we are first obedient and pleasing to the Lord, we will then bring much joy and happiness to them.

Our friends, Bill and Pat (Baurer) Blank of near Chicago have been given a two-year assignment in Japan by Bill's company, Union Pacific Railroad. They are residing in Yokohama, and we are happy to have them worship with us whenever possible. Pat is formerly of our Peoria church.

The departure date is near for our Bro. and Sis. Willis and Lois Ehnle and family to leave for the States, for a 2½ month visit with their relatives. We wish them God's traveling mercies, and trust they will receive many blessings, as our brother ministers and they are ministered unto in the various assemblies.

TUCSON

Mrs. Loren Knapp

Gentle showers covered our valley this week, as the Lord provided us with our first measurable rainfall. The air and vegetation seem to take on a new freshness. How grateful we are.

Wayne and Sis. Alana Schrenk

have moved to Phoenix, where Wayne will temporarily work for the summer. We will indeed miss them in our little church, but pray the Lord will let them again be in our midst, in the near future.

Bro. Jim Gramm and wife Kathy have taken up permanent residence in Tucson. We welcome them to our congregation, and wish them well in their new home and work. Their address is 1717 N. Catalina, Apt. 22, Tucson.

Sis. Clara Heiniger of Hillsboro has now taken up temporary residence here. May the Lord be with her. Her new address is 5760B E. 23rd St., Tucson.

We invite all friends and brethren passing through our city, to stop and visit our church anytime. We enjoy and appreciate everyone that takes the time to do so.

The following thought was submitted by a dear elderly sister in Tucson and she would like very much to share it with everyone.

My heart is very heavy tonight—
Wondering if your soul with God is
right?
Why not take Jesus as your Saviour
today,
While so many of us for you will
pray.
You'll never be sorry as He is your
friend,
Who will stay with you to the end.

Eternal life will be yours free,
For Christ has paid sin's penalty.

Isn't there something you should
do?
Yes, give Him the heart He has
asked of you.
Grace sufficient for the day,
He gives those on the narrow way.
He will help you overcome your
fear.
Write your name in His book over
there.
He will give you peace beyond com-
pare.

A Heavenly Home for you He will
prepare,
So repent now, please, don't wait;
Tomorrow it may be too late.

WOLCOTT

Marjean Lehman — Arles Kropf

A new little bundle from heaven has come to bless the home of Bro. Charles and Sis. Beverly Klopfenstein. Steven Randall arrived on

May 8. Jeff and Tammy also welcome him.

Our high school graduates are Jeff Blume, son of Bro. Glenn and Sis. Norma, and Connie Schieler, daughter of Bro. Bob and Sis. Marilyn. May the Lord be their guide as they go forth into their places. Jeff has enlisted in the Marines and is now in his basic training.

We welcome home from service Mike and Glenna Minniear and little Michelle.

Funeral services were held on May 7 for Sis. Hulda Strahm, age 79. For the past nine months, she had been a resident of Senior Citizen's Home at Lewisville. Surviving are a daughter, Sis. Reva (Leon) Waibel and a sister, Nettie Strahm of Craigville. Her husband, Bro. Dave, preceded her in death in 1971.

We have a number of sick folks to report—Frances Klopfenstein was a surgical patient; Sis. Priscilla Anker is hospitalized; Wayne Christopher has been in traction for a spinal injury.

Through the combined efforts of the Remington and Wolcott churches, our Vacation Bible School is being held this year at Remington, June 5-9. In unity there is strength and blessing.

Our sympathy is extended to Kenneth and Diane Hopkins, in the loss of his father.

AKRON

Katherine Ries

With the aid of a walker, Sis. Katherine Tooker is recuperating satisfactorily at her new address: Winchester Nursing Home, Winchester Road, Mansfield O. 44907. Friend Helen Burr is also using a walker, as she recovers from her fall in her home, 1355 Roslyn Ave., Akron O. 44330. Sis. Edna Von Gunten and Bro. Noah "Ned" Baumgartner are able to meet with us again after their surgery.

We are thankful for the many good teachings Bro. Merril Lauk-auf of Latty brought us.

CONGERVILLE

Norma Stahl — Linda Knapp

What a glorious state to be a lamb of Jesus, to feel the faithful Shepherd's loving grace. What all the world could never give, A lamb of Jesus from its Shepherd will receive.

We welcome six more dear souls as lambs into the fold. They are Marilyn and Margie Steffen, daugh-

ters of Bro. Duane and Sis. Lois; Donna Knapp, daughter of Bro. Glen and Sis. Jeanette; Stan Knapp, son of Bro. Willis and Sis. Bernice; Vern and Judy Wettstein (he is the son of Bro. John Wettstein; she is the daughter of Bro. Simon and Sis. Louise Wagenbach of Tremont). We wish them God's grace sufficient for each day. We know that lambs so often look to the sheep, so let us all be good examples. But may we all look to the Shepherd from whom all help cometh.

Jill Schrock, daughter of Bro. Steve and Sis. Gerry, had surgery, but is now home and feeling fine again.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to Bro. Fred and Sis. Marge Knapp in the passing away of her father.

Visiting ministers were Bro. Joshua Broquard, Fairbury; Bro. John Steiner, Oakville; Bro. Leroy Huber, Eureka; Bro. Perry Zimmerman, Forrest; Bros. Dan Koch, Charles Sauder, Simon Wagenbach, Albert Aberle, Tremont. We have received many good teachings. May we heed each one.

Graduating from High School this year are: Pan Craig, Jana Knapp, Sis. LuAnn Knapp, Mike Schieber, Jim Miller, Sis. Marilyn Steffen, and Mark Steffen.

Graduating from nurse's training are: Sis. Cheryl Schrock and Sis. Jean (Jack) Miller. As each one passes from one threshold of life to another, may they look to God to lead, guide and direct them.

Sis. Lula Zimmerman observed her 91st birthday on May 25 at the home of her daughter, Sis. Fannie and Bro. Harvey Schieber. She has had a long and happy life in serving the Lord.

DETROIT

Bonnie Popp — Linda Shaw

The month of May was truly a blessed month for us in Detroit. On May 7, we were enriched by the ministry of Bro. Joe Kaisner. We thank him for his visit and for his efforts in speaking the precious words of truth.

On May 14, united in love and spirit, we shared of the Lord's Supper. Elder Bro. Wendell Gudeman assisted our Elder Bro. Ben Maibach in this work. The joy of the day and having Bro. Wendell minister unto us filled our cups to overflowing. His words serve to remind

us of the many joys and blessings the Lord imparts to those who are willing to be humble and obedient servants.

At this time of year, I had to think of the time and effort put forth in spring cleaning. The entire family unites, striving together, to put their house in order, that their home will shine for all to see. When the labor is done, they share in the happiness in knowing it was a job well done.

How much effort and willingness should we have in keeping our spiritual house in order . . . to put all things in their proper place, to have it shine for all to see . . . Then when our labor is o'er, to hear the words, **Well done thou good and faithful servant.**

On Friday, May 19, we were privileged to have Elder Bro. Noah Schrock and Bro. Aaron Steffen with us. Bro. Noah reminded us of the abundant mercy of God and how the Father's heart is moved by the contrite child. It was a blessed evening for us and for the many visitors that gathered with us. May God bestow His blessings on these brethren for their labors of love.

Bro. Ernie and Sis. Mary Weigle welcome Christopher Andrew into their hearts and their home. Born May 7, he is also welcomed by little Gretchen. Grandparents are Bro. Chris and Sis. Anna Weigele and Bro. Richard and Sis. Florence Guthrie.

Morning Prayer

Good morning, Lord,
Another lovely day—
Help me to keep it so,
Dear Lord, I pray.

May no small, careless word
Or deed of mine
Let fall a shadow there,
To spoil the shine;

No act of kindness,
Thoughtlessly undone,
Make dim this lovely morning's
Bright, clean sun.

Help me to keep this day
As good as new,
Till at its close I give
It back to you.

Are you changing your address? Send in ahead, letting know when to change. Send zip.

EUREKA Cathryn Wettstein Salome Schumacher

The visitors have been as follows: Bros. Eli Somerhalder, Burlington, Okla.; Ed Frank, LaCrosse; Clarence Kachelmuss, Forrest.

Wedding announcement: Sis. Karen Hartter and Bro. Gary Huber. She is the daughter of Bro. and Sis. Leonard and Ann. He is the son of Bro. and Sis. Leroy and Clara. May God bless these and all young folks who are joined in Holy Matrimony.

Sis. Evelyn Sinn was a surgical patient in the Eureka Hospital. Sis. Kathryn Leman was a surgical patient in the Hopedale Hospital for a few days. William Sinn was a surgical patient in the Methodist Hospital, and while being there fell and broke his leg. He is now at the "Home," recuperating. Sis. Martha Grusy, wife of Bro. Alf, is a medical patient in the Eureka Hospital.

Adult Bible Class for High School age young folks is being held this first week in June, each evening for five evenings, with a different brother as speaker each time. Regular Bible School will be June 12 through the 23rd for ten evenings. May much good come from the results of these gatherings. May God bless those who are in charge of this.

Last month I failed to mention the passing away of Sis. Minnie Stoller. This month another one has been taken home—Bro. Will Farney. We miss them from our circle of old folks, but God has seen fit to call them to a better place, we believe.

Note of Thanks: I wish to thank all my relatives and friends for all the prayers, cards and gifts that were sent to me while I was in two hospitals and since returning home. God bless you all for remembering me. Sis. Martha Wettstein.

June 4, Sis. Dorothy Anliker and Bro. Keith Leman were united together in Holy Matrimony by Bro. Leroy Huber. Bro. and Sis. Walter and Mina are her folks, and his are Bro. and Sis. Vernon and Viola. May God bless them on their pathway together.

FORREST Juanita Schneider Eleanor Honegger

We were richly blest with God's precious word, when Bro. Sam Kil-

gus of Remington and Bro. Dave Wiegand of Champaign were in our midst.

Kay Honegger's engagement was announced, to Chris J. Steffen, son of Bro. Alf and Fannie Steffen of Fairbury. Bro. Perry Zimmerman united in marriage Jane Honegger and Gary Brown, at the home of the bride's parents. He is stationed at Alexandris, Virginia. Both are daughters of Bro. Wayne and Sis. Eleanor Honegger. The engagement of Bro. Andrew Lehman was announced to Sis. Verna Hoerr of Peoria. May God's blessings rest on these couples.

We have had several on the sick list. Sis. Janice Ifft was a patient at Gibson City Hospital. Bro. Si Hohulin and Leonard Rieger were surgical patients at Champaign. Sis. Luella Sohn, Jeff Zimmerman (son of Bro. and Sis. Glen), Sis. Ida Kaisner, Bro. John Eisenmann, Alan Gerber, son of Bro. and Sis. Earl, were patients at Fairbury Hospital. Bro. Ed Bach is a hospital patient in Peoria, and Sis. Shirley Iff is a patient at Fairbury Hospital. Sis. Ruth Wiegand was a patient in Pontiac Hospital.

Stillborn to Bro. and Sis. Patsy Stoller was their little "angel," Dawn, who is now sleeping, and in the arms of Jesus. Bro. John and Sis. Elizabeth Schambach of Elgin, Ill., and Bro. Elmer and Sis. Rosetta Stoller of Forrest are the grandparents. Bro. Perry Zimmerman had graveside services.

Shelley Jo is the new daughter of Bro. Elmer and Sis. Lavonne Lanz. To welcome her home are Troy, Mike, Lori and Christine.

Notice: The Silver Lining collection is due in July. Please give contributions to Bro. Larry or Sis. Cynthia Kaisner.

Salt does not insist upon its own flavor, but brings out the innate goodness . . . So does Christian contacts bring out the best in others.

ELGIN, ILLINOIS Louise Steffen Katie Kachelmuss

In the gladness of His worship
We would seek our joy today,
Thus the best and highest blessing
We can gather on the way,
As our Saviour in His love
Gives us manna from above.

And this we experienced through the visits of Bros. Edwin Bahler of Remington, Clarence Yackley of Phoenix, Maurice Frank of Leo, and Robert Meyer of Bluffton. May God bless them for their efforts.

Sis. Bena Gudeman is now at the Oliver Nursing Home, Raymond and Watch Sts., Elgin Ill. 60120.

Bro. Otto Baer, formerly of Oak Park, passed away at the Restmor Nursing Home in Morton. Funeral services were held here on June 4 and he was laid to rest in Lake St. Memorial Cemetery, beside his wife Hilda, who passed away several years ago.

The three Huber sisters, Nina, Mary and Lizzie are now living at the Apostolic Christian Resthaven, 971 Park Ave., Elgin Ill 60120. They are daughters of the late Bro. Gottlob, who ministered unto us faithfully for many years, and Sis. Rosina Huber. It wasn't easy for them to give up the home they had lived in for many years, but the time came when they had to give it up. We are reminded of a message which Bro. William Stettner, who has long since gone to his reward, brought, in which he spoke of how things change in a lifetime . . . when we are young we may have a large home or even a farm and enjoy them, but when we get old these same things become a burden to us and we cannot go on as before, and this makes changes. We wish the Huber sisters God's grace and blessings in the new Home.

Mr. and Mrs. James E. Moser are now at home at 8816 C Dragonwyk Dr., St. Louis Mo 63121, since graduation from college. He is the son of Bro. Earl and Sis. Janet Moser. Gail, daughter of Bro. Wm. and Sis. Evelyn Wewetzer Gudeman, graduated from the Rockford Memorial School of Nursing on June 4.

Our best wishes to all graduates, and may God bless them in their future undertakings.

Bro. David and Sis. Lydia Kellenberger extend their thanks for the many cards and gifts on their 60th anniversary. May God bless you all.

FRANCESVILLE

Mrs. Herman (Chris) Wuethrich
Mrs. Otto Wuethrich

"Father's Day Month"—aren't these words wonderful? The precious earthly fathers, but still more precious, our Heavenly Father.

Now we want to let you read part of the church program we had for

our high school graduates, who have so much good in them.

"We wish to welcome everyone to our graduation program, and a special welcome to our 10 graduates—Thomas Gudeman (Wendell), Joan Gutwein (Harold), Gary Eshleman (Morris), Madeline Gutwein (Harvey), Brian Huber (Wayne), Arlene Leman (Sidney), Mark Novotny (Art), Linda Pfladderer (Bob), Vivian Von Tobel (Virgil), Bruce Wuethrich (Bob), and Ricky Wuethrich (Richard). (Doesn't that make you fathers feel good to have your name beside your son or daughter?)

Bro. Bob Pfladderer was asked to commit the hour to the Lord in prayer.

In Proverbs 3:5,6, we read that **We should trust in God with all our heart . . . and He will direct our paths.** What could be more of a fitting wish for our graduates? Our songs and poems will start when our graduates were the smallest of children, until now they are young men and women.

Mary B. Gutwein will tell us in poem, "Not Yet Three", how we must all become as little children before we can enter the kingdom of Heaven. Lois Neihouser read a poem, followed by a girls' group singing, "I Will Trust And Never Be Afraid." Oh to have the faith, courage and trust of a child—Dale Ward will favor us with a reading "A Drama At Sea." Listen now as the choir will sing, "What Shall The Harvest Be" and "The Master Calls For Reapers". We all wish our youth well, and Carl Gutwein Sr. will read a poem "God's Hall of Fame."

This poem could have been written by a father. "If I were Sending My Boy Afar", read by Art Novotny. Our sextet then sang, Oh, Where Is My Wandering Boy Tonight and "Supper Time". In closing our Sunday School Superintendent, Bro. Elmer Anliker, presented each of the graduates with a Bible, and Bro. Lester Nuest gave a prayer. The touching program was read by Bro. Ben Anliker's grandson, Wayne Bogart, and our oldest granddaughter, Diane Wuethrich. Another good thing about graduations was that it brought Bro. Walter Steffen to us for Sabbath Day services, and in closing he said, "Thank You" . . . that sure humbled us, because we feel we owe him

the "Thanks"—so please come again with your wife.

Bro. John Wagler came from the faraway South, where he asks for our prayers. When Bro. George Yergler heard he was to be with us, he said he felt so happy and wanted to come too, as he remembered so well when John was baptized in the Chicago church. So you all come back again, Lord willing.

It was just like a May flower was given to us the last day of May, when Bro. Henry Beer gave us a message of sweet fragrance.

With all the happy events . . . want to say . . . Bro. Karl and Sis. Mary Westfall have a new baby son, Joel, which is like a bit of heaven come to their home.

In prayer must say, that our dear Sis. Martha Pelsy must now be in the hospital . . . but thankful Sis. Doris Getz could recover from her hospital stay.

Closing with what a sweet old sister said, "I am thankful that I have things to be thankful for!"

GOODFIELD Elna Grimm

"The LORD shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore."

The Lord preserve thy going out,
The Lord preserve thy coming in;

God send His angels round about
To keep thy soul from every sin;

And when thy going out is done,
And when thy coming in is o'er—

When in death's darkness all alone
Thy feet shall come and go no more,

The Lord preserve thy going out
From this dark world of grief
and sin,

While angels standing round about
bring,
God preserve thy coming in.

We will miss our very dear friend, Monnie Kreeb, who passed away on May 25, for she attended our church very regularly. Bro. Ed Hohulin conducted the funeral services for her in the Apostolic Christian Church at Goodfield on May 27.

A baby girl, Stacie Lyn, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Roger Gerber of Eureka on May 25. The grandpar-

ents are Mr. and Mrs. Ray Gerber of Eureka, and Bro. and Sis. Bob and Elna Grimm of R. R. Congerville. A baby boy, Jeffrey Robert, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hohulin of R. R. Congerville on May 29. The grandparents are Bro. Eli Hohulin of Goodfield, and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Underwood of Eureka.

Sis. Betty Wiegand, wife of Bro. Willis, has been a patient in the St. Francis Hospital in Peoria.

We voted for two new Sunday School teachers and one new trustee. They are as follows: Bros. Don Heinold and Dan Plattner (Sunday School teachers) and Bro. John Streit (trustee).

LA CROSSE

Pearl Nuest — Gwen Bucher

Allen and Midge Hitz were blessed with the birth of a son, Larry Brian, May 7, at Mather's AFB, where Allen is serving his tour of duty. Larry has two brothers to welcome him. Grandparents are Bro. Ben and Sis. Lena Hitz, and Louis and Mildred Smolek, San Pierre, Indiana.

We are happy to report the forthcoming marriage of Sis. Emily Heinold (daughter of Bro. Aaron and Sis. Grace Heinold) to Bro. Bill Schlatter (son of Sis. Judith and the late Richard Schlatter of Junction).

We had a blessed Sunday May 21, when Bro. Aaron Steffen spent the day with us, and Bro. Aaron expounded the word in all its truth. May God bless him for the love shown to us.

Life's greatest lessons you must learn;

A father's counsel do not spurn,
Your wisdom be a stepping-stone
To guide you when you walk alone,
And since there's much in life to mar,

You need the bright and morning star.

You're just beginning wisdom's way,

When godly fear o'er you holds sway.

Now face life's lessons kind or rude,
With earnest zeal and fortitude!
May you attest when life is done,
A father's counsel to a son!

Congratulations to our:

High School graduates: Bob Bucher (son of Bro. Merle and Sis. Leona), Tim Rinkenberger (son of Bro. Charles and Sis. Martha), Paul

Heiniger (son of Bro. John and Sis. Lucille).

College graduates: Donna Heinold (daughter of Bro. Harold) Sis Janet Levy Baumgartner (daughter of Bro. Ralph and Sis. Carolyn), Sis. Barbara Troxel (daughter of Bro. Phil and Sis. Mary).

Thank you note: Bro. Vernon and Sis. Melva wish to express their heartfelt thanks for all prayers, cards, gifts and kind deeds shown to them during Sis. Melva's illness.

LAMONT Betty Wernik

To break Thy bread we now have gathered,

In covenant to drink Thy wine;
As brethren we unite together,
That unto death we might be Thine.
This promise we, with heart and will;

Give grace our promise to fulfill.

Bro. Raymond Banwart of Ft. Scott did help our Elder Bro. Sam Anliker in serving unto us this blest sacrament, Holy Communion. May we find ourselves more firmly knit together in God's love.

Bro. Pete Fankhauser has gone to make his home at the Apostolic Christian Home in Sabetha. We are so glad that he found a place to call home and does enjoy the fellowship so much.

Sis. Clara Ott has been in the hospital for some time, and is not as well as we would like to see her. Sis. Kathryn Anliker remains in the hospital. May God ever be their refuge in this time of deep need.

We were happy to share with Gridley in a visit from Bro. Clarence Yackley of Phoenix. Elder Bro. Lester Hartter spent a Sunday morning with us, and reminded us of the necessity of prayer, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint.

The engagement of Larry Beyer to Joslin Worrell has been announced. Larry is the son of Sis. Mary Isch and the late Bro. Kenneth Beyer. The engagement of Glen Isch to Debbie Birk was announced. Glen is the son of Bro. Floyd Isch and the late Sis. Julia Isch. We wish them much happiness in their lives together.

PORTLAND Pearl Miller

"For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith:

as it is written, The just shall live by faith."

A Christian's faith enables him
To take each day in stride,
To have the courage to accept
The loss of face and pride,
Good health or sickness, life or death,

Or happiness or sorrow,
Success or failure, anything
Brought by a new tomorrow.

A Christian has the stamina
That makes for deep belief;
It strengthens him in hours of doubt,

And comforts him in grief.
It stands with him in hours of trial;
It clears the path he'll trod.
It gives him courage for the fight;
It brings him close to God.

The wedding engagement of Sis. Carol Miller and Bro. Perry Klopfenstein was announced May 7. Carol is the daughter of Bro. and Sis. Robert and Pearl Miller. Perry is the son of Sis. Anna Klopfenstein from Gridley, Illinois. May the Lord be near them as they will take this important step of marriage in the near future.

The annual house-cleaning for our house of worship was Sat., May 27, and the cooperation of the brethren was appreciated, as the love and unity was truly felt amongst one another.

We welcome back our dear Sisters Marlise and Linda Miller from Huntsville, Alabama, and are thankful they had a safe trip over the many miles.

We are rejoicing with the angels in heaven, as our daughter, Cynthia Miller has answered the call of God unto repentance and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

PRINCEVILLE Ruth Ricketts

Walk worthy of the vocation
wherewith ye are called. With all
lowliness and meekness, with long-
suffering, forbearing one another
in love.

These are important and timely words for each one of us, but especially to the young people who have graduated to various levels in life. Perhaps the first accomplishment in life is for innocent little ones, as they leave kindergarten and are now ready for first grade in elementary school. How their little faces beam when they can say

they will be in the first grade! How quickly the years fly. Soon those babes are leaving grade school and take a step into high school. Some continue to college, and when graduating feel they are ready to face the realities of life and can take care of themselves. There are some, however, that by now have learned a more important lesson and have surrendered their lives and follow their Saviour's bidding. How wonderful it would be if all could find salvation and peace in their hearts and then find how much easier to get along in the world. May God be with all our graduates and bless them so all may shine out in the world.

With mixed emotions Bro. Dave Kieser announced the engagement of his and Sis. Ruth's youngest daughter, Sis. Patricia, to Bro. David III (Skip) Meister, son of the David (Jr.) Meisters of Peoria. May God bless this engagement.

We have enjoyed having the Bradford congregation worship with us on Wednesday evenings. We are especially thankful when the ministering brothers share in telling God's precious word. We always heartily welcome them. Bros. Jim Ringger, Roy Ehnle and Kenneth Dietz were willing to be spent for our benefit, the word old, yet ever new and so timely. Friends are kindly called to repentance . . . and exhortation to faithfulness. What a fortunate people we are to be permitted to sit in all quietness and hear the true word. I heard a believer, who was converted from another faith, tell how he had attended that church for twenty years and heard about conviction and conversion only two times. When speaking to the minister he said, "Yes I know, but we have to preach what the people want to hear." So many want to go to heaven, but how many are sincerely and earnestly striving wholeheartedly each day, following the command of our Lord and Saviour?

God sends trials not to impair us, but to improve us. One of our older brothers, Emil Lauber, suffered a stroke and spent some time in the hospital. We are thankful he is convalescing at his home. He and his wife, Sis. Louise, have not been able to assemble with us for some time, but we trust they know they are not forgotten by those who are able to come and go as they please. Bro. Phillip Musselmann suffered

a slight stroke and was confined to his home for a while, but we are thankful he is able to worship with us again.

Bro. Walter and Sis. Betty (Dietz) Herrmann have welcomed a son into their home, born May 11. Little Ross had four bigger brothers waiting for him.

The mothers of the church were honored Mother's Day, when the daughters took over the kitchen duties. I'm sure the daughters enjoyed it as much as the mothers, who were free to visit with one another. We owe this and much more to our dear mothers who do so much for us every day of the year.

We have had visitors from various places, and thank each one who shared with us in any way, song service, prayer, and teaching in Sunday School. Over Memorial Day week-end we had a number of visitors from the Rittman congregation. As I listened to the beautiful singing the thought came to me, "How many of us will be singing the new song when the Lord comes to claim His own?"

Our friend, Phillip Elsasser remains about the same, after suffering from several strokes and a heart attack. He is happy to be able to be at home, having three nurses to help care for him. Occasionally he is able to get out in the yard in his wheel chair and see how the crops are growing.

Bro. Ray Martin, who had hip surgery in September, is slowly improving and is using one crutch. He hopes to be able to go to work very soon. He has been happy to go with his family to Cissna Park and to Pulaski recently. He and Sis. Edna wish to thank each one for the many prayers, cards, gifts, and help in any way, when Ray was in the hospital and since returning home. Your kindness and thoughtfulness will never be forgotten. May God richly bless each one. Your least ones in faith, Bro. Ray and Sis. Edna Martin and family.

I would like to remind the readers of the Princeville congregation that I will be accepting contributions for **The Silver Lining** during July. Those who have already contributed this year need not do so at this time. If anyone who is not receiving **The Silver Lining** and would like to have it, you can do so by giving me your address and I will take care of it for you. Your reporter.

RITTMAN Florence Hartzler Janette Blough

"Go to slumber without cumber, Dear with God united heart; All is silence as Thy substance, sleeps away all pain and smart . . ." Our dear Sis. Esther Ramsier was called home and is now asleep in Jesus, resting in peace. Services were held by Bro. Joe Ramsier, Sunday, May 28. Surviving are her husband, John, and other relatives and friends.

Annabel and Elmer Zieker are living in Milan, Ohio, following their wedding on May 13 at the bride's home. Annie's parents are Bro. Ben and Sis. Clara Hartzler, and Elmer's mother, Mrs. Karl Zieker of Norwalk. We pray God will bless these dear ones as they walk this life together.

Bro. Mitchell and Sis. Violet Baltic have two new grandchildren, a boy and a girl. The little girl, Traci Lynn, was born to Bro. Pete and Sis. Karen Baltic, their first child, and a boy, Thomas Daniel born to Bro. Dan and Sis. Betty Baltic. Two sisters and one brother also welcomed him at home. Maternal grandparents are Bro. Wallace and Sis. Helen Ramsier, Mansfield, and Bro. George and Sis. Minnie Rigggenbach. The Rigggenbachs also have a new granddaughter, with the arrival of a little girl, Michelle, who has come to live with Bro. Glen and Sis. Louise Rigggenbach. Becky is glad for her new little sister, too.

We have our Bro. Willard Blough in the hospital, where he was taken following a fall from a ladder. We are very thankful he is improving, but slowly. Ben Maibach was injured in a motorcycle-car accident, and is able to be home again. Sis. Rose Ingold is also a hospital patient.

Leon Rufener, son of Bro. Orin and Sis. Anna, has been called into the service and will leave some time this month. Our prayers are with him as he must leave his home for a time.

The engagement of Bro. Richard Hartzler and Sis. Karen Miller was announced. Parents are Bro. Ernest and Sis. Pauline Hartzler and Glen and Sis. Ella Miller. Also engaged are Art Ingold and Bonnie Hartzler. Parents are Bro. Carl and Sis. Irma Ingold and Bro. John and Sis. Joan Hartzler. May the Lord bless these dear ones as they make their plans for the future.

ROANOKE**Marilyn Weyeneth—Norene Herbst**

Bros. Eugene Hangartner and Kenneth Knepp were chosen to be our new Sunday School teachers. Sis. Charlene Kupferschmid and Sis. Mary Bradle will teach in the primary classes. Sis. Ruth Leman is the substitute.

Sis. Wilma (Fred) Fischer was a hospital surgical patient. She is now recuperating at home. Bill Hangartner has also returned to his home.

Our guest ministers were Bros. Mike Weyeneth (Peoria), Earl Gerber and Clarence Kachelmuss (Forrest), Marvin Schmidgall, Walter Anliker, Leroy Huber (Eureka), John Wagler (Huntsville Ala.), Harvey Grimm (Bern), Ed Hohulin (Goodfield).

Summer Bible classes began June 5 for two weeks. Bro. Howard Sauder, Supt., is in charge.

Bill Wuthrich, Debbie Hodel, and Debbie Fehr gave their testimonies the evening of May 20. The following day, baptismal services were carried out. Bro. Ed Hohulin assisted Bro. Gene Bertschi. Their parents are Bro. Willis and Sis. Flo Wuthrich, Bro. Bob and Sis. Lorene Hodel, and Bro. Gene and Sis. Margaret Fehr.

Our friends, Janice Sauder and John Hodel, are to be given an opportunity in the near future to give their testimony of repentance and conversion. Their parents are Bro. John and Sis. Esther Sauder and Bro. Stan and Sis. Verna Hodel.

Bro. Dave B. Hodel II and Sis. Maxine (Kempf) are the parents of their first child, who was born May 25. He has been named Andrew David. Gary Edwards and Sis. Wanda (Kupferschmid) are the parents of a daughter. She was born June 1 and has one sister.

The marriage engagement of Cindi Aeschleman to Cris Harrell of McLean, Illinois has been announced. The couple's parents are Lloyd and Sis. Cynthia Aeschleman and Kenneth and Helen Harrell.

TAYLOR**Elizabeth Sutter**

Bro. Bob Pohl spent Mother's Day with us, and Bro. Ezra Feller spent Friday evening with us, as they were on the way to Bern, for the dedication of their new church.

Bro. Clarence Yackley spent the evening of May 25 with us. Bro. Clarence mentioned in his sermon

that it was 42 years that day that he was baptized here at Taylor, along with 13 others. It brought back precious memories as my husband, Bro. Eli and I, also my brother, Bro. Fred Grimm and others here were among those baptized at that time. Eli and Fred have since gone to be with the Lord. He said it was good that we do not know what life has in store for us. Sis. Vera has had three operations for brain tumors. The Lord gives grace for each day's trials, if we ask in humbleness and live a life pleasing to Him.

We have only one high school graduate this spring, Jeane Grimm, daughter of Bro. Roy and Sis. Dona Grimm. We wish her success in whatever her plans are for the future.

Several of our college students are at home for summer vacation. Becky Hodel has completed her junior year at S.I.U., Carbondale, Ill.; Tom Cottrell, first year at Blackhawk College, Moline, Ill.; Kent Heimer, second year at MSC, Kirksville, Mo.; Cindy Hoerr and Sandi Cottrell, second year at Methodist Hospital, Peoria; and Marcia Sutter, first year at Blessing Hospital School of Nursing, Quincy. They will be working at the Quincy hospitals this summer.

Sis. Eleanor Yackley, in company with her aunts, Sisters Martha, Mary and Emily Tanner, Peoria, will be leaving soon on a trip to Switzerland. We wish them the Lord's guidance and protection.

Rick Rule graduated from the Missouri University at Rolla, Mo. He and Mrs. Rule have moved to Pittsburgh, Pa., where he has found employment. Mrs. Rule is the former Karen Yackley, daughter of Bro. Perry and Sis. Clara Yackley.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Bro. Bert and Sis. Beulah Butikofer and family in the loss of their son, Tony, in a tragic motorcycle accident. Beulah formerly lived here, and they made their home here when they were first married.

URBANA**Teresa Hufford**

The blessed ceremony of baptism was held in our church for Bro. Howard and Sis. Diane Leman on May 7. Their testimonies were witnessed after the lunch recess, with baptism following. The words

of Paul in his letter to the Ephesians seems to express the joy in our hearts and the closeness of our Lord on that day: "One Lord, one faith, one baptism, One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all."

Our spring picnic was held on May 10 at Lake of the Woods. Following the picnic there was singing at the home of Sisters Netta Knobloch, Cheryl Joos, and Teresa Hufford.

Communion was given on Wed., May 17. Elder Bros. Ed Hohulin and Dan Koch were here to help in the services. The breaking of bread is the symbol of Christ's broken body and all He suffered for us. Bread is one our basic foods; so should Christ be the one basic food for our spirits.

Steve Blunier, son of Bro. Ben and Sis. Wilma Blunier of Mahomet, graduates from high school this June.

New officers for our Bible study group were announced at our last Wednesday service. They are Bro. Dean Knobloch, president; Bro. Bill Wuthrich, vice-pres.; and Sis. Teresa Hufford, sec.-treasurer.

Visiting ministers have been Bro. Roy Sauder, Bro. Ed Alt, and Bro. Russ Rapp. We felt God's blessing through their teachings.

The following article has some words for thought in it:

"Master, we saw one casting out devils in thy name; and we forbid him, because he followeth not with us. And Jesus said unto him, Forbid him not: for he that is not against us is for us."

What a rebuke
for the many divisions
among Christ's followers.
If we could ever realize
that the Christian warfare
is to be a conquering war,
and not a civil war,
how much stronger we would be!

Why do we dissipate so much of
our energy
in criticizing other Christians?
Only when we learn to turn our
sword

away from our brothers,
and toward evil,
will we have cause to rejoice
in our victories.

ALTADENA**Mrs. Virgil Graf**

We were privileged to have Bro.

and Sis. Gary Maibach with us for a week. Surely we felt the presence of the Lord's Spirit as he ministered unto us. We thank them for their visit and invite them to return.

Bro. Bill Schwarz has been confined to his home, due to illness. We trust God will be with and comfort him and Sis. Naomi during this time.

Sis. Betty Jeges was relieved of her earthly suffering, as she passed away June 3. The funeral services were held in Francesville. Sis. Betty had been confined to a nursing home for several years, and during that time was able to repent and be baptized.

It was our pleasure to host the Sunday School and young members from Phoenix on June 4. We thank the teachers and parents who brought the young people here; the fellowship was enjoyed by all.

Bro. Reuben and Sis. Marie Farney have departed to spend the summer in Burlington, Okla. We wish them a blessed summer and will look forward to their return this fall.

Our congratulations are extended to the graduates in our community. Sis. Linda Witzig is now a graduate nurse and will take her State Board Exams to receive her R.N. certificate in July. Mike Alexander, Judy Hackenjos, Bob MacDonald and Bill Witzig graduated from high school. We wish them God's blessings and direction as they face the future.

ALTO Joyleen Blough

. . . Now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.

We rejoice to hear that our dear friend, Cathie Gayheart, has turned her back on the world. She has been living with Bro. Aaron and Sis. Loretta Steffen for the past two years. She formerly lived at Dessie Scott in Kentucky. We wish her much grace in her repentance.

We enjoyed having our Elder Bro. Joe Waibel from Bay City assemble with us on May 7. He reminded us that Christ's return might be much closer than we think.

We welcome Bro. Philip and Sis. Ferne Wingeier back to our congregation, after spending the winter months in Florida.

Graduating this year from high school are Keith Feldman, son of Bro. Lyman and Sis. Vivian, and

Rudolph Schutte, son of Bro. Derry and Sis. Virginia. May God bless them in their future life.

During Memorial week-end little David Steffen, son of Bro. Aaron and Sis. Loretta, received a head injury, when he was accidentally run over by a car while the Steffens were visiting in Ohio.

ATHENS

Irene Haggermaker

Sis. Zelma Young is having so much trouble with eyes that she can no longer report for the church. I humbly take her place, as she asked me to . . . and may I say, that Sis. Zelma has always been ready and more than happy to help and serve her fellowman in any way that she could. She is a very dear sister and a great inspiration to us.

We had our church picnic last Saturday evening, and were so happy that our dear Elder Bro. David Bertsch could be with us.

Then on Sunday we heard the testimonies of three dear souls and witnessed their baptism. We welcome to the fold Betty Campbell, Arnold Lee Haggermaker, and Horace Hillard.

We're most thankful that our Wed. night Bible Study is growing in number almost every Wednesday. Just a few months ago, they were tempted to stop having it for the lack of people. Our ministers and their families keep coming and praying for God to have His own way, and now we had 60 this past Wed. night. It is such a blessing to be able to study God's word as freely as we wish.

We are sorry to report that the father of Sis. Holly Haggermaker, Ronald Amerson, and also the mother of Bro. Doug King, are very ill. Please remember these loved ones in your prayers.

A few weeks ago we were honored by the presence of the Peoria choir. Their singing rang out so beautifully. What a blessing we all received. We sure look forward to when they can come again. We know they labored for the Lord to travel so far in such a short time and sing in all the Alabama churches.

I am very thankful to be back in my home church. I spent a year in Toledo, then moved to Mississippi for a short time. I am so grateful for the love and fellowship shown me by the dear brethren of the Toledo church. May I please

add that my new address is Route 2 Box 347, Toney, Ala. 35773. I am so grateful for the letters of encouragement I received while living in Moss Point, Mississippi.

BLUFFTON

Imogene Steffen — Pat Isch

May 14 was a warm spring day, chosen by our Sis. Conni Isch and Bro. Bill Witzig from Gridley to become united together in Holy Matrimony. We were privileged to hear many beautiful instructions and inspiring words by visiting ministers from Bill's home church, Bro. Elmer Witzig and Bro. Edwin Ringger, and also Bro. Ken Honegger from Ft. Wayne. May Conni and Bill share much joy and love together as they walk this path as one. Their parents are Bro. Harry and Sis. Clarice Isch, and Bro. Edward and Sis. Dorothy Witzig.

An announcement was made May 14 of the engagement of Sis. Diane Steffen to Bro. Jack Schwartz. Parents of the couple are Sis. Emma Steffen and Bro. Kenneth and Sis. Elizabeth Schwartz. May God richly bless them as they take this step in faith and love.

Their first child, a daughter, Tricia Lynn, was born to Bro. Keith and Sis. Ruth (Kipfer) Baumgartner. The grandparents include Bro. and Sis. Martin and Marguerite Kipfer and Bro. and Sis. Chester and Betty Baumgartner.

On Sunday afternoon May 21, Friends Vicki Neuenschwander and Jerry Meyer were pronounced husband and wife in our Fellowship Hall. Vicki's parents are Bro. William and Sis. Mildred. Jerry is the son of Ralph and Josephine.

David Aschliman and Linda McBride were married on May 27, also in our Fellowship Hall. Parents of this young couple are Bro. Roy and Sis. Ida Aschliman and Mrs. Darlene McBride.

Creation of woman, from the rib of man: She was not made of his head to top him, nor of his feet to be trampled upon by him, but out of his side . . . under his arm to be protected, and near his heart to be beloved.

Again we were permitted to partake of Holy Communion on May 28. It was such a blessed day as Elder Bros. George Yergler and Ed Frank were with us, teaching and instructing us during the day and then helping to serve this Holy

Supper to us. It was truly a wonderful time to become rededicated in our spiritual life, and also an impressive sight to see so many gathered in quietness to partake of this great event.

Time flies by so swiftly. Already schools are closed and our annual two weeks of Bible school is completed, with a program brought to us on Friday evening June 9. It is always amazing what these children can learn in two weeks' time. May those in charge be rewarded for all their patience and help in instruction, bringing food, or in whatever way it may have been.

This past month brought the following to hospitals for surgery or treatment: Sis. Goldie (Art) Kipfer, Bro. Jacob Kaehr, Sis. Arlene (Ben) Habeggar, Sis. Mary (Louis) Baumgartner, Sis. Kay (Tom) Fairchild, and Gene Reinhard (son of Bro. Alphie and Sis. Lucille). Many prayers and well-wishes are offered for the shut-ins. Often the days of recovery seem long, but we know God's ways are best. **When you wait on God, He stretches your patience that He may enlarge your heart.**

Bro. Andrew Virkler of Bay City and Bro. Hartzell Kaisner of Detroit were welcomed as guest ministers June 4. Bro. Kaisner spoke of the comparison of two individuals who were in their last moments on their deathbed. One soul, in torment, kept asking for a drink of water, for she could feel the hot coals of hell beneath her as she slipped into eternity. Another soul, evidently at peace with God, exclaimed how beautiful was his vision of Heaven. How important it is for us to accept these testimonies and prepare ourselves for eternity, living each day as if it were our last.

Bro. Charles Speheger, age 72, died May 23, following an illness of six days which was attributed to a heart attack. Those surviving are his wife, Sis. Mary; a daughter, Ann Pollard; two sons, James and Charles Jr.; six sisters, Sis. Olga (John) Frauhiger, Sis. Naoma (Theo.) Beer, Sis. Marie (Forrest) Ritzman, Irene (William) Best, Lorene (Earl) Sorg, & Sis. Frances (Homer) Clark; and two brothers, Roy and Walter. Although it is difficult to part with our loved ones here on earth, how joyful the reunion will be in heaven.

GRIDLEY, ILL.

Dixie Ringger

We are happy to report that Bro. Ezra Stoller is able to assemble with us again, and that Sis. Setta Klopfenstein is home from the hospital and is convalescing.

We are also rejoicing with our friends, Curt Gramm (Bro. Butch and Sis. Annie) and Elma Lou Schlipf (Bro. Emil and Sis. Ella), who have found the need for repentance. We wish them much grace in their new life.

We enjoyed a precious week-end as three of our friends, Art Schlipf, Rick Ringger and Curt Witzig gave their testimonies to the congregation and were baptized.

At our monthly singing, we were privileged to listen to the beautiful hymns sung by a quartet from La Crosse and also a group of young sisters from our own congregation. It brought to my mind the words of Bro. Ed Hohulin, who said, "Singing is an avenue of prayer to God, and we should not pass up the opportunity to join in on a singing."

We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Bro. Perry Klopfenstein (Sis. Anna), whose engagement was announced to Sis. Carol Miller (Bro. and Sis. Robert Miller) of Portland.

Two of our sisters have had the misfortune of breaking their arms. Sis. Lena Meiss, who loves to work in her beautiful flower garden, fell while working there. Sis. Lorene Kiefer fell in her home.

Our visiting ministers were Bros. Merle Bucher, Ed Hohulin, Herman Kellenberger and Gene Bertschi.

WEST BEND

Mrs. Melvin Fehr

Mrs. A. Banwart

"The dawn has brought us this far; where will the sunset find us?" The motto for the high school graduates here at West Bend should be given consideration by all of us. Those completing high school and, for the most part, leaving now their parent's home are: Ellen Metzger, Beth Zaugg, Kay Banwart, Wanda Grimm, Harriet Mogler, Sis. Janet Mogler, Steve Bruellman, Manuel Gerber, Aaron Wirtz, and Bro. Charles Mogler. May they never forget the Christian teachings of home as they seek their place in this world.

The Lord has blessed Bro. Duane and Sis. Elizabeth Metzger with a baby boy, David Aaron, born on

May 20. David has one sister and two brothers to welcome him home.

The engagement of Bro. Norman Zaugg, son of Bro. Oscar and Sis. Francis, to Sis. Paulette Meyer, daughter of Bro. Alvin and Sis. Emma of Lester, has been announced. May they further ask direction of the Lord as they make plans for the future, that He may bless them.

We are happy to report that Sis. Clara (George) Bruellman and Sis. Ida (Silas) Banwart are back assembling with us, after their hospital stay. Ray Wilson still remains in the hospital, showing improvement slowly.

BURLINGTON

Janice Frieden — Janice Springer

"Let every thing that hath breath praise the LORD. Praise ye the LORD."

This is such a beautiful verse, and expresses perfectly the feelings of a believer for His Lord. To be loved and blessed as we are everyday by our Lord, our hearts just ring out with the words, **Praise the Lord.** We also praise Him with songs, as we did at our monthly singing in the home of Ministering Bro. Eli and Sis. Emma Somerhalder. Such Christian fellowship in the Lord is wonderful.

This was our month to hold services at the Rest Home. Some of those dear people sing right along with us, and we can believe that they, too, wish to express their love to God in song.

We've had several in our congregation who have been hospitalized. Sis. Elizabeth Diel was hospitalized, but we are thankful that she is home. Sis. Anna Miller was hospitalized for quite a long while, but she was released also, and we hope that she and Sis. Elizabeth will soon be able to worship with us again. Friend Mike Kraft is still in the hospital, after a very long stay. Our prayer is that our great and merciful God will guide Mike and bless him. Friend Dale Tucker was hospitalized after dislocating his ankle, when he was thrown from a hay loader. We are thankful that he didn't break the ankle and that he is able to walk on it now. Bro. Eli Frieden was hospitalized, and at times the doctors didn't believe he would ever live, but God has been merciful, and Bro. Eli is well enough to sit up in a chair.

Bible School was held May 22—May 26 in the home of Bro. Bill and

Sis. Kathleen Schrock. The children help us to see things in a beautiful light, and at times it seems they teach us more about God than we teach them. It was truly lovely.

We had three high school graduates this year: Sis. Janice Springer, daughter of Sis. Mabel Springer; Rhonda Nelson, daughter of Ministering Bro. Ronald and Sis. Shirley Nelson, and Jon Ott, son of Bro. Marvin and Sis. Irma Ott. Our prayer for each of them is: In whatsoever they do, they may seek guidance from the Lord, and that the Lord will forever bless them.

Do the very best you can . . . and leave the outcome to God.

NEW MARTINSVILLE

Mrs. Gus Weltz
Miss Della Witschey

Everett Ruble, 82, of Limestone Ridge, died in his home on May 30. Services were held on June 2, and interment made in Northview Cemetery.

Frank Kraft, husband of Edith Berger Kraft, died suddenly while at work on May 17. Services and interment took place on May 20.

Roy Riggenbach is quite ill and a patient in the local hospital.

Miss Sally Witschey, a granddaughter of the late Dan and Ida Witschey, was married on May 20 in Charleston, W. Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Witschey of Dallas, Texas, visited with the Witschey families here during the month of May.

Mr. and Mrs. Verda Fankhouser of Easton, Md., visited with the Witschey families.

Ray Witschey and daughter and two grandchildren of Columbus, O., visited with relatives here the last of May.

P. W. Johnson was a patient in the Ohio Valley Hospital in Wheeling for two weeks, and again in the local hospital overnight on June 2.

Mrs. Frank Schupbach is a patient in the Ohio Valley Hospital in Wheeling; she had a pacemaker installed several days ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Barth of Parkersburg spent May 28 here with the Barth families.

Mrs. Raymond Barth has returned from a two weeks' visit with her daughter in Miami, Florida.

Jimmy Wade of Columbus, O., visited with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Wade.

WINTHROP

Delores Messerli — Carol Messner

We here at Winthrop were blessed with visiting ministers, their families, and others traveling with them. Elder Bro. Gene Marti of Sabetha and Bro. Clifford Grimm of West Bend were here. We thank the dear brothers for their efforts and the blessed fellowship we shared with them.

We pray God will keep the graduates in His loving care as they make their choice of future pathways, be it to schools of higher learning or fields of occupation.

Bro. Marlyn and Sis. Lois Messner are the parents of a baby boy, born May 5. Nancy, Joe, Kendall, and Kelly welcomed Trent Douglas home.

The Bible tells fathers to bring up their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. . . . Fairer tribute there is none, Just to know his work well done, Gone to dwell in mansion's fair, Just asleep in Jesus' care.

We thank you for the sympathy extended through cards and prayers. Sis. Emma Schmidt, Bro. and Sis. Elmer Schmidt, Bro. & Sis. Gene Schmidt, and Darrell and Darlene Schmidt.

BAY CITY Carolyn Knochel

May has been a very busy month; crops are in the ground and as we see them grow, we pray also that our spiritual lives will grow as time goes on.

We rejoiced with the angels at the baptism of two souls, Blaine Wieland, son of Bro. Ray and Sis. Margaret, and Curt Kaeb, son of Bro. Alf and Sis. Hermine. We welcome these two new brothers in faith, and pray that they will always find grace to be true and obedient.

This do in remembrance of Me . . . after the baptisms, we were privileged to partake of Holy Communion; refreshed in spirit, we must go forth and try even harder to honor the covenant we have made with our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Elder Bro. Theo. Beer (Milford) assisted Bro. Joe with these wonderful works. Also visiting this month were Elder Bro. Noah Schrock, Oakville and Ministering Bro. Elmer Hartter, Milford.

Bro. Roland and Sis. Ardi Manz are the new parents of a boy, Ryan James, their first. Grandparents

are Jess and Sis. Mildred Hodder (Bay City), and Bro. Emmanuel Manz of Junction.

Sis. Julee Wackerle was hospitalized for emergency surgery; we thank the Lord that she is now home and recovering.

CHICAGO

On May 28, our congregation assembled for the last time in our house of worship on Sunnyside Avenue. Bro. Maurice Frank and family, as well as many others who formerly lived here were in attendance. A dinner was served in the church dining room, following afternoon services. The following Sunday, June 4, we gathered in our new church, which is located at 1401 S. Wolf Road in Hillside. Our hearts were deeply moved in thankfulness to God for this fulfillment of our hopes and prayers. Following services, we held our annual Sunday School picnic in a nearby forest preserve.

Open house will be held on the four Sundays of September, so that we will be better able to accommodate all who wish to attend. Also, we welcome our brethren and friends to visit us at any time that you find it convenient to come and worship with us.

We are happy to welcome two new infants: Bro. Ron and Sis. Phyllis Anderson became the parents of a daughter, Lisa Marie, and Bro. Norman and Sis. Gloria Stahl also have a new little girl, Penny Jean.

Funeral services were conducted June 3 for Bro. Otto Baer, who formerly worshipped with us here.

PHOENIX Mrs. Allan Freed

Bro. Ernest Elsasser is back in the hospital, having suffered a stroke the 12th of May. He had been home only a month from his last hospital stay, at which time he underwent surgery. He is not doing too well. Let's remember him and Sis. Lois in our prayers.

The week-end of May 13 and 14 was especially blessed, when we were privileged to witness the provings and baptisms of three dear souls. Don and Kathy Emch and Sally Wullschlegler were welcomed as our new brother and sisters in faith. Elder Bro. Carl Kinsinger shared the labors with our Elder Bro. Roy Farney. We thank him for his inspiring message, and also

those who accompanied him for their visit. Also thanks to those who came from Wichita, Sis. Sally's home church. A covered-dish dinner was held for all, on Sunday afternoon in the church dining room.

Doug Schmidgall and Sis. Julie Hoerr are our high school graduates this spring. Bro. John Dotterer was a graduate in accounting from Arizona State University. Our congratulations and best wishes go to each of them.

Although a few raindrops have fallen in various parts of the valley in the past couple of weeks, there still hasn't been enough rain to measure during all of 1972. The drought has set a new record for Phoenix of 160 days without measurable rainfall thus far.

We are glad to have Wayne and Sis. Alana Schrenk with us again. Wayne graduated from the U of A in Tucson and has found employment in the St. Luke's Hospital Pharmacy.

GIRARD **Kathryn Emch**

We are truly grateful for fellow brethren visiting us: Bro. Ernest Graf and Bro. Gary Maibach served in the pulpit one Sunday, and Bro. Robert Beer and Bro. Paul Gasser another. We enjoyed their message and the visit of all those accompanying them. We can say that friendship and fellowship are necessary ingredients in a church. We ask God's richest blessings on those making the effort to come.

Our aged sister, Sedona Habeger, is hospitalized. Sis. Freida Gasser has just returned to her home, following eye surgery. We wish them strength for each day.

BERN **Esther and Stella Moser**

May 7, we held open house for our new church building. Many of our friends and neighbors toured the building. On May 14, we formally dedicated the house to the Lord's work. May His will ever be done in all our undertakings, that He may be able to add His blessings thereunto. We wish to thank the many visitors that found it worth their time to share this event with us . . . Some we had never met, others grew up here, moved to distant places, but still feel at home here. Especially do we thank Bro. Noah Schrock, Oakville, who gave the

dedication message; Bro. Ezra Feller, Cissna Park, for the morning message. Bro. Schrock told us a church does not make believers, but believers do make a church.

Bro. Pete Fankhauser (Lamont) is a new resident at the A.C. Home.

Our visiting ministers in the month of May were Bro. Dale Moore, Elgin, Iowa; Bro. Clarence Yackley, Phoenix.

Sis. Lucy Hartter has gone to the home of her daughter, Mrs. Wilma King, Coffeyville, Kansas, for an indefinite stay. Recovery from a broken hip is a slow process.

Sis. Lena Baumgartner (Bro. Lou) is now a hospital patient with a broken hip.

Sis. Hulda Minger Strahm, 79, passed away May 4. Hulda was born at Decatur, Indiana. In 1915 she was married to Bro. David Strahm, who passed away Aug. 10, 1971. One daughter, Sis. Reva Waibel, survives. Hulda and Dave lived in this community until 1968, when due to failing health they moved to Wolcott to be near their daughter.

Note to the Bern congregation: July is the month for the annual collection. Please pay the suggested price of \$2.00 to your reporters. Thank you.

BLOOMINGTON-NORMAL **Virgil and Shirley Funk**

Visiting ministers include: Marvin Schmidgall, Eureka; Harold Schmidgall, Gridley; John Steiner, Oakville; and Joe Stoller, Princeville. We extend our sincere thanks to each for their effort, and beseech God's blessings on each.

In this time there is so much emphasis on recreation and pleasure. Let us not be deceived thereby, but choose as Moses of old to suffer affliction with the children of God, rather than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season.

BREMEN **Karen Feldman**

I heard an old old story,
How a Saviour came from glory,
How He gave His life on Calvary
To save a wretch like me.
I heard about His groaning,
Of His precious blood's atoning.
Then I repented of my sins
And won the victory.

I heard about His healing,
Of His cleansing pow'r revealing,

How He made the lame to walk again

And caused the blind to see,
And then I cried, Dear Jesus,
Come and heal my broken spirit,
And somehow Jesus came and bro't
To me the victory.

O victory in Jesus,
My Saviour, forever;
He sought me and bought me with
His redeeming blood;
He loved me ere I knew Him,
And all my love is due Him.
He plunged me to victory, beneath
the cleansing flood.

It was announced that Steve Suttor has found the peace of Christ and is ready for baptism. It is so thrilling to see another soul find "Victory in Jesus".

We are busy preparing for our Bible School for both children and adults, and pray a blessing will be received by all who attend.

We are happy Sis. Clara Klopfenstein has been able to worship with us again after her surgery.

Sis. Leah Souder is slowly gaining her strength. She is able to be up in a chair a couple times a day, but still requires much help. She has good days and bad days, according to her family.

BURLINGTON **Edna Pohl — Elaine Eisenmann**

We enjoyed having Bro. Joe Schrock and those with him for Sunday, May 7. Our ministering brothers are most welcome anytime to proclaim God's Holy Word.

Our Sis. Ruth Swanson of Galesburg thanks all who remembered her with cards and gifts during her 6-month stay at the sanatorium in Rock Island. It will be some months before she can return to her work as a nurse's aid.

Also on our sick list was Sis. Esther Wagler. Sis. Judy Gehring is recovering from surgery, and has been able to join us at church again.

We will miss Sis. Janelle Scott, her husband Don, and son Todd, who have left our community and moved to Quincy. We wish them many blessings, and know they will be welcome there. Don accepted a teaching position in the Quincy area.

We are happy to report that our Bro. Kenny and Sis. Charity Schleitlin and children have moved back to Burlington. We welcome their return. Also back in our midst

for the summer months are Bro. Ernie and Sis. Rekie Anliker and Bro. Ben and Sis. Esther Wagler.

Note of Thanks: I wish to thank those who remembered me in prayer, who came to visit, and who sent cards, letters, flowers and gifts during my hospitalization and upon my return home. May God bless you all abundantly for your acts of kindness. Sis. Ann Massner.

CISSNA PARK

Mary Young — Margaret Rudin

On Father's day, fathers are honored throughout the United States, and special efforts are usually made to try to show them how much we think of them.

Our Vacation Bible School started June 5, through June 16. We have a goodly number of children.

We could rejoice hearing the child-like testimony of our aged friend, John Otto. He had a desire many years to become a child of God. It was granted to him, and he was baptized. He is now our brother in faith.

Bro. William Farney, age 83, passed away May 21 at Eureka Nursing Home, where he had lived for 10 months. Survivors are daughters, Sis.'s Anna Nueast, Helen Lackey, Louisa Drayer, Caroline Leman, Esther Steiner, Marjorie Knapp; and Clara Bodager, Sophia Peyer, Lucile Baker, and Martha Farney; sons, Bro. John and Ben; two brothers, Bros. Charles and Sam; three sisters, Sis.'s Minnie Farney, Sophie Funk, Mary Young. Services were held May 21 by Bro. Joshua Broquard, assisted by our ministers. Our sympathy is extended to the family.

Funeral services were held for our dear friend Carl Schladenhauffen, age 40, May 28, Bro. Ed Alt officiating. He was the son of Paul and the late Hannah (Kaufman) Schladenhauffen. Survivors include his wife, RoseAnn; sons Paul, Micheal, Steven and Jeffrey; a daughter, Patricia; his father; two sisters, Sis. Anna Reber and Eunice Schladenhauffen; brothers, Eugene, Raymond, Glen, Earl and Eldon. Our sympathy is extended to the family.

Our dear ones again had to be hospitalized, Sis. Emily Rudin and Sis. Mary Schunbach, also our friends, George Winger and Ray Henneinke, who are home again, improved.

Our guest ministers were Bros. Bob Grimm, Eli Somerhalder and Ben Fehr. We thank you for your effort.

To our Graduates

Today marks the accomplishment
Of years work well done

May your graduation be a
blessing
When God looks down in love
And gives you those special
blessings
That come only from heaven above.

The engagement was announced of our aged Bro. Sam Hari and Sis. Martha Farney. We wish for them a rich share of blessings of the Lord.

Thank you note: I wish to thank everyone who has remembered me with cards, gifts, visits, food, and prayers, while I was in the hospital and since I am at home. John joins me in wishing you God's richest blessing for your loving kindness shown in our need. A special thanks to the ministers. Mrs. John Wahl.

CROGHAN - NAUMBURG

Alice Virkler Eleanor Herzig

God's almighty power has again been shown in our community, when He took another one of our loved ones home. Vincent Hirschey was called from this life on May 21; he had been a surgical patient for some time. Services were held by Bro. Robert Beyer, at the Naumburg Church on May 23. He leaves his wife, Florence; a daughter, Mrs. Lorraine (Keith) Maloney; a son, Samuel. Our deep sympathy is extended to the family.

Bro. Arthur Herzig has been a surgical patient and has been able to return home. Sis. Ella Einbeck and Julia (Urban) Karcher have been surgical patients, have returned home, and are again able to assemble with us. Bro. Herman Farney is a surgical patient, and Lydia Virkler, wife of Bro. Leon, is a medical patient. Sis. Dorothy Herzig was at home with a sprained ankle and is again able to assemble with us.

May God comfort each of them in their need, and grant necessary strength and grace to endure what He has for them.

We have enjoyed the visits of loved ones from Rockville and Akron.

FT. LAUDERDALE

Henry H. Schwartz

Bro. and Sis. Albert Schneider from Rockville spent several weeks here. Their visitation, as well as Bro. Schneider's ministerial services, were very much enjoyed. On Friday, June 2, Bro. and Sis. Roger Sauder entertained a group from the church here as a farewell party for Bro. and Sis. Howard Baumgartner, who are moving to the Bluffton Area in the near future. The church group regrets the loss of the Baumgartner family from here.

Bro. and Sis. Robert Yergler entertained a group from the church, at their home on Memorial evening.

FT. WAYNE

Mary Eisenmann — Marge Gerber

To my Dad:

This world we are living in
would be a better and happier
place, too

If all the people everywhere were
blessed with a Dad like you.

One author wrote—

God made fathers:

To be friends to their children
To listen to their problems
To encourage brave new deeds
To be a gentle, wise, and strong
guide
To answer their children's
questions
To teach them right from wrong
To give love that means security
To those entrusted in their care.

Our Sunday School older classes and their teachers enjoyed a blessed Sunday with the Bremen congregation. The love and fellowship was greatly appreciated.

We were happy and blessed to have with us visiting ministers, Bros. Henry Dotterer from Rittman and Charles Hemmer from Peoria on May 21. We were reminded that we may accept Christ, but, **unless we prepare ourselves**, He will not accept us as His children—What would it avail us?

Sis. Nettie Drayer was a medical patient at Parkview Hospital, and Sis. Emma Unsicker submitted to major surgery at Parkview Hospital. We ask the Lord's comfort and strength.

Sis. Emma Unsicker moved into her new home: Her new address is R.R.2, New Haven 46774. May the

Heavenly Father bless this dwelling and all who enter therein.

Our high school graduates include: Beverly Pulfer (Raymond), Stan and Steve Pulver (Lester), and Wade Stoller (Gene). Our congratulations to them, and may the Heavenly Father direct their every endeavor. A special congratulation to Sis. Pam Pfister Steffen on her recent achievement, her Master's Degree in Education.

Vacation Bible School will be held for two weeks, beginning June 12, from 9:30-12. Adult will follow for one week, beginning June 26.

INDIANAPOLIS Tom and Carolyn Frank

Worship is praying, talking with God.

That's true, but isn't it more?

Worship is singing, praising His name,

Saying we trust and adore.

What about giving—unselfish love? Is not this true worship, too?

And what about study spent on God's word?

And what about work that we do?

And what about money, what about time,

What about lessons we learn?

Worship is our bringing our gifts to God

And getting God's gifts in return.

We were pleased to have the following ministering brothers assemble with us: Henry Manz, Junction; Alfred Bahler, Wolcott; Harold Zeltwanger, Bremen; David Bertsch, Leo; Norman Stoller, Ft. Wayne. May God bless them for their efforts.

LAMAR Mrs. Arthur Banwart Mrs. Charles Marti

We have had a number of visitors, which has brought much joy to our small congregation. Among these were Bro. Carl Hartman of Sabetha, who spent a beautiful May Sunday with us. Bro. Carl brought us God's word so clearly, and reminded us, after our life is over, it will be too late to help ourselves or lend a helping hand to our dear ones, even as the rich man wanted so to warn his brothers of his terrible torment, but this was not permitted. So let us strive a little hard-

er while we still have breath here on earth, to warn and help one another, that we will not have to later regret being neglectful.

With our blessings, we have also experienced suffering in our community. Bro. Fred Braker was spared serious injury after a shot gun exploded in his hand, parts of the gun being blown many feet away. He was hospitalized with a wound in one hand, a broken bone in each hand, and a bursted ear drum, but as Bro. Fred said, "I was so thankful it wasn't my eyes". With one eyeglass lens shattered, it come very close to his eyes. Shortly after Sis. Cecile returned home from taking Bro. Fred to the hospital, their son, Jay, arrived home from school feeling ill. He was soon hurried to the hospital, where the doctor run tests and spent considerable time treating him, before he felt Jay was out of danger. He had been hit on the chest by a soft ball in school, but at the time did not realize he was injured. In some way it had caused his heart to beat very fast and in a manner the doctor had not before encountered. Within three days they were both dismissed, Bro. Fred being limited to his activity for a few weeks, but Jay feeling as usual and with no permanent heart damage.

The same week as Jay's misfortune, Wayne Marti of Springfield, Missouri, son of Bro. Dean and Sis. Arline, was hit on the side of his head with a soft ball. He was hospitalized the following week, undergoing surgery to wire a bone which was broken in three places. The doctors feared the loss of his eyesight at first, but he has returned home and is doing very well. Schelli Marti, ten-year-old daughter of Bro. Dale and Sis. Corrine Marti, is doing fine, after being hospitalized for a tonsillectomy.

Bileen Braker of Raytown, Mo., daughter of Oscar and Sis. Caroline, was injured when a pop bottle fell over and exploded in their home. She required 18 stitches to close the wounds on her legs. They felt so thankful their little girls weren't nearby, as the glass so easily could have hit them on the face.

Sam Baker, of Bentonville, Arkansas, has spent over a week in the hospital for medical treatment, after suddenly becoming ill on a previous visit to Lamar. He and Sis. Betty were able to assemble with us

again this past Sunday. Sam's mother was feeling much better than last month, but did not feel up to making the drive with them.

Surely God has been good to us, that each of our dear ones were spared their life, and can all be back to a fairly normal routine. If we "keep our house in order" we will always be ready to meet whatever lies around the next corner, whether it be joy or sorrow. Whichever it happens to be, let us always remember what God does is well done.

Before getting these news items in the mail, we have again suddenly been reminded how little we know of what our next day or even hour has waiting for us. Sunday evening, June 4, Kenneth Marti, son of Bro. Dean and Sis. Arline, was involved in a motorcycle accident, when he hit a ditch while riding with friends in a pasture. He is now lying in the hospital and has partially regained consciousness. Many prayers have been offered in his behalf.

MANSFIELD Aaron A. Sauder

We hear so much about all the mischief and wrongdoings of the teenagers of today, so we would like to share with other churches the love our youth group showed to our congregation recently. The Youth Fellowship worked diligently by sponsoring a car-wash and also serving the lunch at an auction sale. Then on Mothers' Day, they took over the entire task of buying, preparing and serving the noon lunch at church, so that not one mother was in the kitchen that day. The sincere thanks of our entire congregation to this fine group of young people!

After 35 years, our church home for the elderly, located on land adjoining our church, has been closed. We owe great thanks to our Sis. Francelia Beer, who was the matron of the home these last 25 years. Although Sis. Francelia had not been feeling well toward the end of her service, she continued working until all the residents had found other places to stay. We regret that almost immediately following her retirement, it was necessary that she enter the hospital, and has been there since. May the Lord bless her for her many years of service to the aged. Our hospital patients, in addition to Sis. Francelia have been Sis. Tillie Oesch (Karl), Sis.

Caroline Dotterer, Christina Beer (Chas.) and Bro. Andrew Kissel.

Sis. Katherine Tooker of Akron, who has been in Mansfield since her fall last winter, is now a resident at the Winchester Nursing Home, 60 Winchester Rd., Mansfield Ohio 44907. She enjoys hearing from her friends.

Infirmities of advancing age had restricted Sis. Katherine Wahl Fuhrer from attending church for a number of years, and several weeks ago she underwent surgery as the result of a fractured hip. She did not respond as had been hoped, and on June 3, just ten days before her 82nd birthday, Katherine quietly left this life for the Other Shore. Her husband, Bro. John Fuhrer, preceded her in death three years ago. She is survived by one brother, John Wahl of Cissna Park; two sisters, Sis. Minnie Dotterer of Paulding and Sis. Clara Wahl of Mansfield, one step-son and seven step-daughters.

Funeral services were held on May 17 for John Nolan, who is survived by his wife, Lydia Streitmatter Nolan, and one daughter, Sis. Joyce Nolan Cordrey (Jack). John and Lydia moved to our community three years ago, but his extended illness prevented John from attending services during that time.

The sudden death of Friend Lydia Haspeslagh was a shock to our congregation, as she had worshipped with us just one week before her death, on May 13. She is survived by her husband, Robert, and one daughter.

Our love and sympathy is extended to each one who is experiencing the heartache of losing one so near and dear. May the Lord comfort and console.

God made fathers to be the friend
Each son and daughter needs
To listen to their problems
And encourage brave new deeds.
God made fathers to be a guide,
Who's gentle, wise and strong
To answer children's questions
And to teach them right from

wrong . . .

And God made fathers to give the
love

That means security
To those entrusted to his care—
His happy family!

"And he shall turn the heart of the
fathers to the children, and the

heart of the children to their fathers. . ."

MILFORD

Marguerite Hoerr

Bro. Don and Sis. Martha Haab became the parents of their third child, a son named Michael Allen, born June 2. The miracle of life is again given and we ask for His blessings on it.

Vacation Bible School is planned for this month. Special credit should be given the committee for their advance planning and lots of work in arranging all the details necessary for this week ahead.

We're also looking forward to the two week-ends following Bible School. On June 17 and 18 we are anticipating hearing the testimonies and witnessing the baptism of five friends: Dick and Shirley Steffen, Charlie Baumgartner and Jerry and Ruth Hostetler. With God's help this should prove to be a spirit-filled week.

On June 25, Bro. Tom Speicher and Sis. Tammy Sheets are planning their wedding day. Tom is expecting induction into the army very soon after this, and we ask God to be especially near them wherever the future leads.

Our Sunday School picnic is also planned for this month, so June promises to be filled with activities for our congregation.

Sis. Anne Stieglitz has been unable to worship with us for some time. We miss her cheerfulness so much, and ask God to give her His cheer during days when ill health might seem hard to bear.

Sis. Miriam Speicher has been admitted to the Goshen hospital for surgery. Sis. Louise Raap has been unable to attend church since her stay in the hospital.

Congratulations to our high school graduates: Teresa Beer. Fred Beer, Greg Kaiser, Vicki Price, Keith Hunsberger and Sis. Tammy Sheets. Special good wishes go to Bro. Bob Cockburn, who received his degree from Manchester College.

OAKVILLE

Martha Steiner

"Let brotherly love continue."

We were privileged to have Bros. Simon Wagenbach from Tremont and Joe Schrock from Congerville with us, and enjoyed the messages from God brought through them.

Friends Don and Becky Carpenter were announced for proving in the near future, having found peace with their Maker through repentance. Becky is the daughter of Bro. John and Sis. Ursel Grimm Barth.

Sis. Jane Wiegand and Bro. Ron Schmidgall were united in marriage by her grandfather, Elder Bro. Noah Schrock, on June 4. We wish them a blessed life together.

PULASKI

Mary Wiegand—Nancy Musselman

Bro. Ed Lanz of Oakville was our guest minister in May.

It was with saddened hearts that we gathered at the home of Bro. Albert and Sis. Elizabeth Wuthrich to bid farewell to Bro. Ken and Sis. Charity Scheitlin and family. They have moved to Burlington. We surely feel the loss in our small congregation. May God bless them in their new home and job.

Our friend, Vera Schaer, daughter of Bro. Bernard and Sis. Leah, will be given the opportunity to give her testimony of her repentance in the near future.

Recent graduates were Roger Wuthrich, son of Bro. Russell and Sis. Karoline, from high school, and Paul Teubel, son of Bro. Richard and Sis. Wilma, from grade school.

PURDUE UNIVERSITY

Lois Kipfer — Norma Schini

As this school year comes to a close, we have had many blessings to be thankful for. We thank all the brothers who ministered to us, and also thank all others who came to make our services more of a blessing. We have had many new converts again this school year, and can only give God the praise and glory for still calling souls unto repentance and that calls are still being answered. We want to give a special thanks to Bro. Edwin Bahler, who so willingly has let himself be used in service to our Purdue group.

The graduates this year are Janet Baumgartner, Linda Laidig, Sharon Neihouser, Barb Troxel, and Jim Schwartz from Purdue, and Kris Leman from Ivy Tech. Most of our graduates are leaving the area, and we want to wish them God's guidance and richest blessings in whatever the future holds for them. We certainly have enjoyed the years they have spent here.

Our congratulations go to Bro. Jack Schwartz, whose engagement

was announced to Sis. Diane Steffen; both are from Bluffton. Also congratulations go to Sis. Emily Heinold of LaCrosse, whose engagement was announced to Bro. Bill Schlatter from Junction. On June 4, Sis. Lona Pfladderer from Francesville and Bro. Steve Elasser from Princeville were married. We wish each couple God's richest blessings in their walk of life together.

There will be no midweek services during the summer vacation, but we hope to have them again next fall.

SABETHA

Mrs. Joe Steiner

The Lord has many ways in which his wonders to perform. We rejoice with Bro. Ted and Sis. Cordelia Locher in that they received word from their son, Capt. Roger C. Locher, that he is safe and has returned to his home unit in Thailand. His plane was shot down on May 10, while flying over enemy territory. He spent 23 days alone in very hostile surroundings, until he finally was able to make radio contact with American planes. Between 30 and 40 Air Force planes and helicopters flew through heavy North Vietnamese fire to lift him out of the steep mountainous terrain. His parents had received word that he was missing in action. They had many anxious moments and spent much time in prayer. Bro. Ted and Sis. Cordelia wish to thank the many brethren and friends for their prayers in behalf of their son, Roger. May we all continue diligently in prayer for all the boys that are still in service. And if the Lord wills, may we have peace on earth.

Our visiting ministers were Bro. Noah Schrock—Oakville, Bro. Ezra Feller—Cissna Park, and Bro. William Funk—Garden Grove, Iowa. We thank them for bringing us the word of life.

We appreciate all visitors here in our small community in northeastern Kansas. . . And we invite anyone passing through this area to come fellowship with us.

Robert and Kathy Steiner are the parents of a baby daughter, born June 1. She has been named Marilyn Kay and has one brother, Jason, to welcome her home. Her paternal grandparents are Reuben and Opal Steiner, and Sis. Edna Steiner is her great-grandmother.

Sis. Irene Aberle has been transferred to the Stomont-Vail Hospital

in Topeka, where she will have more surgery.

SILVERTON Judith Knecht

When there's Love at Home—On June 1, Bro. Clarence and Sis. Mildred Dietrich observed their 25th wedding anniversary. May the Lord continue to bless them and ever keep them in His care and keeping.

Visiting and being with them for this occasion was Sis. Helen Liebig (Sis. Mildred's sister). May the Lord grant her a blessed and safe journey.

Graduating from high school on June 5 was Curtis Leman, son of Bro. LeRoy and Sis. Florence; and Carol Dietrich, daughter of Bro. Clarence and Sis. Mildred. We pray these young people will find happiness and a life of fulfillment.

We are thankful to have in our midst Sis. Esther Kachelmuss. She will be visiting for a time with relation, Bro. Joe and Sis. Beth Anliker, and Bro. LeRoy and Sis. Florence Leman.

ELGIN, IA.

Mrs. George Butikofer

Our community was saddened when we learned of the death of Tony Butikofer, which was due to a car-motorcycle accident. Tony Bert Butikofer, son of Bert and Bulah Butikofer was born Jan. 11, 1954. He passed away May 21 at the age of 18 years, at the Postville Hospital.

As a child, he was brought to God's house on the arms of loving parents, where he was taught the Lord's ways. This he did not forsake as he grew up, attending Sunday School and church to the day of his death. He leaves to mourn, his parents; two brothers, Lonnie 14, Tracy 9; Melanie, age 6; his two aged grandmothers, Mrs. Sarah Favrkow, Quincy, Ill., and Mrs. Marie Butikofer of Elgin.

He will be sadly missed by many relatives, friends and classmates. Had he lived, he would have graduated May 23 with the Valley High School Senior Class of '72. Also close to him were the members of the FFA Chapter of Valley High, which he was President.

Services were held Wed. morning, May 24, and burial in the cemetery S.E. of Elgin. Bro. Arthur Gudeman, LaCrosse, officiated at the service.

Death is but a stepping-stone to eternity.

A Thank You: "Our sincerest thanks to all our dear friends and relatives who so kindly remembered us in their prayers, cards, food, visits, and memorial in memory of our dear son Tony, who has gone to his eternal rest. Bro. Bert and Sis. Beulah Butikofer, Lonnie, Tracy and Melanie.

We have resumed our Wed. evening meetings. The first weekly meeting of the month is devoted to regular church services, the balance for Bible study. Everyone is welcome. We meet from 8 to 9 o'clock.

Bro. Roy Huber from Eureka was a visiting minister, and we certainly appreciated his expounding of the scripture.

Philip Metzger, son of Bro. Ervin and Sis. Ruth, has found employment in Sabetha with a plumbing concern. We miss seeing him in Sunday School, but wish him well in his new endeavor.

Three of our high school seniors attended our Sunday School, namely, Tony Butikofer, Charles Schupbach, and Sis. Karla Moore. The last one named teaches in our Sunday School.

The fields are lush and green; gardens are giving us taste treats, and we have a yellow rose blooming which reminds me of my Grandma Gehring's garden, which every June yielded its share of yellow rose blooms, and which we always did enjoy. We have a pair of bluebirds that nested in a house put up for them; a nestful of young robins have already flown; a pair of brown thrashers are busy feeding their young. This nest is a nest structure in one of our gooseberry bushes bordering our garden. A rather rare location for a pair of red-winged blackbirds to build their nest is in one of our apple trees; this too is in our garden area.

There are golden moments in each day that God gives us. They make a wondrous place and give memories to treasure. These golden moments are for all who pause from earthly clamor, to refresh their souls with God's handiwork.

LESTER

Alice Metzger — Paulette Meyer

The countryside is lush and green, as we have had above normal rainfall and the fields and gar-

dens seem to promise a bountiful crop.

We were blest with a very special week-end, when Elder Bros. Paul Fehr and Silas Leuthold were present to assist Elder Bro. Leo Moser in the proving and baptism of Virgil Metzger, son of Bro. Ernst and Sis. Ella. The testimony and messages were an inspiration and a blessing.

Announcement was made of the engagement of Sis. Paulette Meyer to Bro. Norman Zaugg. Parents of the couple are Bro. and Sis. Alvia Meyer and Bro. and Sis. Oscar Zaugg, West Bend. Bro. Leo Moser solemnized the wedding of Diane Leuthold and Dale Stickling in the home of the bride's parents, Bro. Paul and Sis. Betty Jean Leuthold.

We have had several who spent some time in the hospital. They are: Bro. Emil Metzger for surgery, Sis. Lydia Knobloch and Sis. Elizabeth Nester for observation, Lance Knobloch, son of Bro. Ezra and Sis. Marie, for respiratory problems, and Bro. Phil Mogler, who suffered painful hand injuries in a lawn mower accident. All are home, although Sis. Lydia and Bro. Jake Knobloch have been unable to assemble for several weeks. We miss them in church.

Bro. Alfred and Sis. Lucy Knobloch are parents of a new baby girl, Penny Lynn. Friends Leroy and Louella Kellenberger are parents of their first child, baby boy Wade Philip.

As our Sunday School recesses for the summer, we observed the end of the term with a Sunday School picnic on the church grounds. May our fellowship with the dear young people continue through this vacation period.

MORRIS

Ann Meiss — Esther Schaefer

Remember now thy Creator in the days of youth. As graduation time is upon us, these words often come to my mind. We wish these dear ones many blessings: Cindy Wulf, Cheryl Koehl, Marilyn and Sharylvn Moser, Nancy Dogotch, Gary Brown, Curtis Kussatz, Bobby Feuchtenberger, Steve Schmidgall, David Schmidgall, Mark Schmidgall, and Debra Heil. Bro. Rich Meiss will graduate from the University of Minnesota, Morris on June 14.

We were grateful to have Bro.

Ken Lawson of the Minneapolis congregation worship with us on May 14.

We are happy to have Howard Goll and his new bride, Edna (Matzke), assemble with us. Other weddings among our friends are: Connie Greiner, daughter of Elmer and Linda, to Lanny Beyer; and Shirley Joos, daughter of David and Cornelia, to Dennis Arsenault, who will make their home in Germany for two years. We extend our best wishes to these couples.

Mary Spohr and Cal Moser were hospital patients. We are thankful that they are home again. Connie Zeltwanger received burns on her legs when the lawn mower caught fire while being filled with gas. Burns are painful and Connie is wearing bandages. Connie is the daughter of Bro. John and Sis. Mabel Zeltwanger.

A number from our congregation are touring Europe. Bro. Joe and Sis. Emma Feuchtenberger are visiting relatives. Sis. Jeanette Nohl, Bro. Frank and Sis. Gladys, Bro. Sid, and Henry Messner, and Bro. Rich Meiss are spending some time with Bro. Beirne Messner, who is stationed in Germany.

Our dear Sis. Mary Koehl, widow of our departed Elder Bro. Henry Koehl, was laid to rest on May 27, having reached 91 years. She had been in failing health for the past four years and was lovingly cared for by her children, Sis. Eunice and Bro. Reuben, who survive, along with Jonah and Bro. Ernest, and 3 sisters. She was unable to assemble with us, and we thank God that He relieved her of her trials and took her home. **Thank you:** We wish to thank everyone for their prayers, love and kindness shown us through mother's long illness and for the many expressions of sympathy, cards and memorials since her passing. It was all deeply appreciated. God bless you. The family of Sis. Mary Koehl.

Bro. Dale Koehl spent some time at the home of his parents, Bro. Charles and Sis. Esther. He has returned to Ft. Sill. Doug Wulf surprised his parents when he arrived home June 3. After a two-week visit, he will return to Ft. Sam for further treatment of his injuries. Bro. Ron, Sis. Kay, and Troy Meiss have completed their army duty and have made their home in Kansas City, Missouri. Their address is

10236 E. 42nd St., Kansas City Mo. 64133.

ROCKVILLE

Carlton J. Lanz

Make family prayer a habit in your home.

Teach yourself to lead your family daily in getting on its knees before the Creator God. This may be done in the morning before school and work, or in the evening before going to bed. Do not stress memorized prayers or stiff, formal approaches to God. Rather teach them to talk from their hearts to the One who has made them, loves, protects, and, above all, has in mind their everlasting good. Help them to learn to ask God for their daily needs, for strength and wisdom, and for His blessing and guidance in their daily lives. In all their praying, teach them to be thankful for living in the blessed circumstances which most of us in this great nation of ours do! At mealtime, an example should be set by giving sincere thanks for the blessings of food and shelter from the Creator God.

Bro. Jacob Trueb will be laid-up for some time as the result of a mishap in capturing a strayed hive of bees. He had twice been on the step-ladder, but on his third time he lost his balance and jumped from the top step, splintering a bone in his leg when he landed on a hard surface. He is in a cast.

At the close of Wed. evening service, Bro. Walter Gerber and Sis. Ida Zahner were united in marriage. Bro. John Bahler, our elder, solemnized their vows. Many of Ida's friends, where she had worked as cook and domestic, came to wish her well, as we all did to both her and Walter.

The death of Mrs. Geraldine Dunphy Kupferschmid, 50, wife of Julius Kupferschmid came at the Rockville General Hospital May 16. She leaves, besides her husband, a son David, two daughters, Mrs. Roger Pinard and Miss Juliet Kupferschmid at home. Funeral services were from the church. Burial was in Ellington Center Cemetery.

TREMONT

Lydia Rassi—Mary Jane Leuthold

June has begun; the fields have been tilled and readied for seeding and planting. . . . and so quickly the black earth is covered with the beautiful green corn plants, show-

ing God's handiwork, He who has given the sunshine and the rain . . . Also the abundance of buds and then the beautiful, fragrant flowers . . . The beautiful leaves on every tree and the happy melodious birds to inhabit them. These are all His unspeakable gifts to us. Praise be to His high and holy name.

In many languages the word for mother is just about the same. In Latin it is *mater*, in Greek *meter*, in French *mere*, and in German *mutter*.

A mother is the heart of home;
She's all so good and pure,
The center of a family life
That's happy and secure.
She's wisdom with a quiet voice,
And patience with a smile,
Guidance and encouragement
That make life more worthwhile.

Our dear sister Mary Unsicker celebrated her 85th birthday May 22. We wish her much grace, that she may continue her cheerful disposition and loving smile, regardless of the afflictions that keep her confined.

The Lord has blessed us so abundantly. He has sent many visiting ministers to us. Bro. Eugene Lehman, Wolcott; Bro. Robert Walder, and Bro. Frederick Knapp ministered to us May 21. Bro. George Wagenbach, Bro. Phil Sauder, and Bro. John Steiner visited us May 28. June 4, Bro. Steve Rinkenberger reminded us of His great love for each one of us, and how we must forsake all or we cannot be His disciple. Oh, how we plead for grace, mercy and wisdom to know His precious will.

Rebecca Wagenbach, daughter of Simon and Louise, and Glen Bauman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Bauman were married May 28 by Bro. Dan Koch. Roger Schweigert, son of Bro. Chris and Sis. Ida, and Rebecca Howard, daughter of the Howards of Minier were married June 3. We wish both couples much happiness and many blessings throughout their life together.

Our Bible school is in progress now, from June 5 through 16. What untold blessings, the young and the older meeting each evening. We are thankful for all the teachers and all the dear children that are taking part. Each must truly feel a special blessing as they read and learn of the precious love the Saviour bestows on each one.

Little Michael Carl came to live with Bro. Joe and Sis. Marcella Steiner. He has two brothers and one sister to help care for him. Grandparents are Bro. Noah and Sis. Emma Gerber and Bro. Dan and Sis. Sophia Steiner.

Sis. Sue Aberle was hospitalized and is home recuperating. Charles Gschwind, son of the Aaron F. Gschwinds, met with an accident and was hospitalized. He is home and enjoying good health again.

Sis. Lena Woerner is home from the hospital and slowly improving. We are truly thankful the Lord has healed each one. **Thank you note:** I wish to thank my friends and relatives for the many cards, gifts, flowers, food, and prayers while in the hospital and at home, the ministers who made their efforts to see me in the hospital and at home. May God bless every one of you. Your kindness was very much appreciated. Sis. Lena Woerner.

We have many graduates, grade school, high school, and college. We are thankful for each one's accomplishment. Pray also that each one may cultivate a deep concern for their God, as God is waiting for every soul to trust in Him. He has promised He will help us through every trial and care in this life. There is also the great reward of eternal life for those who live for Him and obey His will.

Young people set their watches, for right time or wrong, by the watches of their elders.

I wish to thank all my friends and relatives for the prayers, cards, gifts, flowers and food sent to me during my stay in the hospital and my recovery at home. May each one of you be blessed for your kindness. Katie Oertle.

LEO

Mrs. Elias Souder

Ernie Stoller Jr., Ronald Bollier and Pam Bertsch are three of our high school graduates this year.

Home for vacation from college or attending summer school are Linn Klopfenstein, Gary Bollier, Nancy and Mark Souder, E. J. Winzeler and Christy Surface.

Bro. William and Sis. Janet Hartman and little daughter, Angie, returned home to Colorado, after spending a week with relatives and friends. Pueblo, the city where they

live, has a beautiful sight of Pike's Peak in the distance. The light of this couple can also be beautiful for those about to see.

Adella Conrad is home from the hospital and able to be around. Lowell Lantz is still critically ill at the hospital. He is suffering from paralysis from his shoulders down. John Getz is still at the Lutheran Hospital in Ft. Wayne. He is suffering from blood clots in his legs.

Our Bible School starts June 12, for two weeks, held in the mornings.

Jennie Lee was the name given to the little daughter born to John and Linda Klopfenstein.

We enjoyed Sun. June 11 very much, with Eugene Bertschi as our guest minister . . . also the many young people came here from Indiana churches for Christian Endeavor. They are the future church, and we surely want to build for that.

IOWA CITY

Patty Stoller — Beverly Mogler

Lord, let me do the little things
Which may fall to my lot;
Those little inconspicuous ones
By others oft forgot.

If, like the Master, I can give
Myself for those I love,
Rich joy and peace shall come to me,
Sweet rest in heaven above.

I know not when the day shall close,
But when life's curfew rings,
I want my Lord to find me then
Still doing little things.

God does not ask the impossible;
all he asks is a reasonable service.

Our visiting ministers were Bros. Earl Gerber, Forrest; Uriel Gehring, Burlington; and Ed Lanz, Oakville.

Even as the Father rejoiced with the return of the prodigal son, so does our congregation rejoice with Vera Schaer, as she has turned her back on the world and has found peace with God and her fellowman. May God grant her much grace in the time ahead.

ALABAMA

(1905 Azalea Cir., Decatur)

We had a wonderful time the week-end of June 3 and 4, as some 65 people from various Alabama

churches spent the week-end in fellowship with the Peoria congregation. Chartering buses and returning one of many visits from the Peoria choir was a new experience for many of us. Everyone really appreciated the hospitality and fellowship of the Peoria people.

Mrs. H. N. McMillen, mother of Ruth Byars and grandmother of John Byars is seriously ill in the hospital.

James and Beverly Hale Burks are parents of a new son, Brian. This is the first grandchild of Junior and Manlie Hale.

Jerry Strickland, son of Junior and Addie Strickland and Kay Naylor, daughter of Carl and Mavis Naylor, were married on June 10.

**WESTERN
ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
Mary Lynn Unsicker**

What Think Ye of Christ?

To the builder He is the sure foundation. To the doctor, He is the great physician. To the educator He is the great teacher. To the florist He is the Rose of Sharon. To the minister He is the word of God. To the servant He is the good Master. To the toiler He is the giver of rest. To the sinner He is the Lamb of God, who taketh away sin. To the Christian, He is the Son of the living God, the Saviour, the Redeemer and loving God.

On Wed. May 3, Bro. Gerald Sutter, Taylor, ministered to us. We certainly look forward to the Bible Studies again next year, if God wills. We wish to extend our very grateful thanks to Bros. Francis Rother and Uriel Gehring for all their efforts in making our Bible Studies possible. We also wish to thank each visiting minister, as well as all the brothers and sisters who came to visit us.

As the year comes to a close, we can't help but think of the help, comfort, and many blessings which God has so adequately supplied in times of need. We truly rejoice that our friend, Susan Gerst has found grace to seek repentance. Susan works here in Macomb, and is the daughter of Bro. Carl and Sis. Hilda Gerst of Oakville.

Moving? Drop a card ahead if can. Tell both old and new address.

Tremont

There is never a day so dreary
but God can make it bright,
and unto the soul that trusts Him
He giveth songs in the night.

There is never a path so hidden
but God can lead the way,
If we seek the Spirit's guidance,
and patiently wait and PRAY.

Beating Me Home

Through the shady lane, ere the
sun has set,
We strolled together, my boy
and I;
Far above our heads, where the
treetops met
And the blue sky shone through a
lacy net,
The birds were singing a lullaby.

And the small boy chattered, as
small boys can
Of all that he meant to do and be;
How he'd grow and grow to a great
big man—
And the short arms stretched to
their utmost span—
And work his hardest, and all
for me.

At the end of the lane he stayed
his feet,
With wistful eyes on the way
that led
From the sleepy calm of the village
street
To the city's noise and the city's
heat:
Oh, why do we never go there?
he said . . .

. . . His quest forgotten in eager
play
He turned to the home land, cool
and green,
He loosed my hand as he sped away
And I heard him calling me, clear
and gay,
When swaying branches had
dropped between.

Now his words are echoing o'er
and o'er,
Through my heart and the empty
air:—
"Mother, dear, I'm beating you
home once more
I'll go ahead and open the door,
Just follow me slow and you'll
find me there."

Oh, the Home he has reached is safe
and sweet,
And slow my walk through a
long, long lane

As I follow the prints of his flying
feet,
And list for his laughter mine ears
to greet,
Follow and listen, and not in vain.

I have done forever with all my
fears;
No care shall sadden his joyous
song,
And his eyes shall never be dimmed
by tears,
For the child heart beats through
the endless years
Untouched by sorrow and pain
and wrong.

And I know, though the silence
hurts me sore
And still to my longing his voice
is dumb,
He has only "beaten me Home"
once more . . .
And there he's waiting for me
to come.

Christ Is Risen

Christ hath risen! Hallelujah!
Blessed morn of life and light;
Lo the grave is rent asunder,
Death is conquered through His
might.

Christ hath risen! Hallelujah!
Friends of Jesus, dry your tears.
Through the veil of gloom and
darkness,
Lo the Son of God appears.

Christ hath risen! Hallelujah!
He hath risen, as He said;
He is now the King of glory
And our great exalted Head.

Christ hath risen! Hallelujah!
Gladness fills the world today;
From the tomb that could not hold
Him,
See, the stone is rolled away.

Is there some loved one you
should be sending the Silver Lin-
ing? The love through the Silver
Lining can go miles. Do as you
would wish you had done, if their
lips would be silent tomorrow!

Announcements of births, es-
pecially with the names, can be put
to valuable use. For the Sunday
School, it can be put on record, and
thus keep a recording of little ones
growing up. In getting to know
them, even at an early age, all in
the church can jot it down, mem-
orize, and can let Christian charity
be bright, even from tiniest years
. . . Knowing the name is important.
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A PRIEST FOR EVER

Henry Souder Jr.

The tender, sweet intercession of Jesus to the Father means everything. This is the Way we approach unto the Father.

To be blameless, the Jew of old had to approach through the work of the priest. There, before the Lord, the person would present himself. Inside, curtained between where he dare not enter, was the Holy of Holies.

Now, we have a beautiful Way; "there ariseth another priest, Who is made, not after the law of a carnal commandment, but after the power of an endless life." Heaven is the Holy of Holies. What a beautiful place to be in prayer in reality! What beautiful of all beautifuls is here. He is life. He lives, and He will never pass on.

This is for the asking, for the searching, a priest who can really take care of our sins, chase our worries, and give us solid foundation . . . "For he testifieth, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec." It's good to know this King-priest. The lines of sorrow always find rays of solace here. It's good to know Him, for He meets our deepest need. As destitute beggars without any goodness we came. What He has done! He presented us to the Father in His stead, His righteousness. What a sacrifice! Now as trusting, needy and imperfect children we come, and find His glorious righteousness clothing us.

The law-way is set aside, put on the shelf, not used. In righteous beauty, in blazing triumph indeed the law is fulfilled in the Way of

this priest. The old method just did not accomplish what God wanted and what we needed. (Are we really using our words, our approach, our asking of another in this knowledge?) "For there is verily a disannulling of the commandment going before for the weakness and unprofitableness thereof."

Hope goes beyond wishing. Wait and expect, yearn with the whole heart. The law did not do one thing in a full work. Jesus did. He is our hope. Jesus gave us His peace, unearned, but sought for from our heart. This is a real person, this Saviour of the world. With real talking we actually come into the presence of God. Were it not for Him, the bars would be down, the doors forever locked . . . "For the law made nothing perfect, but the bringing in of a better hope did; by the which we draw nigh unto God."

The changeless character of God is beautiful. To us, feelings may rise and fall, hours come and go. Eternity is fixed, permanent. The Bible gives us views. There is no limit of time. There is no regret. No change for something better. Or try something else. All is best now and perfect.

We will have Jesus. What wealth, seeing His smile, hearing the things He thinks about and loves. feeling His great love and care. We have the underscoring of God, and we do well to know its vast importance. Listen to His great emphasis.

When He says something, it is always truth. When He says something with an oath, we should note the reason and why it is so impor-

tant.

"And inasmuch as not without an oath he was made priest: (For those priests were made without an oath; but this with an oath by him that said unto him, The Lord sware and will not repent, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec:)"

What a wonderful signature is affixed to the document of God. When our heart is crowded with complexities, we have the failures of daily warfare, when we are weak . . . we have a never-failing Friend and Provider. He has signed, and He will do. All we have to do is, Do as He says. What a treasure, better than any. What a promise! "By so much was Jesus made a surety of a better testament."

Heaven and Home are going to reveal a lot of beautiful happenings. After He has safely seen the last believer through, He still is priest, forever. What will it be? It will be richly satisfying, this part He takes, as we watch, listen, enjoy and partake. Our priest, offering up spiritual sacrifices. Singing, praising, talking, smiling. That unclouded blue will contain such beauty and fadeless happiness that indeed it will be worth it all, and much more.

"And they truly were many priests, because they were not suffered to continue by reason of death: But this man, because he continueth ever, hath an unchangeable priesthood."

Such is the wealth of God. Indeed, draw nigh to Him now, and He will help you.