



And they rose early in the morning, and went forth into the wilderness of Tekoa: and as they went forth, Jehoshaphat stood and said, Hear me, O Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem; Believe in the LORD your God, so shall ye be established; believe his prophets, so shall ye prosper.

And when he had consulted with the people, he appointed singers unto the

LORD, and that should praise the beauty of holiness, as they went out before the army, and to say, Praise the LORD; for his mercy endureth for ever.

And when they began to sing and to praise, the LORD set ambushments against the children of Ammon, Moab, and mount Seir, which were come against Judah; and they were smitten.

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

THE SILVER LINING

A LIGHT for BELIEVERS

THE LONELY CABIN ON THE FORTY MILE

In Iowa was an old farmer, the father of 12 children.

Some had grown to manhood, one had become a lawyer, another a doctor when a baby arrived. The years rolled by. One day when high school days were over the father said, "Joe, have you decided what you will be?" "Yes . . . the course I have taken in high school has fitted me for civil engineering . . ." A cloud came over his father's face. "Oh, I am sorry." He hoped he would enter the ministry. Joe said he would pray. After two weeks he came. He would enter the ministry . . .

When he had received his B.A., he went for three years to "fit himself for the ministry". One day one of the professors said: "You are a brilliant fellow. Weigh everything carefully . . . I want you to read . . . everyone of them philosophers."

Joe accepted the pastorate of a small church in Iowa. He married, and later was transferred to California. After two years, he moved to a large church near Los Angeles. One day in his pulpit his words included, "My friends, I am about to make a confession. I cannot believe the Bible . . . This is the last time I will preach."

He became an editor. He commenced to smoke and drink, gamble a little, and went from bad to worse. He moved and founded his own newspaper, and sold it for a small fortune. He became an editorial writer, and lost two positions through drink.

Tramping around from one place to another, the man became a dissolute drunken inebriate, shuffling around in rags. You could find him any night in the back end of the Mineral Saloon. He gave lectures on atheism. He would raise his hand and defy God to strike him dead. He would be carried off night after night to a praying wife, while delirium seized him again and again . . .

At the time of the great gold strike in Alaska, men were climbing the Chilkoot Pass in a mad rush. His friends thought, if they could get Joe in a change of environment, it might help. The old drunk said he would be willing to go. His wife and little daughter came to see him off.

Little Florence put her arms around his neck and said, "Daddy, dear Daddy, Mamma put in a little medicine chest that she thought you might need if you should get hurt there. And do not forget, Daddy, we will pray for you. And Daddy, inside the medicine chest I have put my little Book. I wouldn't give it to anybody else in the world but you, Daddy. You read it!" On the flyleaf she had written, "To my darling Daddy. With love from Florence. Do not forget, we love you."

The whistle blew, and the old steamer plowed its way. In a few weeks, he was in that surging mass of humanity in Yukon. The very first place he found was a saloon. He got a job. One day the owner came: "I want you to go over to the 40-Mile. We have struck gold over there. I have bought the old log cabin and I want you to go out and hold the place." The deal was that Joe could have all he wanted to drink. So he went out to the lonely cabin on the 40-mile.

The whiskey barrel was a quarter empty, when one day in October there was a knock. There stood a man, Jimmie, a Roman Catholic. "Come in, pard. There's grub and a whiskey barrel." So the two of them sat down to drink . . . drinking themselves to sleep every night. At the end of two weeks, there came another knock. A spiritualist medium, Wally, from San Francisco came in. When he saw the liquor, his mouth watered. "Wouldn't you like me to stay with you?" They said, "Yes".

They had ribald laughter, filthy jesting, obscene story-telling, drinking. The three of them drank until they cried and cringed in torment, with delirium tremens, night after night. The old medium told how he used to bunco people.

One night Jimmie came very close to death. He had delirium tremens and a fever. There was no doctor for 40 miles, it was 40 below, the snow was deep.

Joe remembered that down in the old trunk was a medicine chest. When he opened it, out fell the little Book on the floor. He opened the book and read, "From Florence to Daddy" . . . As he was about to throw it away, the spiritualist shouted, "Don't throw it in,

man! Don't you know we haven't a thing to read . . . Your only magazine I have read 20 times." He snatched it.

"If you want to read that you may, but I will not . . . What was that written on the front page? 'To my darling Daddy. With love from Florence.'" He was a little more sober now. "My little girl! I am glad I didn't burn the Book my little Florrie gave me."

The medicine worked. As the man was recovering, he started to read the Bible. Jimmie had a habit of reading out loud. Joe used to tell him to shut up, but Wally was interested. "What was that you read, Jimmie?" Then he would read it again.

They took turns reading. All unknown to them, a change was coming into that Lonely Cabin. The whiskey barrel went down more slowly. Some days they would read five, six and seven chapters. When they came to the New Testament, the cursings became fewer, the whiskey barrel began to be let alone. The former spiritualist said, "Haven't you noticed a kind of change coming over us? I haven't heard swearing now for three or four days. I wonder if it's that Bible that's doing it?"

January came, and they started reading the Gospel of John. Then arrived that eventful day. It was Wally's turn, and Joe got back of the stove: "Let not your heart be troubled: Ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you.

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I go to prepare a place for you."

Joe's hand brushed across his eyes. "What's the matter, Joe?" "Were you crying, Joe?" "Yes, go ahead. I am thinking about my little girl . . ." Wally said, "I'd like to know if this Book is true. For the last five days I've been wanting to pray, and I was scared you

fellows would laugh at me, but I will not be scared anymore. I shall ask God, if there be a God, to speak to me."

Joe said, ". . . I will tell you that my heart has been broken for the last week. I can hear my mother back in Iowa praying—though she is now in heaven. What about you,

Jimmie?" "If you fellows want to pray, I'll pray with you."

The three former drunken soaks got down on their knees. It was two o'clock when they arose from prayer. Into that Lonely Cabin on the 40-Mile had come the Man with the seamless robe, and they had touched the edge of His garment.

In Appreciation:

We wish to express our deep gratitude to all the brethren and friends who have supported the Home for the Handicapped. Perhaps only those who have loved ones who need such a home can fully appreciate what it means to have help for those who cannot help themselves. We are continually grateful to God that He has opened the way for our son, Gary, to enter this Home, where he is loved and cared for in a Christian environment. May God continue to guide and direct those who so willingly labor on behalf of the handicapped. Earl and Lucille Feller.

AKRON Katherine Ries

Alpha to Omega . . . from the beginning to the end.

Vacation Bible School was held as announced from June 19 through the 23, and altho the picnic could not be held because of inclement weather, we in the adult class were richly blessed as we are sure everyone was who attended, both young and old. Our Ministering Brothers, along with Visiting Minister Bro. Ben Hartzler, did a marvelous job in selecting the teachings for a two-hour adult session each evening, covering the Bible from the beginning to the end. On Fri. night visiting brethren, Elder Bros. Herman Kellenberger and Wendell Gudeman, with Ministering Bros. Arthur Gudeman and Henry Beer, not knowing of our Bible School endeavor, served us spiritual food that just seemed to re-cap the entire week of study. We are grateful to all who participated and humbly ask the Lord's blessings upon all.

Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth. Rejoice and let thy heart cheer thee, and walk in the ways of thy heart. but know thou, that for all these things, God will bring thee into judgment. Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man.

On June 11, Sis. Myrna and Bro. Kenneth Weertz became the happy parents of a son, Daniel Wayne. David and Julie welcome their baby brother, Daniel. Bro. Stanley and Anne Francis are still ailing and unable to attend our services. Friend Helen Burr is home and getting along nicely. Her husband, Fred has returned to the hospital for further treatment.

Overheard in the fellowship hall: we are all born with a moral nature and are innocent, with the opportunity to be holy by obedience to God's law. As we fall from the age of innocence into the temptations of the world, that moral nature, subconscious mind keeps bothering that we have fallen, we need salvation to eternal life, and only those that are holy are blessed & exempt from punishment. Repent now.

We don't know how this discussion was brought about, but after having the unfulfilled prophecies of the Bible vividly called to our attention during Vacation Bible School, we are in the latter days and that still small voice cries for action now.

CONGERVILLE

Norma Stahl — Linda Knapp

We rejoice as again the waters are troubled. Ed Miller has taken the hand of the Lord and is now walking a life for Him. He is the son of Bro. Jake and Sis. Marion.

Bro. Robert McClure and Bro. Gerry Banwart have been elected Sunday School teachers. May God help them to instill in the hearts and minds of our children the good and holy word.

We have been blessed to have with us Ministering Bros. Joshua Broquard, Fairbury; Duane Metzger, West Bend; and Willis Ehnele, Japan. We thank them for coming and so freely lending themselves to the service of God.

Ruth (Elmer) Miller was hospitalized, but is now home and we hope feeling better.

Many enjoyed the annual Sunday School picnic on June 25.

MORTON Mrs. Keith Stevig Mrs. Harry Kaiser

Three dear souls were taken into the fold on Sunday, June 18. They are, Mary Rapp, daughter of Bro. Russel and Sis. Verna; Ted Schick, son of Bro. John and Sis. Dolly; Ted Hirstein, son of Harold and Louise.

A baby girl, Shelby Jean, was born to Bro. Bill and Sis. Kay Gudeman on Thursday, June 15. She has one brother, Toby, at home. Grandparents are Sis. Nettie Birkey and Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Gudeman.

Announcement was made of the engagement of Sis. Kathy Roeschley to Bro. Fred Hermann. Kathy is the daughter of Sis. Mable and the late Ray Roeschley. Fred is the son of Bro. Fred and Sis. Ruth Hermann.

United in marriage on June 17 were Nancy Rapp and David Shelbourne. Parents are Bro. Howard and Sis. Delores Rapp and Mr. and Mrs. K. C. Shelbourne.

Our visiting minister was Bro. Ben Maibach of Detroit. We were richly blessed throughout the day.

Those sick or convalescing are Sisters Mona Stoller, Gladys Zobrist, and Florence Schmidgall; Christine Knobloch and Peggy Hunziker.

Sis. Ida May Yentes of Sibley passed away on Friday, June 9. She is survived by her husband, Oscar; a son, Wayne; and two daughters, Mrs. Raymond (Dorothy) Mathieson and Mrs. Duane (Imogene) Harmon; and a brother, George Burger.

"Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Vacation Bible School was enjoyed by our young people. The average daily attendance was 246.

Three new Sunday School teachers were chosen. They are: Bro. Gilbert Bruell, Bro. Jim Heiniger and Bro. Gene Witzig. We wish them

God's grace and blessing from above.

Morton subscribers: **Silver Lining** money is due in August. Give to Bro. Robert Frank, 1049 E. Jefferson St., Morton Ill 61550.

A sincere thanks to all who remembered us in their prayers, and with cards, flowers, food, and the many contributions for the Handicapped Home in memory of our loved one. The family of Eliza Rother.

ROCKVILLE Carlton J. Lanz

Continuing their efforts to create a lasting memory for the children, who have spent time learning of the love of God in their Sunday Schools, the superintendent and teachers, with the aid of parents, have again given the children a picnic and an outing. It is a nice thought . . . and believe all who participate in and so generously contribute to this annual event surely find it most enjoyable and worthwhile.

At Last! What Shall It Be

Out of this life I shall never take
Things of silver and gold I make;
All that I cherish and hoard away,
After I leave, on this earth it must stay.
Tho' I have toiled for a painting rare,
to hang on the wall,
I must leave there. Tho' I may call
it mine now and boast of its worth,
I must give it up when I leave this earth.
All that I gather, and all that I keep,
I must leave behind when I fall asleep. . .
And I often wonder what I shall own
in that other life, when I pass from here alone.
What shall they find, and what shall they see,
in the soul that answers the call for me.
Shall that great Judge learn when my task is through,
that my spirit has gathered SOME RICHES,
too, Or shall at last it be mine to find,
That all I'd worked for I'd left behind!

The dear friends, who have been reconciled with God through a true conversion, will give their testimonies in the presence of the church on Sunday and will then have their wishes fulfilled when baptized. They are Cheryl Gerber, daughter of Bro. Melvin and Sis. Matilda Gerber; Peggy Skipper, daughter of Bro. Joe and Sis. Alma Skipper; Emily Aberle, daughter of Bro. Edwin and Ernestine Aberle; and Amber Farney, daughter of Bro. Clifford and Sis. Harriet Farney. These are most precious and

touching moments when one can become a child of God!

ALTO Joyleen Blough

Now it is accomplished! With heart and with mind
To Thee, my dear Saviour, I now am resigned!
I'll ever be faithful in life and in death,
Abiding in Jesus unto my last breath.

On June 4, Luanne Blough, daughter of Bro. Noah and Sis. Marguerite, was welcomed into the congregation as a sister in Christ. Elder Bro. Ben Maibach of Detroit was here to assist our Elder Bro. Joseph Waibel of Bay City in this sacred task. In the afternoon hour, as Bro. Joe selected to read from God's holy word, the precious Book fell open to Romans 6. How the Lord doth provide for our every need.

That same evening, we were truly blessed and renewed in spirit when we were privileged to partake of Holy Communion. ". . . Take, eat: this is my body . . ."

Hospitalized was little Janette Overholt, daughter of Arlan and Darlene, and granddaughter of Bro. Lloyd and Sis. Eloise Blough. She had both of her feet operated on, and she is now in casts up to her knees.

FRANCESVILLE

Mrs. Herman (Chris) Wuethrich
Mrs. Otto Wuethrich

The first Sunday in June was a happy day for everyone here. Sis. Lona Pfledderer and Bro. Stephen Elsasser of Princeville were united in a loving wedding ceremony by Bro. Dave Kieser, uncle of the groom. As they walked in the church, the hymn was sung for them, which is their wish, "The Lord Is My Shepherd." They were then told to keep laying their hands in the hand of God, which we also know is their wish.

Our Bro. Sidney Leman's son, Dennis, have a new baby son, Derek. Now Dennis and his good wife are awaiting baptism, so their joys are twofold.

Sis. Betty Jeges, who went to her reward, had been a resident here before moving to California ten years ago. While there she became a member of the Altadena church, but was brought here for

burial. We here cannot thank you loved ones enough, in California, for all the visits to her in the last three years of her severe illness. Prayers were her first joy, and then the good home food you took her so often. In 1970, she wrote to Francesville and asked if she could serve a Sunday lunch to the church, by paying the bill. The sisters and brothers were happy to do it for her. Wouldn't you all?

Ivan Pelsy also went to his reward. His dear wife was Sis. Mabel (Fry), and they had four children. He was the only child of his dear mother, Sis. Ella (Ebersol). For his services they also wanted sang "The Lord Is My Shepherd", which we pray can give them much comfort in their coming days. Ivan had a cheerful "Good Morning" to people that will not be forgotten.

We wish to sincerely give God's most precious love to the many, many dear elders and ministers that brought us untold Christian love. Your names are written in heaven, and you know we want you to come again, whenever the Lord is willing.

Bro. Eli Anliker had surgery on his eye for the removal of a cataract. Last month we wrote that our dear Sis. Martha Pelsy was in the hospital, but now she is at the Rensselaer Care Center, Rensselaer, Ind. You know what cards would mean to her. Her health remains the same.

My dear husband, Herman (Chris), had to have a pacemaker implanted for his heart, but is again doing well. What would we do without Prayer. It was such a heavenly feeling to be remembered by loved ones. **Danke Shein (Thank you).**

BREMEN Karen Feldman

Safe in the arms of Jesus,
Safe on His gentle breast,
There by His love o'ershaded,
Sweetly my soul shall rest.

With these comforting thoughts, Sis. Pauline Nicholas (Sam) was laid to rest in the Bremen Cemetery on Thursday, June 22.

We are glad Bro. George Zimmer is able to worship with us again, after recuperating from his heart attack.

We are happy to have Sis. Diane Zimmer home again, after finishing her education.

Sis. Leah Souder (Henry) is

slowly regaining her strength. They wish to thank all for the prayers and cards sent to them.

Praise the Lord! Two more dear friends have peace with God and are announced for baptism. They are Don Kramer and Chris Kaehr.

CROGHAN-NAUMBURG

Alice Virkler — Eleanor Herzig

We must all have true love in our hearts as we go forward in our lives at work, in school, at home and at church. If we have this true love, we will have many friends in everything we undertake in this life. These were some of the thoughts impressed upon us when we spent a blessed Sunday with Bro. Jim Ramseyer of Bay City in our midst. We thank Bro. Jim for his messages shared with us, and thank the Lord that there are still such talented brothers in the ministry.

May God be with our high school graduates as they enter the world of employment or college. They are: LuAnn Virkler, daughter of Bro. Howard and Pernal; Linda Virkler, daughter of Bro. Lowell and Sis. Celia; and Cathy Virkler, daughter of Bro. Clyde and Sis. Lois. Linda also graduated from the vocational School in the Licensed Practical Nurse class.

Lydia Virkler, wife of Bro. Leon, has submitted to surgery on her back and is slowly improving. She has been a hospital patient for several weeks. Their address is R. D. No. 1, Croghan N Y 13327.

Sis. Minnie Rauhe is again hospitalized, and Jesse Karcher is a hospital patient. Sis. Barbara Virkler was a surgical patient and Sis. Eleanor Herzig was a medical patient. We are thankful they have been able to assemble with us again. Also, Bro. Herman Farney and Bro. Arthur Herzig have been able to assemble with us again.

Our sympathy is extended to Bro. Arthur and Sis. Mary Jane Hirschey. Bro. Arthur's son, Howard, passed away suddenly. Sympathy is also extended to our Ministering Bro. Floyd and Sis. Loretta Graves and their family. Bro. Floyd's brother, Harold, was taken from this earthly life after a short illness. Our sympathy goes to Bro. William and Sis. Hazel Schneider and their family. Bro. Will's brother, Timothy, was called from this life after an illness of several months.

May God comfort each of those who have been bereft.

EUREKA

Cathryn Wettstein
Salome Schumacher

"Cast thy burden upon the LORD, and he shall sustain thee: he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved."

Take to God your plans and failures
Anytime and anywhere;
No one e'er has gone unanswered,
For He answers every prayer.

Our visitors were as follows: Bros. Edmund Kloter—Fairbury, Robert Walder—Congerville, Carl Kipfer—Bluffton, William Gudem—Elgin, Ill., Perry Zimmerman—Forrest.

June 18, Sis. Ila Huber and Bro. Roger Bradle were united in marriage by the bride's father, Bro. Leroy. He is the son of Bro. and Sis. Chris and Anne Bradle. They will live in Secor, Ill. June 11, Kent Hodel and Janet Zobrist were married. His parents are Bro. and Sis. Harold and Mildred; her parents are Harold and Maurine Zobrist of Metamora, Ill.

In the hospital is Bro. Dan Wiegand. He is in the Methodist Hospital in Peoria as a surgical patient. Susie Grusy is a patient in Eureka Hospital, after falling in her home and breaking her hip. Her husband is Isaac Grusy.

Vacation Bible School is over for another year. It was held evenings with an average attendance of 103 children. This took the time and efforts of about 20 teachers. Bro. Roy Blunier was the superintendent this year. May God bless all who took part, and may all the children remember the good teachings.

June 25 was the last Sunday of Sunday School; August 6, it will resume again. However, the Bible class has its class all through July.

FAIRBURY

Joyce Huber

With the angels in heaven we rejoice that Mrs. Lois Bazzell has turned to the Lord in repentance, and we know that God gives His grace to those that call upon Him

Bro. Ed Ringger and Bro. Orrville Ringger gave us inspiring messages as guest ministers. An annual Sunday School picnic was held at Lyle's Acres, with anyone welcome

and an enjoyable evening was had for all attending.

Bro. Jim Walter and Bro. Phil Thames are our new Sunday School teachers, and may the Lord grant His knowledge and wisdom for the brothers to fulfill their added responsibilities.

Bro. Lyle and Sis. Edith Huetter and Mrs. Clark returned safely from an enjoyable vacation trip to Bermuda.

Our congratulations, for both graduation and becoming engaged, go to Chris Steffen, son of Bro. Alph and Sis. Fannie Steffen, as he graduated from Nashville Auto Diesel College, Nashville, Tenn., and is a registered mechanic, accepting employment in Forrest. Chris is engaged to Kay Honegger, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Wayne Honegger.

Congratulations to Grace Huber, daughter of Bro. Reuben and Sis. Marie Huber, as she graduated from the University of Illinois with a Bachelor of Nursing degree and is working in the Evanston Hospital.

Bro. Sam A. Zehr, 66, a trustee of church for 18 years, was taken suddenly from us to be at home with God. God granted the wish Bro. Sam expressed recently, that he would be able to work up to his last day. He was admitted to the Carle Hospital Friday morning, June 23 and passed away 2 hours later. Surviving are his wife, Sis. Lydia (Waibel); a son, Warren; a daughter, Joann; a brother, Ben; seven sisters, Sis. Clara, Sis. Lena, Sis. Mary Traub, Sis. Anna Steffen, Sis. Ida Steffen, Sis. Fannie Steffen, Sis. Aldine Steffen.

Note of Thanks: We do not feel there would be a better way to express our thanks and appreciation for all the comforting letters and cards we have received from all dear ones in faith and friends from far and near who have remembered us in our sorrow. The Family of Sam Zehr.

FORREST

Juanita Schneider
Eleanor Honegger

We were showered with spiritual blessings when Bro. Earl Kilgus of Remington and Bro. Alfred Bahler of Wolcott spent a Sunday with us. How could one say at the end, "We were not told".

Bro. Gary Ifft, son of Bro. Harvey and Sis. Velma Jean, has ended his army service and is now home. Mark Aberle, son of Bro. Bill and

Sis. Jean has arrived safely home from Vietnam and will be stationed in South Carolina.

Julia Strahm, daughter of Bro. Loren and Sis. Liseten, has answered the knocking at her heart's door. She has been employed here.

Sis. Ruth Wiegand was a patient in Carle Hospital at Champaign. Little Douglas Steffen, son of Bro. Richard and Sis. Lou Ida, was a patient at Iowa City Hospital. Sis. Patsy Stoller was a patient at Bloomington Hospital; Sis. Leona Leman, Sis. Emma Ifft and Bro. Sam Maier were patients at Fairbury Hospital. We are so thankful when our loved ones can be back amongst us again. Joe Koehl, son of Bro. Virgil and Sis. Gladys, fractured his elbow in a fall.

Tom Schlatter, son of Bro. Dan and Sis. Ruth, was united in marriage to Anne Kemnetz, daughter of the Lyle Kemnetzs. They will live in Normal. Bro. Andrew Lehmann and Sis. Verna Hoerr were united in marriage on June 28. They will make their home in Peoria. At the home of Elder Bro. Perry Zimmerman was the marriage of their daughter, Sharon, to Terry Adams. He is the son of the Francis Adams of Dwight. They will live in Maryland. Bro. Ronnie Koehl and Sis. Carol Laukhuf were united in marriage. He is the son of Bro. LeRoy and Sis. Juanita, and she is the daughter of Bro. Kenneth and Sis. Marjorie. They will live in Fairbury. May God bless these couples with much happiness.

Thank you note: We humbly and sincerely want to thank everyone who remembered us with prayers, cards and gifts. May God bless you for your deeds of love and kindness. Bro. John and Sis. Patsy Stoller.

FT. WAYNE

Mary Eisenmann — Marge Gerber

Handed to me during afternoon services yesterday was a little note, To Mommy—"I love you very much", followed by a little heart. Surely it is little things like this that warms a mother's heart!

Our thoughts and prayers turn to loved ones confined to beds at home or in the hospital: Bro. Elmore Schlatter is at home, but spends much of his time in bed; May he and his dear wife ever feel the nearness of our loving God. Our friend, John Getz, has been a patient at the Lutheran Hospital since March, undergoing surgery 3 times—in a

recent visit by Bro. Norman, he related he is ready to meet His Maker; we rejoice with him. Judy Clauss, wife of Richard, was first a medical patient and then a surgical patient at Parkview, requiring the insertion of a chest tube following the collapsing of her left lung;—we were happy to hear of her release from the hospital. From Sis. Emma Unsicker and her family: "I wish to thank my many friends for remembering me with prayers, visits and cards during my recent illness. What a joy it is to know and feel that others do care! Praise God, who never fails to give us strength and courage in the time of need."

A Vacation Bible School program and picnic Sunday afternoon climaxed our two weeks of Bible School for the children. We wish to extend our thanks and appreciation to the brethren who conducted this past week of adult classes: Bros. Robert Meyer (Bluffton), Elmer Lanz, Lynn Feller (La Crosse), Norman Stoller, and Earl Zeltwanger (Bremen).

A surprise dinner was planned for the 30th wedding anniversary of Bro. and Sis. Gene and Minerva Stoller by their children. Many of their brothers and sisters were in attendance, as well as a few of their friends and children. We wish them the Lord's blessings.

Bro. Norman Stoller and his wife, Sis. Joann, and their son, Neil spent a week abroad. We thank God for their safe return to us.

We always enjoy having ministering Bro. Walter Rager come "home" for a visit and extend a hearty welcome to him and his family at all times. We also enjoyed the messages of Bro. Bud Klopfenstein of Ft. Lauderdale. A goodly number of relatives and friends gathered for a potluck supper and evening of fellowship with them at the home of his cousin, Bro. and Sis. Jack and Vera Gerber.

We were reminded of the importance of building upon the foundation of Christ, Our Lord, and of the privilege it is! If we are not prepared to be temples of God that the Holy Spirit may dwell in us, we do not have that peace that passeth all understanding—and what is more important! **Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not on your own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct thy paths.** Our brethren

can plant the seed, and they can water it as they refresh us with messages from God's storehouse, but only God can give the increase.

We were further reminded to take our burdens to the Lord and leave them there, for this is faith! If we worry about this or that, we really do not have that strong, solid faith of many of our Christian ancestors. If we have been given the grace and knowledge to have obtained this precious faith, will be found **wanting on judgment day** for NOT having told others of our Loving Saviour? **Lord, may it not be so!**

Our son has been taking count at various intersections, in our addition of the traffic hazards and safety violations for his Scouting Safety Badge. When I typed up his list of carelessness, it is no wonder there are so many accidents and injuries! This brought to mind the spiritual dangers and trials we encounter, so often due to spiritual neglect and carelessness. The closer we walk and talk with our Master, the less chance the crafty foe has of again taking root in our hearts.

GRIDLEY, KANSAS

Edna Somerhalder

My Lord, an offering do I bring;
My heart I give to Thee.
I gladly give this heart of mine
Which thou dost ask of me.

We enjoyed a blessed week-end on June 3, when three young souls were added to the fold. We welcome our new sisters in Christ, Barbara Kraft, daughter of Bro. Lloyd and Sis. Nadine; Judy Bahr, daughter of Sylvan and Helen; Paula Bahr, daughter of Bro. Rudy and Sis. Eileen. Sis. Lydia Bahr was able to attend her granddaughters' testimonies and baptisms. Elder Bro. Lester Hartter assisted our Elder Bro. Samuel Anliker with the services. Other ministers present: Bro. Samuel Huber and Bro. Roy Wernli.

On the 25th we were privileged to partake of Holy Communion services. It always takes us back to Calvary's Hill, where Jesus died in our stead, then to the right hand of God where He is still interceding in our behalf. This was especially impressive, with our eight young sisters partaking for their first time. Bro. Raymond Banwart assisted our Elder Bro. Samuel Anliker. May the good Lord bless all

the brothers who willingly shared their time and talents with us.

Bro. Eldon Metzger spent six days in the hospital, following surgery. . . glad to report, he is home with his family, recuperating.

To the Gridley congregation. July is our month to collect for **The Silver Lining**. Please give your \$2.00 contribution to your reporters. Thanks.

LA CROSSE

Pearl Nuest — Gwen Bucher

"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

With many prayers and much preparation, we all enjoyed a blessed week of Vacation Bible School. We received instructions, timely warnings and Biblical teachings by our visiting Bros. Robert Meyer (Bluffton), Elmer Bucher (Francesville), Dale Eisenman (Chicago), Ed Alt (Cissna Park) . . . truly feel it was a week well spent.

Our cup was full and overflowing with blessings when Bro. Vernon Schwab (Wolcott) spent Sun. June 25 with us and Bro. Uriel Gehring (Burlington, Iowa) was present for services Tues. evening June 27.

LAMAR

Mrs. Charles Marti Mrs. Arthur Banwart

We are glad and thankful to report that Kenneth Marti, 19-yr.-old son of Bro. Dean and Sis. Arlene, is recovering from the serious injuries he received in a motorcycle accident, and has returned to his job. Sis. Olive Marti was a hospital patient, having undergone tests. She is able to assemble with us.

On June 10, Joan Banwart, daughter of Bro. Art and Sis. Ruth, was united in marriage with Teal Baslee of Lockwood, Mo. We wish them happiness and God's blessings.

Refreshing rain in late June fell on the Lamar area, bringing to an end many weeks of unseasonable hot and dry weather. The parched pastures and lawns are beginning to turn green again, and field work has been resumed at a rapid pace, as farmers till the soil and plant soybeans and milo. How very thankful we are for this God-given blessing.

Our sympathy is extended to Sis. Bonnie Braker, her husband (Bro. Leonard) and their children, in the loss of her father, Clint Davis, who passed away suddenly from a heart

attack. Funeral services were held June 29 at the Lohmeyer Chapel in Lamar, with Bros. Lester Braker and Charles Marti reading from God's word and speaking words of comfort to the bereaved family.

Our community was saddened to learn of the passing from this life of our aged aunt, Sis. Louise Banwart of Ft. Scott. She was loved and well known in Lamar, as she and Bro. Emil have many relatives here. Her life and death could well be compared to a plant of wheat which was fully mature and ripe for harvest; then the reaper thrust in the sickle and cut it down, and the golden grain was gathered into the garner, saved for the Master's use. We pray the Lord will comfort Uncle Emil in the lonely hours that are ahead. Their companionship of 61 years is now ended, but he can look forward to meeting her again on the not too distant shore.

Bill Schlupp is recovering from surgery in a Joplin hospital; we hope he will soon be able to assemble with us.

We were privileged to have Bro. Arnold Gerst with us. His sermons yielded much food for thought, and we feel the Lord was certainly in our midst as the words of life were spoken so clear and plain.

LATTY

Connie Stoller — LeAnn Laukhuf

On June 11 we were happy to witness the baptism of our friend, Dwain Laukhuf, son of Bro. Lester and Sis. Vera. It was uplifting to observe how God works in the hearts of men. We wish Dwain continued grace, and hope many more can find this happiness that only God can give.

Sis. Carol Laukhuf from here and Bro. Ron Koehl from the Forrest congregation were united in holy matrimony on June 25, by Bro. Loren Stoller. We were happy to have Ministering Bro. Clarence Kachelmuss from Forrest and many other visitors with us for this special occasion. We wish Bro. Ron and Sis. Carol much happiness in their life together.

Sis. Suzanne Wieland (Bro. Clem and Sis. Elizabeth) has been transferred to Waterloo, Iowa due to her work. May the Lord be with her in her new home.

Randall Stoller (Bro. Dennis and Sis. Nola) had a motorcycle accident, but we are glad to report that

he is home again, after being hospitalized.

Also hospitalized were Sis. Diane Stoller (Keiths) and Monica Sante (Bro. and Sis. Melvene Stoller). They are both home again.

Our annual Bible School was held June 26 through June 30. Our Senior Bible Class was privileged to hear visiting ministers, Bro. Wendell Gerber and Bro. Orville Ringer (Bluffton) and Bro. Edwin Bahler (Remington) explain the word at their evening classes. Everyone enjoyed the program held Friday evening. Thanks to all who participated.

Best wishes to Chuck Ringer and his recent bride, Belinda. We wish them God's blessings as they begin their life together.

LAMONT

Betty Wernli

Sis. Clara Ott is again assembling with us and seems real good, considering that she is one of our eldest sisters.

Sis. Kathryn Anliker remains in the hospital and endures with much patience her affliction.

Larry Beyer and Joslin Worrell have been united in marriage and are making their home in Kansas City. Larry is the son of Sis. Mary Isch.

MANSFIELD

Aaron A. Sauder

We'll ne'er forsake the Bible,
Our banner of defense;
In youth or age it is our staff
And leads us now and hence.

Youth and age alike joined in singing these words at the start of our Vacation Bible School, which was held each evening, June 12 through 16th, with classes for all ages, from pre-schoolers through age 90. Our heartfelt thanks to each one who participated in making this such a blessed, inspirational and educational week, and especially do we give all honor, glory and praise to our Heavenly Father for this privilege of learning of His love. With all these blessings, we were reminded of the serious responsibility which we have as His children—the child of a King!

We also thank Bro. Norman Stoller, who visited our congregation and ministered to us on June 11.

We are pleased to report that, af-

ter her lengthy stay in the hospital, Sis. Francelia Beer has been discharged and is presently staying with her brother and his wife, Bro. Robert and Sis. Kathryn Beer.

Sis. Elizabeth Reiter is now a resident of the Woodlawn Nursing Home, 535 Lexington Avenue, Mansfield Ohio 44907.

PEORIA

Emily Tanner

Mrs. Michael Weyeneth, reporting

"Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh."

By the signs given to us in the Scriptures, we are living in the last days. The good news about the kingdom will be preached throughout the whole world so that all nations will hear it and then, finally, the end will come. Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved (Romans 10:13). Our prayer is that we will be among the number who joyfully say, "Even so, come, Lord Jesus."

Our reporter, Sis. Emily Tanner and her sister, Sis. Mary are in Zurich, Switzerland for a month.

Our Vacation Bible School was held for two weeks, ending June 16. A collection of money from the children was sent to the Home for the Handicapped in Morton.

Sis. Cora Zuercher is now at the Restmor Home in Morton. Her sister, Anna has moved to Goodfield. We will miss them in our congregation.

Bert Grose, father of Richard Grose, passed away at Canton, Illinois.

Sis. Bernetta Hoerr is home from the hospital after surgery, and convalescing. Others on the sick list include Sis. Marie Belsley, Sis. Ella Musselman, George Rauhaus, Sis. Alice Gray, Rudie Scheurrer, Sis. Vera Irons, Sis. Elizabeth Broquard, Rachael Samitt and Henry Triplett.

Todd Robert Hokinson was born to Barbara and Bob Hokinson in California. Sis. Ella Hoerr is the grandmother.

Edith Benz and Cora Zuecher were baptized and are now sisters in our precious faith. Edith is the daughter of our late Elder Bro. Schubert.

Bonnie Koehler and Wally Geyer were joined in matrimony at the Tremont Apostolic Christian Church, June 10. Bonnie is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herman

Koehler of rural Edelstein, and Wally is the son of Bro. and Sis. Walter Geyer. Fred Koehl, son of Bro. Fred and Louise Koehl, was married to Rebecca Seiler at the Fellowship Hall on June 10. Joan Haefli, daughter of Bro. and Mrs. Ernest Haefli, was married to Joseph Steiglitz on June 17. A reception was held at the Fellowship Hall following the ceremony.

Five dear souls were added to the fold on Sunday, June 25. They are Richard Plattner, Greg Herman, Marshal Thomas, Joann Binkley, and Dale Geyer.

Our guest ministers were Bros. Noah Herman of Tucson, Leroy Huber of Eureka, Merle Bucher of La Crosse, Ed Lanz of Oakville, Leonard Meyer of Chicago, and Perry Zimmerman of Forrest.

Bro. Silas Sauder and Sis. Louise Schaefer were married Wednesday evening, June 21. Bro. Andrew Lehman of Forrest and Sis. Verna Hoerr were married Wednesday evening June 28. We wish both of these couples God's richest blessings as they walk life's pathway together.

PRINCEVILLE

Ruth Ricketts

If you want to help somebody to climb a hill you do not stand below and push him . . . you go first and stretch out a helping hand.

There were many empty places on our benches the first Sunday in June, when many relatives and friends went to Francesville for the wedding of Bro. Stephen Elsasser and Sis. Lona Pfladderer. A reception was held June 18 in honor of the newlymarried couple, in the home of the groom's parents, Bro. John and Sis. Lillian Elsasser. Stephen has been discharged from the service where he was stationed at Ft. Sam Houston. The newly-married couple will make their home in Bloomington.

Services were held one Sunday evening, when Ben Maibach of Detroit came and ministered to us. We thank Bro. Ben for his timely meditations. One Wednesday evening, Bro. Marvin Schmidgal of Eureka was with us and proclaimed God's holy word in truth and sincerity.

" . . . if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin." We heard much of

light and mercy when Bro. Willis Ehnle shared with us one Sunday. How interesting to hear of some of his experiences in Japan. We enjoyed meeting the family again and happy to have the children in Sunday School. The younger children were pleased with a little card with a Bible verse written in Japanese given to them as a token of love from Sis. Lois. The Ehnle family is making their "home" with Sis. Margaret Ehnle, and visit the various congregations. We wish them the Lord's blessings and protection as they journey. We are thankful for all our visitors, and especially to our brothers who are willing to be spent in our behalf to minister the word. May God bless each one, and may all visit us again soon.

One Sunday morning our friends, Hilda and Helen Streitmatter, were sitting in church, when they were told that their home was on fire. There was much smoke and water damage done to the interior. It will be some time before it can be fully repaired.

We have a number of shut-ins. Bro. George Seidel suffered a stroke and has been very ill. Congestion in his lungs proved to be caused from blood clots, which have been relieved to a degree through surgery. Bro. Will Huber is quite ill, and confined to his bed the past few days. Although he has not been too well, he had been coming to church, and we miss him when he is not able to assemble with us. Our friend, Ivan Stuff, had the misfortune to break his wrist while working with the tractor, and is compelled to wear a cast. Sis. Mary Scholl is confined to the hospital, awaiting surgery for a gall bladder disorder. We pray the dear Lord will be near those dear ones suffering afflictions and give them grace and strength for each new day. He will not place more on them than they are able to carry, and He is willing to help them if they but ask.

"All things bright and beautiful, All creatures great and small. All things wise and wonderful, The Lord God made them all." In the midst of God's beautiful creation, 315 children, parents, grandparents, teachers and friends gathered the last Sunday in June to celebrate the termination of Sunday School classes for a few weeks. It was a beautiful evening, and all enjoyed an evening of fellowship. Classes for the children through the fourth

grade will continue through the summer, with mothers volunteering to teach, to give regular teachers a vacation. Bro. John Leuthold will serve as Sunday School superintendent. Bro. Vernon Stoller will be his assistant. We welcome two new teachers, Bro. Norman Streitmatter and Bro. Howard Herrmann. We wish the Lord's blessings and help to those who have faithfully served in Sunday School and to those who are just starting a new phase in their lives. We feel sure all will derive many blessings. We can learn many teachings from our innocent little children, and they can truly be an example for us all.

A son, Chad Eric, was born to Bro. James and Sis. Marlene (Rumbold) Plattner July 1. Grandparents of the little lad are Ed & Sis. Mary Ann Plattner and Bro. Ezra and Sis. Lucille Rumbold.

PULASKI

Mary Wiegand—Nancy Musselman

Whosoever Will May Come. Bros. Noah Schrock and Harvey Heiniger were with us one Sunday, and we heard the testimony and witnessed the baptism of our new Sis. Vera Schaeer. Many came from Oakville, West Bend, and Iowa City. Vera goes to school at Iowa City. She is the daughter of Bro. Bernard and Sis. Leah Mogler Schaeer.

Young Matthew Musselman fell and broke his arm. His parents are Bro. Roger and Sis. Nancy Rinkenberger Musselman.

REMINGTON

Anna M. Waibel & Sisters

Bible School was held the week of June 5 for all ages. It takes the help and efforts of many. . . especially want to thank the brothers who so diligently helped us. Many hands make light work. May each receive a special blessing for being there. . . Bros. Art Gudeman, La Crosse; Elmer Bucher, Francesville, Ed Alt, Cissna; Dale Eisenmann, Chicago, Carl Kipfer, Bluffton.

Before the week was over, the community and church at large were saddened by the death of Robert Siebenthal, 67, June 9. He was married to Sis. Esther (Wieland), in 1929 at Bay City. She survives with two sons, Wayne of here, Orland; one daughter, Sharon Justice of Lafayette; one sister, Sis. Emily Stoller of Gridley. Our sympathy is extended to all concerned.

Yielding to Thy wise hand,
Safe in Thy will,
Not asking why or how,
Let me be still!

One departs from our midst and another is born. Shirley Ann arrived Sun. June 11 to Bro. Ralph (our nephew) and Sis. Helen Waibel. Little Sue and Dean are happy at her coming. Sis. Anna Waibel is the maternal grandmother.

Bro. Jim and Sis. Sandra (Clauss) Schwartz and little son, Robert Allen, have moved to Midland, Mich. (near Bay City), where he is employed as a chemist for the Dow Chemical Company. We are very thankful that he has a good job, but very sorry to have them move from our midst. May the Lord ever be their guide and stay.

Sis. Norma (Art) Wasner had surgery.

Bro. Eugene Fetter spent Sun. July 18 with us. Aid from the ministers is very much appreciated now in our time of sorrow. May God strengthen and comfort our bereaved families.

On June 23, Friday, my three sisters and I left for Florida to a convention pertaining to our business, and were shocked to get a message on Sun. that Bro. Sam Zehr of Fairbury passed away. His wife is Lydia (Waibel), our cousin and sister of Bro. George of here. She lived here most of her life until she married. We arrived home on Sun., July 2, only to learn that two of our older beloved sisters passed away. We've had four funerals in our congregation the past month.

Sis. Mary Bahler, 83 . . . funeral was on Fri., June 30. She was Will's wife, and he was our first cousin. She lived one block from us for years, and we always took her along to church and other places. We always enjoyed being with her and missed her very much when she had to go to the nursing home. She leaves two daughters. and six sons.

God Keeps the Aged

With hearts of gold and silver-tinted hair,
And earnestness and greater faith in prayer;
He keeps them as a shepherd guards his sheep,
'Til in His fold they gently fall asleep.

Then, Sis. Ida Nussbaum, 85, funeral, Sat. July 1 . . . had such a nice

visit with her just a few days before we left. She lived alone and was so happy to take care of herself, after staying for some time after eye surgery with her sister, Sis. Eunice Knochel. Also surviving are sisters; Sis. Martha Farney—Cissna, Cynthia Baier of here, Clara of Lafayette, and Ruth Day; brothers, Arthur of here and Jess. She was sister to Bro. Andy (deceased). Her sister, Sis. Martha Farney was married at Cissna Park to Sam Hari June 21, and she was able to attend.

And so life goes on—

Oftimes the path is veiled to sight,
No guiding gleams to cheer;
Yet they who walk by faith alone,
Are taught that God is near.

RITTMAN

Florence Hartzler—Janette Blough

As we gathered together on Sunday, June 25, prayers were offered for God's servants, that they would be inspired from above, and that we would receive a blessing for that day. Our prayers were answered as Bros. Francis Rother, James Hoerr, and Herman Kellenberger gave us much food for thought in the morning, the afternoon, and again in the evening. Our cups were filled to overflowing, and we wish to thank these brethren for their love in bringing us God's word.

The World Relief Committee met at the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, and in the evening many were gathered together from Akron, Girard, Mansfield and Rittman to sing praises to the Lord, which were enjoyed by all.

Two weddings were solemnized by Bro. Noah Bauman. Bro. Richard Hartzler and Sis. Karen Miller were united in marriage on June 18, and the wedding of Jeff Maibach and Elsie Gasser was performed at the bride's home. We pray God will bless the dear ones as they walk their path of life together.

It's good to have Bro. Willard Blough back in church. Sis. Eileen Emch and Joanne Walder were both hospitalized for tests, but are home again. Sis. Linda Zollinger underwent knee surgery, and is progressing nicely. We are thankful to God for His healing strength that we witness from time to time.

A little girl, Cynthia Sue, was born to Bro. Ben and Sis. Janette Blough. One sister, Carrie welcomed a new little playmate. Robert and

Martha Maag have a new son, Dennis Allen. At home to welcome their new little brother are Andrea and Michael.

The dedication of the new Winchip Cottage at Dessie Scott Children's Home was attended by a few from our congregation, some of whom helped to build this building for girls. Thank you, to all who in some way helped to make this project a reality.

Bro. John and Sis. Betty Dotterer have arrived home from spending the last two weeks with their son, Bro. Marvin in Germany.

Loved ones from our congregation who live elsewhere were home this past week-end. We certainly enjoyed seeing them again, and are thankful God can provide so that families can be together for a short time.

SARDIS
Doris Miller

Sis. Willetta Indermuhle wishes to express thanks to all who remembered her on her 72nd birthday. Her husband, Bro. Carl, has been blind for over ten years now, and hardening of the arteries seized his good mind shortly after he became blind. Many of us look to Grandma Indermuhle, as she so untiringly cares for Grandpa.

May we use this means to thank all who have sent donations for the upkeep of the church cemetery here. They are very much appreciated. Land was donated by a neighbor, John Geokler, to enlarge the cemetery, and a fence was built around it at our annual house-cleaning at the church.

We were blessed with visits from our Ministering Bros. Robert Meyer, Bluffton, and Henry Dotterer, Rittman. We have also enjoyed fellowship with many others who came to worship with us from various churches.

SHIODA
Eiko Nozawa

How bright the green of leaves is!

Harvest season has started in Shioda. Farmers are busy working with peaches and grapes, which are their most important income sources. Ichinomiya-cho is very famous for its delicious peaches which have pink outside and white inside, and are so juicy and sweet. They are carried to big cities or area where peaches cannot grow.

Last summer when I travelled around Kyushu with two sisters, we saw Ichinomiya peaches in the far-south island.

Sis. Yachiyo Ito's husband (45) passed away because of infarction of the heart muscle (heart attack) on June 13. A daughter and a son were left with our beloved sister, who is not so healthy. Please pray for them.

We miss the Ehnles, who left Shioda for the States about 7:30 a.m. on June 12. Recently train workers have been striking and trains are delayed very often because of it. Nevertheless, they could arrive at the airport by noon, which we feel so thankful. May God protect and bless them during the trip also. "As cold waters to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country" will be the words for Sisters Judy Bauer and Sue Schock, who live at 692 Shioda, Ichinomiya-cho, Higashi-Yatsu-shiro-Gun, Yamanashi-Ken, 409-14, Japan.

On the last Sunday of June we had a blessed gathering, with Bro. Akito and Sis. Marie Inoue here in Shioda. We were thankful that Bro. Akito let God speak through him in both Japanese and English.

SILVERTON
Judith Knecht

We are happy the Lord provided a way that we could enjoy our elder brethren. Being with us for the week-end of June 11 was Bro. Herman Kellenberger, Bro. Noah Shrock, and Bro. Carl Kinsinger. We were truly blessed with spiritual manna, and may we ever heed their precious teachings. We pray the Lord will richly reward them for their many hours of labor.

Bro. Jim and Sis. Jean Rinkenberger and son, James Lincoln, have arrived and will be spending the summer months with us. We are thankful they are able to assemble with us again and pray that the Lord will grant them a blessed summer.

We are again enjoying many blessed hours of fellowship with many visitors. We thank the Lord for these precious hours, and may they all be granted a safe and blessed journey.

UNION CITY
Gail Gasser

Our high school graduates this year are Janice Aeschleman,

daughter of Bro. Ed and Sis. Nancy, and Jim Hitz, son of Bro. Leonard and Sis. Audrey. Janice will be continuing her education at Millersville State College in Pennsylvania, and Jim will be attending Western Michigan University. We wish them both a successful future.

WOLCOTT

Arles Kropf — Marjean Lehman

Afflictions here on earth abound
And burdens we must carry.
Through Jesus' death we shall
attain
The kingdom of his glory.
Through many conflicts we must
go,
And bear our mutual grief and
woe,
For trials oft are given,
Whereby our faith is proven.

We share with Diane (Lehman) Hopkins, the loss of her dear husband. Ken Hopkins, age 31, was fatally injured while at work on June 21. His work was with NIPSCO (Northern Indiana Public Service Co.) Ken had recently surrendered his heart in repentance through Jesus Christ. We must be thankful, even in sorrow.

Jeff Blume, son of Bro. Glen Blume and Sis. Norma, has entered the service upon graduation. He is in the Marines.

Bro. Pete Luthi has suffered another stroke, and is at the Americana Nursing Home in Lafayette.

On June 25, Ministering Bro. Uriel Gehring was with us for Sunday evening services.

ALTADENA
Mrs. Glenn Hackenjos

Our visiting ministers were Bro. Gary Maibach of Rittman, Bro. Roy Luginbuhl of Rockville, and Bro. Roy Farney of Phoenix. We thank you for visiting us and bringing the precious word of truth! We felt richly blest with the many teachings and instructions from our beloved brothers in Christ.

On Sunday, June 25, we were privileged to hear the testimonies of three young converts: Ken and Don Cooper, sons of Bro. Ray and Sis. Virginia Cooper, and our daughter, Judy Hackenjos. Elder Bro. Roy Farney assisted our Elder Bro. Carl Kinsinger in the proving and baptism. We were reminded of

our own experiences through Christ as we listened to their testimonies, each telling in their own way of their conviction, repentance and the wonderful peace in their hearts which they received from God's abundant love and grace. We wish for them the grace, strength, and courage to live faithful lives for Him who gave His life, shedding His precious blood to make atonement for the sins of the world. We welcome these newborn children of God into the fold of sweet fellowship with God's children.

We are thankful and so happy to tell you Bro. Bill Schwarz has been able to attend church again, after an illness of several weeks.

BERN

Esther and Stella Moser

Dwight Jay Rokey arrived June 22, to make his home with Bro. Allen and Sis. Glenda. Two little brothers, Todd and Brian, are happy to have him. Grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Roy and Lucy, Bro. Nathan and Sis. Lois Grimm, Sabetha.

June 11, Bro. John Lehman was united in marriage to Sis. Connie Miller, Ft. Scott. Parents are Bro. and Sis. Edward and Leola Lehman, Bro. and Sis. Wayne and Pearl Miller. John and Connie will make their home at Holton, Kansas. Connie will teach second grade in the Holton schools, and John will again teach in nearby Effingham Junior High. We welcome Sis. Connie into our fellowship and wish to extend our best wishes for much happiness as they journey along life's pathway together.

Sis. Lena Baumgartner is now at the A.C. Home, until her broken hip is completely mended. Work is progressing nicely on a four-unit apartment near our A.C. Home. These are for use by self-care persons.

BLUFFTON

Imogene Steffen — Pat Isch

Several have been admitted and dismissed from the hospital. We are thankful Sis. Ruth Schwartz, Bro. Lester Gerber, and Bro. Sam Gerber are doing well. Keith Stoller, son of Bro. Ramon and Sis. Flossie, suffered a fractured arm from a fall. Bro. Joe Aschliman remains hospitalized. At the age of ninety-two, we're sure he longs for his Heavenly Home, but must

abide here on earth until the call comes from his Master.

Kara Sue is the name of the new daughter born to Bro. John and Sis. Sue Kipfer.

An announcement was made of the marriage of Ted Steffen and Brenda Height, taking place June 22. Bro. Loren Stoller received their vows in Latty. Parents are Sis. Lucille Steffen and Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Height.

In our Fellowship Hall Chapel, Bro. Orville Ringger performed the marriage ceremony of LuAnne Schladenhauffen and David Brock, on Sunday, June 25. Parents of the newlyweds are Bro. Everett and Sis. Luella Schladenhauffen and Mr. and Mrs. Lee Brock. The young couple is now residing in Germany, during his service duty. Many good wishes and prayers for safety follow them across the many miles.

The week-end of June 17 and 18 brought the Peoria choir to Bluffton, most of them traveling by chartered bus. We enjoyed an evening of song on Saturday at our fellowship hall, and their fellowship, and more beautiful singing on Sunday. It was a blessed week-end, and we truly thank each one, young and old, for their presence with us.

It was with varied emotions to hear of the passing away of our dear elderly brother Jacob Kaehr. We will miss his diligent and spirited personality and always encouraging words to anyone who passed his way. Yet at the same time we must not be selfish in our thinking, for he must truly be rejoicing in the beautiful City above—a long-awaited and deserved rest. We have many fond memories of Bro. Jake, which we will always cherish. It was mentioned at his funeral service that he was a member of the body of Christ for 72 years. His survivors include five daughters, Sis. Mabel (Eli) Kipfer, Sis. Sylvia (Ervin) Gerber, Sis. Lillian (Loren) Bertsch, Sis. Aldine (Harold) Moser, and Sis. Frances Kaehr, who made her home with her father; three sons, Bros. Ezra, Walter, and Frederick.

The angels in heaven must truly have rejoiced with us when four dear souls could give their testimonies and become joined to the fold. It was a very inspiring evening on the first day of July, to hear the wonderful and true ex-

periences they each made with their Lord and Maker. Our new sisters in the Lord are Joan Baumgartner (Bro. Truman and Sis. Marge) and Gail Reinhard (Bro. Richard and Sis. Berthalean), and we also welcome two dear brothers, Doug Gerber (Bro. Don and Sis. Justine) and Dave Pierce, who is from the Indianapolis congregation. It is never hard to welcome such precious souls unto our flock. Their zealous spirit to do whatever is pleasing, and their humility should be a reminder to us, that we go back to the days when we sought and found our loving Saviour and how He so willingly accepted us.

We thank Elder Bro. Theo. Beer for assisting in this most important work and for the inspiring words both he and Bro. Joe Zimmerman from Morton shared with us.

Confession

Last night my little boy confessed to me

Some childish wrong,
And kneeling at my knee
He prayed with tears—
"Dear God, make me a man
Like Daddy—wise and strong.
I know you can."

Then while he slept
I knelt beside his bed,
Confessed my sins,
And prayed with low-bowed head.
"Oh God, make me a child
Like my child here—
Pure, guileless,
Trusting Thee with faith sincere."

BURLINGTON, IOWA

Edna Pohl — Elaine Eisenmann

"Hear instruction, and be wise, and refuse it not. Blessed is the man that heareth me, watching daily at my gates, waiting at the posts of my doors. For whoso findeth me findeth life, and shall obtain favour of the LORD."

June 10, it was our pleasure to host the Bible classes from Oakville, Pulaski and Taylor. We enjoyed seeing their presence in our morning service, and their attentive faces to the minister's teachings. The afternoon was wholly theirs for Bible class, and later a picnic supper for their enjoyment with parents and teachers.

Bro. Kenneth and Sis. Charity Scheitlin were moved back to Burlington from Pulaski in time for

their son to take part in the Bible class gathering. We welcome them back heartily to our congregation. At the same time, we've lost another couple, Don Scott and Sis. Janelle to the Taylor church. We miss all who leave, but wish them well in the Lord.

June 25, a surprise and pleasure . . . to have Bro. Noah Gerber with us for the morning service. He shared the day, and spent Sunday afternoon with the Oakville congregation. We've held services in our little church 16 years now. The Oakville ministers served us until the Lord sent Bro. Uriel Gehring into our midst, for which we have been thankful. He served alone for several years, until Bro. Robert Pohl was made a co-worker in the Lord's service over 5 years ago.

Another "first" for Bro. Merle Kaisner to spend a Lord's Day with us. May the Lord bless them for their coming and all who tend the Lord's flocks.

CISSNA PARK

Mary Young — Margaret Rudin

John Alt (son of Bro. Ed and Sis. Marge), Beth Bauer (daughter of Earl and Sis. Grace) and Patty Bauer (daughter of Bro. Herman and Sis. Arcelia) found the need to repent, and received peace. They brought their testimonies before the congregation. They were baptized on Sun., June 25. We rejoice as the angels in heaven. Now they are our brother and sisters in faith. Bros. John Bahler and Joshua Broquard assisted in this important work.

Sis. Sharon Sauder and Bro. Kenneth Eisenman were united in holy matrimony on June 18. We are so thankful for the guest ministers that were with us on that day and shared the word with us. Bros. Dale Eisenman, Kenneth Dietz, Harold Gramm, and Charles Sauder.

Sis. Martha Farney and Bro. Sam Hari were also joined in marriage on June 22. We wish these two couples a happy married life in this God-made union. Where two join hand and heart, we find a threefold cord not lightly rent apart.

We thank the Bros. Elmer Bucher, Fredrick Knapp, Gene Lehman, and Everett Hari in teaching our evening Bible class in Vacation Bible School. It was greatly appreciated.

Our Bible class entertained the Gridley Bible class June 10 and 11, accompanied by Bro. Harold Schmidtgall. They enjoyed supper in the timber followed by a singing. It was thrilling to see these young folks in church services and Bible class on Sunday. Surely God will bless every effort.

A baby girl, Valerie Lynn, was born to our friends, Sandy and Sid Kaufman, on June 3. Bro. Walter Kaufman and Sis. Aldine and Mr. and Mrs. Francis Kietzman are the grandparents.

We are grateful Sis. Ida Rocke and Sis. Emma Wahl are again able to assemble with us. Bro. Henry Knapp is a hospital patient. Sis. Emma Geyer is hospitalized for treatments. Kelly Drayer, daughter of our Friends Bill and Judy, was a hospital patient. Valerie Kaufman, daughter of Sis. Gladys and Bro. Don, had the misfortune of falling and breaking her arm.

ELGIN, ILLINOIS

Louise Steffen—Katie Kachelmuss

July was a day of blessing and rejoicing for us and many visitors from other congregations, when five precious souls were baptized and taken into the fold, having given their testimonies the evening before. They are now our brothers and sisters in Christ: Arthur and Christi (Morgan) Metzger; Don and Peg (Gudeman) Heiniger; and Mary Moser, daughter of Bro. Gene and Sis. Libbie Ann Moser. The Metzgers live at 24205½ W. Grant Hy., Marengo Ill 60152. The Heinigers address is 316 Lilac Ln., Elgin Ill 60120. Mary lives with her parents at 3 N. Edison Ave., Elgin Ill 60120. Elder Bros. Leo Moser, Perry Zimmerman and Albert Fisher assisted our elder in this blessed and joyful service. Bro. Uriel Gehring was also with us; we received many good teachings, for which we are thankful. May God bless the efforts of His servants.

Bro. Richard and Sis. Jan Schock have left us for a time, while he is attending medical college. Their address is now Mr. and Mrs. Richard Schock, F. J. de Zumarraga, Col. Chapalita, Guadalajara, Jal. Mexico.

Bro. Elmer Schmidt of Winthrop and Bro. Walt Steffen of Milford were with us for evening services and ministered God's word.

Bro. Galen and Sis. Mary Jo Wiegand Metzger, formerly of West Bend, are now at Box 48, R. 1, Waterman Ill 60556, and attend our services. We welcome them into our church circle.

Birth: A son, Alan James, born June 27 to Bro. Stanley and Sis. Norma Frank Schambach, who live at 809 Jefferson Ave., Elgin Ill 60120.

FT. LAUDERDALE

Henry H. Schwartz

Bro. and Sis. Lawrence Zimmerman have returned to Eureka, since Sis. Clara has been recovering from her ear operation at Miami several weeks ago.

Bro. and Sis. John and Connie Lehman of Bern spent Sunday, June 18, with us here while honeymooning in Florida. Bro. Richard Hartzler and wife from Rittman spent Sunday June 25 with us here, while honeymooning in Florida.

Sis. Florence Sutter is visiting her sister in Illinois, who has been quite ill for some time.

FT SCOTT

Ida Sinn

Sis. Connie Miller and Bro. John Lehman were united in Holy Matrimony on June 11, by our Elder Bro. Samuel Anliker. John and Connie will be at home at Holton, Kansas.

Other visiting ministers during the month were Bros. Lester Harter, Eli Somerhalder, Lloyd Kraft and Raymond Roth.

Bro. Jacob Pfister is hospitalized. Bro. Raymond Banwart is recovering at home, after having surgery.

Bible school was held the week of June 19 to 23. They closed with a picnic for all of us. It was such a pleasure to hear the little ones sing with such zest the songs they had learned. May God bless the efforts of the brothers and sisters who so willingly gave their time for this cause.

I just returned home from attending the funeral of our dear sister, Louisa Banwart. I'm enclosing the words which Bro. Wayne Miller read at the beginning of the services (it is printed in part). Bro. Gene Marti of Sabetha, a nephew of Sis. Louisa, officiated.

Louisa (Marti) Banwart, daughter of Nicholas and Lydia (Oehler) Marti, was born May 21, 1891 near Elgin, Iowa. She was the eighth

child of ten children. She was called from this life on June 30 . . . at the age of 81 years. Louisa was seven years old when she moved with her parents to West Bend in 1899, and from there to Lamar, in 1902. In 1905, at the age of 14, Louisa hearkened unto the Lord's invitation to become joined together into His body, the sanctified church.

On April 2, 1911, Louisa was united in marriage to Emil L. Banwart, also of Lamar. They lived in Oakton the first year of their married life, where their first son, Reuben, was born. From there they moved to a farm west of Duval, where their second son, Arlie, was born. In the latter part of 1913, Emil, Louisa and their two sons moved to Morris, which was the birthplace of their third son, Vern. In the fall of 1922 they moved to Ft. Scott, where they were engaged in farming until 1943, when they retired from the farm.

On Easter . . . April 2, 1961, Emil and Louisa celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary, and on April 2, 1971, observed their 60th anniversary of wedded life.

In her daily life she placed herself as a debtor and never a creditor, thus following the pattern set forth of her risen Lord.

GIRARD

Kathryn Emch

Our brotherhood enjoyed the presence of our Elder Bro. Rudolph Graf of Akron and our Ministering Bro. Kenneth Sauder of Mansfield on different Sundays in June. It is encouraging to us to know that others believe as we do.

Sis. Sedona Habeger has been returned to her home, after a lengthy stay in the hospital. Sis. Louisa Lance is hospitalized.

LESTER

Alice Metzger — Paulette Meyer

In the last days perilous times shall come. In a recent sermon, it was brought out by Bro. Leo how God shows his power and might in wondrous ways. The most sophisticated weather instruments gave no inkling of the freak storm which preceded the ravaging flood in the beautiful Black Hills. It is hard to imagine the death and devastation which resulted. We dare not take lightly our daily walk of life, for tomorrow is promised to no one.

The Winthrop church hosted our Bible Class to the annual Sunday School picnic. May they be blest for their efforts and deeds of kindness.

Our dear aged Sis. Lena Maurer has been hospitalized, suffering the infirmities that come with age. Sis. Pauline Teubel was involved in a freak accident at the grain elevator. As she stepped from the truck, carrying the baby, she stepped on a sheet of metal covering the manhole near the scale. The metal flipped and she fell in, receiving cuts and bruises. The baby was unhurt, but Pauline was in the hospital a few days. Sis. Joan Knobloch has been in the hospital, undergoing tests. Little Carter Leuthold, son of Larry and Mardi, has had to have much of his body put in a cast, to correct a congenital hip condition. Can we be thankful enough for good health? Should we ever take for granted our physical strength?

The Rollyn Knoblochs, who are stationed in Texas, are the parents of a baby boy, Shane Alan. It is the first grandchild for Gilbert and Sis. Joan.

Elder Bro. Leo and Sis. Leona Moser quietly observed their 25th wedding anniversary, but were showered with greeting cards. **Thank you:** It was a pleasant surprise to receive the cards and gifts from loved ones in remembrance of our 25th anniversary. Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness. Leo and Leona Moser.

MAYWOOD

John Dapper

Ye of my blessed pilgrimage
Dear and beloved companions,
Who have the precious privilege,
The Holy Ghost's communion,
God's blessings on you I acclaim.
And greet you in the Saviour's
name!

That verse comes from the author of one of our beautiful hymns. So from that spirit we should rejoice to also have that communion, for it indeed inspires us to hold that precious privilege in our fellowship. The time is so fastly fleeting by that we can hardly realize how quick the day ends and how fast the night expires to that new day. We need to keep pace only with God's word and teachings, for they are not limited, but only are

for guidance and direction and have no time set for speed, only for our observation to know that it is coming to the climax.

We hardly held the incoming of the new year, and here we are with it half gone. We can look back and observe what has so quickly come and gone. We have had departures of loved ones who have gone to that great reward. Also days of memories, such as Mother's Day; where we remember our dear mother and the many things of past remembered of mother . . . Even as our Lord spoke while on the cross, **See, Mother, thine own Son: Thou friend, forsake her not!** . . . reminder for us also not to forsake our Lord. Another author writes in a beautiful hymn, "Oh, mother, when I think of thee, tis but a step to calvary; Thy gentle hand upon my brow is leading me to Jesus now". What wonderful reflections we do have from these fond memories. It should encourage us more and more to strive for that great reunion in eternity.

We have had many visitors and could share this blessed fellowship, especially when Bro. Roy Luginbuhl had such inspiring words in his message that one thinks of this blessed fellowship more and more . . . also then, when it will be eternally.

We are enjoying nice weather and many fruits in season. May we ever appreciate our gifts from heaven and be thankful for them.

Our hearts were touched in hearing the testimonies of Bros. Ken and Don Cooper and Sis. Judy Hackenjos. We rejoice with them, their parents, and the angels in heaven.

Tho't: Remember, you can't run with the devil now and expect to reign with the Lord later.

MILFORD

Marguerite Hoerr

Bro. Stan and Sis. Linda Wuthrich welcomed their first child, a little boy, on June 15. He has been named Brian Alan. Paternal grandparents are Walt and Martha Wuthrich, and maternal, Bro. Howard and Sis. Eleanor Beer. May God bless little Brian and his parents, giving them much joy in their new family unit.

We were privileged to have Bro. Sam Aeschliman as a visitor in our pulpit, assisting Bro. Theo. Beer with the provings of the five friends we mentioned in last

month's news. Bro. Willis Ehnle and Bro. Vernon Lehman visited our congregation. During our blessed week of Vacation Bible School, Bros. Dave Bertsch, Wendell Gudeman, Bob Meyer and Harold Zeltwanger visited our church and enriched our Bible study hour. We would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude to all of the brothers for their vivid explanations of God's word, and for the fellowship we received from their visits.

Last Sunday before our Bible story in Sunday School, I asked our 4-year-old class if they knew our country was having a birthday on the 4th of July? We then talked a bit about our country and the states in it. (We happened to have three states represented that day, West Virginia, Nebraska and Indiana). In talking about all this and the flag that waves over our land, one of the youngsters began an impromptu recitation of the "Pledge of Allegiance", and proceeded to complete it without a mistake. As he said, in his sweet childlike way, "one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all"—the pledge seemed to take on new meaning for me. Sometimes we become so frightened with the unpleasant happenings covered in news reports, in our concern we forget our responsibility to a country that has indeed given us a good place to live and worship freely. As Bro. Willis Ehnle said: "We should be loyal to our family, our parents, our church, our country, and yes, to our president". Loyalty to our family, parents and church seems to come rather easily for most of us; I decided I needed to work a little harder at being loyal to my America, with its spacious skies and purple mountain majesties.

Bro. Tom Speicher and Sis. Tammy Sheets were united in marriage on June 25 by Bro. Theo. Beer. Tom is the son of Bro. Lew and Sis. Miriam Speicher, and Tammy's parents are George and Pat Sheets of Nappanee. They are making their home with relatives until Tom's induction into service, which will take place on July 14. We wish them a special gift of God's blessings in their life together, and His grace and help during the time they will have to be separated.

Jim Beer, son of Bro. Don and Sis. Ruth, spent some time in the

hospital for medical treatment. We are happy to say, he is much improved and able to be home again with his wife and little son.

PHOENIX Mrs. Allan Freed

The month of June has brought us some violent weather; a tornado and two-inch rainfall on the 19th and 20th left many families homeless. The families of our congregation were fortunate to be spared extensive damage, however some did have water in their homes.

Our Sunday School Bible classes were guests of the California Sunday School the week-end of the 3rd and 4th. They reported having a blessed week-end of fellowship, and wish to thank the teachers and children.

Ministering Bros. Gary Maibach, Rittman; Everett Hari of Bloomington; and Bro. Willis Ehnle of Japan left us with many blessed teachings. We sincerely thank them for expounding God's word to us.

Al Yackley has accepted a transfer to Saudi Arabia, with his place of employment. His wife, Joyce, and baby, Deborah Sue, will be joining him there in the near future. We will miss them and look forward to their return in two years.

We are happy to report that Bro. Ernie Elsasser has improved enough to be dismissed from the hospital. It has been some time since he and Sis. Lois have been able to assemble with us, and we will be glad when he is strong enough to come to church again.

Bro. Alphi Fisher had surgery, and we thank God for granting him such a good recovery.

Another soul was added to the fold on Sunday, July 2. We rejoice with our new Sis. Louise Roth, who gave her testimony on Sat. evening, and was granted the privilege of baptism the next afternoon. Our faith was renewed, as always, by the manifestation of God's wonderful love.

TAMAHATA

Akito and Marie Inoue

On June 25, Bro. Uchida of the Shioda assembly ministered unto us. It was a privilege to have him, and we were thankful he was willing to lend himself in our midst proclaiming the holy word. We, as hosts of the summer fellowship

meeting, have been planning for the event, that it might be a blessed time of fellowship in the Lord.

Our sympathy is extended to our Sis. Ito of the Shioda church, as her husband passed away suddenly of a heart seizure. May she and her two young children seek extra help and guidance from our Heavenly Father as their earthly companion is gone.

Visitors to the Tokyo-Yokohama area were Bro. Leonard Hitz (Union City), on a business trip with Ford Mtr. Co., and Bro. Ron Erisman (Bay City), a sailor on the USS Hector based at Sasebo, Kyushu, the southern island of Japan. Ron mentioned when he was here how good the Zion's Harp songs sounded as we played them by tape. Singing these and other hymns are a wonderful avenue in praising the Lord.

Our new phone number is: Yokohama 045-472-2025; and address: 2-2-302 Nishisugeta-Danchi, 488 Nishideto, Sugeta-Cho, Kanagawa-Ku, Yokohama 221, Japan.

TAYLOR Elizabeth Sutter

Visiting ministers were Bros. Floyd Schmidgall, Morris; Phil Sauder and Ezra Feller, Cissna Park; and Edwin Bahler, Remington.

The Youth Fellowship was held at Burlington, Ia., and those of our Sunday School that attended, enjoyed getting together with the Burlington, Pulaski and Oakville Bible Classes.

Peter and Kay Gudeman are the parents of a son, John Daniel. Grandparents are the late Jess and Ann Gudeman of Hampshire, Ill. Lori Marie was born to Gregg and Diane Butikofer. This is their first child. Edward and Winona Butikofer are the paternal grandparents, and Sis. Marie Butikofer is the great-grandmother.

Bro. Roy and Sis. Dona Grimm are the parents of a daughter, Tamara Rae, born June 4. They now have four daughters and one son. Gavin Arther was born to Bro. Paul and Sis. Kathy Haab on June 29. Waiting to welcome him are Greg, Grant and Galen.

TUCSON Mrs. Loren Knapp

We have again been blessed, as rains have been falling here in the

valley. There was some wind damage on the east side, but the showers were a relief to all, after the long dry spell.

We are glad to welcome into our congregation Bro. Jim and Sis. Luann Funk and three children from Gridley, Illinois. They are making their new home at 7402 E. Beverly, Tucson Az 85710. God be with them in their new home.

Our church was privileged to have as visiting ministers, Bros. Gary Maibach of Rittman and Richard Schupbach of Phoenix. May the Lord richly bless them for their labours.

WEST BEND

Mrs. Melvin Fehr
Mrs. A. Banwart

Evidence of the Almighty power of our God were expounded upon at the annual gathering of the area Bible Class students at Winthrop. May the Lord reward each one who in any way helped to make it such a blessed week-end, especially Bros. Harry Grimm of Bern and Leo Moser of Lester.

Visits of Ministering Bros. Eugene Marti and Carl Hartman of Sabetha were greatly appreciated, as they brought forth messages from His Holy Word. May their labors be blessed.

One minute healthy and active, in a matter of hours in a hospital bed. Such is life, as we were again reminded, when Jerry, son of Johann and Fred Traub Jr., received an eye injury. He is getting along satisfactorily. Mrs. Deanna (Randy) Ludwig was hospitalized for surgery. She is as good as can be expected.

SABETHA

Mrs. Joe Steiner

We are glad to have Sis. Irene Aberle assemble with us again, after her lengthy confinement in the hospital.

Sis. Leota Grimm had the misfortune in injuring her foot some time ago. She has been confined to her home and got around with the aid of crutches, as she had chipped a bone. She has now been assembling with us a half a day. Her foot is getting better, and she is beginning to get along without the crutches.

We rejoice that Friends John and Cornelia Aberle have stepped into the troubled waters to be healed. We thank the Lord that he

still calls souls to repentance. May there be many more heed His call.

A bridal shower was held at the Fellowship Hall on June 19 for Susan Scoby, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Scoby of Sabetha. She will be married to Joe Strahm on July 8. We wish them much happiness and our best wishes in their married life. Joe is the son of Sis. Verna and Bro. Reo Strahm of our Sabetha congregation.

ATHENS

Irene Haggermaker

While we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord. For we walk by faith, not by sight. We are confident and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.

Our congregation was saddened on June 16, with the death of Donald Long. He was the young brother of Sis. Betty Norman. Don was accidentally electrocuted while at work. He was only 19. We sure pray for all of Don's family. We know as God tells us in His word, we can join our loved ones again some day, if we will only live for Christ.

Sis. Zelma Young has been in the hospital, and we surely miss her being in church. She is now recuperating at her sister's, Ruth Lott, R. 7, Athens.

We were so happy to have Elder Bro. Ben Maibach in our church on June 18. He reminded us of how very important it is to obey God's exact word and to be in unity one with another. Bro. Ben, like all of our elder brothers, labors so very faithfully for our soul. We always feel it is a great honor to have in our church any one of our elder brothers.

Visitors include Ministering Bro. Elmer Schmidt of Winthrop. We surely welcome all visitors, and send a special invitation to anyone who would be coming down our way.

For those of us who didn't go on the bus trip to Peoria, I know we missed a great trip. You always hear about southern hospitality. The Alabama brethren and friends sure found a double portion of it in the Peoria area.

BRADFORD

Rebecca Endress

Have you thought lately to give a prayer or word of encouragement for those brothers who serve us

every Sunday with God's word? Most of us seat ourselves in the audience and enjoy the feast, with scarcely a thought of the labor our ministers have to put forth. Perhaps we can't really put ourselves in their shoes since we have no way of experiencing how they feel; but we can make sure that we don't add to their burden by what we say or do.

We enjoyed the Sunday visit of Bro. Willis Ehnle from Japan, as they visited relatives in our congregation.

Three new Sunday School teachers were elected at our June meeting. They are Bro. Duane Elsasser, Sis. Shirley Kieser, and Sis. Connie Ehnle.

Sis. Emma Knobloch was hospitalized for surgery and is with us again. As I write this, Bro. Sam Kieser is at Mayo's recuperating from surgery.

Bill and Karen Ringger are the happy parents of a sweet little girl, their first child, born July 3. Her name is Cheryl Sue. Grandparents are Bro. Roy and Sis. Donna Ehnle and Bro. James and Sis. Lyola Ringger. She also has several great-grandparents: Sis. Julia Ehnle (Eureka Home), Sis. Lydia Feucht (Princeville), and Bro. Henry and Sis. Emma Ringger of Gridley.

CHICAGO

Funeral services were conducted July 3 for our aged Sis. Susanna Gonglach. She always cherished the assembly of God's children, even though she could understand very little that was not spoken in her native tongue.

Bro. Dennis and Sis. Diane Bucher have moved to the Akron area. We are sorry to see them leave us. As so often in our congregation, we bid farewell to some and welcome others. Bro. Duane and Sis. Kay Reutter have returned, following Duane's completion of service in Viet Nam. Sis. Marlene Plattner and LaBeth Metz have moved to this area. We are thankful to have them with us.

GRIDLEY, ILL.

Ruth Gramm

It was a real inspiration, to have our Vacation Bible School children present us their program of songs and hear God's word that so many had memorized portions. When the innocent faces of the younger chil-

dren stood before me, I had to pray, "God can we teach our children enough of Thy word and Thy way to fortify them in this world, so they can become God's followers . . ." Time is so short, and Satan so busy luring and tempting. Are we doing our best for Jesus? Are we ready if Jesus should return today?

We are happy to have Sis. Jane (Funk) Bertschi and her two small sons worship with us again. Her husband, Bro. Larry, will be returning soon from Morocco, where they have spent the last two and one-half years.

Welcome to little Shannon Wayne Witzig, who was born on June 23. Bro. Roger and Sis. (Elaine) Schlipf Witzig are the happy parents.

Friend Chuck Fenton is still in the hospital.

INDIANAPOLIS

Tom and Carolyn Frank

We appreciate the messages given to us by those ministers who continue to support our congregation. Those visiting us were Bob Meyer from Bluffton, Merrill Laukuf from Latty, and Edwin Bahler of the Remington congregation.

Our congratulations are extended to Cheryl Kray and Donna Heinold, who have completed work on B. S. degrees in their respective fields. Cheryl graduated from Ohio State with degrees in Math and Spec. Ed., and will be teaching Special Education in the Junior High department at Noblesville, Indiana. Donna received a degree in Nursing at IU and is presently employed at an Indianapolis hospital.

We are happy to announce that Dave Pearson, who has been attending services in Indianapolis, has been baptized. We welcome him into the fold and pray that God will grant him grace to life of a child of God.

It is with regret that we make it known that the YMCA building is no longer available for our congregation, as it is now managed by the city. No arrangements as yet have been made for a temporary place of worship. While the land has been purchased for a building site, the building plans are still being made with the hope that our congregation, which now has twenty-two members, will soon have

their own church building.

IOWA CITY

Beverly Mogler — Patty Stoller

On June 18, our congregation was privileged to hear the testimony and witness the baptism of Vera Schaer at Pulaski. We welcome her as a sister in faith.

Visiting ministers were Bros. Gerald Sutter, Harvey Heineger, John Steiner and Ed Lanz. We appreciate the efforts of these ministering brothers as they brought us many good teachings.

Through the prompting of the Holy Spirit, they explained some of Christ's parables to us. In Matthew 21 we read the story of the fig tree that did not bear fruit and was condemned to die. In comparison, if we have only the outward display of our religion and bear no fruit, we too will die.

We learned about pruning of the vineyards in Biblical times. The dead branches had to be cut off so that the tree might bring forth good fruit. Likewise, we must give up the things of this world, if we are to grow and prosper in the spirit.

LEO

Mrs. Elias Souder— Henry reporting

We have speeded further in our trip through life. The ridges and valleys, summits and level places of June 1972 lay forever to the background. We are somewhere between our starting point and our destination, but not standing still. Where? God has been good to us. His light has shone in beauty, and His many-splendored grace has enabled.

The children have been taught in the way of wisdom. Vacation Bible School gave an opportunity, and a program was held on a June Sunday evening.

My mother, Sis. Lydia Souder, has spent two weeks and more at the hospital. The medical look shows a coronary in the back of the heart and a high sugar count. Both conditions are vastly improved, and she should soon be home.

Bro. Bud (Darrell) Klopfenstein visited Leo on a Wed. evening. His life is a testimony to wonderful power. The Ft. Wayne ministers and some of their co-workers gave us very good help, as we visited the rest homes in Butler.

As Bible study, we considered the power of God. Good discussion helps us to ponder and reflect of the magnificent things of the holy word.

NEUHUTTEN, GERMANY

Beirne Messner—Marvin Dotterer

"All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small, all things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all." We have enjoyed the beauties of God's creation over the past several weeks; the blessings of fellowship with parents and loved ones from home has been very uplifting to us.

Among our visitors are Bros. Dale Heiniger and Don Schambach and Friend Chuck Kellenberger, from Elgin, Sisters Janet and Martha Steiner from Oakville, and Bro. John and Sis. Betty Dotterer from Rittman. We thank them for spending time with us in Europe.

NEW MARTINSVILLE

Mrs. Gus Weltz Miss Della Witschey

Most of you know we had a June flood, the second on record in June, and while there was more than five feet of water on Main Street, our damage was small considering the loss and damage which Pennsylvania had. We have a chance here to move to high ground; only those who are careless suffer any damage, except what damage it does to property. We live on high ground, but have weathered many floods, before building away from it. We still have furniture in our basement for relatives who were in the flood.

Because of the high water, the annual service was not held at the country church on June 25. We could not get there because of the water shut-off on Doolin Run, a lot of disappointment, especially for those who had planned to come for the day, but when it rains for four and five days on the upper watershed, we know it has to come this way. Robert Meyers, a minister of Bluffton, did get to the Monroe Church along with several other folks from distant points who would have spent the day here. We are truly sorry but could not turn a hand to change the situation. You will have to try and come another time.

Mrs. Daisy S. Emch, widow of the late J. W. Emch, passed away on June 5; services were held on

June 7. She leaves two sons, John and Robert, and two granddaughters.

Mrs. Bertha Durig, widow of the late Lewis Durig, passed away on June 26. She is survived by four sons, three daughters; and one brother, Forrest Rothlisberger. Services were held on July 1.

Edward Bachman of Sardis passed away on June 30. He is survived by his widow, Sylvia Jones Bachman, and one daughter. Services were held on July 4.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Emch, two of their sons, their wives and one grandchild of Phoenix visited here briefly on June 28 and 29, went to the country church and to the old farm home of Paul. We were sorry to have missed them, but the weather was very rainy and they made their visit brief.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Williams of Akron visited here with the Barth families on June 21. Mr. and Mrs. Ray Doak of Ravanna, O., were the guests of the Gus Wertz family on June 12-15. Mrs. Doak will be remembered as Lillian Riggenbach, formerly of Sardis.

Mrs. Lou Estep has been able to return home from Wheeling, where she underwent surgery on June 26.

OAKVILLE

Martha Steiner

We welcome Bro. Don and Sis. Becky Carpenter into our fellowship and rejoice with them in their newfound faith. Becky is the daughter of Bro. John and Sis. Ursel (Grimm) Barth.

Bro. Joe and Sis. Ruby Eberhardt Jr. are the parents of a son, Brent Robert, born June 15. Grandparents are Bro. Joe and Sis. Emma Eberhardt Sr., and Bro. Dave and Sis. Sarah Miller Sr.

We enjoyed the visits of several ministering brothers: Bros. Ken Lawson, Minneapolis; Noah Gerber, West Bend; William Funk, Pulaski; Alpha Moser, Morris; and Elmer Witzig, Gridley.

Our sympathy goes to the family of Christena Frank, who departed this life on June 19. She had been living in the Weather Vane at Mediapolis for the past ten years. She was born February 8, 1896, in Cissna Park, the daughter of William and Hannah Streitmatter Frank. Surviving are four brothers: Bros. John and Earnest, Oakville; Chris of Dunlap, Illinois; William of Moline, Illinois; also

two sisters: Clara of Peoria, and Sis. Lena (Bro. Fred) Siegle of Oakville.

"We wish to express our thanks and appreciation to everyone who helped and remembered us with cards and letters of sympathy in the loss of our sister." The family of Christena Frank.

We are happy to have Brad and Sis. Joyce (Frank) Eland back with us during Brad's leave from the armed services.

ROANOKE

Norene Herbst Marilyn Weyeneth

We have several births to report. Bro. Bruce and Sis. Marge (Traub) Leman are the parents of baby girl born June 8. She has been named Peggy Sue. Bro. Bob and Sis. Janice (Monge) are the parents of a baby boy, Bradley Louis, born June 6. Bro. Russel and Sis. Jane (Frank) DesCarpentrie are the parents of a boy, born June 23. He has been named Branden Russel. Dave and Barbara (Knapp) Rankin are the parents of a boy, Robert Allan, born May 24. Lewis Martin Jr. and Kathy (Kirby) are the parents of a girl, born June 19. She has been named Jennifer Lucy.

Our annual Sunday School picnic was held June 18. On June 11 we had as our guests the Bible Classes from Milford and Elgin (Ill.). They, and also our Bible class, each sang a few numbers after our afternoon service. We enjoyed their visit.

Quite a few from our congregation have been hospitalized, and most of them have been dismissed. Those hospitalized were Sis. Sarah Diggle, Sis. Bina Bertsch, Sis. Dorothy Bertschi, Sis. Luella Leman, Sis. Velda Schlipf, Sis. Elizabeth Farney, Bro. S. J. Weyeneth, and Bro. Joe Rocke. Sis. Elizabeth Farney is staying at the home of Bro. Harold and Sis. Edna Roth, since her dismissal from the hospital.

Janice Sauder, daughter of Bro. John and Sis. Esther (Mangold), and John Hodel, son of Bro. Stan and Sis. Verna (Sauder), gave their testimonies of repentance and conversion on Sat., June 24, and were then baptized on Sun., June 25.

Bro. John and Sis. Carrie (Hodel) Bowald celebrated a rare occasion June 23, which was their 60th wedding anniversary. They

are both able to attend church each Sunday.

Bro. Joe C. Zimmerman has returned to the home of the Richard Zimmermans after spending the past few weeks in the hospital, this being his fourth visit in the past five months. He has been able to assemble with us the past two Sundays.

Bro. Steve and Sis. Shirley (Getz) Leman are living in Roanoke, since his graduation from the University of Illinois this summer.

Our guest ministers were Bros. Eli Somerhalder (Burlington, Okla.), Sam Aeschleman (Bluffton), Nathan Stoller (Bradford), Fred Knapp and Joe Schrock (Congerville), and David Bertsch (Leo).

Wanted: A Zion's Harp older than 1869. There were two printings previous to this date, and I would like to add them to my collection and use for research purposes. Sis. Marlis Sauder, R. R. 1, Roanoke Ill. 61561.

Thank you note: To all our dear relatives, neighbors and friends in this community and elsewhere, We'd like to say "Thank You" from the bottom of our hearts for the many, many gifts of love shown to us in the past five months. Your gifts of food, flowers, cards and other tokens of love and all the other kind deeds done in our behalf, also the help extended to our family as they care for us will never be forgotten nor go unrewarded. Thank you, too, for the many kind remembrances of cards, gifts and visits to Anna for her birthday. God will surely reward each of you. The Family of J. C. and Anna Zimmerman.

TREMONT

Mary Jane Leuthold—Lydia Rassi

With a joyful heart, we welcome a new sister into our fold. Lena Knapp was proved and baptized into our precious faith, by our elder, Dan Koch.

Sis. Betty (Les) Schweigert had to have surgery, but has recovered and is again able to assemble with us.

The annual church cleaning was held; although one night it was storming rather fiercely outside, many hearts assembled inside and worked together in peace and with the assurance that the Lord would protect them from all harm.

June also brought Father's Day.

We are given earthly fathers who bring us up to learn right from wrong, and to start teaching us about the path that leads to heaven. They hope that their prayers can some day be answered, and their children will turn to the Lord. Turn to your Lord and Saviour now while Dad is still here; don't wait until he is gone. We can just say thank you, Heavenly Father, for giving us spiritual-minded fathers.

June 25, the annual Sunday School picnic was held in the Tremont Park. Many enjoyed the meal and the fellowship of the evening.

Note of Thanks: Sis. Lena Knapp wishes to express heartfelt thanks to her many friends and relatives for their prayers, cards and deeds of kindness during her short stay at the hospital, and on the day of her baptism.

VALPARAISO

Irene Nuest

On May 21, we had the pleasure of having Bro. George Yergler, our elder, visit us. We had a blessed day in hearing the old, old story, which is ever new. After the regular services, we were privileged to take Holy Communion, which is uplifting and reviving to the Christian household of God.

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.

On June 11, a group of young people from Francesville and Milford visited us. It was very encouraging to know that we have many young people, who take an active part in the church, are interested in its welfare, and have shown their joy in fellowship and worshipping with us, a tie that binds our hearts in Christian love. May God bless them all.

ELGIN, IOWA

Mrs. George Butikofer

God has been sending us refreshing rains from time to time, and accordingly the fields of corn and meadows are lovely to behold. The farmers are now in the midst of putting up bales of hay and also

storing it the form of ensilage for dairy feed.

Our holly hocks in various shades of pink and red, and dahlias in hues of yellow and red are appearing, enhancing the vegetable area with color. We thank our Creator for blessing us with vegetables. Chard, lettuce, radishes and onions are plentiful. Today we plan to pluck our first red currants. These are used for pies, juice and sauce.

Our Elder Bro. Paul Butikofer and wife, Sis. Mildred, visited our fellow Christians in Regina, Canada and report that the small band is holding fast in their new-found faith. They welcome visitors, having discovered that nothing surpasses Christian fellowship. A schedule has been set up, whereby a minister visits and expounds the scripture at Regina every third Sunday.

A one-week Bible school was conducted. The children showed considerable interest, for which we are thankful. Bro. Wm. Butikofer shouldered the responsibility of the project, and various sisters did the teaching.

Sis. Carrie Jacob of Morton, whose mother used to live in Elgin, Ia. wrote stating that it might be of interest to include the following account in our letter to the *Silver Lining*. She writes: The following article was taken from the *Elgin Echo*, Elgin Iowa, in May 1936.

Mrs. Lydia (Schlupp) Jacob had been a reader of the *Elgin Echo* for many years and always enjoyed reading it about her friends back home. We checked back in our records and find she has been a subscriber of the home paper ever since records were kept, for about 45 years . . . She left Elgin at the age of 16 years, and went to Morton, but always enjoyed going back to visit her old friends.

Sis. Lydia Schlupp married Bro. Emanuel Jacob on Dec. 19, 1880. She was born in Elgin and still had one brother, Bro. Fred and Sis. Rosa Schlupp living there at that time when she visited there.

(Her granddaughter, Mrs. Paul, Eunice (Huette) Chaffer found it among some clippings her mother, Sis. Mary Jacob (Bro. Sam Huette) had saved.)

Audrey Pulfer is now employed at the Veteran's Hospital as a secretary, at Iowa City.

BAY CITY

Carolyn Knochel

This year, as our nation celebrates Independence Day, we are reminded that we do still have the freedom to come and go, and worship as we please; how often do we thank our God that He still overlooks our many shortcomings and allows us this precious privilege?

On June 11, Bro. Ron Schlatter and Sis. Sharon Waibel were united in marriage by her father, Elder Bro. Joseph Waibel (Sis. Elizabeth). Ron's parents are Bro. Dave and Sis. Margaret Schlatter. They are making their home here; we wish them much happiness together.

Bro. Dennis Fehr of Champaign and Sis. Julee Wackerle were married here on June 25. Julee's parents are Bro. Frank and Sis. Faye Wackerle from our congregation; Denny's parents are Bro. Gene and Sis. Margaret Fehr of Roanoke. We'll miss Sis. Julee, as they are living in Champaign, and pray that the Lord will guide them. Visiting ministers were Bro. Ernest Gerber and Bro. Earl Gerber, grandfather and uncle of Bro. Denny.

Bro. Jim and Sis. Arlene Wieland have moved to Ft. Lauderdale and are making their home there. Their daughter, Heather, is with them; their son, Kreat, has been attending college here.

Newcomers to the Bay City area are Bro. Jim and Sis. Sandy Schwartz, formerly of Remington. They and their little Bobby are happy additions to our congregation.

A baby son is welcomed by Norm and Sis. Linda Andrzejewski; Kent Michael is also welcomed by his sisters, Kim and Kori.

PORTLAND

Carol Miller

"Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." We are certainly happy to welcome Joe Steffen into the family of God. He is the son of Garth and Connie Steffen. Sunday, June 11, he was baptized and prayed over by our Elder Bros. Carl Kinsinger from Altadena and Noah Shrock from Oakville. Elder Bro. Herman Kellenberger from Elgin, Illinois, also visited Portland that week-end.

Trust

Taking from Christ the needed
rest,
Trusting that what He gives is
best,
Tested in faith, but peaceful still,
Tried in the fire, but in His will.

Resting in Him each day and hour,
Reaching through Him new heights
of power,
Rising above earth's petty cares,
Reigning in life—the cross He
bears.

Under the sun, but risen in Christ;
Upward our gaze; He hath sufficed;
Utmost our joy, though trials come
Until we reach our heavenly Home.

Sheltered within His loving arms,
Safely protected from all harms,
Singing along our onward way,
Smiling even when the clouds
hang grey.

Tracing His love in every pain,
Touched that He means it for our
gain,
Trusting in Him whatever the test,
Taking from Him the needed rest.

BURLINGTON OKLAHOMA
Janice Frieden — Janice Springer

As we look out over our moist
fields and smell the sweet fresh-
ness of rain, our hearts rejoice be-
cause God again has seen our need.
He makes us realize that, as the
land is washed clean by the rain, so
may our past failures and mistakes
be washed clean by the blood of
Christ. He has done all the suffer-
ing for us. All we need do is be-
lieve, and by faith let God show
the way.

Friends Simon and Alice Allen-
bach offered their home for our
monthly singing. Many came, and
through wonderful Christian fel-
lowship in God, we made a joyful
noise unto the Lord.

Our heartfelt sympathy goes out
to the family of Friend Mike
Kraft, who passed away June 17
after a long illness. Funeral serv-
ices were held here Monday, June
19, with Bro. Ronald Nelson and
Bro. Raymond Roth officiating.
We also wish to extend our sym-
pathy to Sis. Emma Diel at the
passing of her brother, Harry Han-
hart. May each of these families
have the comfort of God during
their time of sorrow.

We are always so thankful when
God sends Elder Bro. Roy Farney

to speak to us of our precious Lord.
His visit carried a twofold purpose
this time. On Sunday June 18, he
brought us a beautiful message
from God's word. Then at 2:00
p.m., in the home of Bro. Ronald
and Sis. Shirley Nelson, he joined
in marriage Rhonda Nelson and
Kirk Riedel. Kirk is the son of Bob
and Gail Riedel. It is our prayer
that God will bless their lives to-
gether, and will place His undying
love in their hearts.

Sis. Matilda Schupbach is a hos-
pital patient in Enid, Okla. now. We
miss those who are ill and unable
to worship with us, and we need
always to keep them in our
thoughts and prayers.

Tho't—More things are wrought
by prayer than this world dreams
of.

DETROIT
Bonnie Popp

Bro. Kaywin and Sis. Karen
Martin have moved from our little
congregation, to make a new home
in Philadelphia. Bro. Kaywin was
transferred there. We will truly
miss them, and our Sunday School
will miss the little Martins. This
same month, however, we welcome
Bro. Dave Maletich (from Rittman)
to Detroit. He will be working
here, as well as attending college.
We are all very happy to have Bro.
Dave with us.

To those whom we welcome and
those who have departed:

The Lord direct your way with
Heavenly light!
May His peace bless each day, each
path be bright
With brightness from His face, As
His lifegiving grace
Leads through this pilgrim vale
To endless light!

It was indeed a joy and pleasure
to have Bro. Willis Ehnle with us.
His words of ministry truly stirred
our hearts to consider the time at
hand, and to be fervent in all the
Lord would have us to do. We pray
the Lord's blessings upon him as
his travels would take him far and
near.

To know Thy will, Lord of the
seeking mind,
To learn Thy way for me, Thy
purpose kind,
Thy path to follow and Thy guide
find,
For this I pray.

To do Thy will, Lord of the eager
soul,
To bring my restlessness 'neath
Thy control,
To give Thee not a part, but all—
the whole,
For this I pray.

To love Thy will, Lord of the
ardent heart,
To bid all selfishness, all sloth
depart,
To share with gladness all Thou
dost and art,
For this I pray.

GOODFIELD
Elna Grimm

My Tongue

Be careful, my tongue,
You are little, but strong;
So often your words
Are somehow all wrong.
You don't want to hurt,
And yet there's a sting,
And so I must guard you,
A worrisome thing.
How often I've wished
That I could recall
Some harsh word you've spoken,
Not meant after all.
And though I'm forgiven
And have peace of mind
I know there are sores
That such things leave behind.
So God, guard my tongue
In each word I say,
So they may be pleasing
To Thee, Lord, I pray.

Not only my tongue, but my
footsteps and my thoughts, dear
Lord . . . Bro. Art Baurer from
Princeville ministered to our con-
gregation, and he reminded us how
careful we must be that even our
thoughts remain pure and clean.

We heard the testimony of Jon
Knapp, son of Bro. and Sis. Mike
and Luann, on Wed. evening, June
26, and again rejoiced to observe
the power and mercy of God. On
Sun., June 30, Jon was baptized.

We will not have Sunday School
or Wed. evening services during
the months of June and July.

JUNCTION**Betty Manz Henrietta Manz**

We've been enjoying very much
the Latty folks gathering with us
on our Thursday evening services,
while they are working on their
new furnace, also have been blest
in hearing the ministering broth-

ers . . . so glad to have them with us.

Our graduates were Sis. Margery Schlatter, daughter of Sis. Juliet; Sis. Emily Manz, daughter of Bro. Elias and Sis. Evelyn; and Pauline Manz, daughter of Bro. Adam and Sis. Kate.

Bro. Bill Schlatter, son of Sis. Juliet, was announced to be married to Sis. Emily Heinold of La Crosse. Date has been set for July 23; we wish them much happiness in their new life together. We have news of the engagement of Pauline Manz, daughter of Bro. Adam and Sis. Kate, to Jerry Carnahan of Paulding. No date has been set for this union.

Bro. Eugene Fetter of the Toledo congregation ministered to us. We are always glad to have him with us; Sis. Marilyn is daughter of Sis. Leona Dotterer of here.

Friend Margaret Aufrance has again been able to gather with us, and Sis. Martha Laukhuf is about the same. She is always so glad to hear from anyone who'd care to send a card, as she is shut-in most all the time now. Her address is 748 N. Williams St., Paulding Ohio 45879.

WINTHROP

Delores Messerli — Carol Messner

It was our privilege to host Youth Fellowship for the northern churches. Many were the blessings received. Bro. Harvey Grimm of Sabetha spoke to the youth and their teachers during the Saturday evening program. He told the true story of two youths meeting at a similar gathering, their friendship, their love for one another, and marriage. God in His loving mercy was always near at hand. The death angel knocked at their door **before** they turned to God in repentance. Our Elder Bro. Leo Moser added the identity of these dear loved ones. We wish to thank all the dear brothers and sisters for their effort in coming, bringing the youth, and sharing the wonderful week-end.

We had our annual Sunday School picnic at the park. The little children especially enjoy this picnic. Our voting for Sunday School teachers was held. When we resume Sunday School in the fall, Sis. Rose Alice Howk and Bro. Eugene Schmidt will be the new teachers. Bro. Roland Messner is the superintendent.

We rejoice, with Friends Darrel and Darlene Schmidt having found peace with their God . . . and are awaiting provings and baptism. How thankful we are to the Lord for His wondrous ways.

Bro. Harold Messner performed the ceremony uniting his daughter, Jenny, to Mike Morohn. Cindy Messner married Gary Von Berge. May God guide these young people in His ways.

The family of the late Ministering Bro. Mike and Sis. Ida Miller had a family reunion on July 4. Around 140 attended. Many precious memories and acquaintances were renewed.

This past week-end we enjoyed many visitors from different churches. Bro. Joe Stoller assembled with us for the day. Many teaching were gathered in from his exhortations. A special thought left was, **Take the Bible in the morning, for a moment if no more. It is better than an hour when the trying day is o'er.** This also relates to the taking and reading of the Bible in the early years of our youth and the good it will do for us.

BLOOMINGTON

Virgil and Shirley Funk

Our minister, Everett Hari, his wife, Sis. Beverly, and their children left for a vacation with the intention of visiting our churches in the South and the West.

Blessed is he, whosoever shall not be offended in me.

Blessed is he whose faith is not offended,
When all around his way,
The power of God is working out deliverance
For others day by day.

Though in some prison drear his
own soul languish,
Till life itself be spent,
Yet still can trust his Father's
love and purpose,
And rest therein content.

Blessed is he, who through long
years of suffering,
Cut off from active toil,
Still shares by prayer and praise
the work of others,
And thus **divides the spoil.**

Blessed are thou, O child of God,
who sufferest
And canst not understand

The reason for thy pain, yet gladly
leanest
Thy life in His blest Hand.

Yea, blessed art thou whose faith
is not offended.
By trials unexplained,
By mysteries unsolved, past
understanding,
Until the goal is gained.

CHAMPAIGN-URBANA Teresa Hufford

I had a battle fierce today
within my place of prayer;
I went to meet and talk with
God, but I found Satan there.
He whispered, "You can't really
pray; You lost out long ago.
You might say words while on
your knees, But you can't pray,
you know."
So then I pulled my helmet down,
Way down upon my ears,
And found it helped to still his
voice And helped allay my fears.
I checked my other armor o'er;
My feet in peace were shod.
My loins with truth were girded
'round; My sword
the word of God.
My righteous breastplate still
was on,
My heart's love to protect.
My shield of faith was all intact;
his fiery darts bounced back.
I called on God; in Jesus' name,
I pled the precious blood.
While Satan sneaked away in
shame, I met and talked with
God!

"For where two or three are
gathered together in my name,
there am I in the midst of them."
God is with us here. He blesses
those who seek Him, longing to
know Him more.

Visiting ministers for the
month of June were Arnold Gerst,
Edwin Ringger, Walter Anliker,
and George Wagenbach. We know
the Lord will reward them for com-
ing to bless us with the word.

Our prayers go with those leav-
ing the University of Illinois for
the last time. May Christ ever be
the goal in their lives.

Tom and Sarah Blunier are par-
ents of their first child, a girl,
Shelly Ann. She was born on June
11. Her paternal grandparents are
Bro. Ben and Sis. Wilma Blunier.
Art and Marlene Mueller are par-
ents of their first child, a boy,
Ryan Charles. He was born on July
4.

MORRIS

Ann Meiss Esther Schaefer

The summer days are come again;
Once more the glad earth yields
Her golden wealth of ripening
grain

And breath of clover fields,
And deepening shade of summer
wood.

And glow of summer air,
And winging thoughts and happy
moods

Of love and joy and prayer.

The summer days are come again;
The birds are on the wing.
God's praises in their loving strain
Unconsciously they sing.
We know who giveth all the good
That doth our cup o'erbrim;
For summer joy in field and wood
We lift our song to Him.

Quite a number of teachers and parents accompanied our Bible classes to Winthrop on June 10 and 11, where they met with classes from other areas and enjoyed sharing the good word with each other. May God bless all who took part.

Sis. Mary Luthi, Bertha Goll, and Sis. Rose Moser were in the hospital. We are thankful to say that God has mercifully cared for them and all are improving.

Bro. George Gramm and Bro. Carl Hartman visited us. We rejoiced to have Bro. George and Bro. Carl speak unto us of God's love and the way of salvation.

There is much excitement in our community, as preparations are completed to celebrate our centennial. Love and friendliness seem to be everywhere, and we thank God for those who stand for truth, honor and strength in our land.

WICHITA

Glenis Allenbach

Greetings in Christian love to all, but to our dear older brothers and sisters I send special greetings. I have great compassion for them, and we can learn much from them. This thought came to me because of an old scrapbook I came across among other things on the shelf of an Auction house. On the "yellowed" front cover was a handwritten poem titled "Grandmother's Bible". From contact with my own Christian grandmother and others, I find they sometimes feel they are not useful anymore and have no definite purpose

in life. How wrong they are! By their examples they preach us a sermon. The following poem was on the cover.

"Grandmother's Bible"

This is grandmother's Bible, just
as she left it when

She went upstairs . . . not to come
down again

Night after night she read it, thin
hand on the page

Spectacles on the dim old eyes,
tired and dim with age.

Night after night we saw her deep
in her thought and prayer;

Then came the night we missed
her, looked and she was not
there.

Not there, yet the candle was
burning; her glasses lay on
the Book;

The chair in the chimney corner,
looked just as they used to
look;

We went to her room to find her,
kneeling down by her bed—

Just as if she was praying, but the
life and spirit had fled.

Eighty years in God's service,
daughter, mother, wife,

Now she has gone to praise Him
still, but in a higher life.

So you see she preached her sermon
everyday.

We have two special things
among others to thank the Lord
for.

We have new air conditioning and have just finished our first Vacation Bible School. This included pre-school through the eighth grade, with around forty attending. The attendance and participation were excellent and was greatly enjoyed by the children. The eight women who participated feel it was well worth the time and work spent. A program was presented, demonstrating materials used.

From Bern, the Sunday School class of High School age enjoyed fellowship with our own young people last Saturday and Sunday.

All of you brothers, sisters and friends have our special invitation to visit us. Make us one of your planned visits. We love company.

"A Juvenile Sermon"

While working today in the garden,
So busy with trowel and hoe,
Too intent on the work of the
moment

Either thought-flight or day-
dreams know.

I scarce heard the musical droning
Of bees in the heart of the flowers,
Or heeded the lengthening
shadows

That told of the day's fleeting
hours.

Till shrill on the ear's inner
chamber

Broke a high, childish treble close
by,

**I'm following right in your
footsteps,**

And my small, blue-eyed laddie
stood nigh.

I wonder, if fathers and mothers
Could hear condensed sermons like
that

From the lips of a juvenile
preacher

They wouldn't take note where
they're at?

**I'm following right in your
footsteps . . .**

Dear child, if my footsteps should
stray

Into by-paths of thoughtless
example,

May I think of your sermon today.

An American lady writing from Cairo, who was allowed to visit a military hospital soon after some wounded men had been brought in, says: "The three hours we could stay were full of work for heart and hand. One young soldier from a Highland regiment especially excited my interest. He had lost a limb, and the doctor said he could not live through the night. I stopped at his side to see whether there was anything that I could do for him. He lay with closed eyes, and as his lips moved I caught the words, 'Mother, mother.' I dipped my handkerchief in a basin of iced water and bathed his forehead, where the fever flushes burned.

"Oh, that is good!" he said, opening his eyes. Seeing me bending over him, he caught my hand and kissed it. "Thank you, lady," he said; "it 'minds me o' mother." "I asked him if I could write to his mother. No, he said; the surgeon had promised to write; but could I, would I, sing to him? I hesitated a moment, and looked around. The gleam on the yellow water of the Nile, as the western rays slanted down, caught my eye and suggested the river the streams of which will make glad the city of God. I began to sing in a low voice the

gospel hymn, 'Shall we gather at the river?' Eager heads were raised around us to listen more intently, while bass and tenor voices, weak and tremulous, came in on the chorus:

Yes, we'll gather at the river,
The beautiful, the beautiful river;
Gather with the saints at the river
That flows by the throne of God.

"When the song was ended, I looked into the face of the boy—for he was not over 20—and asked, 'Shall you be there?' " 'Yes, I'll be there, through what the Lord Jesus has done for me . . .', with his blue eyes shining, while a light that never was on sea or land irradiated his face . . .

MAIL TIME

Mail Some Kindness

When one is away from home, or a friend, mail time is nice with a note, a letter . . . and more letters. Take a little time . . . give a few moments for kindness

Kindness travels the miles . . . Jot a few penned words. Can you picture the scene at the other end of the mail call?

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POWER FROM ON HIGH

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Far out in space, God placed His stars. If we could speed 180,000 miles a second, it is said it would take a billion years and more to reach some. This is still not the edge of outer darkness. Power it is, wonderful might that has done this. He lit up the Universe of universes.

God touched the sea; it divided and stood as walls for His people to pass over. He flashes the bright lightning, rolls the mighty peals of thunder. The earth shakes at His command. On the glorious Easter morn, His mighty power brought again our Lord Jesus from the dead. Death scatters behind. Look! Earth is rainbow-lit, with the glorious countenance of the risen Christ.

He makes something very plain for us. It is very important. "And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high."

Empowered with the sword of the Lord, Gideon's three hundred chased a great army. David felled the Philistine champion, while two cheering sections looked on in wonder. The triumph of the obedient church is one glorious array of meeting and conquering. The song is, and must be all in His key: His tarry for His promise, His Spirit, in-powered with power. No rival may hinder Him, no foe defeat, at any time.

Joshua was a mighty winner. He was told he would have good success, if he meditated in the book of

the law day and night. All scripture is given by inspiration, God-breathed. Jesus' life is the perfect writing in example and suffering, the fulfillment of the Old and the action of the New. "... have ye not read" came His question. "... let him that readeth understand . . . Search the scriptures . . ." He desires that we overcome a lack of knowledge of His word, and that a laxity in diligence of reading is put aside.

Happy is that winner who zeroes in for His facts . . . seeks to know His commandments to do them, and loves Him. "If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love . . ."

It is possible to be so endued with power that our life is the living springs of water told of, flowing from inward, out to parched souls. We should remember that water gushes forth, and is not made by man.

We have received a variety of impressions. Some of these have gone deep, and are habit-ingrained in our flesh. We have received a fantastic array of bits of information and speculation. Some seem deep and wise, and throw forth a glitter of greatness. Some are harmful or profitless. The words of gold, the sparkling waters, are always available. Paul found the secret, and his life was ablaze with success: "And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power:" That's what we need, this showing forth of the Spirit and

power. We need to show forth the power of His resurrection.

In Him is life. His word is not flesh, but spirit and truth. Pause and think about the name of Jesus. Our hearts can grow happy with inexpressible joy. To view His resurrection soars us into joyful circle. What a sweet life, to sit in heavenly places. What freedom from vexation and monotony, to set our affection on things above. There is power from all cancelled sin, for overcoming in all strife, for always keeping in sight the prize.

"For the kingdom of God is not in word, but in power." Whatever is added to His word and discords even in a little does not help. There is that builds, and yet the total that could be is stunted. Little errors. Power holds all the life of Jesus in its action. His character is shone forth in the church. It is very beautiful, kindness, gentleness, not demanding the last ounce, moderation. Sometimes there is the look of sorrow, as at Peter when erring, or the last sad look at plunging Judas, as the last tie is solemnly cut. He departed, and it was night.

The power of God is so plain in so many places in holy writing. It needs to be so plain in so many places in our life. It is waiting a humble heart to ask in confidence. We need the blessings of tarry. Then it will be exactly as with Paul, who wrote: "For we also are weak in him, but we shall live with him by the power of God toward you."