

And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors are come to the full, a king of fierce countenance, and understanding dark sentences, shall stand up.

And his power shall be mighty, but not by his own power: and he shall destroy wonderfully, and shall prosper, and practise, and shall

destroy the mighty and the holy people.

And through his policy also he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand; and he shall magnify himself in his heart, and by peace shall destroy many: he shall also stand up against the Prince of princes; but he shall be broken without hand.



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

THE SILVER LINING

A LIGHT for BELIEVERS

Heaven opens for the overcomer in splendor, a beautiful dawn. There is rest, wonderful happiness. When Jesus comes, it will be a glorious moment, with the suffering behind. Now, though . . . while it is today is the opportunity to suffer for His sake . . . only this life . . . the chance to be cheerful and kind so we help those around. Now we should let our light shine. While we pass this way once, let us know the value of opportunity we have today.

JESUS IS COMING

(I am enclosing a news item that appeared in our local paper . . . I thought it was very inspiring and could perhaps be printed in the Silver Lining . . .)

What would happen to some places

If we knew that Jesus would come tonight, the churches would be filled with praying people immediately. The shows, beer joints, dance halls, gambling establishments and other godless places would be emptied. There would be no more ball games, picture shows or other worldly affairs.

Cursing, swearing and vulgar language would stop. There would be no soup suppers and hamburger fries in the churches tonight. Women would put on enough clothes to be decent. There would be no more need for beauty parlors, for no one would be interested so much in their outward appearance — but their inward appearance.

Men and women would throw their tobacco away, and no more would be used. Parents would burn up the filthy literature, cards and

other devilish trash which they have in their homes.

There would be no petting parties by the roadside or in the homes. No one would have to be begged to take part in the Lord's work, for all would want to be busy when he comes.

There would be no lies told, nor any excuses made for not doing our duty to God.

People who had been holding grudges would be running around trying to get forgiveness of their fellow man.

The long-tongued gossips would stop their lying and start begging mercy. Modernistic preachers would hunt frantically through their notebooks for a sermon on real salvation, and would hurriedly burn their godless, modernistic sermons and books.

"Eternal Security" preachers would suddenly decide that they were not so secure and would start begging God to forgive them for sending so many souls to hell.

Compromising holiness preachers would suddenly realize how wrong they were and begin to beg God to save them.

Merchants would be swamped with calls from those who wanted to pay old debts and clear up unfilled obligations.

Church treasuries would be flooded with money, as delinquent givers sought to pay their offerings which they had withheld.

Men and women who are living in adultery with one of the opposite sex would suddenly desert them, in an effort to clean up their immoral life.

The few hours left before the arrival of the Lord would be a "heaven on earth," as everyone sought to do just exactly what they thought the Lord would have them do.

Poor families would be fed, sick people would be comforted, jails would be visited, those in trouble would receive help, as all would seek to meet God's requirement of **inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these, ye have done it unto me.**

Jesus is coming, and we don't know how soon. If you do not want to be doing things when he comes, you had better quit them now.

Change of address: Sp4 Emil Minger DCO36-N USAE5BDE, USA SCC, APO New York 09036. Daniel Kaeb . . . a change from SP/4 to SP/5. Two new service addresses: Pvt. Mark E. Peters 30356 9909, Co B 1st Bn. 2nd BCT Bde, Ft. Polk, Louisiana 71459 . . . Pvt. David Frank 325506456, PLT 3085 K Co 3rd Rt BN MCRD, San Diego Calif. 92140.

REMINGTON

Anna M. Waibel & Sisters

A baby boy was born Aug. 5 to Allen and Sis. Linda Olerlander. They now have three little boys.

Bro. Marvin Stieglitz, Leo, and Bro. Roy Grimm, Taylor, ministered to us Aug. 6, when they were here for the Ft. Sam soldier re-

union. Wolcott and Remington were host for the week-end, with a large group attending.

Happy to report . . . that Morris (Bro. Ben) Braker is home from Viet Nam. We are all very thankful he is home again.

Vernon Leman, Eureka, was among our visiting ministers Aug. 9 . . . always grateful for everyone that comes.

Sis. Elsie Kilgus is home, after being in the hospital and nursing home for five weeks, after suffering a stroke. We are happy to report, she is much improved.

Little Greg Schneider (Bro. Ken and Sis. Loretta) fell off a table and broke his arm.

A number from here attended the Brother meeting at Gridley, and others went to Camp Mack.

I'm sure a blessing could be had at both places, from sermons, songs, poems, or prayers, if they could be heard. Would not it be an added blessing each time a brother is asked to lead a congregation or any group in prayer, if they would be said aloud enough so all could understand? Otherwise who is praying?

It costs so little, I wonder why we give it so little thought . . . a smile, kind words, a glance, a touch.

I have wept in the night
For the shortness of sight
That to somebody's need made me
blind;

But I never have yet
Felt a tinge of regret
For being a little too kind.

LA CROSSE
Pearl Nuest — Gwen Bucher

Open Thy Merciful Arms
One of Thy children is coming home;
Open Thy merciful arms.
One of Thy children's too tired to roam;
Open Thy merciful arms.
Send out a shepherd; open the gate.
Jesus has called and His sheep must not wait. . . .

Funeral services were held Aug. 15 for Samuel Heiniger (81). Bro. Sam is survived by his wife, Henrietta, and two brothers.

Funeral services were held Aug. 22 for Bro. Donald Bucher (39). Don is survived by his wife, Gwen (co-reporter); one daughter, Amy; four sons, Dean, Dick, Duane and Dale; his parents, Bro. Albert and Sis. Marie; seven brothers and four sisters.

May the bereaved find comfort in God's holy word.

Hope on, hope on, O troubled heart;
If doubts or fears o'er-take thee,
Remember this, the Lord hath said,
He never will forsake thee.
Then murmur not; still bear thy lot,
Nor yield to care or sorrow;
Be sure the clouds that frown to-day
Will break in smiles tomorrow.

We received many blessing when Ministering Bros. Ernest Luginbuhl and Albert Schneider (Rockville) were with us for the evening of Aug. 25.

Bro. Ernest Graf (Akron) and Bro. Gary Maibach (Rittman) were with us on Sun. Aug. 27. We appreciated these brothers sharing the word with us.
Fully persuaded, Lord, I believe!
Fully persuaded, Thy Spirit give;
I will obey Thy call; Low at Thy feet I fall.
Now I surrender all, Christ to receive.

Our young friend, Curt Frank, son of Bro. Edward and Sis. Leah has been fully persuaded to surrender all to the Lord. We pray that many will follow while the waters are being moved.
Bro. Ben and Sis. Lena Hitz are

happy to announce the arrival of a grandson, Michael Alan, born Aug. 13 to Don and Nila Curry of Argos, Ind. He has two sisters to welcome him home.

ALTO
Joyleen Blough

Ah, Now it is done! Now I fear not to die,
For death hath no terrors when Jesus is nigh.
The body from pain and from labor hath rest;
The spirit soars up to the home of the blest.

What a comfort to no longer fear death and to bury the old man in the watery grave. We were privileged to hear the testimony and witness the baptism of Cathie Gayheart. We welcome her as our sister. Cathie lives with Bro. Aaron and Sis. Loretta Steffen. Elder Bro. Joe Waibel was here for this blessed event.

Bro. Loren Stoller of Latty was with us Aug. 13. He reminded us to work out our soul's salvation in fear and trembling. Likewise, we should go to work in the same way. An excellent attitude to take with us in the morning is this, "I need my company far worse than my company needs me." Build that object as if doing it for the Lord Jesus. Remember our real wages come from God himself. We thank Bro. Loren for his efforts.

The news, "It's a boy" brought much happiness to Tom and Carolyn Barry. Little Andrew is welcomed home by a brother, Michael. His grandparents are Bro. Lloyd and Sis. Eloise Blough.

We were thankful that Gordon Blough, son of Bro. Lloyd and Sis. Eloise, was not seriously injured when he fell from the tractor he was riding, causing a wheel to run over his arm.

Hospitalized a couple of days was Bro. Elmer Schrenk, due to two bee stings he received on his hand. Steve Schutte, son of Bro. Derry and Sis. Virginia, was again hospitalized for several days.

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CONGERVILLE
Norma Stahl — Linda Knapp

We were privileged to partake of the most holy Sacrament, the Lord's Supper.

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.

How meaningful these words are. Who could ask for more than to be united in church, and to be His unto death. Bro. LeRoy Huber, Eureka, and Bro. Josh Broquard, Fairbury, were with us to perform this Holy Supper.

Other visiting ministers were Bro. Jim Ringger, Bradford, and Bro. Willis Wiegand from Goodfield.

There has been two babies added to our congregation. Bro. Steve and Sis. Gerri Schrock named their little boy James Bradley. He arrived on Aug. 6, and is welcomed home by Joan, Jeff, Jill, Jenny and John.

Bro. Ken and Sis. Janet Schrock have a little boy named Deron Andrew. He arrived on Aug. 18 and is welcomed home by his brother, Derek. May God continue to bless them and their families. May we all raise our children according to His will.

We are glad to have Sis. Bev Schieber with us again. She spent two months in France in connection with her studies. We thank God for her safe return.

Sis. Elizabeth Hartter has been a medical patient.

Thank you: We want to thank the many friends and relatives for the many cards and gifts sent to our Benjy during his stay in the hospital. Bro. Ralph, Sis. Linda and Benjy Knapp.

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FRANCESVILLE

Mrs. Herman (Chris) Wuethrich
Mrs. Otto Wuethrich

Our editor, dear Bro. Henry Souder Jr. told us that an excellent source to get interesting news items is to carry our "word camera" wherever we go, so will give you a

Diary for August

Aug. 1. A dear brother's remark—"Isn't this a beautiful and thankful day?"

Aug. 2. Visited at one of my 90-year-old smiling aunts, in her log cabin home, and asked her daughter if they still kneel down by their chairs at the breakfast table for prayer, and she said, "Yes". Those long-time memories never leave a person.

Aug. 3. Had lunch with our baby daughter's, and their son sang us a Sunday School song for the closing prayer. How touching!

Aug. 4. Went to the best building, church, and could not have had a more blessed evening, as heard the words of Dennis Leman (Sidney) and his wife Linda, who gave such loving expressions of their repentance as Bro. Alfred Bahler and our Bro. Wendell asked them questions. Then our dear older Bro. George Yergler was asked to please speak some also, and he said, "The provings and the works of God are the same as they were 65 years ago, except that the outward appearance is some different."

Aug. 6. A real blessed Sunday that never will be forgotten by our new brother and sister in faith, Dennis and Linda Leman. After their baptism and prayer, they walked down the aisle to their Grandpa Henry Leman and Grandma Cordia, for their joyful greeting of God's love. Then of course the whole church wanted to greet them and share in their Joy.

Aug. We went to our office in the evening and forgot to turn off our car lights. A while later a young brother in faith was driving by and stopped and turned them off. Doesn't he have a Christian heart?

Aug. 9. At church our elder's happiest words were, "At last Dear Emma Pelsy who is quite ill could say "I am repenting".

Aug. 13. A remark of a sister to an elder, "Don't you lose your

smile." The remark of the elder to the sister, "Don't you lose your Christian encouraging words."

Aug. 14. Stopped at a friend and came home with a sack full of surplus vegetables. Aren't there a lot of good people in this world?

Aug. 15. Heard this remark from a waitress, as she was waiting on a customer, "Someone asked me if I was relation to a person? I said yes, and I received a double tip". Don't hide your light under a bushel.

Aug. 17. Remarks today—"Isn't this hot weather terrible?" . . . "This weather is sure fine so we get some good ripe tomatoes," "My older sister sure feels better with this real warm weather." So God tries to please everyone.

Aug. 18. A good friend of the church stopped and asked, "Could I give you some sweet corn for dinner that I just picked? That's what God asks, **Can I?**"

Aug. 20. After a wedding . . . "I know you will be a good mother-in-law." Her answer, "It isn't hard when you have a good daughter-in-law".

Aug. 23. Welcome to loved ones from Japan, Bro. Willis Ehnle and family. He sure kept everyone awake at evening services, and prayed that there might be 100% co-operation with the ministers of our church. We sure pray 100% for him too, and Bro. Akito . . . Had just received a letter from Sis. Marie saying, "I think I am where God wants me to be." So the prayers of Christians are the same, all around the world.

End . . . A loving old sister said she will never forget these words of a visiting brother, entering their garage—"Place for everything, and everything in its place."

AKRON

Katherine Ries

Thanks to our heavenly Father for our elders and ministers, whose words so richly bless us. Bros. John Bahler, Noah Bauman, Ben Maibach, Joe Ramsier, Noah Schrock, and Joe Waibel, with Bros. Robert Beer — Mansfield, Roy Ehnle—Bradford, Willis Ehnle—Japan, Harold Emch—Girard, Clarence Kachelmuss — Forrest, and John Klotzle—Altadena made calls upon our congregation during August, and were deeply appreciated. Surely the love and the fellowship of the brethren are

made manifest when we meet and greet those from afar.

The annual Sunday School picnic, which was postponed because of inclement weather, was held Aug. 18. A number of young people from Mansfield attended the picnic, wherein fellowship begins at an early age.

Welcome to Bro. Dennis and Sis. Dianne Bucher and their children of Chicago, now making their home in Wadsworth, Ohio.

Judy (Ries) Hickey, daughter of Bro. Larry and Sis. Katherine, received her master of arts degree, education, specializing in counseling at Western State College, Gunnison, Colo., Aug. 18.

Tina Graf, daughter of Bro. Leon and Sis. Janet, and Mark Collins, son of Bro. Duane and Sis. Marjorie, underwent surgery. Both are able to assemble again in church and to attend Sunday school. Sis. Elizabeth Heib is ill at home, while awaiting admittance to the hospital. She returned Aug. 16 from a visit to her homeland in Germany. Home address: 4725 State Rd., Cleveland Ohio 44109. Bro. Stanley Francis is recuperating at his home, while friend Fred Burr is still hospitalized at Mediacenter, 145 Olive St., Akron, Ohio 44310.

"Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf. For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God? And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?"

It was an inspiring and blessed experience for us as we attended the conference at Gridley, Illinois. It is most heart-warming and reassuring to be present while the problems of the church as pertaining to the world today are concerned. The steadfastness of our older brethren, along with the zeal and forthrightness of our younger brethren, believing wholeheartedly in the word of God as recorded in the Bible is a revelation, we believe everyone should experience at least once, and again, and again, if possible.

Thank-you note: Many thanks for cards, gifts, and thoughtfulness during my stay in the hospital. Tina Graf.

BERN**Esther and Stella Moser**

After a short recess, Sunday School is again in session. New teachers are Bro. Terry Farney and Sis. Waneta Plattner.

Bro. Alvin Strahm is the new trustee for the A. C. Home, along with Bro. Lou Baumgartner.

Sis. Marlene Esslinger (Bro. Martin, Sis. Arlene) is now a resident at the home for the Handicapped, Morton. May Marlene find happiness and contentment in the days ahead.

Bro. Jacob and Sis. Stella (Moser) Wenger reached the 50th year of marriage. Due to ill health, the anniversary was quietly observed, with only their five children and close relatives present.

Most of our hospital patients had short stays. Bro. Terry Farney and Earl Meyer (Sis. Pearl), both medical; Michael and Bradley Strahm (Bro. Alfie, Sis. Mayme), tonsillectomies. Everyone is fine again except Earl, who is on the take-it-easy list, as he had a rough go-around with hepatitis.

Larry Wittmer and Beverly Bauman were married Aug. 5. They will make their home in Axtell, Kans., where Larry is a teacher in the Axtell schools. Parents are Harlan and Alice Wittmer, Joe and Mildred Bauman. Sisters Emma Wittmer and Leah Bauman are the grandmothers.

On Aug. 6, Bro. Lester Hartter united in marriage Marcia Meyer (Bro. Louis, Sis. Mavis) and David Reist. They are at home in Manhattan, where both are attending Kansas State University.

BLUFFTON**Imogene Steffen — Pat Isch**

On Aug. 13 our congregation was privileged to witness the baptisms of two dear souls. Our two new sisters-in-faith, Sis. Kathy Dotterer and Sis. Becky Gilliom, gave precious testimonies of their spiritual experience. God truly does forgive sins after a sincere repentance, and the peace and love He imparts to His children are worth far more than the riches of the world. Parents of the two new converts are Bro. Paul and Sis. Phyllis Dotterer and Bro. Kenneth and Sis. Marie Gilliom. Visiting ministers who shared their day with us were Bro. Maurice Frank, Leo; Bro. Walter Rehklau, Toledo; and Bro. Andrew Virkler of Bay City.

Susie Speheger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Speheger, and Leon Frauhofer, son of Leonard and Sis. Mary were united in marriage Aug. 26 in the Fellowship Hall Chapel.

One quiet Monday evening, Aug. 28, our congregation assembled to hear God's word expounded by Bro. Delbert Indermuhle from Sardis. The word of God never grows old, but only more precious, as we gather to read, hear, and sing of His life-giving words.

Another dear aged brother, Joe Aschliman, was relieved of much pain and suffering on Sunday morning, Aug. 27. He had been in failing health for seven years, and endured some severe pain in the past months. We are thankful that he could endure until the very last breath, for we know his reward will be great in Heaven. His survivors include two daughters, Sis. Elva and Sis. Dora, who lived at home with their father; four sons, Bros. Homer, Roy, Millard and Herman; two brothers, Dan and Bro. Noah, and five sisters, Sis. Aldine Heyerly, Sis. Mary Fiechter, Sis. Delva Reinhard, Sis. Sylvia (Joe) Isch, and Sis. Dula Gerber. May His firm faith in God, and knowing that his suffering days are past be an encouragement to the family that remains.

Shut-ins: Bro. Herman Steffen and Sis. Velma (Carl) Kipfer underwent surgery. We hope it won't be long and they can be back in our fellowship. We are always thankful when God grants his touch of healing on such.

Again it's time for our many children, both young and those who are attending colleges, to return to their classes. May those, especially of our brethren, be ever on guard, for we know the times are evil and many temptations confront them.

If a man does not keep pace with his companions, perhaps it is because he hears a different drummer. Let him step to the music he hears, however measured or far away.

BURLINGTON, IOWA**Edna Pohl — Elaine Eisenmann**

"The LORD hath been mindful of us: he will bless us; he will bless the house of Israel; he will bless the house of Aaron. He will bless

them that fear the LORD, both small and great."

Our Sunday School children enjoyed the annual picnic with friends and parents, Aug. 20. Classes resumed the following Sunday.

Bro. Roy Farney spent a Sunday evening service with us. We thank him for being mindful of us.

Aug. 27, our annual election, teachers and trustees were elected to begin their duties for 3, 2, and 1 years.

Another family has moved on from our little flock. Bro. William and Sis. Rosella Oberman (Massner) have moved to Humboldt, Iowa, nearer his work. They will attend the West Bend church. Again, our loss is their gain. We wish them God's blessings in their new home.

Bro. Richard and myself were privileged to attend the last day of the Brotherhood meeting in Gridley. . . son, Robert Pohl, and Bro. Uriel both drove a full car. It is a wonderful feeling to be in the midst of so great a cloud of witnesses. How wonderful it would be if all God's redeemed could sit on the green grass, and be instructed in obedience to His word, as in the days of Jesus' feeding the five thousand. To be present certainly works a greater zeal in our hearts. We thank the sisters of Gridley, and all who so lovingly served the largest gathering thus far.

Our sincerest sympathy goes out to the Ed Gramm families. Sis. Loretta served so lovingly at the Brotherhood meals. Then three days later, death suddenly overtook her. God knows all things, and we must trust He will provide for their eight surviving children and husband.

EUREKA**Cathryn Wettstein
Salome Schumacher**

Our visiting ministers are as follows: Bro. Eli Somerhalder—Burlington, Okla.; Bro. Clarence Yackley—Phoenix; Bro. John Wagler—Huntsville; Bro. Albert Scheidlin—Elgin, Illinois. These visits are always appreciated.

Our hospital patients: Sis. Martha Fehr is at home now, after being a medical patient in Eureka Hospital. Sis. Laura Getz has been a patient in Methodist Hospital for tests. Bro. Ed Geiger is a surgical patient in Methodist Hospital.

Bro. John Schumacher was a patient in Eureka Hospital, but he passed away Aug. 15. His funeral was held on the 18th, conducted by Bro. Leroy Huber. His wife, Kathryn survives; also five sons: Stanley, Russel, John W., Bro. Lloyd and Bro. Dale; four daughters, Sis. Lorene, Evelyn, Phyllis, and Sis. Shirley. Five brothers and four sisters also survive.

The engagement was announced of Bro. Steve Stoller and Sis. Anna Marie Baer of Princeville. He is the son of Sis. Clara (Stoller) Huber, and her parents are Otto and Eleanor Baer of Princeville.

Birth: A daughter, to Bro. Ed and Sis. Donna (Blunier) Kupferschmid on Aug. 23. Her name is Amy Lynn and she has a little brother Jason to welcome her.

Bro. Kenneth Fehr and Sis. Sandra Pfaffman were married Aug. 27 in Peoria by Bro. Roy Sauder.

Several of our members attended the conference held at Gridley.

Through every moment of the day
Whate'er may meet thee on
life's way,
This thought shall be my strength
and stay:

He Cares.

GIRARD Kathryn Emch

Our dear sister, Sedona Habeger, was called home to be with the Lord Sept. 1. She was 89 years old and until recently attended church and Sunday school regularly. She was a shining example; she never complained about things and never spoke evil of anyone. We all enjoyed her excellent reading in Sunday School. Of her it could be said, she practiced the true religion, as is found in the following poem.

At home it is kindness
In business it is honesty
In society it is courtesy
In work it is thoroughness
Toward the fortunate it is congratulations
Toward the weak it is help
Toward wickedness it is resistance
Toward the penitent it is forgiveness
Toward God it is reverence, love
and obedience.

Bro. Ben Hartzler from Rittman served our congregation Aug. 20. We thank him and all our guests for their visit and fellow-

ship. We pray God's blessings on them all.

GRIDLEY, KANSAS Edna Somerhalder Wilma Young

Oh teach me, Lord, instead of
grieving
And wishing all my burdens moved,
To bear them patiently, perceiving
How thou hast suffered, borne and
loved.
Teach me the art of keeping silent,
That calm, contented I remain.
Crossbearer, Thee, I would resemble;
Oh change to love my bitterest
pain.

Bro. Clarence Yackley spent an evening with us. After many timely warnings, it was suggested, though we forget the entire sermon, please remember these two words . . . patiently endure . . . good advice for us all. Other visiting ministers were Elder Bro. Samuel Anliker, Bro. Roy Wernli and Bro. Samuel Huber, our appreciation to each for sharing God's holy word.

Sunday School will resume as usual the first Sunday in September, after a month's vacation. Our young sisters took "turns" teaching the smaller classes during that time.

Bro. George Dornes, 94 years, was called from this life. He is survived by seven children. Our sympathy is extended to the family; may they be comforted, knowing Bro. George was anxiously awaiting the summons to enter his eternal Home.

Goldie Johnson (mother of Sis. Wilma Young) has returned to the Golden Age Lodge, after spending three weeks in the hospital for observation and treatment. She has shown some improvement. Esther Raaf, daughter of the late Sis. Alice Raaf, spent nine days hospitalized for tests and observation . . . nice seeing her back in church. Chris Bahr is home "taking it easy", after two surgeries and 26 days in the hospital.

PEORIA Emily Tanner Mrs. Michael Weyeneth

We are very happy to have one more dear soul added to our fold. Bro. Steve Joos, son of Charles and Shirley Joos, brought his testimo-

ny of his faith and confessed peace with God and man on Wednesday evening, and was baptized on Sunday Aug. 20.

Sis. Carole Meiss, daughter of Bro. Harold and Sis. Ann Meiss of Hancock, and Bro. Ronald Kellenberger, son of Bro. Eugene and Sis. Velma Kellenberger, were united in marriage Aug. 6. Sis. Patricia Kieser, daughter of Bro. Dave and Sis. Ruth Kieser, and Bro. David W. Meister III were united in marriage on Aug. 13. Sis. Sandra Pfaffmann, daughter of Ernest and Ida Pfaffmann, and Bro. Kenneth Fehr, son of Bro. Ernest and Mary Fehr were united in marriage Aug. 27. Certainly wish God's richest blessings on all three of our newly-married couples, and hope the girls feel at home in their new church homes.

The Lord has been very good to us in Peoria, and we were very thankful when we heard the good news that Bro. Leroy Hartman has regained sufficient health and is able and willing to minister God's word again to us. We also enjoyed visiting ministers, Bros. Eli Somerhalder, Walter Anliker, Joe and Hartzell Kaisner, Albert Scheitlin, Irvin Stoller, Norman Stoller, Richard Shupbach, Vernon Leman and Harry Sutter. May God bless all these loved ones and their families for their labors of love.

Bro. Michael Weyeneth has not been feeling so well lately; we miss him on the pulpit. Also wish to remember the following loved ones, who are in failing health, in our prayers: Sisters Edith Benz, Marie Belsley, Alice Gray and Hilda Baer.

Funeral services were held at Wilton Mortuary for Mrs. Salome M. Smith, Aug. 22. Bro. Roy Sauder officiated. A Peoria resident 60 years, she was born at Speer in 1888, a daughter of Edward J. and Julia Herboldt Streitmatter. She married William C. Smith in Peoria in 1906. Surviving are her husband, one son, and three daughters; two sisters, Mrs. Elizabeth Stoller and Mrs. Lydia Stisser, both of Princeville; and two brothers.

Bro. Ken and Sis. Sherri Sauder, who live in Washington, Illinois, have been going to the A. C. Home on Sunday mornings and providing a ride for some of the ladies to our church services. As they have a two-door small car, Bro.

Ken decided he would check into the possibility of renting a larger car on Sundays, one with four doors, and make it more convenient accommodations for the ladies. At first inquiry Ken made, he explained what he needed, and wanted to know the cost; the offer the dealer made to Ken was readily accepted! The John Bearce Ford dealer in Washington offered him a four-door air conditioned car free of charge on Sundays. When Ken later clocked the mileage, he informed the dealer that he was putting 50 miles on the car every Sunday. The dealer still insisted that he was glad to let him use the car for that purpose. Wonderful, isn't it!

PRINCEVILLE Ruth Ricketts

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings . . ." We were showered with many rich blessings. Bro. Hartzell Kaisner of Detroit and Bro. LeRoy Huber spent a Sunday with us. Sis. Mary Ehnle Kaisner and Sis. Clara Stoller Huber lived in our community and worshipped with us, and we are always glad when they come again. Sis. Julia Ehnle, who lives in the Eureka home, was here, and she too used to worship with us. A pleading invitation was sent out to the friends to repent. We should purge ourselves from all impurities, so when our days are ended we may have a home in Heaven. When death comes with his sickle to gather the ripened grain, the tares are also gathered, and where will you spend eternity?

This same Sunday, three older couples from a neighboring town came to worship with us, and remained after lunch during the fellowship hour. They told how they were impressed with our services, were amazed at the love and friendliness of everyone toward them and to each other, and said they had a desire to come again. May the true spirit of worship be preserved so that others may see we are a separate people.

On the morning of Aug. 13, the engagement of Bro. Steve Stoller, son of Bro. LeRoy and Sis. Clara Huber of Eureka, and Sis. Anna Marie Baer, daughter of Otto and Eleanor Baer, was made known to the congregation.

Many visitors from various congregations were with us on Aug. 13 to witness the wedding of Bro. David Meister III and Sis. Patricia Kieser. Bro. Roy Sauder of Peoria assisted Bro. Kieser, who performed the sacred ceremony uniting these two souls. Following a wedding trip to Hawaii, the young couple are at home in Peoria.

A daughter, Kara Lynn, has brought much joy to her new parents, Bro. Mike and Sis. Sharon Menold, born Aug. 14. Bro. Leonard and Sis. Marie Menold and Mr. and Mrs. Smith of Peoria are happy grandparents. Great-grandparents are Bro. Silas and Sis. Mary Leuthold.

One Wednesday evening, Bro. Albert Kaisner of Altadena worshipped with us. They were visiting relatives while enroute to the conference in Gridley. This evening, Bro. Kenneth Dietz and Bro. James Ringger of Bradford shared in the ministry. Bro. Kenneth brought out how many trials the children of Israel had to bear. King Pharaoh didn't give them the necessary resources they needed for their tasks, but only laid heavier burdens on them until they could finally be delivered. Not so with us—we have a merciful God who supplies the necessary resources if we but ask. Bro. Dave had been to visit Bro. Will Huber, who requested the congregation sing No. 220 in the *Zion's Harp*, which we did at the end of the service. I'm sure this song of "Boundless Mercy" had deep meaning for us all as we sang it together. Will is again at home, and although very weak is able to be up most of the time, and can care for himself, for which he is very grateful. He had spent several weeks in the hospital following a stroke, and we are glad he is slowly improving. Sis. Ida has been able to leave her bed more of late and has been sitting in her chair quite a lot of time.

We had several visitors, while on their way to attend the conference in Gridley, and had Thursday evening services with Bros. LeRoy Massner of Winthrop, John Dapper of Maywood, and Harvey Grimm of Bern as guest ministers. Bro. LeRoy reminded us that we should put on the whole armor of God. All who sit under the sound of the gospel have a part, from the greatest to the very least sitting in the farthest corner of the

church, just as every nail, board and brick has a place in the building where we worship.

The last week-end in August held countless blessings. Many gathered on Saturday evening, when four young men brought their testimonies of a new-found faith before a large group of believers. They are: Steven Streitmatter, son of Bro. Burton and Sis. Martha, whose grandmother, Sis. Frieda Streitmatter of the Eureka Home was able to be present for his baptism; Ralph and Jerry Endress, sons of Sis. Mildred and the late Bro. Levi, and their grandmother, Sis. Lydia Feucht, was present for their baptisms; and Kurt Ehnle, son of Bro. David and Sis. Beulah, and his grandparents, Bro. and Sis. Phillip Moser of Gridley were present for the provings and baptisms. We were very thankful to have our Elder Bros. Rudolph Graf of Akron and John Bahler of Rockville lend themselves to be used in His service and assist Dave and Silas. Many were present on Sunday to witness the baptisms of these new redeemed souls. How precious it is we can meet and greet one another in the Lord's name from so many different places. Bro. John Dapper and his wife came from the West Coast and Bro. John Bahler and wife from the East Coast were worshipping with us.

". . . be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord. . ." Bro. Chuck Schafer has been inducted into the service, and has already had his faith severely tried. He was sent to Ft. Polk, La. for processing, and when his group was sent to Texas, he and another C.O. were held back. Here they were kept for several days, being sent out on the field to drill, clean barracks, shine shoes etc., and when they asked why they were compelled to do these things, were told they were to prove their faith, if they really stood for the things they professed. Finally Bro. Chuck, trembling, was permitted to speak to a higher officer and got the matter taken care of, and he and the other young man were sent to Texas by bus. He had proved his faith, and we trust it will go with him and help strengthen him in any trial he may be faced with. Let us never forget to remember the servicemen in our prayers. Chuck

is the only one from our congregation in the service. His address is: Pvt. Fred C. Schafer 327-44-1984, MBTHQTUSA Med TC Class 5 B, Ft. Sam Houston Texas 78234. Bro. Chuck is the son of Bro. Fred and Sis. Esther Schafer.

Our sympathy is extended to Bro. John and Sis. Shirley Leuthold and family in the death of Shirley's father, Bro. John Schumacher of Eureka.

Bro. Walter and Sis. Doris Christ's little daughter, Melinda had surgery, has recovered nicely, and again the little curly-headed blonde is able to come to church.

Lonnie Terrell, who has spent the summer with Bro. Robert and Sis. Nancy Wieland, has returned to the Dessie Scott Home, where he will finish his schooling. Connie Gayhart, who has lived at the Dessie Scott Home, came and is making her home at present with Bro. John and Sis. Elizabeth Wieland. We trust she will get acquainted while here and also find employment in the future. We welcome her and hope she will enjoy being with us.

**RITTMAN
Florence Hartzler**

O Thou of little faith
God hath not failed thee yet!
When all looks dark and gloomy
Thou dost so soon forget.

Forget that He has led thee
And gently cleared thy way,
On clouds has poured His sunshine
And turned thy night to day.

And if He's helped thee hitherto,
He will not fail thee now;
How it must wound His loving heart
To see thy anxious brow!

Oh doubt not any longer;
To Him commit thy way,
Whom in the past thou trusted,
And is just the same today.

The Sunday School was privileged to have Bro. Merrill Laukhuf speak to them. We also enjoyed many good and precious teachings throughout the day, as the word of God was delivered to us by His servant. We want to thank Bro. Merrill for his love in bringing us this good word.

"Blessed is every one that fear-

eth the LORD; that walketh in his ways. For thou shalt eat the labour of thine hands; happy shalt thou be, and it shall be well with thee."

Bro. Ken and Sis. Linda Indermuhle and son Dana have moved to Sardis, where they will be attending church. They will be missed in our gatherings, but we know they will be very welcome in the small congregation there. We pray the Lord will bless them in their new home.

"Make me to go in the path of thy commandments; for therein do I delight."

The wedding of Jean Rupp and Barry Smithberger was performed by Bro. Noah Bauman on Sat., Aug. 12, with a reception following at the Fellowship Hall. Jean's parents are Kenneth and Lillian Rupp. We wish for them many rich blessings in their married life.

Love "Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things." Love "never faileth. . . ."

We are glad to report, Sis. Arlene and Gladys Ramsier have recovered from surgery; Bro. Noah Hilty has improved following eye surgery . . . and Sis. Jenny Bauman is feeling better, too, following a few days in the hospital. Our aged Bro. John Bauman has been admitted to the hospital, due to sudden illness. Bro. John and Sis. Lydia Hassig are home again, after spending the past few weeks in Ft. Wayne.

"In the day when I cried thou answeredst me, and strengthenedst me with strength in my soul."

Is the time coming closer for our Lord's second coming? How will you react if you see some of the following taking place:

O the market place is empty, no more traffic in the street;
All the builders' tools are silent, no more time to harvest wheat;
Busy housewives cease their labor, in the court room no debate.
Work on earth has been suspended, as the King comes through the gate!

O the King is coming, the King is coming!

I can hear the chariots rumble, and soon His face I'll see.

O the King is coming, the King is

coming!
Praise God, He's coming for me!

**SILVERTON
Judith Knecht**

Confession

Lord, here I humbly do confess,
And that with much regret
That I often hear Thy word
And straightway then forget
That hearing in itself won't do.
'Tis action that you want.
To just agree and say Amen
With Thee will never count.

Ah no, the question I must face
Is not how much I know—
How well the scripture I recite
But rather—how I grow
In love, in patience and in deeds,
A life that pleases Thee,
And recognized all the needs
On every hand I see.

Another summer is soon past, and school is starting. Bro. Jim and Sis. Jean Rinckenburger and son, Lincoln, have departed for their home in Chicago, as Bro. Jim is a school teacher. We will miss these loved ones, but are thankful for the hours of fellowship we have spent together. Sis. Jean's parents, Bro. Alvin and Sis. Helen Gerber from Bluffton joined them on their trip.

We thank the Lord for again having blessed our little church with many visitors from far and near. We can truly feel the love of God flowing from heart to heart.

TREMONT

Lydia Rassi—Mary Jane Leuthold

We had the privilege of having the Bible class from Elgin, Ill. visit our congregation. The thought of some of the words of the song "The Sunday School" entered my heart. "The Sunday School is our delight; we love it more and more . . . In youthful years with tender hearts, to hear the Master's words." We pray that this feeling would be in our youth's hearts, and that they would cherish this privilege of being able to assemble together in a church where the truth is proclaimed and practiced.

Bro. Fred Endress Sr. was called to his eternal home this past month. His earthly afflictions are over, and to his children, Fred and Carl of Tremont, and Sophia Stein-

bach, who resides in Germany, we pray that our Saviour will shield and comfort you, and grant unto you also a peaceful and righteous heart, that some day you might all meet again in those mansions above.

We extend our sympathy to Friend Joe Brandt and his children in the loss of his wife and their mother, Elizabeth. She fell at her home and passed away shortly thereafter. Might the comforting hand of our Lord and Saviour be your support.

Aug. 18 was the wedding of our friends, Susan Austin and Gary Ward. We extend unto them our sincere wishes for a happy marriage. She is the daughter of the Byrl Austins of Tremont, and he is the son of the Robert Wards of East Peoria.

We want to thank our Lord and Saviour for so abundantly blessing us with visitors and ministers. One can feel just in a small way how wonderful heaven must be. We thank brothers, Dennis Woerner, Lester; Delbert Indermuhle, Sardis; Dale Moore, Elgin, Ia.; Ben Maibach, Detroit; and Steve Rinkenberger, Cissna Park, for their timely warnings and truthful messages. It was brought out that so many times we have good intentions of doing this or that, but how easy these intentions can be wiped away by some evil; and it was noted that the streets of hell are paved with the good intentions of the dead, that were failed to be exercised. We must try harder to fulfill the Spirit's prompting to good deeds and works of love, but we will need the help and grace of our Lord and Saviour, for only He can keep us on the good path.

Sis. Nettie Riggs was hospitalized, but is now home again. Might she look above for each day's faith and strength.

We extend our sympathy to Sis. Betty (Les) Schweigert in the loss of her father, Bro. Chris Huette of Fairbury. The words come to mind of, "Many are the partings on earth below; dear ones must say goodbye, But a glad reunion we then shall know In that blessed country where we cannot die."

We extend our sympathy to the Vernon Aberle family of Lehi, Utah, in the sudden loss of their son, Vernon. Vernon is the son of our sister, Lena Aberle.

WICHITA

Glenis Allenbach

Responsibility, that's a "big" word. To us believers it has a "big" meaning. The dictionary gives one of its meanings as obligation. We certainly have "big" obligations as Christians. To elaborate further, the dictionary gives the following definitions for responsible: involving duties, accountable, trustworthy, dependable.

I would say the editor of the following article felt his responsibility of the book he published. It is rare today to find such concern. How wonderful it would be if publishers could take this view. Needless to say, many books and articles would not be published. I like to search old books and writings; it seems to me the world was less evil then. The following was published in 1883, in the front of a book called **Sunshine at Home**.

Our lives receive coloring from everything with which we come in contact. As some colors fade, while others are enduring, so with the influences which affect us. . . . As has been said, "The written words, the unspoken thoughts that we have admitted to the shrine of our minds, are there forever." How important then, that our reading be of a nature which shall develop our noblest powers, tending to lift us above the fitful, unworthy pleasures of this world and to fit us for a home in heaven!

With this aim in view,—of helping to elevate the thoughts and motives, and to cultivate a taste for that which will feast the soul and give eternal good, the editor has sought to make this little volume an aid in forming a true and noble character. Such thoughts have been carefully selected, as would either directly or indirectly, teach some good life lessons.

May the blessing of our Father in Heaven, and the sunshine of His presence attend this little work wherever it shall go.

How many books and magazines today fall into this category?

Several in our congregation have traveled this summer, on vacations, to weddings, to visit loved ones, to visit other congregations and enjoy fellowship and return home safely. God has been good to us!

WOLCOTT

Marjean Lehman — Arles Kropf

We have had many blessings—one which was the gathering together of many brethren from various places for the Ft. Sam reunion, hosted by Remington and Wolcott on Aug. 5 and 6. Bros. Roy Grimm of Taylor and Marvin Stieglitz of Leo shared in the ministry in both churches on Sunday, along with many who stayed over. Supper was served to all visitors at our church on Sunday. It was a real blessing to entertain those in our homes we had never met before, but could truly feel the **tie that binds**, and was a foretaste of what we all look forward to when the saints will meet from the four corners at that sweet reunion in Heaven.

Another blessing was to gather early on Sunday morning Aug. 20 to hear the testimony of Diane (Lehman) Hopkins, when she related to us of her decision to finally seek the Lord, after her dear deceased husband, Kenney had in his simple way expressed his desire to make a change in his life. In the afternoon, we were privileged to witness her baptism and greet her as our dear sister. Bros. Al Fisher of Chicago and Wendell Gudeman of Francesville also shared with us the Bread of Life on this day.

Jeff Blume has completed his basic training in the Marines, enjoyed furlough with home folks, and has now gone to his new duty station. Our prayers go with him.

Bro. Delbert Indermuhle of Sardis spent the day with us Aug. 27, bringing us teachings from the word. We indeed thank all these visiting brothers who found it worthwhile to share with us.

Little Melissa Jean was born to Bro. Irvin and Sis. Shirley Furrer on Aug. 28. Grandparents are Bro. Elmer and Sis. Emily Anliker of Francesville and Sis. Emma Furrer of here. May the Lord bless this family.

Along with all our joys, there comes a note of sadness, due to the illness of our dear Sis. Irene Lehman. Let us remember,

If a single fervent prayer,
Of a soul prevailing
On the tender heart of God
Brings its fruits unailing,
How much more Is in store

When whole congregations
Bring their supplications?

May we all remember her in our
prayers.

In memory of Marcille Furrer, of
her death Aug. 29, 1971.

The one we loved was called away,
One year has passed since that sad
day.

We never knew that death was
near.

The call was sudden, the shock se-
vere.

Any those who have lost can tell
The pain of passing without fare-
well.

While you sleep a peaceful sleep,
Your memory we shall always
keep.

Sadly missed by the families.

PHOENIX Mrs. Allan Freed

"Vacation time" is over for our
children and young folks, and they
will be resuming their education,
some attending college and per-
haps leaving the family home for
the first time. Our prayer is that
they will not forget the teachings
of their parents and church, and al-
though they may gain knowledge,
true wisdom comes from above.
"The fear of the LORD is the be-
ginning of wisdom . . ."

Laurie Wirtz has returned to
our area, after spending the sum-
mer with her family in West Bend.
She has accepted a teaching posi-
tion in Kearny, Az., which is about
an hour's drive from Phoenix, so
we hope to see her often.

Bro. Bill Sanders was hospital-
ized a few days from injuries he
received in an automobile accident.
Bro. Earl, his father, was also in
the car, but was fortunate to es-
cape injury. Their guardian an-
gel was surely with them, as their
car was damaged beyond repair.

Wayne Schrenk has completed
his pharmacy internship and has
accepted a position at Mesa South-
side Hospital. He and his wife,
Sis. Alana, have moved to a new
address: 1415 E. Apache Blvd.,
Tempe, Ariz. 85281, Apt. 215.

Herb Mohrman was dismissed
Aug. 29, after being hospitalized
a week in Tucson for tests and ob-
servation.

The hours are long for those who
are shut-in. Bro. Ernie Elsasser

continues to be confined to his
home, and as the result of recent
strokes is not able to walk. I'm
sure he would appreciate a card or
letter to help brighten his lonely
hours. Their address is: 1008 E.
Cinnabar Ave., Phoenix Az. 85020.

Bro. Joe Heinold celebrated his
87th birthday on Aug. 13. He was
surprised in the evening by a
group of well-wishers from our
congregation. A blessed evening of
singing and fellowship was enjoyed
by all present.

Steve Roth, son of Bro. Harry
and Rachel, left for service with
the Marine Corps. His address is
Pvt. Glenn S. Roth 324408492, Plt.
2098 MCRD, San Diego Calif.
92140.

SHIODA Eiko Nozawa

We were visited by Bro. Richard
and Sis. Lyla Schock, who spent
half a month in Japan with their
daughter, Sis. Sue Schock, who is
here for teaching.

Bro. Roy and Sis. Helen Lugin-
buhl were another visitors we had.
They were on their way, travelling
many countries. We are sorry for
not having a chance of fellowship
with them in Shioda on Sunday.

Bro. Leonard Hitz were also
with us on the last Sunday of Au-
gust. It is really a blessing to see
brothers and sisters in Christ
whom we cannot see so often.

LAMAR Mrs. Charles Marti Mrs. Arthur Banwart

It is a joy to report that Sis.
Olive Marti was again able to as-
semble with us, after several
weeks of confinement in her home.
Also, Virginia Frieden Parkison
has been convalescing at home and
is hoping to start working part-
time again soon. Surely we can
thank God for the healing of our
dear ones . . . as Virginia com-
mented while yet in the hospital,
she was grateful for the many
good doctors, but the good Lord is
the one she could thank for her
improved health.

Sam Baker has been hospital-
ized for some time in Fayetteville,
Arkansas. Sis. Betty reports he is
feeling much better and feels he
will soon be able to undergo the
surgery that is awaiting him. Jack
Thiebaud is a hospital patient, suf-
fering with broken ribs and collar
bone, following a fall on his farm.

We enjoyed having Terry Frie-
den, son of Miriam Frieden assem-
ble with us, and are happy he has
decided to move to Pittsburg, Kan-
sas, where he is employed.

As we gathered for our monthly
song service, we were privileged
to have visiting ministers in our
midst, and after a few hymns, we
could sit and hear God's word
brought to us again so clearly. We
want to welcome Bros. Sam Hu-
ber, Wayne Miller, Raymond Ban-
wart and their families back soon.
This truly was one of those pre-
cious moments which we can en-
joy here on earth, and hope some
day to have eternally.

CHICAGO

We are thankful for the bless-
ings received during the visits of
the following ministering broth-
ers: Al Schneider and Ernest Lu-
ginbuhl (Rockville), Robert Mil-
ler (Portland), John Steiner (Oak-
ville) and Kenneth Schneider
(Remington).

We are happy to welcome sever-
al newcomers to our congregation:
Bro. Perry and Sis. Carol Klopfen-
stein, Sis. Linda Mangold and Sis.
Susie Stoller. We will miss Bro.
Ed and Sis. Connie Frautschi and
family, who have moved to the Los
Angeles area, and also Sis. Elsie
Beer, a long-time resident of Chi-
cago, who has returned to Roanoke.

Ross Meyer, son of Bro. Lenard
and Sis. Charlotte, was hospital-
ized for surgery and is feeling fine
again.

Cindy, daughter of Dwight and
Alice McConnell, has entered the
University of Illinois at Urbana.

John and Penny France have
named their infant son Andrew
Ethan.

Dedication services for our new
church are scheduled for Oct. 22.

CISSNA PARK Mary Young — Margaret Rudin

As school has started, we have
been reminded of the danger, and
the warnings have been sounded
for the students that go to schools
of higher learning. Likewise, many
are still in high school, and many
are teaching, so there are duties
for the teachers too. Human life
and human personality call for the
attitude of reverence. Mutual re-
spect and friendship constitute the
highest form of relationship be-
tween the student and teacher. The
Christian teacher is tolerant, pa-

tient, and understanding. The goal of education is the full development of the whole man, according to his potentialities, in harmony with the will of God. A Christian teacher is a disciple of Jesus Christ. Disciple means learner, so that the Christian teacher never loses his position as seeker after truth, endeavoring in his seeking to embody the spirit of Christ.

Our visiting ministers were Bros. Richard Sutter and Dale Eisenmann. We thank them for coming and sharing the word with us. We always appreciate visitors.

Bro. Joe Hofbauer was a hospital patient, having had surgery. He is again home and getting along fine. Mark, son of Bro. Fred and Sis. Joan Waldbeser, was a hospital patient; he had a tonsillectomy. My mother, Sis. Anna Rudin, is also hospitalized as a medical patient.

Bro. Jay and Sis. Peggy Rinkenberger are the parents of a baby girl, Jill Renee, born Aug. 28. Bro. Bob and Sis. Elna Grimm and Bro. Joe and Sis. Irene Rinkenberger are the grandparents.

DETROIT
Bonnie Popp

Scripture

A bright little boy once took the Bible from the center-table of his father's home and turned its dusty pages and said: "Mother, is this God's Book?" "Certainly," was the good mother's reply. "I think we had better send it back to God, for we don't use it here," said the little fellow. This is a fair picture of many a home and the way the Bible is treated.

He has revealed to us words of truth and grace, and like David, we should meditate upon His word by day and by night. The Scriptures are sufficient to make us wise unto salvation.

The Bible as a book stands alone. There never was, nor ever will be another like it. As there is but one sun to enlighten the world naturally, so there is but one Book to enlighten the world spiritually. May that Book become to each of us the man of our counsel, the guide of our journey, the inspiration of our thought, and our support and comfort in life and in death.

We are grateful to Bro. Bob Grimm for his visit and for ministering unto us this true word. Our mid-week service is special in its own way; but when we have a visiting minister, truly our cup is filled to overflowing.

It was a privilege to have Bro. Willis Ehnle visit us once more before making the long journey to his home in Japan. Bro. Willis reminded us to be joyful at all times. Our prayers go with this family on their journey homeward and on the winding path of their life abroad . . . and as we may be far apart, yet will prayer bind us close in heart.

Then onward, sister, brother;
Let us go hand in hand.
With Joy in one another,
In this bewildered land.
Oh let us childlike be;
Let here no strife divide us!
The angels walk beside us,
God's children, they and we.

A special week-end . . . when visitors from Francesville, La Crosse, and Remington shared in fellowship with us.

In visiting the convalescent home, we all felt a humbling experience in singing unto the Lord. Perhaps we were able to brighten the corner in the lives of those less fortunate than most of us.

ELGIN, ILLINOIS
Louise Steffen—Katie Kachelmuss

Come, for the feast is spread; hark
to the call.
Come to the Living Bread, broken
for all—

And the feast was spread, and is always spread whenever we assemble in God's name. Our guest ministers were Bros. James Ramseyer of Bay City, Robert Pohl of Burlington, and as was mentioned at the beginning of a service, one from the East Coast and the other from the West Coast, Bros. Norbert Steiner of Croghan and Robert Miller of Portland. May God bless all His servants for their untiring efforts in the labor in His vineyard.

We are also grateful for the brothers who came to teach our Vacation Bible School, Bros. Robert Grimm, Arthur Gudeman, Uriel Gehring and Robert Pohl.

Sis. Minnie Goll passed away at

the age of 79 years, after a lingering illness.

Sis. Ernestine (Joel) Gudeman, 449 Addison St., Elgin Ill. has been hospitalized and is back home with her loved one. Sis. Libbie Fehrman, 971 S. Liberty St., Elgin Ill. 60120, also has been absent from our assemblies for several times due to illness. Bro. (Dr.) Jerry Cargill has undergone back surgery. His address is 944 Marlene, Elgin 60120.

Thomas, son of Bro. John and Sis. Elizabeth Wuethrich Schambach, R. 3 Box 105, Elgin Ill. 60120 has entered the service, and his address is Pvt. Thomas L. Schambach 328-408380, MBT HQ TUS AM EDCT, Class 5, Ft. Sam Houston Texas 78234.

FAIRBURY
Joyce Huber

Sis. Kathleen Steffen and Bro. Cleve Klopfenstein were united in holy matrimony Sun., Aug. 13 by Bro. Josh Broquard. Bro. Ed Ringger and Bro. Ed Bahler also brought us inspiring messages that day. Sis. Kathleen is the daughter of Bro. Ben and Sis. Nina (Bahler) Steffen, and Bro. Cleve is the son of Bro. and Sis. Ralph Klopfenstein. After their southern wedding trip, the newlyweds are at home at 1128 E. Richwood Blvd., Peoria. We wish for them God's blessings as they together walk with the Lord.

Sis. Lavina and Sis. Viola Moser and Sis. Mary Beth Maurer, along with Sis. Rachel Bauman, returned safely and joyfully from a trip abroad, having taken a two-week vacation trip to Europe.

We wish to thank all the brethren who ministered to us and worshipped with us during the time of the conference at Gridley. We greatly enjoyed having each one that did stop in at Fairbury.

It was on Friday afternoon, Aug. 25, when a dear husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, Bro. Chris Huetter Sr., slipped quietly away during a nap, to his sweet rest after many years of failing health. He will be greatly missed by his wife, Sis. Anna Neukomm; six sons, Lyle, Marvin, Arthur, Chris Jr., Herbert, John; and one daughter, Mrs. Leslie Schweigert, Tremont. He also had one sister, and one brother, Emma and Ben. The entire family deeply appreciates all the kind acts of

sympathy and other expressions of help during their sorrow. They shall long be remembered.

Sis. Elsie Denick wishes to thank each one for all the nice cards and gifts received at the Fairbury and Peoria hospitals.

FORREST

**Juanita Schneider
Eleanor Honegger**

We were privileged to have several ministers, some enroute to the conference at Gridley, some on the way home, and some visiting to renew and strengthen our precious faith. Among these brothers were Steve Rinckenberger, Hartzell Kaisner, Aaron Steffen, Robert Beer, Ben Stavenik, Kenneth Schneider, Dale Eisenmann, Paul Butikofer, Merrill Laukhuf, Vernon Schwab, Roy Wernli, Dale Moore, Kenneth Sauder, Phil Wingeier, Josh Broquard, Merle Kaisner, Art Bahler, Edmund Kloter and Walter Koehl. We are on the battlefield for our Lord; the banner of OBEDIENCE is waving clearly. Noah obeyed God when all was warned of the flood. What will we choose—**Spiritual bankruptcy or Life eternal?**

Ministering Bro. Ernie Gerber is a patient at Fairbury Hospital, following surgery. Bro. Alpha Geyer remains a patient there, following a fall in which he received a broken leg. Sis. Betty Bauman was a patient at a Bloomington hospital, but is at home again.

Sis. Neola Nussbaum has been confined to her home, since a car accident on the way home from Bay City in which she received leg injuries. Bro. Byron, Dana and Kim were not injured, although their car was badly damaged.

Bro. Bill and Sis. Mary Masters are the happy parents of Richard Lee, Ronnie, Lisa, Aaron, and Cory welcomed little Richard home, but in a few days he had to be taken to a Champaign hospital. He is doing fine now and should be home soon.

FT. LAUDERDALE

Henry H. Schwartz

The Lauderdale congregation was favored with the guest minister Bro. Floyd Wieland from Detroit on Aug. 27. Our heartfelt thanks to them and all who extend their effort and time to serve us.

Dania Marie Schwartz was admitted to the Plantation Hospital,

where she underwent surgery and is slowly recovering. We hope she can be out soon.

FT SCOTT Ida Sinn

On Aug. 13, Bro. Donald and Sis. Aleta Farney were united in holy marriage. Don is the son of Bro. Raymond and Sis. Kathryn Banwart from here. Aleta is the daughter of Bro. Huber and Sis. Helen Farney of Kiowa. We welcome Aleta to our congregation. They are at home at 1230 South Judson Street, Ft. Scott.

Our friend, Everett Beyer has turned to the Lord in repentance. He has been assembling with us, as he is attending college in Kansas City. May the Lord provide the needed strength and blessings that he may continue in his endeavor.

Bro. Jacob Pfister remains about the same. This is his eleventh week in the hospital. Although his pain and affliction is severe at times, he still praises the Lord.

Our visiting ministers were Bros. Carl Hartman and Sam Huber.

GOODFIELD Elna Grimm

Oftentimes I think I hear his footsteps . . .

Oftentimes I think I hear him call . . .

But then I look about, and remember . . .

'Tis but a dream . . . he isn't here at all.

Somewhere beyond that beautiful horizon.

Somewhere beyond this lofty wall of time.

I know he's safe and in the arms of Jesus,

Resting in eternity sublime.

How I wish that I could be there with him,

Walking with the Saviour over there . . .

What a day, when we will see Him coming,

Oh what joy to meet Him in the air!

Yes dear Lord, I'll wait a little longer . . .

'Pray Thee, walk beside me every day,

For with you, I know that I can conquer
All the fears and pitfalls 'long the way.

Take the empty chair across the table . . .

Fill it with your presence, Lord, today.

Take the empty house, the empty pillow . . .

And fill them with your love, dear Lord, I pray.

(Dedicated to Sis. Hilda Bauman, in the loss of her husband, Irvin.)

Bro. Irvin Bauman, age 59, of R. R. Eureka passed away on Aug. 5 at the Eureka Hospital, where he was a patient for less than two days. His death was a real shock to our entire community, as he was seldom ever ill. Surviving are his wife, Sis. Hilda Rechkemmer Bauman; a son, Donald Bauman of R. R. Roanoke; a daughter, Mrs. Joyce Baskovic of Galva; two brothers and one sister (Bros. Louis and Elmer Bauman and Sis. Florence Bauman), all of our congregation.

Sis. Phyllis (Howard) Zobrist fell in her home, broke her wrist, and is now recuperating with her arm in a cast.

Bro. and Sis. Howard and Phyllis Zobrist of Goodfield announced the engagement of their daughter, Sis. Judy, to Bro. Stan Knapp, son of Bro. and Sis. Willis and Bernice of Congerville. They are planning an October wedding.

On Sat., Aug. 12 and Sun., Aug. 13 respectively, Cheryl Wiegand, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Simon and Mary Ellen, and Roy Wiegand, son of Bro. and Sis. Willis and Betty, were proved and baptized. Bro. Roy Sauder was here to assist with the provings. On Sat., Aug. 26 and Sun. Aug. 27 respectively, Ken and Phyllis Rokey were proved and baptized. Ken is the son of Bro. and Sis. John and Ruth Rokey . . . Phyllis is the daughter of Bro. and Sis. Adolph and Esther Tanner. Bro. Gene Bertschi was here to help Bro. Ed with the provings.

We were blessed with many ministering brothers, and wish to sincerely thank each one for his message to us. Those who visited us were Bros. Chas. Sauder, Tremont; Vernon Schwab, Wolcott; Richard Schupbach and Clarence Yackley,

Phoenix; Gene Metzger, Lester; Eli Somerhalder, Burlington, Okla.; and Frederick Knapp, Congerville (plus the two elders whom I mentioned above).

A baby girl, Heather Ann, was born to Bro. and Sis. Sam and Pat Plattner on Aug. 8. Grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Harold and Gerry Plattner of Goodfield and Bro. and Sis. Ben and Audrey Ehnle of Bradford. Sis. Pat is staying with her parents while Bro. Sam is in the service. He is serving in Viet Nam.

A baby boy, Nathan Craig, was born to Loren and Elise Joos of R. R. Deer Creek on Aug. 24. Grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Bill and Clem Joos, R. R. Deer Creek, and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Brunner of Tremont.

LAMONT Betty Wernli

Sisters Dena Sauder and Clara Ott have been hospital patients, but have been released and are improving nicely.

Sisters Leah and Dena Fechter have moved to Sabetha, in an apartment near the Sabetha Home. We surely miss them in our assembly, but wish them God's richest blessings in the days ahead.

Bro. George Lambert of Wichita ministered unto us one Sunday, and his efforts were certainly appreciated. May the Lord ever direct the hearts and minds of those who so humbly speak His word.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Redding of Madison are the parents of a baby girl, Sherry Ann. Sis. Mary Isch is the maternal grandmother.

LATTY Connie Stoller — LeAnn Laukhuf

On Aug. 12-13 we were privileged to hear the testimony of faith and witness the baptism of Carl Laukhuf. It is so uplifting to recognize that God alone can bring the heart to sincere repentance.

Bro. Gus and Sis. Leann Schlatter are the parents of a boy, Vincent Edward. One brother welcomes him home. May God bless them.

Best wishes to Paul Grant (Bro. Tom and Sis. Delores) and Charlotte Jones (of Payne, Ohio) who were married. We wish them a life of happiness together.

The engagement of Jim Stoller to Tam Utterback was announced. Jim is the son of Bro. Louis and

Sis. Mildred, and Tam is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Utterback of Paulding, Ohio. A Jan. 20 wedding is planned.

On Aug. 20 we are happy to have Ministering Bros. Gary Maibach from Rittman and Delbert Indermuhle from Sardis with us, together with visitors from Roanoke, Cissna, and Peoria. Thanks to all who helped to make this a wonderful week-end. The Latty young group enjoyed the Aug. 19-20 week-end spent in Princeville.

Sis. Annie Stoller was hospitalized for major surgery, and we wish her a fast and full recovery.

Address: Sp4 Mark Stoller 293 44 2780, US Army Hospital Saigon, APO San Francisco 96309.

LESTER Alice Metzger

As schools resume their classes, our hearts go out to students of all ages, and our prayers go with them. Even our first grader has days which almost overwhelm him, and I am glad I'm there to listen and to comfort. There is one above who will listen and comfort when we can no longer tell our parents all that is in our hearts. Let Him be our guiding light.

Elder Bro. Gene Marti, Sabetha, and Bro. Alpha Strahm, Bern, were among the visitors here for the wedding of Sis. Paulette Meyer and Bro. Norman Zaugg. Bro. Gene conducted the impressive service which united them in marriage. We will miss Paulette, as she is moving to West Bend. We welcome the new bride of Steve Knobloch (Rose Ann Wenger, Sabetha) into our midst, as their wedding was the previous Sunday.

Kent Mogler, son of Bro. Howard and Sis. Lolly, was hospitalized, after falling from a roof on which he was working. As the young so often do, he recovered quickly. Bro. Lawrence Wulf suffered a severely fractured leg, when he fell from a hay mow while stacking bales. We miss him in church, as he so quietly and efficiently performs the duties of an usher. Joyce Mogler, daughter of Bro. Phil and Sis. Lydia, was hospitalized for tests, but is home and feeling fine again. Sis. Joan Knobloch was hospitalized for a few days, is home again. Sis. Edna Mogler underwent surgery and is doing fine, considering her advancing age. **Note of thanks:** Thanks

to everyone that remembered me with prayers, money, flowers and cards while I was in the hospital and at home. May you be blest for your kind deeds. Edna Mogler.

Sis. Barbara Banwart has moved to Illinois, after living among us for four years while attending college in Sioux Falls. We miss her, but wish her the best in her new home.

Dan Moser is home again, after receiving his discharge from the Navy. He served for four years. Charlie Metzger received his discharge from the National Guard, after six years.

MILFORD Marguerite Hoerr

Bro. Ezra Beer submitted to major surgery. Happily, we can say he is fine again and able to be back in church and about his regular duties at home. We are all grateful.

We will have a vacant seat that will not be filled though. Always among our earliest Sunday morning arrivals at church was Bro. Joe Krauter. We sorrowfully report that he died unexpectedly at his home this past week. He leaves to mourn him six children; a sister, Rose Rock; and a brother, Bert of our congregation. Bro. Joe was a cheerful man, and it was always pure pleasure to greet him each Sunday. We all will miss him.

Bro. Glenn and Sis. Kate Price received a new granddaughter on Aug. 23. Little Marlene Lynn was born to their son, Stan, and his wife, Ginger.

Our family, married, college children, and grandson included, spent a week together at Walloon Lake, Mich. The times we can all be together are becoming rarer, and the following poem expresses one's thoughts on such an occasion.

The cabin's snuggled in the pines;
The day has skies o'ercast.
As light glows soft thru' window
panes
A moment is held fast.

A moment, ne'er to be forgot
Held closely to the heart,
A treasured mem'ry, locked in
thoughts
Of life, one special part.

A moment God made freely mine,
A gift I'm grateful for,

Treasured family together-time,
Now part of mem'ry's store.

While on vacation we visited Mackinac Island and had the pleasure of meeting our good friend and relative, John Emch of Girard, who is employed there. We had a good visit with him and felt the trip there was all the more worthwhile because of our meeting.

I understand his parents were visitors in Milford while we were gone. They came to attend Pat Beer and Russ Mikel's wedding, and Bro. Harold shared the word from the pulpit with our congregation.

Sis. Ida Graff has sold most of her household goods and will be leaving for Ft. Wayne, to live with her sis., Lillian Levy. This winter they plan to spend in Florida. We ask God to bless their plans.

Bro. Tom Speicher's address is: Pvt. Tom A. Speicher 316-60-9336, MBT Hq. USA MTC 3B, Ft. Sam Houston Texas 78234. Sis. Tammy has gone to be with him. Tom's parents, Bro. Lew and Sis. Mim just returned from there. They accompanied Tammy to San Antonio.

MINNEAPOLIS

Alma Baum — Gus Baum

Beautiful crisp autumn days are upon us, when the outdoors becomes a panorama of striking beauty. We marvel at God's handiwork, as we reflect our uncountable blessings, our health to enjoy living, our eyes to observe, our feet to walk, our hands to work, a sound mind and willing heart to serve Him, as well as the hours of valued fellowship we are privileged to enjoy amongst those of our precious faith.

Many thanks to our guest ministers of the passed months, Elder Bro. George Gramm, Bros. Harold Gramm, Nathan Stoller, Harold Messner, Robert Grimm and Robert Miller.

Sis. Sophie Sikarparja's health is progressing. She is still in the convalescing home nearby her daughter and family. We encourage anyone who might be moved to cheer and encourage her, to mail to this address: 2860 16 A Ave. N.W., New Brighton Minnesota.

We pause in sadness as we approach the day when a year ago our dear little grandchild, Annaliese, was taken from us. In mem-

ory of this heartache, we quote the hymn writer.

Sweet little darling, light of the home,
Looking for someone, beckoning come;
Bright as the sunbeam, pure as the dew, Anxiously looking, mother for you.
Looking this way, yes looking this way,
Loved ones are waiting, looking this way;
Fair as the morning, bright as the day,
Dear ones in glory, looking this way.

NEW MARTINSVILLE

Mrs. Gus Weltz Miss Della Witschey

Mrs. Emma Schupbach, widow of the late Edward Schupbach, passed away on Aug. 9, after a lengthy illness. She is survived by one daughter, two sons, four sisters and two brothers. Funeral services and interment took place on Aug. 12.

Miss Della Witschey, Mrs. Elza Ritz, Mrs. Gus Weltz attended services at the Sardis church on Aug. 6.

Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Leman and family of Roanoke visited with friends here on Thursday evening Aug. 24 and visited at the country church; they were enroute home from a two-week vacation to many points of interest, the Great Smoky Mountains, the Shenandoah Valley, etc. They marvelled at the hills in West Virginia and the winding country roads. Come again.

Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Wade spent several days with their son and family in Cleveland in late August, also visited with Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Williams and family in Akron; Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer Lord and family in Girard. Mr. and Mrs. Lord accompanied them home and spent a few hours here.

Miss Elizabeth McGuier of Washington, Pa., attended the Witschey reunion here on Aug. 27 and visited with her aunt, Miss Della Witschey.

Virgil Hassig had a badly infected foot for several days, caused by stepping on a rusty nail, but has improved.

Mrs. Harry Mullett of Doolin Road has not been too well for some time, but able to get around.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Giles and chil-

dren of Alfred, N. Y., visited here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Riggensbach, and Bonnie, during August.

The annual Homecoming of the Limestone School was held on Sunday, Sept. 3 at the school, and was attended by many of the former pupils and teachers. It is always a real visiting day for the former residents and enjoyed, along with a bountiful picnic dinner at noon.

PULASKI

Nancy Musselman Ernestine Wuthrich

We held our church business meeting in August. Bro. William Wuthrich was elected to be our new Sunday School teacher, and Bro. David Wiegand to be substitute. Sis. Wilma Teubel was selected to teach the beginner's class. Our new trustee will be Bro. Joel Wuthrich, and Sis. Ernestine Wuthrich was elected to help with the Silver Lining.

We were richly blessed by the messages brought to us by ministering Bros. Robert Miller of Portland and Carl Kinsinger of Altadena.

The Lord has blessed Bro. Ronald and Sis. Janice Rinkenberger with a new daughter, born Sept. 1. Little Brenda Kay is welcomed home by Anthony and April.

ROANOKE

Norene Herbst Marilyn Weyeneth

We have enjoyed having several visiting ministers with us. They were Bros. Joe Kaisner (Forrest), Hartzell Kaisner (Detroit), George Yergler (LaCrosse), Robert Miller (Portland), John Dapper (Maywood), Richard Schupbach (Phoenix), and Harry Sutter (Ft. Lauderdale).

Leslie and Pam (Rocke) Sauder are the parents of a baby boy, born Aug. 23. He has been named Matthew Curtis. A daughter, Doris Jean, was born to Bro. Wilmer and Sis. Clara (Wilkey) Fischer, Aug. 14.

Bradley, the small son of Bro. Bob and Sis. Janice (Monge) Sauder, underwent surgery Aug. 24 and is reported getting along well. Bro. Ben H. Martin, Sis. Martha (Ben P.) Martin and Sis. Mary Ann (Bill) Klaus were hospitalized this past month.

The marriage of Robert Ott and Marilyn Blunier was solemnized Aug. 12. The parents of the couple

are Bill and Elaine Ott and Bro. Harold and Sis. Emma Blunier. The couple is living in Roanoke.

William Klaus II and Peggy Bowald were united in marriage Aug. 18 and are living in Bloomington. Their parents are Bill and Mary Ann Klaus and Richard and Mar-dell Bowald.

Steven Blunier (son of Bro. Harlow and Sis. Sally Blunier) and Wendy Faucon (daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Art Faucon Jr.) were united in marriage Aug. 19 and are making their home in Eureka.

Bro. Pete Pfister observed his 97th birthday Aug. 25. Until recent months he was able to assemble with us every Sunday.

Bro. Tom and Sis. Kathy Hoffman and daughter have moved from Peoria and are now living in Roanoke.

TAMAHATA

Akito and Marie Inoue

"Which now of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbor unto him that fell among the thieves? And he said, He that shewed mercy on him. Then said Jesus unto him, Go, and do thou likewise."

The above is a conversation between Jesus and a certain lawyer who questioned who his neighbor was. What kind of a neighbor are we to our fellow man? Do we show mercy and help to bind wounds? This was the message spoken through our Bro. Roy Luginbuhl (Rockville) on Aug. 13. We deeply appreciated his ministry, and wish he and his wife, Sis. Helen, a pleasant and safe journey as they continue around the world on behalf of Roy's occupation. We also enjoyed the visit of Sis. Sue Schock's parents, Bro. Richard and Sis. Lila of Elgin, Ill. On this particular Sunday we were late for church, due to a traffic problem. Many people from the city were returning to their hometowns in the country area to celebrate Obon, a Buddhist holiday honoring dead spirits. A similar holiday in the states might be Halloween, as it also is concerned with evil spirits. Bro. Leonard Hitz (Union City) is also spending a short time in Japan. We appreciate the visits of these brethren, and notice their joy and effort to fellowship with those of like faith, even though they are somewhat limited because of language difference.

While we spent the fourth Sun-

day with the Shioda assembly, we were glad Bro. Uchida was willing to visit our church.

The Bro. Willis Ehnle family has just returned from the States, and are telling of the many blessed experiences with relatives and with various assemblies. The children express their joy of attending Sunday School with many children. We appreciate the Christian greetings they brought to us.

TAYLOR

Elizabeth Sutter

We are happy to have Bro. William and Sis. Ruth Cottrell return safely from a vacation trip to Hawaii. This is William's first visit since he was stationed there for over two years during World War II.

The Massner Reunion in Burlington, Iowa, brought us welcome visitors for Sunday services. Among them were Bro. Wayne Miller, Ft. Scott, and Bro. Sam Huber, Sabetha. We heard much of the fulfillment of prophecy from the book of Daniel and the Revelation, a very timely message.

Bro. Clarence Yackley spent Sunday, Aug. 20, with us, as he was on the way to the Brotherhood Conference. The next Sunday, Bro. Roy Farney and many others spent the day with us. We are grateful for their visit and the inspired messages they brought.

Our sympathy is extended to Don and Sis. Janelle Scott in the death of her grandmother.

Cheryl (Hodel) Stratton had the misfortune to break a bone in her foot and has been getting around in a walking cast.

The time is here when the children are back in school or soon will be. Those in college or other schools of learning have also gone back. They are Cindy Hoerr and Sandi Cottrell to Methodist Hospital in Peoria; Becky Hodel to SIU, Carbondale, Ill.; Kent Heimert to MSU, Kirksville, Mo.; and Marcia Sutter to Blessing Hospital School of Nursing.

After a month of vacation, the children will be glad to get back to their Sunday School classes.

Colleen Butikofer and Jerry Westberg were united in marriage on Sept. 2. They are both attending college at Macomb. Colleen is the daughter of Edward and Winona Butikofer and the granddaughter of Sis. Marie Butikofer.

We wish this young couple much happiness in their life together.

TUCSON

Mrs. Loren Knapp

Our hearts were deeply saddened by the death of our beloved Sis. Edith Schrenk, 88. She was called to her heavenly home. She is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Helen Storer, Mrs. Martha Grivet and Miss Frances Schrenk, with whom she was making her home. Five sons also survive, Henry of Tucson; Reuben, Elmer, John and Raymond. A short service was held at the funeral home in Tucson, with final services and burial in Mansfield, her former home. **Note of Thanks:** The family of Sis. Edith Schrenk wish to thank all their friends and brethren for all the cards, letters and acts of kindness extended to them, during the loss of their dear mother.

Let us pray for strength and sufficient grace to live our life in Him, that we may meet in Heaven, where there will be no more parting.

We are glad to have Bro. Loren Schrenk with us again, after returning from Connecticut. He is now attending the new University Medical School and resides with his parents, Bro. Henry and Sis. Ora Schrenk.

Sis. Dorothy Bertsch (wife of Bro. Jay) has been hospitalized for the past few weeks in St. Joseph Hospital. She needs the prayers of all.

Visiting ministers were Bros. Clarence Yackley and Richard Schupbach of Phoenix. We thank them for their efforts.

UNION CITY

Gail Gasser

We were privileged again to share in Holy communion on Aug. 13. Visiting ministers present were Bro. Rudy Graf (Akron), Bro. John Bahler and Bro. Al Schneider (Rockville). We can certainly feel that each one who participated was newly refreshed and uplifted.

We enjoyed the visit of my parents, Bro. Jim and Sis. Vi Barton, and daughters (Detroit) on Aug. 20.

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

WINTHROP

Delores Messerli — Carol Messner

And that ye study to be quiet and to do your own business.

Let us hear and give attention to this important verse in the Bible. Just recently we heard from the pulpit the importance of quiet in our family, and how important for the Christian to heed this teaching.

Our beloved sister in faith, Emma Schmidt, is recovering from major surgery. May our all-seeing God be her comfort and her guide in these twilight years of her life.

We have been blessed this month with many visitors from far and near. Thank the Lord for His precious fellowship. Visitors are always welcome.

Along with the fall start of school, Sunday School has also resumed. The little ones are so anxious to be in their Sunday School classes again. We pray they would always keep this love in their hearts for the hearing of the word of God.

BAY CITY
Carolyn Knochel

Surely the angels in heaven shall rejoice—sometimes such a long time passes with no news of souls turning to the Lord, that one begins to wonder if He has lost patience; and then the glad news comes, and once more we rejoice with the angels that a dear one is repenting. I remember how surprised I was, as a new convert, to see how joyful the members of our congregation, some of whom I felt were almost strangers, greeted me, and how sincerely they cared. It surely is wonderful to have such a family that we'll never have to feel alone!

Visiting ministers were Bro. Homer Reineck of Toledo and Bro. Clarence Kachelmuss of Forrest. We thank the Lord for bringing them to visit us and for their messages of truth.

So many have been concerned about Lee Ruegsegger, son of Bro. Glenn and Sis. Margaret, who was badly injured last winter and has had follow-up surgery, that they have asked to print the good news that he's doing wonderfully and will be starting school soon. Also, they wish to thank all who remembered Lee with cards and gifts. We don't really know until we've experienced it, how warm-

ing and upbuilding these remembrances are, and how great is the power of prayer.

ALTADENA
Marilyn Graf

We have been blessed during the past two months with visits from ministering brothers, Lennie Meyer, Merle Kaisner and Jim Hoerr. We thank them for their visits and invite them to return.

Beverly Dunlap and Gary MacDonald, son of Earle and Sis. Lois (Klotzle) MacDonald, were united in marriage. We wish them God's blessings as they begin their life together.

Bro. Bill Schwarz and Sis. Clara Vintch underwent major surgery. We are happy to report they are recovering nicely, & that Bro. Bill report that Sis. Leah Souder (Hengagain. Bro. Bill and Sis. Naomi Schwarz wish to thank all those who remembered them with cards, gifts, and prayers during Bro. Bill's illness and surgery.

We extend sympathy to Aaron and Ann (Farney) Yaussi at the death of his mother, Mrs. Albert Yaussi.

BREMEN
Karen Feldman

This past Sunday evening we spent visiting shut-ins. How they enjoy our visits, and we also enjoy a blessing.

Sis. Pauline Clauss has been moved from a Warsaw nursing home to the Myer's Nursing Home here in Bremen. I am happy to report that Sis. Leah Souder (Henry) is well enough to be moved.

She has been moved to a two-patient home at 803 West Mill St., Bremen. Visiting hours will be from 2-4 and 7-8 P.M. We would like to limit visitors to 2 or 3 at a time at 20 minute intervals (of course exceptions will be made). The family.

Bro. Lynn Klopfenstein from Alabama visited us and ministered from God's word.

With September here and school starting again, bringing lessons to study for our young people should serve to remind all of us of our need to study diligently in God's word.

CROGHAN-NAUMBURG
Alice Virkler — Eleanor Herzig

What a blessing it is to travel for miles and miles and to be able

to meet and greet loved ones of like mind and faith. Wherever we assemble with our dear ones, it is like we have always known each other, even though we may never have met before. God's love is unchanging in this fast-changing world of today. What a privilege we have to meet and assemble ourselves together under the sound of His word.

William Schneider and Gail Withers were married on June 24 in Burns, Oregon. Bill is the son of Emerson and Betty Schneider, and his grandparents are Bro. Will & Sis. Hazel Schneider. Gail's parents are the Harry Withers of Burns, Oregon. Best wishes to the young couple as they begin their future life together.

Sis. Lucy Hany remains a patient in the hospital and is showing very slow improvement. Bro. John Hany has been released from the hospital and is a patient at the Bender Nursing Home. Lucy Wool-schlager had to return to the hospital, following her recent return home after undergoing surgery. May God be a constant comfort and strength to each of those who are in sickness and suffering.

We are thankful that Bro. Leon and Lydia Virkler could assemble with us again. Lydia has spent several months recovering from back surgery, and surely God has answered our many prayers that they can again assemble with us.

Two baby boys have come to add a blessing to the homes of two of our families. Frederick Wayne Jr. was born on Aug. 23. His father & mother are Fred and Linda (Purvines) Lawton, and his grandparents are Larry and Sis. Louise Purvines, and the Harold Lawtons of Lowville. He is the first child in the home of Fred and Linda. Paul Douglas was born on Aug. 29 to Bro. Ted and Sis. Mae (Graves) Virkler Jr. Paul was welcomed home by his brothers, Timothy and Noel. His grandparents are Bro. Ted and Sis. Amelia Belle Virkler and Bro. Floyd and Sis. Loretta Graves.

The annual picnic for the Naumburg Sunday School was held at Whitaker Falls. The Croghan Sunday School picnic was held at Happy Hollow Campgrounds.

Note of Thanks: I would like to express my appreciation and thanks to all who remembered me with cards and prayers while I

was a hospital patient. Sis. Deborah Hoppel.

MORRIS

Esther Schaefer **Ann Meiss**

Our sanctuary was very well-filled on Aug. 6, as many relatives and friends assembled to witness the marriage of our dear Sis. Carole Meiss to Bro. Ronald Kellenberger of Peoria. Bro. Joe Shrock was our guest minister for the day, and we thank him for his messages, especially for the warning and exhortation to be very careful and sincere in our daily walk with our Lord. Bro. Paul Fehr reminded us all of our duties and responsibilities, as he married our loved ones. We miss Sis. Carole so much in our home and our congregation. They are at home in Peoria at 6702 N. Parkdale, Peoria 61614.

These souls betrothed before Thee stand;
Thy blessing we implore.
Unite thou them in heart and hand
And guide them evermore.

After many months of prayer and intercession, one dear soul has come in repentance. Lynette is the daughter of Bro. Bill and Sis. Betty Zeltwanger. While Jesus whispers to you, come, sinner come. May the Lord give grace to many to come and taste and see.

There were three new teachers in attendance as the Sunday School reassembled, after a month's vacation; Sisters Jeanette Nohl, Lois Moser, and Mary Koehl. We wish them grace and patience in this very important duty. We know the parents are most instrumental in teaching a child of Jesus and His love, in the home, but we are thankful for our teachers and so happy to see how eager our children are, when Sunday comes and they can go to Sunday School.

How blessed 'tis when we as lambs
Are gathered round our Lord,
In youthful years with tender hearts
To hear the Master's words.
We love to hear the words of truth;
We'll do our best in days of youth
That we may sit in realms above
To share in Jesus' love.

The Luthi families held a reunion on Aug. 26, with 150 in attendance. Bro. Noah Gerber of

West Bend came for this occasion and spent Sunday with us. We are always thankful to Bro. Noah for his messages and his labor for our Lord and Saviour. May God grant that many may be blest through these precious teachings.

James Gerald is the name of the son born to Gerald and Cathy Joos on Aug. 18. Bro. Albert and Sis. Edith are grandparents.

Bro. Steve and Sis. Pam Schaefer are parents of a second daughter, Michele Marie, born on Aug. 30. Bro. John and Sis. Esther and Bro. Leo and Sis. Thelma Dogotch are the grandparents.

We are thankful to have Bro. Francis Schmidgall and Sis. Minnie Kussatz assemble with us again.

A Thank You: I wish to thank my relatives and friends for the cards, letters and gifts while I was in the hospital and since I'm home . . . also a special thank you to all who brought food to our home or helped in any other way. May God richly bless your deeds of kindness. Mrs. Earl Kussatz.

MORTON

Mrs. Keith Stevig
Mrs. Harry Kaiser

"Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth . . ."

Five precious souls have turned to the Lord in repentance and were baptized Sept. 3. Bro. Ed Hohulin told them they have chosen the ideal time in their life to repent, as they are all of high school age. They are Kim Ward, daughter of Sis. Wilma; Michael Rocke, son of Bro. Wayne and Sis. Opal; Nancy Hasenyager, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hasenyager; Sharon Getz, daughter of Bro. Marvin and Sis. Lois; and Jane Kaiser, daughter of Bro. Lester and Sis. Irene.

The wedding of Bro. Eric Zeller and Sis. Virginia Witzig of Gridley was held in Gridley on Aug. 6. Bro. Eric was baptized in our congregation and now attends church in Indianapolis.

On Sunday, Aug. 20, Sis. Carla Vierling and Bro. Gregory Rassi were united in marriage by our Elder Bro. Russell Rapp. That same afternoon, the wedding of Rebecca Hermann and Roger Roeschley was held at the fellowship hall in Peoria by our Elder Bro. Russell Rapp. May God bless each of these couples as they begin to walk the path of life together.

Bro. Francis and Sis. Verna Rother have announced the engagement of their daughter, Mary, to Mike Staley. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Staley of Peoria. An April 14 wedding is planned.

The engagement of Sis. Christine Meyering to Bro. Jon Zeller was announced Sept. 3. She is the daughter of Ralph Meyering and the late Varelde Rocke Meyering. Jon is the son of Henry and Sis. Norma Zeller.

A daughter, Lisa ReNee, was born Aug. 10 to Linda and Mike Klein. She has two brothers at home. Grandparents are Bro. Robert and Sis. Lillian Getz, and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Klein of East Peoria.

We were blessed with many visiting ministers. They were Dale Eisenmann of Chicago; Leroy Huber of Eureka; Robert Miller of Portland; Earl Zeltwanger of Bremen; Richard Schubbach of Phoenix; Elmer Schmidt of Winthrop; Kenneth Sauder of Mansfield; Albert Scheitlin of Elgin, Ill.; Earl Banwart of West Bend; and Ed Hohulin of Goodfield. We thank each one for his labor of love.

Those in the hospital have been: Bro. Clarence Herman, Bro. Harry Wick, Bro. Fred Grimm, Bro. Wm. B. Hauter, Gene Knapp and Joe Staker.

Arnold Nohl, 83, passed away at St. Francis Hospital, Aug. 7. Surviving are one son, Louis, of Morton; two brothers, Bro. Henry of Hancock and Bro. Josh of Goodfield; two sisters, Sis. Mary and Sis. Naomi Nohl of Goodfield.

Bill and Cindy Wiedman lost all their belongings in a fire in their apartment. They were awakened by their one-year-old son crying and they were able to escape the building unharmed. We thank God for sparing the lives of this family.

OAKVILLE Martha Steiner

A December wedding is planned for Sis. Edra Gerst and Bro. Robert Kuntz of our congregation. Their parents are Bro. Leslie and Sis. Sarah (Grimm) Gerst and Sis. Ruth (Strunk) Kuntz and the late Bro. Roy Kuntz.

Friends Jean Eisenmann and Tom Jeffrey were married Aug. 12. Jean's parents are Bro. Dave and Sis. Kay Eisenmann. We wish

both couples a life of peace and happiness.

We greatly enjoyed the visits of Bros. John Klotzle (Altadena) and Marvin Stieglitz (Leo), also Elder Bros. Roy Farney (Phoenix) and Herman Kellenberger (Elgin, Ill.) God has richly blessed us through their labors.

Bro. Kellenberger assisted our Elder Bro. Noah Schrock with the proving and baptism of our new Sis. Susan Gerst, daughter of Bro. Carl and Sis. Hilda (Steiner) Gerst. We welcome her into our fellowship.

Bradley and Sis. Joyce (Frank) Eland, currently stationed in Denver, Colo., are parents of tiny Wendy Michelle, who was born Aug. 31. Wendy has a brother, Chris, who will welcome her home. Maternal grandparents are Bro. Robert and Sis. Clara (Banwart) Frank.

August marked the 80th birthday of our beloved Elder Bro. Noah Schrock, and brought us to the realization more than ever that there is no generation gap among the followers of Jesus Christ, when we are all of like mind and faith.

Notice to Oakville readers: Your reporter will receive contributions for the *Silver Lining* during October and November.

ROCKVILLE

Carlton J. Lanz

IF YOU COULD HAVE ATTENDED THE CONFERENCE, you would have had an opportunity to witness an impressive meeting, when issues of the church, essential to its preservation and well-being, were deliberated upon and, where concord ruled throughout the entire session.

I refer, now, to the Brothers' Conference held Aug. 24, at the beautiful new church at Gridley, Illinois, where an estimated 1200 brethren had come, as we can read in one of Christ's parables, St. Luke 13:29, **THEY CAME FROM THE EAST, AND FROM THE NORTH, AND FROM THE WEST, FROM THE SOUTH TO BE PRESENT.**

This produced a most impressive scene, where the Christian love and fellowship was so plainly evident, and the exchange of greetings was so warm, not to omit the beautiful singing, when the great number of voices (male and fe-

male) blended in chorus in praising God.

The Conference opened with a sincere prayer offered by Bro. Sam Aeschliman of Bluffton. This was followed by a few introductory remarks by Bro. Ben Maibach of Detroit, at which time he named as moderator, Elder John Bahler of Rockville, who had the unified vote support of the elder body.

Bro. Bahler then, briefly, informed his audience of their privileges to speak on various items if they so desired. Roving mikes would be available, he said.

Each item on the agenda was then presented in turn for its consideration of importance, on which one or two elders were to speak. Bro. Bahler wasted no time between items and move them with relatively good cooperation. However, each item received its emphasis on degree of importance by the various elders assigned to each. It was a lengthy meeting (all day), yet rewarding. I might add this, for future sessions that I believe an intermission of one minute (standing) would be appreciated at a meeting this long and would ease somewhat the tenseness of sitting in one position so long.

With reference to the fine hospitality and overnight accommodations by those in the Gridley church we say, **Thank you!** and may God reward you all! We do believe that it is certainly pleasing to Him when He sees the willingness of His people make provisions for a meeting-house, where Christians and the true believer can come together and worship God.

SABETHA

Mrs. Joe Steiner

The death angel struck twice in our small community in this past month. Reuben E. Steiner, 62, son of Bro. Edward and Sis. Edna (Grimm) Steiner, passed away at his home quietly and unexpectedly on Sunday August 13. He is survived by his wife, Opal; one son, Robert, and his wife, Kathy. Also surviving are his mother, Sis. Edna Steiner; one sister, Sis. Marie Kellenberger; two brothers, Bro. Dan of Tremont and Arthur of Portland. Funeral services were held in Sabetha Aug. 15 at 2:00 p.m., by Bro. Gene Marti and Bro. Carl Hartman. Burial was in Sabetha Cemetery.

Bro. John D. Hartter, 90, passed away in the Sabetha Hospital Monday, August 14. He and his wife, Sis. Mary, were residents of the Apostolic Christian Home, where she still resides. He is survived by his wife, Sis. Mary, and five children: Mrs. Anna Sears of Silver Creek, Wash.; Mrs. Dorothy Wenger of Sabetha; Mrs. Lorene Beck of Edgewater, Colo.; Mrs. Lydia McKinney of Denver, Colo., and Johnny Hartter of Sabetha. Other survivors include one brother, Bro. Ben Hartter, Sabetha; four sisters, Sis. Sarah Meyer, Sis. Lena Strahm, Sis. Tillie Stoller, all of Sabetha, and Sis. Emma Wittmer of Bern. Services were held in Sabetha Aug. 16 at 10:00 a.m., by Bro. Lester Hartter and Bro. Harvey Grimm. Burial was in Sabetha Cemetery.

Rose Ann Wenger, daughter of Sis. Tillie and Bro. Louis Wenger, and Steven Knobloch of Lester were united in marriage Aug. 20, at 2:30 p.m. in the Apostolic Christian Fellowship Hall in Sabetha, by Bro. Gene Marti. A reception was held at the Fellowship Hall following the ceremony. After a wedding trip to Colorado, the couple will make their home in Lester.

We thank Bro. Al Langhofer of Wichita for his visit here and his willing service for the Lord.

Bro. Roy Wysong is in the Stormont-Vail Hospital, where he will undergo surgery. His address is Room 712, Stormont-Vail Hospital, Topeka, Kansas.

Sis. Irene Aberle has been at the Stormont-Vail Hospital for surgery.

Sunday School classes begin again on the Sunday following Labor Day. New teachers elected to teach are Sis. Ruby Grimm. Bro. Harlan Meyer and Bro. Elmer Strahm. Substitutes are Sis. Loree Plattner, Bro. Alpha Aberle and Bro. Martin Beyer.

Bro. Reo Strahm was re-elected for another two-year term on the Board of the Apostolic Christian Home.

Bro. Pete Fankhauser wishes to thank all the brethren and friends for the many birthday cards and greetings he received for his recent birthday.

Servicemen address: Capt. Roger C. Locher, Box 1291, Williams AFB, Arizona 85224 (Sabetha).

TOKYO

Yoshio Yamazaki

We had a real nice and blessed singing service here in Tokyo church on Aug. 26, Saturday evening. Bro. Akito and Sis. Marie Inoue from Yokohama, Bro. Leonard Hitz from New Jersey, Sisters Yoshiko Asano (and her friend), Hiroko Utsuki, Takako Horiuchi, from our Tokyo Church, Judy Bauer, Sue Schock from Shioda Church and myself attended. We are having meetings like this every third Saturday evening of each month and are having a wonderful fellowship with dear ones.

My English classes are real improved, and it surely encouraged me a lot. Also I'm so happy that I could have an opportunity to talk with their mothers about the Lord every once in a while.

Our Tokyo church Sunday School also developed, and pretty many children are coming to our Sunday School every Sunday. Sis. Hiroko Utsuki and I are teaching them, but we surely need more teachers to help us. I asked one of our dear sisters once or twice but didn't get any answers of satisfaction. I felt really sorry and should pray for her more. We should know more about the joy of labor and humbleness before glorified God. The Bible says, "Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest." We also need a sk you to pray for this purpose.

We surely glad that our dear Bro. and Sis. Willis and Lois Ehnle and their children returned from the States on Aug. 31, and I surely believe that they have had really enjoyable and blessed time there with their folks and dear brethren.

We have a plan to have our fall special fellowship meeting in Hakone on October the 10th and 11th, if it is the Lord's will. We Tokyo Church will take the responsibility for it, because Tamahata had it the last time. Our prayer is the Lord will really bless us and the meeting.

On Aug. 22, a baby boy, Mark Daniel, was born to Bro. John and Sis. Betty Klaus. He is a gift from God.

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

VALPARAISO

Irene Nuestr

We were blessed by having Bro. Elmer Hartter from Milford spend the day with us.

Our annual church picnic was held at Bro. Roy and Sis. Aldene Friedens. Good food and good fellowship were enjoyed by all who could attend.

True fellowship is the tie that binds

Our hearts in Christian love.
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above.

Sunday, Sept. 3, we were blessed with the visit of Bro. Harold Zeltwanger. He brought that grace is an eternal attribute, that Christ is the medium of grace, the works of the Holy Spirit makes it come alive, we must ask the Holy Spirit to apply these teachings to our lives. "For by grace are ye saved through faith; . . . not of yourselves: it is the gift of God."

Bro. Harry had the pleasure of making the announcement that our dear friends, Bill and Cam Feller have repented, have received this gift of peace, and are looking forward to baptism. Bill is the son of Willis and Sis. Eunice Feller. Our very small but whole congregation rejoice with them.

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.

Depart vain world, with all your
sin! From bondage I am free.
A humble offering do I bring; my
heart I give to Thee.

ATHENS

Irene Haggermaker

Is He Satisfied

I am satisfied with Jesus.
How others could it be?
But oftentimes I wonder,
Is he satisfied with me?
Do I walk along as closely
As He really wants me to?
Do I serve Him always gladly
As I truly ought to do?
Are the deeds I call sufficient
Really what they seem to be?
Or just a "rummage-sale"
collection

Just "cast-offs" to Him from me?
Do I give my best and greatest,

Or are my efforts feeble things?
Do my prayers reach up to heaven
On holy vibrant spiritual wings?
Am I taking all for granted,
Giving little, asking much?
Do I walk afar like Peter.
And thus lose the holy touch?
Do I utter prayer that's answered,
Or do I just kneel and pray?
Are they words of supplication,
Or just something that I say?
Oft I wonder, As I'm thinking
Of the Christian I should be—
Though I'm satisfied with Jesus,
Is he satisfied with me?

This poem was sent to me from Tucson by Sis. Clara Heiniger. We miss her since she has left Alabama to make her home in Tucson. Her new address is 5760 E. 23rd St. Apt. B., Tucson Arizona 85711.

We held our first fellowship meeting on the first Monday of August. We hope to do this each month, and welcome any visitors that may be in our area at that time. We learn new songs, and afterwards serve refreshments. At our next meeting, the Junior Sunday School class will be serving our refreshments.

On the 13th of August, our congregation held a surprise dinner in honor of our ministers, Bro. Lloyd Moore and Bro. John Norman. Their wives had a hard time getting them away from the church while we got everything ready, and they were really surprised when they came back.

Bro. John Wagler of Huntsville just finished an eight weeks teacher's training program at our church. We sure have received a real blessing from his efforts, and his teaching will surely benefit all of us.

Bro. Llvoyd and Sis. Doris invited all the church to their home last Sunday for a watermelon cutting. We surely all enjoyed the fellowship and the watermelon. Bro. Llvoyd has been in very much pain this week with a back injury.

BRADFORD

Rebecca Endress

We are grateful to Bro. John Dapper of California and Bro. Hartzell Kaisner of Detroit for their visits. Many good teachings were brought to us through their ministry.

A sweet little girl was born to Bro. Sam and Sis. Pat Plattner on Aug. 8. Her name is Heather Ann.

Bro. Harold and Sis. Gerry Plattner (Goodfield) and Bro. Ben and Sis. Audrey Ehnle are her grandparents. Sis. Pat, Heidi, and Little Heather are making their home here with the Ehnles until Bro. Sam finishes his tour of duty in Vietnam. His current address is: Sp/4 Sam Plattner 318421356, USA H Saigon (LAB), APO San Francisco Calif. 96309.

Many of our thoughts have turned to the conference of our elders and ministers. We have been exhorted to hold fast the traditions and principles that have been for our church in the past and not discard them as old-fashioned and unnecessary. The author of this poem has something to say about the way of faith.

Life has outgrown faith's childish way

The proud and scoffing folk insist,
And so they laugh at all who say
God's miracles exist.

Let them laugh!

The trusting heart

Has joys which they

Know naught thereof,

And, daily, miracles are wrought

For us who hold

To faith and love

BURLINGTON OKLAHOMA

Janice Frieden — Janice Springer

Summer is past, and here it is already time for school to begin. Students from all walks of life, both rich and poor, are setting forth in the field of education, to get ahead in this world. But how many are studying and waiting for their chance to get ahead in the world to come? The Bible says in II Timothy 2:15: "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." Although the months ahead will be study-packed days, if we will take a little time to be holy, God is always there to show us the way.

Sis. Mabel and Sis. Janice Springer opened their home for our monthly singing on Aug. 6. Many attended, and with each one, the blessings were not just added, but multiplied.

We wish to extend our sympathy to Sis. Laverne Roth and Bros. Arnold and Marvin Ott of Lamont at the passing of their uncle, Levi Ott. He passed away Aug. 1, fol-

lowing injuries he received in a car accident July 9.

Bro. Sam Schupbach was a hospital patient. We are pleased that his stay there was not long, and he is again at home.

On Aug. 13, Sis. Aleta Farney and Bro. Donald Banwart of Ft. Scott pledged their lives to one another before God and many witnesses. Elder Bro. Roy Farney performed the ceremony where these two, after having sought the perfect will of God, were joined as one, as it says: "Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh." These words were first spoken when God performed that first marriage in the Garden of Eden. As Adam and Eve walked with God in that beautiful garden, may Don and Aleta walk with God throughout their lives together and then forever in eternity.

ELGIN, IOWA

Mrs. George Butikofer

Autumn is a time for seeing living color; all summer, the vegetation has drank in the sun's warmth and heaven's rain, and God is completing nature's display. He is the Master painter; the scarlet of the bittersweet berries and that of the sumac, along with the sprays of the goldenrod by the roadside readily attest to this thought. The cornfields and meadow lands in this area are a lovely sight to behold. May we thank the Lord for this in-between season, this delightful interlude between the summer and the frosty chill of winter.

Andy Braker and Sis. Esther Braker recently departed from their old country home to live in Elgin, in a newly-built house. May God bless them in every way, both spiritually and physically.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Moore and two sons are moving to Minneapolis, where Mr. Moore has secured a new job as an account manager. He has been working and living in the eastern part of the U.S. for the past three years. May the Lord bless them in many ways. Melvin is Sis. Elizabeth Moore's son.

Our Elder Paul Butikofer and wife, Sis. Mildred, and our minister, Bro. Dale Moore and wife, Sis. Cheryl, both attended the church conference. Bro. Paul, in giving some of his impressions of their at-

tendance, mentioned that this year's conference at Gridley was perhaps one of the largest in attendance. He trusted that the Lord would recompense the brethren there for offering themselves and their church in hosting the group. He felt that many timely exhortations and reports had been given, and that they had been reminded of what really constitutes a true conversion and of how we should appreciate our faith. He hopes and trusts that the Lord's blessing will be conveyed on what was done and said at the meeting. He was very well impressed with the Home for the Handicapped, where an evening was spent with the seventeen residents. After dinner which was given, their devotions were held in the dining area. After this, a tour of the home was arranged, and to him it seemed most rewarding to see this beautiful home in operation. Too, that no doubt to those folks who have loved ones there it must be very comforting to realize that tender care is given, and that there is a Christian atmosphere all around. Paul mentioned that he felt that the staff needs our prayers and support.

Philip Metzger, son of Bro. and Sis. Ervin Metzger, is taking a course in junior accounting at Platt College of Commerce, located at St. Joseph, Mississippi. We wish him success and God's rich blessing in his endeavor.

WEST BEND

Mrs. Melvin Fehr

Mrs. A. Banwart

God's invitation to turn aside from the world, before traveling any further down life's road was sent forth in the teachings of visiting Bro. Clarence Kachelmuss of Forrest. Each open heart was certainly filled with rich abundance when Bro. Dale Moore of Elgin, Iowa spent Labor Day week-end with us. It's amazing how similar experiences and feelings pass through our minds before finally we are willing to turn and accept the Lord as our Saviour. May these visiting brethren be rewarded for their labors, as well as our local ministers, whom we so often neglect to even offer a word of encouragement and gratitude.

Bro. Harlan and Sis. Shirley Metzger have been blessed with a baby boy, Shane Allen, born on

Aug. 19. This is their first child.

Our thoughts go out as our friend David Schneider, son of Bro. Lawrence and Sis. Ella, has left to serve his country. As one leaves home, another returns. Sis. Ruth Fehr has found employment close to home, which enables her to assemble with us again. We welcome Sis. Paulette (Meyer) of Lester into our assembly, as she became the bride of Bro. Norman Zaugg. May the Lord bless each one as they walk down the often treacherous pathway of life.

As misfortune befalls us many times, we can be thankful it wasn't worse. Hospital patients were: Sis. Ida (Silas) Banwart, broken ankle from a fall; Malinda, daughter of Bro. Larry and Sis. Carol Fehr, head injury from a fall; Bryon, son of Bro. Eugene and Sis. Evie Bruellman, facial surgery from a motorcycle accident; and Bro. Levi Banwart, medical patient at Iowa City. We are thankful to report Bryon is the only one still hospitalized, and they all show improvement.

New address: Pvt. David G. Schneider 483 62 9579, MBT HQ TWSA Medic Class 5-B, Ft. Sam Houston Texas 78234.

SARDIS Doris Miller

Our latest bundle of joy: Trent Jon, born to Bro. Robert and Sis. Karen Indermuhle. Especially happy with the new arrival is Trent's brother, Eric.

Our little congregation feels the strength added by Bro. Kenneth and Sis. Linda Indermuhle. They have moved here from the Rittman congregation and are making their home in Sardis. Ken and Linda have one son, Dana. May they be richly blessed physically and spiritually.

We are thankful that Delmos Figel has returned safely home from the service. May he seek guidance from above as he chooses a profession in this life.

We have been richly blessed with visitors, among them being ministering brothers, Fred Marty—Rittman, and Richard Schupbach, Phoenix.

LEO Mrs. Elias Souder

Christie Surface and Gary Bollier were married Aug. 20 at the Leo church. Bro. David Bertsch

officiated. Christie and Gary are now in Muncie, Indiana, where they are attending school. Linn Klopfenstein is also there working on her school schedule. Nancy Souder and Sandra Bertsch are in school in Indianapolis. Mark Souder is attending school in South Bend. E. J. Winzeler and Ernie Stoller are attending the Indiana Purdue here in Ft. Wayne. Cynthia Bertsch is nursing at Parkview Hospital, and her sister Pamela is at the Town House Home. Brad Witte and Jim Maxfield are employed around here.

Young Gary Garman has been in and out of the hospital and is able to be around again.

Bro. Delbert Indermuhle from Sardis has been our guest minister.

In speaking to some of our young people, they reported an enjoyable Camp Mack Day.

We extend our sympathy to Henrietta Klopfenstein Heinold in the loss of her husband. Before she was married she made her home here and was one of our cheerful volunteers in mailing out the *Silver Lining*. Also our sympathy goes out to Sis. Mary Troxel in the loss of her youngest sister. One by one we see them gathering home.

The Windows of Gold

There is a legend
that has often been told
Of the boy who searched
for the windows of gold,
The beautiful windows
He saw far away
When he looked in the valley
at sunrise each day,
And he yearned to go down
to the valley below
But he lived on a mountain
that was covered with snow
And he knew it would be
a difficult trek,
But that was a journey
he wanted to make,
So he planned by day
and he dreamed by night
Of how he could reach
the great shining light . . .
And one golden morning
when dawn broke through
And the valley sparkled
with diamonds of dew
He started to climb
down the mountainside
With the windows of gold
as his goal and his guide . . .

He traveled all day
and, weary and worn,
With bleeding feet
and clothes that were torn
He entered the peaceful
valley town
Just as the golden sun
went down . . .
But he seemed to have lost
his guiding light,
The windows were dark
that had once been bright,
And hungry and tired
and lonely and cold
He cried, Won't you show me
The windows of gold!
And a kind hand touched him
and said, Behold,
High on the mountain
are the windows of gold—
For the sun going down
in a great golden ball
Had burnished the windows
of his cabin so small . . .

And the Kingdom of God
with its Great Shining Light,
Like the golden windows
that shone so bright,
Is not a far distant place,
somewhere,
It's as close to you
as a silent prayer.

FT. SAM HOUSTON Greg Stoller

"What would Jesus do?" When we are confronted with problems and decisions of this life, how often do we pause to consider this question? Do we seriously consider this question, and then base our decision on what the answer to the question would seem to be, or do we act rashly and question later, "Was that what Jesus would have done?" Let us all seek God's grace, to follow closely in our Saviour's footsteps.

We are sorry to have Bro. Richard Steiner (Rittman) taken from our group, but he has received orders to report to Letterman General Hospital, San Francisco for permanent assignment. We wish God's blessings on him for all he has done for our group, especially for his part in establishing our new apartment.

Joining our group were Bro. Chuck Schafer (Princeville), and Friends Tom Schambach (Elgin, Ill.), David Schneider (West Bend), and Tom Unzicker (Portland). We welcome them to assemble with us as often as possible. We are also happy to have Sis. Tammy

Speicher (Tom's) and Irene Peter (Calvin's) with us, and hope that they may gain something from their stay here in San Antonio.

FT. WAYNE

Mary Eisenmann — Marge Gerber

"... and God shall wipe away all tears"! We think of our niece, Sis. Gwen Bucher and her family, La-Crosse, who so recently laid to rest their loved one, Bro. Don.

We also extend our sympathy to the family of John Andrews of Ft. Wayne, who departed this life after a lengthy illness. His wife, Gladys, is a niece to Sis. Helen Eisenmann.

We enjoyed the fellowship of the Mansfield Sunday School and those who were with them the second week-end in August. We are also thankful to those of Latty, who were in charge in the evening for our monthly singing, and the song selections by the Sunday School children.

We extend a welcome to all visitors and do appreciate and thank Bros. Walter Rager, Toledo; John Bollier—Leo, and Willis Ehnle—Japan, who had services here one Thursday evening, for serving us in the ministry.

Stanley Pulver (Lester) and Wendy Denison of Cochrane, Wisconsin (the Willard Denisons) were united in marriage on August 18. They are at home at 6529 Hygenard Rd. 46808. We wish them the Lord's blessings.

Our friend, Wade Stoller, son of Bro. Gene and Sis. Minerva, left on Aug. 28 for San Diego for induction into the U.S. Marines for four years. May our Heavenly Father ever be with him.

In Memory of Mother Eisenmann

So swiftly has this year flown past,
When Mother was granted her
wish at last,
For she was called to her home on
high,
And we did bid her our last
good-bye.

Fond recollections oft come to our
mind,
As we think of her as loving and
kind.
Our visits of "home" we've kept
very near,
For a welcome, always, we did
find there.

We know she's waiting for us while
at rest—

What a glad reunion for all of
the blest!

So, may we strive for that home on
high,

Where there's never a worry, a
tear, or a sigh.

M. E.

GRIDLEY, ILL.

Dixie Ringger

Harvest-Time

Dear ones in faith, the year has
passed,

and Harvest-Time is nigh.

There are so many still unsaved;
don't pass that sinner by.

Stop and speak a word of cheer
or give a smile of love.

Live your life that all may see
you've power from above.

At Harvest-Time it always seems
the days are far too short

To gather in the golden grain
and fill each crib and port.

We work for hours in advance
our machinery to prepare.

Do we work so hard for the Lord's
Harvest,
prepare ourselves with prayer?

The Lord needs helpers to point
the way

for those in despair and laden
with sin.

So many still don't know our Lord;
so many souls to garner in.

So many souls with shattered lives,
so many fallen down.

The Lord needs every one of us
to haul HIS grain to town.

Let's pray and love and ask
ourselves,

Is some sinner watching me?

Am I ready to be a willing laborer
In the Lord's Harvest for
eternity?

Am I an example of Christ my
Lord;

do I claim His love divine?

Lord make us all a working part
of Thy spiritual combine.

The Gridley congregation have experienced innumerable blessings the past few weeks. On Sunday Aug. 20, two dear souls gave testimony of their faith in our Saviour's redeeming blood and were baptized. They were Curtis Gramm, son of Bro. Willis and Sis. Annie Gramm, and Elma Lou Schlipf,

daughter of Bro. Emil and Sis. Ella Schlipf. How we all rejoiced when we assembled that day to see Glenn Funk had made his decision to repent and look to Jesus for a new life of peace and joy. Since then Edith Witzig, daughter of Bro. Elmer and Sis. Marjorie Witzig, and Barbie Gramm, daughter of Bro. Bob and Sis. Nola Gramm, have started repenting. We rejoice with them and wish our dear young converts much grace.

We have had many visitors and thank all who came, especially those who ministered to us.

Friends Hannah Hoffman and Chuck Fenton are still hospitalized. Sis. Emma Grusy, who had the misfortune of breaking her hip, is still in the hospital.

A daughter, Christiane Claire, was born Aug. 21 to Bro. Mike and Sis. Rosei Gramm. The grandparents are the Herb Gramms of Gridley and the Herb Erkerts of Peoria.

Our entire congregation was saddened by the sudden death of our beloved sister, wife and mother, Loretta Gramm. Loretta will always be remembered here for her many deeds of kindness and love, and her willing service to all in need. Sis. Loretta was called to be with the Lord on Aug. 28. She had gone on a few errands to Bloomington and planned to be home in time to greet her children from their first day at school. She was only four miles from home when she met her death in a two-car accident. She was the wife of Bro. Ed Gramm, and leaves six sons and two daughters. We will all miss her, but feel secure in that she will be smiling and ready to meet her children and us all in Heaven. How thankful we are at times like these for our faith in God. We pray for her dear husband and children, that they can find comfort in God's word, and promise of eternal life.

Conference News

Our congregation had the pleasure of hosting the 1972 Elder and Brotherhood conference. All of the active elders were able to attend, there being 38 present, as well as 135 ministers. Members were present representing 66 churches from 14 states and Japan. There were over 1100 members in attendance on the final day, and many of the older brothers commented that this was the largest gathering of this

kind that they had ever seen. The elder brothers spoke on and discussed 18 different topics which they considered timely, important and beneficial for the preservation of the faith, the edification of the members and the saving of souls. Those in the audience were also given the opportunity to ask questions or to speak on any of the topics, and several did. Love and unity seemed to be evident throughout the meetings.

The spirit of cooperation prevailed through our church during these meetings, and we found it to be an uplifting experience that we will not soon forget.

Be Not Afraid

Be not afraid,
My little one . . .
You've gone to
a land . . .
A land of the
fun.

No more sorrow.
No more tears.
You have crossed
that path,
That path of
fears.

But soon you'll
be there,
By his side,
Among the children
fair.
The lights will
glow,
Among you so,
Among you children
fair.

Then the gates
will open wide,
And you'll be
seated by his
side.
Married to the
hand of God.
Safe from harm
And all man's
trod.

Kim Souder, whose little sister, Kalisa, is over in the **Bright Beyond**.

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A certain person writes or tells: For many years past I have been an infidel, and often lectured to audiences in opposition to the Bible . . . I owe the softening of my

hitherto stony heart to a Gospel hymn, the refrain of which is, "Will anyone then, at the beautiful gate, be waiting and watching for me?" (Gospel Hymn 116). It reminded me so tenderly of my Christian wife, parents, brothers, sisters and children who have gone before me, that it quite broke me down; and now Christ and the word have become my best hope and stronghold.

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A little girl in England, who was much beloved by her parents, was dying. She had been very fond of our hymns and would often speak of how much she loved them. A few days before she died, she said to her mother: "When I am gone, mother, will you ask the girls of the school to sing that hymn,

"Ring the bells of heaven!
There is joy today . . ."

Half an hour before her departure she exclaimed: "Oh, mother, listen to the bells of heaven! they are ringing so beautifully!"

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Beautiful valley of Eden! Sweet is thy noontide calm . . . (Gospel Hymn 138). "One day in 1875 I was reaching up for a blessing," says the author of these words, "when suddenly there came down upon my heart a vision of the heavenly country. I seemed to look down upon a river that, like a mighty tide, rolled beneath me. Across on the other side of this river, I saw an enchanted land; its hills and valleys were sleeping in a heavenly calm. It was more beautiful than words can tell, and my heart seemed to be there. As I gazed on the scene, there came to my lips the words, **Beautiful valley of Eden**. The vision remained until I had written down the hymn; then it gradually faded from my sight.

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John was the pastor of a small church at Wainsgate, and was called from there to a larger church in London, in 1772. He accepted the call and preached his farewell sermon. The wagons were loaded, and all was ready for the departure, when his people gathered around him, and with tears in their eyes begged him to stay. His wife said, "Oh, John, John, I cannot bear this." "Neither can I," exclaimed

the good man, "and we will not go. Unload the wagons and put everything as it was before." There was great joy with his people, and he wrote the words of this hymn in commemoration of the event.

**Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love . . .**

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A lawyer from the West sank so low as to become a tramp in the streets of New York. He was 54, a homeless, penniless wretch. As he stumbled by one place one night, the windows were open, and he stopped a moment to listen to the singing (Gospel Hymn 245):

Once again the Gospel message
From the Saviour you have heard.
Will you heed the invitation?
Will turn and seek the Lord?

It came like the voice of God to him. His early training had been Christian, and he thought he would go in. He did so, and as he took his seat they were singing the second verse:

Many summers you have wasted;
Ripened harvest you have seen.
Winter snows by spring have
melted,
Yet you linger in your sin.

He realized that this was a true picture of his own life, and listened to the third verse ending:

While the Spirit now is striving,
Yield, and seek the Saviour's side.

Deeply convicted, he was converted.

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Tom was a drummer boy in the Army, and the men called him **the young deacon**, because of his sobriety and religious example. One day a certain man found him sitting under a tree alone, with tears in his eyes.

" . . . Tom, my boy, what is it?"
"I had a dream last night, which I can't get out of my mind."
"What was it?"

"My mother was a widow, poor but good. She never was like herself after my sister, Mary died. A year ago she died, too, and I, having no home and no mother, came to the war. But last night I dreamed the war was over and I went back home, and just before I got to the

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house my sister and mother came out to meet me. I didn't seem to remember that they were dead. How glad they were! O, sir, it was just as real as you are real now."

"Thank God, Tom, that you have such a mother, not really dead, but in heaven."

The boy wiped his eyes and was

comforted. The next day Tom's drum was heard all day long. It was a terrible battle. At night it was known that the young deacon was lying wounded on the field.

In the evening, when all was still, they heard a voice singing, away off on the field, and they felt sure that it was Tom's voice. Soft-

ly the words of "Jesus, Lover of my soul" floated on the wings of the night. After the second verse the voice grew weak, and stopped. In the morning, the soldiers found Tom sitting on the ground, leaning against a stump. His sweet spirit was with Jesus, and his mother and his sister.

LATER THAN YOU THINK?

Henry Souder Jr.

What is it you enjoy most in life? What is it that gives the deepest, most complete, satisfying joy? To have joy at its fullness, we must be in tune with the things of the Spirit. Fleshly minded . . . that is, the things of the world love, is out of sorts and out of tune. Being minded spiritually finds the way of the cross, makes room for beautiful, full color, richly satisfying things of God. The more we obey, the more we have. The deeper we live, the more at home we are with the world to come.

There is coming a day, a beautiful, gloriously-satisfying day. Take the most beautiful vacation and the heights of all the pleasant holidays. Take the riches and contentment of home . . . put all in one, and yet this day is more. "Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left."

It is the day when the Lord comes for His own. Somewhere in the sky, in the air, the loved ones in Jesus who passed on and the saints then living will be gathered together. Oh what a beautiful array! Smiling faces, contented hearts, all raptured with His beauty. We'll be much more at home in the sky than in our brief pilgrimage here.

"Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left."

Some won't make it . . . It is a fact of horror. Dark tears find no one drying. If one does not allow himself to be fitted, then that one will be forever unfitted. There

would be no match, nor chord.

It takes prodding, when the eyes would get sleepy, to things divine. It takes wakeful, earnest desire to hold our eyes on the road. It takes a leafing of the word, a gazing in faith to the beauty soon to be revealed.

"Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come."

It's going to be later than one thinks for someone. It's going to be tragically too late. Whole emotions of peoples and desires of mankind take on the look, more and more, of the final miles. Can you not see the blinded throngs, with open arms waiting for that dark someone who will sum up their desires? Peace like his price is already the tune of masses of people. Destruction's graveyard may be today's frowning walls of warheads. Is it breathing almost down our neck? We can't say yes; we can't say no.

"But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up."

Tiny Israel is faced with snarling millions. It is not hard to picture a league with smooth, suavy antichrist. Nor is the context of time too hard to imagine, when he turns and tries to devour the people of Israel. They flee for their lives, perhaps to our own America. The reports of flying saucers, such amazing things as this would fit such a dark mind as the antichrist.

This man of sin will be seen. The falling away will have to come. Then the Lord shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God. It's going to be, perhaps not too far away. "Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh."

We have something to do. Remember the light. Hold high the lantern, that men may see. If we could remember the facts . . . that men around are dying men . . . eternally is not for a day or a year, but forever. If we could let love beam . . . clear the things that clog. Be not provoked when the breaking point comes . . . nor rejoicing in anything unrighteous (watch what you read, see, and hear) . . . not proud nor selfish . . . so men can see love. Then we will be turning our Master's talents, thinking his thoughts, delighting in His delights.

"Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season?"

Ministers and elders have more committed to them, and more will be asked. He is a merciful Lord, and if anyone puts his heart into it, He grants guidance, grace, and mercy. How we should consecutively search His words, so we know intimately His mind, His desires, His viewpoint. Then we can do what He wants.

"Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing."