



Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honour, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine.

For the scripture saith, Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn. And, The labourer is worthy of his reward.

Against an elder receive

not an accusation, but before two or three witnesses.

Them that sin rebuke before all, that others also may fear.

I charge thee before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, and the elect angels, that thou observe these things without preferring one before another, doing nothing by partiality.

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

# THE SILVER LINING

A LIGHT for BELIEVERS

# ECHOES OF DESTINY

Gary Schulz

Just as echoes can be mysterious, so a feeling of uncertainty surrounds death.

Death is an echo of our destiny, as the screaming of dying animals is, the animals back up the line in a slaughter house. Death is part of everyone's life, a transition state that is inevitable; it cannot be controlled by the individual. An echo is only a small part of the whole; death is also a small but integral part . . .

We all know of the certainty of death and the uncertainty of when it will come. Therefore, we must be ready for it at all times.

From our youth up, we have all been taught good from evil and the consequences of both. As we grew older, we saw what we thought were people getting away with evil with no punishment. This may be true as far as our mortal eyes can see, but on the other side of the door of death, no act shall go unrewarded. With this knowledge, the only course to take is one of no evil.

A pathway of any evil before death leads to an eternity of condemnation. A pathway of unalloyed good before death leads to an eter-

nity of bliss. Unfortunately for all mankind, none of us can truthfully give witness to total abstinence from evil. Were there no Saviour, this world would be quite hopeless.

God looking down in mercy upon the utter hopelessness of man was so moved, that he sent his only begotten Son on this earth to bear the sin load of all mankind. Only in Him, living a perfect life in this world, could be found a sacrifice pure and undefiled for man's great debt. Nothing else could satisfy the wrath of a righteous God. When God looked down upon him and saw the travail of His soul, he was satisfied. Thus grace, undeserving favor, entered into the world. Yet not to the whole world, for "God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace to the humble." To have sins erased, put into the sea of forgetfulness, man must become humble and contrite. He must try to make amends for his many evil doings. Such a world would truly be blissful.

Not all men are willing to become submissive to God's plan of salvation and be freely forgiven. They choose to stay upon the broad highway of vice, but after death, when it does no good, they shall

bitterly repent, and that eternally.

Nor can man "accept" Christ and be saved. Man did not make the plan of salvation and set up the exigencies; Jesus must accept man, not the other way around. To say that man must accept Jesus would be to set up new entrance criteria.

Man must not take advantage of this free grace and continue his evil works, as Apostle Paul writes, Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? **God forbid.**

We see then that God wanted to change man completely from a man of sin into a man of God. "Ye must be born again." God gives each of us our free choice. Will we yield to the temptations of Satan, or by God's grace overcome them?

This then is the part of the echo of destiny that is not unchangeable. It is up to each of us how we add to the basic echoes. How we add, before the echoes of death will determine where we reside after the echoes of death.

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## FRANCESVILLE

Mrs. Herman (Chris) Wuethrich  
Mrs. Otto Wuethrich

Will go in rotation of happenings . . .

Greetings—I'm adopted, and my name is Samuel David. Bro. Phil and Sis. Carol (Schieler) Gutwein wanted me as my parents.

Mother's Day joy—Bro. Wendell Gudeman said, "Our son Dan (Bro.) would like to have his engagement announced to Sis. Becky Wuethrich, whom the Lord has brought together in mutual love." Her parents are Bro. Robert and Sis. Phyllis.

The next joy we give to the Fairbury church, as Bro. Paul and Sis. Sherry Ashba moved there to join them. We were first really blessed that they could be taken in church with us, as one brother said, "It is one of these modern-day miracles." Bro. Josh Broquard and his co-

worker's were with us for this happy occasion. Becky Bucher also took her first most important step in life on this Sunday. Her parents, Bro. Elmer and Sis. Peg, also thank his brother, Merle Bucher of La Crosse and Bro. George Yergler, who helped in this Saturday evening and Sunday blessings, that these three dear souls never will forget.

Dear Lizzie Wenger faithfully cared for her husband until he could be relieved of his earthly pains. A son, Sylvian also survives.

Last, but not least, 16 high school graduates were presented the "Key to Life", a Bible, in a special evening program for them. Bro. Edmund Kloter of Fairbury concluded the program with some loving comments and a prayer. These are the names of the eight boys and eight girls who chose as their class motto: "We have left

the shore; the ocean lies before us." Doesn't this have much meaning? . . . Candace (Richard) Wuethrich (valedictorian), Elaine (Eli) Anliker (salutatorian), William (Glen) Boehning, Mary

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#### MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY Beverly Maibach

"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!" What joy filled our hearts to see so many brethren and dear friends assemble with us for our first church service on campus. There were over 100 gathered together from surrounding churches (Bay City, Alto, Toledo, and Detroit) and colleges (Central Mich., Eastern Mich., University of Mich. and General Motors Institute). The support and encouragement given by so many truly was a blessing deeply appreciated by the students here.

Prayerful consideration was given earlier, as the enrollment of friends has slowly increased at MSU and neighboring colleges. It has been and is the practice of our members and interested friends to assemble for midweek services in either Detroit or Alto. We have truly found it to be an encouragement and spiritual gain in cherishing the fellowship and inspiration afforded us, especially amidst the turmoil and pressures encountered in the educational pursuits of today.

Services were conducted by Bro. Ben Maibach. He shared the scripture from John, 3rd chapter, which included that man must be born of water and the Spirit, otherwise he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. It was emphasized that nowhere in the Bible is found where a child should be born again, but rather one fully accountable and aware of his spiritual standing. Other visiting ministers included Andy Virkler (Bay City); Floyd Wieland (Detroit); and Aaron Steffen and Elmer Schrenk (Alto). Services were conducted as our reg-

ular mid-week services, with veils and greetings with the holy kiss. Realizing the value of these practices we hold dear, it proved to really create a closer tie of Christian unity.

After services, many remained for fellowship and hymn singing. The evening was an inspiration far beyond our expectations. If it can be the Lord's will, we hope to continue services in the fall, perhaps on monthly basis. We ever seek and covet your prayerful support in our endeavors, knowing that only with God's blessings can the seed of truth and salvation be fully nurtured.

#### BLOOMINGTON-NORMAL Kayleen Heiniger Eunice Schupbach

In the month of May, a special day is set aside to honor our mothers. Praise God for our wonderful Christian mothers, whom we love and cherish all through the year!

A welcome addition in the home of Bro. Lynn and Sis. Anna Young is Jamie Lynn, born on May 14. A sister. Laurie, is helping care for her. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Young of Buckley and Mr. and Mrs. Heinz Maurer of Neuhutten, Germany.

Also bringing much happiness in the Lynn Young home is the visit of Anna Marie's parents, the Heinz Maurers from Newhutzen. Heinz is a brother to Adam Maurer of our congregation. They plan to remain in the States about 25 days.

Our appreciation to the following brothers who visited us during May; Bob Meyer, Bluffton; Willis Wiegand, Goodfield; Dan Koch, Tremont.

On May 20, we were so happy to have the Mortonaires, who gave us an evening of worship through their singing.

#### GRIDLEY, KANSAS Edna Somerhalder—Wilma Young

Then trust in God thro' all the days;  
Fear not, for He doth hold thy hand.  
Though dark thy way, still sing and praise . . .  
Sometime, sometime, we'll understand.

Thanks to Bro. Clarence Yackley for spending an evening in sharing

God's holy word with us. Elder Bro. Samuel Anliker and Bro. Roy Wernli were also present.

Our two weeks of Bible School is in session, including three-year-olds through the eight grade. May the children benefit thereby.

Sis. Lydia (Andy Sr.) Young was hospitalized for surgery, everyone so thankful it wasn't as serious as the doctor feared. She is back in our assembly, in her words . . . "feeling better than before."

Bro. Joseph (Edna) Somerhalder slipped on the basement floor, breaking his upper left leg. He's in the hospital; doctor reports he'll be there in traction into July. His address: Stormont Vail Hospital Room 313, Topeka Ks 66606.

We thank Bro. Roy Wernli, who so willingly served us one Sunday when both local ministers were gone.

#### IOWA CITY Joan Mogler

"I'll follow the Lord where ever He leads me", was the comment of a new convert. Among several dear souls gathered into the fold at Princeville recently was Wayne Herman, who has attended the University of Iowa for the past two years. We gladly welcome Wayne into the body of believers as a new brother in faith and wish Him God's grace in his new life of faith. We certainly need the grace of God to live a true and upright life. We realize that Satan is mighty, but God is **almighty**. One ministering brother reminded us, "The water may be deep, but it will not overflow us; the fire may be hot, but will not burn us." God does not promise an easy pathway, but does promise His grace for the asking, and His wonderful peace of heart if we strive to do His will.

Among the messages we heard from Ministering Bros. Joe Kaiser and Harvey Heiniger was a touching description of the persecution many of our forefathers endured. Could we stand up for Christ while others do physical harm to us? While others ridicule and poke fun, could we still stand alone and remain close to Him in prayer? We trust that all children of God have built a firm foundation, strong enough to stand secure no matter how hard Satan's darts may be hurled.

### MANSFIELD Aaron A. Sauder

What a wonderful day we shared in the true bonds of love, when our Elder Bros. Rudy Graf and John Bahler spent May 13 with our congregation, and further blessed our day by sharing the sacrament of Holy Communion with us, thus fulfilling the words of our Lord . . . "this do . . . in remembrance of me."

We also enjoyed the visit of Bro. Gary Maibach during midweek services on May 24.

Congratulation to the new parents, Bruce and Eileen Domka Jones, whose baby daughter was born on May 5. Holly Renee's new grandparents are Bro. Steve and Sis. Ruth Sabo Domka: great-grandmother is Sis. Louise Sabo (Henry).

Hospital patients have been Sis. Martha Codrey (Kenny) and Sis. Shirley Graszl Roberts (Dave), who were in for tests. On Wednesday morning, May 30 Bro. Aaron Sauder became very ill; on Thursday morning, emergency surgery was performed, and at this writing (June 3), he remains in critical condition in the intensive care unit of the hospital.

Following an extended illness, our Sis. Bertha Matthes went to sleep in Jesus on May 30, at the age of 87 years. She had turned to her Lord in her young years and served Him faithfully these many years. Our love and sympathy go to Sis. Amelia and Sis. Katherine, as the three sisters shared a home together where love was always felt.

### MINNEAPOLIS

**Kathryn Olson — Karen Metzger**

Visiting ministers have been Edmund Kloter from Fairbury and Paul Butikofer from Elgin, Iowa. We thank you brethren for sharing unto us God's word.

Graduating from high school are Brent Miller, son of Bro. Noah and Sis. Laura Miller, and Randall Olson, son of Sis. Kathryn and Everett Olson.

### LATTY

**Connie Stoller — LeAnn Laukhuf**

On May 4, Sis. Rose Zeltwanger was suddenly taken from this life, due to a farming accident. She is survived by her husband, Bro. Albert, and daughter, Sis. Caroline. May God grant grace and comfort

to her loved ones in their time of sorrow.

We are so thankful to report Roy and June Rager, and Lillian Schlatter (John) have turned to the Lord in repentance. We hope that more can find grace unto repentance.

Bro. Rod and Sis. Edith Laukhuf have a new child, a daughter, Shane born May 27. A brother, Jason, welcomes Shane home.

Visiting ministers were David Bertsch (Leo), and Orville Ringger (Bluffton), Joe Waibel (Bay City), and Theo. Beer (Milford).

Hospital patients were Bro. Rex Plummer, who is home again, and Randy Wenninger, son of Bro. Don and Sis. Josephine. Randy had major surgery, but is doing well.

Congratulations to those graduating seniors: Gregg Stoller, Sis. Carol Sinn, Sis. Mardel Stoller, Sis. Jovce Klopfenstein, Sis. Karen Klopfenstein, Sis. Betty Stoller, Patty Stoller, Penny Schlatter, Danny Stoller, Neil Gerber, and Jerry Rager.

On Memorial Day, Latty Young Group was host to some 200 young members from the Indiana churches. It was really wonderful to gather with so many of like mind.

Jeanette Stoller and Tony Wobler have announced their engagement and forthcoming marriage on Sept. 8. Jeanette is the daughter of Sis. Helen and Bro. Roy. Tony is the son of William and Marguarita. May God be with them as they plan to begin a life together.

### SILVERTON Judith Knecht

#### My Daily Needs

Within me is this precious aim  
to Heaven gain.

Lord, I always want to follow Thee  
and happy be.

Lay Thou the strength upon my  
heart to do my part.

And grant the virtues that I need  
to sow good seed—

Faith to never unbelieving be,

Would be my plea,

Hope filling me with mirth and  
song

As I journey on,

Love for Jesus and everyone

And hating none,

Humility of body and soul

To keep me whole,

Contentment ever with my lot

And murmuring not,

Blessings that will strengthen me

To faithful be,

Happiness that Jesus Lives,

And promise gives,

Patience for trials to life's end,

Oh Lord, do send.

I am thankful that I can, in death,

Find heaven's rest.

**Thus united and in concord let us walk the path of life.** We have again enjoyed many precious hours of fellowship with those of like mind and faith. We were thankful to have with us Sis. Bertha Metzger (Bro. Phil), Sis. Bertha Wickert and Sis. Arlene Kilgus, who came to be with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Werner for their 45th wedding anniversary.

### REMINGTON

**Anna M. Waibel**

Bro. Phil and Sis. Carol Gutwein of Francesville were very happy to have the opportunity of taking little Samuel David into their home. Carol is the daughter of Bro. Harold and Sis. Marie Schieler of here.

We had many visitors May 6 from a number of congregations, including Bros. Vernon Leman and Marvin Schmidgall of Eureka and Bro. Henry Grimm, Morton, and had evening services, too, at which time Bro. Noah Schrock, Oakville, was here . . . enjoyed them all very much.

Sun., May 13, Mother's day . . . had another enjoyable day, with a large attendance for the day, also Sat. night, when Bros. Kellenberger—Elgin, Alfred Bahler—Wolott, Wendell Gudeman—Francesville, Robert Meyer—Bluffton, were with us for the provings and baptisms of Lilli (Bro. Edwin) Bahler and Sharon (Bro. Richard) Leman.

Neal Ross Nussbaum is our only high school graduate this year (son of Marvin).

Herman Peters, 60, died May 11 at Brook, Ind., where he was in the feed business many years. His sisters: Sis. Martha and Marie . . . his brothers, Ernest of Peoria and Clarence of Morton. They all lived in this community many years, and our sympathy goes out to all.

We welcome Bro. Craig and Sis. Ronda (Pelsey) Brown into our midst. He is employed by Bro. Ed-

win Bahler. Her mother was born and raised here, Mabel (Frey).

### WOLCOTT

Arles Kropf - Marjean Lehman

Can we Gethsemane forget?

Or there Thy conflict see, Thine  
agony and bloody sweat,  
And not remember Thee? When to  
the cross we turn our eyes,  
And rest on Calvary, Oh Lamb  
of God, our sacrifice,  
We must remember Thee.

We had the blessed privilege of remembering the Lord and His suffering in our Communion services on May 6. Bro. Noah Shrock assisted Bro. Alfred Bahler in this service.

Tragedy has again struck our little congregation, taking the life of one who will be greatly missed. Bro. Robert Schieler, age 49, was involved in a truck-car accident on May 17, and passed away three weeks later, as a result of his injuries. He is survived by his wife, Sis. Marilyn; three sons, Darl, Duane, and David; and two daughters, Sisters Connie and Jana Lou, all at home; his mother, Sis. Mary Schieler of Remington; two brothers and three sisters. Funeral services were held on June 9. Bob has been very active in work with our young people in Sunday School, having been superintendent, teacher, and song leader for many years; also served as trustee and did a lot in our remodeling work a few years ago. His work here is now done and he can rest in that Better Home above.

Our high school graduates this year are: Mary Beth Schwab, Craig Blume, Garry Waibel, Mike Radcliffe, Laurel Widmer and Glenn Klopfenstein. We wish each of them God's blessings throughout their life.

Bro. Ken Manz, who assembled with us during his Purdue years, has now graduated and returned to his home in Junction.

We aren't always able to sit under the sound of the word, even though we would wish to. When afflictions of the flesh come upon us, we appreciate more deeply our privilege to assemble. This was expressed by our dear sister, as she entered church Sunday morning and sighed, "It's so good to be in church."

### AKRON

Katherine Ries

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life."

We are happy to welcome the sister of Sis. Betti Graf (Rudy), Mrs. Margaret Habicht; her daughter Lillie, and Elizabeth Weutrich of Schaffhausen, Switzerland, for a visit to our community.

Sis. Elizabeth Heib (Leo), Friend Howard Dockus are recuperating slowly from surgery at their homes. Sis. Mary Stanoyevic, 836 N. Main St., Okron O 44310, has been absent due to illness.

### ALTADENA

Judy Cremer

My Father's way may twist and  
turn,  
My heart may throb and ache;  
But, in my soul I'm glad I know,  
He maketh no mistake.

Though night be dark, and it may  
seem,  
That day will never break,  
I'll pin my faith, my all in Him,  
He maketh no mistake.

For by and by, the mist will lift,  
And plain it all He'll make;  
Though all the way, though dark  
to me,  
He maketh not one mistake!

Our prayers are with Sisters Bertha Stoller and Christine Pearson as they are ill. The Lord's will is often hard for us to understand, but we know it is perfect and He never makes a mistake.

Bro. Gary and Sis. Gloria Volk and their two young daughters have moved to Gridley, Ill. Gary was our Sunday School superintendent and Bible class teacher. We surely miss them here and wish them many blessings in their new home.

The arrival of baby daughter has thrilled Beverly and Gary MacDonald. Nichole Leah was born May 22, and is their first child. Paternal grandparents are Sis. Lois and Earl MacDonald. Gary's new service address is: 31st NCR DETAIL Iceland, Box 11 NAVSTA KEFLAVIK, FPO New York 09571.

Bro. Roy Farney of Phoenix was

among many visitors. Roy shared many inspired messages.

Tom and Kathy Klotzle (Sis. Lois and Bro. John) are graduating from high school. Dale Graf (Sis. Mabelle and Bro. Clarence) is graduating from Pasadena College with a BA degree.

### ALTO

Joyleen Blough

Congratulations! Through the future may you find life's finest things:

God's love beside you to bless and guide you,  
The joy that friendship brings.

Graduating from high school is James Blough (Bro. Lloyd and Sis. Eloise), Bruce Wingeier (Bro. Dave and Sis. Bertha), and myself (Bro. Noah and Sis. Marguerite). Graduating from college is Brenda Schutte (Sis. Virginia) as a RN, and Gary Blough (Bro. Noah and Sis. Marguerite), with a Business Associate Degree. May God direct these graduates as they travel down life's road.

We rejoice with two happy families as they add new members to their circle, Bro. Otto and Sis. Pat Schlatter welcome a precious bundle, Otto Jay to their home. He has a sister and two brothers. The words, "It's not a boy, but two girls" were used by Doug and Marilyn Byman (Nee Marilyn Oesch), as they announced the birth of identical twins, Kristina and Katrina. The twins have two sisters and one brother waiting for them, so they will be able to come home.

Tim Steffen, son of Sis. Helen, was married to Monica Klammer May 24.

### BERN

Esther and Stella Moser

We are rejoicing over a new sister in faith, Peggy Baumgartner. May the Lord grant grace, blessings and happiness to her as she travels life's pathway to Zion. Bro. Gene Marti was with us for the proving and baptism.

Miracles do happen! Just ask Don Rokey (Bro. Melvin and Sis. Florence). Don was on his way to the field and didn't notice a freight train approaching the crossing. It severed the front half of the new tractor away, leaving Don unhurt in the cab.

Bro. Neil and Sis. Evelyn Hartter are rejoicing over their first child, Christopher Neil, born May 22. Grandparents are Bro. Lester and Sis. Ella Hartter, Bro. Wayne and Sis. Pearl Miller, Ft. Scott. This is also a first grandchild for the Millers.

We were richly blest with visiting ministers: Sam Huber, Sabetha; Raymond Roth, Burlington, (Okla); Charles Sauder, Tremont; Robert Walder, Congerville; Ben Stavenik, Mansfield. Each one was enjoyed. Thanks and come again.

Hospital patients: Beth Plattner (Bro. Eldon and Sis. Waneta) for an emergency appendectomy . . . Alice Wittmer (Harlan) tests . . . Wanda Esslinger, tests. Sis. Lydia Hanhart is still hospitalized, her fractured hip socket was replaced with a plastic one. She is slowly improving.

Sincere sympathy is extended to Bro. Harvey Grimm and family in the death of his father, Bro. Sam Grimm, Princeville.

Note to Bern Silver Lining readers. July is the month for our annual collection. Please pay your reporters. Thank you.

#### BREMEN Pauline Laidig

Our nation celebrated Memorial Day, a day set aside in remembrance of those who have given their lives in various wars. One of our ministering brethren mentioned that we should also remember the greatest sacrifice, which was made by our dear Lord. Again as we will soon celebrate Independence Day, recall the birth of our nation and the freedoms we have inherited, it is good to be mindful of, and sincerely grateful for the great freedom we may have in the spirit (if we seek it) because of His loving sacrifice.

We are thankful for the wonderful plan of salvation our Heavenly Father has provided, and that our forefathers were faithful in preserving and teaching His word. Dedicated, Christian fathers are so important in the family circle, and even though there are heartaches and trials to endure sometimes, their efforts are not in vain, for the word says, "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Some fathers may not live to see the results of their guidance and

prayers, but they can trust God's word.

We have five high school graduates. A special service was held in their honor, with loving advice given to them. Our sincere congratulations are extended to, Mar-ian Germann (Kenny and Mary), Kay Zeltwanger (Bro. Earl and Sis. Marge), Bro. Terry Zimmer (Bro. Bill and Sis. Ann), Bro. Louis Gerber (Bro. Lou and Sis. Emma Lou), and Bro. Randy Suttor (Bro. Ed and Sis. Carolyn). I came across this little poem and thought it might help them, and other graduates, to realize there truly is a place for each one in this world, but the secret is to go to the right source to find it.

The world is in need of you, young folks,

If your heart is unselfish and true,  
If you'll take the Saviour to be  
your guide,

And trust Him in all that you do;  
If you know the Christ who sets  
men free,

And with fervor His plans will pur-  
sue,

There's a place to be filled in His  
vineyard today;

The world is in need of you!

Preparations are being made for Bible School. We pray the Lord's blessings will be upon it, and that many seeds may be sown into fertile hearts.

We were glad to see Bro. Verne Lehman and Mathew Zimmer in church, after having had surgery. Little Jeffery Feldman did not have surgery, as reported last month, because of a cold, and at present is having chicken pox. Sis. Clara Klopfenstein is recuperating at home, and is hopeful of having better vision again. Clara has had several operations in a little over a year. Even though there are times of discouragement, we again marvel at her courage, but know that she feels the Lord has helped her through many valleys.

#### CHICAGO

##### Mrs. Perry Klopfenstein

An inspired author once wrote, "None but God can satisfy the longing of the immortal soul; as the heart was made for Him, He only can fill." The testimony of God's children confirms this truth. Nothing could fill the miserable

void in our lives until we humbled ourselves before the Almighty God and found His true peace which passes understanding.

Sunday, May 27, we were privileged to hear the testimony and witness the baptism of Matthias Strahm. We welcome him as a new brother in the Lord, and rejoice with him that the longing of his soul has been satisfied.

The Gospel was ministered to us by several visiting brethren. They were Edwin Ringger from Gridley, Illinois; Sam Huber from Sabetha; Lloyd Kraft from Gridley, Kansas; and Eugene Lemman from Wolcott. We surely have reason to thank our God for providing God-fearing men who are willing to lend themselves in the preaching of the truth.

We are sorry to hear that Bro. Sam Slagel is hospitalized.

#### CISSNA PARK Margaret Rudin

There are little eyes upon you, and  
they're watching night and  
day;

There are little ears that quickly  
take in every word you say.

There are little hands all eager to  
do everything you do,

And a little boy who's dreaming of  
the day he'll be like you,

He believes in you devoutly, holds  
that all you say and do,

He will say and do in your way,  
when he is grown up like you.

There's a wide eyed little fellow,  
who believes you're always  
right,

And his ears are always open and  
he watches day and night.

You are setting an example every  
day in all you do,

For the little boy who's waiting to  
grow up like you.

We were reminded, if we want  
to partake of the living water, we  
must stoop and drink.

We have thirteen graduates  
from high school, three members  
and ten friends. May God be with  
them along their way, keeping  
them within His care.

Our visiting ministers were  
Bros. Walter Steffen, Perry Zimmer-  
man, William Gudeman, Elmer  
Hartter and Elmer Bucher. We in-  
vite them back soon. One brother  
in ending his sermon said, "Right  
now means immediately to be ready  
for His coming."

"For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, cleave to his wife; And they twain shall be one flesh . . ." Sis. Gwen Bauer and Bro. Richard Steffen were united in Holy Matrimony on Sunday, June 3, by Bro Ezra Feller.

We will have our Summer Bible School for two weeks, June 4-15. We expect an enrollment of approximately 150. For four evenings we will have visiting ministers to speak to our young adults. They are as follows: Edwin Bahler, Joe Braker, Edwin Ringger, and Wendell Gudeman.

Born to Sis. Erma & Bro. Melvin Walder a girl, Sandra Kay, on June 1. She has a sister and three brothers to welcome her. Born to Sis. Janet and Bro. Daryl Hari, a girl, June 4, at Wesley Memorial Hospital, Chicago. She has two sisters to welcome her. Sis. Marie and Bro. Ray Heinold and Sis. Emma and Bro. Ray Hari are the grandparents.

Our sick: Sis. Leah Aeschliman is getting along very well at Fairhaven Resident Home in Fairbury. Even though she is in a wheelchair, she is content and counts her blessings. She feels she is better off than many. She wishes to thank her relatives and friends far and near for remembering her with cards and gifts. Bro. William Rentsch had surgery on his hip. Since returning from the hospital, he is a patient at Hoopeston Nursing Home, Hoopeston 60942. Sisters Sarah Maul and Emily Rudin were hospital medical patients. Sis. Alline Otto was a surgical patient, Sis. Mary Schubach a hospital medical patient. Bro. Albert Kaufman was also a hospital medical patient. Sis. Janet Hari remains a patient at Wesley Memorial Hospital, but is showing improvement. Our friends, Gladys (Mrs. George) Winzer and Jeanice Gudeman (Ficklin) were surgical patients. Sally Kuperschmid, daughter of David and Sis. Margaret, and Mrs. Eileen (Earl) Kaufman were hospital medical patients.

#### CONGERVILLE

Linda Knapp — Arlene Banwart

Some men were walking in the woods and got lost. When they were quiet, they could hear water running, and headed in the direction of the water. It was dark by the time they got to the water, so

they had to get down on their knees to check which way it was flowing. Then they followed the flowing water out of the weeds. So the sinner needs to be quiet and listen for God and then get down on his knees and pray.

"God is a jealous God; He wants our whole heart." We are thankful Mike Schieber, son of Bro. Harold and Sis. Alma, and Tim Zimmerman, son of Bro. Orville and Sis. Lula, have given their whole hearts to the Lord and were baptized May 6, by Elder Bros. Joshua Broquard and Dave Kieser.

If we're not tested and tried, how would it proven be who weak, who strong, who true or untrue be.

The believer doesn't fight a losing battle, but he doesn't know how long the battle will be. Elijah had to pray so many times for rain, and it wasn't until the seventh time that his servant saw a small cloud.

A Christain man in a Communist country was being persecuted, and they were going to take his life. He replied, "You can't take it; I've already given it to the Lord."

The loss of material things in the recent floods meant much more to some than our believing brothers. We thank God their spirit isn't dampened, nor have they become despondent. No high river or tornado can touch the gift God has implanted in their hearts.

Our thanks is extended to Bro. Joe Zimmerman Jr. (Morton) and Bro. Robert Pohl (Burlington, Ia.) for visiting us. Bro. Duane Steffen was chosen to assist on the Brotherhood Aid committee.

We wish the following high school graduates God's guidance in the future; Sis. Mardell Grusy, Mike Hartman. Sue Schieber, and Cindy Zimmerman. We wish Yvonne Steffen God's blessings as she graduates from nurse's training and in her engagement to Michael Kamp from Eureka.

Lynda Schrock, daughter of Bro. Allen and Sis. Carol. and Sis. Neomi Schrock were hospitalized for surgery; we're thankful to have them assembling with us again. **Thank you:** I want to thank everyone for their cards, flowers, gifts and prayers which meant so much to me while in the hospital. Sis. Neomi Schrock.

God has blessed two homes with precious bundles from heaven. . . Christian Wayne born May 3 to Chris and Phyllis Miller. He is their first child. Grandparents are Bro. Chris and Sis. Betty Miller and Bro. Wayne and Sis. Laura Kuperschmid of Eureka. May 10, Jason Ryan was born to Dave and Sandy Miller. Two brothers welcome Jason home. Art and Lena Miller and Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Vaughn of Standford are the grandparents.

#### DETROIT

Bonnie Popp

Let us all pray a special blessing upon those mothers who have been an example of loving faith, guiding faith, Christian faith, living faith.

Donna (Maibach) Weber received a very special gift this Mother's Day. Son Keith surprised his family with a visit home.

A mother-in-faith to so many of us, Sis. Kristina Dimitri, spent her last Mother's Day with her family and passed from this life on May 14. She will be sadly missed by her two daughters, Sis. Lydia Voina and Ann Tacher, her sons, Emil, Peter, Frank, Carl, Herman and Robert. Her loving words of counsel and advice have been an inspiration to all. A smile was her greeting to everyone. The life of this servant, who so willingly served her Lord for nearly 70 years was a light, a testimony and a shining example. May her words, shared in love and uttered in private prayer so often, take root and nurture in those willing to be spent and find a place as future pillars in this faith.

O the friends that now are waiting in the cloudless realms of day. Who are calling me to follow where their steps have led the way; They have laid aside their armor and their earthly course is run; They have kept the faith with patience, And their crown of life is won.

We extend our sympathy to Bros. Ben and Willard Belsley and Sis. Lorene Maibach and their families in the passing of their mother, Sis. Emma Belsley.

With joy in our hearts, we assembled to hear the testimonies of three dear souls, and welcome

Cindy and Sheryl Maibach and Wendy Marsh into the fold. Bro. Joe Waibel and Bro. Joe Aberle were able to be present with us the week-end of May 27 for the baptism. What a joy and a privilege to walk with the Master at youth, knowing He will supply until life's end.

I cannot row it myself,  
My boat on the raging sea,  
But beside me sits Another,  
Who pulls or steers with me,  
And I know that we two shall come  
into port,  
His Child and He.

But all He says I must do,  
Ever from sin to keep free.  
We shall finish our course and  
reach home at last—  
His child and He.

Pat and Jeanne Allen welcome their first son, Jason Patrick, into their hearts and their home. Grandparents are Bro. Ben and Sis. Lois Belsley and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Allen. John and Linda Reardon brought home their precious bundle, John James. George and Sis. Marie Reardon and Bro. Ben and Sis. Lois Belsley are the happy grandparents. The home of Bro. Ben and Sis. Lois is certainly a happy place and a busy place, with the visits of their three new grandsons. We wish many blessings upon these young families.

### EUREKA

Cathryn Wettstein  
Salome Schumacher

What you are speaks so loud  
The world can't hear what you say,  
They're looking at your walk,  
Not listening to your talk.  
They are judging from your  
actions day after day.

So therefore let us be very careful, as we are being watched by our heavenly Father, too.

Our visitors were as follows: Bros. Leo Moser, Dennis Werner, Lester; Edward Knecht, Silverton; Eli Somerhalder, Burlington, Oklahoma.

Births: Chadwick Michael was born May 11 to Bro. Keith and Dorothy Leman. This is their first child. Grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Vernon and Viola Leman, and Bro. and Sis. Walter and Mina An-

liker. Teri Jo was born May 9 to Bro. and Sis. Lewis and Arletta Martin. She has three sisters and two brothers to help care for her. Grandparents are Bro. Andrew Martin, and Bro. and Sis. William and Clemmie Joos of Goodfield.

Communion services were conducted May 27, with Bro. Leo Moser helping. When we partake of this supper and think about how Jesus suffered and died on the cross for the sins of the whole world . . . But before He went to the cross, He had a last supper with His disciples and told them to do this in remembrance of me until I come again. It makes one really think how soon it will be, perhaps sooner than we think. May God grant each one grace to endure and be ready when He does come.

Engagement: Sis. Janet Fisher was announced to Bro. Floyd Frieden from Elgin, Iowa. An August wedding is planned.

Among the ill: Maurice Crawford was in the Eureka Hospital for tests and observation. Sis. Jane Anliker was a medical patient for a few days. Bro. Ed Bittner is very ill, after having surgery at St. Francis Hospital in Peoria.

The Vacation Bible School started last week and will run for two weeks.

Notes of thanks: We wish to thank all who so kindly shared their prayers, food, cards and other acts of kindness during mother's long illness and at the time of her passing away. The family of Sis. Martha Wettstein . . . We want to thank all who remembered us with prayers, food, cards, and all other kind expressions of sympathy during the time our loved one was in the hospital and at the time of his death. The family of Bro. George Hodel.

### FAIRBURY

Joyce Huber

The engagement was announced of Sis. Kathryn Kaisner and Bro. Ernest Gerber of Forrest. We wish them God's blessings.

Sis. Emma Huette had enjoyed a Sunday at church and a Sunday evening with others, and Monday morning she was found by her brother having passed away. She was 80 on Feb. 12. She was the daughter of Charles and Juliana Yoder Huette. Surviving is a

brother, Ben, with whom she shared her apartment, and who has now gone to live at Fairview Haven.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Aberle have a new baby, Angela Lynn, middle-named for her aunt, Connie Rieger. She has a sister, Jodi Marie. Grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Elmer Aberle, and great-grandmother is Sis. Lydia Aberle.

We are sorry Bro. Silas Clauss had surgery, and Sis. Sarah Steffen was hospitalized.

We welcome to our congregation Bro. Paul and Sis. Sherri Ashba and family from Indiana. Sherri is the daughter of Sis. Dorothy Hoffman.

Visiting ministers were Bro. Arnold Gerst and Bro. Frederick Knapp, giving us inspiring messages.

### GOODFIELD

Elna Grimm

The scars of heartache, pain and tragedy may show forth in misery and bitterness, but sometimes they are seen to blossom into soft gentle beauty of the soul. . . all depending upon the master of one's heart.

We were so happy to hear the testimony of our friend, Terry Heinhold Bjork on Wed. evening, May 30. She was baptized into the faith on Sun. June 3. Terry's parents are Bro. and Sis. Wilbur and Mildred Heinold, Washington, Ill. Bro. Ed Knecht from Silverton ministered to us on the evening of May 30. We thank him for his visit.

Bro. and Sis. George and Fern Knapp, R. R. Deer Creek, are the happy parents of a baby boy, Shane William, born on May 14. Grandparents are Sis. Marie Goetzinger, Goodfield, and Mr. and Mrs. George C. Knapp, R. R. Deer Creek. . . A baby boy, Douglas William, was born to Bro. and Sis. Bill and Terry Hart, Goodfield, on May 20. Grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Bob and Elna Grimm, R. R. Congerville, and Mr. Chuck Hart, Mcleansboro, Ill. . . . Bro. and Sis. Harold and Vi Reeser, Morton, have a new grandchild. Their son, Douglas and his wife from Urbana have adopted a 4½-month-old little girl. Her name is Amy Michelle.

We have voted for two new Sunday School teachers and one new trustee. They are respectively,



Bros. Bud Discarpentrie, Bill Huhlin, and Richard Hartter.

Sis. Betty Wiegand (Willis) has suffered another blood clot in her leg. This has been her almost constant lot for the past year. Our hearts go out to her in love and compassion. Kim Steffen, 5-yr.-old son of Bro. and Sis. Jerry and Alene, broke his leg, but is getting along fine at this time.

Sis. Louise Teubel wishes to thank all those who cared for her with food, prayers and visits during her recent misfortune.

One day at a time, with its failures and fears,  
With its hurts and mistakes, with its weakness and tears,  
With its portion of pain and its burden of care;  
One day at a time we must meet and must bear.

One day at a time to be patient and strong,  
To be calm under trial and sweet under wrong.  
Then its toiling shall pass and its sorrow shall cease;  
It shall darken and die, and the night shall bring peace.

One day at a time, and the day is His day;  
He hath numbered its hours, though they haste or delay.

### PEORIA

Emily Tanner

Mrs. Michael Weyeneth

We welcome two sisters in faith, Sara (Getz) House and Sherri Robbins. They gave their testimonies on Wed. evening and were baptized the following Sunday, May 13. . . also extend our welcome to the three new brothers in faith, Rod Causey, Steve Hoerr and Luke Heller. Rod was not raised in our faith, but we're so happy he could see an example in a friend of his who is a brother in faith. Steve is the second son of Bro. Max and Sis. Kathryn Hoerr. Luke and his wife have been steady churchgoers for many years, and we're so thankful they all were given the grace to seek their soul's salvation before it was too late. They gave their testimonies on Saturday evening and were baptized on May 27.

Rick and Karen Kellenberger have repented and are awaiting

baptism, which is scheduled to take place in Sabetha. Karen's parents are Bro. Walter and Sis. Hazel Geyer.

United in marriage April 28 were Mary E. Lawless and William J. Cross. Parents of the bride are Leslie and Sis. Mary Lawless, and his parents are the late Mr. and Mrs. William Cross. Linda Witzig, daughter of Bro. Walter and Sis. Kathryn Witzig, and Phil Leathers, son of Mr. and Mr. Hubert Leathers of East Peoria, were united in marriage June 2.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Baer announce the engagement of their daughter, Susan Marie, to Michael Roy Barth, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Barth of Mt. Vernon.

Bro. Cleve and Sis. Kathleen Klopfenstein are the parents of Crystal Marie, born May 25. Bro. Benjamin and Sis. Sharon Stickling are the parents of Molly Beth, born May 31.

We all enjoyed having Bay City choir at our May Hymn Sing, which was held at the Fellowship Hall the first Saturday night in May. Ministering Bro. Roy Wieland and Jim Ramsier had the services in church on Sunday. A very blessed week-end was experienced. Other visiting ministers this past month include George and Simon Wagenbach and Hartzell Kaisner. We thank them all for their labors of love.

Sis. Molly Perdelwitz suffered a stroke, was in the hospital awhile, but is now in the infirmary at our A. C. Home on Skyline Drive.

Sis. Clara Geyer, 80, died May 21 at her home. Her daughters, Cora and Vi, so lovingly cared for her during her last days. Also surviving are two sons, Bros. Walter, and Morman of Morton; four brothers, Sam, Albert and Walter all of Cissna Park, and Elmer Hari of Rankin. Her husband, Bro. Joseph died Aug. 9, 1961.

Sis. Mabel Hoerr's father, Bro. Sam Grimm, died June 1. Our sympathy is extended to Sis. Mabel and Bro. Alfred Hoerr. . . also to Sis. Martha Peters, whose brother in Indiana died.

The Bible School for the children and the young adults begins June 4, 7:00 to 8:30 PM for two weeks.

Thank you notes: I wish to express my sincere thanks for the prayers, get-well cards, flowers,

gifts and love shown me during my 4½ stay in the Methodist Hospital & my return home. Sis. Emma Messer. Bro. Al Thomas wishes to express his thanks for the prayers, cards, letters, and love shown him during his five weeks of hospitalization. They are both able to assemble with us for church services, and Al is able to do some light work again.

### TAYLOR

Marie Butikofer—Elizabeth Sutter

Flood waters still cover much of the land east of Taylor. The water had fallen since the terrible flood on April 23, and had risen again because of heavy rainfall north of us. It has now fallen again, and much destruction of property is visible.

Only our Lord is able to give those flood victims the grace to be cheerful in spite of their aching hearts. We know that our earthly possessions are only ours to care for.

Bro. Noah Schrock and Bro. Harvey Heiniger were here for Wednesday evening services on May 2. They brought many comforting words which were especially appreciated at this time.

Bro. William Cottrell went to the Mayo Clinic for tests and observation. He is now home again. Sis. Marie Butikofer spent several days in the hospital, but she is home and doing quite well.

Bro. Bob Pohl visited here on Mother's Day. He brought us timely teachings that are needed for our spiritual welfare. Other visiting ministers included Clarence Yackley on May 20 and Sam Huber on June 3. We appreciate our local ministers, but we also appreciate visitors.

Our high school graduates are Bob Heimer (Sis. Naomi) and Stephen Sutter (Bro. Gerald and Sis. Marge). Cindy Hoerr (Bro. John and Sis. Rose) and Sandi Cottrell (Bro. William and Sis. Ruth) graduated from Methodist Hospital School of Nursing in Peoria. Cindy will work at Proctor Hospital in Peoria; Sandi will work at Blessing Hospital in Quincy.

Becky Hodel (Sis. Loida) graduated from Southern Illinois University. She was granted a fellowship and will begin work on her Master's degree this summer.

### TUCSON Mrs. Loren Knapp

Mother of mine, light of my soul,  
Ever inspiring me to a higher goal.  
You who are so dear to me,  
When I look at you, what do I see?

I see sacrifices made for me  
And dreams imprisoned that mine  
might be free;  
A mother whose motto, on life's  
stormy sea  
Is "Jesus Saviour, pilot me."

We were reminded this Mother's  
Day of sacrifices mothers through  
the ages have made for their chil-  
dren. We thank the Lord everyday  
for our God-fearing mothers, who  
have given their all for us.

Friend Grace Haller has been ad-  
mitted to the hospital and needs  
the prayers of all.

Our congregation welcomes two  
loved ones to the Tucson church.  
They are Sis. Rita Bertschi, for-  
merly of Morton, and Sis. Sally  
Wohlschlager of Phoenix. Their  
new addresses are: Sally Wohl-  
schlager, 5209-B E. Bellevue, Tuc-  
son Az 85712 . . . Rita Bertschi,  
5425 Placita Faja, Tucson Az  
85718.

### TREMONT Lydia Rassi

Mary Jane Leuthold

May God bless our visiting min-  
isters who have taken of their time  
and shared the precious word with  
us: John Steiner, Oakville; Clar-  
rence Yackley, Phoenix; Bill Gude-  
man, Elgin; Clarence Kachelmuss  
and Perry Zimmerman, Forrest.  
We say thank you.

Bro. Noah Schrock, Oakville and  
Bro. Herman Kellenberger, Elgin  
assisted Bro. Dan with our Com-  
munion service May 20. How  
strengthening; the Lord provides  
each of us opportunity to examine  
our own hearts and live with Him  
anew.

May 14, a little son, Jamie Lynn  
came to live with Bro. Lynn and  
Sis. Annemarie Young. Their little  
daughter, Laurie had an appendec-  
tomy and is recovered. We were  
happy to meet Annemarie's par-  
ents, the Hans Maurer's from Ger-  
many.

Nancy Musselman and Dalton  
Whitaker were united in marriage  
May 12 at the bride's home. Par-  
ents are Sis. Esther Musselman

and the Glenn Whitakers of Macki-  
naw.

On June 3, many relatives,  
neighbors, sisters and brothers in  
the faith joined Bro. Levi and Sis.  
Clara Sauder in remembering their  
50th wedding anniversary at an  
open house in their home. The Lord  
has been good to them. May He  
continue to bless them.

Bro. Henry Dill Sr. was a surgi-  
cal patient and is recovering nice-  
ly. Sis. Emma Funk had a severe  
stroke; she is hospitalized and very  
ill. Sis. Rozaldine (Robert) Hodel  
was a surgical patient at Abraham  
Lincoln Memorial Hospital and is  
recovering slowly.

**Thank you note**—Thank you  
very much for the visits, cards,  
flowers, prayers and other gifts re-  
ceived by me while I was in the  
hospital and since I have returned  
home. Sis. Rozaldine Hodel . . .

Sis. Katie Oertle is able to attend  
services again, and wishes to thank  
the ministers for their visits, also  
was grateful for the food and cards  
she received while she was conval-  
escing.

### UNION CITY Karen Martin

Often we are reminded of the  
line of the hymn, "My lifetime doth  
pass away, hourly to the grave I  
hasten" . . . and so it seems, as we  
busily go from day to day, with the  
seasons passing so quickly. Within  
the past week, the first rose out-  
side my door burst into gorgeous  
bloom. It is the rose named  
'Peace,'" and I've often thought  
what a beautiful name that is for a  
rose.

Our dear sister, Lucy Wortman,  
has been in the hospital and con-  
fined at home. We think of her  
often . . .

We are so happy to welcome the  
bride of Bro. Dave Roberts to Un-  
ion City. She was Carolyn Gerber  
from Bluffton, and she and Dave  
were married in Bluffton and are  
making their home in Quakertown,  
Pennsylvania. Her family and  
friends in Bluffton will surely miss  
her, but we are delighted to have  
her here and wish her and Bro.  
Dave God's richest blessings in  
their life together.

Solitude is the ante-chamber of  
God;

Only one step more and you will be  
in His immediate presence.

### WICHITA Glennis Allenbach

So faith is strong Only when we  
are strong, shrinks when we shrink.

I would share with you a story  
of simple faith. My mother tells me  
of a time when her older sister and  
a friend, both believers, started on  
a trip in one of the early day auto-  
mobiles. Down the road, they en-  
countered a severe rainstorm. The  
car stalled, and they were stranded  
and quite concerned. My aunt's  
friend must have had much faith,  
for as she was out in the downpour,  
trying to fix the car, she stopped,  
looked up and prayed aloud for the  
Lord to help them. Almost immedi-  
ately amid the storm, a bright  
patch of blue appeared right above  
them, and the rain ceased in their  
immediate area. They were then  
able to start the car and continue  
their journey.

We might use this as an example  
amid life's storms. When we be-  
come stalled, stranded and con-  
cerned, and do not know what to  
do, we can stop, look up and ask the  
Lord for help, and be assured he  
will help us, many times not in the  
way we would imagine, but accord-  
ing to His will.

Visiting ministers have been  
Clarence Yackley of Phoenix, Joe  
Aberle of Sabetha, Sam Anliker of  
Lamont, and Ed Hohulin of Good-  
field. Bro. Ed assisted Bro. Sam  
with Communion.

Our church addition is really tak-  
ing shape; I believe the roofing is  
to be next, and then the interior  
decorations.

Have faith!

### BLUFFTON Melanie Gerber — Donna Drayer

"For this cause shall a man leave  
his father and mother, and shall be  
joined unto his wife, and they two  
shall be one flesh."

These words were spoken several  
times during the past month, as  
nine couples from our congrega-  
tion were united in holy matri-  
mony. On May 5, Becky Bertsch  
became the bride of Dennis Caffee  
in our fellowship hall. Parents of  
the couple are Bro. Godfrey and  
Sis. Anita Bertsch and Mr. and  
Mrs. Eugene Caffee. On the follow-  
ing day, May 6, Sis. Nilah Schae-  
fer was united to Bro. Jon Aschli-  
man. Bro. Oscar and Sis. Agnes

Schaefer and Bro. Harold and Sis. Luella Aschliman are the parents.

May 13 was the date set for the wedding of Myra Gerber and David Zoll. Myra's parents are Bro. Frederick and Sis. Margaret Gerber, and David's parents are Mr. & Mrs. David Zoll Sr. On a quiet Wednesday evening, May 16, our congregation assembled to witness the uniting of Sis. Carolyn Gerber and Bro. Dave Roberts of Union City. Many of us, including Carolyn's parents, Bro. Elmer and Sis. Emma Gerber, will miss her, but know that she will make new acquaintances and be an asset to Bro. Dave's home church.

Claudia Ringger (Bro. William and Sis. Marge Ringger) and Greg Sprunger (Lynn and Mary Lou Sprunger) were united in marriage on May 19 in the fellowship hall. The same evening, in a nearby community, Nancy Beer (Sis. Sarah Beer) became the wife of Jerry Foreman.

On May 20, Alfred Bahler (Wolcott) assembled with us to perform the wedding ceremony of his nephew, Bro. Sam Habegger, to Sis. Darlene Neuenschwander. The couple's parents are Bro. Ben and Sis. Arlene Habegger and Bro. William and Sis. Mildred Neuenschwander.

Mona Gerber and Kim Graham were joined together as one on Friday, May 25. Mona's parents are Bro. Wendell and Sis. Wanda Gerber, and Kim's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Graham. Bro. Martin and Sis. Marguerite Kipfer and Bro. Herman and Sis. Marie Draver saw their children, Sis. Lois Kipfer and Bro. Jerry Drayer, united on May 27.

We pray that God will bless each of these couples as they begin their new life of togetherness.

Our shut-ins are Sisters Lydia (John) Kaehr, Effie (Herman) Bertsch, Agnes (Oscar) Schaefer and Mary Ann Reinhard (who has been dismissed), and Bro. John Kaehr.

We rejoice with Bro. Sam Hirsch, who was just recently taken into the Fold. May he and his dear wife, Sis. Elizabeth, grow in their spiritual life together in the remaining days the Lord shall permit them to be together.

Bro. Joel Maller has gone to his eternal rest. We extend our deepest sympathy to his family. He is sur-

vived by two sons, Bros. Melvin and Robert, three daughters, Sisters Helen (Clifford) Heyerly, Naomi (Fred) Kaehr, and Vera (Lester) Laukhuf . . . and one brother, Sam Maller.

Bro. Homer Reineck (Toledo) was a visiting minister on May 20.

Our annual Vacation Bible School came to a close on June 8, with over 290 children (Nursery to eighth grade) enrolled during the nine day program. On the last evening, the students gave a program to the congregation and had their materials and crafts projects on display in the church dining-room. It was very encouraging to watch the children's enthusiasm in wanting to learn more about our Lord.

### BRADFORD

#### Rebecca Endress

Congratulations to our high school graduates. We have three this year: Sis. Pamela Endress (Bro. John and Sis. Lucille) plans to enter St. Francis Hospital School of Nursing in Peoria; Sis. Eileen Klumpp (Bro. Ray and Sis. Eunice) will attend Methodist Hospital School of Nursing, Peoria; Danny Guingrich (Bro. Ed and Sis. Doris) is farming at home with his father.

A very pleasant day was spent when Bro. Jim Ramsier of Bay City and Bro. Roy Grimm of Taylor ministered to us. We thank you both for visiting us.

We have received a lot of wet weather again this month, and farm and garden work has had to be squeezed in between rains. We were thankful for several dry days that corn could be planted; however, much work remains to be done.

### BURLINGTON, OKLAHOMA

#### Janice Frieden

A small boy built a little boat, and he was so pleased with his boat that he took it down to sail it in the gutter. The little boat sailed too far and was lost down the grate. The boy hunted everywhere, but couldn't find his little boat. Several days later, as he was passing a store he noticed a little boat in the window. He went inside and told the storekeeper that the boat was his. The storekeeper said, "No, that's my boat." The boy then said, "What can I do to get my little boat back. The storekeeper said,

"You can buy it." "How much does it cost?" After the storekeeper told the boy the price, the boy left, only to return several weeks later. He paid the storekeeper, and as he was leaving the store he was heard to say, "Little boat, you are twice mine: I made you first and bought you the second time . . . So are you twice God's: He made us first, and bought us the second time with a price we can never repay, the precious blood of Christ.

We enjoyed a blessed evening of Christian fellowship on May 6, when Mary Daughhetee, mother of Sis. Mildred Frieden, opened her home for our monthly singing. Then on May 9, we had a supper and singing at the church. It was a farewell supper and singing to Sis. Mabel and Sis. Janice Springer, who have moved to Ft. Scott. They will be greatly missed by our congregation, but we pray that they will be very happy in their new home.

Ministering Bro. Ronald Nelson underwent tests in Halstead, Kansas, but we are thankful that he is now up and able to worship with us again.

We welcome Bro. Reuben and Sis. Marie Farney of California back into our midst to worship with us for the summer.

Although Wednesday evening services have been terminated until fall, we had special services when Ministering Bro. Clarence Yackley of Phoenix joined us on May 23. After a wonderful message from God's word, Bro. Clarence told us of the flood lands he had traveled through. Our heartfelt thoughts and prayers go out to each who has suffered from those floods. May God be with them in their time of trouble.

Our new Church in Kiowa is going up so fast that it seems as if we will be worshipping in it before we know it. Everytime we walk into it, our hearts are filled with love for God, who has granted us His blessing in the building of this new church. ..

If you should want to know how to obtain the Silver Lining, our reporters are willing to be of service. If your address is or will be different, please let one of the reporters know, or send in direct. The Editor.

## CHAMPAIGN-URBANA

Jam Blunier

If God has called you to be really like Jesus, he will draw you into a life of crucifixion and humility, and put upon you such demands of obedience, that you will not be able to follow other people . . .

Others may boast of themselves, of their work, of their successes, of their writings, but the Holy Spirit will not allow you to do any such thing, and if you begin it, He will lead you into some deep mortification that will make you despise yourself . . .

The Lord may let others be honored and put forward, and keep you hidden in obscurity, because he wants to produce some choice fragrant fruit for his coming glory, which can only be produced in the shade. He may let others be great, but keep you small. He may let others do a work for him and get the credit for it, but he will make you work and toil on without knowing how much you are doing; and then to make your work still more precious he may let others get credit for the work which you have done, and thus make your reward greater when Jesus comes.

The Holy Spirit will put a strict watch over you, with a jealous love, and will rebuke you for little words and feelings or for wasting your time . . .

Settle it forever then, that you are to deal directly with the Holy Spirit, and that he is to have the privilege of tying your tongue, or chaining your hand, or closing your eyes . . . Now, when you are so possessed with the living God that you are, in your secret heart, pleased and delighted over this peculiar, personal, private, jealous guardianship and management of the Holy Spirit, you will have found the vestibule of heaven.

Our visiting ministers were Nathan Steffen of Elgin, Harold Schmidgall of Gridley, Vernon Lemman of Eureka, Jim Hoerr of Peoria, Steve Rinkenberger of Cissna Park, and Joe Zimmerman of Morton.

On the week-end of May 5 and 6 we were privileged to host the young people who attend the various colleges in Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, and other states. It was a very interesting and enjoyable week-end of sharing faith and fel-

lowship. On May 16, Bro. Ed Ringger was here to support Bro. Ed Hohulin in administering Communion for us. The event truly reminded us of the precious price He paid for us because He loves us.

Another academic year has come to a close, and many of our group will be leaving for their various places of employment, while some leave to continue their education elsewhere. It would really be frightening to face this cold world without the eternal warmth of God's love dwelling within you.

## ELGIN, ILLINOIS

Louise Steffen  
Katie Kachelmuss

Think what great honor and glory the Lord then will render,  
She who from childhood and till  
her last years did surrender  
All to the Lord, even old age will  
accord  
Crowns of God's mercy so tender.

Sis. Lizzie Huber passed away at the age of 82 years. She is survived by Sisters Nina and Mary, who are now living at our Resthaven Home at 971 Park, Elgin Ill. and a brother, Harry who lives at Tombstone, Arizona.

There shall be showers of blessings, this is the promise of love . . . and this was so true on a Sabbath Day when Bros. Ernest and Earl Gerber of Forrest, Edwin Bahler and Ken Schneider of Remington, and Bro. Sam Huber of Sabetha visited us, and Bros. Clarence Yackley of Phoenix, Edmund Klotter of Fairbury and Dale Eisenmann of Chicago also ministered unto us the wonderful word of life. May God continue to provide faithful servants who have but one endeavor, the Gospel to proclaim. May God bless them all for their untiring efforts.

Bro. Charles Graf is now at the Mary Margaret Manor, 134 N. McLean Blvd., Elgin Ill.; his wife, Sis. Adelian is also there. We have two now in the hospital, Sis. Rose Steffen, who lives at 164 N. Gifford St. Sis. Bertha Weichert, whose address is 667 Grand Avenue. Sisters Frances Kaptain, 532 N. McLean Blvd., and Ida Wahl, 719 Wright Ave. (all of Elgin 60120) were able to return to their homes and to assemble with us again.

Births: A son, Jeremy Thomas;

was born on May 27 to Bro. Tom and Sis. Diane Ebert of 334 Jewett St., Elgin Ill 60120. This is their first child. They formerly lived in Burlington, Iowa. Diane is the daughter of Bro. Marvin and Sis. Verna Woodward. A son, Todd Robert, was born May 23 to Bro. Robert and Sis. Jeanne Schambach, 820 Mohawk, Elgin Ill 60120. This is their second son.

## ELGIN, IOWA

Eleanor Butikofer

This is a lovely morning; the sky is azure blue, and the sun is filling the earth with its golden rays. It's a pleasure to behold the snowball shrub and bridal wreath, which are both in full bloom with their pure white blossoms. Adding to the enjoyment of the morning, while outdoors (after replanting a block of sweet corn) was the call of the blue jay, the warbling of the Maryland yellow throat, and the pleasing song of the red-winged blackbird. Our Creator has given us so many things to enjoy. May His name be praised forever and ever.

We partook of Communion service. Bro. Lester Harter assisted Bro. Paul in serving the blessed sacrament, in memory of the body and blood of our dear Lord.

"May we in perfect love be found  
When we Thy table Lord surround.  
Keep soul and body purified  
Thy blessings Lord be multiplied  
Upon this feast.

We have two engagement announcements: Sis. Janet Fisher's engagement to Bro. Floyd Frieden. Janet is the daughter of the Eli Fishers of Eureka. They are planning an August wedding . . . Eunice Metzger, daughter of Bro. Ervin and Sis. Ruth, is engaged to Dan Fehr of West Bend. He is the son of the Elmer Fehrs. They plan on an August wedding.

Mother wrote in my autograph book this memory gem: "Earth has no sorrow That Heaven cannot heal."

We wish to thank Bro. Hartter for coming to us, explaining the scriptures and for his and his wife's love which could be felt in their presence.

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

**FORREST**

Juanita Schneider  
Eleanor Honegger

Visiting ministers in our midst: Merle Kaisner, Earl Banwart, Art Bahler, Kenneth Schneider, and Vernon Schwab. We want to thank them, as we also do our own ministers for the love and concern for each one of us, by proclaiming the precious word in the spirit and humbleness of God.

Truly the angels in heaven have been rejoicing, as we have also with the wonderful news that five dear souls have turned their back to the darkness and going forward in the footsteps of our Saviour. These precious friends are Sandy Gerber, Elaine Leman, Mary Wenger, Shelli Zimmerman, and Sherri Ifft. May they always have a desire to serve Him faithfully.

Simon Karcher was a patient at Fairbury Hospital; also Ministering Bro. Joe Kaisner, Bro. Zimmerman, Kent Kafer (grandson of Wayne and Sis. Bernice Cox), Ricky Masters (son of Bro. and Sis. Bill Masters), and Linda Steidinger (had the misfortune to break her leg). Sis. Leona Wallace was a patient at Champaign.

The engagement of Sis. Kathy Gerber, daughter of Bro. Earl and Sis. Esther, was announced to Bro. Jerry Leman, son of Bro. Sidney and Sis. Helen. . . The engagement of Sis. Kathryn Kaisner of Fairbury to our Ministering Bro. Ernie Gerber. . . also, the engagement of Sis. Jill Nussbaum, daughter of Bro. Willis and Sis. Elna, to Bro. John Schlinf, son of Bro. Ralph and Sis. Winifred of Gridley. Bro. Clarence and Sis. Doris Koehl announce the engagement of their daughter, Marlene, to Duane Walter of Fairbury, son of the Ed Walters. Also the engagement of Warren Koehl, son of Bro. LeRoy and Sis. Janeta to Candy Terrell. The Glenn Fellers announce the engagement of their daughter, Joy, to Bob Hakes of Minonk. "There is beauty all around, when there's love at home."

We want to congratulate our young people who have graduated from high school and various schools of learnings.

**Reminder:** July is the month to renew the Silver Lining (Forrest), Please pay to Bro. Larry and Sis. Cynthia Kaisner.

I wish to thank everyone for

their prayers, visits, cards, flowers, gifts, and any acts of kindness during my stay in the hospital and since I'm home. Sis. Anita Sohn. . . Anita is recuperating nicely at home in a wheel-chair.

We cannot give like God, but surely we may forgive like Him.

**FORT LAUDERDALE**

Kathy Sutter—Henry H. Schwartz

We have heard wonderful words of life from our own ministers and from Bro. Roy Luginbuhl from Rockville. We enjoyed the visit of Bro. Roy and are looking forward to a return visit.

Sis. Patty Meyer and Sis. Faye Gerber are home with their parents for the summer months; we enjoy their fellowship.

Graduation time is here, and this year we have three young people who have completed their high school careers. They are Brad Troxel, son of Bro. Ken and Sis. Joyce; Dick Klonfenstein, son of Bro. Bud and Sis. Billie. . . and Marlise Yergler, daughter of Bro. Bob and Sis. Caroline. The opinions before these young people are many, but it is our sincere hope that they will make their decisions with their Christian parents and the teachings of the Bible as their reference point. It is our prayer the lure and excitement of the world will be tempered for them by the knowledge that some day all these things will pass away, and only what has been done for the Lord will endure.

**FT. WAYNE**

Pam Steffen — Eleanor Stieglitz

The mother's and their daughters celebrated Mother's Day with our annual spring banquet. A song and slide presentation emphasized God's creation of our beautiful America.

A special thank you to Bremen. We enjoyed hearing several quartets from Bremen sing praises to our Heavenly Father.

Our high school graduates are Sis. Jane Stoller (Bro. Verlin and Sis. Marge), Barb Pulver (Bro. Lester and Sis. Florence), and Kathy Pulver (Bro. Raymond and Sis. Mary). Our college graduates are Ella Pfister (Bro. Levi and Sis. Lillian) and Steve Stoller (Bro. Norman and Sis. Joanne). Ella graduated from Indiana Univer-

sity with a bachelor of science degree in mathematics. Steve received his doctor of medicine degree from Indiana University.

Our visiting ministers have been Bros. Wendell Gerber (Bluffton), Dave Bertsch (Leo), Earl Kilgus (Remington), and Harold Zeltwanger (Bremen). Thank you for your loving and instructing words from the Lord.

On Father's Day, let us look for real meaning in the word father. In this word, we can favor, admire, thank, honor, esteem, and respect our fathers throughout the year.

**HOME FOR THE HANDICAPPED**

Elmer J. Bucher

In a conversation with the mother of one of the residents at our Home, she said she and her husband had visited an institution where they were planning to take their son. After they saw the place he would be staying, she cried all the way home and told her husband she would never take her boy to a place like that. With tear-filled eyes she said, "Then we found this home; you have no idea what a change this has made in our lives." Thanks be to God for moving the hearts of our brethren and friends to share their love gifts and help care for those who are handicapped.

Bro. Lyle Steffen from Congerville has come to the home, bringing to 36 the number of residents. The schedule for Friday evening services for June is as follows: June 1, Gridley; June 8, Fairbury; June 15, Eureka; June 22, open; June 29, Roanoke.

**JUNCTION**

Betty Manz — Henrietta Manz

Our Elder Bro. Loren Stoller of Latty was with us and spoke about the Children's Home progress; we surely appreciate his love and his visits to our congregation.

Bro. Elias and Sis. Evelyn Manz observed their 25th Wedding Anniversary, with a surprise singing at the home of Bro. David and Sis. Kathy Manz. Dave is their eldest son.

We are glad to welcome Maburn and Sis. Julia Hale back in our services; they returned here for the summer from Florida.

The wedding date for Sis. Lois

Schlatter and Bro. Bruce Maibach of Rittman has been set for June 17.

Jerry and Pauline Carnahan are the parents of a new baby boy; he has been named Jason Paul; The happy grandparents are Bro. Adam and Sis. Kate Manz and Mr. and Mrs. Pete Carnahan.

Our graduates this spring were Ray, son of Sis. Esther Schlatter; Viola, daughter of Bro. Emmanuel Manz; and James Parker, who made his home with Bro. Alvin and Sis. Betty Manz.

Last Sunday we were privileged to have a group of young folks from the Elgin Ill congregation gather with us. It was so nice of them to come from so great a distance, and we welcome them back, anytime.

#### LAMAR

**Mrs. Raymond Braker  
Mrs. Art Banwart**

Baptized into Thy name most holy, O Father, Son and Holy Ghost, I claim a place, though weak and lowly

Among Thy seed. Thy chosen host. Immersed with Christ, I'm dead to sin;

Thy Spirit now shall live within.

On May 6, our hearts rejoiced with our new brother in Christ, Fred Marti. His testimony of faith had been given; his wish for baptism was fulfilled, and from him radiated the love for God and the brethren. We are thankful that the baptismal tub which had stood idle for nearly three years could once again be brought out and used for this solemn and impressive ceremony. Our visiting ministers were Elder Bros. Sam Anliker, Raymond Banwart and Bro. Loren Strahm. The word of God, which was spoken so clear and plain, gave us timely warnings and much good food for thought.

We praise the Lord that He has called three more dear souls unto repentance. They are: Vera and Rex Frieden, daughter and son of Bro. Virgil and Sis. Bernice; Roy Braker, son of Bro. Raymond and Sis. LuEtta. We wish them much grace as they make this important change in their young lives.

Best wishes go to our high school graduates: Paul Stefan, son of Bro. Willy and Sis. Hilda; Lu Marti,

daughter of Bro. Dean and Sis. Arline; Pamela Braker, daughter of Bro. Fred and Sis. Cecile; Vera Frieden, daughter of Bro. Virgil and Sis. Bernice; Sis. Gail Banwart, daughter of Bro. Arthur and Sis. Ruth; Wally Simons, son of Keith and Marie (grandson of Bro. Fred and Sis. Emma Lanz).

On May 9, a number of brothers, sisters and friends gathered at the church for our annual cleaning. The several hours of labor and fellowship were well spent.

Among the sick: Sis. Janice Frieden is a hospital patient; Convert Sam Baker is confined to his home and unable to attend church, and Oscar Banwart is suffering from fractured ribs and lung trouble.

#### LAMONT

**Betty Wernli**

Bro. Max and Cathy Burnham are the parents of Jeffery Alan, born May 20. He is welcomed home by a brother, Jason, who is truly fulfilling his role as "big brother".

Clarence Young has been announced and is awaiting baptism. May the Lord be his staff each day as he, too, journeys toward Zion.

Bro. Raymond Banwart was a Sunday visitor to expound God's word to us. We appreciated his visit so much.

Bro. Pete Fankhauser is again in our midst. He is making his home at Madison Manor, and we're thankful to have him as one of us again.

#### MILFORD

**Sandee Price — Sue Schieler**

"Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them" . . .

May these and all graduates be adorned with the wisdom of God, that His blessing might be upon them. Those graduating from high school are: Don Beer, son of Bro. Don and Sis. Ruth Beer; Jan Beer, daughter of Bro. Phil and Sis. Millie; Dan Doll, son of Bro. Pete and Sis. Becky; Bill Butt, foster son of Bro. Pete and Sis. Becky Doll; Becky Zimmerman, daughter of Bro. Virgil and Sis. Nancy. Those graduating from college are Bro. Charles Baumgartner, son of Henry Baumgartner, Bro. Phil

Price, son of Bro. Glenn and Sis. Kate Price.

Sis. Gwen Bauer, daughter of Bro. George and Sis. Isabelle Bauer, also among the college graduates, became the bride of Bro. Dick Steffen, son of Bro. Walt and Sis. Dorothy Steffen, on June 3. God grant that their "I Will and I do" may be words that grow deeper and more meaningful too . . . secure in the knowledge that they are preparing a love that is endless and never can die, but finds its fulfillment with God in the sky.

#### MORRIS

**Ann Meiss — Esther Schafer**

God is our refuge and our strength, a very present help indeed:

He in time of trouble sends, His grace to meet our every need.

We are thankful that Bro. Dennis Schmidgall is able to assemble with us again. He had to have surgery on one of the remaining fingers on his left hand and is being fitted for an artificial limb on his right arm. Bro. Dennis and Sis. Ruby have been an inspiration to others as they adjust to this cross and handicap. We can feel that God is fulfilling His promise of helping to bear whatever He allows to come over His own.

Sis. Violet Wulf is hospitalized as the result of a truck accident. Her three-year-old daughter and two other passengers escaped injuries.

On the evening of May 28, we gathered at the Fellowship center for a pot-luck supper and singing for Bro. Lyle and Sis. Marilyn Zeltwanger and their five children, who have moved to Kouts Indiana. We wish them God's blessings as they establish their home there. As we bade farewell to Bro. Lyle and Sis. Marilyn, we also extend a heartfelt welcome to Bro. Mark and Sis. Diane Kellenberger and three children, and Tom and Terry Kellenberger and two children, who are moving here from Minneapolis.

Two of our converts have been announced to have peace with God and are waiting to give their testimonies. They are Nancy and Debra Dogotch (Bro. Leo and Sis. Thelma). Two more young souls have been willing to surrender their lives to God, Connie Zeltwanger (Bro.

John and Sis. Mabel) and Kathy Dogotch (Bro. Leo and Sis. Thelma).

Bro. Ken Lawsen was our guest minister.

The engagement of Bro. Tom Dogotch (Bro. Leo and Sis. Thelma) and Coleen Wulf, daughter of Bro. Jake and Sis. Alice, of the Lester congregation was made known. We wish them God's guidance as they make their plans together.

Twelve of our young folks have received their high school diplomas: LuAnn Schmidgall (Bro. Gene and Dorothy), Gaylen Greiner (Emil and Arlene), Bradley Heil (Robert and Lucy), Robert Watson (Richard and Lila), Jeral Wulf (Bro. Leonard and Sis. Violet), Debra Dogotch (Bro. Leo and Sis. Thelma), Maxine Sauder (Virgil and Mildred), Roy Nohl (Bro. Noah and Sis. Shirley), Wayne Koehl (Bro. Ernest and Sis. Gladys), Randy Koehl (Bro. Charley and Sis. Esther), Randy Haas (Bro. Robert and Sis. Carole), Karen Luthi (George and Ruby). George, who has been in the hospital for many weeks, was able to leave his hospital room for several hours and go to his home to be present for his daughter, Karen's graduation reception.

#### MORTON

Mrs. Keith Stevig  
Mrs. Harry Kaiser

We were blessed with seven visiting ministers: LeRoy Hartman of Peoria, Don Sauder of Roanoke, Theo. Beer of Milford, Harvey Grimm of Bern, Steve Rinkenburger of Cissna Park, Kenneth Dietz of Bradford, and John Steiner of Oakville. As we were reminded, we should be volunteers in the Army for the Lord, as we can't be draftees. We thank them for their labor of love.

Marcia and Jim Rinkenberger are the parents of their first child, a baby girl named Amy Raye. She was born May 10. The grandparents are Bro. Henry Jr. and Sis. Mary Lou Grimm and Bro. Verdon and Sis. Elma Rinkenberger, all of Morton.

May 6, Sis. Emma Belsley (Joseph C.), 91, passed away. Her husband preceded her in death on March 6 of this year. Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Ben (Lorene) Maibach Jr., Detroit, and six sons:

Clarence W., Willis, Edward and Robert Belsley, all of Morton, and Willard and Benjamin, both of Detroit.

Those who have been in the hospital and convalescing are: Sisters Delores Rapp, Mae Witzig, Lucy Bruell, Mary Lou Grimm, Edna Strunk, LaVina Getz, Bros. Joe Pete Belsley, J. B. Getz, Harvey Zimmerman, and Sheri Getz. She broke her leg.

Two dear souls were baptized on May 20, giving their testimony on the previous Wednesday evening. They were Barbara Getz, daughter of Bro. Robert and Sis. Lillian Getz, and Marjorie Rother, daughter of Bro. Frances and Sis. Verna Rother.

Graduating from high school this year are Bros. David Bluhm, Jeff Witzig, Ted Schick, Ted Herstein, Mike Rocke, Sisters Marla Witzig, Sharilyn Schwenk, Sheri Roeschley, Sally Rapp, Becky Herman, Sharon Getz, Rhonda Kaiser . . . Elaine Ackerman, Cynthia Getz, Mary Getz, David Getz, Dan Frank, Julie Kaiser, Melinda Kranz, Barbara Landes, Gregory Peters, Jill Waldbeser, Dale Hangartner, Larry Warren, Debra Roecker, and Nancy Weinstein.

#### NEW MARTINSVILLE

Mrs. Gus Weltz  
Miss Della Witschey

Cool rainy weather still prevails in this area, although some planting has been done, and we are hoping warm, growing weather will come soon.

Mrs. Myrta Gorby, widow of the late Kersey Gorby, passed away on May 22 after a lengthy illness. Her husband died 18 years ago; she leaves several neices and nephews.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Frum, Fairfax, Va., Mr. Howard Frum of Pan Yan, N.Y. attended the funeral of their aunt, Mrs. Myrta Gorby here on May 24 and visited with the Witschey families.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Berger, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Berger, Miss Pearl Frei, Mrs. Betty Peoples of Wheeling, Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Wade, Mrs. Elza Ritz and Mrs. Gus Weltz attended services at the Sardis Church on May 20.

Mr. and Mrs. William Murdock spent several days with their son, Timothy Lee and wife in Biloxi, Mississippi. He is serving in the

Air Force and stationed at Keesler Air Force Base.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer C. Lord of Girard visited here with the Barth families on May 30.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Riggenbach, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Durig spent the June 1 week-end the guests of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Thomas in Niles, Ohio.

Visitors in the home of Miss Della Witschey on May 27 were Mrs. Elizabeth McGuier of Washington (Pa.), Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Durig, Mrs. L. W. Witschey and family, Mrs. Harry Mullett and daughter Thelma.

#### LESTER

Alice Metzger — Donna Metzger

Love, of all gifts, is the greatest  
Which the Spirit does bestow . . .

God surely gave us a special blessing when he gave us Christian brothers and sisters with whom we can share His love. Let's not become so preoccupied that we fail to appreciate each other, for if we lose that love, money cannot buy it back.

Little Jeffrey Knobloch, son of Bro. Bill and Sis. Ellie, was in the hospital with severe croup. Just a few days before she was to graduate from high school, Pam Knobloch, daughter of Bro. Al and Sis. Lucy, became ill and underwent major emergency surgery. Sis. Lolly Mogler was hospitalized and in traction, to correct a back ailment. Our daughter, Cindy (Mrs. Bob Leuthold), had an emergency appendectomy. Young Dietrich Knobloch, son of Bro. Willie and Sis. Helen, was gored and trampled by an angry mother cow. Part of an ear was severed and he suffered numerous injuries. The doctors were able to stitch the ear together, and we are happy to report he is again at home and recovering rapidly, as are the rest of our hospital patients.

Two baby boys have been born into our congregation. On May 26, Alvin Jacob was born to Orvie and Loretta (Tanner) Knobloch. Today, June 3, we heard that Bro. Raymond and Sis. Twyla (Bauerman) Meyer became the parents of Brad Owen.

The engagement of Sis. Colleen Wulf to Bro. Tom Dogotch of Morris was announced. She is the

daughter of Bro. Jake and Sis. Alice.

Innocence is not ignorance, it is knowledge and control.

### PHOENIX

Mrs. Allan Freed

After some welcome rain showers yesterday, the air and our surroundings have a fresh, clean feel . . . and so it is when one rises out of the baptismal waters to a clean, new life in Christ Jesus. We witnessed this last Sunday as our new sister in faith, June Tooley, was granted her wish, after she had given her testimony before the congregation. We welcome her, and pray that we will all appreciate and cherish this wonderful redemption.

There are several vacant places in our congregation since some of our young people have left the area. Sis. Sally Wullschlager has transferred with Mountain Bell to Tucson. We wish her God's blessings & hope to see her often. Bro. Jon Kokanivich is spending the summer in Morton, where he will be employed. He has a teaching contract signed for next fall, so we look forward to his return, the Lord willing.

Bro. John Dotterer, another of our young members, has been transferred with the Army to San Francisco. He was previously stationed in Ft Sam. We were happy he had a few days leave enroute to his new post of duty. We have also enjoyed the fellowship of Bro. Richard Steiner of Rittman. He is stationed in San Francisco and assembles with us from time to time.

Bro. Carl Blumenschein has been coming to church for a half day on Sundays. Bro. Ted Knochel has been on the sick list for several weeks. Sis. Emma Moser is recuperating at home, after being in the hospital with a broken hip. She wrote this thank you note: "I wish to thank all the members and friends for the good wishes, prayers, money, cards and flowers extended to me during my hospital stay."

Another year of book learning is over for many of our young people, and some of them are graduating from one phase of education to another. High school graduates are: Nancy Mohrman (Herb and Shirley), Leon Baumgartner (Bro. Glenn and Sis. Alice), Convert Dor-

ene Schmidgall (Bro. Kenneth and Sis. Mary Jo), and Sis. Nancy Freed (Bro. Allan and Sis. Edith). Bro. Jon Kokanovich (Bro. Dan and Sis. Doris) graduated from Arizona State University. Our congratulations to each one, and just a thought about books—We often speak of the Bible as the Good Book, but isn't it really the BEST Book? We should remember that no matter what we learn from school books, if it contradicts the Bible it isn't true.

Our family visited one of our city's cemeteries with Bro. Earl Sanders' family on Memorial Day week-end. Several years ago our church purchased a small plot of this huge cemetery, and it was inspiring to recall some of the precious memories we have of some of our loved ones. Our church plot is the resting-place of three dear sisters and two children. We remember Marie Wuthrich's loving smile and patient, gentle way, and Mary Sitzler, who was concerned that the truth would always be preached from our pulpits . . . Lillian Messner, always willing to lend a helping hand and whose patient suffering was an example to us all. The buds in the Master's bouquet are the infant son of Bro. Richard and Sis. Barbara Schupbach, and Linda Sanders, who was Bro. Earl's and Sis. Emma's little daughter.

Beautiful hands at the gateway tonight,  
Faces all shining with radiant light.  
Eyes looking down from yon  
Heavenly Home . . .  
Beautiful hands — they are  
beckoning come.

### PRINCEVILLE

Ruth Ricketts

If when climbing up life's ladder,  
you can reach a hand below  
Just to help the other fellow up a  
rung or so,  
It may be that in the future when  
you're growing weary, too,  
You'll be glad to find there's some-  
one who will lend a hand to you!

We were thankful to have Bro. Gerald Sutter of Taylor as our guest minister the first Sunday in May. We were thankful for a very blessed day and evening, as the Bible Classes from Taylor and Bradford were our guests for the

day and were joined by the youth from Goodfield, Congerville, Eureka, Roanoke, Tremont and Bradford in the evening, for the inspirational program of the Youth Fellowship. It was impressing to listen to the hymns being sung, and I'm sure that many hearts were lightened while listening to the singing. As Bro. Gerald gave a short inspirational talk following the singing, it made us think of the power of God, as he told how the floods had covered so much farmland and their homes. Though it was hard to move from their homes, those who were grounded on the solid rock, Jesus Christ, could do it without grumbling.

On May 12, Wolfie and Barbara Christ became the parents of twins, a son and a daughter. Eric Wolfgang and Carrie Ann were welcomed by a little sister, Heidi Marie, and grandparents, Bro. Eugen and Sis. Elsa Christ and Dean and Peggy Troutman. Sis. Luise Christ of Germany is the great-grandmother.

Bro. Chuck Schafer has returned to his base at Bremerhaven, Germany, after enjoying three weeks with relatives here.

A most blessed week-end was enjoyed by many on May 19 and 20. On Saturday evening, Bros. Joshua Broquard of Fairbury and LeRoy Huber of Eureka assisted Bro. Dave Kieser in hearing the testimonies of four young friends who are happy in their new-found peace with God. On Sunday, Barbara and Raymond Baer, children of Bro. Herman and Sis. Mary Baer; Wayne Herrmann, son of Bro. Noah and Sis. Evelyn; and Alan Herrmann, son of Bro. Robert and Sis. Esther, were taken into the fold.

We were blessed with many visitors and received many precious teachings from our visiting ministers, Harvey Heiniger, Oakville, Everett Hari, Bloomington; Arthur Bahler, Fairbury, and our Elder Bros. Joshua and LeRoy. Bro. Paul Banwart was also in our midst. How necessary it is to keep the true faith and follow the traditions of our forefathers, who found it not only good enough to live by but also to die by. We gathered again in the evening, Joshua and LeRoy remaining with us. After services, the members were asked to make known their feelings



for a brother to aid in the ministry. Bro. Walter Herrmann was chosen for this duty. We feel that the Lord will be with Bro. Walter and Sis. Betty (Dietz) and their little family and bless them.

We have had much rain, trying for the farmers because of the adverse weather conditions, yet we have been bountifully blessed spiritually, and our cups are overflowing.

Bro. Joe Braker of Morton spoke to our young people one Sunday, and in the afternoon ministered to us. How thankful we are to have young brothers who can proclaim the word in its truth and sincerity and not be ashamed to proclaim the word. We heard of the end of time, how we all feel it is nigh at hand when Bro. Kenneth Dietz of Bradford was with us for Wednesday evening services. Bro. Clifford Grimm of West Bend brought out many truths for us to consider when he was with us.

Bro. Heinz and Sis. Trudie Maurer were with us one Sunday, getting acquainted with parents and relatives of the boys who visited them in Neuheutten, Germany, while in the service of our country.

Recently appointed new Sunday School teachers are Bros. Steve Stoller and James Plattner and Sis. Wilma Martin.

We still have several members in the hospital, and find all are showing some improvement, even though quite slow. Bro. Chris Elsassner is receiving therapy, and Bro. Chris Martin is receiving treatments and rest. Sis. Lena Stichling is being treated for infection. We are glad they are all showing improvement.

On May 5, Bro. Ronald and Sis. Jaqueline Rumbold welcomed a son, Luke David, who has three brothers, Brian, Myron and Timothy to welcome him home. Grandparents are Bro. Louie and Sis. Anna Rumbold and Bro. Herman and Sis. Lillian Stahl. Bro. Steve and Sis. Anna Marie Stoller welcomed a tiny daughter, Andrea Kay, May 31. Grandparents are Bro. LeRoy and Sis. Clara (Stoller) Huber and Otto and Eleanor Baer. Great-grandparents are Sis. Elizabeth Stoller and Bro. Albert and Sis. Anna Grusey and Sis. Carrie Huber. We know she will be a joy to all, and feel she will be reared in a God-fearing home.

Funeral services for Bro. Sam Grimm, who passed away at the hospital June 1, were held Sunday, June 3, with Bros. Joe Stoller, Dave Kieser, Arthur Baurer and Geo. Wagenbach taking part. He was laid to rest in the church cemetery. He was born April 7, 1890, a son of Christian and Caroline Waldbeser Grimm. He married Emma Nester, who died in 1948. He then married Sis. Esther Steiner, who survives. Also surviving are four daughters, all sisters in faith: Mabel Hoerr of Peoria, Alvina Streitmatter and Pearl Rumbold of our congregation, Emma Dale of Morton; four sons, Glen of Michigan, Bro. Harvey of Sabetha, Sam Jr. of Morton, and Bro. Earl of our congregation . . . one Sister, Lydia Feucht of Princeville, and five brothers: Chris of Wapello (Iowa), Ben and William of Peoria, Ed of South Dakota and Eli of West Bend. Before his death, Bro. Sam told his loved ones that he was going Home to die no more. This is a comfort to those left behind.

#### PULASKI

Nancy Musselman  
Ernestine Wuthrich

On April 29, Bro. Ed Lanz of Oakville ministered to our congregation. He made the parallel of our life to a flooding river. A flooding river that cannot be restrained in its natural banks becomes wider, causing much destruction. If we do not live according to God's plan our path becomes wider, and we are led into destruction and heartache.

On May 6 we enjoyed the teachings of Bro. Bob Pohl of Burlington, Iowa. Will you accept God's gift of eternal life or reject it? How does God feel when many have been given the opportunity to repent and be saved and not accepted it? Surely God's thoughts would be the same as yours when someone has rejected your gift. We thank Bro. Ed and Bro. Bob for their efforts and blessed teachings.

Sis. Nancy Musselman was hospitalized a few days for tests.

Bro. Joel and Sis. Shirley Wuthrich are the parents of a precious girl born May 28. Carrie Lynn was happily welcomed home by three sisters and a brother.

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

#### RITTMAN

Florence Hartzler

We certainly enjoyed having Bro. Perry Zimmerman with us over the Memorial Day week-end. He gave us much to think about as we travel this path toward our eternal home. We pray the Lord will bless him for bringing us the word, which we need in these times.

This is the time of year our young people have looked forward to for the past twelve years, to be a graduate. To many, this is a turning point in their lives. What will I do now? Where will I work? Why don't you stop right now, look in God's word the Bible, and listen to what He is telling you. Try prayer; you'll be surprised at the results.

May God direct your footsteps  
down the road of happiness,  
And crown each fine endeavor with  
a well-deserved success;  
May God enable you to use your  
talents and your skill  
To make the world a better place  
according to His will.

Our friend, Arliss Walder, has found grace to repent, and we rejoice with her and her family, Bro. Don and Sis. Martha, as this is their fourth daughter to become one of the fold.

Our sympathy is extended to Willard and Viola Fankhauser at the sudden death of their son, Harold. His wife, Linda, three brothers and one sister also survive. Linda's parents are Bro. Alvin and Sis. Catherine Laukhauf. It seems our life is like a vapor; it's only here for a short time and how suddenly it is gone.

Marilyn Ingold, daughter of Bro. Carl and Sis. Irma, has announced her engagement to Dale Jacquet of Creston.

Sis. Elizabeth Widmer has moved into the Mennonite Home near Rittman. Her new address is: Mennonite Home, R. 1, Rittman Ohio 44270.

Jim Laukhauf, son of Bro. Alvin and Sis. Catherine, has finished his training in Ft. Bliss, Texas, and is now visiting his family at home. He will soon leave for duty in Hawaii.

John and Rita Gasser and daughters, Andrea and Kristen, will soon be moving to the Chicago area, where John will do his dentistry in-

ternship. John's folks are Bro. Arthur and Sis. Bertha Gasser.

Bro. Don and Sis. Martha Walder were surprised on their 25th Wedding Anniversary, as friends and relatives were gathered together for this occasion. Bro. Ben and Sis. Clara Hartzlers' family and friends were together on their 40th Wedding Anniversary.

"... the windows from on high are open, and the foundations of the earth do shake..." Rain, wind, thundering, lightening, all seem to cause the earth to shake, and even the people tremble before almighty God, who shows his power in the elements. Is God trying to tell us something? If so, what? Take heed, for as a thief coming in the night, so the Lord may come at any time. Are you ready?

Our dear old Sis. Emma Riggenbach was hospitalized with pneumonia, but is so glad to be home again. Six-year-old Lee Rufener was also a hospital patient with pneumonia, but is glad to be back in Sunday School. Virgil Hanzie is home too, following surgery. We are so glad when our dear ones are feeling better.

#### ROANOKE

**Doris Mangold — Erma Moser**

On April 28, a little baby boy, Ryan James, came to bless the home of Barbara and James Ely. He has two sisters, Paula and Jill. Grandparents are Mrs. Ivan Ely and Don and Sis. Pearl Leman.

We gathered in our house of worship to hear the testimonies of Wayne Fisher, son of Bro. Fred and Sis. Wilma, and Robert Bertschi, son of Elder Gene and Sis. Dorothy. The following day, May 6, we witnessed their baptisms. Elder Bro. David Bertsch of Leo and Bro. Clarence Kashelmuss of Forrest ministered to us during the worship services.

Also on Sunday the 6th, Bernadine Kempf and Donald Miller were united in marriage. Parents of the couple are Bro. Ervin and Sis. Alice and the Harley P. Millers of Indiana. We wish them the blessings of God as they walk life's pathway together.

On Mother's Day, we were happy to hear Bro. Marvin Schmidgall (Eureka) proclaim the word of God.

Our Sunday School will have six new teachers, Bros. Jim Braker,

Sam Leman, Ben Hodel, Roger Leman, Kenneth Hodel and Bob Hartter. They will begin their duties in the Fall.

Dennis Leman, son of the Bro. Bruce Lemans, fell from his horse and was injured, but is home again from the hospital and recovering.

It was a blessed week-end when the Bible classes from Morris, Lester, Princeville, and Bradford, with their teachers, came to fellowship with us. After worship services, each Bible class took part in a program of songs. Our visiting minister for the day was Bro. Carl Feucht from Lester. It was a week-end with many precious memories.

#### SARDIS

**Karen Indermuhle**

Our congregation has been greatly blessed during the past weeks.

Isaac Gehring gave his testimony and was then baptized on May 20. The services were shared by Bro. Ben Maibach and Bro. Rudolph Graf. We are thankful for all those who came and were able to share the blessings of the week-end.

With prayerful hearts and the Lord's direction, Bro. Kenneth Indermuhle was selected to serve us as minister. May the Lord guide Bro. Ken and Sis. Linda, as we give them our full support.

A blessing from heaven, a baby girl, was born to Bro. Denny and Sis. Doris Miller. Valerie Ann was welcomed home by her sister, Renee.

#### TAMAHATA

**Akito and Marie Inoue**

We were glad to be present at the proving and baptism held at Shioda church for Kiyoko Hirose. As we welcomed her into the fold, we could sense her happy and thankful feeling. As she is the only believer in her family, we pray she will be a shining light for the Lord, one that even outshines the sun!

Sis. Tamino Inoue has a new granddaughter named Yoko-chan, born to her daughter and husband, Akiko and Toshihiko Kasai. We were glad to spend Mother's Day in the house of the Lord with our three believing mothers.

Akito and I have moved to a home next door to our Tokyo church and are looking forward

to more fellowship with the brethren there. However, we will keep our same schedule of going to Tamahata church each Sunday, except on the third Sunday when we'll attend our Tokyo church. We extend a hearty invitation to anyone to visit or correspond with us. Our new address and phone is: 1-41-4, Nishi Tsutsujiga Oka, Chofushi, Tokyo-to, Japan. 0424-82-4344

Since three of us will be visiting the states this summer, those remaining will assemble with Shioda. We appreciate the extra effort taken by others, that we can be gone for a time.

#### VALPARAISO

**Bill and Cam Feller**

In these latter days, we indeed witness the prophecies spoken of by our Lord Jesus Christ. We see numerous earthquakes, tornadoes, disease, and much tribulation throughout the world. But the world lends not an ear to these warnings found in the Holy Scriptures. "But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be." As in conversation with fellow brethren, we are hopeful and in anticipation for that glad day when the Lord returns and rewards His own. Oh faithful servants, let us be watching and waiting, for the time is nigh at hand. Let us pray unceasingly for those whose lamps may have gone out, for at such a time as this is prayer so important.

Our small flock has been well blessed with the fellowship of many brethren from far and near. This humbles us, as we together can praise God.

We are pleased to announce that Jeanie Ellian has given birth to a baby girl. She is the daughter of Sis. Alma Morris of Chesterton. Jeanie and her husband, Phil wish to extend their heart-warmed thanks to all who have shown their generosity.

#### WEST BEND

**Mrs. Melvin Fehr**

**Mrs. A. Banwart**

How building up it can be when we are privileged to judge our own actions and prepare ourselves for the sacred act of participation in Holy Communion. Elder Bros. Lester Hartter of Bern and Leo Moser of Lester spent a Sunday with us early in May, when Holy

Communion was served not only to those of us able to attend church, but also to five dear sisters residing at Clear View Manor. This renewal of our dedication to our Lord keeps us much nearer His side, as we journey here below.

Our House was full as many were privileged to witness the joining of hearts of Sis. Lavilla Zaugg and Bro. Martin Langhofer. Our visiting ministers for the occasion were Eugene Marti—Sabetha, Alpha Strahm—Bern, Loren Strahm—Gridley, Raymond Banwart—Ft Scott, Albert Langhofer—Wichita, Dale Moore—Elgin.

In this important step of life, we must stay nearer the Lord's side than ever, so our will can be brought parallel to His. Elder Bro. Leo Moser of Lester united our dear friends, Ellen Metzger and Kenneth Dalhauser in marriage on Sunday, June 3. Other ministering brethren visiting for the day were Elder Eugene Marti of Sabetha, Bro. Art Gudeman of LaCrosse, and Bro. Gene Metzger of Lester. May all of our newlyweds have the Lord and His love abide in their hearts and homes.

As our high school graduates step from the shelter of home into occupations or various schools of higher learning, may they take along the words of life taught them while growing up. Graduates from here were Deann Bruellman, Dennis Banwart, Mark Bruellman, Jerry Metzger, Chuck Schneider and Alfred Fehr.

Our hearts rejoice that two dear souls have turned away from the world and now are seeking for God's blessings. May the grace and love of our Lord be with Marlene Metzger and Manuel Gerber.

Some of our loved ones' conditions are slowly improving. Margaret Grimm (Eli Jr.) and Raymond Wilson have been able to assemble with us. Bro. Levi Banwart remains in Iowa City, but hopes to be home in the near future. Bro. Noah Gerber has had strict limitations to his activities.

The engagements of two young men from here have been announced. May the Lord bless Kent Obermann and Linda Darling of Malar, as well as Dan Fehr and Eunice Metzger of Elgin, Iowa, as they make plans for weddings in the near future.

Bro. Eugene and Sis. Evie

Bruellman have welcomed a new girl, Candy, age 11, into their home. We wish them God's blessings.

#### BAY CITY

##### Carolyn Schamback

As we honored our mothers, it strikes me how very many kinds of mothers there are in this world, and how blessed we are who have Christian mothers, to show us the Way and set a good example for us. We surely don't appreciate them enough!

Many are hospitalized: it seems we have had our share of the ill and those needing surgery this year. Bro. John Wackerle, Sis. Hermine Kaeb, and Sis. Shirley Wright are in the hospital.

Our aged sister, Hannah Stevig (the late Bro. Will) has passed away, leaving four daughters: Gladys Sylvester, Isabel Ancel, Delia Hogen, and Pearl Le Vasseur. Hannah has been infirm in a home for several years; we rejoice that she at last has made the journey to eternal rest and peace.

To those interested in attending the **Camp Pickett Reunion** to be held in Bay City on July 7 and 8: we are missing several names and addresses. If you have not been contacted, please notify: Wayne Wieland, 340 W. Beaver Rd., Kawkawlin Mi. 48631.

#### FT. SCOTT

##### Ida Sinn

Vacation Bible School is now in session. It is being held in the evenings this year from 7:30 to 9:00. May each one receive a blessing, that they can feel it is time well spent.

Sis. Mabel Springer and her daughter, Janice, from Oklahoma have moved here. We welcome them to our congregation.

Lydia Hawkins and Michael Sinn have been hospital patients.

#### GARDEN GROVE, IOWA

##### Willia Funk

A dear first-grader, when asked what the rainbow means, answered, "God makes the sun shine through the rain." The wisdom contained in those innocent words! For isn't it just when the spiritual rain and clouds seem to darken our hearts that God sends a ray of light to "shine through the rain"?

We were richly blessed to have

Bro. Ed Knecht from the Silver-ton congregation with us. Our thanks to Bro. Ed for ministering to us from God's Holy word.

We welcome any who might be traveling this way. Our address is William Funk, R. R. 1, Garden Grove Iowa. . . Ph. 515-443-3250.

#### GRIDLEY ILL.

##### Dixie Ringger

Twice this past month we were pleased to hear of the engagement announcements of two dear couples, Bro. Curt Fleming (Don and Donna) to Sis. Elma Lou Schlipf (Bro. Emil and Sis. Ella). . . and Bro. John Schlipf (Bro. Ralph and Sis. Winifred) to Sis. Jill Nussbaum of the Forrest congregation. May our Heavenly Father, who led them to each other, continue to lead their lives in blessed love and unity.

We were so happy to have Bro. Heintz and Sis. Trudy Maurer of Germany assemble with us one Wed. evening during their visit here.

Our Vacation Bible School has started, and we enjoy gathering together each morning to learn more about Jesus and the Bible.

Those on our sick list: Sis. Emma Ringger; Debbie Stoller, who had both feet operated upon; Bro. George Gramm, who underwent surgery, but is now home and improving steadily.

Although it seems we're getting more than our share of rain, whenever I get discouraged I am reminded of a visiting minister we enjoyed one Sunday, who said; "Who are we to say we are getting too much rain? God is still the one and only one who knows best."

#### SHIODA, JAPAN

##### Willis R. Ehnlé

On May 4, our son Tommy, who is about ten years old, went to a farmer friend of his who keeps horses, and who also had a young bear tied up by a chain. When Tommy got off his bicycle and started to walk over to the horse barn, the bear, which was only 3 or 4 meters from Tommy, gave a terrific leap and broke his chain. Tommy said he stood perfectly still and didn't move. The bear turned his attention to some buckets nearby, and when he put his head in a bucket, Tommy edged over to his bicycle, jumped on and

was gone. He met a couple of men working nearby and told them that the bear was loose, but they said not to worry about it. That night and the following day it was being announced over the loudspeaker systems throughout this area that a bear was loose and not to go out by yourself at night. The police were out looking for the bear and there was a big commotion. I heard that they finally caught the bear up a tree. . . Tommy was wise in that he stood still. We should also stand firm against the dangers of this world and the power of the devil.

On May 5, Kiyoko Hirose gave her testimony at a proving in our Shioda Church. She gave a good testimony before those present of how God had brought her to a realization of her lost condition, and how she found forgiveness and peace through Christ. She told of how God gave her courage to refuse to offer incense at the funerals of relatives, something which had been a big problem for her. She was baptized the following day, and we rejoice with her and with the angels in heaven. She is married and has one child.

We took our kindergarten children to an outdoor zoo. You can walk among the monkeys and become somewhat acquainted. The zoo keeper said one friendly monkey was boss of the whole group of monkeys. I asked about several monkeys in cages. The keeper said that they had misbehaved and were always causing trouble, so the rest of the monkeys excommunicated them from their group. I asked what would happen if they were out in the woods, and the keeper said those excommunicated would have to go far away. . .

Sounds like our church isn't the only place where there is discipline. I say that in all seriousness, as we are taught that God is a God of order.

#### LACROSSE

**Gwen Bucher — Lorene Moser**

On Sunday, June 3, we were richly blessed with a visit from the Peoria choir.

Bro. and Sis. Harold and Sherry Fritz are the pleased parents of Stacey Lynne, born on April 16. She is welcomed by Jeff, Mike and Craig.

Bro. Charles Rinckenberger had

surgery and is doing nicely. Bro. Bert Bucher had eye surgery and is recuperating at home. Bro. Sam Frank has returned to his home and is assembling with us.

**Thank you notes:** Sis. Louise Wittmer has returned to her home to regain her health. We wish to thank each one for their prayers, card, gifts and flowers sent to me while I was in the hospital and since returning home. Louise and Ed Wittmer. . . Thank you for the cards and prayers during my hospitalization. Sylvia Banwart.

#### LEO

**Mrs. Elias Souder**

Bro. Ben Stavenick of the Mansfield congregation conducted our mid-week service May 23. Ben has been coming here for a long time. He has two sisters and two brothers living near here. It's always pleasant to renew old acquaintances.

Mrs. Edward Souder (Irma) spent some time at the Park View Hospital for surgery. We are happy to report she is back home and able to attend church.

Our high school graduates: Ron Bollier, son of John and Velma; Loren Klopfenstein, son of William and Nancy; Pam Frank, daughter of Lucille and Maurice; Rickie Kipfer, daughter of Marilyn and Ephraim.

Our Bible school began Mon. June 4 and will be for two weeks.

Albert Norr died suddenly while he was on his way home, on a stop when coming back from visiting his daughter in Ohio. He was the youngest son of Otto Norr. He is survived by his wife Wanda; two daughters; one brother, Robert; four sisters, Mrs. Chris Wuethrich (Lauretta) of Francesville, Catherine; Mrs. David Bertsch (Marie), Mrs. John Bollier (Velma). Funeral services were May 30, conducted by Maurice Frank. Burial was in the Leo Cemetery. Our sympathy goes out to his loved ones.

The first Sunday of the month, we made our visits to the three rest homes in Butler. The one has been replaced with a new one, which is very nice.

Dean Allen Stoller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Stoller is a resident of the Home for the Handicapped.

#### WINTHROP

**Delores Messerli — Carol Messner**

Beckoning hands of a mother whose love Sacrificed life her devotion to prove; Hands of a father to memory dear, Beckon up higher the waiting ones here.

Gary and Sharon Messner, son of Bro. Ray and Sis. Bernadine, were united in marriage in May. Mark Schmidt and Linda Webster exchanged vows. Bro. Elmer and Sis. Hazel are the paternal parents. We wish them God's blessings in their lives together.

Bro. Roland Messner is recovering from hip surgery. He wishes to extend a **Thank you** for your prayers, cards and letters received. Heather Redmann, daughter of Jane and Darrel, was hospitalized with an appendectomy. Sis. Pearl Lienemann is the maternal grandmother. Welcoming a son, Shawn Elliot, to their family are Al and Sis. Donnabell Nelson. This is their fifth son.

Our annual Sunday School meeting was held, with Bro. Dennis Messner and Sis. Pearl Lienemann being voted in as teachers. Bro. Leo Messner is our new Sunday School superintendent.

Our annual Sunday School picnic was enjoyed Sunday afternoon at Gaylord. I heard some young children complain because we are having Sunday School vacation. If only the older children would feel as drawn to Sunday School as our little ones, what a blessing it would be to our congregation.

We're sorry we missed David, son of Robert and Marge Messner, in our list of high school graduates.

Midweek service is being held the second and fourth Wednesday of each month. We invite all to stop and worship with us.

#### BURLINGTON, IOWA

**Edna Pohl—Elaine Eisenmann**

One of our older sisters, Lena Kuntz, passed away at 4:30 p.m. Monday, May 14, at the Harmony Nursing Home in Mediapolis, at the age of 76. She had spent some time in the hospital, but returned to her home in Burlington, then moved to the nursing home just a couple weeks prior to her death.

We had the privilege of taking her to and from church on Sundays most of the time she was able

to go. Our three-year-old son anticipated her call every Sunday morning, and would often remind us as we left our home to get Lena. He enjoyed the extra attention she gave him as they shared the rear seat during our drive to church. On nice days she often insisted on walking the  $1\frac{1}{4}$  miles home, as she enjoyed the leisurely walk and it helped pass the time for her. While attending church, Lena almost without fail would be in the kitchen at noon, putting away food and dishes for us while she visited. This was one of her ways of helping where she was needed.

Towards the end of her life she began to lose her eyesight, which grieved her very much. She couldn't do the handwork and yard work she was accustomed to doing. Even with this handicap, I was amazed how she held and played with our five-month-old baby, as well as any young mother could. We will miss Lena in our midst, but know how much happier now she has gone to her reward. She was born Sept. 23, 1896, in Morton, the daughter of George and Magdalena Friedinger Rein. She married Christian Kuntz on Jan. 22, 1918, at Burlington. Surviving are two sons, Lloyd and Herman of Medianolis; a daughter, Mrs. Alma Brissey, Burlington; two brothers, George and Charles Rein, Morton; a sister, Lydia Kuntz, Medianolis. Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at the Oakville Church, with Bros. Noah Schrock and Uriel Gehring officiating. Interment was in the church cemetery.

On May 20, Bro. Joe Kaisner, Forrest, was a visiting minister. Bros. Harve Heiniger and John Steiner, Oakville, were also here this past month. Our thanks to them.

Bro. Tom and Sis. Diane Ebert were blessed with their first child, a boy, Jeremy Thomas, born May 27. Maternal grandparents are Bro. Marvin and Sis. Verna (Wagenbach) Woodward, Burlington; Mr. and Mrs. John Ebert are paternal grandparents, also of Burlington. Tom and Diane live in Elgin, Illinois, but meet with us as much as possible.

Congratulations to our high school graduates. They are Ann Applegarth (Bro. Blaine and Sis. Margaret), Tina Pohl (Bro. Bob

and Sis. Joyce), Rollace Scheitlin (Bro. Ken and Sis. Charity), and Bonnie Woodward (Bro. Marvin and Sis. Verna).

Bro. Richard Pohl was a hospital patient.

#### CROGHAN—NAUMBURG

Alice Virkler — Eleanor Herzig

We were privileged to enjoy the blessings of partaking of the Lord's Supper together, and thereby show our love to each other and to our Lord, who sent his only Son to die and suffer for our sins. We were reminded of his pain and anguish as we partook of his broken body and drank the cup. What fortunate people we are to be able to enjoy these wonderful blessings together and be strengthened and renewed in our faith. Our elder brothers, John Bahler and Rudy Graf shared this day with us, and we thank them for their love and guidance.

Two of our beloved brethren have been called from this life suddenly. Sis. Anna Farney was called home after being ill only a few hours at her home. She reached the age of 81 and had been able to assemble with us most of the time. Our sympathy is extended to her husband, Bro. James; her sons, Malcolm of Lowville, Bro. Clifford of Rockville, and Bro. Clifton of Castorland, and their families. Funeral services for Anna were on May 15 at the Croghan Church by Bro. John Widrick. Many from Rockville attended. . . Bro. Ezra Lehman was taken home, after being a hospital patient for three days as the result of a stroke. He was 78 years old, and likewise enjoyed the blessings of assembling with us most every Sunday. Our sympathy goes to his wife, Sis. Pearl. Funeral services were held at the Croghan Church by Bro. John Widrick on May 18.

Wilson Hoover of St. Petersburg, Florida, has been called from this life. Our sympathy is extended to his wife, Mae. They were residents of Croghan before moving to Florida several years ago. . . Our sympathy is also extended to Don and Alice Farney and their family. Alice's mother has been called from this earthy life.

May each of these families look to God for their comfort and strength, and may He comfort them in their hours of sorrow.

Sis. Iva Pohling has been able to assemble with us again after undergoing surgery. Bro. Howard Virkler and his wife, Pernel, and Emerson Schneider have been able to assemble with us, after stays in the hospital for medical treatment. Bro. John Hany was hospitalized several days and has returned to the Bender Convalescent Home. Sis. Lucy Hany has been able to return to the home of her sister, Sis. Dorothy Herzig, Castorland, after being a patient at the Bender Convalescent Home for several weeks. Bro. Theodore Rohr has been a medical patient at the hospital and has returned to the home of his sister. Sis. Sarah Virkler has been hospitalized for three weeks, after suffering a stroke. She is slowly showing improvement.

The following will be graduating from high school: Norman Hirschy, son of Bro. Leland and Sis. Bernice; David Farney, son of Allan and Myrtle; Michael Purvines, son of Larry and Sis. Louise. Jeff Widrick, son of Boyce and Jeane; Gary Widrick, son of Gilbert and Betty; Sis. Terri Steiner, daughter of Bro. Norbert and Sis. Doris; and Barb Virkler, daughter of Sis. Charlotte. Barb will also be graduating from the Practical Nursing Course at the Vocational Nina, and Terry Virkler, son of Bro. Nina, and Terry Virkler, son of Bro. Bernard and Sis. Carolyn, are both college graduates.

#### SARASOTA

Phil Wingeier

Our services closed in the month of May, having had a good number of traveling brethren the whole season, for which we always thank the Lord, for each one to come and worship with us.

The Women's Club Building has now been sold and is no more available for services. We are all thankful to God that this place has been available these many years, that we now believe it is God's will we have a place of our own.

Our building committee has been very busy getting all the plans together for our future church. We now have passed the county commission and are able to get building permit. We now have a water well 225 feet deep. Now we trust to God there will soon be a beginning of the building.

Bro. Philip and Sis. Ferne Wingerier have purchased a home in Sarasota County, across the highway from the church grounds. The Lord willing, they plan to move there in October. Bro. Philip and Sis. Ferne also want to take this opportunity that they want to thank all for contributing to their many needs. May God bless each for their deeds of love.

#### OAKVILLE Martha Steiner

**The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord.**

We have two new additions to our congregation. Dana Lee is the new daughter of Bro. Doss and Sis. Bertha Lee (Wagenbach) Massner. Dana is welcomed by two brothers and a sister . . . Brandon Keith is the first child of Bro. Andy and Sis. Diane (Bucher) Moser. Grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Roger Moser and Bro. and Sis. Merle Bucher.

Our loss is Dorothy Holsteen, who passed from this life on June 3, after being in a diabetic coma for three days. Dorothy Bernice Frank was born in 1938, daughter of Bro. Earnest and Sis. Bernice Moser Frank. She married Larry Holsteen in 1958, and he died in an auto accident May 20, 1964. Surviving are the parents; a son, Kevin (13); a daughter, Sherlyn (12); one sister, Marian (Mrs. Lyle) Pflum; and one brother, Bro. Curtis Frank, all of the Oakville area. May God comfort them as only He can do.

Several relatives from this area attended the funeral of Al Rauhaus, son of the late Bro. William Rauhaus. His stepmother, Sis. Priscilla Rauhaus, lives near Oakville. Al and his brother Clarence and his sister Marie Adams were born and raised in this community. We extend our sympathy to them.

In reply to a number of inquiries, the latest edition of *Apostolic Christian Churches and Ministers in America and Japan* is the 1971 issue. The Lord willing, I will begin revision this fall and hope to have the new publication available by January 1. Orel R. Steiner.

#### AMES Carol Schmidgall

Another school year is over and some of our students are leaving.

Sisters Lavilla Zaugg and Eileen Fisher are graduating from Marshalltown School of Nursing; Bros. Jim Vierling and Dale Frank are graduating from Iowa State University, and Bro. Curt Endle is graduating from United Electronics Institute. We are assured that God will lead them wherever they may go.

Bro. Uriel Gehring from Burlington visited our group for our last meeting this school year. His inspired message was very uplifting.

We would like to thank all those who came to worship with us.

#### ATHENS Irene Haggermaker

**What God hath joined together, let no man put asunder . . .** In this day and time of ours, you always hear of the high divorce rate . . . So that it really makes us happy to report a golden anniversary, of Bro. Henry and Sis. Annis Perry, on July 14.

In 1952, Bro. Henry and Sis. Annis came into the church, when Bro. Melvin Huber was ministering here. Elder Bros. Noah Bauman and Henry Kilgus was here for their baptism. Two of their seven children have followed them into the church, Sisters Corriene Thomas and Hazel Vibbert.

I am sure they would be happy to hear from anyone . . . Mr. and Mrs. Henry Perry, 609 Levert Ave., Athens, Alabama 35611.

For our fellowship meeting this first Monday, our congregation was treated to a hot dog cookout and homemade ice cream, at the home of Bro. Llvoyd and Sis. Doris Moore.

#### ROCKVILLE Carlton J. Lanz

A group of Rockville folks, mostly relatives, attended the funeral services of Sis. Anna (James) Farney at Croghan. She was the mother of Bro. Clifford Farney, who lives here at Rockville with his wife Sis. Harriot (Feldman) and two daughters. There were many times when with her husband, Bro. James, she would come and spend some time with her folks. She was a mother with a true motherly affection; she was also a devoted wife and possessed a real desire and willingness to serve God's people,

wherever there was an opportunity.

Her burial took place on a gradual slope across from the church, in the church cemetery. History tells us that many of our early Christians who came to America and started our first known church in this country are buried on this country hillside. It was then under the name of the Evangelical Baptist Church later named under its present Apostolic Christian Church.

We hear so much of love today. It has been emphasized again and again, and for a purpose. Are we not a fortunate people, that God has blest us with the ability to reflect His true love towards one another. We see so often this confused trend of love that is being pursued to design one's own style of his way of salvation. It is not the objective of those who are concerned to be critical, but sympathetic. We have seen the result of dear friends who have gone to ultimate ends to reach out, but found out for themselves that when the might and power of the true love of God begins to work in their hearts, they will want to follow the parable of the Prodigal Son. They could not believe that God's love was so great, and that the forgiveness of those they had returned to would be so warm and so friendly. These were some of the remarks of the new converts recently.

May 24, a daughter, Melanie, was born to Sis. Sandy and Bro. Donald Schneider. Grandparents are Sis. Margaret and Bro. Dave Schlatter, Bay City, and Sis. Gladys and Bro. Albert Schneider, Rockville. The infant is the first child and first grandchild to the Al Schneiders.

#### The Gross Darkness Lighted By The Bow Of Promise

Life! great mystery! Who shall say  
What need hath God of this poor  
clay?

This restless mind with bolder  
sway

Rejects the dogmas of the day  
Taught by jarring sects and schools  
To fetter reason with their rules.  
We seek to know Thee as Thou  
art—

Our place with Thee, and then the  
part

We play in this stupendous plan,

Creator infinite and man,  
Lift up this veil-obscuring sight;  
Command again, Let there be  
light!

Reveal this secret of Thy throne;  
We search in darkness the un-  
known.

Life's unsealed mystery soon shall  
say

What joy hath God in this poor  
clay

Formed by His Hand with potent  
skill,

Stamped with His Image, mind and  
will;

Born not to die—no, a second birth  
Succeeds the sentence—**earth to  
earth.**

For One of all the mighty host  
Who lived and died and suffered  
most

Arose, and proved God's great de-  
sign—

That future, therefore, yours and  
mine.

His word discloses this new ray  
Of light, for guidance on our way,  
Based now on faith, but SURE as  
sight,

Dispelling these dark clouds of  
night;

The doubt, the dread, the trembling  
fear,

The thoughts that marred our bles-  
sings here.

Now, Lord, these minds, whose  
bolder sway

Rejects the dogmas of today,  
Taught by jarring sects and schools,  
Fettering reason with their rules,  
MAY SEEK, AND KNOW THEE  
AS THOU ART,

Our place with Thee, and then the  
part

We play in this studendous Plan,  
Creator Infinite and man.

Uplifts the veil, revealing quite  
To those who walk in heaven's  
light

The glorious mystery of His throne  
Hidden from ages, now made  
known.

The above was written with re-  
gards to the doubt and gloom in-  
tensified by the clashing creeds of  
the various schools of the times.

INDIANAPOLIS  
Ginny Zeller

"Be thou my strong habitation,  
whereunto I may continually re-  
sort: thou hast given command-  
ment to save me; for thou art my  
rock and my fortress."

We wish to thank the minister-

ing brethren who gave their serv-  
ices to us. Wendell Gudeman was  
here with us May 6. On May 13,  
Vernon Schwab was our minister.

Our best wishes go to Sis. Re-  
becca Ann Wuethrich, whose en-  
gagement to Bro. Dan Gudeman  
was announced on May 13. They  
are planning an August wedding.

We are glad to have new ad-  
ditions to our congregation. Bro.  
Tom Freed from Phoenix is with  
us, while he is attending technical  
school. We are also thankful that  
our dear friends, Sue Picala, a sen-  
ior at I.U., and Allen Stoller, an  
I.U. dental student in Indianapolis,  
have found the Lord. We wish  
them much grace and blessing.

Princeville

The Heavenly Guest

If you open the door and let Christ  
come in, He will come as a  
courteous Guest;

He will take the space that you give  
to Him, and will leave you all  
the rest.

If you crowd Him out of your  
largest room, and give Him a cor-  
ner small,

If you scarcely remember that He  
is there, and speak to Him not  
at all:

Ah then He will grieve when He  
sees your mind by the cares of  
the world possessed,

When your feet have strayed and  
your soul is faint, and your heart  
by grief oppressed,

But He cannot comfort and lift and  
guide and help as He longs  
to do—

Where He sits apart in your House  
of Life, for you have not asked  
Him to.

Oh make Him the Master of all you  
have, the Lord of your heart and  
soul;

Yield all yourself for His dwelling-  
place and let Him take the whole.  
He will do with you; He will work  
with you; He will reign in your  
life alone.

And you'll find the blessings that  
you have missed and the joys you  
have never known.

Elgin, Iowa

Whoever says when clouds are in  
the sky

Be patient, heart, light breaketh  
by and by

Trusts the most High.

Whoever lies down on his couch to  
sleep

Content to lock each sense to  
slumber deep

Knows God will keep.

The heart that looks on, when  
eyelids close,

And dares to live when life has  
woes . . .

God's comfort knows.

Roanoke

Give us open eyes, Father, to see  
the beauty all around us, and to see  
it in Thy handiwork. Let all lovely  
things fill us with gladness, and let  
them lift up our hearts in true wor-  
ship.

Morris

What good is it that I have lived?  
Though I have read the word of

God and know

The story of salvation and the sin-  
ners woe,

The saving grace of God for men  
To bear the burden of our sin.

What good is it that I have known  
If I have not some sinner shown?

Girard

. . . our thoughts go to our de-  
parted Sis. Marie Emch (Bro. Jess  
Emch's wife). She loved spring,  
nature, and flowers. The following  
poem was written by her, and we  
can almost hear her as we read  
these lines. She wore the happy  
countenance of one secure in God's  
love.

Spring-Time

Here comes a cheery little poem  
That's smiling up at you,

It's coming from our house to  
yours

In hopes it'll chase away the blues.

Tis such a lovely day of spring  
With flowers, trees and everything,  
The birds are singing all around,  
And bees, they make a humming  
sound.

If we would do just like the birds,  
We'd sing instead of wasting  
words,

Where things were wrong, they'd  
be all right,

And there'd be day instead of  
night.

If we would work and pray and  
sing,

Mr & Mrs Andy Mogler

Lester Iowa 51242

We'd be in tune with everything,  
And if we give out lots of love  
We'll have sweet blessings from  
above.

Mansfield

Each day there are showers of  
blessings  
Sent from the Father above,  
For God is a great, lavish giver,  
And there is no end to His love.  
His grace is more than sufficient;  
His mercy is boundless and deep,  
And His infinite blessings are  
countless  
And all this we're given to keep,  
If we but seek God and find Him  
And ask for a bounteous measure

Of this wholly immeasurable of-  
fering  
From God's inexhaustible trea-  
sure—  
For no matter how big man's  
dreams are,  
God's blessing are infinitely more,  
For always God's giving is greater  
Than what man is asking for.

Time is edging ever closer to  
conclusion. A friend is dear to our

hearts. Here we have a nice day.  
The sun comes up. Breath is given.  
If it was too late, if the gate, the  
beautiful gate was beyond ever  
reaching, how sad. Ah soon, how  
soon approaching night.

Because it shines with God's  
love, The Silver Lining is good to  
send your loved one . . . once this  
way we pass.

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## CHANGE OF ADDRESS?

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

## HEARING IN HEBREWS IS BEAUTIFUL

Henry Souder Jr.

The sweet life in His divine heart  
warms our heart. Ties magnetic-  
like, draw us to where real home  
is, God's residence.

Moves here are made to different  
addresses. Houses get old. The  
dweller passes on. Motels are soon  
occupied by others, who too must  
move on. Fleeting, moving, chang-  
ing, aging are things here. Very  
much different is His place: "For  
here have we no continuing city,  
but we seek one to come."

It is beautiful to listen. Rejoice  
your hearts in real happiness.  
Think of the ages of ages. On and  
on. Come before Him really, and  
tell Him how much it means to  
you, all He has done. It is His  
desire that we bring praise and  
thanks to Him. Here's the way  
His word puts it: "By Him there-  
fore let us offer the sacrifice of  
praise to God continually, that is,  
the fruit of our lips giving thanks  
to His name." This is from His  
heart.

Here is Someone who cares so  
much about us. Someone who  
fought the bitterest battle, for our  
life, and won. Someone whose  
heart and face are beautiful with  
kindness and tender care for us.  
That Someone we should aim to

make happy with what we do. Shut-  
in, going out, sick, aged or youth-  
ful, there are chances to be crea-  
tive in our own way. He gives  
them: "But to do good and to com-  
municate forget not: for with such  
sacrifices God is well pleased."

To communicate is to have fel-  
lowship. Talking is a part of fel-  
lowship. Communication, God's  
way is more than talking. Not just  
sharing. Not just giving, but fel-  
lowshipping, a mutual partaking in  
the interest of another, with a mu-  
tual benefit. We are in the same  
family, the same closeness. It is  
a golden opportunity. How many  
and how varied, how huge are the  
beauties of fellowship!

To the free heart, the sweet  
chords of guidance are vital. The  
song of the brave. There's fellow-  
ship here too, delight we would not  
want to miss. Our own notes for  
our own melody are always writ-  
ten in His staff.

God's rules for success are writ-  
ten for our profit and pleasure. To  
follow is the happy way.

"Obey them that have the rule  
over you, and submit yourselves:  
for they watch for your souls, as  
they that must give account, that

they may do it with joy, and not  
with grief: for that is unprofitable  
for you."

Straightforward words, coming  
right from the heart of God. If an  
elder would never say anything,  
if they never had any Do's or Dan-  
gers, we would never have a chance  
to obey this verse. Nor if every-  
one were perfect, could we forbear  
of forgive.

Shut-in or laid up in bed does  
not mean that labors cease. One  
day is very valuable. To pray is  
better, richer than finding a gold  
mine in the mountains. See the  
beautiful shining treasure actual-  
ly is furthering the interests of  
God's kingdom! For one another.  
Help His people. Your request  
comes in Royal Court. Something  
needed? "Pray for us: for we trust  
we have a good conscience, in all  
things willing to live honestly. But  
I beseech you the rather to do this,  
that I may be restored to you the  
sooner."

When God speaks, He has some-  
thing to accomplish in mind. Will  
we listen beautifully?

Listenings are milestones that  
make the calling and election sure.  
That's the right road! You can  
tell by the directions.