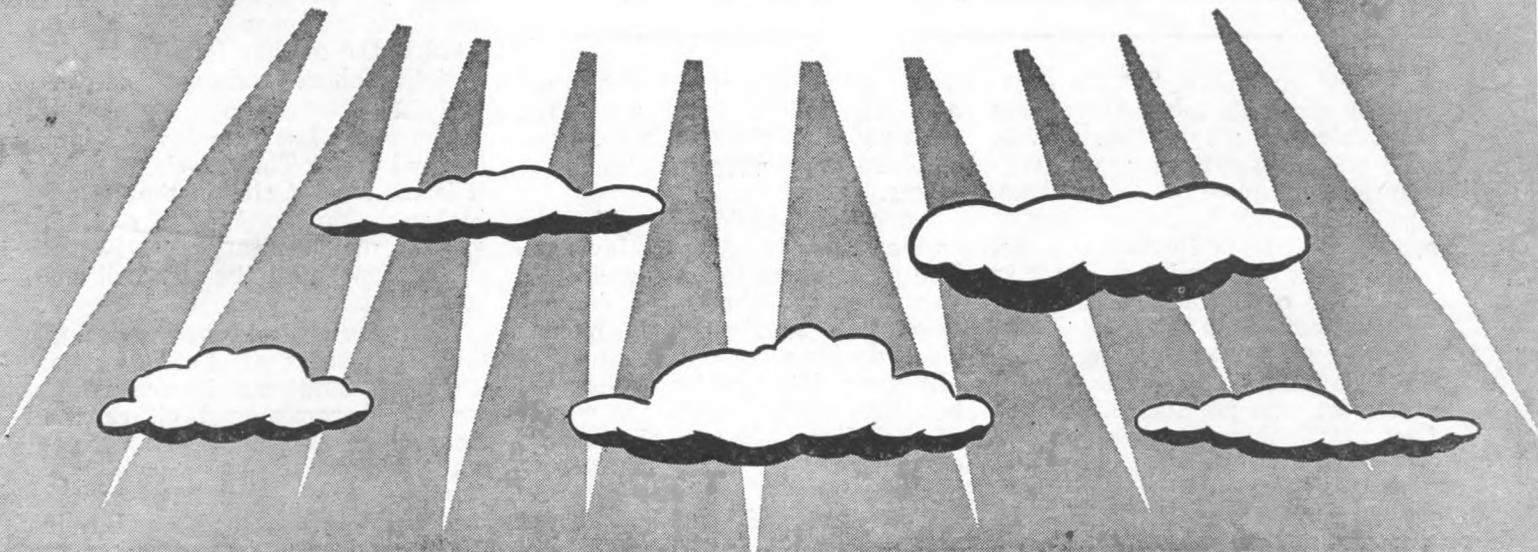


So that servant came, and shewed his lord these things. Then the master of the house being angry said to his servant, Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in hither the poor, and the maimed, and the halt, and the blind.

And the servant said, Lord, it is done as thou hast commanded, and yet there is room.

And the lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled.

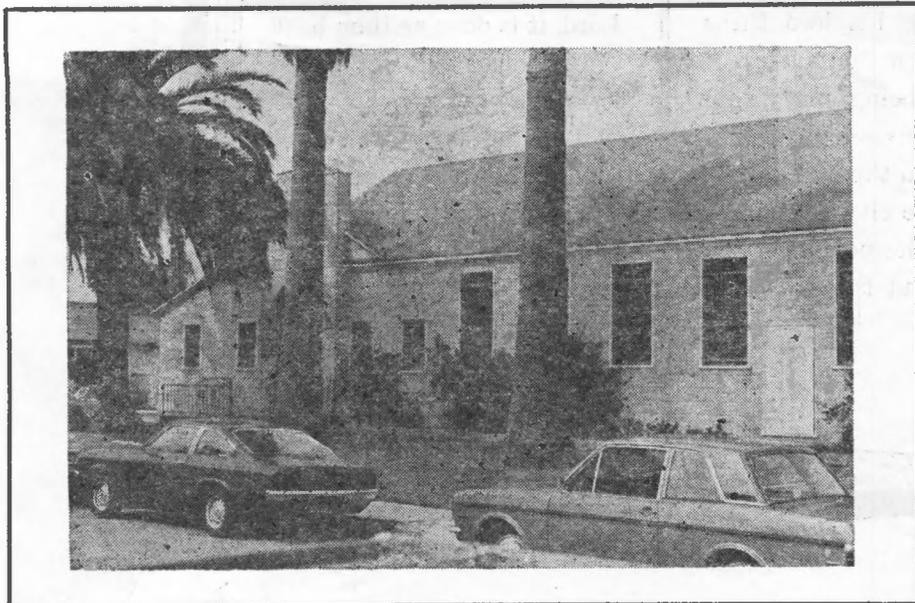


"....the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever."

# THE SILVER LINING

A LIGHT for BELIEVERS

# MAYWOOD CALIFORNIA



A few members "would occasionally assemble together, reading the Bible and singing hymns". It soon became apparent that a regular meeting-place would be best. Bro. John and Sis. Julia Dapper opened their home for this purpose.

John was ordained a minister in 1934. For over four years more, services continued in their home. The assembly was growing. With the fellowship-help of other brethren, a lot was purchased, and the first small church erected on the corner of 60th Street and Almo.

In 1952, an addition was constructed to fill more of their needs. Again . . . August 1967, the news contained: "The addition of our Sunday School room is progressing nicely, and the anticipation of the children is felt more and more each Sunday, as they observe the room with much enthusiasm, knowing that soon they will be using it in learning more of God's precious teaching."

## Maywood

A palm tree is a lovely creation. It sometimes grows in the desert, and not in the depths of deep forest. Often it seems rooted in scorching dust. It can guide the traveller to water. It is remarkable for beauty, leafy canopy, waving plumes. The foliage is a symbol of joy and exultation. It does not fade, and it is written, the dust does not settle on it. The natives of Syria, it is said, speak of 360

uses. The best fruit is borne in old age. The finest dates are often gathered when the tree is 100.

There are different kinds of palms.

Lovely palms add a joy of beauty to the church building in Maywood. The picture was taken March 4 of this year, and shows the verdant vegetation at that early month. Thus do lives flourish. God takes His gems. His creations. They are beautiful even through the winter of their lives. Their loveliness tells of another land, where winter never comes.

They lived and loved and tarried a little . . .

There was Sis. Rose Eigner. She was converted and became associated with this blest fellowship in Toledo. The year was 1907. Westward was her guidance, and she came and made her home in California in 1935. Like the palm, she flourished with riches in old age. This was written in the news of her: "She has been a faithful attender of the church. She now lives alone in a cheerful apartment . . . Her faith and courage should be an inspiration to all of us!" Jan. 69 *Silver Lining* news: "Our aged Sis. Rose Eigner passed away in a convalescent hospital in El Monte . . . She . . . reached the age of 89."

Or like Terry . . . his life glowed in places many of us will never be . . . In such things as Handicaps

and hospital rooms we can have wings. Jan. '68: "January 6 was a wonderful way to begin our new year . . . Our friends, Terry and Penny Julien brought their testimonies . . . Terry has been in a wheel-chair since he was 9 . . ." June '68—On May 6, our dear Bro. Terry Julien, son of Dee and Helen Ruehle Julien, was laid to rest. Among the many who gathered to pay their respects were some friends of Terry's Orthopedic Handicapped Class, of which three were in wheel-chairs." Yes God showed others of His love and mighty powers and of riches beyond this life.

## The city and environs

Maywood stands at 150 feet above sea level. The population sometime ago was 16,996. Westward is the mighty Pacific, touching other shores and people of other tongues.

The name Los Angeles is Spanish, and means The Angels. In area, it is the largest city in the United States . . . Maywood is part of LA's greater metropolitan area. Slaus Avenue goes past the city hall and post office.

"Our church is located about 12 miles southeast of Los Angeles. There are numerous freeways . . . we would recommend either the Long Beach or Santa Ana freeways to those unfamiliar with our locality. Both . . . have ramps leading to Maywood, and our church is located in the east part of Maywood, not too far from the Los Angeles River."

Here, our people and others live, work and go. Yet, also behind the

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scenes is vast action. Consider one little account of someone: I was . . . on the Pasadena Freeway . . . lost in thought. About a mile before the big blind curve, I saw a vision of a terrible accident with twisted automobiles blocking the two left lanes. The scene was so vivid in my mind I simply had to slow down. I coasted to about 40 and moved over into the right lane as I rounded the curve. Sure enough there was the accident exactly as I had seen it! . . ."

Let us seek God's help, that He would warn and encourage us always. We are on the freeway to heaven!

Our work is **To Plant a Dream.** Our fellowship is **Friendship, union of finest feelings, binding of hearts, sympathy of souls.** Give what you have. **To someone it may be better than you dare think. Warm all with thy love.**

For years, Ben Ammann was associated with his father, Bro. Fred, in the watch and clock business in Akron or area. In '55 he moved to the Los Angeles area. In 1958 his father peacefully died, on a Sunday evening. He was conscious to the last, quoted from a Zion's Harp hymn, "Love Thou me, dearest Jesus, Love Thou Me."

Just one week before this, Ben was baptized. His dad, our dear brother, "sat by the phone, waiting for the call from Ben. He could talk to him yet."

We see plans of the One above. We see how lovingly our Father yearns and enjoys for a dear soul to be His own. Let our hearts also long. Let us in His dreams pray for the soul in the block and communities next to our Maywood church. Let us wait "by the telephone" for another one who has come Home!

#### **Dramatic Reality**

More beautiful, more inviting, more exciting than any fiction is reality.

Bros. John Dapper and Bill Schwarz looked at each other, saying "Earthquake!" It was before the apparent tremor. God's great power is shown in mighty acts and miracles. We do, before the night comes, with what He gives, and He fits what we do in an awesome program.

Who knows what is in each heart, those on streets like Slosson, Fruitland, Woodlawn, Loma Vista? Who knows when someone will be

reading a phrase of God in our life? Billy the Kid was a famous fighter of another era. Slowly, Billy and his wife would walk past where our people were singing in California . . . listening. Who knows when someone, fed up with the degrading teaching put out by someone, may be longingly looking . . .

"I can often remember," words in a Silver Lining feature go, "father telling of how he and mother had thought of returning to an area where there was a church not only for themselves but they had a concern for their children. (Bro. John & Sis. Julie Dapper) . . . He discussed this with Bro. Ernest Graf, and Bro. Graf told him that he felt the Lord was using father to establish a church in California."

Bro. Ben Ammann of our Maywood brethren (lives in LA) had a sister, Sis. Mary. (Mary passed on, in Ohio, but her works go on.) Here is a stanza from a poem she wrote. She speaks of the tape recorder. Such inventions can be used of God to further His will. It could help start a church.

For such who now must be at home  
And oftentimes are left alone  
The word of God they still can hear  
How we shall live in godly fear

Bro. Ed Frautschi took the picture of the Maywood building. Ed and Connie live in Ventura County. There in that home in Agoura, on a Saturday night, voices rose in Gospel Hymn singing . . . There was reading from God's precious word. Brethren and friends met, a move of Him who holds all things in His great power.

Less than 15 miles to the west of Maywood is the Pacific, with approximately 70,000,000 square miles. Its meaning is from peace. Cooling breezes come from here on a hot day. We really are only a little away from unknown and uncountable areas—eternity. Actually feeling the breezes and dwelling in spirit in the heavenlies.

In the Jan. '72 Silver Lining, words appear of Bro. John Dapper: "We close the volume of the old year and look forward to the new . . . We do share a most precious fellowship, one the world does not know. We meet and greet each other in faith . . . Oh what a treasure God has given to men. If only

more would come, taste and see."

Again John, the month was March '72: ". . . There really is so much at stake, we can't waste any precious time . . ."

Let us pray that we will be like the palm trees, fit for the Master's many uses, and bringing forth the finest fruit.

**To all the churches:** Please send the report of money sent to the Bible Societies and Gideons by Aug. 15. Send to Henry Grimm Sr., 111 Edgewood, Morton II. 61550

#### **FROM TAYLOR FLOOD REPORT**

**Jim Hoerr**

Making inspection tour were Bros. Sidney Leman, Vernon Blunier, Clarence Koehl, Jack Krantz, Jim Hoerr, along with local brethren.

Crossed Mississippi River at Quincy, to West Quincy, Mo. on Route 24. Water on highway at several locations, heavy sandbagging along highway to prevent flooding at underpass. Work crews still busy filling and placing additional sandbags to reinforce levee.

Bro. Donald Hoerr's home, Water reached first floor. They were first displaced families to move back since mid-April. Sustained least damage of surrounding areas.

Bro. Robert Hoerr. Water reached 4½ feet above first floor. Ruined first floor entirely, plaster falling, floors buckling, siding washed off, only studding remaining in some areas of kitchen. Home only recently remodeled, new kitchen and family room added last year. All a total loss except house frame. Porch collapsed off family room . . . Bro. George Hoerr, tenant house totally stripped of interior and exterior, only framing shell salvagable. Surrounding areas all under water . . . Bro. Richard Sutter. 5-year old brick ranch home completely inundated above eave line, various large timbers washed on roof. Completely ruined except for framework of house. Will have to be completely replastered, re-wired, brick veneered on exterior. Beautiful lawn area submerged with mud-scummed residue, will need a total renovation. Reached this area by boat, up drainage canal. All roads still under water. New Morton storage barn ravaged by wave action, tearing off siding.

. . . Bro. Louis Hoerr. similar to others, water reached 4½ foot depth on main floor. . . Bro. Marvin Wiegand. unaccessible, water still covering roadway, surrounding house, reached depth of 4 feet on first floor . . . excessive structural damage similar to others . . . Bro. James Sutter. unaccessible, similar situation as Bro. Marvin Wiegand's . . . Other brethren indirectly affected, such as rental lands for farming are flooded and adjacent buildings damaged, many which provided income not forthcoming this season.

No intense program to rebuild and cleanup until after last possible planting date . . . approximately mid-July, after which volunteers will be appreciated to assist in restoration. Any church groups desiring to help may contact: Bro. Marvin Wiegand, Taylor, % Fabuis Mobile Home Ct. Phone AC 314-393-2311.

After reviewing investigations, all the brethren agreed a special collection is of utmost necessity, with funds to be made available as needed . . . After conferring with our chairman, Bro. Herman Kellenberger, he concurred.

#### BLOOMINGTON-NORMAL

Kayleen Heiniger  
Eunice Schupbach

During June, special attention is given to Father's Day. This reminds us of the love and honor due all Christian fathers but, even more importantly, the respect and praise for our Father in heaven.

Ministering to us were Bros. Henry Manz (Junction), Roy Ehnlé (Bradford), Jesse Schrock (Congerville), Marvin Schmidgall (Eureka), Harvey Grimm (Bern) and William Gudeman (Elgin).

Recovering from ankle injuries are Shirley Denick and Sis. Marie Kieser. Sis. Judy Witzig spent a short stay in the hospital for dental surgery.

Bro. Randy and Sis. Pam Sutter have moved to Morris. We wish them much success in opening their new business, and assure them we will miss their fellowship.

Our June high school graduates are Christine Fehr (Walton and Mida), Dawn Ebach (Bro. J. C. and Sis. Pat), Calvin Huette (Bro. John and Sis. Rose), and Al Haney (Bob and Sis. Marilyn).

Vacation Bible School was held June 11-15 at the home of Bro. Ray

and Sis. Jeannie Haerr, and the annual Sunday School picnic was at Ash Park pavilion on June 24.

Just hours prior mailing of the **Silver Lining** news, Bro. Steve Elsassner phoned to say that he and Sis. Lona are parents of a daughter, Dawn Michelle, born June 28. First-time grandparents are Bro. Robert and Sis. Norma Pfledderer and Bro. John and Sis. Lill Elsassner, and great-grandparents are Sis. Pauline Knobloch and Bro. William Kahler.

#### REMINGTON

Anna M. Waibel

The community was saddened by the accident of Bro. Robert Schieler. He was born and raised here and just moved to Wolcott in the past few years. His aged mother, Sis. Mary and two brothers, Bro. Harold and Bro. Herbert live here.

Several Sunday Schools from various churches in Indiana were here for Christian Endeavor June 10, Bro. Sam Anliker, Lamont. was here Sunday forenoon on Father's Day.

Bro. Ken Schneider has been handicapped recently with some broken bones in his foot.

Robert and Kathy (Kilgus) Gretencord have a baby boy, Chad William, born Wed. June 20. Bro. Earl and Sis. Arlene are the grandparents.

Virgene Steffen, daughter of Bro. Ray and Sis. Lucille, of Rensselaer was married June 10, Sun. to Mark Gabisch, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Gabisch, Brigantine. New Jersey. They will live near Clearwater, Florida.

The funeral of Walter Schafer was held June 11 at Princeville. He was born here to Bro. Fred and Sis. Martha Schafer, deceased. They lived here a number of years.

Mark Edward was born June 6 to Jim and Sandy (Clauss) Swartz of Midland, Michigan.

Bro. Clarence Kachelmuss of Forrest and others were here June 24 and attended our annual Sunday School Picnic, held at the Gilboa School.

Barbara Wasner was married June 30 (Sat.) to Roger Sigo, at her home. She is the daughter of Bro. Art and Sis. Norma Wasner. They will live here.

We enjoyed having Vacation Bible School with the Wolcott Congregation, the week of June 18th.

God bless the homes of earth today;

God bless each family, I pray,  
Who turn to Thee for every need.  
Give them thy food on which to feed;

Give them thy wisdom, bless each one:

The father, mother, daughter, son  
Who gather at a table spread  
With simple fare: good meat and bread.

Accept the thanks they offer thee.  
May they not fail in loyalty  
And courtesy to Thee, their Guest.  
God bless their days, and may they rest

When night comes down on lane  
and street.

May life for them be rich and sweet,  
With the wealth of Thy great loving care.

God bless the families everywhere.

#### BURLINGTON, OKLAHOMA

Janice Frieden

Harvest has again come and gone, and as we look out over the fields upon which the lovely golden grain stood such a short time ago, we can't help but marvel at how wonderful our God is. He nourished the seed all during the winter months and then, in the spring, it sprouted into tall golden grain for the harvest. So does God nourish His children during the long winter months of this life, that they may sprout into tall golden grain for His Eternal Harvest. May we ever seek to be among God's everlasting grain, rather than among the chaff which will be destroyed.

Our monthly singing was held in the church on June 3, and although few were present, we had wonderful fellowship together.

We are thankful that Bro. Huber Farney is now at home, after being hospitalized for a few days, and we hope that Sis. Martha Roth, who has also been very sick will be able to go home soon.

Vacation Bible School began, and will be held the first week in July also. This is the first time we have had it for two weeks, and we are finding that the children are happy that it is to be so. I am happy also, for our little ones teach us every day, by their innocence and trust, that we should also innocently put our trust in God, who never fails.

**CONGERVILLE**

**Linda Knapp — Arlene Banwart**

"And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; and to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; and to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity." If we work toward these, we will never be unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord. Even though Paul was bound in prison, the word of God was not, for it was there that he wrote letters to the churches which are still blessing us today.

"Let yourself be as an instrument in God's hand." Bros. Willis Knapp and Vernon Wettstein were chosen as Sunday School teachers. Sunday School superintendent is Bro. Keith Roth, with Bro. Bill Dietrich assisting.

We thank Bros. Uriel Gehring (Burlington Ia.) and Josh Broquard (Fairbury) for ministering to us.

Approximately 38 children attended Vacation Bible School the first two weeks in June. We're grateful so many children came to learn and sing about God.

God has blessed Bro. Sam and Sis. Luella Zimmerman with their 25th wedding anniversary May 23. **Thank You.** We want to thank the many relatives and friends, who sent cards and gifts on our 25th Anniversary. It made the occasion most enjoyable. We will always cherish the memory of it. Sam and Luella Zimmerman.

Sis. Esther Schrock is hospitalized in Phoenix, receiving treatment on her leg.

**FRANCESVILLE**

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

Words from Loved Ones—

June 6—"We want to give you the wonderful words, yes the beautiful words of the Lord, and praying that all can row our ship of Faith to a blessed end." Thanks to Bro. Vernon Schwab and Ken Schneider.

June 17—Hearty welcome to Bro. Akito and Sis. Marie from Japan and to their brother-in-law, Toru, who also is a brother-in-faith. These were the first words spoken by Bro. Akito: "Good morning, Brothers, Sisters and Friends also. How everyone even looks at me with kindness in the Lord. The

only way I can carry on is by the support of the brothers." He certainly will get it.

June 26—"Dear Bro. Henry and children of Sis. Cordia Leman, this will be the last time that the complete family can be together with dear dear mother on this earth. Yes, at 90 years of age, one more mother could go Home. Uncle Henry walked 69 years with his dear companion . . . Her only concern above all was, "I want my children to be saved." The grandchildren will never forget grandmother. Aunt Francis would read in the Bible to them. As Grandpa's eyesight failed some in the past years, then Grandma would read a few more words yet. Now all are thankful. **His Merciful Arms Opened Up** . . . and wish to meet again.

June 29—The last of five evenings of Bible School . . . and we feel God had joy in seeing the smiling faces attending, from ages of 3 years to 85 years. May the stories and teachings take root and stay alive in their hearts to the end. We cannot express in words, only God can bless all the brothers who spoke to the adults: Bro. Gene Lehman, Ben Fehr, Akito Inoue, Earl Zeltwanger and Joe Schrock . . .

June 30 — Bro. Wendell Anlikers gave the month such a good ending by having a Ft. Sam Reunion.

**LATTY**

**Connie Stoller LeAnn Laukhuf**

Our annual Vacation Bible School week was held June 11-15. Visiting ministers were Orville Ringger (Bluffton), Walter Rager (Toledo), and Carl Westphal (Francesville). It was uplifting to see the willingness of our young friends.

On June 16-17, Latty young group was host to Princeville and Bradford young groups. We hope the visitors enjoyed it as much as we did.

Sis. Marguerite Stoller and Bro. Rod Stoller (Marguerite and Delmar) both graduated from college. Marguerite plans to teach elementary at Grover Hill, Ohio; Rod has accepted a position with an accounting firm in Van Wert, Ohio. Congratulations to them.

We were happy to have with us Bro. Akito and Sis. Marie Inoue from the Tamahata church. It is an example for us all how God can work in the lives of men.

Hospital patients were Roy Rager, Bro. Rex Plummer, Mary Beth Grant, LaVonne and Carma Stoller. All are home and doing well.

**MAYWOOD**

**Christine Locher**

Bro. Ernest and Sis. Marcelle Dapper have announced plans to relocate this month in Gibbon, Minnesota. Our small church will miss them, as they have been faithful in the Christian endeavors here.

Leonard John Locher, son of Bro. Leonard and Sis. Christine Locher, and Craig Dapper, son of Bro. Ernest and Sis. Marcelle Dapper, have each received their Eagle awards in Scouting. Leonard also graduated from high school. His plans are to attend college this fall, majoring in journalism.

Sis. Eva Fuhrer has returned home, after spending some time with her family in Ohio.

Bro. John Dapper has recovered physically enough to again go on the pulpit, but must limit his services. The Altadena brothers have been faithful in sharing with us the Lord's teachings.

**MORTON**

**Mrs. Keith Stevig  
Mrs. Harry Kaiser**

The engagement of Sis. Marjorie Rother to Bro. Robert Bertschi of Roanoke was announced on June 17. Marjorie is the daughter of Bro. Frances and Sis. Verna. The following Sunday, announcement was made of the engagement of Sis. Jane Knapp to Bro. Phil Price of Milford. Jane is the daughter of Bro. Chris and Sis. Emma.

Dan Grimm, son of Bro. Dan and Sis. Ethel, was married to Brenda Vaughn of Morton on June 16 . . . Jeff Carius, son of Mrs. Marvin Carius, and the late Dr. Marvin Carius, was married to Vicki Williamson of Peoria on June 2.

Bro. Robert and Sis. Lillian Getz have announced the engagement of their daughter, Cynthia, to David Rein of Morton.

Eli Somerhalder of Burlington and Don Sauder of Roanoke were our visiting ministers during June.

Our congregation has elected Bro. Bill Gudeman and Bro. Don Schrock to be our new Sunday School teachers.

Vacation Bible School was held for two weeks during June. The

largest number attending on a single night was 296.

Those in the hospital have been: Sis. Joan Roecker, Sis. Lydia Miller, Louise Rapp, Robert Byrd and John Hauter. Bro. Joe P. Belsley is now residing at Highview Nursing Home in Peoria.

**Reminder**—August is the month to renew the **Silver Lining**. Please pay to Robert Frank, 1049 E. Jefferson, Morton Ill.

As vacation-time is here again and so many of us are traveling, let us remember to be prayerful for one another that we may all return home safely . . .

I need the prayers of those I love,  
While traveling o'er life's rugged way,

That I may true and faithful be,  
And live for Jesus every day.

#### TAYLOR

Marie Butikofer Eleanor Yackley

All things work together for good to them that love the Lord. We are surely praying for that promise for all the loved ones who are suffering from the Mississippi flood. Only those who have come to see the destruction can realize the extent of the damage.

We are thankful that we can again cross the bridge at Quincy to get to church. The 45-mile trip through Hannibal was quite inconvenient, especially for those who live in Missouri and work in Quincy and those who needed supplies from Quincy.

Sis. Elizabeth Sutter plans to leave July 2 for an extended visit in France with her foster son, Bob Frieden, and his family. She will travel with them to Switzerland, Germany, Austria, England, and perhaps Spain.

We have been blessed with several visiting ministers, who brought us the refreshing word of God and the admonishments that we need from time to time. Those who came are: Ken Sauder (Mansfield), Jim Leman and Don Sauder (Roanoke), Lennie Meyer (Chicago), Arnold Gerst (Chicago), and Kenny Dietz (Bradford). Noah Schrock and Harvey Heiniger (Oakville) were also with us on a Wednesday evening.

God has gone to prepare a place for us, and we must prepare ourselves for that Place.

#### ROANOKE

Doris Mangold Erma Moser

Lord, let our lips and lives express  
The Holy Gospel we profess,  
For those who watch us tend to go  
The path we tread, the way we show.

Betty Rassi, daughter of Bro. Joe and Sis. Angela, was married to Ron Lindwall of DeKalb in a garden wedding June 2, at the home of the bride's parents, by Bro. Gene Bertschi. Another wedding, June 16, of Jan Moser, daughter of Bro. Dick and Sis. Erma, to James Bates was solemnized by Bro. Gene Bertschi at the Apostolic Christian Fellowship Hall in Peoria.

Bro. Gene Bertschi united in marriage Sis. Bonnie Wuthrich and Bro. Ed. Sauder on June 10. Parents of the couple are Bro. Willis and Sis. Flo Wuthrich and Bro. Jack and Sis. Marlis Sauder.

Announcement was made of the engagement of Bro. Robert Bertschi, son of Bro. Gene and Sis. Dorothy, to Sis. Marjorie Rother, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Francis Rother of Morton. An August wedding is being planned.

Glen Martin, son of Bro. Orville and Sis. Priscilla, announced his engagement to Carol Jean Schwartz, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Ervin Schwartz of Bluffton. Also, Russell Leman announced his engagement to Joan Kaeb, daughter of John Kaeb of Arrowsmith. Russ is the son of Don and Sis. Pearl Leman.

Those that have been on the sick list are: Sis. Lydia Schafer and Bro. Fred Herbst, who are both improving . . . in the hospital are Sis. Ann Heiligstein and Bro. Ben P. Martin (who is at Mayo's in Rochester).

Two visiting ministers we enjoyed hearing on Wednesday evening were Eli Somerhalder from Oklahoma and Walt Anliker from our neighbor church of Eureka. We are always happy to have visitors to worship with us.

#### ALTADENA

Mrs. Don Cremer

Throughout the month of June we have experienced many dry, hot days, but what a blessing it is to have this weather rather than cold and damp.

Bro. Bill and Sis. Naomi Schwarz

have moved. Their new address is: 19350 Ward St. Space No. 6, Huntington Beach CA 92646. We rejoice that Bill is again assembling with us. The Lord truly is guiding Bro. Bill and Sis. Naomi.

Bro. Reuben and Sis. Marie Fanney left for Oklahoma, where they plan to spend the summer.

Our dear sister, Christine Pearson fell asleep in Jesus on June 26. The Lord chose to relieve her of earthly trials and lead her gently home. Our sympathy goes to her children and their families. May God help them through sorrowing times. Bro. Carl Kinsinger conducted an impressive funeral service for her.

Bro. Bill and Sis. Freda Minger have left on an extended vacation. They plan to first visit in the Eastern states, then go to Europe, where they are meeting their son, Emil, in Germany. Emil is stationed in the Army in Germany, and no doubt is anxious to see his folks again.

We should take time to remember all our brothers and friends who are in the service. By sharing a note with these boys, we can help keep them in contact with home and our churches. Christ said ". . . Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

August is collection month for our subscriptions to **The Silver Lining**. Please see your reporter.

#### BERN

Esther & Stella Moser

On a recent Sunday as we partook of Holy Communion, our thoughts turned to the Cross on Calvary's hill, where our Lord suffered and died for us. We thank Bro. Gene Marti for assisting Bro. Lester Hartter in serving us.

Our visiting ministers were Bros. Wayne Miller, Ft. Scott; Gary Maibach, Rittman; Joe Aberle, Sabetha.

Sis. Pearl Meyer held a reception for her son, Earl, and his bride, the former Darlene Kusler. They will make their home in Bern. Best wishes are extended to them.

Hospitalized: Alice Wittmer (Harlan) for surgery, Dianne Esslinger, due to a motorcycle accident. Both are back to church.

Sympathy is extended to Bro. Ben Leuthold in the sudden death of his brother, David Leuthold.

Sis. Ada Strahm (Bro. Alpha-

Sis. Mamie) graduated from the Methodist Medical Center in St. Joseph, Mo. Ada will now have employment there, as an R.N. Bro. Galen Rokey (Bro. Melvin-Sis. Florence) graduated from K. State, Manhattan, and is employed by Wenger Mfg. as a Feed Technologist.

We are happy to have Sharon Mason assemble with us. She has an apartment in Bern and works as an R.N. in Humbolt, Nebraska. Sharon is a sister of Sis. Lois Hartter (Stephen).

### BREMEN Pauline Laidig

Ring the bells of heaven! there is joy today,  
For a soul returning from the wild.  
See the Father meets him out upon the way,  
Welcoming His weary, wandering child.

Our hearts were filled with joy when we heard that Dale Gramm had given his heart to the Lord. Dale, who is the son of Bro. Ed of Gridley, is working in South Bend this summer, and has been assembling with us.

The two weeks of Vacation Bible School have drawn to a close, with a feeling that many hearts were touched, from the nursery class to the adults. Some of the children wished it would continue, which is encouraging. An interesting program was given by those who attended, which was followed by our annual church picnic.

We have truly been blessed by the messages of visiting ministers. Bro. Walter Rager was with us once again: then during the second week of V.B.S. there were meetings for adults conducted by Bros. Ed Bahler, Elmer Hartter, Wendell Gudeman and Verlin Stoller. Those of us who were privileged to attend were truly made aware of our responsibilities as parents, and were renewed in the basic beliefs of the church. Parts of the book of Revelation are rather difficult to understand, so we are really appreciated the explanations given that revealed the meanings of many of these passages. It also made us aware of what our own Christian walk should be, and created a greater concern for those who are not converted.

Elder Bro. Joe Waibel spent last Sunday with us, and we couldn't help but feel his love and concern for this flock. We have appreciated his willingness to serve us.

Sis. Sue Beebe had the misfortune of falling and breaking her ankle. We understand she'll be able to get around by means of a walking cast. Sis. Pauline Clauss remains about as usual; some days are better than others. Her neices, Sisters Ernestine and Mildred Meister are very faithful in visiting and doing what they can to make her lot more bearable.

I wish to correct an error I made in the last issue. It was Gayle, and not Kay Zeltwanger who graduated from high school. Sis. Kay has completed the course in Fashion Merchandising at the Ray-Vogue School in Chicago. She is now employed in that city. We wish her God's blessings and protection in her new venture in life.

### CISSNA PARK Margaret Rudin Grace Bauer

God writes with a pen that never blots,  
Speaks with a tongue that never slips,  
And acts with a hand that never fails.

We could rejoice with our friends Gary and Elizabeth Rudin, as they could testify they were lost and had need of repentance. They gave their testimonies June 9, and were baptized June 10. Bro. Ed Hohulin helped with this important work. We welcome them to our brotherhood.

Sis. Leah Aeschliman, age 87, went peacefully to her eternal home June 12, at Fairview Haven Home at Fairbury. Funeral services were held June 15. Survivors include several neices and nephews. We will miss Sis. Leah's nice visits. She had a word for the old and the young. She has been a pillar in the church, and ever-ready to lend a helping hand.

Our dear friend Samuel Knapp, age 74, passed away June 15 at the Methodist Hospital at Peoria, where he had been a patient three weeks. Survivors include his sister, Katherine, who kept house for him, and Sis. Lillian Knapp. Funeral services were held June 18. Our sympathy is extended to the bereft.

Our friends, Deborah Kay Ehman and James Laurence Tilbury, were united in Holy Matrimony June 16 at the Civic Center at Urbana by Bro. Ezra Feller. Deborah is the daughter of Bro. Richard and Virginia Ehman. They will be at home in Urbana.

Bro. Jaye and Sis. Peg Rinckenberger and baby daughter, Jill, have moved to Morton. Our loss is Morton's gain. Sis. Lena Rentsch and her sister Hulda have gone to Fairview Haven Resident Home at Fairbury to live.

Sisters Anne Walder, Dianne Virkler, and Gloria Stock graduated from Nurse's Training at Menonite Hospital, Bloomington. Sis. Anne Walder left June 24 to participate in an overseas summer service program in Germany.

Sis. Sandra and Bro. Sid Kaufmann have a baby girl, Victoria Rae, born June 7. Bro. Walter and Sis. Aldean Kaufmann and Mr. and Mrs. Frances Kietzman are the grandparents. She has one sister to welcome her . . . Sis. Shirley and Ron Krumweide have a baby boy, Derek, born July 2. Bro. Gene and Sis. Irene Hauptli and Mr. and Mrs. Audy Krumweide are his grandparents. He has three sisters to welcome him.

We are happy to report, Sis. Janet Hari and baby girl Corinne Lynne are now at home, and are happy to be home as a family again. Bro. Daryl and Sis. Janet and family are fortunate to have Gail Hari, daughter of Sis. Til and Al Hari help them at their home.

We welcome Sis. Judy Bauer home, after spending over two years in Japan teaching.

Bro. Albert and Sis. Carrie Hari quietly observed their 60th wedding anniversary, having been married June 22, 1913.

On June 24 we held our Annual Sunday School Picnic. It was a nice turnout, a beautiful day, and it was enjoyed by all.

Sis. Eulalia Eisenman had the misfortune of breaking a bone in her foot; she now has a walking cast. Our Elder Bro. Ezra Feller was a medical patient at Carle Hospital, Urbana; he has now returned to his home. Bro. Willard Rudin met with an accident when he was kicked by a cow, and has twelve broken ribs; he is a patient at Paxton Hospital. Sis. Carrie Knapp was injured in an automobile acci-

dent; she is a patient at Carle Hospital in Urbana.

#### FAIRBURY Joyce Huber

Sis. Donna Hartman and Bro. Dale Banwart became united in marriage. Donna is the daughter of Bro. Vernon and Sis. Pat Hartman, and Dale is the son of Bro. and Sis. Earl Banwart of West Bend. Bro. Earl ministered to us the day of the wedding. They will be residing in Fairbury . . . Sis. Kathryn Kaisner was married to Bro. Ernest Gerber, ministering brother formerly of Rockville and ministering at Forrest. They also will be residing in Fairbury in Sis. Kathryn's home.

Grace Huber, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Reuben Huber, was married to Roger Shook in a garden wedding at Lyle's Acres. Roger is employed at Proctor and Gamble, and they will reside in Forest Park.

Born June 20 to Donald and Sis. Carol Bazzell is a new baby, named Tresa Lynn. The Bazzells other children are Laurie, Greg, Annette, Mark, and Darin. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hoffman . . . Bro. and Sis. Lloyd Moser have a new baby girl, named Sally Jo. Their other children are Marsha, Bonnie, Janice, Douglas, Kevin, and Scott. Grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Walter Moser, and Sis. Sadie Riegenbach of Latty . . . Bro. and Sis. Steve Roth were blessed with a baby boy, named Matthew Steven. Welcoming the brother is their girl, Ericka. Grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Earl Roth and Bro. and Sis. Roger Isch of Bluffton. Great-grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Henry Maurer and Sis. Carrie Roth.

Bro. and Sis. Lloyd Bachtold hosted an open house, to celebrate the 80th birthday of Sis. Lena Steffen. Since Lena is unmarried, not having had a reception or anniversaries, this was thoughtful of the Bachtolds for Lena's special birthday.

Also observing the **fourscore and ten years** is Sis. Martha Steffen, wife of Bro. Walter. Sis. Martha's parents were Bro. and Sis. Jacob Bahler, and she was 80 on June 17.

Bro. Henry Steffen was voted to be a Sunday School teacher. We know God gives the grace for the additional responsibilities.

A Sunday School picnic was held Sun., June 24 at Lyle's Acres, with everyone welcome. The weather was beautiful for it.

Bro. Warren Hartman is home, after being hospitalized from an accident.

Our hearts are saddened by the sudden passing away of Sis. Margaret Zimmerman, who suffered an aneurysm (a broken blood vessel in her head). Funeral services were held July 1 by Bro. Wendell Gudeman; also ministering was Bro. Everett Hari. Sis. Margaret is survived by her husband, Bro. Lloyd, and children—Bro. Terry, Sis. Sandra.

#### ELGIN, IOWA Eleanor Butikofer

As the seasons roll along, nature asserts herself according to the time and place. Here in this part of Iowa, the cornfields, meadows, hay and oats are really a lovely sight to behold. Even though it was too wet to plant for quite awhile, the plants now are responding to the warm days and are growing very well. The farmers have been busy cultivating corn and taking care of the hay crop. The gardens, too, are doing well and have been providing us with early vegetables. The rose bushes have been loaded with beauty, again the pretty yellow roses ever reminding us of Grandma Gehring's in the center of her garden.

The first brood of bluebirds have left their nest; this past week they have been real busy plucking the ripe mulberries from our trees in our garden. May God ever be praised for His many gifts to man.

At our last Wednesday evening service (Bible study), Bro. Paul Butikofer related some of his experiences on his trip to our brethren living in Regina, Canada, having recently spent a week-end with them. As a summary of his visit, he commented, "Our brethren are holding fast and appreciate very much when brethren from the States stop and spend a week-end there. The city of Regina was chosen the most pollution-free city of Canada."

We held a week of Bible School. Sis. Janet Schupbach with helpers conducted the week of activity. "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

We were recently reminded of how we should set our affections on things above and of how important it is to hold fast to our faith which should be strong until life's end.

#### EUREKA

##### Cathryn Wettstein Salome Schumacher

Our visitors were as follows: Bros. Noah Schrock—Oakville; Jesse and Joe Schrock—Congerville; Dave Keiser, Joe Stoller—Princeville.

Visitors are always welcome, and may the good teachings bring forth fruit to God's praise and honor.

**Birth:** A son, to Bro. Gary and Sis. Karen (Hartter) Huber. He has been named Allen Dale and was born on Father's Day—June 17 . . . A daughter to Ron and Betty Colclassure, born April 18. She has been named Jackie Lynn. These folks live in Argonia, Newfoundland. Betty's folks are Bro. Ernest and Sis. Mary Fehr. This is their first grandchild.

Among the ill: Sis. Julia Frey was in Eureka Hospital for tests, but is now returned to the "Home". Bro. Philo Fehr fell at the "Home" and is now a patient in Eureka Hospital. Bro. Roy Blunier is a patient in Methodist Hospital in Peoria for tests. Sis. Lula Fehr had broken her arm by the wrist some time ago, but now has the cast removed; she is Bro. Ralph's wife. Sis. Emma Hartter has been confined to her home with a case of shingles; she is somewhat improved. Bro. Walter Anliker hasn't been feeling very well.

Bro. Edward Bittner, age 77, passed away in St. Francis Hospital June 8. He was a patient for nine days. His funeral was on Monday, June 11, conducted by Bro. Leroy Huber. Surviving are his wife, Sis. Minnie; two sisters, Sisters Olivia and Anna (both live in the "Home"). Burial was in Roanoke Cemetery.

The annual Sunday School picnic was held the last Sunday of June. There is now a month's vacation for all except the Bible Class.

Communion services were held at the "Home" for the members who live there, and also for those who were unable to take it when it was held at the church. This was the last Sunday of June. Bro. David

Keiser helped Bro. Leroy with this work.

**FT. LAUDERDALE**  
**Kathy Sutter**

We started the month of June by bidding farewell to one family, and ended the month welcoming another. Bro. John and Sis. Mary Isch have returned to Indianapolis, after assembling with us for three years. We will certainly miss them.

Although we know our strength does not lie in numbers, we are grateful for every child of God who worships with us. Thus we welcome Bro. Burt and Sis. Karen (Troxel) Aschliman of Bluffton into our assembly and look forward to many hours of fellowship with them. We pray that the Lord will bless Bro. Burt and Sis. Karen as they begin to make their home with us here.

We helped Bro. Henry Schwartz celebrate his 80th birthday, June 15. While Henry enjoyed a supper with the Sutters, we all gathered at his home and surprised him on return. Henry assembles with us regularly, and is thankful for the blessings the Lord has provided throughout the many years he has spent in his service.

Sis. Arlene Wieland underwent surgery. She has had a long siege of illness.

Quite a few of our own congregation have been vacationing, so we are doubly grateful for the visitors we have had. We enjoyed the visit of Bro. Walter Steffen of Milford. His messages renewed us again.

Passive faith but praises in the light,  
When sun doth shine.  
Active faith will praise in darkest night.  
Which faith is thine?

**GRIDLEY, KANSAS**  
**Edna Somerhalder**  
**Wilma Young**

"For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come." Elder Bro. Raymond Banwart assisted our Elder Bro. Samuel Anliker in serving us Holy Communion. May it bring about a deeper love, with renewed strength to follow in our Saviour's footsteps. We are thankful for humble brothers who willingly serve us.

Carrie Ann is the first baby born to Sis. Rose Ann and Terry Schieser. We wish them God's blessing. Bro. Loren and Sis. Liseten are grandparents.

Bro. Andy Sr. and Sis. Lydia Young enjoyed a family reunion. Eight of their children and their mates were present: Bro. Ephraim, Emporia; Glen, Howard and Harvey of Kansas City; Sis. Anna Marie Warner of Wichita; Andy Jr., Gridley; Gladys Botham, Valley Falls; and Doris Norman from Colorado. One daughter, Laura Louise, from Winfield, was unable to come. They have 33 grandchildren, all except 3 attended. Of their 20 great-grandchildren, 14 were there.

Bro. Joseph Somerhalder remains in Stormont Vail Hospital (Topeka), his broken leg still in traction, with infection in lower leg where the pin was inserted. He's appreciative to all for their prayers, cards, flowers, gifts and visits.

To the Gridley congregation: July is our collection month. Please pay one of your reporters. Thank you. Two dollars is the suggested price.

**LAMAR**

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

Our hospital patients have been George Frieden, who is now convalescing at home, and Oscar Banwart, who is in the Lamar Hospital.

Myra Ann is the new daughter born to Mr. and Mrs. Dale Phipps June 3. She is the granddaughter of Bro. Lester and Sis. Fern Braker.

Kevin Ray was born to Mr. and Mrs. Teale Baslee June 21. Grandparents are Bro. Art and Sister Ruth Banwart.

Take time for dreams, take time for God, take time for quiet thought.

Take time to gaze at the marvels He has wrought.

Take time for turning page by page the Book that has no end, For thus in the Bible you'll discover your Lord, Saviour and friend.

**LESTER**

**Alice Metzger — Donna Metzger**  
We were thankful to have Bro. Harvey Heiniger as our guest

speaker when we hosted the youth fellowship gathering, which included the Bible classes from the Winthrop, Minneapolis, Morris and West Bend Sunday Schools. Among our other recent visitors were Bro. Leroy Messner and Bro. Ed Knecht, who brought us timely and inspiring messages.

We rejoice with the angels in heaven that our dear, young friend, Ann Knobloch (Gilbert) has turned from the world of sin to God in repentance.

We welcome Eleanor (Metzger) Popkes and her little family to our community. They moved here from Alexandria, Minnesota.

Announcement was made of the engagement of Sis. Gail Knobloch, daughter of Bro. Martin and Sis. Zelma, to Bro. Jerome Hartter of Sabetha.

Ray Metzger, son of Bro. Elmer and Sis. Mariann, was married to Kathy Leubecher. Marlene Freucht, daughter of Emil and Ruby, was married to Rodney Roth.

Sis. Rose Moser is able to get around again, although slowly. She wishes to say: **thank you** to everyone for kindness shown to John and me while I was hospitalized and since returning home. The many cards, visits, flowers and gifts of food were very much appreciated and special thanks for prayers that were extended in our behalf. These acts of kindness meant more than words can express. Rose Moser.

Pam Knobloch would like to express her appreciation and thanks to everyone who remembered her with cards, gifts, flowers and prayers . . . We might add that Pam is feeling and looking fine.

**MINNEAPOLIS**

**Kathryn Olson — Karen Metzger**

Our congregation is sorry to have Bro Mark and Sis. Diane Kellenberger and family leave our congregation. We wish them God's blessing in their new home.

**I Thank Thee, Lord**

I thank Thee Lord, for birds at dawn,  
For cool green shadows on the lawn,  
For roses pearled and wet with dew  
As daylight beauty breaks anew.

I thank Thee, Lord, for windswept trees,

For rock-strewn shores and emerald seas,  
For magic mountains looming high  
Against the azure blue of sky.

I thank Thee Lord, for nature's boon.  
For field and meadows flower strewn,  
For sunset glow in hammered gold  
Where twilight's crimson clouds unfold.

#### PRINCEVILLE Ruth Ricketts

As the Senior class of Princeville were nearing the end of their commencement exercises, they asked that the audience share with them in a moment of silence in memory of a fellow-classmate, Mark Elsasser, who died from injuries in an auto accident July 31, 1972.

Our friend, Walter Schafer, died suddenly at his home June 9. His wife, Sis. Mabel, found him on his knees, slumped over his tractor. He was born February 1, 1911 in Eureka, a son of Fred and Martha Goetzinger Schafer. He married Mable Stoller, who survives.. Also surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Howard (Madeline) Estes of Streator, Mrs. Wm. (Kathryn) Welch of Springfield, and Mrs. Allen (Shelby) Williamson of Chillocothe; four brothers, Amos of Glasford, Bros. Harlan and Chris of Peoria and Bro. Fred of our congregation; and a sister, Sis. Kathryn Schafer of Peoria. Funeral services were Monday, June 11, with Bro. Arthur Baurer and other local ministers officiating. He was laid to rest in the church cemetery. May God be near his bereft family and may they place all their cares on Him. Before Walter died, he once made the remark that he hoped God would have mercy on his soul.

An expression of thanks: Words cannot express our heartfelt thanks to all the loved ones who gave of themselves in so many ways, especially the prayers to sustain us during our bereavement. Only with God's help is it possible to bear our deep sorrow. We shall never forget. The family of Walter Schafer.

In Ecclesiastes we can read, "To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a

time to pluck up that which is planted . . . a time to keep silence, and a time to speak". Our faithful Bro. George Wagenbach, who has faithfully proclaimed God's word for so many years, asked to be relieved of this duty, due to infirmities of sunset years. George knew many Bible verses, which proved he read the Bible often. Bro. George suffered a slight stroke while getting his hair cut June 30, and had to be helped home. The following day he was taken to the hospital.

I read an article written by one of the returning POWs. He said how utterly alone they felt in their dark cells and of the terrible punishment they had to endure. When he was feeling so very alone, one day he heard someone whisper from the next cell and asked who he was etc. He then asked if he knew any Bible verses. This started a chain reaction along the cells, and by whispers they would pass parts of scripture they knew to one another and learned more. This kept up their spirits over the long ordeal, and it made me think how important it is for us all to learn Bible verses, hymns etc., for we do not know when we might need them for strengthening our spirit. What we keep in our minds and hearts is something that cannot be taken away from us.

The past few weeks seem to have been a time for broken arms for several in our congregation. Eddie Martin, son of Bro. Ray and Sis. Edna, and Kyle Scholl, son of Bro. Bob. and Sis. Arlene, have both recovered from broken bones, while Donna Streitmatter, daughter of Don and Mary Lou, still has one in a cast. Bro. Ray Martin had a fall and badly injured his shoulder, but had no broken bones. It is healing.

Bro. Chris Martin came home from the hospital and was so glad to sit in his chair again. Bro. Chris Elsasser is home, after several months in the hospital following a stroke. Bro. Richard Graham was in the hospital for a few days treatment for severe headache, has returned home and is feeling better. Sis. Lena Stichling, who is still in the hospital, is showing a few signs of improvement, but she too remains weak and is hardly able to get about, even with help.

We were glad to have Sis. Paul-

ine Knobloch worship with us a Sunday recently.

We appreciate having our Bradford Brothers share the ministry on Wednesday evenings. We are always glad when we can worship together, for we feel close to each one of them.

We were richly blessed on a beautiful day June 24, when 290 children, teachers, parents, and grandparents enjoyed a Sunday School picnic in a park amid God's creation. We missed two of our older faithful teachers who were unable to be with us and who taught us many years, Bro. Will Huber and Bro. Chris Martin. This was the last Sunday for our regular Sunday School for a few weeks. Some mothers are holding classes for the younger children during the summer.

Bro. Chuck Schafer has returned home from Germany, having been discharged from the army, and will help his father.

Sis. Pearl Rumbold had a reception at her home July 1, with a number of relatives coming to honor her son, Howard, who was married to Judy Vargo June 30. Judy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Vargo of Pine River, Minnesota, who were unable to attend; both are wheel-chair patients. Howard and Judy will live in Kenosha, Wisconsin, where he has employment.

Thanks for your contributions for **The Silver Lining**. Your reporter.

#### RITTMAN

##### Florence Hartzler

In Romans we read: "How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!" We wish to thank Bros. Marvin Stieglitz, Leo; Eugene Fetter, Toledo; Ben Stavenik, Mansfield; Ken Indermuhle, Sardis, for bringing us the good word . . . "Speak the gospel of salvation boldly in the wilderness!" For truly some are living in a wilderness, and need to come out into the clearing, in the sunlight of His love.

Linda Fankhauser, The Willard Fankhauser family, and Alvin Laukhuf family wish to express their thanks to all who remembered them in any way during their recent bereavement.

After spending some time at

home with his folks, Jim Laukhuf is now in Hawaii.

Larry Bachman, 14-year-old son of Bro. Gene and Sis. Catherine, underwent heart surgery in Cleveland and is progressing very nicely, for which they are very thankful. Sis. Minnie Hartzler, Sis. Joan Indermuhle, Sis. Linda Zollinger, Bro. Ben Ramsier all required hospital care.

We want to welcome two new brides to our community. They are Sis. Peggy (Stoller) Young, daughter of Bro. Elmer and Sis. Rosetta Stoller of Forrest, married to Bro. Terry Young, son of Bill and Sis. Donna of our congregation; Sis. Lois (Schlatter) Maibach, daughter of Sis. Esther Schlatter, Junction, married to Bro. Bruce Maibach, son of Bro. Alpha and Sis. Helen Maibach of Rittman. Other weddings were Vicki Saylor and Mike Pelfrey. Vicki's folks are Bro. Bill and Sis. Norma. Diane Dotterer and Dan Gasser were married recently. Diane's folks are Bro. Henry and Sis. Martha Dotterer; Dan's parents are Bro. Glenn and Sis. Liz Gasser.

Engagements: Martha Hilty to Kenny Steele (Martha's parents are Bro. Herb and Sis. Ruth); Sue Jenkins and Dave Plahuta (Sue's folks are Don and Clara); Charlotte Christian and Terry Waibel (Charlotte's parents are Bro. Ralph and Sis. Mildred).

Sis. Emma Riggerbach wants to thank everyone for all they did for her, during her stay in the hospital and while recuperating at home. She is thankful she can come to church again.

Bro. Orin and Sis. Anna Rufener, sons Paul and Danny, and others visited with their son, Leon, in Germany for the past three weeks. While there they visited other countries. I'm sure Leon was very glad to see his loved ones again.

#### TUCSON

Mrs. Loren Knapp

Our thanks and honor, love and praise,

Be to our God on high!  
He builds for us a church on earth,  
And a mansion in the sky.

On June 3, our new fellowship hall was dedicated. Many from Phoenix were able to attend our afternoon meal and evening dedica-

tion services. Bro. Herb Knochel spoke some inspirational words to the Sunday School children, following the Phoenix and Tucson Sunday School classes, combined, singing many beautiful hymns to the praise of our dear Lord. Services were conducted by Ministering Elder Bro. Roy Farney and Bro. Clarence Yackley of Phoenix and Bro. Noah Herman. As we sat together, one could not help but feel the warmth and presence of God. How thankful we are to be able to freely worship and fellowship to the honor of our precious Saviour. We indeed had a blessed day.

We rejoice that our friends Ford and Grace Haller have turned to the Lord in repentance. Grace's health seems to be improving with each day. May the Lord grant them both grace to continue to look to Him for strength and guidance.

Although many of our congregation are gone on their vacations, we still have been blessed with visitors from all parts of the country. Any passing through our big city are invited to come and fellowship with us, whether it be summer or winter.

#### WICHITA

Glennis Allenbach

A sobering thought came to me. "Do I really love the Lord enough?" St. Mark 12:33 says, to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the soul, and with all the strength, and to love his neighbor as himself is more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices. This takes a lot of Christian concentration.

I sometimes wonder, do I do some things because I love the Lord, or is it because I want to go to Heaven and escape Hell, or because the church says so, or because my believing brothers and sisters do this or that, or it is expected of me, or that my conscious will bother me? While all these things are certainly important, the Bible says the love of the Lord must come first.

My definition of a mature Christian would be one who does the things he does simply because he loves the Lord and has God-like love in his own heart. I sense this more in the older believers, the ones who have lived with the Lord a long time. I recall my grand-

mother had a great love for the Lord, which was evident to me even as a young girl.

Isn't it wonderful how we are sometimes given just the word we need! We were blessed with a visiting minister. Bro. Corbin Bahler from Rockville gave us a God-inspired message on the crucifixion of Jesus. He had a special way of presenting this, and brought out some points that added new meaning to me and others, I'm sure.

I wonder in coming to the Lord as believers day by day, if we shouldn't go by the way of the cross more often in remembrance. Then truly we can feel we love Him with all our heart and soul and mind and strength, which is the first commandment.

Our church addition is progressing great. We could hardly believe the beautiful grass that has covered in front already. It has received much loving care. We will look forward to many of our brothers and sisters visiting us when it is finished.

#### UNION CITY

Karen Martin

Again our congregation rejoices with the parents of a new baby. Bro. John and Sis. Kathy Clough have a new baby daughter, their first child. Her name is Rachael, and she was born on June 5.

We were pleased to have the Utsuki family from Japan with us. There are no racial barriers between God's children, and it was truly a joy to have their fellowship, if even for a day.

We felt richly blessed to have Elder Bro. Ben Maibach minister unto us on our Thursday night meeting in Philadelphia.

We are sorry to report that our dear sister, Lucy Wartman, has been hospitalized again.

With life's trials come life's pleasures, and it was indeed a pleasure to help celebrate our dear brother, Louis Schoenleber's 85th birthday. Louis has been a member of our faith for over 50 years, and is indeed an example to all those who know him. He is one of those rare people who, despite personal sorrows, have a smile and kind word for everyone.

All I see teaches me to trust the Creator for all I do not see.

### ALTO Joyleen Blough

How may I abide in Jesus? Prayer (Commune with the Lord) (Sing praises to the Lord) . . . Bible (faith) . . . Church (assemble and fellowship together).

We were very happy to have the opportunity to hear Bro. Leonard Meyer of Chicago proclaim the Gospel to us June 10.

We were brought to remembrance of the sacrificial death of our Saviour, by observing the Lord's Supper. Our love and fellowship were newly strengthened, the soul more intimately united with its Creator, and our courage of faith was renewed to continue fighting the good fight. We are so thankful for our dear Elder Bros. Joe Waibel and Ben Maibach, who served us the great Supper.

Their first precious jewel was born to Dave and Bonnie Stouffer. The baby boy was given the name David Alan. The honored grandparents are Bro. Joe and Melva Oesch.

Steven Schutte, son of Sis. Virginia, and Sandra Dominiak were united in marriage on June 22. The wedding ceremony was conducted by Bro. Ben Maibach.

Misfortune came to the home of Sis. Helen Steffen, as her house was partially destroyed by fire, which was believed to have been started by faulty wiring. The family lost almost everything, due to water and smoke damage.

Graduating from nurse's training as an LPN is Sis. Donna Steffen.

"Just as I am without one plea, but that Thy blood was shed for me." This song was always a favorite of Sis. Lena Roth, who has been sick for quite some time. This past month she has been confined to bed.

### AKRON Katherine Ries

Sing praise to God, all ye who love the Saviour.  
Extol his actions; Praise His faithfulness.

We surely are grateful for the love he has shown us, especially during a blessed week of Vacation Bible School. Dear brothers, spent time to bring messages concerning the history and origin of the hymns of the church, marriage in the

church, the early church, martyrs of the early church, and prophecy fulfilled and unfulfilled. Thanks be to God for our dear Elder Bro. Rudy Graf; Bros. Harold Emch, Girard; Ernest Graf, Eugene Pamer, Paul Gasser, Joe Ramsier, Rittman; Merrill Laukhuf, Latty, the Sunday School teachers; and Els Graf, superintendent of Sunday School (who was responsible for the subjects) . . . also visiting ministers Bros. Elias Somerhalder Burlington, and Gary Maibach, Rittman, for their inspiring messages.

We wish the Lord's blessing on our graduates: Eric Ritzman, Ohio Northern, son of Sis. Marie and late Bro. Forrest . . . and from high school, Steve Pamer, son of Bro. Eugene and Sis. Eleanor; Neal Graf, son of Bro. Robert and late Sis. Florence; Hans Hieb, son of Bro. Leo and Sis. Elizabeth; Dale Greenbank, son of Bro. Gordon and Sis. Emily.

We appreciate the visits of relatives of Sis. Margaret Gruenig and her sis, Ella Messner from Bern, Switzerland, and brethren and friends from Japan: Sis. Eiko Nozawa, Bro. Saburo Utsuki, his wife and daughters, Sis. Hiroko and Tomoko of Tokyo.

Sis. Edna Von Gunten is recuperating satisfactorily from surgery at her home, 319 House Dr., Akron O. 44319.

We welcome back to our assembly Sis. Elizabeth Heib (Bro. Leo) and Sis. Mary Stanoyevic, who have been absent. Elizabeth extends the following: My sincere thanks to all who remembered me with prayers, cards, gifts and visits while in the hospital and after home. Thank you, dear God and Saviour, for the care unforgettable.

### ATHENS

#### Irene Haggermaker

"Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God."

The Lord surely blessed our vacation Bible School, for the full week. Our teachers did such a great job in all their planning of the projects.

Bro. John Norman kind of had red eyes, after getting only a few hours of sleep each night. We all sure did appreciate him going on second shift, so he could help Bro.

Haroe Hillard teach our Bible class. They had such a good turnout, so now Bro. John and Sis. Betty plan on having youth meetings in their home each month.

### BLUFFTON

#### Melanie Gerber Donna Drayer

We were privileged to have many ministering brothers visit our congregation: Ed Hohulin (Goodfield), Joe Waibel (Bay City), Loren Stoller (Latty), Chuck Hemmer (Peoria), and Dave Kieser (Princeville).

Among the many good teachings that were brought to us by our brothers was the lesson of the fig tree. As God's word is always new and refreshing, the teaching was brought to us in a new manner. Adam and Eve and also the fig tree tried to cover up "no fruit" by displaying beautiful fig leaves. We should not profess to be a Christian outwardly and inwardly be fruitless.

The following dear souls have placed their all on the altar and wish by grace, to bring forth fruit for the Lord. Our new brothers and sisters in the Lord are as follows: Ann (Sherman) Steffen, Roger Compton, Russell (Ervin) and Suzie (Ralph Schwartz) Gerber, John (Dan) and Sue (Luster Heyerly) Lantz, Marvin (Clarence) and Della (Sylvan Gerber) Steffen, Susan Pacala, Allen (Raymond) Stoller, Charles (Harold) Geisel, Ruth (Godfrey Bertsch) Anderson, Linda (Ralph) Gerber, Joy (Ezra Kaehr) Birch, Pam (Claire) Yergler, Becky (Godfrey Bertsch) Caffee, Beverly (Dwight) Gerber, Debbie (James) Geisel, Mark Wright, Randy (Robert) Steffen, Gary (Eugene) Maller, Scott (Philip) Kaehr, and Patty (Dale) Meyer.

On June 17, Bro. Millard and Sis. Alice Aschliman announced the engagement of their daughter, Sis. Loretta, to Bro. Dave Smith, son of Mr. and Mr. Lewis Smith. The couple is planning an August wedding.

Friends Lois Heyerly and John Brown Jr. were united in marriage on June 2. The couple's parents are Bro. Clifford and Sis. Helen Heyerly and Mrs. Earl Williamson. On June 9 many witnessed the uniting of Rebecca Kaehr and John Maggart Jr., in the chapel of our fellowship hall. Rebecca's parents

are Bro. Roger and Sis. Pat Kaehr, and John's are Mr. and Mrs. John Maggart Sr.

Brice and Elaine (Dwight Gerber) Lehman have welcomed another daughter into their family circle. Little Tanya was born on June 5. Kedric and Shelly Ringger became parents on June 9. They have chosen Mickie for their daughter's name. Grandparents are Bro. William and Sis. Marge Ringger . . . On June 12, Bro. Patrick and Sis. Judy Dubach were blessed with the arrival of their first child, Jennifer Ann. Bro. Leonard and Sis. Mahilda Dubach and Bro. Walter and Sis. Gladys Fiechter are Jennifer's grandparents.

The following are, or have spent some time, in the hospital: Lucy (Glen) Fiechter, Sisters Elizabeth (Sam) Hirschy, Esther (Olen) Geisel, Beverly (Carl) Kipfer, Mary (John) Baumgartner, Charlotte (Raymond) Kipfer, Ida (Roy) Aschliman, and Bros. Charles Drayer, Keith Baumgartner, and Glennis Steffen.

Another soldier has laid down his armor and has gone to meet his eternal reward. Bro. Emil Reinhard is survived by a daughter, Sis. Lucille (Melvin) Frauhiger; four sons, Glen, Bros. Roy, Richard and Don; and three sisters, Sisters Mary (Sam) Baumgartner, Tena and Bertha Reinhard.

Bro. Stanley Geisel and Sis. Cindy Rauch became one in marriage on June 3. The couple's parents are Bro. Harold and Sis. Ellen Geisel and Bro. Jerome and Sis. Virginia Rauch.

### CHAMPAIGN-URBANA

#### Howie and Dianne Leman

Since the arrival of summer, our small congregation has grown even smaller. We look forward to the fall, when the students will return. We certainly welcome all to come and worship with us.

Our church is now surrounded by many new trees and bushes, thanks to the efforts of our brothers. Using the Lord's creations to adorn His House has really added to the building's appearance.

We have been privileged to have several visiting ministers bring us the Lord's word. Jim Hoerr, Ben Fehr, Ed Hohulin, and Simon Wagenbach have all blessed us with their preaching of God's message.

Our annual Vacation Bible

School will be held July 9-20. Approximately 20 children will participate. It should be an enlightening spiritual experience for all of us.

During the summer, we hold Bible Study at the church on every other Wednesday night. This is always a welcome evening.

Congratulations are in order for Bev Kupferschmid and her fiance, Rick Foster. They worship with us frequently.

### ELGIN, ILLINOIS

#### Louise Steffen Katie Kachelmuss

We'll learn and we'll labor in cheerful accord,  
And do what we can in the strength of the Lord.

O blessed are they, when the summer is gone,  
Who harvests the fruit from good seed they have sown.

We had happy hours and were truly blessed with the visits of ministering brothers, Earl Zeltwanger of Bremen, Alfred Bahler of Wolcott, and Gary Maibach of Rittman.

Robert, son of Sis. Minnie Huber Sund (578 Lillie St., Elgin Ill. 60120), passed away at the age of 47 years. We deeply sympathize with Sis. Minnie in her sorrow, and may God comfort her in the days ahead.

Sis. Bertha Weichert (667 Grand Ave., Elgin Ill. 60120) and Sis. Rose Steffen (164 N. Gifford, Elgin Ill 60120) have returned to their homes after being hospitalized for a time.

Bro. Charles Graf is now living at the Apostolic Christian Resthaven, 971 Park Rd., Elgin Ill 60120.

The family of the late William Spohr wish to extend their heartfelt thanks to each one for their kind expressions of sympathy, the acts and tokens of love extended to them in the loss of their husband and father.

The engagement of Bro. Donald Schambach (Albert), 500 N. McLean Blvd., Elgin Ill 60120, and Sis. Leann Banwart of West Bend was announced.

The Zion's Harp hymnals, \$2.50 gold edge, \$2.25 white edge, postpaid. Contact Ray Gerber, R. R. 4, Bluffton In. 46714, or Sam Aeschliman, R. R. 3, Bluffton In. 46714.

### FORREST

#### Juanita Schneider Eleanor Honegger

Do not live to make a living . . .  
Rather live to make a life . . . For  
the measure of succeeding . . . Is  
your service in the strife . . . All  
you ever leave behind you . . .  
When your soul has crossed the  
bay . . . Is the light you showed to  
others . . . as you tarried along the  
way.

Elder Bros. Dave Kieser and Joshua Broquard helped Bro. Perry in serving us Holy Communion . . . Jesus said to his disciples when they partook of the last supper, that they should do this in remembrance of me until I come again. Let us never forget the suffering Jesus did for us, when He hung there on the cross for you and me.

Visiting ministers also were Gary Maibach, Don Sauder and Dave Wiegand.

Ronald and Sis. Linda Kindred are the happy parents of Tory Edward. Grandparents are Bro. Elmer and Sis. Wilma Bachtold.

"Now it is accomplished, I'm no longer mine"; our friend, Sue Maurer gave her testimony and became our sister in faith. May she ever walk hand in hand with Jesus.

What a humbling it is when we hear of dear souls that are coming to Jesus and wanting to follow him. What a wonderful step are they taking. They are Sherri Anliker, Beth Ann Leman, Joy Blunier, Marvin Bachtold, Ray Steidinger, Fred Leman, Lloyd Honegger, Ann Wenger, Wayne Zimmerman and Richard Wenger. May they take Jesus' hand and let him lead the way.

Funeral services were held for our friend, Simon Karcher, who passed away at Fairbury Hospital. Surviving are his wife, Hazel, and two children, Mrs. Joy Zimmerman and Robert, both of Forrest.

Our annual Sunday School picnic was held on June 25.

We are sorry that one of our new converts, Marvin Bachtold (Bro. and Sis. Alf), is in a Champaign hospital due to his eyesight.

Sis. Sarah Koehl and Sis. Louise Zimmerman (Bro. Louis) are patients at Fairbury Hospital. Also patients in the hospital were Sis. Bertha Maurer, Bro. Henry Kilgus, Bro. Oscar Schneider, Jackie Rie-

ger, Phil Sohn, and Linda Steiding-er. Little Linda was in a car accident with her mother, but are so thankful no one was hurt seriously.

We were blessed with many visitors on June 10, when Bro. Terry Young of the Rittman congregation took Sis. Peggy Stoller for his helpmate. On June 20, our Ministering Bro. Ernie Gerber was united in marriage to Sis. Kathryn Kaisner of Fairbury. We pray for God's blessings on these dear ones, to Sis. Peggy who will be so far from us, to Sis. Kathryn, we welcome you to our congregation.

Carry your cross patiently and with perfect submission, and in the end it shall carry you.

#### MANSFIELD

Aaron A. Sauder

Congratulations to our high school graduates: Joyce Bocka, Betty Bricker, Eddie Dawson, Eric Dotterer, Hank Enderle, Tim Pfister, Brenda Ramsier, Luetta Sauder, Mary Anna Sauder, Bro. Rusty Sauder, and Chuck Went. A reception was held in their honor in the church fellowship hall on Sunday evening, June 10. Our prayer would go with each of these young people, that they would commit their lives to the Lord and take Him for their Guide in their new careers.

**Study to show thyself approved unto God.** Our annual Bible School was held the week of June 11 through 15, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. each evening, with classes for all, age 3 through 91. How blessed to avail ourselves of learning more of God's word.

Welcome to Ty Aaron Browne, who was born to Lonnie and Carol Ramsier Browne on June 14. Grandparents of the new baby are Bro. Wally and Sis. Helen Ramsier; and great-grandparents are Sis. Tillie Oesch (Karl) and Bro. Ben and Sis. Lizzie Ramsier.

Our love and sympathy are extended to Sis. Katie Blumenschein in the death of her sister, Christine Pearson. Sis. Christine had been a member of our congregation for many years before moving to California, where she had made her home the past 15 years.

Hospital patients included Sis. Donna Beer Gabor (Dale) and Jerry Roberts (young son of Bro.

Dave and Sis. Shirley Graszl Roberts.)

I place myself in Jesus' hands  
And there abide forever; No griefs,  
no joys, shall loose the bands, Nor  
yet our union sever . . . I felt the  
wonderful assurance of these words  
as I so recently was again a hospital  
patient, experiencing emergency  
surgery and hovering near death's  
door, truly placed in Jesus' hands  
. . . And with the psalmist I can  
also say, "The LORD is gracious,  
and full of compassion", as He has  
granted me sufficient strength,  
that after almost four weeks in  
the hospital, I have been able to  
return home to further recuperate.  
The love of all the dear ones ex-  
pressed by prayers, cards and vis-  
its is so deeply appreciated, and I  
thank you all. Bro. Aaron Sauder

#### FORT WAYNE

Pam Steffen Eleanor Stieglitz

We really rejoice that the children at Vacation Bible School enjoyed learning about Jesus and the Bible. In our class, the students were comparing the scroll with the Bible. As they looked through the Bible, two children were excited to learn that they had names that are also titles of books of the Bible.

Congratulations to Ron Fulker-son (son of Bro. Si and Sis. Velma), who has completed his studies and is now a doctor of dental surgery.

Wedding congratulations to Don Steffen, son of Bro. Luther and Sis. Helen, who was united in marriage with Lana Clark of California. They will reside at 1411 Run-  
nion Ave., Ft. Wayne Ind 46808.

Other new addresses: Steve Stoller, 2103 Flat Shoals Rd. SE Apt 4, Atlanta Georgia 30316; Bro. Bob Steffen, 1341 Baywood, New Haven Ind 46724.

Eleanor Stieglitz underwent surgery on both feet.

We received a blessing from the message that Bro. Lynn Klopfenstein of Alabama ministered to us.

#### Hills are for Climbing

I never learned a lesson from the  
valleys of my days,  
Where all was peace and  
drowsiness,  
And safety from the frays.

But oh, the hills I had to climb  
to make my dreams come true  
Refined my spirit, gave it wings,  
And taught it patience, too!

For God, who knows us each the  
best, has also perfect timing—  
For my own good He gave me  
hills—  
And strength to do the climbing!

#### HOME FOR HANDICAPPED

Elmer J. Bucher

God's purpose in sending His Son was to save the people, since they could not save themselves. We as His children can follow this pattern by helping those who cannot help themselves. The word of God teaches that even a cup of cold water given in His name will have its reward, and by this we understand that no gift is too small. The pennies, nickles and dimes the Sunday School children gave have paid for about half of the whirlpool bathing unit. It is now in operation and is appreciated very much by both the residents and the staff.

Our local funeral director has expressed his appreciation for memorial gifts; they are much easier to handle than flowers and have a lasting value.

We have accepted our 37th resident; our total capacity is 49.

#### MILFORD

Sandee Price — Sue Schieler

Our congregation has been blessed with many visiting ministers, and we have certainly appreciated all of the following brothers: George Lambert, Wichita; Floyd Schmidgall, Morris; Vernon Le-man, Eureka; Harold Emch, Girard; Eli Somerhalder, Burlington; and Lynn Klopfenstein, Alabama.

Our Vacation Bible School was well attended each evening, and we wish to thank all who put forth so much effort to make it a glory and honor to God. Bro. Floyd Schmidgall, Morris was with us the first evening, and Bro. Merle Laukhauf—Latty, Aaron Steffen—Alto, and Gene Lehman, Wolcott, were with us the remainder of the week.

Recently married were Jack and Donna (Kreis) Beer, son of Bro. and Sis. Don Beer; and Keith and Susan (Miller) Hunsberger, son of Sis. Melba Hunsberger.

The engagement and forthcoming marriage of Bro. Phil Price and Sis. Janie Knapp of Morton was announced. Phil is the son of Bro. and Sis. Glenn Price, and Janie is the daughter of Bro. and Sis. Chris Knapp.

Hospitalized were Sis. Georgia Rassi, Bro. Arthur Haab, Sis. Emma Graff and Brent Kaiser, son of Bro. and Sis. Richard Kaiser. We miss those who cannot assemble with us.

### PEORIA

Mrs. R. J. Miller

Sis. Emma Weyeneth has been having a difficult time since her husband's death. We all miss Bro. Mike, his kind ways, and his wonderful sermons, but she, of course, misses him most of all. We wish her God's grace and strength.

Sis. Emily Tanner is on vacation with her sisters, Sis. Martha and Sis. Mary, on the West Coast. They visited Martha Rose (Marty) Schlatter, who lived in Peoria and attended Peoria church regularly until she moved to San Carlos, California, 1½ years ago.

Bro. John and Sis. Wilma Honegger, Bro. Ken and Sis. Darlene Hoerr, Bro. Don Wagenbach, Bro. John and Sis. Dorothy Hoerr, and Bro. Leon and Sis. Eunice Kaisner, with the high-school-age Bible class, went to Missouri and Pere Marquette State Park in Illinois.

Anna Hoerr moved to Peoria from California. We welcome her.

We rejoice at the increase in the Lord's fold. Baptized Sunday, June 24, were Roy and Rosalie Stoller and Roger Geyer. Bro. Roger is the oldest son of Bro. Walt and Sis. Hazel Geyer. Florence Hier was baptized June 28 in her home. She is Sis. Alice Schafer's sister, and very ill.

Also very ill is Sis. Elizabeth Hartman. She is in Methodist Hospital. She had to give up her job at our Home for the Aged. Sis. Norma Pfaffman took her place.

Others who are or were in the hospital include Francis Nuest, Sis. Gladys Haefli, Sis. Carol Rieker, Sis. Ida Schmidtgall, Bro. George Knapp (our oldest member), and Sis. Dorothy Hohulin, who broke her leg in a fall. Sis. Sophie Hoerr is ill.

A brother to Bros. Amos and Chris and Sis. Kathryn Schafer passed away June 8. His name was Walter, age 62, and he resided in Chillicothe. Pauline Meier, mother of Bro. Jacob Francis Meier and resident of Apostolic Christian Home the past 2½ years, died July 1. Our sympathy to all who loved them.

A baby boy was born to Marilyn and Bro. Richard Hermann June 6. They named him Douglas, and he joins a sister, Lori, and a brother, Joe.

**NO SERVICEMEN!** Times are changing!

The annual Sunday School picnic was held at Fellowship Hall June 10. The choir picnic was June 22.

Bro. John Woerner, M.D., completed his pediatrics residency at St Francis Hospital June 19.

### SHIODA

Willis R. Ehnle

On Sunday, June 17, Sis. Kiyoko Hirose, who was baptized earlier this year, did not come to church. She called, explaining that she planned to come, but her husband didn't bring her. The next day her husband came to see me and apologized for having promised his wife to bring her to church and then failing to do so. I was happy to accept his apology and forgive; it was the first time an unconverted husband apologized for not bringing his wife to church. However, I did mention that if she doesn't come to church there is great danger she will lose her faith. He replied, "That's what she said."

Regarding the Lord's Day, it would be helpful if we would have the motto, **Spend the whole day for the Lord.** This would include not only morning and afternoon church services, but also fellowship with others besides our own families and relatives, that a close bond can be made with as many brothers and sisters as possible, as well as with friends. It would also include singing as a group at nursing homes and hospitals, visiting the sick, inviting others to read the Bible and to come to church. I understand there are a lot of these activities in our churches in the States. Spend the whole day for the Lord.

While riding on a train coming home from Tokyo, I noticed the man sitting across from me looking at me as if he wanted to talk with me. I gave him a pamphlet that had our church address on it and also told something of the forgiveness that can be obtained through Christ. He began to talk and asked about forgiveness. During World War II his older brother became a suicide pilot

and crashed into the U.S. aircraft carrier, the Ticonderoga. His question was, "Can my brother be forgiven for this mistake he made?" I answered that since his brother was killed, we must leave him in God's hands but those who are still alive can be forgiven. He said he has an old Japanese sword which he would like to give to me. I told him he could sell it for a lot of money, but he said he wouldn't want to sell it.

This man explained, that American bombers dropped bombs on his city and both his parents and three brothers were killed by the bombs, leaving only one sister and himself. It is interesting that he didn't mention anything about the mistake of Americans dropping bombs. He has had a difficult life since the time he was in elementary school and lost his family, and I feel much love and compassion toward him. He indicated he would come to church, and I have hopes of keeping up the contact.

I am reminded that repentance and forgiveness is such a wonderful experience. So many desire that forgiveness, but few pay the price of humility and submission.

We rejoice that our son, Tony, has turned to the Lord in repentance.

We miss Sis. Judy Bauer, who has returned to be with her parents and the brethren at the Cissna Park church. We say, "Thank you for your service in our church and schools," to Sister Judy, her parents, and her church. Sis. Betsy Erickson is fine and happy. Sis. Sue Schock plans to return to the U.S. in August, and Sis. Linda Morrison of our Mansfield church will be coming in July or August, God willing.

### SILVERTON

Judith Knecht

On the evening of June 14, we gathered together to do our spring church cleaning. Much was accomplished, and we wish to thank all for their labors and efforts.

Our dear Sis. Mildred Dietrich (Bro. Clarence) underwent a kidney transplant. Sis. Mildred remains in the hospital, but we pray that she soon will be well enough to join us.

Again we have enjoyed many precious hours of fellowship with many visiting brothers, sisters and

friends. We appreciate the efforts of the loved ones who journey the many miles to be with our little flock at Silverton. We thank all for their visit, and we hope all have enjoyed viewing the many beautiful sites of God's creation here on the west coast.

#### TREMONT

**Lydia Rassi Mary Jane Leuthold**

Our unmarried older sisters spent a blessed Sunday afternoon fellowshiping together June 3. We truly were privileged to be able to have this gathering, and thank all who attended.

We thank Bros. Leroy Huber and Marvin Schmidgall of Eureka for an inspiring Sunday. We hope they can visit us soon again.

Our annual Sunday School picnic was held June 16. All enjoyed a blessed evening.

We had Bible school the first two weeks of June, and the children, as well as the teachers, enjoyed learning many old, but never-changing Bible teachings.

We thank all for faithfully lending a helping hand in our annual church cleaning.

Among our sick are: Eunice (Harold) Rowell, who is improving from surgery; Bro. Henry Dill, who is home, but must have daily treatments on his tailbone; Sis. Emma Funk, who has been moved to Restmor in Morton; and Sis. Lena Knapp, who is in St. Louis at Barnes Hospital for further treatment of her diabetes.

Bros. Dave Koch Jr. and Karl Glueck were elected to serve in our Sunday School, and Dave Koch Sr. is to be our new trustee. Might the Lord grant an extra portion of grace and faith to them.

Annette Musselman, daughter of Sis. Esther, and Melvin Whisenand were united in marriage.

**A Thank you:** We wish to express our sincere thanks to all that remembered us with cards, calls, gifts and in thought on our 50th wedding anniversary. Bro. Levi and Sis. Clara Sauder.

#### WOLCOTT

**Arles Kropf Marjean Lehman**

Our thanks to the Francesville church for helping us with the Christian Endeavor Group. A supper and program was enjoyed by that group at Tri-County High School on the evening of June 10.

A blessed week-end was enjoyed on June 16 and 17, when we heard the testimonies and witnessed baptism of our two dear friends, Yvonne Schwab and Robin Littleton. Visiting ministers were Bros. Sam Anliker, Roy Wernli, Wendell Gudeman, and Akito Inoue. This was the first provings in America that Bro. Akito had witnessed, and he expressed to us how, even though our countries are far apart and the customs different, the experiences which these souls have made are the same which he made in Japan. Truly, the Lord is everywhere, if man will only seek Him.

Our Vacation Bible School, a combined effort of the Remington & Wolcott congregations, was held at our church the week of June 18-22. A nice number attended. On three evenings, we had visitors for the Bible class: Bro. Vernon Leman and the Hymnsmen of Eureka; Bro. Walt Steffen of Milford, and Bro. Bob Meyer of Bluffton. May the seeds that were sown in due time spring forth as the ripened grain.

Sis. Priscilla Anker is a patient at St. Elizabeth Hospital, Lafayette, for tests.

**A Thank-you:** The family of Robert Schieler wishes to express their heartfelt appreciation and thankfulness for the love shown us by prayers, flowers, cards, calls, and all other deeds of kindness during the accident, hospitalization, and death of our beloved husband and father. Marlyn, Darl, Connie, Janna Lou, Duane and David.

#### BRADFORD

**Rebecca Endress**

Picnicking in the park on a rare June Sunday evening marked the end of the 1972-73 term of Sunday School. Each class of students presented a program of hymns, and then headed the line to heap their plates full of delicious food. Nearly 200 were present for our annual picnic. This is a day the parents, as well as the children, look forward to every year.

At the Sunday School election, Bro. Jerry Kuntz and Sis. Helen (Jim) Knobloch were chosen as new teachers. Bro. Verle Kieser will complete the two years left in Bro. William Elsasser's term. This year we are trying a summer program in Sunday School. During the two vacation months, preschoolers

through second grade may continue attending Sunday School, and will be taught by four of the mothers who have volunteered for the summer.

Bro. Richard Frank from Forrest accepted a position at Neponset, Illinois. We are happy to have him assembling with us.

We enjoyed the visit of Bro. Gary Maibach of Rittman and Bro. Dave Kieser.

When the Lord returns, will we have faith? We recently read of the unjust judge and the woman who continually came with her petition. We were reminded that we must keep asking and be determined when we pray. We must not expect always to receive an answer the first time we ask.

#### BURLINGTON, IOWA

**Edna Pohl Elaine Eisenmann**

"For, behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the LORD of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch. But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings . . ."

We welcome Sis. Ilene Fisher from West Bend congregation. She is a nurse at our Burlington Memorial Hospital, and we hope she'll like it here.

We sympathize with Bro. Mike and Sis. Elizabeth Schumacher in the loss of their premature baby. God knows all things, and in Him we must trust.

July being the month to remember our boys in service of our government, we urge our readers to write those they know and bring cheer into their hearts, and encouragement to hold fast to that which is good and right. In our little flock we have only one, a career man, son of Bro. Jesse and Sis. Bertha Eisenman. Our younger brothers have served their time, and are now raising their children. We hope these little ones will be called into Heaven, and not another war. God's will be done.

Changing address? Tell your reporter. Remember to send zip number!

### FT SCOTT Ida Sinn

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

Two dear souls gave their testimony and were added to the fold on June 24, David Sinn in the very bud of youth, and Debbie Smith. David is the son of Bro. Wayne and Sis. Juanita Sinn, Debbie is the daughter of Bro. Harvey and Sis. Ethel Smith. Elder Bro. Sam Anliker was with us to assist our Elder Bro. Raymond Banwart in this work.

Dennis Miller, son of Bro. Wayne and Sis. Pearl, has turned to the Lord in repentance. May he be given the Lord's grace and love in his every need.

Lydia Hawkins is improving after another trip to the hospital, for gall bladder surgery.

Bro. Everett Beyer is leaving our congregation to return to his home in Wichita. We are happy for Everett and his parents, but we will surely miss him here. Everett repented while he was here, and was baptized into the fold in January, so we claimed him as our very own.

### CROGHAN-NAUMBURG

Alice Virkler Eleanor Herzig

Two families have welcomed new babies into their homes. A son, Chad Robert was born on June 1 to Robert and Janice Crofoot. Chad is their first child; his grandparents are Norman and Alice Lehman and the late Robert Crofoot of Constableville. His great-grandmother is Sis. Barbara Bachman . . . Peter and Betty Nortz are parents of a daughter, Marsha Jan, born on May 25. Marsha has one brother and one sister who welcomed her. Her grandparents are Bro. John and Sis. Berdena Widrick.

Bro. Leon Virkler and Bro. James Farney are hospital patients for medical treatment. Sis. Sarah Virkler has been able to return from the hospital to the home of her son, Bro. Lowell Virkler, and family, R.D.1, Croghan, after several weeks in the hospital. Sis. Barbara Virkler and Barbara Widmeyer were medical patients for several days and have been able to return home.

Brenda Steiner, daughter of Bro. Norbert and Sis. Doris, and John MacDonald, were married on May 4 in Boulder, Colorado, where Brenda is studying for her Master's Degree . . . Debra Petzoldt and Joel Church were married on June 2. Their parents are Donald and Sis. Rita Petzoldt, and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Church . . . Deborah Widrick and Earl Boliver were united in marriage on June 30. Their parents are Gilbert and Betty Widrick, and Earl Boliver.

Our sympathy is extended to Sis. Nina Beyer and her family, and Bro. Bernard and Sis. Carolyn Virkler and their family, at the death of their brother, Bro. Bob Scheiler of Remington. Sympathy is also given to Jesse Karcher and Ethel, at the passing from this life of his brother, Simon of Forrest.

We received many blessings through the words spoken to us by our Bro. Ben Maibach of Detroit. We wish to thank Bro. Ben and his family for spending an evening with us.

### GOODFIELD

Elna Grimm

#### Make Your World Beautiful!

Begin with just the simplest things:

A word to speak, a song to sing,  
A room to clean, a note to write,  
A heart to heal, a lamp to light.

Be kind to one you thought unkind,  
Give selflessly, and you will find,  
A rainbow at the journey's end,  
A babbling brook around the bend.

Awake to beauty. Become aware!  
Of all the good in which you share;  
The love that all around you lies,  
And you will see with glad surprise  
How close you live to paradise!

Summer Bible School for our children was held the first two weeks in June, from 7 to 8 p.m., Mon. thru Friday. We also had an adult class, conducted by our home ministers the first week in June.

The annual Sunday School picnic was held on Sunday, July 1. There will be no Sunday School or Wednesday evening services here in Goodfield during the months of July and August.

Bro. John Steiner, Oakville, and

Bro. Jim Hoerr, Peoria, were our guest ministers.

### IOWA CITY

Joan Mogler

To enter the sheepfold we must go through the proper door. This door is only one size. The only way we can enter is to shed the luggage and baggage of this world. Once on the correct pathway, we must follow our Saviour down the straight road. Logic itself tells us that the shortest distance between two points is a straight line. If we stray from the pathway, we may lose our way and not reach our destination. Let us enter the proper door after unburdening our sins, and travel down the strait and narrow road with our Lord, constantly striving toward that distant goal.

Ministering Bros. Uriel Gehring (Burlington), Marvin Schmidgall (Eureka), and John Steiner (Oakville) willingly taught us from God's word. If we could only retain all of what these dear brothers teach us, our understanding would truly be great.

We are thankful that Bro. Joe Gerst of Oakville has found employment in the nearby Cedar Rapids area. We are looking forward to having him assemble with us.

### LA CROSSE

Gwen Bucher Lorene Moser

On June 16, Bro. Edwin Ringger of Gridley was here to assist with proving and baptizing Tom Bucher (Bro. Merle and Sis. Leona) and Debbie Frank (Bro. Ed and Sis. Leah.)

During the week of Bible School, we were blessed by messages from Gene Lehman (Wolcott), Edwin Ringger (Gridley), Edwin Bahler (Remington), and Uriel Gehring (Burlington).

Sis. Karen Feller had surgery and is again assembling with us.

We welcome Bro. and Sis. Lyle Zeltwanger and family to our congregation (from Minnesota).

Bro. Eugene and Sis. Evie Heinfeld are parents of their second daughter, Rachel Lynne, born on June 24.

The load of illness is made so much easier when loved ones and friends help to carry it. I thank you, one and all. Leona Heinfeld.

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

### LAMONT Betty Wernli

Grant that in hope I firm may  
be,  
Humbly and patiently,  
That when all hath forsaken me  
Thy grace my comfort be.

Lord, let my heart Thy temple be  
The while I sojourn here,  
And then, through all eternity,  
Make it Thy dwelling there.

It is with this faith in the one true God that Clarence Young brought his testimony before us, and was baptized in the watery grave to become our beloved brother-in-faith. There truly was much rejoicing and even the presence of God's angels over one who rejected the Lord for so long, but who can thank the Lord now and evermore, that the Lord loves him and never ceased His calling.

Bro. Al Langhofer of Wichita was our visiting minister for the blessed day. Also Bros. Loren Strahm and Lloyd Kraft were present with us, along with the entire Gridley congregation.

Sis. Lorean Anliker was our hospitable patient for only a short stay and minor surgery.

### MORRIS

#### Ann Meiss — Esther Schaefer

A brother who accompanied our Bible class gave me this report of the trip:

About 1:00 A.M., an enthusiastic group of young Bible Class students and their teachers boarded a large bus in Morris and began a journey to Roanoke, for a blessed week-end of worship and fellowship. About 40 of us made the journey, with Bro. Vernard Brown as driver. On Sunday, Bro. Gene Bertschi had a special message for the young people. He advised us to hang on tightly to the rock and anchor that we have, in our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and not drift into the tempestuous sea of the world. He said that often we are like Naaman. Rather than going to the river to wash and be clean of his leprosy, as commanded by the prophet Elisha, Naaman wished instead some great thing. Gene pointed out that as we grow into adulthood we often have aspirations to go out into the world and do some great thing, and yet

the most noble thing is repent and be cleansed. After the message, each of the Bible Classes sang one or two hymns. It was most heart-warming as we journeyed home to hear the young people join together in singing, and listen to them share their excitement for the week-end. How great it will be on that day when we at last returning can join together in song and blessed anticipation for the shores of heaven. It is our prayer that all our young people can also share that great trip home with us.

The following week-end our Bible classes again went on the bus to Lester, where classes met from West Bend, Winthrop, Elgin. Bro. Harvey Heiniger brought a most timely message.

On Saturday evening June 16, we were again renewed in our faith as we listened to the testimonies of our dear converts, Nancy and Debbie Dogotch. The following day we were uplifted in the spirit through Elder Bro. LeRoy Huber, who then assisted our Bro. Paul in the baptisms. We rejoiced with Bro. Leo and Sis. Thelma, parents of the girls, as we welcomed them as our sisters-in-Christ.

We have again been blessed by a number of visitors this summer who came to share in the relaxation and beauty of God's great creation here in the north. We heartily welcome all who come to Minnesota to come and share a day of worship and fellowship with us.

Saturday, June 30 brought Bro. Ed Bahler. Our Bible classes enjoyed a picnic at our fellowship center, and many spiritual morsels were also shared. Later Ed related to the members the findings of the brethren on the children's home. The following day we enjoyed the inspiring messages brought to us by Bro. Ed and Bro. Bob Grimm.

We welcome Bro. Randy and Sis. Pam Sutter, who have moved here from Bloomington. Pam is the daughter of Bro. Floyd and Sis. Vi Schmidgall.

Nancy Schmidgall, 15-yr.-old daughter of Bro. Rich and Sis. Corrine, spent three weeks in a Minneapolis hospital, where she had corrective surgery on both knees. She will be confined to her home for several weeks yet. Ed Heil has returned to his home, after spending several months in the cities for therapy. Jerry Wulf had the

misfortune of breaking his collarbone. George Luthi is again spending some time in a Willmar hospital. Sis. Violet Wulf, Bro. Ervin Moser and little Paul Schmidgall have also spent some time in the hospital.

A September wedding is being planned for Judy Bell and Charles Schaefer, son of Bro. Otto and Sis. Helen. We wish them many blessings in their life together.

### NEW MARTINSVILLE

#### Mrs. Gus Weltz Miss Della Witschey

The all-day meeting at the Country church on June 24 was well attended by many who came to spend the day and enjoy the fellowship. A partial list is hereby given. Many did not register, therefore their name is not listed: From Ft. Lauderdale. Harry and Florence Sutter; Rockville, Elsie I. Lanz, Mrs. E. Arnold, Marie Kloter, Frieda Reutter, Rosile Erisman; Lacrosse, Arthur and Mary Gudeman and Joyce, Bob and Diana Gudeman and 3 children; Bay City, Lydia Weiland, Don and Lou Ann Weiland, Marilyn Schambach, Eileen Knochel, Craig Weiland; Kawkawlin, Sam and Ida Weiland, Merle and Elaine Weiland; Bluffton, Frances, Freda, Esther, Irene Kipfer; Ft. Wayne, Thelma Kipfer; Peoria, Ezra and Mary Hohulin; Paulding, Dorothy, Benita and Marge Schlatter; Mansfield, Arch Hassig; Wadsworth, David and Barbara Graf; Sterling, Herbert and Bernice Bauman, Jean Bauman, Mrs. John Hartzler Sr., Lydia Hassig; Girard, Carle & Frieda Gasser, Charles & Esther Saylor, Charlotte Emch; Rittman, Karl and Ruth Beery, Dick and Karen Hartzler, Marvin, Terri and Dean Ramsier, Larry Miller, Daryl Bauman, Jeff Gasser, Frank Hilty, Matilda Saurer, Don and Louise Spangler, Mary Winkler, Ruth Ingold, Boyd Nieman, Alvin and Eldora Steiner, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Ramsier, Joan, Pat and Keith Ramsier, Kate Hartzler, Claribel Walter, Jessie Winkler, Mrs. Joe Winkler, Mrs. Lorentz Emch, Virgil and Lois Gasser, Irvin and Jane Klotzle, Fred Widmer, Marie Bauman, Jerry, Joan, Peg, Jim and John; Sardis, Delbert and Martha Indermuhle, Willetta Indermuhle, Robert and Kenneth Indermuhle, John and Rosella Figel Sr., Almeda Brake, Dennis and Renee Miller;

John, Joyce and Jennifer Schambach.

Local folks were in attendance. The church had a new coat of paint inside, and the roof repaired and painted, which made the day more pleasant.

Fred Schupbach, son of the late Mary and Lewis Schupbach, passed away on June 5, following a lengthy illness. He leaves his widow, three sisters, two sons and one daughter. Everett Schupbach passed away on June 15 after a long illness; he leaves his widow; one son, Richard; one sister and three brothers.

Kathy Mullett, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mullett, underwent open heart surgery on June 26 and is coming along nicely. Howard Riggensbach became very ill while visiting their daughter in New York, & underwent intensive surgery on June 24; he is slowly improving at a hospital in Hornell, N.Y.

#### PHOENIX

Mrs. Allan Freed

Many brethren and friends of our congregation went to Tucson Sunday afternoon, June 10 to share in the dedication services of the new Fellowship Hall in Tucson. We thank them for the invitation and fellowship, and hope their lovely building will be a blessing to their church.

We appreciated the ministry of Bro. Joe Schrock of Congerville one Sunday. He had brought his wife, Sis. Esther, here for treatment at Good Samaritan Hospital. The treatments seem to have helped her, as she has been dismissed and returned to her home in Congerville.

Our heartfelt sympathy goes to Bro. and Sis. Carl Blumenschein on the death of his sister, Sis. Christine of Mansfield.

Shirley Mohrman had major surgery and is recuperating at home. Her husband, Herb, was admitted to the hospital today, July 5, for treatments for a back condition that has bothered him for a long time. We hope it will bring him relief. Lori Wirtz is getting along nicely since having surgery for arthritis. She was hospitalized in Tucson.

One of the chairs on our pulpit has been empty for awhile, as our dear Elder Bro. Roy Farney had

major surgery. He has been dismissed from the hospital.

We rejoice with our two newest members of God's family. Bro. Doug and Sis. Dorene Schmidgall, children of Bro. Kenneth and Sis. Mary Jo, were baptized on Sunday, June 24 with proving on Sat. night. Elder Bro. Carl Kinsinger came to help Bro. Roy carry out this work. We enjoyed further fellowship at a covered-dish dinner in the afternoon. Bro. Noah Herman of Tucson was with us for the proving on Sat. night.

We also have just received word that our friend, John Reckhemmer, has been admitted to the hospital for surgery.

Our friend, Russell Kauffman, passed away June 30 at his home, after suffering a heart attack. He was the youngest of a family of 13 children and leaves as survivors, a daughter, Mrs. Darlene Howell of Akron; a sister, Mrs. Gertrude Berger; and a brother, Walter. Funeral services were July 3 at Mercer Mortuary, with Bros. Clarence Yackley and Richard Schupbach officiating. Burial was at East Resthaven Park Cemetery. Russell moved here in 1969, and will be missed by many of us who learned to know and love him.

#### PULASKI

Nancy Musselman  
Ernestine Wuthrich

In days of youth seek ye the Lord.

These words came to my mind as I viewed the many young people who were with us on June 10. We were grateful to the parents and Bible class students, who travelled from Burlington and Oakville to enjoy a day of fellowship and making new friendships. We pray that the seeds sown in their tender hearts will fall on good ground and bring forth the pleasing fruits.

It was our pleasure to have Elder Bro. Noah Schrock with us on that same day. He expressed to us that even though he has been in the faith for so many years and proclaiming the gospel, he's just as fired up as he has ever been, and the story of Christ and His saving power never grows old.

Bro. Richard and Sis. Wilma Teubel's eight-year-old son Kenny met with misfortune when he received a fractured skull from a fall. He was taken to St. Luke's

Hospital in Cedar Rapids where he spent 15 days. He and his mother, who was with him, are happy to be home again with the family. He is able to walk again unaided, but he will still need lots of rest and care.

Our graduates this spring were Jeff Wuthrich (Bro. Joel and Sis. Shirley) and Marsha Rinkenberger (Bro. Cleo and Sis. Esther), from eighth grade. Donald Schaefer (Bro. Bernard and Sis. Leah) graduated from high school.

Young Kristy Wuthrich (Bro. Bill and Sis. Ernestine) was in the hospital for a tonsillectomy.

We were happy to have Bro. Dennis Warner of Lester minister to us on July 1.

The sound of a newborn baby's first cry surely lifts the soul. Robert and Becky Joos welcomed a new son on July 2 and have named him Robert Andrew. He has a sister, Kimberly, to enjoy him.

#### SABETHA

Mrs. Joe Steiner

As I did not send in the news for last month, I will try to recall the happenings. If I have omitted anything it is not intentional.

Some of our visiting ministers were Clarence Yackley, Phoenix; Ben Stavenik, Mansfield; Charles Sauder, Tremont; Robert Walder, Congerville; Kenneth Sauder, Mansfield.

We welcomed as new brothers and sisters in faith Carl & Sharon Strahm; Rick & Karen Kellenberger. Bro. Lester Hartter of Bern was here to assist Bro. Eugene Marti in their provings and baptisms. Bros. Carl Feucht and Dennis Werner were present for this important work and brought the word of life to us on Sunday.

Steve Meyer, son of Bro. Eli and Sis. Lois Meyer, has entered the service.

#### VALPARAISO

Bill and Cam Feller

During this time of vacations, there is someone we shouldn't forget to take, and that's our Saviour, the Lord Jesus.

Anywhere with Jesus over land  
and sea,  
Telling souls in darkness of  
salvation free;  
Ready as He summons me to go or  
stay,

Anywhere with Jesus when He points the way.

May Jesus be your guide in your daily journeys.

On June 24, in the absence of our Bro. Harry Bucher, we welcomed Bro. Vernon Lehman from Wolcott. We were blessed with his message from the word of God, and pray he might return someday to again worship with us. We've had the joy of worshipping with several other of our dear brothers, sisters and friends this month, also.

#### WEST BEND

Mrs. Melvin Fehr  
Mrs. A. Banwart

Thankful are we that the sick are assembling with us again; they are Bro. Noah Gerber, Sis. Clara Bruellman, and Bro. Levi Banwart.

Friends Lois Fisher and Larry Lloyd were united in Holy Matrimony by Bro. Earl Banwart. Elder Bro. Paul Butikofer of Elgin visited us on Sunday, after coming to perform the marriage of Friends Marilyn Banwart and Wayne Schellhammer on Saturday. May the Lord bless these couples as they begin their new life together. Other visiting ministers were Bro. Harvey Heinger of Oakville and Bro. Dale Moore of Elgin. We wish to thank each one for visiting us, and do welcome them to return, as well as others. An extra thanks to Bro. Paul Butikofer for bringing a Gospel message to the sisters-in-faith who reside at Clear View Manor.

Bro. Martin and Sis. Doris Zaugg are the thankful parents of a baby girl, Rose Mary, born June 23. She has a brother, David, to welcome her home.

The Lord has blessed, in number, the family circle of Bro. Earl and Sis. Edna Banwart. On Saturday evening, we had the opportunity to extend our best wishes to their son, Bro. Dale and Sis. Donna (Hartman) at a wedding reception. The following day, the engagement of their daughter, Sis. Leann to Bro. Don Schambach of Elgin, Illinois, was made known. May the blessings of the Lord be with them.

**Thank you:** We take this opportunity to thank each one for their prayers, kind deeds, and cards of good wishes for my birthday and during my hospital stay. Bro. Levi and Sis. Edna Banwart

**Thank you:** I wish to express my thanks to all for prayers, cards and gifts during my confinement to my home. Bro. Noah Gerber.

#### WINTHROP

Delores Messerli  
Carol Messner

**For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, cleave to his wife: and they shall be one flesh.** Our hearts were overjoyed to see so many dear ones from Francesville here to attend the wedding of Sis. Janice Schmidt and Bro. Jerry Gutwein. Bro. Harold Messner united them in holy matrimony on Sun., June 24. Ministering Bro. Elmer Bucher (Francesville) offered the closing prayer.

In Bro. Bucher's morning service, he told of a man coming into a place of auto repair. This man was in a hurry and trying to convince the laborers of his rush. Bro. Elmer told this man he had as much time as anyone, including the President of the U.S. . . . The only appointment he had to keep is with His Son on that eternal day.

Bro. Ray Messner was hospitalized for tests. He was released in time for the wedding of his son Jeff and Deborah, on July 15. We wish these couples God's blessings.

Bro. Darrel and Sis. Darlene Schmidt are the parents of a new son, Derrick Mitchell. Denise, Dennis, and Doreen welcomed him home.

Sis. Emma Schmidt showed great joy in having her sons from Elgin, Ill., and Minneapolis assemble with her this morning. They had attended the Schmidt reunion yesterday and traveled to spend the night with their mother.

Let us ever be watchful of the crafty adversary, lest he catch us unaware and overtake us. Let us fervently read our Bibles and pray without ceasing to overcome Satan. We would not starve our physical body, so let us not starve our spiritual body.

#### SARDIS

Karen Indermuhle

The Sunday services held at the West Virginia church in New Martinsville brought many brethren and friends together from miles around.

Bros. Art Gudeman (LaCrosse) and Harry Sutter (Ft. Lauderdale)

shared the Good News of the Lord with us all.

The weather and scenery were beautiful, and every one attending a church in these magnificent hills could not but breathe a prayer of thanks to our Creator.

Thinking about a recent farm accident involving a near neighbor, we should be thankful every day for the Lord's protection. Many here are making hay and planting crops. We so often take for granted our chance to live a new day for the Lord.

#### LEO

Mrs. Elias Souder

There were real showers of blessings on one Sunday evening in June. Bro. Lynn Klopfenstein from Alabama and Bro. Akito Inoue from Japan ministered to our needs. We were sorry they couldn't stay longer.

Sis. Dorothy Norr has been able to attend church services. Sis. Marv Troxel has been having some trouble with arthritis, and the family of Bro. Edward Bertsch say he is getting along as good as usual.

Our young people are looking forward to Camp Mack Day.

Our church service is 10 a.m. Song Service, one-half hour at 12:00 and then afternoon church service. Sunday School is Sun. 10:00. Wed. evening Bible Study at 7, then song service for one-half hour, then church service.

Sis. Minnie Bertsch has her 79th birthday this week and gets around remarkably well, doing her work as usual. Bro. Jos. Conrad will have his 97th birthday in July, and has been attending church services.

#### INDIANAPOLIS

Eric and Ginny Zeller

"O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the LORD our maker."

We in Indianapolis feel a deep need to thank our God for his blessings given unto us this month. We have had many brethren contributing their time and labor toward the completion of our church. We also feel so thankful for the many visiting brethren that were with us. June 3, Verlin Stoller from Ft. Wayne was with us, and Maurice Frank from Leo spoke the word to our congregation June 10. Two brothers were with us June 17,

Edwin Bahler from Remington and Jack Bollier from Leo. We were blessed to receive the word of God from Henry Beer June 24.

The engagement of Sis. Cheryl Kray to Bro. Harry Reinhart of New Jersey was announced June 10.

We are so happy to have John and Mary Isch and their children added to our congregation. They have spent the past three years in Miami, Florida.

#### JUNCTION

Betty Manz Henrietta Manz

On June 17, Sis. Lois Schlatter from our congregation and Bro. Bruce Maibach, Rittman, were united in holy matrimony. Parents are Sis. Esther Schlatter and Bro. Alpha and Sis. Helen Maibach. They will be living in the Rittman area (Route 1, Sterling Ohio 44276). We will miss Lois but we feel our loss is Rittman's gain. Our Elder Bro. Loren Stoller, Latty, and Ministering Bros. Eugene Fetter, Toledo, and Henry Dotterer, Rittman, spent the day with us.

Bro. Bill and Sis. Emily Schlatter became the happy parents of their first child, a boy, Warren James, on June 16. Grandparents are Sis. Juliet Schlatter from here and the Aaron Heinolds, LaCrosse.

We enjoyed many blessings when a group of brethren from Tremont visited us. Truly we have a fellowship that the world knows not of.

The farmers are still busy trying to get the balance of the crops planted. Due to the heavy rainfall in this area, work is not progressing as fast as usual, but we still have many blessings, and God is good to us.

#### OAKVILLE

Martha Steiner

James Perdelwitz and Susan Schuler were united in marriage on June 16. We wish them a happy life together. Jim's parents are Bro. John and Sis. Viola (Ackerman) Perdelwitz.

We were pleasantly surprised, upon arriving at Wednesday evening church, to find Bro. Ken Sauder from Mansfield, who were traveling through on their vacation. We enjoyed the word brought to us through Bro. Sauder.

Bro. Robert Beyer from Naumburg visited us for the wedding of

his nephew, Bro. Peter Beyer, to Sis. Luanne Gerst on July 8. Their parents are Bro. Carl and Sis. Hilda (Steiner) Gerst and Sis. Nina (Schieler) and the late Bro. Ralph Beyer. Other ministers here for the occasion were Bro. Henry Grimm (Morton), Bro. Duane Metzger (West Bend), and Bro. Arnold Gerst (Chicago).

We wish the new couple God's richest blessings, realizing that His love and grace are the same in New York as in Iowa, even though hundreds of miles separate us.

#### ROCKVILLE

Carlton J. Lanz

Our Sunday School's annual outing, with some 300 in attendance, took place on Saturday at a lovely lakeside in a wooded area. It was an ideal spot, where benches, tables & other facilities were available. Parents and the teaching staff arranged and provided a most complete picnic lunch, which must have been greatly appreciated, and fulfilled the desires of all who were present.

Births: June 19, a son has been born to Bro. Peter and Sis. Vergene (Schneider) Hany. It is their first child and will carry his Dad's name, Peter Carl Jr. . . . Grandparents of the infant are Sis. Martha and Bro. Leon Schneider and Sis. Hilda and the late Bro. Arnold Hany. . . . A daughter, Darcey Leigh, to Sis. Joni and Bro. Roger Moser. Grandparents are Bro. Wilbur and Sis. Florence Kloter, and Sis. Emma and the late Bro. Rudolph Moser.

We can use the songwriter's words so fittingly where he wrote, **Count your blessings one by one.** We do count it a blessing when a repentant sinner, which included us all at one time, will turn to God in repentance and find his peace with his God. A young man, not having been reared in this, our faith, Scott Wheeler, presented his testimony of conversion and his faith in God before the church and was then baptized. His mother, witnessing this, appeared touched as she embraced her son.

These tears are tears of joy that can be seen on the individual, and not alone they, but it is very plain that the entire church is moved with feelings as this holy rite is being carried out. It is indeed precious when this becomes possible that one, or one by one, can be

added to the body of believers. Bro. Ben Maibach of Detroit, was present and spent seven days here with us. He left many good messages for the congregation. We are a fortunate people, to have sincere elders and brothers who are concerned for the church and its endurance.

#### DETROIT

Bonnie Popp

Search me, O Lord, and try this heart of mine.

Search me and prove if I indeed am thine.

Test by Thy word, that never changed can be,

My strength of hope and living faith in Thee.

As we were taught and reminded, we looked deep into our hearts, and in faith made preparation for Holy Communion. Elder Bro. Ed Frank assisted our Elder Bro. Ben Maibach in this work the week-end of June 22. What a humbling hour when we remember our Lord's suffering, knowing He could have called ten thousand angels, yet He endured the shame and pain for such unworthy ones as you and I. Can we endure offense and pain in such a loving and obedient manner?

We rejoice and are glad for Dale Belsley and Jackie Barton, as they have found the peace that calms the troubled heart. Their desire is to continue in God's holy will and way. May this be the desire all the days of their lives that this peace may ever abide.

He that comforts all that mourn,  
Shall to joy your sorrow turn,  
Joy to know your sins forgiven,  
Joy to keep the way to heaven,  
Joy to win His welcome grace,  
Joy to see Him face to face.

Welcome, Sis. Mary Overmyer, into our Detroit family. Mary is from Francesville and will be attending classes at the Carnegie Institute in Detroit.

Congratulations to our June graduates, Brian Barton, Dawn Knochel, Sis. Cindy Maibach, Tom Novak, Eleanor Polk, and Judy Wieland.

To love someone more dearly every day,

To help a wandering child to find  
his way,  
To ponder o'er a noble thought and  
pray,  
And smile when evening falls—  
This is my task.

### CHICAGO

#### Mrs. Perry Klopfenstein

There are many ways in which we can be contributors to the furtherance of Christ's Gospel. One area of service, not to be neglected or taken lightly, is that of teaching young children the way of truth, beginning at home and also in our Sunday Schools. Those who are entrusted with the important responsibility of teaching Sunday School need the continued encouragement and support of all the brethren. Their valuable task may well have a significant part in shaping the children's attitudes and eventually their personal response to the Brotherhood. If they receive proper guidance and sound instruction from their youth, most of them will cling to it, and seek to pattern their lives by it when they grow older and must account for themselves before a righteous God. Then, in true repentance and faith, they will strive to enter the straight gate and follow the narrow path which leads to life eternal.

These thoughts came to mind when most of our congregation gathered in a nearby park for our annual Sunday School picnic on June 3.

"If there is anything that will endure in the eye of God, because it still is pure, it is the spirit of a little child, fresh from His hand, and therefore undefiled." June 20, a daughter, Elizabeth Anna, was born to Bro. Perry and Sis. Carol Klopfenstein. She is their first child.

Sunday, July 1, we were glad to have Bro. Herman Kellenberger from Elgin and Bro. George Yergler from LaCrosse in our midst to preach to us from the word of truth. We were also pleased to have ministering Bro. Eli Somerhalder from Burlington with us on June 10.

We are thankful that Bro. Sam Slagel, who has been hospitalized for open heart surgery, is showing improvement in his condition.

From Ed. Souder's newsletter to the reporters:

"I had my hopes shattered many times when there was no letter at mail-call, but loneliness and sadness turned to instant joy when my name was called. We loved letters so much that we hated to throw them away, after they had been read so many times that they were practically memorized. That was way back in World War II, but I don't think fellows have changed in that way."

#### Croghan-Naumburg

The following graduates were omitted from last month's news: Wendy Petzoldt, daughter of Donald and Sis. Rita, is a high school graduate, and James Beyer, son of Sis. Nina, is a college graduate.

Tell me a story about Jesus;  
Tell me a story of His love.  
Tell me a story about Jesus,  
And the glory up above.

Get down on your knees and pray,  
man,  
Get down on your knees and pray.  
Then you'll hear the Master  
talking,  
Get down on your knees and pray.

He'll tell you a story about Jesus;  
He'll tell you a story of His love.  
He'll tell you all about the glory,  
And comfort you with His love.

Open up your Bible and read it;  
Ask someone to read it with you.  
Talk about the stories in it,  
And God will bless you too.

When you talk to Jesus  
Cares and woes seem to go.  
When you walk with Jesus,  
You never shall feel low.

Hand in hand we'll walk to glory,  
When we meet Him in the sky.  
Jesus is our precious Saviour,  
And we shall never die.

Judy Haas

#### Bern

"He is not here: for he is risen"—  
Timely message, now as then,  
Covenant of rapt assurance  
Bringing wondrous hope again.  
Jeweled promise, glad fulfillment  
When the stone was rolled away,  
Evidenced in dawning glory  
Of another Easter Day.

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## LETTING YOUR LIGHT SHINE

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It is sure, the Lord wants us to shine for Him.

His words picture perfectly His church, and in particular every member. "Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid." Those who walk in darkness, the ones who do not know the Lord are the world . . . from near our doorstep to far away. The calling of God is different and distinctive. It is an upward path, a heavenly location. We are set apart from the lowlands by the scriptural rise. They see.

Flick on a switch, and the light impartially throws illumination to all around. Its purpose and proper place is to be set where it benefits all. "Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house."

The Lord Jesus is very direct and clear. Our duty, His desire and direction for each one of us is to put the light so they see . . . to place it so things do not block and cover. Where to place it? His way . . . being longsuffering, not provoked, rejoicing with the truth, enduring, bearing, hoping, and so much more. "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify

your Father which is in heaven."

Our whole life should confess that we dwell in Christ, the Saviour. When we look at the storm, rather than He who calmed the troubled waves, we become fearful. The beautiful reality of Jesus being present is our source of success always. He is holy. He's a hallowed presence. Constantly, this work of sanctifying is with His glorious self: "But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts:" It gives calmness, seriousness, joy.

If we are only concerned with words and places, without this, we might fail. The Lord calls the signals. It is His will that we speak, each of us, in the proper place. There are golden opportunities. God's work is going on. Eternal souls are at stake. Can it be that we have been chosen for such a memorable moment? What does His word say? "and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:"

To pray . . . do we really realize, the chance we have? God has promised. His promises are waiting to be drawn on, and what wondrous resources. He urges us. He wants us to mean it. "I exhort therefore, that, first of all, suppli-

cations, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; . . ." He has a plan in mind.

One day left or ten thousand, doing His wishes brings beautiful results. He is able to touch a life, to change it into a wonder of heavenly happiness. While we may be confined or limited, He reaches the other side of the world and the inner city. Does his loving heart long for each one? "Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth."

On the road down from Jerusalem to Jericho, there was a certain place, with a certain man, and a certain opportunity. It can be any ordinary day. One went to the man, cared about him, and helped. Effort costs, but consider the rich, enduring value.

Our road may lead in the block next to the church or the next house. It may be a black hand reaching for God's word in a land we may never be in this life. Our road always leads where we should be ready to give an answer. It goes in prayer past every human heart. Listen carefully. You can hear the fear and distress of the fainting multitudes.

Does Jesus care? "Go, and do thou likewise."