

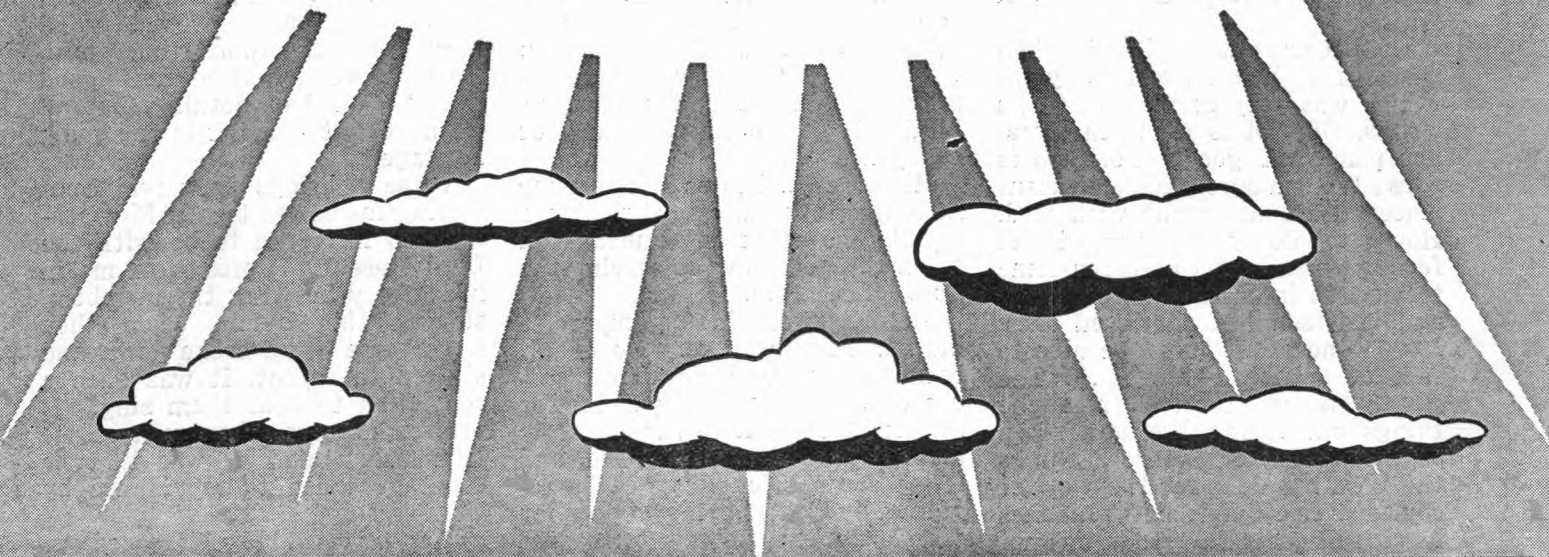
For as the Father raiseth up the dead, and quickeneth them; even so the Son quickeneth whom he will.

For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son:

That all men should honour the Son, even as

they honour the Father. He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent him.

Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.



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

# THE SILVER LINING

A LIGHT for BELIEVERS

# OUR PLEASANT LOT

Bro. Fred Grimm, now at Rest

...Tears of joy come to our eyes when we read and fully realize what marvelous things God has done for us unworthy ones.

There are times of sorrow as well as joy. We need this just as well as the earth needs rain in addition to sunshine. We have places in our own country where the sun shines every day, and no rain falls. What is the result? We have a desert. . .

This is exactly the same in our lives. We have many days of sunshine, but how fortunate we are that we also have rainy days in our life which softens our hearts, like the rain does the soil. Only in this way can we produce spiritual fruit.

Does it not stir our hearts when we can fully admit that this hymn-writer was very correct, when he writes, Our lot is found in pleasant places. A goodly heritage is ours? We can surely have pleasant places if we are right with God. How often do we have a wonderful feeling when loving brethren come to visit us in our homes, or we go and visit some of our loved ones. How wonderful it is to be able to talk of spiritual things. . . The good that we receive from the things our loving brothers often say, in telling of the good things the Lord has done for them or for someone else builds us up, makes us rich in godly things. Is this not a better heritage than earthly possessions? We can truthfully say, **A goodly heritage is ours.**

Where do all these good things come from? The hymn answers it. **To Him whence comes all gifts and graces.** Are we to accept it without appreciation? We read, **Let us give praise with all our powers.** Shall we just say a little **Thank you?** We can express our gratefulness to our Lord better than this if we do it with **all our powers.**

Have we purchased these good things with money? He chooses us of His free grace. Do we really appreciate that His grace is free? Are we worthy of it? We must be careful not to misinterpret the meaning of **free grace**, as has been done so much in professing Christendom. They say, "Grace is free, no matter how we live or what we do". This proves that Satan can twist God's word around. May we pray fervently each day that our Lord will give us an abundance of His grace.

His grace makes us His peculiar race. How misunderstood the word **peculiar** so often is. It means an unusually good way of serving the Lord. See Exodus 19:5. "Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine". It certainly means being obedient to God, and if we are obedient we will be regarded by God as being "a peculiar treasure". The Hebrew term does not signify property in general, but valuable property which is laid by or put aside (hence a treasure

of gold or silver). In Titus 2:14, peculiar is the rendering of the Greek **periousion**, which means, that which is peculiarly one's own. I'll quote Titus 2:14. "Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works." Redemption from sin and sanctification go together, and make a **peculiar people unto God, free from guilt and condemnation, and purified by the Holy Spirit.**

Our lot is found in pleasant places. Even if we have some disappointments and discouragements at times . . . all pass away. We can enjoy the fellowship with our brethren and go to church and hear His holy comforting word. Haven't we inherited real good things? We had nothing, but all we have in the Spirit is our godly heritage.

Verse 8 brings back real comforting memories to me. My father, who has gone to be with the Lord since 1937, often told me in his later years that the members, singing this hymn, when they sang verse 8, he broke down and started to repent. It was such a conviction to hear them sing, "It grieves us sore when men refuse Him". How glad he was that he could be called to repentance by this verse.

May this . . . have increased our respect for our wonderful hymn-book **The Zion's Harp**, and for our dear loving Lord.

## ZION'S HARP SONG BOOK REPORT

Revised, our first printing was in September 1958. There were 13,877 white edge and 3589 gold edge printed at that time. To date we have printed 29,778 white edge and 9059 gold, a total of 38,837 books; as of June 1, there remained 3947 white and 1150 gold edge books on hand.

The price of the white edge books is \$2.25, and \$2.50 for the gold (these prices are subject to change depending on cost of printing). A check should always accompany every order; the orders and check shall be sent to the

treasurer, Ray L. Gerber 627 North Main St., or Samuel Aeschliman R.R. 3 Bluffton IN 46714.

Every church should have an appointed brother to take care of the church's books, and the brother carry a small supply to take care of the members and friends' small one-two-or-three book orders. The church should be informed as to where the books can be purchased.

### Notice

To all churches: Please report to Henry Grimm Sr., 111 Edgewood, Morton IL 61550 by Aug. 20, the amount of monies your

church sent to the various Bible Societies since the last conference. Thank you.

LATTY OH  
LeAnn Laukhuf

When pure and upright hearts,  
By flames of love ignited,  
Are by the bond of faith  
More firmly yet united . . .

As the Zion's Harp hymn reads, so two of our congregation have found this love. Bro. Ray Stoller and Sis. Carol Sinns' engagement was announced. Ray is the son of Bro. Delmar and Sis. Marguerite. Carol is the daughter of Bro. Carl

and Sis. Bertha. A September wedding is planned.

Bro. Dwain and Sis. Wanita Laukhuf are the happy parents of a firstborn son, Michael Alan, born June 11.

Our congregation always enjoys the words of visiting ministers, as we enjoyed Bros. Merle Kaisner (Fairbury) and Earl Gerber (Forrest).

Wayne Klopfenstein (Bro. Alvin and Sis. Ellen) and Bro. Ray Stoller (Bro. Delmar and Sis. Marguerite) are June College graduates. Ray will be working close to home, but Wayne will be working in Peoria.

Bro. Noah and Sis. Hulda Gerber have also moved to a new area. They are now living at the Home for the Aged in Eureka. May we remember them in our prayers and letters as they adjust to their new home.

Our Sis. Nettie Drayer is in the hospital recovering from a heart attack.

On May 10, our dear sister in faith, Martha Laukhuf, was laid to rest. She was 91 years old and had been residing at the Van Wert Manor Nursing Home. Surviving are 4 daughters: (Sisters) Annie Stoller, Hilda Wenninger, Marie Stoller, and Mildred Hartzler; five sons: Oscar, (Bros.) Richard, Alvin, Ken, and Merril Laukhuf. Ministering Bros. Sam Schlatter and Ben Manz (Junction) had the services.

### SHIODA JAPAN

Willis R. Ehnlé

The lady was sitting in a booth, by the side of the mountain road leading toward Mt. Fuji from our Shioda Church and home . . . mountains are visible in every direction on a clear day. At the front of her booth, ears of corn were lined up for a display, so she could sell the roasted ears of corn for Y150 each (about 53 cents). As I approached on Monday, June 24, I pulled from my pocket a request that I contact a 30-year-old man in that neighborhood who had expressed an interest in God's word. She told me the man lived farther up the mountain, on the side road, and that there was no need for me to go, as the man has found employment in the city and only comes back occasionally. I told the lady the reason for my visit and persisted in going. He was gone, but

I had the opportunity to talk to the neighbors and to leave a portion of Scripture for them to read and to pass on to the man when he returns, always informing them where the church is so they can come. It is an enjoyable avocation to speak of spiritual and eternal matters to others, especially when we are given a reasonable opening. Let us each one look and pray for those opportunities, for Jesus said, ". . . out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh."

This is the rainy season. Yesterday, June 27, it was not raining during most of the day, so I grasped the opportunity to give a hair-cut to the plum trees. The plums produced from these trees are the small ones to be pickled for eating with rice, and we use them on a limited scale so far as our own family is concerned. The trees are very beautiful in the very early spring, when the white flowers brave the last snowfall, if necessary, to herald the coming spring. Their green foliage is so lovely to look at during the summer. My attention was attracted to the kindergarten children who were lined up to wash their hands, preparatory to eating lunch. The first child in line did not wash her hands, so I told her to start washing; she only puckered up her lips and shook her head "No". Akihiko, the doctor's boy, started to pull me toward Miss Erickson, who was in the classroom, and also tried to explain with gestures and puckered lips that they weren't supposed to talk and that something was delaying the task at hand of washing hands. I could see the situation was beyond my jurisdiction, and I told them simply follow the instructions Miss Erickson (Sis. Betsy) had given them. The result was that the children washed their hands one after another without saying a word.

What amazed me is how you get a group of lively, undisciplined children to wash their hands without making any noise. The results were exemplary, however, and can be a good lesson to children of God. We must keep our mouths closed, rather than indulging in slurs, ridicule, spiritually unhealthy insinuations and gossip. There are plenty of nice things of which to speak when we do speak ". . . if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things."

We are expecting the arrival of our elder, Bro. Ben Maibach, his wife, Sis. Lorene, two of their daughters, Sis. Cindy and Sis. Sheryl, and one of their sons, Dougie, as well as Sis. Kathie Huber from Francesville, who will be helping in our schools. There are many benefits of fellowship . . . one is that we, by fellowshipping and consulting one with another, avoid many a pitfall and mistaken decision; besides, we build bridges of love and brotherly confidence, which makes the life in Christ so very enjoyable and at the same time, influential in drawing others toward the Lord Jesus Christ. This reminds me of the scripture so firmly emphasized by Elder Bro. Silas Leuthold of my home church at Princeville. "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." Humbly consulting with and cooperating with our brethren is a way of showing this love. This principle would also hold true in marriage; if we repeatedly tell our wives we love them, but ignore them and fail to consult with them on matters rightfully in their domain of responsibility, such love is ineffective. Returning now to our guests who are coming, we expect to have fellowship, the kind I've been talking about.

### ALTADENA CA

Mrs. Don Cremer

Hallelujah! Praise Ye Jehovah. This word is pronounced the same in any major tongues in the world. Another word is **agape**, mostly known to Christians, meaning **God's divine love**. This word originated in Greece. These people knew all there was to know about a perverted love. They twisted,

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mutilated and destroyed what God had established as sacred on earth. They had all kinds of words for their forms of love. God's real love touched. . . A different, real and satisfying love had to have a word to describe it. It had to be different from all the others, divine, holy and eternal.

Thus, agape separated itself from all the other loves, because of what it means. Just like Jesus does because of who He is. This agape given to us in the flesh is now available to all. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son. . ." This is a special love and we can claim it in our lives! Hallelujah!

We were very thankful to have Bro. Joe Aberle (Sabetha) minister to us. We were instructed in many gospel truths and the Lord revealed much that is yet to come from the Revelation.

Sis. Doris Hecker has been suffering with eye trouble. We miss seeing her at church. We know the Lord loves her dearly and will strengthen her through these afflictions.

There are tentative plans to remodel our church building to fit our needs more adequately. May the Lord lead this completely, as He must in all aspects of our lives in Him.

#### ATHENS AL

##### Hazel Vibbert

We are real happy to welcome Bro. and Sis. Carl Haggermaker back to Alabama. They have moved from Florida.

We have a few dear souls that have seen their need for a Saviour. Judy and Debbie Haggermaker, daughters of Bro. Carl and Sis. Shirley; Larry Ivoy and his wife Libby; Corrine Barnett, a sister-in-law to Sis. Doris Moore. We are having a week of gospel meeting, July 1 - 5 . . . hoping and praying that more souls will turn to the Lord.

The churches from Alabama had a great trip to Peoria.

Bro. Sanford Thomas was a patient in Decatur for bone surgery on his wrist . . . glad to have him back in church. Reba Mybay was a patient in Athens Limestone Hospital. She also had surgery.

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

#### BREMEN IN

##### Pauline Laidig

On June 9, in the presence of many relatives and friends, Bro. Earl Zeltwanger had the privilege of uniting in holy matrimony, his and Sis. Marge's daughter, Kay, and Bro. Dale Gramm, son of Bro. Ed and the late Sis. Loretta Gramm of Gridley, Ill. We are happy Dale accepted employment in South Bend, and we are looking forward to having them in our congregation.

A bride of three weeks and one of almost a year shared some of their experiences with some of us, and it was pleasing to hear how God's word and His grace was helping them cope with what could be problems or difficulties. A child of God really has an advantage in all situations if he will make use of it.

Vacation Bible School has drawn to a close, and we sincerely hope the teachings the children learned, and revealed to us at the closing program, will be a source of guidance onto Right Pathways in their lives. Sometimes we may wonder just how much good our teachings accomplish, but a letter which was received during this past year by our S. S. Supt., Gene Sauder, proved to contain rewarding information. One of the boys of our congregation had brought a boy from another country (who was living here for a few years) to VBS, at which time Gene and Kate presented him with a Bible. In this letter, he told of the very difficult experiences his mother and he were having, and that they hardly knew where to turn for help. It was then that he thought of this Bible, and the teachings at VBS. . . So turning to the word, he found peace and help for his troubled mind and soul. He expressed his gratefulness and will, we trust, be a source of help to others.

Our annual church picnic was held on the Sunday following VBS.

Through a program in her school, Sis. Martha Kaehr, daughter of Bob and Arlene, was selected to live with a family in Columbia, South America for two months. She is attending school while there, and is learning the customs of that country too, so will, no doubt, have many interesting experiences to share with us upon her return.

The Lord has blessed Bro. Hen-

ry and Sis. Leah Souder with 59 years of wedded life. At the age of 86, Henry still drives his car, and on nice days often takes Leah places in the vicinity. He is also a favorite babysitter for his great-grandchildren! Since they no longer write letters or notes, they both wish to take this means of sincerely thanking the many who remembered them on their anniversary, Mother's Day, Father's Day, and on their birthdays. All of these events occurred in May and June. A passage from the Bible that has meant much to Henry is: "And now, Lord, what wait I for? my hope is in thee."

#### CONGERVILLE IL

##### Arlene Banwart / Mary Schrock

The heart is a garden where thought flowers grow;  
The thoughts that we think are the seeds that we sow.  
Each kind loving thought bears a kind loving deed,  
While a thought that is selfish is just like a weed.  
We must watch what we think the live-long day,  
And pull out the weed thoughts and throw them away,  
And plant loving seed-thoughts so thick in a row,  
There will be no room for weed thoughts to grow.

When Bro. Lenard Meyer (Chicago) visited us, he said we need to replenish our spiritual accounts. Just as in our material life we have to keep replenishing our bank accounts, so must we replace spiritual thoughts in our hearts.

We're sorry to have Bro. Jesse Schrock, one of our ministering brothers, and his wife Sis. Lil leave us to make their home in Peoria.

Welcome Bro. Kurt and Sis. Jane (Stoller) Ehnle to our congregation.

June 29, Jim Steffen, son of Bro. Duane and Sis. Lois, and Valerie Koehl, daughter of Bro. Albert and Sis. Ellen of Morton, were united in marriage by Bro. Ed Hohulin at the Goodfield Fellowship Hall. He is employed as an engineer at Caterpillar, and they will be living in Marquette Heights.

The children especially enjoyed our annual Sunday School picnic at Congerville Grade School. The children now move to their next

classes, as we continue Sunday School throughout the summer for all but the Bible class.

What a blessing it is to serve the Lord as a single person! In marriage you have the privilege of helping each other serve Him. It was with joy we heard of the engagement of Sis. Vera Grusy, daughter of Bro. Elmer and Sis. Minnie, to Bro. Brad Wieland, son of Bro. Roy and Sis. Margaret of the Bay City congregation.

### HOME FOR THE HANDICAPPED

Elmer J. Bucher

As blind Bartimaeus sat by the roadside begging, he heard that Jesus of Nazareth passed by, and he cried out for help. Those who traveled with Jesus thought He was too busy to be bothered by a handicapped person, and tried to quiet Bartimaeus. Jesus heard his cry, commanded him to be called, restored his sight, and he followed him.

How often are we guilty of thinking Jesus is not interested in handicapped people today? Though He may not heal them physically, certainly there is spiritual healing available for all who have the ability to comprehend at least in a measure that Jesus tasted of death for every man.

We regret that more of the representatives were not able to attend the special meeting held June 22. Those present felt it was a day well spent. The representative in each church is the link between that particular church and the Home, and if the chain is broken at that link, it is difficult for us to keep that church informed as to the progress of the Home.

If anyone has any questions in regard to the Home, please contact your representative. If he does not have the information you desire, he can get it for you. Thanks for your support and cooperation.

A special thanks to the volunteers who cleared an area in the woods behind the Home.

### PORTLAND OR

Pearl Miller

As we gathered together for Sunday noon singing, the song, "Great God! Attend, While Zion Sings" was sung.

Great God! attend, while Zion sings  
The joy that from Thy presence springs:

To spend one day with Thee on earth  
Exceeds a thousand days of mirth.

Oh God, our King, whose sov'reign sway

The glorious hosts of heav'n obey,  
Display Thy grace, exert Thy pow'r,

Till all on earth Thy name adore!

We can receive many blessings from the beautiful hymns. Often we may think what a beautiful melody, but . . . should we neglect to get the message in song?

While on tour of Canada and the Northwest, my sisters, Sis. Ann and Dorothy Pfister from Roanoke stopped in Portland to be with us for a week's stay. How much we appreciate the visit of our loved ones!

While our dear friends from Eureka, Melvin and Bertha Miller and family were visiting in Portland and Silverton with their sister, Sis. Ann Rumbold and father, Martin Reutter, they received word of the death of their brother, Clarence Reutter from Minnesota, who died of a massive cerebral hemorrhage. Sis. Ann and friend Bertha were able to attend the funeral. We are in sympathy with them.

Sis. Connie Steffen, accompanied by Sis. Linda and Cynthia Miller, Friends Julie and Jeri Anderson, Jonette Owens and myself motored to Los Angeles, and while there had a blessed week-end fellowshiping with the young people and all the brethren in the Altadena church. We extend an invitation to any of the groups of young people in the various churches to visit us. We truly felt the Lord's nearness on our entire trip of eight days. Sis. Joyce Hackenjos returned with us for a three-week stay in Portland.

We are beginning to have our Sewing Circle in the church basement, every two weeks for World Relief.

### LAMAR MO

Marie Marti / LuEtta Braker

Our friends, Luella Marti and Gary Fanning were married June 9. Luella is the daughter of Sis. Arlene and Bro. Dean Marti.

Bro. Elmer Bucher of Francesville was our guest minister June 9. We are thankful to the Lord for our ministers who oftentimes travel many miles to share with us the blessed word. Do we really appreciate this blessing enough, we wonder, as we think of many who would travel far to hear the word, and for various reasons are unable to do so.

Many of our congregation gathered June 11 for our annual church cleaning.

Our hospital patients are (Sisters) Pearl Banwart, Linda Banwart and Bro. Virgil Frieden.

### PULASKI IA

Ernestine Wuthrich

Nancy Musselman

Our high school graduates were Sisters Jane and Janet Schaar, their brother, Dave, children of Bro. Bernard and Sis. Leah; Virginia Wuthrich, daughter of Bro. Joel and Sis. Shirley, and Kenneth Wuthrich, son of Bro. Russell and Sis. Karoline. Janice Teubel, daughter of Bro. Richard and Sis. Wilma graduated from grade school.

Bro. William Funk of Garden Grove was with us that same Sunday.

Cheryl Musselman, daughter of Howard and Sis. Irene, was married on June 29 to Edward Duke of Peoria. They will make their home in Peoria.

On June 22-23, we experienced a most blessed week-end. We cannot put into words how we felt to have 80 youths visit our little church. We enjoyed so much the singing and fellowship. As was expressed in the services, we see how our church must feel to have converts. Their love for God clearly shines through, in the joyful singing.

### REMINGTON IN

Anna M. Waibel

Diane (Schieler) Isabell was in the hospital several days, due to the severe reaction she had from the medication when she had an ingrown toe nail taken care of.

A baby girl, Heather Marie was born June 18 to Bro. Roger and Sis. Vicki Steffen. Bro. Ray and Sis. Lucille Steffen are the paternal grandparents; Bro. James and Sis. Lois Sutter of Taylor are the maternal grandparents.

The church picnic was held in

the Gilboa School gym. It was a very chilly afternoon.

Our visiting ministers were Bros. Gary Maibach, Rittman; Alfred Bahler, Wolcott; Richard Aberle, Indianapolis; Walter Steffen, Milford; Wendell Gudeman.

Sun., June 30 a large crowd from various churches attended the wedding of Bro. Ted Perry and Sis. Elaine Steffen. They will live at Anderson and attend church at Indianapolis. (Bros.) Edwin Bahler and Wendell Gudeman conducted the ceremony.

Is anyone missing their coat? A man's heavy, dark plaid all weather coat was left at church some time ago. The label says Brent-Tri guard.

### SARASOTA FL

Linda Miller

The Bible tells us that where two or three are gathered, there will He be also. It is on these promises that we have gathered in this past month. Our assemblies have been small, as few as 10, but the Lord has stood by and blessed us with visitors each Sunday. It was in one of our small gatherings that we had our largest Sunday School attendance. There were 8 in our younger class and 5 in our older. Many times we have a tendency to be depressed, but the look in a child's eyes when you say Sunday School can be one of the greatest lifts. They are so small, so willing, so innocent and so eager to hear about God's love.

Bro. Phil Wingeier has labored so this past month by himself, and now he and Sis. Fern are preparing to go for a visit to Alto to their family for awhile. Bro. Phil has stood by us. As a congregation, it is hard for us to express how much we need the both of them, but our humble prayers are that the Lord will provide them a safe journey and return them to us soon. In his absence we are expecting visitors, ministering brothers and families. Our foundations are built on faith, and we have faith that the Lord will provide.

### TAYLOR MO

Marie Butikofer Eleanor Yackley

Far and near, there has been such an abundance of rain. . . We do know God holds the world in His hands and has promised to take care of His own to the end.

Our greatest concern and fondest hopes are for the salvation of souls. As we study the Revelation at our Wednesday evening Bible Class (once or twice a month), we realize how fast the prophecies are being fulfilled, so it is high time that we prepare to be ready for the sounding of the trumpet.

Tim Sutter (Bro. Gerald and Sis. Marge) was struck by a car as he was crossing the highway on his mini-bike. Had the car been going fast, it would have been serious. He was taken to the hospital for observation; no bones were broken, so he was able to go home in a few days.

Becky Hodel (Henry and Sis. Loida) graduated from SIU with an M.A. degree.

Ron and Donna Hodel (Bloomington) are the parents of Robin Sue, born May 29. A sister, Rhonda and a brother, Donnie welcomed her. Henry and Sis. Loida Hodel are the grandparents.

Bro. Roger and Sis. Vickie (Sutter) Steffen (Rensselaer IN) are the parents of their first baby. Heather Marie was born on June 18. Bro. James and Sis. Lois Sutter and Bro. Walter and Sis. Lucille (Remington) are the grandparents.

Our visiting ministers were (Bros.) Arnold Gerst (Chicago) and Ben Fehr (Roanoke). How glad we are that brothers are willing to come and speak, as we need to be reminded often of our heavenly calling.

Several of us who were born and grew up at Elgin, Iowa were privileged to travel there for the Homecoming. It was a joy to meet many from far and near—loved ones and neighbors, some we seldom meet. How much more joyous will be the meeting at the final Homecoming in Heaven, with loved ones who have gone on before and whom we often miss!

The engagement of Bro. Richard Sauder and Sis. Evelyn Yackley was announced June 30. Evelyn is the daughter of Bro. Perry and Sis. Clara Yackley; Richard is the son of Bro. Robert and Sis. Elizabeth Sauder of Tremont.

### NEW MARTINSVILLE WV

Minnie B. Weltz Della Witschey

The All-day meeting at the country church held on June 30, while the attendance was not quite as large as in former years, the

fellowship was good and all spent a very enjoyable day. Loren Stoller of Latty was the main speaker, with Delbert Indermuhle assisting. The day was beautiful, and the hills looked taller than usual with the heavy foliage. Sorry I was unable to get there. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Beery of Sterling, O., spent Saturday and Sunday, June 29 and 30 here with relatives and friends, attending a farm sale in Sardis on Saturday afternoon, attending services at the Sardis church on Saturday evening and the services at the country church on Sunday. Mrs. Marie Ritzman and members of her family of Barberton, O., also attended services at the country church on June 30.

Mr. and Mrs. James L. Wade and son Jimmy of Cleveland, James Wade Jr, of Reynoldsburg, O., were guests of their parents and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Wade the first week of July.

Miss Jessie Hassig of Akron visited with her relatives here during the first of July. Mr. and Mrs. Verda Fankhouser of Easton, Md., vacationed with relatives the first week of July. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Witschey of Dallas, Texas were the guests of home folks during the Fourth of July holiday.

We feel very fortunate in being able to have a new doctor and his family coming to town to take up his residency in a week or two.

Mrs. Harry Mullett suffered a very badly cut hand several days ago, but it is healing nicely at this time.

Mr. and Mrs. Loren Stoller, Mr. and Mrs. William Stoller of Latty; Mr. and Mrs. Dave Zollinger and family, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Emch and family of Rittman, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Maibach, Misses Bonite Schlatter, Karen and Ruth and Joyce Klopfenstein of Junction attended the Sunday services at the country church.

Mrs. Minnie Weltz had the misfortune to fall, breaking a bone in her ankle and is wearing a very heavy walking cast, with the aid of a wheel chair and a walker is able to be around in the home and has help to care for Mary Ann.

Thank you—Mary Ann and I would like in this way to say thank you all who have remembered us with cards and letters during our time of sorrow in the death of Gus Weltz, also to all who have written me since my fall. Minnie Weltz.

### TUCSON AZ

Mrs. Donald Bauer  
Mrs. Loren Knapp

The Sunday School is our delight,  
We love it more and more.  
Tis here we learn to do the right,  
and live forevermore.  
We hear the truth, so pure and  
clear, Of Jesus' love so sweet  
and dear.  
There we are taught to lift our  
eyes to HIM who lives on high

The Tucson Church held its annual Sunday School Picnic, in the park. Everyone enjoyed being with all our Sunday School children and visiting with our visitors. There seems to be a special blessing, when young and old alike fellowship together.

We warmly welcome Glen Gudeman from Illinois. He is living in Tucson, and we enjoy having him worship with us.

Thanks and praise to God! Thanks to our family, relatives, friends, and ministering brothers, for the prayers, many cards, letters of encouragement, gifts, flowers, and acts of kindness rendered during our illness and days of convalescence. Bro. Jack and Sis. Esther Sutter.

### BURLINGTON IA

Elaine Eisenmann—Edna Pohl

It's the little things that matter,  
The unexpected things. . .  
The thoughtful gift that gives a  
lift,  
The thrill a phone call brings!  
The kindly deed for one in need,  
The willingness to share;  
The happy smile that helps awhile  
And tells someone, I care!

The poem reminds us of the loved ones in faith we visited, and their smile to be remembered. Such was our visit to Sis. Priscilla Rauhaus at Kingston, after a long siege of 7 weeks in the hospital. The love and fellowship gave us all a blessed feeling.

Bro. Noah's helpmate of 50 years or more is again at home recuperating after 2 weeks of tests and then surgery. Sooner or later the trial of illness comes to us all, and our faith tested, but our merciful Lord gives us strength to endure.

Our congregation was blest with visiting ministers from Bradford.

(Bros.) Dietz and Ringger gave inspiring messages to uplift our needy spirits, in this time of much evil.

We have another new baby in our flock, and 2 more to arrive soon. Bro. Richard and Sis. Dorothy Massner Taeger have their first son, Marty, after four daughters.

We are hoping to hear Bro. Roy Farney at this midweek service, Lord willing.

God be with you all.

### CHICAGO IL

Mrs. Perry Klopfenstein

We were reminded anew of the events which transpired during the crucifixion of our Lord, when Ministering Bro. Don Sauder was with us from Roanoke. There at Calvary, the longsuffering, love and mercy of our Lord was beautifully manifested when Jesus prayed, "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do." How wonderful it is that God's forgiveness is still available to all who will become a partaker of Christ's death, by dying to themselves and coming out from the evil in the world. We were also blessed by the visit of Ministering Bro. Wendell Gerber from Bluffton.

June 16, many of us gathered in a nearby park for our Sunday School picnic. Although the weather was a bit chilly, our hearts were warm. We appreciate the enthusiasm and interest of our Sunday School children.

Saturday, June 22 was set aside as a day to clean the church. A goodly number gathered to perform this task, joyfully laboring together as unto the Lord. Several sisters prepared a delicious noon meal, and many of those who were unable to be there to help with the cleaning contributed toward the meal. Surely there are many different ways in which we can use our talents to be of help.

We are pleased to welcome Bro. Dan and Sis. Becky Gudeman, formerly of Francesville and Bro. John Huschen, formerly of Roanoke into our assembly. They are establishing their residency in the Chicago area.

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

### CISSNA PARK IL

Margaret Rudin/Grace Bauer

In closing VBS, the children presented us with a program which was enjoyed.

Our farmers are having a busy season putting in their crops. Due to a lot of rain, many have had to replant corn and beans.

Bro. Craig Rudin was united in Holy Matrimony June 30 to Sis. Trudy Zimmerman of Forrest.

Our sick: Pam Walder, daughter of Sis. Dorothy and Bro. Lester Walder was a hospital medical patient, having had pneumonia. Sis. Lena Rocke was a hospital patient, having had eye surgery. Sis. Reka Hoerr is a hospital medical patient. Bro. Harry Hoffman is a hospital surgical patient, having had knee surgery.

We thank Bro. Roy Grimm for sharing the word with us.

### Know Each Other Better

Sister Anna Baumgartner, age 99 . . . has been in the service of the Lord 63 years. Their mother taught them to strive after the teachings of the Lord and the rest will follow.

Anna told us she received a call from God, and she felt so lost and forsaken, and at that time repented. She wanted to go that night to talk to Bro. Eugene Schladenhaufen, who was the elder at that time; some discouraged her and told her it was too late, but Anna said it isn't too late, and Sis. Mabel Lehman went with her. They walked, and she got to talk with him.

She has much joy in serving the Lord; she told us there is nothing better than to live for the Lord, we should stay true the way we promised—and that we should do. How could we live on without God's help and grace. She loves to hear the word and the singing. Sometimes the young folks go there to sing. She enjoys that.

Anna had 7 sisters and 3 brothers; she is the only one left and is patiently waiting for the Lord to call her home. Anna has a lot of nieces and nephews which she enjoys. She had witnessed joy and sorrow. She had a sister, Minnie that had T.B. and passed away at the age of 17 years. She had repented and had peace before she passed away, which was a consolation to her.

Sis. Anna has been blessed with good health. About 15 years ago

she went to the hen house to gather eggs, fell on a pile of snow and broke her hip, but she got around real well again. She gets around now with the aid of a cane. She has been able to stay in her home. Her niece and husband, Sis. Gertrude and Bro. Sam Hodel are living with her at present. She is able to care for herself and even makes her own bed.

She enjoys and looks forward to having visitors; we are thankful she is able to assemble with us most every Sunday. She has been a good example. She says the head covering and the holy kiss are essential, and the power of prayer availeth much.

#### FT. LAUDERDALE FL

**Kathy Sutter/Henry Schwartz**

What a joy filled our hearts when the message came, "Marti is repenting". Marlise Yergler, daughter of Bro. Bob and Sis. Caroline gave in to the pressing conviction of sin and turned to the Lord. There is no message that can thrill us more than this. We're happy for you, Marti, and pray that you will find the peace and joy that comes with a complete surrender of self.

Sid Troxel, Krent Wieland, and Sis. Faye Gerber are at home for the summer. We enjoy having them assemble with us; Marty Schaefer, granddaughter of Bro. Henry and Sis. Frances Schwartz was hospitalized for a tonsillectomy and ear surgery. Sis. Arlene Wieland is home again, after spending several weeks at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn. We are glad to see her looking well and hope her good health continues.

We enjoyed the midweek visit of Bro. Roy Grimm. It is truly a blessing to share an evening of fellowship with those who know love the Lord. We find there are no strangers in our faith!

Again we have been spiritually refreshed by our ministering brothers. We look forward to our gatherings and can testify that we always go away filled and encouraged in our walk. Our prayers are that those who are asked to stand before us will not become burdened by this labor that is so necessary to our spiritual survival. Without their repeated instructions and reminders, we too often forget that walking a Christian

life is more than just an occasional good word, kind deed or fervent prayer.

By waiting for that special occasion to comfort us where we can show that we're a Christian, we allow so many opportunities to pass us by. Where will we ever find a better place to show the joy we have in our hope of salvation than before the ever watchful eyes of our children? What better place to go the extra mile than in our own home, in our own family relationship? How many times in one day does the opportunity to be kind, patient, and loving present itself to a mother, a father, a husband, a wife? Perhaps it is these unnoticed extras that reap untold blessings in the life to come.

#### FRANCESVILLE IN

**Helen Huber/Sharon Neihouser**

"Out of the depths have I cried into thee, O LORD. Lord, hear my voice: let thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication." We have seven precious souls in our congregation who have cried unto the Lord, and He has heard their supplications. We are rejoicing with each one.

Hospital patients are Sisters Anne Ward and Tylla Geyer and Bros. Herman Wuethrich and John Huber.

Rodney and Donna Gutwein are happy with a little girl named Stephanie Ann. Sis. Mary (late Bro. Carl) Gutwein is the paternal grandmother. Brad and Nancy Wuethrich are happy with a son named Travis Quinn. Paternal grandparents are Bro. Dave and Sis. Barb. Bro. Mike and Melody Gutwein are rejoicing with a son named Aaron Michael. Paternal grandparents are Bro. Carl Jr. and Sis. Yvonne Gutwein. May they raise their little ones for His glory.

The last week in June was Vacation Bible School. We studied the patriarchs of old. Monday evening was (Bros.) Walt Steffen (Milford) speaking on Abraham; Tuesday evening, Bob Grimm (Goodfield) on Joseph; Wednesday evening, Ed Bahler (Remington) on Moses; Thursday evening, Bob Meyer (Bluffton) on David; and Friday evening, Joe Braker (Morton) on Paul. We certainly enjoyed a blessed week.

June 24 was Sis. Kathie Huber's last Sunday with us, as on the following day she left with the Bro.

Ben Maibach family for the Orient. She will remain there one year as a teacher in the school at Shioda. We will miss her being with us, but we all certainly wish her God's richest blessings and guidance in her work there.

#### GRIDLEY KS

**Edna Somerhalder/Wilma Young**

#### The Power of Prayer

Prayers from the inmost depth of heart

Find the Master's favor,  
And the Christian's highest art  
Is to please the Saviour,  
So should we watchful be,  
Waiting . . . hoping . . . longing  
For His second coming.

Our appreciation to Bro. Roy Wernli for spending a Sunday afternoon with us. He read and meditated from II Timothy 4, which provided much food for thought.

A tornado descended on the city of Emporia (36 miles from Gridley) without warning, leaving 125 families homeless, destroying a new shopping center, many homes. It was amazing that only 6 lives were lost . . . over 200 were treated at the hospitals. Even the most skeptic should've seen how powerful the Almighty God is. We are grateful that our friends and members living in Emporia were not involved.

How nice to see Sis. Elizabeth (Bro. Frank) Beyer in our assembly again. She has been absent the last few weeks due to a broken shoulder. Rhonda Owens, 4-year-old daughter of Sis. Marilyn and Steve, was hospitalized for pneumonia; we are thankful she too has recuperated and returned to Sunday School. Little Brian Kraft remains about the same, in and out of K.U. Med. Center, taking treatments.

. . . Wish to extend our sympathy to Sis. Emma Bahr in the passing of her brother, Ben Reber. We miss Emma; she is staying in Ft. Scott with her sister, Sis. Mary Reber.

To the Gridley congregation: July is our month to collect for the Silver Lining. \$2.00 is the suggested amount; you may pay either of your reporters. Thank you.

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



### INDIANAPOLIS IN Wayne and Judy Steffen

It is not faith to look ahead  
With worried doubts and fears,  
And contemplate tomorrow's trials  
Throughout the coming years;  
But it is faith to look above  
With confidence and trust,  
Assured the way He overrules  
Is even right and just.

It is not faith to be cast down  
And overcome with doubt,  
To wonder how the Lord can lead,  
To worry your problems out;  
But it is faith to rest in Him,  
And trust His guiding hand.  
He will uphold, sustain and keep,  
Along the path He's planned.

When doubts and fears come up-  
on us, we need to look above to the  
Lord and trust Him.

Elaine Steffen and Ted Perry  
were united in marriage in the  
Remington church on June 30.  
Elaine is the daughter of Ray and  
Lucille Steffen of Remington and  
Ted is the son of Don and Donna  
Perry of Columbus, Ohio.

We welcome back Ken and Lynn  
Beer and family, who will live in  
Danville, Indiana and attend the  
Indianapolis church.

Our visiting ministers have  
been (Bros.) Charles Sauder, Tre-  
mont; Earl Kilgus, Remington;  
Bob Meyer, Bluffton. We thank  
them and Bro. Dick Aberle for  
bringing the word to us.

### IOWA CITY IA

Twila Whipple / Joan Mogler

God be with you till we meet  
again! By His counsels guide, up-  
hold you; With His sheep securely  
fold you. With sadness we bid John  
and Alice Ebinger and their  
daughter, Nancy, farewell as they  
move to New Jersey, where John  
has found employment. Their sup-  
port and love has been greatly ap-  
preciated by each of us.

Even as we are saddened to see  
faces leave us, we also rejoice to  
see new faces at our gatherings.  
Bro. and Sis. Brad and Joyce Eland  
and their two children, Christo-  
pher and Wendy, have moved back  
to Iowa City, as Brad has complet-  
ed his tour of duty in the army  
and is enrolled at the University  
of Iowa. We are thankful to have  
them gather and worship with us  
again.

Bros. Albert Wuthrich (Pulas-

ki) and Harvey Heiniger (Oak-  
ville) were our visiting ministers.

### JUNCTION OH

Henrietta Manz/Betty Manz

We very much enjoyed the visit  
of Ministering Bro. Merle Kaisner,  
Fairbury, on a Sunday morning.

We had such a blessed Sunday  
on June 23, when Elder Bro. David  
Bertsch, Leo, assisted our Elder  
Bro. Loren Stoller in serving Holy  
Communion. Then in the after-  
noon, a number of us could enjoy  
another special blessing by shar-  
ing communion with Bro. Henry  
Manz in his home.

Sis. Benita Schlatter (Sis. Es-  
ther) has completed her nurses'  
training at Toledo Hospital in To-  
ledo, and is now living at home and  
working in Defiance. We are  
thankful that she can again as-  
semble with us regularly.

Helen Manz (Bro. Emmanuel)  
spent several days in the hospital  
and is now recovered.

Occasionally Bro. Henry Manz  
is able to assemble with us at  
church half a day.

### LESTER IA

Alice Metzger/Donna Metzger

"And the LORD God said. It is  
not good that the man should be  
alone; I will make him an help  
meet for him." Sis. Lila Meyer be-  
came the bride of Bro. Mike Wirtz,  
West Bend, on June 30, with Elder  
Bro. Leo Moser conducting the  
service before a large group of wit-  
nesses. We regret to have Lila  
leave our congregation, but believ-  
ing it is God's will, know that it is  
right and good. Bro. Earl Banwart,  
West Bend, was among the visitors  
for the day and ministered to us.  
Bro. Carl Hartman, Sabetha, was  
our visiting minister earlier in the  
month.

The High School Sunday School  
students were guests of the Mor-  
ris Sunday School on June 9, which  
began with an early breakfast at  
the fellowship center. Bro. Uriel  
Gehring was the guest speaker,  
who spoke glowingly of his love  
for God and the church. We are  
grateful to Morris for their hospi-  
tality.

We are happy to have the fam-  
ily of Bro. Art and Sis. Cris Metz-  
ger move to this vicinity from El-  
gin, Illinois.

Two precious little girls were  
born in the month of June. Cathi  
Jo was born to Bro. George and

Sis. Charlyn Meyer on June 13.  
Grandparents are Bro. Lou and  
Sis. Norma Bauman and Sis. Em-  
ma and the late Bro. Alvia Meyer.  
Kolette Alicia was born to Lois  
and Ellsworth Niemeyer on June  
21. Sis. Karoline Doorneweerd is  
the grandmother.

Bro. Donald Metzger was a sur-  
gical patient, is home again and re-  
cuperating nicely.

Bob Leuthold and Steve Kno-  
bloch have been discharged from  
the Air National Guard, after serv-  
ing for six years. We have no boys  
in service except for those in the  
Guard.

We do not enjoy life to the full-  
est until we are prepared to die.

### MILFORD IN

Sue Schieler/Sandee Price

Our Vacation Bible School was  
held June 17-21. Our guest speak-  
ers were: (Bros.) Carl Kipfer—  
Bluffton, Edwin Bahler—Reming-  
ton, Elmer Bucher—Francesville,  
Dale Eiseman—Chicago.

The last day of Bible School,  
word came tragedy had taken its  
toll in the Bro. Elmer Hartter  
household. Their son-in-law, Jo-  
seph Jessop was taken from our  
midst, leaving his dear wife Con-  
nie and two small sons . . . surely  
as Connie goes bravely on her way,  
her song to us would be, "When  
you pray, will you pray for me?"

The proceeds of our Bible School  
were given to our friends Norman  
and Nancy Hunsberger. Nancy, for  
the past several years has known  
sickness and pain. The gift itself  
can never suffice, but may the love  
and prayers accompanying that  
gift yield forth a glow of the Lord  
Himself.

Bros. Mike Zimmerman Sr.,  
Oliver Haab and Henry Beer have  
been under medical care. . . Tho  
their hearts may breathe a why at  
times, may they find its sufficient  
answer in the comforting words,  
**He knoweth.**

We welcome our Bro. Tom and  
Sis. Tammy Speicher as they leave  
their post in Germany to rejoin us  
in civilian life. Bro. Tom is son of  
Bro. Lewis and Sis. Miriam, grand-  
son of Elder Bro. Theo. and Sis.  
Naomi Beer.

In closing, may this thought  
linger with us . . . The depths of  
gratitude we owe God for His  
many blessings are payable to our  
fellowmen.

**MINNEAPOLIS MN****Kathryn Olson**

We enjoyed the visit of Bro. Gene Marti.

Our dear Sis. Sophie Sikeparija, who has been mentioned numerous times in the news, has celebrated her 70th birthday, with a gathering at the Bro. Syd and Sis. Cheryl Messner home. She is the oldest member in our congregation. She came to the United States from Yugoslavia many years ago, being separated from her loved ones and enduring many hardships. Later God reminded her of her childhood teachings and opened the way for her to attend our church. She was given the grace to find her Lord and Saviour.

She is residing at the Fridley Convalescent Home and enjoying company—her happy smiles expresses her joy and gratitude when she has visitors.

How sweet the promises of God  
To a believer's ear.  
He giveth grace for every trial,  
He casteth out all fear.  
He comforts every aching heart,  
Bowed down with grief and pain.  
We cast our burdens on the Lord  
And He doth e'er sustain.

**MORRIS MN****Esther Schaefer****Corrine Schmidgall**

Flourishing youth, Thou our hope  
and our fond expectation,  
Hark to the voice that is calling  
in kind invitation!  
That hand obey which oft has  
pointed the way  
To the dear Saviour's salvation!

On June 9 we were privileged to host the Youth Fellowship, including the Jr. and Sr. Bible classes, and some of the teachers from the Winthrop, Minneapolis, Lester, and West Bend churches. How thankful we are, to see the youth gather together to worship and fellowship, for truly this is our church of tomorrow. We want to thank the teachers and children for their visit. It was truly an enjoyable and blessed day together, in spite of the heavy rain all day. We were fortunate to have Bro. Uriel Gehring of the Burlington congregation give an inspirational message to the youth.

Our visiting ministers were Bros. Bob Grimm of Goodfield, El-

mer Schmidt of Winthrop, Carl Hartman of Sabetha, George Gramm of Gridley, Noah Gerber of West Bend, and Joe Schrock of Gengerville.

Judy Durkee (Lloyd and Dorothy) and Dennis Wulf (Bro. Leonard and Sis. Violet) were married at the Lloyd Durkee home on June 8 by Elder Bro. Paul Fehr.

Bro. Lloyd and Sis. Diane Fehr are the parents of a son, Bradley Allen, born June 12. Bradley has one sister, Julie and two brothers, Gary and Randy to welcome him. Paternal grandparents are Bro. Paul and Sis. Anna Fehr.

Sis. Nancy Dogotch (Bro. Leo and Sis. Thelma) and Bro. Tony Messner of Minneapolis (Bro. Leo and Sis. Georgia) announced their engagement. A July wedding is being planned.

We extend our sympathy to Bro. Mark and Sis. Diane Kellenberger, in the loss of their son, Randy Aldon, who was stillborn.

The Luthi reunion was held on June 29, at the A. C. Fellowship Center. There was 151 in attendance.

We are happy to have George Sauder (son of Virgil and Mildred) back home safe again, after being discharged from the service in the army.

**MORTON IL****Mrs. Keith Stevig****Mrs. Harry Kaiser**

Our Vacation Bible School was well attended. In addition to the elementary classes, we had a class for high school students and a class for young members. These two classes had a special topic and a different teacher each night. Our 6th, 7th and 8th graders made 500 school kits and 1000 tablets for World Relief as their craft project.

The following couples were married during June: Gail Taufer and William Mayo, June 9; Shirley Heiniger and Edward Wilson, June 15; Robert Stephens and Carla Aberle, June 22; Valerie Koehl and James Steffen, June 29; Sis. Anne Causey and Bro. Steve Hauter, June 30.

We thank (Bros.) Andy Virkler (Bay City) and Ed Hohulin (Goodfield) for the blessings they shared with us in their ministry.

Observing their 50th wedding anniversary were Henry and Sis. Salome Beyer. They have two daughters, Sis. Delores (Mrs. How-

ard) Rapp and Sharlene (Mrs. Don) Frintz.

We rejoice with the angels in heaven over every sinner that repenteth. Six more dear souls who were added to the fold are: Mary Jo (Mrs. Jack) Hirstein; Terry and Diana Zimmerman Rassi; Doris (Mrs. Wm.) Michel; Liz Beckham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Beckham; and John Hauter, son of Bro. Ed and Sis. Shirley.

Those in the hospital during June were: (Sisters) Florence Schmidgall, Mary (Mrs. August) Roecker, Ruth Hermann, Dorothy Krantz, Bro. Joe Witzig, Robert Hermann, Philip Hauter, Paul Rapp, and Greg Menold.

Bro. Gottlieb and Sis. Dorothy Hari have sold their home and moved to their new duplex at the Eureka Home.

Thank you: When we try to put into words our thanks for the thoughts, prayers, gifts and cards for us, we fail miserably. As we cared for our precious little daughter, Becky, and after, the kindness of our friends were just overwhelming. We wish to thank you from the bottom of our hearts. We loved her so dearly, but how much more she is loved by her Father in Heaven and even in our times of sorrow, our burden became bearable because our friends cared so much. Gary and Mary Kay Rumbold.

**Know Each Other Better**

The following article was written by Bro. Ted Schick:

I am twenty years old and only a babe in God's wonderful family. I was baptized into the fold on my 18th birthday and it was Father's Day and June 18. The two years in the faith have been the most rewarding years of my life.

I am very thankful for my God-fearing parents, who as a result of their loving me helped lead me to the cross and salvation, knowing that there are those parents who do not even care or seemingly do not care what their own or their children's eternal destiny is.

Enjoying the pleasures of my former sinful life, living each day in sin, and not caring or seemingly not caring if I was to meet death unprepared (although I'm sure at times my thoughts dwelt thereupon), my brother, my cousin and I were involved in a car accident

that almost claimed my life. I, who was seated in the death seat (right hand side, front) was injured very critically. At the hospital, the doctors had almost no hope of my life.

Being unconscious for ten weeks, only the prayers of my parents and many other loved ones, and certainly the infinite, generous love of God revived me.

After regaining consciousness, not having any foreknowledge of the incident that occurred ten weeks earlier or not being forewarned that I'd be in the hospital, I thought eternity had started and I was lost in hell forever. That in itself should have stimulated enough fear to move me to repent by the grace of God, but like a stubborn sinner, I held on to my sin-inflicted life. (I also had the thought that Satan would come and spank me or kill me or do some terrible thing to me.)

To explain my parents, who are redeemed, and other folk's presence, who I had classified as saved, I thought God with His boundless mercy had let these people pass from heaven to hell to visit me. I sure was far off from the truth, although I did remember the story of Lazarus and the rich man.

Before this, I wasn't able to talk or even make an audible sound out of my mouth. To call a nurse, I had not the perception to push a button by my bedside, so I was to rattle the bedrail and one of my roommates, being instructed before, was to push the button for me.

After I was fairly convinced that I was in the hospital and not in hell, my outlook got a little better, not living each day in regret that I hadn't repented, although I do regret not giving up my sinful life earlier, but what's in the past can't be changed. We have to strive for that which is before us, Heaven.

Life went on. Each day was the same routine—breakfast, exercises, visitors mingled in the course of my activities, supper, and bed.

Slowly, ever so slowly, I improved until one day the hospital let me go home for a day. Before this I was unable to utter an audible sound, except whisper. This was the time my first word was said.

I finally was able to go home in August, 1970. I had been in the

hospital nine months. A particular sorrow that occurred while I was yet in the hospital was when my grandfather passed away.

Talking with people I love dearly and who are interested in my welfare helped time to softly, sweetly fly. I often think of the song, "Love at Home".

Prayer was certainly instrumental in my life, both materially and spiritually. Prayer also sustains me each day of my life. Through prayer, I make my requests known unto God, who in return blesses my efforts to remain on the road to recovery. (I need your prayers also.)

After being in a hospital so long it behooves me to ever have a heart to help those who are less fortunate, and our hearts should ever go out to the less fortunate souls throughout the world.

After all that has happened in my life, I can only but say humbly, but with much emphasis, "I'm only a sinner saved by grace." If sins are heavy upon your heart, ask the Lord to call you and grant you grace to repent. He'll never fail you. When I was young, I do remember praying and asking the Lord to call me. I must have foreseen the difficulty I'd have repenting. I remember times when I had asked the Lord to let my life almost be taken, but not quite, through a car accident. I needed to be severed from the worldly lure, and I was. **Praise God!**

For a believer, whatever venture he may choose, there is no way for him to lose if he first seeks God's advice and will.

## PRINCEVILLE IL

### Ruth Ricketts

**It is well to live and let live, but it is better to live and help live.**

On Wednesday evening June 12, Bro. Andy Leman of Roanoke and Sis. Margaret Ehnle of our congregation were united in marriage, with relatives and friends sharing their joy. Bros. Eugene Bertschi and David Kieser took part in this solemn act. Following services, a reception for relatives and close friends was held at the home of Bro. Dave and Sis. Beulah Ehnle. We will miss Sis. Margaret, for we all felt a deep sincere love for her.

The following Sunday, June 16, many relatives and friends were present to witness the marriage

ceremony uniting Bro. Bill Stoller and Sis. Kathleen Herrmann. Bro. Edwin Ringger of Gridley, who is an uncle to both Bill and Kathleen, gave them much good advice. They were encouraged to read the Bible together often, as it is the key to a happy married life. Bro. Dave Kieser took their vows and pronounced them husband and wife. Other visiting ministers who came to share their day, were (Bros.) Cleo Rinkenberger of Pulaski, Nathan Stoller of Bradford, both uncles of the couple; Jim Ringger also of Bradford, and Phil Sauder of Cissna Park. We are thankful that Princeville is the home church of Bro. Bill and Sis. Kathleen.

"Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins. . ." Another cherished week-end was June 21 and 22, when Ervin and Lorraine Martin were added to the fold. Bro. Charles Hemmer of Peoria came to help Bro. Dave Kieser with the testimonies of the new-found faith of their cousin Ervin and wife, Lorraine. Both gave stirring testimonies and had to admit it was the prayers of their loved ones, all those concerned for them, that helped them through their hours of trials. Ervin, having suffered a heart attack, was almost too sick to pray, but said he could feel all were praying for him. God answered by healing his spirit as well as his body. Both are so thankful and had to confess they have never been so happy and their hearts are filled to overflowing.

We were glad to have Sis. Lorraine's parents, Bro. Eli and Sis. Grimm, and Bro. Clifford Grimm and others of West Bend share the joys with us. Bro. Clifford occupied the pulpit in the morning and brought forth a number of good teachings to ponder over. We feel the prayers of Bro. Chris Martin for his son have been answered, and now Bro. Ervin has the hope of meeting his father some day in Heaven.

Bro. John and Sis. Louise (Miller) Baurer quietly observed their 50th wedding anniversary the first part of June. Shortly after, Bro. John was admitted to the hospital, where he is undergoing tests. We hope he will soon be able to return to his home.

Sis. Nellie Woertz became very ill quite suddenly and was taken to the hospital, where she under-

went tests, and has now returned to her home where she is on a very strict diet. She is very weak, but is slowly gaining more strength. She wishes to thank everyone for their prayers, visits, and many cards and other remembrances during her shut-in days. She covets the prayers of all and appreciates all kindnesses. . . Nellie is missed at the sink at church, for she was there every Sunday doing her part.

Bro. Ray Martin is making satisfactory recovery from a hernia operation. He feels good, but is not allowed to work for several weeks. Our friend, Emanuel Streitmatter, suffered a heart attack and is in the hospital, but thankful to hear he is making satisfactory improvement and hopes to be coming home within the next few days.

A son was born June 21 to Randy and Linda Stisser and will answer to the name of Alex Jordan. A little brother welcomed him home, as did grandparents, Bro. Loris and Sis. Lottie Stisser and Frances Krey; and a great-grandmother, Lydia Stisser.

Several times during the past month, God has shown His mighty strength and power, when we experienced some very severe storms. There was quite a lot of wind damage, as well as much flooding from the heavy rains. The past week has been especially nice, and farmers are now almost caught up with their field work.

#### TREMONT IL

**Mary Jane Leuthold / Lydia Rassi**

The children spent two weeks of summer Bible school, learning a little more of our Lord and Saviour and the way He wants us to follow him, so we may attain a heavenly home. We pray these teachings will linger in their hearts and minds for years to come.

Many willing hearts shared in the annual church cleaning, and how this must please the Lord, to see God's house clean of all spots and stains. May we apply this to our hearts also, not an annual cleaning, but every day remove all spot and stain.

We held the Sunday School picnic on Father's Day, and young and old alike shared the joy of being together with kindred hearts and minds.

Bros. Steve Sauder and Bill Huette were placed in Sunday

School, and Bro. Arnold Rassi is our new trustee. May the Lord grant each one of these brothers grace to be led and guided by His Spirit, that God's will may be done.

Bro. Dale and Sis. Jane Kaufman and Jody and Andrea received a new little bundle from heaven. Brad Robert arrived June 30.

#### ROANOKE IL

**Edith Sauder                      Mae K. Hodel**

God does not open the windows of heaven to the person who keeps his Bible shut!

We welcomed Dee Fehr (Bro. Carl and Sis. Louise) and Lynn Fischer (Bro. Gerald and Sis. Marge) into the fold June 9; they had given their testimony on Saturday evening. We wish them much grace and wisdom from above.

Bro. Jerry and Sis. Bonnie Getz welcomed a little daughter, Teresa Lou, June 5. She has a little sister, Tammy and a brother, Timmy. Bro. Rick and Sis. Raylene Zimmerman have a son, Jeremy Ray, born June 12. His little sister, Robin welcomed him home.

Hospitalized were Ollie Kempf; (Sisters) Norene Herbst, Helen Mangold, Anna (John) Mangold, Martha Martin, Mary (David) Belsly; Bro. Joe Rassi, Bro. Mark Hodel, David Sauder.

We are going down the valley one by one! We had five burials in our cemetery in one week!

Interment services were held for Mrs. Rose (Schupp) Schumacher. Her husband, Henry survives, as do three sisters, Mrs. Clara Bierwirth, Mrs. Ann Pyle, and Mrs. Freida Appleton; and two brothers, Herman and Fred Schupp.

Services were held for our friend William Hangartner June 19. He is survived by his dear wife Anna; a daughter, Mrs. Doris Irving; a son Marvin; two brothers, Chris and Joseph.

Services were held for Bro. John Bowald, June 20. He and his wife Sis. Carrie (Hodel) would have observed their 62nd wedding anniversary on June 23. She survives; also two sons, (Bros.) Arthur and Earl; a daughter, Sis. Doris; a sister, Sis. Leah Winzeler.

Our oldest sister, Hulda Beer, 96 years, passed away and services were held on June 21. She is sur-

vived by two sons, Roy and Irvin; three daughters, Mrs. Ella Blunier, Mrs. Anne Hangartner, and Sis. Margaret Beer; three brothers, Joseph, Daniel, David Steffen; one sister, Sis. Emma Schumacher. A double portion of sympathy goes to Mrs. Anne Hangartner, as her husband and mother were both laid to rest this week.

Burial services were held for Mrs. Tillie (Schumacher) Barth on June 21. She is survived by her husband, Henry.

The annual Sunday School picnic was held in the Eureka 4H Park Sunday, June 23.

We were happy to have Bro. Carl Kipfer, Elder Bro. Leroy Huber, and Bro. Charles Sauder as our visiting ministers.

Capt and Mrs. Morris Wiegand have returned from Texas, where he was stationed while serving in the Air Force. He is the last one to return home.

Chris and Cindi (Aeschleman) Harrell are the happy parents of little Bethany Sue, born June 21.

We want to sincerely thank everyone for the help and the kindness shown in so many ways, including the prayers in our behalf, during my stay in the hospital, my father's stay at the Apostolic Christian Home at Eureka and since our return home. Bro. Fred and Sis. Norene Herbst.

#### WICHITA KS

**Glennis Allenbach**

"Distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality."

"For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister."

I believe we of the Wichita congregation could use the above scriptures as our form for the month of July, our open house being July 14 and our dedication the 28th of July.

June has been a very busy month. Patty (Bowers) Miskemmons gave her testimony and was baptized. We were so happy she could do this, before leaving for her new home in Texas. She is another example of remembering the teachings, while still a child at home.

We have had many visitors. A baby shower was given Sally Funk, while on a visit home.

We have a new addition to our congregation. Tyson Charles Langhofer, new son of Steve and Jeanie.

Also during June we had our 5-day Bible School. We feel the effort put into it is well worth while. Teaching the children things of importance, while relating to them on their level can be a bit difficult, but I can certainly say you will receive a blessing. I helped Sis. Judy Langhofer with grades 4 and 5, the in-between age. One of our main objectives was to instill in them the wish to follow the examples of Christ in forming their values in life, for a happier life. I almost felt I had visited the times of Christ during His early life and ministry.

On June 30, our Priscilla Bower was united in marriage to Lynn Frank. Bro. Raymond Banwart, elder from Ft. Scott, performed the ceremony. We have all confidence that this marriage will last. We often hear in the world today, "I wonder how long that marriage will last!" Among believers we need not fear. We read, "God setteth the solitary in families:"

During my husband's recuperation, one of the men we dealt with made a statement that impressed me. As I recall he said, "No one ever fails; they just quit."—May we never quit the Lord.

#### WOLCOTT IN

Arles Kropf Marjean Lehman

Soon will the season of rescue be o'er;

Soon will they drift to eternity's shore.

Haste then, my brother, no time for delay,

But throw out the lifeline and save them today.

We are thankful that God is still calling, and souls are still finding grace to repent.

Haste and seek your soul's salvation;

Heed the word of God today!

Haste to flee His condemnation;

Seek the straight and narrow way.

Evil are the worldly pleasures

Leading to eternal fire;

Seek the everlasting treasure,

Ere the day of grace expire.

Remington opened their church home to our assembly for Vacation Bible School, from June 3-7. It was

a blessed week for His children and friends of all ages.

Our annual Sunday School picnic was held on June 9 at the Reynolds Fairgrounds. A pot-luck meal was enjoyed by all, followed by presentation of promotion gifts and a short song service.

Those hospitalized were: Sis. Viola Kyburz for tests, Sis. Nancy Christopher for tests at Bluffton, and Ben Miller for surgery.

Bro. Sam Furrer would like to thank each one for their thoughtfulness by prayers and cards while he was in the hospital and since he has returned home. He has been restored with a measure of good health again.

#### AKRON OH

Katherine Ries

The week of June 17-21 was a most blessed one for all who were able to attend the Vacation Bible School. **The History of Believers from the Apostles to S. H. Froehlich** was presented by Bro. Ben Hartzler on Monday evening, while Bro. Rudy Graf presented **The Church from S. H. Froehlich to 1974** on Tuesday evening. On Wednesday, Bros. Paul Gasser and Ernest Graf spoke on **Sacrifices Past and Present**. Bros. Henry Dotterer and Eugene Pamer brought us **The Signs of the Times** on Thursday, using today's current events and their meanings as related to the Bible. On Friday evening when Bro. Robert Indermuhle was unable to attend because of sickness in his home, Bro. Eugene Pamer spoke on **Science and the Bible**. The Senior and Junior high school classes used the King James Bible throughout the week, under direction of the teachers, discussing questions and topics suggested by students. The elementary grade classes, under the direction of their teachers used materials approved by Apostolic Christian Sunday School Committee. In all, we are grateful for the subjects chosen, and thank our elder, ministers, Sunday School superintendent and teachers, and Bros. Ben Hartzler and Henry Dotterer of Rittman, for their participation in the Vacation Bible School. It was wonderful.

Sis. Frida Gruenig is at her home after surgery and is progressing satisfactory. We are happy to report Friend Susan (Jerry) Ritzman is able to assemble with

us again after hospitalization. Friend Howard (Alice) Dockus is satisfactory after surgery. His home address is 3383 Albrecht Ave., Akron O 44312.

It is so nice to welcome Sis. Alma (Gasser) Graf, the bride of Bro. Robert, to our assembly.

#### ALTO MI

Sue Root

Elder Bro. Joe Waibel was with us to announce Communion. We were reminded to go into our closet and pray that every fault and failing would be revealed, that we would not betray our Lord.

Bro. Jim Ramseyer was with us also and shared many reminders of our responsibilities as children of the light. We thank these brothers and those who came with them for serving, that we might be benefitted by it.

Sis. Ellen (Bro. Ernie) Oesch was hospitalized for a short time, but is home and feeling fine. Sis. Kathryn Grawburg was again hospitalized, but has returned home and is able to assemble with us.

We extend our thanks to the Toledo Sunday School and those that came with them for spending the day with us.

#### BERN KS

Esther & Stella Moser

May we in perfect love be found  
As we Thy table, Lord, surround.

After singing these words, we went to that upper room in thought, where we then broke bread and took the cup. As often as we do this, may it strengthen us as we journey on toward Zion. We are always thankful for Bro. Gene Marti's assistance in this service.

Our visiting ministers bringing the word to us: Bros. Floyd Weiland (Detroit), Joe Aberle (Sabetha), Wayne Miller (Fort Scott).

Sis. Mary Plattner (Bro. Lee) was hospitalized several days for tests.

Sis. Lena Garber is now a resident of the A. C. Home.

Twice in a few short hours the death angel made his presence known in our community. Emery Meyer, June 29, age 74; Ernest Gerber next morning, June 30, age 94.

Emery Meyer, Oneida, was born

to Conrad and Rosina Meyer near Bern, and lived in the Bern-Oneida community most of his life. He was married to Lydia Bieri. Sis. Lydia survives, along with their three sons, Andrew (Kansas City KS), Eldon (Independence, Mo.), Clyde (Omaha); four daughters: Anna Rose Lang (DuBois, Nebr.), Ellen Rostetter (Holton), Sis. Ruth Hertzler (Sabetha), Sis. Alma Bolliger (Tremont); three sisters, Sisters Sophia McClanahan—Sabetha, Amanda and Sarah Meyer; Bro. Roy Meyer (Bern).

Ernest Gerber was born at Langnair, Switzerland and came to the states when he was 17. He farmed most of his lifetime in the Oneida area. The past years he was a resident at the A. C. Home, where he always enjoyed visitors. He was married to Clara Moser, who died in 1965. Five sons survive, Bros. Edward and Theo. (Lester), Clarence (Oneida), Gilbert (Sabetha), Paul (Calif.).

We extend our sympathy to all who now weep and mourn over the loss of their loved ones. May they find comfort in the following words:

Out of the depths of my loneliness,  
Up through the walls of despair  
Comes the wonderful solace and  
healing  
Of the life-giving mercy of prayer.

I walk with my Lord through the  
shadows;

I pray to my Lord and I'm strong.  
Only His goodness sustains me;  
He lifts up my heart with a song.

I know I am nothing without Him;  
My hope and my faith would be  
gone.

Without my Lord I should perish;  
Alone I could never go on.

#### ELGIN IL

Louise Steffen/Katie Kachelmuss

When pure and upright hearts by  
flames of love ignited  
Are by the bond of faith more  
firmly yet united,  
The light of hope beams forth in  
radiance far and nigh,  
Invites us to partake the blessings  
from on high.

This we sang, after Bro. Douglas Kellenberger and Sis. Sue Schock were united in Holy Matrimony by Bro. Herman Kellenberger. They

will be living at 614 Addison St., Elgin IL 60120 for awhile, but will be going down to Champaign to make their home later on.

Bros. Joshua Broquard and Perry Zimmerman were with us and assisted in serving Holy Communion. Also visiting here were Bros. Maurice Frank and Gary Maibach and God's precious word was divided richly among us.

Birth: A daughter, Stephanie Lynn, born June 4 to Bro. Stanley and Sis. Norma (Frank) Schambach. They live at 325 Washburn St., Elgin IL 60120.

Sis. Ricka (Jacob) Stettner, who had been living at our Resthaven Home for a short time suffered a stroke and is now at Sherman Hospital. Sis. Clara (Ben) Knobloch has also been hospitalized for surgery; they live at 1011 Augusta Ave., Elgin IL 60120. Sis. Lydia Messerschmidt, who is at the Mary Margaret Manor Nursing Home has also been ill, but is getting a little better.

#### ELGIN IA

Eleanor Butikofer

Summer is here officially and in reality. We have been blessed with rains and sunshine, and our crops, meadows and gardens are flourishing. Mercury did climb to the 90th degree within the last week, but as of today the temperature is about 68, which is indeed very pleasant. The farmers have been busy cultivating corn and putting up hay. The white blooms of the elderberry are beginning to appear. The young bluebirds have flown, as have also the brown thrashers that were living in a gooseberry shrub at the edge of our garden. We are so happy that they are yet giving us their songs.

During a visit with Sis. Marie Butikofer, she disclosed that teaching a month of German school four different years was an enjoyable experience. The subjects she taught were reading, writing, music and some grammar. This took place in the month of March, which marked the spring vacation time of the public school year, thus affording a place for the school to be held. The attendance Marie recalls was about 30 children. The big day was the last day, when an interesting program was given, which consisted of poems and songs and when the writing copy books were passed around for in-

spection and admiration of the parents and friends. The treat from the teacher to the pupils was always an orange and one stick of colored peppermint candy.

Marie thinks Grandpa Gehring was the originator of the idea and was the first teacher. It was discontinued after 1914. Sis. Lena Schupbach recalls of having gone when he taught. After grandpa quit, Sis. Rosetti Hany taught for many years. Marie recalls of having attended Rosette's teaching for twelve consecutive years. She seemingly was a dear person who was fond of children. The Hany's had lost three children within one week's time, when diptheria was rampant.

One of my dear friends, a sister in faith imparted this thought. One of the lesson's life has taught her is to have patience in illness. Somehow it seems to tend to ease the trouble. Then too this patience is achieved only by way of prayer.

We were blessed in having had two visiting ministers during June, Bros. Uriel Gehring and Albert Wuthrich.

Bro. Dale Moore is taking a series of treatments at the hospital in Waterloo, driving five days a week. He is feeling quite well.

Sis. Janette Schupbach conducted a 5-day Bible School. The enrollment was nine pupils. A very nice number of projects were completed, all depicting Bible history.

#### EUREKA IL

Cathryn Wettstein  
Salome Schumacher

Our visiting ministers were as follows: Bros. Merle Kaisner, Art Bahler, Joshua Broquard, Fairbury.

It has been an unusual thing this month at the "Home", in that three of our patients were called home to be with Jesus. First was Sis. Julia Leman, age 90, (Bro. Vernon's mother), June 12. She had been a resident for 3½ years. Next was Bro. Louis Funk, age 89 years, who was a patient less than a month. Then Sis. Rose Schurch, 81 years old, who was a patient about two weeks. She had been in a nursing home in El Paso, Ill., for more than 3 months before entering our Home. We really miss those dear old folks, after working with them and trying to make their last days as comfortable as possible. Bro. Louis passed away

June 17 and Sis. Rose on the 28th of June.

June 22, our two friends Tim Carr and Joyce Crawford were given their chance to tell of their conversion. Bro. Josh Broquard helped Bro. Leroy Huber. He is the husband of Sis. Donna (Martin) Carr and she is the wife of Maurice Crawford and mother of Sis. Diane Crawford. The next day they were both baptized and are now our brother and sister in faith.

Two baby boys and one baby girl were born: Bro. and Sis. Curt and Beth (Hodel) Rocke, a son, June 19; he has been named Brad Allen. He has a sister and a brother. Bro. Roger and Sis. Wendy (Ehnle) Blunier have their first child, a boy, born June 20. His name is Bruce Edward. Bro. and Sis. Robert and Sharon (Kenagy) Stoller have a girl, born June 22. She has a brother and two sisters and has been named Melissa Ann.

Sis. Ada Zimmerman was a surgical patient in Eureka Hospital, but is now home. Bro. Walter Schumacher (Salome's husband) is a surgical patient in Eureka Hospital. Sis. Martha Grusy has been a medical patient in Eureka Hospital. Sis. Nettie Knapp, who lives in the "Home" fell and broke her hip. She was a patient in Proctor Hospital for two weeks, but is now back again. She is Bro. Kores Knapp's wife.

Our newest residents in the "Home" are Bro. and Sis. Noah and Hulda Gerber from Fort Wayne, Indiana.

#### FAIRBURY IL

Joyce Huber

We rejoice that two sisters, Mrs. Joe Slagel and Mrs. Wm. VanAntwerp have sought the Lord Jesus Christ as their Saviour, and believe they received peace in their hearts from God.

Bro. Harvey Schieler has the added responsibility to teach a Sunday School class.

We enjoyed visiting ministers (Bros.) Joe Stoller, Bob Walder, Clarence Kachelmuss.

We are sorry for those who have been hospitalized: Bro. Eli Moser, (Sisters) Nancy Steffen, Lena Hohulin, Lavina Kilgus, Clara Steffen, and Dorothy Steffen (in the hospital in Chicago).

An annual Sunday School picnic was held June 30 with many

attending, and the weather being nice, it made a wonderful evening.

Note: I wish to thank all those that remembered me with prayers, gifts, cards, etc., while I was in the hospital and since I'm home. Sis. Marie Broquard.

#### FORREST IL

Juanita Schneider

Kathryn Steidinger

Thus united and in concord,  
Let us walk the path of life  
Hand in hand, O may love bind us,  
For each other's welfare strive.

Susan Leman (Bro. Sidney and Sis. Helen) and Greg Best are now at home in Connecticut following their marriage. Sis. Nancy (Bro. Harvey and Sis. Velma Jean Ifft) and Marvin Dotterer (Bro. John and Sis. Betty) are now living near Rittman. Tom (Bro. Richard and Sis. Marian Rieger) and Barbara Sullivan Rieger have established a home in Forrest. Stanley (Bro. Homer and Sis. Virginia) and Peggy Adams Blunier are living near here, where they both are employed. We are looking forward to having Bro. Craig Rudin (Bro. Willard and Sis. Tillie) and Sis. Trudy Zimmerman (Bro. Glen and Sis. Mildred) assemble with us when they return from their wedding trip. What God hath joined together let man never put asunder.

Our friend Kevin Huette (Bro. Art and Sis. Velda) was in the hospital for a few days because of injuries from a car accident. (Sisters) Rosetta Stoller and Leona Ricketts spent some time in the hospital; we are thankful to have them assemble with us again. Sis. Martha Honegger and Bro. Ed Stoller have been back in our midst again after being missing for some time. Bro. Harve Leman had surgery at Carle Hospital again and is now convalescing at his home.

Guide me to those who need my help,

Teach me to see their need,  
That I may speak the word that cheers

And do the kindly deed.  
And if the work Thou shall appoint

Is what the world counts small,  
Make me content with my lot  
And faithful in it all.

Ministers sowing the seed in our midst were Bros. Eugene Fetter, George Yergler, Merle Bucher, Ed Alt, Merle Kaisner and Art Bahler.

Lighten the heart of a friend today,

Brighten a life that's dim,  
For when you're kind to Christ's brethren

You show your love for Him.

#### FT SCOTT KS

Ida Sinn

Summer has moved in with all its heat. We are having 100 degree temperatures.

Ben Reber's family, relatives and friends have been saddened by his death on June 25. We extend our sincere sympathy to them. He lived at Fall River, Kans. and the body was brought here for burial. (Bros.) George Lambert and Raymond Banwart had charge of the services. In closing Bro. George Lambert quoted:

My Father's way twists and turns;  
My Heart may throb and ache,  
But in my soul I'm glad to know  
He maketh no mistake.

My cherished plans may go astray,  
My hopes may fade away,  
But still I trust my Lord to lead  
For Father knows the way.

There's so much now I cannot see;  
My eye is still so dim,  
But come what may I still can trust  
And leave it all to Him.

For by and by the mist will lift  
And darkness turn to day;  
Then looking back, we'll praise His name,  
Who led us all the way.

#### ROCKVILLE CT

Carlton J. Lanz

This is Summer. The weather tells us this. We have been experiencing a heat wave, accompanied by some intense humidity. It reminds me of what a western farmer once said, "Corn grows best when man cannot sleep." He referred no doubt to evenings and nights when it became so muggy and humid. We have had just this kind of weather.

Our oldest member now at Rockville is Sis. Lena Limberger. She

was 89 July 16. She does not assemble with us at church services because of her age. Yet she is not bedridden. Her daughters, Sis. Anna Thompson, with whom she lives, and Sis. Emma Herzig care for her tenderly. She likes the Silver Lining and looks for it each month. She said she missed it when the Rockville column was omitted for awhile. One of her daughters has to read it to her because of her failing vision.

A sizeable group of members met at the home of Bro. Peter and Sis. Vergene Hany on Saturday evening, where they sang from the Gospel Hymn books, which was followed by Scripture reading and prayer. At the close of the evening, Bro. Gerald Ludwig and Sis. Heidi Aberle, whose engagement had been announced, were presented with several lovely place settings of china. Gerald's mother is Sis. Lina (Hoffman) Ludwig, and Heidi's are Bro. Edwin and Ernestine (Kupferschmid) Aberle. A July wedding is planned.

A daughter, Denise Renee, was born to Erwin and Armintha Ruch. The grandparents are Bro. John and Sis. Anna Ruch, and Mr. and Mrs. Meir of Houston, Texas. Erwin was transferred there from Hartford, Conn. sometime ago, where he and his wife now live. He is in the insurance business.

### PHOENIX AZ

Ann Mangold

It is a good thing to give thanks unto the LORD, and to sing praises unto thy name, O most High."

Sis. Ellen Yackley and Bro. Tony Funk were united in marriage on June 9. They are living near Garden Grove. Judy Baumgartner, daughter of Bro. Glen and Sis. Alice was joined in marriage to Ken Clayborn.

Sis. Lois Elasser is undergoing surgery in Rochester, Mn. There is always an empty place in the congregation when a sister or brother is ill and unable to attend . . .

Sis. Kate Blumenschein would like to thank everyone for their cards, visits and prayers during her bereavment in the loss of her husband, Bro. Carl. Undoubtedly one of a Christian's richest blessings is to be able to say what Sis. Kate said of Bro. Carl, "He was prepared."

### SABETHA KS

Mrs. Joe Steiner

We enjoyed the visit of Bro. Roy Farney recently. We thank Bro. Roy for the words of Life he brought us and invite him to return. An hour of singing and fellowship was held that evening at the Fellowship Hall.

Sis. Irene Lehman spent a couple of days in the hospital with a Strep throat infection. She has returned home.

### LA CROSSE IN

Lorene Moser/Mary E. Gudeman

With the help of God, with much preparation we enjoyed a blessed week of Vacation Bible School. Our visitors were Elder Bros. Wendell Gudeman (Francesville), Loren Stoller, (Latty), Bros. Ben Fehr (Roanoke) and Aaron Steffen (Alto). It is truly a foretaste of greater joy when we can lay aside our earthly duties, go to the house of worship and hear precious Bible teachings and instructions from our brethren.

A precious gift,—a baby boy, Michael Arthur, was born to Bro. Bob and Sis. Diane Gudeman on June 4. Melissa, Michelle and Matthew welcomed him home. Grandparents are Bro. Art and Sis. Mary Gudeman, and Mr. and Mrs. Russell Shape of Rockford, Ohio.

Hospital patients and dismissed are, Friend James Cambem, husband of Joan (Heiniger) who had back surgery, and Bro. Bert Bucher, who had eye surgery. They are recovering nicely and Bro. Bert is assembling with us again. We pray for God's presence for Sis. Lena Nuest, who has been sick, but is improved. We miss her presence on Sundays.

The protecting hand of God was with Bro. Ben and Sis. Lena Hitz, when a tornado was in the path of their farm. A barn and shed was demolished, and the upstairs of their home was damaged.

Our congregation was pleasantly surprised to have Bro. Arnold Gerst (Chicago) with us June 23.

"And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel." We are truly overflowing with joy and happiness, when Jeff Fritz (Bro. Harold and Sis. Sherrill), Jill Nuest (Bro. Jack and Sis. Vera), and Shari Bucher (Bro. Merle and Sis. Leona) answered

the gentle calling of our loving Saviour. What a wonderful blessing that dear ones are turning away from sin and darkness and surrendering their life to Jesus. May they look up for strength and guidance.

The skillful craftsman takes the wood,  
Or steel or brick or stone,  
With which to make most carefully  
A comfortable new home.

This house tis true is shelter,  
From wind and storm and weather,  
Gives comfort from the sun's hot rays,  
These rich blessings all together.

But what really makes a house a home?  
Love of family, friend, and neighbor,  
And last but best for a home that's warm  
Is God's love in our daily labor.

There's another home with the warmth of love  
That outweighs earth's grandest beauties;  
It's a mansion that awaits the blest,  
When they've finished their earthly duties.

Submitted by one of our brothers-in-faith.

### PEORIA IL

Betty Miller

Our youngsters attended Vacation Bible School June 10-21. Much thanks for the success of this worthwhile learning experience is due the planners, teachers, parents, and cooperative children. Lessons, songs, prayers, and crafts make up Vacation Bible School for the 4-14 year-olds. The high school and college-age students were privileged to hear the following: Bros. Roy Sauder, Don Sauder, Ed Alt, Leroy Hartman, Jim Hoerr, Ed Ringger, Bob Grimm, and Charles Hemmer. June 23, the annual Sunday School picnic was held at Fellowship Hall.

Bro. Steve and Sis. Edna Schurter, Sis. Donna Ferraro, and Bro. Dean Hoerr rejoice that, by the grace of God, their souls are prepared for eternity. They were proved June 15 and baptized on the 16th.

We have been blessed with wonderful words of life from a number



of visiting ministers: June 16, (Bros.) Ben Fehr, Joe Zimmerman, and assisting in the baptisms. Gene Bertschi; June 23, Earl Kilgus; June 30, Junior Hale, Lavoyd Moore, John Byers, and teaching the high school Bible class, Lynn Klopfenstein; July 7, Willis Wiegand and Art Baurer.

We enjoyed having the Alabama company the last week-end in June. Music filled the air; love, fellowship, and precious teachings filled the spirits; and good food filled the physical bodies, as everyone sang, worshipped, and ate together.

Berniece Grose, Vi Geyer, and Sis. Clara Simon have been in the hospital. Sis. Nettie Witzig is home from the hospital. Sis. Emma Weyeneth is at the Home, no longer in the hospital, but very thin and unresponsive.

Bro. Gustav Schumacher died Sunday, July 7. Our sincere sympathy to his wife, Sis. Emily, and their family.

The Schumachers have two married daughters, Elsie Windsor and Anita Giese.

A baby boy was born to Bro. Ron and Sis. Mary Ann Herman June 7. Named Michael John, his sisters and brothers are Julie, Ronnie, Amy, and Joshua.

Bro. Larry and Sis. Lauren Sinn and family have moved to Lexington, Kentucky.

Sis. Pauline Farney wants to thank all her friends who remembered her on her 92nd birthday.

The founders of our nation believed in God and sought His guidance and help. Freedom of worship was considered to be of utmost importance. Let us pray that God's people in this country will always be able to worship and obey Him, that many more will be drawn into His service, and that our present-day leaders will truly believe in God and seek His guidance and help.

### TOKYO JAPAN

Yoshio Yamazaki / Marie Inoue

The month of June is our rainy season in central Japan. Skies are gray, humidity is high, and it rains almost everyday, but these rains are extremely important for rice farmers and for water storage in general and are a great blessing of God.

A special blessing was the arrival of our beloved elder brother,

Bro. Ben Maibach, his wife, Sis. Lorene; and children, Sisters Cindy, Sheryl . . . and Doug. As a dedicated brother, his messages were very inspirational to us. Services are a bit longer, as they are interpreted by Bro. Ehnle or Inoue. One of the many thoughts expressed in his messages concerned our example to others. We come to church and only visit with a few people, in comparison with the large numbers of people we come into contact with throughout the week—How do they see us? Do we live up to the example we portray on Sunday? Another thought was about an older brother who could no longer hear, but had a strong desire to attend church, mentioning that he could feel the presence of the Holy Spirit there. These teachings were especially timely to those of us living in this land who come into contact with many people each day, especially as we ride the trains, and also that we strive for a reverent and holy atmosphere in our small assemblies.

Accompanying the Maibach family was Sis. Kathie Huber of the Francesville church, who has accepted a request to spend one year with our churches. Her main responsibility will be teaching kindergarten at Shioda. Her profession is nursing, but she possesses many talents which qualify her as a teacher of young children. We are thankful for her, and pray that she will experience many joys in the Lord in her work and as she adds to the fellowship here. On July 8 she will begin a 3-week study program at a language school in Tokyo, to help her in adjusting to her work.

### BAY CITY

Carolyn Schamback

"Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." Several more souls have turned from their lives of sin to make their peace with God. Before I was converted, I felt I had a choice whether I would repent or not; but now I realize we can't choose whether we will or will not; we can only choose to repent now while there is eternal peace to be gained, or repent forever, with no hope of ever being at rest. Which will you choose?

We welcome to our congregation Bro. Randy Kellenberger (Sab-etha) and Terry Virkler (Naum-

burg). Terry is employed for the summer between college semesters . . . Randy, we hope, permanently! We are always glad to have new faces.

Announcement was made of the engagement of Bro. Brad Weiland to Sis. Vera Grusy of Congerville. Parents are Bro. Roy and Sis. Margaret Wieland and Bro. and Sis. Elmer Grusy.

Bro. Raymond Wieland is hospitalized and quite ill with a heart attack, but we received news that he is improving a little. We don't realize enough the power of the prayers of Christians; we were reminded recently to ask our elders and ministers to come and pray for our sick, not just those on their death bed, for God does hear and answer our prayers.

Bro. Ed Ringger of Gridley visited and ministered unto us. How blessed and fortunate we are that all our brethren, even from a distance, speak the TRUTH as shown by God! . . .

### DETROIT MI

Bonnie Popp

But I look up, into the face of Jesus,  
For there my heart can rest, my fears are stilled,  
And there is joy and love and light for darkness,  
Lend perfect peace and every hope fulfilled.

We are thankful that two souls have looked into the face of Jesus and desire to continue in God's will, as He has granted them perfect peace. May God's blessings continue in the lives of Joseph Bobchik and Julie Polk.

"For we being many are one bread, and one body: for we are all partakers of that one bread." . . . "Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." In following our Lord's command and in endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit, we gathered together on June 21 to share in the Lord's Supper. It was a very blessed time of humility, in remembering the suffering of our Saviour and a time of grateful sharing for the love we feel as brethren.

Our prayers will follow Elder Bro. Ben Maibach, Sis. Lorene and family upon their journey to the Orient. What a comfort to know

the Lord will watch between us while we are absent one from another . . .

Special wishes of happiness to the new couple, Bill and Janet Wieland, married June 28. Bill is the son of Bro. Guy and Sis. Rose Wieland; Janet, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Bollbuck.

### LEO IN

#### Mrs. Elias Souder

Elder Herman Kellenberger from Elgin spent a Sunday with us and ministering to our needs. He had come the day before to be at the meeting for the new children's home that is being planned.

We have had sickness here. Sis. Minnie Bertsch was back in the hospital. She is doing as well as can be expected. Sis. Leah Schwartz hasn't been able to assemble with us in church, but is getting better again.

Another sweet little girl was born to Janet and Bill Hartman. This is their second little girl.

Her name is Melissa.

Beautiful and well attended wedding showers for Diana Zimmer and Mark Souder and Kim Souder and Reynold Lengacher were given at the fellowship center. July 4 was the wedding day for Kim and Reynold. Kim works at Souders' Home Center and Reynold helps his father, who is a builder of churches and homes.

We visited the rest homes at Butler the first Sunday of the month. One's heart goes out to those lonely people when they say **I love you and Come back again.**

This is reunion time, and one must think how very wonderful that reunion in heaven will be, to meet our Lord and our loved ones.

The Stieglitz first-cousin reunion was held here. The Schwartz reunion was held at the Fellowship Center. Sun. the 14th is the date for the Edw. Getz Reunion. We always feel sad when there are vacant chairs, and this year Henry Getz (John's son) will not be present.

### BLOOMINGTON-NORMAL IL

#### Jeanie Haerr / Kayleen Heiniger

God has again richly blessed us during this past month, in the continuing development of our new church building. The two Sundays of June 2 and 9 were Open House, granting us the opportunity for

fellowship with many visitors. Our guests included Ministering Bros. Herman Kellenberger, Dave Kieser, Ed Hohulin, Don Sauder, and Ed Kloter. Then on June 23, the final preparations having been made, our new church building was solemnly, yet joyfully dedicated to the Lord's service. We were blessed with a beautiful day, a congregation of many visitors bringing love and fellowship, and messages of faith and hope by Bros. Roy Farney and Eugene Bertschi. In his message of dedication, Bro. Bertschi said that the strength of our new building might cause it to stand many, many years . . . Other ministering brethren on the day of dedication included Dan Koch, Ezra Feller, Ed Hohulin, Ed Alt, Marvin Stieglitz, Carl Kipfer, Eli Somerhalder, and Jesse Schrock. Although our Open Houses and Dedication are now a matter of history, we still offer a heartfelt invitation to anyone wishing to see our new edifice, built upon a rock, and together with our congregation worship the foundation of our faith, the Rock, Jesus Christ.

Surgical patients were Sis. Beverly Hari, two of her children Jim and Gale, and Sis. Pat Ebach. All are recovering well.

Friday evening church climaxed our Vacation Bible School. Following services, the Moms and Dads were privileged to listen to hymns sung by our teenagers and then to view the projects made that week.

### CROGHAN NY

#### Alice Virkler

O Spirit of God's strength and might,

Create in us new life and light.

O join us all in heart and mind,  
That access to God's throne we find,

Within Thy light!

What beautiful words the author has penned in this hymn, which we could sing together after partaking of Holy Communion. We thank God that we were able to assemble with the Naumburg congregation on Sunday, June 23, to witness the baptism of our new brother-in-faith, Charles Meeker. Surely this event brings into the minds of each of us the day when we stood in baptismal waters and made our promise to serve our God

for the remaining days of our life. We thank our elder brothers, Rudy Graf and John Bahler for sharing the day with us, for the messages they delivered through the Holy Spirit, and for sharing Holy Communion and the reading of the conference report. May each of us be mindful of the blessed day we could enjoy together, and take heed to the warnings and counsel given by our brothers.

A dear brother and sister-in-faith were laid to rest after being called home, following several weeks of sickness and hospitalization. Lawrence Farney's funeral services were held on June 12, by Bro. John Widrick. He is survived by his wife, Sis. Leona; one son, Ralph; four daughters, Rita Monnat and Jeanette Campany of Croghan; Marjorie Hewett, Camillus, and Ruth Hirschey, Crystal Lake, Illinois; three sisters, Mrs. Barbara Widmeyer and Sis. Catherine O'Brien, both of Beaver Falls, and Mrs. Lillian Jeffs, Rochester; three brothers, Jesse and Ray of Beaver Falls, and Melvin of Lowville. Bro. Lawrence served his God faithfully for many years, having taught many of us in Sunday School.

Services for Sis. Martha Steiner were held on June 13 by Bro. John Widrick. She is survived by one son, our ministering Bro. Norbert, and two grandchildren, Brenda MacDonald of Wisconsin, and Terri.

We are thankful that our Sis. Sarah Virkler can assemble with us again, after over a year's absence since she suffered a stroke in May of 1973. She has been hospitalized and at the homes of her sons during the past year, and certainly is rejoicing after being granted sufficient strength to again partake of the wonderful fellowship in God's house. Bro. Leon Virkler has again been admitted to the hospital, and Sis. Barbara Virkler expects to return home from the hospital, after several weeks of hospitalization.

We enjoyed and were blessed with the wonderful word of God through the visit of our ministering Bro. Earl Kilgus . . . We were strongly reminded of our duties and obligations while we walk this pathway of life.

On Sunday, July 7, the engagement of Sis. Lisa Grau and Bro.

Paul Schamback was made known to us.

August is collection month for the Silver Lining. You may give your contribution to this reporter.

#### GRIDLEY IL Dixie Ringger

After a cool and rainy June, it seems summer is finally here in the cornbelt. The crops are starting to look real good, and people are at their busiest.

We enjoyed the visit of many young members from Congerville and Tremont, June 23.

Bro. Dale Gramm and Sis. Kay Zeltwanger were married June 9 in Bremen by Bro. Earl Zeltwanger.

Bro. Roger and Sis. Elaine Witzig were blessed with a second son, Brandon Scott. Shannon is their other child . . . Bro. John and Sis. Jill Schlipf created some excitement with the arrival of twin boys, Jason Michael and Jaron Michael on June 10 . . . Bro. Joe and Sis. Karen Stoller welcomed the arrival of Scott William on June 17. Mark Edward is happy with a new brother.

Sis. Sally Gramm is busy helping the Alabama churches this summer. She will return to her studies at Ill. Wesleyan this fall.

Bro. Harold Schmidtgall and Clark Stoller were hospitalized for back ailments, but both are recovering.

Visiting ministers were Bros. Alfred Bahler, Roy Wieland, and Earl Zeltwanger.

Bro. Ray and Sis. Lydia Kuntz wish to thank all those who remembered them with cards and gifts on their 50th anniversary.

Sis. Minnie Stortz expresses her thanks for the lovely cards and remembrances she received when she had her 3rd heart pacer installed.

#### NAUMBURG NY Eleanor Herzog

We are rejoicing over a new brother in faith, Charles Meeker. May the Lord grant him much grace and happiness. Bros. Rudy Graf and John Bahler were with us for the proving and baptism, June 22 and 23.

In the evening on June 23, Bro. Rudy and Bro. John helped us observe Holy Communion, when we were reminded of Calvary, where

Jesus died and shed his blood for all mankind. Afterwards the conference report was read to us. Truly we had a very blessed weekend.

We were privileged on Sunday evening, June 30 to have with us Bro. Earl Kilgus to minister unto us.

#### OAKVILLE IA Martha Wiegand

We welcome Sis. Elizabeth Martin (daughter of Bro. Glen and Sis. Josephine Rieman Martin) into the fold. Elder Bro. Dan Koch from Tremont was with us for the occasion.

Bros. Henry Grimm and Joe Braker, Morton, and Duane Metzger from West Bend have brought us the word in recent weeks. We always appreciate the efforts of our ministering brothers, whether we have heard them often or for the first time. We are also enjoying the messages brought to us by Elder Bro. Roy Farney from Phoenix, while he and his wife are spending several weeks with their daughter and family.

We are thankful that Sis. Hattie Schrock (wife of Elder Bro. Noah) is recovering satisfactorily from her recent surgery. Bro. Milo Weisinger is again at home, after spending several weeks in the Iowa City hospitals, following a bad fall from scaffolding on a construction job. Bro. Earl Stoller is also home again, following surgery in Iowa City. God is truly the Great Physician.

Bro. Robert and Sis. Edra Kuntz are the happy parents of their first son, Chad Robert, born July 2. Grandparents are Sis. Ruth (Roy) Kuntz and Bro. Leslie and Sis. Sarah Gerst.

#### RITTMAN OH Florence Hartzler

As we arrived at church for Wednesday evening service, we were glad to see a visiting minister. We received many rich blessings as Bro. Kenny Indermuhle brought the word of God to us. Other visitors in the month of June were (Bros.) Rudy Graf and Floyd Graves.

Behind every cloud there is a silver lining . . . These words are directed to our Bro. John and Sis. Betty Dotterer, as they are still patients at Parkview Memorial

Hospital in Ft. Wayne. They and son Joe and daughter Sis. Marlene were injured in an automobile accident as they were returning home from Bro. Marvin's wedding. Thanks be to God, His healing power was felt, as Sis. Marlene and Joe are home again.

Many of us were privileged to attend the wedding of Bro. Marvin Dotterer and Sis. Nancy Ifft in Forrest, on Sunday, June 16. We hope Sis. Nancy will feel at home in Rittman, and we welcome her with love.

On Sunday June 23, the wedding of Dale Gasser and Janet Cecil was performed by Bro. Joe Ramsier. Parents are Bro. Glenn and Sis. Liz Gasser and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Cecil.

Many friends and relatives attended the wedding of Sis. Alma Gasser and Bro. Robert Graf of the Akron congregation. A very impressive ceremony was conducted by Bro. Joe Ramsier. Bro. Ben Gasser and Bro. Elmer and Sis. Juliet Graf are the parents.

The engagement of Bro. Matt Steiner and Sis. Gail Gasser was announced. Matt's folks are Bro. Alvin and Sis. Eldora, and Gail's parents are Sis. Doris and the late Bro. Bill.

Little Linda Kay arrived at the home of Bro. Marvin and Sis. Terry Ramsier. She is welcomed home by one brother, Dean, and grandparents Bro. Joe and Sis. Elizabeth Ramsier and Sis. Mary Ellen Gerber. Twins were born to Bro. Rowen and Sis. Judy Schar, a boy and girl, and named Nathan and Natalie. Two sisters and three brothers also welcome them home. Grandparents are Glenn and Sis. Ella Miller and John and Marie Schar.

Bro. Orin and Sis. Anna Rufener are eagerly awaiting the return of son Leon, who has been stationed in Germany and will now be discharged from the service.

We will miss our Sis. Linda Zolinger, as she plans to move to Phoenix to start her career in nursing. She graduated from Aultman Hospital School of Nursing in June.

#### SARDIS

##### Karen Indermuhle

Praise God from whom all blessings bountifully flow!

Bro. Loren Stoller (Latty) was

the Lord's instrument in bringing us untold blessings on Sunday at the W. Va. church and at services the evening before at Sardis. The Spirit of God could be felt as He filled that little church on Sunday.

The warm sun shone beautifully, and cool breezes blew softly. The weather was perfectly arranged by the Lord, as He caused the rain to stop, after several days of cloudy skies, until after services and everyone had left the church on the hill, and it began to rain again. That is not just a strange coincidence, but one of our everyday miracles. Praise the Lord!

All of the West Virginia people should be given a special thank you for all the work and time they gave to make the day possible. Their efforts are greatly appreciated and we cannot thank them enough.

Sis. Almeda Brake is gaining strength and health, after undergoing surgery. She wishes to thank everyone for the cards, prayers, visits and gifts of love so freely given.

As all of us have trials of different sorts to undergo, we can know in assurance the Lord is as near as we want Him to be.

Freedom is precious and a gift from God. As families get together on Independence Day, July 4, we will remember to praise the Lord for freedom to worship our God. It may not always be so easy. Even the poorest of us are rich when we have Jesus.

### VALPARAISO IN

#### Wm. and Camille Feller

The cold winter months, when life was silent and sleeping as in death is now past. The beautiful summer days are all around us. This is a living testimony of our Saviour. Those who can see the changing of the seasons can also see the promise of everlasting life. "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

The month of June brought many greetings to our congregation from many of our brethren in other cities, as a few have journeyed to gatherings outside of Valparaiso. We can be thankful for our good health and to be able to praise our Saviour without hindrance from outside.

Bro. Bill and I wish to thank everyone for their prayers and sym-

pathys during the recent death of my dear father. Your kindnesses were deeply appreciated.

### WEST BEND IA

#### Mrs. Melvin Fehr

#### Mrs. Raymond Anliker

The week-end of June 21, our hearts were filled to overflowing with joy and happiness, as four dear souls brought their testimonies of faith before our congregation. On Sunday, in the baptismal waters, they were able, by grace, to erect a covenant with their God, and to receive the Holy Spirit into their cleansed and purified hearts. Our new brother and sisters-in-faith are Rodney (Fahey) Gress, Ellen (Richard) Zaugg, Julie (Ray) Anliker, Jackie (Nathan) Mogler. We welcome them with open arms into our fellowship, and may God's grace be sufficient to guide them every day of their life. We are thankful to Elder Bros. Sam Anliker of Lamont, Leo Moser of Lester, and Paul Fehr of Morris, who carried out this important work. Bro. Butikofer of Elgin was also here this blessed day and ministered to us. (Bros.) Elmer Schmidt and Harold Messner of Winthrop were in our midst Sat. evening for the provings.

We wish to announce the engagement of Joel Kellenberger, son of Bro. Ernst, and Teresa Perkins, daughter of Melvin; and Pamala Wirtz, daughter of Bro. Edwin, to Virgil Lyon, son of the late Ernest of Mallard, Ia.

Raymond Wilson was hospitalized early in June, but is now present in our assembly again. Sis. Minnie Bruellman is in the hospital recuperating from surgery, but seems to be coming along nicely. We hope she can soon be a resident of Clear View Manor, where she can take part in our services.

We extend our Best Wishes to these four couples as they have become husband and wife: Bro. Kenneth and Sis. Marlene (Metzger) Banwart; Bro. Mike and Sis. Lila (Meyer) Wirtz; Steve and Rosemary (Hansen) Bruellman; and Alfred and Annette (Hansen) Fehr.

The amount suggested for one year, if you wish to pay, is \$2.00. There are many churches where you may give at a specified time or times, in a combined collection. Check with your reporter.

### WINTHROP MN

#### Carol Messner and Marcelle Dapper

The love of God is greater far Than tongue or pen can ever tell. It goes beyond the highest star, And reaches to the lowest hell.

We were saddened by the death of our dear friend Henry Schmidt . . . but feel very fortunate and blessed beyond measure here at the Winthrop congregation. It is the first funeral held in our new church since it was dedicated six years ago. He is survived by his wife Sis. Celina; 3 sons; 9 daughters; brothers, Conrad Schmidt and Ernie Schmidt of West Bend, Chris Schmidt of Humbolt, Iowa; sisters, Mrs. Raymond Wilson of West Bend and Mrs. James Moadinger of Walnut, Ill. Bro. Alpai Moser of Morris, assisted by Bro. Harold Messner held the services on Wed. June 26.

The engagement of Bro. Tony Messner to Sis. Nancy Dogotch of Morris was announced. Parents are Bro. Leo and Sis. Georgia Messner and Bro. Leo and Sis. Thelma Dogotch of Morris. A July 21 wedding is planned. Tim Schmidt, son of Bro. Elmer and Sis. Hazel, is engaged to be married to Elizabeth Kuhlman of Winthrop. They will be married on July 13.

At our June sewing circle, a surprise birthday cake was served in honor of (Sisters) Carrie Messner and Esther Messner. They enjoyed the many cards they received. At the close of the evening, we sing a hymn given by anyone having a birthday for that month.

Sis. Melva Messner (Roland) was hospitalized for minor surgery, as was the small son of Bro. Dick and Sis. Mary Lou Schmidt. Our dear Sis. Carrie Messner is in the hospital.

### BLUFFTON IN

#### Melanie Gerber Donna Drayer

Four more dear souls have laid aside the pleasures of this world and have taken up the armor of the Lord. They are Sisters Pat Wall (Aden Strahm), Connie Stoller (Raymond), and Lavon Frauhiger (Sylvan); and Bro. Kevin Sipe. May the Lord become sweeter every day to His new soldiers. As the waters are still being troubled, may we all earnestly pray for a great awakening before the Lord comes

to gather His own.

Bro. Kim Yergler and Sis. Sue Heyerly were announced to be married. Kim's parents are Bro. Truman and Sis. Marcella Yergler, and Bro. Eugene and Sis. Mabel Heyerly are Sue's parents.

Several of our loved ones have had bodily afflictions. They are Bros. Noah Aschliman & Eli Moser; Sisters Ilean (Lenard) Steffen, Ada (Henry) Gerber, and Lucinda (Obed) Steffen; and Friend Linda (Bill) Schaefer. We're glad to report that they're all on the road to recovery.

Our annual Vacation Bible School came to a close on June 7, with almost 300 students presenting a program to parents, relatives, and friends. The student's workbooks and craft items were all on display in the fellowship hall for everyone to observe. It is amazing to see what they can learn in just a few short days.

Bro. Homer Reineck (Toledo) spent a beautiful spring Sabbath Day with us.

Sis. Renee Yergler and Bro. Steve Reinhard were united in holy matrimony on June 16. Parents are Bro. Claire and Sis. Mary Jane Yergler and Bro. Glen and Sis. Leota Reinhard. On June 30, Sis. Robin Moser and Bro. Ernie Schwartz were joined together. The couple's parents are Bro. William Gene and Sis. Edna Moser and Bro. Ervin and Sis. Alice Schwartz. May their homes be as the beautiful words state: "There is beauty all around, when there's love at home."

#### BRADFORD IL Rebecca Endress

Thank you to all the visiting ministers who served us during June. Bros. Ed Frank (LaCrosse), Dale Eisenmann (Chicago), Ken Schneider (Remington), and John Steiner (Oakville) were here one Sunday. The Franks came with their son Bro. Bill to visit his fiancée, Sis. Joan Knobloch; the other three brothers were guests of Bro. Jerry and Sis. Wilma Kieser. Bro. Hartzell Kaisner (Detroit) spent a Sunday with us while visiting the Ehnle families.

Bro. Dave Kieser was here for evening services; afterward we elected Sunday School teachers. Bro. Marvin Leman and Sis. Diana El-sasser were chosen. Bro. Verle Kieser is the new superintendent.

Most of our congregation attended the annual Sunday School picnic June 30. The classes each sing a few songs, and then we have a pot luck supper. We all look forward to this each year. The months of July and August are vacation-times, except for a summer session during those months, for the beginners and primary classes, taught by some of the mothers.

Bro. Raymond Klumpp spent two weeks in the hospital. He is at home now, still not feeling the best, although improved. Nathan Hrnejar was treated at Mayo Clinic; he is doing much better.

Bro. Bill and Sis. Karen Ringger have a little daughter, born June 4, named Sara Lynn. She'll soon be a good playmate for Cheryl Sue, who is 2 years old. Bro. Jim and Sis. Lyola Ringger and Bro. Roy and Sis. Donna Ehnle are her grandparents. Roger and Pat Reimbold, Ronda and Rodney also welcomed a baby girl that day, and her name is Raenn Louise. Bro. Louie and Sis. Ann Rumbold are the paternal grandparents.

Brent Eli, the newest son of Bro. Verle and Sis. Lavonne Kieser, has three happy brothers, Wesley, Kurt and Perry. He was born June 12. His grandparents are Bro. Dave and Sis. Ruth Kieser (Princeville) and Bro. Eli and Sis. Lena Grimm (West Bend).

#### ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY Janice Herrman

On June 27, Bro. Everett Hari had an inspiring sermon, which we can feel as Paul wrote in Romans 8:14, "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God." Truly this is a blessed portion of every child of God.

There are students who are taking summer courses. We are thankful to see many familiar faces back with us.

We certainly appreciate the summer vacation and the beautiful warm days, which are a blessing from God.

#### KIOWA KS Janice Frieden

The busy harvest season has come to a close here, and we have been bountifully blessed by our gracious God. It seems such a small tribute to say **Thank You**, when we consider the miraculous handiwork of God in allowing such tiny seeds

to spring forth and grow into tall golden grain for the harvest, but our hearts are so thankful that as the Psalmist said, we too say: "O LORD our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth! who hast set thy glory above the heavens."

We were blessed this month when Ministering Bro. Eli and Sis. Emma Somerhalder were in our midst. We know that they are enjoying their new home but are happy that they could again worship with us for a time, as are Bro. Reuben and Sis. Marie Farney, who are again with us for the summer.

We were sorry to hear that Sis. LaVerne Roth broke her ankle, and though she is not in the hospital, is having a hard time getting around.

We started Vacation Bible School the last week of this month, and will hold it the first week of July also. It brings to mind an answer I received when asking one small child if she was glad we were having Bible School for two weeks. She said "Ok!" like she was disappointed, and when I asked her if she didn't want us to have it for two weeks, she replied, "No. I want us to have it for three weeks!"

#### GOODFIELD Elna Grimm

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints: Two more dear souls have closed their eyes to the heartache and tears of this world . . . Though we will miss them, we do rejoice for their sakes. Sis. Julia Leman, wife of the late Bro. Dave Leman of Goodfield died on Wed. June 12 at the Eureka A.C. Home, where she was a patient for 3½ years. Sis. Laura (Laurence) Hohulin and Sis. Hilda Leman of our Goodfield congregation are daughters of Sis. Julia. Bro. Lou Funk died on June 17 at the Eureka A.C. Home, where he was a patient for less than a month.

Sis. Nettie Knapp was taken to the Proctor Hospital in Peoria, after she fell and fractured her hip at the Eureka A.C. Home. Sisters Esther Hartman and Lydia Hohulin both have returned to their homes after having undergone surgery. Our friend, Joanne Hinrichsen, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Hans and Arlene is in the Rush-Presbyterian-St. Lukes Hospital in Chi-

cago, where she is to submit to surgery. She will be confined there for several weeks. Hans Hinrichsen has been disabled with a very sore foot, after having stepped on a spike.

We thank Bros. Ben Fehr and Don Sauder from Roanoke for spending a day with us in His service.

A baby girl, Jodi Ann, was born to Bro. and Sis. Wes and Joyce Hohulin, Eureka, on June 18. Grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Chris and Vi Hohulin, Goodfield, and Bro. and Sis. Dave and Ann Leman, Eureka.

The angels rejoice again, as do we in that our friend Mike Finley and his mother, Ethel have turned their backs to the world. They have sought peace with God and man, and are now waiting the opportunity to give their testimonies and be baptized.

Sis. Elsie Landes enjoyed her family the last two weeks during get-togethers while her two daughters and children were visiting here in June, one from the east and one from the west. Mrs. Mabel Adams arrived from Salt Lake City, Utah and her other daughter, Mrs. Richard England (Elsie Margaret) came with her husband and children, Jim and Janet, from Circleville, Ohio.

#### LAMONT KS Betty Wernli

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

Our visiting ministers were Elder Bro. Gene Marti of Sabetha who helped Elder Bro. Sam serve unto us the Lord's supper . . . Elder Bro. Lester Hartter of Bern, who came into our midst and made it possible that we could spend the week-end in Indiana . . . Bro. Don Sauder of Roanoke, who spent himself on our behalf.

Our high school graduates were Jill Luthi and Barbara Wernli.

#### GARDEN GROVE IA Verle Funk

Several from our congregation traveled to Phoenix to witness the uniting in Holy Matrimony of Sis. Eileen Yackley to Bro. Tony Funk. Eileen is the daughter of Bro. Clarence and Sis. Vera Yackley of Phoenix. Tony and Eileen will be making their home in rural Gar-

den Grove.

Bro. Cleo Rinkenberger of Pulaske, spent Sunday with us. We thank Bro. Rinkenberger for bringing us God's word. We must always remember to thank the Lord that we are yet free to worship as we please according to His will, and not according to the will of a worldly ruler.

Dave Peasley has returned from Korea, and is now stationed at Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas. We are so glad that he again is able to assemble with us when he has week-end leave.

#### MANSFIELD OH Aaron A. Sauder

Oh wonderful, wonderful word of the Lord!

True wisdom its pages unfold,  
And tho' we may read them a  
thousand times o'er,  
They never, no never grow old!

With voices joined together in singing the words of this hymn, we began the opening night of another blessed week to study God's word. Our annual Vacation Bible School was held each evening June 10 through 14, with classes for all ages to include children and adults.

We thank our visiting ministers who preached to us in June, Bro. Aaron Steffen on June 9 and Bro. Theo. Beer on June 16.

On Saturday evening, June 15, a reception was held in the fellowship room in honor of our graduating seniors. As Bro. Theo. Beer was with us, he was asked to give a message to the honorees. It was another evening of blessed fellowship.

Three of our young women chose the month of June to begin their roles as wives: Joyce Marie Bocka became the bride of Lanny Harold Young on June 8. Joyce is the daughter of Sis. Leora Gasser Bocka and the late Bro. Emil. On June 8, Sue Ann Bricker exchanged wedding vows with David Alan Swihart. Bro. Richard and Sis. Helen Bricker are parents of the bride. The marriage of Linda Sue Enderle to Gary Lee Holzworth was solemnized on June 29. Parents of the bride are Raymond and Carol Enderle.

Bro. Bob and Sis. Miriam Sauder Bird are announcing the birth

of their first grandchild; Jerry and Erika Bird are the parents of a tiny daughter named Maria Katherine. This wee bundle of love was born on June 24 and has been transferred to Children's Hospital in Akron. Paternal great-grandparents are Bro. Aaron and Sis. Katie Sauder.

Our aged sister Elizabeth Reiter observed her 95th birthday on June 16. We also extend our love and sympathy to her in the recent death of her son.

Sis. Alice Groh is a hospital patient.

Winthrop MN

#### Dad's Greatest Job

I may never be as clever  
As my neighbors down the street;  
I may never be as wealthy  
As some other men I meet;  
I may never have the glory  
That some other men have had,  
But I've got to be successful  
As a little fellow's dad.

I may never get earth's glory;  
I may never gather gold;  
Men may count me as a failure  
When my business life is told,  
But if he who follows after  
Is a Christian, I'll be glad—  
For I'll know I've been successful  
As a little fellow's dad.

#### UNION CITY NJ Karen Martin

In May the Dogwood blossomed,  
And oh but it was fair,  
As if the shimmering whiteness  
hung  
Suspended in the air.

When summer came I passed to  
find  
Its flowering was done,  
But lovely still, in silver-green,  
It took the morning sun.

And when in gray November,  
Once more with it I stood,  
Its little lamps of scarlet tips  
Lit up the somber wood.

It was as if that slender tree  
Was a message meant for me:  
What if the sky was tarnished  
metal?  
I could recall each pearly petal.

And here were berries flaming  
bright  
As a signal fire at night,

Spelling out against the skies:  
Nothing ever wholly dies.

I brought a branch away with me  
As a living shibboleth,  
A shining promise there shall be  
Out of a dark November's death,  
White rebirth in a dogwood tree—  
And glowing as that branch,  
my faith,  
Renewed in immortality.

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## SWEET IS THE LIFE

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The choicest sweets are in love. What is life that is really living? Words can catch attention, hold interest, lead to many places and things. Words are living when moved of charity. Up there in the Father's house, words are wonderful! What must be those sounds. We taste now and live in that life. We should learn everywhere not to speak, no matter how noble it may seem, without love: "Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal."

These are His: Prophecy — the speaking forth, not only of things to come, but the now way of His life. Mysteries, made known to His, kept from the rest. Knowledge, beautiful words that lift and give hope; He wants us to daily make oneself at home with them. Faith, with such unbreakable promise. We need love; it is essential. The most beautiful rooms are empty and silent with no one in them. "And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing."

A miser not only heaps money, but unhappiness and dreariness. Getting interested in others is happy. Peaked faces, skins pulled

around a skeleton need help. Lonely souls sitting in darkness, need a pleasant smile and a cheerful hand. There is so much, so very much we can do. Without love, the best simmers to empty hand-outs and vain boasting. "And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing."

Charity is God's way of life. God is love. We were created to love and be loved. Without it, a thousand profitless pursuits cannot fill the holes. With it, we are living now. It has tremendous drawing power, a magnetic, irresistible something. It has lingering sweetness, enduring in absence, and fondly longs for precious meeting.

"Charity suffereth long." How beautiful for the inner man to hold the calm. Suffering can have beauty. Choicest blossoms grow on the steeps of pain and trouble. Even death can be gracious and beautiful . . . "and is kind;" . . . This is what we want to be with forever and ever. Somebody that cares, is gentle, and wants to make it pleasant and best for you . . . "charity envieth not;" Happy with what one has and with what the other has. A beautiful thought!

Love is free from all things that makes hearts annoyed, vexed and depressed. "Charity vaunteth not

itself," Doesn't brag. People don't have to hear of selfish interests. "is not puffed up," . . . Love is centered in the real, and that real is what is so interesting and drawing.

Love has a wholesome manner that never brings shame: "Doth not behave itself unseemly," . . . It lives for others and loves to do it. Selfishness is self-winding unhappiness. The spool that spins for others gains the priceless treasures . . . "is not easily provoked," Not provoked. The sweetness of a peaceful soul is a wonderful art.

What is this, willing to take, to bear! What splendors of glory the Holy One from God showed. Enduring stripes, slaps and slurs. Such a wonderful love. Such a dear one! Perfect love has such perfect freedom, "thinketh no evil;"

Printed columns, sounds and pictures project thoughts and feelings. Our feelings have a cause. What do we find joy in? Charity "Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth;"

His two and two make four. Charity always brings happiness, because it is centered in God. No hill, nor cloud need come between the radiance.

Unhappy? Then we need to focus our attention in charity. It is always shining in God's truth. Use it for happiness!