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A LIGHT for BELIEVERS

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IT IS SEEN

The sun sets beautifully on the Pacific. Day draws to a close—one day of one year closed. Never to return. Tho' what beauty a day can hold. What wonders and marvels are wrought in the commonplace of daily life. God is working, and we work too, before the night . . .

World War II. Place, Huntington Park—a part of greater Los Angeles. There lived Mr. and Mrs. William Schwarz, our brother and sister. They had a rooming house.

Was there room available? The woman who came and her daughters had been living with an officer's family. Her husband was out to sea, a doctor and commander of a hospital ship. She was taken in. There were now, it seems, 18 twice a day in the kitchen . . . breakfast before school, about 10.

The husband came back from sea duty. Religion was discussed quite often. The singings at the Schwarzs rang with holy praise and teaching. The staircase was an open one. Sometimes an onlooker (or perhaps more) could be seen on the steps looking through the bannisters. Do we realize how many times someone is looking, observing, perhaps longing—noticing?

The doctor went back to Waco, Texas. In a year, perhaps a year and a half, a letter came to the dearest friends, in Altadena now, the Schwarzs. They drove up and came with the bags. Marion's room was ready. The girl was put on a cot in the den. They made themselves at home.

Some food was supplied, but most came from hearts of good people with hospitality, and they were blessed for it. Before the week

was over, there was always enough.

Saturday night . . . the doctor and his wife were talking. **Doctor, what are you going to do tomorrow? I'm going with Bill . . . But it won't look good if the husband is there and not the wife.** It seems Bill came with the suggestion to come at noon, and they did.

Bill was apprehensive. Things like, What am I going to tell them? What am I going to do? (Afterward he worried he shouldn't of had these thoughts. He said he was ashamed.) At the steps, he explained . . . about the men and women—the veils—the kiss, only for members.

How that afternoon did radiate into the hearts of these friends! Bro. Joe Klotzle was the servant of God. There was not one criticism against our ways.

Right away he looked at the songbooks. He recognized the notes by Bach . . . The head-covering? She was impressed. It looked more holy to see all look alike . . . a most beautiful sight.

He remembered what Joe Klotzle said in his sermon. He discussed it. He quoted it. He observed what was or had been told—that Bro. Joe was not a student (in a seminary) . . . that he works . . . no pay for preaching. He speaks through the Spirit given from above.

Thoughts went to some gigantic gatherings.

There had been talking . . . the doctor was quiet for a moment. Then he said: With all that big crowd, he was wondering if it wasn't more pleasing to the Lord with such a small gathering and such a message he heard . . .

There is a minister in Alabama.

The hand of God beautifully touched this young man. It was Saturday morning in October, Athens. Bro. John Wagler was raking leaves near the church. There was a pile of gold and brown ones. Mr. Lavoyd Moore had been attending our church. Down at his home, the custom is to come in on Saturday and buy the things needed. He couldn't find a place to park downtown, so he parked in front of the large Baptist Church, and walked.

Just a short distance were the two large maples and John. He stopped; they talked. For one thing about the weather. Then John asked how it was with him. He asked if he wanted to pray. Lavoyd couldn't think of an excuse. They went inside, got down on their knees, and prayed. Lavoyd was coming to the Lord.

Lavoyd's a good student in obedience. (Let us pray he and all of us will be humble and keep this.)

After he turned, for some time he wore a ring. He sat about the 5th bench back, on the aisle. There he was, conscious of it. The hand with the ring was covered by the other one.

"God took it off", he said. One day he smashed his finger. A cut was where the ring was. He straightened it, took it off, and it stayed off.

One time he went to a religious meeting that had a certain speaker well-known in some places. He told Bro. Henry Kilgus, who with a number of others were at a table. When he and Henry were alone, Henry humbly and gently told him what was best.

At the time, he resented it deep down. As time went on he thought

about it. He did not get a blessing from the meeting. The pianist played loud and hurt the sound of the singing. There was the speaker. With a large ring, perhaps costly, showy, and spent on himself.

Bro. Lavoyd is grounded on solid fact. He spoke of a real Hell. If one strikes a match, it hurts when felt. How about that hurting all over! He mentioned how, when someone is facing away from God, to turn he can't turn part way, but must turn all the way (could without truth leave part of sins alone). He is concerned because many

church "members" are not Christians.

Of improper use of alcohol, he says only a little, if one feels giddy, kills brain cells. If someone gets drunk, as much as 10,000 brain cells can be destroyed.

He said he wants Jesus to come. He spoke of the reunion. His mother died when he was 7.

When he was around 12, Lavoyd got a new rifle. A fishing he went. The river was light, but when he was done, the bank was very dark. He worried about the bobcats he thought were in the area. There

was no moon. His little yellow dog followed him. What if a bobcat should leap on him! The rifle was ready, and a match to burn, to scare the wildcat that might come.

Quite a ways off, the lights of home could be seen. They sure looked good. He hastened on, over the intervening distance.

Fierce savage eyes glare at the believers from the darkness. We need constant preparation, for instant action. Out there, over yonder, they sure look good, those lights of home.

Let us hasten thither.

APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHILDRENS HOME INC.

Jack Krantz

Progress report . . .

The plans for the building of the Children's Home are moving along at a satisfactory pace. The final changes have been made in the plot plan (or master plan), and now the house plans are also ready to be submitted to the state for approval. After approval, the next step will be building permits to be obtained and then hopefully, ground-breaking services. Two homes, plus the all-purpose building will be constructed first.

In the meantime, the Operating Committee is busy setting up guidelines for the staff and children. to follow. Much study is going into this phase of the project, as the future of the Home depends on the Home being built on solid rock (spiritually, morally and physically), and we are looking to our counselling elders for guidance. We feel God will give the wisdom that is needed in order to make this a real Home of Love.

As stated earlier, the Home is now incorporated as a Not-for-Profit corporation. The Internal Revenue Service has recognized the corporation to be tax exempt, so as of now all contributions are tax exempt and deductible.

A scale model of one of the Homes is being made and will be on display at the Leo church. Anyone desiring to show this model at their church should contact Bro. William Klopfenstein at Leo to make the arrangements needed.

Applications for administrators are being accepted. Qualifications have been mailed to all churches and should be posted on bulletin boards. Interviews will be scheduled no later than Oct. 15.

PULASKI IA

Ernestine Wuthrich
Janice Rinckenberger

David Schaer, son of Bro. Bernard and Sis. Leah was in the hospital several days with a virus.

Our annual election was held. Bro. Russell Wuthrich was named Sunday School superintendent. Bro. Dave Wiegand and Sis. Irene Musselman were elected to fill expiring terms of other teachers. Sis. Janice Rinckenberger was voted in to help with writing of Silver Lining. We are all thankful that we can work harmoniously in the selection of those who must carry out the necessary duties of our church.

SILVERTON OR

Judith Knecht

There are friendships that we cherish

In our daily walk of life
Friends with whom we meet and labor

In our earthy toil and strife
Friends among the aged and youthful

Friends that live from us apart
Friends of higher rank and station

Find a place within my heart.

During the month we were blessed with many visiting brothers, sisters and friends; and on several Sundays our little church was more than full. We wish to express our heartfelt thanks to our visitors for the effort they put forth to be with us. **Our cup runneth over** could only express the feeling of love, grace, and fellowship we all enjoyed so much.

What a blessed privilege we have had to hear God's precious

word in abundant and rich measure. We were thankful to have with us (Bros.) Carl Kinsinger (Altadena), Nathan Steffen (Elgin), Earl Gerber (Forrest), and Jim Leman (Roanoke). How thankful we can be that the true word of God is still expounded in all its truth and sincerity. One brother's final words were, "Faith is the victory." We thank these brothers for their labors.

On July 7 our elder, Bro. Carl Kinsinger and Bro. Nathan Steffen served Holy Communion to the Portland and Silverton congregations. We were reminded that we are to examine ourselves and have our house in order, that we would not partake unworthy to our own destruction . . . And we were reminded of the terrible

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Is there some loved one you should be sending the Silver Lining? The love through the Silver Lining can go miles.

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suffering, pain and agony our Lord and Saviour endured for all mankind. We can't ever praise, honor or thank our Lord enough.

The Lord has revealed to Bro. August Dietrich to ask in faith for Sis. Dorothy Schlatter (Junction). Their announcement of engagement was made known July 14. August is the son of Bro. Clarence and Sis. Mildred and Dorothy is the daughter of Sis. Juliet Schlatter.

On July 28 the Silverton congregation voted on a new Silver Lining reporter, which will be Sis. Joan Dietrich. We trust the Lord will give you strength and guidance in your new undertaking.

LATTY OH LeAnn Laukhuf

Jesus loves me
This I know,
For the Bible tells me so—
Little children ask no more,
For love is all they're looking for,
And in a small child's shining eyes
The faith of all the ages lies—
Oh Father, grant once more to men
A simple childlike faith again.

The Latty congregation was blessed with 3 bundles of joy. Susan & Carle Jeffery had a firstborn baby girl. Jennifer Lyn. Jennifer's grandparents are Bro. Roy and Sis. June Rager. Bro. Dave and Sis. Lou Ann Klopfenstein were blessed with a boy, Scott David. Jeff and Wendy welcome Scott home. Rick Allen is the new son of Bro. Dennis and Sis. Carol Klopfenstein, and brother to Mark.

Hospital patients were Bros. Dan Stoller and Roger Gerber. We are glad to report both are home. Bro. Ulrich Kipfer had a truck accident, but was released from the hospital after examination. Sis. Edith Stoller (Glen) underwent major surgery and is still in the hospital. We hope she will be feeling well soon.

On July 6, Bro. Art Gudeman (LaCrosse) assembled with us to hear the testimony of our friend, Glenna Stoller, and also witness the baptism on Sunday. Bro. Wayne and Sis. Dorothy are Glenna's mother and father-in-law. It always uplifts our hearts to welcome a friend into the brotherhood, and we hope other friends heed the invitation.

AKRON OH

Lynda Pamer

**I cried because I had no shoes,
until I met a man who had no feet.**

. . . This reminds us to count our many blessings and to remember those who are less fortunate.

Our visiting ministers have been (Bros.) Gary Maibach (Rittman) and Kenneth Sauder (Mansfield).

Little Tod Forrest was born July 17 to Robert and Barbara Ritzman. He has three sisters: Laura, Susan, and Karen. Sis. Marie Ritzman is Tod's grandmother. Robert and Barbara have moved to a different home. Their old address was: 3745 Dean Dr., Barberton, OH 44203; their new address, 3112 Loyal Oak Dr., Barberton OH 44203.

We are glad to have Sis. Jan Blunier of Roanoke and her friend Barb Heinz with us. They are working at a hospital in Cleveland as part of their training in occupational therapy.

Sis. Elizabeth Heib (Bro. Leo) is recovering from heart surgery. Her home address is 4725 State Rd., Cleveland OH 44109. We are glad that Sis. Frida Gruenig is again able to assemble with us.

Several from here went to Mansfield and enjoyed a blessed time at Youth Fellowship Day.

Change of address: AIC Ronald Greenback 288506967, PSC Box 23592, APO San Francisco 96230.

REMINGTON IN

Anna M. Waibel

Our visiting ministers: Bros. Gene Lehmann, Alfred Bahler, Vernon Schwab, Clarence Kachelmus.

We need rain very bad here. We are as desperate or more so than we were in the spring.

Jayne Schieler (Bro. Herbert) was married to Michal Price of Fowler, IN Sat., July 27 at her home, by Bro. Alfred Bahler of Wolcott. The reception was held at the Fellowship Hall. They will live at Fowler.

We are happy to report Bro. Maurice Getz is feeling much better.

Word came Tues. July 30 that Bro. John Wittmer passed away. They lived neighbors to us a good many years, when we lived on the farm. We have many happy memories of being in their home here and in the years that they have lived in Illinois. They had their

60th wedding Anniversary in June.

A number of us were at Eureka for the day and enjoyed being with them.

God was good to him, to let him sleep away so peaceful and quiet. Our sympathy is with the family and all who knew them here.

My nephew, Bro. Ralph and Sis. Helen Waibel have a baby girl, Sandra Lynn since July 10, Wed. Sue, Dean and Shirley are so happy with her.

The love of God
The help of friends
And love at home
That never ends . . .
Aid to the weary
Salvation for the soul
Comfort for the sick,
Prayers—untold.

ROANOKE IL

Edith Sauder Mae K. Hodel

**Cling to the Bible tho' all else
be taken; Lose not its promises
precious and sure. Souls that are
sleeping its echoes awaken. Drink
from the fountain so peaceful, so
pure.**

**Lamp for the feet that in by-
ways have wandered, guide for
the youth that would otherwise
fall. Hope for the sinner whose
best days are squandered. Staff
for the aged, and best book of all.**

Our graduating seniors received engraved Bibles from the Sunday School . . . May they all cling to the Bible, their Lamp and their Guide.

Hospitalized and home again are Sisters Anna (John) Mangold, Louise Belsley, Mary Belsley, Bro. Mark Hodel, and our dear friend, David Sauder.

Elder Bro. David Bertsch from Leo; Bros. Vernon Leman, Eureka; Elmer Hartter and Walter Steffen, Milford were our visiting ministers. **I believe in the sun, even when it is not shining. I believe in love even when I am alone. I believe in God, even when He is silent.**

On July 28, our Sis. Pat Plattner (Bro. Russ and Sis. Marge) and Bro. Fred Beer (Bro. Carlton and Sis. Mary Ann), Milford, were united in holy matrimony.

TUCSON AZ

Mrs. Donald Bauer

Mrs. Loren Knapp

We are so happy to announce the birth of a baby boy; Patrick Glen

Funk, born to Bro. Glen and Sis. Sally. Grandparents are Bro. Art and Sis. Augusta Wullschlegler and Bro. Wilbert and Sis. Violet Funk.

Our ministering Bro. Jim Funk was hospitalized for test and observation, concerning a back disorder. He is now at home with a body cast, which he will wear for some weeks. Bro. Jack Sutter has again been hospitalized.

No trouble can come near a Christian, that God is not nearer!

BURLINGTON IA

Elaine Eisenmann—Edna Pohl

We were privileged to have several visiting ministers. They were Bros. Bob Walder, Congerville; Roy Farney, Phoenix; Akito Inoue, Japan; Cleo Rinkenberger, Pulaski; Floyd Wieland, Detroit, and all of the Oakville ministers. We are very glad for each of their visits.

We have two new baby girls in our congregation. They are Cari Ann, the first child of Laverne and Kim (Oberman) Salek, who was born July 10, and Melissa Elaine, daughter of Fred and Carolyn Pohl, born July 15. Melissa has one brother, Nathan, and one sister, Heather.

Sis. Esther Wagler would like to thank everyone for their cards, visits, and prayers while she was in the hospital and at home. She has been assembling with us again, and is improving more each day.

Ellen Woodward (daughter of Bro. Marvin and Sis. Verna) spent time in the hospital, then returned home. We are sorry to report, she has had to go back to the hospital this week, but hope she will fully recover soon.

INDIANAPOLIS IN

Wayne and Judy Steffen

Some things are better shared—

A gift, a joy,

A meal, an open fire,

A book, a toy—

Yes, some things must be shared

To fully please—

And our faith is not

The least of these.

May we share our lives with others and be a help to those in need. . . . And may our lives be a light to those who are searching.

Guest ministers during the month of July were: (Bros.) Vernon Schwab from Wolcott and

Walter Anliker from Eureka. We're grateful that these brothers, and our own minister, Bro. Dick Aberle, were willing to lend themselves.

IOWA CITY IA

Twila Whipple / Joan Mogler

Thank You for the valley I walked through today;

The darker the valley, the more I learned to pray . . .

. . . Thank You for every lonely night;

I prayed till I knew that everything was all right.

Life can't be all sunshine, or the flowers would die,

The rivers would be desert, all barren and dry.

Life can't be all blessings, or we may forget how to pray.

Thank You for the valley I walked through today.

The Lord said that **My strength is made perfect in weakness.** After we endure through the trials of life, we realize how much more we depend on the Lord to guide our steps. In the midst of trials, it is hard to realize the purpose of them, but when we look back, we can be thankful that with the help of the Lord we could fight another battle and be victorious.

We trust our ministering brothers will be richly repaid up yonder for the services they render God's people here. Bros. Bob Pohl (Burlington) and Paul Butikofer (Elgin) warned us to stay close to our Lord and to "follow the traditions we have been taught." What a blessing to obey the holy word's commandments.

JUNCTION OH

Henrietta Manz/Betty Manz

On Sunday, July 14, the engagement of Sis. Dorothy Schlatter (Sis. Juliet) to Bro. Gus Dietrich (Bro. Clarence and Sis. Mildred) of Silverton was announced. A fall wedding is planned.

Ministering Bro. Joe Schrock, Congerville, spent a Sunday with us, along with many others who came to Paulding for the Schrock Reunion. We enjoyed many blessings, and hope we'll long remember our forefathers who sacrificed much and kept the faith. We enjoyed Bro. Jesse Schrock's visit

also, but it brings sadness that retirement time has come and old pillars like Bro. Jesse will no longer be heard from the pulpit, proclaiming God's word. We are thankful, though that he is still able to be so active and there is yet much he can do.

In the September 1965 issue of the Silver Lining, the following appeared in the Junction news: "It is good news that friend Lydia Rehklau was proved, and became our very dear sister in Christ." At the time she was baptized she was 86. Now, on Sunday evening, July 28, at the age of 95, Sis. Lydia was finally able to lay down her burden & go to rest. She was born Sept. 8, 1878. She moved to Paulding from Archbold in 1948 and lived here until 1966, when she moved to Toledo. Many of us shall long remember the day Lydia was baptized. She was proved in her home, carried upstairs in a chair, and baptized in the bathtub. She had been sick for many years. Truly the Lord was merciful to her. Funeral services were at the Junction church. Our Ministering Brothers, Sam Schlatter and Ben Manz, along with our Elder Bro. Loren Stoller, conducted the funeral services on July 31.

We had a little rain last night and a little today. It is extremely dry here, but, yet we were blessed with a bountiful wheat crop. Yesterday's newspaper states that an agricultural economist said Ohio may already have lost as much as 1/3 of its corn and soybean crop. He said Northwestern Ohio farm-lands would produce "very small if any" yield. We know it is all in God's hands and He'll provide.

VALPARAISO IN

William and Camille Feller

The Lord's Second Coming was ministered to us on July 14 by Bro. Marvin Stieglitz (Leo). The latter days must be approached with holy caution, as we all must be prepared for that day. As our beloved Bro. Harry Bucher had other callings, Bro. Merle Bucher (LaCrosse) ministered to us for a Sunday. Accompanying these two vessels of the Lord were brethren from Leo, LaCrosse, Indianapolis, Cissna Park, and Hillsboro.

We are pleased to hear that Sis. Aldene Friede has recovered from a recent operation. We are also happy to know that Jim Dehaven

did not receive any wounds from his auto accident. The Lord will provide, as written in the holy scriptures.

BERN KS

Esther & Stella Moser

Sis. Julia Plattner has two new granddaughters. Jennifer Ann was born to Loree and Al Lilly; this is their first child . . . Briana Kay arrived to make her home with Lois and Charles Branek and three little sisters, Brenda, Barbara and Benita.

Jay Patrick was born to Jim and Jerlyn McCune; he has a sister, Cara. Elmer and Eldora Isch are the maternal grandparents. Sis. Emma Wittmer is great-grandmother.

Elmer and Eldora Isch enjoyed a visit with their son, Jim and wife in Germany, where Jim is in service.

Hospitalized, but able to come to church again: Sis. Lillian Edelman (Bro. Noah), Curtis Edelman (Bro. Morris — Sis. Marge)—a tonsillectomy.

Think Of Another

God, help me to listen when I should,
And open my mouth when it'll do some good.
Teach me to measure the things I say,
So as not to hurt someone today.
Help me to stand in the other man's place,
Feeling the pain that he must face.
Temper the tone of my voice as I speak,
Remembering the thoughts that I must keep.

ATHENS AL

Hazel Vibbert

We have had some good things happen this month. A baby boy was born to Douglas and May Haggermaker. His name is Douglas Jr. . . . and a baby boy to Milton and Joyce Roy. He has two sisters and a brother to welcome him home. Frank and Alma Haggermaker are grandparents to both babies.

We had our church picnic the 21st at Hatfield Park.

The week of July 22-26 was our Bible school. It was well attended, with around 100 children every day. On Friday, the teachers and children went to the park for

a picnic. We got a much needed rain, which the children enjoyed playing in.

My father, Bro. Henry Perry, has been real sick at his home, 510 Coleman Ave. Bro. George Kelly has been a patient in the hospital at Pulaski Tennessee.

BRADFORD IL

Rebecca Endress

July 5, 1964 . . . This was the first Sunday a group of brethren and friends assembled in the newly-built house of worship in Bradford. They began with 38 families and one minister, Bro. Jim Ringger. In these ten years, there have been 80 babies born, 41 baptized, 4 weddings, and 6 deaths. Three brothers were added to the ministry: Roy Ehnlé, Nathan Stoller, and Kenneth Dietz, so that we now have four. Today, 55 families regularly assemble here.

We are happy to report that Bro. Roy and Sis. Rosalie Stoller and their three children have moved to our area. They were baptized not long ago in Peoria, and now have moved to their farm at Cambridge, which is 30 miles northwest of Bradford. We heartily welcome them, and hope they will feel at home here.

Bro. Leroy and Sis. Esther Streitmatter have told me that their two daughters and son-in-law have all graduated from college recently. John Drinnin has a master's degree in special education and begins work in August in the county classroom for multiple-handicapped children at Paxton, Illinois. Beverly Drinnin works at Burnham City Hospital in Champaign as assistant instructor, In-service Department. She has her master's in education, with counseling specialty. Emmy Streitmatter has a degree in nursing and is employed at the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago.

Bro. Clarence and Sis. Emma Knobloch had two weddings in their family in July. On the 14th, Sis. Joan Knobloch became the bride of Bro. William Frank, son of Bro. Ed and Sis. Leah of La-Crosse. We enjoyed having Ministering Bros. Ed Frank, Art Gude-man, and Steve Rinkenberger, and many other visitors among us on Joan and Bill's wedding day. Bro. Harvey Grimm (Bern) and our elder, Bro. Dave Kieser also visited us. John Knobloch and Cheryl

Steffen, daughter of Sis. Eleanor and the late Bro. Elmer, were married July 27 in Elgin, Ill. Our best wishes to all of you.

Randy and Linda Stisser are the parents of a little boy, Alex Jordan, born June 21. They also have a 4-year-old son, Daryl. Bro. Loris and Sis. Lottie Stisser are the paternal grandparents.

Sis. Ann (Louie) Rumbold underwent surgery on her feet. Nathan Herncjar is still confined at home. He has had both heart and thyroid difficulties, and after suffering a setback has been quite weak. We're glad he is gaining strength again.

CHICAGO IL

Mrs. Perry Klopfenstein

"As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith." While it is yet today and God has granted us life and health, how well it is for us to remember to make good use of every opportunity which affords itself. We read that we should walk circumspectly, redeeming the time, and should "exhort one another daily, while it is called Today", for tomorrow we may no longer have the opportunity and privilege to help our brother and our fellowman.

When a loved one passes into eternity, it often causes us to stop and consider these important teachings. If it had been you or I who had been taken, would we feel ready to say as the apostle did, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith; Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness"?

Our Chicago congregation was deeply moved and saddened by the loss of a dear brother in faith, Ernest Knecht. He has been a faithful pillar in our congregation and has served as an ardent song leader for many years. Bro. Ernest passed away suddenly on Aug. 1, at 74 years of age. We will greatly miss his presence among us. Our heartfelt sympathy is especially extended to his wife, Sis. Louise, his son, John; and his daughter, Mrs. John France (Penny).

Bro. Ray Young was hospitalized for heart surgery, and is now in his home again and on the road to recovery.

Sis. Patti Meyer was announced

to be married to Bro. Dan Roth of Fairbury.

We were happy for the visit of Ministering Bro. Gene Lehman of Wolcott. As sin abounds and evil runs rampant in the world about us, it is surely a grave and perhaps difficult task at times to preach the true gospel with boldness. How much we need to hear this truth preached, and how thankful we are for our faithful ministering servants.

EUREKA IL
Cathryn Wettstein
Salome Schumacher

Greetings to all Silver Lining readers!

We have no visiting ministers to report to you. Quite unusual!

We have had two deaths of our dear ones, who have gone on to their rest. Sis. Bena Fehr, age 91, passed away at the A.C. Home Monday morning, July 29. She had been a resident for some time. Surviving are two brothers and a sister; Sis. Martha is also a resident of the Home. A large number of nieces and nephews survive. Bro. Walter Anliker had the services Wednesday, Aug. 1 in the afternoon. Burial was in Roanoke Cemetery . . . Bro. John Witmer, age 83, passed away at his home (R.R. Eureka) Tues. morn., July 30. He is survived by his wife, Tillie, and the following children: Walter and Bro. Maurice of Morton; Carlton of Eureka; Sis. Dorothy Hartter (Daniel); Sis. Wilma Lehman, (Clarence), Sis. Delores Martin (Roland), all of Eureka; and Sis. Gladys Fisher (Frank) of Downers Grove, Ill. . . also one brother, Bro. Edward of Valparaiso. His funeral was held August 2, conducted by Bro. Leroy Huber. Burial was in Roanoke church Cemetery.

We also have some good news of friends repenting. They are Dennis Wettstein, son of Bro. and Sis. Art and Donna, and Barbara Hartter, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Leonard and Ann. May many more souls answer the call, as we know God is still calling sinners to repent.

Our newest resident in the "Home" is Sis. Leah Moser from Roanoke. She had been a resident in the Roanoke Nursing Home.

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

HUNTSVILLE AL

Bro. Joe Latham has been seriously ill, but is making good progress in recovering.

Things are getting back to normal, following the April 3 tornado. Several of our homes were damaged, and a few were completely destroyed. No lives were lost among our church people at Huntsville. The church building was rather badly damaged, but repair work is nearly finished. We want to thank everyone who assisted in the rebuilding.

The school registration continues to increase, and plans are now being made to erect another seven-room building.

Sisters Sally Gramm from Gridley and Jane Hemmer from Peoria are helping in the school this summer. Sis. Linda Laidig from Bremen and Christine Fehr from Indianapolis will be teaching when the fall term begins. Sis. Ann Wagler of Huntsville will also teach one class of 15-20 children. This is a wonderful opportunity to give boys and girls Bible instruction, as most of them do not attend church or Sunday School.

We are also appreciative of the many who have worked with Bros. Lloyd Schumacher and Bob Kaiser in getting us a school bus. It is used to pick up children on Sunday, in school work, and for other transportation needs.

LESTER IA

Alice Metzger/Donna Metzger

"God is not impressed with boastfulness, finds no delight in what 'I' have accomplished". . . words spoken by Bro. John Steiner of Oakville in a visit reminded me of a portion of a poem:

Then the sons of the world and
the sons of the church
Walked closely hand and heart,
And only the Master, who knoweth
all,
Could tell the two apart.
Then the church sat down at her
ease, and said,
I am rich and my goods increase;
I have need of nothing, or aught
to do,
But to laugh, and dance, and feast.
The sly world heard, and he laugh-
ed in his sleeve,
And mockingly said, aside—
"The church is fallen, the beauti-
ful church;

And her shame is her boast and
her pride.

We were richly blest with messages from visiting ministers. Elder Bro. Herman Kellenberger, Elgin, was here to assist in the proving and baptism of Ann Knobloch, who we so gladly welcome into the fold. Bro. Herman is a great-uncle to Ann, and it was a great comfort to her to have him participate. The same Sunday, (Bros.) Alpai Moser, Morris, and Jim Leman, Roanoke, also occupied the pulpit. It was indeed a special day for Sis. Ann, who is just fifteen.

We pray for grace and patience for those who have been hospitalized. Sis. Donna Gerber received burns on both hands when attempting to light a gas burner, and though she has been home for a time, she has to patiently wait for them to heal. Sis. Pam Knobloch underwent surgery in a Houston hospital. She is also home again, but must face a long session of treatments. Sis. Martha Feucht (Ernie) underwent surgery and is recuperating satisfactorily. Sis. Carrie Metzger was released from the hospital and is confined to her home, suffering the infirmities which come with age.

Along with much of the Midwest, we are having extremely dry conditions. We have had only small and scattered showers since early this spring. Our small grain came through surprisingly well, but the corn, which is our major crop, in many fields has curled and dried. We cannot foresee a bountiful harvest, but we sing in the lovely hymn so often, "The Lord Will Provide", and He will if we live our lives for Him.

MORRIS MN

Esther Schaefer
Corrine Schmidgall

We have enjoyed the fellowship of many visitors. Ministering brothers were Bros. Nathan Steffen (Elgin), Elmer Schmidt and LeRoy Messner (Winthrop), Noah Miller (Minneapolis), Robert Grimm (Goodfield), and Earl Banwart (West Bend).

July 21 was the day Sis. Nancy Dogotch and Bro. Tony Messner chose as their wedding day. Our Elder, Bro. Paul Fehr united them. They will make their home in Minneapolis, where Tony is employed.

The Ft. Sam reunion was held here on July 27-28. Bro. Leonard and Sis. Violet Wulf entertained for supper and evening at their home on Saturday, and Sunday evening a pot-luck supper was served at the Fellowship Center.

Guy Koehl (Bro. Eddie and Sis. Lois) was a surgical patient at Rochester. He is at home again and doing well. Bro. Noah Nohl was also at Rochester for tests. Bro. John Schaefer is getting along nicely, after having his pacemaker replaced. He spent several days in a hospital in Minneapolis. Little Janel Schaefer (Bro. Herman and Sis. Eva Jean) and Benny Moser (Bro. Carl and Sis. Norene) were both hospitalized in Minneapolis for minor surgery.

We welcome Chuck Knoblauch, his wife Cora Lee and son Craig, who have moved from Lester. Chuck is a grandson of Bro. Ernest and Sis. Tillie Kellenberger.

Somewhere there is a heart that aches;
Somewhere there is someone in pain,
But He who rules the universe
Shall see that joy will come again;
For it is certain Someone cares,
And it is certain Someone knows
About our joys and happiness,
About our griefs and cares and woes.

If we but place our trust in Him
And put our burden on His breast,
We soon shall know the peacefulness
And quietness that comes with rest.
Our worried hearts shall soon be calmed,
Our minds completely filled with ease.
Our God and Father understands;
He knows and feels, and hears and sees.

PORTLAND OR Pearl Miller

"This second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you; in both which I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance; That ye may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us the apostles of the Lord and Saviour"

Certainly we are in accord with

the above verses, as we were so richly filled from the precious word of God this past month (July)! Many thanks to the ministering brethren, Elder Carl Kinsinger and (Bros.) Glenn Hackenjos, Altadena; Nathan Steffen from Elgin; Floyd Schmidgall, Morris; Jim Leman, Roanoke; and Earl Gerber, Forrest, who visited us. As one of the brothers ministered, he spoke of how the Lord Jesus doesn't force us to open our hearts as the latch is in the inside, and we must open the door if we wish to have Him living in our hearts.

We can be so thankful to have access to the Bible whenever we wish, after hearing the story of a girl in some other country who desired to have a Bible of her own, so she asked the minister to take the Bible every week and then return it. He said to her, "You must read the Bible very much." She said, "I am copying it word for word, so I'll have one of my own."

What a blessed day when we were able to venture in the Spirit to Calvary and partake of the Lord's Supper (Holy Communion). Elder Bro. Carl Kinsinger and Nathan Steffen shared this Holy Sacrament with us.

Our dear Bro. Paul Rumbold underwent a hernia operation and is recuperating at home. He hopes to assemble with us soon.

God is good—remember this,
For no one else but He
Can really know what's best for us
Or why some things must be.
He knows just why the wind must blow
Or why the rain must fall,
And in His gracious, loving way
He cares about us all . . .
And when we're faced with mysteries
That can't be understood
Through living faith, and faith alone,
We know that God is good.

Bro. Don and Sis. Judy Cremer and baby, Bethany, visited our area on vacation, and while here Don applied for employment, and he was hired, so we are thankful to God to have the addition of another in our small congregation. The song came to my mind, when I thought of how quickly their move took place.

Not my will, but Thine; . . .
Not my will, but Thy will be done,
Lord, in me.
May Thy Spirit divine
Fill this being of mine.
Not my will, but Thy will
Be done, Lord, in me.

During a week of Bro. Glenn Hackenjos' vacation, he and his family helped Bro. Don and Sis. Judy move to Oregon. We know they will be greatly missed in the Altadena area.

NAUMBURG NY Eleanor Herzig

On July 14, Linda Virkler, daughter of Everett and Betty was married to James Beyer, son of Sis. Nina and the late Bro. Ralph, at the Everett Virkler home by Bro. Robert Beyer.

We enjoyed visitors from Oakville, Bay City, Remington, Eureka, and Tremont.

Our Annual Meeting was held on July 29.

SARASOTA FL Linda Miller

"Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened."

These are a few of the words that have been delivered to us in this past month. The Lord has seen our need and answered our prayers in sending us visiting ministers to bring us the word. We give our thanks to those who have visited with us and have so freely given of themselves, in the ministry, as a song leader, or just taking the time to increase Christian fellowship.

Visiting with us have been: Donald Sauder, Roanoke; James Hoerr, Peoria; Lenard Meyer, Chicago; Walter Herrmann, Princeville; and Harry Sutter, Ft. Lauderdale.

Many of our Sarasota congregation have been vacationing in the North. We miss each one, but are thankful that the Lord carries His loved ones in the protection of His hands. Bro. Phil and Sis. Fern Wingeier are due to return from Alto soon. Our gatherings are small, but the Lord blesses us continually with new faces & visitors. A hearty welcome awaits those coming our way.

SHIODA JAPAN

Willis R. Ehnle

The college youth looked at me across the table and asked, "Do you believe in God? Do you believe that God exists?"

It was after our Saturday evening meeting, which is usually in English, but I had spoken in Japanese so that the group of college students attending could understand. I had spoken definitely and positively about God, about Christ, about repentance, conversion and eternal salvation, only to be immediately confronted after the meeting with the question as to whether or not I believe in God. Then, too, the young man seemed surprised that I should emphatically affirm my faith. He appeared to be under the impression that in Christianity, many who teach it don't really believe in God themselves.

In I Samuel much emphasis is placed on the fact that the Lord liveth. We need to be reminded of these basic truths over and over again, lest the practice of our faith becomes a mere formality.

Some people in Jesus time had this problem. Jesus said of them, "This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honour-eth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me."

Tony Ehnle was baptized in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, upon his faith and testimony, in the presence of God and many witnesses at our Shioda Church, on July 7. Our Elder Bro. Ben Maibach, Sis. Lorene, and three of their children were visiting us at that time. Holy Communion was served that evening, and in so doing we remember the Lord's death until He comes again.

Tony and my wife, Lois, are presently in the States for the 50th wedding anniversary of Mom and Dad Beer (Henry and Alice) of Milford.

Our God is living, so let us be very much alive in the spirit.

The remainder of this column will be written by Sis. Kathie Huber of Francesville, who has recently come to Japan.

My greetings of love to each one of you dear brothers and sisters in the States. I have been in Japan for one month, after enjoying the privilege of traveling over here with Bro. Ben Maibach and his

family. I've experienced many new situations and have met so many people, all of which have left some impressions on my mind that I would like to share with you.

At first glance, the most striking thing to me was the masses and masses of people scurrying around this interestingly progressive, yet ancient and congested country. The dedication and daily diligence displayed by each individual, whether he be a student with his studies and clubs, a housewife trying to master the English language, a business man striving for a promotion, or an old couple in their field work, each one deserves our honest commendation.

Most are missing the intended purpose of life. The vast majority have no concept of a living God who answers prayers, of a Christian atmosphere or ideals, or yet alone an understanding of an established functioning church based on love, unity and self-denial for our brother's welfare. They have not had a nation whose basis is Christian, nor ancestors whose faith was in Jesus and God's grace, nor ever enjoyed a Christian home where love is freely expressed and accepted.

In recognizing these facts, I've realized more fully and come to love even more dearly the blessedness of our country, our church & our Christian homes. I treasure even more our precious brothers and sisters here in Japan, whom many of you have met, known, and also loved. Since I can now understand what the church is up against, I can truly appreciate the progress made here in our churches, as each member gradually begins to see the scope and understand the importance of a church working together in love and unity, that others may experience the joy and peace He gives to His faithful children. Some of this requires breaking strong cultural principles, and yet they are seeing the merit in first being a child of God, secondly, Japanese. May each of us have the grace to do the same. Please pray often for the brethren across the ocean. May we in America continue to strengthen and uphold our church as we have known and loved it, that the Japanese churches may have a perfect pattern to follow.

I want to thank each one of my dear friends and my home church

at Francesville for their love, thoughts, letters and prayers offered for me.

WICHITA KS

Glennis Allenbach

"Ointment and perfume rejoice the heart: so doth the sweetness of a man's friend by hearty counsel."

We thank our brothers and sisters for the love shown us this past month, and we embrace them in friendship, as in the sentiment of the above Proverb.

Our open house July 14 was truly a day of Christian fellowship. We hope it was evident to our guests, that we were in essence, saying welcome to our new house of worship; we built it out of love for the Lord that others might share.

Elder Bro. Lester Hartter of Bern gave the morning service, using Psalm 103 for his text. Elder Bro. Gene Marti from Sabetha gave the afternoon message, a timely one on signs of the times.

In Ezra, the word says—they kept the dedication of this house of God with joy. On July 28, we held our church dedication with joy. Elder Bro. Ed Hohulin, of Goodfield gave the morning message. Elder Bro. Wendell Gudeman, of Francesville brought the dedication message in the afternoon. We felt it a privilege to have them, and enjoyed their uplifting messages. Bro. Wendell used as his text, verses from 1st Kings, chapter 8. This was Solomon's prayer at the dedication of the temple. A sister and I were visiting later about this, and we were not before aware of the depth of this prayer. He even included the strangers. I would encourage everyone to study verses 29 through 53, for are we not the strangers he speaks of!

Our elder, Bro. Sam Anliker, was present and spoke during the dedication. Other visiting ministers were: (Bros.) Ronnie Allenbach, Kiowa; Joe Aberle, Sabetha; Carl Hartman, Sabetha; and Eli Sommerhalder, Eureka.

One of the things I value highly in our faith is the Christian fellowship. I think perhaps it's as close to heaven as we'll experience on earth.

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

GRIDLEY KS

Edna Somerhalder/Wilma Young

Noah's ark long drifted
On the surging flood,
But with eyes uplifted
Trusted he in God.
When throughout life's journey
Raging storms I see,
This shall be my comfort:
God is still with me.

Our appreciation to Elder Bro. Raymond Banwart & Bro. Eli Somerhalder, who spent a Sun. afternoon with us. We welcome their return, or any other visitors.

Tena Mauer, 79 years old, passed from this life following surgery. She is survived by a son, Willard; four daughters, Thresa Platt, Helen Zimmer, Ada Young and Alberta Phillips; two brothers, Charles and Frank Knapp; three sisters, Freida Raaf, Bertha Birk and Elizabeth Beyer. Her friendly smile will be missed by many. We extend our sympathy to her family.

... Wish to extend our sympathy to Sis. Lena Strahm in the passing of her sister-in-law, Kate (Carl) Fuhrer.

Goldie Johnson, mother of Sis. Wilma (Andy) Young, is hospitalized for observation and treatment. Rhonda Owens, 4-yr.-old daughter of Sis. Marilyn and Steve, was hospitalized for tests. Little Brian Kraft, 3-yr.-old son of Bro. Lloyd and Sis. Nadine, is at K.U. Medical Center this week, taking treatments. His condition remains the same.

We have experienced a period of heat and drought; a small shower was so welcome, the first in 8 weeks, too late for most of the crops. Most of the corn was siloed in July.

TOKYO JAPAN

Yoshio Yamazaki / Marie Inoue

It was quite a long rainy season this year, and we had more rain than usual. The vegetables and fruits didn't grow so well; however, everything is what the Lord's will is, and we Christians should not complain about it. Instead, we should thank Him for His real blessings upon us.

The believers of our assembly were privileged to partake of Holy Communion on a Wed. evening during the visit of our elder Bro. Ben Maibach. It is good to be re-

mindful of the suffering and death of our Saviour for the sins of the whole world, and also that we may remember our responsibility as a member of His body.

We had a real blessed fellowship meeting for 2½ days at the end of July, at Lake Yamanaka near our country church. It was a blessing to gather together and review the life of the Apostle Paul; his birth at Tarsus, attendance at Stephen's stoning, being awakened unto salvation on the Damascus Road, his life as a servant of God bringing the gospel to Israelites as well as Gentile, and that he could utter "I have kept the faith" at his death. These teachings were brought to us by Bros. Ehnle, Yamazaki, and Inoue. Oh, that we could humble ourselves as the Apostle Paul did, be used as a servant and instrument in God's hands, counting all for loss except what is done for Christ. Bro. Andre, Sis. Lois Neihouser & children are spending several weeks visiting here. We were especially glad they could be present for our fellowship meeting. They are from our Francesville church.

My English classes are improved, but only few children are coming to Sunday School. I met a mother of one of my students, and she mentioned how Tamiko has changed since coming to Sunday School and English classes, and she often tells her mother about the Bible Stories and songs. I was glad and thanked the Lord.

Our friends, Bill and Pat Baurer Blank of Yokohama were blessed of our Heavenly Father with a baby girl, Christina Marie, on July 28. They are soon planning to return to the U.S., after completing an assignment here with Bill's company, Union Pacific.

BLUFFTON IN

Melanie Gerber Donna Drayer

I need the quiet, so He took me
aside
Into the shadows where we could
confide;
Away from the bustle, where all
day long,
I hurried and worried when active
and strong.

I needed the quiet, no prison my
bed,
But a beautiful valley of blessing
instead,

A place to grow richer, in Jesus to
hide;
I needed the quiet, so He took me
aside.

Bros. Sam Steffen and Jacob Meyer and Sisters Mae (Aden) Strahm and Lydia (John) Kaehr have spent some time in the hospital. May this valley be turned into a blessing for them.

Michael and Janet Campbell have welcomed their first child into their home. May little Tyson Michael, who was born on July 6, bring many joys to his happy parents. Bro. Bob and Sis. Bonnie Gerber are grandparents.

In this dry season, as we look out across the dying grass, it reminds us of how the world must look to God as He watches from above. As the grass, if given rain would come forth in rich green blades, if all sinners dead in sin would look to God for grace, they could bring forth fruit instead of the dry, dead stubbles they are trying to be content with. Four more precious souls have been shown that they were only bringing forth stubble and have given their life to our Heavenly Father. The new babes in God's family are Bro. Greg (Dale) Meyer, and Sisters Melinda (John) Cowans, Karen (Ralph) Steffen, and Marlise (Robert) Yergler. We look for the day when we shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.

Bro. Wendell Gudeman (Francesville) was in our midst on July 7 and assisted with the marriage ceremony uniting his niece, Sis. Myra Gray, and Bro. Steven Ringger. The new couple's parents are Bro. Sylven and Sis. Vi Ringger and Bro. Joe and Sis. Esther Gray of Francesville. . . . Bro. Kent and Sis. Debbie (Liby) Fiechter have begun a Christian home. They were united in marriage on July 21. Kent's parents are Bro. Homer and Sis. Clara Fiechter, and Debbie's parents are John and Anna Liby.

It was a pleasant surprise to have Bro. Simon Wagenbach (Tremont) minister to us one Wednesday evening. Bro. Ben Manz (Junction) and Bro. Everett Hari (Bloomington/Normal) also found time to visit us this past month.

We, in Bluffton, are looking forward to the annual brotherhood conference which will be held here on August 20-23. May the Lord

direct each of our elders and ministers as they gather together.

BREMEN IN Pauline Laidig

Breathe on me, Breath of God;
Fill me with life anew,
That I may love what Thou dost
love,
And do what Thou wouldst do.

This is the wish of Betsy Zimmer, daughter of Bro. Bill and Sis. Ann, as she has recently yielded her life to the Lord.

It was a pleasure to have Bros. Joe Zimmerman of Morton and Walter Rager of Toledo spend a Sunday with us. We enjoyed their inspiring messages and the good fellowship with one another.

"Where two join hand and heart, we find a threefold cord, not lightly rent apart." The meaning of these words was impressed upon us as Sis. Diane Zimmer and Bro. Mark Souder were united in marriage by Bro. Earl Zeltwanger. Diane is the daughter of Bro. George and Sis. Helen, and Bro. Ed and Sis. Irma of Grabill are Mark's parents. We wish them God's blessings as they establish their first home in Minneapolis. Bros. David Bertsch and Jack Bollier were with us on this Sunday and blessed us with their ministry, pointing out the relationship of the bride and groom to that of the church and Christ, and also the sacredness of these unions.

Today we heard that Mark and Diane's wedding trip was interrupted, when Diane had to have an appendectomy in Quebec, Canada. Even though they are many miles away, we know the Lord is very near them.

A group of us spent a Sunday evening with Bro. Dan Germann. After visiting awhile, we enjoyed singing hymns and meditating on God's word. Dan lives alone, but seems to get along quite well, with the help of his family and friends.

CHAMPAIGN-URBANA IL Howard and Diane Leman

"If only I had more faith!" How many times have you uttered this or heard your Christian friends say this to each other? Many of us who have felt a lack of faith should stop and think for a moment about how much faith we really do have, in our daily lives with

our fellowman. For example, when we dine out, do we worry and fret over whether or not we should trust the cook, whom we have never met? Or do we just have faith our meal will be wholesome? When we board a plane, do we demand to see the pilot's credentials in order to ascertain his worthiness to fly us safely? Or do we simply believe that he will? Think of the many, many people and institutions in whom we daily have unquestioning faith. Indeed, many of us overflow with faith. Yet, we must direct this faith to spiritual things. How can we doubt someone as great as our God? We should concentrate on applying it to the Lord and his precious word.

Sat., July 6 we were privileged to hear the testimony of Donna Applegate. Donna did not have the blessed experience of growing up in our faith, but through one of our members, she began coming to church and soon felt convicted, to turn in repentance to Christ. We witnessed her baptism and welcomed her as a sister in the Lord. Elder Bro. Ed Hohulin performed the sacrament, while Bros. Dave Wiegand and Ed Alt assisted.

We are all excited over the news that Bro. Keith and Sis. Joanie Hanson and family will be moving back to Urbana from Chicago. They are well acquainted with this area, having lived here prior to their Chicago move. Bro. Keith will begin a job with the University of Illinois. . . . As we gain, we also lose families. Soon Bro. Jim and Sis. Jan Stoller will be leaving our community and moving to El Paso. Here Jim will begin his law practice.

Our new freshmen will be arriving Aug. 18, and U. of I classes began Aug. 26. This means that our weekly Bible Studies at the Union will begin again. We're looking forward to another blessed year of Christian fellowship!

FRANCESVILLE IN Helen Huber/Sharon Neihouser

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. Sis. Myra Gray and
Bro. Steve Ringger spoke their
vows to each other in Bluffton on

July 7 . . . Bro. John Huber and Sis. Beverly Krulik became husband and wife in bonds of holy matrimony on July 14; parents of the couple are Bro. Eugene and Sis. Mildred Huber and Paul and Loretta Krulik.

Hospitalized were Sisters Perseda Aeschliman and Louise Welker, and also Edwin Gutwein.

Elder Bro. George Yergler (La-Crosse) and Bro. Lester Huber (Lexington, Kentucky) were our visiting ministers. We thank them for sharing with us.

We have several more converts in our congregation who have decided to follow Jesus, with the cross before them and the world behind them.

GIRARD OH Kathryn Emch

Life brings joys and sorrows to us all. Among our joys—Sis. Ella celebrated her 80th year, with a number of her relatives coming from Rittman to assemble with us. Her cousin, Bro. Fred Marti served us in the pulpit. Later, we enjoyed dinner together.

(Bros.) Ernest Graf and Gary Maibach also visited us. We thank these brothers especially, and those who came with them.

Bro. Carl Emch suffered a stroke about three months ago and is in the Park Vista Nursing Home. Our prayers are with him and Aunt Ruth, as she cares for him.

Bill Bell, Bro. Jesse Emch's son-in-law, is regaining his strength and speech, after experiencing an embolism in his brain. We praise the Lord for his steady improvement.

We enjoyed a portion of the day at Mansfield, where the Youth Fellowship Day for the Ohio churches was held.

It was our pleasure to fellowship with the Akron brethren, as Bro. Edward Lanz from Oakville ministered to them this past Sunday evening.

GRIDLEY IL Ruth Gramm

School bells will soon be ringing! . . . Telling us all how quickly the summer has slipped away. Too swiftly the time passed that we had our little children to ourselves, away from the influence of Satan and his workers. Did WE SPEND ENOUGH TIME TEACHING THOSE PRECIOUS SOULS OF

THE LOVE OF GOD? How thankful we can be for every born again young man and woman who willingly prepares themselves to teach in our schools. How great is the need in America today for truly Christian teachers to teach our dear little children. Our brothers and sisters who go forth to teach in public schools surely need our prayers, that they too can stand up for Jesus, while they are teaching others.

Prayer is one way we can all be of service to our church, children, country and, most of all, God. Let's not neglect that duty, whether young or old. The older folks have much more time than the younger, so you can spend more time in praying for the young.

Prayer is a privilege God gave to me.

Prayer is the path to victory.

Prayer is the weapon used to fight sin.

Prayer opens the door to let sinners in.

Prayer is a power God's children possess.

Prayer is the way to true happiness.

Prayer is the key to heaven's door. Prayer leads to life forevermore.

We were privileged to add 5 dear souls to our brotherhood. Mr. and Mrs. Larry Kiefer, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Kaupp, and Rick Hany were baptized on July 28. Assisting Bro. Edwin with the proving and baptism was Bro. Dan Koch from Tremont.

We were saddened by the passing of a dear friend. Walter Schieler. Walter's wife, Julia (Schieler) Scheiler and daughter, Sis. Marilyn Scheiler will surely miss him, as will his son Don.

We are glad to report that little Bobby Yergler, son of Glen and Lillian, is home from the hospital; Bobby has a long road of recovery until he is restored to health. On the sick list: Bro. George Stoller is home from the hospital and reports feeling better, altho' still shut in. Sisters Setta Klopffensein and Della Kiefer are at home again and recuperating.

Brother Harold Schmidgall wished to thank all those who offered prayers, and gave gifts to him while he was in the hospital with back surgery. We are glad to have him back in church and worshiping with us again.

MILFORD IN

Sandee Price/Sue Schieler

Tragedy struck our community and saddened the hearts of us all, when our young friend, Jay Haab was killed in a truck-motorcycle accident. Jay started coming to Sunday School quite a few years ago, when he started working on the farm for Bro. and Sis. Howard Beer. Jay, almost 18 years old, was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Haab, and the brother of Dana, Susie and Billy, all who reside near here. Services were held in our church, which was filled to capacity. Many, many young friends of Jay's came to pay their last respects to a fine young man who will be missed by all of us.

Our sympathy goes to Sis. Edith and Bro. Arthur (Ted) Baumgartner, whose brother Omar passed away in Ottumwa, Iowa.

We were happy to have Bros. Mike Zimmerman and Ted Speicher assemble with us again after short hospital stays. We look forward to having Sis. Georgia Rassi in our midst, as she is convalescing at home and able to be up for longer periods of time now.

Bro. Dale and Sis. Carol Strassheim welcomed little Eric into their family circle. Angie and Brian love to help mommy with their new little brother.

Ministering God's word to us have been Bros. Cleo Rinkenberger—Pulaski; Orville Ringger—Bluffton; and Joe Schrock—Congerville.

Many from our congregation went to Roanoke July 28 for the wedding of Bro. Fred Beer and Sis. Pat Plattner. Fred is the son of Bro. and Sis. Carlton Beer, and Pat the daughter of Bro. and Sis. Russell Plattner of Roanoke. Pat and Fred are making their home on a farm near Milford, and we welcome them to our congregation.

MINNEAPOLIS MN

Kathryn Olson

Put on the gospel armour;
Each piece put on with prayer.
Where duty calls or danger,
Be never wanting there.

We cannot be thankful enough for the ministers who have been kind enough to visit and share with us the word of God: in the past month, (Bros.) Henry Beer, Milford, Nathan Stoller, Bradford;

and Joe Stoller, Princeville. We thank them.

Sunday School Classes have been resumed after a brief vacation. We want to thank the teachers who give of their time to teach our youth.

ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY Marsha Knobloch

We are very thankful that Bros. Ed Alt, Francis Rother, and Joe Schrock came and ministered the word unto us. We really appreciate their efforts and concern.

We also are thankful for the friends and brethren who worship with us on Thursday nights, and extend a welcome to anyone who wishes to come. We truly enjoy a blessed evening in the Lord.

MORTON IL

Emma Knapp/Peggy Joos

The Lord really changes lives, as two dear souls, father and daughter, turned from darkness to light, as an answer to prayer. July 10, Richard Greene and Vickie Getz had their testimonies and were baptized. We welcome them in the fold.

The Lord has given grace to another dear soul. July 31, Nellie Stoller (Mrs. Walter) gave her testimony and was baptized into the heavenly fold.

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you . . . Announcement was made of the engagement of Sis. Karen Roeschly to Bro. Charles Sinn of the Ft. Scott congregation. Parents are Sis. Mabel and the late Ray Roeschley and Bro. Danny and Sis. Dorthy Sinn. July 28, Bro. Steve Schmidgall was united in marriage to Sis. Christine Hunziker of Peoria. Bride's parents are Bro. Dale and Sis. Barbara. Groom's parents are Bro. Harry and Sis. Helen. Joe Hauter & Cheryl Steiner repeated their marriage vows Aug. 2. Parents are Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Steiner and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hauter.

Bro. Terry and Sis. Dianne Rassi welcomed a son, Chad Michael July 8, as did grandparents, Bro. Harvey Zimmermans and Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Rassi of Clearwater, Florida. Rebekah Jo was the name chosen for the new daughter born to Gene and Joe Anne Knapp July 25. She has a little brother to welcome her . . . and grandparents

Eugene and Lillian Mathis and Bro. Chris and Sis. Emma Knapp.

Those in the hospital during July were Marie Hager, (Sisters) Lavina Kilgus, Marie Belsley, Violet Reeser, Florence Schmidgal . . . Mike Kaiser, Bro. John Zimmerman, Fred Huette and Bruce Landes.

The Eternal Goodness

I long for household voices gone;
For vanished smiles I long,
But God hath led my dear ones on
And He can do no wrong.

I know not what the future holds
Of marvel or surprise,
Assured alone that life and death
His mercy underlies.

And so beside the silent sea
I wait the muffled oar;
No harm from Him can come to
me
On ocean or on shore.

I know not where His islands lift
Their fronded palms in air;
I only know I cannot drift
Beyond His love and care.

In memory of Kathy Staker and
Janice Knapp.

NEW MARTINSVILLE WV Minnie B. Weltz Della Witschey

The annual Witschey reunion will be held at the City Park here on Sunday, Aug. 25. This is one of the larger reunions held there each year. Mrs. Luella Frankhouser Durig was badly hurt in a fall in her yard and will be a patient in the local hospital for several weeks; she is wearing a heavy cast. Ralph Lasure, a son of Frank and the late Minnie Hassig Lasure died very suddenly some time ago in Canton, Ohio.

Clarence Durig was in the local hospital in late July. John Bland Jr., a son of Mrs. Elizabeth Bland Isinghood, was also a patient in the hospital in late July.

Mrs. Bonnie Hawkins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Riggenbach was in a group of teachers who made a trip to Brazil, South America.

Jack and John Wade, sons of the late Jack Wade of Daytona Beach, Florida have spent a vacation here with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Wade. Mr. and Mrs.

Clarence Radanov of Cuyahoga Falls, O., were guests of Miss Della Witschey and Mrs. Frank Schupbach and daughter Erma.

Mrs. Ray Schupbach was unfortunate in having a hand badly hurt in being caught in a car door; at first there was danger of losing the end of one or more fingers, but it seems to be improving nicely now.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Barth of Parkersburg spent Sunday July 28 here with their families and friends. She has recovered nicely from leg amputation in May and is looking forward to being able to be fit with an artificial limb soon.

Mrs. J. C. Froelich visited with Miss Della Witschey.

On Sunday evening July 7, Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Indermuhle, Joyce and Allen of Sardis spent the evening in the home of Minnie Weltz and played the tape recording of the service at the country church on June 30. We felt like we had sat in church that afternoon, and many thanks to Delbert for his effort. Elda Ritz and Lillie Schupbach also enjoyed the recording.

The annual Limestone Homecoming will be held at the country school on Sunday, Sept. 1. A basket dinner will be enjoyed at noon, and a program is being planned for those who will attend. All former teachers and pupils are invited to attend.

RITTMAN OH Florence Hartzler

Bless be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love . . . These words can be sung for many occasions, this time at the wedding of Bro. Matthew Steiner and Sis. Gail Gasser. Bro. Joe Ramsier performed the ceremony on August 4, reminding them of their duties to each other and also to their God. Parents are Bro. Alvin and Sis. Eldora Steiner and Sis. Doris Gasser.

My Lord, an offering do I bring; my heart I give to Thee. I gladly give this heart of mine, which Thou dost ask of me . . . Oh what beautiful words to sing following the baptism of friends, who have now become children of God. We rejoice with Bro. Leon Rufner and Bro. Stanley Winkler, as they were reborn . . . **O now, my Saviour, do Thou take my heart and make it Thine; I'll follow Thee, a**

servant true, within Thy fold divine. Bro. Orin and Sis. Anna Rufener and Bro. Alvin and Sis. Estella Winkler are the happy parents.

Ring the bells of heaven; there is joy today, for a soul returning from the wild . . . With joy we learn of more souls turning their backs on the world and giving their hearts to the Lord, and we pray the Lord will give peace to Pat Klotzle (Bro. Irvin and Sis. Jane), Nancy Hartzler (Bro. Ernest and Sis. Pauline), Brenda Winkler (Bro. Alvin and Sis. Estella), Joan Gerber (Sis. Mary Ellen), and Bill Young (husband of Sis. Donna).

Little babies, blessings from God, were born to three families. A little girl, Lisa Ann, to Bro. Ron and Sis. Joanne Christian, and her three sisters, Pam, Carol, Elaine welcome her home. Also, a little girl was welcome in the home of Kenny and Jackie Babin and son Kevin. Jody Mae is the name given to the daughter of Randy and Beverly (Gasser) Moore, and Bobby welcomes a new sister, too.

The Dotterers, Bro. John, Sis. Betty, Sis. Marlene & Joe want to take this opportunity to "Thank everyone who remembered us with prayers, visits, cards and gifts of any kind following our accident. Everything was deeply appreciated. We are thankful they can be home again, but now Sis. Marlene had to return to the hospital for more work on her jaw. Our prayers are with her as she bears her lot so patiently. Others needing hospital care were Sis. Josephine Bauman, Sis. Carol Kiser. Bro. Jim Beres is on crutches, as his leg is in a cast; Ross Maibach has his arm in a cast (both due to fractures).

Our dear Sis. Ella Widmer has reached her 90th birthday. What makes this so outstanding is that she has a twin sister living, Sis. Elizabeth Dotterer of Mansfield. They are thankful to still be able to attend church, and it gives us courage to go on, to think if they can go to church, we who are still young have no excuse to miss the services. We are thankful we're able to have this opportunity to worship God in our own way.

Many from our Sunday School attended the Youth Day activities at Mansfield. It was so inspiring

to see so many lift their voices in song to praise the Lord.

We rejoice with Sheila Steiner and her family, as she has found the grace to turn her back on the world and to become a follower of Christ. Her parents are Bro. Alvin and Sis. Eldora Steiner.

Showers of blessings we have received this past month in many different ways. We have had baptism, rejoice with new converts, have the word of God brought to us by (Bros.) Paul Gasser and Rudy Graf, then again this past week-end a wedding, and we want to thank the Lord for giving us the blessedness of rain, that came to water a thirsty land.

WEST BEND IA

Mrs. Melvin Fehr
Mrs. Raymond Anliker

Three homes have been blessed with precious blessings that God has entrusted unto them. Bro. Dennis and Sis. Judy Fehr named their boy Jason Douglas, born July 7. Jason has a brother and a sister to welcome him. First-time parents, Bro. Dan and Sis. Eunice Fehr had a son, Cory Dean, born July 11. A first cousin of Cory's born the same day, July 11, was Tina Marie, daughter of Bro. Robert and Sis. Barbara Fehr. Tina has a sister and two brothers to wait her arrival. May these parents, as well as all of us, be granted grace and wisdom to lead our children aright.

HIS WORD OBEY AND WARNING TAKE . . . as we were reminded by our visiting ministers, (Bros.) John Steiner of Oakville, and Albert Wuthrich of Pulaski. We thank them for their efforts and welcome their return.

July 14 was the setting of a lawn wedding of Yvonne Banwart, daughter of Bro. Victor and Sis. Marilyn, to David Bruellman, son of Bro. Harley and Sis. Adele. They are making their home here, as both are from our congregation.

Our hospital patients, Leah Traub & Brian Bruellman, son of Bro. Gene & Sis. Evie, have assembled with us again. Cloyce Gress, son of Bro. Fahey and Sis. Marie, had surgery and is improving very well. Sis. Minnie Bruellman is back at Clear View Manor after her surgery, and is enjoying being close to her loved ones.

The Ray Anlikers bid a fond

farewell to Outi Paananen, an exchange student from Finland. Outi was with the Anlikers a year and always attended our Sunday school and Bible Class. Outi gained many friends and will be missed and long remembered in our congregation. We wish her God's blessings back home.

WOLCOTT IN

Marjean Lehman Arles Kropf

We are thankful to have seen the answer to prayers offered by loved brethren, now at Rest. It was prayed often in bygone years that our church could grow till the walls could not contain them. Construction is now underway, increasing the seating capacity of our assembly room and also making more hall space. We trust the Lord's blessing will be upon our effort, and that He will also continue to grant an increase of souls desiring to worship with us.

We also thank the Almighty for a little shower of rain this past week, after our weeks of drought. It can be observed that the lawns began again to green up, and we know it helped on the growing corn and beans.

CISSNA PARK IL

Margaret Rudin/Grace Bauer

None but God can satisfy the longing of the immortal soul; as the heart was made for Him, He only can fill it.

Bruce Knapp, son of Gladys and Harry Knapp, has found peace, and was announced. He and his parents are now waiting for the opportunity to give their testimonies and be baptized.

We had our annual Sunday School picnic on July 14. It was enjoyed by all who attended.

We thank Bro. Joshua Broquard for sharing the word with us.

Our sick: Sis. Eulalia Eisenman was a hospital medical patient. Sis. Priscilla Knapp had cataract surgery. Bro. Albert Kaufmann had surgery. Sis. Mary Schupbach broke her hip and is a hospital patient. She is getting along very well. Bro. Elmer Jacob had surgery, and has returned home. Sis. Esther Fisher is a hospital patient for tests and observation. Bro. Jon Anderson was a hospital patient.

The mailing address for Mary and Jon Anderson has been chan-

ged from East Lynn IL to R.R. 2, Hoopeston IL 60942. Mail sent to East Lynn will not be delivered.

Have you had a kindness shown?
Pass it on.
Twas not given for thee alone;
Pass it on.
Let it travel down the years;
Let it wipe another's tears,
Till in Heaven, the deed appears.
Pass it on!

Have you found some precious
treasure?
Pass it on.
Have you some peculiar pleasure?
Pass it on.
For the heart grows rich in giving;
Loving is the truest living;
Letting go is twice possessing.
Would'st thou double every blessing?
Pass it on!

CROGHAN NY

Alice Virkler

In a sermon by one of our brothers, we were reminded how much we are like the tree with its branches. We are like a branch from the main trunk of the tree. Each of us must be nourished and sustained by reading of the holy word, by prayer, and by assembling ourselves together and fellowshiping with one another. If we do not take the opportunity to avail ourselves of this wonderful nourishment, we will soon become as the dead branches and wither away, as we fall farther and farther from God's teachings and the true fellowship. May each of us ever strive to remain faithful to our calling, so that we may not be as the branch that withers away and dies, but that we might flourish into a beautiful branch from our Heavenly Father and His Son, Jesus Christ.

Our annual meeting was held on July 30. May God grant strength and grace to each of those who have been elected and re-elected to offices for the coming year.

Their first child, a daughter, was born to Earl and Debbie (Widrick) Boliver on July 20. She has been named Nichole Lee, and her grandparents are Gilbert and Betty Widrick and Earl Boliver. Her great-grandparents are Bro. John and Sis. Berdena Widrick.

Bro. Leon Virkler has been a hospital patient for several weeks. He underwent surgery, and while

a patient, fell and broke a bone in his back. He has been transferred from Watertown to the hospital in Lowville, where he can be closer to his family while the bone heals and he undergoes therapy treatment.

DETROIT MI Bonnie Popp

The Bible, the Bible! More precious than gold;
Glad hopes and bright glories its pages unfold.
It speaks of the Father and tells of His love,
And shows us the way to the mansions above.

It was a joy to gather round the Bible and listen to the word of truth brought forth. Our thanks to the Lord for bringing to us Ministering Bros. Ronald Allenbach and Marvin Schmidgall.

A welcome to Bro. John. Sis. Rose and Lisa Huette from Bloomington. As they have settled in the Detroit area and plan to assemble with us for a time, we hope to know each other better in the Lord.

Happy is the home where Jesus name
Is sweet to every ear
Where children early list His fame
And parents hold Him dear.

Ryan Scott arrived July 16 to gladden heart and home of Ben and Barb Maibach. Bro. Ben and Sis. Lorene are thrilled with their new grandson, also . . . A precious bundle, Bonnie Kav, arrived Aug. 1 to Sis. Evelyn and Bro. Rod Wieland. Grandparents are Bro. Homer and Sis. Alice Polk and Bro. Howard Wieland.

May these little ones be surrounded with prayers, songs and words telling the story of Jesus and His love for the lambs . . . And as the years would pass, our prayer is that they would grow in their love from Him.

Before we yet knew Him, He gave us His love.
And when we lacked something it grieved Him above;
Our parents He gave for our care every day,
And teaches to show us the heavenly way.

ELGIN IA Eleanor Butikofer

The farmers are busy putting up their second crop of hay. The cornfields appear to be developing very nicely . . . so we have much to thank our Creator for in the way of material blessings, and much more for spiritual food, provided for us in the Book of Life.

Speaking of lessons that life can teach us, one brother in our congregation mentioned that one taught him was, that true faith was to meet life's testings with patience.

Sis. Gloria Frieden is now working in the Palmer Memorial Hospital at West Union as a nurse's aide and finds it a most rewarding way of spending her time. She had been a clerk in a store in our town for a number of years.

We were blessed with having three ministers visit our church and giving us food for thought from the Holy Scripture. They were Bros. Albert Wuthrich from Pulaski, John Steiner from Oakville, and Uriel Gehring from Burlington. May we not only be hearers, but doers of the word.

Sis. Karla Moore recently graduated as an LPN from the area school located at Calmar, Iowa. She has plans to start working as a nurse in the Postville Hospital. May God's blessings be upon her as she goes about in her work, helping and encouraging the patients.

An uncle visited us; one of the thoughts he left was that he tries to seek his pleasures by eliminating his desires. This thought brings to mind the Bible: **Godliness with contentment is great gain.**

Now for a word picture in natural beauty: would like to write about the fall flowers we already now behold in the meadows and roadsides. The most prominent ones gracing our landscape are Queen Anne's lace, the pretty white one, and the lovely purple wort. We have never seen such abundant masses of either of these beauties before, and so once more we thank our Creator for such pleasures in our nature world.

ELGIN IL Louise Steffen/Katie Kachelmuss

Then He shall come gently, lead us by His hand

From our weary journey to the Fatherland;
There where strife is over, praise to God we'll bring,
With the righteous chorus **Hallelujah** sing.

Sis. Ricka, widow of Bro. Jacob Stettner, aged 91 years, passed away. Services were held on July 12 by Bro. Perry Zimmerman. In her early youth she obeyed the call of the Lord, and with His grace was able to finish her course in faith.

Cheryl, daughter of Sis. Eleanor and the late Bro. Elmer Steffen, was united in marriage on July 27 to John Knobloch, son of Bro. Clarence and Sis. Emma Knobloch of Bradford. They will make their home in LaFayette, Indiana.

Bro. John Reber, R.R. 2 Box 127, Elgin IL 60120, has been hospitalized for surgery, also Sis. Anne (William) Reber, 716 Illinois Ave., Elgin 60120. They are both at home again with their loved ones.

We were happy to have a number of ministering brothers as our guests. They were Bros. Jim Ramseyer of Bay City, Robert Walder of Congerville, Stephen Rinkenberger of Cissna Park, and Noah Schrock of Oakville.

Our dear friend, Mary (Wm.) Spohr is hospitalized, following surgery. Her address is 396 Oak, South Elgin IL 60177.

FAIRBURY IL Joyce Huber

We rejoice that Mrs. John (Bonnie) Traub has taken the Lord Jesus Christ for her Saviour, and we believe that she is also rejoicing in her new-found faith.

"A light shone" and peace with God was Anna Lou VanAntwerp's testimony; and Thelma Slagel also testified of a wonderful experience with the Lord Jesus Christ, giving her peace with God. The two sisters gave their testimonies with Bro. Perry Zimmerman assisting Bro. Josh Broquard, and they were baptized, becoming children of God.

Bro. Dan Roth, son of Bro. and Sis. Earl Roth, is engaged to be married to Sis. Patty Meyer of Chicago. Her parents are Bro. and Sis. Fred Meyer of Florida.

A soldier's reunion was held at Fairbury, with hosts, Bro. and Sis. Emanuel Steffen, Bro. and Sis. Dave Steffen, Bro. and Sis.

Harvey Leman, and Sis. Dorothy (Alph) Bachtold. Ministers in the reunion that came were Bros. Ed Alt, Elmer Witzig, Ed Ringger. Bro. Harold Schmidgall was present for Saturday. Other visiting ministers recently were Bros. Ken Schneider, Ed Bahler, and Earl Kilgus.

Bro. and Sis. Reuben Huber's son, Steve, was married to Bonnie Posorske. Steve works with Blue Bell Inc., with a sales territory of southern Indiana, and so the newlyweds will reside in Zionsville.

Russell Wenger, 68, passed away suddenly; funeral services were held by Bro. Josh Broquard. Surviving are his wife, Johanna (Harms), and 2 sisters, Edna Maier and Irene Brucker.

We are sorry to have Bro. and Sis. Earl Roth move from our congregation, as they will now be at home in Tempe, Arizona, with the Phoenix congregation.

Sis. Sally Schiopf has undergone surgery. Sis. Dorothy Steffen is still in Chicago, having had surgery. Sis. Louise Furrer has taken Sis. Clara Steffen into her home, as Clara was able to leave the hospital, but still needs much care.

WINTHROP MN

Carol Messner and Marcelle Dapper

"Thrust in thy sickle, and reap; for the time is come for thee to reap; for the harvest of the earth is ripe." As we see the farmer harvesting the good grain of the fields from the tares . . . so must we as born-again Christians not be found sleeping in the spirit, but we must continually keep our hearts garnished and cleaned from the tares of the things of the world.

A beautiful illustration is the parable of the tares of the field . . . The field representing the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the tares, the enemy or Satan, the great deceiver; and the reapers, the angels sent forth to gather in the good seed or His children. Those that have not done His will will be cast into a furnace of fire. Therefore, let us be watchful, preparing ourselves when the Lord of the Harvest returns to gather His own.

July 28, we were blessed with the visit of Elder Bro. Herman Kellenberger. We always feel the great love he has for the youth of our churches. He spoke of how we

as Christians are volunteers in the army of the Lord and not draftees. We must make the free choice whom we will serve.

Sis. Carrie Messner wishes to express her sincere thanks to all those that remembered her with prayers, cards and visits, while her long stay in the hospital.

CONGERVILLE IL

Arlene Banwart/Mary Schrock

**I'll live for him who died for me;
How happy then my life shall be.**
In our recent Wed. evening services (we had the privilege of having with us many visitors and three souls who just started repenting. One of them, Benji Zimmerman (son of Bro. Orville and Sis. Lula) is from our congregation.

Hospitalized were as follows: Bros. Joe Schrock, Don Ott, Sisters Linda (Ralph) Knapp, Lula (Orville) Zimmerman, and Carolyn (Don) Ott. Due to a fall, Denise Banwart (1½-yr.-old daughter of Bro. Jerry and Sis. Arlene) and Trent Schrock (4½-yr.-old son of Bro. Byron and Sis. Mary) were hospitalized with broken arms.

Our new women Sunday School teachers are Sisters Donna Knapp, Carolyn Ott, and Nancy Schrock.

We thank Bro. Roy Wieland (Bay City) for his message exhorting us toward more holiness.

We were really happy and thankful to have Bro. Jesse Schrock ministering to us again, accompanied by his wife Sis. Lil. This was their first return visit since their move to 500 W. Florence, Peoria.

We want to sincerely thank everyone for the help and kindness shown during hospitalization and convalescence. Bro. Don and Sis. Carolyn Ott.

FORREST IL

**Juanita Schneider
Kathryn Steidinger**

When sunset falls upon your day
And fades from out the west,
When business cares are put away
And you lie down to rest,
The measure of the day's success—
Or failure—may be told
In terms of Christian happiness
And not in terms of gold.
Is there beside some hearth tonight

More joy because you wrought?
Does someone face the fight
With courage you have taught?

Are you a little kinder than
You've ever been before?
Have you increased humility
And added to your store
Of love and faith and gentleness
And joy and happiness?
If so, the day that now is o'er
Has been a real success.

We were blessed with much spiritual food from our ministering brothers that visited us. They were Bros. Josh Broquard, Hartzell Kaisner, Merle Kaisner, Art Bahler, Bill Kupferschmid, Ron Heiniger, and Ken Schneider. May they take courage to rightly divide the word of God, in season and out of season.

Our friend, Lori (Lehmann) Rieger, was called from this life early Sat. morning on July 13. She only became ill the evening before. Bro. Clarence Kachelmuss had the services, on July 15. She is survived by her husband, Manny; one son, Leonard; one sister and six brothers. Then on the evening of July 15, Bro. Ed Stoller slipped quietly from this life into eternity. Services were held on July 16 by Bro. Joe Kaisner. He is survived by one daughter, Sis. Millie Traub, and one son, Curt. May God comfort the hearts of those who were so suddenly in sorrow.

We are thankful that the Lord is still calling souls to be relieved of their burdens and that there are still souls who will answer, as Manny Rieger has surrendered his life to the great physician. Karla Kuntz, daughter of Bro. Leland and Sis. Marge, brought her testimony before us and then became our sister in faith through baptism.

Stanley Stoller (Bro. Elmer and Sis. Rosetta) was a patient at Fairbury Hospital, following surgery. Sis. Nathalia Wenger and Bro. Bill Kupferschmid were patients at Gibson City. Sis. Marian Rieger, Bro. Frank and Sis. Hulda Honegger were patients at Mayo Clinic for a few days. Sis. Carrie Wiegand was a patient at Carle Hospital in Urbana. All have returned home. Bro. Glen Zimmerman had the misfortune to break a wrist, and now has his arm in a cast.

We wish to welcome Sis. Jill (Ehnle) Stoller to our congregation since her marriage to our Bro. Greg, as they have established their home in Forrest.

Faith grows strong by exercise. Use today the faith you have, and tomorrow you will have more.

BAY CITY Carolyn Schamback

Now it is accomplished; I'm no longer mine . . .! How joyful is it to be able to report to you that three more souls have now entered the fold! We welcome to our brotherhood Tom and Connie Schlatter (son of Bro. Dave) and Sis. Patricia Clayborn. We wish them much grace in their walk with God. After the baptismal ceremony, on Sunday evening we again assembled to partake of Holy Communion. What a wonderful, love-filled week-end . . . Elder Bro. Loren Stoller was with us from Latty to help Bro. Joe Wai-bel in this work.

Other ministers visiting were Bros. George Yergler (La Crosse), Aaron Steffen (Alto), Ernest Graf (Akron) and Gary Maibach (Rittman). Among other warm and loving teachings we learned to get self out of our thinking, to trust in God's ability to do for us, and we'll be better off.

Gene and Sis. Carol Meylan are the happy parents of their first baby, little Marcie Marie. Bro. Henry and Sis. Helen Meylan are grandparents. Gene has confessed peace and was to be proved with our other new converts, but Marcie decided to come that week! So we have another joyous occasion to look forward to.

Hospitalized were Sis. Lorraine Wackerle, Sis. Ida Wieland and Nancy Herzberg. We are thankful when each one of our dear ones shows improvement, and must give the credit to our Lord.

We sympathize with Sis. Margaret Ruegesegger (Bro. Glenn) in the passing of her mother, Mrs. Winifred Pemberton. Also this month we lost Bro. Raymond Wieland, 65. Bro. Ray has had many illnesses and can now be at rest. Surviving are his wife, Florence; two sons, Gilbert and Richard; five sisters; Sis. Lydia Freidinger, Sis. Emma Zimmerman, Sis. Catherine Wieland, Lillian Roese, Laura Mudge; and six brothers; Joseph, Bro. Sam, Bro. Erwin, Harvey, Alfred and Elmer.

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

GOODFIELD Elna Grimm

The little ones you gave to me
Dear Lord, I love them so
Please help me teach them of Thy
love
As day by day they grow.

Please help me to appreciate
The little things they do
And when I'm tired and weary
Then give me patience too.

So soon these little toddlers
Are off to school — and then
It isn't long till they become
Young ladies and young men.

I want to tell them early
About the price you paid
I want them all to feel your love
And not to be afraid.

You said to train young children
In the way that they must go
And they will not depart from it
Oh this is true I know!

So help me — ever help me
To teach them of thy ways
That on that great eternal day
We all shall sing Thy praise.

Our friend, Ethel Finley and her son, Mike, were taken into the fold on Sunday, July 21. For many years, Ethel sent her children to Sunday School and she came to church, always hoping to "someday" give her life to Jesus. Finally God's beautiful miracle was performed when her son, Mike surrendered to the Lord. Ethel soon followed, and it isn't difficult to detect the happiness in their hearts, for their faces are radiant. That feeling of peace is reflected in their smiles.

Bro. and Sis. Roy and Jan Wiegand were blessed with a baby boy on July 10. They have named him Dana Edward. The grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Willis and Betty Wiegand, Goodfield, and Bro. and Sis. Harlan and Carolyn Bolliger, Tremont.

Our visiting ministers have been Bros. Henry Grimm, Morton; Vernon Leman, Eureka; and Albert Aberle, Tremont. We thank them for their service.

Bro. Steve (Bro. and Sis. Nelson and Mary Ellen) Martin and Sis. Vicki Heinold (Bro. and Sis. Howard and Vera) were married on

Sun., July 14 at our Goodfield church.

Those hospitalized have been Sis. Vi (Harold) Reeser, Bros. Hans Hinrichson, Chris Hohulin, and Sis. Ethel Finley.

I have held many things in my hands, and I have lost them all; but whatever I have placed in God's hands, that I still possess.

HOME FOR HANDICAPPED

In the nearly three years that the Home for the Handicapped has been in existence, many things of depth have transpired. The Home, being now nearly filled to its present capacity, is vibrant with daily, human-interest happenings. From the newest member of the staff to the ones who shoulder the responsibility, the united aim and purpose is the good of the residents who have come here to live, and who are so dependent on those who contribute to their care. The constant theme of the care here is Christ-like love: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

An all-wise Creator knows the purpose for the existence of each of the "special" people who lives here; but for the dedicated staff it has created a golden opportunity for each of us to try to make this earth a happier place for these dear residents. In so doing, we may perhaps, in a small way at least, be a reflection of Christ's immeasurable love for us.

Knowing that many of you readers may not have the opportunity to visit the Home and become personally acquainted with the staff, perhaps we could use this method to know each other better in a series of Silver Lining articles about the various departments of our Home.

Because it is in the department of Administration and Office where the resident and his family have their first contact, it would seem logical to feature this month the importance of what goes on in this area:

Admission of a resident is not merely a matter of accurate records, filled with statistics of the status quo of the resident and his next of kin. We try to put ourselves in his place and in that of his family, knowing that this may well be

traumatic, thrilling, yet fearsome once-in-a-lifetime experience. For him it may be a change greater than any other. Here compassion, understanding and patience are all important (as they are in all departments). This staff feels the responsibility to try to "break the ice" gently and to smooth the way for the ensuing adjustment.

As time goes on, there is a continuing affiliation between the resident and the office department. It is through this channel that each resident conducts his personal business transactions. The staff here is never too busy to take time for things that seem important to the resident.

Being state-affiliated and abiding by all state regulations requires many more office duties than meets the eye. Too, this area can be classified as the "Office of Trust and Confidence," a responsibility which none wishes to betray.

A policy of special attention is given each individual or group who sends either gift or memorial contributions. This is another way of saying, "We care and are deeply grateful."

Is there a need for a Home such as ours? Yes, the need has been established to be greater than our housing capacity. Then the question arises. Are we (you dear readers and we here) worthy of this trust?

In summary, the thought in this department can be stated thus: The beautiful doings of the soul shall not perish, knowing that pure mercy, compassion, and kindness can serve an especially good purpose here among our residents. We humbly pray for such wisdom.

LA CROSSE IN

Lorene Moser/Mary E. Gudeman

"But the meek shall inherit the earth; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace." Jesus was the only perfect man that lived on the earth, and meekness was one of the noblest qualities of His character. He was gentle, patient, silent under reproach, and when He suffered, He threatened not. He answered with tender love all man's wrath, and on His cross, when the blood was flowing, He prayed for His betrayers.

We are rejoicing with the angels in Heaven. Friend Tim Bucher (Bro. Art and Sis. Esther) has

turned to the Lord in repentance.

Hospital patient and dismissed is Friend Joan (Heiniger) Cambem, who had surgery. She is doing satisfactorily.

On the last Sunday of July, we held our Sunday School picnic, with both young and old. It is a blessing to see the children, as they receive their awards for perfect and good attendance. This same Sunday, Bro. Arnold Gerst and his family of Chicago were visitors. We are always thankful for brothers who are willing to minister God's word to us.

Be present, gracious Father,
To give away this bride,
As Eve thou gav'st to Adam
Out of his own pierced side;
Be present blessed Jesus,
To join their loving hands,
As thou didst bind two natures
In thine eternal bands.

On July 14, a number of our congregation attended the wedding of Bro. Bill Frank to Sis. Joan Knobloch at Bradford. Their first home is in West Lafayette, Ind.

Many friends and relatives were present to witness the impressive ceremony performed by Elder Bro. Edward Frank for the wedding of Sis. Joyce Gudeman and Bro. Larry Wenninger (Latty). Parents are Bro. Art and Sis. Mary, and Bro. Donald and Sis. Josephine. We will miss Joyce in our midst, but know she will find this same love in Latty. We are pleased to have Ministering Bros. Jim Ramseyer (Bay City), Merrill Laukhuf (Latty), Dale Eisenmann (Chicago), and Duane Metzger (West Bend) visit us. "That ye love one another; as I have loved you. . ." The messages brought forth were much about love and its Christ-like ways.

The Bible is a guidebook; the way to master it is to let it master us.

LAMAR MO

Marie Marti/Mrs. Raymond Braker

Our hearts were filled to overflowing with joy as we gathered into our country church on a cool Sunday morning, August 4 with our loved ones who had come to Lamar for the soldier's reunion. Those same loved ones who had worshipped with us almost 30 years ago had returned for a few days of fellowship. Surely we could feel

God's presence as voices blended in singing the beautiful "Morning Hymn." Love continued to flow from heart to heart as brethren felt moved to select "The 23rd Psalm," "Union of Hearts," and "Unity in Love." We felt very deeply as the songwriter describes—

Oh how lovely tis to be
With our Lord in unity,
And united voices raise,
Him to bring our songs of praise.

We are ever grateful to God for permitting Elder Bros. Perry Zimmerman and Raymond Banwart to bring to us messages of warning and encouragement on that day. We were encouraged to hold fast to that faith which was preserved by our forefathers and handed down to us. As in a relay, we want to finish our race holding fast to that precious faith. It was truly a blessed few hours spent together — hours and experiences which we shall always treasure. We want to extend a special "thank-you" to all who came.

Our dear friend, Barbara Stefan, was announced as having found peace, and we are all looking forward to hearing her testimony in the near future.

Terri Marti, daughter of Bro. Dale and Sis. Corrine, and Jim Duncan were united in marriage July 6. Jane Jones and Eddie Braker, son of Bro. Fred and Sis. Cecil, were joined together in holy matrimony Aug. 3.

Bro. Joe Braker visited July 14 and brought to us messages of love and inspiration. On July 29, Bro. Wendell Gudeman proclaimed the word of God to us. We thank them, and may God bless them for their efforts.

LAMONT KS Betty Wernli

". . . because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only son . . . I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven . . . because thou hast obeyed my voice." And from that day to this, men have been learning that when, at God's voice, they surrender to Him the one thing above all else that was dearest to their hearts, that some thing is returned to them by Him a thousand times over. In the giving up of our

all, we find the crown of it all is Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Our deep appreciation and thankfulness to our visiting Ministers, Bro. Eli Somerhalder of Eureka, Elder Bro. Raymond Banwart of Ft. Scott (who spent a Sunday morning with us) and Elder Bro. Wendell Gudeman, who came in our midst one blessed Sunday evening. It was so good to have these brothers minister unto our need.

Little Brandon Emch spent some time in the hospital, but is quite well again, for which we're thankful.

Jill Marie came July 22 to bless the home of Bro. Ron and Sis. Jane Isch. She has two sisters, Jody and Jennifer, who didn't know quite what to make of her arrival home! Bro. Floyd and Sis. Mary Isch are the paternal grandparents, and Bro. Virgil and Sis. Marie Hartter of Sabetha are the maternal grandparents.

MANSFIELD OH Aaron A. Sauder

Jesus has taken a beautiful bud
Out of our garden of love,
Borne it away to the city of God,
Home of the angels above.
Full blooming flowers alone will
not do;

So the frail buds he is gathering
too,

Beautiful gems of His throne.
Gathering buds, gathering buds,
Wonderful care will be giv'n.
Jesus is gathering, day after day,
Buds for the palace of heav'n.

Out of their garden of love, Jerry and Erika Bird have had their wee daughter, Maria Katherine taken to be a bud in the palace of heaven. Little Maria was born on June 24, and returned to her Maker on July 10. We extend our love and sympathy to the young parents, her paternal grandparents, Bro. Bob and Sis. Miriam Sauder Bird and great-grandparents, Bro. Aaron and Sis. Katie Sauder.

The second Youth Fellowship Day for our Ohio churches was held on July 28, using the theme: The Abundant Life. What an abundance of blessings we received and Christian fellowship we shared with one another throughout the day. Our thanks and praise to our Heavenly Father and our Saviour, Jesus Christ for the showers of blessings He poured upon each one

of us who was privileged to enjoy the spiritual fullness of the day.

Thank you to the visiting ministers who worshipped with us on July 28, and also to Bro. Aaron Steffen who ministered to us Aug. 4.

Known throughout many years as the Bucher twins, Sis. Elizabeth Dotterer (Ben) of our congregation and Sis. Ella Wittmer (Fred) of our Rittman church observed their 90th birthday on July 17. Both are in fair health and able to attend worship services.

Sis. Katherine Tooker and Bud (Elmer) Sauder have both been hospital patients and released. Bro. Bob Sauder is at the University Hospital in Columbus, where he underwent surgery; and Sis. Alice Groh has been transferred to Richland Hospital, Mansfield.

Sisters Martha Isley and Sis. Tillie Bucher are sharing a room at the Griffith Nursing Home, Vanderbilt Road, Mansfield. We are pleased to see them in church on Sundays.

Sis. Caroline Domka Beard is so happy with her new little granddaughter; Joy Marie is the name Ed and Dee Beard have given to their baby girl, who is their first child, born July 2. The young family lives in Erie, Michigan. . .

We welcome Jeff and Elsie Maibach and their little daughter, Cherie, who have moved to Colonial Drive, Mansfield. It is so nice to have you in our community.

PEORIA IL Betty Miller

"If there is a Goliath (a giant of an obstacle) in your life, it can be overcome, if you have faith as David did." So spoke Bro. Charles Hemmer in his morning sermon, after reading the part of I Samuel 17 that told the story of David and Goliath. Other encouraging messages were brought to us by visiting Bros. Kaisner — Hartzel July 3, and Joe and Merle July 14. We appreciate them.

Bro. Bruce and Sis. Leila Witzig have a baby girl, Janine, born Aug. 1. They have one other child, Marshall.

Needed: An activities director at the Home. Opportunity for a sister to work with our older brothers and sisters in faith. Would prefer a sister who is middle-aged or older, but not necessary. She must

be personable, and a public relations person with volunteers and residents. For more information contact the Apostolic Christian Home for the Aged, 7023 North Skyline Dr., Peoria IL 61614, or phone area code 309, 6918091.

Some new residents of the Home are Sis's. Martha Hemmer, Martha Altofer, and Bro. Will and Sis. Mayme Erkert. Sis. Marie Muster is back at the Home, after being in the hospital.

Sis. Elizabeth Broquard was in the hospital briefly. Little Timmy Triplett, son of Bro. Willis and Sis. Shirley, had an operation on his eye.

A Note of Thanks: I would like to thank everyone for their prayers for me, lovely flowers, gifts and cards sent while I was in the hospital and especially wish to thank the visitors who came. Clara Simon.

"We wish to acknowledge with grateful thanks the many expressions of sympathy and kind deeds at the death of our dear husband and father." Mary Lawless and family. Leslie L. Lawless passed from this life July 6 at the age of 74. He and Sis. Mary were married forty years and had five children—Jane Eastman (who attends our church), Mary Cross, Leslie, Tom, and Michael.

Sis. Emma Binkele died July 10; her funeral was the 12th. A faithful and loving member for many years, she spent her last three years residing at our old folk's home. She was born in Germany in 1886, never married, worked in the grocery business, and is buried in Parkview Cemetery.

We extend our sympathy to Bro. Andy Lehmann over the death of his sister, Eleanora Rieger of Forrest.

Sis. Emma Weyeneth passed away July 16, one year and nine months after her husband, Bro. Mike, died. As Bro. Eugene Bertsch pointed out in his funeral service for her, Emma's first concern was the word of God, and she stood by Bro. Mike as he preached it plainly and clearly for so many years. Their ultimate goal was eternal life in heaven, for themselves and for as many fellow pilgrims as possible. How wonderful that this end CAN be attained by the mercy of the Lord. How comforting that it IS attained by these

dear ones who labored for the Lord. Surviving is a son, Robert, who, along with his wife, Irene, appreciated the help and prayers of God's people in regards to his mother's illness and death. They sincerely thank all who showed their kindness in so many different ways.

Engagement: Norm Rocke (son of Norman and Sis. Emma) and Judy Seiler of Bloomington.

Marriages: Sharon Feucht (daughter of Bro. Walter and Sis. Iola) and Steven Hopwood, July 14 at Fellowship Hall . . . Sis. Chris Hunziker (daughter of Bro. Dale and Sis. Barbara) and Bro. Steven Schmidgall of Morton, July 28 at church.

We wish God's blessings upon all of the above, as well as upon all the individuals and couples in our church whose names don't get mentioned in the news, but who need the blessings of the Lord nonetheless.

PHOENIX AZ Ann Mangold

The purple-headed mountain,
The river flowing by, The sunset
and the morning Which brighten
up the sky.

We often go up to the top of a mountain to watch the sun come up and look over the valley. Seeing the mountains and sunrise causes us to realize what a small part of God's creation we are. . . And yet considering we have been granted a soul and a life for the Lord, we are an important part of God's creation. We have been given voices to raise in song of praise to the Lord. We have been given hearts to fill with love for the Lord and for each other. With our eyes we can see the beauty of creation all around us. With a kind word or deed we can show a little love and light with someone who is not as fortunate as we are.

Each time we get to the mountain top and view creation, it is like overcoming a trial or problem. We have reached it by the grace of God, and looking around we can see it all and know the reason that the Lord kept leading us upward, regardless of how difficult the path.

Heaven will be like that, too.

SABETHA KS Mrs. Joe Steiner

We enjoyed the visit of Bro. Alfred Bahler, of Wolcott. Bro. Alfred gave us much food for thought, which we certainly appreciate. May God bless and keep him, and may he return here again someday.

Our sympathy is extended to Bro. Carl Hartman on the death of his brother, Elmer Hartman, 81, of Benton, Arkansas on July 7. Services were held at the Popkess Mortuary on July 10. Burial was in the Sabetha Cemetery.

Phillip Wenger, 79, passed away at the Sabetha Community Hospital on July 19. He is survived by his wife, Tillie; four sons and two daughters; four brothers, Bro. Will, Bro. Levi, Joe and Bro. Louis. Memorial services were held July 22 at the Popkess Mortuary, with Bros. Carl Hartman and Lester Hartter officiating. Burial was in the Sabetha Cemetery.

Our Sunday School is on vacation for the month of August. It will resume on the first Sunday following Labor Day.

TREMONT IL

Lydia Rassi / Mary Jane Leuthold
United in marriage June 29 were Nancy Gazlynn Zobel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry F. Zobel of Darien, and Wesley Gene Koch, son of Bro. Ralph and Sis. Matilda.

Our sympathy is with Sis. Alma (Jay) Bolliger on the death of her dear father, Emery Meyer, age 74 of the Bern congregation. We are also mindful of Sis. Alma's mother, her three sisters and three brothers.

We are sorry Jay Hangartner, son of Jerry and Sis. Melba was omitted from the list of high school graduates. We wish Jay the blessings of the Lord.

Blessed with a little baby girl July 18 were Michael and Susan Aberle. She has been named Jennifer Louisa and has a brother, Krent to welcome her. The grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Walter Aberle and Bro. and Sis. Richard Zimmerman.

Sis. Evelyn Yackley, daughter of Bro. Perry & Sis. Clara, was announced to Bro. Richard Sauder, son of Bro. Robert and Sis. Elizabeth. They are planning a Sept. 29 wedding.

Sis. Mary Koch was hospitalized

and is home again. Bro. Richard Steiner met with an accident and injured his foot. He is in a walking cast now and can be out again.

The Ft. Sam Reunion for the years 1960 to 1965 was held at the A.C. Fellowship Hall, Peoria, Aug. 3. On Sunday about 150 from many different churches gathered in Tremont and fellowshiped with us. And to add to our blessed day, Bro. Harold Zeltwanger from Bremen ministered unto us. We thank him and are thankful to God that He sent Bro. Harold in our midst.

SARDIS OH Karen Indermuhle

Praise the Lord for our youth! A small group of us were privileged to attend the Youth Day in Mansfield. How precious are the times spent with the young people, as they worship the Lord through song. Our lives cannot be any fuller or richer or more blessed than when we serve our Jesus.

Summer and the fall season brings visitors from afar to fellowship here in Sardis. We have already been blessed with this opportunity of meeting other brothers, sisters and friends of the Lord.

We would appreciate knowing of your plans to visit ahead of time, so arrangements can be made for a meal together or overnight places.

Many times we are uplifted in spirit and given an increase in faith, because someone found it worthwhile to give or partake of hospitality.

The Lord will bless us all, home folks and guests, and we may find we have been entertaining angels unawares.

UNION CITY NJ Karen Martin

In a small congregation such as ours in Union City and Philadelphia, we are especially grateful for the visitors we have had this past month. We want to express our thanks to these ministering brothers who visited us: Akito Inoue at Union City and John Bahler and Corbin Bahler, who visited us at Philadelphia.

I'm thankful for each little prayer
Someone has said for me;
For loving thoughts, for friendliness,
For all good will I see.

My thanks for hands with which
I could
Serve someone on life's way,
For all small deeds of kindness
I'm allowed to do each day.
I'm thankful for all happiness,
Each long hour of deep sorrow;
God thus in His great mercy gives
More wisdom for tomorrow.

**LEO IN
Mrs. Elias Souder**

Sunshiny days continue here, but very little rain. . . Days are warm; but nights cool.

Sunday July 28 marked the wedding date of Sis. Diane Zimmer and and Bro. Mark Souder. Diane is the daughter of Helen and George, Mark the son of Edward and Irma. They were married at Bremen; the church was well filled. Following the reception, and dinner in the dining room, Mark and Diane left for a trip up north to Quebec, Canada for a few days. Diana was struck with an attack of acute appendicitis. There was an emergency operation performed in a hospital. Diana was to be allowed to leave the hospital and go to the motel, and soon to be dismissed. She and Mark expect to join Mark's family, the Edward Souders, who are vacationing in Canada.

Aug. 3 marked the wedding date for Daniel Pfister (son of Lillian and Levi Pfister) and Karen Bunch of near Auburn, Indiana.

Lynn and Chris Klopfenstein are parents of a son named Scott. He will make a wonderful playmate for his brother, Mike.

Sis. Leah Schwartz is feeling better and able to attend church services again. Sis. Minnie Bertsch is still in the hospital, but improving and getting stronger.

We received word Sis. Mary Troxel went to be with the Lord. She was the widow of Bro. Andy Troxel and leaves to mourn a son Russell who lives in Ft. Wayne and a daughter, Pearl (Mrs. Raymond Winzeler), R R New Haven. Funeral services are to be at the Elzey Funeral Home in Waynedale at 11 A.M., Friday, burial in Leo Cemetery.

**ROCKVILLE CT
Carlton J. Lanz**

With our modern travelling made so convenient, and the speed by which we travel, more and more long distant trips are being made.

This becomes apparent in our community, where many families and individuals are travelling almost with regularity to Switzerland and Germany, where many of their relatives and friends live. Bro. Roy Luginbuhl, with his wife, Sis. Helen, is a frequent visitor to these countries, and on his return never misses to announce greetings from the various churches he visits. This is also true of others returning from their visits. Since several of these are from subscribers and readers of the Silver Lining column, we would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge their greetings with our greetings in return. We would especially mention the Alfred Lanzas, the Marti families and the Bachofner families, who have expressed their interest in our column. We can believe that these brethren feel as the author of one of our beautiful hymns felt when he wrote the words, "Our love shall not diminish."

The word **kindness** is one of our greatest in our language. We need to recover this great word to its natural meaning. It has suffered a good deal from misuse. It is the great vital expression of all excellence, and the deepest root of the noblest humanity. The kind man with a pure and sympathetic heart holds within it the rights and wrongs of other men under the heat and burden of the day, and their joys and sorrow. What is the trouble with many of our families' lives? Unkindness. What is the bane of business life? Unkindness. What is the central shame of our American Social life? Unkindness. Ancient Job had Satan — accusing him, following him with steps of suspicion and unbelief. This same Satan is here today in the form of unkindness . . . unbelieving, heartless, relentless, and armed with power to afflict and curse mankind.

There is a world of pain that need not be; a world born of sour looks, ungracious speech, unmanly action, a world that harrows the hearts of millions. Kindness wipes this all away, out of existence. Kindness meets this vast and lurid world of needless pain, and annihilates it. Kindness destroys its sources. Kindness abolishes sour looks, malicious speech, wicked deeds, and when and where these do not exist, that world of

needless pain cannot come into being.

Two weddings took place at our church in July. The first on July 14 was that of Sis. Bonnie Luginbuhl and Bro. Warren Zahner, as they exchanged vows. The second one was on July 21, when Sis. Heidi Aberle and Bro. Gerald Ludwig took their vows, which were then in each case solemnized in the presence of the church by Bro. John Bahler, elder. The beautiful and very appropriate hymn entitled "The Union of Hearts" was then sung by the entire congregation. Receptions followed, and because of the very warm day was held on the side and rear lawns of the brides' parents. Bonnie's parents are Bro. Robert and Sis. Pauline Luginbuhl, and Warren's are Bro. Emanuel and Sis. Clara Zahner; Heidi's parents are Bro. Edwin and Ernestine Aberle, and Gerald's mother is Sis. Lena (Hoffman) Ludwig.

While attempting to relight a slightly smouldering outside grill fire, Dean Kupferschmid, with a small container of gasoline in his hand was badly burned. The flames suddenly erupted, and as he pulled backward spilling the gas on his arms and part of his body. The doctor attending believes that no grafting will be necessary. He is the son of Bro. Werner and Sis. Clara Kupferschmid. He is 25 years old. This report may save someone from a mishap.

**ALTO MI
Sue Root**

A fire swept through the farm of Sis. Virginia Schutte (my mother) and sons, destroyed the main barn, a pole barn, a free-stall barn, and a tool shed. There was no livestock lost, but the buildings were completely destroyed. Family, friends, and neighbors responded to help build a temporary set-up so the milking could be done. Sis. Virginia and our entire family extend our thanks and gratitude to all those who helped in any way.

Visiting ministers were (Bros.) Jim Ramseyer of Bay City, John Bahler of Rockville, Marvin Stieglitz of Leo, and Andy Virkler of Bay City. We appreciate these brothers for their efforts.

Bro. Phil and Sis. Ferne Wingeier, who are formerly of our congregation, but now make their home in Sarasota, were with us for

several weeks. They were visiting their children, Bro. Lyman and Sis. Vivian Feldman. We enjoyed their fellowship and trust the Lord will provide for them in every way.

Bro. Dick and Cleo Gerst are leaving our congregation. We hope and trust they will be happy in their new home.

Sis. Lena Roth, who has had many bouts of ill health, is again able to gather with us. It certainly takes courage to keep on, in spite of ill health, and our thoughts and prayers should often be with those who are older and must suffer such. The words of the song, **Be true Be true, the Lord is by thee standing, Joyful with Him at last will be the ending** certainly apply to these dear souls.

BLOOMINGTON-NORMAL IL Jeanie Haerr / Kayleen Heiniger

"Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God." Our Sunday School picnic was well attended by God's children, young and old! We are never too old to enjoy a special picnic for the children. I'm sure some of you remember Dave Kaeb, Kenny Rinckenberger and Denny Kaufman as children from your Sunday schools. Now we welcome these young brothers to our church community, as young men who have employment in Bloomington and living here have decided to make Bloomington-Normal their home church. It really is a short span of years from an innocent child to becoming God's child by adoption. We all want to know the children better when we think of them as future brothers and sisters in Christ.

It's hard to express in words how thankful we all are that Greg Huette survived the electrical shock he received when the aluminum ladder he was carrying came in contact with a 7200 volt wire. Greg and his brother, Rick were painting a house when the accident happened. Rick very quickly called the Normal Rescue Squad, who were successful in getting Greg's heart going again. He will still have to have some surgery on his feet, where the burns were the worst, but has recovered very well otherwise.

We are sorry to have Sisters Lydia and Clara Stoller leave

Bloomington, but we trust they will be happy in their new cottage in Eureka.

FT. LAUDERDALE FL Kathy Sutter/Henry Schwartz

We were invited to the home of Bro. Roger and Sis. Judy Sauder, one Sunday evening last month, to sing praises to the Lord. We sang out of the Zion's Harp and truly received a blessing from these beautiful songs that are so precious to us. Gathered with us was a Christian who escaped religious persecution in Yugoslavia a number of years ago.

There was a knock on the door. She whispered excitedly, "The police". Our first impulse was to laugh, but our second thought was how lucky we are that we live in a country where we don't have to fear a knock on the door. Although this lady has been in Canada for nearly 17 years, she has not forgotten the fear she once knew. Her momentary start brought to my mind a scene of Christian gathering in secret, singing in whispers, living in dread of a knock on the door; knowing that these conditions exist even today should cause to appreciate more fully and guard more closely the freedoms that we have.

Our day ended with a scripture reading and a prayer by Bro. Don Sauder of Roanoke. We enjoyed his messages and felt that we had been abundantly blessed. It was a pleasure to welcome Bro. Lonnie Meyer from Chicago. They were with us for several midweek services and a Sunday. We were glad also to have Bro. Jim Hoerr with us for a Wednesday night services. We were inspired and encouraged by their messages.

We will be happy to greet Marlise Yergler as a sister in the faith on her next visit home. . . Marlise, daughter of Bro. Bob and Sis. Caroline, has been studying in Ft. Wayne and has found employment in Bluffton. She gave her testimony before the Bluffton Congregation in late July.

Sis. Patty Meyer, daughter of Bro. Fred and Sis. Marie, announced her engagement to Bro. Dan Roth of Fairbury. We extend our best wishes to them.

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

OAKVILLE IA Martha Wiegand

Best wishes to three newly-married couples: David Rauhaus (Bro. Roy and Sis. Lucile Scheitlin Rauhaus) and Cathy Wilson; Bro. Lynn Frank (Bro. Robert and Sis. Clara Banwart Frank) and Sis. Priscilla Bowers (Bro. Milton and Sis. Lucille Bowers); and Bro. James Vierling (Bro. Emil and Sis. Pearl Heiniger Vierling) and Sis. Linda Endress of Princeville (the late Bro. Levi and Sis. Mildred Feucht Endress).

We welcome Bro. Tom Lindeen into our fellowship. Elder Bro. Roy Farney from Phoenix assisted our Elder Bro. Schrock in this important work. Friends Dan and Delores Anliker and Randy Massner have found peace and were announced for proving in the near future. Their parents are Bro. Noah Anliker of West Bend, Bro. John and Sis. Bertha Wagenbach and Bro. Eric and Sis. Norma Massner of our congregation.

We also enjoyed the visits of Ministering Bros. Akito Inoue from Japan and Floyd Wieland of Detroit.

Bro. Jerry and Sis. Bonnie Wagenbach are new parents of a son, Matthew Duane. He has several brothers and sisters to welcome him home. Congratulations to the Wagenbach family.

Our Sunday School election resulted in the assignment of duties to Bros. Galen Metzger and Connie Gerst and Sis. Lucille Rauhaus. Bro. Norman Frank was elected superintendent for the coming year.

"I wish to thank everyone for all the cards, letters and gifts, also those that visited me in the hospital, for the many prayers and good wishes spoken for my recovery. I appreciated it all very much. Sis. Hattie (Elder Bro. Noah).

FT SCOTT KS Ida Sinn

The engagement of Bro. Charles Sinn and Sis. Karen Roeschley has been announced. Karen is the daughter of Sis. Mabel Roeschley of Morton, and Charles is the son of Bro. Charles and Sis. Dorothy Sinn.

Many of us were privileged to share in the "Soldier's" reunion in Lamar over the week-end. We were so pleased to have so many

of them with us for services on Sunday evening. Bro. Perry Zimmerman was our guest minister, with a very timely message.

Other guest ministers were Bros. Joe Braker, Sam Anliker, Roy Wernli, Charles Marti, and Lester Braker. We are so thankful for all the brethren who stop to visit us.

KIOWA KS

Janice Frieden

Another month is past, and Praise God! we are still a free country; allowed to worship our God openly as we wish, not in secret. . . May we never take this freedom for granted, but rather fall upon our knees in unending thanksgiving for it.

We enjoyed this freedom through several precious gatherings. On July 7 we had our monthly singing of praises to our Lord; then on July 18, a surprise birthday gathering was held for Ministering Bro. Eli Somerhalder, where we had a blessed evening of hymn singing and Christian fellowship; through the week of July 16-21, our beloved Elder Bro. Roy Farney was with us, and after two blessed messages on Sunday by Bro. Roy and Bro. Eli, a supper was held in our Fellowship Hall; on July 28, then, our turn came to gather at the Rest Home for services. Many of our people were absent, but God provided, as He always does, and there were still many there to proclaim the love of God to the aged, through hymn singing and scriptural reading.

Although Sis. Marilyn Groom was a hospital patient for a couple days, we are thankful that she is now out and able to worship with us again.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Bro. Peter Farney and family, Bro. Richard Guthrie and family, and Sis. Mildred Farney and family upon the passing of their wife and mother, Sis. Marie Farney, who passed away on July 13 in the Kiowa Manor, where she had lived for several years. Her funeral was held on July 16, with (Bros.) Eli Somerhalder and Ronald Nelson presiding. Bro. Raymond Roth presided at graveside services. May such words as, "Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints" be a comfort to Sis. Marie's family in days to come.

TAYLOR MO

Marie Butikofer Eleanor Yackley

The life-giving word is a lamp to our feet, Showing the Path to that safe retreat. Holy men of God, whose lights still shine, Speak through the ages to this perilous time.

We often wonder if we really appreciate the freedom we have of worshipping as we do, and that we can travel wherever we desire, as we have enjoyed so many visitors from many different places. Sunday the 14th we were blessed with three ministers: Elder Bros. Roy Farney, Phoenix; Sam Anliker, Lamont; (Bro.) Dale Eisenman, Chicago. Without exception they told of the many prophecies that are being fulfilled, and of the many that have already been fulfilled. They encouraged us to be faithful and keep looking up, for our redemption may not be far off.

Our annual Sunday School picnic was held at the church, with a program on the church grounds, with verses and songs by each class. It is encouraging to see how they all love to sing, from the smallest to the Bible Class. We do appreciate the efforts of our teachers and pupils. This same Sunday we enjoyed having Bros. Sam Huber, Sabetha, and Wayne Miller, Ft. Scott. The day was a blessed one.

Sunday, the 28th, Ministering Bros. Eddie Lanz, Oakville; and Kenny Deitz, Bradford, were with us. Our assembly and fellowship hall were filled.

The circle of my family was nearly complete on the 27th, with children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, from Red Lake, Ontario; Michigan, Iowa, Illinois, Florida, and Missouri. All were home except a few. My prayer is that some day the Circle will be unbroken.

Bro. Stan Heimer was hospitalized a few days for tests and observation. We had a couple accidents. Jim Sutter, son of Bro. James and Sis. Lois, caught his leg while riding his trail bike. The bike landed on him, breaking a bone above the knee and under his knee cap. He was in the hospital several days, and is now at home with a cast, but may need surgery later. . . Gene, husband of Irene Hoerr Riney, was hurt while changing a tire at UPS Trucking, where he is employed as a mechan-

ic. The rim exploded, cut his hand, broke his thumb, and bruised his cheek bone; but for the Protecting Hand, both accidents could have been very serious.

A little daughter, Gina Lynn was born to Gregg and Diane Butikofer. She has a sister, Lori at home. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Butikofer and Ed Horst are the gandparents.

PRINCEVILLE IL

Ruth Ricketts

Start today with a smile on your face and let the sun shine through you; Greet everyone who crosses your path and you'll find your day brightened, too, For when one cheers another, and shows he really cares, It's only then true happiness and joy are ours to share.

Many visitors came from various places on July 21 to share the joy of Bro. Greg Stoller of Forrest and Sis. Jill Ehne of our congregation, as they were joined in bonds of Holy Matrimony. We were pleased to have Bos. Clarence Kachelmus and Earl Gerber of Forrest as our guest ministers that day. Bro. Dave Kieser held a most impressive ceremony, uniting the son of Bro. Elmer and Sis. Rosetta Stoller and the daughter of Bro. Dave and Sis. Beulah Ehnle in marriage. We regret that our dear Sis. Jill will be leaving our congregation, but trust she will find contentment among God's people at Forrest.

Bro. Harvey Grimm of Bern and Bro. LeRoy Huber of Eureka ministered to us. As the story of Samuel and Eli was reviewed, it was brought to our attention how we answer God. Do we always obey and answer His call, or do we hesitate to realize it is God knocking on our heart's door, and perhaps miss a great opportunity to have salvation.

Bro. John Baurer was able to leave the hospital and is receiving further care at the Apostolic Christian Home at Peoria. At time his mind is not so clear, but recently when Bro. Dave visited him he said his biggest aim was to please God.

Know Each Other Better

One afternoon my mother and I went to visit Bro. Silas and Sis. Mary Leuthold. Silas was working in his garden, but he laid down his

hoe and came inside to visit. Mary, who is recovering from a back injury from a fall, was sitting in her wheel-chair in the kitchen. A most interesting visit was enjoyed by us as we talked of things past and present. When I asked if I may have permission to write of their life they were both quite reluctant, but was thankful they both consented.

Silas and Mary were born in Forrest. Silas's parents were Bro. Jacob and Sis. Barbara Honnegar Leuthold, and Mary's parents were Bro. John and Sis. Lena Metz. Both had God-fearing parents who planted the seed of God's love in their hearts. At Forrest, both attended Sunday School and church, where they heard God's precious word proclaimed by both of Silas' grandfathers; Leuthold and Honnegar, and both were elders of the church.

Silas and Mary were married in Peoria in Dec. 1916, and lived near Forrest until 1921, when they moved to Hurley, South Dakota, where they farmed. They had three children when they moved to S. Dakota and another was born there. While living here they were content to walk in their own way, not realizing a church of our faith was not many miles away, but they were not really too interested. When their little daughter, Vivian, became seriously ill, they became troubled, being away from their families and felt quite alone. They began to feel the need of a higher power. Having rejected God for 33 years, Silas said he felt ashamed to call upon God now that he was in great need, but the burden on his heart grew heavier, and he felt there was no other way but to repent. God was merciful, and both Silas and Mary found the grace for repentance.

While working in the field, Silas pleaded with God for help and promised many things, if only he could find peace in his heart. It seemed as if a voice came to him and said, "Would you even be willing to preach God's word?" Silas said he promised even to do that, and soon after found peace in his heart, having fully surrendered his will unto God, but for a long time dismissed this incident from his mind.

Having both received peace, they had a desire to worship with God's people, and decided to move back

to Illinois to be near a church of their new-found faith. They moved to Morton, and in February of 1927 both were baptized by Elder Eli Winzeler. After living in the Morton area a year, they moved to a farm just north of Peoria. Silas, being a sincere brother in faith, was asked to teach Sunday School in 1929, which he did for several years.

He was approached by Elder Bro. Emil Schubert to become a minister, and Bro. Silas said he couldn't do this, for he had ignored God for so many years. It was then that he remembered his promise to God when he was in the field in South Dakota, that if it were asked of him to minister God's word he would be willing to submit himself. He didn't find rest until he surrendered to God's will, and in June of 1934 a very humble man began in the ministry.

During a time of great soul gathering in Princeville, Silas and his family moved to a farm near Princeville in the spring of 1937. What a great asset this family has been to our congregation. Silas stood firmly for the truth and the traditions handed down by our faithful forefathers, and many stirring sermons came from his lips.

In June of 1949 another duty was laid upon Bro. Silas, when he was chosen to be our elder, to relieve our aging Bro. Schubert of his responsibilities of our congregation. The members fully supported this decision, and he was our faithful shepherd until 1972, when he asked to be relieved of some of the responsibilities because of afflictions of his body. Bro. Dave Kieser was ordained elder & Bro. Silas now holds the post of counselling elder. His many good teachings have been fruitful, and he has given many warnings, abiding strictly to the word of God, and has been a most faithful shepherd. His flock has benefitted from his sincere admonitions, encouragement and Christian love, and it would not be the fault of our beloved elder and shepherd if one would go astray.

Bro. Silas and Sis. Mary were the parents of eight children: Bro. Arthur, Sis. Evelyn Stichling, both of the Lester congregation; Sis. Vivian (deceased); Sis. Helen Knapp of Eureka; Sis. Marie Menold; Bro. John of Princeville con-

gregation (lives next door to his parents); Sis. Martha Kieser of Bradford; and Laura Durfey of Detroit. They have 32 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

Much sorrow and affliction has intermingled with the joys in the lives of Bro. Silas and Sis. Mary, and both have suffered many afflictions. Mary has had arthritis for a number of years, and when she was suffering very much, she had much joy to help carry her through when two of their daughters and husbands repented. Just two years ago two granddaughters and two grandsons and their wives all repented at the same time. Their close-knit family have brought many joys, and they enjoy their grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Tragedy has been prevalent in this family. Bro. Silas' father met with a tragic death, as well as three of their grandchildren, but the most crushing blow was when their beloved daughter, Vivian met with instant death in an auto accident, not far from her home when an intoxicated man hit them, in Sept. 1969. She had lived with her parents, and they looked to her for support in their older years.

Through their firm faith in God, they could feel God had a purpose for all these accidents, looked to Him for daily strength and comfort, and believed that whatever God has done is well done.

Bro. Silas was absent from the pulpit for quite some time due to a bad knee, but with successful surgery he is now able to walk real well, for which he is grateful. It is always strengthening and comforting when he fills his place on the pulpit, and we are ever thankful for his sincere teachings. His sincere, honest, teachings have warmed the hearts of many, and we will ever respect and esteem him, and too his faithful and devoted wife, Sis. Mary. She has been a wonderful example for us to follow in her simplicity and quiet ways. Even though they are both enjoying reasonably good health, they anticipate a better home awaiting them, and with eagerness look forward to their eternal reward.

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in the lives of our friends, Lyle Peasley and Patty Jones, who were united in marriage Aug. 3. Lyle is the son of Clarence and Ada Peasley, and Patty's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jones of Creston.

Sis. Verle Funk was hospitalized a few days, for treatment of infection. We are thankful she is again home and well. Each time

we witness God's healing power over our physical ills, we are reminded how He came into our hearts and healed our sin-sick spirits.

In our Bible-study discussion, the question came up, "Why didn't the priests of that time realize Jesus was the Son of God?" . . . Because they were blinded by Satan and their own self-righteous-

ness. Still today. There are many self-righteous who think they can believe and be saved without actually repenting & serving God wholeheartedly.

A bundle of blessings was sent to our home. We have a baby girl, Dawn Rae, born July 20. Grandparents are Lester and Edna Clark of LeRoy, Iowa, and Bro. William and Sis. Verle Funk.

WHEN STEEPS ARE BEAUTIFUL!

Henry Souder Jr.

God's way is always best. In any problem, He has proved, it can be beautiful. No matter if shortages . . . wet or dry seasons . . . sickness . . . the valley of the shadow. Trouble, trial and tribulation are predicted. The rejoicing of hope brings an Easter sunrise in every kind of situation.

We must do it His way if we want His feelings. He says "Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God." Don't be full of care and anxiety. Don't let worry wear you down! It takes effort and energy. Not limp, half-hearted, but fervent, intense and intent. His advice and desire is, Lay our desires before Him. Be happy and thankful for all He so bountifully gives.

"And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts & minds through Christ Jesus." The peace of God is beautiful in heaven. Its loveliness is in the Ages of the ages. How wonderful it is now. It can guard our hearts and thoughts. . . or we can be taxed with the surges of cares uncommitted. One word, "And" couples this verse with the prayer verse. How priceless is praying!

News and talk are often depressing. God would have us lift our minds, above the hills. His world, His way of doing things are wonderful. To be happy, enjoy His

pleasant things; His success things: "Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, thing on these things." Happiness is in this garden of God's verse all the time.

The Bible is a travel folder. It shows us awe-inspiring scenes on this journey, and the Vacation of all Vacations. It lays out in beautiful detail the Home of All-satisfied Beauty . . . It is necessary, essential for success to live His patterns. The cross cancels all the dark and shadowy. It is the victory. "Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you." Continuing is a must for success.

About us are opportunities for caring. This is the way of love, to be minded of another. Hearts that look feel how other people need. When they are sad, lonely, in need of a benefit, love is alert, ready to help. It brings joy and receives joy. It is great to know others are minded in things that will never pass away Look at Paul's heart, how happy: "But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly, that now at the last your care of me hath flourished again; wherein ye were also care-

ful, but ye lacked opportunity."

More than book learning. To learn love you have to live love. Learn it in the straight, the tight places of life, and on the plain. Thus you learn how to be content. Lack of things, stormy wind, gale forces are classrooms. God's lessons are beautiful. And oh how sweet, mystery unknown of natural wisdom. "Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content."

It is not in being sick or hurt, but how do you live it? There are blossoms . . . Beautiful, rare, unfolding, of eternity. His riches. It is with crop failure, little income, hours of work that the life blossoms in beautiful fruits. It is unequalled. Death itself brings every saint rejoicing! There are sights unknown of mortal splendor. Paul knew the how of success in every situation: "I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound: every where and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need." God teaches how to live and how to die happy.

Fair and sunny skies for the heart. When eternal life smiles in all its golden radiance, that is living. The tornado may be raging. Clouds may lower, winds bluster. We have learned where to look, and how to live.

"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."