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## PHOENIX ARIZONA

Thomas Road goes over the Grand Canal . . . going west, North 20th is soon traversed . . . At 18th, a right turn, north just a little, and there is the church. Here the brethren meet, and Jesus is in their midst. Where He is, there is a haven of joy and peace which refreshes the saints.

The canals carry a costly commodity to what would be parched land. There is purpose in the goings of those waters. They lead to somewhere, for something. The spiritual waters fulfill a great plan. God knows those streets of Phoenix, and He sees each heart.

He watched the Hohakams. He supplied their need. The blazing sun and jeweled nights spoke to them of His glory. Those people, whose name means **Those who have gone**, have wrote their days. Their village or city covered perhaps 160 acres. Rome was an empire. To them, water brought in canals irrigated a thirsty land. The Hohakam labored, talked, left and died.

The 1860's found tall grass abounding in the rich bottomland of the valley. The horses at Ft. McDowell needed hay. The hay camp was located about at 40th Street and the Salt River. Here a city would be stirring someday.

Near 40th and the Salt today, giant airliners rise from Sky Harbor Airport. A short way south, a little bit east, and there is Resthaven Cemetery. In sight, the giants of the sky smoothly nose upward, and sail over the horizon.

Real history happens. There are a lot of sweet **Know Each Other Beters**. Upturned faces have flown into the Dawn, Destination Heaven. If we listen in faith we can hear

their voices, can see their smiling, joyfully happy spirits.

Their history was written of God. Like little Linda Diane Sanders, sweet spirit of a lovely 7-year-old. **In loving memory of our twin . . . Aug. 19, 1958, not tragedy, but triumph, beautiful and glorious.** She will be always sweet and beautiful, child radiant in the Saviour's arms.

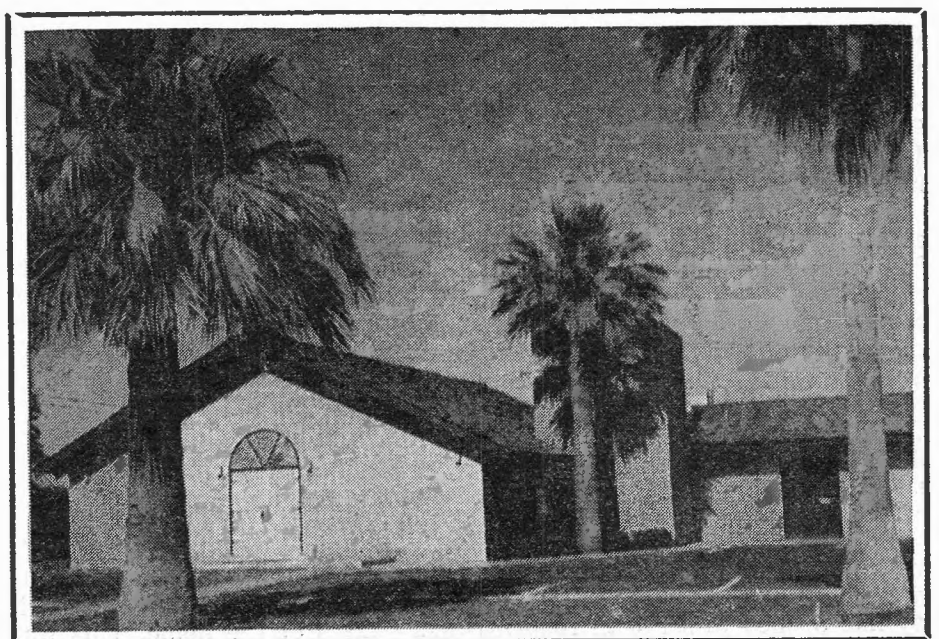
There is the **Beloved wife and mother**, Lillian Ruth Messner. Age 51. Lovely people are at home, up there in God's Sky Harbor. Her children, Patsy and Gary gave mom a poem: we glimpse part of it: **Always forgiving in just your dear way . . . Thoughtful in all that you do . . . Doing and giving your best day by day . . . No wonder so many love you.**

Life is short, days swift. 1962 "Our dear sister, Mary Sitzler, was

pleasantly surprised at the home of Sis. Marie Wuthrich and daughters, in honor of her 76th birthday." Mary's and Marie's departure time arrived. Their bodies rest. The trumpet shall sound, and the saints in the Valley of the Sun shall also rise.

There rests Russell . . . tho a mark marred early in his journey, he held faith. He loved Elder Roy, and Roy's greeting to him was as if he put his arm around him. We trace the rainbow over Resthaven. Bro. Clarence Yackley opened the Best Book at the funeral, and on the pages was the Psalm printed on Russell's memorial leaflet . . . so very appropriate . . . "**there is forgiveness with thee**" . . .

Just across the hedge from the place for Apostolic Christian members and friends is Babyland. One of the beautiful scenes and happi-



nesses of heaven is Jesus and the children. How warm is His welcome, as He receives them at His Sky Harbor. Some three days Richard Kent Schupbach lived, but he lives now where there is no ending . . . and we will love him . . . A precious jewel, our baby boy.

That home scene has more . . . Ernest, Carl, Joe, Ed, Janet . . . Think of the smiling faces, and more and more and more! Brothers and sisters work on.

Somewhere on life's journey . . . somewhere before departure time to the great Sky Harbor . . . there are His own. They labor and work. The tool becomes an anvil of the Lord in holy workshop. Each could fill a beautiful Know Each Other Better . . . each radiates that commodity so priceless that flows to barren, forlorn hearts, showing the love and care of God.

Allen Freed contemplates from newspaper work, where his conscience may work freer and works now in happy agreement. Clarence and Vera walk together, sometimes on suffering pathway, but in morning glory . . . Roy thinks of the beautiful flock, and cares . . . Bill Dotterer finds figures good working, and as a CPA honors his Lord. Paul Froehlich finds haircutting an art. All work can be checked in on

the great timeclock of God, with priceless payment.

Paul and Ida live on North 24th Street. One of them held the camera that supplied the picture. Ida means happy, Froehlich joyful. Herb Knochel loves the phrase in Zion's Harp 220, **My faith in mercy finds expression.** Richard Beery submitted his ability, and the Lord used it in providing the sanctuary for the church. Richard is a contractor.

The spring of '51, the first building was begun, 1952, additional room built. On June 30, 1960, ground was broken for this 30x60 sanctuary. The symphony of concrete, block, steel, wood, colored glass and all chimes in a lovely dwelling.

We may count our treasures o'er, including those lovely loved ones in white at home, and those in our hearts here. Does God have others, there in Phoenix, in mind to bring to the fold? Higher than South Mountain, yet with close-up, the keen all-knowing eyes of Jesus looks on the city. His work is yet to preach deliverance to the captives . . . bind up those that are wounded . . . bring the dead to life.

Streams of water flow from those who have the Spirit. They meet real people, a real need, with

aching hearts. Each faces forever. There was the man lying beside the tree . . . complained of his back. The intersection was Baseline and 32nd . . . dramatic reality of someone hurt. There was the cloth on his head . . . The red flares. Somebody needed. East of 40th lives George O'Dell. His crude fence is old barrells and tires. Originally from New York State, he said he was the black sheep of his family. He has a soul.

The congregation blends their voice and capably sing treasures new and old of the Zion's Harp. The nurse soothes an aching hurt. The sister with arthritis sends love about in her able bearing of the cross. The ministering brother who steps retail aisles can shine in action, as well as word, as the sermon on the mount becomes reality in action.

Yes, there is a road that still goes down, like from Jerusalem to Jericho. Till the end of the age we go, as Jesus said. Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself, and we care. As we edge toward the Sunset, what beautiful thought to know, His word has been spread through our place and the region about. I love to dream of that **Well done, good and faithful servant.** Don't you?

## WORLD RELIEF

Jim Hoerr

Sept. 15

A request came to the elder brethren for help to the Romanian churches. It has been decided to hold a special collection for the restoration and reopening of the churches in Romania for the brethren of the Apostolic Christian faith (also known as Nazarenes, Evangelical Baptists, Weider Dauffer.)

The Romanian government has softened their stand against freedom of worship, and presented the church members the opportunity to reopen the churches, providing they raise \$100,000 outside of Romania. The Apostolic Christian Nazarene Church and the Apostolic Christian Church will seek to raise this. Our church group has been asked to raise \$50,000 plus in the next three weeks.

The World Relief Committee has made a concentrated effort to assist financially; now an opportunity has opened to serve in reopen-

ing their precious places of worship. Your prayerful support of this opportunity to serve our fellow-believers will be greatly appreciated by your elder brethren, missionary and world relief committees. Please designate all contributions, for **Romanian Relief**, and forward promptly to Bro. Vernon Leman, R.R. 1, Eureka, IL 61530.

## CHILDREN'S HOME

On Aug. 22, a report was made to the elder brothers on the progress in the organizational work required before starting construction at Leo. Jack Krantz, president of the group, reported:

A layout plan was submitted to the Indiana State Welfare Department for preliminary approval and their review. Welfare Director Cardwell met with the children's home committee and our attorney, Mr. Bohning, and discussed various phases of the home. This was

of considerable assistance on the next steps to be taken.

IRS numbers, meaning IRS approval, has been received. Anyone wishing to make contributions to the Apostolic Christian Children's Home, Inc. may do so with the complete knowledge that it is an approved charity organization, and gift deductions will be allowed.

We expect the finalized engineering report on the sanitary

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waste treatment at the next meeting. Permission has been granted to enter Grabill Sanitary Plant . . . the cost quite high . . . investigating possibility of purchasing and installing mechanical system to take care of sanitary needs of the children's home and adjoining neighbors at reduced initial cost and reduced maintenance cost. Anyone desiring to give financial aid towards this project will be appreciated.

We prayerfully are awaiting results of the letter that was or is to be read at all churches, for applicants for an administrator of the home. We will start to review applicants about Oct. 15.

Layout and a 1/4-inch-scale model of the home was shown at the Bluffton Fellowship Hall and Bluffton church narthex. It was seen with many interested parties. The model is at Leo. Any church group desiring it for a few weeks may have it by contacting any member of the Children's Home Committee.

We hope to have all of this preliminary work done, including approval of working drawings and the state requirements so actual work can begin within 60 to 90 days. We ask your prayers that this work will continue to have the Lord's blessings and that His will may be done.

**Change of Addresses:** Sp 4 John Dotterer, Supply, Letterman Army INST of RSCH, San Francisco CA 94129 . . . Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Jorpeland, 2416 Cloudfcroft Ct., Reston VA 22091.

#### ALTADENA CA Linda Witzig

It is with great joy that I am able to contribute to the Silver Lining the news of Heidi Klotzle's repentance. She is a daughter of our minister, John Klotzle.

Sis. Doris Hecker wishes her thank you extended to all who remembered her during the time of her eye surgery and recuperation.

Although we know it was in humble acknowledgement of His will, we were saddened to have Bro. Don and Sis. Judy Cremer leave California and move to Portland.

Our congregation was glad to have Elder Bro. Ben Maibach gather with us on their way home from their visit to Japan.

#### FT. LAUDERDALE FL

##### Kathy Sutter/Henry Schwartz

We are all pleased and happy to welcome Sis. Faye Gerber, Bro. Ed and Sis. Vi back into our congregation. She had been attending Purdue University, has received her Master's Degree, and has taken a position at the Broward County School System . . . also a hearty welcome to the Richard Martin family, who moved to Ft. Lauderdale.

It has been very warm and rainy here in South Florida during the month of August. Our water table is slightly above normal, the first time in several years.

Many of our congregation are on vacation, with several traveling to the church conference in Bluffton. As our school term starts Aug. 26, our Sunday School will again resume. We have three classes, made up of beginners, intermediates, and teenage, with between 25 and 30 children attending.

Our sympathy is extended to Sis. Mayme Erkert, whose husband, Bro. Will passed away. They maintained a home here and had spent their winters in Florida for many years.

#### SARASOTA FL Linda Miller

"Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil." Bro. Bud Klopfenstein of Ft. Lauderdale read these words to us from Proverbs as they were opened unto him. As we meditated on these words, we were reminded to walk as a child and live in the Lord. I found many rewards in these words and much truth for us all to observe.

Bros. Bud Klopfenstein, Ft. Lauderdale and Floyd Wieland, Detroit were visitors with us. We are so thankful for those who came to labor and minister in Bro. Phil's absence. Bro. Phil and Sis. Ferne are back now. We are thankful that the Lord provided a safe trip for them and that now they are confirmed Sarasota residents. They would like to express their sincere thanks to all those who expressed their kindness on their vacation. We are sincerely thankful too, that Alto's loss is Sarasota's gain.

The Sarasota area along with the adjoining communities of St. Petersburg, Clearwater and Venice are in serious need for workers. Our papers are full of job opportunities, especially for nurses who are classified as RN's, LPN's or nurse's aids. Accountants and those that can handle a supervisory capacity also have an open field. Many other fields of work are in demand for help. To those of you that have need of work or change of job location, we hope that you will remember us and our needs.

#### KIOWA KS Janice Frieden

"Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content." After visiting with a little lady in the Kiowa Manor, these words of the Apostle Paul came to my mind. This lady is bedfast, crippled, and in pain much of the time, but she is so very content. She looks forward to church services at the Home on Sunday, and her face just lights up when anyone comes to visit her. The most wonderful thing is that the visitor who came to bring cheer leaves, having been cheered instead. This sweet lady is a light to so many. May it be with us as it is with her: That, no matter what the Lord would grant our lot in life to be, we might be content.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Sis. Emma Somerhalder, who was hospitalized in Eureka, and also to Sis. Anna Miller and Sis. Bea Diel, who both suffered hip injuries.

We wish to extend our deepest sympathy to Bro. Charles Terry in the loss of his brother, Carl Terry, of Hazelton, Ks. May the precious word of God be a comfort during this time of sorrow.

We enjoyed three blessed gatherings with those of like faith: on Aug. 4, we had a monthly singing of praises to our Lord; on Aug. 17, the Sunday School children gathered for an evening of fellowship; after the outing, we returned to the Fellowship Hall, and concluded the evening with a Scripture reading. One small child looked up when the Scripture reading began and said, "Oh, I just love to read the Bible." And when the chapter was finished another small child said gently, "Read some more." How

true those words, **Out of the mouths of babes thou hast perfected praise . . .** Then on Aug. 27 the sisters held a luncheon, to begin their Fall World Relief session.

### SHIODA JAPAN Willis R. Ehnle

I was asked by telephone to visit the home of a friend, who sometimes in the past comes to church. The lady had been hearing strange noises in the house at about 1:00 at night, and she feared spirits of the dead, or evil spirits, were causing a turmoil in her house.

When I visited, a home I had visited fairly frequently, I was told that the family which had owned the land on which the house stood were of the Samurai or soldier class in old Japan, probably during the Tokugawa Period which lasted for about 300 years up to 1867, when the Meiji Period began, at which time Japan accepted contact with Western countries. The Samurai class were the governing class and reportedly took the lives of farmers or merchants at will, for no reason at all except to try out the swords that swung from their sides as they rode about on horses. This murdering which had been done at will so many years ago was thought to be at the heart of the problem.

I agreed that I would pray in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, in whose name there is such great power, that any spirits causing disturbance in that house should be driven out so that the occupants could rest, but I agreed only on certain conditions. The conditions were there be no idolatry involved, no praying to other gods, but only to the true and living God. This brought complications. The lady of the house told me she had visited the high priest of a Buddhist temple in Tokyo, paid him some money, and that he was offering daily prayers to the Buddhist god, Hotoke Sama. She assured me she was going to see him again and would tell him from now on she would pray only to the almighty God.

It turned out differently. The Buddhist priest evidently didn't like the idea. The report I have been given is that this lady now has a Buddhist "Butsudan" or altar set up in the home where she prays and offers incense in an effort to rid the home. In the Old

Testament, Moses, quoting God, thunders forth, "Thou shalt have no other gods before me", and the New Testament confirms this. Let's make certain we have no other gods in our lives, be it wealth, honor, or self-righteousness.

Unlike people of Western civilization, where traditionally the emphasis has been on a God and man relationship, the people of Asia grow up with the emphasis on a man-to-man relationship, with religion as one means of "improving" that man-to-man relationship. I do not believe this is limited to Japan, but that it includes India and other countries. When a person is truly converted this is one of the things that is expected to be buried with Christ in baptism.

The emphasis on man-to-man relationship as mentioned above, so long as there are no stringent or continuing requirements, enables the rank and file of Asians to be like Apostolic Christians when they are with or confronted by Apostolic Christians. When they get back to the Buddhist priest they may then be Buddhist, hoping to receive benefits from both directions.

Lois and Tony Ehnle arrived safely in Japan on Aug. 28. If all of you who treated them so kindly in the States will visit us in Japan, a few at a time, we shall endeavor to demonstrate to you the love we have for you, in the fellowship of the Lord Jesus Christ, who loved and gave Himself for us.

### PHOENIX AZ Julie Hoerr

On Aug. 4, a daughter, Kelli Lynn was born to Jerry and Sis. June Tooley. A sister, Stefanie also welcomes Kelli home.

Aug. 10, Nancy Mohrman (Herb and Sis. Shirley) and Richard Ellwood exchanged wedding vows.

The miracle of God's healing has again been shown as Bro. Earl Sander's finger is healing from severe injury. Since Earl's job requires the use of his hands, we are thankful God blessed the doctor's work and his finger could be repaired. Steve Roth (Bro. Harry and Rachel) has been confined to bed rest due to illness. We are glad he's able to be up and about again. Sis. Lois Elsasser has had surgery at Mayo's and is recuperating with relatives in Illinois. She can receive

mail at the Harold Streitmatters, Box 475, Princeville, Ill. 61559.

Our sympathy is extended to Sis. Cathy and Bro. Don Emch in the loss of her grandmother.

It is nice to report our church family is growing again. We welcome: Sis. Linda Zollinger, who has found employment as an R. N.; Alan Beery, making Phoenix his home while attending ASU; Bro. Earl and Sis. Lorene Roth and family have moved to Tempe, and Robert and Marge Micheler and family are making Phoenix their home.

Other address changes are: John and Sis. Bonnie Greenbank, 4826 North 34th Pl, Phoenix AZ 85018; Bro. Don Emch's, 4221 North 24th St, Phoenix AZ 85016; Bro. Wayne Schrenk's, 6340 North 16th St, Apt. 22, Phoenix AZ 85016.

"God's love has again been shown to us . . . with these words Elder Bro. Roy Farney told us of the plans for the testimonies and baptisms of our three dear friends. Sat. August 24 we heard the testimonies of Deanna Beery (Bro. Dick and Sis. Marie), Bonnie Greenbank and Shirley Mohrman. On Sunday we were privileged to witness their baptism, with Bro. Carl Kinsinger assisting.

THOUGHT: We were reminded tears don't always mean sadness; as a child of God we often cry tears of JOY.

### TOLEDO OH Lydia Meister

We are God's heritage . . . His children and heirs of His kingdom. This gracious blessing was brought out in a wealth of love in a sermon by one of our elder brothers. He pointed out how blest we are to have this high calling. What humble service we should render to our Lord, so we may be found worthy of this precious heritage.

Jesus lives! Henceforth is death . . . But the gate to Life Eternal! What a message of comfort to us who loved our dear sister, Lydia Rehkla. It was in the night on Sunday, July 29 that Lydia was called Home, after a life span of 95 years. We miss our visits with her, but what peace is ours to know she will never again feel lonely or pain, but rests safe in the arms of Jesus.

Vacation Bible School for the children had a very good attendance and held much spiritual mer-

it. Our Toledo group enjoyed the Youth Fellowship meeting at Mansfield so very much. It was most inspiring, those who attended told this reporter.

We were especially blest the August Sunday our Elder Bro. Ben Maibach came to worship with us.

Sis. Verena and Bro. Rolf Kaeppler and Ulla are moving! Their new address will be 2405 Lambert Dr., Toledo, OH 43613.

Dee and Edward Bear call their little daughter Joy Marie. Our dear converts, Clara and George Beard are Joy's grandparents.

### TUCSON AZ

Mrs. Donald Bauer

Mrs. Loren Knapp

In our everyday walk of life, what a blessing and peacefulness we have, as Christians, to be able to take a few minutes of our time on a busy day to offer quiet, sincere prayers to our God.

In our hours of discouragement, we can only think of that beautiful hymn:

Tempted and tried, we're oft made to wonder

Why it should be thus, all the day long,

While there are others living about us

Never molested, tho in the wrong.

Farther along we'll know all about it.

Farther along we'll understand why.

Cheer up, my brother, live in the sunshine.

We'll understand it all by and by.

We've had quite a few not able to worship with us in the past few weeks. They all seem to be gaining strength and need our prayers. They are Ministering Bro. Jim Funk, Bro. Jack Sutter and Sis. Ora Schrenk.

Some from our congregation were able to attend the conference. We need the strength of our elder body, to help guide the churches of God, so many might still have an opportunity to work out their soul's salvation for eternal life.

Our visiting ministers were Elder Bro. Roy Farney, Bros. Richard Schupbach and Allen Freed, of Phoenix.

Change of Address? Please tell a reporter or write the editor.

### FRANCESVILLE IN

Sharon Neihouser / Helen Huber

How I long to be centered in Thee—so completely centered in Thee that I do not realize it—none of self and all of Thee. The weekend of Aug. 17 and 18 was a blessed one for us. Leon Wuethrich (late Bro. John and Sis. Mary), Cheryl Schaefer (daughter of Leon), Wendy Gudeman (Bro. Wendell and Sis. Marcella), and Pat White (Murle and Goldie) gave their testimonies on Sat. evening, and on Sunday were baptized in Christ's death. We now can call them our brother and sisters in faith. As a congregation we are thankful and joyful; may many others find the way of salvation before it is forever too late.

We have been privileged to have many visiting ministers: Elder Bros. George Yergler (LaCrosse), Ben Maibach (Detroit), Bros. Elmer Schmidt, Harold Messner, Leroy Messner (Winthrop), Art Gudeman (LaCrosse), Orville Ringger (Bluffton), and Jack Bollier (Leo).

On Aug. 17 a precious bundle came into the home of Bro. Wendell and Sis. Karel Anliker; a daughter named Tracie Lyn is their first child. Bro. Eli Anliker and Sis. Pricella Anliker and Bro. Dale and Sis. Corrine Marti (Lamar) are the grandparents.

On August 18 the annual Sunday School Picnic was held at the Francesville Park. This is an enjoyable time for all Sunday School children and the young and old can fellowship together in Christian love and fellowship.

Children from nursery up to the fifth grade feed their piggy banks during the year, then the time comes to empty their piggy banks and the money is brought to the party. On Aug. 22 the annual Pete The Pig party was held at the church in the afternoon. Following this a little program is planned.

A dear friend, Paul W. Pelsy passed away after being in a nursing home 3½ years, stricken with a stroke at the age of 84 years. Funeral services were held by Bros. Wendell Gudeman, Earl Kilgus, Alfred Bahler, and Elmer Bucher. May God comfort the family, especially his one daughter Sis. Valera Culp (Bro. Walter), who so faithfully stood by his side in these past few years.

Sis. Evelyn (Vernon) Pelsy is on the sick list and was admitted to surgery.

Many are leaving home to return to their respective universities. We wish them God's love and grace in the environment that surrounds them. Sis. Kathie Huber's address is: 692-2 Shioda, Ichimiya, Cho; Higashi, Yatsushiro, Gun; Yam-anashi-Ken JAPAN 409-14.

### ATHENS AL Hazel Vibbert

This month we had 13 brothers and sisters added to our fold. July 25, they gave their testimony; baptism was the 26th. Many friends, families, and Bros. David Bertsch and John Wagler assembled with us, to hear how God had worked in their hearts . . . and now how happy they are. Billy and Carolyn Russell (daughter of Sis. Charlene Robertson), Douglas and May Haggermaker (son and daughter-in-law of Frank and Alma Haggermaker), Treasa Haggermaker (daughter of Ed and Sis. Irene), Robin Tucker (daughter of Bob and Sis. Mary), Mike Moore (son of Bro. and Sis. Lavoyd Moore), Corrine Barnett (sister-in-law to Sis. Doris Moore), Cathy Kelly (daughter of Winford Kelly), Ricky Hillard (son of Bro. and Sis. Hoarce Hillard), Debbie Roastertce; Debbie and Judy Haggermaker (Carl and Shirley Haggermaker, their parents).

(Bros.) Lavoyd Moore, Carl Haggermaker, and Henry Perry, went to Bluffton for the conference, and Bro. David Bertsch rode back to Athens with them.

My husband, Charles had to be rushed to the hospital again. The back can sure cause a lot of pain.

### GRIDLEY KS

Edna Somerhalder/Wilma Young

Lord God, we honor Thee  
And praise Thy mild compassion,  
That Thou so gracefully  
Dost hear our supplication!  
Thy love is truly great;  
Thy mercies are untold.  
Thou givest food and drink  
For spirit, flesh and soul.

How grateful we are for rains that have turned scorched pastures and lawns to lush green . . . a springlike appearance.

Our appreciation to Bro. Samuel

Huber, who spent a Sunday with us. He brought us many words of admonition, also words of comfort . . . Also thanks to Elder Bro. Samuel Anliker and Bro. Roy Wernli and family, all others who found it worth their while to assemble with us on the first Sunday night of the month for our "Singing Hour".

Christopher John is the name Samuel and Kathy Somerhalder chose for their son, born on Aug. 20. He has a 5-year-old sister, Terri Ann. Bro. Joseph and Sis. Edna are Christopher's grandparents.

. . . Have enjoyed a greater than usual amount of visitors. Our congregation is small; it lifts our spirits when some from other congregations assemble with us.

James Kraft, son of Bro. Lloyd and Sis. Nadine, was hospitalized 6 days due to injuries received in a car accident. . . Happy to report, he has been able to assemble with us again, also resumed his work at the Gridley Cabinet Shop.

Little Brian Kraft remains about the same. The doctors in K. U. Med. Center admit they are unable to help him with treatments . . . has been about a year since he had surgery, followed by treatments.

### JUNCTION OH

#### Henrietta Manz/Betty Manz

Bros. Delbert Indermuhle, Sardis; Ernest Graf, Akron; and Eugene Fetter, Toledo, ministered to us. Ministering Bro. Henry Dotterer, Rittman, spent a Sunday with us in July, the occasion being the 80th birthday of his mother, Sis. Leona Dotterer. Another dear sister, Della Manz, also reached fourscore years this year.

Sis. Carolyn Manz spent several days in the hospital, but is home again and able to assemble with us.

Quite a number of our brethren attended the conference in Bluffton. May we be good followers of the Lord and the shepherds in whose care we have been entrusted.

One of the little students in the Kindergarten Sunday School class said her Daddy said the President said we should pray for him, "and I pray for him every night." Oh for the simple faith of a child! Let's not neglect to pray for our government.

We have had some rain; it is very cool.

### LAMAR MO

#### Marie Marti / LuEtta Braker

Bros. Joe and Merle Kaisner of Forrest and Fairbury spent the week-end of Aug. 11 with us, and brought messages of faith and love from the word of God. Our spiritual cup has been filled to overflowing, as the following week-end Bro. Paul Butikofer of Elgin, Iowa; our Elder Bro. Sam Anliker, Lamont; and Bro. Raymond Banwart of Ft. Scott were with us for the proving and baptism of a dear soul, Barbara Stefan. We welcome her into the fellowship with the same love that we felt when we entered the fold.

Our hospital patients have been George Frieden and Myrt Baker.

We have been very thankful to the Lord for the abundant rains which have come this month to break the severe drouth. We also had a very severe windstorm, which did much damage to quite a large area. It brings to mind what we were told by a visiting minister, that the Lord may not always send what we want, but He sends what we need.

Our young people are again going back to various kinds of schools, and our thoughts and prayers go with them daily as we know they must meet the many temptations this world has to offer in so many ways.

### LATTY OH

#### Le Ann Laukhuf Karen Klopfenstein

Our congregation was privileged to have many visiting ministers. Bringing the word were (Bros.) John Klotzle (Altadena), Ernest Graf (Akron), Joe Shrock (Congerville), Delbert Indermuhle (Sardis), and Ben Manz (Junction).

Our dear sister in faith, Lydia Schlatter, who served her Lord for 80 years, passed away Aug. 3, in her home. She had been ill for quite sometime. Her husband, Bro. Otto, preceded her in death. Her children are John, Bros. Joe, Dick, and Ben, Sis's. Elizabeth Wieland (Clem), Laura Dunham (Charles Sr.), Josephine Wenninger (Donald), and Esther. We feel a loss when a loved one passes away, but we can rejoice knowing she died in Jesus.

Two of our friends, Barry Stoller (Ralph and Ruth) and Dan

Stoller (Bro. Ben and Sis. Edith) had motorcycle accidents and the misfortune of breaking their collarbones.

Bro. Roy Stoller (Sis. Beulah) had a heart attack, and is still in the hospital recovering. Sis. Anna Stoller (Bro. Emil) is also in the hospital for tests. We are glad to report Sis. Edith Stoller (Bro. Glen) is home and recovering from surgery.

Our Sunday School enjoyed the visit to Mansfield on Youth Day.

Wendell and Sis. Glenna Stoller had their fourth child, a girl, Rachel Renee, born Aug. 20. Troy, Stacy, and April welcome her home. Grandparents are Bro. Wayne and Sis. Dorothy.

On Aug. 4, many of the Latty congregation witnessed the marriage ceremony of Bro. Larry Wenninger and Sis. Joyce Gudeman, at LaCrosse. We are happy to have Sis. Joyce make her home here at Latty.

Other newlyweds are Don Stoller (Justus and Ruby) and Gail Fellers; and Greg Gerber (Roger and Sis. Eunice) and Diane Woodburn. We wish God's blessings to these couples.

### PRINCEVILLE IL

#### Ruth Ricketts

I shall pass through this world but once. If therefore there be any kindness I can show or any good thing I can do, let me do it now; let me not defer or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again.

There are many ways we can show kindness. It is our obligation to do what we can for each other. We should not neglect to visit the sick and shut-ins, for they no doubt spend many lonely hours. Sometimes a firm handshake can be a blessing for someone, just letting them know we care. How many times a card or letter uplifts one's spirits, hearing from someone they then knew was concerned for them. Christian love can be displayed in many ways and those that give find themselves the richest with the greatest blessings.

Many visitors came Aug. 4 to share the blessings with Sis. Linda Endress and Bro. Jim Vierling, their wedding day. Bro. Uriel Gehring gave timely admonitions and sound advice during morning services. Bro. Dave Kieser spoke kindly to the young couple, as they spoke

their vows before many relatives and friends. Parents of the couple are Bro. Emil and Sis. Pearl Vierling of Oakville, and Sis. Mildred and the late Bro. Levi Endress. They will be attending church at Eureka.

On the following Wed. evening, we had Bro. Lynn Klopfenstein of Landersville with us. Lynn said how good it is if we can assemble together to worship. In these disturbed times we can find comfort and blessings listening to the promises of God.

For a number of years our young men were called into the service of our country. As they were stationed at Ft. Sam Houston, they would gather. Many acquaintances were made, and all were glad for each other when their time of service had been completed and they could return to their homes. Arrangements were made by Bros. Vernon Stoller, Jeff Streitmatter, Ray Wagenbach, Noah Herrmann, Harry Herrmann, Alfred Streitmatter, Arthur Baurer, Nathan Martin, Richard Graham, all of the Princeville congregation, and Charles Hemmer, Don Hoerr, and Richard Dreste of the Peoria congregation. With the help of their faithful wives they entertained servicemen who were at Ft. Sam from 1950-1955. Saturday evening they gathered at the Fellowship Hall near Peoria with 88 servicemen, their wives and children being present. There were 378 who enjoyed a delicious meal together and more came in the evening to take families home with them. There were 32 churches represented. Sunday a large number assembled at Princeville.

We had precious teachings from Bros. Marvin Stieglitz of Leo and Ben Manz of Junction in the morning, with Bro. Charles Hemmer of Peoria sharing the pulpit. In the afternoon, Bros. Robert Pohl of Burlington and Roy Grimm of Taylor delivered inspiring sermons. What a joy to listen to the greetings from various churches. . . Psalm 90 was read, a very timely message for us in these perilous times, and all should heed the warnings. . .

We are so thankful to have Emanuel Streitmatter and his wife Grace back to worship with us. Emanuel spent several weeks in the hospital with a heart condi-

tion, and while very sick heard the tender invitation of the Lord to make his heart right with God. Having received peace, he said he feels better than he has for a very long time. His wife, too has learned of our faith, and we are so happy for them.

We are glad to have Sis. Nellie Woertz worship with us, after being absent for several weeks due to illness. Bro. Emil Stahl was sitting in his chair one day, when he noticed a nest of some sort along the roof. He went to investigate, and fell backwards, breaking a hip. He suffered quite a lot of pain, had surgery, and is slowly recovering in St. Francis Hospital in Peoria.

Sis. Kay Siebenthal was able to come to church, after recovering from a broken bone in her leg from a fall. She is on crutches, but gets along quite well. She too had surgery, having a pin put in the bone at the break. Sisters Mary Leuthold and Marian Hinshaw have both graduated from their wheel chairs and walkers to crutches, following broken bones from falls.

Sis. Louise A. Martin has returned to her home, following surgery. She had been visiting her sister, Mary Koch in Tremont, when she became very ill, was taken to the hospital and had a badly infected gall bladder removed. After the first few days, she made rapid recovery. She said when she was almost too sick to collect her thoughts for prayer, she could feel others were praying for her, and she could face surgery with confidence that God would be with her.

Sister Lois Elsasser of Phoenix is back recuperating in the homes of Sis. Leila Elsasser and Bro. Richard and Sis. Marie Seidel. She is getting along nicely. After going back for a check up Sept. 19, she plans to return to her home in Phoenix.

Sis. Anna Roach is in the Methodist Hospital in Rochester, Minnesota, following hip surgery. Her hip had become dislocated and was pinching the sciatic nerve, which caused her great pain. Since surgery, she is easier and doesn't have the intense pain. She will need to stay in Rochester for three weeks.

Gerald and Louise Martin were blessed with a little girl, Marla Kay, born to them Aug. 22. Wil-

liam and Bertha Michel of Tremont and Sis. Bessie Martin of Princeville are grandparents.

#### REMINGTON IN Anna M. Waibel

A baby girl, Heidi Lee was born Aug. 2 to Joseph and Betty (Braker) Vaughan. The maternal grandparents are Bro. Ben and Sis. Clara.

We had a very blessed day Aug. 18, Brad Bahler was proved and baptized. (Bros.) Ed Frank of LaCrosse; Art Bahler, Fairbury; Alfred Bahler, Wolcott; and Elmer Schmidt, Winthrop were here . . . had supper at church and then had evening services.

(Bros.) Corbin Bahler, Rockville and Carl Hartman, Sabetha were here due to the conference. . . trust all were blessed for their coming, as we were for their presence.

Everyone was shocked at the sudden severe illness of Bro. Robert Clauss. He has a heart ailment and is in the hospital in Indianapolis: 2116 is his room number at the St. Vincent Hospital. His home address is R. 2 Wolcott IN 47995.

Six things you'll never regret: Showing kindness to an aged person. Destroying a letter written in anger. Offering the apology that saves a friendship. Stopping a scandal that would wreck a reputation. Taking time to show loved ones consideration. Feeling reverence for your Master.

#### WOLCOTT IN

Marjean Lehman Arles Kropf

Now it is accomplished! I'm no longer mine;  
Lord, I will forever and always be Thine!  
For Thou hast created and purchased me too;  
Baptized with Thy spirit, Thou makest me new.

A blessed Sunday was enjoyed on Aug. 11, when Bro. Ezra Feller spent the day with us and assisted Bro. Alfred in the proving and baptism of our new brother-in-faith, Roger Kyburz. Since Roger's wife, Sis. Brenda has also only recently been added to the fold, it brings us joy to see another family bringing up their children in the ways of the Lord. Evening services were held, with Bro. Ben Manz of

the Junction assembly bringing us the word.

Our two reporters both share in the joy of each seeing a nephew and niece turn their backs to the world and begin their life with the Lord: David Lehman, son of Harold and June (Baumgartner) Lehman and Laurel Widmer, daughter of Ed and Sis. Gladys Widmer.

Aug. 25 brought Bro. Corbin Bahler of the Rockville assembly into our midst, and we received many precious teachings through his ministry.

Our friend, Ben Miller, who has been hospitalized for some time, had to have a leg amputated due to a diabetic condition. Sis. Priscilla Anker is also a hospital patient for treatment. My mother, Sis. Emma Knopf, who has for the past year been living at Fairview Haven in Fairbury, is hospitalized at Fairbury Hospital, receiving treatment for an infection.

#### BERN KS

##### Esther & Stella Moser

We have three joy bundles to report. Bro. Morris and Sis. Arlinda Rokey and Michelle welcome Trenton Rydel, born Aug. 25. Grandparents are Bro. Joe and Sis. Lila — Bro. Walter and Sis. Mildred Strahm. Sabetha. . . Bro. Alvin and Sis. Mildred Strahm have two new granddaughters, Jill Elizabeth, born Aug. 8 to Dana and Terry Teetmeier. Jill has a big brother, Clint, and two sisters, Sandra and Brenda to help care for her. Rebekah Leigh was born Aug. 16 to Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Strahm. Lisa and Andrew welcome her.

Sunday School is again in session after a short recess. New teachers selected at our annual election: Bro. Darrel Stoller to teach with Bros. Wayne Strahm (superintendent), Morris Rokey and Terry Farney. Sis. Gloria Stoller will teach the little folks, along with Sisters Waneta Plattner and Janice Lehman. May God grant them much grace and patience to sow good seed into tender little hearts.

Bro. Alvin Strahm was re-elected as trustee to the A. C. Home. Alvin serves with Bro. Roy Rokey.

Sis. Lydia Hanhart was hospitalized for tests. Sis. Lillian Edelman is a hospital patient.

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#### BURLINGTON IA

##### Edna Pohl / Elaine Eisenmann

"The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple."

It seems the fall weather is so soon upon us again, and too, the fall of our lives, so may we ever be in readiness for God's harvest of the faithful.

Our congregation has enjoyed visitors on numerous occasions throughout the summer, for which we are grateful in their fellowship.

Bro. Sam Anliker was a welcome minister of God's word, and gave an eye-opening message, even to our friends present.

We rejoice with tears of gladness for our friends Rollis Scheitlin and his sister, Lynn surrendering their hearts to the Lord. Their parents are Bro. Kenneth and Sis. Charity. (Lynn is Mrs. Danny Townsend of Bloomfield IA.)

As we grow in years we value our calling more and more. . . But for the grace of God, this soul would be walking blindly in the Catholic faith. My father was of such faith in his youth, of poor sincere peasants. At 18, he went to Switzerland to learn the shoe cobbler's trade. There he met other youths of the Nazarenes. He was invited to attend their evening hymn sings. It stirred my father's heart and desire to be one of them. Time lapsed until he was offered the way to America and Fairbury, my birthplace. There he gave his heart to the Lord, but it was 3 long years before he was a true convert, his first faith making the true way hard for him to grasp. He was age 19 at that time of decision in his life.

Our friend, Sophia Stoller Melinger wishes to thank all those who remembered her in her recent illness.

#### EUREKA IL

##### Cathryn Wettstein Salome Schumacher

Our visiting ministers were as follows: Bros. Francis Rother—Morton, Aaron Steffen—Alto, Robert Walder, Vernon Wettstein—Congerville, Ed Knecht—Silverton.

Sunday evening August 11, we had evening services. It was a really blessed evening. Bro. Steffen from Alto was our guest. I'm sure

many received a blessing. It reminded us of bygone years, when many times evening services were held in one of the neighboring churches. Great crowds would gather to be reminded and refreshed in word and spirit.

Among our dear ones who are in the hospital (or returned home) are:

Sis. Julia Ehnle from the "Home" was a surgical patient in the Proctor Hospital. She has entered the A. C. Home in Peoria now. Sis. Minnie Farney, our newest resident at the "Home" was a patient in Methodist Hospital, after falling and breaking her hip. She has now returned to the "Home". Sis. Emma Somerhalder is a medical patient in Eureka Hospital. She is the wife of Bro. Eli.

Bro. Tim Carr was a patient in Mennonite Hospital after having an accident with a riding mower. He suffered a broken arch in one foot. Ronnie Kempf, son of Bro. and Sis. Bill and Clara, is a happy patient in Methodist Hospital, after having an accident with his motorcycle. Bro. Charles Wettstein (my father) is a medical patient in Eureka. Baby Jeffrey Allen Claus was an overnight patient in St. Francis Hospital.

Two of our friends were married August 24. Steve Fehr, son of Bro. and Sis. Ernest and Mary, was married to Debra Glazebrook. They will be living in Eureka. Ed Wiegand, son of Bro. and Sis. Robert and Helen Wiegand, was married to Joann Pyles from Deer Creek, Illinois. They will live in Goodfield.

Note of thanks: We wish to thank our relatives and friends for the kind deeds shown to us during the sudden death of our beloved husband and father. Sis. Lillie Wittmer and Family.

#### HOME FOR THE HANDICAPPED

Surely we are bound to all of you, for the bonds of relationships of our residents goes in all directions. Then, too, where there is the bond of faith, there is the warmth of love in Christ.

Holy Scripture teaches, Blessings are his who considers the weak. . . , and "Blessed are the merciful; for they shall obtain mercy." These and many other



writings in the word of Truth give encouragement to all who are a part of the staff and the volunteer force, who attempt to fulfill the responsibility which is ours.

To continue what we began in last month's issue in an effort to **Know Each Other Better**, we shall visit the Home's Gift Shop, a department which epitomizes the spirit of self-giving. This lovely niche, located near the front lobby, is filled with many lovely works of art, handicraft and needle-work, all donated by persons interested in doing for others without thought of a reward. This little shop, open on Monday through Friday from 8:30 to 5:00 the year around, reaches its climax of activity on Benefit Day, held annually early in December.

Much time, effort and thought goes into the management of this area, and therefore much gratitude is due the three sisters who volunteer their time and services each week. They and all of us want to express sincere gratitude for the gifts and contributions which have come in during the past and which continue to come in. We constantly take notice of the fine quality of items which are brought in for sale.

Perhaps too this might be a good time to remind all interested persons that the time is here to begin planning for the contributions that many of you will want to send later this fall for the annual Benefit Day.

One good gained from this Gift Shop is the convenience it affords for those of our residents who can and need to do some gift shopping occasionally. Proceeds from all sales are used to buy equipment needed in our Home. This is its purpose. Therefore, the many of you who have perhaps spent hours making something to contribute may entertain the warmth of having helped obtain something which is a big help to our residents.

If you have the opportunity to visit our Home, whether or not for the first time, please do visit the Gift Shop, keeping in mind the many acts of charity which make it possible.

As we pray for one another, your needs and ours, let us remember that we never know what weight another person may be carrying silently. It behooves us as Chris-

tians to walk carefully, prayerfully, humbly, and cheerfully.

#### NEW MARTINSVILLE WV Minnie B. Weltz Della Witschey

Arthur and Verena Heiniger of Morton, who had been on a southern vacation dropped by here on Aug. 3 and attended services at Sardis church on Aug. 4. Mr. and Mrs. Homer Aschliman and Elva and Dora Aschliman of Bluffton attended services at Sardis church on Aug. 4, enjoying a vacation and going on farther after leaving here.

Mr. and Mrs. George Riggenbach and Mrs. Margaret Bauman of Sterling, Ohio, Mrs. Dan Baltic and daughters of Rittman attended the funeral service of Mr. Will Eisenbarth at the Sardis church on Aug. 11, and visited with relatives in New Martinsville.

Miss Mabel Barth of Denver, Colorado, a former resident of New Martinsville left on Sept. 3 to resume her duties in that city, after spending a month here with relatives and friends. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brothers of Mt. Vernon, O., were guests of Mary Ann Brothers and Minnie Weltz. Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer Lord of Girard visited with the Barth families for a few hours on Aug. 24.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Frumm of Fairfax, Va., Mr. and Mrs. Paul Nieratko and daughters of Lansing, Mich.; Mrs. Elizabeth McGuier of Washington, Pa.; and Mrs. James Harvey and family of Columbus, O. were among the many out-of-town relatives attending the Witschey reunion here on Aug. 25. Mr. and Mrs. William Murdock Sr. visited with their son William Jr. and family in Huntington, W. Va., on Aug. 30 and Sept. 1.

Five great-great-grandchildren were born into the family of the late Emma Barth since April of this year; great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Frank Barth, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Elza Ritz, Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Wade.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Williams, Mrs. Norma Brandle and son Greg of Akron attended the Limestone Homecoming here on Sept. 1 and spent a few hours with the Barth families.

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#### SILVERTON OR Joan Dietrich

We certainly have enjoyed our many visitors. Many of them we did not know very well or at all, but could feel the same love flow from heart to heart. This is something our faith offers, that too many times is taken for granted. Do we really appreciate it enough? We welcome you to come again. A warm welcome is extended to anyone coming our way.

We are happy to have Sis. Mildred Dietrich assembling with us again, after being home for several weeks, due to a misfortune hurting her leg. Also meeting with a misfortune on his bike was Kenny Knecht, young son of Bro. Ed and Sis. Judie. Some stitches were required on his chin and knee.

Bro. Ed Knecht was privileged to be among those attending the Conference in Bluffton. The many brethren that assembled certainly had our prayerful support in setting the guidelines of our precious faith, as they were directed from above. May we ever strive to follow them more sincerely day by day.

A blessed evening of singing at Knechts was enjoyed by both Portland and Silverton for our betrothed ones, Bro. Gus Dietrich and Sis. Dorothy Schlatter (Junction).

#### WICHITA KS Glennis Allenbach

The dictionary gives as one of its meanings of fellowship — a group of people with the same interests; certainly we are that! In our newsletter this month it was suggested our project could be a "know each other better" feature. I felt this was a great idea in working toward a closer Christian fellowship, that in turn draws us closer to our Saviour.

It was suggested that a member could give some early remembrance, plus some personal insight into their life. Bro. George Lambert was suggested and was very cooperative.

A note accompanying his story included, — "I went from a feeling within as it is just me," . . . also, "These are the things that come to me, and could say are outstanding events in my life."

Bro. George Lambert was born

at 5519 S. Adams St., Bartinsille, Ill. just out of Peoria, on Feb. 9, 1906, the son of Bro. and Sis. Alfred and Bertha Lambert. His father for a time worked for the Keystone Wire and Fence Co. there.

His early life was spent in the Burlington Okla. community, where he attended the Apostolic Christian Church with the rest of his family. During his first 8 years he had moved to Portland, Oregon; Linwood, Michigan. Finally the family settled permanently in Wichita, when he was eight years old.

He recalls some interesting events, some common to many perhaps who might have lived in that era some 65 years ago. As was very common in this new land, which was called THE CHEROKEE STRIP and was opened for settlement Sept. 16, 1893, the day to day needs were very meager for many years, but somehow his mother always seemed to find enough to eat and clothing to wear. He recalls that his parents were both very devout to their Heavenly calling, and were very strict, demanding discipline which is so lacking today. His father prayed and read at every meal, often explaining its meaning, which even now Bro. George recalls some of these explanations.

His father and brothers, with himself set on the front bench of the church on the north side of the pulpit, where the congregation could all see them, his father's ever watchful eyes on them to be sure there was no talking, sleeping or foolishness going on. . . The trial of sitting still with 100 and better temperature, with stiff starched shirts and the hot, steaming celluloid collar without a tie. . . The only thing he could think of was when he would climb on the Studebaker wagon pulled by two horses, start for home. What a relief to remove that steaming collar as soon as possible.

At age 12 he helped operate the first wheat combine that came into Alfalfa county Okla. for his uncle, who lived across the road from the church. Following a binder and shocking wheat was not easy for a boy of 12. He fondly tells how wonderful it was to lift a jug of water that had burlap around it, kept wet. Since the humidity was

low, this kept the water cold, and it tasted so good and was so refreshing.

He recalls a Bro. Bill Anliker that lived along the Saltfork River, south of the church a number of miles, and it was common to go out into the melon patch and pick watermelons weighing 100 pounds and more. This was quite a moment when they would see who could pick the largest melon.

The family would often go to Harper, Kansas to church when the first cars were available. The roads were something else. It was common to get into downpours of rain, making the roads muddy and almost impossible to travel on.

On Sept. 5, 1924 he began working for the Bell Telephone Company here in Wichita, and worked for 43 years, retiring Sept. 5, 1967.

Bro. George married Sis. Elsie Beer, daughter of Bro. Frank of Milford, Sept. 19, 1937. They have two children, Earlene of Park Forest, Ill. and Dr. Donald of Parkville, Mo., a suburb of North Kansas City, Mo. They also have six grandchildren.

He likes to talk about the most important happening in his life, and that is his conversion, following in the steps of his father, who passed away in June of 1924. Since there was no church in Wichita until 1938, the members and friends would gather in homes, mostly at Bro. and Sis. John Schrocks, because they could not get out as easily as the others. This particular Sunday evening, Bro. Alfred (his father) was reading to everyone there (and this is the first time the three Lambert brothers were at these meetings), and his text was Matthew 24:1 to 15. When he reached the 15th verse and said DANIEL he suddenly faltered, and began falling from his chair. We brothers caught him and gently laid him on a bed, and he soon went to sleep. We feel that it was only by God's love that we brothers were present that night. It was then that our dear Lord entered into our hearts, and we began repenting. Just a kind word to all friends that might read this account. Please don't wait as I did. I have shed many tears and endured many regrets that I didn't repent BEFORE he had to leave to awaken me. O, how much I needed him after that. Please let them enjoy

it with you at least for a season."

Bro. George would like to add this, when they gave their testimony in the little country church at Burlington, "Elder Bro. Kurz at the consent of the church brought all three of us brothers in at once for our testimony".

His only regret is that he did not attend the meetings before his father passed away, as he now realizes that it would have brought so much joy to him if he had. He is now looking forward to that great reunion in heaven, after the trials of this life are over.

I would like to add something about Bro. George. I've known him a long time, and as I often associate people I know and love with a verse, saying or song, I associate Bro. George with the old gospel hymn which says it all—"I Love To Tell The Story". This is truly Bro. George's theme song.

We have a new addition to our congregation. Received with much love is Jennifer Reimschisel, daughter of Bro. Max and Sis. Judy. She has one brother and two sisters.

It always seems to make our worship extra special when we are privileged to have visitors. We hope many brothers and sisters will make it a point to visit us soon.

#### BREMEN IN Pauline Laidig

Love of all things is the greatest which the Spirit does bestow. . . This was the message lovingly conveyed to us by our Elder Bro. Wendell Gudeman, when he came to spend a Wed. evening with us. When love prevails there is long-suffering, mercy and understanding, which are all so necessary for the spiritual welfare of us all.

It was a pleasant surprise to find Bro. Eli Somerhalder in our midst one Sunday morning, and we were uplifted with his inspired teachings from God's word.

We were shocked and saddened to hear of the serious illness of Bro. Joe Bauman. The doctor told Joe's family that he had reached the 11th hour and 59th minute, but by the will of God he has been brought out of the Valley and is feeling somewhat better. . . Bro. Lou Gerber has been a medical patient in the Elkhart Hospital, but

is soon to be released.

We were happy to welcome Sis. Martha Kaehr home, after spending part of the summer in Columbia, South America. Monica Saenz, a graduate of a Cali, Columbia High School, accompanied her home, plans to live with the Bob Kaehr family this year, and will attend school as a senior with Martha. We are pleased to have her assemble with us and hope, as she learns the English language better, the messages she hears and the times of good fellowship will leave a deep impression.

A number of our young folks have left for college. Gayle Zeltwanger (Bro. Earl and Sis. Marge) has returned to IU, Bro. Randy Suttor (Bro. Ed and Sis. Carolyn) is at Taylor University, Bro. Louis Gerber (Bro. Lou and Sis. Emma Lou) is continuing his studies at Bob Jones University, Bros. Terry and Joel Zimmer (Bro. Bill and Sis. Ann), Bro. Steve Suttor (Bro. Al and Sis. Verla) and Ted Conrad (Bro. Freeman and Sis. Mary) are attending IUSB.

### INDIANAPOLIS IN Wayne and Judy Steffen

It's not the things that can be bought

that are life's richest treasure,  
It is the little heart gifts

that money cannot measure . . .  
A cheerful smile, a friendly word,  
a sympathetic nod

Are priceless little treasures  
from the storehouse of our  
God. . .

They are the things that can't be bought

with silver or with gold,  
For thoughtfulness and kindness  
and love are never sold. . .

They are the priceless things in life

for which no one can pay,  
And the giver finds rich recompense  
in giving them away.

We should continually work toward the upbuilding of the people we meet . . . and we can do this by being unselfish, cheerful and friendly toward everyone.

We are thankful for the many visiting ministers. They were Bros. Theo. Beer of Milford, Joe Zimmerman of Morton, Karl Westfall of Francesville, Carl Kipfer of

Bluffton, Ed Hohulin of Goodfield and Walt Steffen of Milford.

### ELGIN IL

Louise Steffen/Katie Kachelmuss

Thy holy word does teachings give  
In faith and hope and love to live;  
For this, O Lord, I thank Thee.  
Should I not seek within this time  
A foretaste of the joys divine,  
And for Thy home prepare me?  
Salvation is the noblest part;  
Impress this deeply on my heart.

We had blessed hours listening to the holy word, when Bros. Walter Anliker of Eureka, Clarence Kachelmuss of Forrest, Elmer Schmidt of Winthrop, Noah Miller of Minneapolis and Earl Banwart of West Bend visited us.

Bro. Joseph Lauber, 338 Orchard St., Elgin IL 60120, and Sis. Ruth (Harvey) Schurter, 772 Bluff City Blvd., Elgin IL 60120 were hospitalized for surgery, are doing well and at home again with their loved ones.

Birth: A daughter, Shaena Kay, born Aug. 21 to Bro. Donald and Sis. Leann Banwart Schambach, their first child. The maternal grandparents are Bro. Earl and Sis. Edna Banwart of West Bend, and the paternal are Bro. Albert and Sis. Dorothy Schambach. Donald and Leann live at 118½ North Fourth Ave., St. Charles IL 60120.

We miss Cheryl Steffen, now Mrs. John Knobloch, in our midst. They live at 4262 Sunburst Trail No. 522, Lafayette IN 47905.

Bro. Dan and Sis. Ruth Knochel of Detroit were visiting us; Ruth became involved in an automobile accident and was very seriously injured. She was hospitalized and underwent surgery, but recovered sufficiently so she was able to return to her home. Amy Gasser, daughter of Bro. Walter and Sis. Mary was also in the car at the time, and was also quite seriously injured, but we're glad to report that she also is better and back home with her loved ones.

Mary Gross, 187 Moseley St., Elgin IL 60120 was hospitalized for tests, and Mary (Wm.) Spohr of 396 Oak, South Elgin IL 60177 for surgery. Both are getting along well, and returned to their homes.

Mary Spohr wishes to thank all for the prayers, cards and tokens of love during her illness. It was all

very much appreciated.

Dan and Ruth Knochel wish to convey their heartfelt thanks for the prayers and gracious Christian deeds offered following the automobile accident in which Ruth was seriously injured and hospitalized.

### LESTER IA

Alice Metzger/Donna Metzger

With the close of the summer season, we have resumed our Sunday School, with approximately 190 students. New teachers are Sis. Doreen Meyer, Sis. Kay Knobloch, Bros. Bill Gerber and Art Knobloch. Our superintendent is Bro. Raymond Meyer.

We appreciate the ministers who found time to visit us. They were (Bros.) Simon Wagenbach, Tremont; Duane Metzger, West Bend; and Bob Walder, Congerville. Sis. Carrie Metzger has again been able to come to church, after being confined for several weeks. She would like to take this means of thanking each one who remembered her with visits, prayers and gifts of love during her illness.

Sis. Evelyn Metzger, Sis. Emily Knobloch, and Dick Metzger were hospitalized for surgery, and we are happy to report all are home and getting along fine.

Harvey Metzger, son of Bro. Ernie and Sis. Ella, was a graduate of Sheldon Vocational School and is now employed in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

The passing of Sis. Ricka Stettner of Elgin brought to mind her mother's part in establishing a church here in Lester. In 1879 she invited a young immigrant from Germany to attend church services in Elgin. Although he was from another denomination, young August Mogler believed this to be the true faith and in time moved to this area, repented, and was the first minister among a handful of believers in the Lester community. Until 1893, they met in their homes for services. At that time, they had built the little church in the country, doing much of the work themselves. This sister's kind invitation to the young soul rippled out to engulf many, many souls.

### CONGERVILLE IL

Mary Schrock / Arlene Banwart

Two of our young sisters' engagements were announced. Plan-

ning a December wedding is Sis. LuAnn Knapp, daughter of Bro. Frederick and Sis. Marge, who is engaged to Bro. Clarence Zobrist, son of Bro. Howard and Sis. Phyllis of the Goodfield congregation. Sis. Cheryl Schrock, daughter of Bro. Roy and Sis. Polly, is engaged to Bro. Mark Wuthrich, son of Bro. Jim and Sis. Eunice of the Morton congregation. We look forward to getting better acquainted with Joan Hohulin, daughter of Bro. Lawrence and Sis. Laura of Goodfield, who is engaged to Mark Steffen, son of Bro. Ed and Sis. Mary.

Visiting us were Bros. Aaron Steffen of Alto and Steve Rinckenberger of Cissna Park.

Bro. Bob and Sis. Sharon McClure and family have moved closer to our church; their new address is R.R. Carlock III 61725.

Graveside services were held Aug. 12 for Rebekah Lynn, the stillborn daughter of Bro. Ken and Sis. Janet Schrock. She is survived by her brothers, Derek, 3 years, and Deron, 2; also grandparents, Bro. Joe and Sis. Esther Schrock of Congerville and Bro. Lee and Sis. Velda Overmyer of Francesville. "We would like to take this opportunity to express our thanks for the expressions of sympathy." Bro. Ken and Sis. Janet Schrock.

Our hearts were gladdened one Sunday morning to see that Lori Knapp, daughter of Bro. Frederick and Sis. Marge, had decided to change her life and live for the Lord.

Hospitalized were Sis. Lulu Zimmerman for surgery, Bro. Ralph Knapp, Sis. Arlene Banwart and Bro. Bob Walder.

We want to sincerely thank everyone for all their help and love shown us and our children during my past illness. Bro. Jerry and Sis. Arlene Banwart.

### CROGHAN NY

Alice Virkler

The Sunday School is our delight.  
We love it more and more;  
Tis here we learn to do the right  
And live forevermore . . .

We sang this beautiful hymn together before we partook of food and drink at our Sunday School picnic, held at Happy Hollow Camp Grounds. We are reminded how we have learned the truth taught to us by our Sunday School teachers.

How important it is that each of us teach our children the truth and right, and that we live according to these words, as the children look unto us each day as examples. The picnic was enjoyed by young and old.

A beloved brother-in-faith, Leon Virkler, was called from this life on Sunday, Aug. 25, after being hospitalized and suffering many weeks, following surgery and a broken bone in his back. Our deepest sympathy is extended to his wife, Sis. Lydia. Leon was born in Croghan on Aug. 30, 1896, and had lived in that section all his life. On Nov. 5, 1921, he married Lydia Zaugg in Rockville. He and Lydia were the fourth generation of the Rudolph Virkler family to occupy the Pioneer homestead farm near Croghan, from which they retired in 1944. They enjoyed many years together, spending their winters in Florida with the congregation at Sarasota. Bro. Leon was a faithful pillar in our church, having served as Sunday School teacher and superintendent. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, Aug. 28, by Elder Bro. Ben Maibach. Also taking part in the services were Elder Bro. John Bahler and Bro. Henry Grimm.

Our sympathy is extended to Bro. Norbert and Sis. Doris Steiner and their family. Sis. Doris's sister, Blanche McIntyre, was called out of this life on Monday, Aug. 26. She had been hospitalized since suffering a stroke on July 3. She is also survived by her husband, LaRue of Castorland; one son, Gary; and another sister, Lucille Schwendy of Beaver Falls.

On Sunday, Sept. 1, wedding vows were exchanged by Bro. Paul Schambach and Sis. Lisa Grau. The ceremony was solemnized by Bro. John Widrick. Paul's parents are Bro. Dave and Sis. Lois, and Lisa's are Ray and Arlene Grau. The hymn **The 23rd Psalm** was sung before the services and may they always look unto the Lord as their Shepherd and Guide in their new life together.

### FAIRBURY IL

Joyce Huber

**The Lord said unto Joshua . . .**  
Throughout the Bible we see that God spoke to individuals. In this example, Joshua had misfortune, and Joshua asked God the "where-

fore" and "what" or why it came. Joshua heard God answer the reason it happened and the solution what to do. Since Joshua is an example, we also can ask God the "wherefore" or why; and hear God speak to us the reason and the solution of our misfortunes.

Bro. and Sis. Reuben Huber's daughter, Jean, became the bride of Stephen Wathen of Peoria. The couple will make their home in Peoria, as the groom is attending Bradley U., majoring in electrical engineering, and the bride is a nurse at St. Francis Hospital.

Sis. Ida Meiss, 89, passed away at the hospital. She had been residing at Fairview Haven. Sis. Ida (Roth) married Bro. Chris Meiss in 1934; he passed away in 1939. Surviving are stepchildren, Bro. Eli and Bro. Dan Meiss and Sis. Lavina Kilgus.

Emil Gerber, 56, passed away. He was the son of Chris and Sis. Laura Yoder Gerber. Emil's wife, Genevieve (Cox) survives, and children: Elton, Montie, Fred, James, John, and Ann. Dan Ifft, 17, was killed, and Jeff Kilgus, 18, was injured in an auto accident on the eve of beginning Parkland College at Champaign. Dan is the son of Gilbert and Mary Ifft. Also surviving are his brothers: Leon, Darrell, Loren; sister, Suzanne; and grandfather, Fred Ifft. Jeff is the son of Bro. and Sis. Dwaine Kilgus and is recovering as well as can be expected.

We appreciate the visiting ministers during the time of the conference, and those who ministered to us: Bros. Raymond Roth, Harry Sutter, Sam Anliker, Paul Fehr, Al Langhofer, Roy Wieland, Earl Banwart.

We sympathize with Bro. and Sis. Eli Moser and daughter Karen and her family, as her husband Bill Wagner had serious surgery, and the Mosers flew to Nevada to be with them.

Labor Day week-end brings to mind the memory of the death of Bro. Kenneth Furrer, thus reminding us that Sis. Louise is our congregation's youngest widow. She is the daughter of Bro. Sam and Sis. Anna Steffen.

Four years have passed since Kenneth was called to eternity, as he was repairing a broken beam in the barn on their home farm at

Wolcott. In the early morning he arose, thanked God for a new day, and asked His guidance through the day; before noon he had left this life, leaving Sis. Louise a widow at 37 years of age; and Julie, 12, and Sammy, 10, fatherless. Many things she and Kenneth had talked together during their 13 blessed years together began coming back to her memory and helping her to start making decisions.

As she knelt to pray alone that first night, feeling she knew not what to pray, the words of the Hymn 89 came to mind and seemed so fitting to her: "My God, my God, forsake me not, I pray," followed by "Thou friend, forsake her not," and as the hymn closes is the way she felt was just the way Kenneth's life had closed.

He bows His head and cries,  
Tis finished, all is done.  
O God, receive my soul.  
Life's victory is won.

She says that many, many times today yet these words are most comforting to her and still her prayer. With the Lord as her guide, she says the Lord had a special reason for saying, "Thou friend, forsake her not," as her greatest help and strength is given to her through the Christian fellowship and the unmeasurable gift of love and undertsanding which she and the children feel and enjoy from other couples and their families.

Louise, Julie, and Sammy moved to Fairbury Jan. 1971, where she is a nurse at Fairbury Hospital.

Louise would like to share this poem which was sent to her at the time of his death by a now elderly sister who was also widowed at an early age.

### When Grief Is New

When grief is new it's hard to pray,  
"Thy will be done" is hard to say.  
With heart and mind all numb with pain  
I cry, "Beloved, come back again"!

But should I really ask that he  
Return from God's blessed eternity  
To suffer and grow old in years?  
My selfish cry is drowned in tears.

Death comes to all. One first must go;

If he were left he'd sorrow so.  
It's better that I wait a little while;  
God grant that I can do it with a smile.

### GIRARD OH Kathryn Emch

Our congregation was truly blessed as Bro. Eugene Bertschi filled our pulpit. We had guests from Altadena, Sardis, Akron and Rittman for the day.

Bro. Fred Marti favored us by coming to fill in for Harold. A special thank you, Fred.

Sis. Marion Klotzle is ill.

### GOODFIELD Elna Grimm

The mind is a garden where  
thought-flowers grow;  
The thoughts that we think are  
seeds that we sow.

A baby girl, Joanna Lee, was born to our friends, Jim and Laurie Hinrichsen, Eureka, on July 27. The grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Hans and Arlene Hinrichsen, Goodfield, and Mr. and Mrs. Mike Fehr, Eureka. Ray and Eldora Olson, Peoria, had a baby girl on Aug. 5. They have named her Kari Ann. Grandparents are Bro. and Sis. John and Ruth Rokey, Goodfield, and Mr. and Mrs. Ole Olson, Peoria.

We sympathize with our Bro. Jesse Hunzicker, who lost his wife, Hannah. She died on Wednesday, Aug. 7, and her funeral was on Saturday, Aug. 10 **God often comforts us, not by changing the circumstances of our lives, but by changing our attitude toward them.** I suppose Bro. Jesse has found this to be true. . . For when we find ourselves in a situation that cannot be changed, we simply adjust, and say "Dear Lord, take my hand, and make Thy will to be mine."

Little Andy Bauman, son of Bro. and Sis. Larry and Betty had his arm in a cast, having broken it while playing in a tree, I was told. So, I asked him, "Did you fall out of the tree?" He smiled up at me with those twinkling sparkling eyes, and said, "Nope, I jumped!" He's getting along fine, for which we are glad.

Bro. Eli Knapp is feeling better again, after having been quite ill. Bro. Hans Hinrichsen submitted to foot surgery the second time, and

is now recuperating. This has been a long drawn-out affair for him, and I am sure he is happy to be on the road to recovery.

On the first Wed. eve. in Sept., we resumed our regular midweek services and were pleased to have with us Bro. Edmund Kloter, from Fairbury. We also had Bros. Leroy Hartman, Peoria, and Walter Anliker, Eureka with us on Sunday.

We are so happy that sinners are still being called to repentance. One by one they come. We now have ten more souls in our congregation who are giving their lives to Him.

Bro. and Sis. Lawrence and Laura Hohulin have announced the engagement of their daughter, Joan, to Mark Steffen, son of Bro. and Sis. Ed and Mary Steffen, Congerville. A December wedding is being planned.

### ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY Janice Herman

Another busy school year has begun. We want to extend a warm welcome to the many newcomers with us this fall. We invite all to attend our weekly Thursday evening services at the Union.

Sept. 5, we plan to have a welcome for freshmen students, newcomers, and their parents at the Davis Lodge. We hope all will have a blessed year to look back on.

### IOWA CITY IA April Wiegand — Twila Whipple

It means so much to us and we want to thank everyone who travels those extra miles to gather with us, especially ministering Bros. John Steiner (Oakville), who was with us on Sunday, and Gerald Sutter (Taylor), who was here on Thursday night.

We would like to invite all who are in the area to worship with us. Our church services are the first Sunday of the month at 2:00 p.m., and the third Thursday of the month at 8:00 p.m.

We are sorry to have Bro. Randy Massner leaving our small group. He has finished his schooling and will return to Oakville, where he has found employment. We welcome back Elaine Ackerman (Morton), who will continue her schooling at the University. Carol Rocke and Martha Whipple (Oakville) are attending school in Cedar Rapids. We look forward to having them

gather with us.

If there are other students in the area, we would be glad to have them contact either Gary Anliker, 3310 Shamrock, Iowa City IA, ph. 338-0925; or the Moglers, 721 14th Ave., Coralville, IA, ph. 351-1409.

#### MINNEAPOLIS MN Kathryn Olson

Now it is accomplished! With heart and with mind  
To Thee, my dear Saviour, I now am resigned!  
I'll ever be faithful in life and in death,  
Abiding in Jesus unto my last breath.

Aug. 10 and 11 was a blessed week-end for our congregation, as friends Ethel Benarski and Donald Estering gave their testimonies and were baptized.

We enjoyed visiting ministers, Bros. Paul Fehr, Leo Moser, Harold Messner, Floyd Schmidgall, Elmer Schmidt and Leroy Messner.

We welcome Bro. Tony and Sis. Nancy Messner and Bro. Mark and Sis. Diane Souder into our congregation. Both couples had a July wedding.

There are friendships that we cherish in our daily walk of life . . . In the past few months we enjoyed the fellowship of many visitors. We can count untold blessings from the hours of fellowship with them. These friendships bound by Christian love are ones truly cherished.

#### MORTON IL

##### Emma Knapp/Peggy Joos

When a man shall leave his mother and a woman leaves her home, they shall travel on to where the two shall be one. There is love . . . These words were sung as, united in marriage on Aug. 3 were Karen (Bro. John and Sis. Anna Mae Lanz Getz) and Paul (Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Linkhorn). They will be residing in Champaign. . . . Aug. 4, we witnessed and solemnized the wedding of Sis. Alayna Butts (Mr. and Mrs. Merle Roberts) and Bro. Dennis Kaufman (Ben and Sis. Marge Kaiser Kaufman).

Patricia (Mr. and Mrs. Gary Gamble) and Gregg (Bro. Jack and Sis. Dorthy Landes Krantz) repeated their wedding vows on Aug. 10. A candlelight ceremony was the setting as Janet (Bro. Sam and Sis.

Clara Schurter Staker) and Michael (Mr. and Mrs. Paul Woerner) repeated their wedding vows on Aug. 24. They will be residing in Hinsdale.

"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God". . . . These words were so meaningful as we witnessed the testimonies and baptism of nine dear souls on Aug. 18. Elder Bro. Edwin Ringger assisted as Jennifer Stieglitz, Rich Barth, Keith Roeschley, Bill Schick, Jill Bauman, Janet Fischer, Sheri Funk, Scott Schaefer and Tim Roecker were brought into the heavenly fold.

Our visiting ministers were Bros. John Wagler, John Steiner and Simon Wagenbach.

Bro. Mark Wuthrich has chosen Sis. Cheryl Schrock to be his companion. A fall wedding is being planned. Parents are Bro. and Sis. Jim and Eunice Wiegand Wuthrich and Bro. and Sis. Roy and Polly Marty Schrock.

Those that have been brought closer to our Lord through hospitalization or checkups have been: Sisters Ida Bauman and Ann Ackerman, Marie Hager, Gilbert and Lilly Bauman's son, James, is back in the hospital with a broken leg. Frederick and Sis. Jo Ann Roecker's little bundle from heaven was in the hospital for tests. We're so thankful Bro. Lawrence Tanner's stay in the hospital proved to be not very long also. "I would like to thank anyone who remembered me with prayers, visits, candy, gifts and flowers the past six months while I was in the hospital." Lavina M. Kilgus . . . "I wish to thank everyone for the cards, flowers and gifts." Nettie Kaiser.

Bro. Vernon Kaiser is taking Bro. Robert Frank's place in collecting the Silver Lining dues.

"Open to me the gates of righteousness: I will go into them, and I will praise the LORD:"

#### NAUMBURG NY

##### Luanne Beyer — Carol Virkler

Bro. Ronald and Sis. Eleanor Herzig and Matthew welcomed Mark Jason, who was born Aug. 3. Grandparents are Ted and Gertie Herzig, Naumburg, and Sis. Charlotte Virkler, Croghan.

Our thoughts of sympathy are with Sis. Lydia Virkler, Croghan. Her husband, Bro. Leon, passed

away.

Visiting ministers here for Bro. Leon's funeral were, (Elder) Bros. John Bahler (Rockville), and Ben Maibach (Detroit), and Bro. Henry Grimm (Morton). We also enjoyed the visits of Bros. Marvin Schmidgall (Eureka) and Al Langhofer (Wichita).

Sunday, Sept. 1, the Naumburg congregation assembled with the Croghan congregation to witness the marriage ceremony of Sis. Lisa Grau (Ray and Arlene) and Bro. Paul Schamback (Bro. Dave and Sis. Lois). We wish the couple God's nearness. Best wishes, also, to our friend, Randall Hirschey, son of Bro. Leland and Sis. Bernice, who was married to Shirley Lee of Utica, N. Y., on Aug. 24.

#### OAKVILLE IA Martha Wiegand

We welcome Bro. Dan and Sis. Delores (Wagenbach) Anliker and Bro. Randy Massner as brothers and sisters in our fellowship. Bro. Walt Anliker (Eureka) came to spend that week end with us and preached God's word to us.

Jeff and Ruth Gerst are the happy parents of their first child, a son named Joshua Jeffrey. Grandparents are Bro. Richard and Sis. Liberty Gerst and Howard and Dorothy Gieselman.

Notice to Oakville subscribers: Your reporter is now accepting payments for the Silver Lining, for our annual collection.

#### RITTMAN OH Florence Hartzler

On two different occasions we were blessed with a visiting minister for our mid-week service. We want to thank Bro. Marvin Schmidgall for his inspiring message, and second, our thanks to Bro. Al Langhofer for his love in bringing us the word. Thy word is a lamp to my feet, a light to my path always, to guide and to save me from sin, and show me the heavenly way.

We are again thankful the Lord is still calling souls out of darkness into His marvelous light, as Craig Emch, son of Bro. Dave and Sis. Eileen has surrendered his heart to the Lord. As the Lord welcomes each new convert, we want to welcome friend Gale Snyder, who wishes to become a child of God and to be baptized into our faith.

Sis. Alma Curie and Bro. Isaac Rufener Sr. have not been able to come to church for some time. Sis. Elizabeth Musser underwent surgery, and Sis. Edith (Gasser) Miller and Bro. Phillip Webber needed hospital care. **The cross is not greater than His grace; the storm cannot hide His blessed face; I am satisfied to know that with Jesus here below, I can conquer every foe.**

Our sympathy is extended to Sis. Mildred Reusser and family at the passing away of her father, William Eisenbarth. Sis. Mildred spent many years caring for her parents, and we pray the Lord will bless her, as we are told even the giving of a glass of cold water will not go unrewarded.

**Births:** A girl, Tricia Jean, born to Bro. Galen and Sis. Cheryl Indermuhle; sisters Julie and Melanie welcome her home. A boy, Kurt Eric, was born to Bro. Dan and Sis. Diane Gasser, their first child. Bro. Andy and Sis. Mary Jane Winkler are parents of a son, Jerry Alan, and Sara and Barry are glad for a new brother. A girl was born to Ralph and Diane Lanz, is named Danisa Rae, and has two brothers, Jeff and Bret to welcome her home.

**Weddings:** Vickie Young and Mike Hupp were married on Aug. 10. Vickie's folks are Bill and Sis. Donna Young. The wedding of Steve Maibach and Denise O'Neal was on Aug. 31. Steve's parents are Bro. Roy and Sis. Mabel Maibach.

The new Nursing Home in Orrville has opened, and some of our members will be moving there from the Mennonite Home near Rittman, which has been closed. Sis. (Miss) Elizabeth Widmer and Sis. Lula Bachman will have a new address as follows: Brenn-Field Nursing Center, 1980 Lynn Dr, Orrville OH 44667.

**Correction:** In the convert list, the name should be John Gerber, son of Sis. Mary Ellen.

#### **SABETHA KS** Mrs. Joe Steiner

Hospitalized were Jamie Marti (surgery), Natalie Wysong (broken arm) and Sis. Elizabeth Marti (broken arm). They have all returned home and are recuperating nicely.

Visiting minister was Bro. Harvey Grimm, Bern.

We recently had our annual busi-

ness meeting. Bro. Reo Strahm was re-elected for a two-year term on the board of the Apostolic Christian Home. Bro. Walter Strahm was elected to the Building Aid committee. New Sunday School teachers elected were Bros. Martin Beyer, Fred Aberle, Sis. LaVonne Aberle, Sis. Cheryl Metzger. Substitutes are Bros. Willard Bahr, John Aberle, Sis. Loree Plattner and Sis. Phyllis Strahm.

#### **SARDIS OH** Karen Indermuhle

Visitors have brought blessings to us, and we joyfully await each Sunday to greet those who come.

A group of young friends from Rittman came one Sunday to share in the good things of services and fellowship. The picnic planned outside was held inside, due to rain, but the blessings weren't at all dampened.

Elder Bro. Joseph Ramsier (Rittman) conducted the funeral services for William Eisenbarth, husband of the late Sis. Ella Eisenbarth. The folks here have fond memories of these two special people. Will had been living with his daughter, Sis. Mildred Reeser (Rittman) since Sis. Ella passed away in 1969.

Our Lord comforts in times of sorrow and promises to heal our broken hearts, if we but trust in Him. Thank you Jesus! God knows our feelings as a loved one passes away, because He had to give up His only Son. Our Father did rejoice in Jesus' resurrection and we, too, can look beyond the grave to the happy moment of meeting those we love in our new Home.

#### **TREMONT IL**

Lydia Rassi—Mary Jane Leuthold

Matthew Timm came Aug. 6 to join the family of Timm and Jeanise Frank of Bloomington. Bro. Elmer and Sis. Bernice Frank and Bro. Richard and Sis. Aldine Martin are the grandparents.

Bro. Curt Rassi, son of Bro. Arnold and Sis. Lydia, and Sis. Kathy Gramm, daughter of Bro. Herbert and Sis. Jane of Gridley have sought and found the Lord's guidance and direction in seeking a helpmate.

We welcome our new brother, Stan Koch into the body of Christ. May he find here the peace and joy of heart that the world seeks,

but never finds. He is the son of Bro. Ralph and Sis. Till.

Sis. Frieda (Ernie) Schaefer spent time in the hospital, for removal of her gall bladder. She is much improved and able to be at home. Bro. Joe Steiner spent a short time in the hospital for surgery, but is back with us.

Bros. Noah Herman and John Steiner spent a Sunday in our midst.

Friend Mary (Fred) Lang passed away Aug. 26. Services were held at the mortuary on Thursday afternoon. She had been in failing health for some time.

We welcome Bro. Bob and Sis. Rosemary Frank and family and Bro. Ken and Sis. Arlene Huetter and family to our congregation. They have moved here from Morton.

#### **VALPARAISO IN**

Camille and William Feller

We were ministered God's holy word on Aug. 4 by visiting Bro. Karl Westphal (Francesville), and on Aug. 11 by visiting Bro. Verdon Feldman (Bremen).

Truly God's blessing was bestowed with the birth of three infants. A boy, Brent Matthew, was born to Lynn and Caroline Frieden. The grandparents are Bro. Roy and Sis. Aldene Frieden of our congregation. The great-grandparents are Bro. John and Sis. Tillie Heinold. Lowell and Sis. Evelyn Bucher also of our congregation are the happy grandparents of two grandsons. One, Christopher Allen, was born to Richard and Pam (Bucher) Buchanan and one, Douglas Adam, born to Randy and Penny (Bucher) Strikwerda. The great-grandparents are Bro. Harry and Sis. Lena Bucher.

#### **ALTO MI** Sue Root

Sis. Donna Steffen was hospitalized for a short time. She is home and expects to return to her work as a nurse soon.

Ministering Bro. Carl Feucht from Lester was with us. How thankful we can be that even though a minister may come from many miles, we can still hear the familiar message of Jesus Christ and the love He had for mankind.

Change of Address? Please tell a reporter or write the editor.

### BAY CITY MI Carolyn Schamback

"Heaven and earth shall pass away" but how blessed we are that the word of God shall stand forever and ever! We may learn something new everytime we hear it, but isn't it wonderful how its basic truth never changes! We were happy to have (Bros.) Earl Zeltwanger (Bremen), and John Klotzle (Altadena) minister God's truth to us. One thing we heard is that the Lord always opens a safe shore for us, one we may never have seen before nor will see again, but a shelter just the same.

We say: "The Lord watch between us until we may meet again" to Bro. Wayne and Sis. Erma Wieland and Todd, Robin and Amy Jo. They left at the beginning of August to make their home in Peoria. We'll miss you!

Bro. Bruce Wieland and Sis. Brenda Ringger were united in marriage in Gridley. We welcome Sis. Brenda to our congregation and community.

Our Sunday School hosted some of Alto's Sunday School for a picnic in August. Good food and singing were enjoyed by all!

On the week-end of Aug. 31 Sept. 1, Eugene Meylan gave his testimony and was baptized as a new brother in faith. Eugene's parents are Bro. Henry and Sis. Helen Meylan. His wife, Sis. Carol, must be a very happy person!

Service address: Pvt. Jerry L. Knochel, Co D 19th Bn. 5th Tng BDE BCT, 3rd Plt., Ft. Knox KY 40121.

### BLOOMINGTON-NORMAL IL Jeanie Haerr / Kayleen Heiniger

School is underway, leaving many homes quiet. Let each parent use a bit of time to think a little of their own life. A 3-year-old lad was visiting in the home of a brother-in-faith. After a silent prayer, he said, "My Daddy talks when he prays." The question then asked was, "Every time?" His prompt reply was "All the time." Parents, are you setting a Christian example for your children?

Another precious bundle, Matthew Timm, arrived Aug. 6 to bless the home of Timm and Jeanise Frank. Grandparents are the Richard Martins of Ft. Lauderdale and Elmer Franks of Tremont. In two weeks, Matt returned to the hos-

pital with an infection, but is home and gaining weight rapidly. Matthew's grandparents, Bro. Richard and Sis. Aldine Martin have moved to Ft. Lauderdale. As Sunday School reconvenes Sept. 8, we will miss the familiar faces of Patty, Doug and Rodney.

Several were hospitalized: Bro. Lyle Stoller for dental surgery, Brent Nussbaum for tests, and Tim Stoller for a fall. Ten-year-old Tim (Bro. Lyle and Sis. Lois) suffered a minor skull fracture, some facial cuts and bruises, as he fell head first from a 9-foot ladder on his uncle's farm. Following a week's stay in the hospital, he recuperated at home and was able to begin school with his brother and sister.

Our first engagement in the new Bloomington church was announced on Aug. 18—Bro. Dave Kaeb, Bloomington, to Sis. Brenda Hoffman of Cissna Park.

Tim Meiss and Susan Williams were married Aug. 10 by Elder Bro. Dan Koch. Parents include Ed and Barb Meiss and Elbert and Ferne Williams, all of Heyworth.

Baptisms were held for Candace Nussbaum (Bro. Alden and Sis. Tillie) and Christine Fehr (Walton and Mida) with Elders Roy Sauder, Peoria, and Dan Koch, Tremont, in attendance. How we can marvel at the conversion of these two souls as evidence that God is still working miracles in lives of men.

Other ministering visits, for which we were most thankful, came from Bros. Eli Somerhalder, Eureka, and Steve Rinkenberger, Cissna Park.

Our sympathy is extended to Bro. Adam Maurer and Sis. Anemarie Young in the passing of their beloved father and grandfather, Jakob Maurer of Wuestenrot, Germany. Although they were unable to attend the funeral, their presence was with their relatives in thought and prayer.

### CHAMPAIGN-URBANA IL Howard and Diane Leman

Christian fellowship is, without a doubt, the greatest form of friendship we (and I'm sure many of you) have experienced. You can fully trust your Christian friends.

We in Urbana welcome many new faces to our Christian fellowship. New students include: Judy Hodel and Sis. Pat Sauder from Roanoke; Bro. Bob Hoerr, Ben

Hoerr, and Sis. Peggy Thomas from Peoria; Bro. John Alt, Melinda Knapp, Ron Walder, and Keith Baumgartner from Cissna Park; Sis. Melinda Meece, Gridley; Sis. Heidi Frank and Bro. Steve and Sis. Ann Hautter, Morton; Keith Herman, Bradford, Mark Steffan.

Art & Marlene Mueller are parents of a baby boy, Daren Shane. Two-year-old Ryan welcomes a new brother.

Congratulations to Steve and Randi Blunier, who were united in holy matrimony. Steve is the son of Bro. Ben and Sis. Wilma Blunier. November is the month Bro. Curt Rassi (Morton) and Sis. Kathy Gramm (Gridley) have selected for their wedding. They will be living in Champaign, as Bro. Curt is a U of I student.

All of us enjoyed our annual Freshman Day on August 25. Parents of new students attended our services and a picnic supper. (Bros.) Jim Hoerr and Ed Alt were visiting ministers. On Sept. 11 we gathered at Lake of the Woods for our annual fall wiener roast.

Oct. 5 and 6 have been selected as college week-end dates. All area college-age young people are welcome to come Saturday for Bible Study groups and singing, and Sunday for church services and supper. Overnight accommodations are available for all. Please come and join us for a week-end which will surely be inspiring.

### CHICAGO IL

There are friendships that we cherish

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

In our earthly 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 . . .

These words had deep meaning for our congregation as we gathered on Sat. evening, Aug. 10, to bid our farewell greeting to four dear families who have moved from our area: Dwight and Alice McConnell to Minneapolis; Bro. Jim and Sis. Jeanne Rinkenberger to Bluffton; Bro. Keith and Sis. Joan Hanson to Champaign and Bro. Perry and Sis. Carol Klopfenstein to Gridley.

Friend Miklos Bozzay has turned to the Lord in repentance,



and found peace with God. May his faith be grounded on the firm foundation of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Bro. Walter Steffen (Milford) ministered to us on Aug. 11. We were richly blessed by the many humble teachings which were shared. On Aug. 25 Bro. Maurice Frank (Leo) brought to us timely instruction and encouragement. Our assembly was nearly filled as a host of visitors, many of whom formerly lived here, were in attendance. It was a day which brought back many memories, and gave us a glimpse of the great joy awaiting all the faithful who will be gathered at that great, eternal reunion on yonder shore.

#### ELGIN IA

##### Eleanor Butikofer

We are hearing and seeing hints of the autumn season. The golden rods are splashing the roadsides with color, as are also the sumacs. The katydids are singing their tunes, and the air has become quite cool, especially during the night. The purple martins and barn swallows have already left for their winter quarters. The martins winter in Brazil. It is claimed that there are 369 different birds found in Iowa, but only about 30 regularly stay here in the winter.

Sis. Ella Gehring comes to mind as a pleasant person to write about as a "Know each other Better" feature. She is quiet, unassuming and generous.

Aunt Ella will have reached her 84th milestone by the 25th of Nov. . . . has spent her entire life in this community, except for 8 years she lived with her sister, Sis. Mollie Beer at Roanoke. Aunt Mollie had a visual handicap at that time, and Aunt Ella filled a need, assisting in various ways. She came back to Iowa in 1970, and is now making her home with her sister, Sis. Lizzie Schneider and daughter, Sis. Marie, who incidentally are my mother and sister. Mother has a visual problem too, and Aunt Ella reads for her.

One of her enjoyments is to mend clothes for others, which is indeed commendable and very much appreciated by those who bring her work. Aunt Ella can sing a nice alto, in addition to her soprano. A hymn which she says has meant a lot to her is "Forever be Praised," found in our hymnal.

Among one of my early recollections of my aunt is when grandma, grandpa and she lived together on the old homestead, and when she would bring to view and give to taste of one of her luscious loaves of bread.

(Bros.) Noah Gerber of West Bend and Uriel Gehring of Burlington were our visiting ministers.

Trudy, daughter of the Paul Pulfers, graduated from Kirkwood as an operating-room technician and is now employed at the University Hospital at Iowa City.

Our congregation as a whole are all well enough to attend church services, for which we are thankful.

#### FORREST IL

##### Juanita Schneider Kathryn Steidinger

Visiting brothers who have shared the bread of life with us are Earl Kilgus, Ezra Feller, Dave Wiegand, Loren Strahm, Ken Schneider, Al Langhofer. Paul Fehr, Earl Banwart, Roy Wieland and Art Bahler.

Bro. George Lehmann is in the hospital, taking tests and awaiting treatment. Others who have been patients and have returned home are, Sis. Emma Ifft. Cory and Ronnie Masters (Bro. Bill and Sis. Mary), Manny Rieger, Rodney Anliker (Bro. Wayne and Sis. Judy), Kristie Lanz (Bro. Elmer and Sis. Lavonne), and Phillip Leman (Bro. Robert and Sis. Donna). Sis. Hulda Honegger had surgery at the Mayo Clinic.

The Sam E. Zimmermans and daughter Heidi welcome Lester William into their family circle. Bro. Lester and Sis. Edith are the grandparents.

Bro. Glen and Sis. Mildred Zimmerman had a reception for their son Curtis and his bride, the former Cynthia Stuckey. Stanley Metz and Dawn Feller were married and are now residing in Forrest. Cyndi Huetter (Bro. Marvin and Sis. Virginia) and Richard DeRobertis will be making their home in Lexington since their marriage. **There is beauty all around, When there's love at home.**

Bro. Charles and Sis. Rosa Tyler have moved to Fairview Haven. We are thankful that they are still able to assemble with our congregation in Forrest.

#### FT SCOTT KS

##### Ida Sinn

We were privileged one Sunday evening to have Bros. Joseph and Merle Kaisner in our midst and minister unto us.

Our area was in the path of a terrific windstorm, which left much damage. There are many buildings to be repaired . . . The Lyle Fischer farm was hit hard. Sis. Lillian is thankful to God that her life was spared, when part of the barn roof hurled through a window and she was struck on the head. She was hospitalized, with a gash on the head and severe glass cuts.

Other hospital patients were Lydia Hawkins, and her grandson Ricky Hawkins was in a few days at the same time with infection.

#### LAMONT KS

##### Betty Wernli

"Shew me thy ways. O LORD; teach me thy paths. Lead me in thy truth, and teach me: for thou art the God of my salvation; on thee do I wait all the days." Thus is the prayer of our converts, David and Barbara Wernli, as they seek the Lord in true repentance. All praise and honor ascend to the One on high, as this is truly a joyful and humbling experience in our home.

Our visiting ministers have been Elder Bro. Paul Butikofer of Elgin, Iowa, and Bro. Vernon Schwab of Wolcott. Their teachings were many and precious.

#### MANSFIELD OH

##### Aaron A. Sauder

Elder Bros. Rudy Graf and Joe Ramsier were with us on Aug. 18 to conduct baptismal services for Jolene Ramsier, daughter of Bro. Wallace and Sis. Helen Oesch Ramsier. After greeting Sis. Jolene and welcoming her into our fellowship, we had the privilege of sharing the Lord's supper, as He commanded, "this do in remembrance of me."

Other visiting ministers were Bro. Vernon Leman from Eureka on Aug. 25 and Bro. Henry Beer of Milford, who came to attend the Beer reunion on Sept. 1.

**Bundles from Heaven** have arrived in the home of two of our young couples. Frank Jr. and Ruth Ann Graszl are first-time parents with the birth of their son on August 13; the little lad has been

named Frank Cameron. Paternal grandparents are Bro. Frank and Sis. Alice "Peg" Sauder Graszl; great-grandmother is Sis. Mary (Wm.) Fuhrer Sauder. . . . Lisa Michelle is the name Richard and Hilda Enderle have named their new little daughter, born on Aug. 25; they are also parents of a son Brian, who is helping care for baby sister. Paternal grandparents are Henry and Sis. Martha Sabo Enderle.

We are so thankful that Sis. Alice Groh continues to improve during her hospital stay; also hospitalized have been Roma Them (John) and Sis. Cheryl Zimmer (James, Jr.)

### PEORIA IL Betty Miller

"Jesus knows thy sorrow, knows thine every care . . ." "Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in his wonderful face, and the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of His glory and grace." "Safe in the arms of Jesus . . ." We usually think of music and singing when we are happy, but we must not neglect it when we feel sad and lonely, too, because our hymnals contain a wealth of comforting words. To the families and friends of the dear ones who passed away this past month, we wish the comfort and strength that the Holy Spirit can impart to you via the many wonderful hymns you can quietly sing as you go about your daily work.

Adolph Roecker, 73, died Aug 7, following a long illness. He was part-owner of Roecker Cabinet Co. of Morton, but retired two years ago. We extend our sympathy to his wife, Lydia; their children, Adolph Jr., John, Louise, and Marie (Mrs. Jerry Hoerr).

Bro. William Erkert, 86, died Aug. 9. His health had been failing for several years. He was with Keystone Steel and Wire Co. 54 years, counting the years he continued to serve as a member of the Board of Directors, after he retired as Director of Purchasing in 1951. Our sincere sympathy to his wife, Sis. Mayme; his children, Mary (Mrs. Henry Altorfer), Dorothy (Mrs. John Simon), Herb, James, and Roger. Sis. Mayme Erkert and all her family wish to thank everyone for their loving expressions of sympathy. The many cards, the

kind deeds—everything was deeply appreciated.

Sis. Caroline Gehrig, 93, passed away Aug. 15. She had resided at our Home on Skyline Drive for 11 years. A cheerful, friendly person, she will be missed by everyone. Her funeral was Aug. 17. Our sympathy to her niece, Mrs. Lorraine House.

Sis. Pauline Farney, 92, died Aug. 27 and was laid to rest Aug. 29. She had lived at the Home for three years. An active, energetic, lovely person, she too will be missed by everyone. Her brother, Ernest Aupperle, and nieces and nephews wish to thank her relatives and friends for their love, thoughtfulness, and help.

Our church was blessed with sermons from the following visiting ministers: Ed Hohulin, Marv Stieglitz, Noah Herman, Hartzel Kaiser, Roy Wieland, and Max Reimschisel. It was also blessed with the presence of Harry Sutter Aug. 28. Our family was personally blessed by a visit from my husband's uncle, Bro. Joe Aberle, of Sabetha, on his way home from the conference in Bluffton. Many of our members attended also.

Sis. Bertha Frank was in the hospital but is okay now. Bro. Harold Koehl is supposed to go home from the hospital today. Sis. Julia Ehle moved into the infirmary of our Home. Bessie Metzger, Sis. Martha Altorfer, Bro. Pete Hoerr, Sis. Esther (Mrs. Bro. Ed) Hoerr, and Glenna Coates, Director of Nursing at our Home, are in the hospital.

We welcome the Bro. Wayne Wieland family from Bay City to Peoria. Wayne, Sis. Erma, and their children, Todd, Robin, and Amy, reside on Fox Point Drive. A large number of friends, old and new, surprised them with a housewarming party one evening.

Over 350 attended the Ft. Sam reunion Aug. 10 at Fellowship Hall.

Two new converts were announced: Beth Meister, daughter of Bro. Paul and Sis. Rhoda, and their neighbor, Amy Holden.

Two June college graduates have teaching jobs—Marilyn Swadley, daughter of Leland and Sis. Mary, will teach in Roanoke High School, and Henrietta Meyer, daughter of Lydia, will teach second grade at Rankin School in South Pekin.

Our children are back in school,

and Sunday School starts Sept. 8. I close my report with a line from another wonderful hymn, "God be with you till we meet again."

### LEO IN Mrs. Elias Souder

Rickie Kipfer, daughter of Ephraim and Marilyn gave her testimony Saturday evening. Bros. Loren Stoller of Latty church and Perry Zimmerman of the Forrest church were guest elders working with Bro. David. Sunday she was baptized. Her parents have moved from here to the Latty church.

We visited with Sis. Minnie Bertsch at the rest home and noticed how very thin and sick she looked. When asked if she suffers pain, she said, "All the time."

Cynthia, daughter of David and Marie Bertsch, has been in and out of the hospital, and is doing well by now.

We were pleasantly surprised and were blessed on Sunday, Aug. 25, when Bro. Robert Beyer of the Naumberg congregation took time out to speak Sunday with us. We well remember when his dear father who worked on the Zion's Harp Song Book Committee spent some time here also.

Pam, daughter of Lucille and Morris Frank, is in Indianapolis working on her education.

Quite a number spent an enjoyable time at the youth's gathering at Camp Mack.

### GARDEN GROVE IA Don and Willa Clark

"In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, . . ." How often we read or hear these words from Corinthians, or see the quick twinkle in someone's eye, and still we don't comprehend how fast the end can come. Last week, I stopped in at my folks' home just in time to hear a first-hand account of how quick the eye can twinkle.

My father and my brother, Bros. Bill and Tony Funk, had just returned from making fence for a neighbor. As they worked, the skies grew cloudy, and Dad remarked if they hurried, they could finish that stretch of fence before it rained. It wasn't lightning yet. Suddenly, without warning the lightning came. The very first bolt hit their fence-building machine, travelled through the wires they were holding, and hit them, throw-

ing them to the ground. All of this happened so fast that the comment was made later, there wasn't time even to utter, "Forgive me, God." They crawled to the nearby pickur and a little later drove home. We thank God for his mercy in sparing their lives, as each received only a small burn, Tony on his hand and Dad on his heel, even though the initial blow felt like being hit with a tremendous sledge hammer.

Bro. Tony says now that the experience is over, he is "thankful for a chance to see exactly how important it is to live not only each day, but also every moment as if in the next moment you would meet your Lord."

We were very happy to have Bro. Clarence Yackley from Phoenix visit us.

We rejoice with the Pulaski congregation over the converts there, as these dear souls have been close friends to us in the past, and we know the bond in Christ will be even stronger.

#### LA CROSSE IN

**Lorene Moser/Mary E. Gudeman**

On Aug. 25, we were blessed with visiting ministering brethren, Elder Bro. John Bahler (Rockville) and Bro. Carl Hartman (Sabetha), who brought us the rich and wholesome word of God. In the afternoon Bro. Leroy Messner (Winthrop) was with us. They reminded us of this precious faith and our duty of obedience. For evening service, Bro. John and Bro. Harry Bucher (Valparaiso) expounded God's holy word. We were spiritually strengthened by the God-inspired messages.

August was vacation month for the Sunday School children and their teachers.

Our oldest member of our congregation, Sis. Lydia Marti, observed her 92nd birthday Aug. 19. God's blessings are truly with Sis. Lydia, as she is able to attend Sunday services and hymn-singing on Wed. evening. She is a pattern of love and faith to us who know her. Reading and typing her favorite poems are a pastime. She makes her home with her daughter, Sis. Esther Hitz.

#### GRIDLEY IL Dixie Ringger

A beautiful day dawned Aug. 11 for the wedding of Sis. Brenda

Ringger (Bro. Ed and Sis. Pat) and Bro. Brace Wieland (Bro. Roy and Sis. Margaret) of the Bay City congregation. We enjoyed the fellowship of many visitors and appreciated the messages brought to us by Bros. Roy Wieland and Jim Ramseyer.

Sis. Kathy Gramm (Bro. Herb and Sis. Jane) was announced to Bro. Curtis Rassi (Bro. and Sis. Arnold) of Tremont.

Sis. Matilda Witzig and friend Ed Burgess submitted to surgery. Sis. Ida Kuerth has returned home from the hospital.

We enjoyed the messages brought to us by (Bros.) Elmer Schmidt of Winthrop and Albert Wuthrich of Pulaski.

The Gridley Men's Group and families enjoyed traveling on Sunday to Pulaski to worship with the brethren.

Our hearts were saddened by the death of Bro. George Finck, who had been in failing health for several years. He longed to be relieved of his earthly trials, and is now at rest.

#### MILFORD IN

**Sandee Price/Sue Schieler**

Summer-time brings many visitors to our congregation on Sunday mornings, vacationing near here. We welcome all who have the opportunity to worship with us.

The month of August was a busy one in our church. The 11th of August, Bro. and Sis. Henry and Alice Beer celebrated their 50th anniversary, and many came to share in this joyous occasion. Bro. Homer Reinick of Toledo brought God's word to us that day.

Aug. 18, Lee, Colleen and Beth Beer, children of Bro. and Sis. Jesse and Shirley, were proved and baptized. We wish them God's grace and love as they walk the beautiful path of life. Bro. Vernon Leman was with us for this joyous and blessed week-end.

The last Sunday of August was Youth Day at Camp Mack, so many visited Milford church in the morning, then went out to the Camp for the remainder of the day and evening. The beautiful songs by the multitude of voices gives us a foretaste of Heaven, when we'll all join singing praises to God.

Our sympathy goes to Bro. and Sis. Arthur and Mary Ann Haab, whose mother, Sadie Weldy, passed

away suddenly Sunday, Sept. 1. She assembled with us quite often a few years ago, when her health permitted.

Sis. Laura Wuthrich is in the hospital. She's been confined to her home many years now, and we've missed her in our assembly. . . . Lillian Custer is hospitalized due to eye surgery. We are happy to have Bro. Mike Zimmerman assembling with us again.

Steve and Vicki Greer, daughter of Everett and Sis. Leona Price, are parents of their first baby, Christopher Steven, born Aug. 20.

#### MORRIS MN

**Esther Schaefer**

**Corrine Schmidgall**

"Hear, ye children, the instruction of a father, and attend to know understanding. For I give you doctrine, forsake ye not my law."

Our Sunday School started again Sept. 1, after one month vacation. Our annual election for teachers was held. Bros. Wm. Zeltwanger Jr., Duwayne Nohl and Jack Knobloch will be the new teachers. Bros. Dennis Schmidgall and Vernard Brown are substitutes. We cannot be thankful enough to our brothers and sisters, who are willing to devote their time to teach our children God's word and ways. Bro. Karl Koehl was elected janitor, to assist Bro. Harvey Joos.

We were privileged to have Elder Bro. Herman Kellenberger of Elgin Ill., Bro. Harvey Heiniger of Oakville and Bro. Ken Lawson of the Minneapolis congregation visit us. It is always inspiring to have visiting ministers come from different parts of the country and have the same faith and love of God.

Sis. Emma Spohr had the misfortune of falling and breaking her hip. She is still hospitalized in Stevens Co. Memorial Hospital. Bro. Ervin Moser was in a Minneapolis Hospital for tests. Penny Fehr (Leroy) had minor surgery. Other hospital patients were Sis. Lois Schmidgall (Keith) and Marilyn Moser (Alphai).

Bro. Karl and Sis. Marilyn Koehl were blessed with their first child, a girl, Kristi Lynn, born Aug. 7. Grandparents are Bro. Edward and Sis. Lillian Koehl, and Bro. Joe and Sis. Emma Feuchtenberger. A son, Doug Alan, was born to Bro. Larry and Sis. Bonnie Nohl on Aug. 19. Grandparents are Bro. Lawrence

and Sis. Sophie Nohl and Bro. Ervin and Sis. Madonna Moser. He has a brother, Jerry to welcome him.

Announcement was made of the engagement of Bro. Jim Reuter and Sis. Caroline Sauder of Minneapolis congregation. They have chosen Oct. 20 as their wedding day. Parents are Bro. Bob and Sis. Lena Lou Reuter, and Virgil and Mildred Sauder.

#### PULASKI IA

Janice Rinkenberger  
Ernestine Wuthrich

Our sister in faith, Lydia Wuthrich passed away on Aug. 14 at the age of 98 years. Services were held by Bros. Noah Schrock, Oakville, and Carl Hartman, Sabetha. . . . "We wish to extend our thanks to relatives, friends, and neighbors for the kind expressions of sympathy, for cards and food at the time of the death of my sister and aunt. . . . Minny Getz, nephew and nieces of Lydia Wuthrich.

#### PORTLAND OR

Judy Cremer

We are enjoying the last warm days of the summer season and looking forward now to cool, crisp weather in the fall. The seasons are beautiful here, and it is a thrill to see God's magnificent handiwork. How He speaks in the beauty of a sunset. The earth re-sounds with praise and glory to His name!

It is easy to forget, and I often do, to praise the Creator rather than the creation. We often say "look at the beautiful mountain," but should speak instead of our beautiful God who made it. He is the same Almighty God who made us all, and has offered the total sacrifice of His Son, Jesus, to pay for the sins of all, even all the world. How we should praise and glorify His very presence!

My husband, Don and I are finding such blessings in our move to Portland. What dear brothers and sisters we have who are led by the Holy Spirit into kindness and generosity. Sometimes it seems there is no end to the work, trials, and frustrations involved. We are cleaning and painting our house and hopefully moving in this week, with the help of so many brethren. Our move has been a chain of events all fitting together like a

divinely-inspired puzzle. We are experiencing such assurance of God.

Our congregation was richly blessed through the inspired teaching of Bro. Noah Hermann (Tucson). We were all reminded of God's plan of salvation and of the power we possess as His children.

We have had an abundance of visitors this summer and wish to thank each one for sharing their time with us. Some of these dear ones we may never meet again this side of Heaven.

Bro. and Sis. Garth Steffen are holding Craft sessions in their home weekly. Many teenagers, girls and boys are attending. . . . Some of we sisters have been working on a quilt that is nearing completion.

Let us be prepared, and looking toward the glorious appearing of our Saviour and Lord. We know each day brings Him a little closer to receiving us home! Come, Lord Jesus.

#### ROANOKE IL

Edith Sauder Mae K. Hodel

Our visiting ministers have been (Bros.) Sam Aeschliman (Bluffton) and Raymond Roth (Kiowa).

Sis. Sandy Leman has accepted a teaching position in a Mexican-American school. She teaches English in a school where 95 per cent are Mexican and 5 per cent white. Her address is 905 E. Edwards St., Crystal City, TX 78839. She plans to go to the Zapata church and would appreciate knowing when the first families go there to spend the winter.

Bro. Peter Pfister observed his 99th birthday Aug. 25. His hearing is impaired, but he enjoys company and a daily auto ride. He lives with his daughter (Sis. Lena) in El Paso, Ill. She acts as his right hand in any activity.

Alan and Cassie (Fehr) Roche are parents of a little daughter, Mindy Jo, born Aug. 14. She has a brother, Shawn. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Roche; maternal grandparents, Bro. Ben and Sis. Helen Fehr. Great-grandmother is Sis. Alice Funk.

Hospitalized were Bro. Fred Herbst and Sis. Jane Schumacher.

On a beautiful summer day, July 10, 1910, Elder Bro. Andrew Rapp of the Morton congregation baptized a young man in the Mackinaw

River. In his 17th year, our Bro. Joe Zimmerman surrendered his life to the Lord. Sixty-four years have followed that beautiful day he made the vows "to live for the Lord." Joe recalls, on that eventful day they had two full services. After the service in the afternoon there were six provings, then to the Mackinaw River for six baptisms, then back to the Mackinaw Dells church for six individual prayers.

In 1917, Feb. 11, he and Sis. Anna Altorfer were united in marriage. They have celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary. They have been blessed with four children, seven grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren.

In 1940 Bro. Joe began his service in the ministry at Mackinaw Dells. In 1941 he moved his family to Roanoke and bought the home of his father-in-law, Bro. Henry Altorfer, who had passed away. Living only two doors away, they became close and dear neighbors of ours.

Bro. Joe served in the ministry for 32 years, until for health reasons he asked to be allowed to step aside. In those 32 years he served the Lord in many ways, besides ministering on Sunday. One which he will always be remembered for was visiting the sick. When our Summer Bible School started twelve years ago, he served as Sunday School superintendent. He acted as song leader, gave the beginning and ending prayer, and taught the seventh and eighth grade classes, besides visiting all the other grades. He also went to the Roanoke nursing home on Sundays, where he led them in singing and taught them about our Heavenly Father. He served as deacon in Roanoke for four years. Joe has missed few Sundays when he could not assemble with us, and we are thankful for this.

One of the saddest days of his Christian life was the day he had to take his beloved helpmate to the nursing home in Morton, but he is thankful that he is able to visit her every day and that she is happy there.

When asked what advice he would give to us that are younger, he said he would give the same advice gave to him in German, "Faithful until death remain." Bro. Joe went on to say, "Read often I Corinthians Chapter 13, where we

find love is the greatest virtue. By practicing this chapter we will create confidence in each other". This is surely advice that both young and old can follow.

**ROCKVILLE CT**  
**Carlton J. Lanz**

So many times along the way  
My burdens have been eased  
Because someone has said to me  
A little word that pleased.

You do not have to write a book  
To tell the world you care,  
But just a little kindness shown  
Will help most everywhere.

It's true, the great things get the  
praise,  
While small things go unheard;  
But there is One above who sees  
The falling of each bird.

It's little things that count,  
A friendly smile, or nod  
Will help a soul that's down and  
out,  
And lift him up to God.

There were some 1500 brethren at the Annual Church Conference at Bluffton on Aug. 23. They had come from all corners of the nation to be present. Items and issues essential to church order and its preservation were discussed by the several elders, with Bro. Ben Maibach, elder at Detroit, presiding over the meeting. The seriousness of the times in which we live and of the duty all members have was portrayed and emphasized as grave.

In view of the harmony throughout the session and the support that was apparent within the entire brotherhood, it would appear that the prayers offered by many, undoubtedly made this possible. It was truly a pleasure and a rewarding experience for all who could be present. The blending of the great number of mixed voices, praising God as they sang the beautiful hymns, could best be described as heavenly. Bro. Arthur Foote who, with his brother, Paul (also a Bro. in Faith) for the first time was at one of our conferences expressed himself thus: "This is overwhelming!" Finally, with the singing of a most fitting and beautiful hymn "Unity" No. 237 in the Zion's harp, our conference ended.

We welcomed several brothers coming to Rockville, who serve in

the ministry; among these were Bros. Edward Lanz, Oakville; Al Langhofer, Wichita; Marvin Smidgall, Eureka; and Richard Aberle, Indianapolis. The church benefits and is blessed when sincere brothers bring their hearers messages that are by inspiration.

Melanie Schneider, 15-month-old daughter of Bro. Donald and Sis. Sandy, has been discharged from the Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center in New York, where she had surgery on her heart. Born with what doctors term a transposition of the greater vessels, a patch was needed, placed in her little heart to reroute the blood. This delicate operation now completed, her doctor says there should be no further surgery necessary. The many prayers have meant so very much. Her grandparents are Bro. David and Sis. Margaret Schlatter, Bay City, and Bro. Albert and Sis. Gladys Schneider, Rockville.

Martin Zutter and Russell Lanz, both stationed in Germany for some three and one-half years, have completed their tour of service in the Army. Martin's mother is Sis. Frieda Zutter, and Russell's parents are Bro. Alvin and Sis. Anna Lanz. We are pleased to have them returned to their family. Martin said he saw much of Europe.

**TAYLOR MO**

**Marie Butikofer Eleanor Yackley**

Thou remainest, Jesus, Master;  
Thou art evermore the same,  
Yesterday, today, forever,  
Changeless as Thy peerless Name.

Thou remainest; changing seasons  
Speak to us of fleeting days;  
Faithful Thou to endless ages,  
Worthy, too, of ceaseless praise.

These cool days with rain and sunshine intermingled remind us that soon fall will be here. We see children everywhere with their books, going to school for another year of learning. Our Sunday School vacation is over. The children are glad and eager to be back. Many are promoted to higher classes.

We have several in schools of higher learning. Joe Yackley (Bro. Perry and Sis. Clara) is a freshman, and Steve Sutter (Bro. Gerald and Sis. Marge) is a sophomore at NMSU at Kirksville, Mo. Sis.

Marcia Sutter (Bro. Gerald and Sis. Marge) and Sis. Ruthie Hoerr (wife of Bro. Louis) are back for their last year of RN training at Blessings School of Nursing in Quincy. Sis. Penny Sutter (Bro. James and Sis. Lois) began LPN training in Quincy.

Two of our friends are employed away from home: Becky Hodel at Carbondale and Sandi Cottrell at Columbia, MO.

Our visiting ministers were (Bros.) Lenny Meyer (Chicago) and Art Baurer (Princeville).

Sis. Sally Haerr (Bro. Norman) underwent surgery and is home recuperating. Her sister, Sis. Nancy Gerber (Lester), was here a few days. Now her mother, Sis. Evelyn Wysong (Sabetha), is here looking after the family household. Tom Cottrell, son of Bro. Wm. and Sis. Ruth has been in the hospital for treatment for a back injury, without success, so will have to undergo surgery.

For many years my husband, Will Butikofer, who has gone to his eternal rest, was the oldest brother in the Taylor Church. As Will used to say, he lost his seniority when Bro. Adolph Gerst was converted. About 14 years ago, Bro. Adolph (now 83) felt the need to repent and be baptized . . . and we were all glad to receive Adolph as a brother in the Lord.

Adolph was born at Gablenberg, Germany, the youngest of thirteen children; he is the only one of the family still living. He came to America with his parents when he was two and one-half years of age. Several of his brothers and sisters had come earlier.

Adolph lived in Peoria and worked for Caterpillar about 24 years. His parents lived at Oakville. As they were getting too old to live alone, he moved them to live with him in Peoria (1940). His father lived only four or five months after that. His mother passed away in 1945. Adolph had hired Emma Newberry to take care of his mother. In 1946, he married Emma. They moved to a farm closer to Sutter, Illinois. They often assembled with us on Sundays. They raised Emma's three grandchildren, who had been left fatherless. They sold their farm and bought a home at Canton, Missouri, in 1965.

With Emma's arthritis and other afflictions, she is not always able to come to church with Adolph, but together they are able to keep up a neat home. Bro. Adolph has missed very few Sundays, in spite of rain, snow, or ice. He is an example to us in "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together."

#### TOKYO JAPAN Yoshio Yamazaki

We had pretty good typhoon here in Japan as same as usual, and quite a few houses and some other things were attacked by it. We should learn more about His power and strength.

On last Friday noon we had very sad news of bombing in central Tokyo. Some one set up dynamite or something else front of the Mitsubishi building, killed 8 people and over 250 injured by it. It was really a terrible thing. However, our Almighty God clear up everything someday. We need our real godly people's prayer for such wrecked natures.

Our beloved sister in faith, Shizuko Urushino and her husband had a new baby boy the middle of August, and the baby and mother are all well. The baby boy's name is Takeshi. May the Lord be with them always, and hope he will be good Christian by her daily teachings.

#### WEST BEND IA Mrs. Melvin Fehr Mrs. Raymond Anliker

We rejoice with our dear friends, Dave and Yvonne (Banwart) Bruellman, who have turned to the Lord in true repentance. We thank God that souls continue to answer His call and surrender their lives for Him.

Our hospital patients are Bro. Paul Banwart, Bro. Arnold Ludwig, who are recovering from surgery. Bro. Gary Schneider is home again, recuperating from an injury due to a fall. Bro. Eli Grimm, a medical patient, is home again. Sis. Jackie Mogler was hospitalized due to an injury.

Bro. Earl and Sis. Edna Banwart welcome Lars Jensen, an exchange student from Denmark, into their home for about a year. We hope and pray that Lars will enjoy worshipping with us; and especially do we welcome him as a member of our Sunday School Bible Class.

Our hearts were filled with joy, as David Schneider has returned home from serving his country and is again assembling with us. We appreciate his presence not only on Sunday, but during our midweek services as well. May the Lord who provided his safe return home continue to add his blessings as he makes his home with his parents, Bro. Lawrence and Sis. Ella.

Bro. Alpha Strahm of Bern was our guest minister Labor Day week-end.

Note of Thanks: We would like to sincerely thank our friends and relatives for cards, gifts, and prayers and help received at home during my stay in the hospital and since I have returned home. Gary and Sue Schneider.

#### WINTHROP MN Carol Messner and Marcelle Dapper

In times like these you need a Saviour;

In times like these you need an anchor.

Be very sure, Be very sure,  
Your anchor holds and grips the Solid Rock!

In times like these you need the Bible;

In times like these, oh be not idle.  
Be very sure, Be very sure,  
Your anchor holds and grips the Solid Rock!

We were privileged to have (Bros.) Robert Grimm of Goodfield and Harold Gramm of Morris with us. Many good teachings were given, as well as being reminded our BIBLE is a Living Bible—living because within its pages we find life eternal. It has been said we might be our neighbor's only Bible he ever reads. So may we ever be watchful at our post.

Bro. and Sis. Schipley from Canada were here at a Wednesday evening service. What a joy to especially meet and greet those of like mind and faith from another country. Bro. Noah Miller of Minneapolis ministered unto us that evening.

Our ministering brothers and others attended the Conference in Bluffton. They again conveyed the deep concern our elder brethren have for the preservation of our faith. It is a warning to all of us as individuals to do our part in being obedient.

Seek thee the Lord while he may be found . . . most of the brethren at Winthrop journeyed to Minneapolis congregation to witness the proving on Sat. evening, Aug. 3, of Ethel Bednarski (Schmidt) and Don Esterling. Ethel's mother is Sis. Emma Schmidt of Winthrop. Both converts were older in years, and both could testify how happy and thankful they were to have found this peace and love of God. Our conversion has been said many times, it's the greatest miracle that can ever happen in one's life.

We have resumed Sunday School classes, and it's always a joy to see how eager the children are to be back.

Lance and Renee Nelson welcome a precious baby girl, Teresa Joy, born Aug. 8. Paternal grandparents are Al and Sis. Donnabell Nelson.

#### AKRON OH Lynda Pamer

The birds upon the treetops sing their song;

The angels chant their chorus all day long.

The flowers in the garden blend their hue,

So why shouldn't I, why shouldn't you, praise Him too?

In the psalms it is written, "O come, let us sing unto the LORD: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation."

Our guest ministers have been Bros. Edward Lanz (Oakville), Marvin Schmidgall (Eureka), Robert Beyer (Naumburg), and Harold Emch (Girard). We are glad for and welcome any visitors.

Sis. Elizabeth Heib is able to come to church again.

Pat Greenbank, with her son, Jonathan joined her husband Ronnie in Okinawa.

#### BRADFORD IL Rebecca Endress

Elder Bro. Perry Zimmerman (Forrest) and Bro. Art Baurer (Princeville) spent a Sunday with us, along with other brethren from Forrest. "Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord." We enjoy visiting ministers! Each one brings out a teaching in a little different way, leaves a little different thought with us; yet we

feel the same Spirit and Lord is with us each time.

Bro. Bill Elsasser fell while working on his farm and broke a vertebra. He will have to stay down for two weeks to allow it to heal.

Sis. Julia Ehnle (mother of Bros. Roy and Ed of Bradford) submitted to emergency surgery. It was very risky because of her age, but she came through it remarkably well, and is recovering in Proctor Hospital, Peoria.

Bro. Ray Klumpp spent a couple of weeks in the hospital at Rochester, Minn., but is home again. It was determined that he has a collagen disease, and he has been quite weak. He has been resuming some activities one by one and was in church Sunday.

A son was born to Bro. Steve and Sis. Rose Staley on Sunday morning, Sept. 1. His name is Eric Stephen, and he is welcomed by his sister, Cheryl. Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Stuff are the maternal grandparents.

#### BLUFFTON IN

Melanie Gerber Donna Drayer

Fallen asleep in Jesus!

How precious is that word!

Enjoying now forevermore

The presence of the Lord.

This is not death! 'tis only sleep;

The Lord doth now thy loved ones keep.

Several families from our congregation have experienced this same thing—the loss of one of their loved ones.

Following an extended illness, Bro. Sam Steffen, 90, left this earthly life. Sam leaves behind four daughters, Lib (Everett) Helms, Ida (Clarence) Painter, Helen (James) Flynn, Vi (Harold) Pence; and three sons, Bro. Clarence, Melvin and Wilbur; two brothers, William and Bro. Joseph; and two sisters, Sisters Mary Kipfer and Leah Ringger.

On the same day that Bro. Sam passed away, Bro. Clifford Gerber, 54, suffered a fatal heart seizure. He is survived by his wife, Sis. Marie, and three children, Clifford, Tom, and Becky (David) Booker. Also remaining are five sisters, Sisters Viola (Ray) Ringger, Freida (Clarence) Steffen, Sylvia (Ivan) Frauhiger, Naomi (Orville) Ringger, and Mahilda

(Ezra) Kaehr; and six brothers, Arthur, Kenneth, Walter and Bros. Ervin, Herman, and Ralph.

Fred Fox, 34, of Damascus, Maryland, was killed in a motorcycle accident near his home. He is survived by his wife, Ruth Ann (Reinhard); a son, Michael; and his parents-in-law, Bro. Amos and Sis. Martha Reinhard. Services were conducted here by our ministers.

A resident of Phoenix, Ralph Gilliom passed away at the age of 61. His body was returned home, and funeral services were conducted here. Ralph is survived by six sisters and three brothers: Sisters Aldine (Joel) Schaefer, Dula Gilliom, Lucy (Roy) Haab, Nora Gilliom, Violet (Roger) Isch and Mrs. Elva (Sterling) Blocker; and Bro. Louis, Bill, and Bruce.

God saw that Sis. Tena Reinhard, 77, had run the race on earth and called her to His heavenly mansions. Surviving are two sisters, Sisters Bertha Reinhard and Mary (Sam) Baumgartner.

God has vividly shown us that He calls both the youth and the aged. May we be ready when that heavenly call beckons us to that celestial palace.

Bro. Alan and Sis. Beverly (Kipfer) Hodel are living in Lima, Ohio, after having been united in marriage on Aug. 11. Alan's parents are Bro. Ray and Sis. Kathryn Hodel of Roanoke, and Bro. Carl and Sis. Velma Kipfer are Beverly's. Aug. 17 was the date chosen in which Jeff McAfee took Linda Nuenschwander as his wife, in a ceremony performed at our fellowship hall. The bride's parents are Bro. John and Sis. Irene Neuenschwander.

Little Tina Marie, born on Aug. 19, has come to live in the hearts and home of Bro. Joe and Sis. Mary Ann Gerber. Her new grandparents are Bro. Martin and Sis. Marguerite Kipfer and Bro. Henry and Sis. Ada Gerber. Tad Ryan is the name chosen by Bro. Galen and Sis. Joyce Baumgartner for their new son. Tad, born Aug. 22, joins 2 sisters and 2 brothers at home. Bro. Sam and Sis. Mary Jo Gerber became parents of Kristan Nicole, who was born on Aug. 22. Rahcelle and Kimberli welcome their new sister at home.

Several loved ones have endured bodily afflictions: Bros. Jacob Meyer and Kenneth Schaefer; and Sisters Priscilla (Dan) Steffen

and Emma Kipfer. Bro. John Kaehr remains a resident of Cooper Rest Home and appreciates visitors greatly.

We were fortunate to listen to the testimonies of two young couples who have heeded the Master's word. They spoke of their experiences this past spring, when tornados destroyed both of their newly-built homes. One of the souls related that at the time of the storm, everything disappeared from the top of the bedroom dresser except a Bible. As we sat and listened that evening to these converts' words, we were humbled to think of the methods God takes in awakening individuals. Our new brothers and sisters in Christ are Brice and Elaine (Dwight Gerber) Lehman and Stanley (Oscar) and Cindy Bertsch.

We in Bluffton had a foretaste of heaven, when brothers from our churches across the nation assembled together to consider the concerns within our faith. As we listen to the conclusions of their discussions in the near future, may we all take to heart the words spoken. The Peoria congregation has extended an invitation to host next year's Conference.

Bro. Lewis and Sis. Lucinda Sauder wish to thank each one who sent them cards and gifts for their 40th Wedding Anniversary.

#### DETROIT MI

Bonnie Popp

Lo what a change within us one short hour spent in Thy presence will prevail to make. And how those hours spent in assembling around Thy word bring strength to meet the hours ahead.

It is a blessing when our ministering brothers share with us words of truth upon their visits, as did Bro. Ron Heiniger from Normal. . . . And as we were reminded of the message of Christ's love and life, let us pass it on.

Sis. Ruth and Bro. Dan Knochel sincerely wish to convey their heartfelt thanks for the prayers and gracious Christian deeds offered them following the accident which confined Sis. Ruth to an Elgin, Ill., hospital.

#### CISSNA PARK IL

Margaret Rudin/Grace Bauer

What a blessed privilege when a father, mother and son could be taken into the holy family the

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same time. Gladys and Harry Knapp and their son Bruce gave their testimonies Aug. 31 and were baptized Sept. 1. It had been their desire for some time to become children of God, but only the work of God could do it through repentance and conversion. They are now our brothers and sister in faith. Bro. Daniel Koch helped with this important work.

Sis. Rachel Samet, age 93, passed away Aug. 28 at the Proctor Hospital at Peoria. She had been a resident at the A. C. Home at Peoria for about a year and a half. Services were held Sept. 1 at Cissna Park. Survivors include sons Jesse, Walter, Harry, and Henry; daughters, Jeanette Deer and Dorothy Wees; a sister, Sis. Lena Rocke. It was Sis. Rachel's desire all her

life to become a child of God. It was through her faith this was accomplished. Nearly two years ago she was baptized, and she rejoiced much in her salvation.

"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord."

Our sick: Sis. Mary Schupbach is a patient at Hoopeston Nursing Home, 701 E. Granger, Hoopeston IL 60942. Darleen Rudin, daughter of Alvin and Dorothy, was a hospital medical patient. Emmanuel Feller was a surgical patient, having had an appendectomy. Sis. Loretta (Mrs. Kenneth Bauer) was a hospital medical patient. Bro. Elmer Jacob again had to be hospi-

talized, having had a hernia operation. We are thankful to report, all are home and have improved.

Sis. Lydia Kaufman has been a shut-in for some time; at present, she is a hospital patient for observation and tests. Sis. Kate Maul is a hospital medical patient. Bro. Jon Anderson is in Houston Texas, undergoing treatment, and they feel it is a miracle what his first treatment has done. If all goes well, he and his mother, Sis. Mary plan to be home in a few weeks.

The engagement of Sis. Brenda Hoffman, daughter of Bro. Harry and Sis. Helen has been announced, to Bro. Dave Kaeb, son of Bro. David and Sis. Mary of Fairbury.

Our guest ministers were Bros. Loren Strahm and Karl Westfall.

## CALVARY

Henry Souder Jr.

The place of the skull lies astride the paths of those who trod this day. The sun shone down on a suffering Saviour. There is a marvel and miracle so intense, so brilliant it surpasses our understanding.

The one in the middle. Every line shows a loving tenderness, a glorious depth. The dear arms and hands that touched so many with joy are drawn out. The common figuration of the palms, the wrists are plainly and dearly human. The background is crude wood. Hanging there. Fastened. That is love, dear love . . . the kind that draws and heals. Oh its good to know Him.

There is the bleak side, where sin forever reigns its terror. "And one of the malefactors which were hanged railed on him, saying, If thou be Christ, save thyself and us." In the very face of glory, he embraces oblivion. The doubt is drawn from a heart that loves its twists and turns. How crafty the devil works. He can so falsely convince with his masquerade of death. Sin has searing danger. Left alone, it smothers in black darkness. Someplace the line is crossed.

Calvary. It is so very real. On the other side of Jesus, a heart awakens. We know what it is. We felt the same stir. That point of God's hurting in our hearts, so good for us. Look at His goodness lead to repentance. The little word "But," and two people are a world apart. "But the other answering rebuked him, saying, Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation?"

It took grace to lose the old life. It had become a very part of self, that whole wretched bundle of misdeeds. Pride inflated, boasting balked. Sham and shadow can never compare with substance. Jesus said that he that loses his life for His sake shall find it. That is beautiful. There at that Place of the Skull. The dead, coming to life. Confession cleared and comes to the Author of life. The deeds were placed where they would be cancelled; "And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds: but this man hath done nothing amiss."

It's beautiful. Simple prayer breathed by a sinner, who was to become a saint. The foolishly wise

walk off the dark cliffs of unbelief. The humble hear the footsteps of God, and follow His voice. No man can call Jesus Lord except it be given him. The sinner grasps the kingship of the Christ. The word "remember" reached the Father's heart. It rings in the far off distance, of times that will never end and glories sublime. "And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom."

He didn't know they would come and break his legs, to hasten his death. Sharp, jagged, excruciating pain. For each one, there must be trouble. It is pressing, a narrow place, The Valley of the shadow. It grows extremely narrow. Jesus weighed it all in a scale. There blossom His beauties undreamed, for the saint and the martyr. Who can but pass through, with that shining face and strong hand drawing us?

"And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise."

What glorious schedule, "with me".