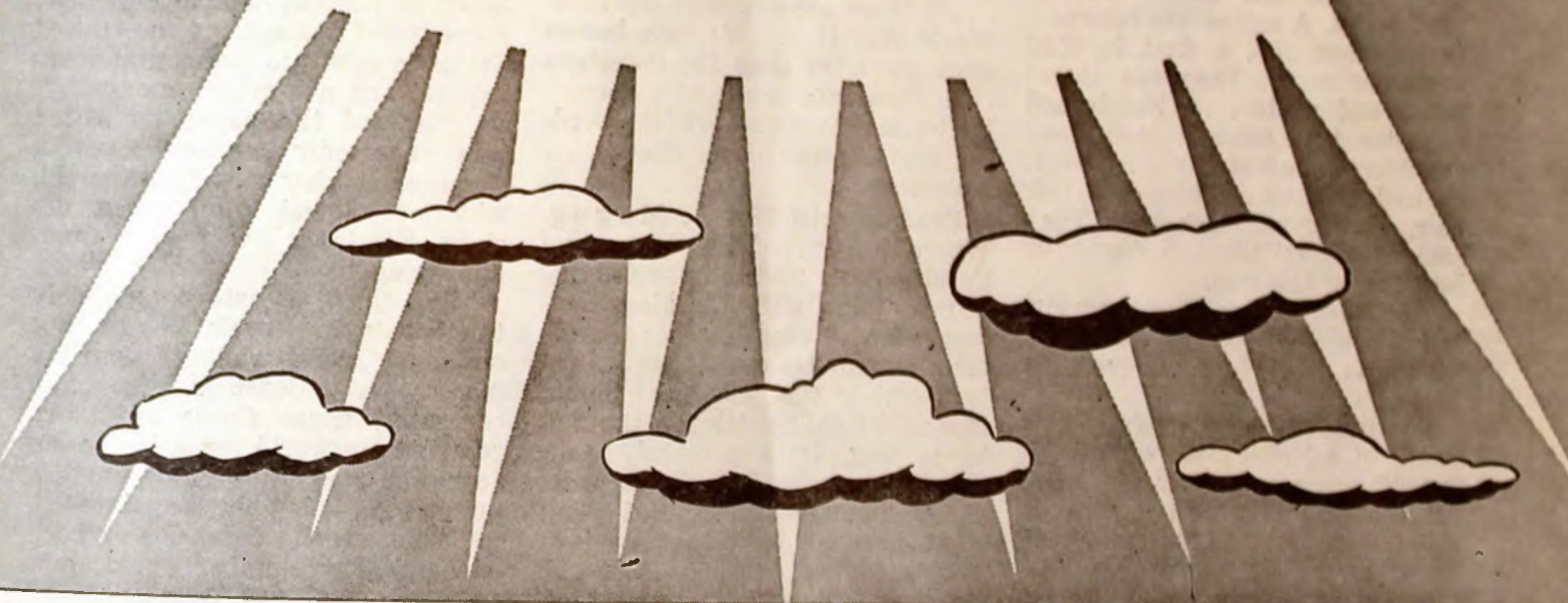


There is a lad here, which hath five barley loaves, and two small fishes: but what are they among so many?

And Jesus said, Make the men sit down. Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand.

And Jesus took the loaves; and when he had given thanks, he distributed to the disciples, and the disciples to them that were set down; and likewise of the fishes as much as they would.



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

# THE SILVER LINING

A LIGHT for BELIEVERS

"And Jesus took" . . . words also on the front cover. His own, from His Father. He is able to take what we bring, when we put our trust in Him, and multiply it in His greatness. He is the same Jesus. He is the one who is able . . . even in the face of the stormy situations of '75. Look for His wonders! Look for His answers—He said—"learn a parable of the fig tree". Be an apprentice in His service, a learner in His university. Search out what He means in Mark 13: 29 by "these things". Keep pondering of verse 30. Who did He mean, "this generation"? He holds the key to your service, even in the shadow of such a time as this. There is nothing He cannot do!

## SEE FOR YOURSELF

More modern than any news of today. The Bible. It holds the headlines of happenings to be. See for yourself. Compare what is said with what is always right. Dark tho the night, joyously shines its light.

It was in the 1960's: Levi Eshkol participated in afternoon prayers in Jerusalem—the first Jewish leader in government known to have visited the temple site in 1897 years. A nation has returned. Independent . . . a first in 2500 years, or more. They are there! Black and white . . . blonde and brunette, they came . . . tall broad shouldered, and stocky . . . westernized, oriental . . . blue eyes, fair hair, dark eyes, black hair. They came from OVER 100 countries. Israel is in the land.

The Bible said so: See for yourself, Ezekiel 37, 38, 39 . . . Matthew 24: 15-20 . . . Revelation 12:14.

I write to make you afraid . . . words of a Nobel prize winner. "I, myself, am a man who is afraid. All the men I know are afraid." What does Luke 21:26 say about fear? Our Refuge is our peace. We are to see so our hearts do not get troubled. Praying, let His peace guard. Inspired words show thundering catastrophe, climax of horror, devastating death . . . the end-time. Look in Matthew 24: 21, 22 . . . Mark 13:19, 20 . . . Revelation . . . Daniel.

Every man, woman and child lives under a nuclear sword . . . the words are those of an American president . . . "hanging by the slenderest of threads, capable of being cut at any moment by accident, or miscalculation, or by madness."

The time is not yet . . . but we also know the catastrophe coming. Headlines, heartache humans without hope.

Russia was digging holes, so it was reported . . . 300 were to be completed. Mostly for missiles. The

kind capable of carrying a nuclear warhead equal to 25 million TONS of TNT. Combining the entire World War II total, is 3 million. Photographed the U.S., was in pictures which could reveal the number of shingles in every part of the country. A senator claims there are 22 nuclear weapons in Russia. Point blank aimed at our 50 largest cities. A Russian 15 megaton H-Bomb blast thundered . . . alone . . . 5 times the explosive power of World War II . . . We have bombs more powerful than 100 megatons . . . These are words of a former Soviet leader. The world is speeding into the canyon of death . . . No escape.

Read Ezekiel 38 . . . Magog. Where? North of the Black and Caspian Seas, north of the Caucasus mountains. RUSSIA! Meshech—descendants called Mosche; the old term Muscovites came from it. Tubal, north of the Black Sea! Gomer it is said finally settled in the Balkans. Gog is a personal name. See I Chronicles 5:4. An Israelite name. Strange indeed. But what does the Bible say? Look at Ezekiel 21:25 . . . I John 2:18 . . . II Thessalonians 2:4 . . . Matthew 24:15.

Is the world looking like the end-time picture in the scripture? Look. See for yourself. Two dozen voices could be wrong; the truth never is. The look will grow deeper dark, blacker black, denser sin . . . and will be exactly what God told ahead. It's there, written for our benefit . . . Listen for the clear voice of God, the still, small voice. This is the harmony and comfort of God's people.

Ben-Gurion is considered a great former leader by many in Israel. He tried to peer into the future, in 1962: "The image of the world as traced in my imagination . . . with the exception of the USSR as a federated Eurasian state, all the continents will be united . . . at whose disposal will be an interna-

tional peace force . . . In Jerusalem, the United Nations will build . . . this will be the seat of the Supreme Court of mankind, to settle all controversies . . ." See what true wisdom says in I Thessalonians 5:3, Revelation 17:8-13, Daniel 11:45.

"Managed global society" . . . the world is envisioned by Henry Kissinger, a Jew, Secretary of State of US, and "peace" ambassador . . . "The vision of a world community based on justice, not power, is the necessity of our age . . . the United States is ready to begin that journey toward a world community." At Harvard the paper he edited was reportedly written from a Communist view . . . Goleniewski, who left Soviet Intelligence, declares Kissinger had been a Communist agent.

They call it Beast—not possibly the beasts in Revelation 13, but ominous. Dark, rolling, whirling masses . . . Beast is a gigantic computer, three floors of it. To computerize world trade is the object. For every human on earth a number . . . It is to be laser-tattooed, invisible, on the forehead or back of hand. This number would show up at a check-out counter under infra-red scanners. No one could buy or sell without it.

We would have to use force to make him conform . . . The words are from one of the Market leaders. Look at those verses in Revelation 13!

The arms of the masses are out-reached for the man of sin. We do not want another committee—the words are of an early planner of the European Common Market—"We have too many already. What we want is a man of sufficient stature to hold the allegiance of all people . . . Send us such a man, and be he god or devil, we will receive him."

But us . . . How wonderful to know we have a Refuge, a Shelter from any blast . . . our hope eternal!

## A "STRANGE" DESIRE

(God has wonderfully told, ahead of time, about the last time and Israel. He has explained for our help and strength how the latter days would be. He has given a defined and detailed picture of when the Lord is King of Kings, reigning in majesty . . . His beautiful and righteous administration of 1000 years. Look up such passages as Ezekiel 36:8-11, 34, 35 . . . Isaiah 27:6 . . . Isaiah 41: 19, 20 . . . Isaiah 35:1 . . . Micah 4:4 . . . Read the thrilling action and joy-giving promises, the dark valleys and radiant happiness of Matthew 24, Mark 13 . . . Revelation 11 and 12 . . . and more. Much of the following is taken from a booklet handed to the editor by Bro. George Lambert, Wichita. Listen, and be happy that joyful times are coming for the pilgrim, travelling to the celestial city . . . even tho the Valley narrows with straitness, the Lord shines, the beautiful, ever-constant Light, carrying us through.)

The Jews published Aug. 21, 1963 a stamp showing a hoe clearing a field of thistles. Another Dec. 21, 1952 showed a symbolic design of a tractor and plow—still another, a team of horses. The land is being tilled. In 1948, the Jews cultivated 412,000 acres . . . by 1970 the Jews had increased the cultivated area to 1,058,000 acres . . .

. . . I met a young Jewish man at the wailing wall . . . born and raised in Colorado . . . now living near Nazareth. I asked him why he had left the States . . . His answer was, that he left because he had a strange desire and obsession to be in Israel. As we talked about America, I could see tears, as he related that he was a little homesick, but yet he would not be satisfied unless he was living in Israel . . . he said that he was farming. I inquired as to whether or not this was his trade in Colorado, and his answer was no, that he had never farmed before. So I asked him if he was successful in his farming there in Nazareth . . . "You know, that's the strangest thing I ever witnessed—no matter what I plant or how I plant it, it grows, and it grows of enormous size."

In Deuteronomy 8:8, the Bible says the land of Israel is to be "A land of wheat, and barley, and vines, and fig trees, and pomegranates; a land of oil olive, and honey." On Aug. 27, 1958 and Sept. 9, 1959, the Jews published a series of seven postage stamps, with this scripture quoted on them, and with each item's picture . . . and today in Israel, these particular items are growing in abundance.

I stood in the valley of Megiddo . . . our Jewish guide . . . related the fact this particular valley had not only become one of the most productive valleys in the world, but that they had a serious problem of the planters getting in the way of those who were harvesting the crops. What marvellous things are happening!

On Dec. 26, 1961, the Jews published two stamps showing the development of forests in the land of Israel. Since 1948, over 116,000 have been planted in trees . . . they have also planted trees along 550 miles of roadside, plus the fact that they had over 150,000 acres of natural forest and forest reserve. During each year, they have a national tree planting-time, when school children and others go out to plant trees. While I was visiting the land of Israel, our guide mentioned this fact, of the large number of trees being planted, and I asked him why they were doing this. His reply was, he didn't know, except for the fact that they had a strange desire to do so.

On Sept. 22, 1953, the Jews published a postage stamp with the picture of a hand holding a rose up in the air, and quoted in French and Hebrew on the stamp, **the conquest of the desert**. For the first time . . . the Jews have commercial rose gardens, and many of these, of all places, are located in the desert. The Jews literally exported over 1 million dollars worth of roses each year.

On April 7, 1960, the Jews published a postage stamp with the picture of a family in a house under a vine and fig tree . . . throughout the land of Israel, you see not only the settlement of families, but literally they have the vines and fig trees growing over their patios and homes . . .

On July 21, 1965, the Jews published two postage stamps, recognizing the production of the factories around the Dead Sea . . . The Dead Sea is now being recognized as one of the richest spots in the world. It is known to contain magnesium chloride, common salt, potassium chloride, magnesium bromide and calcium chloride. One plant, on the Dead Sea, produced over 602,000 tons of potash, and another was being built to bring the capacity up to a million tons (possibly more now). In 1969, Israel exported over \$80 million of textiles . . . over 48 million dollars worth of chemicals . . . over 253 million dollars worth of polished diamonds. In nine years the growth of the economy of Israel was fivefold.

Because of the development of the copper mines, the diamond mines, the oil fields, and other major industrial sites, the nation of Israel is becoming a very rich and attractive nation. In Ezekiel 38, listen . . . (the descending invasion of Gog and Magog) . . . "I will go up to the land of unwalled villages . . . To take a spoil, and to take a prey; to turn thine hand upon the desolate places that are now inhabited, and upon the people that are gathered out of the nations . . ."

And we live in 1975. What an opportunity!

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**FAIRBURY IL**

Joyce Huber

Having reached her fourscore years last December, Sis. Lydia (Schlipf) Wiedman, 80, passed away at the hospital. Funeral services were at Fairbury, with burial at Morton. She had been ill for the past 3 years, but when she was able, she did much charity work. She was a Sunday School teacher for 30 years. She will be missed by many, and leaves to mourn her husband, Bro. John Wiedman; 4 sisters, Sis. Salome Schlipf, Sis. Ruth Walter, Leah King, and Hannah Reany; 4 brothers, Bro. Daniel, Dave and Eli.

We enjoyed having a lot of company, including visiting ministers (Bros.) Nate Steffen of Elgin, Elmer Bucher of Francesville, and Earl Kilgus of Remington.

By Sis. Mary Beth Maurer:

My pilgrimage to the Holy Land on May 27 was one of the most meaningful, rewarding tours I ever experienced in all my foreign travels. We were treated royally and respectfully by the Israelis, who went to a lot of measures to guarantee our safety.

Your heart burns when you see these people bravely digging land out of desert and constantly fighting off their enemies. It made me aware of how big the world is, that half of the people have unbearable sufferings that we Americans know little about.

We in our generation are seeing Bible prophecy being fulfilled—with regathering of Jews and their land, and we are told that we may see in our generation the northern invasion, supposedly Russia into Israel, prophesied in Ezekiel 37 and 38. If there is any doubt as to the Lord's final return, just look at Israel, who is really God's time clock, and read your Bible.

Your heart cries for those who stand at the Wailing Wall, praying for peace and for their Messiah to come. You see many children and wonder about their future. God promised Abraham that He would bless those who blessed His descendants, so He blessed America because the Jews have been able to live here without fear and persecution. I just have to thank God for giving me (a Gentile) this special privilege to visit His chosen land and people, and feel as though I

gained more scriptural knowledge and felt a closer presence with my Lord.

**ALTO MI**  
Donna Steffen

We were privileged and richly blessed to have visiting ministers come into our midst to proclaim the true and precious word of God. We sincerely want to thank (Bros.) Floyd Wieland (Bay City), Phil Wingeier (Sarasota), and Bob Walder (Congerville).

Bro. Phil and Sis. Ferne Wingeier were here, from Sarasota, on vacation for 3 weeks. While here, they stayed with their son-in-law and daughter, Bro. Lyman and Sis. Vivian Feldman. They were thrilled meeting for the first time their only great-granddaughter, Carmen Felise (Bro. Paul & Sis. Margaret Jackson). On July 20, Open House took place at the Feldmans for their 25th Wedding Anniversary and also for the 50th anniversary for Bro. Phil and Sis. Ferne.

We are so thankful Rhonda Blough (Bro. Lloyd and Sis. Eloise) has found the desire and grace to seek the Lord in repentance.

If God can make of seed . . .  
With a bit of earth and air,  
And dew and rain, sunshine and  
shade,  
A flower so wondrous fair . . .

What can He make of a soul like  
you,  
With the Bible and faith and pray-  
er  
And the Holy Spirit, if you do His  
will,  
And trust His love and care.

Bro. Bill & Sis. Judy Gerst have been blessed with another beautiful daughter. Carla Mae was born July 9. They have two other precious daughters, Juanita and Ramona. The grandparents are Bro. Paul and Sis. Elva Gerst (Oakville) and Sis. Ruth Rieman (Burlington).

Three-year-old Joe Schlatter (Bro. Otto and Sis. Patricia) had an unfortunate incident at church, when a heavy steel door slammed closed on his finger and broke it.

**FRANCESVILLE IN**  
Helen Huber - Sharon Neihouser  
We are happy and thankful to

have Sis. Kathie Huber (Bro. Wayne and Sis. Carol) back into our midst, after a year of being in Japan teaching in the elementary school.

We have several on the sick list: Friend Fred Howat suffered a heart attack. Sis. Angela Von Tobel fell and caused a slight fracture of her pelvic, and Sis. Katie Gutwein (Fred) had cataract surgery. Sharon (Chris) Huber and Gertie (Walter) Gudeman were also hospitalized.

On Father's Day, we were privileged to have visiting Bro. Aaron Steffen (Alto) minister unto us. Then on July 20, Elder Bros. Alfred Bahler (Wolcott) and Ed Frank (LaCrosse) shared the Lord's Day with us.

Even the angels rejoice over one sinner that repenteth. It brings joy into our hearts as we have another convert in our congregation.

**HOME FOR THE HANDICAPPED**

Another beautiful morning has dawned, and with it comes another opportunity to do righteously and to live bountifully. At this Home we never are in need of an outlet for CHARITY. One author describes charity this way:

- It is **silence** when your words would hurt.
- It is **patience** when your neighbor's curt.
- It is **deafness** when a scandal flows.
- It is **thoughtfulness** for other's woes.
- It is **promptness** when stern duty calls.
- It is **courage** when misfortune falls.

Visitors during July would be able to observe indications of our busy summer days. The harvesting of our small wheatfield . . . the message over the intercom for all residents to come help snap beans . . . the staff-resident picnic on July 4 . . . the picking of blackberries in our timber are all a part of the summer scene here.

All of us were thankful when Lucy Endress returned with a good report, after a short stay in the hospital for tests.

Knowing that all readers cannot visit our Home personally to meet the residents whom we have introduced, we would like to tell you a little about them.

Harold Miller, our first resident, is one of the five children of Guy and Rose Steffen Miller, both of whom are deceased. Harold's brother and sisters are: Robert, Elva, Kathryn, and Virginia. When Harold was of school age, his family lived at Pulaski, and at various places in central Illinois. In 1947, the family moved to Portland, which is still home to Harold's brother, Robert, and to his sister, Elva Unsicker. His other two sisters, Virginia Cooper and Kathryn Hackenjoes, are near the Altadena church. Working five days per week at the county workshop at Pekin, Illinois . . . being helpful around the Home . . . keeping busy in the Activity department . . . going bike riding in his free time, and taking part in church and Home social activities, all make Harold's life a busy and happy one.

The ministers, brethren and friends from Roanoke, Congerville, and Goodfield accepted the responsibility for conducting the Friday evening services during July.

Knowing that each of us will one day give an account of our stewardship of TIME, would it not be good if each morning we would think about the instructions to . . . **walk circumspectly (guardedly, cautiously) . . . redeeming our time . . .** The two-pronged watchfulness can encompass both a guard against evil and an alertness to do good.

#### MORTON IL

**Emma Knapp - Peggy Joos**

We rejoice with the angels in heaven over every sinner that repenteth. Harold and Illy Kaiser, a beloved couple, gave their testimonies and were baptized on July 16. **A weak man becomes powerful when he is in contact with the mighty force of God.**

Having moved here from Tucson, we welcome Sis. Rita Bertschi back into our midst.

A bride-to-be is Sis. Jean Schick, daughter of Bro. John and Sis. Dollie. Her engagement to Bro. John Dotterer (Phoenix) was announced July 20. His parents are Bro. Joe and Sis. Lavina, also of Phoenix. A fall wedding is being planned.

Our visiting ministers for July were Bros. Alphai Moser (Morris) and Glen Hackenjoes (Altadena). Many words of wisdom were brought to us.

We are happy to have Bro. Jeff and Sis. Theresa Witzig back home. They have been in Houston, Texas, where Jeff was undergoing tests and treatment. Jeff is back to work but is still receiving treatments here.

Those who were hospitalized are Sarah Grimm (who was at Mayo's) . . . Sis. Anna Zimmerman . . . Jay Getz (Bro. Howard and Sis. Louise Mae) and Bros. Ed Teubel, Harry Wick (who is in the Bloomington Hospital), and Joe Kaiser (who was transferred to the Queenswood Nursing Home). **Blessed is the man who endures trial, for when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life which God has promised to those who love Him.**

"I want to thank my friends and relatives who sent me cards and gifts and made my 90th birthday so pleasant. I received about 130 cards." Sis. Mary Meister, Eureka A. C. Home, Eureka, Ill. . . . "To my dear ones, I would like to thank each one for the gifts, cards, flowers, love, and prayers offered for me, while in the hospital and at home." Bro. Frank Bauman.

Please pay your Morton Silver Lining dues to Bro. Vernon Kaiser during August. Thank you.

#### GIRARD OH

**Louisa B. Lance**

"Make a joyful noise unto God, all ye lands: Sing forth the honour of his name: make his praise glorious . . . All the earth shall worship thee, and shall sing unto thee; they shall sing to thy name."

On July 20 our Ministering Bro. Harold Emch attended the youth fellowship meeting in Mansfield. We were thankful for the Visiting Bros. Henry Dotterer and Elmer Zollinger from Rittman to expound the holy word of God to us.

They gave us many good teachings.

"I wish to thank everyone for their kindness and prayers offered for me during my illness, also for the cards, visits and deep concern. I am slowly improving and thank the Lord that I can get around some." Bro. Jess C. Emch.

Bro. Carl Emch is still about the same, but still has a smile for each one. Little do we realize how long and lonely the days and hours must be for the loved ones that lie in their beds in the nursing homes, especially for the ones as active as

Bro. Carl was. He was always one of the first to be there to offer help, when someone was sick or had any sorrows to bear. May God bless him, and his dear wife Ruth, who has been a real soldier of the Cross.

We are having very hot weather now, and even though the crops were planted late on account of the wet weather in the planting season, everything is growing wonderfully . . . looks as if everyone would have a bountiful harvest . . . So it is with mankind . . . God's invitation is still being sent out to come unto him. Even though the season is fast slipping by, we hope that, as the corn and wheat respond to God's showers of rain, many souls will respond to God's shower of blessings.

#### TOLEDO OH

**Lydia Meister**

After days of heat and high humidity, the evening of July 10 was cool and quiet. The setting sun sent its rays of light thru the windows, lighting the sanctuary with a soft glow. In this lovely peaceful hour, our Elder Bro. Ben Maibach served us Communion. Our Bro. Walter Rehklau assisted Bro. Ben . . . Gravely the words . . . "this is my body . . . broken for you" . . . **this is the Blood of the New Testament** were spoken by Bro. Ben as the Holy Supper was served. Our duties to live worthy of this most precious gift was solemnly impressed upon us.

The engagement of our dear Sis. Sue Rehklau and Bro. Roger Saurer of the Detroit congregation has been announced. The date set for their wedding is Oct. 12.

Our Toledo group enjoyed the Youth Fellowship meeting at Mansfield. There were a large number attended from the various churches.

Sis. Sue and Bro. R. D. Hilton have moved here from Valparaiso. We welcome them and hope they will find spiritual joy in our worship services.

#### WICHITA KS

**Glenis Allenbach**

As we know familiar voices,  
Every near and dear ones call,  
Coming through the silent chambers,  
Walking echoes in the hall—  
So with instinct all unerring,

Ever strengthening more and  
more,  
We can read the varied language  
Of the footsteps at the door!

Grandpa's faltering tread, now  
heavy  
With the weight of fruitful years,  
Nearing yonder golden city—  
Almost through this vale of tears.  
Steadfast feet that never loitered,  
Bravely going on before.  
By and by we'll miss their music,—  
Precious footsteps at the door!

Then the patter of the children,  
Happy darlings! out and in,  
Like the butterflies and sunbeams,  
With no thought of care or sin . . .  
Little feet that need sure guiding  
Past the pitfalls on the shore,  
Lest they turn aside in mischief—  
Blessed footsteps at the door!

As you may recall, I often mention children and the elderly having much love and compassion for them.

A few Sundays ago, I was asked to fill in as Sunday School teacher for our second level class. I love spontaneous answers from small children. They are without guile and give real insight to what they believe. Their interest span is short and you must relate to them on their level. Our lesson was on Jesus and his disciples. We discussed how we can all be disciples in today's world. Heaven was mentioned for those who are truly Christ's disciples, and I went ahead to say how wonderful it is that we can look forward to heaven and even more, that we will be able to enjoy the beauties of Heaven. I added that it would be quite enough just to gain Heaven, but isn't it wonderful that we can also share in the beauties of Heaven!

It was at this point that a little girl almost 8 years of age said:—"Yes, it's like a special prize!"—Now what could be added to that!

We have been blessed with visitors during July. We are always so pleased to have a visiting minister. Bro. James Hoerr worshipped with us and brought a sincere and timely message.

I would close with a few lines . . .

Life is a highway, wondrous fair,  
And we are but pilgrims journeying there;

And it's here the rain, and there  
the rain,  
But ever the sun comes out again.

Isn't this true! Let's always  
look for the sunshine. Remember  
we have awaiting—a special prize!

#### AKRON OH Linda Pamer

"Remember now thy Creator in  
the days of thy youth . . ."

We enjoyed a blessed Youth Fellowship Day in Mansfield, when many Sunday School students gathered together for a time of worship and fellowship.

We were glad that Elder Bro. Joe Waibel (Bay City) and Bros. Richard Aberle (Indianapolis) and Corbin Bahler (Rockville) came and ministered to us from God's word.

Paul and Pam Ritzman were blessed with a baby girl, Jacqueline. She has a sister, Renee and a brother, Mike.

#### ALTADENA CA Linda Witzig

Our congregation has been small, with many people and families on vacation. Bros. Glen Hackenjoes and John Klotzle are traveling with their families to visit relatives and friends in the midwest and east. Sis. Helen Klotzle is spending time in Bay City with her daughter, Sis. Edith Wieland & her family. Sis. Elizabeth Feldman has been gone for several weeks now to be a comfort to her sick sister in Ill. My parents, Bro. Bill and Sis. Mary Witzig and two of my sisters and a brother are due home this week from a long vacation. How wonderful it is to be in a loving family, especially the family of Christ, and to be happy when all the family members are together again after separation. May our most fervent prayer for each other be that, as earthly families and as the family in Christ, we can be reunited in the circle unbroken in Heaven, for eternity.

Bro. Joe Kaisner from Forrest was with us one Sunday and shared God's word with us. We enjoy all our summer visitors and welcome them to California to be with us.

#### BERN KS Esther and Stella Moser

Carmen Kay arrived July 19, to make her home with Bro. Leonard and Sis. Nancy Baumgartner. Jeff,

Jay, Heidi and Holly welcome her into the family circle. Grandparents are Bro. Lester and Sis. Ella Hartter, Bro. Lou and Sis. Lena Baumgartner.

July 20, Bro. Arden Stoller was united in marriage to Sis. Darlene Wulf (Lester). They will make their home at 213 So. 3rd, Sabetha, until the house they have purchased at 1603 Main is ready to occupy . . . July 27, Bro. Leland Esslinger took Sis. Patsy Metzger (also of Lester) as his bride. They are living in the basement of the new house Leland is building, Bern RR. We welcome the new brides into our fellowship.

Bros. Joe Aberle and Carl Hartman, Sabetha, were our guest ministers.

Medical hospital patients: Andy Plattner (Bro. Leland and Sis. Mary), Rebecca Strahm (Bro. Wilfred and Sis. Verona).

Sis. Sophia McClanahan has transferred from the A.C. Home to Highland Villa Nursing Home, 1821 E. 21st, Topeka. She will be near her daughter and doctor.

Sis. Anna Ulmer has retired from the Nemaha County Convalescent Home. Ann has been the faithful supervisor for thirty years. She plans to spend some time in California with her sister and family.

#### KIOWA KS Janice Frieden

Recently, I read a story of a man who was visiting a sheep station in Australia. He saw the owner take a little lamb and place it in a huge enclosure where there were several thousand sheep, whose bleating, together with the shouting of the sheep-shearers, was deafening. This little lamb uttered its feeble cry, and the mother sheep at the other end of the enclosure heard it and started to find her lamb. How like the Good Shepherd above who hears, not only cries of His own sheep, but also the feeble cry of each lost sheep of this world who calls upon His blessed name in repentance . . . and the wonderful part is, God is no respecter of persons. The rich, poor, sick, lowly, and all races are alike accepted into His loving arms of grace. Oh the matchlessness of both the grace and mercy of our Father in Heaven.

We enjoyed a blessed evening of Christian fellowship as we gather-

ed for our monthly singing, and recently, when several of us were unable to worship with those of like faith on the Lord's Day. I realized how we often take this precious fellowship for granted. The bond of Christian love among those of like faith who gather to worship God, whether in singing or in attending to **His word**, is one of the most precious gifts we will ever receive. May we never let Satan deceive us into believing these gifts of God are unimportant, for God is all-seeing and knows our need before we ask . . . Praise be to His Name.

### LAMAR MO

Gail Banwart - Marie Marti

In times of crisis, we need to be reminded of the presence of God and the privilege we have of turning to Him for help. The Israelites were in such a position, and God fed them meat, and manna for bread. The **manna from Heaven** has subsequently become a symbol of God's provision for the needs of those who depend upon Him. It has also become a symbol for the spiritual food which is as necessary for man's existence as is natural food. God is the provider of both. "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." May we all give thanks to God for His bounty that nourishes the body and spirit of man.

We were generously provided with spiritual food when Bro. John Steiner spent a Sunday with us and brought a message concerning "truth." We must cleanse ourselves and yield ourselves entirely, in order for us to have a complete knowledge of the truth. Our godly mothers (sisters in faith) have a tremendous influence on our children. They preach the word with the example of godliness and holiness which they set for their children. Where there is a godly home, there is a desire to please God.

A dear little baby girl was born to Sis. Barbara and Bro. William Stefan on July 21. They have named her Karen Marie. Bro. William Sr. and Sis. Hilda Stefan and the Chris Walkers are the baby's grandparents. She has one sister, Lori, and these two little girls are fortunate indeed to live in a godly home.

Bro. William Stefan Sr. suffer-

ed a heart attack and was hospitalized several days. We are happy to report that he is able to return home . . . We are also happy to report that Sis. Rose Widmer was able to continue her convalescence at the home of her daughter's, Mary Ellen Engelage and family. She spent several weeks in the hospital and rehabilitation center, as a result of a fall in which her hip was broken.

We shared a blessed week-end when the young people from Morris, Tremont and the Kansas churches visited us.

### MORRIS MN

Esther Schaefer  
Corrine Schmidgall

Word which God has spoken,  
Word of peaceful token,  
Gospel of the Lord!  
Fount of benediction, Comfort in  
affliction,  
Holy Spirit's sword!  
Source of might, of life and light!  
Joyful message of God given,  
Sent to us from Heaven.

We received many beautiful messages from God, through ministers from various churches who visited us, and from our home ministers. Those who favored us with visits were Elder Bros. LeRoy Huber (Eureka) and Perry Zimmerman (Forrest) and Bros. Corbin Bahler (Rockville), Bob Grimm (Goodfield), Marvin Schmidgall (Eureka), and Tom Leman (Elgin, Ill.).

Friend Louis Stettner, age 75, passed away at his home on July 9 . . . He had been in failing health for several years. He is survived by four sisters, Mary, Katherine and Helen at home and Minnie (Mrs. Don Wilson), Morris; one brother, Edwin of Hancock. Funeral services were conducted by Bros. Paul Fehr and Floyd Schmidgall.

A son, Micah D. was born to Bro. Dale and Sis. Rachel Zeltwanger on July 14. He is a welcome playmate for little brother, Adam D. Bro. and Sis. Rinkenberger of La Crosse and Bro. Kenneth and Sis. Edna Zeltwanger are the grandparents . . . Bro. and Sis. Karl and Marilyn Koehl welcomed a son, Thomas Edward, on July 18. He has a little sister, Christie. Bro. Joe and Sis. Emma Feuchtenberger and Bro. Edward and Sis. Lillian Koehl are grandparents.

Those who were hospitalized were Sis. Shirley Nohl—surgery; Jodi Heil (Rob and Lucy)—eye injury; Bro. Chris Moser—back injury; Sis. Eunice (E. O.) Koehl—tests. We are thankful that all are able to be at home again.

As a "Know Each Other Better" feature we have asked Bro. Wm. Luthi, who is the oldest brother and pillar in our church to write an account of his life. He and his wife, Sis. Lillie, who is also a true example of love and humility have kindly submitted the following:

I was born Jan. 21 1892 to Christian and Anna Maria (Schmid) Luthi, at West Bend, the youngest of 7 children . . . came to Morris in Oct. 1902 with my parents, to the farm my parents bought. I stayed with my brother Fred thru the winter, so Fred wouldn't be alone caring for the horses and farm place. My parents returned to West Bend to sell their homeplace there, and moved to Morris in spring of 1903.

My parents came from Switzerland to West Bend in the year 1882. Our uncles sent my folks the \$150 tickets to come to America. Father often said, they came to America with \$150.00 less than nothing. . . . parents were poor and we always had a humble living.

In fall of 1907, Grandfather Bro. Gottlieb Hohulin, a minister, from Goodfield was here visiting his son, Bro. Tim. One rainy forenoon, Bro. Tim and his father, Grandfather Hohulin came over to visit my folks, as it was made out to have church services that evening. It was raining, so Grandfather Hohulin thought we could have services in the afternoon, instead of evening.

As there were no telephones in the area, my father asked me to go horseback to tell the people, church services would be in the afternoon. So I went, but only got a little ways past our place, and the horse slipped and fell, and I got my right leg broke. Grandfather Hohulin felt so sorry for me, and I felt sorry for him feeling sorry for me . . . so church service was in the evening.

In the summer of 1909, Sis. Mary Nohl from Goodfield, Ill. was hired to come to Minnesota, and to teach German school. In the church for 9 weeks, I enjoyed attending German school very much. My sisters culti-

vated the corn so I could go.

In the year 1914, my father thought it was time to retire, selling all the machinery and livestock to me, with notes, and I rented the farm. March 16, 1915, I bought the homeplace. After I signed so many notes, I began to wonder, if I would ever be able to pay all those debts.

My parents reserved the rights to live with me on the farm the rest of their life, which they did. Father passed on to his rest Mar. 16 1919, and Mother passed away Jan. 4, 1924.

I repented and was baptized July 19, 1917. Sept. 11, 1921, Sis. Minnie Schlupp and I were married at Lamar. We had 8 children, 3 daughters, 5 sons. I have 47 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. We lived on this farm until we retired, the year 1959 (April), and moved to 20 Ridge Road, Morris. July 31, 1963, God called my beloved wife, Minnie to her Heavenly Home of Peace and Rest, after a lingering illness of 2 years. And I lived alone until Mar. 17, 1965, when again the Lord blest me with another dear helpmate. I married Sis. Lillie Hohulin of Peoria. I had fairly good health until in the months of March and April, 1975, I spent several weeks in hospitals . . . missing many Sundays of going to church, which I always enjoyed going.

Thanks be to God, our Heavenly Father for His great mercy and love. I am thankful to have found this precious faith of ours . . . again enjoying going to church and be among God's precious teachings and His chosen loved ones.

**PORTLAND OR**  
Mrs. Robert J. Miller

" . . . if we walk in the light . . . we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ . . . cleanseth us from all sin."

Let us then be so united  
As Thou with the Father art,  
That not one of Thy weak members  
Here on earth shall stand apart.  
From the flames of Thy own burning

May our light partake its glow,  
And that we are Thy disciples,  
All the world may surely know.

We have certainly experienced the fellowship with God's people in our midst this summer, as many

have visited us from various churches in the Midwest and East Coast. May we always cherish the love of God in our hearts for one another.

Elders, (Bros.) Carl Kinsinger from Altadena and Leroy Huber from Eureka were with us in July. During their visit of several days, we were privileged to partake of Holy Communion at Silverton. Many blessings were received during their visit.

During the summer months, Silverton and Portland get together on Sunday afternoons for potlucks, taking turns, this way sharing our visitors, which is a real blessing!

**SARASOTA FL**

Sandra Price - Lyn Blunier

"My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me; And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand."

A warm welcome home is extended to Bro. Phil and Sis. Fern Wingeier. They report they had a wonderful visit with their family in Alto. During Bro. Phil's absence, Bros. Darrel Klopfenstein and Harry Sutter of Ft. Lauderdale ministered to us on July 6 and 13. Bro. Art Baurer of Princeville was with us on July 20.

We welcome our Elder Bro. Ben Maibach, who conducted the baptismal service of Rodney Getz on July 27. Rodney is the son of Bro. Mel and Sis. Margaret Getz of Peoria. Bro. Harry Sutter also visited and lended himself. It was a beautiful and inspiring week-end. A church supper was served for nearly 90.

Sis. Kathy Price of Milford, daughter of Bro. Glenn Sr. and Sis. Kathryn, is making her home in Sarasota while taking medical training. We welcome her with love.

Our sympathy to Sis. Mary Kleshinski, whose mother—of Mansfield has passed away. It is such a comfort to all when the "sheep" that pass into glory are indeed ready.

**SHIODA JAPAN**

Willis R. Ehnlé

Maximum Security is found in the Lord Jesus Christ, if we abide in Him and He abides in us. The other day I had occasion to visit

the Embassy of Israel in Tokyo, and I found out what they mean by maximum security to keep out undesirable visitors.

Two Japanese police guards are posted at the entrance to the outer court of the embassy. After getting past them, there is another large gate with a small side entrance for pedestrians, through which one can gain entrance only after being cleared by the young man in charge of that post. As you enter the embassy building, there are two doors which were opened for me, so I entered without paying too much attention, but when I wanted to leave I couldn't find the exit. There was no door where I could get out, only a closed steel door with no handle. Again a guard had to be located to enter his locked room, to push a button to open the steel door for me to exit, only to find myself in the next room, facing another steel door of the same variety, which was quickly opened for me, however. God's chosen people, the people of Israel, appear to be under siege, and are making every effort to maintain maximum security. Those of us who are citizens of spiritual Israel should make every effort to shut out all of Satan's guerrillas and emissaries, lest they come in unawares and destroy our spiritual house. "For there are certain man crept in unawares . . . ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness . . ." It pays to have many check-points.

We had our summer fellowship meeting in a mountain area between Tokyo and our Shioda Church where, on the average, people live longer than any other place in Japan. Many live healthy and active lives, into their nineties. We were told by the local people that for the most part they don't go to doctors, because they don't become ill. Sounds pretty good. Spiritual exercise and the right spiritual diet, which includes warnings as well as joy, hope and enthusiasm, should make our church into quite a healthy spiritual group. "For bodily exercise profiteth little: but godliness is profitable unto all things . . ."

**BRADFORD IL**  
Rebecca Endress

We have enjoyed our many visitors in July, especially Minister-



ing Bros. Bill Gudeman (Elgin) and Al Aberle (Tremont). Many of our congregation have been traveling, too, and we are happy when each one can return safely.

We have also missed those who were unable to be in church . . . Bro. Ben Ehnle had surgery on his elbow at Mayo Clinic and is back home again . . . Gladys Klumpp (Bro. Ray and Sis. Eunice) spent several days there for her back. Physical therapy will hopefully eliminate the need for surgery . . . Steven Kuntz (Bro. Jerry and Sis. Doris) was hospitalized at University Hospitals, Iowa City, for corrective surgery.

A third daughter was born July 17 to Bro. Dennis and Sis. Becky Pyles; her name is Shannon Noel. She is welcomed home by Alisa, Jennifer, and Troy. Bro. Ed and Sis. Doris Guingrich are her maternal grandparents.

#### CONGERVILLE IL

Mary Leman - Mary Schrock

"Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD: . . ." A new baby daughter, Jodi Michelle, was born July 11 to Bro. Steven and Sis. Gerri Schrock. Sharing this precious bundle from heaven are Joan, Jeff, Jill, Jenni, John, Jim and Julie. Grandparents are Bro. Alvin and Sis. Irene Schrock and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Scherer of Eureka . . . Twin sons, Kevin Joseph and Kurtis Lee were a double blessing to Bro. Ken and Sis. Janet Schrock. They were born July 18 and are welcomed home by Derek and Deron. Bro. Lee and Sis. Velda Overmyer (Francesville) and Bro. Joe and Sis. Esther Schrock are the grandparents.

Denis and Kathy Miller are parents of their first child, a daughter, Angela Kae. She was born July 9. Grandparents are Bro. Chris and Sis. Betty Miller and Mr. and Mrs. Glen Sparks of Eureka.

Planning an Aug. 2 wedding are Charles Schrock (son of Bro. Roy and Sis. Polly) and Diane Rollman (daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Rollman of Springfield).

We are thankful for the words of life that were shared with us, with a special thanks to our two visiting ministers, (Bros.) Marvin Stieglitz (Leo) and Uriel Gehring (Burlington).

Sis. Mary Sides is hospitalized, after having a heart attack . . .

Sis. Esther Schrock was also in the hospital for a few days.

#### BLOOMINGTON-NORMAL IL

Ann Kellenberger - Jeanie Haerr

We were privileged to have four brothers and four sisters from Peoria with us at our monthly Hymn Sing. It certainly is beautiful when loved ones blend their voices in song to the Lord.

Our Elder Bro. Dan Koch was with us July 13, as through prayerful thought we elected a trustee and two Sunday School teachers. The congregation felt moved to elect Bro. Adam Maurer trustee, and Bros. Dennis Kaufmann and Jim Kellenberger as new Sunday School teachers.

The week-end of July 27, Bloomington hosted the Ft. Sam reunion. We were thankful for all the visitors that were able to come and assemble with us. Among them were several ministering brothers, (Bros.) Bill Dotterer (Phoenix) and Charles Sauder (Tremont).

Other visiting ministers were (Bros.) Francis Rother (Morton) and Vernon Leman (Eureka).

#### ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY

Barb Landes

This little light of mine,  
I'm going to let it shine, let it  
shine, let it shine.

This is a favorite song of our Sunday School children. It also has an important meaning in the life of a believer. The end of August marks a beginning of a new school year at ISU. We will meet many new people and encounter many new situations. May the Lord illuminate us with love for others and with the courage to do His will . . . "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

We want to thank Bros. Joe Schrock, Fred Knapp, Uriel Gehring, Roy Sauder, and Edwin Ringger for bringing us the word of God during the month of July. Aug. 28, the first Bible Study of the 1975-1976 school year, will be **Freshman Welcome**. Bible Study is held in the ISU Student Union at 8 p.m. We wish to extend a special invitation to all new students at ISU, Bloomington Mennonite School of Nursing, Bloomington School of

Practical Nursing, and their parents, to worship with us.

#### LA CROSSE IN

Lorene Moser - Marilyn Zeltwanger

Faith finds in Christ whate'er we  
need  
To save and strengthen, guide and  
feed,  
Strong in His grace it joys to  
share,  
His cross, in hope His crown to  
wear.

Oh how lovely 'tis to be, with our Lord in unity—We surely received many blessings July 20, when Bros. Gene Lehman (Wolcott) and Fred Knapp (Congerville) spent the day with us. We always enjoy those who come and share their labors with us.

God spared Dwight Nuest (Bro. Lester and Sis. Ann) from serious injury from a motorcycle mishap. He was hospitalized for cuts and bruises. He is dismissed and at home . . . Ruth Heinold is a hospital patient, with a back ailment.

Robert and Carol Bucher were blessed with a precious baby girl, Shawna Marie, born July 27. Happy grandparents are Bro. Merle and Sis. Leona and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jungles.

It is our prayer that God will bless our loved ones, Bro. Bill and Sis. Mary Honegger and little Jonathan, as they are leaving our assembly. They are moving to Bluffton.

Our sympathy is given to Sis. Lena Bock, over the passing of her mother, Mary Reutter, Staemmheem, Germany. She passed away while Lena was visiting her relatives in Germany.

Our annual Sunday School picnic was held July 27 and was enjoyed by both young and old. A number of students were awarded perfect and good attendance gifts.

#### LAMONT KS

Jane Isch

What a blessed privilege we have had to hear God's precious word expounded in all its truth and sincerity. We were thankful to have with us Bro. Earl Gerber, Forrest; Elder Bro. Lester Hartter, Bern; (Bros.) Carl Hartman, Sabetha; Raymond Roth, Kiowa; and Max Reimschisel, Wichita.

We are happy to report, Sis. Ma-

tilda Emch is again able to assemble with us after a stay in the hospital.

On Sunday, July 13, we shared a special blessing among our brethren. Bro. Lester Hartter assisted our elder, Bro. Sam Anliker, in serving Holy Communion. As we greeted one another after receiving the sacrament, the love of Christ and peace in our hearts was strongly felt in all of us.

Bro. David Wernli has accepted a position at Fredonia Kansas as a territory manager for Super-sweet Feeds. We are thankful he can still assemble with us at Lamont.

Jeff, Debbie, Cheri and Missy Frieden have moved to Howard, Kansas, and are now a part of our congregation. We hope they can feel the love among us, and we extend a hearty welcome to them.

### RITTMAN OHIO

Grace Gasser

It was so beautifully illustrated to us by one of our elders, that each person who becomes a member of the body of Christ is like a young tree which has been planted. It does not begin to produce fruit immediately, but goes through a period of growth in which the roots become more firmly established. As the tree grows and matures, we then expect fruit from it. This illustration seems especially timely at this season, when we see all around us trees laden with ripened fruit. I am reminded that we might also take a lesson from the trees which fail to bear fruit. Regardless how beautiful a tree may appear to us, if it's not producing fruit, what a disappointment! Think how much more the Lord must be disappointed if He sees in His children a life that appears to be beautiful, but bears little or no fruit. "Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit."

We're thankful for numerous visitors. On Wednesday evening, July 9, Bro. Ben Stavenik of Mansfield ministered to us. A meeting that evening, concerning our future nursing home, was also attended by other ministers from Mansfield, Akron, and Girard.

On Friday evening, July 11, we were privileged to hear the testi-

mony and witness the baptism of Bernie Hilty. Though Bernie has returned to the Institute of Health in Bethesda, Maryland, he remains with us in thought and prayer.

Our Sunday School picnic for the elementary children was at the Fellowship Hall on July 12. How nice to see the children enjoy themselves so immensely, before taking on the responsibilities of adult life. Bro. Eugene Pamer reminded them: Growing up will require courage, and they must be ready to **Dare to be a Daniel** and to sometimes **stand alone** in the years that lie directly ahead of them.

The marriage of Bro. Craig Emch and Sis. Gale Snyder took place on July 6. Craig is the son of Bro. Dave and Sis. Eileen Emch. Bro. Harold Emch of Girard was our guest minister for the occasion. . . . On July 13, the wedding of Bro. Richard Steiner & Sis. Pat Klotzle was solemnized by Bro. Joseph Ramsier. Richard's parents are Bro. John and Sis. Wilma Steiner, and Pat's parents are Bro. Irwin and Sis. Jane Klotzle. Visiting ministers on that day were, (Bros.) Walter Anliker of Eureka, Dave Roberts of Philadelphia, Kenneth Indermuhle of Sardis, and Rudolph Graf of Akron.

On July 28, Ed and Doris Stoller (Bro. Don and Sis. Luzelda) and Rhonda Ramsier (Bro. Bob and Sis. Inez), after having given their testimonies were baptized, and became our brother and sisters in faith. At this time we were also happy to welcome into our congregation Bro. Reinhart and Sis. Betty Keiper. We thank (Bros.) Walter Rehklau of Toledo, Earl Gerber Forrest, and Rudolph Graf of Akron for serving us on that weekend.

Their first child, a little girl, arrived to brighten the home of Bro. Mark and Sis. Sue Steiner. She has been named Marcia Lyn. Bro. Dean and Sis. Martha Marty are also happy for a little girl. Deana Grace is welcomed into her home by 5 brothers.

Mary Alice Bauman is able to be with us again, after being hospitalized for surgery. Elizabeth Ruttencutter is a hospital patient. Bob Klotzle is recovering from injuries received in an automobile accident. John Maibach remains hospitalized in Indiana, following an auto accident.

Sis. Elizabeth Widmer, who is residing at Brenn-Field Nursing Center would like to receive mail. Her address is: Miss Elizabeth Widmer, Brenn-Field Nursing Center, 2542 Lynn Dr, Orrville OH 44667.

### SILVERTON OR

Joan Dietrich

We've enjoyed the fellowship with many visitors so far this summer, and this past month have been privileged to have two elder brethren with us. We appreciated the many precious teachings Elder (Bros.) Carl Kinsinger (Altadena) and Leroy Huber (Eureka) left with us. Also while here, we were encouraged and uplifted to have them serve us Holy Communion, along with the Portland congregation. It is certainly well for us to be reminded of Christ's suffering for our sins, and how thankful we should be to hold this promise of eternal life. May we never let it slip, or be deceived in these last times.

### VALPARAISO IN

Cam Feller - Marie Heinold

On our visitation Sunday, we were blessed to have with us Bro. Earl Zeltwanger from Bremen, who brought us the message from God's holy word. We are thankful for the fellowship we shared that day with those brethren who came with Bro. Earl and also from Cissna Park . . . inspired from the message . . . "For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night."

Sunday, July 20 was a special day for our dear Sis. Lena Bucher for she became 86 years young on that day.

Our hearts were again saddened this month, for our beloved Sis. Alma Morris, after much sickness, was called home to rest by her Lord Jesus Christ. Truly she will be missed each Sunday, but our hearts find comfort in Romans 6, verse 23 which reads—"For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

### WINTHROP MN

Carol Messner - Marcelle Dapper

A welcome is extended to worship with us at Winthrop for those traveling this summer. We pray all those vacationing will arrive safely

at their destinations and then home again.

Angie Messner, little daughter of Gary and Sharon was hospitalized for a respiratory infection . . . Sis. Rose Alice Howk wishes to thank all for remembering her by their prayers, cards, and letters, after her surgery.

Submitted by one of our brothers: "A person who cannot say I'm sorry has a low opinion of himself. He is afraid an admission of error might belittle him in the eyes of his friends and family, and this he cannot stand. What these do not realize is that admitting error does not suggest weakness or stupidity, but is evidence of fairness, strength, and HUMILITY.

**BLUFFTON IN**

**Melanie Gerber — Donna Drayer**

The soul of a child is the loveliest flower

That grows in the Garden of God.

Its climb is from weakness to knowledge and power

To the sky, from the clay and the clod.

To beauty and sweetness it grows under care,

Neglected, tis ragged and wild.

Tis a plant that is tender, but wondrously rare,

The sweet wistful soul of a child.

Be tender, O gardener, and give it its share

Of moisture, of warmth and of light,

And let it not lack for the painstaking care

To protect it from frost and from blight.

A day will come when its bloom shall unfold;

It will seem that an angel has smiled,

Reflecting a beauty and sweetness untold

In the sensitive soul of a child.

Bro. Jerry and Sis. Lois Drayer were blessed with another child on July 17. Bruce Alan, the name chosen, has an older brother, Brian.

Shut-ins have been Bros. John Yergler and Don Reinhard and Sisters Ilene (Lenard) Steffen and Marie (Nelson) Moser. All have submitted to surgery.

Bro. Bill and Sis. Betty Longen-

berger gave away in marriage their daughter, Sandy, to David Spade on July 12 . . . Bro. Keith (Skip) Aschliman and Sis. Connie Stoller were united in marriage on July 20. The couple's parents are Bro. Bob and Sis. Ida Aschliman & Bro. Ramon and Sis. Flossie Stoller . . . On July 26, Keith Gerber took Cathy Wolfe as his wife. Keith's parents are Bro. Dwight and Sis. Lucile Gerber.

Our visiting ministers have been Bros. Aaron Steffen, Ben Manz, Bill Dotterer and Glenn Hackenjos.

**BREMEN IN  
Marian Germann**

It is a great joy and comfort to know God's love is everywhere and anywhere you go.

We pray for God's healing hand upon Sis. Leah Souder, as she has broken bones in and around her hips and legs. May God bless Bro. Henry, to take of him also . . . We are glad that God is healing and strengthening Roy Meister, after he suffered a heart attack.

We were fortunate to have Sis. Josephine Kupferschmidt and her friends and children from her orphanage on one Wednesday evening.

We were happy when Bro. Glen Hackenjos from Altadena and his family were able to assemble with us on a Wed. evening. Bro. Glen had a very inspiring service. As Bro. Glen talked on faith, one thing that intrigued and thrilled my soul was, "You may not see it, but you can feel it."

We praise God that Bro. Steve Johnson (Bro. Ron and Sis. Connie) was not hurt at all when he hit a parked truck, after blacking out. Bro. Steve went through, hit the windshield, and didn't have a single scratch or injury. Praise God!

As many of the families go on vacations this summer, we wish God's blessings on each one, and that God will show His beauty on this earth to each one.

**CHICAGO IL  
Kathy Schlatter**

We know wonderful Christian storekeepers, but the greatest of all is like no one else we've met. He exacts a price for what He offers—and then sent His Son to pay that price, not for just one or two

people, or for only a special group of people, but for each and every person who has ever lived or who will ever live . . . But we as individuals are yet required to do one thing: we must ask.

In July our visiting ministers were Bro. Virg Metzger, Champaign, on the 6th and Bro. Bob Walder from Congerville, July 20. We had many visitors in July, especially on the 20th, and are so appreciative. The bonds of family and friendship are truly precious . . . But even more important are our ties as Christian brothers and sisters. We rejoice that our friends, Phil Rapp (son of Sis. Bernice and Henry Rapp Jr, Morton), Mark Gerst (son of Sis. Marge and Bro. Arnie Gerst of our Chicago congregation), and Tom New, who has recently joined us from Peoria, have asked the Lord for grace to repent . . . and our Lord has answered their request.

Our dear Sis. Holly Gramm (daughter of Bro. Art and Sis. Ruth, Gridley) has gone back to Gridley, Il. Though we shall miss her, we wish her God's guidance and richest blessings. We hope she will visit us often. We are thrilled to welcome new faces in our midst: Bro. John and Sis. Rose Huette and their daughter, Lisa will be worshipping with us during the time Bro. John works in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

**CISSNA PARK IL**

**Margaret Rudin - Grace Bauer**

"Come unto me all ye that . . . are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." What a delightful promise! So we could again rejoice when our friends, Harry and Bonnie Young could bring their testimonies before the congregation and were baptized July 20, and are now our brother and sister in faith.

The engagement of Bro. Randy Martin, son of Bro. Vernon and Sis. Rosie, was announced—to Sis. Patty Bauer, daughter of Bro. Herman and Sis. Arcelia.

Our sick: Our friend, Eileen Kaufman was a surgical patient . . . Bros. Carl Moser and Ed Feller were medical patients . . . Bro. Daryl Hari was a surgical patient . . . Bro. Clarence Vogel was a hospital patient; he has a fractured leg . . . Sis. Sandra Rudin was a hospital patient for foot surgery . . . David Yergler, 12-year-old son

of Bro. Max and Sis. Donna, was a hospital patient; he has a fractured hip, is home again and coming along nicely . . . Clara (Mrs. Herbert) Hofer, a hospital surgical patient.

Our visiting ministers were Bros. Maurice Frank, Harold Zeltwanger, Glenn Hackenjoes, Ronald Heiniger.

Our crops are looking good. We were reminded, if God would not give the increase to the sowing, our planting would be in vain . . . So it is in the spiritual life.

Judy Bauer and Sandra Rudin are sharing with us some of the highlights of their trip to Europe.

Looking back on our 4½ week trip to Europe, we both feel our visit with dear brethren behind the Iron Curtain was the highlight. We had been heartily encouraged by several brothers who had been there to visit Budapest, Hungary.

We felt the protecting hand of God as we travelled by train to Budapest. Officials came through the train, often checking our papers, but gave us no difficulty. Even though we had a name and number to call, apprehension built up as we approached the city. We were wondering how to make this initial contact.

As we stepped from the train, we were greeted by Bro. Andrew Soos, and asked if we were the American sisters who were expected. He introduced us to Sis. Erika Szabo, who we were to spend the next 2 days with, and then to several others as we walked down the platform. We felt as if an angel had brought us together so quickly. We could immediately feel the love as one in Christ.

We spent the afternoon in the Moses Szabo home, eating delicious Hungarian food and then on a tour of the city. In the evening, we went to church for a singing. Even though there was a small group, the singing was beautiful.

The brethren in Budapest fully dedicate Sunday to the Lord. We could feel their hunger for the word, as the church was filled to overflowing and some stood on the stairs. We were in church from 9:00 to 12:00 and from 3:00 to 9:00. The day consisted of two sermons, Bible Study, several song services, and Sunday School. The primary class had students from age 2 to 8, and the older class from

age 8 to 14. We were invited to the Szabo home, with guest ministers and other company for the noon meal . . . and ate our evening meal at the church. We were touched by the several farewell songs sung. It was difficult to bid these loved ones farewell, knowing we would soon be returning to our free land where we have so many blessings. After church, the young people walked with us to a well-known castle, where we had a singing in a tower until 11:00. We were amazed that they could sing praises to the Lord in a public place. We were also amazed at how many songs they had memorized. It seemed they had the song book memorized in anticipation of a time they might not be allowed to use them.

On Monday, we met some of the young people in a beautiful park. One of the young brothers told us that all the brothers must go to prison at age 18 because they won't bear arms. The sentence is for 3 years, but is often reduced.

We were surprised at the number of people who saw us off at the train. The visit was an experience we'll never forget. We would encourage anyone planning a trip to Europe to include a visit to Budapest.

#### CROGHAN NY Alice Virkler

Do we fully realize what a fortunate and privileged people we really are? Can we be thankful enough for the many blessings and opportunities shared unto us daily? How fortunate we are when we can assemble together in God's house, so protected by our government and so unhindered from the outside world. We can enjoy the love and fellowship which flows from heart to heart, when we greet those who come to visit us from a distant church, and when we can travel to assemble together with those of like mind and faith in another church. Let each of us fully appreciate these blessings bestowed upon the true and faithful, who can assemble themselves together around God's wonderful word.

We were truly reminded of God's wonderful promises and the warnings shared to us through the word, when our Bro. Gary Maibach of Rittman was with us for evening services. How true and plain God's word was revealed to us.

On the week-end of Aug. 2 and 3, we were privileged to assemble with the Naumburg congregation, for the wonderful occasion of the testimonies and baptism of our dear friends, Anita Meeker, wife of Bro. Charles, and Everett and Betty Virkler. Our elder Bros. Rudolph Graf of Akron and John Bahler of Rockville served us for the week-end. Also bringing us the word on Sunday, Aug. 3, was Bro. Eugene Pamer of Akron. Surely we can see the fruits of their work, when we see God's word fulfilled in the hearts of loved ones who turn their back to the world and all it has to offer, and surrender to our wonderful Lord and Saviour.

A dear brother was taken from this life, after being in the hospital for a week. Bro. Asa Virkler passed away on July 27, at the age of 84 years. He has been a patient at the Bender Convalescent Home for sometime, where he was confined to a wheel-chair with arthritis. Funeral services were held on July 30, with Bro. John Widrick officiating. Our deepest sympathy is extended to his son, Jacob; his grandson, Darin; his sisters, Sis. Lena (Jonas) Virkler and Sis. Sarah Farney; and his brother, Bro. Arthur. Arthur is also afflicted with complications of arthritis, and he and his wife, Sis. Pernal, are not able to assemble with us many times.

Sisters Laura (Virkler) Farney and Sarah Virkler have taken up their residence in the Extended Care Facility of the Lewis County General Hospital, in Lowville.

We are thankful that Sisters Lydia (Leo) Virkler and Barbara Virkler have been able to assemble with us again, after returning home from hospital stays. Also, Sis. Pam Herzig could assemble with us, after being confined to her home several weeks because of illness.

Our annual business meeting was held on July 31. May each of those elected and re-elected to offices be strengthened by the grace of God to carry on the duties given to them.

#### EUREKA IL Cathryn Wettstein Salome Schumacher

Thru the month of July we were blessed with the visits of three ministering brothers: Bros. Har-

old Schmidgall—Gridley, Willis Wiegand—Goodfield, Ed Aeschleman—Union City.

Bro. Dan Wiegand was a hospital patient, but is now home again. Sis. Leah Moser is a medical patient in Eureka Hospital.

Two births: A son, Eric James, to Bro. and Sis. Jim and Linda Vierling on July 11 . . . A daughter to Bro. and Sis. Steve and Vickie Martin. She was born July 27. Her name is Shari Lynn.

Another soul is seeking the Lord in repentance. She is Mary Beth Blunier, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Sam and Elizabeth Blunier.

These are the names of our newest residents at the "Home": (Sisters), Emma Schumacher (Bro. Andy's wife), Roanoke; Ollie Kempf, Priscilla Fehr—Eureka; Mary Jacobs—Morton (Bro. Emanuel's wife); Anna Mangold—Eureka.

The Apostolic Christian Home will have an open house for the new wing recently opened. It will be the 24th of August (Sunday) from 2:00 til 4:00 p.m. The public is invited.

Jesus Christ, our captain, has not promised us a smooth voyage across the sea of life, but he has promised us a safe anchorage in the eternal Haven of Rest, if we stay true and faithful to Him.

#### FT SCOTT KS

Ida Sinn

Bro. George Lambert was with us today and gave of himself, to bring us a Scripture message for our inner body.

Our Vacation Bible School and along with it was an adult Bible class, was well attended. It was culminated with a picnic at the park. The children presented a program of the songs which they had learned.

Sis. Mary Huber had surgery here and has returned to her home at Holton, Ks . . . Sis. Rose Crane had ear surgery at Tulsa, Oklahoma. She is home and improving.

Jeffery Fischer, son of Bro. Lyle and Sis. Lillian, fell off a load of hay and was hospitalized, with both arms broken.

#### JUNCTION OH

Benita Schlatter - Betty Manz

We enjoyed a very blessed weekend, when our Friend Mary Suttor became our sister in faith. Elder

Bro. Noah Schrock (Oakville) assisted Bro. Loren Stoller with this work. Other visiting ministers this month have been Bros. Ray Sinn (Latty), Marvin Stieglitz and Maurice Frank (Leo), and John Steiner (Oakville).

On July 3, Sis. Louise Drayer from Cissna Park became the wife of Bro. Emmanuel Manz. We welcome Sis. Louise.

Bro. Henry Manz was hospitalized for a few days and is home again.

#### INDIANAPOLIS IN

Patrick and Judy Dubach

A happy life is built up of little clumps of violets noticed by the roadside, hidden away almost so that only those who can see them who have God's peace and love in their hearts . . . in one long continuous chain of little joys, little whispers from the spiritual world, little gleams of sunshine on our daily walk.

Visiting and richly blessing us again in July were ministers, Bros. Carl Kipfer—Bluffton, Elmer Hartter—Milford, and Ed Bahler—Remington.

The engagement was made known here of Sis. Cathy Neuenchwander, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Chuck and Doris, to Bro. Tom Freed of Kiowa, son of Bro. and Sis. Allan and Edith Freed of Phoenix. A Sept. 28 wedding is planned by the couple.

#### LESTER IA

Alice Metzger - Donna Metzger

On Aug. 1 we received a lovely soaking rain, after a very hot and dry July. Our crops and pastures have suffered, but we hope with more rains we may still harvest a fair crop.

Two recent weddings took place in our church. On July 20, Elder Bro. Sam Anliker, Lamont, was our guest minister for the wedding of Sis. Darlene Wulf, daughter of Bro. Bill and Sis. Leona, and Bro. Arden Stoller, Bern . . . On July 27, Elder Bro. Lester Hartter, Bern, and Bro. Nathan Stoller, Bradford, were here for the wedding of Sis. Patsy Metzger, daughter of Bro. Roy and Sis. Evelyn, and Bro. Leland Esslinger, Bern. We feel a twinge of sadness to have our dear young sisters move away, but the Lord willed it so and they will soon feel at home in the Bern church.

We welcomed visiting ministers, as well as all visitors. Recently we were privileged to have in our midst Bros. Bert Butikofer, Elgin (Ia.), and Perry Zimmerman, Forrest.

Two little pink and white bundles have arrived. On July 6, Dianne Sue was born to Bro. Tony and Sis. Pam Bosch. Grandparents are Bro. Alvin and Sis. Estelle Leuthold and Mr. and Mrs. Andy Bosch . . . And on July 17, Danielle Lea was born to Bro. Dale and Sis. Diane Stickling. Grandparents are Bro. Paul and Sis. Betty Jean Leuthold and Bro. Herman and Sis. Evelyn Stickling.

Hospital patients have been Sis. Gladys Knobloch and Bro. Emil Metzger. Bro. Emil lies gravely ill, suffering the ravages of cancer. The prayers of many make his lot bearable.

Sis. Shirlee DeHaan is in Des Moines, for a year of internship in cytotechnology at Mercy Hospital. Her address is 1229 7th St. Apt 2, Des Moines Iowa.

As conference time approaches, let us all give prayerful intercession for our ministers, and especially our elders.

#### MANSFIELD OH

Lucille Groh

REMEMBER NOW THY CREATOR IN THE DAYS OF THY YOUTH, WHILE THE EVIL DAYS COME NOT, NOR THE YEARS DRAW NIGH, WHEN THOU SHALT SAY, I HAVE NO PLEASURE IN THEM . . .

On July 20, Ohio Youth Fellowship Day was enjoyed by many members and friends. God granted us a beautiful sunshiny day, and our hearts were filled to overflowing as our youth from Akron, Sardis, Latty, Rittman and Mansfield praised God in song and worship. The theme for the day was, **Youth, the Future of the Church**. We want to take this opportunity to thank all who participated in any way to make this day so enjoyable. We thank our elder, Bro. Rudolph Graf, and ministering brothers, Harold Emch (Girard), Ray Sinn (Latty), Roy Wieland (Detroit), Gene Pamer (Akron), Ben Hartzler (Rittman), and Paul Gasser (Akron) for bringing us God's word. A special thanks to Sis. Marcella Sauder for managing the meals, which was a big undertaking.

An estimated crowd of 500 attended the evening song service and meditation. As the sun sank in the west and the last lines of **Blest Be the Tie That Binds** climaxed the end of a perfect day, we could all say, "It was good to have been here".

On July 4, Bro. and Sis. Richard Sauder had the misfortune of their barn burning down. Lost in the fire was a pet pony and a large amount of hay. However, it is so wonderful how God protects his own, as only minutes before the Sauder children had been in the barn and had left the cows out.

Hospitalized were: Sis. Theresa Kissel (heart), Sis. Elizabeth Dotterer, Bro. David Beer . . . and friends, Noah Sauder, Larry Beard (motorcycle-car accident) . . . Jerry Roberts is now home from Children's Hospital, but is a bed patient. His address is 1727 South Main Street Rd., Mansfield, Ohio . . . Other little folk experiencing injuries, Heidi Oesch (Sis. Katherine) had the misfortune of getting a crushed foot in a farm accident, and Randy Sauder (Richard) broke his arm while climbing a tree.

Bro. James (Jr.) and Sis. Cheryl are the parents of a new baby boy named Jeremy Lee. Jeremy has another brother and two sisters who will take good care of him.

Our community has been saddened this past month in the loss of four dear ones. We certainly extend our sympathy to the bereft families.

Sis. Katie Blumenshine left us on July 6. She was born Aug. 4, 1895 in Austria-Hungary and came here at an early age. She was a faithful sister, having served the Lord since August 25, 1918. She was the operator of the Tappan Stove Co. cafeteria for many years. Surviving are three brothers, Adam, Henry and John Blumenshin, and one sister, Mrs. John (Margaret) Mayer.

Friend James Durkin passed away on July 16. He was born Sept. 14, 1910, and was married to Sis. Dorothy Fuhrer Durkin. He was a retired employee of the Standard Oil Company. He is survived by his wife, Sis. Dorothy Fuhrer Durkin; 3 daughters, Marlene, at home, and Mrs. Robert (Gloria) Fidler and Mrs. Edgar (Judy) Custer, and one son, Richard Durkin.

Sis. Esther Fuhrer Gilliom, age 77, widow of Elmer Gilliom went to sleep on July 21, 1975. She was born January 16, 1898 in Vera Cruz, Indiana, and lived in this area most of her life. She was converted August 25, 1918, and served her Saviour faithfully over 56 years. She and Bro. Elmer were married June 8, 1924 by Elder Bro. Ernest Graf, their wedding being the first one performed in Mansfield by Bro. Graf. Surviving are one son, John; six daughters, Sis. Betty Gilliom, with whom she made her home, Mrs. Nickolas (Margaret) Miu, Mrs. Ruben (Frances) Sorg, Mrs. Jessie (Helen) Buford, Mrs. James (Dorothy) Chambers and Mrs. Donald (Mary) Fulk; and six sisters, Mrs. Tillie Fuhrer Oesch, Misses Aldine and Martha Fuhrer, Mrs. Donald (Nami) Cordrey, Mrs. Nellie Groh and Mrs. Mary Sauder.

Sis. Martha Kleshinski, age 68, was relieved from her suffering after an extended illness. She was born Feb. 22, 1907 in Mansfield and had lived here all her life. On Nov. 28, 1929, she married Bro. Martin. She was converted May 20, 1942. Because she liked to talk about the new Jerusalem, the last chapter in Revelation was read and meditated on at her funeral rites. Surviving are her husband, Bro. Martin, who so faithfully cared for her through her illness; two daughters, Mrs. Alex (Beverly) Cole of Lucas, Ohio, and Sis. Mary Kleshinski of Largo, Florida; three brothers and two sisters, all living in California.

Why should we weep for those who sleep?

Our God doth comfort give.  
Above the night, in realms of light

Our dead in Christ still live.  
Our God is God not of the dead  
Who cease to see and know;  
He is the God of saints who live  
Where joys forever flow.

#### Know Each Other Better

Precious memories, how they linger; how they ever flood my soul; in the stillness of the midnight, precious scenes unfold . . . Sixty-four years of precious memories will have been shared by our dear Bro. Aaron and Sis. Katie Sauder, if God permits them to celebrate their wedding anniversary

on July 30.

Sometimes we take our wonderful aged brothers and sisters for granted, and because they have always been with us, we forget they are in the golden years and we should try and glean as many blessings from them as we can. How rich the younger member can be if he or she spends some precious moments with our aged members, oh, the reward of visiting with them one hour is very uplifting.

Aaron was born Oct. 29, 1887, the son of Bro. Amos Sauder and Sis. Mary Matthes. Amos was a minister of the Mansfield congregation for many years; Mary Matthes was the daughter of Elder William Mathes of Mansfield.

Aaron was converted in 1909 and has served the Lord for almost 66 years. The day before Aaron actually began to repent, an old faithful brother had passed to his reward, and the thought came, "If that would have been me that had died, I would not have been prepared to meet my God". So God, with His finger of love, touched Aaron, and he yielded to the Master's call. One year after baptism, he started to lead singing in church under the direction of old Bro. Peligren. One of his favorite hymns in the Zion's Harp is No. 1, Praise Ye the Lord.

On July 30 1911, Bro. Aaron was married to Sis. Katie Schneider. Katie was born Oct. 18, 1889; at the age of 11, her mother died, and Katie prayed to the Lord that she might live long enough to be able to repent and go to heaven someday and be with her mother. This prayer was answered on Feb. 17, 1908; at the age of 18, she was baptized. Oh the loving deeds she has shared with so many of us, God alone knows them all. Perhaps the most common expression she has when one asks how she is, "Oh, we can't be thankful enough to the Lord for all He has done for us". The many words of encouragement and loving smiles to young and old alike will never be forgotten.

Life has been a mixture of sunshine and rain for the Sauder family. They are the parents of 9 children, all of which are living but one, Sis. Bertha. Bertha went to be with her Lord a number of years ago.

As a young child, I often remem-

ber Bro. Aaron and Sis. Katie meeting us at the front door of the church with a warm handclasp and hearty welcome, to member and friend alike. Many snowy mornings, Aaron and Katie went to church very early in the day, to make sure that the furnace was working and shoveled the walks for our convenience. Yes, precious memories, how they linger . . . I suppose a youngster remembers little things that most grown-ups don't think about . . . like Bro. Aaron reaching for the long pole used to open the tall windows on a hot summer day. The windows were different in the older churches than they are today. In our old church, the windows were very high, and it took a special pole to open them . . . so when Aaron would perform this duty, the children were awe-stricken.

Now in the sunset hours of life, Aaron and Katie are still able to be with us almost every Sunday, when at all possible still visit the sick and shut-ins, as the Bible teaches us, **What ye have done unto the least of these my brethren, ye have done unto me.**

#### MILFORD IN

Linda Beer - Nettie Haab

On July 19 and 20, we were privileged to hear the testimony and witness the baptism of Bonnie Steffen. Her parents are Bro. Walt and Sis. Dorothy.

Our friend, Kathy Beer has turned her back on the world and is seeking the Lord in repentance. Kathy's parents are Bro. Jesse and Sis. Shirley.

Our dear faithful Sis. Mary Armbruster passed away July 11. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her, but we can find comfort knowing she is with her Saviour.

Bro. Bob Meyer of Bluffton spent July 27 with us. We certainly appreciated his visit and the messages he brought us.

Sis. Kathy Price has moved to Sarasota, where she will be attending school. She is the daughter of Bro. Glen and Sis. Kathryn.

Sis. Inez Brooks has been ill. We hope she will soon be able to assemble with us again.

#### NAUMBURG NY

Eleanor Herzig

We were blessed richly on July

14 and 15, when Bro. Gary Maibach from Rittman was in our midst and spoke the good word unto us.

We truly enjoyed a very blessed week-end August 2 and 3, when three dear souls were added to the fold. We were privileged to hear the testimonies and witness the baptisms of Anita Meeker (Bro. Charles), and Everett and Betty Virkler. How wonderful to greet them as our new brother and sisters in faith. We are happy the Lord is increasing our small congregation one by one. Elder Bros. John Bahler and Rudy Graf were with us for this occasion. Also with us the same week-end was ministering Bro. Eugene Pamer from Akron, who also shared the good word unto us.

Henry Beyer, son of Sis. Nina and the late Bro. Ralph, and Barbara Dinger, from Syracuse, were married on July 7.

Peter and Sis. Luanne Beyer welcomed little Andrew Ralph into their home as their first child, on July 13. Grandparents are Sis. Nina Beyer and Bro. and Sis. Carl Gerst from Oakville.

Hospitalized were Sis. Viola Karcher, Sis. Lucy Hany . . . and Bro. Ronald Herzig for knee surgery.

Our annual meeting was held on July 31.

It is collection time for the Silver Lining. You may give your dues to your reporter.

#### NEW MARTINSVILLE WV

Minnie Weltz — Della Witschey

Very hot, humid weather and high pollution has been the order of the day here for the last of July and first few days of August; a good rain was given us on August 3, but high temperatures held on for several days. Miss Mabel Barth, a former resident but now residing in Denver, Colorado, is spending three months here.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Witschey of Belmont, O., were visitors with Della Witschey on July 30.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Berger, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Durig, Della Witschey and Minnie Weltz attended services at the Sardis Church on Sunday, July 27.

Miss Margaret Witschey and Mrs. Elizabeth Hawkins visited their brother, Ralph and family

in Parkersburg, the week of July 20.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Barth of Parkersburg visited home folks here on August 3.

Mrs. Bonnie Hawkins has returned from a three-week tour of several countries, being one of a group that make these tours each year in the interest of higher education.

The annual homecoming for the past teachers, pupils and friends of the Limestone area will be held on Sunday, August 31, at the school; a basket dinner will be served at noon, and a program will be given in the afternoon. All friends of the school are invited to attend.

#### PRINCEVILLE IL

Ruth Ricketts

**Sin's pleasures are for a season, but its wages for eternity.**

How many blessings we can enjoy each day! We feel that in our community we are especially blessed. We have had an ideal growing season, and the corn and beans are far ahead of schedule. We have had some severe storms, but in our immediate area have had no bad hail or wind damage until now. Our gardens are producing abundantly, and everyone's freezers and cupboards are being filled. Truly we are a fortunate people. The trees are all so pretty, with such thick, lush foliage, and the grass has been rich green all summer. May we all take time from this busy world to notice these things and thank God for the many blessings He provides.

I was amazed when I read the usual monthly letter our news correspondent sends to us, that it is estimated, that at least 10,000 people read the Silver Lining each month.

On the first Sunday in July, the engagement of Bro. Rolland Joos and Sis. Linda Baer was made known to the congregation. Parents of the couple are Bro. Walter and Sis. Caroline Joos and Otto and Eleanor Baer. They are planning a September wedding.

Sis. Elizabeth Stoller was honored on her 84th birthday by her family. How thankful we are that she is able to worship with us each Sunday. She lives alone and enjoys working with her flowers.

Debbie Stahl, four-year-old daughter of Bro. Lyle and Sis. Betty, was riding on a bicycle with

her big brother when she got her leg caught. Although she broke two bones in it, she does not have it in a cast, as it was badly bruised and cut. She has been able to come to church again, and we hope before long she will be able to walk again.

We are glad that Cleo Gerst, wife of Bro. Dick, is able to worship with us again after an absence of several weeks following major surgery. She wishes to thank everyone for their cards, gifts, kind deeds and for the prayers uttered in her behalf. She gratefully appreciates everyone's concern for her.

A daughter, Stephanie Jo, was born July 15 to Bro. Robert and Sis. Marge Rumbold. Happy grandparents are Bro. Louie and Sis. Anna Rumbold of Bradford and Bro. Sidney and Sis. Helen Leman of Forrest. Sis. Octavia Erb of Francesville is great-grandmother.

David Alan was born to Bro. Dale and Sis. Joyce Blunier. Daren, Janelle and Doug welcomed their new brother, as did grandparents, Bro. Vernon and Sis. Verda Blunier of Eureka and Bro. John and Sis. Edith Stahl. Sis. Carrie Hodel of Roanoke & Sis. Helen Knapp of Cissna Park are the great-grandmothers.

Bro. Jim Ringger of Bradford came the last Sunday in July and stood beside Bro. Arthur Baurer, as our other ministers were gone. Even though many of our benches were empty, as a number had gone to Wolcott to witness the wedding of Bro. Raymond Baer of our congregation to Sis. Jana Lou Schieler of Wolcott, we received untold blessings. Bro. Jim so tenderly invited the friends and explained about repentance. He likened our lives to the experience of Paul's. When he got as low as he could, then God could speak and use him. It is just the same with us—once He can reach our hearts, He can begin His wonderful work in us.

We welcome Sis. Jana Lu Shieler Baer to our congregation, and trust she will find happiness among us here.

#### REMINGTON IN

**Amelia Schini - Mildred Clauss**

Bro. Art Bahler of the Fairbury congregation was our visiting minister on July 13.

John Schieler, son of Bro. Herb and Sis. Mary Jo, was recently

married to Mary Meyer of Rensselaer. The marriage of Lynn Clauss and Dan Hunt was solemnized on July 19. Lynn's parents are Paul and Wilma Clauss.

On Aug. 2, Jane Braker and Robert Hilton were united in marriage at the home of her parents, Bro. Ben and Sis. Clara.

Melody Knochel, daughter of Bro. Al and Sis. Evelyn has turned to the Lord in repentance. May God grant her much grace as she seeks salvation for her soul.

**Praise is the melody that flows from a heart in tune with God.**

#### SABETHA KS

**Mrs. Joe Steiner**

We welcome Sis. Beth Hartter into our midst. She and Bro. Dennis were married recently and are now making their home in Sabetha.

Sis. Mary Huber was hospitalized and has had surgery.

Our elder brother, Bro. Gene Marti has been employed by Mid-American Dairymen Inc. for some years. They have now transferred him to the Home Office at Springfield, Missouri. He and his wife, Sis. Mary, with their family are moving to Springfield in the first week of August. Their new address will be 1342 Raintree Place, Springfield MO 65804. Their nearest church will be Lamar, although we will expect them back frequently, as he will continue with the oversight of the Sabetha church for the present time.

Our annual business meeting was held to select the Sunday School teachers for the coming year. Serving next year will be Bros. Ben Wysonig, Roger Aberle, Fred Aberle, Martin Beyer and Daryl Meyer, with Bros. Gordon Huber and Gerald Grimm as substitutes. Also serving will be Sisters Janice Wysong, Cheryl Metzger and Shelby Meyer, with (Sis.'s) Ruby Grimm and Barbara Edelman as substitutes.

As has been our custom, Sunday School has recessed for the month of August. It will resume the Sunday after Labor Day.

Bro. Harlan Meyer was re-elected for a two-year term on the board for the A. C. Home.

#### SARDIS OH

**Karen Indermuhle**

"Now faith is the substance of

things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." Bro. Walt Herrman (Princeville) brought us an inspired message on faith. Going out on faith, Bro. Herrman's family came to our church to visit us, not knowing anyone here, yet we were all as family, acquainted through the Lord. Praise God!

If we trust the Lord to guide every step we take to greatest heights or through the valleys, our faith will grow. Our physical eyes will not have to see first, before we believe all things are possible with God.

Bro. Loren Stoller (Latty) brought us a message about these last days. The word is being sent forth today to the ends of the earth and the last events in God's word are swiftly coming to pass. God's children can expectantly be waiting and ready to see the Saviour coming in the clouds. What a glorious day that will be—the beginning of reigning forever with our precious Lord!

Having been gone the Sunday Bro. Loren was here in Sardis, we are really thankful for the tapes made available, so we, too, could be blessed. For those who miss a service for one reason or another, the shut-ins, the aged, those away at school or in the service, the tapes are wonderful. We should appreciate the efforts of those who make and distribute these tapes. We take for granted God's resources until we need to draw from them.

A small group of us went to take part in the Mansfield Youth Day. The day of sunshine was directed by the Lord.

Bro. Harold Emch (Girard) talked to the youth of the church, impressing upon them the responsibilities they have and how important each one is to the future church. God's youth, guided by the Holy Spirit, can help make the church one the Lord will be happy to come and gather Home.

#### TAYLOR MO

**Marie Butikofer - Eleanor Yackley**

"How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!" We were privileged to have the gospel preached unto us by (Bros.) Noah Schrock (Oakville), Joe Aberle (Sabetha), Frederick Knapp (Congerville), and



by our own two ministers, Roy Grimm and Gerald Sutter during the month of July. The Lord never fails to bless us with His word when we pray for our ministering brethren.

The annual Sunday School picnic was followed by a song program presented by the children. We appreciate the efforts of the teachers and the children.

We welcome to our congregation Bro. Ron and Sis. Christy Joos and their children, Eugene and Tamara.

The love of God was again in evidence when we heard the testimonies and witnessed the baptism of our new sisters in faith, Trudie Knapp (Bro. Mike and Sis. Luann) and Sherry Grimm (Bro. Roy and Sis. Dona). This important and impressive work was carried out by our Elder Bro. Roy Sauder (Peoria) and Elder Bro. Ezra Feller (Cissna Park), Sherry's grandfather. (My grandfather used to say something to the effect that it's wonderful when the children repent and are converted, but it's even more wonderful when the grandchildren do.)

Our other visiting ministers present for the baptisms include (Bros.) Art Baurer (Princeville), Bob Grimm (Goodfield), Kenny Dietz (Bradford), and Lenny Meyer (Chicago).

### CHILDREN'S HOME

Terry Farney

In the cool of the early morning hours as the radiant sunlight sifts through a filter of green leaves, there is a sudden klunk, flutter flutter, chirp chirp, heard throughout the Children's Home Chalet. As I rise and look out into that lush, softly illuminated green woods, I see my natural alarm clock, perched on the branch of a twisted and tangled old oak tree. Each morning as the sun rises in the eastern skies, this brightly feathered friend comes to our window with a "crash". It seems that he tries to warn us of the beauties we are missing by staying in bed. So it is, that each morning as we hear and see this brilliantly colored cardinal, that we are entranced in and reminded of the magnificence of Almighty God's creation.

Anyone who has ever had the experience of building, knows that there are many visual changes as the project progresses. Then in the

finishing stages of building, the visual advancements lessen, especially when the sanding, staining, and varnishing take place. It is at this point that the East unit stands at this time.

There will still be a need for painters, wallpaperers, and stainers in the coming month. We do truly appreciate each and every volunteer that comes. Again we would like to thank all those who have helped in this past month.

### BURLINGTON IA

Edna Pohl - Elaine Eisenmann

"For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew himself strong in behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him . . ." Surely it behooves us to walk closely to the Lord, as the days of evil progress more and more.

The last Sabbath in July was a blessed one in our congregation. Our friend, Lynn Townsend was baptized unto a new life in the Lord. The evening before was also a blessed one in hearing Lynn's testimony, with many visitors present. Hymns rang out from the hearts of others redeemed. We truly can rejoice with the angels in heaven for each soul saved from sin and bondage.

The first Sabbath in August was another day of rejoicing in the Lord, who brought Bro. Vernon Wettstein and others with him.

Others vacationing stopped to worship with us . . . always a blessing to greet brothers and sisters in the Lord.

Aug. 19-20, Bro. Delbert Indermuhle and Sis. Martha hope to be with us before the conference, their first visit here from Sardis. We enjoyed a blessed visit with them last fall while traveling in the south. They took us to see the church of earlier days at New Martinsville, W. Va . . . takes us back to our childhood in seeing old churches . . .

Our sister, Ruth Swanson sends her sincere thanks for the many cards and gifts in behalf of her long illness (a daughter of Michael and Mary Wagler Nicholas of Fairbury).

### ELGIN IA

Eleanor Butikofer

We have so much to appreciate—provided by the Lord. Each sea-

son has its attractions, but for me, the very best is summer . . . With its many good things from the garden, the crops from the fields, its abundance of bright flowers and fruits makes it a delightful time of the year. At the moment, the marigolds in hues of yellow and orange are one of the prettiest.

The Grimm reunion was held at Elkader this year. Many from far and near attended. Some of Bro. Ed Grimm's children were able to visit their homeplace, which meant a host of pleasurable memories for them. About 140 relatives were in attendance.

With great feeling and devotion, the poets have paid much honor to mothers, and well they should. Without a mother's presence in the home, it often falls apart . . . But we shouldn't forget that fathers too have their day.

Mrs. Bruce Dodd felt that a special day should be set aside to honor fathers . . . With the assistance of others, she was able to get that day proclaimed in 1909. Since then, the third Sunday in June has been set aside as Father's Day. One of the ten commandments given to the Israelites as they made their journey to the Promised land was a commandment with promise. "Honour thy father & thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land . . ."

I read this a son wrote: "My father left me 160 acres of good land, but far more valuable than the land was the influence of his life." He concluded by saying, "I have tried to follow in his footprints, because he followed in the footprints of One far greater than either of us." . . . Being a father is a great challenge and opportunity. When the Psalmist wanted to describe the Heavenly Father's compassion, he compared Him to the earthly father by saying, "Like as a father pitieth his children, so the LORD pitieth them that fear him."

May fathers accept the challenge to be the kind of father whose children will hold him in loving memory and good esteem for years to come. With God's help, this can be achieved.

We were richly blessed by the following visiting ministers: Bros. Marvin Schmidgal, Eureka; Uriel Gehring, Burlington; Nathan Stef-

fen, Elgin; Gerald Sutter, Taylor; Corbin Bahler, Rockville.

Am closing with a happy and thankful note . . . both my mother, Sis. Lizzie Schneider and Sis. Lena Schupbach were both well enough to attend church services the last two Sundays.

#### FORREST IL

Kathryn Steidinger  
Beverly Eisenmann

God knows when you're discourag-  
ed

He knows when you are blue.  
He knows if you need comforting—  
He watches over you.

He knows when things are going  
wrong,

And friends seem to be few.  
When trials and troubles get you  
down,  
He watches over you.

He's always near in time of need,  
When dark clouds are in view,  
And when you think you can't go  
on—

He watches over you.

And when you really need a friend,  
One who's kind and true,  
Just put your faith and trust in  
Him.

He watches over you.

There have been sickness and ac-  
cidents among those in our congrega-  
tion. Candice Stoller (Bro. John  
and Sis. Patsy), Wayne Gerber  
(Bro. Earl and Sis. Esther), Sis.  
Elsie Waibel, Sis. Martha Koehl,  
Kathy Kupferschmid (Bro. Orville  
and Sis. Marlene), and Sis. Clara  
Honegger were medical patients.  
Bro. Albert Wenger was in for tests.  
Sis. Jean Ricketts and Sis. Betty  
Nussbaum had surgery and are at  
home again. Pauline Henry is a  
surgical patient. Jeff Zimmerman  
(Bro. Glen and Sis. Mildred) had  
a head injury and was hospitalized  
for several days. Bro. Homer Blu-  
nier hurt his leg in a mishap at  
home and was laid up a few days.

Bros. Bob Pohl of Burlington and  
Dave Wiegand of Urbana brought  
us the word of God in its truth and  
sincerity.

Bro. Bill and Sis. Mary Masters  
are the parents of Nathan William.  
He joins Ronnie, Lisa, Aaron, Cory,  
Ricky, and Jeremy. Grandparents  
are Ed and Sis. Mary Ann Plattner

. . . Lori Kay is the new daughter  
of Gary and Jane Brown. She has  
a brother, Brad. Bro. Wayne and  
Sis. Eleanor Honegger are grand-  
parents . . . Bob and Sis. Elaine  
Mueller have another boy, Robert  
George. Their other children are  
Steven, Stephanie, and Brian.  
Grandparents are Bro. Si and Sis.  
Marie Hohulin.

We sympathize with Bro. Roy  
Metz, Sis. Betty Nussbaum, and  
Sis. Mary Ann Plattner in the death  
of their son and brother, Earl, who  
passed away suddenly, several  
days after he fell from construction  
scaffolding.

July 20 was the wedding of Pat  
Roth (Bro. Les and Sis. Ruth) and  
Tackis Paplomatas. They are mak-  
ing their home in Peoria.

"I wish to thank everyone for  
the cards and gifts received since  
I'm at Fairview Haven. Sis. Car-  
rie Wiegand."

#### GOODFIELD IL

Elna Grimm - Verna Hartter

When the great plants of our cities  
Have turned out their last work;  
When our merchants have sold  
their last yard of silk  
And dismissed the last tired clerk,  
When our banks have raked in  
their last dollar  
And paid the last dividend;  
When the judge of earth says,  
Close for the night  
And asks a balance—WHAT  
THEN?

When the choir has sung its last  
anthem,  
And the preacher has made his last  
prayer;  
When the people have heard their  
last sermon  
And the sound has died on the air;  
When the Bible lies closed on the  
altar  
And the pews are all empty of  
men,  
And each one stands facing his re-  
cord—  
And the great Book is opened—  
WHAT THEN?

When the actors have played their  
last drama  
And the mimic has made his last  
fun,  
When the film has flashed its last  
picture  
And the billboard displayed its  
last run;

When the crowds seeking pleasure  
have vanished  
And gone out in the darkness  
again—

When the trumpet of ages has  
sounded,  
And we stand before Him—WHAT  
THEN?

"But of that day and hour know-  
eth no man, no, not the angels of  
heaven, but my Father only. But  
as the days of Noe were, so shall  
also the coming of the Son of man  
be. For as in the days that were be-  
fore the flood they were eating and  
drinking, marrying and giving in  
marriage, until the day that Noe  
entered into the ark . . ."

Our friend, Linda Hohulin—  
Bloomington, daughter of Bro. and  
Sis. Chris and Vi, Goodfield, was  
married to Jim Schmidt—Good-  
field, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald  
Schmidt of Wheeling, on July 12  
. . . Beth Hohulin, daughter of Bro.  
and Sis. Harold and Carol, Good-  
field was married to Steve Mallory,  
son of the Dave Mallorys of Eur-  
reka, on July 13.

Jan Ellis, wife of Mike E. and  
daughter of Bro. Ernest Diggle-  
man, Bloomington, has given her  
tesimony and was baptized into  
the faith on July 5 and 6, respec-  
tively.

We were very thankful for a vis-  
it from Bro. Francis Rother, Mor-  
ton, on July 13. He so firmly re-  
minded us of the importance of our  
calling.

Sis. Gerry Plattner (Bro. Har-  
old) submitted to major surgery  
on July 11; she is now at home, and  
much improved. "My thanks to all  
of you for your cards, gifts, and  
prayers while I was in the hospi-  
tal, and since returning home. Sin-  
cerely, Gerry Plattner."

"I want to thank so many loved  
ones for cards and kindnesses that  
were done while I was getting well.  
Sincerely, Hilda Leman."

#### GRIDLEY IL

Mrs. Perry Klopfenstein

The wonder and miracle of life  
is indeed manifest in the birth of  
a child. God alone is the Giver of  
all life, and what special blessing it  
is when He entrusts unto us a pre-  
cious new soul to nurture and care  
for. A little child, so pure and inno-  
cent, so fresh from God, can  
brighten and refresh our hearts

with joy and overwhelming love.

Bro. John and Sis. Jill Schlipf are the happy parents of a new baby girl. Jodie Marie was born on July 26, and has twin brothers, Jason and Jaron. Her grandparents are Bro. Ralph and Sis. Winifred Schlipf of Gridley and Bro. Willis and Sis. Elna Nussbaum of Forrest. Her great-grandparents are Sis. Louise Schlipf and Sis. Lillian Fenton, both of Gridley.

Our ministering brother, Byron Stoller, was united in marriage to Sis. Carol Ringger on August 3. A wedding ceremony is a declaration of a beautiful bond of love and unity which exists, not only in the hearts of the bride and the groom, but which binds every true believer to his precious Lord. As the bride and groom make their vows and declare their devotion to one another, may each child of God realize anew that he too is betrothed to one Husband, who gave His life that He might sanctify unto Himself a glorious church.

We were glad for the visits of Ministering Bros. Glenn Hackenjos from Altadena, Clarence Kachelmuss from Forrest, and Ken Schneider from Remington.

### LATTY OH

Le Ann Laukhuf  
Karen Klopfenstein

Sis.'s Frieda Kipfer and Nola Stoller, after a short stay in the hospital are now at home.

Dwight Stoller and Lori Laukhuf were united in marriage on July 19. Parents are Bro. Wayne and Sis. Dorothy and Ed and Mary Laukhuf.

Many of our young friends enjoyed Youth Day at Mansfield on July 20.

We sincerely enjoyed the fellowship of the Lester young group. We appreciate the effort they made to come and visit us from such a far distance.

Bro. Dennis and Sis. Carol Klopfenstein are making their home in the vicinity of Congerville, as Dennis has accepted new employment in Illinois.

The farewell greeting sounds in one accord . . .  
Our hearts are yet in close communion beating;  
In Jesus Name we bid the farewell greeting.

### PHOENIX AZ

Julie Hoerr

Our sympathy is extended to Sis. Kate Blumenschein (widow of Bro. Carl) in the loss of her sister-in-law, Sis. Kate Blumenschein (Mansfield).

The engagement of Bro. Tom Freed and Sis. Kathy Neuenchwander (Indianapolis) was announced July 6. Tom's parents are Bro. Allen and Sis. Edith, and Kathy's parents are Bro. Charles and Sis. Doris. They plan a September wedding.

On Sunday, July 20, the engagement of Bro. John Dotterer and Sis. Jeanne Schick (Morton) was made known. Bro. John and Sis. Dolly are Jeanne's parents, and Bro. Joe and Sis. La Vina are John's parents. They also plan a September wedding.

Friend Cathy Kovacsics was hospitalized at Scripp Clinic; we are grateful she is able to assemble with us again.

"God never changes—It's us that change" was the message brought by Bro. Jim Hoerr (Peoria). We pray God will bless Bro. Jim for his labors.

We welcome Jim Laukhuf (Rittman), who plans to attend college here. Jim's parents are Bro. Alvin and Sis. Katherine . . . We also welcome Sis. Joan Mogler (Iowa City), who is attending a nurse practitioner course at Prescott.

Bro. Paul and Sis. Ida Froelich are grateful for the many prayers . . . we miss them assembling with us.

### ROCKVILLE CT

Carlton J. Lanz

There is reason for rejoicing in a church, when it sees there is growth, when new converts come and with a strong desire want to be included as one of their number . . . as a Christian. This then, when it takes place, seems that there is a softening of hearts, a renewed interest and, an awakening of religious stimulation. We see nothing that can bring joy more to the church & its believers, than one in repentance, with a feeling of remorse searching for his or her salvation.

With the love of God manifested and His Spirit felt among us, we enjoyed a most blessed week-end . . . just passed . . . when with several visiting brethren we could wit-

ness the provings and the baptisms of 8 dear young friends who had been waiting for this important occasion.

Three of the young men, not of our faith, yet in their search saw the eternal values, they said. Elders, Bros. Sam Anliker—Lamont, Ezra Feller—Cissna Park took part with Bro. John Bahler, our elder, in the presenting the questions to each convert. In their testimonies, they praised God and recognized that it was only the power in His love that brought them step by step through this marvelous achievement . . . their salvation.

Not overstating the joys we experienced with these brethren with us, including (Bros.) Robert Beyer and Arthur Gudeman, were overwhelming. These brethren pointed out that this precious faith of ours we should hold to. They also stressed the importance of being obedient. All converts expressed their convictions, that they wanted no change or easing in the order or traditions of this faith of ours. The names of these added to our brotherhood are: Wally Carlson, Billie Cone, Kenneth Boynton, Cindy Lanz, Amy Luginbuhl, Ann Farney, Jan Gottier and Diane Aberle. These all began their new life and went on their way rejoicing.

Our church hosted a reunion of soldier brethren and friends who had been in Service in the last conflict, the Vietnam War. Sixty had registered for the occasion, having come from several states. There were 400 dinners served at the church. Fellowship, with the exchange of greetings and the reminiscence of acquaintances was warm and most friendly. All seemed to enjoy this event. Bro. Gary Maibach of Rittman, who had also been in the service, now serving in the ministry, enhanced the occasion when he opened the Scriptures to the church and revealed many of the wonderful works and will of Almighty God. His message was edifying and well received.

Births: A son, Damian Luke, to Sis. Heidi and Bro. Gerald Ludwig. Grandparents are Bro. Edwin and Ernestine Aberle and Sis. Lina Ludwig . . . A son, Benjamin Thomas, to Bro. Sherman and Sis. Joanne Lanz; grandparents to the infant are Otto and Alma (Moser) Lanz and Bro. Ernest and Sis. Aline

Ballasy . . . a son, Todd Michael, to Bro. Donald and Sis. Sandy Schneider. Grandparents are Bro. and Sis. David Schlatter, Bay City, and Sis. Gladys and Bro. Albert Schneider, Rockville.

### TOKYO JAPAN

#### Yoshio Yamazaki - Marie Inoue

We had a real blessed fellowship meeting for 3 days the last week of July in Uenohara, a mountainous area between Tokyo and Shioda. Our meetings were held in a large home, which can accommodate meetings, meals, and overnight guests. Most vegetables and fish served were grown locally. Regular services were held, with **John the Baptist** being the theme. Among important events in his life considered were: 1. Prophecy fulfilled of his birth (in Isaiah); 2. Humbleness—feeling unworthy even to unlace the Saviour's shoes; 3. His message of repentance; 4. Though he did no miracles, he served the Lord faithfully in other ways, which we can do today; 5. He died a martyr's death.

The fellowship meeting was also a chance to enjoy God's beautiful creation—rivers and mountains—and to fellowship with brethren and friends, of which 25 were present.

Our new teachers for the Shioda schools are scheduled to arrive next Friday. We trust they will have a safe journey. Sis. Marie and Koichi Inoue arrived safely, after a most enjoyable visit in the U.S. They take this opportunity to express appreciation for all kindness shown to them.

### TREMONT IL

#### Lydia Rassi - Mary Jane Leuthold

Our concern this month extends to a number of friends and brethren:

Don Kaiser, son of Sis. Marlene and Bro. Mel Kaiser, is recuperating at home now, after hospitalization injuries he sustained while riding his bicycle. We are thankful that he is doing so well.

Bro. Merle Getz had surgery the beginning of August, and Bro. Herman Laidig is at Barnes Hospital in St. Louise. Bro. Christ Pflederer is also a hospital patient.

Kenneth Rocke, son of Bro. Orval and Sis. Doris Rocke, has been suffering from acute eye injuries.

### WEST BEND IA

#### Mrs. Melvin Fehr

#### Mrs. Raymond Anliker

Bro. Earl and Sis. Edna Banwart bid a fond farewell to Lars Jenson, an exchange student from Denmark. Lars always attended Sunday School and Bible Class gatherings. Lars gained many friends, and will be missed and long remembered in our congregation. Lars was with the Banwarts a year; we all wish him God's blessings back home.

Our hospital patients were Kevin Banwart (son of Bro. Alvin and Sis. Phyllis), Harold Fisher, Sis. Lillian Mogler (Nathan), Bro. Eugene Bruellman.

Best wishes were extended at a reception to Bro. Cloyce Gress (son of Bro. Fahye and Sis. Marie) and to Sis. Carol Steiner (daughter of Bro. Dan and Sis. Sophie) of Tremont. We welcome Carol into our congregation.

Are we putting forth our efforts to OUR soul's salvation while there is yet time and grace is available? These thoughts were left in our minds as those ministering God's precious word to us this month were Bro. Cleo Rinkenberger of Pulaski, Elder Bro. Paul Fehr of Morris, (Bros.) Merle Bucher of LaCrosse, Albert Wuthrich of Pulaski and Marvin Schmidgall of Eureka.

Our new precious babies are: Leslie James, son of Louis and Joni (Mauk) Schneider . . . grandparents, Bro. Lawrence and Sis. Ella Schneider, born July 16; Colette Marie, born July 30 to Bro. Wayne and Sis. Kathy Fehr . . . grandparents, Bro. Elmer and Sis. Mathilda Fehr and Bro. Eph and Sis. Eunice Koehl of Morris; first-time parents are Bro. Ken and Sis. Ellen Dahlhauser of a girl, Nicole Lee, born Aug. 2; grandparents are Bro. Arnold and Sis. Alice Metzger. May we as parents receive guidance from above for the responsibility that lies on our hearts.

Our prayers go out to our friends, Joel and Teresa Kellenberger on the loss of their son, Jason Michael.

### WOLCOTT IN

#### Marjean Lehman - Arles Kropf

Thus united and in concord let us walk the path of life; hand in hand O may love bind us . . . for each other's welfare strive.

Sis. Janna Lou Schieler (daughter of Sis. Marilyn) was united in marriage to Bro. Raymond Baer (son of Bro. Herman and Sis. Mary) on July 27.

Mary Beth Schwab (daughter of Bro. Vernon and Sis. Arlene) was united in marriage to Fred Basham (son of Mr. and Mrs. John Basham) on July 12.

Bro. Glenn and Sis. Norma Blume wish to express their thanks to their children, relatives, and friends who helped to make this 25th Anniversary a most blessed occasion.

### PEORIA IL

#### Betty Miller

The concept of the Holy Trinity is difficult for us to fathom, but Bro. Ken Hoerr in his sermon Sunday made an interesting analogy that makes it more understandable and, consequently, bears repeating here. Man No. 1 says, "That's my house." (He built it.) . . . Man No. 2 says, "That's my house." (He bought it.) . . . Man No. 3 says, "That's my house." (He lives there.) Now think of the Holy Trinity. God (1) created us . . . Jesus (2) bought us with His blood . . . and, if we have been baptized and prayed over with the laying on of hands, the Holy Ghost (3) lives within us.

We extend a hearty welcome to Bro. Steve and Sis. Vicki Bucher and their son Chris, 5, and daughter Dana, 4. They moved to Washington, Illinois from Mishawaka, Indiana, and have been worshipping with us.

Bro. John Bollier of Leo visited Wed. evening, July 9, and assisted in the proving and baptism of George Rauhaus . . . Kathy Stoller, Sheri Koehl, and Les Wagenbach were baptized July 20. Bro. Harvey Grimm of Bern and Bro. Dave Kieser of Princeville were here. Their sermons and support were greatly appreciated.

Sis. Emma Bolliger passed away. Her funeral was July 23. Many who knew her for years will miss her dearly.

Louie Wagenbach, Bernard Race, Sis. Sophie Leuthold, Bro. Harold Koehl, and Norman Rocke were in the hospital.

Many have been vacationing, and seeing various parts of this great country of ours is thrilling, indeed, when one considers that God creat-

ed it all—the mountains, valleys, plains, hills, flowers, streams, and trees—and such variety in each!

**ROANOKE IL**

**Mae K. Hodel - Edith Sauder**

While hiking the trails in Grand Teton Park, we read signs, "Stay on the path—there is danger in taking a short cut. You endanger not only your life, but others." We witnessed a young lad trying to get to Inspiration Point by climbing the rock, instead of taking the path. He reached the half-way point, and couldn't go up or down. He had no rock climbing equipment, and there he was, clinging to the rock in a pathetic way, calling for help. Others watched, helplessly waiting for a Ranger with the skill to rescue him safely—which he eventually did. We were reminded that we, too, should stay on the straight and narrow path that leads to heaven, and not try and take shortcuts, which not only endanger our spiritual life, but others as well.

Congratulations to Bro. Andy Schumacher, Eureka A. C. Nursing Home—92 years old this month . . . Also to Bro. Jim Weyeneth, who is 83 years old this month. Bro. Pete Pfister, El Paso will be 100 years old August 23. He still enjoys riding with his daughter, Sis. Lena, who cares for him at their home. Hospitalized this month were Sis. Anna (Joe) Zimmerman, Sis. Anna (John) Mangold, Bro. Andy Leman, and John Fehr.

We were privileged to have (Bros.) Kenneth Dietz, Bradford; Walt Hermann, Princeville; Ed Aeschleman, Union City; Elder Bro. David Bertsch, Leo; (Bros.) Steve Rinkenberger, Cissna Park; Vernon Leman and Walt Anliker, Eureka, and Willis Wiegand, Goodfield for our visiting ministers.

Seth Alan, first son, was born to Bro. Les and Sis. Judy Luginbuhl. Suzanne and Lynne are happy to have a little brother.

Pamela Fischer and Ronald Isasia were united in marriage at the Peoria Fellowship Hall on July 12 . . . Denise Leman and Curtis Knepp were united in marriage at the Goodfield Fellowship Hall on Sunday, July 27 . . . Bro. Duane Blunier and Sis. Eileen Hohulin exchanged wedding vows Sunday, Aug. 3.

Our dear friend, Bill Martin (87

years old) gave the testimony of his faith and was baptized July 13. He had been living in California for years, and is now living in Morton at the Restmor Nursing Home, but he wanted to be taken up where he grew up (in Roanoke). He is an uncle to our Elder Bro. Gene Bertschi.

Our daughter, Rachel Sauder was announced that she found peace with God. She will give her testimony and be baptized in the near future.

**UNION CITY & PHILADELPHIA  
Carolyn Roberts**

Friendship—pure, unselfish friendship,  
All through life's allotted span,  
Nurtures, strengthens, widens,  
lengthens,  
Man's relationship with man.

In both of our areas, we had the word brought to us in its truth and sincerity by visiting ministers Bro. Don Sauder of Roanoke and Elder Bro. Dale Eisenman of Chicago.

We extend our best wishes to Friend Billy Orth and Juanito Fenryne, who were united in marriage Aug. 3.

Henry Wartman's wife, Inez, is able to attend services with us. She has been suffering a back ailment.

Bro. Bernie Hilty, our new brother-in-faith who has assembled with us for the past number of months, will surely be missed by all of us. He has returned from the National Institute of Health in Bethesda, Md to his home in Rittman.

**LEO IN**

**Mrs. Elias Souder**

Jeffrey Joseph Getz is the name of the son born to Charlene and Conrad Getz. He is the grandson of Bernice and Louis Getz, and great-grandson of Joseph and Leah Conrad.

Our sister, Mary Lantz is at the Lutheran Hospital at Ft. Wayne, undergoing tests . . . Sis. Mary Souder was on our sick list but is doing better now. Sis. Mina Bertsch is at the Indian Village Health Center, 2237 Engle Rd., Ft. Wayne, doing real well . . . Sis. Jennie Klopfenstein is at the home of her son, William. She has not been so good lately.

Our young people are looking forward to the Youth Day at Camp Mack, which is August 24.

Loren Klopfenstein had a lovely surprise for his mother's birthday when he called and told her he was seeking his soul's salvation.

September, Silver Lining collection at Leo.

See Lynn Klopfenstein for this.

**DETROIT MI**

**Charlotte Barton - Deb Knochel**

"I was glad when the said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD."

Oh how lovely 'tis to be  
With our Lord in unity,  
And united voices raise,  
Him to bring our songs of praise.  
So delightful it is here  
When in Christ's way we appear,  
And in unity do stand,  
All to Him look hand in hand.

We are very thankful for our visitors who worshipped and fellowshiped with us this past month. It is always a joy and blessing to meet and greet our brethren in Christian love. We are especially grateful to Ministering Bros. Walter Rehklau of Toledo, Ed Aeschleman of Union City and Philadelphia, and Roy Wieland of Bay City. Also, a special thank you to those of the Tremont young group who fellowshiped with us July 26 and 27.

Our dear Sis. Perseda Wieland (wife of Ministering Bro. Floyd) is in the hospital, undergoing some tests.

As I see the beauty of summer and share it with others by planting seeds and flowers and caring for them, I am reminded of the beauty found in true Christian hearts. That beauty, too, should be shared with all others. Our love for God and each other is truly needed by all. If we plant our flowers in a hidden corner—who knows it is there? If we keep to ourselves the love God gave us, how will anyone know we care and know the Heavenly Father? Let us nourish and feed each other with godly love, so we all may grow in unity and towards the kingdom of God.

If any little love of mine  
May make a life the sweeter,  
If any little care of mine

May make a friend's the fleeter,  
If any lift of mine may ease  
The burden of another,  
God give me love and care and  
strength  
To help my toiling brother.

#### FT LAUDERDALE FL

**Kathy Sutter - Henry Schwartz**

We rejoice in the news that two of our friends have heeded the call of the Lord. Caroline Akel, daughter of Charles and Sis. Louise, and Denise Mueller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose Mueller, have brought the number of converts in our congregation to a total of five. We are thrilled for them, and pray that they may be established, firm and unshakeable, in their faith.

Bro. Bob Huber has been suffering from a knee injury, and submitted to surgery last week.

We have had many visitors over the summer and have enjoyed good fellowship at numerous singings and picnics. Among our visitors was Elder Bro. Joe Braker of Morton. We felt the presence of the Lord . . .

#### GRIDLEY KS

**Julie Strahm — Wilma Young**

Oh—how we are so oftentimes tempted to complain! Especially in a time such as this lengthy hot and dry spell we are experiencing here in Kansas. A time like this so reminds me of a verse I came across in our Zion's Harp hymnbook.

As the sultry days of summer  
Swiftly ripen earthly grain,  
So in days of dire affliction  
Shall our faith its growth attain,  
And beneath this heat and burden  
Shall the Christian be prepared  
For his happy home in heaven,  
Where God's bliss and joy is shared.

So let us as a little band of Christians look to the Lord—in faith—and know that all things work to the good for those that love the Lord.

We were richly blessed to have Bro. Carl Hartman of Bern and Bro. Max Reinschisel of Wichita to share with us messages of inspiration. We so want to thank them for coming.

Sunday, Aug. 3 was a blessed day for our congregation . . . So many were here from our Kansas congregations representing each of

their Sunday School's Young Groups. A meeting was held following afternoon services, concerning future plans for Camp Fellowship for the Sunday School classes of Kansas and including Lamar Missouri. It is so very wonderful to see so many express concern for the children of God. A basket dinner was held, following the meeting, for everyone.

Another daughter, little Lori Ann, was born July 29 to Sis. Marilyn and Steve Owens. Lori has two sisters—Rhonda 5, and Stephanie 2, to help welcome her home. The happy grandparents are Sis. Wilma and Junior Young and Lorraine Owens.

Sis. Doris (Roy) Bahr has been hospitalized again. Treatment is being submitted to her in the Research Hospital in Kansas City, Missouri. We have really missed having her to assemble with us.

#### OAKVILLE IA

**Martha Wiegand**

Congratulations to Bro. Jack and Sis. Cathy (Schrock) on the birth of their daughter, Melissa Ann, on July 9. She has a brother, Nathan . . . Also congratulations to Joe and Sis. Carol (Massner) Bonneson on the birth of their first child, John Joseph, born July 11. Maternal grandparents are Bro. John and Sis. Ruth Schrock, also Bro. Earl and Sis. Ada Massner.

Sunday School teachers elected for the next term are Sis. Ada (Edwin) Banwart and Bros. Earl Stoller, Doss Massner, Al Wiegand, Eric Massner, and John Rowell.

We enjoyed the messages brought to us by Elder Bro. Raymond Banwart (Ft. Scott) and Bro. Arnold Gerst (Chicago).

#### BAY CITY MI

**Carolyn Schamback**

What joy it was to attend the baptism of two more souls; we welcome Neil and Sharon Ramseyer (son of Bro. Earl and Sis. Mary) as new members of the body of Christ. May God always grant them grace to walk uprightly.

We were privileged to have many visiting ministers; on July 26 and 27, we were hosts for a soldier reunion (wouldn't it be wonderful to see this many in church every Sunday!) . . . and enjoyed hearing God's word from Bros. Bob Walder (Congerville),

Paul Gasser (Akron), Art Bahler (Forrest), and Walter Hermann (Bradford). Also ministering this month were (Bros.) Elmer Witzig (Gridley) and Gary Maibach (Rittman).

Two new additions for two young families: Bro. Ron and Sis. Sharon Schlatter and Jennifer welcome home little Gregory David. Greg's grandparents are Bro. Joe & Sis. Elizabeth Waibel & Bro. Dave & Sis. Margaret Schlatter. The Waibels also have another new granddaughter, Lisa Ann, born to Bro. Bill and Sis. Carol Waibel. Lisa has one big sister, Peggy; her maternal grandparents are Bro. Herb and Sis. Naomi Ramseyer.

With the sick . . . (Bros.) Ed Meister and Ralph Ramsier . . . Ralph is in Cleveland Clinic, where he underwent surgery to replace the arteries to his heart.

#### IOWA CITY IA

**Twila Whipple - April Wiegand**

One Thursday night, due to a mishap, I arrived at church late. As I stood outside, I heard the voice of God's children singing and the rustle as they knelt to pray. Standing there outside the door, I realized how terrible it would be if that door was locked and barred—if it was against the law for God's people to gather together—if I could not go in, and in unison with my brothers and sisters worship God . . . And it made me deeply thankful that we yet have this special blessing, that we are **made to sit together in heavenly places.**

Visiting ministers were Bros. Bill Gudeman from Elgin and John Steiner from Oakville. "And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you; And to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. **And be at peace among yourselves.**"

. . . When your heart turns HEAVENWARD

You find a sweet release  
And you understand the meaning  
Of His mercies never cease . . .  
When life brings pain or sorrow  
Which you feel too weak to bear  
There's strength in God's abiding  
love

And in the power of prayer . . .  
So never start a day unless

There's prayer within your heart,  
And never take an action  
Of which prayer is not a part . . .  
Don't make a firm decision  
Until you've prayed about it,  
For prayer is like a golden gift—  
You just can't do without it . . .  
And though at times you feel as if  
Your prayer has not been heard,  
Remember—God is listening,  
And he hears your every word . . .  
He may not always give the things  
You wished and hoped he would,  
But in His love and wisdom—  
He does all things for your good.

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

In every breeze that's blowing,  
In every blooming flower,  
In every redbird feather  
And sunny morning hour,  
I see the love that's flowing  
From Heaven down to me,  
And this makes me as happy  
As anyone can be . . .  
For I know that I am always  
Protected by God's love  
That's flowing all around me,  
From that great source above!

At this time of the year, we are again enjoying one of God's beautiful seasons. Let each one of us take time to stop, notice, and praise God for each of his unique creations.

We are always glad to see our small congregation grow. During the summer months, we were happy to welcome Bro. Rich Meiss, who has moved here from Peoria, and the Samuel Boe family, who have moved back to this area after spending a year in Chicago. Sam's wife, Janice is the daughter of Bro. Ray and Sis. Millie Schmidgall.

Randall Olson, son of Everett and Sis. Kathryn, has joined the Navy for a 4-yr.-term and is now stationed at Great Lakes, Illinois.

**Time is the workshop of the recipients of immortal riches. It's true, these are troubled times . . . tribulation testing looms ahead for the world . . . our smile may disappear—but whisper a prayer, then wipe those thoughts like a blackboard, and let His smile radiate you. By listening: Replace trouble with promise.**

**Princeville IL**

To be happy, memorize some-

thing good each day; see something beautiful each day; do something helpful each day.

Portals of pain are not problems unsolvable. It is ours, His way of suffering, but also, His eternal views. Touch Him through the portal of prayer. Joy can be rich in the midst of suffering, when we believe . . . joy bursting like the sunshine, and scattering beams on all . . .

**Mansfield OH**

Strange gift indeed!—a thorn to prick—

To pierce into the very quick,  
To cause perpetual sense of pain.  
Strange gift! And yet, 'twas given for gain.

Unwelcome, but it came to stay;  
Nor could it e'en be prayed away.

It came to fill its God-planned place—  
A life-enriching means of grace.

And sure—thy life will richer grow;

His grace sufficient will bestow,  
And in Heav'n's morn thy joy 'twill be

That by that thorn, He strengthened thee.

**There is work to do. Whether you are in twilight's late hour, or the early dawn of a believer's life, His tasks are there. How important to be energetic in His love . . . cheering somebody . . . Stirring someone . . . caring for the uncared . . . loving the unlovely . . . urging us on, so we go out with enthusiasm and optimism. The task is at hand.**

**Gridley KS**

Do you remember how your way was blocked,

And coming to a gate—you knocked and knocked?

Until God's time came—and He opened wide—

A way thine eyes never saw—thy foot

Never tried . . . Remember His marvelous works that He has done; His wonders and the judgments of of His mouth.

**God's Will Done In Your Life**  
Humble listening! Footsteps divine! Deeds are done, love written by believers in God . . . Not of

themselves, nor by themselves, but done of the Mighty One. He grasps every tiny and troublous situation, to His success. Listen:

**The Great Light**

Though the ways be more rugged and steeper,  
The fight more severe through the years,  
My heart is made broader and deeper  
Through conflicts and sorrows and tears . . .

And though great temptations assail me,

In every great battle of life,  
I know that He never will fail me,  
No matter how hard be the strife.

Pass along the praise to Him. There it rightly belongs. Just think, in this Summer 1975, God has His people. They are written in a book. Each of us! And we work for Him . . .

**God's Hall of Fame**

(Luke 10:20)

Your name may not appear down here

In this world's Hall of Fame;  
In fact, you may be so unknown,  
Not many know your name.  
The Oscars here may pass you by,  
And neon lights of blue,  
But if you love and serve the Lord  
Then I have news for you!

This Hall of Fame is only good  
As long as time shall be,  
But keep in mind, God's Hall of Fame

Is for eternity!  
To have your name inscribed up there

Is greater yes by far  
Than all the Halls of Fame down here,  
And every man made star.

I tell you, friend, I wouldn't trade  
My name, however small,  
That's written there beyond the stars

In that celestial Hall  
For every famous name on earth,  
Or glory that they share.  
I'd rather be an unknown here,  
And have my name up there!

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**PULASKI IA**  
**Ernestine Wuthrich**  
**Janice Rinckenberger**

(Bros.) Leo Moser and Ed Lanz were here to serve Holy Communion. It brings a rejoicing to our hearts that we are able to partake of such a blessed remembrance of the Saviour's suffering for our salvation.

Bro. Harold Knapp has been elected as our new Sunday School teacher.

Sis. Leah Schaer had surgery; she is able to assemble with us again and is feeling much better . . . Sis. Mary Jane Knapp was hospitalized for surgery. She is thankful to be on the road to recovery.

Several of our congregation attended the proving and baptism of Lynn Scheitlin Townsend of Bur-

lington and formerly of here.

Bro. and Sis. Ron Joos have moved from our community to Taylor. We will miss them.

"I wish to thank all that sent cards, gifts and food after my surgery, and also the prayers. Mrs. Leah Shaer."

**ELGIN IL**  
**Mary Moser**

Do not put off till tomorrow  
Your repentance; come today,  
For to wait will bring you sorrow.  
Only grief comes from delay.

There is great rejoicing in our congregation, as quite a number of dear young souls have heeded the invitation and are seeking the Lord in repentance.

Sis. Nina Willaert has returned home from the hospital, where she was a surgical patient, and wishes to express her appreciation for prayers, cards and gifts.

Bro. Doug and Sis. Sue Kellenberger are parents of a baby girl, Rachael Ellen. Grandparents are Sis. Lyle and Bro. Richard Schock and Bro. Freeman and Sis. Lucille Kellenberger. Sis. Lyla is taking care of baby Rachael, as Sis. Sue has to remain hospitalized for a month.

On July 27, a dear sister in faith, Lena Leuthold passed away. She will be sadly missed by her family, especially Sis. Mary Leuthold, who patiently and lovingly cared for her during her illness.

MOVING? LET US KNOW.

# TASK

Henry Souder Jr.

God's word is action. Printed on paper, but written on hearts. You can see other young people around, printed actions in heart of someone they think is great. Some old people are a walking advertisement of someone they model after. Hollow deep recesses never live. It is life that awakens. Eternal Dawn. Sin always misses the mark.

Learn of me, the Saviour says. Follow His footsteps. He was always alert, awake to every opportunity. He spoke the truth and did what was right, and went ahead even in the face of frowns. He was calm, kept going. Seeming corners became open ways. His patience with friend and foe is a pattern. Perfect Perfection.

His pages are lovely, simply lovely. Beautiful, joy-bringing, hope thriving reading. We breathe and feel wonderful. Eternal ages. Following His gracious steps, we come away with hearts aglow. The very steps are graced as only God can. The gain of love, the growth of the spirit is for the world to come.

We know the living Lord, and actually live in Him forever.

His magnificent bearing, His gracious personality. They shine in unrelenting loveliness. Calvary! Gethsemane. Deep hours to pattern. Matchless love. His was peace and gentleness in the face of stinging slander and unreasonable ridicule. Silence is golden in His walk. The lost chord chimes. Such sacred sweetness.

At time's most scorching hour of suffering, He patiented our pattern beautifully. We are to be conformed to His death. Lashing welts, bloodied back, roughed by grating wood . . . forehead thorn-torn, contemptuous men, hands in silent gentleness, pain's deepening intensity . . . No comfort from His own nor His Father! Forsaken, utterly destitute of everything, even the pleasure of pleasant light from the sun. He dies. Every painful breath for you and me.

We follow pain and denial in Him. How good to know Him and His presence. The way of the cross is marvel to mankind. No sickness

nor hurt can reach, where hurt and pain has not already reached Him. Away vain world. Your caresses are cruel. Your pleasures are sin-tainted, your cares insufferable. When we feel pain, reducing our desires to ashes, then we are strong. Come, sweet suffering of God, make us know the priceless value of the cross, clamping corners, slaps and slashes. Come, work of God, His treasured toil, His hours happy in heavenly contentment.

To live in the risen Christ is wonderful. The more complete the cross comes into our life, the greater the glory of risen radiance. You want to know the deep things of God? He don't stand in the way, but we can . . . too little knowing the scriptures . . . big thinking of our powers . . . forgetting or letting slip the step at hand.

Victory. The skies. The beautiful, desired, one-of-its-kind Home, promised to Him who loves the Way. Who will follow the Lord? Who wants to go the way He directs? Who wants to see Him welcoming at the door of Home?