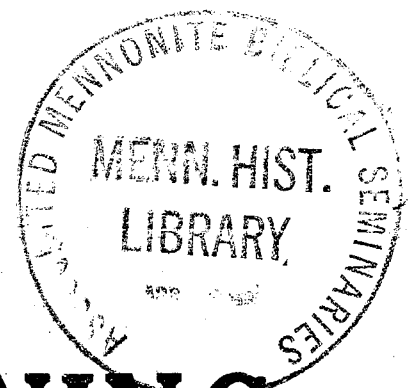


THE SILVER LINING



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In October of 1943 the first issue was published, and mailed to about 35 addresses. A great part of these were boys in the service in the second world war.

At the time, there were twenty boys out of our congregation, mostly from the Sunday School, in service. It was suggested that there should be some way to keep in contact with the boys. We saw fit to publish the *Silver Lining*, as we saw no better way to keep in contact with our boys.

In a short time it began to grow, till the *Silver Lining* was mailed to many in the service, of those we were able to get the address, and others. Today about 130 are still mailed to those in the service, almost the world over.

Many Silver Linings are mailed today to many homes.

The writer of the first *Silver Lining* was J. A. Getz of Morton, Illinois. Also, a sermon was published by Elder Henry Souder, deceased 35 years ago.

We receive many letters of ap-

preciation from those that receive the paper. Thanks to each news reporter and writer for their part in this work.

We receive a number of letters asking what the subscription rate is. There is no subscription rate. It's supported by free-will offerings.

There is a need for writers. We wish to invite elders, ministers, and other brothers to give us writings. All writings are checked and edited for corrections and what cannot be published for some reason or another.

If there is anyone who wishes to make some suggestions, we hope everyone will feel free in expressing their opinion. We have had suggestions to get the *Silver Lining* out more often. The news reporters could give us news of later happenings. We would like to get it out monthly as it was at the first, the Lord willing.

The Silver Lining
Elias Souder
and Editor

God's Glorious Millennial Vacation

"But in the last days it shall come to pass, *that* the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and

people shall flow unto it.

And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he

will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

And he shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations

afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more." Micah 4:1-3

"... not my will, but thine ..."

Henry Souder, Jr.

There is a home . . .

Where the joys of a perfect vacation are with the cozy, heart-warming comforts of the place one always just loves to be.

Where the family is for always, and love is simply marvellous.

Where God is, in untold, glorious beauty, and warm satisfaction fills the heart.

We interrupt your moments . . . your program of this day's existence . . . with wonderful news that can bring eternal life, joy, and peace to you.

"Then cometh Jesus with them unto a place called Gethsemane, and saith unto the disciples, Sit ye here, while I go and pray yonder."

Sometimes the city lay impearled in His moon-light . . . sometimes in a silver symphony of beauty the nighted mountain glowed.

This was His Gethsemane . . .

Gardened . . .

Quiet . . .

At rest.

He often resorted thither . . . He who had brought the joy of sight to a nighted vision . . . had brought to a widowed mother her once faded flower alive, in health's morning flush. He who had quieted the aching heart . . . and brought glory to the tear-filled eye.

"And he took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be sorrowful and very heavy."

**FLAMING GLORY LIGHTS
FROM HOME!**

He came from His Father's house. Way back before time was, in the

startling everlasting, He and the Father walked in closest love.

Angels knew Him face to face, and worshipped in awesome reverence.

Perfect Life is Life with God.

But, oh, how sin had wrecked the soul! It had warped and blasted, mutilated and killed. It had crept in at the crevices, craftily crushed to sin-deformity . . . Strange, mangled vision, chasing its world-focused sights.

In deeply fulfilled moments, He draws about His own guiltless breast our homelessness . . . that we might come home.

"And he was withdrawn from them about a stone's cast, and kneeled down, and prayed, Saying,"

He who held the stars in His clasp came, a Light shining in darkness.

Home is where you know by being there and love your own. Its description must be felt, its joys experienced. Home is the place of the redeemed soul, the rest of peace in God's inner rooms.

This is the why of Gethsemane: It is the cost of the Dream of the Father and the Son . . .

That those who had not known may know the glorious, golden Light of His love-warmth Home.

So He knelt on Olivet's nighted ground.

"Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done."

Gethsemane, those deepest reaches we feel so feeble to see. We stand on the edge of a startling suffering.

The keen knife of Calvary's justice

must have only a submitted Saviour's soul.

A heavenly "yes" did tie with tested truth the willing Lamb . . . did place Him in ready meekness, ready to die.

Comfort and peace for you and me are really won with the deep bleeding of a Saviour's life.

Pleasurized moments, how little you afford in this faint wisp of time. Fiction-fixed drama, how hollow your trampling echo, how void your screeching screen! Voice of the world, how withered your touch, how vain your moments!

At Gethsemane, we stand on the threshold of everlasting and spiritually rich splendor.

"And there appeared an angel unto him from heaven, strengthening him."

What heavenly emotions must have struck such rich beauty in the heart of the heavenly Father!

His own dear Son . . . cherished and loved perfectly from everlasting . . . His seat in the Home now empty . . . but yet He is so touchingly close that He was in heaven.

The song-filled house was saddened . . . funeral-saddened. Angels bosomed their tear-filled hearts. Never before in the annals of everlasting had truth reached so touching a moment.

He had provided a substitute one day before for another one. But this Father's heart must walk that last weary mile.

This was the death day of His Son . . . His own, and God in Him must drain the dregs for the penal justice of eternity.

Death . . . for God . . . really so . . . so startlingly appalling! . . . so awesomely real! . . .

"And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly: and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground."

There will be a day when hiding

man can no longer shut his soul with hideous excuses.

There is coming a moment when eternity beats its hot, flamed waves and entangles the convicted prisoner in the gapless weeping and gnashing of teeth. It is the final wage.

The din and the doom crescendo in deepening gloom . . . and men depart forever into forlorn black, black wastes . . .

With *no* end.

Too late! The beautiful call has been slipped past! The roar of the empty and vanishing moments . . . further and further . . .

But if you listen now when He calls . . . if you cry out earnestly for mercy and grace . . . God will hear.

You can if He wills . . . and He wills if you will.

That's the reason of Gethsemane.

Look at that dear Saviour, His perspiring forehead spent for you. So intimately it affects us, for His struggle was no less than shouldering the familiar shame of our guilty heart.

"How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?"

In deepest workshop, He really paid the price for your sin.

Hear the whine of the whip as it struck blood-biting blows for redemption's price. Think of it, the thorn, crushed by man's calloused hand, splinters and pricks that head so wonderfully beautiful.

Gethsemane won Calvary.

Its will won for the tragic slave with the burdened heart, beautiful peace.

The rude wood arched the flood of a nighted darkness.

They watched Him there.

There, hanging between heaven and earth . . . yes, actually crucified with crude, wide nails . . . with outstretched hands pierced and bleed-

ing . . . with feet fastened and hurt so intensely real.

Look!

Those nail-pierced Hands, don't you see them stretch out to you? All the tenderness of a world of love

and sunrise is in their wonderful touch.

Ony prayer away is power to do what He asks . . . to repent, with His heavenly power . . . to bring your sins at long last and be free . . . to know the glory of His Tomorrow.

Sermon by the Elder Henry Souder

Delivered on October 8, 1922

St. Matthew 7

(Note: A short part has been omitted.)

If we are willing, having the good will and having faith in Jesus to not only hear or read the words which He has spoken, because as we have heard and often spoken of that not in hearing are we blessed but in doing, but also to do that which it says. And if we are so willing to obey the teachings of what Jesus our Saviour has spoken in this and also a few of the chapters before, we shall read the teaching of where Christ was up on a mountain and of where He assembled together His disciples and gave them His teachings. Now if we are willing to believe that these are words which He has spoken Himself and that He is also willing to hear our prayers asking of Him what we are in need of, because He is keeping His Father's teachings.

If God was to take us away from this life, He should find us in the straight and narrow way and not in the wide path. With our sins and by our strength we can do nothing, but if we trust, and also consider, what we feel we are in need of and what we are lacking, we can ask, for God is willing to give these things to us. We will not be judged if we believe and trust in Him. The Saviour has preached on the mount to great multitudes and He compared the people to a house. And the storm may come and the wind will blow our house down. They will not build on the sand but on the rocks where they can lay a solid foundation. And if we

are wise we will build according to His good teachings and He is the Rock and the firm foundation. Therefore, those who are willing to enter into the straight gate, if I am not mistaken His disciples came unto Him, and He taught them that a few would be saved. He said, We shall enter into the straight gate. It may at times seem a little hard and discouraging, but if we will keep in the straight path and stay true to Him we will have our reward by getting through the straight gate. The other gate is so wide, but we forget where it will lead to. We have to be on the watch. We know that from the beginning He taught us what was displeasing unto Him, and what if He should come and find us all in sin and doing deeds displeasing to Him, we are after all leading a different life. But we must do as we pray unto Him and He has to put the will into our hearts. Jesus hears our prayers and heals our wounded spirits. Jesus has the power to cast out devils and we can read of such devils and being cast out of the hearts of the people. Of course, we all possess a will and God will not take that away from us that we will be kept from temptation; whereby we might be lost and cast into the fire that so long has burned and cannot be quenched. It is our desire that we could put more trust in Him.

If Jesus should come and find us all just as we are doing now, what

would we do or say?—We would say, "O! can't God help us?" Some may think that after a person is a Christian it is easy for him not to enter into temptation, but not so. We have to keep right on the straight path and not give the evil one a chance.

We can both love and fear God. If children have fear of their parents and not love, they will not be bought up the right way, and if they have love and no fear, they will be disobedient. And so it must be fear and love together.

We sing that song — "Nearer My Home, Nearer my home today than I have been before," and one place it is—"Nearer my home today, perhaps than now I think." God has given us the warning, and we cannot say—"God did not give me a chance." Often little children are called as we have found in the times past. The children are saved as long as they are innocent. "Suffer the little children to come unto me" God said we cannot come into the kingdom of Heaven (except) as little children.

The Lord's children sometimes get into trouble, we find, but we should take the good children for a pattern. Even if sometimes something may happen, the Lord accepts our prayers. As we sing in one of the beautiful songs—"When we all get to Heaven, what a day of rejoicing that will be." And so we want to prepare ourselves, especially also our children. Accept the preaching of John, whose words are still kept in store if his body is dead. The words have to go on yet. When he came, he said everyone should prepare themselves. God is warning everyone that when the Lord comes there will not be any more time. And as we have already mentioned let us consider eternity a little. What is our life compared to eternity. As it is written, three score and ten or four score. Perhaps one may live eighty years. There is now and then one that will live ninety or one hun-

dred. But what is 100 years compared to eternity? And when this life is over, we will enter into eternity, whether it is Heaven or not.

Sometimes members will get careless and then they will enter into temptation. They should try instead to be a light and an example to the others. (Sometimes people say there is no God and so you see we have tests.) If we want to be willing we must accept and eat the whole Lamb. When Moses went to take the children of Israel out of Egypt, God told them to slay a lamb and to eat the whole lamb. And now we have a Lamb slain for us and it is Jesus. And we are to accept the whole teaching and we cannot expect to do that which we want to do and then expect to meet God in Heaven. We all want to make heaven our home and to take the cup which was spoken of (and which is so much better for the flesh).

If we want to get to Heaven, we cannot get there by our own will but by the will of God. But we have to pray to the Saviour, If it be possible that this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt. We don't know, dearly beloved, in what way we are to enter into the Heavenly Kingdom. Let it be as it will if God will only strengthen us.

Some people will say that God will not take the words spoken in the Bible so seriously. That is a lie. And if one has the privilege, he will tell us we take it too closely or too strictly. He should take the Word himself to see if we are taking it too seriously. The gate is straight and the way is narrow. But Satan will try to tempt us; the Lord is our guide. If people just take that part of the teaching that pleaseth them they will find it hard to pray. If you find your task hard, try again. We are in the school of Jesus Christ, but we sometimes find it so easy not to take the teaching strictly. But if we do we will enter into the hands of our Saviour.



NEWS



BLUFFTON

Brother Sam Aeschliman visited Leo Church on Sunday, January 25.

Brother Truman Gerber was united in marriage to Sister Mary Ellen Maibach of Rittman on Sunday, February 22.

Brother and Sister Sam Aeschliman and Brother and Sister Daniel Steffen visited the Remington Church on Sunday, Feb. 22. Brother and Sister Simon Wagenbach visited our church on Sunday, February 22.

A son, Allen, was born to Brother and Sister Don Gerber on February 6.

Brother and Sister Sam Aeschliman and Brother and Sister Henry Stoller visited the Gridley Church on Sunday, March 15.

Brother and Sister Joe Ramsier of Rittman, Ohio, visited our church on Sunday, March 15.

A stillborn son was born to Brother and Sister Charles Kaehr on Thursday evening, March 19, and burial services were held on Saturday, March 21.

Friends Victor Gerber and Julia Ann Pfister were united in marriage on Sunday, March 22.

BREMEN

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Souder and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Gerber have returned home again after several weeks of vacationing in Florida. They brought back greetings from the congregations of several Florida churches and Alabama.

Births: A daughter, Sandra Kay, on December 1958 to Carl and Betty Engelhardt. A son, Robert Christian, on 12th January 1959 to Robert and Letty Hueni.

The engagement and approaching marriage of Harold Zeltwanger from Bremen and Marge Sauder from Tremont, Illinois was announced 21st of December 1958.

Elders Samuel Aeschliman from Bluffton and Theo Beer from Milford were in Bremen 3, 4, of January 1959 for the proving and baptism of Herbert and Phyllis Hueni.

CISSNA PARK

Roger Hari was proved and baptized on February 8 by Brother Josh Broquard, Fairbury, Illinois.

Brother Marvin and Sister Verna Feller spent their last Sunday with us here, February 15. They have moved to Alexander, Minnesota. We miss them very much.

On February 19, a little daughter, Jill Irene, was born to Brother Wayne and Sister Nancy Hauptli. Also to Brother Henry and Sister Lois Schmidt was born a son, Mark Steven, on February 28.

Funeral services were conducted for Sister Lydia Stock March 2, and Brother Emil Young was laid to rest on March 4.

Brother Don and Sister Nancy Yergler became the parents of a baby girl, Pamela Ann, on March 14.

Brother Ron Anderson and Sister Phyllis Sauder, both of here, were married by Brother Fred Grimm, Taylor, Missouri, on March 22.

Visiting ministers during recent months were: Brother Maurice Frank, Chicago, Illinois, January 25; Brother Paul Fehr, Morris, Minnesota, February 26; Brothers Edmund Kloter and Josh Broquard, Fairbury, Illinois, and Will Furrer, Wolcott, Indiana, March 8. All of these visits were sincerely appreciated.

We are very happy and thankful for Beverly Seggebruch, who has recently given her heart to the Lord.

ELGIN, IOWA

March 22 a group of members called on Brother J. V. Schneider to sing a few hymns and to offer a prayer. Brother Joe has attained the age of

90 years and isn't able to attend regular church services real often anymore.

Feb. 25, Brother Albert Schupbach, 74 years old, passed away after a lingering illness. Funeral services were held Feb. 28th. We miss him in our congregation.

March 16th, baptismal services were held for Ira and Doris Farney and Shirley Butikofer. Elders Dave Mangold and Paul Banwart officiated.

Visitors at our church Sunday and Monday, March 15th and 16th were: Mr. and Mrs. Earl Farney, Morton, Illinois; Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Farney, Wyoming, Illinois; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Farney, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Roth, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Fischer, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Fischer, Misses Mildred and La Verne Fischer, Mr. and Mrs. David Fischer and son, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Fehr, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Scherer, and Mr. and Mrs. David Mangold, Roanoke, Illinois; Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Feucht, Princeville; Mr. and Mrs. Orel Steiner, Martha Steiner, Onneth Rocke, Oakville, Iowa; Mrs. Wm. Massner, Wapello, Iowa; Wm. Metzger, Elmer Banwart, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Banwart, West Bend, Iowa; Wm. Butikofer, Quincy, Ill.; and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Butikofer and son, Taylor, Missouri.

FAIRBURY

J - O - Y

Jesus first

Others second

Yourself last

We were happy to have as guest ministers recently the following: Brothers Mike Weyeneth and Leroy Hartman of Peoria on Feb. 15; Brothers Russell Rapp and Henry Grimm of Morton on Feb. 22; Brother Emanuel Gudeman of Cissna Park on March 1; and Brother Earl Kilgus of Remington on March 15.

We praise the Lord for a high school girl turning to the Lord—Joy

Wenger. We pray for God's loving favor to be upon her.

Our dear Sister Emma Stoller passed away and funeral services were held Mar. 22.

Sister Barbara Armbruster underwent major surgery March 20 and we pray for her full recovery.

LaCROSSE

Brother Cortland Bucher and Sister Donna Kellenberger of Elgin were united in marriage on Feb. 1st. Brother Theo Beer performed the ceremony. On Feb. 15, a reception was held in their honor at the home of Orville Buchers, parents of the groom, at Valparaiso.

Recent visiting ministers were Brother Ezra Feller of Cissna Park, Brother John Bollier of Leo, and Brother Loren Stoller of Latty, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Frank are the parents of a girl, born Feb. 24; they named her Debra Jean.

A girl, Shari Lynne, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Merle Bucher March 15.

On March 18, a girl, Diane Lynne, was born to Mr. and Mrs. John Ailes.

An Easter program was held March 15. There were a number of visitors from Latty, Ohio, and also from Cissna Park, Ill.

Lynn and Mary Ann Feller recently moved to their new home near Valparaiso.

Mr. and Mrs. Tod Feller moved on the farm vacated by Lynn and Mary Ann.

Sgt. Floyd Martin and family returned from Germany after spending a few years there; they are now stationed in El Paso, Texas.

LEO

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lantz on February 6, a son. Born to Oliver and Emma Jean Steiglitz on February 8, a son.

Sunday, February 16, Brother Henry Beer and others from Milford, Indiana spent an enjoyable Sunday with us.

Sam and Minnie Aeschliman and son Walter and son-in-law, Sylvan Ringger spent a blessed Sunday with us February 8.

We were sorry to hear of the passing away of Jesse Gudeman from Hampshire, Ill. vicinity. Funeral services are to be April 2. Jesse is a brother to Helen Bertsch and also taught Sunday School for many years here at Leo.

Sister Bertha Blough is confined to her home for the present time.

Brother Theo. Beer of Milford, Indiana assisted Brother Samuel Aeschliman of Bluffton, when three souls were added to the fold Sunday, Jan. 25: Ephraim and Mariland Kipfer and Carol (Bertsch) Witte.

Miss Marcia Ley Wyatt Jaxheimer of Ft. Wayne and Robert L. Meister son of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Meister of Ft. Wayne were united in marriage by Brother Samuel Aeschliman of Bluffton, Ind.

Sister Lillian Beer has returned to her home in Wayne County, after recuperating at the James Winzellers'.

MANSFIELD

Visiting ministers since last issue: Brother Forrest Ritzman of Akron, Ohio; Brother Henry Manz of Paulding, Ohio; Brother Orville Ringger of Bluffton, Indiana. We enjoyed their services very much and welcome them back soon. Their wives, the sisters accompanied them also.

Brother and Sister Carl Kipfer and children of Ft. Wayne visited here Sunday, March 22.

Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Sauder spent Sunday, February 22, in Chicago, visiting their son Eugene and family. Mr. and Mrs. Don McCutchan also accompanied them.

Ezra Sauder and Elmer Sauder both had operations. Both are recovering nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Beer are the parents of a daughter.

Our Sunday School is having an

Easter Program Sunday Evening, March 29.

Sister Sophia Grossenbacher and Sister Esther Matthes fell and broke their hips. Both are improving nicely.

Brother Simon Beer had an eye operation.

Sister Dorothy Durkin had an operation; she is also improving.

Sister Katie Bocka had an operation.

Others on the sick list are: Elmer Gilliom, William Them, Tillie Oesch, Anna Miller, Fred Griffon.

MORTON

Brother Gene Hangartner of Roanoke and sister Evelyn Sutter were married January 21.

Brother Henry Beer of Milford was with us January 21.

A daughter was born to the John Winnings January 29.

Our monthly singing at the church was postponed January 25th because of snow and roads.

Brother Joe A. Getz and wife are spending a few weeks in Florida.

Funeral services for Brother John Belsley, 74, were held March 4th.

Emil Roecker and wife, Mary were baptized March 8.

Brother Boyd Metzger of Lester, Iowa and Sister Lois Witzig have announced their engagement.

Announcement of the forth-coming marriage of Sister Eleanor Zimmerman and Brother Robert Pflederer has also been made.

Brother Carl Woerner, 76, passed away at his home in Morton March 16 and was buried in the Tremont cemetery March 18.

Brother Frank Woertz of Goodfield assisted Brother Joe A. Getz with communion services in Tremont March 15.

Brother Joe A. Getz assisted Brother David Mangold with communion services in Roanoke Sunday, March 22.

Those who have been announced ready for baptism are Joe Braker,

Robert Frank, Shirley Schmitgal, Eileen Baum, Judy Springer, Jim Wenniger, Keith Oberlander, Mary Ann Weuthrich and Milton and Shirley Grimm.

PRINCEVILLE

Brothers Paul Banwart of West Bend, Iowa, and Albert Wuthrich of Pulaski, Iowa held services with us February 1. On March 22, Brothers John Wagenbach of Oakville, Iowa and Huber of Burlington, Oklahoma were with us. We also had other visitors from the Iowa congregations.

Our Friends Alice Martin and Bernard Metzger were united in marriage February 1 by Brother Banwart at the home of the bride's parents, Brother and Sister Chris Martin. They are making their home in West Bend.

Our friends Laura Leuthold and Ray Massner were united in marriage March 22 by the bride's father, Brother Silas Leuthold.

The Harry Herrmanns and Raymond Rumbolds are parents of sons born to them.

The engagement of Brother Edwin Baurer and Sister Carol Knobloch was made known February 22. Brother Edwin is serving the Army and is stationed at Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

The engagement of Brother Norman Streitmatter and Sister Joyce Dietz was announced March 22. Brother Norman has just been discharged from the service, having been stationed in Washington.

The Bible Class spent a pleasant day in Gridley, February 15. On March 22 they joined the other singing groups at Tremont.

Brother and Sister George Seidel have recently moved into their new home.

Brother and Sister Silas Leuthold spent several weeks in Hot Springs, Arkansas. On February 22, they went to Oakville, Iowa with Brother and Sister George Wagenbach. Brother

and Sister David Kieser and Brother and Sister Lowell Stoller spent March 17 in Congerville.

Brother George Kieser and his wife observed their fiftieth wedding anniversary March 17. A number of relatives called in the afternoon to offer congratulations.

Brother David Kieser has been recently discharged from the service. He and his family are now residing on a farm near Bradford. We are happy to have them with us.

Our friends, Duane and Doreen Elsasser and Alfred and Virginia Streitmatter, have repented and found peace with their Lord. We wish them God's blessings.

Services were held Friday evening, March 27 in observance of Good Friday.

PEORIA, ILLINOIS

Brother Jim Hohulin and Sister Melba Burgers were united in marriage February 8, Brother Joe Klopfenstein of Gridley performing the ceremony. A reception was held afterward with a large attendance.

Our visiting ministers the past month were Brother Albert Fisher and Brother Maurice Frank of Chicago, Brother Gus Scheitlin of Oakville, Iowa, and Brother Albert Scheitlin of Elgin, Ill. We received a great blessing and hope they will soon come again.

Our dear elderly Brother John Hoerr Sr. passed away at the age of 87 years. He leaves a host of relatives and friends and will be greatly missed by all. Brother Michael Weyeneth assisted by Brother Roy Sauder held the services.

Brother Cecil Gostella passed away February 24. Brother Gostella was to church on Sunday and died of a heart attack that week. We all loved him. His funeral was held from the Wilton mortuary on February 24. His wife survives.

Walter Meyer, age 48, of Edelstein, who attended church here, died of a

heart attack Monday March 9. He attended services on Sunday and visited friends in the evening. It was shock to us all. He leaves his wife and one child, Henrietta, and his dear Mother, Sister Carolyn Meyer, also brothers and sisters. Brother Roy Sauder had the services, assisted by Brother Michael Weyeneth.

Our adult Bible Class is being well attended. Our guest speakers were Brother Eugene Bertschi February 24, Brother Joe Schrock on January 27, and Brother Ed Hohulin on March 24. We meet every two weeks.

Brother John Wagenbach of Oakville, Iowa, spent Saturday evening February 1 with us. He visited his brother Lester, who has been ill. We enjoyed his visit.

We are thankful for another soul who has given his heart to the Lord. He is Wilbur Tripplet. He is awaiting near future proving and baptism.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Don Hoerr and a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Meister the past month.

Brother Elias Bittner is a patient at the Hospital; also Sister Pauline Clauss.

John Streitmatter and Brother Ben Stickling are also hospital patients.

We welcome the Wm. Perdelwitz family, who have moved here from Forrest, Ill.

Brother Michael Weyeneth has been ill the last few days. Our prayers go out to him for a complete recovery.

REMINGTON

On Sunday February 1, Loretta Beckley was proved and baptized. Our elder, Brother Irvin Lehman, and also Brother Elmer Witzig and others of Gridley spent the day with us. In the evening, all were guests of the Earl Kilgus's.

On Sunday, March 1, Brother Harry Bucher and others of LaCrosse spent the day with us, and on March 8, Brother Philip Gutwein and wife were in our midst. These visits were greatly appreciated.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Schieler, Mr. and Mrs. Al Knochel, Mrs. Mary Bahler and Mrs. Robert Seibenthal spent the week-end of March 1 in Bay City.

Our Easter program was held on Good Friday evening.

RITTMAN

Sister Mary Ellen Maibach and Brother Truman Gerber were united in Holy Matrimony here on Sunday February 22.

Recent visiting ministers have been Brother Ernest Graf of Akron, Brother Ruldolph Graf, also of Akron and Brother Henry Beer of Milford. Brother Beer brought our new books to us, which I'm sure we are going to enjoy very much.

Two dear souls have been awakened unto repentance, for which we thank God. They are Tilas Indermuhle and Marge Zollinger. We hope they may be at peace soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Beery have been blest with a new son, who will be called Earl.

ROANOKE

Communion Services: Our congregation had communion Services here Sunday, March 22nd with Brother Dave Mangold officiating and Brother Joe Getz of Morton assisting.

Weddings: Sister Mary Ellen Leman and Brother Fred Ringger of Gridley were united in holy matrimony on New Year's Eve. with Brother Dave Mangold officiating.

Brother Jim Hodel and Sister Doris Getz of Morton exchanged marriage vows Wednesday night, January 14th, with Brother Joe Getz officiating.

Brother Eugene Hangartner and Sister Evelyn Sutter of Morton were united in holy matrimony on Wednesday night, January 21st with Brother Joe Getz officiating.

Deaths: Funeral services were held January 18th for Brother Theophil Kempf, who had been failing in

health for some time. Also, funeral services were held January 25th for Sister Mary Belsley, who too was failing in health for some time.

Births: New babies have been welcomed into the following families: Sons were born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kupferschmid.

Daughters were born to Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Gerber, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hodel, Mr. and Mrs. Walt Schwind, and Mrs. and Mrs. Richard Leman.

Sunday School: Sunday, January 18th a Christian Endeavor was held at Roanoke with ten different Sunday Schools taking part.

Special items of general interest:

We are happy to tell of the engagement of our young Sister Lydia Lou Leman to Brother Bill Hohulin of Goodfield.

Brother Dave Mangold was welcomed after a safe trip to Sam Houston, Tex. to visit with those who are in the service, and also to Florida to visit the congregations at Ft. Lauderdale and Sarasota.

We enjoyed very much having Brother Ben Maibach of Detroit with us Tuesday, January 20th.

Sunday, February 15th we were glad to have Brother Joe Schrock of Congerville with us.

Our congregation has received the books "Hymns of Zion", and everyone is very well pleased.

We enjoyed very much having Brother Henry Wackerle of Bay City, Mich. with us Sunday, March 8th.

Also, Sunday, March 22nd we had Brother Earl Zeltwanger of Bremen, Ind. with us.

SABETHA, KANSAS

Sister Martha Grimm Bauman passed away at the Rocky Ford Colorado, hospital January 8 1959. The body was brought to Sabetha where funeral services were held with Brother Lester Hartter and Carl Hartman in charge. She was buried in the Country Cemetery near her

Mother and a daughter who preceded her in death.

Sister Sarah Streit died January 18 and was laid to rest beside others of her family in the Country Cemetery.

On February 2, a one-month-old son of Harlan and Florence Meyer died of a cold and heart ailment.

Brother Joe Aberle and family moved from Kiowa, Kansas to Sabetha the first week in January. He bought and is conducting a business here.

Elder Brother Sam Anliker of Lamont, Kan., was with us Sunday, February 9th. We are always glad to have him with us, thanking God for his service.

Elder Brother Joe Wittmer continues in poor health.

Brother Joe Aberle was installed as a regular minister by the Sabetha Church February 9th.

Brother George Strahm passed away March 23rd at his home, after long illness and much suffering. We feel what God did was well done and we wish him his rest. He leaves to mourn his loss his wife Anna and daughter Alma Grimm, a brother, Dan Strahm and a sister Mary (John) Hartter, all of this place, also many other relatives and friends. Funeral services Thursday morning, March 26th. No more information can be given at this writing.

Sister Albertina Steiner is much improved since her stay of a week in the hospital and is at home again.

Brother and Sister Charles and Irene Griggs of Topeka were with us Sunday, March 21.

Sunday, March 15th, some of the members from the Country Church came to town to worship with us, when they were out of heat as a result of an explosion some time Saturday night in their heating system. It was thought the explosion was caused by the electric system, which was damaged by the violent storm which hit this community Saturday

night, which did considerably damage to electric and telephone service, also to some buildings and autos. The damage was repaired and house-cleaning completed by the week-end, and services were held the next Sunday.

Brother Dan Steiner was taken to Albert Lee, Minnesota for treatment, after three weeks in the hospital. We hope he will soon recover and be able to return home. He was taken by his son, Dr. Leon Steiner, who came down to get him Sunday, March 21.—We wish him God's grace and a speedy recovery.

TAYLOR, MISSOURI

Brother Henry Sabo and Brother Robert Beer, Mansfield, Ohio, were visiting ministers at the church on the evening of November 4; Brother Ezra Feller, Cissna Park, Ill., for evening services on December 3; Brother Albert Wuthrich, Pulaski, Iowa, on December 7 and Brother Silas Leuthold, Princeville, Ill. on January 25. We enjoyed having them visit us and also those that came with them.

A son, Richard Everett, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Sutter on December 30.

Recent visitors were Brother and Sister Albert Wuthrich and Eloise Wagler from Pulaski and others from Gridley and Princeville, Ill., on March 1st.

On March 4th, Brother and Sister Noah Schrock and Sisters Priscilla Enz and Nettie Owens from Burlington were with us for evening services.

Several from our congregation attended the wedding of Brother Louis Hoerr and Sister Ruth Massner at Fort Scott, Kansas on February 22.

TOLEDO

William Alan Quick was born to Lt. Charles and Carol Quick on January 16. They are living in Gary, Indiana while stationed there in the Army. Carol is the daughter of Mr.

and Mrs. Ben Schlatter.

We enjoyed the short visit of Brother and Sister Fehr and Brother and Sister Zeltwanger from Morris, Minnesota. They were traveling home from the East. We enjoyed the service and their visit.

Brother Henry Beer of Milford, Ind. and Brother Fred Gutwein and his wife from Francesville, Ind. visited us for a mid-week Song Service recently. We enjoyed their visit and the information about the New Hymns of Zion.

Our Sunday School had their annual Easter Program on Palm Sunday, March 22.

WOLCOTT

Births: A son, Brian Scott, born to Brother Vernon and Sister Janet Furrer on February 14; a daughter, Diane Lynne to Brother Richard and Sister Viola Stoller in March 12; a son, Duane Allen to Brother Bob and Sister Marilyn Schieler on March 23; and a daughter, Suzanne Marie, to Brother Gene and Sister Verna Mae Lehman, on March 24.

Our friends, Andy Hofstetter and Mariorie Lechliedner, were married on March 7.

Recent visiting ministers to our congregation were Brother Loren Stoller of Latty and Brother Al Fisher of Chicago on Feb. 15. and on March 22, Brother Philip Gutwein was with us for afternoon services.

Our Sunday School children plan to present their Easter program on March 29.

"Love is so patient and so kind; Love never boils with jealousy; It never boasts, is never puffed with pride; It does not act with rudeness, or insist upon its rights; It never gets provoked, it never harbors evil thoughts; Is never glad when wrong is done, But always glad when truth prevails; It bears up under anything, It exercises faith in everything, It keeps up hope in everything, It gives us power to endure in anything."