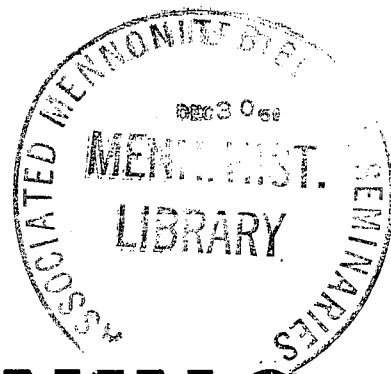


# THE SILVER LINING



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Grabill, Indiana

December, 1959

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## Today is the Christmas Eve of Eternity!

From I Peter 1

Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations:

That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto

praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:

Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see **him** not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory:

Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of **your** souls."

## A Message for the Silver Lining

Brother Amos Hartzler  
Marshallville, Ohio

Dear ones, brothers, sisters, friends and all who will read and know of the glad tidings those angels brought to those shepherds, who were abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flocks by night, when and near the place where Jesus was born.

Even the angels rejoiced to bring those glad tidings of great joy to the shepherds, who were evidently God-fearing people (and not only to those shepherds, but for us also), although they were sore afraid at the appearing of (the angel), who also had words of comfort and encouragement, saying, Fear not, for unto you is born a Saviour, and a multitude of the heavenly host singing and

rejoicing, Glory to God in the highest and good will to mankind, which is burdened with sin and condemnation.

How should we all rejoice, not to meet a ghastly form as Santa Claus, but as a meek and humble babe in a manger, in a stable, not in rich clothing, but in swaddlings, and became when He grew up a King of Kings and Lord of Lords, and gave to us so many good teachings and also practiced the same, setting very good examples before us that we should heed, obey and follow.

Although He was a King and Lord, He went through this world as a poor man, not even a place of His own to lie down and rest His weary

body, and not only that, but was finally so cruelly used and suffered so intensely under that crown of thorns and that cruel scourging, and finally that bitter death on the cross. His heart was not full of hatred and anger, but full of mercy and pity, saying, Father, forgive them, for they know not what they are doing, namely, that they do not know that they are crucifying the Son of God.

We being the guilty ones, who deserved the severe punishment.

So we should at all times be willing to do anything He may ask of us. He is not unreasonable and does not ask impossibilities of us.

He does request obedience and self-denial of one and all of us, as the Holy Spirit and human nature do

not fit nor labor together. Human nature leads to destruction, and the Holy Spirit leads heavenward.

When the Christmas season approaches, we see signs and advertisements of pleasures, amusements, sports etc. But it was evidently no pleasure nor amusement for our Saviour to leave His heavenly mansion and come into this sinful world and devote thirty-three years here upon earth among sinful humanity.

Although it was joy for the angels to bring the glad tidings to the lost sinners, but we also should accept it solemnly, with all thankfulness, and greatly appreciate the wonderful gift of free salvation.

With best wishes and sincere regards to all.

## “Moses”

Brother Willis R. Ehnle

Tokyo-To, Japan

Moses was a meek man, and Christ said “Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.” We know he was meek, because it is written in Numbers 12:3, “Now the man Moses was very meek, above all the men which were upon the face of the earth”

When God first called Moses to service, Moses refused on the grounds that he lacked the necessary qualifications. God insisted, and Moses obeyed. As meek men are apt to be, Moses was very conscientious. He received many instructions and commandments directly from God and felt that he was duty-bound to transmit these teachings to the people, and to interpret these teachings for the people in particular cases. From morning until evening, he sat and listened to the people's problems and troubles and passed judgment on the basis of the commandments which he had received from the mouth of God (Exodus

18:13.) He was weighted down with the responsibility, and being human he no doubt became very tired and perhaps irritable. Should he continue on this course, he might begin to lack the very love and joy of God which he wished to convey to the people. His father-in-law saw the danger.

In Exodus 18:17,18 we read, “And Moses' father in law said unto him, The thing that thou doest is not good. Thou wilt surely wear away, both thou, and this people that is with thee: for this thing is too heavy for thee, thou art not able to perform it thyself alone.”

Moses was meek enough to learn and accept the valuable lesson that responsibility should be shared. He sought out “able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness” (Exodus 18:21), and gave them responsibility. Together they served the Lord with less fatigue and more joy.

## Sound Teaching

The Biblical ban and the comfort of love.

The view of eternity is intensely immense. After a soul has been cleansed, then soils the garment, the crisis is solemn. Life or death hangs in the balance.

To hazard a chance is to dangle suspended over the fear-filled chasm of the ages of ages. The next moment could find the soul loosed of the thin thread of life.

The moves of God are calculated to bring happiness at the eternity awakening. His moves are moved with eternal care.

"Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." Matthew 18:18.

To not use the rod in His church, God loves. The heavenly Father is happy to see his children joyfully doing His will.

But He will use the rod when the need cries out for discipline. It gives the suffering sinner a chance. In the emergency of sinful stain, all activity for good is halted in the soul. Only the heavenly help has the know-how to gain the victory over despair's deepening darkness.

"... concerning him that hath so done this deed, In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when ye are gathered together, and my spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ, To deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus." From I Corinthians 5.

Even a torn heart in such a case may find a glimmer of light. The discipline is not the wound, but

surgery in the hope of healing. The wound is the searing and savaging of sin.

Only in the path instructed of God may endless day be reached.

"And of some have compassion, making a difference: And others save with fear, pulling **them** out of the fire; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh." Jude 22, 23.

The garment is not the same. But meeting the qualifications of humility asked of God is stepping the stones of a heavenly path to glory.

Such a soul can be saved from the foul practice now, and then, after life, find all limiting taken away. In the day of the Lord Jesus will come a blessed happiness that never ends.

The tender heart of God yearns to give consoling comfort. In His word, He has provided a relieving relief for one who has gone through the great sorrow of surgery of the soul.

"Sufficient to such a man is this punishment, which was **inflicted** of many. So that contrariwise ye **cught** rather to forgive **him**, and comfort **him**, lest perhaps such a one should be swallowed up with overmuch sorrow. Wherefore I beseech you that ye would confirm **your** love toward him." II Corinthians 2:6-8.

We have a duty to give the warm, glowing heart provided in the yearnings of God. We have a right to point to the radiant shore, where together we shall be. We have a pleasure to be exercised to bring joy now, and look to the time when all tears will be wiped away.

Happiness is surely worth striving for.

—Editor



# NEWS



## AKRON, OHIO

**Reporter: Ruth Taylor**

Sister Mary Schick, formerly of Akron, now attending Maywood church, visited us over Thanksgiving.

Marie and James Winzeler, Ruth and Lillian Beery, Ed and Yvonne Beery, John and Wilma Steiner visited us Sunday, November 29. We were especially happy to have Lillian with us after her long convalescence.

Sister Bessie King and her daughter, Marjorie James, were in an auto accident. Bessie's sister, Emma (Horst) Garfield, died as a result of the accident. Due to her injuries, Bessie has been shut in for several weeks.

Arthur Graf, working on dental van out of Fort Meade, Maryland; Loren Burr, stationed at Camp LeJeune, North Carolina; and Phillip Burr, stationed at Cherry Point, North Carolina, were home on leave in November. Phillip and Loren, brothers, had not seen each other for three years.

Brother Rudolph Graf visited Fort Sam Houston, Texas, where he held services November 8. He was happy to find two sincere friends who were in repentance. From there he visited Burlington, Oklahoma; Wichita, Kansas; and Lamont, Kansas.

Bernie Beer of Milford, Indiana, visited us over Thanksgiving.

Our shut-ins are Sisters Mary Graf, Mary Dockus, Grace Schukert and Bessie King.

**Editor's Note:** The correct address for Dan W. and Martha Kaufman is Lake Worth, Florida.

## ALABAMA

**Reporter: Clara Heiniger**

November 26, a large crowd gathered at the home of Bro. Junior and Sis. Manlie Hale.

November 26, a Thanksgiving Day supper was enjoyed at the home

of Bro. Junior and Sis. Manlie Hale, and in the evening a large crowd gathered there for a singing, a study of God's Word, and the childrens program on Thanksgiving.

November 28, on Saturday evening, a large number gathered together for services at the home of Bro. Henry and Sis. Anis Perry. Our visiting guests were: Bro. Henry Beer, Bro. Fred and Sis. Katie Gutwein, Bro. Lester and Sis. Ann Plattner, Bro. Vernon and Sis. Ann Kaiser, Bro. John and Sis. Elsie Oberlander. A blessed evening of fellowship was enjoyed by all, meeting loved ones from far and near.

On Wed. evening, Dec. 2, services were held at the home of Bro. George and Sis. Ora Kelley, where all the folks around the Prospect, Tenn., area could attend, also where children enjoy having Sunday School.

Dec. 4, Sister (Mrs.) Aaron Bauer, and Sis. (Mrs.) Wilmer Kaufman of Cissna Park spent the day with us, and in the evening enjoyed a birthday supper of Friend Lester Drake and Sister Bessie Drake and family. Services and Sunday School were enjoyed, as Bro. Henry and Sis. Lydia Kilgus of Forrest, and daughter, Alice, of Chicago were with us.

Bro. Noah and Sis. Bertha Bauman and Joe Rufener of Rittman and Paul Gerber of Bluffton, Ind., spent several days with us, and then visited many families over the Dec. 6th week end.

Elders Noah Bauman and Henry Kilgus held Communion Services at the Athens church, where the Hillsboro and Landersville members met and spent precious moments taking the Lord's Supper on Dec. 5.

Bro. John and Sis. Audrey Laidig of Bremen spent Dec. 6. with us at Athens and Hillsboro churches.

Brother Irvin Stoller of Latty spent Sunday, Dec. 6, in Athens,

Hillsboro and Landersville, and spent the night at the home of Bro. Junior and Sis. Manlie Hale.

Dec. 7, Bro. John Wagler; Bro. Noah and Sis. Bertha Bauman; Bro. Henry, Sis. Lydia and daughter, Alice Kilgus; Sis. Clara Heiniger; Bro. Paul Gerber; and Bro. Joe Rufener visited at the home of our friends, Don and Christine Montgomery, who have recently repented, and then we all enjoyed a delicious chicken dinner at the home of our dear Sister, Bertha Harville, where we enjoyed the blessed fellowship together. Also visited at the home of Sister Carrie Borden and husband, Arthur, and then in the home of Mrs. Vernon Harville (Sis. Bertha's daughter-in-law), who also had just repented.

Dec. 7, Bro. Matt and Sis. Aldene Wackerle of Florida met us all and had supper at the home of Sis. Clara Heiniger at Hillsboro, and in the evening all enjoyed the Hillsboro Young People's meeting, where Bro. Bauman, Bro. Kilgus, and Bro. Matt spoke and had prayer, and after services Bro. Kilgus left for his home, and Brother and Sister Noah Bauman left Wed. morning for Texas for Sunday, Dec. 13.

Dec. 5, Bros. John Bollier and Oliver Stieglitz of Leo, Indiana, spent the week end with us, bringing a truckload of furniture and many other needs, and we thank every one who has given for this worthy cause, and may God richly bless you.

### BLUFFTON, INDIANA

**Reporter: Frieda Kipfer**

Brother and Sister Sam Aeschliman visited in Milford on Sunday, November 18.

Brother Joe Dotterer of Phoenix, Arizona, spent a few days here. His mother, Sister Mary, has been able to attend church occasionally.

Brother Harvey Steffen has also been able to attend services recently.

Several members from Latty visited our congregation on the 18th.

Carole Kipfer, daughter of Brother

and Sister Raymond Kipfer, became the bride of Alan Isch, son of Brother and Sister Joe L. Isch, on Sunday, November 22, at the home of the bride's parents. Brother John Yergler, uncle of the groom, performed the ceremony.

Brother and Sister John Yergler and Sisters Sophia Gerber and Amelia Baine have been vacationing in Florida, also visiting Brother and Sister Bob Yergler at Ft. Lauderdale.

Gloria Moser, daughter of Brother and Sis. Nelson Moser, was baptized on Sunday, November 29. Her grandparents, Brother and Sister Amos Steffen of Milford, also Brother and Sister Luther Steffen of Milford and Brother and Sister Charles Sauder of Mansfield were here for the occasion.

Announcements have been made of the engagement and approaching marriages of Rosella Pfister, daughter of Brother and Sister Walter Pfister, and Donald Gramm, son of Brother and Sister George Gramm of Gridley; and Lois A. Gerber, daughter of Brother and Sister Elmer Gerber, to Harry Gerber, son of Brother and Sister Gaius Gerber.

Brother John Bahler visited our congregation on Wednesday evening, December 2.

Brother and Sister Sam Aeschliman and Brother and Sister Walter Aeschliman visited in La Crosse on Sunday, Dec. 6.

Brother Ernie Isch is home from Korea, having been released from the Service.

Elder Brothers Noah Schrock, George Sinn and John Bahler were in Bluffton church on Wednesday evening, December 9. The Leo congregation was also present.

Sister Hannah Kaehr, 92, passed away at the home of her son, Samuel Kaehr, on December 9. Funeral services were held on Saturday, with Brother Theo Beer officiating. Other ministers present were Brothers Joel Souder, Henry Beer, Henry Sabo, Elmer Witzig, Homer Reineck, Henry

Manz and Ben Schlatter. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Births: To Brother and Sister Arthur Moser, a daughter, on Nov. 18; to Brother and Sister William Neuenschwander, a daughter, on Nov. 21; to Brother and Sister Harry Gerber, a daughter, on Nov. 27; and to Brother and Sister Carroll Gerber, a son, on Dec. 8.

### **BREMEN, INDIANA**

**Reporter: Don Klopfenstein**

The Elders were here Nov. 14.

We are very sorry that Brother Homer Zimmer is sick. He had a heart attack about three weeks ago.

Franceville Sunday School was here Dec. 6. We had a very wonderful time. Brother Paul Von Tobel and Brother Conrad Gutwein held the services here that Sunday. The Bremen and Francesville Sunday Schools had a very happy time together Sunday afternoon.

### **CALIFORNIA**

**Reporters: Ora and Dora Sauder**

Our Brother, Dwight Milinkovich, passed away Nov. 20. He is survived by his wife, Sister Julia, and eleven sons and daughters, also twenty-two grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted by Brother Carl Kinsinger.

Sister Mary Mathys of Silverton, Oregon, is visiting in Altadena and Maywood.

Noah Sauder, Vicky Ringer, Sister Nette Zimmerman and Ora and Dora Sauder visited in Phoenix, Arizona, Nov. 29. We enjoyed our visit so much, renewing old friendships and meeting others of the like faith. We thank them all for the wonderful love and hospitality shown us.

Sister Amanda Mills and Deloy Mills are visiting her brother, Ezra Gerber.

Brother and Sister John Schmidt of Indiana are spending the winter in California and will be attending Maywood and Altadena churches.

### **CISSNA PARK, ILLINOIS**

**Reporter: Dale Eisenmann**

On November 7, a daughter, Rhonda Rose, was born to Brother and Sister Fred Stock.

Kenneth, son of Brother Dale and Sister Esther Reutter, suffered a broken leg from a bicycle accident on November 14. We wish him a rapid recovery.

A daughter, Jan Marie, was born to Brother and Sister Matthew Obergfel on November 16.

On November 23, grave-side rites were conducted for the infant son of Brother Don and Sister Nancy Yergler. He was born November 27 and died that same day.

Visiting ministers on November 29 were: Brothers Conrad Gutwein and Paul Von Tobel of Francesville, Indiana, and Brother Josh Broquard of Fairbury.

A son, Bruce Allen, was born to Friends George and Janie Mueller on December 1.

On December 2, funeral services were conducted here for Sister Lydia Rechkemmer of Roanoke, who was formerly a resident of Cissna Park.

Announcement was made on December 6 of the approaching marriage of Sister Myra Yergler to Brother Ed Herrmann of Morton.

Brother Harold and Sister Aldine Locker have recently moved here from Princeville. We welcome them into our congregation.

We are thankful for two more souls who have given their hearts to the Lord. They are Myrna Eisenmann and Kenneth Weertz.

### **CONGERVILLE, ILLINOIS**

**Reporter: Don Schrock**

We are happy that Bro. John Wettstein can again be at his home, after several weeks in the hospital.

Bro. Roy Wyson and his wife and his daughter, Sally, of Sabetha, and Sis. Irma Esslinger of Bern, spend the day with us Nov. 23.

The visits of Bro. Ed Hohulin of Goodfield on Nov. 15 and Nov. 29

were especially appreciated.

The Eureka Bible Class joined us for our monthly Hymn-sing the evening of Nov. 29.

Sis. Wilma Sauder has returned from a visit to Phoenix, where her parents are spending the winter.

Two of our friends, Vernon Wettsetin and Allen Schrock, are stationed Ft. Leonard Wood, where they are taking Basic Training.

### ELGIN, ILLINOIS

**Reporter: Louise Steffen**

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Sister Doris Scheitlin Mangold in the loss of her husband, Bro. Curtis, who was killed in an accident in Phoenix, Ariz. She was formerly of Elgin, Ill.

Nov. 29, the engagement was announced, of Sister Wilma Moser of Elgin to Bro. Jerry Kieser of Princeville, Ill.

Dec. 6, a Farewell was held for Bro. Wally Yerler and Sister Evy and their family, who intend to move to Cissna Park, Ill. They will first vacation in Florida a few weeks.

### ELGIN, IOWA

**Reporter: Mrs. George Butikofer**

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." St. Luke 2:14.

Bro. Carl and Sister Norine Moser have moved from Morris, Minn., to Spring Valley of that state and are now able to assemble in our midst. We are happy to have them.

A few weeks ago our Bible Sunday School class accepted an invitation to spend a week end with the corresponding class in Princeville, Ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Curtis of Minneapolis and their two children spent Thanksgiving in the home of Mrs. Lizzie Schneider. Mrs. Curtis was the former Betty Ann Schneider, daughter of Sister Lizzie.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hunziker have moved from Washington, Ill., to Independence, Iowa. We are very happy to have them assemble with us.

Kenneth, their youngest son, is a member of our Junior Sunday School class.

On Oct. 18, Bro. William and Sister Norma Butikofer became the parents of a baby girl, named Julie Ann.

Mr. and Mrs. John Pulfer are now located in Tempe, Arizona. John is attending a business school. He is a son of Sister Ida Pulfer of Elgin, Ia.

Brother Will and Sister Judy Gehring and their baby boy spent Thanksgiving at Oakville, Ia. Uriel's mother accompanied them and visited in the Wm. Massner home at Wapello, Ia.

Sister Clara Moser has returned to her home in Morris, Minn., after visiting in the home of her son and wife at Spring Valley, Minn. It was nice to have met her and we hope to see her again.

Dennis Butikofer is now located in Italy with the U.S. Army.

### EUREKA, ILLINOIS

**Reporter: Cathryn Wettstein**

Visiting ministers have been as follows: Bro. Dave Mangold of Roanoke and Bro. Joe Zimmerman also of Roanoke - Nov 15. Bro. Dave Mangold visited Nov. 22. He proved and baptized Ben Bittner in the afternoon. Bro. Dave Mangold, Bro. Frank Woertz of Goodfield, and Bro. J. A. Getz of Morton — Dec. 6th. At this time. Bro. Leroy Huber was ordained an Elder. May God bless him in his new responsibilities.

Sunday evening, Nov. 22 was the monthly Singing. Quite a number from Congerville attended. Several special numbers were sang by different groups.

Nov. 27, quite a few from our congregation attended the funeral services of Curtis Mangold at the Roanoke church. Our sympathy goes to his family.

### FAIRBURY, ILLINOIS

**Reporter: Joyce Huber**

Our dear ministering Bro., Emil Bahler, passed away after much

suffering, and funeral services were held by Bro. Sam Aeschliman Dec. 1, which were largely attended.

Bro. and Sis. John Elsasser, Bro. and Sis. Dave Ehnle, Bro. and Sis. Alvin Farney, Bro. and Sis. Bill Knoblock, and Sis. Edith Martin of Princeville were here Sunday, Nov. 15, guests of Bro. Mannie Steffens.

Bro. and Sis. Silas Leuthold, Bro. and Sis. Lowell Stoller, Bro. and Sis. John Joos, Bro. and Sis. Bob Herman, Bro. and Sis. Bill Eberle, Bro. and Sis. Nate Stoller, Bro. and Sis. Will Elsasser, and Bro. and Sis. John Tanner of Princeville spent Sun., Nov. 22, with us and were guests of Bro. Reuben Bachs.

We enjoyed the visit of Bro. and Sis. Harry Bucher and Bro. and Sis. John Heinold of LaCrosse, Sun., Nov. 29, who were guests of Bro. Edw Hubers.

### FORREST, ILLINOIS

**Reporter: Ken Schneider**

Visiting ministers were: Bro. Sam Kilgus from Remington, Ind., on November 26, for Thanksgiving Day services, and Bro. Matt Wackerle from Fort Lauderdale, Florida, on December 6.

On December 6, Bro. J. C. and Sister Pat Ebach became the parents of a baby boy — Todd Allen.

On Wednesday, December 2, Lou Ida Kaisner was proved and baptized. We wish her God's grace and guidance.

Brother Henry Kilgus spent Sunday, December 6, with the churches in Alabama.

Richard Leon Kaisner returned home from Service duties in Korea on December 1. He is the son of Bro. and Sister Joesph Kaisner.

Our Bible Class enjoyed taking part in the Christian Endeavor held at Peoria on November 15.

Two more souls were called unto repentance. They are Maribeth Ebach, daughter of Bro. Jake and Sister Clara Ebach, and Brenda Honegger, daughter of Bro. Perry and

Sister Louise Honegger. Our prayers for those who turn unto the Lord are with them.

### FORT SAM HOUSTON, TEXAS

**Reporters: Carol and Edwin Baurer**

On November 6, Wayne Broquard, a friend from Fairbury, Illinois, arrived here for Basic Training.

On the week end of November 15, we had visitors from Princeville, Illinois. Those that were with us then were: Brother and Sister Harold Streitmatter, Sister Arlene Streitmatter, Sister Mary Jane Streitmatter, Brother William Elsasser Sr. and Mary Knobloch.

On November 21, Brother Ned Kipper from Bluffton, Indiana, arrived here for Basic Training.

On November 23, Brother Walter Sinn from Latty, Ohio, arrived here at Ft. Sam for Basic Training.

On Thanksgiving Day and through the following week end, we had visitors from Princeville, Illinois. With us during that time were Ministering Brother Dave Kieser, Brother and Sister Daniel Feucht, Sister Shirley Feucht and Betty Feucht.

On November 29, we had visitors from Bluffton, Indiana, Brother and Sister Eli Reineck. They are spending some time with their son (and his family), who is stationed at an Air Force Base near here.

Richard Guingrich, a friend from Princeville, Illinois, arrived here for Basic Training on December 9.

### GIRARD, OHIO

**Reporter: Jesse Emch**

The Ellsworth Grafts and the Elmer Grafts of Akron, Ohio, were our guests on Sunday, Oct. 4. The evening was spent and enjoyed with Song-Service at the Harold Emchs.

On Sunday, Nov. 8, we were glad to have with us the Robert Gasser family of Rittman, Ohio, and the Robert Graf family of Akron, Ohio.

On Sunday, Oct. 18, our Elder Brother Rudolph, and Sister Betty



Graf and Sister Mary Zollinger visited us, and we were privileged to partake of the Lord's supper.

Bro. Jesse and Sister Marie Emch spent several days visiting brethren and relatives in New Martinsville, W. Va., and on Sunday, Oct. 25, visited the Monroe County church. On the same Sunday, Sister Ella Dieslinger, also Friends Esther Dieslinger and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Whalen, were welcome guests.

Bro. Carl and Sister Frieda Gasser spent the week end of Nov. 1 visiting their daughter in New York state.

The Carl Gassers and Sister Lydia Klotzle were visiting relatives in New Martinsville, W. Va., and Monroe County, Ohio, on Sunday, Oct. 25.

The Harold Emch family were guests at an Indiana Church on Sunday, Nov. 1.

Sister Caroline Emch spent several weeks with her sister, Mrs. Clara Cummings, who lives at Waukegan, Ill. Mrs. Cummings had undergone Surgery.

On Sunday, Nov. 8, Bro. Lorentz and Sister Caroline Emch were guests at the Chicago, Ill., church.

A baby boy, David Allen, was born to Bro. and Sister Ray Riehl. Bro. Lorentz and Sister Caroline Emch are the grandparents of Kelvin Howard, born to Mr. and Mrs. Glen Winkler of Rittman, Ohio.

A baby boy was born to Paul I. Emch (Brian Douglas) of Spring Valley, New York. Paul Emch is a son of Jesse and Marie Emch.

#### GRIDLEY, KANSAS

**Reporter: Mrs. Rudy Bahr**

The Lamont congregation with us enjoyed the Nov. 20 evening services of Brothers Noah Schrock and Harvey Heiniger.

Joint Thanksgiving eve services were held at Lamont, and we all enjoyed Bro. Carl Hartmann's "visit (of Sabetha) with us" on their way to Burlington, Oklahoma.

Visitors on Nov. 29: Sister Ida

Nussbaum, Mrs. Pauline Roth and daughters of Bloomington, Illinois; with Bro. and Sis. Mathias Strahm. Their daughter, Ungela, of Wichita, and son, Matt, now working at his present assignment in Chicago, were also home.

Bro. and Sis. John Brown and Milly of Kiowa, Kansas, and Bro. and Sis. George Greiner and Franklin of Wichita; with their mother, Sister Lydia Bahr, and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Diel and family, Kiowa, Kansas, with her mother, Sister Katie Raaf, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. John Schmidt, Wolcott, Indiana.

Bro. and Sis. Pete Esslinger and family of Bern spent December 6 with his mother, Sister Ida Esslinger, other relatives and friends. Sister Sarah Meyer also accompanied them.

Elder Bro. Sam Anliker, Lamont, spent a blessed day with us on Dec. 6.

#### JAPAN

**Reporter: Willis R. Ehnle**  
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One day last October, our two church groups gathered at a hotel near a lake which lies between our two churches, and there we had a service and ate together. Altogether there were 35 in attendance, 20 from the area of our country church, and 15 from the area of our Tokyo church. It was an informal meeting, sitting on the straw mats around the short-legged tables. It was an important meeting for strengthening ties of fellowship.

Our friend, Zenichi Inoue, who is in a tuberculosis sanitarium, was to undergo an operation for stomach trouble, but it has been postponed until next spring, since it was thought that he is not strong enough to stand the operation at this time, especially since the rooms are not heated. He has repented and hopes to be baptized after leaving the sanitarium.

A friend, Yoshio Yamazaki, is

helping in our office now, and we are doing better in our correspondence.

He is a sincere young man who has been affiliated with another group, but who would like to join with us.

The neighborhood where our country church is located is called Shioda, so in the future I shall refer to it as the Shioda church. Our church here in the outskirts of Tokyo is called the Tsutsuji-ga-oka Church, and I shall henceforth refer to it by its name, rather than the Tokyo church.

For Thanksgiving, our Sunday School children at the Tsutsuji-ga-oka church each brought an apple or some other item (one boy brought a fine, new toy) to Sunday School, and then a group of them, along with one of their teachers, Brother Yoshito Inoue, took the gifts to an orphanage not too far away. It was a great experience for the children in being thankful and sharing with others less fortunate than themselves.

The Shioda Sunday School is working very hard on a Christmas program. We hope it will help them to understand the true meaning of Christmas.

#### LA CROSSE, INDIANA

**Reporter: Bert Bucher**

Visiting ministers, who have visited us recently: Bros. Emanuel Gudeman spent Thanksgiving Day here. Irvin Lehman spent Sun., Nov. 29, here.

The elder brothers were here on Sun., Dec. 6: John Bahler from Rockville, Noah Schrock from Burlington, Iowa, Sam Aeschliman from Bluffton. Irvin Lehman was here in the evening.

Kenneth Bucher has returned home from the hospital in Pontiac, after spending thirty-two days there. We are thankful that he is improving.

Brother and Sister Donald Feller are moving to Quincy, Ill. We are very sorry to see them leave here. Bro. and Sister Cortland Bucher are the parents of a baby girl, Terri Lee.

#### LATTY, OHIO

**Reporter: Roberta Stoller**

Brother Walter Sinn left for the Service on November 16. He is now stationed at Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

William Zurlinder passed away November 25. He is survived by a brother and sister in Gridley, Ill., and several nieces and nephews.

We are glad to report Sister Irene Stoller is again back in church. She had been sick for some time.

Sister Mary Stoller has been laid up for a while, but is improving. Brother Gale Stoller was in the hospital, but is home again.

Our midweek services have been changed from Thursday evenings to Wednesday evenings.

Some from here attended the funeral of Brother Curtis Mangold at Roanoke.

Our friend, Jesse Kupfersmith, is repenting. We wish him much strength from above and God's wonderful peace.

Brother George Sinn visited in Alto, Michigan, on Sunday Dec. 6.

Paul Schieler and his wife from Switzerland visited in the home of Emil Stollers on Friday evening, Dec. 11.

Some from here attended the funeral of Sister Hannah Kaehr, Dec. 12, at Bluffton.

Justus and Ruby Stoller have a new little girl, Teresa Jo, born Dec. 8. She is welcomed by a brother, Donnie, age 5.

#### MANSFIELD, OHIO

**Reporter: Aaron A. Sauder**

In our last report, an error was made about the death of Esther Matthes. She passed from this life November 6, instead of October 6.

John Oesch and family and Carl Oesch visited in Alto, Michigan, Nov. 22.

Ezra Sauder and Ben Dotterer visited in Junction and Latty the week end of November 27.

Charles Sauder and family spent

the Thanksgiving holidays in Milford and Bluffton, Indiana.

Our elder, Rudolph Graf, was with us Sunday, November 29, to give us an account of the Conference of the brethren in Gridley.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Roberts are the parents of a son, born November 25.

On November 27, Henry Miller of Austria was in our midst and gave an account of his six years in prison. When we hear such experience, we must ask the question, how strong would our faith in God be if such should be our lot?

On December 3, Elders Rudolph Graf of Akron, Dave Mangold of Roanoke, Joe A. Getz of Morton, Noah Schrock of Oakville and John Bahler of Rockville, Connecticut, were in our midst. Brothers Getz and Schrock conducted the evening services. Brothers Mangold and Bahler remained for services December 4. We enjoyed their visit and services very much and invite all back again.

Arthur Dotterer and family and Ben Dotterer were in Florida for a vacation.

Brother Ted Schauwecker was quite ill with a hemorrhage, but we are glad to report that he has recovered and is able to resume his labors again.

Bertha Au, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Beer, passed away December 7, aged 55 years.

#### MILFORD, INDIANA

A son, John Richard, was born December 8 to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Kaiser.

Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Beer left December 13 for a two-week vacation in Florida.

Misses Evelyn Beer and Irma Haab are vacationing in Florida. They will return home with Miss Esther Rapp, who has been in Florida since December 4.

The Sunday School Christmas program is to be held Sunday evening, December 20.

Bro. and Sister Sam Aeschliman, Bro. George Yergler and Bro. Sam Frank spent Sunday, November 15, with us.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Rapp are spending the winter months in Florida. Their address is: 1847 S.E. First Avenue, Dobb's Apartment 5, c/o Mrs. Ferguson, Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Bro. Paul Haab is living in Fort Wayne and attending International Business College.

#### MORTON, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Mrs. B. E. Getz

Sister Kate Lindauer, 79, who has taken care of the Apostolic Home for the past fifteen years, passed away. Funeral services were held Sun., Nov. 29.

Our Sunday School Bible Class sang at Peoria Nov. 15.

A boy was born to Bro. and Sis. Orman Kaiser Nov. 16.

Brother Ed Herman and Sister Myra Yergler of Cissna Park have announced their engagement.

Brother and Sister Emanuel Gudeman and a number of Cissna folks spent Sun., Nov. 15, with us.

#### OAKVILLE, IOWA

Reporter: John L. Steiner

On November 8, Elder Brothers David Mangold of Roanoke, Silas Leuthold of Princeville, and Joe A. Getz of Morton were at Oakville to assist our Elder Brother in bringing us the conclusions of the recent Conference.

Brothers Joe and Jesse Schrock of Congerville held the services here on November 15.

Our Elder Brother Noah Schrock and Ministering Brother Harvey Heiniger visited the congregations at Burlington, Oklahoma, and Wichita, Kansas, over the week end of November 22.

Brother Uriel and Sister Judy (Strassheim) Gehring of Elgin, Iowa, visited her home here over the Thanksgiving week end of November

26-29. Also on that week end, we enjoyed the visit of guests from Burlington, Oklahoma; Wichita, and Ft. Scott, Kansas.

On Monday evening, December 14, Elder Brothers Joshua Broquard of Fairbury and Silas Leuthold were with us for services.

The evening of December 1, a group of members went to Knoxville, Illinois, to sing for Sister Kate Loso, who is in failing health and also somewhat isolated from fellowship with those of kindred faith. Also, Sunday evening, December 13, a number spent their time singing for shut-in Sisters Grace Kuntz and Hattie Eberhard.

Brother Ed Owens was home from Ft. Benning, Georgia, the first of this month. We are looking forward to the time when he can be home for good.

Sunday, December 13, the Bible Class met in the evening to practice for Christmas caroling, at the home of Brother Chris and Sister Nettie Gerst.

Brother Joe and Sister Ruby (Miller) Eberhard are parents of a baby girl, born this past month.

#### PEORIA, ILLINOIS

Our visiting ministers the past month were Brother Joe Hodel of Roanoke, Illinois, Brother Andy Koehl of Fairbury, Illinois, and Brother Francis Rother of Morton. Their wives accompanied them.

Our monthly Hymn-sing was held December 6. There was a large crowd, some coming from Morton, Roanoke and Fairbury. The Roanoke girls group sang a few numbers. It was a blessed evening.

William Erkert and his wife left for Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. They will be gone for the winter. Brother Herbert Erkert had a farewell gathering for them Sunday evening, Nov. 29.

Funeral services for Mrs. Caroline Pfeiffer, who died in California, was held here at the Wright Mortuary.

Brother Michael Weyeneth held the services. Surviving are her two sisters, Mrs. Elizabeth Joos and Sister Pauline Farney, and one brother, Ernest Aupperle.

Brother Jonas Ball, his wife and his sister left for Tuscon, Arizona, Monday, Dec. 7, to be gone several months.

A son was born to the Leslie Unsickers the past month.

Brother Charles Schmeid is a patient at the Proctor Hospital. Brother Pete Martin, who is an invalid, was moved to the Bel-Wood Nursing Home, 7023 Plank Road, Peoria, Illinois. We know he would like to hear from friends, especially during this Christmas season. Let's not forget the shut-ins.

Brother and Mrs. Leroy Hartman visited in Chicago, Sunday, Nov. 22. The Jake Snyders and the Walter Hess' accompanied them.

Robertta Plattner, who is in Nurses's Training at Bloomington, Illinois, was home over the week end of Nov. 6. She has repented and is awaiting baptism.

Sister Bena Broquard entertained several of her neices from Fairbury on Sunday, Dec. 6.

Brother John Hoerr and his wife spent Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 28 and 29, with their son, Brother Robert Hoerr, and his family in Milford, Indiana.

Brother and Sister Roy Sauder attended the Bible Class at Normal on Thursday, Dec. 10. Brother Plattner and his wife accompanied them.

#### PRINCEVILLE, ILLINOIS

**Reporter: Ruth Ricketts**

The engagement of Brother Jerry Kieser and Sister Wilma Moser of Elgin, Illinois, was made known November 29.

We rejoice with Bernice Stahl, daughter of Brother William and Sister Marie Stahl, and Sherry Stoller, daughter of Brother Floran and Sister Dorothy Stoller, who have

repented and found peace with the Lord.

Brother George Kieser Sr., Sister Lillian Stahl and Sister Lucille Kieser are all able to be with us again, after a short stay in the hospital. Brother Dan Streitmatter is also able to worship with us, after a long absence because of illness.

Brother Harold and Sister Aldine Locher and sons have moved from our congregation to their farm in the Cissna Park area. We wish them much happiness and success in their new home.

### REMINGTON, INDIANA

**Reporter: Emily Kilgus**

On Nov. 22, Bro. August Bolliger and wife and some of their family visited our congregation, and were evening guests at the Harold Waibel home.

Also on Nov. 22, a group of young folks from Princeville visited us and spent the evening at the Herman Beckleys.

On Nov. 29, a group of girls from Cissna Park and Eureka spent the day with us, and the evening was spent at the Albert Schini home.

Many from our congregation attended the funeral of Bro. Emil Bahler at Fairbury. Bro. Bahler spent his early life in Remington, and we always enjoyed his visits and will surely remember his many inspiring messages.

We are happy to have all of the Ray Steffen family back in our midst, after having a very narrow escape when their car skidded on a slick pavement and plunged fifty feet into a gravel pit. Only minor injuries were sustained, except for Elaine, who spent several days in the hospital.

On Dec. 10, a group of forty Sunday School children, parents and teachers went to Lafayette to sing Christmas carols at the nursing homes.

On Dec. 8, we were blessed with a visit from our elder body, and the

memorandum of the Gridley Conference was reviewed for both the Remington and Wolcott congregations. We had with us Bros. Noah Schrock, John Bahler, Sam Aeschli-man, George Yergler and Irvin Lehman.

### RITTMAN, OHIO

**Reporter: Mrs. Dale Hartzler**

Recent visiting ministers to our church have been Bro. Noah Schrock, Joe. Getz and Bro. Rudy Graf. We wish to thank them for their visit.

Heinrich Miller of Austria visited here on Wednesday evening, Dec. 2, and gave an account of his life in a concentration camp.

Brother and Sister Everett Stoller had the misfortune of losing a premature daughter, born to them on Dec. 6.

Bro. Ben Hartzler is laid up again with back trouble. We certainly wish him a speedy "get-well".

### ROANOKE, ILLINOIS

**Reporter: Sara Aeschleman**

**Births:** A baby boy, Danny, was born to Sis. and Bro. Bill Leman, Nov. 29.

**Deaths:** Our beloved brother, Curtis Mangold, of Phoenix, was laid to rest Nov. 27. He was 39 years old, and was killed while doing construction work. He and his family were planning to move back to Roanoke in the spring. He will be greatly missed by all, especially his wife and young children. May God lead and guide them as only he alone can do.

"I dreamed I had gone to that city,  
That city where never comes night,  
And I saw the bright angels in glory.

I saw the fair mansions of light,  
Then I dreamed I searched heaven for  
you,

Searched vainly thru heaven for  
you;

Friend, won't you prepare to meet  
me up there?

Lest we should search heaven for you."

### SABETHA, KANSAS

Reporter: Ed. H. Steiner

November 22, Brother John Greiner and Johnnie flew to Tremont, Illinois, to visit Grandma Greiner, who has been very sick.

Brother Roy Wysong and family spent Sunday, November 17, with the members at Congerville, Illinois.

Sister Mildred Schlatter of Leo, Indiana, spent a few days with her sister and family, the Roy Wysongs.

Brother Schmidt and wife spent Thanksgiving with her sister, Phylis (Banwart) Strahm, and other relatives and members here. Their home is at West Bend, Iowa.

November 25, Brother John Herrmann and wife and son from Morton, Illinois, spent Thanksgiving with John's parents, Brother and Sister Albert Herrmann, and brothers, sisters, other relatives and members.

November 25, Brother Emil Fritz and wife, Martha; daughter, Martha Auer; and son, Edward, spent Thanksgiving with Martha's mother, Sister Mary Aberle; Sister, Alme; brothers Joe, Ben and Alpha Aberle; and other relatives and members here.

November 29, Brother Loren Strahm and wife, with some of their children, visited relatives and members at Sabetha and the Country churches. We enjoyed his services very much, and hope the Lord will direct him our way soon again.

Sister Amelia Strahm, wife of Brother Will Strahm died November 30 at the Sabetha Hospital, after a brief illness, although she and her husband. Brother Will, have both been in the Kellenberger Rest Home for some time. She was almost 90 yrs. old, and a faithful sister in the Lord from her earlier years. Funeral was conducted in the Country Church, where she attended all her life, by Lester Hartter and Harvey Grimm. She had a family of ten sons and five

daughters. One daughter, Sister Katie Wuethrich of Elgin, Illinois, and one son, Herman, preceded her in death. We are told all of her living children attended her funeral.

November 24, over the week end, Brother Roy Wysong and wife, Sister Evelyn, visited their children, Brother Jack Wysong and wife and Sister Nancy Gerber and husband, also the members at Lester, Iowa.

December 4, Brother John Greiner was called to Tremont, Illinois, because of his mother's serious illness. Sister Leah Bauman is at the home looking after the children at this writing.

### TAYLOR, MISSOURI

Reporter: Mrs. Eli Sutter

Bro. Ed and Sis. Elsie Hohulin and daughter, Leann; their sons, Sam and William and wives; Bro. Keith Hansen and John Cherry of Goodfield; and several couples from Princeville visited us on Nov. 22.

All our college students spent Thanksgiving vacation with the home folk, also Sis. Lauretta Hoerr, who teaches in Chicago.

Our friend, Adolph Gerst of Sutter, Ill., has repented and found peace with the Lord. We wish him God's blessing.

We are glad to welcome Bro. Don and Sis Judy Feller and children to our community. They moved from La Crosse, Ind. on Dec. 10, assisted by Brothers Art Gudeman, Jack Nuest and Tod Feller and their wives and Dale Feller of Cissna Park. We had evening services, conducted by Bro. Gudeman, which was enjoyed by all.

### WICHITA, KANSAS

Reporter: Ann Greiner

On November 22, our guest minister for evening services was Bro. Harvey Heiniger of Oakville, Ia. Other visitors included: Brother and Sister Sam Anliker, Lamont; Bro. and Sister Loren Strahm, Gridley; Bro. and Sister Dan Imthurn and

Bro. and Sister Bernice Emch of Madison; Bro. and Sister John Beyer and Brother Jake and Sister Bertha Beyer of Gridley; Sister Matilda Beyer and Sister Ella Raaf, Burlington, Ks.

Brother and Sister Carl Hartman of Sabetha were visitors here Sunday, Nov. 29.

We are all saddened by the sudden death of Brother P. J. Allenbach of Harper. Funeral service, conducted by Bro. Roy Farney and Bro. Noah Schrock, were held at Burlington, Okla., Nov. 22. Bro. Allenbach had been a visiting minister here many times. Many from Wichita attended the funeral service.

Brother Phil Mogler, Lester, Iowa, visited the George Lambert family Dec. 1. He was in Wichita on a business trip.

Sis. Amanda Bingham enjoys the Silver Lining, which Sis. Nina Steffen sends on to her. Sis. Amanda had a stroke, and therefore is living in a nursing home. She is not able to get to church, and she is quite lonely and days get long. She used to make her home in Illinois, is acquainted with many, and would enjoy receiving cards. Her address is: 2009 Central Avenue, Alameda, Calif.

"Hymns of Zion", the devotional hymnal being used by many of our brethren for Sunday School, home and devotional singing, is available and will be valued and appreciated as Christmas gifts.

Price per copy is \$2.25. Postage prepaid on small lots. Name imprints for children and friends: 60 cents per copy.

Henry Beer, Box 402, Milford, Indiana.

"Footsteps to Zion", a Sunday School textbook for intermediate children, is being republished. The book contains 52 lessons, with Scripture memory verses and questions. The edition is being revised, and will

have suitable illustrations of Bible happenings.

Orders will be accepted now and shipped when the edition is completed, during the early part of 1960.

Henry Beer, Box 402, Milford, Indiana.

"Have you ever tho't of God's Hidden  
Ones,  
Those Saints behind the Scenes?  
Have you ever stopped to consider  
What their Intercessions mean?"

There names are never mentioned;  
They are humble, quiet folk.  
They know what it means to be lonely  
And to feel adversity's stroke.

They suffer the loss of all things,  
Yet their loss means Eternal Gain,  
For they minister thru prayer and  
pen,  
Often from beds of pain.

In studying thru my Bible  
I find many thus hidden away.  
Remember the man who had the colt  
Waiting for Jesus that Day?

Some one had the Passover chamber  
All furnished, ready, prepared,  
Where Jesus and His disciples  
Those Precious Tokens shared.

Those hidden Ones walked close to  
God  
And they obeyed His Voice.  
They did not need to understand  
The Why and wherefore of His  
choice.

We do not have their names  
But isn't it sweet to know—  
That God has His Johns and His  
Marys  
Thru whom His Blessings can flow?

Are you laid on beds of sickness?  
Are you shut up within four walls?  
He has placed you there for a  
purpose.  
There's a plan for you in it all.

What He says unto you, do it;  
 Leave the circumstances with Him.  
 Your light affliction for a moment  
 Will a weight of Glory win.

—Anonymous.

Submitted by Brother Menno  
 Steiner, Sabetha, Kansas.

### LEO NEWS

**Reporter:** Mrs. Elias Souder

Visiting ministers to our church since the last issue of the Silver Lining were Henry Beer from Milford, Indiana, William Fuhrer from Wolcott, Indiana. Quite a number from Wolcott and Milford congregations visited here the same Sunday.

Church services were held on Wednesday evening, Dec. 16, in the home of Wm. Klopfenstein, Sr., who has been ill and unable to attend church.

Many members from the congregation attended the service at Bluffton on Dec. 9. A blessed and uplifting evening was enjoyed with the elder brother.

David Unsicker, who is in the Service for the U. S. Navy is on a two-week leave with his family, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Unsicker.

The Zion's Harp hymnal is available. The price remains at \$2.25 each for the gold-edge and \$1.75 for the plain. Send orders to John Baumgartner or Sam Aeschliman, Bluffton, Indiana.

It is to the advantage of the church to have these hymnals placed in the home. They are edifying and instructive, and it is nice to have increasing support in the congregational singing.

### HE KNOWS

I know not what awaits me,  
 God kindly veils mine eyes,  
 And o'er each step of my onward way  
 He makes new scenes to rise;  
 And ev'ry joy He sends me, comes  
 A sweet and glad surprise.

One step I see before me,  
 'Tis all I need to see,  
 The light of heav'n more brightly  
 shines,

When earth's illusions flee;  
 And sweetly through the silence,  
 came

His loving "Follow me."

Where He may lead I'll follow,  
 My trust in Him repose;  
 And ev'ry hour in perfect peace  
 I'll sing, He knows, He knows.

Near after distant,  
 Gleam after gloom,  
 Love after loneliness,  
 Life after tomb;  
 After long agony,  
 Rapture of bliss,  
 Right was the pathway,  
 Leading to this.

Sheaves after sowing.  
 Sun after rain,  
 Sight after mystery,  
 Peace after pain;  
 Joy after sorrow,  
 Calm after blast,  
 Rest after weariness,  
 Sweet rest at last.

Light after darkness,  
 Gain after loss,  
 Strength after weakness,  
 Crown after cross;  
 Sweet after bitter,  
 Hope after fears,  
 Home after wand'ring,  
 Praise after tears.