



THE SILVER LINING

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Tears For Tragedy

"The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved.

For the hurt of the daughter of my people am I hurt; I am black; astonishment hath taken hold on me.

Is there no balm in Gilead; is there no physician there? why then is not

the health of the daughter of my people recovered?

Oh that my head were waters, and mine eyes a fountain of tears, that I might weep day and night for the slain of the daughter of my people!"

From Jeremiah

The Veil Was Rent

Philip Gutwein, Jr., Francesville, Ind.

(Continued from last month)

"For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins". But **our GREAT HIGH PRIEST**, after He had offered **HIMSELF** a sacrifice for sins, once for all, entered within the **VEIL** of the heavenly Sanctuary "by his own blood" "having obtained eternal salvation for us". (Heb. 9:11-14).

We further read: "Now of the things which we have spoken **this** is the sum: We have such an high priest, who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens; A minister of the sanctuary". (Heb. 8:1-2)

"Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, By a new and living

way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh; And **having** an high priest over the house of God; Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, ...". (Heb. 10:19-22)

And again: "Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, Let us hold fast **our** profession. For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin". (Heb. 4:14-15) "Wherefore in all things it behooved him to be made like unto **his** brethren, that he might be a merciful and

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Talent

Henry Souder, Jr.

These views work wonders . . .

To grasp as we can the greatness of the Father.

To ponder and contemplate of life in the delightful for ever.

To see God's way of inspiring to great wonders.

We are in a position that few are accorded. His heavenly stores have rich surprises, to bring happiness to hearts. They are those gifts that bring joy eternally.

"... the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal."

How great is the industry of eternity, the power of God!

He makes the water-falls, and thunders the flames of the sun into being. This is the God that gives, in our life, the tremendous treasure to turn-over our talents.

All the knowledge in all the universities, and all the time-lasting degrees, do not compare with His wonderful wisdom. He knows how to do everything. He knows things past and things future.

He knows how to bring out the beautiful in our lives.

"... all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will."

He starts with what we have . . . and what we are. In the thunderama of problems and chastening, He molds His knowledge and His power into our life.

He has a plan.

His are the giant strings of an immortal chorus. He beautifully touches notes unchorded of mortal tongue. It is heart-warming to see His something well done.

The prophet preaching . . . the teacher telling. These talents are there, and His own listen and recognize their symphonic melody.

Others labor in another kind of His service. The direction of the leader . . . the business of those who trustee the trusted errands . . . the treasuring of the treasurer . . . these by scriptural beauty are placed in directed destiny.

In opportunities . . . with operations . . . the Spirit works in each of His own. He teaches how to love by doing. Different and wonderful is the Way He works.

"For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ."

Heavenly exam is far above earthly thought.

You see the section in doing on **humility**. We are scored constantly . . . we write in the inner reaches of the heart and with the pen-hand of doing.

How fragrant is the flower of inner life that flourishes in lowly mind!

We are tested on jealousy and envy.

Others beautifully serve. The section comes up on how well we may sit in a place and be happy and help with success in others. A weak insight into His wisdom scores interruption and harsh interplay. The teamwork of the charity of Corinthians 13 is heavenly I. Q.

"For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit."

Teamwork is heavenly lovely.

The feelings of fellowship are divinely deep. We gain the heights of glory, in the happiness of God.

So often we only explore the ages now. But learning to know God is always a morning of wondrous inner feeling, with the golden sun shining

its glory of adventure. Promises glow with the beauty of depth and breadth and length and height.

Joy is immeasurable.

Do you know, that God wants to kindle His dawn so immortal in your heart that you will understand, beyond all thought possible?

"Now ye are the body of Christ..."

The fathomless feeling of the spiritual life distances into things unknowable in natural realm.

Beyond the dust of the time-clock ... beyond the dim threshold of misty time ... God was, is, and shall be. It is not history, but eternity. And who can peer with human count into its imperceptible distances?

God lives an infinite personality ... grander than all human dimensions ... more glorious than all human thought. Beautiful beyond all idea ... abundantly enveloping and filling hearts with the joy of eternity.

"... covet earnestly the best gifts: and yet shew I unto you a more excellent way."

God's art of doing sets us in the successful places He has told about.

It was He, in the first place, who made us. He knew the chords of the human soul, because, before we even were, we were on His draft-board.

Our dim views may often be blurred with the short-sighted ... His is

keyed to the unspeakable joy of His heart.

His charity of Corinthians 13 is wisdom that is His stairway to the stars.

Thoughts transpose into happiness ... Ideas of God win the ways of eternity ... Outlook is into a world to come, complete in satisfaction.

"For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known."

There is a thin tissue that covers the page of God's tomorrow.

Remember ... our mind can always add that: it is more wonderful than all we think.

What hope may roseately light the inner sphere of eternity's horizon.

Happiness is in this time the way God says. The Cross must press, for the Master said it must be daily. God's happiness dawns through the suffering in His salvation.

Who knows the breath-thrilling span of dawned distance, beautied in His depth!

What glory ... what feelings ... what knowing ... as we are known.

We breathe the beauty of that eternal morning!

"Home at last"

.. and all is WONDERFUL!

Sound Teaching

"repentance from dead works"

John the Baptist was a powerful preacher.

His voice rang out, and souls were stirred to their depths. They came with their unkept souls for cleansing. They confessed, and the word means, an uncovering of individual sins.

John's task was the singlely honorable one of calling to preparation:

"Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain

and hill shall be brought low; and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways shall be made smooth;"

Time went on. But the Master took up the call: "repent ye".

Through-out the Scriptures, there is one tremendous testimony that repentance is the only way to prepare the heart for the dwelling of the Lord within.

But what is true repentance?

Though we search the wide world over, we must, if we would know, find

the meaning hidden in God's Book. What is more, if we close our eyes to the fact, and willfully withdraw, the truth remains, and shall stand in the judgment.

"If I covered my transgressions as Adam, by hiding mine iniquity in my bosom:" But Adam was set right, and hearkened.

Repentance touches the sore spots of the soul. Its very nature demands an expose of what we are naturally inclined to draw a garment about. But outward covering is poor pay for inner decadence.

"And many that believed came, and confessed, and shewed their deeds." The Acts 19:18.

It is good to become tired and weary of the blocked strubble of a thousand and more sins.

To remove the litter of the human soul demands a power above all we have. It comes in answer to prayer.

Thus, it is not those who let it be known they know and then proceed on some erroneous way. But it is

those who experience the power of God, drawing meaning from His many places in His word, wisely hidden from haughty eyes.

That God would give such rich treasure as He has, is truly a blessing that should cause thanks from many hearts.

That it is a repentance that is waited for, is proof it finds its leader from above. All teachings that push and pull for a decision unwrought of repentance, brought through the power of man, must fail. They interject a commandment not of God.

The Scriptures beautifully picture the laborer sowing the seed. Then he must wait and watch. Marvellous Master, who causes the first tender shoots and the full harvest!

". . . when the fruit is brought forth, immediately he putteth in the sickle, because the harvest is come."

Repentance is a princely method to make way for the King of kings.

Henry Souder, Jr.



NEWS



AKRON, OHIO

Reporter: Ruth Taylor

A son, Edward Allan, was born to Kathy and Carl Graf on April 30.

A wedding shower for Mary Webber, daughter of Brother Phillip Webber and Sister Emma (Zollinger) Webber, was held at the home of Donna Palmer. Mary plans to be married June 1 to Gabriel Balazs.

Martha and Dan Kaufman have returned home, after spending the winter in Florida.

A group of our ladies met twice during the past month, at the home of Sister Rose Pamer, to make pads for the Cancer Society. They hope to continue this work, as the pads are badly needed.

Sister Grace Schukert has been able to attend services quite regular

again, after her illness. We are glad to have her with us.

Andrew Leidal was home from Edwin Shaw San. over Easter week end.

Brother and Sister Ben Hartzler and family visited us April 24. They spent the evening at the home of Ernest Graf.

The Ernest Graf family and Elmer Graf family attended the wedding of Louella Riggensbach and Harold Stoller, April 10, at Rittman.

Margaret Gruenig and Edna Von Gunten were both hospitalized during the past month. Both of them have returned home, and are coming along fine.

Janice Greenbank was involved in an accident with their tractor. This could have been very serious, but she escaped with only a few bruises.

Brother Rudolph and Sister Bethie Graf went to Alto, Michigan, April 29; services were held there in the evening. On Saturday, the 30th, they went on to Bay City, and were there for Sunday services and Holy Communion.

Bernie and Bill Beer from Milford spent a week end with us during the month of April. They visited at the home of Forrest Ritzmans.

Brother Leon and Sister Janet Graf were in Girard April 10.

Sister Anna Rupp will be having her 81st birthday May 23. She leads a very active life and has been blessed with many years of good health.

Sister Lula Lude of Detroit, Michigan, is spending the month of April at the home of Russell and Maude Kaufman. Lula's daughter, Mildred Holmquist, and grandchildren, Gary and Marsha, brought her to Akron and stayed for the week following Easter with them.

ALABAMA

Reporter: Clara Heiniger

On the evening of April 8, the Landersville and Hillsboro groups met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Fuller. Bible Study and Sunday school classes were held.

Saturday, April 9, we rejoiced to have Bro. and Sis. Dave Mangold of Roanoke, Ill., spend the week end visiting the Athens and Hillsboro churches.

April 10, Bro. Ben Schlatter and his wife spent the day visiting the three Alabama churches.

April 11, Sister Bertha Harville and Sis. Clara Heiniger delivered an Easter basket and visited Mrs. Ruth Wade at the Colonial Rest Home at Trinity, Alabama. Ruth gets around in her wheel chair, and brings a word of cheer to all other patients in the Rest Home. Then four other shut-ins were visited around the Landersville territory, whom Sis. Bertha knew most of her life, and delivering baskets of fruit was a blessing and real joy to them; also Bible mes-

sages in verses, poems and songs were spoken to them.

In the evening of April 11, the Bible Class of Landersville enjoyed a picnic supper and song worship at Decatur Park in honor of Vernon Fuller, who was leaving for the Service of the government.

The Beginner's and Primary classes of Hillsboro church enjoyed an Easter egg hunt at Mrs. Ruth Pitt, and there, devotions on the Easter Story of the Bible was precious to each boy and girl. Refreshments were served just before going home. Easter baskets of fruit were delivered to Sis. Pearl Stricklin, Mrs. Gladys Richardson, Mrs. Meyers, Aletha Kelly and a little boy, Daryl Smith.

April 12, Sis. Clara Heiniger visited at the home of Buddy Chambers and his wife, Betty, who have a baby girl. We do rejoice that Betty could give her heart to the Lord. Buddy has been a faithful bus driver for the Athens church the past two years; also visited were Sis. Anis Perry, who went along to visit her daughter, Sis. Corine Thomas, and family. A delicious chicken dinner and fellowship together, singing songs with the children were enjoyed.

In the evening of April 13, friends and neighbors met at the home of Bro. and Sis. George Kelly for services and Sunday School.

The Landersville children of the Beginner's and Primary classes met at the home of Mrs. Robert Hood, where children enjoyed an egg-hunt, and the Easter Story of the Bible was a blessing to all. Refreshments were served to around 40.

April 14, the Landersville Bible and Junior Classes took an Easter lily to Mrs. Ruth Wade at the Colonial Rest home at Trinity, Alabama. Song-worship was held and enjoyed by all in the Home. The classes returned to Tommy Craig for an egg-hunt and refreshments.

April 15, a large crowd gathered at the home of shut-ins, the Devanies, who live beyond the mountain, and

children enjoyed Sunday school classes, while Bro. Junior Hale delivered the message to the adults.

Maburn and Sis. Julia Hale and daughter, Ann, of Paulding, Ohio, visited at the home of her parents, Elmer and Sis. Martha Evans, April 16.

The Easter Program was made up of songs by each class in the three churches on Easter Sunday.

April 19, the Hillsboro ladies met at the home of Mrs. Clark, a shut-in; April 20, the Landersville group met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Keys, who are shut-ins; April 21, the Athens group met at the home of Mrs. Mildred Carroll (Sis. Minnie Kyle's daughter), where all enjoyed singing hymns and learning more about His Word.

In the evening of April 19, the Hillsboro young people sang for Bro. and Sis. Henry Stricklin, Mr. Green, and at the Moulton jail, then returned to church for the Bible message and refreshments.

Sis. Clara Heiniger drove North to spend a few days with her mother, Mrs. Lena Heiniger, of Valparaiso, Ind., and visited several church groups; her brother and family, Arthur Heiniger and family, in Morton; Dan Heiniger and family at Kankakee, Ill.; spent several hours in the home of Sis. Edna Schieler of Deer Creek, Ill., who has been a shut-in for many years. Returning to Alabama, her mother went along to spend a few weeks, visiting in homes of sisters and friends in the three churches.

Bro. Don Gudemann of La Crosse, Ind., spent the week end of April 23 with Bro. and Sis. John Wagler, visiting the churches of Athens, Hillsboro and Landersville.

The Hillsboro and Landersville church group met at the home of Junior and Addie Stricklin in the evening of April 22, where Services and Sunday School was held.

April 23, the Athens church group met at the home of Buddy and Betty

Chambers (he is Sis. Retha Chamber's son), for church service and Sunday School.

Sunday, after the Hillsboro church service, April 24, Bro. and Sis. John Wagler, Sis. Susan, Sis. Joan, Bro. and Sis. Junior Hale, Tommy and Beverly, and Bro. Don Gudeman enjoyed a picnic supper with Don and Christine Montgomery of the Landersville church.

In the evening of April 27, Services and Sunday school were held at the home of Bro. and Sis. George Kelly and family at Prospect, Tenn.

April 28, Services and Sunday School were held at the home of Arthur Blankenship and wife and their daughter Alice and family at Lester, Alabama.

The Landersville church group met at the home of Lemen Lou Allen, April 29, where Services and Sunday school were held.

Mr. and Mrs. Hillard Vess of the Landersville church are the parents of a son,, born April 29.

Sister Julia Kyle has been in the hospital, is now again in her home, and any one that wishes to remember her with a card, her address is 404 Elkton St., Athens, Alabama.

Sunday, May 1, after the Hillsboro church, Bro. and Sis. John Wagler and Sisters Joan and Susan enjoyed supper with Bro. and Sis. Junior Hale and family.

May 3, the Hillsboro ladies group met at the home of Mrs. John Meyers, a shut-in for several years; May 4, the Landersville ladies met at the home of Sister Bessie Drake; May 6, the Athens group will meet at the home of Sis. Anis Perry for a pot-luck dinner for the mothers, then ho'd song-worship and teachings of the Bible, learning the Books of the Bible.

May 4, in the home of Marvin and Sis. Ruby Moss, a fish supper was prepared for the Bro. Wagler family, and in the evening, Bible Study was held for the group in the Prospect, Tenn., area.

BLUFFTON, INDIANA**Reporter: Freida Kipfer**

Bro. and Sis. Orville Ringger visited in Latty, Ohio, on April 10.

Quite a few from here visited in the Ft. Wayne church, and some attended their Easter program in the evening.

Bro. and Sis. Sam Aeschliman, Bro. and Sis. Fred Moser and Martha Moser attended the Good Friday Service at the Ft. Wayne Church.

Bro. and Sis. Orville Ringger spent the 17th in Fort Wayne.

Our Sunday School presented their Easter program in the evening.

Bro. Carl Hackenjos was home on a six-day leave. His sister and brother-in-law, Bro. and Sis. Robert Fischer, and family of Portland, Oregon, were visiting here at the same time.

Bros. Joe Isch and Herman Giliom, who have been in the hospital for some time, have returned to their homes.

Bro. and Sis. Louis Sauder have left us, to live in California. We wish them success in their new venture.

Bro. and Sis. Ben Maibach, Jr., and Bro. and Sis. Ben Maibach, Sr., of Detroit, Mich.; many others from Leo, Ft. Wayne, Gridley, Ill.; Mansfield, Ohio; and Hartford, Mich., visited us on the 24th.

Song-Service was held in the evening.

Announcement has been made of the engagement of Mabel Steffen, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Obed Steffen, to Harry Geisel, son of Bro. and Sis. Olen Geisel.

Bro. and Sis. Theo Beer and others from Milford were here on the week end of May 1.

Provings were held on Saturday evening for three friends, Eli Dubach and David and Maxine Ringger, son and daughter-in-law of Bro. and Sis. Raymond Ringger. Baptism was on Sunday.

Bro. and Sis. Ezra Steffen and Bro. and Sis. Chris Steffen of Fairbury, Ill., were here, also, on the 1st.

Bro. and Sis. Sam Aeschliman and

Bro. and Sis. William Leman of Bremen, Ind., left here May 6 for a trip to Rockville, Conn., and Croghan and Naumburg, New York.

Births:

To Bro. and Sis. Richard Clark, a daughter, on April 15; to Harold and Ann Kaehr Baumgartner, twin sons, on April 25; to Charles and Maxine Gerber Fiechter, a son, on April 26; and to Ted and Rose Lantz Pfister, a daughter, on April 29.

CISSNA PARK, ILLINOIS**Reporter: Dale Eisenman**

Sister Myra Yergler and Brother Ed Hermann of Morton were united in marriage here by Brother Josh Broquard of Fairbury, on April 10. Also, the engagement of Sister Beverly Seggebruch and Brother Everett Hari was announced on that Sunday.

On the evening of April 17, the Sunday School presented their Easter program.

A son, Kennan Kell, was born to Brother Glen and Sister Laura Knapp on April 19. Brother and Sister Fred Knochel of Bay City, Michigan, have been visiting there, since the birth of their grandson.

Announcement was made on April 24 of the forthcoming marriage of Sister Mabel Eisenmann of here and Brother Fred Miller of Gridley.

We had our monthly singing at church on the evening of May 1.

Brother Bill Martin has been back to church several times again, after being confined at home for several weeks with a broken foot.

Sister Mary Keidel is able to attend church again, after being shut in during the winter months.

Vernon and Rosie Martin and family have moved to the Chatsworth locality, and are now attending church at Fairbury.

The Brother Will Farney family was saddened recently by the death of a son-in-law, John Pyer, of Wisconsin.

Sister Bertha Heiniger of La

Crosse, Indiana, is in Cissna caring for her sister, Anna Zbinden, who is still ill at her home.

Sister Emma Kuebler quietly celebrated her 94th birthday May 1 with her family. She is able to attend church services every Sunday.

Friend Ralph Gudeman was announced for proving on May 1. He is now able to leave the hospital on week ends, after spending many long weeks confined there, since he hurt his leg in an accident. We rejoice with every soul who has found the Lord.

University of Illinois and Illinois State Normal University

Visiting ministers at ISNU on April 21 were Brother Josh Broquard of Fairbury and Brother Dave Mangold of Roanoke. On April 28, many of the students from ISNU and the U. of I. and others from surrounding churches were together for a hamburger-fry and singing at the Oberlander Cabin along Lake Bloomington. The evening was enjoyed by everyone.

Visiting ministers at the U. of I. were Brother Joe Zimmerman of Roanoke on April 20 and Brothers Henry Kilgus of Forrest and Joe Schrock of Congerville on May 4. These visits are appreciated very much.

CONGERVILLE, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Don Schrock

Vernon Wettstein and Allen Schrock have completed six-month tours of duty with the Army. Ben Grieder is home, after serving in the Marines. Vernon, Allen and Ben are now farming.

We thank Bro. Joe Rocke of Eureka, who was with us April 17. Bro. Elmer Bucher of Francesville and Bro. Ken Bucher of La Crosse, along with their wives, visited us April 24.

Kim W. is the new son of Mr. and Mrs. James Craig. He was born April 14. Bro. and Sis. Robert Knapp also have a new son, Ronald Paul, born April 25.

Ralph Guteman, who has been hospitalized since February 8, is now being released on Sundays so that he can attend church. Ralph has been announced for proving.

Our Bible class were guests of Eureka Bible class on May 1, for the Youth Fellowship singing.

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Brother Joe Schrock telephoned this on May 9:

A group is forming to make a conducted tour of Europe and the Middle East, with emphasis on the Holy Land. Departure around Aug. 4; return about Sept. 8.

Any Apostolic Christian member or friend is welcome to go along. A total of 32 complete reservations have been made. Thirty-two is the maximum number that can travel in one group.

Further information is available on itinerary and cost by contacting Joe Schrock, Congerville, Illinois.

ELGIN, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Louise Steffen

April 17, it was our pleasure to have with us Brother Emanuel Gudeman of Cissna Park, Illinois.

April 24, we enjoyed the visit of Elder Frank Woertz of Goodfield, Ill., Brother Philip Gutwein of Francesville, Indiana.

May 8, Brother Earl Zeltwanger visited our congregation on this Mother's Day. Also, two of our friends were announced for proving: Herman Braun, Jr., and Anna Holiday.

EUREKA, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Cathryn Wettstein

April 15: Good Friday Services were held this evening, instead of Wednesday.

April 24 was the time of our monthly evening singing. The Mortons sang several songs. Everyone enjoyed the blessed evening.

May 1: Bro. Dave Mangold of Roanoke visited our congregation for the

morning service only. Tonight the Christian Endeavor was held. Sunday School young folks attended from Peoria, Morton, Tremont, Princeville, Roanoke, Forrest, Fairbury, Gridley, Goodfield, Congerville and also Eureka. The beautiful songs were enjoyed by all, and may God bless all the young people who had a part therein.

At this time, Sister Elizabeth Schumaker remains in serious condition in Eureka Hospital. May God make her pain bearable, have pity on her, and share her much Grace yet in her last days.

He Knows the Way

I know not where my steps may lead
In days to come,
But He, who for my sins did bleed
Will guide me home.

And though the road be rough and steep,
I'll have no dread;
For He, who for my sins did weep,
Walks on ahead.

Though valleys dark and mountains high
May bar my way;
Through Him, who on the cross did die,
I'll win the day.

And at life's end, my journey o'er,
I'll see the face
Of Him who journeyed on before—
Saved by His Grace.

FAIRBURY, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Joyce Huber

On Good Friday, all of our Sunday School classes presented a program, telling in verse and song, not of just a day long ago, but of how Christ Jesus died that we might live, and that He arose for our justification.

The young people went Easter-caroling, to bring cheer to several aged and shut-ins.

Bro. and Sis. Willis Gudeman and

Sis. Kathryn Gudeman of Francesville, Ind., visited here April 10.

Sisters Lucille Jacob, Joan Getz, Katie Rother and Edith Getz of Morton visited us April 10, and then along with some others from here, went on to Cissna Park to the evening church wedding of Sis. Myra Yergler and Bro. Ed Hermann, the wedding ceremony of which our elder, Bro. Josh Broquard, performed.

Elder Bro. Josh Broquard visited the Bible Class at Normal, Thursday evening, April 21.

Bro. and Sis. Maurice Frank, Bro. and Sis. Howard Hayes and Bro. and Sis. Ernest Knecht of Chicago spent the week end of May 1 with us.

April 17 Bro. Josh Broquard spent at Tremont, to help in the provings as the converts gave their testimonies.

A group from Peoria visited here Sunday, April 24, and were evening guests of the Moser sisters.

Our Sunday School Bible Class participated in the Christian Endeavor in Eureka, May 1.

FORREST, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Ken Schneider

Visiting ministers were: Bro. Joe Schrock from Congerville on April 10, Bro. Joe A. Getz and Bro. Henry Grimm from Morton on April 24, and Bro. Joe Hodel from Roanoke on May 1. We enjoyed their visits very much.

On Sunday, April 10, Maribeth Ebach was proved and baptized. We all welcome her to the fold and wish her God's Grace.

Our Sunday School accepted an invitation to Eureka to participate in a Christian Endeavor on May 1.

A number from our congregation attended the funeral services on May 4 for Sister Mary Schneider of Peoria. She had reached the age of 87 years.

FT. LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA

Reporter: Delores Stoller

Greetings from Ft. Lauderdale.

Two weeks ago, Bro. Godfrey Schlatter and Sis. Clara Klopfenstein,

who has been caring for him, left for home in Toledo, Ohio, after their winter stay in Florida.

Brother Will Erkert and his wife, Sis. Mame, who have their winter home here, have left for their home in Peoria, Ill. Also Bro. Sam Weiland and his wife, Sis. Ida, have left for their home in Bay City, Michigan.

Three weeks ago, we were very pleased to have with us Bro. Irvin Stoller and his wife, Sis. Marie, and son, Gale Stoller, of Latty, Ohio. They had dinner with us in our home. Also, Bro. Carl and Sis. Dorothy Bachtold were with us. We had a very wonderful day, only the time was too short.

Sis. Ida and Herb Swank of Peoria, Ill., were here for a week, and spent some time with us. They spent an evening with us and also Bro. and Sis. Harry and Florence Sutter, who had formerly lived in Peoria.

Mildred Krill has returned from visiting her parents in Bluffton, Indiana. Her father, Bro. Joe Isch, has been very ill.

Mrs. Darrell Klopfenstein, with her new daughter, Marybeth, returned to Ft. Wayne, Ind., vicinity for a visit last week.

Sis. Liza Eisenmann is here, visiting for a few months with her daughter, Sis. Edna Miester.

FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

Reporter: Renee Neihouser

Our visitors who have signed the guest-book since the last issue of the Silver Lining: Theo and Naomi Beer, Fred Shori of Milford; Earl Zeltwanger, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Zeltwanger, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Zeltwanger of Bremen; Jack Nussbaum, Darlene Lehe of Remington.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Baumgartner, Mr. and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Aeschlimen, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Isch and Jill, Lynne Aeschleman, Carol Ringger, Sheila Moser, Beverly Frauhiger, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Moser—all of Bluffton.

Albert and Rose Zeltwanger and girls, Fred and Caroline Zeltwanger,

and Kathryn Rager of Latty.

Lynn Klopfenstein of Leo; Mr. and Mrs. Herb Frauhiger of Bluffton; Mr. and Mrs. David Buser and Fred of Milford; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Laukhau of Latty; Mr. and Mrs. Al Frautschi of Leo.

Mr. and Mrs. Floren Klopfenstein and family, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Laukhau, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Klopfenstein of Latty; Henry Schwartz of Leo; Kathy Kaehr of Bluffton; James Winzeler, Steven Bollier, Terry Stoller, Ken Norr of Leo.

Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Bertsch of Leo; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Grant of Latty; Henry Beer of Milford; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Stoller, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Stoller, Dan, Nellie, Paula and Danny Sinn and Nancy Gerber, all of Latty; Freida, Esther and Irene Kipfer of Bluffton; Mr. and Mrs. William Eisenman of Latty; Mrs. Levi Pfister and Albert of Winthrop, Minnesota.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Ringger of Bluffton; Mr. and Mrs. Gary Eisenman of Latty; Carl Hackenjoes of Bluffton; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fischer of Portland, Oregon; Edward Gerber of Fort Lauderdale, Florida; Walter Gerber, Fort Wayne; Emma Schlatter of Linnwood, Michigan.

Carol Schini and Ruth Ann Berg of Bremen; Betty, Kathy, Lois, Janet, Schlatter of Junction; Mr. and Mrs. Ben Schlatter and family of Junction; Dan and Viola Schini and John of Bremen; Henry and Cora Frey of Remington; Otto Norr of Leo; Phil Sauder of Cissna Park, Ill.; Ruth and Nancy Beutel, Glenna Pflederer, Dan and Joe Steiner of Tremont, Ill.; Lloyd and Myrna Moser of Fairbury; Eleanor Stieglitz of Leo; Robert Steffen and family of Bluffton.

Dorothy Sinn of Latty; Elmer and Sadie Riggenbach, Latty; Mrs. Hilda Roethele, Fort Wayne; Wm. and Salome Feichter, Bluffton; Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Hurt, Jr., and family of Fort Wayne; Bob and Marilyn Schidel and children of Remington; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Furrer of Wolcott.

Bessie E. Erfurth, Gary, Indiana;

Mr. and Mrs. Lowell M. Spangle, Gary, Indiana.

We were very happy to have the following, ministering to us during the past month: Brothers Earl Zeltwanger of Bremen and Theo Beer of Milford on April 10; on April 17, Brother Lester Huber of Francesville and Brother Orville Ringger of Bluffton.

On April 24, Brothers Robert Hue-ni from Bremen and Ben Schlatter of Junction; on May 1, Brothers Phil Sauder of Cissna Park, Ill., and Otto Norr of Leo; Brother Wm. Furrer of Wolcott and Brother Will Pfeichter of Bluffton on May 8.

Our Easter program was held on Sunday evening, April 10. It was well attended.

On one Sunday during the past month, our Sunday School attendance was 79. Children and parents of 5 neighboring families have been attending our Sunday and Worship services.

FRANCESVILLE, INDIANA

Reporter: Mrs. Willis Wuethrich

A busy time for everyone here, but we're thankful for the four seasons and welcome spring and all the wonders of it.

A farewell singing was held the Sunday evening of April 10 for Bro. Paul Von Tobel and his wife, who left the 20th for an extended trip through South America.

Our congregation shared in the annual church spring-cleaning. With fine cooperation, much was accomplished. Just recently a new coffee urn and kitchen floor have been installed.

The engagement of Glen Gutwein and Mirian Altwater of Milford has been announced. A June wedding is planned.

Easter Sunday, Bro. Henry Wackerle of Bay City, Michigan, gave the morning and evening service. Bro. Art Gudeman of La Crosse also spent the evening here.

Our Easter program was centered on the theme, "Doors the Risen Christ Opened." These doors being prayer, hope, power, grave and life, ending with an invitation to open our heart's door to let Him and His Love in.

Lynette Getz was hostess to the Teenage Youth Group on April 26. Twenty-four girls made booklets for the Alabama Sunday Schools. Miss Clara Heiniger of Alabama showed slides of the missionary work in the South.

Our J.O.Y. Circle met May 5 at the home of Mrs. Perry Neihouser Jr., with 38 ladies present. Old eyeglass frames and jewelry were collected for "Eyes for the Needy." Small scripture verse place cards were made for the trays of the San Pierre Hospital.

Virginia, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Von Tobel, suffered a fracture of the left arm, when she fell in the school gym.

GIRARD, OHIO

Reporter: Jesse Emch

Sister Sedona Habeger's husband, Ernest, passed away Sunday, April 10. The funeral was held on Wednesday, April 13. He was 82 years old.

We were very glad to have Bro. Leon and Sister Janet Graf and family with us on Sunday, April 17.

Bro. Henry and Sister Louisa Sabo and daughter, Dorothy, also Sister Ola Froelich were our guests on the week end of April 24. We surely had a blessed Sunday.

Bro. Harold and Sister Kathryn Emch and family spent the week end of April 17 in Milford, Ind.

Sister Esther Saylor is spending a few weeks with her daughter in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Bro. Robt. and Sister Arlene Stoll have returned from their trip to California, which was both safe and enjoyable.

We held our Song-Service on Sunday evening, May 1. There was a good attendance.

GOODFIELD, ILLINOIS**Reporter: Marian Wiegand**

Our dear aged sister, Frances Reeser, was called to her eternal rest on April 23. She had reached the age of 87. She had been a semi-invalid for many years. Her Christian walk of life has been an example for all of us.

April 24 was a very blessed day, as two friends, Jim Hohulin and George Knapp Jr., were baptized. We wish them God's richest blessings. Bro. Joe Zimmerman of Roanoke was our guest minister.

Our friends, Gary Wiegand and Frank Woertz Jr., and Bro. Sam Hohulin are home, after serving several months in the Armed Forces.

The Goodfield- Congerville Bible Classes sang "Jesus, Rose of Sharon" and "Jesus Knows Thy Sorrow" at Youth Fellowship held at Eureka, May 1.

Vacation Bible School classes will be held for two weeks, beginning June 6. We entreat God's blessing on this important undertaking of teaching our children His Word.

Harold and Carole Hohulin are the parents of a boy, born April 25. He has been named Samuel Edward.

GRIDLEY, ILLINOIS**Reporter: Miss Marilyn Schieler**

Provings were held for Judy Witzig, Freidora Wettstein, Evelyn Kaupp and Pete Meiss on Saturday night, April 23. Baptism was Sunday afternoon. Bro. Silas Leuthold of Princeville was here to assist Bro. Joe Klopfenstein in both of these undertakings. A supper was held at the church, following baptism for the relatives and friends of the new converts.

Our friend, Ada Klopfenstein, and Sis. Della Kiefer have both returned home from the hospital, where they were confined for a time.

On April 10, Sis. Francis Meiss and Bro. Albert Sauder of Morton were united in marriage. Bro. Joe Klopfenstein officiated at the ceremony.

Our friends, Terry Miller, Kenny Kiefer, Eldon Witzig and Donald Funk have returned home, after spending six months in the service.

Announcement was made April 24 of the engagement of Bro. Fred Miller of Gridley and Sis. Mabel Eisenmann of Cissna Park.

Two of our families have moved away, and will be missed by the Gridley congregation. Bro. and Sis. Robert Kiefer and son, Mark, have moved to Mundelein, Illinois. They will attend the Elgin congregation. Bill and Sis. Joyce Waibel and twins, Danny and Debby, have moved to Peoria, Illinois, where they will make their home.

Little Patty Gramm of Morris, Minnesota, passed away Sunday, May 1, after a two-year battle with leukemia. Her grandparents, Bro. George and Sis. Louise Gramm, were able to go to Morris and spend a week with Patty, before she passed away. Several relatives and friends from Gridley attended the funeral on Tuesday afternoon. Because of the many miles involved, most of us, of course, were unable to attend, but the whole congregation grieved the loss of Patty, who lived here in Gridley until a few months ago.

Bro. Willis Ehnlé and his family, who reside in Japan, visited our Gridley congregation, and had the services on Thursday evening, May 5. We enjoyed his message and are glad he included us in his round of visits.

A daughter, April Dawn, was born to Bro. and Sis. William Funk on April 21, 1960.

GRIDLEY, KANSAS**Reporter: Mrs. Rudy Bahr**

Easter Sunday visitors: Matt Strahm, Aurora, Illinois; Ungela Strahm, Wichita; Bro. and Sis. John Brown and Millicent, Kiowa; Bro. and Sis. George Greiner and Franklin, Wichita; Bro. and Sis. Godfrey Miller and Chris, Eldorado; Bro. and Sis. Howard Warner and family, Ar-

lington; Mr. and Mrs. Glen Young and family, Turon; Howard Young, Kansas City; and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Peare and daughters, Wichita.

The Sunday School teachers and last year's Bible School teachers met at Bro. and Sis. Sam Kraft's last month, to make plans for our 8th two-weeks session of Bible School, to be held in June.

Mrs. Eva Mentha and daughters of Wichita visited with Bro. and Sis. Dan Kraft on May 1.

Mrs. Gladys Botham and family of Kansas City and Mr. and Mrs. Glen Young and family of Turon visited with their parents, Bro. and Sis. Andrew Young on May 1.

LA CROSSE, INDIANA

Reporter: Albert J. Bucher

The Sunday School had their Easter Program on Sunday, April 10.

Visiting ministers on Sunday, April 24, were Bro. Edmund Kloter, Fairbury, Ill., and Bro. Clarence Kachelmuss, Forrest, Ill.

Sister Clara Heiniger of Alabama returned to her home in Alabama, after spending about a week with her mother and other relatives and friends around here.

A son was born to Bro. and Sis. Don and Gwen Bucher on April 28. He has been named Dick Edward.

We are glad our friend, Willie Meiss, has returned home from Alaska, where he spent much of his time in Service.

LATTY, OHIO

Reporter: Roberta Stoller

Our visiting ministers since the last writing were, Bro. Orville Ringger from Bluffton and Bro. Walter Rehklau. We were happy they could be with us, and thank them for their services.

Sisters Rose and Pauline Laukhuf are back again, after missing for several weeks because of the flu. Sister Helen Schlatter was on the sick list, but is back again with us. Albert Laukhuf is also out after spending

some time in the hospital.

Births: A daughter, Laurie Lynn, to Brother Darl and Sister Iva Stoller.

The Ben Stavenik family of Mansfield visited with us on April 24, also the Archie Kaufman family from Cissna Park.

Brother and Sister Jacob Funk and daughters, Sisters Irene and Melba, of Cissna Park were here May 8. They came to see their new granddaughter and her family, the Darl Stollers.

Sister Lena Rager of Toledo visited her sister, Kathryn Rager. Also, other visitors from Toledo were, Sister Sylvia Jewell and Tillie Laukhuf and Bro. John and Sister Minnie Fetter.

Brothers and Sisters Dan and George Sinn, Carolyn Zeltwanger, and Brothers and Sisters Dan Stoller and Andrew Dotterer attended the funeral of little Patty Gramm in Morris, Minn. She had been sick over two years with leukemia. Our sympathy to her parents, Bro. and Sister Harold and Ila Gramm.

Our Sunday School Bible Class recently visited in Ft. Wayne and in the Bluffton Sunday Schools.

LESTER, IOWA

Reporter: Miss Emelie M. Knobloch

Bro. and Sister Ernst Metzger, Fred and Sister Carrie Metzger, Sister Emma Leuthold visited Bro. and Sister Boyd Metzger of Chicago and John and Ella Martens of Elgin, Ill., April 3.

Orvie and Lauretta Knobloch and Sisters Eunice and Naomi Knobloch spent April 3 at Goodfield, Ill.

Bro. and Sister Roland Messner and family of Winthrop, Minn., spent April 10 with her parents, Bro. and Sister Henry Mogler.

Bro. and Sister Ray Luthi spent a few days with her parents, Albert and Mary Wulf.

Bro. and Sister Noah Gerber and family of West Bend, Ia., spent April 3 with her sisters, Ernst and Martha Feucht and Emil and Lizz Wulf.

Bro. Henry Koehl, Bro. and Sister

Henry Schmidgal of Morris, Minn., Bro. Paul Banwart and Sisters Clara and Lela Banwart and Bob Banwart of West Bend, Ia., spent a blessed day with us, April 10. We had provings and baptism of two friends, William Knobloch and Eugene Nester, and also held Communion that evening. We sure wish our two new converts God's blessings.

We resumed our Sunday School services March 27, after a few weeks of vacation. We have 144 pupils in attendance this year.

We had a few visitors over Easter. They were: Bro. and Sister Edwin Staut and Nancy of Peoria, Ill., in the home of their daughter, Bro. and Sister Earl Knobloch; Bro. and Sister Vernon Streitmatter and Paul of Toulon, Ill., in the home of her parents, Fred and Sister Carrie Metzger; Sister Lydia Hohulin of Peoria, Ill., in the home of her daughter, Bro. and Sister Silas Knobloch; Mary Lou and Doreen Meyer of Peoria, Ill., in the home of their parents, Bro. and Sister Alvia Meyer; Bro. and Sister Lou Bauman, Twila and Charlene, of Goodfield, Ill., spent Easter week end in the home of Bro. and Sister Alvia Meyer; Bro. and Sister Alvin Banwart and family of West Bend, Ia., in the home of her sister, Bro. and Sister Dale Knobloch.

Sister Julia Knobloch and daughters, Sisters Emelie and Violet Knobloch and son, Adolph Knobloch, of Adebolt, Ia., spent Easter at Goodfield, Ill.

We had a few announcements of marriage in the past month. Sister Ella Mae Knobloch, daughter of Bro. and Sister Jacob Knobloch, to Bro. Eugene Schmidt, son of Sister Emma Schmidt, Winthrop, Minn.; Bro. Schmidt is in Fort Sam Houston at present.

Bro. and Sister Alvia Meyer announced the engagement of their daughter, Mary Lou Meyer of Peoria, Ill., and Don Streitmatter, son of Bro. and Sister Jeff Streitmatter Sr., of Princeville, Ill.

Jake and Vina Ott of Goodfield, Ill., announced the engagement of their daughter, Elsie Jean Ott of Peoria, Ill., to Adolph Knobloch of Adebolt, Ia., son of Sister Julia Knobloch.

Bro. August Knobloch spent Easter with his daughters at West Bend, Ia., Bro. and Sister Ray Anliker and Dick and Christine Schmidt.

Bro. and Sister Elmer Banwart and family of West Bend, Ia., spent April 24 with us.

Calvin and Dena Weiss and family of Elgin, Ill., spent a few days with her parents, Bro. and Sister Jacob Knobloch. Brother and Sister Elmer Fehr of West Bend, Ia., came April 24 to spend the day with them also.

Bro. and Sister Wilbert Knobloch and son of Chicago, Ill., are spending a few weeks vacation in the home of his mother, Sister Julia Knobloch.

Birth: A son, Glenn Allen, to Edward and Amelia Roemann, April 16.

MANSFIELD, OHIO

Reporter: Aaron A. Sauder

Bro. and Sister Aaron Sauder and Herman and Mary Sauder attended the marriage of their brother, Albert Sauder, and Francis Meiss at Gridley, Ill., Sunday, April 10.

Recent births were a son to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Sauder, April 12 and a son to Bro. and Sister Kenneth Sauder, April 23.

Bro. and Sister John Fuhrer returned home April 15, after spending the winter in Florida. We are glad to have them back again.

The smaller Sunday School children gave a very impressive program Sunday evening, April 17. Also the four Witchi sisters sang a song, which we all enjoyed.

Bro. and Sister Henry Sabo and Brother Ernest Tanner, who is on the sick list and is staying with his daughter, Louise, in Warren, Ohio, spent Sunday, April 24, in Girard.

Our visitors April 24 were Bro. and Sister Eli Manz and children of Junction and Bro. and Sister K. Sha-

fer and children of Bluffton.

Sister Katie Bocka fell and broke her arm. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Sister Martha Kleshinski went to California to visit her aged mother.

Sister Martha Laukuf of Latty visited relatives a few days.

A group of our young people spent Sunday, April 24, in Bluffton.

Bro. and Sister Robert Beer spent Sunday, May 1, in Toledo.

Bro. and Sister Charles Sauder and Bro. and Sister Aaron Sauder were in Milford Sunday, May 1.

Brother and Sister John Oesch visited in Eureka, Ill., Sunday, May 8.

Brother and Sister John Fuhrer and Brother and Sister Robert Sauder spent Sunday, May 8, in Akron, Ohio.

Our visitors May 8 included Bro. and Sister Paul Froelich of Rittman, Ohio, Sister Millie Schlatter and daughter, Ethelyn, and Bro. and Sister Stieglitz of Leo, Ind., and Sister Zimmer and daughter of Bremen, Ind.

Mr. Noah Sauder of California spent a week in April visiting his brothers and sister.

MILFORD, INDIANA

Reporter: Irma Haab

The engagement of Sis. Marian Altvater to Bro. Glen Gutwein of Francesville was announced Sunday, April 10. We wish them the Lord's blessing.

A son was born to Larry and Phyllis Weisser, Sunday, April 17. The baby was named Tim E., and has one brother, Terry.

Bro. Willis and Sis. Lois Ehnle and children, Tony and Joy, of Japan were with us for Good Friday and Easter services.

A son, Mark G., was born to Bro. Gene and Sis. Kate Sauder, April 24. The baby has one sister, Brenda.

The Sunday School Bible class and many brethren enjoyed Sunrise Service on Easter morning.

Several brethren from Forrest vis-

ited our congregation Sunday, May 1.

MORTON, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Mrs. B. E. Getz

A group from Peoria sang several numbers at our regular Sunday evening singing at the church, April 10.

Funeral services for Sis. Mary Bauman, 79, who suffered with arthritis for almost fifty years, were held April 16. Bro. Joe A Getz and Bro. David Kieser of Princeville officiated.

Bro. and Sis. Joe A Getz were dinner guests in Roanoke, April 30.

Bro. and Sis. Henry Grimm visited their daughter in Indianapolis, and attended church at Wolcott, Ind., May 1.

Funeral services for Mrs. Nathan Rapp, 52, who died unexpectedly at Rochester, Minn., were held May 7. Bro. Joe A Getz officiated.

The Morton Bible Class sang at the Christian Endeavor meeting held in Eureka, April 24.

MORRIS, MINNESOTA

Reporter: Mrs. Louie Messner

Three baby boys born this past month were Brent Robert, to Bro. and Sister Robert Haas, April 9; Henry Carl, to Bro. and Sister Frank Messner, April 24; Guy Edwin, to Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Koell, May 1.

We were very happy to have Bro. Uriel Gehring and his wife with us for both Good Friday Evening services and also Easter Sunday. Bro. and Sister Carl Moser, the Bible Class and others of Elgin, Iowa, also were here for Easter week end.

The Sunday School children had their program Easter evening for everyone this year, instead of during Sunday School time for the parents.

Friends of our dear sister, Rosie Joos, will be sorry to hear she passed away suddenly at the home of her daughter, Bro. and Sister Ferd Tohm, on February 24. She was 80 years of age.

Bro. Alpha Moser underwent surgery on his back May 5.

Sister Gloria Koehl came home Ap-

ril 29, and will be home until June 15, when she will return to the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Wulf, Bro. and Sister Bill Wulf and children and Sister Caroline Doorneweerd and children of Lester, Iowa, spent the May 1 week end with relatives.

Bro. and Sister Glen Domnick and children spent Easter vacation by her parents, Bro. and Sister Joe Diel, in Kiowa, Kansas.

Our ministering Bro. Jake Nohl was unable to be with us in church Sunday, May 1, but at this writing is feeling better.

Sister Pauline Tohm went to the hospital April 25.

Patty Lou Gramm, seven-year-old daughter of Bro. and Sis. Harold Gramm, passed away May 1 at her home, after being in failing health for two years. Cause of death was leukemia. She is survived by her parents, one sister, Peggy, two brothers, Gregory and Theodore, the grandparents, Bro. and Sis. Wm. Zeltwanger of Hancock, Bro. and Sis. George Gramm of Gridley, Ill., and her great-grandfather, Bro. Carl Zeltwanger of Latty, Ohio.

Bro. Joe Klopfenstein of Gridley and Bro. Uriel Gehring of Elgin, Iowa, conducted the services. Many relatives and friends attended from Gridley, Elgin and Cissna Park, Illinois; Latty and Paulding, Ohio; Lester, West Bend and Elgin, Iowa, and from Winthrop, Minn.

Bro. Alvin Nohl is a patient in the Stevens County Memorial Hospital in Morris, as the result of injuries sustained May 2, when the tractor seat broke, and he fell in front of disc, which passed over him. He suffered a broken arm, several cuts and bruises.

A son, John Allan, was born to Bro. and Sister Ed Lanz, May 5.

OAKVILLE, IOWA

Reporter: John L. Steiner

The annual trustee election was held April 11. Brother John Perdel-

witz was chosen to succeed Brother William Cordill as church trustee. Bro. Roger Moser was elected cemetery trustee to succeed Brother Ed Lanz, Jr.

Holy Communion was observed Wednesday evening, April 13, by the Burlington congregation.

A number of young members from Chicago, Ill., and Taylor, Mo., visited here April 24.

The Forrest, Ill., young members were our guests, May 1.

A group sang for Sister Minnie Vierling, Sunday evening, May 1.

A daughter, Elizabeth Jo, was born April 16 to Brother Glen and Sister Josephine Martin of Pulaski, Iowa. Sister Martin's parents are Brother Joe and Sister Della Reiman of Oakville.

Brother Clem and Sister Kathleen Heiniger are parents of their first son, Paul Alan, born April 24. He was welcomed by three sisters.

PEORIA, ILLINOIS

On Tuesday evening, April 5, Bro. Eugene Bertschi of Roanoke was here to conduct our Bible Class. Quite a number were here from Tremont and Morton.

Our ministers visited the different churches the past month. Bros. James Hoerr and Leroy Hartman went to Taylor, Mo.; Bros. James Hoerr and Roy Sauder to Cissna Park, Ill.; Bro. Chris Koehl to Elgin, Ill.; Bro. Michael Weyeneth to Roanoke and Morton; Bro. Roy Sauder to Tremont.

On Thursday evening, April 14, Bro. Silas Leuthold of Princeville was here to perform the marriage of Bro. Jonathan Schumacher to Sister Margaret Honegger. A large reception was held at the Ernest Elsassar home afterward. Many relatives and friends from Cissna Park, Ill., and Fairbury and Eureka, Ill., attended.

Our Easter Program was held April 17. The Sunday School took part; also included were our group singing and quartets; also our choristers conducted by Bro. Alf. Hohulin. It was

a blessed evening.

Our visiting ministers the past month were Bro. Herman Kellenberger of Elgin, Illinois; Bro. Gus Scheitlin of Oakville, Iowa; Bro. Henry Beer of Milford, Indiana; Bro. Albert Fisher of Chicago; Bro. Jess Schrock of Congerville, Ill.; Bro. Willis Ehnle of Japan and Bro. Silas Leuthold of Princeville. Their wives accompanied them.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Willis Sauder, April 2.

Our monthly Hymn-sing was held Sunday evening, May 1. Bro. Willis Ehnle of Japan had a talk about the church in Japan. It was very interesting and was a blessed evening. There were many here from Morton, Roanoke and Congerville.

Bros. John Woerner, Irvin Hodel and Kenneth Sauder visited Bros. Marshal Heinold and Jim Pfister and Paul Von Tobel and Paul Gutwein at Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana, Sunday, April 24.

Two of our dear sisters passed away the past month. Sister Lena Rapp died Sunday evening, May 1, and Sister Mary Schneider died Monday morning, May 2. Both funerals were held the same day, May 4. The funeral for Sister Lena was held in the morning and the one for Sister Mary Schneider in the afternoon. A large number of friends and relatives attended both funerals.

Bro. and Sis. Levi Schwartz of Bluffton, Indiana, Bro. and Sis. Ulrich Kipfer and Bro. and Sis. Henry Kipfer of Grabill, Indiana, visited the Ralph Kipfers, and also the Bro. and Sis. Ernest Elsassar and Sister Ella VonBergen homes, Saturday, April 30. They also visited Arvilla's uncle and Fern's father, Bro. Pete Martin, at the Bellwood Nursing Home. They spent Sunday and Monday with relatives in Roanoke and Congerville.

PORTLAND, OREGON

Reporter: Mrs. Robert Miller

Brother Cornelius Bertsch, his wife, Emma, and Brother and Sister

Carroll Gerber from Bluffton, Indiana, drove to Portland, and arrived April 21. We certainly enjoyed their visit! Sister Rose Miller and Sister Lydia Conrad are sisters to Emma Bertsch. They also visited their son, Robert Bertsch and family, at Tillamook, Oregon. They left for home on Saturday, April 30. We trust the Lord has led them safely home.

Brother Robert and Sister Nilah Fischer and children arrived safely home, May 1. We are happy to see them back, after having an enjoyable visit with their parents, Brother and Sister Andrew Hackenjos from Bluffton, Indiana, and Brother and Sister Eli Fischer from Morton, Illinois, and many others in the Midwest.

Sister Elizabeth Feltman from Altadena, California, is spending two weeks with her niece, Bernice Alt, and family at Silverton, Oregon.

It has been a blessing to the Portland congregation to have the two families, Brother Ray and Sister Margaret Banwart and family from West Bend, Iowa, who moved here last summer, and Brother Melvin and Sister Shirley Hohulin and son, Joey, who moved here last fall from Roanoke, Illinois. We hope there will be others led by the Spirit to make this move.

Brother and Sister Robert Miller and family ministered at the Silverton Church on May 1.

Speak Gently

Speak gently; it is better far
To rule by love than fear;
Speak gently; let no harsh word mar
The good we may do here.

Speak gently to the little child;
Its love is sure to gain;
Teach it in accents soft and mild;
It may not long remain.

Speak gently to the youth, for they
Will have enough to bear;
Pass through this life as best they
may,
'Tis full of anxious care.

Speak gently to the aged one,
Grieve not the care-worn heart,
Whose sands of life are nearly run,
Let such in peace depart.

Speak gently to the erring, know
They must have toiled in vain;
Perchance unkindness made them so.
Oh, win them back again!

Speak gently; 'tis a little thing
Dropped in the heart's deep well;
The good, the joy that it may bring,
Eternity shall tell.

PRINCEVILLE, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Ruth Ricketts

On Sunday, April 10, Miss Patricia Rumbold, only daughter of Brother Roy and Sister Pearl Rumbold, and Mr. Ronald Pullen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Pullen of Dunlap, Illinois, were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents, by our Elder Silas Leuthold.

Brother Albert Aberle of Tremont, Illinois, was with us April 10, and all enjoyed a blessed day together.

Brother Willis and Sister Lois Ehnle and children of Japan are spending several weeks with his parents, Brother Will and Sister Emma Ehnle, and with other relatives. During his visit, he has delivered several sermons, and has told of their experiences at various congregations.

Our Elder Brothers Noah Schrock of Oakville, Iowa, and Joshua Broquard of Fairbury assisted our Elder Brother Silas Leuthold in serving Holy Communion to a large congregation on May 9. A very blessed day was enjoyed by all and we can be thankful for the fellowship we enjoy with each other.

Our aged Brother, Wm. Spahr, passed from this life on April 13, and was laid to rest April 15. Brother Silas Leuthold, assisted by our ministering brothers, had the services. He was the father of Sister Lucille (Mrs. Sam) Kieser. Our sympathy is extended to the family.

We also extend sympathy to the family of Sister Lena Rapp of Peoria, who passed away May 1, after several months illness. Brother Daniel and Brother Jeff and friend Will Streitmatter of our congregation were brothers of Sister Lena.

Evening services were held April 15, in observance of Good Friday, and a goodly number were in attendance.

Sister Edith Stahl, who submitted to surgery some weeks ago, is home again, and happy she is again able to worship with us.

Our friend, Gisela Stogsdill, who also had surgery, is able to be with us again.

We are thankful for their recovery.

Brother George Miller was badly burned about the legs, when he accidentally caught fire while burning brush. We are thankful, too, that he is recovering, and hope he will soon be with us again.

Brother Alfred and Sister Virginia Streitmatter are the parents of a son, Alan Dean, born April 15. They have two daughters.

Brother Raymond and Sister Betty Wagenbach are the parents of a son, born May 7. They have two sons and one daughter to welcome him home.

Our Bible Class Chorus joined the other singing groups at Eureka, Sunday evening, May 1, and enjoyed a pleasant evening.

REMINGTON, INDIANA

Reporter: Emily Kilgus

Visiting ministers since our last writing have been Brothers Jim Hoerr and Leroy Hartman from Peoria on April 10; Bros. Henry Kilgus of Forrest and Ed Hohulin of Goodfield on April 17; and Bro. Eugene Bertschi on April 24. We thank the brothers and also the visitors who accompanied them.

The Bernard Virkler family of New York visited the Schieler families at Easter-time.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Peters are

the parents of a daughter, born April 24. She is welcomed by a sister and two brothers.

Our Easter program was held on the evening of Good Friday.

RITTMAN, OHIO

Reporter: Mrs. Dale Hartzler

Births: On April 5, a daughter, Debra Jane, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Dale Widmer. On April 26, a son, Larry Dale, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Dale Hartzler.

Sunday School classes started on April 3, after a winter vacation.

On April 6, our visiting ministers were Bro. Andrew Dotterer from Junction and Bro. Henry Wackerle of Bay City.

On April 10, Bro. Harold Stoller and Sister Luella Riggenbach were united in Holy Matrimony. We wish them God's many blessings.

Communion was held on April 17. Elder Brother Rudy Graf of Akron assisted our Elder Bro., Noah Bauman, in this important work.

On May 1, funeral services were held for friend Carrie Huegle, and on May 4, funeral services were held for friend David Eyden.

ROANOKE, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Sara Aeschleman

We rejoice in having four more new souls added to the fold. They are Fern Leman, Carol Legel, Linda Leman and Mary Ellen Hangartner.

Our friend, Robert Bradle, has repented and found peace with God. We wish him the Lord's blessing.

Sis. Leah Kempf died at the age of 85, on April 27. Funeral services were held April 30.

Recent visiting ministers were Bro. Merle Kaisner from Fairbury, who was with us Sunday, April 10; also, Bro. Kloter of Fairbury and Bro. Mike Weyeneth were with us for Wednesday night services April 27. We enjoyed their visits very much.

A girl was born to Bro. and Sis. Joe Aeschleman. Boys were born to Bro. and Sis. Gerald Fischer and Bro.

and Sis. Stanley Hodel.

We are glad to have Bro. and Sis. Dave and Anna Mangold back home with us, after spending the winter in Florida.

Sunday, April 30, the Sunday School class attended Christian Endeavor in Eureka.

If for my hands there is no larger task,

Then precious Lord, for this I ask,
That unto those that come my way
I might impart a shining ray,
New light of hope by word, or just a smile

And thereby cheer some soul a while."

SABETHA, KANSAS

Reporter: Ed. H. Steiner

April 21: Among those who had the pleasure of spending Easter Sunday and week end at Tremont, Ill., from Sabetha, were Bro. and Sister Phil Metzger and daughters, Sherol and Sister De'ores, and Bro. Ronnie; Sisters Sallie Wysong, Irma Esslinger and Leah Bauman; Bro. Joey Marti and Bro. and Sister Ed Steiner. We all enjoyed the proving and baptismal services of seven converted young men. May they all enjoy the blessings of their Redeemer, and be a shining light among the people with whom they live, work and mingle to the honor of God the Father.

May 1: Among the visitors we enjoyed in our Sabetha Brotherhood who came to minister unto us, and witness the testimony and baptism of the new converts, Ben Wysong and Janice Aberle, son of Bro. and Sister Roy Wysong and daughter of Bro. and Sister Ben Aberle, were Bro. Sam Anliker of Lamont, Kansas; Bro. and Sister Sam Huber of Grid'ey, Kans.; Bro. Wayne Miller and wife, Bro. and Sister Raymond Banwart. Bro. and Sister Gus Sinn, Bro. and Sister Dannie Sinn, Bro. and Sister Martin Huhlin and others, all from Ft. Scott, Kans.; from Lester, Iowa, Bro. and Sister Leo Moser, Bro. and Sister

Robt. Gerber, Bro. and Sister Jack Wysong, Sister Mary (Dale) Knobloch and others; from Leo, Ind., Sisters Mildred Schlatter, Louise Stavenik and Helen (Herman) Norr; from West Bend, Iowa, Bro. and Sister Silas Banwart; from Washington, Ill., Sister Edith Tanner; from Deer Creek, Ill., Sister Mary (Simon) Wiegand; from Morton, Ill., Sisters Martha (Emil) Fritz and daughters, Mary Martha and Merriam.

We were blessed with the services brought to us by Bros. Wayne Miller, Sam Huber, Leo Moser and Sam Anliker. We had a blessed day and a well-filled house. We hope that many more souls will take advantage of the invitation extended to one and all on this day.

We had a belated snow-storm, after a nice rain the last week end of April, but not much damage resulted from the cold, since the snow disappeared soon after the sun arose.

TAYLOR, MISSOURI

Reporter: Mrs. Eli Sutter

We all enjoyed the Easter program, presented by the Sunday School on Friday evening, April 15.

The families that were forced to move from their homes during the recent flood threat have all moved back again. Bros. Albert, Russell and Joel Wuthrich and their wives helped the Bro. James Sutter family, and Bro. Ezra and Sis. Ollie Feller helped the Bro. Don Feller family to move back again, help that was greatly appreciated.

We enjoyed having Bro. Ezra and Bro. Albert and their wives with us on Sunday, April 17.

On Sunday, May 1, we were privileged to have Bro. Leroy Hartman and Bro. Jim Hoerr of Peoria with us. They were accompanied by their wives, and also Bro. Dan and Sis. Verma Hoerr.

For the first time in many years our church services are held on Daylight Saving Time.

TOLEDO, OHIO

Reporter: Emily Frautschi

We are glad to have Bro. Godfrey Schlatter and Clara Klopfenstein, his housekeeper, home safely from their stay in Florida.

Bro. Robert Beer and Bro. Ben Beer, their wives and some of their children from Mansfield visited us on May 1. We enjoyed their visit and messages.

Bro. E. Oberlander, his wife and Sister Minnie Maibach, all of Peoria, Ill., visited in Toledo on May 7, on their way to Detroit.

TREMONT, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Esther Schmid

We enjoyed the inspiring messages of Bro. Eugene Bertschi of Roanoke and Bro. Edwin Hohulin of Goodfield, who with their families spent Sunday, April 10, with us.

Bro. Albert and Sister Emma Aberle visited the Princeville congregation, April 10.

On Good Friday, Bro. Henry Grimm of Morton held evening services here.

Bro. Elmer and Sister Darlene Kaeb are the parents of a son, their first child, born April 16. He has been named David Elmer.

Sister Ricka Stettner and Sister Elizabeth Lindoerfer of Elgin, Ill., spent the Easter week end here, visiting relatives.

We had a very blessed week end over Easter Sunday.

Seven dear souls gave their testimony of surrendering to the Lord. Bro. Josh Broquard of Fairbury and Bro. Silas Leuthold of Princeville assisted our elder, Bro. Joe A. Getz. Baptismal Services were on Easter Sunday for James Koch, Paul Michel, Joe Steiner, Glenn Dill, Mahlon Frank, Marvin Frank and Charles Sauder.

Bro. and Sister Ed. Steiner, Sis. Leah Bauman, Bro. and Sister Philip Metzger, Bro. Ronnie Metzger, Bro. Joe E. Marti, and Sister Sally Wysong, DeLores Metzger and Erma

Esslinger of Sabetha, Kansas, spent the Easter week end at Tremont; also many other dear friends and relatives of the new converts.

Other visiting ministers with us this month were, on April 17, Bro. Ben Heiniger, Morton; Bro. Philip Sauder, Cissna Park; Bro. Roy Sauder, Peoria;

On April 24, Bro. Hermann Kellenberger, Elgin, Ill., Bro. Gus Scheitlin, Oakville, Iowa.

We enjoyed their visits, and hope they will soon return.

Bro. and Sister Joe Schmidgall, Elgin, Ill., spent the week end of the 24th of April visiting at the home of their daughter, Bro. and Sis. Dale Sauder.

Bro. and Sister Joel Gudeman, Elgin, Ill., also were with us the 24th; and Bro. and Sister John Frank, Oakville, Iowa.

Bro. Joe A Getz held Thursday evening services here April 28.

Bro. Ernest and Sister Freda Aberle are the parents of a son, their second boy, born April 28. He has been named Timothy John.

In the evening, on Easter Sunday, the children of all the Sunday School Classes presented a nice program. May God bless them and their teachers for the effort and time spent learning the teachings of our Lord.

TSUTSUJIGA-OKA, JAPAN

Reporter: Yoshito Inoue

Brother Tetsuhiro Ono went to Sendai, a city located in the northern part of Honshu, to go to a university there, on the 10th of April. We can not meet him until next summer vacation, so Brother Akira, Brother Shuhei, Brother Yoshito and Sister Junko, all members of our church, went to see him off at Ueno station. We pray He may guide him and protect him, so that the young brother may stand fast against temptations of Satan, where no Christian fellowship is offered.

The church well dried up in the latter part of March, and it was re-

dug on the 27th of April, and now it supplies a good amount of water.

Brother Kimio Akao, Sister Kyoko Hatsuumi, Miss Hamako Nozawa and Mr. Tadao Shinkai visited us on the 23th of April. Brother Takeshita also visited us on Saturday, so it was the first Sunday which so many members attended our Sunday morning service since Brother and Sister Ehnle left here.

Shioda Sunday School teachers and Tsutsujigaoka Sunday School teachers decided that we exchange teachers twice a month, in the hope that we avoid misunderstanding among us, and that both Sunday Schools may be progressed in the same direction.

WOLCOTT, INDIANA

Reporter: Arles Kropf

Our Sunday School classes presented their Easter program after services on April 17. Attendance awards for last year were also presented to the children during class period.

Elder Bro. Geo. Yergler of La Crosse was with us in the evening of April 17, to assist Bro. Lehman in serving Communion. Bros. Carl Peters and John Heiniger came with Bro. George. Other visitors that day were Bro. and Sis. Theo Reuter of Tremont.

Bro. John and Sis. Mary Schmidt have returned home, after spending the winter in California.

Visitors on April 24 were Bro. and Sis. Joe Kaisner, Bro. and Sis. Merle Kaisner, Bro. and Sis. Dave Schmidgall, Bro. and Sis. Warren Hartman, Bro. and Sis. Sam Steffen and family, Sis. Louis Zimmerman and Bro. Warren Zehr of the Fairbury and Forrest communities. They were supper guests of the Kenneth Furrers.

Harold and June Lehman are the parents of a son, John Allen, born April 27.

Bro. and Sis. Henry Grimm of Morton were with us May 1. We enjoy the visits of ministering brothers.

Sister Maggie Klopfenstein passed away May 2. Funeral services were held May 5.

BURLINGTON, OKLAHOMA

Reporter: Mrs. Raymond Roth

Bro. and Sister Ed Kircher attended the funeral of Ed's brother, Fred Kircher, in Lansing, Mich., who died of a heart attack April 7.

Visitors here Sunday, April 10, were Bro. and Sister Glenn Domnick and family of Morris, Minn.; Bro. and Sister Godfrey Miller of Eldorado, Kansas; Bro. and Sister Harvey Smith and daughters and Sisters Lois Guthrie and Roletta Farney of Wichita, Kansas.

Bro. and Sister Ulysses Farney and family visited Bro. and Sister Joe Aberle and family of Sabetha, Kansas; and Bro. and Sister John Brown and Millie visited in Gridley, Kansas, over the Easter holidays.

Announcement was made April 17 of the engagement of Sister Lois Guthrie, daughter of Bro. and Sister Richard Guthrie, to Bro. Ronnald Allenbach, son of Mr. and Mrs. Simon Allenbach. Sister Lois has been employed as a secretary for the Santa Fe Trailway in Wichita, Kansas, the past three years, and Bro. Ronnald is an elementary teacher in the Kiowa, Kansas, school.

Easter Sunday visitors were Bro. and Sister Jeff Frieden of Howard, Kansas, and Bro. and Sister Harvey Farney of Wichita, Kansas.

Bro. and Sister Elmer Tanner and daughter, Sister Ruth Ann, escaped serious injuries in a two-car accident the evening of April 23. A passenger in the other car, who failed to stop at a stop sign, was killed, while Bro. Elmer and Sister Ruth Ann received only bruises. Sister (Alice) Tanner was hospitalized a week, with cuts, bruises and a broken leg.

Our congregation is surely thankful for the addition of another soul. Frank Kisling was proved and baptized by Bro. Roy Farney, April 24.

Sister Emma Domnick, formerly

from here, but who has been living in Morton, Ill., the past two years, visited us May 1.

Visitors here Sunday, May 8, were, Bro. and Sister George Lambert and Bro. and Sister Geo. Greiner of Wichita, Kansas.

LEO, INDIANA

Reporter: Mrs. Elias Souder

Mrs. Aaron Schwartz is at the present time recuperating at the Parkview Hospital of Ft. Wayne. She has her arms in casts, resulting from an accident, which left her with a broken arm and a broken wrist.

John G. Getz of Ft. Wayne, Indiana, underwent serious surgery at the Lutheran Hospital of Ft. Wayne on May 3. He is still in a critical condition at this writing.

Some of our members visited Wm. Klopfenstein, May 1, and had church services there.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Fahling and children spent a week with his sister, Mrs. Edward Souder. They have gone back to their place, and are awaiting orders to be sent to Germany for five years. He is in the Service of our Government. Her home was formerly in Germany.

George Stieglitz planned to leave for Morton, Ill., to attend the funeral of George Getz.

The Veil Was Rent

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faithful high priest in things pertaining to God to make reconciliation for the sins of the people. For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted." "WHEREFORE, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus." (Heb. 2:17-18, 3:1)

"Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need". (Heb. 4:16) The Apostle John writes: "My little children,

these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: And he is the propitiation for our sins". (Also translated: **MERCY SEAT**, He is seated upon the **BLOOD** sprinkled **MERCY SEAT**) We are come unto "Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than **that** of Abel" (Heb. 12:24). For while the blood of Abel cried to God for **JUSTICE** and avenging, the **BLOOD** of sprinkling cries for **MERCY** and **FORGIVENESS**. The High Priest, upon entering the **HOLIEST**, had to "take of the blood of the bullock, and sprinkle it with his finger upon the mercy seat eastward; and before the mercy seat . . . seven times". (Lev. 16:14) (Heb. 9:19-24, read it also)

Jesus said: For this is my blood of the new testament (or covenant), which is shed for many for the remission of sins. (Matt. 26:28).

WHY IS THERE SO MUCH EMPHASIS UPON THE BLOOD? Because it is written:

"For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: For it is the blood **that** maketh an atonement for the soul . . . he shall even pour out the blood . . . and cover it with dust." "I will set my face against that soul that eateth blood, and will cut him off . . ." (Lev. 17:10-14).

NOW "the wages of sin is death". (Rom. 6:23) "... by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin". (Rom. 5:12) If the **BLOOD** is shed, the **LIFE** of the flesh is gone. The "wages" are paid, Justice is done and the Word of God is fulfilled. In the Old Testament, a man could substitute an animal without a blemish, to be made a sacrifice" and to **DIE** in his stead upon the "**bracen altar**" for a "burnt-offering", but the shed **BLOOD**, sprinkled upon the **ALTAR**, or within the **VEIL** upon the **MERCY**

SEAT once a year, was the evidence and token of the **DEATH** of the sacrificial offering. (Ex. 27:1-8) But the bodies of the animals are burned without the camp. (Heb. 13:11-12)

These things were the **shadow** of the **TRUE** and **HEAVENLY THINGS**, fulfilled in **CHRIST**. He was the sacrificial "Lamb of God", "Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world" (1 Pet. 1:20) to **DIE** for our sins on the **CROSS**, and to "redeem" us through His **BLOOD**. The Soldier which stood by the Cross, pierced the side of Jesus, to shed His **BLOOD**, as official evidence of His **DEATH**, (for the **LIFE** of the flesh is in the **BLOOD**), even though the Soldier saw that Jesus was already **DEAD**. (John 19:33-37) For He had already previously dismissed His Spirit, "knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the scripture might be fulfilled" (v. 28). Said He before in John 10:18: "No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down . . . and . . . to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father." Jesus did not die from loss of **BLOOD** or from physical exhaustion.

That Christ should have **loved us so, as to be made sin for us** (2 Cor. 5:21), then go voluntarily to the **CROSS**, to be **made a curse for us** (Gal. 3:13), and then **DIE** for us, surely is **LOVE** so **amazing, so divine**, "which passeth knowledge" (Eph. 3:18-19). And then for **GOD**, the Father of our **LORD JESUS CHRIST**, to look down from heaven, upon that **awful scene of CALVARY**, which darkened the sun, made the earth to quake, and the rocks to rent; and **RENT** the **VEIL** . . . should this **BE** an **Offering** and a **sacrifice to God for a SWEET SMELLING SAVOUR?** (Eph. 5:2) And not rather kindle His wrath against the "wicked hands" that "killed the Prince of life" and nailed Him to a **CROSS**? **BUT NAY!** Our Scripture text says that that scene and sight on **CAL-**

VARY, was "an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour". Why? Because it proved **THE LOVE OF CHRIST for us**, and His humble **OBEDIENCE to God**, till unto **DEATH**, even the **DEATH** of the **CROSS**. (Phil. 2:5-8)

The Old Testament sacrifices also foreshadow the "sweet savour" unto God, of the sacrifice of His Son on the **CROSS**, as a sin-offering (Ex. 29:18, 25) (Abel's—Gen. 4:4). The high priest went within the **VEIL** with a censer of burning "sweet incense", the cloud, to cover the **MERCY SEAT**. (Lev. 16:12-13).

ELGIN, IOWA

Reporter: Mrs. George Butikofer

Bro. and Sister Werner Moor, Sister Evelyn Pulfer, Brother and Sister Reuben Butikofer and Sister Fannie Frieden were visitors at the West Bend, Iowa, church, May 1.

Our Sunday School Bible Class enjoyed a week end with the Morris, Minnesota, Sunday School, Easter Sunday. Bro. and Sister Uriel Gehring and son; Sister Bertha Gehring; Brother Ira Farney; and Brother Fred Marti accompanied them.

Brother and Sister Fred Fischer and son, Melvin, from Eureka, Ill.; Mr. and Mrs. Les Pulfer and family from Pekin, Illinois; Bro. and Sister Wm. Butikofer and family from Davenport, Ia.; Bro. and Sister Wm. Massner from Oakville, Ia., were visitors in our church, May 8.

Bro. and Sister Lynn Rinkenberger and Sharon, Bro. and Sister Joe Rinkenberger from Gridley, Ill., and Mr. and Mrs. Orville Rinkenberger from Wisconsin were with us May 1.

It warms our hearts to see and greet friends and relatives. May we all be prepared to meet our Maker, and meet in the great Beyond, where there shall neither be sorrow nor parting.

It may be when midnight

It heavy on the land,
And the black waves lying silent
Along the sand;

When the moonless night draws close,
And the lights are out in the house;
When the fires burn low and red,
And the watch is ticking out
Beside the bed.

Though you sleep, tired out, on your
couch,

Still your heart must wake and watch
In the dark room;

For it may that at midnight
I will come.

It may be in the morning,

When the sun is bright and strong,
And the dew is glittering sharply
Over the little lawn;

When the waves are breaking loudly
Along the shore,

And the little birds sing sweetly
About the door;

With the long day's work before you,
You rise up with the sun

And the neighbours come in to talk
a little

Of all that must be done:

But remember that I may be the next
To come in at the door,

To call you from your busy work
For evermore.

As you work, your heart must watch,
For the door is on the latch

In your room,
And it may be in the morning
I will come.

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