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Part of God's Portrait of the End

"And at the time of the end shall the king of the south push at him: and the king of the north shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships . . .

He shall stretch forth his hand also upon the countries: and the land of Egypt shall not escape . . .

But tidings out of the east and out of the north shall trouble him: therefore he shall go forth with great fury to destroy, and utterly to make away

many.

And he shall plant the tabernacles of his palace between the seas in the glorious holy mountain; yet he shall come to his end, and none shall help him.

And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: . . ." From Daniel 11 and 12

Ye Must Be Born Again

As I herewith submit a "Treatise On Conversion and The Way To Life In Christ Jesus" for publication in the **Silver Lining** (in installments), believing that this material is sound and worthy of publication, I want to

THE AWAKENING

When the divine light begins to dawn in a human soul, and the soul becomes aware of its uncleanness and unworthiness, what is more natural than that one should resolve to mend his ways, to discontinue doing the things which the quickened conscience shows him to be wrong, and to do better!

Thus begins the first skirmish of a battle which is to go through many stages, before victory is won and the soul finds liberation from the pow-

givet full credit for this material to Ben Sommer, the author, who was a truly converted man, and has been able to write the experiences of a true conversion in such plain language.

Noah Schrock

er of darkness and evil.

Often, as long as one is a willing servant of sin, he is apt to harbor the illusion that, should he choose to do so, he could any time, at will, throw off his vices and live a virtuous life. It is only after the soul has challenged the power of sin, by making a resolve to cease from sinning, that the soul discovers how great is the power of sin over it.

Wise are they who at this state learn quickly to seek Jesus Christ,
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Skyline of Splendor

Henry Souder, Jr.

Dateline: June . . . Chicago, Illinois.

Church is at 2122 Sunnyside. Sometimes the windows are open . . . and the look out is to fresh air and sunshine sparkling among leaves.

The gold glass and the blue, the dark red and other hue shine with the symphony from the sky.

God's people meet here. They are His gems.

"For God . . . hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ."

Immense reality has wrought happiness in heavenly harbors.

The remarkable facts are that God has acted. United with Him, our spirit dwells in the heavenlies.

That inner part of us, beyond mere feelings and emotions, experiences a world wondrous in those heavenly breathings of the Spirit.

"Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. But God hath revealed them . . ."

Chicago date line . . .

The towers of the city loom in a skyline of distance. It is God who has soft glowed the light . . . as one travels the outer drive, His sunshine is a master-piece of marvel.

But natural beauty fades into the background . . . ahead, in the distant, for the heavenly motorist, more beautiful than sight, is the skyline surpassing all.

It is simply beautiful! It is a dream of color . . . travelling God's outer drive of faith, the view thrills the heart through and through.

" . . . ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God . . . and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect, And to Jesus . . ."

Chicago has its own character. The

lake, mirror of sunshine and light, adds an air of pleasantness.

There are canyoned walls of towers. At first hand, the distant now becomes the distinct, in that we are there. Inside, the people have clear features . . . they talk.

Actual experience in the for ever becomes part and parcel of what actually is.

There is that beautiful skyline looming in loveliness.

We shall be there. We will not even have a vague line of "just being fitted".

The distant is now the experience. Loved ones are natural and real, clear and distinct.

Backward is fashion that is clumsy, ornate, dead. Ahead is the skyline that thrills of God's trend of tomorrow.

"Little children, it is the last time:"

The symphony of song at 2122 Sunnyside is sunshined pleasantness.

Noon-tide singing commenced with "It is Well With My Soul".

In this very Chicago lived a certain man, his wife, and their four children.

In 1871, the fire roared in devastating proportion. Great billows of smoke towered over the city. The flames reddened the night.

This family suffered the loss of home and earthly possessions.

Two years later, mom and the kids were sent on their way to Europe. Dad wanted to really dig in, and gain that which fire had destroyed.

The ship collided with another in mid-ocean. Mother knelt on deck. With her were the children. She asked

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In the August Silver Lining, we will print a letter of spiritual beauty, dated February 25, 1851, written by Benedict Weyeneth.

A Sermon of Our Departed Brother, Ernest Graf

Submitted by Brother Menno Steiner, Sabetha, Kansas

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Even as this woman was convinced that this was the Christ, so does the Lord convince the upright souls of today that He is indeed the Son of God, that came into this world to seek and to save that which was lost.

He reveals himself to a seeking soul. The Lord said, I will be found of them that seek me. And it is truly so. If an upright soul seeks a refuge of safety, that soul will find that God so loved the world that He sent his only begotten son, that whosoever believes in him shall not perish, but have everlasting life, and this life which is everlasting is not meant for only a few. It is meant for all who will reach out their hand and lay hold upon it.

Oh, our preaching today is the same as in the day of John the Baptist and when Christ began His ministry — Repent, for the kingdom of God is nigh at hand.

Already one of the prophets testified and said, It is not above in the sky where men cannot ascend, it is not down in the depth where man cannot descend, it is not across the sea where man can not reach it, but it is here present with us, where each and every one can have it and can receive the blessings thereof.

It does not require money or wealth. It requires only an upright

and sincere heart. That is all the Lord asks, Come unto me ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

If we bring our heart, that is all that He asks. He will purge and cleanse it from sin and unrighteousness. He will set up His throne therein. He will make it the habitation of the Lord.

And what else is there that can comfort us in the trials and the burdens, the storms and tempests of this life, excepting peace of God, which surpasseth all understanding? That peace He offers unto you, dear Friends, even as He said to the disciples—Peace I leave you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world gives, do I give—. He said, "Let not your heart be troubled" and "you believe in God, believe also in me."

That same word holdeth good today, beloved. If there is a soul, weary of sin, and hungry for grace, let him come to the Saviour, and his burden can be lifted; his heart can be cleansed; his spirit renewed and a new creation created in that heart.

The old will pass away, all will be made new, and all such then receive the Spirit and the nature of God himself, because they are then His children. He gives to them His Spirit, who leads them on the way of truth and righteousness.

Ye Must Be Born Again—

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the Saviour, who has broken the yoke of Satan, and who is able to make those who believe and obey Him truly free. But often this wisdom is not so quickly learned.

The human heart is proud, and is loath to confess itself, thus unable to

free itself. So the struggle goes on. Sometimes the soul has victory and rejoices therein; then again, it suffers defeat, finding itself overcome by the power of sin to do what it would not¹, and goes down into the depths of sorrow, being condemned of its own conscience. "O wretched man

¹ Romans 7:19

that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?"²

UNDER THE LAW

Thus, the soul is brought under the law. Ever trying to keep the law of righteousness to be justified thereby, but often failing, it finds no satisfaction and no peace.

No, this is not the way to attain the newness of life. This is patchwork, mending a rent here, while a greater one appears elsewhere, overcoming one weakness by a concentration of the will, only to find oneself fallen into another and perhaps greater one. This is the error to which Jesus refers when he says, "No man also seweth a piece of new cloth upon an old garment"³. Christ means by these words to warn us against patchwork, against efforts to mend and improve the old natural life, in order to attain virtue and be justified before God.

The remedy is not to improve our natural life, but to give it up, to lose it, as Jesus said, "whosoever will lose his life for my sake, the same shall find it"⁴.

Paul said strikingly to the Romans, "our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin"⁵. Now, we were not physically crucified with Christ, but we are crucified with Christ, when through repentance our sinful nature, the sinful life, is nailed to the cross and perishes.

Thus, the way is paved for the new life, for the new birth, as Christ said to Nicodemus: "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God"⁶.

But what is more natural than Nicodemus' question: "How can a man be born when he is old?" Or the question of the prison keeper to Paul and Silas, "what must I do to be saved?"⁷

(To be continued)

Quietness

The beaches break high with
sickn'ing thud;

Wild storm shrills, 'bout those true
Saints hearts ponder of time foretold,
Joy in Testament new.

Dark sea simmers sick of scummy ink,
Packed of sin, wreathed of woe.
The end, the end soon comes, as
taught,

To hide, where can we go?

Above the roaring water-fall,
While night rolls fierce with storm,
God builds His place of sheltered
peace,
Of His own heart . . . kept warm.

Henry Souder, Jr.

Skyline of Splendor—

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God to save them . . . or make them
ready to die.

Quickly the ship sank . . . mother
was pulled to safety, unconscious.
But the little ones were gone. Their
place was so vacant.

From Wales, she sent the cable-
gram, "Saved alone." Dad's sad heart
read the touching line.

Then he said, "It is well; the will
of the Lord be done!"

So, when our days become tearful
. . . when we need the joy, springing
from the horizon of the skyline, we
may look above . . . and sing the words
of this man's heart, written through
him:

"When peace, like a river, attend-
eth my way,

When sorrows, like sea billows,
roll;

Whatever my lot, Thou hast
taught me to say,

It is well, it is well with my soul."

"Come, my people, enter thou into
thy chambers, and shut thy doors
about thee: hide thyself . . ." ". . .
yea, in the shadow of thy wings will
I make my refuge, until these cala-
mities be overpast."

² Romans 7:24 ³ Mark 2:21 ⁴ Luke 9:24

⁵ Romans 6:6 ⁶ John 3:3 ⁷ The Acts 16:30

Brother Ernest Knecht selected the beautiful Zion's Harp 212, "The 23rd Psalm".

It was a fitting conclusion.

In these dark times, the Psalm of the Shepherd is the life of the Pilgrim.

As the clock turned, the skies of Chicago became sombre.

But when earthly light fades, then, oh **then**, how beautiful the skyline of hope, soft with heaven's glow!

On the lake, the angry white-caps showed their teeth. The rolling waters chanted their restless refrain. They mused their moaning dirge.

In this world, the human ocean is tossing and moaning. As the complex currents simmer down, it is becoming so similar to the remarkable maps, drawn of human ocean in holy scripture, of those dangerous currents of the end.

"When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation . . . Then let them which be in Judaea flee . . ."

The huge pier at Chicago was a busy place. Nation after nation had exhibits at the World's Trade Fair.

There was Israel . . . a new-comer among the nations for recent times.

The consul was there to help. Young people were also there. One

with his own mouth told in the affirmative that he was from Israel.

Among the pamphlets given free of charge was one entitled "Israel: 1960". The population has soared from 790,000 in 1948 to 2,064,000 . . . the land under cultivation has increased from 412,000 to 1,100,000!

Before the people of Judaea could flee, they had to be in the land. But now they are there.

How **close** are we to entry into the dark, billowing, high dashing breakers of the end?

" . . . they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever."

It does not matter if the end forecloses its mortgage, long standing. Ahead is eternity's horizon, breaking beautifully bright with hope.

This time is only temporary . . . a momentary motel for the motorist on his way to the heavenly haven.

Look! The skyline is soft and blue jeweled, bright and beautiful. It is a radiant rainbow of redemption . . . a glorious panorama of pleasantness . . . a symphony of splendor . . .

It is the joyful, jubilant, glorious thrill of coming HOME!



NEWS



AKRON, OHIO

Reporter: Ruth Taylor

The Charles Novotnys attended the dedication of the Fort Wayne, Indiana, church June 25.

Brother Elmer A. Graf, Sr. suffered a broken foot while at work. He is recuperating at home.

Russell and Maude Kauffman attended the Leo church, June 25, and visited in the home of the James Winzellers.

The Bud Walkers visited Harold Heckers in Youngstown, June 26. They attended a picnic for Katie Hecker (from Altadena, California).

The Ellsworth Grafs visited Alto, Michigan, the July 4 week end.

June 11, Sisters Juliet Graf and Louise Graf and four daughters attended the Mangold reunion. They spent Sunday in Gridley and visited in Peoria and Roanoke.

Brother Henry Wackerle held evening services with us June 4.

Many of our members attended services in Rittman, June 29. Brother Clarence Yackley was the visiting minister.

Margaret Graf received her cap at a capping service held June 24 at Akron General Hospital.

The Ernest Graf family spent Sunday, June 4, in New Martinsville, holding services there.

The Charles Sauder family and Aaron Sauder visited our congregation June 19.

Bernice and Henry Rapp and sons, Steven and Phillip, from Morton, Illinois, visited us July 3.

Earl and Bob Ritzman spent several days at the home of Theo. Beer.

The Nate Gutwein family visited us Memorial weekend. Timmy and Charlene stayed on, to vacation with their grandparents.

The Art Novotnys visited us June 17, and their daughter, Cathy, stayed on, to vacation here.

June 11, Sisters Helen Kloetzle and Katie Hecker of Altadena, California, and Sister Edith Graf and her niece, Diane Graf, drove to Bay City, Michigan, to visit in the homes of Brother Robert and Sister Marion Knochel and Brother Daryle and Sister Edith Wieland, and attended services there June 12.

ALABAMA

Reporter: Clara Heiniger

Friday evening, June 3, worship services were held at the home of Lester and Sis. Bessie Drake of the Landersville area.

Bro. and Sis. Lester Banwart and children of the West Bend, Iowa, church visited the Alabama churches, June 5.

Bible study of God's Word and Sunday School for the children was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Frost of Landersville, June 10.

The sisters and friends of the Athens church met at the home of Sis. Zelma Young, Friday afternoon, June 10, where a blessed time of fellowship was spent learning of His Word and singing hymns.

We are very thankful to the dear Lord that Sis. Mary Wuethrich of Francesville, Ind., has given her time to help us with the work in three

churches during the summer months.

We are rejoicing in the Lord that two souls have been announced for baptizing, Vera Lott and Hazel Vibbert, and wish them God's blessings.

The Hillsboro church Vacation Bible School, for young and old, was held every night, June 13 through 18. Around 100 children attended. A program and a picnic was enjoyed by all.

Worship services were held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Blankenship of Lester, Ill., on the evening of June 21.

The ladies' group of the Hillsboro church met at Mrs. Wes. Kelly, June 21, and the Landersville group met at the home of Sis. Carrie Borden, June 22, and all enjoyed the blessed fellowship together around God's Word.

Worship services were held at the home of Bro. and Sis. George Kelly of Prospect, Tenn., Wed. evening, June 22.

The Athens Vacation Bible School for young and old was held June 27 through July 2. About 140 children attended. We thank God for helpers, Bro. Robert Heuni, Bro. Earl Zeltwenger, Bro. Donald Buck of Bremen; also, the sisters of Cissna Park, Ill., Mrs. Aaron Bauer, Edna Moser and Sandra Yergler.

July 3, Mabel and Elizabeth Anliker of Elgin, Ill., Josephine Zimmermann, Nancy Honegger, Beverly Anliker of Firrest, Ill., spent the week end visiting the Alabama churches.

BLUFFTON, INDIANA

Reporter: Frieda Kipfer

Bro. Edward Meyer, 68, passed away on Sunday morning, June 5, at the Wells County Hospital. Death, due to a heart ailment, followed an illness of five years. Surviving are the wife, Sis. Flossie; three daughters, Sis. Frieda Neuenschwander, Sis. Evelyn Grandlienard and Sis. Hazel Gilliom; two sons, Bros. Paul and Max Meyer, and two sisters, Sis.

Emma Moser and Sis. Lula Klopfenstein; a brother, Charles Meyer; and fifteen grandchildren. Funeral Services were conducted on Wednesday, with Bro. Sam Aeschliman officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Adella Drayer, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Charles Drayer, and Jerry Gerwig of Ossian were married on June 11.

Marlene Meyer, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Max Meyer, and Neal Edington, of Bluffton, were united in marriage by Brother Sam Aeschliman on Sunday morning, June 12, at the home of the bride's parents.

Bro. and Sis. Irvin Stoller of Latty visited our congregation on the 12th. We also had other guests from Latty, Leo and Morton, while some from here visited the Fort Wayne church. Bro. and Sis. Sam Aeschliman spent the day in Bremen.

Bro. and Sis. Orville Ringger, and Bro. and Sis. Carl Kipfer and children, went to Princeville, Ill., on the week end of the 19th.

Bro. and Sis. Sam Aeschliman and Bro. and Sis. John Yergler and others from here attended the dedication service at the Fort Wayne church on the 26th.

Bros. Noah Schrock and Henry Manz were here in the evening.

Bro. and Sis. Willis Ehnle visited us on the evening of the 29th.

Bro. and Sis. Sam Aeschliman visited in Leo and Ft. Wayne on the 10th.

Bro. and Sis. Carl Kipfer and others from here attended the Ft. Wayne church.

Bro. David Mangold and Bro. Eugene Bertschi, Bro. Otto Norr, Bro. Joel Souder and Bro. John Bollier were here for evening services.

Bro. and Sis. Sam Aeschliman and Bro. and Sis. Wm. Fiechter and others attended the funeral of Sis. Bertha Blough at Leo.

Many from here, Ft. Wayne, and other neighboring churches will always remember her kind hospitality

as, for several years, we gathered in her home for mid-week services.

Births: To Bro. and Sis. Kenneth Isch, a daughter, on June 10; to Linus and Nancy Gerber, a daughter on June 16; to Bro. and Sis. Dwight Troxel, a daughter on June 16; to Jim and Sis. Geisel, a son on June 26; and to Bro. and Sis. John Fiechter a son on July 9.

BURLINGTON, OKLAHOMA

Reporter: Mrs. Raymond Roth

Our church is very grateful to God that we were given Bro. Ronald Nelson, who has been ordained a minister. We wish him God's grace.

Visitors June 12 were Bro. and Sis. Arties Yergler, Cissna Park, Ill.; Bro. and Sis. George Lambert and Don and Sis. Roletta Farney of Wichita, Kansas.

Bro. and Sis. Jim Barton and family of Detroit, Mich., visited Bro. and Sis. Roy Farney, the evening of June 21, on their way to Phoenix, Arizona.

Bro. Reuben Farney spent the last week of June in Gridley, Kansas, visiting relatives and attended church there.

Sis. Melvin (Leona) Weyeneth and sons of Eureka, Ill., visited her mother, Sis. Martha Roth, from June 27 to July 1.

Visitors July 3 were Bro. and Sis. Jack Prather and Bobby of Eureka, Ill., Bro. and Sis. Geo. Greiner and Franklin and Bro. and Sis. Roy Yackley and family of Wichita, Kansas.

Patients in the hospital this past month were, Sis. Geo. Diel, Sis. Eva McGuire and Sis. George Miller. Sis. M. A. Kisling, who has been a shut-in for some time is a patient at the Hardtner, Kansas, Hospital.

Funeral services were held July 5 for John Reiger, who died July 2, following a heart attack. Bro. Eli Somerhalder officiated.

CONGERVILLE, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Don Schrock

On June 12, the Roanoke Bible

Class were guests of our Bible Class. Accompanying the young people were their teachers, Bros. Ed Moser and Don Sauder.

Visits by ministers from Goodfield have been appreciated by our congregation. Bros. Simeon Wiegand and John Rokey were here June 19 and Bro. Ed Hohulin was with us July 3.

Bro. and Sis. Ervin Rokey have a new son, Jeffrey Alan, who was born June 16.

We plan to hold Dedication Services at our church on July 31, 1960. A cordial invitation is extended to any and all who would like to attend.

Bro. Joe Schrock and the group going to the Holy Land are departing August 4, rather than August 14, as reported in last month's **Silver Lining**. There is still room for 6 or 8 additional people. Arrangements can be made on short notice by contacting Joe Schrock at Congerville.

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Mrs. Ernest Knecht

Due to many being on vacation and so few children in the Chicago Sunday School, we have no Sunday School during July and August.

On June 19, we were privileged to have Bro. Eli and Sis. Lydia Souder and their son, Henry, Jr., visit us (from Leo, Indiana).

A son, Benjamin Robert, was born to Bro. and Sis. Eleanor Pflederer.

Sis. Clara Scharlach is home for a few months, caring for her aged mother.

Sis. Alice Kilgus, who lives in the church, has left for Europe for the summer.

Ernie Schambach has been home on furlough over the 4th.

CISSNA PARK, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Dale Eisenman

We are very thankful for the seven souls which were added to the fold on June 4 and 5. Charlo and Gladys Kuntz, Gilbert and Kathy Stock, Les-

ter and Dorothy Walder, and Ralph Gudeman were proved and baptized by Bros. Dave Mangold, Henry Kilgus, and Frank Woertz. Bro. Jess Schrock of Congerville was here also.

Vacation Bible School was held from June 6 to 17, and the classes presented their program to the congregation on the evening of the 17th.

Sis. Corrine Roth of Fairbury and Bro. William Zbinden of here were married in Fairbury on June 12, by Bro. Josh Broquard.

Bro. Henry Wackerle of Bay City, Michigan, held services here on June 12. Also visiting was the Morton Bible Class, who with our Bible Class had singing and supper at the church.

Two dear old sisters, who spent many years in poor health, were laid to rest recently. Sis. Ada Frank's funeral was June 13 and services for Sis. Rose Hofbauer were held June 18.

A daughter, Darlene June, was born to Bro. Lynn and Sis. Sylvia Knapp on June 17.

Sis. Mary Ellen Brenner and Bro. John Gudeman were married by Bro. Joe A. Getz of Morton on June 26. Other visiting ministers on that day were Bro. Matt Wackerle of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and Bro. Art Gudeman of La Crosse, Indiana.

Two weddings were held in our church on June 3. In the afternoon, Bro. Everett Hari and Sis. Beverly Seggebruch were united in holy matrimony. Sister Mabel Eiseman and Bro. Fred Miller of Gridley were married in the evening. Both services were held by Bro. Josh Broquard of Fairbury. Also visiting that Sunday were Bro. George Gramm of Gridley and Bro. Joe Schrock of Congerville.

On July 4, funeral services were held for Bro. Henry Rechkemmer, by Bro. Frank Woertz of Goodfield and Bro. Gene Bertschi of Roanoke.

Visiting ministers on the evening of June 30 were Bros. Theo. and Henry Beer of Milford, Indiana, and Bro. George Yergler of La Crosse,

Indiana.

Sis. Anna Hodel recently suffered a light stroke, but is now able to assemble with us again.

Sis. Martha Farney spent a few days at Remington, Indiana, helping care for her brother, Andy Nussbaum, who has been ill.

Mary Ellen, daughter of Bro. Charlo and Sis. Gladys Kuntz, recently broke her arm in an accident.

Sis. Emma Clayton of Milford, Indiana, is now keeping house for Bro. Ed Kambly. We welcome her into our congregation.

Illinois State Normal University

The students who are attending the summer session at ISNU this year are: Naomi Bowald, Sis. Jayne Bauer, Sis. Miriam Bachtold, Sis. Joyce Hodel, Bro. Keith Hanson, Marilyn Kaufman, Sis. Millie Fischer, Sis. Janice Nussbaum, Sis. Joy Mae Plattner, Sis. Sherry Stoller, Sis. Nancy Schrock, Nancy Tanner, Sis. Carolyn Metz, and Perry Klopfenstein. Sis. Jayne Bauer is the only new student this summer.

On June 23, Bro. Joe Schrock conducted the meeting, and visitors were from Forrest, Cissna Park, Morton, Peoria, and Gridley.

Bro. Ed Hohulin of Goodfield held services on June 30. Visitors were from Cisna Park, Gridley, Eureka, Roanoke, Morton, Forrest, Congerville, Peoria, and Goodfield, with a total of 43 present.

ELGIN, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Louise Steffen

June 8, to Merle Tobler and his wife, Sis. Madline, came a baby girl.

June 11, the Sunday School picnic was held; about 300 attended.

June 12, visiting ministers were Bro. Clarence Kachelmuss of Forrest, Illinois, Bro. Will Furrer of Wolcott, Indiana. Bro. Frank Woertz of Goodfield assisted in the proving and baptisms of Herman Braun, Anna Holiday, Pat and Howard Schifferer.

June 26, Bro. Frank Woertz was here and Communion was held.

ELGIN, IOWA

Reporter: Mrs. George Butikofer

Communion services were held June 14. Elders Noah Schrock; Silas Leuthold and Paul Banwart were here.

Funeral services for Bro. Jacob Butikofer were held June 18.

A son, Wayne Allen, was born to Bro. and Sis. Ira Farney, July 1.

Our Vacation Bible School closed with a program and picnic June 19.

Our Bible Class attended the annual picnic held at Lester, Iowa, June 5.

Bro. and Sis. Uriel Gehring spent the July 4 week end at Oakville, Iowa. Johnny Schupbach accompanied them.

We enjoyed meeting the young people from Princeville, Illinois, who came to visit us June 12.

We are happy to see additional children attending our Sunday School.

Sis. Ruth Schupbach of Park Ridge, Ill., recently spent a week at her mother's home, here in Elgin.

Bro. and Sis. Ervin Metzger and family spent Sunday at Lester, Iowa, June 5.

Bro. and Sis. Earl Banwart and Elder Paul Banwart spent a recent week end with us. The above are of West Bend, Iowa.

EUREKA, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Cathryn Wettstein

Visiting ministers have been as follows: June 5, Bro. Ben Heiniger, Morton; June 26, Bro. Dave Mangold, Roanoke; July 3, Bro. Elmer Hartter, Milford, Indiana.

June 17, the Vacation Bible School ended after two weeks of learning. An average attendance of 145 children attended daily. The total collection was about \$92.00, which was to be sent to the Alabama churches and to Japan, to help the poor.

June 5, the Bible Class went to Princeville, to visit their Sunday School.

Bro. Aaron Stoller passed away at the Nursing Home at Roanoke. His funeral was June 18, with Bro. Dave Mangold and Bro. Frank Woertz conducting.

Birth — a son to Bro. Lewis and Sis. Arletta Martin, Bruce Andrew, born June 17.

July 6, many of the Eureka folks went to evening church at Roanoke, conducted by Bro. Yackley of Phoenix, Arizona. No church service was held here at Eureka.

FAIRBURY, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Joyce Huber

What could be more precious to a father on Father's Day than for his daughter to give her heart to the Father in Heaven. We praise God that Carol Broquard let the Saviour grant her grace for following His Word.

Corinne Roth and Bill Zbinden, Cissna Park, were united in holy matrimony, Sunday, June 12. May God bless their efforts, as they serve the Lord together.

Leona, Janice, and Carol Nussbaum and Joyce Huber spent the week end of June 25-26 in Milford, to attend the wedding of Marian Altvater and Glenn Gutwein.

The Ervin Maurers have a new baby boy, Jim, born June 4, and the Reuben Hubers have a new baby girl, Janice, born May 29.

The young people accepted an invitation to spend the week end of July 9-10 in Latty.

Bro. Ben Zimmerman of Congerville and Bro. Earl Kilgus of Remington were guest ministers here July 3.

The young people were hosts to others of our surrounding churches for a picnic and singspiration on July 4.

FORREST, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Ken Schneider

Visiting ministers were, Bro. Rob-

ert Hueni on June 5, from Bremen, Ind.; Bro. Art Gudeman from La Crosse and Bro. Emanuel Gudeman from Cissna Park spent the 12th of June with us; and on July 3, Bro. Ernest Gerber from Rockville, Conn., was with us.

On June 15, Miriam Bachtold was proved and baptized. We all welcome her into the fold, and wish her God's grace and guidance.

Rodney Lee was born on June 16, a son of Bro. Wayne and Sis. Judith Anliker.

Those visiting churches on their vacation were: Bro. Ken Schneider, Mary Kathryn Schneider, and Precida Metz visited the church at Rockville, Conn., on June 26. Sis. Beverly Anliker, Sis. Nancy Honegger, Sis. Josephine Zimmerman of Forrest and Sis. Elizabeth and Sis. Mabel Anliker of Elgin, Illinois, spent Sunday, June 26, in Rittman, Ohio, and the 3rd of July with the churches of Alabama.

FT. LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA

Reporter: Delores Stoller

Our minister, Bro. Matt Wackerle, and his wife, Sis. Aldine, have been visiting in Bay City, Michigan, and various other churches. We'll be very glad to see him back home again. Ministering Bro. Harry Sutter has been here alone the past few weeks.

Bro. Carl and Sis. Dorothy Bachtold and family spent several weeks in Illinois and Indiana. Their daughter, Miriam, was baptized in Forrest, Illinois. We're very happy for Sis. Miriam, and wish her God's blessing and grace at all times.

Bro. Ed Gerbers' family and Bro. Ken Troxel's family are visiting their family and loved ones in Indiana, their former home. There are several other families planning a trip back for a few weeks.

Friends Don and Roasie Lloyd, formerly of Bluffton, were blessed with a baby daughter, born May 25. Her name is Donna Rose.

FORT SAM HOUSTON, TEXAS
Reporters: Edwin and Carol Baurer

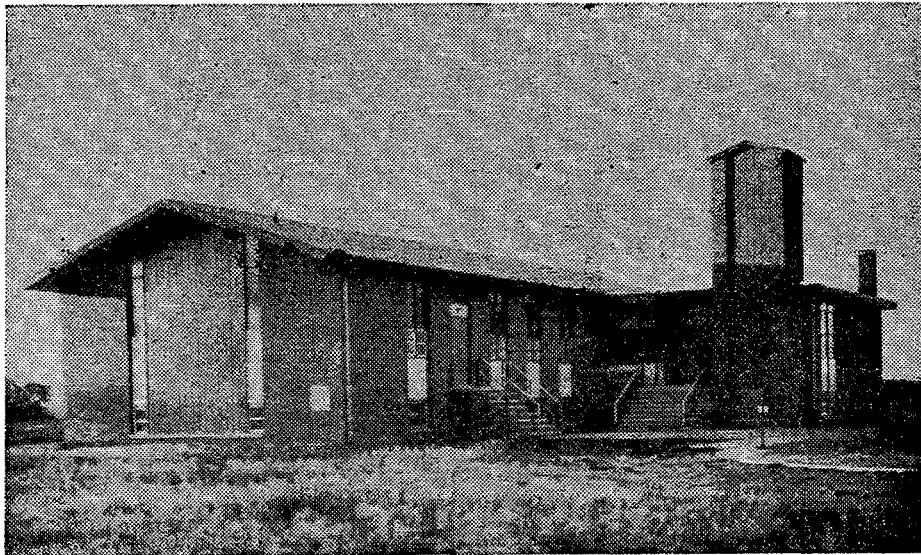
Ministering Bro. Bill Cottrell from Taylor, Missouri, spent the week end of June 12 with us.

Bro. Earl Knobloch from Lester, Iowa, spent two weeks with us, while completing his reserve training here at Fort Sam. His wife, Sis. Vera Knobloch, and Eleanor Metzger from Lester were with our group the week

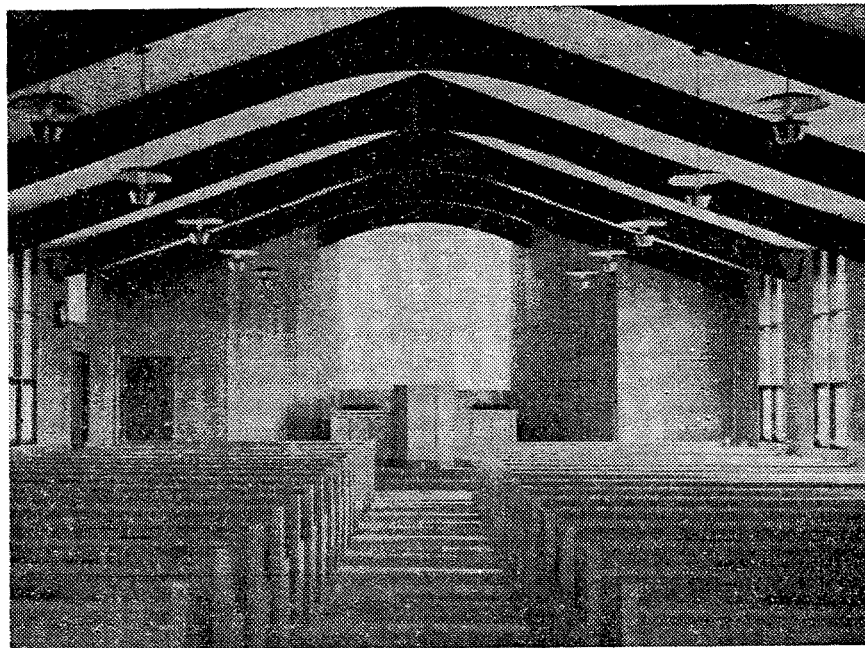
end of June 19.

Bro. and Sis. Bob Blunier left for their home in Roanoke, Illinois, on June 17, after spending two years at Fort Sam, while Bob fulfilled his military obligation.

Bro. Eugene Schmidt from Winthrop, Minnesota and Sis. Ella Mae Knobloch from Lester, Iowa, were united in Holy Matrimony on June 19 at Lester. They are now making



View of the Fort Wayne, Indiana, church building.



Interior of the Fort Wayne, Indiana, church building.

their home at Fort Sam, while Gene completes his tour of duty in the Service.

On June 29, Bro. George Knapp of Goodfield, Illinois, arrived here for Basic Training.

Wayne Broquard, a friend from Fairbury, Illinois, left our group on July 8 to spend some time with his loved ones at home, and then to a new assignment in the Far East.

FORT SCOTT, KANSAS

Reporter: Marie Zaugg

On June 12, friends Eileen Sinn and Glenn Johnson were married. The reception was held at the home of the bride's parents, Bro. and Sis. Fred Sinn.

Sis. Lena Eberle of Peoria, Ill., came for the wedding.

Several from our congregation attended the funeral of Bro. Alfred Marti at Lamar, Missouri, on June 13.

June 15, Ray and Laura Massner and daughter of Toulon, Ill., came for a visit with their parents, Bro. and Sis. Dave Massner, and other relatives.

June 24, Bro. and Sis. Richard Massner and family from Phoenix, Ariz., visited a few days with relatives and friends. Also Sis. Alma Cordill from Evanston, Ill., came to visit a few days with relatives here and at Lamar, Missouri.

Those visiting here over the 4th of July were, Sis. Lillian Kaiser and grandson, Douglas Kaiser of Morton, Ill.; Sis. Ruth Hohulin of Peoria, Ill.; Dean and Ruth Prichard and Hal of Junction City, Kansas; Ed and Louise Graf and family of Elgin, Illinois.

FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

Reporter: Renee Neihouser

Visiting ministers on June 5 were Bro. George Sinn of Latty and Bro. Andrew Dotterer of Junction.

Many from our congregation spent a blessed evening at the Hobby Ranch House on Saturday evening, June 11,

to see slides of Japan, shown by Bro. Willis Ehnle. He also held services here on Sunday evening, June 12.

On June 12, Bro. Emmanuel Gude-man of Cissna Park and Bro. Otto Norr of Leo ministered to us.

Neil Stoller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Stoller, was struck by a car and critically injured on Saturday, June 18. He was taken to Parkview Hospital, where he is slowly improving.

Sis. Bertha Blough passed away on July 9. She was 96 years old. Mid-week services were held for a time at her home, here in Fort Wayne.

Dedication services were held here on June 26. A truly blessed day was spent. Bro. Ben Maibach of Detroit; Bro. Noah Shrock of Oakville, Iowa; Bro. Noah Bauman of Rittman, Bro. Michael Weyeneth of Peoria and Bro. Sam Aeschliman of Bluffton were with us on this day.

Vacation Bible School for our children was held with the children of Leo, at the Leo church, during the weeks of June 13 through June 24.

Those who ministered to us on June 19 were Bro. Philip Gutwein of Francesville, Bro. August Bollinger of Tremont, and Bro. Loren Stoller of Latty.

On July 3, Bro. Art Gudeman of La Crosse and Bro. Otto Norr of Leo were our ministers.

On Sunday evening, July 10, the Latty Sunday School were our guests to a program, on the theme "Independence".

Bro. Earl Zeltwanger of Bremen and Bro. Carl Kipfer of Bluffton, Bro. Dave Mangold of Roanoke and Bro. Sam Aeschliman ministered to us on July 10.

FRANCESVILLE, INDIANA

Reporter: Mrs. Willis Wuethrich

June 5, the Willis Ehnle Family and the Henry Beers spent the day with us. A fellowship supper was held, and later slides were shown of the work and need of the Japanese

people. We can see where Christ's last command, Mark 16:15, lays fully up on their hearts.

Our community was deeply saddened June 27, when Freddie Boehning, 15 year-old-son of George and Laura Boehning, was instantly killed by a head-on motor scooter-auto collision. Thus, the Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away. Blessed be the name of the Lord.

On June 12, Bro. Andy Dotterer of Junction, Ohio, ministered to us.

Stevie, four-year-old son of Edward and Ruth Leman, recently submitted again to plastic surgery for facial burns received two years ago. Here is another example of God's healing power.

Births: to Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Albrecht, a daughter, Cynthia Louise, on June 4; to Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Gudeman, a son, Thomas Edward, on June 20; to Mr. and Mrs. Dean Norman, a son, Jerry Dean on June 26; to Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Huber, a daughter, Sharla Sue, on June 30 (They presently live at 3920 S. Jason, Englewood, Colorado, but are former residents); and to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gutwein, a son, Jan Alan, on July 8.

Our Youth Program was held Sunday evening, July 10, with the theme of "Kindness". It contained many lessons for all of us.

As the Fort Wayne congregation dedicated their church for the Lord's work, from Francesville goes our wish for His richest blessings and for a great increase.

The J.O.Y. Circle (being named for Jesus first, Others second and Yourself last) met at the Lester Hubers, June 23. Tea towels were sewn for several families.

As each new day is granted, may we keep this in mind: I will do the best I can with what I have, where I am, for Jesus' sake today.

GIRARD, OHIO

Reporter: Jesse Emch

Bro. Lorentz and Sis. Caroline

Emch visited Rittman Church, Sunday, June 19. Sisters Gertrude Hecker, Caroline Emch and Kathryn Hecker spent the week end of June 19 at Rittman.

Bro. Jesse and Sis. Marie Emch vacationed with their children in the New England States, and were privileged to visit Union City, New Jersey Church on Sunday, June 19, and also Rockville, Conn., church on Wed., June 22.

Bro. Carl and Sis. Frieda Gasser visited Rittman Church, Sunday, June 19.

On Sunday, June 26, we enjoyed having with us Bro. and Sis. Joseph Maibach, Bro. and Sis. Carl Beery, Bro. Truman and Sis. Mary Ellen Gerber of Bluffton, and Bro. Lloyd and Sis. Martha Gerber of Decatur, Ind.

On Sunday, July 9, we were happy to have with us two exchange students, Michael Nauman of Germany and Reidar Elsebutangen of Norway. They have just completed the year of schooling in the States. They were week end guests of the Harold Emch family.

Bro. Eugene and Sis. Evelyn Hanguartner of Eureka, Ill., were very welcome guests on Sunday, July 9.

On July 4, Sis. Sadie Sladen had the misfortune of falling and dislocating her shoulder. She is getting along very nicely.

Bro. Ernest Tanner of Mansfield, who had a stroke several months ago, is convalescing at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Hunter, of Warren, Ohio.

GOODFIELD, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Marian Wiegand

On June 6, a baby girl, Susan May, was added to Dave and Dorothy Hohulins' family.

Sixty children attended Vacation Bible School classes held in June. The following sisters were teachers: Rita Silbenthal, Clara Nohl, Esther Hohu-

lin, Phyllis Zobrist. Allene Steffen, Violet Hohulin, Marian Wiegand, Laura Hohulin, Violet Reeser and Florence Bauman, with Robert Grimm as superintendent.

On June 21, Sam Steffen, 70, sufferer a heart attack and died. He was a member of the church. Burial was in Roanoke Cemetery, which is near his birthplace.

The annual Sunday School picnic was held June 26, prior to summer vacation.

The last Wednesday evening services were held for the summer, June 29. Midweek services will again be resumed in the fall.

We are happy to report Sisters Louise Teubel and Nettie Knapp have been dismissed as patients of the Eureka Hospital.

Bro. Henry Reckhemmer was called to his eternal rest on July 2, 1960. He was recently a resident of the Remmert Nursing Home at Roanoke.

GRIDLEY, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Miss Marilyn Schieler

Visiting ministers this month were Bro. George Wagenbach and Bro. Lowell Stoller of Princeville, on June 5, and Bro. Ed Hohulin on June 17.

Bro. Fred Miller and Sis. Mabel Eisenmann were united in marriage on July 3 at Cissna Park. Brother Josh Broquard performed the ceremony.

Our friends, Bernice Yergler and Marcella Hany, have been announced for proving some time in the near future. We wish them the Lord's blessings in this undertaking.

Vacation Bible School was held from June 7 through June 17, with a large number of children attending. The children presented a program on the evening of June 17, at which time they showed some of the things they had learned and things they had made during the two weeks.

A Sunday School picnic was held on June 25 at the Gridley Park.

Classes are recessed for a few Sundays now, and will take up again when school starts this fall.

GRIDLEY, KANSAS

Reporter: Mrs. Rudy Bahr

Our eighth annual Bible School two-week session was held the first two weeks in June. We had the largest attendance this year (51) since we began. Lunch was served the last day, after the regular lessons and program practice. A short program of some of the new songs and "Teachings of Jesus" they learned was held for parents and friends in the evening.

Sunday visitors since the last edition: Bro. and Sis. Dan Sinn and family, Bro. and Sis. Martin Hohulin and family, Ft. Scott; Bro. and Sis. Phil Metzger and son, Bro. and Sis. Elmer Strahm and family, Sabetha; Bro. Reuben Farney, Cherokee, Okla.; Bro. Joey Marti, Sabetha; Ungela Strahm, Wichita; Mr. and Mrs. Glen Young and family, Turon; Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Beyer and family, Wichita; Matt Strahm, Aurora, Illinois.

Bro. and Sis. Rudy Bahr and family spent the week end of June 12 in Elgin, Ill., with her parents and to attend the provings of her brother and wife, Howard and Pat Schifferer.

Most of our congregation assembled with Lamont on Friday evening, July 8, to hear the services of Bro. Clarence Yackley, Phoenix, Arizona.

LATTY, OHIO

Reporter: Roberta Stoller

Bro. George Sinn visited the Ft. Wayne church on June 5 and the Alto, Michigan, congregation on June 26. Bro. Loren Stoller visited in Fort Wayne, June 19.

Several from our congregation attended the dedication of the Fort Wayne church on June 26.

Our Bible School was held from June 13 to the 24th, ending with a program held on Friday evening. A very good attendance was had each

day. Adult Bible classes were held evenings for our friends, with very much interest shown.

Our Sunday School Bible Classes visited in Milford, July 3. A very nice time was enjoyed by all.

On July 3, we were happy to have with us Bro. and Sis. Clarence Yackley and family of Phoenix, Arizona. Other visitors here were from Bay City, Mich.; Gridley and Eureka, Ill.; Remington, Indiana; and Rittman, Ohio. The entire Junction congregation also visited with us Sunday afternoon. With them were their ministers, Bro. Andrew Dotterer, Bro. Ben Schlatter and Bro. Henry Manz.

On July 10, Bro. and Sis. Philip Wingeier and son of Alto, Mich., were with us.

We wish to thank our visiting ministers for their services, and invite them back again.

Other visitors here the 10th were, several couples from Milford and the young folks from Fairbury, Illinois.

Births—a son, Thomas George, to Bro. and Sis. Carl Sinn on July 5.

We are very happy to report that several of our friends have turned to the Lord in repentance. They are: Otto Schlatter, Janice Stoller, Merrill Laukhuf, Kenneth and Marge Laukhuf and Bill Laukhuf. We wish the Lord's guidance and help to them always.

Bro. Gus Rager was in the hospital, but is home again.

At this writing, Sis. Pauline Laukhuf is in the hospital, and just submitted to surgery. May the Lord be with them and grant healing to them as is His will.

LEO, INDIANA

Reporter: Mrs. Elias Souder

The Willis Ehnle family spent Sunday, June 12, with the Leo congregation. The Gus Knochels and the Bahlers from Remington, Ind., also visited us that day.

On June 19, we had visitors from

Bay City, Detroit, and Alto, Michigan.

Many of the Leo congregation attended the Dedication of the new Ft. Wayne church. Brother Noah Schrock of Burlington, Iowa; Bro. and Sis. Samuel Aeschliman and Bro. and Sis. John Baumgartner of Bluffton, Ind.; Bro. and Sis. Jesse Gerber of Latty, Ohio, were in Leo church for the morning service.

The children attending the two weeks Bible School gave a program in the evening. Bro. and Sis. Ben Maibach, Jr. of Detroit, Michigan, also were with us.

We are rejoicing to report that Louis Getz, who has been very ill and still is at the Parkview Hospital at Ft. Wayne, Ind., has chosen the Lord as his Saviour and has peace with Him.

We also rejoice that Rodney Bertsch has chosen to give his heart to the Lord.

We were honored by the visit of the Prairie Choristers of Roanoke, Ill., on Sunday, July 10. Bro. and Sis. David Mangold and Bro. and Sis. Eugene Bertschi accompanied them. Bro. and Sis. Samuel Aeschliman of Bluffton, Ind., Bro. and Sis. Sam Wieland of Bay City, Mich., and others also visited us. A blessed Sunday was enjoyed by all.

On July 3, Becky Hurt and Paul Glass were united in marriage.

Funeral services for Sis. Bertha Blough were at the Leo church on July 12. Burial was in the Leo Cemetery. Had Sis. Blough lived until Sept., she would have reached her 97th birthday.

Sarah Schwartz wishes to express her heart-felt thanks to all, for the uplifting prayers and the many cards and gifts sent to her during her convalescence in the hospital and at home.

MANSFIELD, OHIO

Reporter: Aaron A. Sauder

On June 19 and 20, Bro. and Sis. Willis Ehnle of Japan, Bro. and Sis.

Henry Beer and Bro. and Sis. Marion Beer of Milford were our visitors. On Tuesday evening, Bro. Willis showed slides of Japan and explained the work they are doing there. On Wednesday evening, he conducted church services, which we enjoyed very much. We wish them the Lord's blessing in their work in Japan.

Thursday evening, June 30, Bro. and Sis. Clarence Yackley and daughter and son from Phoenix, Arizona, were with us. We enjoyed Bro. Yackley's service very much, and gladly invite them back again.

Sunday, July 10, our Elder Bros. Rudolf Graf and Noah Bauman, were with us for the proving and baptism of Theodore Witchie. We wish Bro. Theodore much joy in the Lord.

MAYWOOD, CALIFORNIA

Reporters: Ora and Dora Sauder

On the third Sunday of the month, as is our usual custom, a dinner was served at the church, followed by evening song-service. A number from Altadena joined us. On the first Sunday of the month, Altadena has a like service, and all that can from Maywood will go to Altadena.

A number of our members from both churches are having, or soon will have, vacations to the East and Middle West. May God's care and protection enable all to enjoy a meeting with their loved ones, and return all safe to their homes.

Sis. Martha Kleshinski from Mansfield, Ohio, has been visiting her ailing mother for several weeks. We are happy to report that her mother has improved in health. Sis. Martha's husband, Martin, and two daughters are planning a trip to California in the near future.

Bro. Carl and Sis. Louise Hartman, from Sabetha, Kansas, are visiting their son, Gene, stationed here in California. While Gene has leave, they are visiting points of interest here in Southern California. Brother Carl had services in Altadena and

Maywood. We enjoyed his services, and hope they will return again soon.

MORTON, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Mrs. B. E. Getz

The Bible Class spent Sunday, June 12, in Cissna Park.

There were 212 enrolled in the two weeks Summer Bible School.

A boy was born to Bro. and Sis. Wayne Rocke, June 16.

Adaughter was born June 13 to Bro. and Sis. Dan Frintz.

A son was born July 7 to Bro. and Sis. Joe Braker.

The remodeling at the church is near completion, and serving lunch has been resumed.

Funeral services for Bro. Dan Stermac, 61, were held July 6. Bro. Joe A. Getz officiated.

MILFORD, INDIANA

Reporter: Irma Haab

The engagement of Dennis Sorg was announced to Judy Miller. Dennis is the son of Sis. Relen Sorg.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, June 21, for Sis. Mary Zimmerman. Brothers Henry and Theo. Beer conducted the service. She was 90 years old.

Earl Kammerer will leave Fort Benning, Georgia for Korea the first part of August.

Sam Steffen, formerly of Milford, passed away Tuesday, June 21. His funeral services were June 24.

Many brethren and friends from Francesville, Princeville, Bluffton, Fairbury and other places attended the wedding of Sis. Marian Altvater and Glen Gutwein. The wedding took place June 26, with Bro. Philip Gutwein officiating.

The Latty Sunday School visited Milford, July 3. We enjoyed their visit.

MORRIS, MINNESOTA

Reporter: Mrs. Louie Messner

Visiting ministers: Bro. and Sis. Harvey Heiniger, Bro. Noah Schrock,

Oakville, Iowa; Bro. Silas Leuthold, Princeville, Illinois; Bro. and Sis. Sam Huber and children, Burlington, Kansas; Bro. and Sis. Noah Gerber and children, Bro. and Sis. Alfred Fehr, of West Bend, Iowa.

Other visitors were from: Peoria, Morton, Cissna Park, Elgin, Illinois; Lester, West Bend, Spring Valley, Oakville, Iowa; St. Paul, Minnesota; Azusa, California; Ft. Scott, Kansas; Phoenix Arizona,

Our friend, Jake Koehl, was baptized June 12.

The Junior and Senior Bible Class attended the yearly Hymn-sing in Lester, Iowa, June 5.

Sis. Sadie Metzger of Elgin, Ill., came June 11, and is keeping house for Sis. Sophie Luthi.

We extend our sympathy to Mildred Souder, Sis. Marilyn Luthi, and Bro. Leonard Wulf, whose father, Albert Wulf, of Lester, Iowa, passed away suddenly, July 8.

Birth: A daughter, Mary Ann, to Bro. and Sis. Richard Schmidgall.

OAKVILLE, IOWA

Reporter: John L. Steiner

Bro. Albert Fisher of Chicago visited our congregation June 5.

Bro. Joe Wiegand Sr. came to church for the first time on June 5 since his heart attack. He wishes to thank all those who remembered him during his illness.

On June 12, Bro. Cleo Rinkenberger of Pulaski, Iowa, visited the Burlington church.

Bro. Henry Grimm of Morton, Illinois, held the services here June 19.

Bro. Uriel Gehring of Elgin, Iowa, was here on July 3. He held the morning services in Burlington.

The funeral for Bro. William Vierling, who died June 30, was held on July 3, twenty years to the day after his wife's burial. He was 86 years of age at his death, the oldest member of our congregation. His passing was sudden, as he attended Wednesday evening services in Burlington, June

29. He gave greetings from Tremont, where he was the previous Sunday, and he gave on the last hymn, No. 220 in the Zion's Harp, which was also sung at the funeral.

A son, Larry Roger, was born to Bro. Roger and Sis. Mary Miller Moser on July 2.

Bro. Jess and Sis. Bertha Eisenmann have moved from Kingston to Burlington.

PEORIA, ILLINOIS

There were two weddings the past month. Bro. Marshall Heinold of La Crosse, Indiana was married to Sis. Janice Martin, and Ronald Blumenshine to Janet Wagenbach.

A son was born to Bro. and Sis. Richard Haefli; also a son was born to Bro. and Sis. Don Wagenbach the past month.

Our visiting ministers the past month were Bro. John Wagenbach of Oakville, Iowa; Bro. Simon Wagenbach of Tremont; Bro. Matt Wackerle of Florida; Bro. Elmer Witzig of Gridley, Ill.; and Bro. Silas Leuthold of Princeville, Illinois.

Our Vacation Bible School, which was held two weeks in July, was well attended.

Bro. Michael Weyeneth and Bro. Wm. Erkert and their wives spent Sunday, July 24, in Fort Wayne, Indiana. They also visited in Milford, Indiana.

We welcome the Bro. Walter Plattner family of Tremont, who have recently moved here. Their new address is 311 Oakridge, Peoria.

Bro. Emil Hoerr, who submitted to an operation at St. Francis Hospital last week, is doing nicely.

PHOENIX, ARIZONA

Reporter: Alice Heiniger

... our small congregation ... is really growing, especially in the past year, so much that we are now in the process of building on our assembly room.

Up until now, we have held services

in the Sunday School room. Sunday School was held in the dining room.

We can feel the Lord has been with us and blessed us richly so far. We need your prayers for our continued work here in the Valley of the Sun.

Yes, summer is here, and with it 114 degrees, the past few days, but we get used to it. Humidity is as low as 6 so far. It will go down to 0, as it gets warmer.

One of our ministers, Bro. Clarence Yackley and his family left today on their vacation to the East.

PULASKI, IOWA

Reporter: Miss Eloise Wagler

On Sunday, May 22, Bro. Felix and Sis. Lydia Wuthrich and Sis. Minnie Getz spent the day in Oakville.

The Bro. Glen Martin family, the Bro. Cleo Rinkenberger family, and the Bro. Harold Beer family went to Oakville on the evening of May 26 to attend services and hear Bro. Willis Ehnle tell of his work in Japan.

The Bro. Albert Wuthrich family, the Bro. Russell Wuthrich family, Bro. Felix and Sis. Lydia Wuthrich, Sis. Minnie Getz, Sis. Ella Wagler, and the Bro. Harry Wagler family went to Taylor on the evening of May 27, to attend services and hear Bro. Willis Ehnle tell of his work in Japan.

The Bro. Danny Endress family of Princeville spent the week end of May 29 with her mother, Sis. Hattie Miller. Also, the same week end, Bros. Peter Weber and Elmer Getz visited our congregation, as guests of the Bro. Russell Wuthrich family. On Sunday evening, everyone enjoyed a singing at the Bro. Glen Banwart home. Also, the week end of the 29th, Bro. Felix and Sis. Lydia Wuthrich and Sis. Minnie Getz went to Burlington, Oklahoma.

On Sunday, June 5, our guests were Elder Bro. Henry Koehl and his wife of Morris, Minnesota; Bro. Chris Rinkenberger and his wife of Burlington, Iowa; Bro. George Kuntz and his wife, their daughter, Sis. Nelda,

and Sis. Barbara Rowell of Oakville, Iowa. The whole congregation enjoyed a picnic supper at the Bloomfield Park, after which we attended evening services at the church, and so ended a blessed day.

Bro. Cleo Rinkenberger and family and Bro. Glen Martin and family spent Sunday, June 12, in the Burlington, Iowa, church.

Sis. Elizabeth Wuthrich returned home, after a week in the hospital, due to a virus infection.

Bro. Fred Grimm and wife of Quincy, Ill., spent Sunday, June 19, with us. Also here that Sunday was the Bro. John Gramm family. A singing was held in the Bro. Glen Martin home.

PORTLAND, OREGON

Reporter: Mrs. Robert Miller

June 8 to 22, Sis. Clara Leman and her nephew, Harley from Roanoke, Illinois, visited the Portland church, while spending their vacation with her niece, Sis. Shirley Hohulin, who is a sister to Harley.

We are happy to report that Sis. Barbara Reutter from Silverton is improving, after suffering an heart attack a few weeks ago. We are thankful to God for helping her.

Sisters Wilma Huber, Corrine Hartter, Norma Hendrichson and Martha Schaefer visited the Portland and Silverton churches, while on vacation on July 10. May God lead them safely on, as they plan to leave on July 13.

Friend Dan Stuckey passed away July 8, age 73. It gives us joy he could make peace with God. We are in sympathy with the bereft.

Silently

Silently, silently
Sleep the peaceful dead;
Mournfully, sighingly
Tears o'er them shed.
Tho' the dust to dust returneth,
Yet their spirits now have gone
To the God of love, who giveth;
And their works to follow on.

Silently, silently
 They are laid to rest,
 Free from care, over there
 Dwelling with the blest.
 They shall bear no more life's bur-
 dens,
 Sickness, sorrow, death or pain;
 In that spirit land they're waiting,
 Where with Christ their souls shall
 reign.

Silently, silently
 Crossing o'er the tide,
 Hopefully, peacefully,
 Gone where saints abide.
 Cease thy sorrow and thy weeping;
 Brush away the falling tears,
 They're not in the cold grave sleep-
 ing,
 But they live in endless years.

Silently silently
 We await His call,
 When we'll rise to the skies,
 Victors over all.
 In sweet paradise we'll meet them,
 On the morn when Christ shall come
 To awaken every bought one,
 And to take the ransomed home.

Refrain:
 Silently to rest we lay them,
 Empty is their house of clay;
 Unto God the soul returneth,
 Silently they pass away.

PRINCEVILLE, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Ruth Ricketts

A blessed day was enjoyed by our congregation June 12, when Bro. Ed Hohulin and others from Goodfield spent the day with us. A number of visitors from Francesville, Indiana; Fairbury and Chicago, Illinois, were also present to enjoy the day.

A few girls from the Bible Class, some parents and teachers, spent an enjoyable week end, June 11 and 12, in Elgin, Iowa.

Bro. Alvin and Sis. Marie Farney invited some brothers who were in the Service together in India during

World War II, to spend the week end of June 18 and 19. Those present were Bro. Ralph and Sis. Ellen Weber and family of Akron, Ohio; Bro. Carl and Sis. Velma Kipfer and family of Bluffton, Indiana; Bro. Earl and Sis. Lorene Roth, Bro. Perry and Sis. Dorothy Zimmerman and family of Fairbury; Bro. Bill and Sis. Evelyn Gudeman and family of Elgin, Illinois; and Bro. Ervin and Sis. Lucille Walder of Cissna Park, Illinois. Bro. Orville Ringger and his wife of Bluffton, Indiana, accompanied Bro. Carl, and Bro. Orville assisted Bro. Carl in the ministry. A pleasant day was enjoyed by all present.

Bro. Duane and Sis. Doreen (Zimmerman) Elsasser are the parents of a son, born June 14. They now have two sons and two daughters.

A number of relatives and friends spent the week end of June 25 and 26 in Lester, Iowa, and attended the wedding of our friends, Don Streitmatter, son of Bro. Jeff and Sis. Martha Streitmatter, and Mary Lou Meyer, daughter of Bro. Alphie and Sis. Emma Meyer. Bro. LeRoy Huber of Eureka performed the marriage ceremony. The young couple will reside in Princeville when they return from their wedding trip.

About 320 children, parents and friends enjoyed the Sunday School picnic held June 26. Sunday School will not be held for a few weeks during the summer months.

We rejoice to have some young souls turning to the Lord, namely Gloria and Twylla Stoller (daughters of Bro. Lowell and Sis. Clara Stoller) and Charlotte Elsasser, daughter of Bro. William and Sis. Violet Elsasser. Laura Massner, daughter of Bro. Silas and Sis. Mary Leuthold, repented some time ago, and is waiting for the opportunity to give her testimony of her new-found peace and faith.

REMINGTON, INDIANA

Reporter: Emily Kilgus

On Sunday, June 5, Brothers Clar-

ence Kachelmuss and Edmund Kloter and others from Forrest and Fairbury spent the day with us.

On Mon. evening, June 27, Bro. Clarence Yackley of Phoenix, Ariz., held evening services. He, with his family, were enroute to Ohio.

On Sunday, July 10, a group of young folks from Milford spent the day with us. Also, a few from Francesville and Bro. Irvin Lehman were with us in the afternoon.

RITTMAN, OHIO

Reporter: Mrs. Dale Hartzler

Friend Nathan Steiner passed away, and his funeral was held on June 12.

Sis. Lilas Indermuhle and Bro. Joe Rufener were united in Holy Matrimony on June 12. May God bless them.

Friend David Gasser was announced for proving on June 19. We are thankful that the Day of Grace is still with us and that another dear soul has turned to the Lord in repentance.

A son was born to Bro. and Sis. Harold Widmer on July 5. He has been named Daniel Robert.

Our visiting ministers have been: Bro. Rudy Graf and Bro. Delbert Indermuhle on June 12; Bro. Willis Ehnle and Bro. Henry Sabo on June 23; Bro. Clarence Yackley, Bro. Rudy Graf and Bro. Henry Sabo. We thank them for the visits and invite all to return again.

ROANOKE, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Sara Aeschleman

"All the billows of the sea of life do but wash a Christian nearer to heaven."

Bro. and Sis. Lyle Moser are the parents of a new daughter, Susan Eileen, born June 11. Also, Bro. Wallace and Marilyn Leman have a new little daughter, Karen Elizabeth, born June 13.

Provings were held Wednesday evening, June 29, for our two friends,

Glenna Blunier and Robert Bradle. Baptisms were the following Sunday. We would ever wish them God's richest blessings.

A dear old brother, Henry Reckhemmer, passed away July 2, at the age of 84 years. Funeral services were held at Cissna Park, Illinois.

Recent visiting ministers to the Roanoke congregation were, Brother Mike Weyneth, Peoria; Bro. Elmer Hartter, Milford, Ind.; Bro. Clarence Yackley, Phoenix, Ariz.; Bro. LeRoy Huber and Bro. Joe Rocke, Eureka; and Bro. Edwin Ringger and Bro. Elmer Witzig of Gridley, Illinois. Their visits were very much enjoyed by all.

SHIODA AND

TSUTSUJIGA-OKA, JAPAN

Reporter: Yoshito Inoue

We have received a letter from Bro. Ben. C. Maibach. It says he and Bro. Fred Grimm are going to visit us on July 8 and stay here in Japan until July 26.

We made a committee of eight members for planning mission works and the brothers trip in Japan. The committee planned to have ten special mission services while they stay in Japan. Two are at Tsutsujiga-oka, three at Shioda, three in neighboring villages of Shioda, and two at Tamahata, located on the other side of the city of Kofu from Shioda.

More than one hundred copies of posters, inviting people to the mission services, were made by the committee members last Sunday at Shioda church. More than hundreds of invitation cards will be mailed or spread by means of inserting in news papers. A local loud-speaker system will be used for advertising the mission services. We need the help of prayers of the brethren, both in the U.S.A. and in Japan, to do God's will and to spread the gospel among people in the right way, so that the souls in darkness may find the true light of Christ our Saviour.

Bro. Maibach and Grimm reached Haneda at 3:30 p.m. one hour and half later than the schedule. They were coming out from the plane with big smiles. Thirteen members and friends came to Haneda Airport to see them.

SABETHA, KANSAS

Reporter: Ed. H. Steiner

The Sabetha and Bern Senior Sunday School classes attended a district Sunday School meeting with other Sunday School classes from Minnesota, Iowa and Kansas at Lester, Iowa, on Sunday, June 5, where they enjoyed a good time, and very pleasant hospitality.

June 7, Sis. Lula Stoller, wife of Bro. Joe Stoller, died suddenly at her home, June 7. She was 72 years old, and left to mourn are her husband and many relatives and friends. They had no children. Bro. Carl Hartman and Bro. Joe Aberle conducted the services. Some of those coming for the funeral were: Bro. and Sis. Mathias Strahm of Yates Center, Kansas; Bro. and Sis. Ben Zimmerman, Congerville; Sisters Tillie and Jynette Stoller, Bro. Wm. Furrer, all of Wolcott, Indiana; Ida Nussbaum, Bloomington; and many other relatives and friends.

Bro. and Sis. Lewis Bahr and Bro. and Sis. Joe Hartter attended the funeral of Bro. Mat. Stortz at Gridley, Ill., June 5. On their return home, they were accompanied by Bro. and Sis. Ben Zimmerman, who visited relatives and members here a few days. They spent Sunday at Wichita, then returned to Sabetha on Monday, where Bro. Ben conducted services in the evening. They returned to their home at Congerville, Ill., Tuesday.

June 12, Bro. and Sis. Gene Bruellman and Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Gerber of West Bend, Iowa, and Mrs. Jack Schuffham of Algona, Iowa, attended services with us June 12, and then

attended the reception given for Merlin Strahm and his bride, after their wedding; at the home of Merlin's parents, Bro. and Sis. Paul Strahm. After visiting other relatives and friends, they returned to their home on Monday, June 13.

June 12, Bro. and Sis. Gene Marti went to Lamar, Missouri, to attend the funeral of Alfred Marti, June 13.

June 8, A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Meyer. (Mrs. Meyer formerly was Florence Steiner, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Joe Steiner.) They named her Ramona Jean.

Sis. Esther Steiner, wife of Bro. Joe Steiner, was taken to Iowa City, Iowa, where she was operated for a bad case of Parkinson's disease, June 14. She is in a critical condition, but we hope she can be helped.

June 19, Bro. and Sis. Roy Wysong spent Sunday at Lester, Iowa, with their daughter, Nancy, and family and members.

June 19, Bro. and Sis. Phil Metzger and son, Ronnie, and Bro. and Sis. Elmer Strahm spent Sunday at Lamont and Gridley, Kansas.

June 20, Bro. and Sis. Carl Hartman left from Topeka via Union Pacific for California, to visit their son, Eugene, who is stationed at Sacramento, and to visit the churches at Maywood and Altadena.

June 19, visitors at our church on Sunday were: Bro. Arnold Bahr, Bro. George Bahr and Sis. Emma Bahr, Gridley, Kansas; Roy, Lorine and Brian Bahr, Burlington, Kansas; Joe and Wilma Farney, Nelson Farney, Mission, Kansas.

June 26, Bro. and Sis. Dave Kellenberger and daughter, Priscilla, of Elgin, Ill., came to spend the week end with relatives and members at Sabetha and Bern.

June 26, we had with us: Sisters Eldine, Mabelle and Emma Wackerle, Mae Guensel and Eula Maibach, all of Bay City, Mich., and Cora Kaufman of Cissna Park, Illinois. They

spent Sunday to worship with us in Sabetha, and visit relatives, members and friends.

June 26, Bro. and Sis. Lewis Bahr went to Ft. Wayne, Ind. to attend the dedication of the new church there.

July 3, visitors at the Sabetha and Berne churches were: Bro. and Sis. Ezra Hohulin, Bro. and Sis. Wm. Klein of Peoria, Ill.; Bro. and Sis. Gordon Greenbank of Akron, Ohio; Bro. and Sis. Sam Heiniger of Deer Creek, Ill.; Sisters Lena and Mathilda Steiner, Elgin.

Visitors at Sabetha church June 10 were Bro. and Sis. Joe Dotterer and son, Bill, and daughter of Phoenix, Arizona. They were on their way to Bluffton, Ind. to visit Joe's mother, Sis. Mary Dotterer, and other relatives and members.

July 10, Bro. and Sis. Joe Benninger of West Bend, Iowa, visited at Sabetha. Bro. Joe has just recovered from surgery after two weeks in a hospital; Sis. Elizabeth Marti, Evalin's mother, come home with them.

Bro. and Sis. Roy Wysong and Benny spent Sunday in Tremont, Illinois, July 3.

TAYLOR, MISSOURI

Reporter: Mrs. Eli Sutter

Bro. Willis and Sis. Lois Ehnle and children spent the evening of May 20 with us. We enjoyed the service and the pictures that Bro. Willis showed of Japan and the important work they are doing there in establishing the churches.

Bro. William Cottrell left for San Antonio, Texas, on June 10, to spend the week end with the service men and their families and to bring the Gospel Message to them.

Danny and Dickie, sons of Bro. Gerald and Sis. Marjorie Sutter, were medical patients for several days at the hospital.

We enjoyed Communion services on Wednesday evening, June 22, served by Bro. Noah Schrock. He was

accompanied by Sis. Hattie and Bro. and Sis. Rinkenberger of Burlington, Iowa.

Bro. Clarence and Sis. Vera Yackley, their daughter, Sis. Eileen, and son, Aldo, of Phoenix, Arizona, spent Sunday, June 26 with us.

Bro. Fred Grimm left on July 5 for Japan. He met Bro. Ben Maibach Jr. of Detroit, Michigan, at Minneapolis. They made stops at Seattle, Washington and Anchorage, Alaska, and went on to Tokyo by jet. We continue in prayer that the Lord will bless their undertaking and return them safely home. They plan to be home Thurs., July 28.

The Bible Class spent Sunday, July 10, at Tremont, Illinois.

TOLEDO, OHIO

Reporter: Emily Frautschi

We are happy to report that two of our young folk have decided to live for the Lord-Marie Rehklau and Otto Schlatter. We wish them the courage and grace to carry on this wonderful work.

Brother Rudolph Graf and his wife and sister Anna Rupp of Akron visited in Toledo the week end of June 19. We enjoyed their visit and the blessings of Holy Communion.

Both Sister Ida Liebig and Sister Lydia Schlatter have been released from the hospital . . . Ida is recuperating from an operation and Lydia from a cracked kneecap, which was the result of a fall.

The Toledo Sunday School enjoyed a wonderful day of fellowship, when we visited the Akron Sunday School on July 10.

TREMONT, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Esther Schmid

On Sunday, June 5, Bro. Martin Dale and Sis. Edith Hohulin and children of Fort Scott, Kansas, spent the day with us.

A group of young brethren from Bluffton, Indiana, visited here on June 19.

Births: A daughter, Diane Lynn, to Bro. Orville and Sis. Doris Roche, June 20. A daughter, Linda Kay, to Bro. Robert and Sis. Mary Kathryn Getz, June 24.

Grave-side services were held Thursday forenoon, June 30, for Trudy Annette Beutel, infant daughter of Bro. Alvin and Sis. Carol Beutel.

The Annual Sunday School picnic was on June 26.

A group of brethren and friends from Sabetha, Kansas, and Mansfield, Ohio, spent the Fourth of July week end here.

Visiting ministers this month were on July 3, Bro. Joe A. Getz and Bro. Henry Grimm of Morton, Illinois; on July 10, Bro. Ernest Gerber, Rockville, Conn., and Bro. Clarence Kachelmuss of Forrest, Illinois. We enjoyed their inspiring services, and hope they will visit with us soon again.

The Bible Class of Eureka, Illinois, and Taylor, Mo., were guests of the Tremont Sunday School on July 10. A nice group was present, also their Sunday School teachers. The evening was spent singing hymns at the home of Bro. Earl and Sis. Glenna Sauder.

We miss Bro. and Sis. Walter Plattner and family, who recently have moved to Peoria, Illinois.

WOLCOTT, INDIANA

Reporter: Arles Kropf

Visiting ministers during the past month were, Bro. Ezra Feller on June 19; and the evening of June 29, Bro. Willis Ehnle from Japan and Bro. Henry Kilgus from Forrest. We enjoyed their visits very much. Bro. Willis gave us an interesting account of the work being done in Japan.

Bro. Will Wagler, who has been at the home of Mary Klopfenstein at Gridley, is now making his home with the Irvin Lehman at Kentland, Indiana. He asks that those wishing to correspond with him should send his mail there.

A son, Donald Wayne, was born June 19, to Wayne and Shirley Lehman.

Bro. Will Furrer, Sis. Lynetta Furrer, and Sis. Tillie Stoller; also, Ida Nussbaum from Bloomington, Ill., attended the funeral of Sis. Lulu Stoller in Kansas on June 10.

On June 12, Bro. and Sis. Will Furrer and others visited with the Elgin, Ill., congregation.

In the last issue, there was a mistake made — it read "Bro. and Sis. Sam Schrock" and others visited Cissna—this should have been "Bro. and Sis. Irvin Lehman" — the Schrocks are not from our congregation.

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LESTER, IOWA

Reporter: Miss Emelie M. Knobloch

We hold an annual Bible Class gathering each year between Morris and Winthrop, Minn.; West Bend, Elgin and Lester, Iowa rotating. This year was our turn to entertain them. So we also included the Bern and Sabetha Bible Classes and included our Annual Sunday School Picnic, June 5.

Some folks from Lester attended the Fehr and Grimm wedding at West Bend, Iowa, June 12.

Folks on our sick list are Sis. Martha Wiess and Sis. Lydia Mogler, who had surgeries; Connie Knobloch; and Samuel Moser, who had misfortune of breaking an arm. Bill Gerber was hospitalized with a bone infection. We wish them God's blessings for a speedy recovery.

Sisters Violet and Emelie Knobloch and Mrs. Marvin Hoogeveen and daughters took their mother, Sister Julia Knobloch, to spend a few days with her daughter, Mrs. Julia Plattner, Bern, Kansas, who has been ill.

On June 19, Sis. Ella Mae Knobloch and Bro. Eugene Schmidt of Winthrop, Minn., were united in holy matrimony, with Bro. Henry Koehl officiating. Bro. Schmidt is in Service at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. Many relatives and friends of Morris and Winthrop, Minn.; West Bend, Iowa; and Elgin, Ill., attended.

Two cars of young folks spent the week end of July 4 at Princeville, Illinois.

Bro. and Sis. Earl Knobloch and Lanie and Sis. Edith Knobloch and Lois were at Peoria, Ill., June 26.

Bro. and Sis. Wilhelm Wulf are parents of a son, July 1, Stanley Wilhelm.

On June 26, Mary Lou Meyer and

Don Strietmatter of Princeville, Ill., were united in marriage by Bro. Leroy Huber of Eureka, Illinois. There were many relatives and friends of Princeville, Goodfield, Peoria, and Morton, Ill.; Pulaski and West Bend, Iowa.

The committee was deeply grieved because of the death of Albert Wulf, who passed away very suddenly of mourn, his wife, Maria Knobloch Wulf; five daughters and five sons and a host of relatives and friends. Many folks of Morris, Minn.; West Bend, Ia.; and Princeville, Ill.; attended funeral services. We extend our sincere sympathy to the bereaved ones.

Visitors in the past month were, Bro. and Sis. Silas Metzger and family, Bro. and Sis. Arnold Metzger and family, Bro. and Sis. Ernest Kellenberger and sons, Bro. and Sis. Elmer Fehr and family, Sisters Leah and Elizabeth Traub, Bro. and Sis. Fritz Traub, Sis. Anna Schmidt, West Bend, Iowa; Paul and Dorothy Knobloch, Woodward, Iowa; Calvin and Deva Wiess, Elgin, Ill.; Bro. and Sis. Roy Wysong, Bro. Benny Wysong and Sis. Sally Wysong, Sis. Janet Wysong and family, Sabetha, Kansas; Bro. and Sis. Charlie Graf, Elgin, Illinois; Willa Jean, Marjorie Metzger, Bern, Kansas; Sisters Corine and Irene Harter, Sis. Norma Hendrickson, Peoria, Ill.; Sisters Esther Tanner and Verna Wettstein and Marilyn of Goodfield, Ill., Bro. and Sis. Ira Rokey, Goodfield, Ill.; Virgil and Mildred Sauder and family, and Bro. and Sis. Ray Luthi, Morris, Minn.; Sis. Ruth Metzger and Robert, John and Florence Feucht and sons, Elgin, Ill.; John and Ella Martens, Marengo, Ill.; Bro. and Sis. Joel Wuthrich and family, Pulaski, Iowa; Bro. and Sis. Dave Kellenberger and daughter, Elgin, Illinois.

A reunion was held for the Kellenbergers July 4, and many folks were here from Elgin, Ill.; Morris, Minn.; and West Bend, Iowa.