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BROADCASTING NOTES

The first broadcast by the faithful churches in this area, on a sustained contract basis, that over Station WTMV, East Saint Louis, Illinois, reached the close of its thirteen week period on January 30. Immediately, a new contract, this time for six months, was announced. The program will not change perceptibly, except that the singers will open with a special theme song, adapted for this particular airing of the gospel. Brother Ketcherside will begin a new series of talks on February 6, reaching the close of the first group, most of which were on the theme, "What Is The Church Of Christ?" The first thirteen sermons pulled no punches, but plainly set forth the position of the One Body. It is suggested that they be placed in book form to gratify the requests from listeners, as well as those of the many returns in other parts of the country who did not have a chance to hear them. The booklet would be a wealth of information to place in the hands of those who are non-members, and the sermonettes are sufficiently short that one could be read easily without tiring.

It was officially announced that in the first three months, 176 outside families had been contacted by the medium of the broadcast, and most of these had no previous connection with the Church of Christ at all. Literature is being placed in the mails to each of these and it is hoped that eventually may lead them to the acceptance of the pure gospel of the Master.

It is understood that the churches in Kansas City are contracting for time over WHD, a station with a 400 mile radius, and that they will present Brother Brumback in a series of programs. While this has not officially been announced to us as yet, we await with eagerness the time when we may definitely

SERVICE FOR SERVICE MEN

Brother Arthur Freeman has mailed out the following bulletin: "To the end that we might help to strengthen the morale and Christian faith in those members of the Church of Christ serving in the armed forces, members of the congregations at St. Joseph and Chillicothe, Mo., have worked out plans to send a mimeographed newsletter to each Christian serviceman and servicewoman each month. This newsletter will give news of importance from faithful Churches of Christ, news of religious activities of the Christian servicemen themselves, and pointed articles by various brethren on religious subjects of special importance to servicemen. Each issue will be sent, absolutely free. All we need is an UP-TO-DATE address."

Instructions are given to send the rank and full name of the person in service to Arthur Freeman, Chillicothe, Missouri. All relatives and friends of brethren and sisters in the services should make this information available to Brother Freeman at once. Write him immediately! Do not delay!

ROBERTS TO OKLAHOMA

Bro. L. C. Roberts, who concludes a year of evangelistic labor in the Lead Belt area, on April 1, is planning for some preaching in Oklahoma, starting about the middle of April. He has announced that he still has some time open in the summer and fall for those who may desire teaching, development and other work. You may reach him at Bonne Terre, Missouri.

announce the start of this new gospel attack in Missouri and surrounding states. May God bless the radio ministry of His Word in our prayer.

NORTHWEST MISSION WORK

Dear Brother Carl: I wish to write a letter of appreciation to you and all of these churches and brethren who have made it possible for Brother Kenneth Morgan to be sent into the Pacific Northwest to see what can be done for Christ. We met at 10 a. m. today (1-9-44) with an attendance of 25 and a collection of \$17.00. There are giants here to battle in the form of the Rough Draft and those who have weakened and been swallowed up by the college ideas. I for one believe they can be conquered, if we will spend our time, money and influence to that end. It will not be an easy battle but it is one well worth our efforts because I am certain there are hundreds of souls in the Northwest who would take their stand for the Church Supreme and alone, if that pure doctrine were sounded out all over this area.

The great disadvantage is in the fact that the college folk have been quietly working while we have been asleep. That's why I thank God, our Father in Heaven, who put it into your hearts in the central part of the United States, to send a man to the Northwest to assist us. It means a lot to myself and family seeing that we have decided to make our home here. I believe there are many others here also that are not satisfied with the college churches but are attending there because they have no place else to go. In conclusion I wish to thank you for what you have done and hope that this year of service in the Northwest by Kenneth Morgan will only be a beginning of what will follow in the days to come. I for one am willing to give of my time, money and effort to make the Northwest area what God would have it to be. Your brother in Christ,

Fred Sloop
3954 S. E. Taylor
Portland, Oregon

AN AMAZING READING

One of the most outstanding surprises ever experienced in Saint Louis was produced by the immense interest and attendance of the winter session of the 1944 Protracted Bible Study. Elders of the churches and Brother Ketcherside, only a few months ago, were wondering if it would be feasible to even attempt the reading this year. It was decided to go on, rather than lose the continuity, even though the attendance would be greatly reduced. The surprise came, when students kept pouring in until during the fourth week when the daytime attendance ran between 25 and 30 average, the largest sustained attendance for the past several years. Students were enrolled as follows:

KANSAS—Henry Van de Riet, Cawker City and Homer, Matson, Lebanon.

IOWA—LeRoy Munger, Des Moines; Jacob Dykhuizen, Cedar Rapids.

ILLINOIS—Loren Honn, Kemp; Chad Freeman, Sullivan; Harry Wilson, Secor.

MISSOURI—Harold Shasteen,
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OUR MARCH ISSUE

The next issue of this paper will be dedicated wholly to the printing of material by and about service men. We will feature a short article by the mother of a soldier, an article on training men for the Lord written by a service man, and various short squibs concerning our boys. Correspondents need not send in any regular church news for the March edition at all, as serial articles and church items which regularly appear will be omitted. You are going to like the next issue, so be on the lookout for it. If something occurs that you do not receive your paper, be sure and write in for it at once. We want all of our subscribers to have this feature number. A lot of them will also be sent to soldiers, and sailors.

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CARL'S CORNER

I kind of feel sorry for them! They are full of enthusiasm, eagerness and zeal to work for the Lord. A lot of them ask, "Why cannot we work back home like this?" They see young people active in the service of the Master, elders who encourage and train every member to take a part, preachers who find their greatest joy in seeing others put forward, deacons who thrill to help other places spread the gospel, and a host of brethren who get real live joy out of "just coming to church." I know how they feel, when they think of all the vast work that needs to be done, when they feel the urge to do something worthwhile for Christ. They lift up their eyes and look upon the fields white to the harvest, and pray, "Lord, send forth reapers—yea, Lord send ME forth." It must be quite a blow to some of them when they get back home, and there's no program, no development, no interest, no advertising, no training,—just sort of dragging along to a slow death. It must hurt when they try to remedy it by talking to the elders, only to be cut short with, "Yeh, you've been to a Bible Reading, and got the big head! We don't need any new-fangled system here. We always have taken care of it, and when we need suggestions, we'll let you know." But I take courage in that fact that some day, these brethren who are catching the vision of the harvest fields, will be the leaders. Then the church will move forward. Be patient. Learn to labor and to wait.

—W. CARL KETCHERSIDE

AMONG the CHURCHES

HALE—My wife and I have been down with flu and I am not going out away from home much this winter. I am glad to help preach the gospel as I can by placing some of the books.

—W. E. BALLENGER

SAINT JOSEPH—Work is progressing with many taking part publicly. Several who have never before engaged actively in service are placing their membership here; enthusiasm is high, attendance is good, and financial support of the church best of its history. Bro. Earl Wickham and wife are the proud parents of a baby son, Earl Jr., and they are living near Pyote, Texas, where Earl is stationed. Bro. Harold Hays was called to Barnard this month to conduct a funeral. The ladies of the congregation gave a bridal shower complimentary to Mr. and Mrs. Jack L. Williams. We were very happy to have Brother Arthur Freeman with us for a short visit.

—CLEO GIBSON

LA PLATA—We got to attend Brother Balleger's meeting at Kirksville a good deal during the fall, and placed our membership there. We are happy to know that Brother Joe Clay is getting to attend the Bible Reading in Saint Louis and trust his health has improved. Give him our regards.

—ASA CHILDERS

SAINT LOUIS (5344 Lillian Ave.)—We are enjoying the Thursday night lectures by Bro. Ketcherside on "The Secret Of A Successful Church." Audiences are very good in number, and our Lord's Day attendance and contribution are both maintaining an excellent figure. The Bible Reading students have been bringing us messages of truth which are greatly appreciated, and by the time this is read they'll be back in their homes in the various states, but their memory will linger with us for a long time.

We have a large sick list again this month including Bro. W. J. Topping, one of our elders; Bro. James Brown, our oldest member; Sister Elizabeth Black another of our elderly ones; and Sister Ruby Sanders. The father of one of our younger members, Bro. Wayne Blacksher, as well as Karen Virginia, infant daughter of Sister Myra Doza have been reported ill during the month. All are improving.

We are happy to add the name of Sister Brown to our roster.

She is a daughter of Sister Kincaid and transferred here from Tennessee.

—JESS PARKS

NEOSHO—We will have Bro. Roy Harris with us January 30 and are looking forward to his good talks and singing. Hope the Bible Reading is well attended. Under the terrible turmoil some one must hold fast to the anchor of the ship. I think you are doing a wonderful job of holding the anchors.

—MARY C. COOK

SPRINGFIELD—The church is well started on the outlined work. Monday nights we study Acts in the home of a member. Tuesday nights we have song practice in a private home. Wednesday nights we have lectures on Church Government and Discipline by Brother Roy Harris at the church building. The first two of these have been very interesting; the initial one on Discipline in General, and the second on "Qualifications and Duties of Elders and Deacons." On Friday nights Bro. Harris conducts a class in development for the brethren. He is free on Sunday, and out of the city, so the congregation has a chance to watch results of the development work. The Young People's meeting is very profitable. It is held for an hour on Sunday night with a 15 minute interval before the regular service starts.

—FAYE WILSON

GOOD WATER—We are happy to say our attendance is increasing some, since warmer weather. Had a good attendance on January 16 and 23. Visitors last Lord's Day included Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wood and Mrs. Ed. Flowers of St. Louis, and E. L. Mayberry from Fredericktown. Today (Jan. 23) we had Ralph Thompson and family from Centerville, and Cecil Thompson and family from Salem. I think the radio broadcast a fine thing, and am sorry we cannot hear it plainly. I heard it the second Sunday, but haven't been able to hear it since. I start for Jefferson Barracks January 24; Victor Mayberry left for the Navy on the 2nd. Bro. Estep preached at Salem today.

—PAUL THOMPSON

OLD SCOTLAND—Announcement was made January 16, that Bro. C. R. Turner of Sullivan, Ill., will be with us for two weeks in the early fall of this year. We will make further announcement nearer the time and hope that

all may look forward to the occasion. We were glad to have Bro. Paul Croy present recently during his furlough.

Bro. James Truitt spoke twice on January 23, using as his morning subject, "Adding To Your Faith." A fair-sized audience heard this excellent admonition. At both services we were pleased to have Mrs. Annie Lee Merritt of Madrid, Nebraska, and her daughter, Mrs. Jennie Daniel of Portland, Oregon. Both were former residents of this community and have many relatives and friends here and elsewhere in the county.

—LENA M. SKINNER

KANSAS CITY (26th and Spruce)—Beginning February 2, we will have lessons on Church History by Bro. Brumback, each Wednesday night. Judging from his past teachings, these will be most interesting.

We assemble a little earlier on Sunday nights so the young people (with older ones invited) can practice singing under direction of Bro. Vernor Ellis. He is doing a good work in this phase of worship.

Margaret, daughter of Brother and Sister J. L. Frazier was united in marriage to Cpl. Melvin Bolinger, son of Bro. Alfred Bolinger of Carrollton congregation. They are making their home in West Palm Beach, Florida, where Melvin is stationed at present.

Bro. and Sister Bob Gunn are proud parents of a little girl, Linda Jean, born December 17. They are at home in Gardner, Kansas where Bob is stationed at a U. S. N. Air Base. The Tom Hermans have welcomed a baby boy into their home also. Gregory Thomas was born January 16.

Several of our boys have been to services here lately. We are always glad when they can be here and appreciate hearing from them when they are away. Our prayers are with them wherever they are, and may God grant them a safe and speedy return.

Kenneth Van Deusen is in St. Louis at the Bible Study. We are glad he is embracing this opportunity and are sure that the church will be strengthened by his increased knowledge and ability.

—LELITA FRAZIER

BONNE TERRE—Arrived home safely from the day at the Bible Study. Were pretty tired but had enjoyed and profited by every hour spent in Saint Louis. Your timely exhortation on personal work makes us feel that our efforts are inadequate but at

the same time encourages us to press on.

—L. C. ROBERTS

OZARK—I am looking forward to a Bible Reading at Nixa. We surely do need to study more. I never did think that I could become so interested in God's Word. I have changed my course of life the last two years and pledge to serve the Lord and Him only the remainder of my life. I didn't realize the condition I was in until I began reading and really searching the scriptures. I hope the Saint Louis Reading is progressing nicely and am sure it will.

—GUY O'NEIL

NIXA—The congregation is getting along very well at present with attendance and interest good. Bro. Roy Harris is working with us on Thursday nights now.

—GEORGE SACKETT

SPRINGFIELD (Jan. 18)—Work here is off to a good start. 39 present for our Monday night study in Acts at home of Bro. Fielder. Met at Bro. Buttram's home Tuesday evening for song development. I am conducting a series of lectures on Wednesday evenings at the church house, 1118 North National. The church at Nixa has requested a singing class on Thursday nights. Friday evening is reserved for our public speaking class in which we intend to cover every phase of the public worship. On January 16, I preached at Nevada. Good attendance and interest despite sickness. Bro. Buttram did the speaking here in Springfield in the morning with Bro. Ruhl on the floor at night. Next Sunday, Brother Dunbar has the morning lesson and Bro. Arnold the one at night. I will be in Ava on that date.

—ROY HARRIS

SAINT LOUIS (7121 Manchester Ave.)—Our congratulations to Yukio and Tommaya Kawakami, our Japanese-American couple. They are the parents of a baby girl, Susan Joy. Our sick list recently has included Ernie Schaefer, Loretta McAnear, Sister Waggoner, and Wilma Newbanks hospitalized; as well as Eddie Asberry and Janet Sue Young, who were ill. Claude Young manifests no visible sign of improvement, but Harry Fisher was released to his home, on January 30, after months at the Barnes Hospital.

Harmon Thompson is now an air cadet and will leave soon from Sedalia for an air cadet school. Naomi Harrington, now employed in Nashville, Tenn., stopped at Manchester on January 30, on

her way back to her job after visiting her home in north Missouri.

Additions to our congregation in January included Bernell Weems and Joyce Jamison by baptism; Whlard and Lucille Young, Mrs. Hudson, Mrs. McAnear, and Loretta and Valerie McAnear by membership transfer.

The Bible Reading students are on a round of social visits as we go into the last two weeks of the Reading. Brother Ketcherside will report news of the Reading proper.

—EVELYN ROBINSON

WEBSTER GROVES—The two deacons delivered the first Lord's Day morning service of the year, with Bro. Smith and Ray Hunt taking over at night. The latter spoke on being on time with excellent effect. Our visiting speakers for the month have been from the Bible Reading, except Bro. Guy Wofford. Bro. Ketcherside spoke to a good audience on night of January 30. We were certainly sorry to lose Mabel Bandy. She went back home for an indefinite stay. Our loss is Summer-ville's gain.

—VERN ATWELL

SAINT LOUIS (5344 Lillian Ave.) (February 1) — Our audience on Sunday was 204, second largest in our history. On the same date we understand that Manchester had 198, and Hartford 205. Thus the three places had a total at one service of over 600. Our contribution on this date was \$107.55, making our average for the year about \$100 per Lord's Day thus far.

—JESS PARKS

INDEPENDENCE — January 30, marked our first anniversary. A year ago we had 43 in attendance, last Sunday 53. Our largest contribution was \$145.91 on March 28. Our highest attendance 71 on August 1. Our building fund continues to grow with over \$3000. We have a \$700 lot paid for. This has been made possible with contributions of \$1200 from our sister congregations.

Bro. and Sister Plaster meet with us now. She is a sister of Bro. Melvin Burton of Saint Louis. Bro. Fred Fenton spoke for us recently in two good lessons entitled, "Christ and Him Crucified" and "Humility." Bro. Acree gave us a good lesson recently on "Worship." His son, Floyd has now gone into the service of our country and will be greatly missed, especially by us home congregation. Excelsior Springs, Floyd's family will meet

with us during his absence. We had a good old fashioned singing at Walter and Edith Kreeger's January 28. All of us took pie for refreshments and there was plenty of it as well as plenty of singing. Our Young Folks Class is growing and they have a very capable teacher, Sister Lucille Phillips. They are studying Genesis.

Our sympathy is extended to Sister Louise Brumback in the loss of her mother.

—IVA KREEGER

SHAMROCK — Attendance and contributions very good in spite of illness. Sister Stoneman has been ill for several weeks. Our program for January 30, will feature Bro. Stoneman as teacher of John, 3rd chapter; Wilbur Moore will deliver the table talk; Carl McConnell assist, while Albert E., will lead the singing. We plan to have Bro. Roy Harris assist us in song development on Friday nights in near future, but at present are fixing to have our building wired for electricity to provide adequate light for night services. There is considerable interest in our work and we believe good can be accomplished.

OZARK—We were glad to have Sister Lalla Melton and son Joe, with us recently. Their membership is at Nixa. Sister Arva Stine sustained a misfortune recently when she fell and broke her ankle. She is improving and we hope for the best. She is one of our faithful. In our audience, Jan. 30 was an elderly gentleman who had just come to Ozark. We extended a welcome to him with a cordial invitation to return, as we do to all others who are interested in the pure gospel. We plan to install shades in our south windows in the near future. It will be a welcome relief as well as protection to the pews.

NIXA—Our Lord's Day classes are now studying in Revelation. All are taking good part and interest is excellent. Bro. Joe Melton will lead off with the reading of our scripture on January 30. Among our sick Sisters Lalla Stine, Ida Staten and Kate Steinert. Bro. Cliff Melton who has had an infected hand is somewhat improving. We now have Bro. Roy Harris instructing us in song service on Thursday evenings. He is capable and we have much room for improvement in that department of worship. Employment conditions and illness have kept our crowds down somewhat. The Sunday evening meetings continue to develop talent and produce edifying les-

sons. On January 30, Carl Fitzpatrick will be the speaker; and on February 6, Harry Mooney. The Ladies Bible Class met Wednesday evening January 26, with Sister Thelma Bussard. They are memorizing the twelfth chapter of Romans and their lesson study is in the book of Esther.

—HARRY and JERRY MOONEY

KANSAS CITY—The three congregations have completed study of the church in eight lessons, under following heads: The Founder; When and Where Founded? Name of The Church; Officials Of The Church; The Gospel; Rule of Faith; Worship of the Church. Scriptures used were marked as connected references with a printed index supplied to all for ready reference. We begin now with "Apostasy Of The Church," "Dark Ages," "Reformation" and "Restoration" to be followed by study of present day denominations in contrast with the New Testament. Churches here completing arrangements for radio program to start soon. One placed membership at Independence January 23.

—ROBERT BRUMBACK

SPRINGFIELD (Jan. 31)—Was with Neosho over the week end in services Saturday night, Sunday and Sunday night, with singing in afternoon. Performed a marriage ceremony uniting Marjorie See and Paul Cooper, at home of bride's mother, at 5 o'clock, Sunday afternoon, January 30. Marjorie is one of Newton County's teachers, while Paul is a sergeant in Uncle Sam's army. He has seen two years of service in Panama Canal Zone. Both are members of the Neosho church, and have many friends who wish for them a long and happy life together.

—ROY HARRIS

J. W. WATTS IN SAINT LOUIS

Brother J. W. Watts, elder of the Flat River church is now in Saint Louis where he is employed in the machine shops of the Kruckemeyer Company, a firm engaged in defense work. Bro. Watts is planning to drive to Flat River on week ends as much as is practicable, and to attend church in Saint Louis during the midweek. The work at Flat River shows a tendency to improve in attendance and interest as we go to press. Harry Wilson, of Secor, Illinois preached there on Sunday night, January 30. Attendance and interest were excellent.

Scriptural Elders

No. 14

An elder is instructed to be "not covetous." This word is taken from one in the Greek which is a compound word. It is "aphilarguros." "Arguros" properly means "silver" and thus "money." The other principal part "phil" most of us recognize as the Greek word for "love" and the "a" preceding places it in the negative, so that simply reduced to its basic meaning, we have "not a lover of silver." It is interesting to know that the original word occurs only here and in Hebrews 13:5, where we have, "Let your conversation be without covetousness."

Since the "love of money is the root of all forms of evil" it is apparent that an elder of the church should not place himself in such a position that he is constantly tempted to commit evil in order to obtain that which he loves. It is one of the laws of our being that the thing we love is the thing for which we will strive. If we love the church and the Cause of Christ, we will strive to promote them; if we love the fanfare of politics, we will bend our efforts in that field where the honor of men is craved; if we love money we will bend our every effort, and subjugate our every thought to the grasping of such filthy lucre.

Christ knowing this, set forth his philosophy on this wise, "Lay not up for yourselves treasures on earth, but rather lay up treasures in heaven." One argument used to sustain the wisdom of this philosophy is the transitory nature of earthly wealth coupled with its corruptibility. Here "Moth and rust doth corrupt and thieves break through and steal." But there is another reason advanced which is of far greater importance than either of the above, and that is the inherent law of nature, that, "where a man's treasure is there will his heart be also."

An elder cannot divide his affection any more than can you or I. He must either set his affection on things above or on things on the earth. If he is a lover of money, he will constantly by his own petty greed, and dollar-squeezing proclivities retard the work of the kingdom. Even though he does not misappropriate the money to his own use, like Judas Iscariot, who stole from the bag; yet, he will selfishly attempt to accumulate it in

the treasury where the moths will gnaw and the rust will tarnish it.

When a plea for help in erecting a meeting-house elsewhere comes in an elder will say "Well, we've got enough to do to take care of our own church. No one ever went out of the way to help us." If a Macedonian Call is made to come over and help us preach the gospel, he will state, "Well, I don't believe in paying for any preaching unless I can hear it" and he might as well add "And I only believe in half-payment for what I do hear." If there is a call to assist someone who is destitute, he can always squawk, "If they'd managed as I have they would have plenty and wouldn't have to be begging the churches." I insist these pictures are not over-drawn. I have known officers who felt like that, if they didn't affirm it personally.

Brethren, silver and gold are perishable. We have not been redeemed with such corruptible things. Let's give to the Lord freely and then use it freely, albeit judiciously, for the furtherance of the gospel. If you have been accustomed to holding on to a dollar till the eagle screams from pain, or grasping a nickel till the buffalo bellows, or pinching a penny till the Great Emancipator himself pleads to be freed from your grasp, turn loose. Get into the great work that is going on! Untie the cords from your shriveled heart, and open up the Lord's treasury to the Lord's Work. Let the elders not be "lovers of silver." Let them not be even lovers of coppers. In short, "be not covetous."

W. Carl Ketcherside

NOTICE

We have been able to secure ten copies of the book, "Strings On Your Fingers." These will be made available to the first ones writing in for them. The price is the same as always; 55c per single copy, or two books for one dollar. These were rescued from a place where they were not all sold, and while they will not supply all of the recent demands, we will gladly share them with those who were late getting in their orders. There were 75 copies only of "To Every Man That Asketh" left on February 1. This book sold over 900 copies in less than two months. If you want one you'd better be sending. They'll last just a few days more after this comes out. Address this office, enclosing your check, money order, or dollar bill.

DONATIONS TO GALLATIN

In compliance with previous announcement that money donations received on purchase of our building would be recorded in the Missouri Mission Messenger, we submit the following, which we believe to be a complete list. All local donations, as well as those desiring to remain anonymous have been omitted. Private acknowledgment was made upon receipt of contributions, and if there has been any oversight, we would appreciate being informed thereof.

MISSOURI—Church at Kansas City (26th and Spruce), \$25; Church at Cowgill \$10; Ida Netherton, Jamesport, \$25; Church at St. Joseph, \$25; Beulah Williams, St. Joseph, \$5; Church at Hale, \$12.50; V. M. Foltz, Hale, \$2.50; Church at Kansas City (by Paul Blunt) \$10; Church at Kansas City, 26th and Spruce (by Nicholas A. Comer) \$50; Church at Chillicothe, \$25; Church at Barnard, \$15; Church at Nixa, \$25; Church at Excelsior Springs, \$25; Church at Salem, \$5; Church at Ozark, \$5; Church at Springfield, \$10; Church at Pleasant Ridge, \$5; Antioch Church (Braymer) \$15; Laura Morris, Sampsel, \$5; Mrs. C. C. Robertson, Pleasant Hill, \$1.

KANSAS—Church at Topeka, \$15; Church at Stull (Richland) \$15; Emily Baker, Topeka, \$25; Alice J. Baker, Topeka, \$15.

NEBRASKA—Theo Burden, Red Cloud, \$5; W. J. Witt, Etsie, \$25.

ILLINOIS—Church at Brookport, \$10; Church at Sullivan \$40; Wm. E. Harrison, Shelbyville, \$10; Chas. M. Fleener, Hammond, \$25.

INDIANA—Charles H. Powell, Martinsville, \$5.

IOWA—Fairview Church (Clarinda) \$10.

May God's blessings be with each and everyone and may we at Gallatin ever be found working in the vineyard of the Lord.

—D. PATTERSON

Uncle Sam has increased the rates of postage and it will cost more to mail certain things to your friends. God has made no increase in the cost of communication with heaven. Prepare your message with sincerity, address it with care, seal it by faith, and it is sure to be properly delivered. Don't forget to pray.

When you have read your Messenger, Pass it to someone else.

Grandma McCreary Dies

After our regular press time, word came of the passing on to her reward of Sister McCreary at home of her daughter, Mrs. John Gabauer in St. Joseph. In this remaining space we mention that she was born Sarah Minerva Post in Illinois, March 16, 1859; and married Benjamin F. McCreary on April 3, 1880. She was the mother of seven children, six of whom survive. They are: Mrs. Levi Gingrich, Oakland, Calif.; Frank McCreary, Elk Falls, Kan.; George A. and William O. of Shelton, Wash.; Mrs. Warren Rye of West Fork, Ark.; and Mrs. Gabauer of Saint Joseph. There are also 14 grandchildren, and of the six grandsons, all but one who is too young, are in the armed services. She had three great grandchildren.

Grandma recalled the smoke of the great Chicago fire which hung for days on the horizon. She remembered the news of Lincoln's death reaching the homes of the people. She saw three step-brothers enter the Civil War, only one returning; one died in Libby prison, one fell in the Battle of The Wilderness. She went to Nebraska as a child and endured the hardships of the pioneers of that day. Ever busy with handicraft, her quilts and rugs are yet treasured in many homes in the United States.

An Amazing Reading

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Crystal City; Kenneth Van Deusen, Kansas City; Arvel Watts, Helen Watts, Mary Beth Shepherd, Flat River; Joe Clay, Stahl; Harry Rimer, Seamon Beck, Bernell Weems, Randall Whanger, Walter Crandell, Pearl Thompson, Marjorie Cochran, Bernice Weems, Lorene Thomas, Opal Thompson, Mrs. J. B. McAnear.

This enrollment includes those in regular attendance during the fourth week, and does not take into account those who took part of the Reading during their short vacations and had to return to work before beginning of the fourth week. Students have been preaching at the various congregations in and around Saint Louis and doing a fine job of inspiring brethren to greater zeal for the Master. It is honestly believed that the accomplishments of this Reading will be the most far reaching of any that has ever been held. Enthusiasm for the Master and His work has been high throughout.