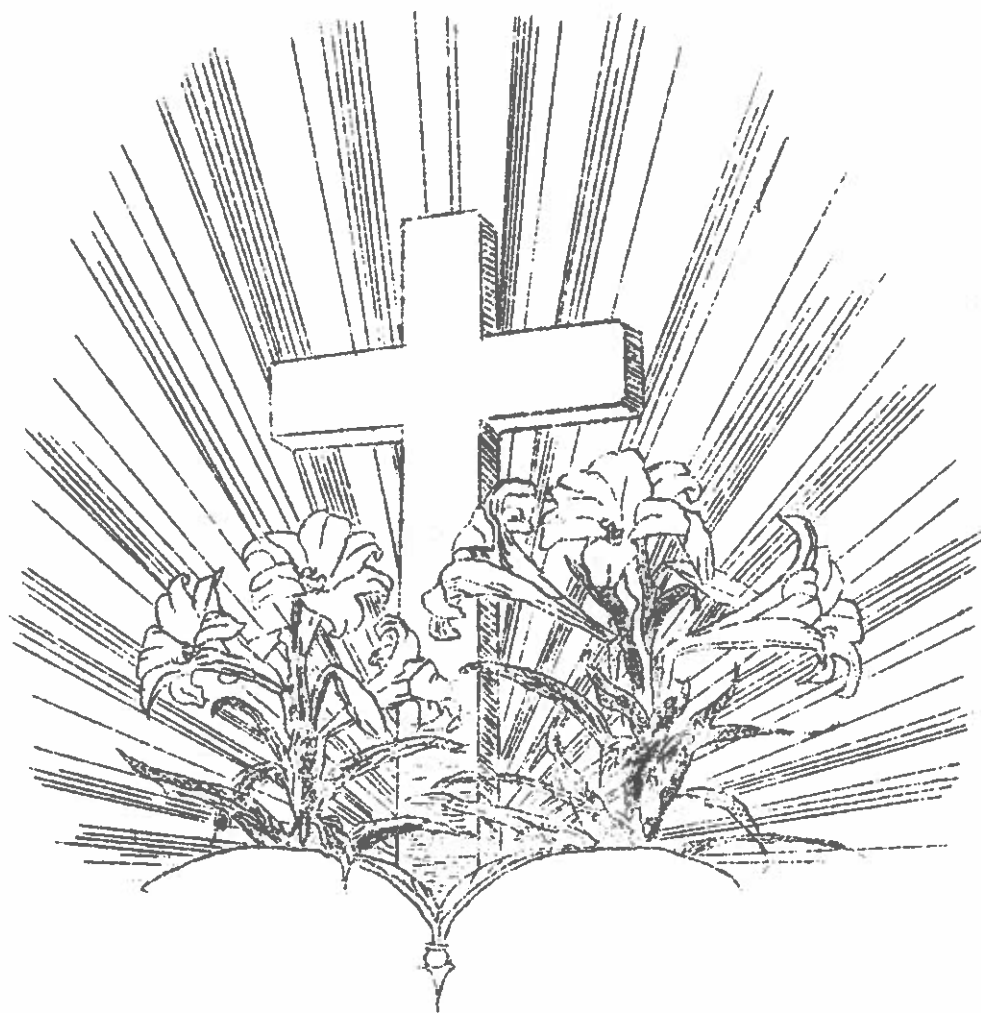


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days when it is beautiful. From this base, a person can see many beautiful sunsets and rises. Evenings when sun is going down and that reddish glow covers the tops of mountains and ice caps, it would almost make an artist's heart skip a beat. Although this territory is rugged and mostly bare, it does have quite a few things that a person has to be here to enjoy. Northern Lights play along the sky on some clear cold nights. We are far enough North to catch the beauty of the great wonder of the Northern Lights.

One thing that is hard to get used to is the mail situation. There are times when mail does not arrive for quite a few days. Same way with mail going out. It sure is a great when mail does arrive and your name is on the list.....

Looks like this will have to be all for this time. News is scarce. Hope to hear from you soon.

Edward (Eikleberry)

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NEWS

In the latest news from some of our boys Jonn, Bob McAllister, and Clarence Kocher are in Germany; Bernard in Belgium; and Vernon back in England.

Donald Nelson is being moved from Colorado to Las Vegas, Nevada, where he will go to B-29 Gunnery School.

Martha Jean Stolz has been promoted to Corporal. She was home over Easter weekend, enjoying the close of a furlough.

Lt. Boyd Warnock is home on furlough after serving in the European theater of war.

Pfc. Robert Warnock is home from Omaha, Nebraska visiting his wife and son in Bellaire, and his parents in Brilliant.

Communion service was held on Thursday night preceding Easter. Eleven people came into the fellowship of the church, one by reaffirmation of faith. Rev. Fuller had been preparing a class of young people in C. E. for church membership. The names of those who joined follow: Ruth Ann Keyser, Marilyn Parker, Joyce Tarbet, Almeda Wise, Jimmy Nelson, Alvin Mayer, Naomi Mayer, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Polivka, and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Milhoan.

Church attendance on Easter morning reached a total of 130.

Three babies were baptized at the service on Easter Sunday--Philip Douglas Heil, John Lorain Fraley, and Laura Josephine Greenlee.

Word has been received here from California that Lt. and Mrs. Robert Cowen (Mary Louise Giffin) are the parents of a 7 lb. 3 Oz. baby girl, Catherine Louise, born March 29.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Dixon are the parents of a baby girl, Sue Ann, born February 28.

(Everyone doing fine.)

The new Sunday School officers for the year beginning April 1, 1945 are as follows: Supt.--Charles Nelson; Ass't Supt.--Dick Giffin; Secretary--Dorothy ~~Mark~~ Roth; Treasurer--Jim Keyser; Cradle Roll Supt.--Leota Wise.

At a business meeting held in the home of Dorothy Nelson, the following officers were elected to serve in C. E. for the coming year: Pres.--Jim Keyser; Vice Pres.--Calvin Giffin; Sec.--Dorothy Nelson; Treas.--Boyd Nelson; Publicity Supts.--Alvin Mayer and Robert Tarbet; Librarian--Glen Keyser; Pianist--Ruth Ann Keyser.

Dale Heil went to Columbus April 2 for a physical examination for the Army.

The Messenger Staff met at the home of Mr. Charles Nelson on April 3. Everyone present.

There was a good attendance at the Ladies Aid meeting held in the home of Mrs. Russell Giffin. They too had an election with the following results:
(over)

Pres.--Mrs. Russell Giffin; Vice Pres.--Mrs. Helen Keyser; Soc.-Treas.--Mrs. Paul Giffin.

Mrs. Joe Giffin is home from the Bellaire Hospital where she was confined for a week with pneumonia. She seems to be improving nicely.

Mrs. Leonard Burlingame and baby daughter have just returned from a visit in Columbus and Dayton.

LeRoy Nelson of Columbus has been visiting at Carl Giffins.

Charley Galloway has been at the Roy Givens home for about three months and expects to be there for some time to come. Roy is able to be about and do some work. He has been out to church a few times.

The Red Cross Drive in our community has been completed. The quota was \$250, covering all the neighborhood from the National Road to the Bellaire City Limit. The amount received was \$414.50.

We were all very much pleased that we could do that much for the Red Cross.

Charles Kurth has sold his farm on High Ridge to the Zmelko families of Dilles Bottom. Two families will occupy the large house, and one, the small house. Mr. and Mrs. Kurth have bought a home in East Richland and he will do carpenter work. Louise and Freda Kurth have purchased a home in St. Clairsville.

Bill Allen has rented his farm to Dr. McBride. Emil Perunko will operate the farm for him and live there. Bill sold his stock at auction on March 12. He is going to drive a bus for Pollocks and will move to the St. Clairsville neighborhood when he can find a house.

Asa and Florence Fawcett, brother-in-law and sister of Ross Willerton, are moving from the Fred Willerton homestead to St. Clairsville. Mr. and Mrs. Ross Willerton will move into this home and Mr. Willerton and Charles will continue to work the farm.

Ralph Duvall, Bellaire druggist, bought the Ross Willerton farm and is doing some work there.

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LAUGH AWHILE

Class of '47--"Do you know who was the first electrician?"
She--"No, who?"
Class of '47--"Adam. He furnished spare parts for the first loudspeaker."

"When I was shipwrecked in South America," said Captain Bowsprit, "I came across a tribe of wild women who had no tongues."
"Oh, Captain," thrilled a young thing in the audience, "how could they talk?"
"They couldn't," snapped the old salt.
"That's what made 'em wild."

Private: "See that sailor over there annoying that girl?"
M. P.: "Why, he's not even looking at her."
Private: "That's what's annoying her."

The dentist, looking over his books, concluded: "For all the bridges I have built, there are too few who've come across."

"John," said the young mother, "I've decided on a name for the baby. We will call her Imogen."
John was lost in thought for a few minutes. He did not like the name.
"That's nice," he said presently. "My first sweetheart was named Imogen."
(THE BABY'S NAME IS MARY.)

An English soldier was chatting with a German prisoner.
"What are you going to do after the war is over?" the Englishman asked.
"I," said the German, "am going to make a bicycle tour of Germany after the war."
"Yes," said the Englishman, "and what will you do in the afternoon?"

Hubby: "Have you ever wondered what you would do if you had Rockefeller's income?"
Wife: "No, but I have often wondered what Rockefeller would do if he had mine."