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## St. Louis Bible Reading

As we near the close of the first month of the intensive Bible Study and prepare soon to go into the prophecies, it appears that all are standing the strain very well. Studying all day, plus services five nights per week, and research at home until the wee small hours is a big load to carry, but we have to do it to gain the most from the time we are investing. Bro. Roy Harris is now engaged in a series of lessons in vocal music taught on Tuesday nights, and those attending are being greatly benefitted by their investigations into the realm of song.

Enrolled as full time students we have the following states and pupils represented: PENNSYLVANIA, Clyde Moore, Renovo; INDIANA, J. Ed Uland, Bloomington; ILLINOIS, Chad Freeman, Sullivan; Thomas Graven and Warren Ferguson, Windsor; Mr. and Mrs. Hershel Ottwell, Hartford; MISSOURI, Roy Harris, Brixey; Berniece Weems, June Huddle, Marjorie Cochran, Pearl Thompson, Randall Whanger, L. R. Hopkins, Opal Thompson, Saint Louis; IOWA, Lottie L. Langdon, Des Moines; KANSAS, Mildred Y. Van de Riet and Rhoda Van de Riet, Cawker City; OKLAHOMA, Kenneth Morgan, Tahlequah.

In addition to the above there are several part time students who are taking vacations and getting what benefit they can from the short time they have to spend. In all possibility all three of the elders of the church at Hartford, Ill., may attend at least part time before the Reading is over. That will be the first time we have had the entire eldership from an out of city church in attendance at the day time sessions. Pearl Thompson is the last member of their family to attend. In previous sessions the husband, Lawrence Thompson,

### BRUMBACK REPORTS

For the past month I have been doing some personal work for the home congregation, 59th and Kenwood. Visited practically all of the church and urged them to put forth greater efforts in the Lord's work. Contacted many who are not members, as well as those who have recently moved into the city. Five placed membership and one confessed his Saviour the second Lord's Day of December. Two young ladies also placed membership under preaching of Bro. Glenn Ellis the first Lord's Day in January. The second Lord's Day one young man confessed his Saviour and was immersed the same hour. I begin a short meeting at Excelsior Springs on January 11. Those congregations desiring my services for next fall and winter please write immediately. Brotherly, Robert Brumback, 3931 Harrison Street, Kansas City, Mo.

### MEN IN THE SERVICE

Send to Brother D. Austen Sommer, 918 Congress Ave., Indianapolis, Indiana for free copies of the booklet published especially for you and your fighting buddies. It is called, "The Fight of Faith." It is printed in khaki cover and will fit your uniform pocket or stow away in your duffel bag. You need it!

"Do all the good you can  
By all the means you can  
In all the places you can  
At all the times you can  
To all the people you can  
As long as ever you can"

The sons, Harmon and Delwyn have been here, so this is our first honor family with every member of the family circle having attended a Bible Study Session.

### BIBLE READING HIGHLIGHTS

On a test covering the book of Judges, only two perfect papers were turned in. They belonged to Hershel Ottwell, of Hartford, Ill., and Mildred Vanderiet of Cawker City, Kansas. It was the first time for either of them to hit the goal.

Clyde Moore, of Renovo, Penn., was chairman of the meeting at Webster Groves, Jan. 29. It consisted of extemporaneous speeches by the boys and Bro. E. M. Smith, leader of the congregation. The subjects were written on slips of paper, which were then rolled up and placed on the table up front. As each speaker was called, he went past, picked up a paper, announced his subject, and spoke five minutes thereon. You' be surprised how those fellows can think on their feet.

Bro. Leonard Bilyeu sent the class out a bushel of Grimes Golden apples, which probably should be called what they are—DELICIOUS! We had to put them in storage and ration them out to guarantee equitable distribution.

The ladies of the three congregations served lunch for the students on Thursday, Jan. 28, for the second time during the Reading. It was a wonderful meal, tastefully prepared and served in an excellent manner. Why can't we do that every day?

The song instruction class on Tuesday nights is going over big. Taught by Roy Harris, the students are really getting a lot of information worthwhile. Roy is a graduate of Stamps-Baxter School of Music, Dallas, Texas, and is composer of several beautiful gospel songs.

We wish all the folk back home were here. It's grand.

## Our Boys in The Service

In addition to our boys in the armed forces, mentioned last month, we honor this month, the following members of the church in the service of their country.

WEILBAKER, Cpl. Arvil; T-5, Co. K, 800th Sig Serv Reg, Barracks 3763, Camp Crowder, Mo.

WEILBAKER, Cpl. Nolan; 35th Ord Co., Ft. Jackson, South Carolina.

WALKER, Sgt. Donald E; 45th Air Base Sqdn, Boerfield, Ft. Wayne, Indiana.

McKINNEY, Sgt. Forest; Med. Det, 158th Serv Unit, Camp Campbell, Kentucky.

LIMBAUGH, Cpl. Vincent; ASN 17034478, 49th Serv Sqdn, APO 928, care Postmaster, San Francisco, California.

NORRIS, Pvt. Troy; 37241656, Btry HQ 498th Armed F A R N, 13th Armored Div, APO 263, Camp Beale, Calif.

PHELPS, Cpl. Raymond, 281st Ord Co., MMOUTC, M O P, Jackson, Miss.

ORR, Dorsey; R M, 3C Co. 4, Btry B, USN Trng Schl, Noraton Heights, Conn.

EPHLAND, Sgt. Claude (Enroute to Officers Training School after service of six months in Aleutian Islands).

McGHEE, Lt. J. H; 2nd Comm. Sqd, Scott Field, Illinois.

GUNN, S 2c Bob; 6285576, USNRAB, Olathe, Kansas.

SPRINGER, Sgt. L. F.; 343rd Inf.; Camp Houze, Texas.

CURTIS, Pvt. Raymond E; Class '1-43 I and M; Hdq. Trng. Detach; Army Air Force Tech. Ins; 400 N. Paula St., Glendale, Calif.

HANCOCK, Robert; USNR Navy, 7140 Fleet P. O., San Francisco, Calif.

SPRINGER, Sgt. Robert; Post Hdq; Ft. Benning, Georgia.

McGHEE, Cpl. Paul, Hdq. Co

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**CARL'S CORNER**

I'm just wondering if someone will rear up pretty soon and call me a hobby rider on church government, since I've been doing so much talking and writing about the development of a godly, consecrated, qualified, working eldership. I do not want to be an extremist on any subject, but when I see stress placed upon development of young men as preachers and the most important function of the local church—the eldership being completely neglected, it makes me realize that we will either have to change our attitude and tactics, or there will be trouble ahead.

God's ideal for a congregation is one in which all work with whole hearts for His glory. Such a congregation needs the guidance of sincere and sober men. Most of the troubles in past years could have been averted if elders had been at the helm of the churches and exercised the scriptural admonition, "If any come and bring not this doctrine—RECEIVE HIM NOT!" This wishy-washy, wire-walking, compromising which some supposed elders have done in the past must be stamped out. It's our duty to preach and teach God's whole plan. Are you with us in it? A few of you have been kind enough to write and say you are! Were you one of them?

—W. CARL KETCHERSIDE

**Scriptural Elders**

NUMBER 3

The qualifications and work of the eldership are set forth in full in chapter three of First Timothy; chapter one of Titus, and are incidentally referred to in such places as 1 Peter 5: 1-4 and Acts 20: 28-31. (Turn and read these places and notice how nice and fresh the pages of your Bible are where they are found). Before we notice said qualifications, we should pause to consider an oft-repeated, age-old question, "Do the men who are appointed need to have all of these qualifications?"

In reply I ask you which ones they do not need to have. Will you select the ones in the catalogue God gave that they must have, then list the ones they may have, and in a third column list the ones they do not need. Please send the same to me, because I know of a lot of men who can be appointed to the eldership right away if they don't need all of the qualifications.

An old brother who publicly announced once that he could answer any question asked him about the Bible, if they'd give time, was up demonstrating his superior wisdom to a class in a little rural church not long ago. He ranted loud and long that a man did not need to have all of the qualifications, no person in the world would meet such a requirement, and since God wanted elders in every church, we should pick out the ones that came nearest to meeting the requirements and slap them in office forthwith and at once. (He wanted the office). A school teacher sitting in class said, "Do I understand that if a person has all of these qualifications but one you'd appoint that individual to the eldership?" "Absolutely". "Well", said the teacher, "we have a sister here who has all of them except one—she's not the husband of one wife—how about putting her in?" The old brother gulped a time or two, and is still thinking, trying to get the correct answer to that one!

The Constitution of the United States sets forth certain qualifications for a president. How many of those does the man need who is elected to that office? How many can he leave out? If an elder does not need all of the qualifications set forth, then why didn't God just have out the ones he didn't need? If they

are not needed are they really qualifications?

What does the Bible mean when it says "A bishop then MUST be . . ." (I Timothy 3:2)? What does it mean when it says, He MUST have a . . ." (I Timothy 3:7)? What does it mean when it says, "Likewise MUST the deacons be . . ." (I Timothy 3:8)? What does it mean when it says, "Even so MUST their wives be . . ." (I Timothy 3:11)? Does it mean, perhaps, maybe, or it's just up to you? Did you note that in your reading of the qualifications in I Timothy, that the first one is preceded by the word "must" and the last one is also? There MUST be a reason for that! Woe to the man who ignores the teaching of God's word, having men's persons in admiration because of advantage, and who appoints unqualified individuals to this sacred office! Better for such a man were it that he had never been born, than to saddle about the neck of Christ's body a dead weight which will hold back the church from making any progress.

Then one interposes the thought that no man on earth will be found having all of these requirements! If that be true we have been making a mighty empty boast about being Christians. Few requirements are held forth for an elder that are not also exacted of every child of God. And if we have none who are qualified, we had better get busy and qualify them. That would be infinitely better than just jerking up anyone who came along and putting him into the office to the life-long detriment of the church. But God knew what was in man. He gave us qualifications that men could meet, he wasn't talking about angels. Still, it's really a wonder when someone does meet these divinely authorized principles, considering how little teaching, preaching and writing is done concerning them. When men develop into preachers they generally do so because the church trains them for that work, but elders often develop not because of the church but in spite of it. The local church is the school of Christ. It's sole development function is not in the realm of evangelism. It is to develop everyone in the congregation to the place where he can best carry on the work for which he is best fitted. Some evangelists would not make good elders at

all. Some elders could not have developed into evangelists at all. God hath set each in the body as it hath pleased him! Let's stress the development of godly, consecrated bishops as we stress the development of young preachers and in ten years from now we will see the fruit of our efforts in a strong bulwark of defense in every city, town and hamlet where the church has been established. That impregnable defense will be a godly eldership standing out against all of the innovations and departures which arise.

God does not expect any man to have all of these qualifications in a superlative degree, for that would leave no room for improvement. He expects an elder to grow in grace, knowledge and Christian zeal as well as everyone else. But he does demand that an elder possess all of the qualifications in SOME degree, that his life may be well-rounded and his ability to superintend or govern be clearly demonstrated. It's not a question of "Who do we have that comes nearest to having all of the requirements?" but rather, "Who can we develop until he has all of the qualifications?" Let's not appoint anyone who doesn't meet God's requirements. He knew what he wanted and said so. Now listen to him and do what he says. (I'll see you next month)—W. Carl Ketcherside.

**SERMONETTE**

"He shall be called Wonderful" (Isa. 9:6). Christ could weep like a babe, plead like a child and love like a mother. He could obey like a servant, dress like a peasant and charm like a prince. He could condemn like a judge, command like a general, suffer like a criminal and die like a martyr. Christ is far, yet near; absent, yet present; silent, yet speaks; invisible, yet rules; there is no separation. It is now 1943 years since He was born and all time is measured from this unique character, either B. C. or A. D. Yet He was never but 33 years old—"believe it or not,"—A. R. MOORE.

**Changing Address—**

Please notify us at once of any change of mailing address. We want you to get your paper regularly, though it may be late in coming. If you do not receive it, please notify us, and we will send you a copy at once. Thanks a lot!

# AMONG the CHURCHES

**SAINT JOSEPH**—We have had several visitors recently in spite of wintry weather. Bro. Earl Wickham was home from Australia during the holidays and while here was married to Miss Betty Bullock, of Edgerton, Mo. Our best wishes are extended to this young couple, who start so bravely under such a great handicap. Earl has reported back to his regiment, and Betty will make her home with her parents for a while.

We rejoice in a good letter from Bro. and Sister Hawkins, of Fairfax, Mo., who set a good example for all. Coming from the Christian Church, they are 50 miles from a faithful body, but have weekly worship in the home and lay by in store just as regularly as if they were in contact with a large congregation. A word of encouragement from others of you would mean much to them. The address is Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hawkins, Fairfax, Mo.

We have purchased new song books, and are learning new songs as we look forward to the coming of Bro. R. O. Webb, for our Bible Reading in the Old Testament which will begin March 15. Room and board will be available for this at reasonable rate. Please write Victor Gibson, 1127 N. 19th St., St. Joseph, Mo., if interested.

**SANT LOUIS** (Manchester Avenue)—Our attendance record for three years for the Sunday morning service was broken on January 24, with 205 present. Contribution was \$102, and the night attendance was 139. Cpl. Delwyn Thompson of the Army Air Base at Salina, Kansas, delivered two excellent exhortations. He and his wife are now members of this congregation and we rejoice to have them numbered with us. The church is active and apparently at peace with God and each other, and we sincerely hope that their accomplishments in the future will be greater all of the time.

**KANSAS CITY** (26th and Spruce)—Attendance has not been too good lately because of rationing and other factors. Especially on Wednesday nights, shift work and loss of men to the armed forces has caused a decrease. Bro. Jerry Johnson is back from Great Lakes on a short furlough. Another of our boys, Winston Churchill Teghtmeyer

was sworn in as a Naval Air Cadet recently. He received signal honor and his picture in the paper due to the fact that he was the first 17 year old to be accepted, and because of his name which is the same as Britain's Prime Minister. He will be 18 on Feb. 8.

Brother L. L. Ballenger is still in bed but improving a little. He would enjoy a card from any of the members, and you may address him at 2624 Jackson, Kansas City, Mo.

Pvt. Eugene Connor, who has been stationed at Ft. Leavenworth for a year, and Mary Louise Swearingin will be married Wednesday night, February 24, at 26th and Spruce Church, where they both are members.

Bro. Robert Brumback, now back in Kansas City, delivered a wonderful and inspiring discourse recently.

Sister Audrey Cobble who underwent an appendectomy is now home and convalescing nicely.—IVA KREEGER.

**SALFEM**—We wish to report that during the month of December we made 60 calls upon the sick, sent two cards to men in the armed forces and had an average contribution of \$13.43. The average attendance was 39 on Lord's Day morning, and 19 on Lord's Day nights. The congregation contemplates the purchase of the building in which they have been meeting, and though few in number, it is confidently believed that with permanent possession of their own church building, prestige will be secured in the community and a greater work accomplished.

**SAINT LOUIS** (Lillian Avenue)—We closed last year with a record contribution of one hundred twenty two dollars on Dec. 27, and although our first Lord's Day in the New Year we fell short of that by four dollars we will strive to better it.

Bible Reading students are again feeding us spiritually. Thus far we have heard from Kenneth Morgan, Delwyn Thompson, Hershel Ottwell, Clyde Moore. These boys have presented able gospel sermons.

Brothers Gene Elyeu (Great Lakes Naval Base) and Wilson Abernathy (Camp Crowder) visited us on furloughs. Both show a gain in weight to prove that Uncle Sam feeds his nephews

quite well. Ralph Chilton left us this month to begin serving the country.

Sister Myra Doza and husband Norbert, experienced the thrill that comes just once in a lifetime, when on January 3, their first-born child, Karen Virginia, came to bless the home. Mother and daughter are doing well and will be at church soon. Congratulations!

Glad to have the Ireland family back with us, but sorry that Bro. Ireland's ill health is the factor that returned them. He will enter Barnard Hospital soon for an operation. We earnestly pray that it will be successful.

Our Thursday evening lessons are especially valuable ones on the subject of Church Government and Discipline. A question in disciplinary procedure is given to the audience each time to look up before the week has passed. It is very edifying! Also Bro. Carl is taking a group of nine men selected for his class by the elders, through the Roman letter on Lord's Day morning. We are learning that there is a lot more in that letter than meets the eye of the casual reader. We hope nothing prevents our concluding this study.—JESS PARKS.

**CHILLICOTHE**—Attendance has remained fair during the cold weather. Mary Patterson, who is from Arkansas, and now attending school here placed her membership with us.

Among our sick recently have been Bro. P. H. Bailey, little Donna Bailey and Marilyn Peavler. All suffered from an attack of the mumps. Sister Vivian Sallee underwent an appendectomy recently at City Hospital, and is now convalescing at the home of her parents, Bro. and Sister Earl Sallee.

Ralph Dillaman left the latter part of December to enlist in the Navy. He is stationed temporarily at Great Lakes Training Center.

Excellent interest is being shown in the Young Men's Development Class meeting weekly under the direction of Art Freeman. The Ladies Class met Jan. 21, with Sister Rosie Donelson and enjoyed an excellent study. The present course is in Proverbs and the book of Acts. One who is not a member of the church invited the ladies to meet with her for the next session which will be on February 11.

Our annual financial report showed an increase of about \$3.00

per Lord's Day over the previous year.

Beryly Bailey, now employed at Kansas City, attended services here over a recent week end. Bro. and Sister Tee also met with us one Wednesday night this month. Bro. Art Freeman conducted an interesting study, Jan. 24, in 2 Corinthians 9, with Bro. Wigfield furnishing the questions for a brief drill period before the class.—Faye and Dale Henderson.

**SPRINGFIELD**—It has been announced that Bro. Wm. Hensley of Fairbury, Neb., will assist the church in personal work during the months of April and May, to be followed by the labors of Bro. Robert Brumback in August and September. Their work, sponsored by this church will extend into the Ozark territory generally.

**FLAT RIVER**—We began the New Year with an attendance of 125 on the first Lord's Day, and the attendance has continued above expectations for the entire month. We rejoice to announce the baptism of one young married woman, which took place on Jan. 24, after the night service. Bro. Carl Dalton did the baptizing.

The edification service on Sunday proves very interesting. We generally have two short talks, with another to offer the invitation. Several who had not previously done public work have put forth an effort and have shown great improvement. Bro. Tom Brewen delivered a good exhortation on January 24.

Our Lord's Day evening services are handled by Brethren C. E. Moore, Carl Dalton, and Arvel Watts, with Brethren Luther Scott and Noah Mabery supplementing occasionally. Our mid-week meetings are highly interesting, with all taking good part. We have just concluded the first Corinthian letter.

## New California Church

A church house has just been purchased at Pomona, California and a congregation is in the process of being set up. Wilbur Storm will labor there for three months, beginning April 1. If you have relatives or friends living in that area, or if you know of boys located at Pomona Air Base or at the Air Field at Ontario, California, be sure and write at once to Clarence Cassell, 360 East Holt Ave., Pomona, California and give him full details. Your parties will be contacted and arrangements made for them to attend services.

## Sister McCroskey Dies

The merciful hand of death brought sweet relief from further suffering, and rest in Jesus to Sister Maggie McCroskey, of Nixa, on the morning of January 27, at 5:30 o'clock. She was born Mary Magdalene Ray, in Christian County, over 57 years ago. In 1903 she was united in marriage to Bro. Claude E. McCroskey, now an elder of the Nixa church. To this union two daughters and one son were born, and grew to know the depth of mother love as expressed by this dear one in Christ.

Sister McCroskey obeyed her Lord in baptism in 1908, in the month of October, and through the years continued faithful to the trust of righteousness given to her. When she was confined to home by her severe protracted illness, she still loved to talk about the work of the church and think about those who went. She left a letter for each of her children to read after death had silenced her voice, and in each was a plea for their continued attendance at the house of the Lord. Thus she like Abel of old "being dead, yet speaketh." For the two weeks prior to her demise, she was in especially great pain, and as the family knew that the end was near, all were agreed that death would be a healing physician rather than something to be dreaded.

Services were conducted at the Nixa church on the afternoon of January 29, with W. Carl Ketcherside, delivering the eulogy. These beautiful songs were offered by a group of singers from the local congregation, and afterwards the body was laid to rest in Payne cemetery, near the beautiful James River. All the children, Mrs. R. Bussard, Mrs. Lawrence B. Stine, and Elmer were present to comfort their grief-stricken father. Besides, a large host of relatives and friends attended to pay their respects to one beloved in the Master.

## THANK YOU!

To all who so kindly responded to Bro. Ketcherside's call on our behalf we wish to express as best we can, our deep and affectionate, heartfelt thanks. Words are too empty for us to ever be able to tell all of you good brethren how much we appreciate such kindness.

The doctor is still giving me electronic treatments and medicine and the end is not yet. How-

ever, I am doing nicely and by the time I have been taking them a year, I think that I'll be ready for much hard work again. I am anxious to get back into the gospel field, working for my Master. Remember us in your prayers and we sure remember you and thank you much. The Lord bless all of you. In Jesus dear name I am your brother, W. G. ROBERTS.

## New Missouri Church

Announcement has been made that the group of brethren living in Independence, and who have been attending in Kansas City, will launch a brave effort to establish the Cause in their own city, beginning Jan. 31: No other place being available, the work will start in the home of Bro. George Kreeger, and in march will transfer to the home of Walter Kreeger. This is a temporary arrangement, looking forward to the securing of a permanent address, but it will permit them to save their contributions to invest in a meeting place when one is located.

The church at 26th and Spruce gave the new group 550 chairs, 50 song books and 36 testaments. The church at 59th and Kenwood gave a check for \$25. On the initial date, Glenn Ellis will be the speaker, and after the morning service all will go to Walter Kreeger's for a basket dinner, to which it is expected a number from Kansas City will come to enjoy the fellowship.

We congratulate these brethren upon their courage and faith in the Lord and the future of the church. When others draw back in a shell of excuses, afraid to venture anything for Christ, it is refreshing to see those who like pioneers resolve to go ahead regardless of hardships. It should be remembered that it is easier to start meeting in a new place than to continue; so let these nearby churches not exhaust their efforts in the first month, and then forget the work. Constancy of effort and fervency in prayer will win through to victory. Independence, the Missouri Mission Messenger salutes you! We shall hope for an encouraging report every month.

Whatever I be or do,

Let me honest be and true;

Never wear a false pretense,

Never, speak with double sense,

Take a grace I have not got,

To look the thing that I am not.

—Walter C. Smith.

## With Our Boys—

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ERTC, Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo. VINSON, Pvt. Wilton, 391st Eng CoC, APO 824, care Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.

DILLAMON, Ralph E; AS Co. 1927, 29th Reg., 551st Bat., Camp Green Bay, USNTS, Great Lakes, Ill.

HENDERSON, Marvin; V-6 AS, Btry 47, Reg. 47, Co. 1880, Barracks 2706, USNTS, Great Lakes, Ill.

WRIGHT, Cpl. Jas. E; Co. M, 1st Inf; 6th Mtz. Div. APO 6, Desert Maneuvers, care Postmaster, US Army, Los Angeles, Calif.

WRIGHT, Cpl. Earl S; Hdq. 98th Signal Bn., Camp Crowder, Mo.

HANCOCK, S 2c Robert; o. B, Plat. 3, Batt. 26, Camp Allen, Norfolk, Virginia.

Names of members of the Churches of Christ will be added to this list with a complimentary copy of the paper sent to the soldier, sailor or marine, as such names are provided for us. To all soldiers, whose names appear herein, let it be known that we who are at home appreciate the sacrifice you are making. Be assured that our prayers regularly offered for all of you will not cease. They are for you as though we named you one-by-one.

## Among the Churches

(Held over from December)

SALEM (November Report)—During the month just past we made 70 sick calls, sent 2 convalescent cards, mailed 2 remembrances to soldiers, and noted a general upturn in the average of our attendance. Our Sunday morning average was 41, with an average of 13 each for Sunday night and Wednesday night. There was an addition, one who came from the Baptist Church. Our average contribution for the month was \$10.41 per Lord's Day.—Delores Glegborn.

GALLATIN — Supplementing our regular report of church affairs, we want to mention that we are having a new attendant at our weekly meetings now, in the person of Kenneth Wayne Long, new arrival who came to gladden the hearts of his parents. Bro. and Sister Hubert Long. Congratulations to the happy parents, and may this lad grow up to be a capable song leader like his father.

WEBSTER GROVES— Wayne

## MY FATHER'S SCRAPBOOK



Dad was always clipping out short poems and stowing them away for future perusal. I found this among them:

### MOTHER

The noblest thoughts my soul can claim,

The holiest words my tongue can frame,

Unworthy are to praise the name More sacred than all other.

An infant, when her love first came—

A man, I find it just the same; Reverently, I breathe her name, The blessed name of Mother.

Peden and family visited over Armistice Day and weekend with his parents at Bicknell, Indiana, and with Mildred's brother, Ed Smith, at Galesburg, Ill. They worshipped at the Galesburg church, and report this new congregation progressing in fine shape.

Bro. Ray Hunt's children were unable to be present with us on Nov. 29, due to illness. We really missed them.

We had two excellent discourses on that date however. The morning lesson was presented by "Bud" Woodruff, of Manchester church, and the evening message was brought by Brother E. M. Smith.

Virgil Stevens is now teaching the "teen age" class as the writer will have to attend at Manchester in bad weather because of curtailment of bus service in the suburban area.

Arlene Atwell did general duty at the Barnes Hospital emergency room last week.—Vern Atwell.

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