LITTLE LETTER

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FROM ELMER H. HUNT, 3219 CORAL DR.
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Here we rushed to begin typing this LLL on Sept. 29, but I have it dated for October, and I hope to mail them soon-yea, before Oct. ends.

'Sno way to quit writing love letters long as I did. I have been quite busy though; and am still at it. Been thinking of my brethren, to get going again writing; but just thinking to didn't do. Meanwhile, about twelve of our eminent brethren have gone on beyond the shores of this life.

We are all grieved. I am deeply thoughtful lately thereon. We were too late getting the lights along their shore going; maybe just a wee bit more help for a brighter faith in the embarcation. It is a big big journey for any of us.

We are belatedly delayed presently receiving answer to my requests for recent obituaries. It is rather tardy now for this edition to give all.

As God in His love may grant to me more of His love, as His humble servant at work,-- As soon as I mail these I am going to get at the list of names I have of you good brethren and of others. There are oodles of the books. So OOdles of you will be receiving a gift of the book. If you may wish otherwise, give it to some one else. God be praised if a wee bit of good may be the results. Please do not let me miss any one who may wish a book.

Yes, you are right. I, too, do not think any book can take away the Bible. Bro. Lackey did much much quoting of many many references. You do not need to look them up. Brother Lackey in over 30 years work did all of that. It'll make good outline next sermon. "NIGHT,--no man can work."

IN MEMORIAM OF MANY

It is always grief and sadness to relatives, friends, Church Brethren, sometimes many when a dear one has left them and gone on in death. What a something in remembrance when many go by accident, or in a short time.

I have on my desk a list we made of twenty who have passed away within the past year or 18 months. That's an average of more than one per month. I mean that I am writing this because you or most of my brethren who read this LLL know them or are relatives. I write in memoriam.

BUT TWENTY!! How and what? (It's too bad that Little Love Letter didn't keep up the work.) Thanks to the Christian Courier for the ones it has reported; and I think that I gave a few.

My Brethren in Christ Jesus our Saviour, it is a soul stirring something hard to bear- but in God's good grace we must. We are wondering it may be He is hastening catastrophic omens. Man has been warned, as in Heb. 9:27-28. And we know that religious(?) things and morality are at very low. Time may be close for God to end it all.

But we can win. "And ye are Christ's; and Christ is God's." I Cor. 3:22-23. See Ro. 8:38-39.

GOD SAW BEST TO TAKE OUR DEAR ONES AWAY.

IN APRIL-MAY 1974 The Christian Courier had given obituary of Sister Laura E. Willis. She formerly lived in Carlsbad, N. Mex. But of recent years had lived in Tucson, Ariz. near her daughter and family, Bro. & Sis. Paul (Eunice) Bruce. Sister Willis was buried in Tucson on March 26, after over 60 years in the Church of Christ. God's Grace. (Bro. Bruce's have moved back to 305 S. Olive, Carlsbad)

JUNE 14, 1974 Brother Clede C. Addleman's funeral was at graveside services in Pioneer Park Eugene, Oreg. We attended as we were visiting in Eugene at the time. I had reported in LLL in January of the severe stroke he had. I first knew Brother Clede at Frank's Hall CHURCH of CHRIST in 1913.

MAY 1, 1974 L.L.L. gave obituary of Bro. Oscar Goddard; deceased Apr. 6, buried, Apr. 12 COLTON, CAL.

3. JULY 17, 1974, Brother James E. Hughes, member of Yuma, Ariz. congregation many years, deceased after long time sickness. His bereaved wife, (a sister of Sis. Oscar Goddard) Sister Annie Elizabeth Hughes, is yet in the Yuma Convalescent on 2222 Ave. A. Their two in Yuma, son Lloyd E. Hughes and daughter Myrl Tucker, visit their mother as reasonably possible. There are many other relatives.

JULY 26, 1974, Brother George Meadows, a loyal member of Bellflower congregation for many years until sickness prevented, passed away. Burial was graveside services July 30 at 9:00 A.M. in the Rose Hills Memorial Park, Whittier, Calif. Bro. Claud C. Perigen, Bellflower, officiating. Sister Meadows, and many relatives and friends, grieve his death.

NOVEMBER 23, 1974, Brother Andrew (Jack) Renick entered eternal life, Yuma, Ariz. Brother Jack had been with heart ailment a long time; on Nov. 11 he entered the hospital in Yuma; and they sent him to Tucson for possible surgery. About a week of Intensive Care and tests in Tucson, they sent him back to Yuma Regional Medical Center where he deceased Nov. 23. Funeral Service was Nov. 5, 2pm, Bro. W. A. Nelson of the Yuma Church of Christ, officiating. Interment Desert Lawn Memorial Park.

Survivors include his wife Arzella of their home in Somerton; son Perk Renick of Payson; daughter Joyce Morris of Yuma; brother Cab Renick of Bartlesville, Okla.; three sisters of Fremont, Calif., Nora Shipman, Juanita Jones, and Wilbert Giggs; five grandchildren, and two great-grands.

Brother Renick was born Dec. 11, 1906 in Overbrook, Okla. and had lived in Yuma, or near, for 33 years, and last worked for Yuma Co. Water Users Assn. Brother "Jack" was a faithful member of the Church of Christ; all loved his bass singing; he loved and was deeply loved by everyone.

JANUARY 1, 1975, Brother J. C. Spurlin, Reydon, Okla. passed away at the age of 84. I had heard from Bro. Atchley, later part of Sept. (1974), that Brother Spurlin "could not attend this year (the Elk City Meeting). He is in the hospital; had an operation; - haven't heard from him for a few days. Let's all pray for a speedy recovery". - Then Bro. Atchley on Jan. 6 wrote of Bro. Spurlin's

death, and the burial. Brother Atchley from Elk City and Brother Goldstrap from Lugart Church conducted the services at Reydon. Brother Earl Howe and family and Brother Howard Taylor from Comanche did the singing. Interment was at Independence, Oklahoma, about 50 miles from Reydon.

The February Christian Courier gave reports concerning Brother Spurlin. He had kidney ailment, and had had two operations. What hardship and difficulties we must bear in our bodies. I just re-read in that issue of the C. C. Brother Atchley's loving eulogy, and all of us who knew Brother Spurlin join Bro. Earl in those sentiments.

NOVEMBER 23, 1974, Brother Curtis C. McCluskey of West Sacramento, Calif. deceased this life. Brother McCluskey and Brother Renick departed on the same day, just a few hours but many miles apart, (speaking as this world counts). But we all sorrow and wonder together. God's will be done. Brother J.D. Logan of Stockton officiated at the service in Sacramento; and in the January issue of The Courier had a loving testimonial. (I am sorry I failed to find this in time to include it near the November 23 sequence of these reports.)

NOVEMBER 20, 1974, Wilma L. Gardner, San Diego, daughter of Brother Oscar Goddard (deceased Apr. 6, 74-see this LLL and of May 1). Wilma Louise rests at Greenwood Memorial Park in San Diego, after the services were held at the Greenwood Mortuary on Nov. 25 at 2 p.m. She left many relatives in bereavement in San Diego, in Pomona and Bloomington, and in Yuma, Ariz. as also many friends.

FEBRUARY 19, 1975, Brother J.C. Whitley passed from this life. He lived at Kenton, Okla. His bereaved wife is a daughter of Brother F.F. Francis who, and all the bereaved family, are members of the Church of Christ at Furnish Canyon. Bro. Perigen of Bellflower flew there and conducted the funeral.

MARCH 16, 1975, Sister Adel Stark of Modesto, at the age of past 91. That's a marvelous age, and she left many beloved ones behind in bereavement. (See the worthy account and obituary in the April Courier.)

MAY 28, 1975, Bill O'Brien of Graton, Calif. Mr. O'Brien was the step-father of Louise Hunt and he was buried by her mother in Santa Rosa, Calif.

5. JUNE -, 1975, Mr. Cox, husband of Sister Gladys Cox of Tacoma, Wash. Sister Cox wrote twice in May that her husband was no better so they were to move from Des Moines, Wash. back to Tacoma. He had been in the hospital two times in April. Nothing further--in AUG. Sister Cox wrote that her husband had passed away. She is now to visit with Sister Prinke, Yuma Church Mobile Park in Yuma, Ariz.

JULY 8, 1975, Brother John B. Young of the Bellflower Congregation. He had been sick a long time. Services were at Hillside Chapel with Bro. Perigen officiating, and with interment there at Rose Hills Memorial Park, Whittier, Calif.

JULY 12, 1975, Brother Elmer Ted Loveland at the Benson Ranch near Tieton, Wash. Brother Loveland worked for Ross Packing Co. 17 years, and for other fruit industries in the Yakima area. He and his family resided at 1014 S. 18th Ave. Yakima; and he and his family members of the Lower Ahtanum Church.

Brother Ted was born Nov. 8, 1911 at Bruner, Mo. and was married to Delma F. Leap in Bruner July 16, 1938. They moved from Missouri to Yakima in 1946.

Services were in the Garden Chapel, Langevin-Mussetter Funeral Home, with Brother Bill McCay of Lower Ahtanum Church of Christ officiating. Vocalists were members of the Church. The casket bearers were: Jim Ryan, Larry Hannon, Jim Colvin, Jack Williams, Duane Everts, and John McKinney. Besides his wife, he is survived by one son Leonard, of Yakima; one daughter Mrs. Milton (Mildred) Everts of Yakima; six brothers, Ray of Selah, Van and Elza of Yakima, and Burt, Cleo and Clifford of Monet, Mo.; four grand-children and one great-grandchild. He lies at rest in West Hills Memorial Park, Yakima.

JULY 31, 1975, Brother Elza Jess Loveland, 1108 S. 9th Ave. passed away in St. Elizabeth Hosp. Yakima. Brother Loveland was born in Oldfield, Mo. Mar. 31, 1904, and came to Yakima in 1945. He was a retired orchardist; and he and his family beloved members of the Lower Ahtanum Church of Christ. Services were in Shaw and Sons Chapel August 5 with Bro. Jerry McCay, Ahtanum Church of Christ, officiating. The vocalists were: Richard Johnston, Bill McCay, Jr., Kelley McCay, Mike McCay. Bearers were: James Franklin, John McKinney, Rodger Lamb, Glen Loveland, Russell

Prine, and Steve Vinsant. Survivors include: his wife, Sister Nora M. Loveland; five daughters, Mrs. Bill (Veda) McCay, Mrs. Earl (Eva) Roby, Mrs. J. B. (Jeanie) Price, and Mrs. Eulis (Belva) Francis, all of Yakima, and Mrs. Perl (Vesta) Bascom of Milton-Freewater, Oreg.; five brothers, Van of Yakima, Ray of Selah, Cleo, Burt, and Cliff. all of Monett, Mo.; 11 grandchildren and 3 greatgrandchildren. Bro. Elza's body is interred at West Hills Memorial Park.

JULY 30, 1975, Homer V. Brown of Redlands, Cal. passed away after 5 years of growing paralysis, brought on by accident while working. He leaves his devoted wife Nadine, one daughter Mrs. Larry (Joy) Carlson of Placentia, Cal. and many other loved ones. His bereaved wife is a sister of Sister Olan (Burdette) Taylor of Bellflower Church. Services were in Redlands with Elmer E. Hunt, of Church of Christ, officiating; private interment later at Los Angeles National Cemetery.

AUGUST 13, 1975, Salah Christian Kennett, who formerly was of Yuma and San Diego, passed from this life in Hemet. He is a brother-in-law of Sister Hughes of Yuma and of Sister Goddard whose husbands' deaths are reported in this same LLL. Three sisters lost their husbands, and a daughter-a niece, within a short sixteen months (this LLL). Services were Tues. Aug. 19, in Hemet, Calif. The interment was in Hermosa Cemetery, Colton, Cal.

AUGUST 18, 1975, Sister May O. Johnson. She was in a Care Home, and had been an invalid a long time. Her home was in Modesto near her sister, our Sis. Jewel Cadwell, and her niece, Sister Al (Charlotte) Burtis. She was a member of the Church of Christ 75 years. She was an aunt of Brother Earl Atchley, Elk City. (I don't have-but next C. C. gives the burial.) (Funeral Services were on Aug. 20 in Modesto.)

AUGUST 31, 1975, Brother Paul O. Ferguson, of Fayetteville, Ark. passed away after heart surgery. Brother Paul was born Feb. 14, 1912. He lived in La Habra, Calif. with his family and many relatives for years; he was builder of the church house; and he gave many years of hard work in the Church of Christ in many places. E-v-e-r-yone knew Bro. Paul. Services were Sep. 3 in Huntsville, Ark. officiated by Bro. Paul Andrews; interment in Tuttle Cemetery.

7. SEPTEMBER 1,1975, Brother Will E.Daniels of Wesley, Ark. -the next day after Bro. Ferguson. Brother Daniel's wife had preceeded him Mar. 1, 1971, and he removed soon after her death to Wesley from their home in Stilwell, Okla. His sister was Sister Laura E.Willis who passed away and was buried in Tucson in March last year. (See first report in this issue. Sorry I have nothing further).

SEPTEMBER 2,1975, Beloved wife of the brother of Sister Oneeda Johnson, who were son and daughter of Brother Musgraves (the deceased famous preacher and author of charts and outlines). Sister Johnson wrote Sept.2 that her sister-in-law had passed away this month of cancer. (maybe meaning in Aug. as Sept.2 was so new.). But cancer is so rampant, and Sister Oneeda had helped much during the summer. Sad to think of the lingering for three long years.

SEPTEMBER 6,1975, Brother Vohey Howard Roberson, 7734 Del Rosa Ave. San Bernardino, Calif. deceased in Modesto. He was born in Ardmore, Okla. May 1, 1895, and was a resident of San Bernardino 27 years. He was a retired aerial repairman at Norton Air Force Base, and was a member, Fort and Church of Christ. Survivors include his wife Nancy; a son Howard of San Bernardino; a brother, Winston, Jacksonville, Ore. and a sister, Alice Weakley of Modesto.

Services were at 2:30 p.m. Sept. 10 in the Mark B. Shaw Memorial Chapel; interment Montecito Memorial Pk.

(This poem he had in his Bible)

Count your garden by its flowers,
Never by the leaves that fall;
Count your days by golden hours,
Do not remember clouds at all;
Count your nights by stars, not shadows;
Count your hours by joys, not tears;
And above it all, please remember,
Count your age by friends, not years.

SEPTEMBER 20,1975, Brother Bert Oran Weakley, 413 Rowland, Modesto, Calif. passed away in a local hospital after a long illness. He moved to Calif. in 1936 and to Modesto in 1946. He was an elder member of the Church, a past president of Painters' Local in Modesto, and on the board of directors of the Building Trades Council. He was a paint supervisor for Calif. State, employed at Modesto State Hosp. Veteran World War I, member Veterans of Foreign Wars.

8. Services for Brother Weakley were held at 10 A.M. Wednesday, Sept.24 in the Salas Brothers Funeral Chapel in Modesto; Brother J. D. Logan, of the Church of Christ, Modesto, officiating.

Survivors, besides his wife Alice, include: two sons, Don of Modesto and Albert of Galt; three daughters, Carolyn Oakden of Modesto, June Paioni of Salida, and Gail Dowdy of South Lake Tahoe; three sisters; one brother; and 18 grandchildren.

SEPTEMBER 21, 1975, Lela Mae Renick entered eternal life from the Phoenix Good Samaritan Hosp. She lived at Payson, Ariz.; her husband Perk is the son of Sister Arzella Renick and Brother A. (Jack) Renick, deceased. Lela Mae had surgery in January for cancer, then that severity till Sept.

Funeral services were Wednesday Sept.24th at Kammann Mortuary Chapel (I don't know which city). Interment was in The Garden of The Last Supper, Desert Lawn Memorial Park, Yuma, Arizona.

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SUMMARY IN MEMORIAM

SAD, SAD, SAD: But the list is twenty-five! All within the short span of eighteen months? Some had been reported before; but this eight pages brings together IN MEMORIAM all our beloved. This is Oct.8-we arose at 5:30 yesterday to hurry to the printer before evening-then again today. Through it all I feel as having attended through the grief with each of the services. Yes, in grief perhaps again and again; but, our dear brethren, we are thankful there weren't others to report. Presently hoping we've missed none accidently, that are gone on. Our Father is very merciful and He cares.

HERE I QUOTE

"---sparrows---and not one of them is forgotten before God(?). But even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not therefore: ye are of more value than many sparrows." (Jesus said it.)

THIS MORNING I telephoned Sister Roxie Adams in La Habra. Sister Glady Stringham, back in care home from Whittier Hosp., but is very sick; she doesn't respond from coma. Sister Glady was 94 on July 12.

(Closing; but let's keep on praying, IN FAITH. And I will try hard, God willing, get out other LLL's.