

1988 REUNION PREFERENCES

- Based upon the information available to us, we would prefer the 1988 reunion to be held at: (rank 1st choice, 2nd choice, 3rd choice, etc.)
 Mt. Princeton Hot Springs Bear Trap Ranch
 Kenbrook Bible Camp Golden Bell Ranch
 Mountainside Lodge other: _____
 - Our current feeling is that the number of nights which should be reserved for the reunion are:
 5 nights, as in previous reunions
 4 nights, just like the 1985 reunion
 3 nights, let's cut down the time
 let's abandon the whole idea for now. Let the 1985 reunion be the last!
 other: _____
 - The 1988 reunion should:
 go forward as voted at the 1985 reunion
 be changed to another year since it conflicts with:
 the Brethren in Christ General Conference
 my personal/professional plans
 other: _____
 - The requested time frame for the 1988 reunion (late July/early August):
 is fine should be changed to: _____
 - Please indicate your preference for location of the family reunion: (rank 1 - 3)
 Pennsylvania Colorado other: _____
 - Based upon the information available to us: (Indicate number involved)
 we will probably attend the 1988 reunion; at least we'll try to
 we will possibly attend the 1988 reunion, but can't be sure
 we will not know until the last minute; probabilities unknown
 we probably will not attend the 1988 reunion, but reserve judgement
 we doubtless will not attend the 1988 reunion
 other: _____
 - Here is some news to be reported in the next Lenhart Newsletter:
 - Here are some changes of address or names to add to the mailing list:
 - Other comments/suggestions for the committee to consider: (on back)
- Reported by _____ for the _____ family

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The Mailing List and Voting in the Family

By tradition each family unit (a person or individuals living independently of others) should receive a copy of The Lenhart Newsletter. High school and college students should be getting copies from their parents, as dependents, but upon graduation, and presumably getting a job, each person becomes a family unit.

As of the third newsletter (Spring 1986) there were forty family units. We now have forty-five, but fear we are missing a few who recently graduated.

Parents: please send copies of the newsletter to your children in school.

Parents: please inform us when your children become an independent family unit, and give us their addresses.

Parents and Grandparents: please send us information about your children (and yourselves), so we can include such in our News and Notes section.

Children: When you become a family unit, you have one vote (just as your parents have only one unit vote). So let us know your reactions by sending back the ballot on page 13.

Everyone: Please send us your changes of address...if you want to receive the newsletter!

And in the Next Newsletter...

We will report the results of the survey found on page 13 of this newsletter.

There will be a feature article entitled Some of the Children, which is an essay on life on the George H. Lenhart farm in Abilene, by Aunt Mary Eshelman.

A feature on another of the "first generation in the family."

An updated and complete (we hope) mailing list of the family, along with News and Notes of activities. So send us any changes of addresses, and any news of the family. Thanks!

Esther, My Mother

By Jesse Heise

Esther Lenhart Heise was the oldest of the George H. Lenhart family. She was born on January 28, 1897. She and my father, Edgar C. Heise, were married shortly after his discharge from the army following World War I.

Edgar was born on October 17, 1885 at Hamlin, Kansas. He was the third child of Anthony and Mary Heise. Mary was the daughter of Jesse Engle.

Edgar was the father of five boys. To my mother and father Jesse was born on May 8, 1921 and Alvin on May 26 1924. The others, Willard, Howard and Loren were born by Anna Wingard Heise.

Since my mother died when I was just one month less than four years of age my knowledge of her is rather limited. She died in April of 1925. I was four in May of that year.

Following the marriage of my parents they settled in Brown County, Kansas where they farmed 80 acres. They worked hard. To make a living in those days on a farm was not easy. It required a lot of cooperation and willingness of one partner to fill in where the other might lack skills or abilities.

Esther was energetic and a willing worker. I have very distinct memories of chicken coops which she made as shelters for setting hens and their newly hatched brood. They were made of 12 inch wide pine board and nailed together.

Edgar was not trained in business management and, I was told, when they were married he did not know how to write a check. So mother was the one who served as business manager for the household.

Pictures reveal that Esther was an attractive young lady with a ready smile and a warm attitude. She had close friends and was well-liked by the in-laws in Brown County. Her being well liked by her stepmother-in-law made it difficult for my own step-mother to "fit in" to the Heise family when she and Edgar were married in 1927.

Esther died an untimely death. I do not know the cause of death but my father told me she had a fever and that a 'lump came in her neck.'

Esther suffered some type of mental aberration prior to her death, some features of which I distinctly recall. On one occasion she gathered us into the bedroom where we kept our 'Sunday' clothes, dressed us all up as if we were going to church and directed us all to the cemetery in the church yard of the Pleasant Hill Church to 'await the Lord's coming.' As I recall we stayed there quite a 'long time.'

On another occasion my father and I had gone to prayer meeting on a Wednesday evening which was our custom. Mother (Esther) had stayed home. We arrived following the service to find her standing by the fire chamber of the kitchen stove without her clothes as she had just burned them. She told my father that 'the Lord told me to do this.' Because of these episodes I have had the opinion that she may be suffered from a post-partum depression following Alvin's birth.

I recall well her funeral. On the afternoon it was scheduled there were heavy rains in Kansas and the family members from Dickinson County, Kansas, had difficulty getting to

8. rifle and archery ranges on grounds (walking distance)
 9. 2 lounges with pianos; 1 for each of two groups in lodge at a time
 10. view of Pike's Peak (does not rival Rocky Mountain National Park!)
 11. 4 miles out of Divide, CO; 20 miles west of Manitou Springs (US 24); 30 miles west of Colorado Springs
 12. operated by the Church of the Nazarene
 13. meals served sharp at 8:00, 12:00, and 5:30; pack lunches available for day trips
 14. day trips to Cripple Creek (old mining town, with mine tour and melodrama), Pike's Peak, NORAD (North America Defense Center, tours can be arranged), Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument
 15. chapel with piano for worship service (or can be in lounge with piano)
 16. transportation: 45 minutes from Colorado Springs airport (Peterson Field)
 17. cost for 1985: 3 nights, 9 meals = \$48 per adult, 12 or under \$4 x age*
4 nights, 12 meals = \$60 per adult, 12 or under \$5 x age*
5 nights, 15 meals = \$73 per adult, 12 or under \$6 x age*
- \$1.50 per person for linens for the whole time; pillows & blankets provided
Cost for two adults: 4 nights x \$60 = \$120.00
*no immediate family pays for more than the 4 oldest members of the family
example: family of 2 adults and children aged 8, 10, and 12 pays as follows:
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|--------------------------------------|----------|
| 2 adults x 4 nights @ 60.00 | = 120.00 |
| child aged 12 costs 12 (yrs.) x \$5= | 60.00 |
| child aged 10 costs 10 (yrs.) x \$5= | 50.00 |
| cost of linens: \$1.50 x 5 | = 7.50 |
| total cost: | 237.50 |

Mountainside Lodge, Estes Park, Colorado

1. indoor swimming pool, but must drive to it
2. volleyball outdoors, crude ping pong recreation cabin
3. softball diamond, tennis, miniature golf within driving distance
4. cook own food, flexible schedule but demands planning and time
5. dorm-type rooms, bathrooms shared down the hall
6. minimum of 30 registrants
7. no water sports; stables nearby (fee)
8. riflery, archery unknown
9. small lounge, no piano
10. view of Rocky Mountain National Park (rather nice)
11. 2 miles from nearest town, Estes Park
12. operated by YMCA of the Rockies
13. mealtimes at group's convenience
14. day trips into the national park, town, many day hikes available, etc.
15. no chapel, worship in rustic recreation cabin or lounge (too small)
16. transportation: 1 hour 45 minutes from Denver airport
17. the only time we can reserve Mountain Side Lodge is Monday August 15 through Saturday August 20, 1988
18. cost for 1985: \$6.50 per day per adult, \$5.00 per child 2-11 years; meals came to about \$17.00 per person for the 10 meals we cooked, plus the cost of the one evening we ate away from the lodge (estimated here at \$8 per person).
Cost for two adults: 4 nights x \$6.50 each = \$52 +\$50 for meals = \$102.00
Cost for family of five, two adults and three children:
2 adults @ \$6.50 ea. per night = \$52.00
1 child over 11 @ \$6.50 per night = \$26.00
2 children under 11 @ \$5.00 per night = \$40.00
Meals: 5 x \$17 plus \$25 for eating out = \$110.00
\$228.00

NOW, WHICH WOULD YOU PREFER FOR 1988? RETURN THE QUESTIONNAIRE AT THE END OF THIS NEWSLETTER! THE SELECTION WILL BE MADE ON THE BASIS OF THIS SURVEY!

6. in Wranglers Lodge there are nice suites, with 3 rooms to a bath, some beds bunked, loft for overflow sleeping (teenagers), small kitchen in gathering room (5 tables for 6 persons each) for snacking/socializing/ games; cottages for families with young or others wishing a bit more isolation
7. small lounge, small library, larger meeting room with piano
8. in the mountains, so view is of hillsides (nice), not peaks
9. operated by Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship
10. mealtimes scheduled; nice dining room apart from lodge with game room
11. reunion would need to be scheduled when not conflicting with I-V plans
12. mountain day trips; day trip to Cripple Creek (an old mining town) (1 1/4 hour drive) for old time train ride, melodrama (great), tour of mine, and "shopping"
13. backpacking supplies available; rock climbing and rappelling available
14. saddle horses (fee)
15. transportation; about an hour from Colorado Springs toward Cripple Creek
16. this is the most isolated yet complete and comfortable place we have seen
17. cost at 1986 rates: Wranglers Lodge (more modern) rates are slightly higher than the cabins (more rustic), and rates vary depending upon the number of days stayed and the ages of children (child 8-11 years is about \$1 per day less than adult, and child 3-7 years is about \$2 per day less than adult, and infants 0-2 years old have no charges).
cost for 2 adults for four nights: \$168 total (meals included)
cost for 2 adults and 3 children (1 child between 8-11 and 2 between 3-7):
2 adults: \$168, 1 child 8-11: \$ 55, 2 children 3-7: \$ 73 TOTAL: \$296

Kenbrook Bible Camp, Lebanon, Pennsylvania

1. rather primitive swimming pool (but with hopes of being remodeled by 1988)...shared with children campers
2. volleyball, ping pong, crude tennis court
3. softball diamond shared with campers
4. scheduled meals in nice dining facility which doubles as large meeting room; might share dining room with another group
5. motel type rooms each with two double beds and private bathroom; nice
6. small canoe and kayak pond
7. golf course nearby (fee)
8. nice lounge and porch for socializing/game playing, etc.
9. short hikes on grounds, longer ones on Appalachian Trail (30 min. drive)
10. Hershey amusement park nearby (fee)
11. shopping in Lebanon (3 miles)
12. operated by the Brethren in Christ Church
13. time of reunion would be either July 25-29, August 1-5 or August 8-12
14. cost for 1986: \$18 single, \$15 double, \$12 3 or 4 per room per person; meals are \$14 per day
2 adults, four nights, double occupancy: \$232
2 adults, one teen, 2 under 12, four nights: \$316
(teens have meal charge only for children sharing room with parents; under 12 one half meal charge; 2 and under have no charge)

Golden Bell Ranch, Divide, Colorado

1. indoor heated swimming pool with outside sunning area, adjacent to lodge.
2. volleyball, basketball, ping pong in indoor gym (or outside if preferred)
3. softball diamond, tennis a few steps from the lodge
4. good food a specialty, buffet style group dining (four group in our own dining room)
5. motel type rooms with modest facilities, private baths or bath for suite of two rooms; queen size double bed with 4 or 6 bunk singles per room for families; our family would be accommodated in one of two wings of the lodge
6. no minimum number of registrants
7. pond for fishing (quantity and quality unknown) and kayaks

Brown County for the occasion. The distance was something over 150 miles. In those days with good driving conditions it took a good 7 hours to make the trip. They were late. So the group sang many songs until the group finally arrived for the funeral service. Two songs that were sung and which I remember were "Jesus Blessed Jesus" and "Does Jesus Care?"

I remember my father as a man whose qualities included kindness, generosity, a sense of humor, and a deep desire to do what was right. I never heard him criticize another person nor did I ever hear him complain. He lived through the 'great depression.' He always paid his bills on time and did not like to be 'in debt.' He worked hard to save so his sons could get a college education during a time when it was not considered ordinary to go to college.

Dad was in the army at Camp Funston in Fort Riley, Kansas during World War I. While there he became desparately ill with the "flu." He was told by one of his doctors that "I wouldn't give a nickel for your life." But he lived until January 11, 1986. At the time of his death he was loved by his family and many friends.

I remember my mother as a caring person with a strong sense of courage and of right and wrong. Her death had a profound impression upon Dad and, of course, upon myself. Esther Lenhart Heise lived a short but productive life. I recall in memory my mother with fondness and her passing with a deep sense of loss.

And some comments...

From a letter from Uncle Ben and Aunt Gladys to Jess...

Ben remembers nothing about your mother in his early years, but does remember how she mothered him on the mile and a half walk to school on his first day of school. His two older brothers didn't bother!

Ben does remember a certain contest your mother used to participate in called broom wrestling. Two people would hold a broom high over their heads while facing each other. They would then lower it, and the object was to keep it from twisting in their hands. The one who could prevent it twisting was the winner. Your mother used to compete with boys her size, and she would always win. The reason? She milked cows!

We have a picture of your mother in an old buggy the three brothers had fixed up that could be steered by two boards from inside of the buggy. They were attached to the front wheels (of course the shaft was removed), and the brothers would attach a sail to it and would be propelled down a hill. But in the picture your mother was working it without a sail. Perhaps she had been given a push. Anyway she looked like she was enjoying it, and was steering all her might.

Your father told me some time ago that he became interested in your mother when they had been asked to sing in a mixed quartet, for some church function.

Esther, My Sister

By "Aunt Mary"

(Mary Gish Lenhert Eshelman)

Esther was the first child of George H. and Martha E. Lenhert born on January 28, 1897. It was reported her parents said, "She is just what we wanted." Seven more children arrived later totaling four boys and four girls.

Many of the younger children went to Esther for a hug, a kiss, a lap and lots of sisterly love which she freely gave. Mother's lap was seldom available even though greatly desired, but Esther's was fine, too.

Esther was the tallest of any of the girls. She stood erect, stately and unafraid of the future because of her strong faith in God and people. She was converted at a young age. Her sisters said she always knelt by her bed daily to pray to her God and be with Him before she started the day.

Her many friends, some her age and some older, said of her, "She won't live long, she is too good to be real! She is one of God's special sent here to help some of the rest of us."

Esther and Frances were close sisters. They often talked about the life of the church and God. The four sisters slept in one room and I used to stay awake at night to listen to what they would say upon their return. I didn't need as much sleep as Rhoda. Their discussions were not gossip, but discussions of life and the church, etc.

One evening they talked about the church service. Esther said "That was a great sermon but it didn't ring true." I thought, "Ring true? What does that mean? I must find out!" Later we found out that he, the speaker, was then living in sin. Our lives must ring true, Esther says. To this day that remark was and is a sermon to me. Do my words ring true? Does my influence ring true?

On another occasion I was awake waiting for Esther to come home. A friend of Esther had a very painful, unexpected, unexplained experience in life and needed someone to help her secretly and confidentially and with understanding (but without a younger sister listening in). Esther was asked by her friend to help her, encourage her, direct her, and understand her. This she did. This experience impressed me so much even as if it happened today. I couldn't understand it all then, but it taught me several lessons...the importance of keeping secrets, not to judge and condemn, and to be a friend.

Esther was very musical. She often sang in duets or quartets in school and church.

She understood people of all ages, often playing with us children much younger than she. We made all our toys and mostly with wheels. Mother called them "wheelie gigglies." One Esther rode like a captain.

Now Edgar Heise from Brown County came courting with some other gentlemen to other young ladies in Dickinson County. After we children had all been properly introduced to Edgar we were gently motioned out of the parlor into the kitchen. Why? I couldn't understand this as I though he came to visit us! I was Esther's sister!

SPEAKING OF REUNIONS...

It is time to discuss REUNION 1988. At the business meeting of the clan at the 1985 reunion the motion was passed to make plans for a reunion in 1988. That is the same year as the BIC General Conference in California. Some view that as a benefit, others as a deterrent, to holding a reunion in that year.

We want to consider alternatives to meeting in Colorado, but that state seemed to be the preference of those at the 1985 reunion. We have a choice.

Some have felt that the accommodations at Mountainside Lodge (YMCA of the Rockies, Estes Park, CO) has some disadvantages (for some, such as needing to do our own cooking; for others the noisy floors and lack of privacy, and for some the steps). Four alternates have been suggested: Mt. Princeton Hot Springs Resort (Buena Vista, CO) which is a resort facility, Bear Trap Ranch (a beautiful drive from Colorado Springs) which is operated by Inter-Varsity primarily for college student activities but which has a fairly commodious lodge and more rustic cabins, Kenbrook Bible Camp (Lebanon, PA) which has motel type rooms, and Golden Bell Ranch (Divide, CO) which is a church camp type facility run by the Church of the Nazarene. We are seeking feedback from the clan to determine which of these alternatives we should confirm for 1988. All Colorado locations are about 9,000 feet above sea level.

A comparison follows (items not in order of importance, just as we listed them): Remember, rates will be different for 1988, but these were the ones in effect when we got the data.

Mt. Princeton Hot Springs Resort, Buena Vista, Colorado:

1. two pools, one warm and one very warm, both fairly near to rooms (no fee)
2. volleyball available outdoors, nice conference center with ping pong
3. other major recreation activities nearby include white water rafting on the Arkansas River (fee), short hiking nearby or serious hiking in the mountains (no fee), tennis in Buena Vista (8 mi. drive) (no fee)
4. eating in dining room (restaurant); perhaps group servings in the conference center
5. twenty motel type rooms in the conference center area each accommodating up to four persons (plus seven additional rooms in the main lodge)
6. no minimum number of registrations
7. private fishing lake; good stream fishing in nearby streams
8. riflery, archery unavailable; riding stables part of resort (fee)
9. attractive conference center with piano for group activities
10. at the base of Mt. Princeton with good view of Mt. Antero (both over 14,000') (nice)
11. 8 miles to Buena Vista, 15 miles to Salida, both nice sized towns
12. day trips into the mountains, ghost towns, many day hikes available, etc.
13. worship in the convention center (nice)
14. transportation: about 2 hours from either Colorado Springs or Denver
15. cost in 1986: \$41 per person double occupancy, \$35 per person quad occupancy per day; children under 12 half price, under four free lodging (pay only for meals)
 Double occupancy: \$41 ea x 4 nights = (\$164 x 2) \$328 total
 Quad occupancy: \$35 ea, (family of four the cost would be \$560)

Bear Trap Ranch, Colorado Springs, Colorado

1. no swimming pool; creek to frolic in; no other water sports
2. volleyball, horse shoes available
3. hiking trails galore
4. fenced playground for the very young (slide, sand box, swings, etc.)
5. no softball, too narrow a valley

Susie Engle recently signed on with The Lord Camden Inn assisting in the management of the establishment.

Bob Beachy recently completed his Masters degree in Psychology, and will be continue working toward his doctorate.

PLEASE NOTE: If news of you or your family is not included, it is because you didn't tell us about it! Please let us know what is going on...and any changes of address that might apply! Thanks.

Corrections, Corrections, Corrections

As expected, we have received a number of corrections to our reporting of the **KNOWLEDGE: FROM THE IN-LAW INITIATION** reported in the last Newsletters. Thanks for the the corrections and additions!

Question 11. Cecil's grandfather had a particular title among the Lenharts. What was it, and how did he get it?

Answer reported was: Chief Hookapook, variously spelled Chief Hook-a-pook. Charles Eshelman called others by this imaginary name. Then someone designated him Chief of the Hookapooks. It is alleged that Uncle Harry did it at one of the early reunions, which is probably true.

There are no corrections to that answer, only an elaboration...that the word hookapook was made up by Uncle Charles while he was in Africa. In fact that word was used in his family as a "code" to verify that if a stranger came up to Lois or David and instructed them to do something or go with them "because your parents told me to tell you," then the verification of such parental instructions was with the code word "hookapook." Even in the early 1940's there was concern about adults kidnapping or otherwise misleading children.

Question 13. Name the four Lenhart cousins who groomed Uncle Harry's hair at a reunion.

Answer should be: Lois (Heise) Climenhaga, Esther Heise (rather than Sue Heise), Carol Heise and Susan Lady.

Question 14. List in order the year and location of each Lenhart reunion, beginning with 1948.

The answer given beginning with 1948 is correct, as far as we know. But we included this statement:

(1945) - Kansas - apparently there was one before 1948!

That earlier (1945) reunion has been reaffirmed, but there is a claim that it was actually in 1946. Does anyone have evidence or remember?

Were we reminded that actually there was one in 1937...and we were given a picture of the group just to prove the point. Right you are...and you can see Uncle Harry proudly holding young John...Jess and Al Heise and Myron Lady are young men...Martha Lady smiling as broadly as ever...and Grandma Lenhart right in the middle of them all (total of 27 in the picture...could you list those attending...try and let us know who you think are in the picture). A second picture is of the third generation, and includes 13...could anyone guess who they would be?

There is the possibility that there was one in 1929, but we need further verification. Does anyone remember...or perhaps have a picture? Let us know.

Question 17. Name family members, past and present, holding doctorates and their field;

We goofed in listing Ren Heise as MD (dental surgery). It should be DDS rather than MD!

Thanks for the corrections. Be sure to correct your copies!

One week-end several couples left Dickinson County to attend a love feast in Clay County. They had just received a heavy rain which washed out a bridge. This could not be noticed until suddenly they were there. The two front wheels went down and caught on a small tree. Esther said, "Jesus saved us by a very small tree." It truly was a miracle that all got out alive.

Now Esther was sowing on her wedding gown. It was handled with love, care, and prayer. You could feel the atmosphere. She pricked her finger. It bled on the inside of a seam. "Oh, shame!" said one of the brothers. She took his teasing with tenderness and love. She understood all of us. How? I've often wondered.

At one time I had the chance to read a letter she wrote to Edgar before they were engaged. It was left in our attic and I found it when I cleaned house. In this letter she described each of her brothers and sisters in quite some detail. I, at my young age, was deeply impressed by her insight and interest and love for each of our lives. Also how important it was to her for Edgar to also know about us.

Esther didn't live for many years, but her Christ-like life lived on and on. I thank God she was my big sister and I had her for those impressive years, that her conversations were such that it was good for me to stay awake and listen and learn and to remember the lessons she taught me unknowingly.

And now, in far away Africa, I knew that my sister Esther had passed away. I was expecting my first child. The doctor was Standish White, a physician with special honors and decorations bestowed by the King of England for his medical services in London but now practicing in Bulawayo, Southern Rhodesia (Zimbabwe). After taking my family history he said, "Let's go back to Esther."

I repeated what I had heard about Esther's illness and death, from the account my mother gave me. Esther had died before Alvin was a year old. Her illness seemed to become more severe as time passed.

Doctor White said, "This is a rare condition and not easily recognized or understood. Her doctor likely thought it was the depression that sometimes follow the birth of a child." (He used the medical term for depression, I don't know it.) But then he continued, "Her problem sounds to me like...(again a medical term)... that rarely follows childbirth, thus little is known about it. It is caused by pressure on the backbone on a main nerve near the base of the spine. This causes great deterioration of the mental process." I understand it happens during delivery. He went into some detail. He seemed very knowledgeable about it. I asked if she could have been helped with better medical care. Perhaps, but he couldn't put the blame on her doctor, he said, as this condition is very unusual.

Esther was the only one of the family to be unable to attend the early reunions of the family. Esther had passed away early in her adult years.

But last, but far from least, I thank God that Esther and Edgar left two fine sons, Jesse and Alvin, and their families, to be positive influences in the family and the society.

Sweet or Sour?

By Martha Lady

A lady in a wheel chair, a double amputee, often stops me in the halls at Messiah Village. Her multiple physical problems aren't what she wants to talk about. She enjoys crossword puzzles so takes delight in quizzing me on the latest word she learned from a puzzle. I'll admit I also take delight when I have some of the answers such as a three letter word for "elevens" and the "Q-T linkage." Then she expresses how thankful she is that she can learn something new each day even though it is only a new word in a puzzle. She is not the only one who refuses to let the hurts of the past and the difficulties of the present crush their spirits. As I have listened to the stories from different individuals about the hurts of their lives which they hoped in the telling would be easier to forget and then watched their lives in action, I have been impressed and deeply humbled. They have allowed God to do something truly beautiful out of the physical and emotional pain in their lives.

Then there are those who feel life has been so cruel to them. Their complaints are loud and many and their demands often unreasonable. People do not like to be around them any more than necessary. It seems that beauty no longer exists in their world. When reminded one lady will say, "Yes, God has been good to me, BUT...." Their thoughts have grown inward and they have become sour, cranky old people.

I recognize there is no simple answer as to what makes the difference. Everyone of us is unique and we respond differently to events in our lives. There are certain diseases which may be a factor. However others have told me nearly everytime that these people were always that way. Mother used to tell us when we're old, we will be like we were when young only more so. Since we really don't know when "old" begins we need to remind ourselves that we are working on it right now. Do people like to be around you? Do you have difficulty accepting change? Do you go around with a heavy cloud over your head seeing only what is wrong with the world and with life? Do people pick on you? Or do people feel good when they are with you? I think you get the point!

It isn't easy getting "old," but it seems to be more tolerable when there is an optimistic spirit. Life isn't always good but, oh, how attractive a sense of humor is when worn by an older person. Let us remember the blessings all of us have enjoyed. We are more likely to be surrounded by love and care when we have developed those personality traits that make life beautiful not only for us but for those around us as we age.

In Philippians 4:4 we are told to rejoice in the Lord always and then in verse 8: "Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable--if anything is excellent or praiseworthy--think about such things." Our thoughts just might be an important factor as to whether we are sweet or sour.

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News and Notes

Karen Brubaker is in voluntary service with the United States Brethren in Christ Church Missions Office. She is also planning a wedding...Tim Haldeman is the lucky guy!

Beth Lenhart is in voluntary service with the Brethren in Christ Missions in Bronx. She will be nursing in Manhattan while serving with the VS team.

Andrew Robert Hoover is the newest member of the Lenhart Family, born to Esther and Bob Hoover on May 24, 1986.

Kurt Heise has graduated from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University with a B.S. in Aeronautical Maintenance Management in December 1985, and now is working with Piedmont Airlines in Dayton, OH.

Cecil Eshelman graduated from the University of Missouri-Rolla with a B.S. in Computer Science in December 1985, and now is serving as director of St. Francis Farm, a rehabilitation home for nonviolent juvenile offenders.

Curtis Eshelman graduated from the University of Missouri-Rolla with a B.S. in Nuclear Engineering in May 1986. He is continuing his education, working toward a masters degree at UM-R.

Ken and Rebecca Sue Heise, we are told, are expecting to add another member to the family in January 1987. This will be their third child. Quite a dynasty building in that Jess and Fern Heise branch of the family tree!

John and Ruth Engle took an extended trip to visit Mary Olive Lady and tour with her through Zambia and Zimbabwe early this past summer.

Jenny Engle has returned from her year in Ireland, and is continuing her education at the University of Vermont.