



Copperas Cove, Texas

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Valued *Volksblatt*!

When this letter arrives in your hand, you will probably say, well, from Copperas Cove there probably has another subscription expired. This time it is not that, but I just want to agree with the encouragement of Otto Biar that one should enter something in the *Volksblatt* more often; but unfortunately I cannot write as fast as I think, otherwise it would happen more often.

This time it has a very special reason. We always like to read the letters from Germany in the *Volksblatt* and since we have one of those here who looks for good hearted people, could you be so good and publish the same in the *Volksblatt*. It could be that there are relatives to be found. We will send a package to the poor family next week. We send 22 pounds so that there is no unnecessary postage.

One day I will enter a letter from my cousins in Germany. Whoever has relatives there will probably know that it will take a month to send a letter and parcel from 7 to 9 weeks.

Now something from here. The dear Christmas festival has passed once again and a new year now began with the hope and trust of God's continued blessing and mercy.

The winter is now bearable. We still had a little cold weather, but we could use a little more rain for the foundation. Fall gardens were not the same as in other years.

Many people have colds, they are probably still results from Christmas. All our children came here on Saturday before Christmas. Only Esther and Eldon could not be here.

Tomorrow, 11 January, we have reading worship. Our Pastor will attend the birthday celebration of his mother. Mother Werner will be 90 years on 12 January.

At the end of the old year we had a funeral. Mother Wm. Ramm, née Theresa Neitsch, was 84 years old. These are ages of which is spoken in the Bible. Yes, how much more, said my Grandmother, one sees the grace of God when one gets old.

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