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Dear Volksblatt!

July 10th

A storm with good rain moved through our region yesterday; this one has not quite saturated the soil, however, we are hopeful that more will follow.

A happy birthday surprise was presented to our friend, Mr. Hermann Bachmann on Saturday evening. Friends and acquaintances from near and afar met in good numbers to present their best wishes to the birthday child. The food tasted superbly and due honors were bestowed through the noble barley juice, the drink of the gods; the small barrel was cleaned out to the last drop. With music and good conversation, time passed much too fast and all returned home in the belief that a jolly evening had been spent. May it be granted that Mr. Bachmann enjoy frequent festivities of the sort. To him, once again, the best wishes for his distant resume from his old friends.

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