

Vernon (Sent in late)

To the honored Volksblatt:

Having been admonished twice, to give a report on our region I have undertaken to grant your wishes. First, why was I not able to get at writing sooner – if I don't, my readers will think I died or just gotten too lazy. Now as to why I didn't write sooner, first I wanted to be able to tell about our harvest – which involves waiting until it is complete, and secondly, I have very little time for writing. The wheat was good but the threshers got held up because we were getting to much rain. As a result, much is still unthreshed and some is spoiling in the fields.

The corn is very good and much of it is being transported to other areas. Several cars have been shipped to Fayette, Lee and Williamson counties.

The cotton harvest is satisfactory. Almost everybody's cotton was better than last year. In some fields there were several bales still waiting to be picked.

Since there are people here who are acquainted with the readers, I will write a few names, C. Hasseltof, 40 bales, C. Schoppa, 61 bales, and all of the following over 50 bales: H. Hildebrandt, E. Gloyna, W. Schur, F. Schur – these are the biggest families.

Sorghum got very tall but has few seeds, because it was so wet and rainy during the blossoming time.

This winter 10 German families arrived here and they are very well pleased with this region. In our city of Vernon much building is going on and it's beginning to look as if there were a big city being built. The price of land is going up, 25 to 35 cents per acre is being paid for land.

With this I will close today. I wish the publisher of the paper a happy and blessed new Year 1907.

Greetings, C. Schoppa

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