

Giddings Deutsches Volksblatt, 15 January 1925. Image 011600194.

Teplitz Schönau, 18 December 1924

J. A. Proske, Giddings, TX

Dear Friend!

The year has come to an end and I am sending you a check of \$3.00.

Today we had the first snow about 6", the ground is covered with snow, there is a little frost, but it is not as cold as it is in Texas when the "norther" blows. The atmosphere is quiet or calm, it is dry and when it rains it is like walking from Giddings to Warda without getting soaked. The climate is not nice in this area and I don't like the landscape.

I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year,
M. Schurmann

My dear friend, Mr. Proske,

You will think the thankless Mr. Fischer does not write anymore. You are right but you need to exclude the word "thankless." Almost no day passes that I don't think of you for a minute and all the good you and your people have done for your people in the fatherland.

Today I do not come with a request but with wishes of blessings for Christmas and a happy New Year for 1925 for our German community. Time flies. We don't know what the new year will bring us but God will lead us and protect us.

As I can see from the *Volksblatt* you are well-informed about the conditions and politics in Germany. There are many battles among the parties. If the largest party, the Social Democrats, continue to kick any feeling for a national perception of the people; when the central power only follows the powers of influence of Roman pope, then there will be no recovery for Germany. The politics of the parties will ruin the ray of hope seen in the darkness, as for example Dr. Eckener [1868 to 1954] and his zeppelin crossing the ocean to America in 1924. The mint at Nuremberg printed a coin in silver which honors Dr. Eckener on one side and the zeppelin on the other with the date of 1924. If anybody is interested I will gladly send one coin which costs \$2.50. Along with this letter I will send such a coin as a gift to you.

Goodbye! With all German love and loyalty!

Your

Pastor [Chn] Fischer, Eger, Czech Republic

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