

Appila,

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Dear Sister,

Your letter reached us and we were pleased to again hear something from you. This time we will not let you wait so long for a reply. I hope you are all well.

Are you finished sowing your wheat? At the Father-in-law's place they will finish this week.

Last week we had a beautiful rain. I have planted 200 lettuce plants, 50 of cauli and 40 of cabbage, and I still want to plant some onions.

Last Sunday Auntie Schmidt came to visit us. On Tuesday I drove her to Richard' and today she is going to Alfred and then to Lydia on Saturday.

Gothold's Emma was at her parents at Pentecost and then she went to visit Uncle Schneider.

At Pentecost Rudolph and Gustav Winter were Confirmed by Pastor Braun in Blyth. They invited all the sponsors but none of them attended except Lydia. She went on Saturday and returned Monday. She spoke to Anna. Heinrich she did not see. They no longer live in Blythe but at Mt. Templeton, 17 miles to the West. He is on a farm where he receives 30 shillings a week, but must fend for himself.

I expect they have no money left. They bought a cow in Blyth for £11 and it died. A house for which they paid £32 in Kapunda they sold for £28. Their house cost them £90 and they sold it for £40. So the money gradually disappeared and I suppose they will never again be able to buy a farm. Anna says they are sorry they ever sold the farm at Laura. They have a little son since soon after Christmas. Anna does not look at all well.

Richard has become a butcher. Each week he kills a beast and 6 sheep. This week he is starting to use a second butcher's cart. I asked him how the work suited him. He said it didn't suit him at all but that he must make some money somehow. He is making £3 per week. At that rate he soon will not know what to do with all the money but don't tell him what I wrote to you.

Johann Pech's have a little daughter since yesterday morning. [Later in life became Mrs Kleinig – Rita Z.]

On June 26 Pastor Ortenburger's new house will be dedicated. You should come here for the occasion. We would be pleased to see you.

Are you milking many cows at present? I am milking two, one calved last week. Last week I made 12 lbs of butter. The hens are laying better now, about a dozen a week. Butter is ten pence and eggs 1/1½ a dozen, that's not too bad. In a few weeks I'll be milking a third one but one will be dry before long, she gives only half a dipper full now.

How are your little ones? Does your baby walk yet? Our Herbert is walking since he was a year old. He had not been very well. He had whooping cough but is now a good deal better. He has 2 teeth and another two will come through soon. We haven't ordered a second one. Henry says we don't want another one until Herbert is 4 years old. Well we will see if he is right.

I do not know any more news so I will close in the hope that you are all well and with greetings from Heinrich.

Your sister

E. H. Wegner

Greetings to the parents.

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English Translation

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