

## German Woman Asks Mayor To Help Her Find Husband

"Why must I kill some men other men that they have never seen? . . . I think that I could be a good comrade to a good husband . . . Life could be so nice. I know it, and my only hope is that you could help me."



Traute Seitz, German woman who asks Mayor Elfstrom to help her get good American husband.

When you first read the letter you laugh, and make remarks that you think are quite witty. Read it again, and you wonder. Maybe it's out of a war-torn heart, and is written in all sincerity and in despair.

When letters like this reach an editor he first suspects a hoax. But he's uncertain. Anyway, this letter that came to Mayor Robert L. Elfstrom with picture of the writer is a good letter. It's well written. And the quaint mixture of German and English construction makes it even better.

"So you're on your own protection, boys. You take it from here. The writer is Traute Seitz, and her address is Coburg, Muehladam 14, Germany, Bavaria, U. S. Zone.

"Please excuse that I write you without seeing you," Traute writes. "If you have not a heart out of stone you will read my letter. War is over, and although I thought that I could never laugh, I began to hope again.

"Nights dipped into fire, nights spent in a cellar are over. Starving is over and I see with all my joy the beautiful sunshine. I listen to the bird's song. I see the life with all its beauty, and I cannot imagine why people must have a war. Why must I kill some men other men, they have never seen? Perhaps they would be best friends if they would have met.

"But I will tell you why I write you this letter. War is over with its danger, but a new danger begins: I cannot find, after divorcing, a job to support my dear lovely children and me. There is not enough work for so much people in our small country, Germany, the country without future. My former husband loves me and sees now that he has lost a good comrade. He tries to marry me again, but although I am poor and lonely I cannot marry him again because I could not trust him again. He was so a bad tyrant, and I could never be a slave. I want to be a good comrade to a good tenderly husband. I want to share good and bad days.

"I want to prepare the paradise on earth to a loving husband, as well as a wife can do it. I am told that I am attractive, and when I cross the street all men turn their heads round to look at me. But I am not

## Rust, Lindow Cattle Rated

Seven registered Jerseys in the herd owned by Farrell Rust of Independence and Mr. and Mrs. John E. Lindow also of Independence, owning 11 registered Jerseys, were recently classified under a program of the American Jersey Cattle club.

The classifications rated the animals for type, comparing them against the breed's score of 100 points for a perfect animal.

This classification was for all previously unclassified females who have had at least one calf and all bulls over 2 years old. They were rated by Prof. H. P. Ewalt of Oregon State college. Prof. Ewalt is an official classifier for the club, which has its national headquarters in Columbus, O.

The seven animals in the herd of Farrell Rust were rated as follows: Two received the high rating of very good, 1 good plus and four good.

The 11 animals in the herd of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Lindow were ranked as seven very good and four good plus.

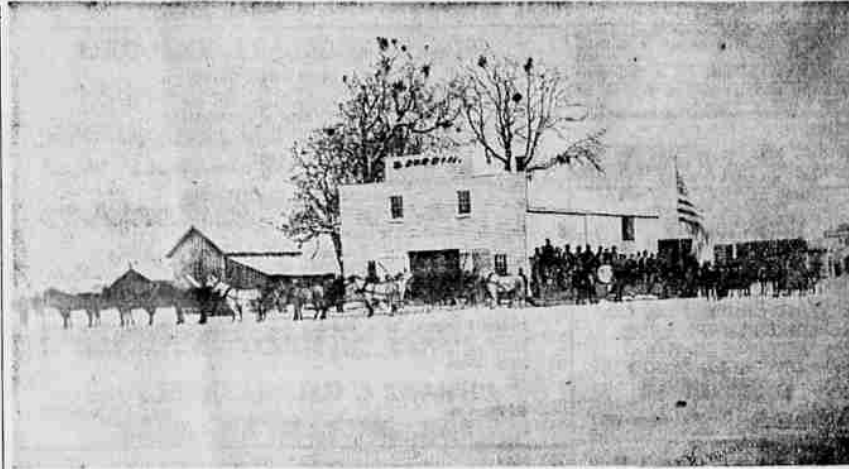
The classification program sponsored by the American Jersey Cattle club, is designed to help breeders of registered Jerseys improve their cattle by knowing which ones come closest to the breed's standard of perfection.

"I had been for some months an actress, for I like to play. But my children are more important I thought, and I think there are not the best characters during actresses. I like the most, an open hearted and trustful character. I hate the lie the most, and it is better the truth which hurts, than a nice lie!

"I am 32 years old, but I look much younger, as I am told. I am 5 feet and 8 inches tall, have green eyes, blond, fair hair and a nice figure. I like to be cheerful, to laugh. But I am serious if it is necessary. I kept my household well during my marriage, and my former husband came to me to ask me to marry me again, as well as I am asked by other men to marry them. I want to leave Germany and I will find a way to immigrate to America. American husbands are the best of the world I am told, and I think that I could be a good comrade to a good husband.

"In need times I cut trees as well as I arranged parties in better times. I am versatile, I may say, without being proud. "Life could be so nice. I know it, and my only hope is that you could help me if you will! ! Perhaps you know somebody who is in search of a wife. Perhaps you can put my desire in one of your newspapers. In America strange things often are not so strange, if really need is in background. I like American's customs, and I would be happy to marry one of your good husbands.

"I hope, you could understand my words. If I could talk to you, it would be better. I am sure that you would understand after few words. Now I do not know you. I do not see your eyes. If you laugh or if you be angry, please forgive me my freedom to write you."



Will Salem See Such a Winter Again?—Weather predictions for continuing snowfall recall the winter of 1862 when the temperature dropped to six below zero and Salem enjoyed six weeks of sleighing. Shown is a 16-horse team in front of Sol Durbin's livery barn, State and Commercial streets, on January 20, 1862.

## Famous Snow of '62 Recalled By Look at Weather Records

By BEN MAXWELL

Weather predictions for heavy snowfall stimulate those familiar with Willamette valley history to speculate if the threatened storm will equal the disastrous snow that descended on these parts in January of 1862.

In that year, says the Ladd & Bush quarterly for March, 1913, the valley had not begun to recover from the great December flood when snow began to fall on January 6. On occasion the temperature dropped to six degrees below zero and sleighing in Salem extended over a period of 42 days. Everyone got all the snow they wanted in the severest winter the Willamette valley has likely experienced in the memory of white men.

At Butteville the Willamette river was frozen over and sleighs coming from Portland crossed on the ice, including the daily stage sleigh that had been substituted for the regular stage coach.

### Make Historic Picture

Sleighting in Salem, says the Quarterly, became a "mania" and livery stables competed to see who could turn out with the most "grand, gloomy, awful" equipment. On January 20, Wiley Kenyon, the Salem photographer (he was also the city's first mayor) trudged through deep snow with his massive view camera, set up at the intersection of State and Commercial streets, inserted a wet plate and made a view that is among the earlier and more interesting accomplished here.

Sol Durbin's livery barn then stood about where the Salem Hardware store is now located (burned Nov. 5, 1862). On that Friday 88 years ago Durbin had exceeded the achievement of all rivals by hitching 16

and a foot of snow covered the level on lower elevation; in the hills it was much deeper. Late in January reports indicated stock was dying throughout the state.

### Most Enduring Winter

So late as February 3, snow was from eight inches to a foot deep through the Willamette valley and it had covered the ground for nearly a month.

Oregon pioneers had known deeper snows but none other had been so enduring.

Dr. Rodney Glisan, surgeon at Fort Yamhill in the late 1850's mentions the snow that started falling over the Grand Ronde Indian reservation on January 8, 1857, at 9 a.m. There it reached a depth of 22 inches and at Salem measured 14.

Business took Dr. Glisan to Salem. On the return trip the rider found "traveling exceedingly difficult and unpleasant."

The mud in the road was very deep and the horse had to wade through both mud and snow or cut his limbs following the frozen footsteps of a previous equestrian. Sloughs, suices and branches were covered with ice.

However, the return trip afforded Dr. Glisan some pleasant thoughts for contemplation. While in Salem he attended a

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dancing party given at the Union hotel and had the pleasure of seeing "all the elite of the town and the big guns of the Oregon legislature, then in session."

He concludes this paragraph in "Journal of Army Life" by remarking that "the present is as deep a snow as has fallen in Oregon within the recollection of the oldest inhabitant—the ones of 1849 and 1853 not excepted."

## Hubbard Ladies Aid Hubbards Shut-in Report

Hubbard—Mrs. L. A. Miller was hostess for an all day meeting of the Ladies Aid of the Community church (Congregational). A no-host dinner was served at noon.

The president, Mrs. George Leffler called the meeting to order. Devotionals were conducted

by Mrs. Peter Hunt with reading of "Keep It Holy." Baskets given to shut-ins for Christmas was reported by the committee who also made calls on the recipients.

Announcements included a report that work on the parsonage is progressing slowly. Mrs. F. H. Myers will be hostess for next meeting, January 25.

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## Silverton Spirits Continue High Despite Tribulations

By ANNA POWELL

Silverton, Jan. 16—Silverton's snow storm has several serious features, many fun suggestions and the proof that the people of this America, generally, are much better in spirit and desire to help that is sometimes evident.

Among the more than a dozen fires since January 1 that needed the services of the volunteer fighters, two families lost all their household possessions and their clothing with the father of one home, Charles Case, hospitalized, with serious leg and arm burns, the Arthur Cole home was completely destroyed, a fine barn on the Carl Hess farm a total loss in feed and equipment, and numerous flue fires. The volunteers are more than appreciated for their services in standing by.

High school was closed, water in the basement rooms, and Eugene Field grades and junior high with no classes from Thursday for the remainder of the week, a steam pipe frozen and burst from the engine room to the buildings, announced class work would be taken up today in all schools. The young folk of town made themselves sore and tired in sledding and skiing on the hills but many are relieved to return to school.

**Borte Offers Aid**  
The good Samaritan, Charles Borte, was out practically all day Sunday, defying the elements in a cotton shirt, no coat, clearing the sidewalks and crossings of the slippery snow with his homemade tractor and front-end shovel, asking nothing from those he benefited but a hearty "thank-you." John Becker also did the tractor clearing stunt in the down-town and South Water street area.

Mrs. Irene Roubal suffered a fractured left ankle Sunday when she slipped and fell in her yard. Thomas Blundell was stoking the basement furnace fire Thursday evening, tripped and fell, thrusting his right arm in the furnace receiving bad burns from his fingers to the elbow.

An immense ball of snow was on the sidewalk near the entrance to the post office bearing a fluttering tag on a slender stick with the address: "Weather Man, Bismarck, North Dakota, P.S. Take me home, I do not belong here!"

Amos Funrue, graduate in animal husbandry from an agricultural college, and his flock of around 400 sheep do not like several feet of snow either on the level or in drifts. Funrue is out with his jeep-drawn sled several times each day and most of the night bringing in to the warm shelter ewes and their new born lambs for this month is lambing time; many twins, too. One lit-

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He woolly newcomer missed the first sled ride, was stiff with cold but came to life and was frisky as could be a few hours after a very warm water bath and a blanket bed. No casualties.

**Families Isolated**  
Few users of electricity realize "what makes it tick" in unusual winds and weather, or the risk to the workers on the job.

Ten PGE men and equipment in the Silverton Hills area doing repairs to lines and poles, sent in an emergency radio message from one of the three radio-equipped cars to the office at 12:30 o'clock Sunday morning that they were snowbound.

Twelve other men were dispatched with additional equipment and not only brought in the stranded crew but shoved state and county snow plows out of the main highway where they were stuck by the weight of the snow in attempting to clear the roads. Three feet of snow from Drake's crossing on the roadway to the J. H. Maulding place held 30 families completely isolated.

Only a small percentage of electricity users were not able to be reached, though several will have to revert to the old-fashioned wood fires until things clear up for workers to be able to reach them.

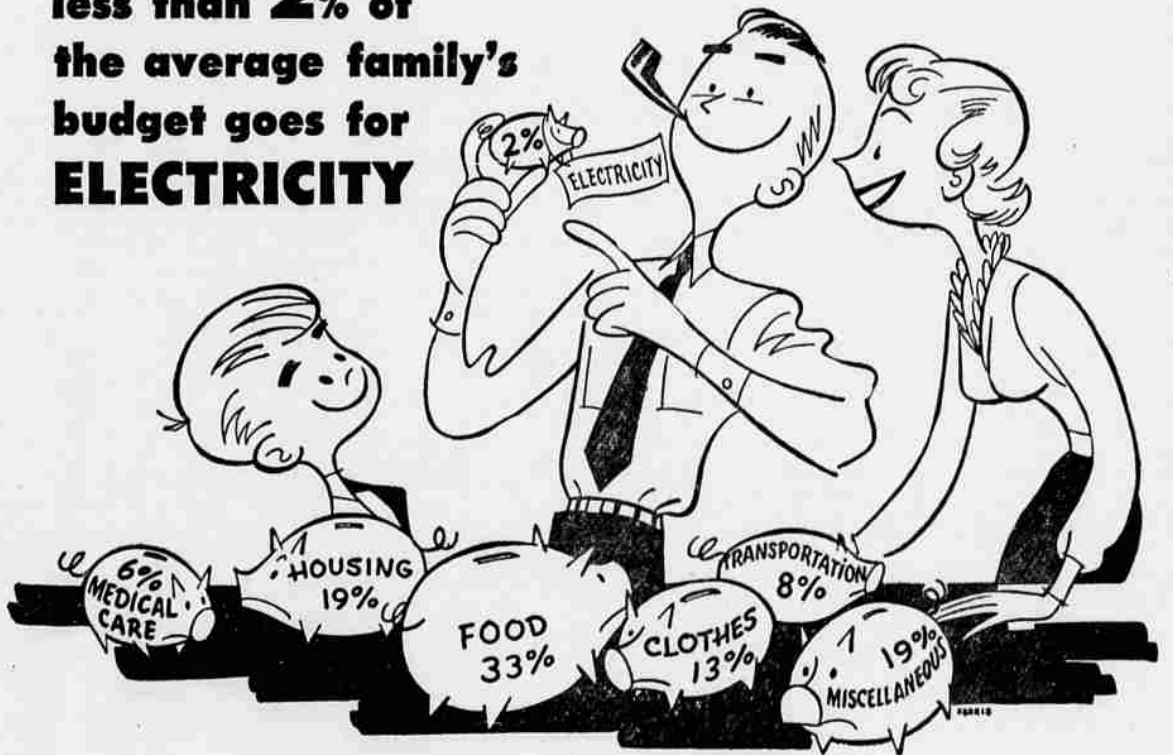
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