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Dear Jane & all

First of all thank you for a very newswy letter with the Christmas card. It was fun to hear of the family and what each is doing. yours is a very talented family and able and busy as well. Time will really fly by when all are as busy and occupied as your family is. Its wonderful!

Now, you asked about the Zettinger homestead in Germany. (in Germany)

I called Clarence Zettinger - He was over there last may for 3 week. with Irene's husband too. He and we too have second Cousins there. He told me that the Zettinger house is 600 years old that is as far as the records go. It is not a homestead but a town house in Dreis by Döckweiler which is about 60 miles from Cologne (Köln) Köln they call it. He said Duisburg is about 80 miles from Dreis and south of Köln. He said the house is the summer home of his second Cousin Verner Zettinger (he lives in Cologne otherwise. It is in very good shape and interesting. I hope I gave you a little information. Clarence said Dreis is a small town and Döckweiler is about 2 mi from it and a little larger town. when they were there they walked

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from place to place, like most everyone
does ^{there}. Clarence said that the Zeltzinger home
had about 130. of land but that during
World War II the woman ^{who lived there} (a second cousin)
needed money to live on and sold off the
acorage. She even sold the barn which is
still attached to the house and is a shop
now. There was also a mill attached to the
place but it has been torn down. Near there
is the town of Zeltzinger which is the place
where they raise grapes and the Zeltzinger
wine is made from the white grapes. This
is on the Moselle river. A few of the Tolley
boys who were sent to Germany ^(army) went to ^{visit}
the town of Zeltzinger and told Clarence about it.
Right now Clarence's nephew is stationed in
Frankfurt so maybe he'll get to go there.
Clarence said he just had a letter from his
second cousin inviting him to come again in
1974. They were real nice to Clarence ^{and} Cecelia
Irene & husband.

Clempays to tell you that the Clipping
you sent was very amusing, like you said
"a clever way to get rid of a nuisance."

We are having a blizzard today. We did not
even try to go to church. That S.E. wind is really
cold - visibility near zero. Over!

I talked to Eunice today. She said Mark, the youngest son, will leave for the U. in St Louis on Dec 26, where he and 2 others of his geology class will take some sort of work, anyway he is taking his tools along. must be going to make field trips there. Mark belongs to the New School and last year went to the Grand Canyon and Zion Park to study with his whole class.

Jack is also taking geology but is not in the "New School" This is Jack's 4th year. He has a 5 yr. course.

Jerry and Family are still in the big home. Eunice has the kids at her house a lot. There are 4. The oldest is in 1st grade.

Time to call it a day.

Hope you and your families will have a blessed ^{Christmas} season and a good year ahead.

Love

Sena

We were going to send you a family chart but Rita did not get them all out before she left for Michigan. She will be home on the 13th for the holidays. Your mom supplied the data on your families so every family helped in the compiling.