

Letter # 9

From Anna Dück to Susanna Hubert

Dear Susa,

Since I've received your letter, I will respond immediately. We're all healthy and wish the same for you. Every Sunday we have a youth club service. At Easter we had an Easter celebration and now want to learn something for Pentecost. We had Easter on May 5, and right then we had a birthday, with 7 pairs. And in the winter we have a girls' club. We have 26 members. We always meet on Thursday afternoon. We've embroidered a lot and want to raffle it off in the fall, since no one has any money in the spring.

I received your fashion/clothing page. I say thanks for that. I also received your June letter. Anna Braun is at home. They're busy in the garden. They have a large garden, lots of beets and many fruit trees. We've seeded a lot of vegetables too. We have 28 apple trees, 2 plum trees.

I still have the shoes that I had then. Here we have only a few black stockings, mostly yellow and green. The Jakob Bergens have a little Mary. Anna Braun took care of them the whole week. Neta Wilms is engaged to Abram Neufeld. The Wilms family is living with widow Derksen.

Our children will soon be grown, but there's always a lot of work, they both walk but can't talk a lot yet. I don't have to go out to the fields as much, I have enough work at home. We've turned/dug the whole fruit garden.

You ask what I'm working at. This winter I've embroidered some already. I've made myself a white apron, and some other things. I sold rope (?) for 8 rubles, for which mother and I bought clothes for the family.

I thought you would write a letter for my birthday, but I didn't get one. My birthday is the 3rd of January. Now I must close since the page is full. I wish you good luck for your birthday. More next time.

Greet your parents and siblings from me.

With love, your cousin

Anna Dück