

October 20, 1949

Mrs. Howard E. Koelb
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Dear Mrs. Koelb:

I was very happy to receive your letter of October 17. I believe you must follow the Journal-World pretty thoroughly, and I am very happy that you find it of interest.

I don't know just what hit me on October 5, but it was wise for me to go to the hospital. I made a quick recovery and returned home on my own power the following Saturday. Just a week after I had my bad spell, whatever it was, I addressed the Old Settlers' Association at Baldwin, so you can see I made a quick recovery.

We are always interested in you, your daughters, and the memory of your husband. He was a thoroughly good man without any exceptions, and you were both so brave.

I wish you could see my little great grandson. He is a darling little boy with real dark hair. I have not seen his eyes and it is rather difficult to tell just what color a baby's eyes are. Both of his parents have blue eyes, but his hair is dark.

I think everything is moving along very nicely at the church. Not long ago I noticed there were no Bibles in the pews, and I thought there should be so I asked the powers that be if they would pay half the cost of new Bibles if I would give the other half. They responded promptly and last Sunday 80 new Bibles appeared in the pews.

The 30th of October will be the first anniversary of Gertrude's passing. I was at the cemetery yesterday and red geraniums and several other varieties of flowers are still in bloom. She was very fond of flowers and I have arranged for a floral offering of gladiolus to be at the church Sunday morning, October 30.