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Lodi, CA 95240
Language of Material: Records written in German
Abstract: The Laura Jungeblut Collection consists of seventy-seven pieces of correspondence, most written in German, between Lodi, California, resident Laura M. Jungeblut (later Wiederrich) and relatives in Germany shortly after the end of the Second World War. The letters discuss family news and afford insights into life under Allied occupation. The collection also includes lists of and receipts for food, clothing, and other goods send to German relatives, as well as related newspaper clippings and various notes.

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Historical Background
Laura M. Jungeblut (1909-1999) was a daughter of one of the leading Protestant clergyman in early twentieth-century Lodi, California, Johann Friedrich Jungeblut (1859-1931), and his wife, Marie A. Stark Jungeblut (ca. 1860-1913). Emigrating from Germany to the United States in 1874, Johann settled in the Upper Midwest, attended Dubuque Theological Seminary, and in 1890 finished his studies at Princeton Theological Seminary. Ordained to the German Reformed Church, Jungeblut held a series of ministerial positions in the Midwest for the next fifteen years before accepting the pastorate of Lodi's Hope Church in 1905. At that time, the Jungeblut family included not only Laura and her parents, but also her three older siblings: Erna Irene Jungeblut Mettler (1891-1969), Calvin Johann Friedrich Jungeblut (1892-1964), and Edna Elizabeth Jungeblut Bender (1895-1990). The family was fluent in German and maintained contact with relatives in Germany, among them Otto Jungeblut and Annelise Uthoff, apparently the nephew and niece of Johann Jungeblut, and Annelise's daughter, Marie-Luise Uthoff. For much of her adult life, Laura worked as a bookkeeper at Lodi Memorial Hospital. In 1964, she married John R. Wiederrich, Sr., another resident of Lodi.

Scope and Content
Included in this collection are seventy-seven hand- and typewritten pieces of correspondence, as well as related lists, newspaper clippings, and other documents that discuss family news and food and supplies that Laura Jungeblut and members of her family sent or had sent via CARE to relatives in Germany shortly after the end of the Second World War. The documents, most written in German, have been arranged in chronological order.

**Personal Names**

Bender, Edna Elizabeth Jungeblut (1895-1990)
Jungeblut, Calvin Johann Friedrich (1892-1964)
Jungeblut, Johann Friedrich (1859-1931)
Jungeblut, Otto
Mettler, Erna Irene Jungeblut (1891-1969)
Uthoff, Marie-Luise
Wiederrich, Laura M. Jungeblut (1909-1999)

**Corporate Name**

CARE

**Subjects**

Lodi (Calif.)--History
San Joaquin County (Calif.)--History
World War II--United States

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