

# KRESHHA KRONICLE

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## From your editor Pat

Dear Family,

We all know that the purpose of the KRONICLE is communication. While we frequently have good news to communicate, there is sometimes news not so good. The latter is the kind I have for this issue.

The fact is that I had another biopsy-radical mastectomy on Dec. 29. While ending the year with another operation, I was able to start the New Year with good news. The result from the test of the lymphatics was A-okay, meaning NO COBALT therapy. That truly made my day! The surgeon said the two cancers were totally unrelated. The operation itself was not as extensive as the first one. Consequently, I am in much better shape, and started physical therapy while still in the hospital. My goal is to achieve the therapy on my own at home so I won't have to go back for it on an out-patient basis. At my first checkup on Tuesday, I was able to move my arm to satisfy the surgeon, so that is hurdle No. 1 cleared okay.

I will continue to appreciate being remembered in your prayers. It has been a big help to know you are all praying for me. Thanks so much.

The rest of the family is doing okay. Gene has been wrestling with income tax forms. Joe is wrestling at school, also contemplating the Marines after graduation. The girls all keep busy at their school work.

Don't forget, the KRONICLE will print letters from all Kreshas or former Kreshas who care to write. If you want to tell me something personally, put it on a separate sheet of paper.

Love, Pat, Gene & all

Jan. 19

## From Mother Kresha

Dear Family,

Don't know if you'll read me, this time. Forgot about Kronicle deadline. Had news past week, the John Palmers have a new daughter, born Jan. 13. Makes number 13 on my list of great grandchildren. Congratulations, John and Conney! I wish you all the best.

Mary Lukassen visited here briefly Jan. 16. Came down to North Platte to Contractors' Convention, then buzzed down here for couple hours. Enjoyed her visit. She's doing fine, still wears neck collar.

Father Howe is away, for short vacation. He usually takes some time off before Lent. It is so quiet here, that TV is silent. Weather is pleasant, snow melting tho colder is predicted. That's winter. Glad I don't have to go outdoors.

Read you in the Kronicle, I hope.

Love ya ver' much, Mother

Jan. 16

## From Dolores and Dick Nyffeler

Hello Kresha Clan,

Greetings in 1976. It was so good to read all the messages in the big Dec. issue. Now that winter has set in and things are a little slower on the farm, when are we going to hear from some of you that have never written?

Sr. Dolores arrived here Dec. 23rd and left Dec. 29th. It was so nice that she could be here for Christmas eve. The

first time she was since 1948. All the time she was here it was cloudy with the temperature around 30 but the day she left the sun finally came out, but it sure brought the colder weather with it. Can you imagine - she worked so hard at school one day that she didn't get to bed till 11:30 and slept so hard that she didn't know they had an earthquake.

Dec. 28 was 15 years since Dad died and we had a mass said for him. Aunt Rose, Bud, Michelle and Michael attended mass with us. Since Sr. Dolores wasn't here when we got married, it was nice she got to hear the Hilgers and us renew our marriage vows which our parish does on the feast of the Holy Family. We went to the Holiday Inn afterwards for breakfast and was so surprised when Mary Jan and Dan joined us before they left for their trip to the west coast.

We have been doing chores for one of our landlords that broke his leg in Dec. I forgot how hard it is to get out twice a day when its bitter cold like that one week when we had chill index of 60 below. One of the Schacher boys that works for us in the summer broke his leg too, ice skating. It's no wonder there aren't more broken legs what with all the ice around altho we don't have ground cover of snow.

Thanks to all who sent personal Christmas cards and for the nice pictures. Since I had all my cards bought this year, I still mailed a lot of you one but next year I'm going to go along with the good idea of putting wishes in the Kresha Kronicle.

Pat, here's a correction to make in the family book - our last name is spelled NYFFELER.

Dolores & Dick Nyffeler

## From Rosalie and Max Gabel and family

Dear Pat and family,

Just a few lines to wish you and your family a Very Merry Christmas and much happiness in the New Year. We are all fine and hope this finds you the same.

Our address is: Rt. 1, Osceola

Joe Kresha - Rt. 2, Osceola

Larry Kresha - Rt. 3 David City

Wayne Grosch - 1674 45th Ave., Columbus

Their new baby girl was born Sept. 20, 1975 at Behlen's Hospital and was named Lori Ann Grosch. She weighed 7 lbs. 14 oz.

Thank you for the paper. We enjoy reading it very much.

Love, Max, Rosalie, Maxine, John  
& Steve

## BIRTHS



Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Grosch, Columbus, Nebr., are parents of a girl, Lori Ann, born Sept. 20, 1975. She weighed 7 lbs. 14 oz.

Mr. and Mrs. John Palmer, Pueblo, Colo., are parents of a girl, born Jan. 13, 1976.

### From Pat, Ade and family

Dear Family,

Well here it is the middle of Jan. already. Time sure goes by fast. Guess that's because we're always busy. The new year has started out with a bang for us. And I really mean with a bang. Got a new dinette set for Christmas and Danny was running around playing New Years eve and fell and hit his head on one of the chairs. Took him up to the emergency room at the hospital and had to have three stitches. Then had the stitches out in 5 days and the very same day he bumped it and back we went. Had to have stitches put back in again. He wasn't too happy about that. They are healing good now but sure watch him like a hawk.

Other than the stitches we all had a nice Christmas and New Year. My dad was here and spent two weeks with us. I guess that's what made it kind of special as it's been 8 years since we've spent Christmas with him. He enjoyed it too and seemed to have a good time. The kids really enjoyed having Grandpa around.

Things are slowly getting back to normal again. Kids are back in school and the newness of the toys is wearing off. That sure doesn't take long anymore.

Ade and the boys are working on Pine Wood Derbys (race cars carved from wood) now for the big race on Jan. 20. They always enjoy this. It's a big event in Boy Scouts. On Feb. 8 (The Boy Scouts birthday) all of the scouts will be carrying a flag from Brighton to Denver. Our district will relay it in groups from Brighton to Commerce City where another district will carry it the rest of the way to the Civic Center in Denver. Hope the weather isn't too cold. Their Den Mother is not too keen on walking in cold weather. Guess I'm getting too soft.

Work has been slow for Ade the past couple of weeks. It always slows down in Jan. Then they will get real busy again.

We have been having some beautiful weather here. It's been like spring. Yesterday it got in the 60's. Today it is cloudy but not too cold. We probably will get clobbered one of these days.

We all enjoyed all the Holiday Greetings in the last Kronicle. We thought it was a good idea. Saved a lot of stamps.

Well better close this now and get some more letters out. Hope this finds everyone enjoying Good Health and the New Year. Take care all.

Lots of love, Ade, Pat & family



The Capitol, taken by Lillian Witulski, 1975.

Jan. 13

### From Lillian and Harold Witulski

Dear Family,

I left Lincoln on United, landed at O'Hare with a short layover and arrived in Washington, D.C. in the middle of the afternoon. The seminar opened with an evening mass. When I arrived Sister Joan asked me to say the First Reading and the Sponsorial Psalm at the Eucharistic celebration, where 40 priests were around the altar in the Upper Church. After that we had a social hour and dinner in the cafeteria inside the National Shrine. The Catholic University is just across the street and students eat there, too. All the pilgrims (as many as 5,000 at a time) eat there, too. Of course during the Holy Year more people made pilgrimages to the Shrine than usual.

The Holiday Inn was where I stayed and it was two blocks from all my meetings and the church. Many priests stayed there, too, so I never had to walk alone. In fact 90% of the delegates were priests — all of us learning more about the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. She is the Patroness of the United States of America. During the Bicentennial Year if you visit the Nation's Capitol, be sure to see the seventh largest church in the world — the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. The shrine was built by the poor people of our country and many minority groups are represented there. The Polish people sent so much money, that not only did it pay for their Chapel, but all the mosaic in the ceiling of the hall. There are 26 chapels in the church which was started in 1919. It is not finished, as 2 galleries are to be built yet. The church is all marble, onyx, and precious stones. The murals are all mosaics. There are very few oil paintings or tapestries. I purchased about 50 slides for showing to parishes, Deaneries, and to the Diocesan Council ladies.

The two lectures I enjoyed most were: "The Biblical Guidelines for Devotions to the Blessed Mother" by Dr. Josephine Ford, who teaches the New Testament at Notre Dame; and "The Blessed Virgin Mary and Ecumenism" by Dr. Ross MacKenzie, a protestant minister. I have taken many notes and will be giving these reports many times, I'm sure.

The last day we took a bus tour of the Capitol, and the Dominican Monastery where there are catacombs just like you'd see in the Holy Land. We also saw St. Matthew's Cathedral (Episcopal) where Woodrow Wilson is entombed. The beautiful tapestry was covered with plastic, as repair work was being done on the Rose Window.

What I saw of Washington, D.C. was a clean and well planned city. I took winter clothes, but never wore my coat all the time I was there. It is warm due to the ocean currents. Only a light frost made the leaves turn beautiful colors and grass and rose bushes were lovely. I wish to go back and spend more time seeing the Smithsonian, Gettysburg, etc. When the plane was coming in for a landing, I took pictures of the Washington Monument, Lincoln Memorial, White House and Capitol.

Tho' my camera is an Instamatic, I got a picture of Lincoln, as we took off, the stock yards as we approached Chicago, and the Ohio River as it wound it's way to the ocean. I traveled alone, but on the return trip Bishop Flavin joined me at O'Hare in Chicago and we had a nice visit on the flight to Lincoln.

The highlight of my trip was attending the special Eucharistic Celebration in honor of Saint Elizabeth Seton, with 250 bishops, 6 cardinals and 2 archbishops, marching in to say the mass. Just Think! God picked all those holy men to represent him. It took 15 minutes for all of them to get into the sanctuary and around the big altar.

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During Christmas vacation Larry and our two nephews helped in town with building the new duplex. The walls are

about finished and we will be putting the ceiling designs on and painting the walls. Rugs are picked and will go in next. So it will soon be ready to rent. We go there every day and I take dinner in the electric frypan or crockpot.

Oh how I hate winter and being inside so much. But all my flowers help me thru the winter. The Christmas cactus is still blooming and how bright and cheerful it makes the room.

The electric organ doesn't get played much and I hope to start lessons soon as work gets caught up. I can play the first song already!

Love to all of you, Harold & Lillian

(Ed. Note: will send you my book "Mrs. Seaton" about the new saint, when I'm finished with it, if you want to read it, Lillian.)



National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, D.C.  
(Photo by Lillian Witulski)

### From Mary Lukassen and family

(Too late for December issue)

Dear Pat and all,

Am considering NOT sending individual holiday greetings this year - will send our best to you all via the Kronicle. Blessings of the Holiday season to you all!

Lots of Love, Mary and family

Wanda and Nadine live together and work in Greeley. Their address is: 2935 - 11th Ave. Apt. 4A, Evans, Colo. 80620

### PILFERED QUIPS

Nature is generous. When we reach the sitting-around stage of life, she provides us with more cushions.

Now that baseball stars are commanding \$100,000 salaries, diamonds are a boy's best friend

## Obituary

### Elsie Cerny

Elsie Cerny was born November 13, 1918 at Osceola, Nebraska and passed away in Denver, Colorado on November 1, 1975. She was the daughter of John and Mary Cerny.

She operated a beauty shop in Osceola from 1938 until June, 1970 when she continued her beauty work in Denver.

Surviving are her three brothers, John, Donald and Victor of Osceola; three sisters, Barbara (Mrs. Lester Anderson) of Osceola, Gen (Mrs. George Hruska) of Omaha and Doloris (Mrs. Leonard Leswing) of Denver, Colorado; nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Services were held 9 a.m. Tuesday, November 4, at St. Vincent Church with Father W. F. Sladky officiating. Escorts were nephews, John Hruska, Kevin Hruska, George Michael Hruska, Tim Anderson, Mike Cerny and Bill Perry.

Interment was in the Osceola Cemetery.

(From Osceola Record, Nov. 6, 1975)

## Death Notice

Funeral services for retired farmer and carpenter, Peter A. Liss, 79, who died Saturday at Behlen Community Hospital in Columbus were held Tuesday morning at St. Anthony Catholic Church in Columbus and burial was at St. Bonaventure Cemetery.

Among Mr. Liss' survivors is a sister, Mrs. Leo Kresha, of Osceola.

(From Osceola Record)

### December 26, 1935 40 YEARS AGO

A replica in miniature of "the little town of Bethlehem" has been painstakingly constructed on the altar of St. Andrew Catholic Church by Fr. F. A. Lombardi, a native Italian who has visited the scene of the Nativity various times.

(From Osceola Record Jan. 15, 1976)

How many remember this?  
It sure brings back memories for me. What do you suppose ever happened to it?



# KRESHHA KRONICLE

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February-March, 1976

## From Pat, Gene, and family

Our letter this time I find very hard to write. My condition has worsened, I am having difficulties with my liver, and will begin chemotherapy Friday, March 5. The doctor says the percentages have been in his favor. Just keep praying that they will be in mine.

Gene will take me to Kansas City once a week for the drug injection for a number of weeks. They will check from time to time to compare progress. They took chest X-rays and blood samples to have a point for comparison from. That is where I am right now. We will keep the Kronicle going, for now at least, may discuss other possibilities later.

I was in the hospital Feb. 10-14 because they thought it could possibly be gall bladder infection. So now we know it isn't.

Sorry a couple of letters didn't get in the Christmas issue and also got misplaced in January. Pictures that weren't in then will be in next time, hopefully.

Love, Pat, Gene, and all

### *Additional note from Terri:*

Note: I am typing the news for this month's Kronicle, so thought I would write an addition to Mom's letter. She still isn't feeling too well, but has cheered up in the last couple of days. Everybody here is fine, and nobody has caught the flu yet in our family, although everybody else seems to have!

Joe is 17 and will be 18 March 31. He's been wrestling and is now in track. He got Matman of The Week one time, for beating a very tough competitor in the tournament. He is just wrestling Junior Varsity, since this is the first year he went out for wrestling. He will be going into basic training for the Marines some time this, summer, and I don't know if Mom told you, but he had the highest score on the Armed Services Vocational Battery test that the recruiting officer had ever seen. I think he had an average of 99.2 or something like that. They gave that test in school several months ago, and, although I took it also, I didn't do as well as he did. I got the second highest of the girls, though. Ha! Ha! I just took that test to get out of bookkeeping! The highest I got was 94 in General Technology and the lowest was 33 in motor mechanics. I think it was mainly geared for boys, although there were lots of girls that took it. Boy, my brother is some brain. We are all proud of him.

I am 16 years old and will be 17 in June, but won't be 18 in time to vote this year. I am starting to make my plans for college, and am seriously considering UCLA. I know that is pretty far from Missouri, but I've always heard it was about the neatest college you could go to. A friend of mine from when I was living in Boulder is also considering going there, or to the University of Colorado. That's a good college, too. I have been taking lots of secretarial classes, too, just in case I have to get a job and earn some money to go to college with. I am really interested in photography and I want to take some classes in that. I don't have the slightest idea what to major in, though. Rita, sounds like you really had a great time in Spain! Hablas espanol, si? I am in Spanish III this year and really enjoy it.

Karen is 14 and will be 15 May 19. She is signing up for typing and driver's ed, among other classes. She will be a sophomore next year. Joe graduates this year in May, I will be a senior next year, and Gloria will be in the 7th grade.

Karen is really excited about taking driver's ed. I really was, too, when I was a sophomore. She is FHA (Future Homemakers of America), a club for home ec students, and is in Glee Club.

Gloria is in the 6th grade this year and is really excited about starting to junior high next year. She's 11 years old and will be 12 July 2. I just can't imagine my "baby sister" in the 7th grade. We are all growing up so fast, and will soon be leaving the nest.

We have sold the paper, and an announcement of it will soon be printed in the *Pleasant Hill Times* about the new owner. We plan to do some traveling this summer and look for a place to live. We are going to stay here for sure until August 1, and possibly longer because a move very far would be traumatic for Mom. We have been considering several places, among them, Kansas City, because my dad figures it would be easier to get a job there and wouldn't have to take Mom far, because the therapist is there. Well, that's all for now; see you in the next Kronicle.

Love, Teresa, Joe, Karen, Gloria, Pat, and Gene

## OSCEOLA RECORD

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29

### Engaged

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne W. Logan of Shelby have announced the engagement of their daughter, Lou Jane, to Joseph A. Kresha, son of Mr. and Mrs. Adolph M. Kresha, Osceola.

Miss Logan is a student at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln.

Her fiance is currently employed at Grosch Irrigation and farms near Osceola.

A May wedding is planned.



Lou Jane Logan, Joseph Kresha

## From Martin, Elaine, and family

Hello to all,

Enjoyed the big December issue. Good to hear from everyone, especially those whose letters were Kronicle "firsts".

The flu bug has bit here. Martin had it first, then a couple of kids. Suppose it will make the rounds.

Our 4-H Club will be starting a new year next week. The boys will have calves and I suppose the girls will be taking cooking or sewing, or both.

Lois is busy preparing for First Holy Communion. The big day will be April 25.

Martin, Elaine, and family

**From Andy Kresha**

Dear Pat,

I have moved to Omaha, found work, and settled into an apartment so if you would change my address in your records, I would appreciate it. Now I'm at 1325 S. 30 Ave. No. 4, Omaha, NB 68105. I'll try to write a letter for the Kronicle when I can find a few more minutes.

Thanks, Andy Kresha

**From Ronnie and Ramona Smith and family**

I have been busy baking, shopping, driving the school bus, also playing bridge (ha!) and bowling. I teach the second grade CCD class and love it.

Randy is in the eighth grade. He keeps busy with basketball and band. Rhonda is in the sixth grade, and is also in band. They both belong to a 4-H livestock club.

Roger is 10 months old and is walking all over. He gets into everything.

So nice to see so many uncles, aunts, and cousins at the folks' 40th anniversary party.

Do enjoy the Kresha Kronicle very much thanks to Aunt Pat and Uncle Gene. Enclosed is money to help with the expenses.

Hope Grandma Kresha's shoulder is all better by now, also Aunt Mary. All for now.

Love, The Smiths

Ronnie, Ramona, Randy, Rhonda, and Roger

**From Dan and Mary Jane Hilger**

Hi Everyone,

Dan and I had a very nice vacation out in Nevada and California this winter.

We spent some time with Don and Diane Chaisson in San Jose. We had a very nice visit there. We also spent three days touring San Francisco. We then went to Bakersfield where we stayed with George and Margaret. George gave us a ride on his bus. Also, we got to see Uncle Mike, Richard and his family, and Michael.

From there we went on to Los Angeles for a visit with Aunt Ann. After touring Los Angeles for two days we headed for Las Vegas for a little fun and games. While we were there we got to see Bill Cosby and had a good time. It was then time to head home.

We are grateful to our California relatives for their hospitality and to Bud and Rose for taking care of Mike and Michelle during our vacation.

Hope everyone has a good year,

Dan, Mary Jane, Mike, and Michelle

**From Lillian and Harold**

Dear Pat, Gene, and Family,

We were so sad to hear that you had more surgery, Pat, but to know that they removed it in time, so you don't need those nauseating treatments, really means a lot. Our prayers are with yours for you and the entire family.

The duplex is really coming along fast now. All the walls have the first coat of paint on the upper level and the lower level walls are nearly ready to be painted. I have a lady helping me with it. Staining the woodwork will be a messy, stinky job which I can't do. All the woodwork and doors are oak, but I see they threw in one birch bi-folding door for a closet, but staining will make it all the same color. Most of the rugs are picked. Wish I was living there! An older couple already looked at it. We'd rent to them, pronto!

Yesterday I was in Lincoln to the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women meeting. I gave my report on the Washington trip, which was more than I wrote in the Kresha Kronicle. All the lectures were printed and handed out.

We have the book *Mrs. Seaton* from the Catholic Book Club last July. I've read it, loaned it to Mother, and she has already sent it back to me. I recommended to the Diocese that all Altar

Societies purchase it for their church library. We started a library several years ago, when parishioners donated their used books, so that others may read them. Since then, people have been purchasing books to donate.

Larry was home last weekend as he had a wisdom tooth removed. He has 15 people working for him on *The Ped.* and it is supposed to come out this week. They take the lay out to Syracuse for printing. He thinks maybe he will go to Nebraska U this summer for more courses to broaden his journalism field. If he should get a job before then, he will work. We finally talked him into taking dancing lessons, and he's learned the swing, waltz, and samba so far. Best part is there are two girls to every boy in this class.

We send you all our love and prayers.

Lillian and Harold

**From Helen Karges**

Dear Patty,

Just must write and thank you so very much for the beautiful and well-done Kresha Kronicle.

It's been so long since I heard about Lillian and her family. Did get to see your mother a few times, now it won't be so easy, as Donald and Lucille's daughter, Susie, and Lynn King moved to Kearney, Neb. Was sorry to hear about your surgery, but am glad you ar getting so nicely. Darleen had surgery 2 weeks ago and is getting real good. Well, dear, keep up your paper as I sure enjoy it.

Is there any charge on it, as I would like to get it. Drop a line about it please. (Ed.'s note—no charge, but contributions are welcome.)

God bless you all, Love, Aunt Helen Karges

**From Millie, Dale, and sons**

Hello Everyone:

Not much to write about except the wind and lack of moisture. We've had hundreds of red-winged blackbirds around for a few days. They can be quite noisy in the tree tops. Must be spring.

Hope most of you escaped the flu bug. At our house, we had headaches, coughs, and I had pleurisy a few days, but we are all okay now.

We enjoyed a visit in Kimball for Fred and Mike's 55th wedding anniversary Jan. 25. We got acquainted with Tim and Cathy's daughter, Mandy. What a big doll! We saw Kari Ann, the Palmers' new arrival, on Sunday and she is a darling too—at one month she has changed and looking around, is a good baby. Best to all.

Millie, Dale, and sons

**From Ade, Pat, and kids**

Dear Family,

Well, here I am running the deadline again. This has been a very busy month, that's why I almost forgot. We have been very busy with Scouts this month. One more event, and hopefully things will settle down. Feb. 8 was our relay to Denver. Went off very nicely and the weather was very agreeable. Feb. 9 Andy went into Boy Scouts at the Court of Honor. It was a very nice ceremony and made us very proud to have Andy part of it. Feb. 17 (yesterday) was our Blue and Gold Banquet. That went well also. We are having a paper drive the 28th of Feb. and that takes care of February.

Ade and Pam are both home today with the flu. Ade has the ache all over type and high fever. He's really been sick. Is some better today, though. Pam's is all in the stomach. So it keeps me busy running from one to the other.

Ade bought a humidifier to put on the furnace. Hope to get it installed as soon as he feels better. We hope this will get rid of some colds, nose bleeds, and allergic sneezes around here. It is so dry. We are really hurting for moisture.

It has been like spring here. Temperatures in the 50's and 60's

most of the time. Our neighbors crocuses are starting to grow and a few bushes starting to bud. It's much, much too early for that. Will probably get a good hard freeze and come spring there won't be anything.

Congratulations to the Wayne Grosches and John Palmers on their new little daughters. They will really fill your homes with joy.

Our kids have grown so much this past year it's unbelievable. Not only in size, but in their mental attitude too. Pam seems so grown up for her age. She has started babysitting now for other people besides mom. Does a good job, too. She sure is a big help to me.

Well, I guess I better close this now and get busy. My house looks like a tornado hit it. Doesn't take long for that to happen around here.

So take care everyone and may God bless you all.

Love and prayers, Ade, Pat, and kids

**From John and Conney Palmer**

Dear Family,

Hello from "sunny" Colorado. Today was so beautiful—67 degrees in fact. Two days ago we had a high of 20 degrees. Sure wish the weather would make up its mind. It gets so easy to catch colds in this weather changes. Suppose by now you have all heard we have another girl. She arrived at 4:18 p.m. on Jan. 13 (can you believe that was way too late?) We named her Kari Ann, and she weighed 5 lbs. 10 ozs. and is 19 inches long. Kristina is thrilled with her and now she's mommy's helper. Can't leave the two of them in the same room, though, and Krista thinks she's big enough to carry her. Now John has two little darlings. Girls are really special and Krista has her "papa" wrapped around her little finger.

John's two sisters just had babies. So there are 3 grandchildren within 25 days of each other. Boy, will there ever be comparing to do.

Pat, I am so glad you're feeling better. Hope you take care and don't overwork. It's easy to do with children.

John has been very busy. With this nice weather he's been building corrals and fixing fences. With hay prices relatively high, he's been bucking bales.

Just found out Mary and Wanda are in Hawaii. Gee, how fun and warm. Hope you're having a great and safe time.

Well, must close. We all send our love.

Love, John, Conney, Krista, and Kari Palmer

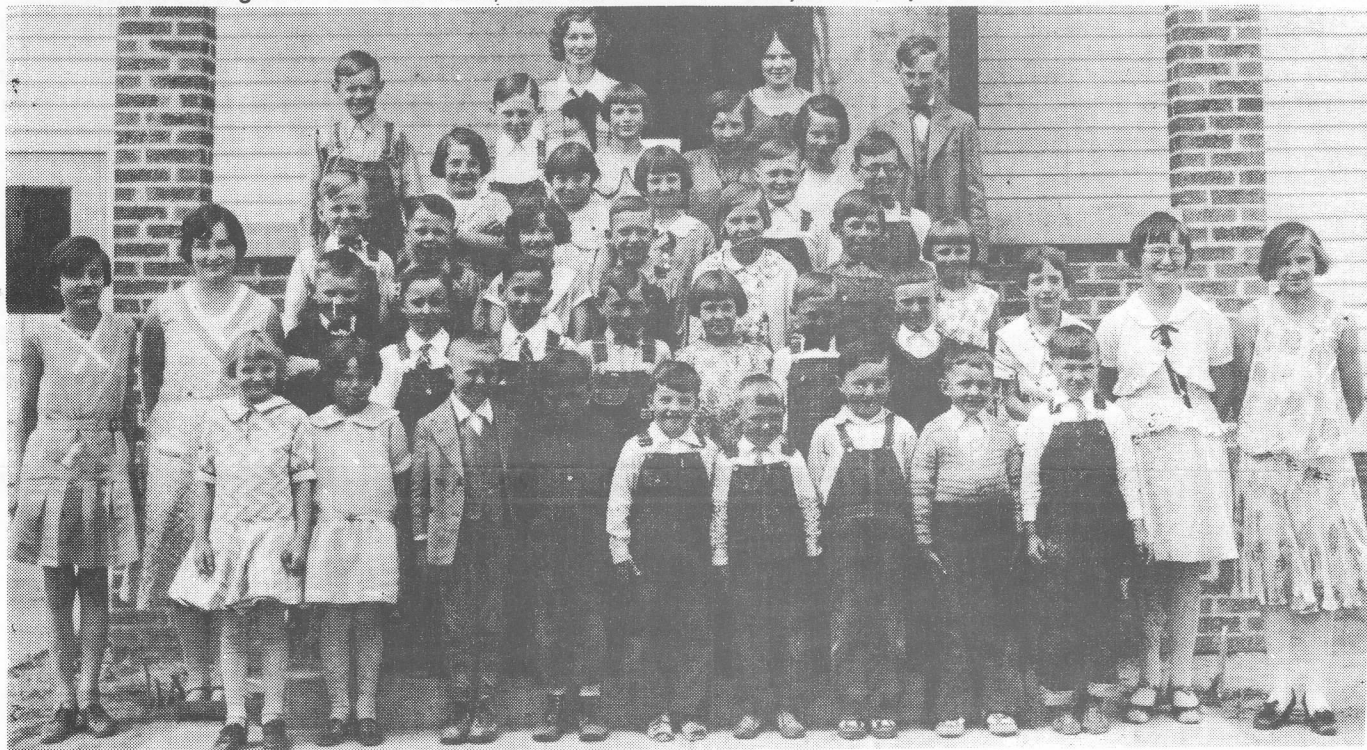
**DEATHS**

Mrs. Lavoda "Bow" Kresha died Feb. 19 or 20, 1976, in California of an apparent heart attack. She and Gerhart Kresha were divorced Sept. 9, 1953. Surviving are sons Michael and Richard, and their families. *(Enter this in your Kresha book on page for Gerhart Kresha and fourth page from front on family page)*

14—Columbus Telegram

Columbus, Nebraska

Saturday, February 14, 1976



**GUSSIED UP** — In "good" dresses and sporting a few neckties, pupils of School District 5 pose for an Early-Thirties photographer. Mrs. Wayne Coffee identifies them as, from left front row, Gladys Mueller, Ann Duracinski, Werner Guenther, Tom Duracinski, Wendall Wuethrich, Harold Nyffeler, Glenn Ernst, Laurence Nyffeler and Wallace Nyffeler; second row, Rita Mueller, Eleanor Schupbach, Ray Nyffeler, Roland Nyffeler, Richard Nyffeler, Marvin Oppliger, Virginia Krzycki, Carroll Rudat, Clarence Guenther, Wilma Guenther,

Margie Schupbach and Viola Mueller; third row, Kenneth Zimmerman, Julius Duracinski, Carolee Wuethrich, Robert Rudat, Josephine Duracinski, Raymond Duracinski, and Mildred Oppliger; fourth row, Velma Wuethrich, Dorothy Zuroski, Nadine Nyffeler, Fred Rudat and Clarence Schupbach; fifth row, Walter Oppliger, Duane Ernst, Helen Guenther, Valaria Pachunka, June Blaser and Lloyd Kummer; teachers Hilde Schwantje and Fern Wiseman.

## BIRTHS



### From Hank and Bonnie Kobza and family

Someone's sleeping in our baby bed! His name is Thomas and he was born Jan. 29 at 3:14 p.m., weighing exactly 9 pounds, and is 21½ inches long. He has black hair and dark eyes. Needless to say, in these 2½ short weeks he has become ruler of this house and all who live here. And you can't say he lacks for love!  
Hank and Bonnie Kobza and family

### From Dolores and Dick Nyffeler

Dear Kresha family,

How quickly the month has rolled around. We are enjoying unbelievable weather with 40 to 60 degrees. Each day makes the winter shorter but we all dread March and the blizzards it could bring us. This past week we got close to an inch of rain, which is better than snow in a pile.

First of all, Rita, we enjoyed reading all about your trip to Spain. Lillian, your letter brought back memories of our trip to the Capitol. As you say, there is so much to do and see there, especially if you like history.

Pat, we were shocked that you had to have more surgery, but was glad to hear everything checked out ok. Clara Skorupa, the ex-postmaster in Duncan, had her breast removed in 1960 because of cancer. Just recently she had the other removed and it sounds like yours as they didn't find cancer this time. She's getting along just fine, which we hope you are, too.

I'm a firm believer of yearly physicals so I had mine in Jan. They found a lump on my breast and the test came back there wasn't any cancer cells, but they still wanted to remove the lump to be 100% sure. So on Feb. 3 it was removed—the lump that is—and everything checked out ok. Either the methods have changed or the location makes a difference, as I got along just great in comparison to 1962 when I had a lump removed from the same breast. Thanks to all of you for the calls, cards, and prayers that once again everything was ok.

With spring just around the corner it appears that we won't take our winter trip as Dick has been laid up for 2 weeks with a backache and we thought it was his arthritis acting up, but when he went to the doc Monday, they said it was muscle spasms, so he sent him to a therapist, which seems to help. At least he can stand a little straighter. Yesterday, when he was getting a treatment, we saw Art there, too.

The 14th we were to Dwight to a wedding of Dick's cousin. Since then I heard on the radio their school—Dwight's—was closed because of the flu. We'll have to hope we consumed enough booze that we don't get it. Ha! Ha!

Was very sorry to hear of Bow Kresha's death. A bouquet of flowers from the Kreshas was sent. From the collection that we took at the picnic last summer, there was money in the kitty for the flowers. For those of you not at the picnic, we all put a dollar in the kitty which I have and will order flowers when the occasion arises.

At Christmas I had a note from Agnes Dworak, 2705 Steeplechase Lane, Diamond Bar, Calif. 91765. She is working on the family tree for Bernts and Kropatch and would like to hear from anyone that could give her any information.

Enjoyed visiting with all of you, until next time—  
Dolores and Dick Nyffeler

### From Bud and Rose Hilger

Hello, everyone,

Last month's letters were the next-best thing to a visit from you. Hope we will hear from the rest of you soon.

February is half over and we have had unbelievably glorious

weather. Several nice rains have fallen instead of our usual snow. Just read in today's paper a saying—thunder in February means frost in May. Anyway we'll take all the rain we can get instead of snow.

Congratulations and best wishes to Lu Jane Logan and Joe Kresha. We are looking forward to your May wedding.

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The new grandson, Thomas Kobza, is a beautiful dark-haired baby. We think he is pretty nice, too.

February is a happy birthday month for our family. John Kobza turned teenager on the 7th. Sue Hilger celebrates on the 20th (correction in the Kresha book: the year, 1948) Finally Michael and Bob Hilger are happy because they share the 24th.

All of us are well and we hope you are, too.

Our love, Bud and Rose

### From Mother Kresha

Dear Family,


Gonna be spring! I heard the wild geese the other day. How do the geese know when to leave their winter refuge to start their trek north? I feel sorry for them, they can't find much food even if they do light in a corn field.

We had an early spring rain Saturday complete with thunder and lightning. Didn't rain much though—about .40. Grandpa Karges used to say, "early thunder, later hunger." I hope the good Lord is mindful of all His hungry people and gives good crops, and that those responsible do a good job of making the food available to those who need it. Those of us who have, must be mindful of those who have not, and try our best to be of help to the earthquake sufferers in Guatemala. Prayers help, too. We still have a snowbank, here and there. We had lots more than east Nebraska. Don't plant potatoes for a while, yet.

In closing, I hope all the Kreshas are well, as this one is, also. Love ya ver' much.

Mother Kresha

### Present Map of North Moravia area of Czechoslovakia (formerly Austria). Map made by Army Corps of Engineers. Explanation by Marcie Strauss.

Towns enclosed by rectangle: 

1. OLOMAUC (German name=Olmütz). Capital of the northern most province of Moravia. Present population 80,000. (This is the only town you can see on most maps of Czechoslovakia.)
2. ÚJEZD (German name=Augezd). As there are several villages named Újezd, this one is referred to as "Újezd u (near) Univcov (larger village to the left). Birthplace of Anna Olbrich Scholz in 1842. (Eva's maternal grandma). Also birthplace of Anna's mother Josefa Nimitz Olbrich in 1818, and Josefa's mother, Rosalie Brucknerova in 1796.
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5. PLINKOUT. Birthplace of Magdalena Preissová in 1813, wife of the older John Scholz (see above town).

The three towns underlined (Těchanov, Rýmarov and Jamar-tice) are places where my KOSCH ancestors came from. They lived but a few miles apart in the old country!

These villages all have under 2,000 population today. Small black squares represent such buildings as schools, churches and businesses. Dotted lines show trails or carpaths. Each square on map represents about 7 miles.



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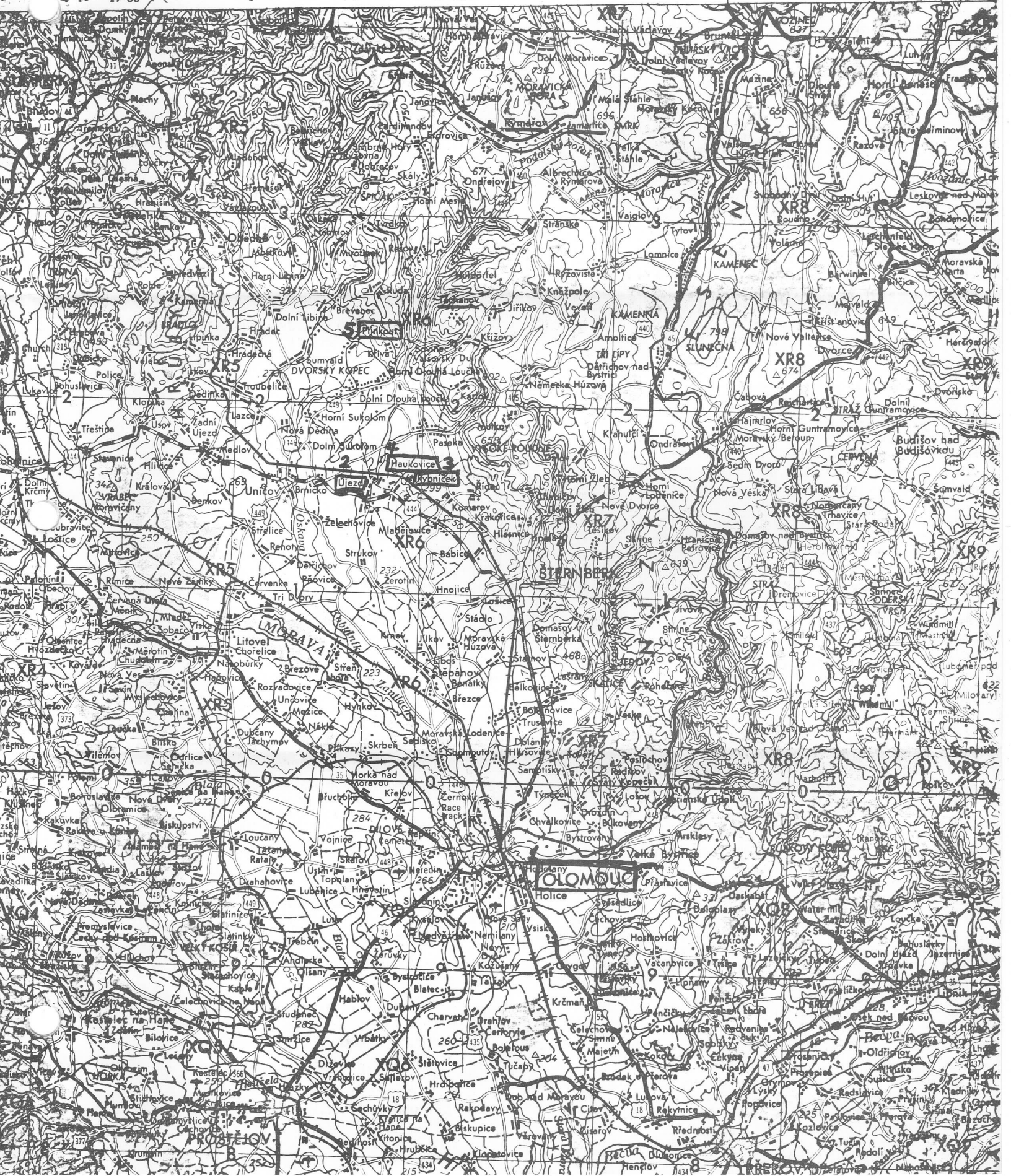
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# KRESHA KRONICLE

Vol. 1, No. 7

Box 8, Pleasant Hill, Mo. 64080

April, 1976

4-23-76

## From the Thomases

Dear Family,

Praise the Lord, the news is much better from Pleasant Hill this time.

My world is certainly a different one than when I last wrote for the Kronicle. I have written to some of you, so will here tell it so all will know what and how I'm doing.

March 5 I started chemotherapy at the office of Dr. Karl Hanson in Kansas City. Gene took me up once a week. I got 3 shots in one stick of the needle, they took blood samples to check, and discussed with me any side effects I might be having. As the various side effects developed, changes were made in the medication. When I first started, I was in bed at home all day. By the third week I was feeling much better, and had no reflex in my ankles. By the fourth week I had tingling in my hands and noticeable thinning of my hair. The sixth and final week I also had no reflexes in my knees. That was the sure sign that the injections were to stop. This week I had just the blood test and chest x-ray, and got prescriptions to take at home. From now on, I will go to Harrisonville for the blood tests, they will report to Dr. Hanson, and then I will go home and take the medication. Harrisonville is 12 miles away, while KC is an hour drive. I took 2 prescriptions at home all 6 wks.

Right now I still have to rest some each day but am able to function in a more normal fashion. I have even spent whole days at the office helping the new people with the paper. The lack of knee reflexes means I am slow going up stairs, and my legs tire extremely easy if I stand for very long at a time. The tingling hands make it hard to type and do other fine work. But as I said, I have a much better world now than I did on March 5. In fact, I even took myself to KC for the therapy the last three weeks when Gene couldn't get away.

My good progress has been aided considerably by all your prayers and masses for me. Please know that I am deeply grateful, and would appreciate your continuing prayers for me.

The Hales took over the paper April 1 and we are helping them get started until the end of April. Then Gene goes on the payroll until about Aug. 1 when we hope to know where we will be going and what we will do. Gene wants to look for a small daily in a drier climate (because of a couple of us in the family) so we'll keep you posted on that. For now, the same schedule will apply for the Kronicle. Try to have letters in by or shortly after the 15th of the month, and will try to get it out by or shortly after the 20th.

And say, you guys, take a look how many letters there are in here this time. Then a whole bunch of you sit down and write a letter to put in this here sheet. It's hard to make it interesting if there aren't a lot of letters. And I'm sorry to put it off again, but hope to have some pictures that were submitted in the Kronicle next time.

Love to all, Gene, Pat and family

2-1-76

## From Aunt Martha Zipper

Dear Pat,

Alfred and I want to thank you and Gene for sending us another issue of the "Kresha Kronicle".

So sorry to hear that you had to have more surgery and we

certainly hope and pray that everything will be okay and that you stay well for keeps.

We have been having summer weather since last week, been in the 80's every day. Alfred wants it to cool off as he doesn't like it this warm but it suits me fine.

Bye for now and do take it easy.

Love, Aunt Martha

## From Tom and Mary O'Brien and family

Hello from Beaver Lake! (Be kind to animals, kiss a beaver)

Well my spring fever has come to stay, no matter what the weather man says. We are busy, happy and fairly healthy. Katie is the only one who had the flu.

We are saddened to hear of your further complications, Aunt Pat. We love you dearly and are remembering you frequently in our prayers.

Terri, we enjoyed your letter. Guess you grew up when I wasn't looking!

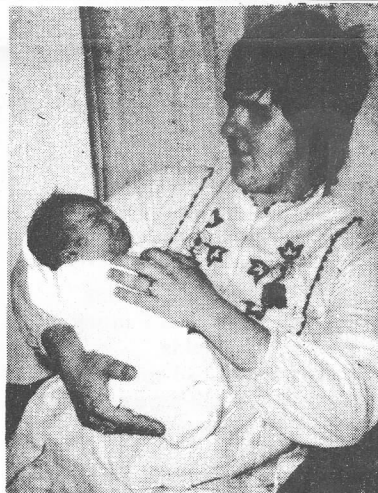
Bethanie is 4 mo. 2 wks. old now - 15 lbs. of sweet joy! She's a big girl, all active fingers and wet mouth. If you're not careful she'll pick you up and tuck you inside along with everything else.

Anyone in our family ever heard of "Marriage Encounter"? Tom and I made a Marriage Encounter weekend at Waverly a year and a half ago and it is a priceless experience for ANYONE'S marriage. So if any of you ever have a chance to go - take my word for it and don't pass it up. (That goes for you Aunts and Uncles, too) I hear that many Humphrey couples are going and also that they are scheduling week ends in Columbus this summer in June or July. Interested? Let me know.

Katie, Matt, Tom and Beth send their hello.

Love to you all, The O'Briens

## BIRTHS



**Mrs. Gregory Kresha of Osceola and baby daughter, Connie Sue, born April 15 at Annie Jeffrey Memorial County Hospital. The baby weighed 9 lbs. 5 oz.**

(from the Osceola Record, April 22, 1976)

3-15-76

**From Harold and Lillian Witulski**

Dear Family,

We've just had another beautiful snowfall which measured 5" on the level. Moisture is badly needed. Farmers need snow to keep them out of the fields. It is much too early to start farming. Our cousin at Mahaska, Kan. planted oats in Feb. when it was so warm.

The end of the work on the duplex is in sight. I'm filling the nail holes with wood putty. The upper level is carpeted and ready to show. The ad will come out in tomorrow's paper. Harold is putting the kitchen cabinets on the walls in the lower level. Last week we put the north gutters on and had planned to put the south ones on today, but the weather was too bad. We are very satisfied with the duplex and are very happy the work is about finished. That was hard work for farmers who are supposed to "rest" in the wintertime.

My Christmas cactus has started to bloom again. It did that last year, too. I also have an Easter cactus that is loaded with buds. The tree cactus that Mother gave me a slip of in 1960 is over 6 feet tall. It is so sticky and I should destroy it, but it keeps "talking back" to me!

Under the "Grow Bulb" light I have cabbage, broccoli and pepper plants started. When the moon sign is right, I'll start the tomatoes.

Several weeks ago I dug the parsnips and some Jerusalem artichokes. Both vegetables improve over winter by freezing first.

Congratulations to the new parents of the babies (Tommy and Kari).

That's a good picture of Lou and Joe. We are looking forward to the month of May and their wedding. We hope you have a dance, 'cause we love to dance.

Terri, you can write a very interesting letter. It's so nice to hear of your future plans.

About that map. I wish it was in color so we could see the topography of the land. It must be mountainous. We saw pictures of Germany where all the farmers lived in a village and the farms were in all 4 directions surrounding the village. All the cows and goats were driven to pasture in the morning and at nite each animal found it's way home after it reached the village.

Love, Harold &amp; Lillian

4-14-76

Dear Round Robins,

Several Sundays ago we journeyed to Pleasant Hill to see the Thomases. Their garden and fruit trees are really growing nicely. The season is about one month ahead of ours.

Along the way we saw many wheat fields damaged from lack of moisture last fall and winter.

The duplex is finished and we sowed grass in the lawn. The top is rented to a nice young man from our church who will be getting married in June. This weekend we're running an ad for the lower level. We've had many calls, but are trying to be choosy who rents it.

Farm work has started and the oats is up good. During that bad ice storm we had 2½" rain and since then 2 more inches. It is still too wet to fertilize the milo fields.

In March I planted a row of potatoes that had sprouted in the cellar and they are up already. So we will have early potatoes, maybe. Yesterday I planted 20 more pounds of Kennabec and Russets.

George Strauss found a job on the Monterrey Herald so is working again. Jennie will finish school before they move.

Leon called on my birthday and they just returned from Hawaii. He'll be going to San Francisco for another 6 weeks of schooling, courtesy of Burroughs.

Harold is getting the roof up on the hog house. It'll be

ready to use this summer. It is made of tilt-up concrete and the roof is styrofoam and tin.

Did you all plant a Liberty tree this spring? So far I've planted 3 maple, 6 white peach and 1 cherry trees. Thomases gave us some raspberry plants, too. Harold is afraid I'm using up the whole farm planting so many trees!

Love, Harold &amp; Lillian

St. Pat's Day, 1976

**From George and Margaret Kresha**

Hello Everyone,

Guess I'm getting old, love to receive letters but hate to write them. Received the last Feb-March issue of Kronicle. We are sorry to hear Pat's condition has worsened - be assured that we will keep your intentions in our daily prayers. We feel for you taking those injections - some people don't suffer any side effects - hope you are one of those few. Just so you get the desired results. Your Joe is to be congratulated on his high score on the Armed Services vocational tests. Lots of good luck. It seems to me you should apply for one of the academies. (Ed. note: he can't pass the visual test because of nearsightedness.)

Our best wishes also to Joe Kresha and Lou Jane with their coming marriage. So far all the California Kreshas have escaped the flu bug, and everyone is on the job.

As you all know by now that Lavoda Aleen Kresha passed away Feb. 13, 1976 (Please make correction on date in your family book.) She died of heart attack. She wasn't feeling well in the evening so she called Richard to come over. It was while she was telephoning her doctor that she had the attack. It was fortunate that Richard was there. She lived about 1½ days. It was a very bad attack. The boys called a priest the first day and he gave her the last rites. The family chose chapel service with blessing of the grave. A young priest gave a very inspiring talk and she had many flowers. I was told to get a floral tribute from the family so I chose a double rose colored azalia plant. This way the boys can have it in the yard blooming each spring. I will enclose the writeup from paper. Just taked to Gale and she will send note to the paper (Kronicle).

Sorry to hear Nebraska is so dry. California was also experiencing a drought when we had big storm move in and stayed four days, received a good amount of moisture, then another storm couple weeks ago.

Spring is here, trees are all leafed out and many flowering trees and bushes - its so beautiful. So hay fever is also in full season. George and I have noticed it the past week.

Diane is doing well in her pregnancy, she has one more month. Just read a cute little ditty and I quote, "Just when a mother things her work is done, she becomes a Grandmother." We are looking forward to that day.

Donald has been busy flying around the country on company business. Alza recently merged with another pharmaceutical company.

Jerome is happy at college. Few weeks ago he went to Three Rivers for a weekend retreat with the Fresno Newman club. Its so refreshing up there on top of the mountain in all its beauty. One seems very close to God. I'm looking forward to our retreat in May. He was home this past weekend. He has a job for the summer months, working for the Superior Farming Corporation. They have about 600 acres of fig trees and he will check the water meters and watch for beetles which figs seem to attract. Over the Christmas vacation he was killing ground squirrels for them. The squirrels were eating the almond crop.

We send our love to all, George &amp; Margaret

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# Pleasant Hill Times sold

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The Hales will assume ownership of the newspaper on April 1. Hale is the son of Mr. and Mrs. True Hale of Holden. He is a graduate of Holden High School and holds a master's degree from the University of Missouri School of Journalism.

Before coming to Pleasant Hill, Hale was director of publications for the Advertising Research Foundation in New York, where he was responsible for all publications, public relations and press relations. Before that he was with American Telephone and Telegraph and a member of the public relations department for Southwestern Bell in St. Louis. He is a lieutenant in the U.S. Naval Reserve where he was a public affairs officer.

Mrs. Hale was born in Seattle and is a graduate of the Universi-

ty of Washington. She plans to work at the *Times* as a bookkeeper.

The Hales have one son, Andrew, who is three months old. They are living at 1102 Lexington Road in Pleasant Hill.

The Thomases do not have definite long-range plans at present. They will be staying in Pleasant Hill for a time at least. They will spend the month of April helping the Hales become oriented in the various phases of the newspaper and printing business. Thomas will remain with the paper after that for a time as an employee in the newspaper production and commercial printing departments.

**PLEASANT HILL TIMES Thursday, March 11, 1976**

## Gene's Jottings



### TO CONFIRM A RUMOR

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We—and the the new publishers—had originally planned to make the announcement the same week as the Hales take over, but word of the sale apparently leaked out somewhere, and the rumor has been circulating, so they and we decided to make the announcement this week.

I will continue to occupy the editor's chair until the April 1

issue is put to bed, which will be on the last day of March, so will save my swan song column until that issue.

At this point I will only say that we feel very good about selling to the Hales. Bill has schooling and experience which I believe fit him well to edit a community newspaper, and he also has family ties in this area.

I might add that we had not placed the paper on the market. Bill and Diana came by and asked if we would consider selling, after they had concluded that Pleasant Hill might be a town in which they would like to live.

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# Marie Kresha Chaisson



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### GENERAL DATA

POE .....El Camino Hospital  
 Date of Arrival...11:26 4-25-76  
 Manufacturer....Chaisson, Ltd.  
 Importer.....Dr. Brown, MD  
 List Price.....\$700  
 (incl standard equip)  
 Price as Tested.....\$900  
 (incl dealer prep)

### MAINTENACE

Diaper Change.....Intermittent  
 Powder Change ..... As above  
 Oil Change..... As above  
 Oil type.....Johnson and  
 Johnson

### CHASSIS & ENGINE

Length .... 19½in Width... 9 in  
 Weight ..... 6lb, 15oz (dry)  
 7lb, 1oz (wet)  
 Ground Clearance ..... 0 in  
 Suspension.....Equal lenght arms/  
 legs; fully inde-  
 pendently sprung  
 Engine  
 Type.....Internal Combustion  
 Size..... 1 BHP  
 (Baby horse power)  
 Fuel..... Grade A milk,  
 (plus additives)

### ROAD TEST RESULTS

#### ACCELERATION

O-crawl.....6 months  
 O-walk.....12 months

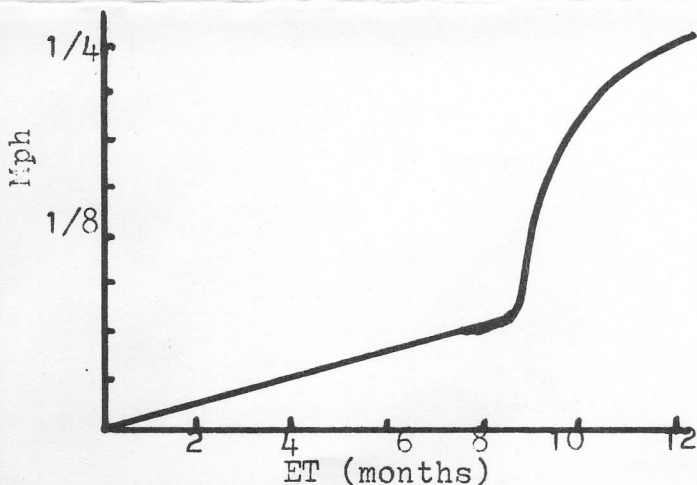
#### SPEED

Crawl.....1/16 mph  
 Walk ..... not tested

#### HANDLING ..... careful

#### Noise (all noise readings in dBA)

Idle play ..... 30  
 Before feeding ..... 85  
 After feeding ..... 10



# KRESHA KRONICLE

Vol. 1, No. 8

Box 8, Pleasant Hill, Mo. 64080

May, 1976

## From Bud and Rose Hilger

Dear Family,

May is a busy month with much activity. It will be nice seeing many of you then.

Congratulations and Best Wishes to the high school graduates—Christine, Connie and Sharon Kresha, Denise Kush, Patricia Lukassen, and Joseph Thomas, Also Jim Kresha, Larry Kosch and Betty Ann Kresha on their graduation from college. More power to Betty Ann who will continue her college work for her Master's Degree.

Best wishes for a long and happy married life to Lou and Joe Kresha who were married on May 15. Welcome to the family, Lou. Joe, you were lucky to get lovely Lou. Many thanks for the lovely orchid corsage.

The 25th wedding anniversary of Charles and Lucy Kresha was May 14th. We helped them celebrate at Lou and Joe's wedding. May you have many more happy years together.

The corn is all planted and things are pretty much on schedule on the farm. The nice rain last week really put the spirit back in farming.

Hank Kobza was elected to the County Supervisor Office last week. There is no competition on the fall ballot. Lots of luck in your first attempt at politics, Hank.

The big excitement in the family is for the grandchildren, probably Mom and Dad, too, school closes this week.

Looking forward to seeing many of you at the family picnic.

Our love, Rose and Bud

## From Dick and Dolores Nyffeler

Hello everyone,

Sun., May 16

Missed visiting with all of you last month via the Kronicle because all of us were uncertain whether we should write or not because of the burden it would put on your family, Pat, and with your selling the business we figured this was the end of the Kronicle. Please advise us if we should still write. (Ed. Note: The Feb.-Mar. issues were together as one in March, then April's came out, and here we are with May's a little late. June issue will come out after the reunion so that, hopefully, we can get pictures of the reunion in. Keep those letters coming and we'll keep having a Kronicle.)

Yesterday was Joe and Lou Kresha's wedding. What a beautiful affair. Like all of the family affairs, plenty to eat,

It's reunion time, y'all come!

## KRESHA FAMILY REUNION

### Sunday, June 20, 1976

### 12 noon sharp

East Shelterhouse, Pawnee Park  
Columbus, Nebr.

(Bring your family history books and we'll get them brought up to date.)

drink and an evening of dancing. It was good to visit with every one and you might know the farmers were in the corner discussing the planting season while a few played cards. Congratulations and Best Wishes need to be extended to so many, for fear I may miss someone we send them to all of our graduates this year. We are happy that so many of you made this first step on the ladder of Life and hope many of you will be able to make another step by going on to college. To you getting out of college we hope you will be able to find your place in the uncertain world we live in and you are able to fulfill all your dreams.

Welcome to our family the new precious babies. Hope that Diane and Don sent a copy of their unusual baby announcement to be included in the Kronicle.

It's impossible to attend all these social gatherings that will be taking place during May, but we were able to go to Joe's wedding, I went to Joe Karges's granddaughter's wedding (Lynette Topinka) and we hope to go to Art Gabriel's silver wedding anniversary party on the 22nd.

Two frosts took care of all the early gardens even if they were covered up but being the slow poke that I am, I didn't have anything planted, so I had no sweat. In our soil, I find that if I wait till the first full week of May the ground has warmed up that my seeds take hold right away and things catch up fast with those that plant so early, only to have the seed lay in cold soil. Dick finished planting May 11th. Now we have to keep our fingers crossed that we don't have a lot of wind to blow the top soil away before a good stand gets established.

Be sure all of you mark your calendars that the family picnic will be June 20th. We realize now that's Father's Day. Well, pack a little extra lunch and bring your Fathers and families along and make this a real family affair.

Oh yes, we are happy for you, Andrea Kresha (Charles' girl) on being chosen Emerald Queen at Platte College and that you were chosen by the Chorale group to go on their 14 day southern tour and perform at various places.

Take care all of you and we hope some of you will take time to write a note.

Dolores and Dick Nyffeler

## From Charlie and Lucy Kresha

Dear R. R.,

May 17

We had a most enjoyable time at Joe Kresha's wedding last Saturday and saw many of the relatives. We also celebrated our 25th anniversary that day in our own private way. Just think, now we're looking forward to the 50th.

Charlie has been done planting corn over a week ago and will start on the beans this week. Sure need some moisture. We had a pivot put up this spring on the land east of the house. The kids are tired of moving the hand sprinklers so we did the next best thing.

School will be out this week. I think we all are looking

## BIRTHS



Marie Kresha Chaisson was born April 25, 1976 to Diane and Don Chaisson in San Jose, California. She weighed 6 lbs. 15 oz. and is their first child.



forward to it as we need a break in our daily routine.

Andrea became the Emerald Ball Queen at Platte College on April 30. She was a very thrilled young lady. So were Mom and Dad. Right now she is on a 2 week tour to Florida with the Platte College Chorale Group. They have a great many singing engagements on the way and will also stop at New Orleans on the way back. She visited with Pat & Gene Thomas at the Unity Village concert in Missouri.

The east shelter in Pawnee Park in Columbus is reserved for the Kresha family reunion on **June 20th**. Everybody put that down on your calendars as this is the only notification you will get. Bring you dinners and silver service for 12 o'clock sharp.

See you all then. As ever, Charlie, Lucy & family

### From Ade and Pat Kresha and family

Dear Family,

Better get this out this morn or I'll miss the Kronicle again this month. Sorry we missed last month, time just got away from us. We were happy to hear, Pat, that you are getting along better. Glad your treatments are helping and hope it continues that way. You sounded so much better.

We have been pretty busy around here. Been doing a lot of painting and wall papering. Papered the upstairs bath and one wall in the kitchen. Painted kitchen, living room and halls. Finally hung up our brushes till fall. Then we want to do the family room. Too much outside work to do now. We added more to our back yard this spring. Put a flower box the whole length of the back fence with railroad ties. It really looks nice. We planted roses and all kinds of flowers in it. We really are enjoying it.

The kids and I are going to fly home to see my dad in June. When we get back we will take a week of Ade's vacation and do something together.

The kids have been busy with end of the year activities. Or I should say the kids & Mom and Dad. This week has been track meets, next week is Campfire banquet, Boy Scout campout, spring concert and Band-O-Rama! They sure can keep you busy with one thing or another. Not complaining though. I'd rather see them busy than sitting around with nothing to do.

Well I better get this in the mail before he goes. Take care everyone and we all hope you all are enjoying good health and a beautiful spring.

Love to all, Ade, Pat & kids

### From Don and Diane Chaisson

Dear Family,

Between the Kreshas and Trausches the news spread quickly that George and Margaret were finally grandparents! Marie's birth made quite a stir on the Chaisson side of the family also since she is the first grandchild for Don's parents. She was already spoiled last Christmas before she was even born. Don and I had attended the Lamaze classes for natural childbirth and fortunately there weren't any complications which prevented us from using those delivery techniques. We jokingly blame Marie's two week early delivery on Colonel Sanders (and two upset stomachs). Labor started about 3 hours after a chicken dinner that sent us both running. Don says the participation in the delivery was most rewarding to him when he held his tiny, blue daughter just a few minutes old.

Don and I still have a Triumph Spitfire in the garage that Don sport races. After last year's frustrations with 3 engines that failed, we finally have a winner. This spring Don completed driver's school for his club license. In April he completed his first race up in Sonoma County and won third place in his class. (That's third place with a wink of the eye.) Actually he finished fourth and was promoted to third when the third place car was disqualified due to too light a car weight. The next race is in July!

Some areas north of San Francisco are restricting water usage

for yard, pools, etc; here south of S. F. we're just as dry but our reservoirs are better stocked and we have no watering restrictions. With this drought its just as well that earlier this year I couldn't get out to prepare the soil for a vegetable garden. We even had two large pine trees removed so the garden area doesn't have to compete with the trees for sunshine and moisture. There's always next year, meanwhile the Burpee seed catalogue stays a dream book.

Many thanks to the Thomases for the enjoyment we've had in reading the Kresha Kronicle and we wish them good fortune in their new endeavors.

Also don't forget you Midwesterners to let us know when you come to California. In San Jose we're located just one hour's drive south of San Francisco and less than that from the S.F. airport. Now that we have a young family I won't be working for a few years and welcome the opportunity to have visitors.

Sincerely, Diane and Don Chaisson

### From George and Margaret Kresha

Dear Family,

May 19

Hello, out there everyone. For some reason it seems very hard to settle down to writing. Last week I had the excuse of no carbon paper.

We are all O.K., busy as ever. Last week to be different Bakersfield had the highest temperature in the nation, 107 - then it cooled some the next day and it's been in the 80's since. Delightful. Good thing too the city buses air-conditioning units on the new buses they bought last year turned out to be LEMONS, the company man was here from Detroit today and so it will be a while yet before the

## Miss Topinka now Mrs. R. L. Goins

Miss Lynette Ann Topinka became the bride of Richard L. Goins, Sioux Falls, S.D., Saturday afternoon at St. Anthony Catholic Church.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert G. Topinka; his parents are Mr. and Mrs. Paul Goins, Carroll, Iowa.

The Rev. Laurin Buzynski conducted the ceremony, with Sister Lucy as organist. Vocalists were Mrs. Bruce Piller and Mrs. Renelda Uphoff.

The reception at Knights of Columbus Hall included a buffet supper and evening dance. Hosts were Mr. and Mrs. Gerald O'Hare, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bartholomew.

The newlyweds will leave May 11 for a week in Hawaii and two days in Las Vegas, after which they will live in Sioux Falls. Mr. Goins is a national bank examiner for the U.S. Treasury Dept.

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**MRS. RICHARD GOINS**

(from the Columbus Daily Telegram, May 8, 1976)  
Lynette Topinka is the granddaughter of Joe Karges)

driver will be riding around in comfort again. Poor George, these last months are long for him. Mike is thinking of retiring in another year, he will have built up a good retirement so he might as well quit and enjoy it.

Little Baby Marie Chaisson is doing just great. It's a great thrill to hold your grandbaby — Grandma speaking — she is a beautiful and good baby. Jerome wheeled me up there to help out for a week and George came to pick me up. Enjoyed my stay with them helping out but it is good to be home again.

The R & T (ROAD AND TRACK) form birth announcement was Donald's original idea. Me thinks that little gal will be exposed to a lot of Road and Track before she grows up. P.S. Donald placed third in his first race.

Jerome will be out of school in one more week — it's all over now but the shouting — meaning finals. He has a job waiting for him at Superior Farms — checking fig crops so he is one of the lucky ones. Article in the paper recently said there won't be too many summer jobs.

We were delighted to hear that Pat Thomas is much improved and we pray it will continue. We will look forward to seeing them in California last of July.

(Ed. note: See Thomases letter.)

Good luck to all the graduates this year — we hope your future will be great.

Richard's girls Lisa and Jennifer are living in town now, going to the same school as Gail's daughters so they enjoy each other daily.

We were thinking of you all together at Joe Kresha's wedding, know it was a lovely wedding. So nice to have the family together.

George and I thank all of you who sent Congratulations to the Grandparents. Was thoughtful of you. You who know what it's all about.

Good luck to all of you, especially you farmers who need rains and sunshine to make a good crop.

Our best to all, George and Margaret

### From Dale and Millie Lukassen and family

May 22

Hello everyone from the "Show Me" state,

Mother & Mary & I are here for Joe's graduation and to see Pat, Gene & family. Pat looks good and the family is anxious for school to be out this week.

Back in Colorado we've had a beautiful spring about 1 in. of moisture the past 2 months and we can't brag about too much more than that.

Dale & Bart began moving cattle to the hi-country Monday. So we'll be doing more of that the next few days.

Curt broke a small bone behind his little toe on right foot, so that ended his track meets. He was disheartened not getting to go to District and State meets. Evan will be out of school May 28. He and I have a garden together this year — mostly sweet corn with lettuce and radishes and a few small tomato plants. We are hoping for warmer nights so the garden grows.

Guess that's about it. I've enjoyed my vacation so far and we don't know if we'll get to make the family reunion.

We want to congratulate all of the new graduates. May they have much success in all of their future endeavors. Also much happiness and togetherness to the newly married couples.

Diane and Don, we enjoyed your announcement on your new "Chassis". Hope she cries good and will be running soon!

Our best, love Millie, Dale & boys

### From Mary Lukassen and family

May 20

Dear Kinfolk,

We had a dry winter and a lovely mild spring - no blizzards. The spring season arrived early for our area. Dave has the corn planted and sprayed with Atrex. The spring wheat under the one pivot looks good and is ready to be sprayed for broad leaf weeds. This year we aren't raising edible beans for a number of reasons — number one reason is the market price.

Our calving season was very successful, the death rate was below 10%. The boys put the pairs out on the irrigated pasture this week, also have about 100 head of 500 lb. steers on irrigated grass.

Most of you know Wanda and I spent seven days in Feb. vacationing in Hawaii. Altho' we had rain on us 5 out of the seven days, we did have a great time. The rain was either a downpour or a very fine mist. We didn't get bogged down by either. Our Successful Farming tour took us to three islands, Oahu, Maui and Hawaii. Of course, we visited some of the major agriculture areas (for benefit of the IRS) and we were allotted a lot of free time. This was plenty of time for me to be gone as I was homesick for my brood and nest, and home looked good to me.

Graduation time is here. Congratulations to all graduates, there must be about 4 or 5 in the relationship graduating. At our house Patsy graduates the 25th. She has been awarded one of the Nebraska Stockgrowers Assn. scholarships. She is planning to attend U of N at Lincoln and further her studies in Business Administration and photography. At our house Chris has just completed a successful season in Jr. high track. She set a new school record in shot put (8 lb.) of 30 ft. 3½ in. She is also a 90+ discus thrower. Marty at the age of 9 is just glad to be counting down the last ten days of school.

Millie, Mom and I are enjoying our visit with Pat, Gene and family. Hope to see you all at the family picnic.

With lots of love, Mary and family

### From Mother Kresha

May 20

Dear Family,

Am writing from Missouri, the "Show Me" state. Millie, Mary Lukassen and I have come for Joe's graduation, and are guests of the Thomases. We drove to Lincoln, Nebr, took a plane from Lincoln to Kansas City, and Pat and Joe were there to meet us. We're just taking it easy today, sitting around, especially me, with three young women sharing household duties, there seems nothing for me to do.

This coming Sunday, May 23, All Saints parish, Holdredge, will have a native son, Rev. James Divis, offering his First Mass at 4 p.m. A reception and dinner will follow, in the parish social hall. Father Marrama of Benkelman, Nebr. will supervise an Italian dinner, prepared by parish Altar Society, to invited guests. Most likely, Father Howe will have house guests, also.

I have fairly well recovered from my recent fall, and look forward to getting out in yard to do some planting of flowers in planters, also four o'clocks of course. Father Howe always enjoys the four o'clocks. He brought the original seeds from Osceola so he considers them "his" flowers, tho' I'm the caretaker and planter of them.

My congratulations to all the recent graduates from high school, also to the newly marrieds. May you have the best of success in life. Good luck to the college grads, too. Also my best wishes to all the new mothers and their babies, the daddies are included, too.

The three of us are writing, so best I sign off, else the others need to study harder for subjects to write. Hope our other correspondents come thru with letters in next Kronicle.  
Love ya ver' much, Mother Kresha

### From Sophia Kresha

Dear Pat and family,

Hope these few lines reach you much better. Am fine and busy with yard work, garden and flowers. Had my first radishes yesterday (white round) planted on St. Pat's day. We have had a good spring — other than some high winds— finally we got some nice moisture, no snow or frost. They did all around us.. Had my first peonies (early kind) for the altar Sunday and will use them for Legion of Mary meeting tomorrow.

Finally our new church was dedicated on April 23rd at 5 p.m. and confirmation — was a sponsor — organist — you name it— decorated the altar— flowers. Am enclosing some pictures — dedication, also picture of Pat and children & Mary when they visited me in April. Didn't get to Joe's wedding Saturday.

Am busy at St. Theresa's Thrift Shop every day 1 to 5 p.m. as of May 13 we are over \$12,500.00, started May 29, 1973, will be 3 years. (Just started money toward stained window NOW)

Well, I sent you a letter in January with score of sheephead and a comic cartoon of one of the players. Who were the players? Must close. Love and prayers are sent you daily, Sophia

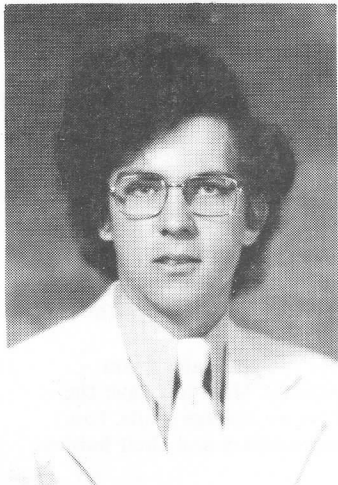
(Ed. Note: It was a pinochle score and the players were Ade, Pat (Thomas) and the "I" was Mary. I could tell it was pinochle because Pat was always going in the hole!)

The 1976 Osceola High School graduating class numbers 31 and ceremonies honoring them began Sunday evening in the new gym at Baccalaureate services. The Reverend W. F. Sladky gave the evening address and music was provided by the high school mixed chorus.

The 85th annual Commencement exercises will be held in the gym on Thursday, May 20, at 8 p.m. and this year's graduating class will be represented by valedictorian Christine Kresha and salutatorian Vicki Augustine. The address will be given by Dr. Ronald Joekel of the University of Nebraska and Vernon Kuhnel, president of the Osceola Board of Education, will grant the diplomas.



**Christine Kresha**  
(from the Osceola Record,  
May 20, 1976)



**JOSEPH KRESHA THOMAS**  
Pleasant Hill High School  
1976

### From Gene and Pat Thomas and family

June 4

Dear Family,

Here it is time to get the Kronicle out again. We had a most enjoyable time visiting with Mother, Mary and Millie but their stay was too short. That seems always to be the case. We hope to see them and many of you other guys at the reunion.

Today I have two appointments in the city. Gene will go with me to talk to the surgeon, Dr. Koontz, about my operation which is tentatively scheduled for June 23. Will find out more about that today. They will remove the adrenal glands and the ovaries. They say that a person of my age needs that done because of the production of hormones which seem to keep the tunors going. Had I been a little older when all this happened the operation could have been avoided. I just want to get it over with. So that pretty well shoots any trip to California in July. We are thinking about going to Calif. in November when Joe graduates from Marine boot camp. (Later: still don't know for sure the surgery date as the doctor was not there. But it is still tentative for June 23.)

We plan to take a Polaroid camera to the reunion and get a picture of each family group as they arrive at the picnic. These will then be put in the Kronicle, and in that way everyone will have pictures of everyone else. And bring your family history books so we can get them brought up to date.

We have been painting like mad on our house, both outside and inside. Gene has the outside better than 3/4 done and I have been painting the garage inside. We had never got it finished. Hope to be able to show it soon.

Gene and Joe took a trip to Salida, Colo. recently to look at the newspaper. It is a 5 day week daily and we are still very interested in it. Will keep you informed.

Love, Gene, Pat and all

P.S. Due to the fact that I goofed and made some of the pictures the wrong way, there will be more pictures in next time.

The following poem was one written by sixth graders, and Gloria's was voted first place by the class.

#### (1) VOICE OF SPRING

*by Gloria Thomas, 6th grade*

There is a special day each year,  
When there is a voice I hear.  
This voice is very special to me;  
In a way, it sort of sets me free.  
It makes me want to run all day,  
And makes me content in every way.  
The way it speaks is very simple,  
One way is the puddles making a dimple.

This dimple, of course, is really rain,  
Making wet and shiny every lane.  
The wind, the warmth, and all the weather,  
When I'm sad, can really pull me together.

When Spring first comes, can you hear a voice?  
If you can't, make your own choice.  
So when you first see a chirpy little robin,  
Don't go on, but start stopping,  
to listen.

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(Topinka wedding - from P. 2)

The bride appeared in a princess gown of white organza, its chapel train skirt scattered with daisy Venise appliques, which also adorned the bodice, long slender sleeves and hemline ruffle.

Her cloche headpiece of pearl baby's breath held a cathedral length veil edged in the same daisy lace. She carried a nosegay of pink roses, pink and white miniature carnations and baby's breath.

As maid of honor, Mary Feehan wore a floral sheerganza gown in soft yellow, short-sleeved, with ruffled neckline and hem. A deep gold sash circled the waist and a matching gold velvet choker held a yellow rose at the throat.

Like costumes in soft blue and pink were chosen for the other maids, Cathy Brock of Lincoln, Mrs. Wayne Wondercheck of Fullerton; Cindy Topinka of Columbus and Claudia Goins of Carroll,

Iowa. Sheerganza parasols and floral hair clips matched the gowns. At the altar, floral arrangements and candles repeated the pink, blue and yellow.

Candlelighters, Melissa Jaworski of Lincoln and Mickie Cormoney of Blairsburg, Iowa, were dressed in pink and white with matching Bicentennial bonnets.

Pat Fahey, Chicago, had the role of best man. Groomsmen were Bob Rech, Wichita, Kan.; Marty Halbur, Omaha; Dan Goins, Fairbanks, Alaska; Richard Topinka, Grand Island.

Seating guests were Bob Topinka, Indianapolis, Ind., and Dave Goins, Lexington Park, Md.

## Lou Logan Became Bride Of Joseph Kresha

Lou Jane Logan and Joseph A. Kresha exchanged marriage vows Saturday, May 15, at 3 p.m. at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Shelby. Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Logan of rural Shelby and Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Kresha of rural Osceola.

Father Anthony Trausch performed the double ring ceremony and Nuptial Mass. Lector was John Gabel, nephew of the groom. The altar boys were Danny Kresha, Randy Smith, Steve Gabel, and Brad Kresha, all are nephews of the groom. Pamela Brigham of Lincoln was organist with Scott Anderson of Osceola and Cheryl Heinze of Rising City, vocalists. "For All We Know", "Wedding Song", "Color My World", and the "Lord's Prayer" were sung.

Two bouquets of white gladioli and large yellow daisies decorated the church.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, appeared in an evening length bridal gown of white polyester with a sheer white dotted swiss overlining. The gown had a self train, fitted bodice with a ruffled v-neckline, high fitted shaped midriff and full length cap sleeves gathered at the wrists. The gown was made by the bride.

The fingertip veil, with daisy embroidered trim, was held by a lattice work headpiece. She carried a bouquet of daisies accented with greenery.

The groom's sister, Miss Betty Ann Kresha, was maid of honor. She wore a mint green A-line design dress of polyester. The bridesmaids, Cheryl Svehla and Debra Larson wore the same design dress in lemon yellow polyester. The scoop neckline, empire waist and bottom ruffle were accented with white lace. All carried

daisy nosegays with insets of yellow sweetheart roses.

Attending the groom were Alan Logan, brother of the bride, best man, Forrest Kinzli of Lincoln and Kevin Egger of Silver Creek. The ushers were John Svehla, Larry Kresha, Ronald Smith and Robert Logan.

A reception, dinner, and dance were held at the Shelby Legion Club following the ceremony. Mrs. Alan Logan, the bride's sister-in-law, and Jean Svehla, the bride's cousin, registered 400 guests. Opening and displaying gifts were Janet Kampovitz, Karen Svehla, Janet Smith, Annelle White and Kathy Hernbloom. Host couples were Mr. and Mrs. Ray Svehla of York and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Grosch of Columbus.

Principle servers included Mrs. Ronnie Smith, Mrs. Robert Logan, Mrs. Max Gabel, Mrs. Lee Dunekacke and Maxine Gabel.

The newlyweds will be at home on a farm near Osceola after a honeymoon. Mrs. Kresha was a 1975 graduate of Shelby Public School and was attending the University of Nebraska in Lincoln. The groom is a 1969 graduate of Osceola High School. He farms near Osceola.

(from the Osceola Record  
May 20, 1976)

### Silver anniversary

Saturday, May 22, marked the Silver Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Gabriel. They were married May 22, 1951 at St. Peter Catholic Church in Clarks. Mrs. Gabriel is the former Eileen Karges.

The couple renewed their marriage vows at a 2 o'clock Mass Saturday at St. Andrew Church with Father Edward O'Leary officiating. Music was provided by relatives Mrs. Duane Gabel, Teresa, Melissa and Deann Jaworski, Denise Gabriel, Mrs. Joe Jaworski and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Jablonski. Duane Gabriel was commentator, Carrie Gabriel, candlelighter and granddaughter Nicole Gabriel, flower girl.

Dinner, reception and dance were held afterwards at the Osceola Legion Club. Wedding attendants present were Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Gabriel, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Topinka, Mr. and

Mrs. Leonard Hiemer, Mrs. Joe Jaworski, Jerome Gabriel, Kenneth Ebel, Genevieve Smejkal and David Hiemer.

At the dance, Donette Jablonski and Duane Gabriel entertained with a tap dance number. Other musical numbers were given by the Gabriel children and Patrick McGill of Wisner, father of Mrs. Duane Gabriel.

Out-of-state guests attended from Illinois, California, Maryland, South Dakota, Wisconsin; and in Nebraska folks came from Omaha, Lincoln, Dwight, Fullerton, Columbus, David City and Bellwood.

## Chorale leaves for Florida tour today

Platte College Chorale and Cantari members will leave at noon today to begin a 14-day tour through Kansas, Tennessee, Florida, Arkansas and Louisiana.

Highlight of the group's fourth annual trip will be a performance at Florida-world Chorale Festival in Lakeland, Fla., from May 12-16.

The 27-voice Chorale will arrive at Kansas City tonight. A full day is planned Sunday with three performances set at Unity Village, near Kansas City, during the day and a visit to Worlds of Fun scheduled.

The group will be in Memphis, Tenn., Monday and will arrive in Tallahassee, Fla., Tuesday. A concert at the Tallahassee Mall is planned at 8 p.m.

Wednesday's schedule includes arrival at Lakeland, Fla., and a meeting to discuss the festival activities. The singers will leave Lakeland on May 19 for New Orleans.

While in New Orleans, they will tour the city and perform a final concert at Love Lutheran Church. Final stop is Fort Smith, Ark., with a farewell banquet set for 8 p.m. at the Fort Smith Holiday Inn.

The students are scheduled to return to Columbus at 7:30 p.m. May 21.

Participants in the tour are Jo Ellen Klug, Kathy Bemby, Cindy Barr, Gary Goodman, Mike Morris, Ed Collins, and Kevin Barton, Columbus High

Graduates; Janet Micek, Scotus Central Catholic; Patty Mohrman and Ron Rickert, Lakeview High; Jerry Watson, York; Dennis Grape and Rex Hash, Genoa High; Lynn Wondercheck and Roger Boettcher, Newman Grove High; Rick Higgins, Pierce High; Doug Lindstrom, Wilcox High; Bev Mitties, North Bend; Cheryl Shultz, David City High; Beth Hiller, David City Aquinas; Mary Jo Wemhoff, Humphrey St. Francis; Andi Kresha, Humphrey Public; Gail Channer, Fullerton High; Tam Switzer, Loup County High-Taylor; Pam Schultz Ruskin High; Mike Van Hoosen, Osceola High; and Sue Penner, Cary Grove High-Cary, Ill.

The tour is arranged by Music Director John Putnam with financing of the trip made through donations by individuals and organizations and through fund raising activities by the Chorale and Cantari. The balance is provided by the individual singers.



Warranty Deed

L. E. Perkins et al filed for Record Aug. 11, 1902 at 9 am

Atty Neerha }  
J. W. Stillman }  
bondy clerk

In consideration of the Payment.

of Twelve hundred Dollars, We L. E. Perkins, of the City of Burlington, Iowa, and Edith J. Perkins, his wife, by L. E. Perkins her attorney in fact, hereby sell and convey to Atty Neerha the following described Real Estate situate in both counties, State of Nebraska to wit: The Northwest Quarter of Section No. 26 Town (11) in Township No. 14 North Range No. 2 West of the 6th P.M. (N.W. 1/4 11-15n 2w) and we warrant the title thereto against the lawful claims of all persons whomsoever, except as to the share of the year 1899 and thereafter.

Witness our hands this 9th day of August A. D. 1902.

Witness: L. E. Perkins

Edith J. Perkins

(OVER)

By L. E. Perkins, Atty

State of Iowa

County of Des Moines }<sup>ss</sup> On this 9<sup>th</sup> day of August A.D. 1902

before me personally appeared C. E. Perkins and Edith J. Perkins, his wife, by C. E. Perkins, her attorney in fact, to me known to be the person named Jim and who executed the foregoing instrument; and to me known to be the person who executed the foregoing instrument in behalf of Edith J. Perkins; and I acknowledged that he executed the same as his voluntary act and deed and the voluntary act and deed of the said Edith J. Perkins.

W. F. McFarland  
Notary Public Seal

W. F. McFarland  
Notary Public in and for said County

I, Dale Frizzell, the duly elected and qualified County Clerk of Polk County, Nebraska, do hereby certify that this is a true copy of the instrument on record in my office.



Dale Frizzell, County Clerk  
Polk County, Nebraska

By Sutherland Stronberg Deputy

# KRESHA KRONICLE

1976 REUNION ISSUE

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June-July, 1976

## KRESHA REUNION

The annual Kresha family reunion was held Sunday, June 20 at Pawnee Park, Columbus with 110 relatives attending.

Recorded the past year were seven births, one death and one marriage.

Attending were the Leo, Adolph, Martin, Greg, Glenn and Joe Kresha families and Pat Gabel, Osceola; Mrs. Max Gabel and the Ronnie Smiths, Shelby; the Lee Dunekackes, Rising City; the Bud and Bob Hilgers, David City; the

Dan Hilgers and Mrs. Hank Kobza and family, Bellwood; the Art Kreshas, Mrs. Bill Kresha and daughters, the Mark Wolfs, Jerome Jareckis, John Kreshas, Dennis Kreshas, Dick Nyffelers and Mrs. Vera Torczon, Columbus; Mrs. Helen Karges, Duncan; the Charles Kreshas and Ted Preister, Humphrey; Mrs. Kevin Wibbels, Lincoln; the Harold Witulskis and Larry Kosch, Beatrice; Sophia Kresha, Mitchell; Mrs. Eva Kresha, Holdrege; the Raymond Kreshas, Hastings; Mrs. Mary

Lukassen and Marty of Kimball, Louis Trausch, Roseland; the Paul Kreshas, Mary Tajchman and the Bob Mausbachs, Omaha; the Clarence Scholzes, Bellevue; Rita Kresha, Sacramento, Calif.; and Mrs. Gene Thomas and family of Pleasant Hill, Mo.

On the committee for next year are the Martin Kreshas and the Greg Kreshas.

The reunion will be the second Sunday in June at the east shelterhouse in Pawnee Park, Columbus, Neb.

(From Osceola Record, July 1, '76)



The Kresha brothers and sisters with Mother Eva Kresha, from left, Martin, Pat (Thomas), Mary (Lukassen) in back, Sophia, Rose (Hilger), Lillian (Witulski), Rita, Leo, Adolph, Mother Eva, Charlie and John.



### From Ray and Mary Kresha

Dear Kresha Kronickers,

We have moved back to Nebraska where Ray got a job as news director at KHAS Radio in Hastings. We now have an apartment on the southeast side at 308 So. Rhode Island, zip is 68901. Mary is now back in Hastings for good after helping out her boss in Grinnell as he recovers from a mild heart attack and gets a newly graduated pharmacist licensed and trained to take her place. She is now in the throes of looking for work in central Nebraska. We are hoping to begin our family this year and hope our next move will be to a house so that we won't have to move for a long time.

In addition to moving to Hastings, we have had the pleasure of attending sister Christine's graduation as valedictorian at Osceola High School, as well as brother Louie Hernandez' wedding in Mitchell.

Love, Ray & Mary Kresha

## Kresha appointed KHAS news director

Ray Kresha has been appointed news director at KHAS Radio according to John W. Powell, vice president and general manager. Kresha replaced Bruce Carlson who has assumed a position at a radio station in Pierre, S.D.



Kresha, a native of Osceola, received his B.A. in broadcast journalism and English from the University of Nebraska. He was previously associated with radio stations in Nebraska and Iowa. He comes to Hastings from KBOE Radio in Oskaloosa, Iowa.

Kresha's wife Mary, a native of Mitchell, is a registered pharmacist.



Debbie Kresha, Mrs. Bill (Ursula) Kresha and Joyce. (not present were Bill, Jim, Mike, and Connie.)

### From Bill and Urs Kresha

Dear Family,

Have been enjoying the Kronicle these past months. Sorry we didn't get a letter in sooner, but the months just slipped away from us. It's been quite hot here the past week. We're also having a lot of wind so it's really dry. Just a few sprinkles here and there.

Pat, we're happy to hear you have been feeling well enough to be doing some painting. Hope your surgery goes well. Our thoughts and prayers will be with you.

Everyone here is quite busy. Bill has been driving to Grand Island to work 3 times a week. We have a small interest in a chemical company. It's called Southwest Chemical Co. It started in operation the first of the year. It's been doing quite well. Mike is working full time in a grocery store since school let out. He went to Platte College this past year. He doesn't plan to go back next fall. Connie is continuing to work part time at Kentucky Fried Chicken, as she plans on going to Platte in the fall. This way she can still work around her classes.

I suppose most of you heard that Jim and Shari are getting married the 31st of July. Her folks farm around Minden. They will live in Lincoln as Shari has 2 more years of law school. Hope to see a lot of you at the wedding.

Love, Bill & Urs



Martin and Elaine Kresha, back row; center row, Bernard, Patrick and Kenneth; front row, Jolene, Lois and Coleen.

JOLEEN JOLENE

## NU graduates set July date

Graduates of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Sharon Raun and Jim Kresha plan a July 31 wedding at Holy Family Catholic Church, Heartwell.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Raun, Minden, and is presently enrolled in the University of Nebraska College of Law.

Mr. Kresha, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Kresha, earned his degree from the College of Business Administration.



SHARON RAUN



Paul Kresha, Sharon, Paul's wife Therese, David, Mary Tajchman (Don's friend), Don, and Karen.

**From Ade, Pat and Family**

July 17, 1976

Dear Family,

Better write this A.M. before I get busy and forget again. Summer time sure can be a busy time. We are all well here but as I said, busy. Pam, Andy and Tom are all in baseball this summer and have practice and games three times a week. Pam is in summer band program and goes every day for practice. She will be going to Estes Park on the 23rd to march in a parade. She is really looking forward to it. All will start swimming the 26th of July. Pam has been doing a lot of babysitting now. And the boys have been watering lawns for vacationing neighbors. This next two weeks they have 3 to do. They are really enjoying the extra spending money. I'm still babysitting and just being a wife and mother right now. Ade is busy as ever. They really have been going strong. Haven't seen much of him since we came back from our trip to Wisconsin.

As most of you probably know, the kids and I flew to Wisconsin to see my dad for 2 weeks in June. The kids had never flown before and really enjoyed it. Was great to see my dad again. He's

doing real well and planning a trip out to Colorado for Easter next year. We were sorry to miss the reunion but it just didn't work out for us. Hope all had a nice time and a good visit. Don't know for sure whether we will make Jim's wedding or not. We are talking about it but it depends on if Ade can get away then or not. If none of the others are on vacation at that time he may be able to. We would really like to be there. We'll just have to wait and see. Can't forget our Danny. He is just fine, too. Busy as a little boy can be. Found out it's much more fun playing at the neighbors' than staying in the back yard by himself. So he's on the go all the time. Also found out this summer that he is allergic to mosquito bites. He swells up really bad and they get infected. First time we found out, he got bit on the forehead and his little face swelled up so bad he could hardly see. So we have to watch him close and keep the mosquito repellent on hand. It's hard to keep a little guy in when the mosquitoes come out.

Well I guess I will close this for now. Must get busy. Have to do my ironing today and want to sew a little. So goodbye for now. Take care all of you and may the good Lord watch over you all. Ade says hi to you all. Come see us some time. You are all welcome. Love and prayers, Ade, Pat, Pam, Andy, Tom & Danny



Leo and Pauline Kresha.



Christine Kresha, Tony, Glenn and Jla.



Denise and Greg (Glenn's son) Kresha, Connie and Jodi.



Raymond (Glenn's son) and Mary Kresha.

**From Harold and Lillian Witulski**

Dear Round Robin, July 5  
 Harvest is in full swing. Wheat is very good this year and that field that lodged makes slow cutting, but is it ever good wheat! The oats is nearly ripe, too, so harvest will last quite a while.

We were blessed with several inches of rain in showers, which really helped the corn and milo get a good start.

My garden is doing fine. So far I'm ahead of the weeds. We are eating beets, green beans, and potatoes. The semi-head lettuce "Butter Krunch" is really delicious. Plant

some for a fall treat. The zucchini is nearly ready to fry. I ordered onion sets from the Texas Onion Farm and are they ever big and juicy. Harold likes them raw, but I can't digest them. The Rocky Ford cantaloupes we got in 1963 still grows tasty melons.

Today I showed the slides of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception to the Altar Society in Odell. I'm sure I'll be showing them to other groups, too.

Our cherries were so fat and plump this year. I froze 12 quarts and made 2 batches of cherry jam. My girlfriend came out to get cherries to make "Cherry Bounce". Either the cherries bounce or you do after you drink it in 6 months.

Harold's folks celebrated their 59th wedding anniversary. All the families came here for a basket dinner.

It was so nice to see all of you at the family reunion. We didn't get to talk to everyone, but it was satisfying to see all of you once again.

Larry's going to summer school at Peru State to pick up more hours in Journalism. He'll soon be job hunting. He plays on the softball team.

I attended a workshop in green wood bud grafting. Harold and I put 2 Carpathian walnut buds onto a black walnut tree. If these winter buds survive the winter and begin to grow next spring, then the graft is successful. We're going to bud some sweet cherry buds onto the sour cherry trees, and some Alberta peach buds onto some white peach trees.

Plans for our vacation are to go to the Peace Gardens and Glacier National Park. On the way, we'll see Yellowstone Park again. We'll probably get into Canada a short distance before it'll be time to start back home.

Katie and Matt will come to the farm in a week or so, for their vacation. Tom has 3 weeks vacation in July. Bethanie crawls and stands alone.

In August Marcia and Jennie will have their vacation. We're looking forward to their visit.

Leon finished his 6 weeks of schooling in San Francisco when Burroughs offered him a teaching job in their school. So, after 6 more weeks of school in Alabama, learning how to teach, enroute home he will stop off in Omaha July 17, so we can all drive up to see him. They'll be moving from Seattle to San Francisco. That is quite a promotion. Sharon's only sister lives in Los Angeles.

Since I skipped last month, is it okay that I made this letter so long?

Love, Harold & Lillian



Harold and Lillian Witulski.



Rose and Bernard ("Bud") Hilger.

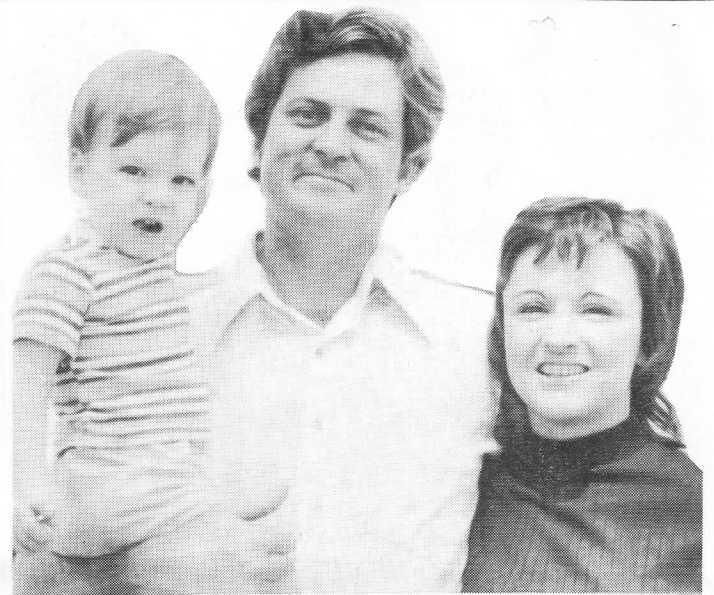
**From Mother Kresha**

Holdrege, July 18

Dear Family,

Really enjoyed the Kresha reunion. So many I hadn't seen in years, such handsome boys and pretty girls, grandchildren, all. And we were lucky to have had our picnic before the heat wave hit Nebraska. Of course you're all praying for complete recovery of one of ours, Pat Thomas. May God grant her many more years to serve Him in her chosen vocation. Congratulations to the new parents if any, those to be wed, and new graduates. Have been alone this week since Father Howe is away on vacation. He will be back just before Aug. 1. We have a Crosier father from Hastings who comes to say the Saturday and Sunday masses. This A.M. the Rev. Prior of Hastings Monastery, Father Ernest Martells, O.S.C., offered mass on TV. Actually it was filmed on Saturday to be broadcast on the Hastings station today. Have more work since Father is away, in yard that is. The large box-like evergreens along the walk in front of church were taken out last spring and replaced with small Pfitzers so these must be watered. Then I have the four o'clocks, my 6 tomato plants and rhubarb. Since they are in different locations, is a chore. Had a drizzle of rain this week to wet the walks. Freshened things and cooled us off. Is getting warmer again. Our hottest day was 102 degrees on July 9. I close on this weather note. Wishing you all the best. Love ya ver' much,

Mother Kresha



Bob (son of Bud and Rose Hilger) and Sue Hilger and son, Matt.



Eddie Kobza, Marty, Bob, Julie, John, Tommy held by his mother, Mrs. Hank (Bonnie) Kobza (daughter of Bud and Rose Hilger).



Mary Jane and Dan Hilger (son of Bud and Rose Hilger), Michelle and Michael.



Kreshas. Sophia, Rose (Hilger), Adolph, Leo, John.



Betti Ann, Rose and Adolph Kresha.



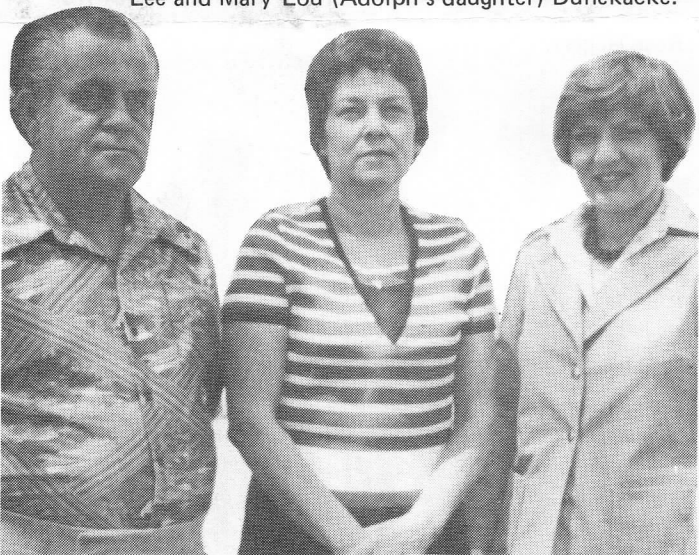
Randy Smith, Rhonda, Ramona (Adolph's daughter), Ronnie holding Roger.



Lee and Mary Lou (Adolph's daughter) Dunekacke.



Joe Kresha (Adolph's son) and Lou Jane Kresha.



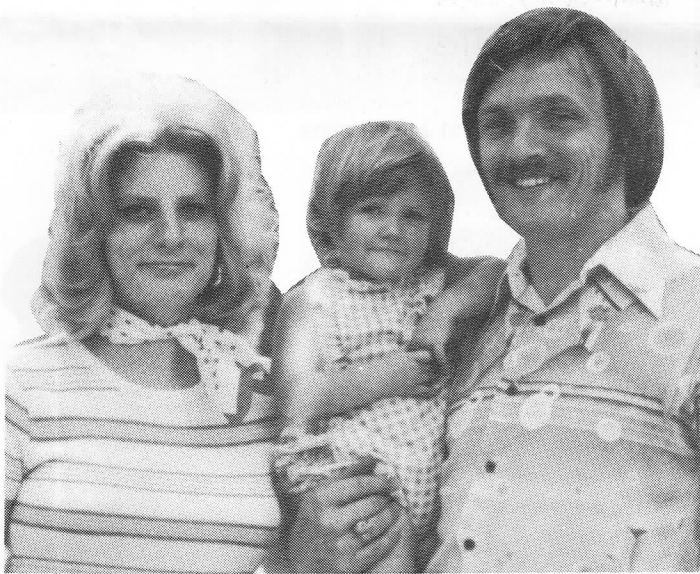
Art and Irene Kresha and their daughter, Mrs. Kevin (Linda) Wibbels.



Mark and Bobbi Wolf (Art's daughter) with son, Ryan.



Charlie, Lucille ("Lucy"), Nancy, Kristie, Andrea ("Andi"), Julie and Ed.



Kathy (Charlie's daughter) and Robert Mausbach and Tammy.



Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Scholz of Bellevue, Neb. with his cousin, Eva Kresha, center.



Dick and Dolores Nyffeler (Cel's daughter); front row, Sophia Kresha, Mrs. Frank (Vera) Torczon, Mrs. Adam (Helen) Karges.



Mother Eva Kresha, Marty and Mary Lukassen.



Jerome and Florence (John's daughter) Jarecki, Tom, Dave, Greg and Jerry.



Caroline and John Kresha.

## DEATHS

### EMMA SCHOLZ

Emma Scholz, mother of Clarence Scholz, died July 5, 1976, at the age of 95 years. She was married to Eva Kresha's uncle.

Mrs. Scholz was born October 9, 1880, in Merrick County, Nebraska.

Services were held at the First United Methodist Church in Columbus, Nebraska, with the Rev. John H. Mikkelsen officiating. Music was provided by Mrs. Robert Hudson, soloist, and Mrs. Vernon Tipton, organist. Pallbearers were Mrs. Scholz's seven grandsons, Dave B. Scholz, Milton Scholz, Ross Scholz, Joseph F. Scholz, Kenneth B. Scholz, Greg G. Scholz, and Gordon P. Scholz. The funeral was arranged by the McKown Funeral Home in Columbus. Burial was in Duncan Cemetery in Duncan, Nebraska.



Teresa Thomas, Joe, Karen, Gloria (in front), Pat (Thomas), Rita Kresha (drove in from Missouri with the Thomases).

### From the Thomases

Dear Family,

What a good reunion! Hope everyone enjoys all the pictures, both now and when you look back on them in the future. All identifications are from left to right.

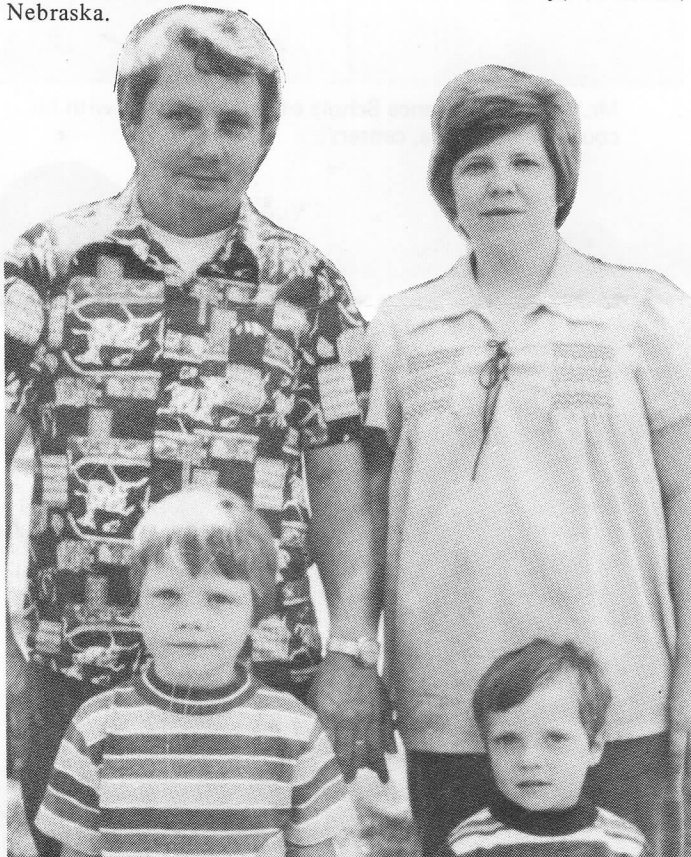
My operation is over, and while I'm not very swift, I am getting around the house and getting more strength every day. Thanks so much for all your prayers and concern. It all helps one to fight a better fight.

You will notice at the end of the reunion story I added the line about next year's reunion being on the second Sunday of June in Pawnee Park. That was the way the vote went, so mark your calendars and keep it in mind when making plans.

Since it is already well into July, this Kronicle will be for June-July. So you have until about Aug. 18 to submit letters for the next one. We have a half dozen or more pictures for next time. If anyone has old-time pictures to submit, please feel free to do so. Perhaps we'll have our own print shop again one of these days, then the job will be easier again.

Thanks to all of you who contributed to the printing expense. Right now it is costing \$15 for the printing, plus 13c each for postage for around 65 on the mailing list. This is still better than everybody trying to write to 65 people.

Love to all, Pat, Gene & family



Dennis (John's son) and Carolyn Kresha, Ronnie and Jeff.

# KRESHA KRONICLE

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Box 8, Pleasant Hill, Mo. 64080

Aug.-Sept., 1976

## From George and Margaret Kresha

Hello Everyone,

Sept. 11

We missed last month's edition of the Kresha Kronicle so I guess the only way to get one this month is that we send some letters.

We were happy to have Gene, Pat and daughters come to visit us couple weeks ago, and to see Pat looking so well. By now I hope they know more about their future plans for a newspaper.

George and I are fine and since it's been some time since we have written must tell you - George's official retirement has been set for December 1, 1976. So therefore he won't be coming out in October as we had planned - but we are hoping to drive out in the spring. He will have two months vacation due him, so we will be on the payroll to end of Jan. Vacations for 1975 and 1976. So be it . . . God bless him and I hope he learns to relax and enjoy his retirement. He has worked hard all these years.

My mother is wanting me to come out so as of now we are making tentative plans for me to fly out arriving into Omaha Oct. 8th. Mike, Michael, wife Dixie and two boys are driving out for two weeks, as of now they are planning on leaving Oct. 3rd. Michael has not been in Nebraska since he was a small boy of about 4 years old or so. They will spend only one Sunday back there - Oct. 10th - so that is why I set my schedule to leave here the 8th - and if one of you would be so kind as to pick me up in Omaha that Friday P.M. I would spend 3 days around there with the Kreshas. Then Sunday night one of my brothers would come up to pick me up. I THINK I'M BRINGING A SURPRISE ALONG. . . . .

Jerome is nicely settled in college again and likes his classes and instructors. He is living in an apartment with another boy just 2 blocks from school, so its easy for him to go back and forth. He likes studying in the study hall or library.

Diane just finished working her last week of vacation for her replacement at work and is happy to be home now again taking care of her little Marie. Marie is growing as a healthy little one does. Donald doesn't know when he will get a vacation, he had two weeks in July at Army Reserve in Oklahoma - that's a poor substitute for vacation. Maybe soon he can take some time off, we hope.

Our weather has been something else - but I think we are sending Nebraska a GOOD STORM this time. "Hurricane Kathleen" got through mountains somehow and we have had about 48 hours of rain showers. The cotton and grape farmers

are really screaming, as it is the cool weather we had in August cut the cotton yield way back. The farmers were all set for a very profitable year this year with prices high. God wasn't willing. We have had some really strange weather - week ago today we had severe thunder and lightning storm following what was about a tornado - high circling winds - that uprooted trees and tore up patios etc. - it didn't quite touch the ground. The lightning struck a car load of people at the fairgrounds, they were just getting out of the car and lightning struck this young fellow and killed him almost instantly, he was helping his girl-friend out of the car and she was unconscious also, burned but is alive. Then Sunday nite we had another bad electrical storm. Looks like weather is changing.

Guess I had better call a halt, and plan to see you in Nebraska in October, wish George was coming, too, but we will plan a spring vacation for him.

Love to all, George & Margaret

## From Sophia Kresha

Sept. 15

Dear Pat and family,

Had a nice long letter from Ann yesterday, so by this time you should be back home. Am fine and had company this weekend from Ogallala, a girl friend I knew in Columbus.

I am enclosing an article which appeared in the Mitchell Index which will give full information of what "I am about" when they can't find me at home which is only a block from home.

Am going to the Retired Civil Service Employees' dinner this noon at Scottsbluff.

So Happy Day - God love you & prayers - Sophia

Haven't seen Mary for a few weeks, heard David bought Kosch's (Estate) farm.

Didn't get to any of the weddings. My flowers are beautiful and my garden was like other years - but good enough.



Until last week I'd forgotten how the computer of my mind was programmed for things saving, economical, thrifty, frugal, sparing and even provident until I spent the afternoon with Mitchell's very own Miss Thrifty . . . the savingest lady in town.

Her real name just happens to be Sophia Kresha and every Monday through Friday from 1 to 5 and 10 to 5 on Saturdays you can find her at the Thrift Shop a half-block east of main street from the bank on the busy corner.

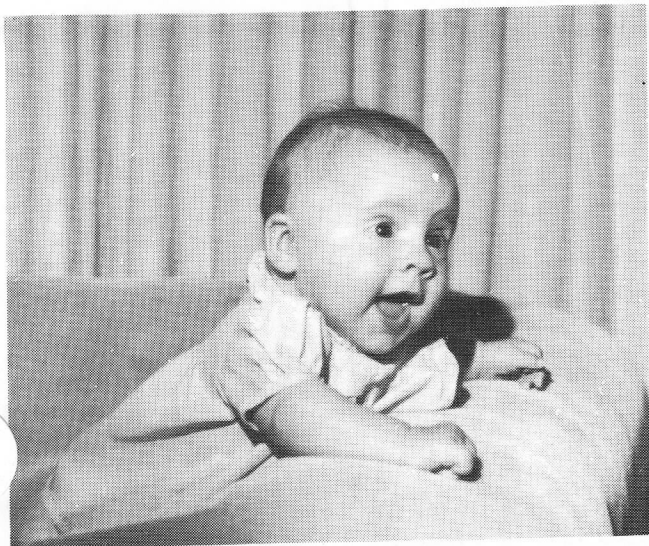
I agree with you. Thrift Shops aren't unusual or hard to come by . . . . . almost everytown has one

All I ask is the chance to tell you why this second-hand outlet is unique.

Sophia has been working with the Thrift Shop for over three years now and has helped move it to different locations six times. That in itself could amount to dedication but there is more . . . . . much more.

Miss Kresha and her two helpers, Irene Fitzekam and Lottie Fanning give their time to his project for St. Theresa Church. Since the Thrift Shop opened they have turned back to the church money amounting to a five-digit figure . . . . . money that

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Marie Kresha Chaisson, daughter of Don and Diane Chaisson, and granddaughter of George and Margaret Kresha.



helped to build their beautiful new building.

The ladies are all excited now and report that since last March all proceeds from the Thrift Shop have been earmarked for the purchase of stained glass windows for the church. Their new goal is \$10,000!

A casual observer might wonder if Troy Moore helped the three ladies plan their latest wild dream. Moore was the sage who said, "Aim high. It is no harder on your gun to shoot the feathers off an eagle than to shoot the fur off a skunk."

If the truth were known, the Thrift Shop could probably find a gun to sell you; I know their stock includes a fine selection of everything else . . . . fur coats, jewelry, bongo drums, radios, TVs, dishes, books, racks and tables of clean, mended, usable and beautiful clothing for men, women and children.

Sophia says people for miles around bring items of every description; everything in the shop has been donated. If necessary, Sophia and her helpers wash, iron and mend the clothing; if it is not saleable, Mrs. Fitzkam takes the woolen materials for making beautiful braided rugs which they sell and Sophia makes

patchwork quilt tops which they tie and finish at Bessie Peck's house. The quilts are also sold at the Thrift Shop.

"Do you ever get tired of everybody's cast-offs, Sophia?"

"No," she replied, "I know that many people can afford things here they otherwise would have to go without."

"But, Sophia, you give your time everyday to this project and there has never been any pay for you."

She looked up as if to acknowledge the Maker of both her and the prodigal son, smiled and said, "My pay comes later."

Six days of every week Sophia Kresha will continue to unlock the door of St. Theresa's Thrift Shop. She will sort clothes, arrange pots and pans on shelves, display the shoes and pack boxes of clothes to send on to Community Action and the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. She will pay the rent and utility bill, bank the remainder of the proceeds, all the while dreaming of beautiful stained glass windows for her church.

That's the way it is at the Thrift Shop in Mitchell . . . . the place where Sophia, Irene and Lottie spent their time making certain that nothing is wasted . . . . not even dreams!



Mary Lukassen and Sophia with Ade and Pat Kresha's children, Pam, Andy, Tom, and Danny (in front). Photo by Pat Kresha.

May 15, 1976

# Lou Logan becomes Mrs. Joseph Kresha

SHELBY—Married Saturday afternoon at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Kresha were honored at a reception, dinner and dance at the Legion Club with 400 guests attending.

She was formerly Lou Logan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Logan. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Kresha, Osceola.

The Rev. Anthony Trausch officiated at their nuptial ceremony in a setting of white gladioli and large yellow daisies.

Fashioned by the bride was her evening length gown of white polyester overlaid with sheer white dotted swiss. Its fitted bodice had a high shaped midriff, ruffled V-neck and long gathered sleeves, while the skirt flared to a self-train.

A latticework headpiece of daisy lace held the fingertip veil, edged in the same lace. Lou carried a bouquet of white daisies arranged with greenery.

Dressed in mint green was the maid of honor, Betty Ann Kresha of Lincoln, sister of the groom. Bridesmaids, Cheryl Svehla of Lincoln and Debra Larson of Pelican Rapids, Minn., had like frocks in lemon yellow, with neckline, empire waist and hemline flounce accented by white lace of tapestry design.

All carried nosegays of white daisies and yellow sweetheart roses.

The bride's brother, Alan W. Logan of Osceola served as best man. Forest Kinzli of

Lincoln and Kevin Egger of Silver Creek were groomsmen; John Svehla of Lincoln, Larry Kresha of David City, Robert Logan and Ronald Smith ushered guests.

Also in the wedding party were flower girl Pam Grosch, Columbus, and ring bearer David Logan.

Pam Brigham, Lincoln, was organist; Scot Anderson,



MRS. JOSEPH KRESHA

Osceola and Cheryl Heinze, Lincoln, were vocalists.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Svehla, York, and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Grosch, Columbus, acted as host couples.

After a short honeymoon, Mr. and Mrs. Kresha will live near Osceola where he is a farmer. She is a former student at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

## From Alfred and Martha Zipper

Aug. 9

Dear Folks,

Just a note to thank you once again for sending us the "Kresha Kronicle", which we enjoyed very much and appreciate getting it.

Seeing all the pictures brings back memories, some familiar faces and also new ones. The family picnic is a great idea.

Pat, glad to hear you are getting better as time goes on and hope it won't be too long and you'll be well and strong again and remain that way.

We are pretty well at the present time. We're just hoping that swine flu doesn't catch up with us. Best Wishes to all.

Love, Uncle Alfred & Aunt Martha

# Sharon Raun bride of James W. Kresha

Holy Family Catholic Church, Heartwell, was the setting Saturday afternoon for the nuptial ceremony of Sharon Marie Raun and James Wilfred Kresha, graduates of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Raun, Minden, the bride is presently enrolled in the NU College of Law. Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Kresha, Columbus, are the groom's parents.

With Rev. Patrick O'Byrne and Rev. Myron Pleskac officiating at the rites, the couple exchange vows at an altar adorned with white and



MRS. JAMES KRESHA

## From Ade and Pat Kresha

Dear Family,

Kronicle time has rolled around again so will get this out quick this a.m. Too easy to put aside and forget. Looks like we may have a little rain today. Would be nice. Sure could use it.

Well, everyone here isn't so fine right now. Andy had the flu, then got strep a week later. Now Danny has the flu and a sore throat. Had him to the Doc for a throat culture but no strep there. Sure was sick, though. Ran a temp. of 104 for almost 2 days. He's much better today. Hope nobody else gets it.

Ade has been really busy. They have been having 3 & 4 jobs a day. Been going like this since we came back from vacation. They finally got their new shop, plan to be all moved in by Sept. 1. Sure will be nice.

Enjoyed the last Kronicle. The pictures were great. Congratulations to all the newly weds. Didn't make Jim Kresha's wedding. Ade had to work all weekend. Looks like we won't make Andi's either, as we will be having company from Wisc. that weekend. Sorry to have to miss all these happy occasions.

Won't be long and school will be starting. Starts here the 26th of Aug. Very early for us. A little more sewing and we're ready.

Well, better run now. Have to work at church this a.m. so must get going. Take care, everyone. Ade says hi to all. Bye for now.

Love & prayers, Ade, Pat & kids

yellow carnations and stems of wheat.

The bride's white cotton eyelet gown had a molded, sweetheart neckline appliqued with Venetian lace, edged in lace picots. Beneath the empire waistline, the skirt swept to a chapel train.

Lace of the dress was repeated on the fingertip veil, and a bouquet of pink roses, stephanotis and baby's breath completed the bridal ensemble.

Sundresses of yellow and white coin dot voile were chosen for the maid of honor, Miss Carol Raun of Minden, and bridesmaids, Miss Betsy Raun of Minden and Mrs. Stephen Tines of Omaha. White eyelet trimmed the shoulder and hemline ruffles. Straw baskets held daisies, yellow and pink miniature carnations and pink roses.

Attending the groom were Dale Hassebrook of Columbus, best man; Gary Witt of Omaha and Jeff Haase, Lincoln. Ushers were Mike Kresha, Columbus; Kevin and Chris Raun, Minden.

Mary Jo Kopf, Upland, was flower girl; Andy Raun, ring bearer. Musicians were Mrs. Vaughn Olsen, Carol Raun, Tom Maguire and Mike Jackals.

After a reception at the American Legion Club in Minden, the newlyweds left on a trip to Aspen, Colo.

August 28, 1976

Columbus, Nebraska

Columbus Telegram—

# Andrea Kresha a bride at St. Francis Church

HUMPHREY—Yellowstone National Park is the honeymoon destination of Mr. and Mrs. Ted A. Preister, who were married at 5 p.m. Friday in St. Francis Catholic Church.

She was formerly Andrea Marie Kresha, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Kresha. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph P. Preister, Columbus, are parents of the groom.

They exchanged vows before the Rev. Joseph Kesterson, who officiated at an altar decorated with blue, green, peach and white carnations.

Keith Preister, brother of the groom, was lector; Julie and Kristi Kresha, sister of the bride, presented the offerings. Music was by Mrs. Joseph McPhillips of Lindsay, organist; Bud and Bill Albracht, vocalists.

The bride's formal gown of white organza had a petal neckline framed with Alencon lace and seed pearls, which also appliqued the square bib above a pleated cummerbund. Lace also decorated the bishop sleeves, and the A-line skirt swept to a semi-cathedral train.

Alencon lace appliques and seed pearls trimmed her Spanish style mantilla veil. To complete the ensemble, she chose a cascade bouquet of red roses, white carnations and baby's breath.

Matron of honor for her sister, Mrs. Robert Mausbach of Omaha wore a floor length gown of blue polyester jersey, featuring wide, double capelet sleeves accenting a V-neckline. Criss-cross sashes in a deeper blue tied in back of the empire waist, and the darker shade was repeated in ribbon streamers on her swiss braid picture hat.

Another sister, Nancy Kresha, maid of honor, and Mrs. Larry L. Moser of Columbus, bridesmatron, had like costumes in peach and



MRS. TED PREISTER

green. Each carried carnations matching her dress.

Virgil Preister served as best man for his brother. Ed Kresha, brother of the bride, and Dan Krings were groomsmen.

Also in the bridal party were Tamara Mausbach of Omaha, flower girl; Craig Preister of Newman Grove, ring bearer; Robert Mausbach and a brother, Tim Preister, ushers.

Julie and Kristi Kresha registered 225 guests attending the dinner and reception at Klub 81. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Svehla were host couple; Mrs. Arthur Kresha and Mrs. Fred Fehringer pinned flowers; Mrs. Judy Babel, Deb Bender and Sharon Widhalm presided at the gift table.

Next week the Preisters will be at home on Rt. 1, Humphrey. The groom is employed at Madison Foods; the bride was a secretary for New York Life Insurance Company in Columbus.



Patricia R. (Patsy) Lukassen  
 Graduated 1976  
 Kimball High School  
 Kimball, Nebr.

**From Bud and Rose Hilger**

Dear Pat, and family, Aug. 27

Enjoyed your letter telling about your surgery and family activities. No doubt you are adjusting to Joe being away. Guess we all remember how we once left our nest, and so fast our little ones grow up and are on their own way, too.

A record must have been set for rainless days in our area. The excess heat (100 yesterday) has dehydrated non-irrigated crops. It has hurt irrigated crops, too. We are thankful for what grain we will get, as we did escape some local hail storms.

Jim and Shari's wedding was a very nice occasion. She has a lovely family, too.

There is never a dull moment around here. Bob & Dan have had dinner with us all this week. Have had the grandchildren in and out of the house all summer. Sure enjoy them. As they get older, we have so much to talk about. School starting next week will change that.

Had hoped to get away for a few days this summer -- maybe go see Sophia -- but it didn't work out.

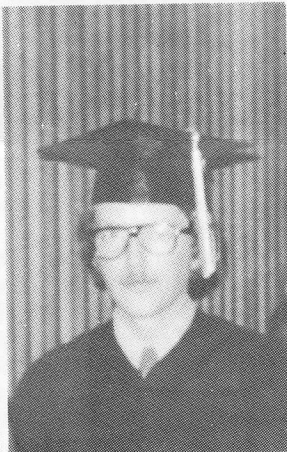
Dan, Mary Jane and children took 2 days to see Worlds of Fun the 6th & 7th of Aug. They phoned their reservation in to their motel, and had a fun time.

A friend told me every place they went the motels and attractions were full. It is probably best that we take our vacation in the winter.

Love, Rose



Larry Kosch, at reception after graduation.



Larry Kosch  
 Graduation  
 1976  
 Peru State  
 College  
 Peru, Nebr.

August, 1976

Columbus Telegram

# Denise Kush marries Steven K. Urkoski

Married at 3 p.m. Friday at St. Isidore Catholic Church were Denise Lynne Kush, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Kush, Monroe, and Steven Kenneth Urkoski, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Urkoski.

With Rev. Francis Price officiating, Lisa and Lori Rupp were vocalists and

waist and flounced skirt, sweeping to a train. Flower appliques of lace and seed pearls adorned the bodice and were scattered through the skirt. Matching appliques covered the Camelot holding her illusion veil. Arranged in the bridal nosegay were white roses, yellow, mint and medium green carnations.

Carrying similar nosegays were the bridesmaids, Cheryle Kush of David City, maid of honor; Pam Gertsch, Deb Gaston, Diane Ziegler and Carol Gaston, all of Monroe. All wore floor length gowns of shaded green floral print on a white background, their angel sleeves outline with white lace.

Donna Kush, flower girl for her sister, had a white gown trimmed with green floral lace.

Mark Ditter, Monroe, acted as best man and Mark Zakrewski was ring bearer. Groomsmen were Randy Ditter, Andy Ditter, Brad Gaston all of Monroe, and Rick Urkoski, brother of the groom.



**MRS. STEVEN URKOSKI**

Carolee Sprunk provided the organ music.

Bishop sleeves of Cluny lace highlighted the bride's peau de soie gown, fashioned with a Queen Anne neckline, empire

The bride's brother, Ron and Bob Kush of Monroe ushered the 350 guests.

Wedding festivities included a reception in the church hall and dance at New Havens Ballroom near Clarks.

Mr. and Mrs. Urkoski, now on a trip to Kansas City, will reside near Monroe. She is a student at the Columbus Beauty College. He attended Platte College and Central Nebraska Tech at Hastings and is now employed by Hegemann Enterprises, Monroe.

**From Dick and Dolores Nyffeler**

Aug. 19

Hello to all of you, It's a good thing one has deadlines to meet or one would put off doing things. Acutally, I enjoy writing letters but this summer has been something else getting anything written.

Since our last good rain was back in May on Joey's wedding, we, like everyone else, have been most busy irrigating. The rains are so close but go around us. We are thankful that we have plenty water to irrigate rather than get rain and have to take hail with it as has been happening.

Was so happy so many of you could make it to the family picnic. Pat, thanks for all the work and effort you put forth so

we could have all the pictures. Hopefully, next year Sr. Dolores will be able to attend. The year 1977 will mark her 25th anniversary as a nun. In August 1977 the Mother House will have a celebration for her, so if any of you are on vacation then, you will have to try to attend.

Sr. Dolores was home from July 24 'til August 5. Time didn't permit us to see everyone what with two funerals and a wedding to go to. We spent the week-end in Minden. We needed the break in work and she had never been there. It's been many years since we toured the Village, so we enjoyed it too. When you look at that old machinery or the household appliances, it makes you appreciate all the comforts we have.

By the way, the Kresha Family book was included in the capsule that was buried in Frankfort Square in Columbus on July 4th. Thanks to Art and Irene, they got a copy there at my request. This capsule will be opened in 2056 when Columbus is 200 years old. Since we have plenty copies, I'm going to give the museum in Columbus and Osceola copies to add to their collections.

Dick's sister from Ohio along with her husband and another couple from Florida took a camper to the west coast touring all the national parks. They hit the hottest weather all the way. They stopped here for a few days so we could fill them up with sweet corn. We have had company twice from Illinois. I always feel so guilty that we aren't able to do more while they are here but in the summer as you all know a farmer is too busy to do much.

My garden has been just so so. Plenty to use for daily use but not enough to can (good excuse, don't have time to do it anyway). haha. We sure had a bumper crop of sweet corn and plenty of town folks to take it off our hands. Right now the white corn is ready. It's good but we still think No. 199 Northrup King is the best - - much sweeter. You should have seen Sr. Dolores when she left by car. They had 2 gunny sacks of corn stacked between the 2 riders in the back seat. She took it to the Motherhouse as it's a treat for them. I think they would of left their suitcases behind to make room for the corn.

Hope these few lines find you all ok. Take care - -  
Dolores and Dick



Andi Kresha, Emerald Queen '76, Platte College, Columbus, Nebr.



Pam Kresha irrigating potatoes at Harold and Lillian Wituski's, '75.

**From Nellie Kuhnel**

June 11

Dear Pat and all,

Received the KRONICLE yesterday and I sure enjoy the news letter so much I must write and tell you. I have wanted to write every time I received it as I read every word of it. I hear of all the family as I think of all of them often, but seems I never get to see any of them only once in a while. I hardly know the whole family but sure know who they are by name. So I sure enjoy reading their letters. It seems I have so many of my family to write to that I neglect writing to them. I know if Adolph was still with me he would sure enjoy the KRONICLE as well as I

do. I think it's wonderful thing for you to do for your family. I imagine they all appreciate it as they can keep in touch with each other with just one letter. Otherwise would take a lot of time to write to the whole family.

I am enclosing money to help pay your expenses, also as you are my godchild and I know you have been doctoring and had a couple of operations and still one coming, so I tho't you could get yourself something for this that you want. I know what hospital and doctor bills cost. Adolph died in January. I knew when he passed away I was due for an operation so I had it in Easter time, then I had 3 more operations following that one, and each one at Easter time. So I was thankful I got by this last Easter without one. Four operations in 5 years is certainly enough. I hope the jinx has left me as I am feeling pretty good and have done a lot of work this year so far.

I hope your health improves every day and your next operation will make you entirely well.

Our winter and spring has been on the dry side only about three weeks ago we got about 4 in. of rain and nothing since then. They predict rain but it doesn't come and it is sure getting dry. The wind blows almost every day and it is getting hotter too so that sure takes out the moisture. It sure reminds us of the dry years of the 30's. They say we don't have very much sub-soil moisture. If it goes like the 30's this country will be in a bad shape as people are used to more than we were at that time.

I see your family are having a reunion the 20th, that sure is nice as you all will get to see everyone. Stop in and see me if you come for it. I am always glad to see any of the family. We are having my family reunion this Sunday 13th. at David City Park. I sure look forward to it.

Well, wish and pray you have a very successful operation and will close with love and Best Wishes.

Your cousin and godmother, Nellie Kuhnel

**From The Thomases**

Dear Family,

Sept. 17

Our new home will be in Castle Rock, Colo. In fact, Gene and the girls left for there Sept. 8 and the girls started school two days later. I am in Pleasant Hill until we can get our house sold, hopefully not too long.

We left Aug. 21 on a trip to check out newspaper properties in the west. We saw Carrizozo, N. Mex., Glendale, Ariz., Calexico, Lakeside, Huntington Beach and Southgate, Calif., Glenn's Ferry, Ida., Bridger, Mont., Crawford, Nebr., Kremmling and Castle Rock.

Colo. We got home Monday, Aug. 30 after 10 days and 5,000 mi. Previously, Gene and Terri had gone to Fredonia, Kans. to check a daily paper there. Since I hadn't seen Fredonia, we decided about 2:30 Sunday afternoon, Sept. 5 to go again with me along, and got home about 10 p.m. The next day we then decided to make the offer at Castle Rock and an agreement was reached. So Gene suggested I get the Kronicle out now. Hope I'm out there by October Kronicle time, but keep sending letters to the new box number — **Box 78, Pleasant Hill, Mo. 64080.**

While in California we spent two nights with sister Ann Hensel. She has a lovely home, lots of room, and really made us comfortable. She has a player piano and delighted in playing it for us. While we looked at the Huntington Beach and Southgate papers on Tuesday, the girls spent the day at Disneyland. I believe they liked Worlds of Fun better, and said they had to stand in line a lot at Disneyland.

We left Ann early on Wednesday and drove to Bakersfield. We hit it just right, as Margaret called the dispatcher and found out that George and Mike would both be downtown at the same intersection in a few minutes. So we hurried down, met Mike first and had only a few minutes to say "hello". Then we met George's bus, and decided to ride a way with him for a longer visit. Gene and Margaret met us in the car at a designated corner. Then we went to their house for "lunch" which turned out to be a real feast.

Then on north again, and arrived at Rita's in Sacramento about 8:30. We intended to take off again the next morning, but Rita had taken the day off, so we spent a very enjoyable day with her. That evening, she and Karen showed their Spain slides and others. Really nice, and I'm sure they'll have fond memories of their trip for a long time. After seeing her garden I'll not mention ours. It's all dried up anyhow, no rain since at least early August.

Joe seems happy in the Marines. His training in football and track prepared him for the physical training. This week and next he is on the rifle range at Camp Pendleton. He's looking forward to shooting, and says if they don't come in 1st they'll be on KP for a week!  
Love to all, Pat, Gene & family

### From Father Matt Burger

July 31

Dear Mrs. Thomas,

Thank you for your fine letter of July 21, with all the Kresha news (and newsheets). Mrs. Marcia Strauss wrote for advice about a year ago, and I simply referred her to Clarence Scholz, who evidently came through as usual. I hope he sent you one of the Olbrich History books that contain a supplementary sheet (with corrections, additions, etc., and especially the birth information about our grandparents, that finally came from Czechoslovakia, after I had waited for months and finally gave up. It came a month or so after I gave up and had the book printed).

It is interesting to learn of the past history, with the labors and troubles, of our ancestors. But is also interesting to hear of all the numerous present-day descendants. A few years ago I had the opportunity to meet a whole raft of descendants of one Olbrich branch that wound up in Montana, and another in Washington. I guess we are all second-cousins of a sort, once or twice or whatever removed. It is curious how families turn out -- for example, your grandmother started out with such a small family (was it just 1 or 2 children) which has increased evidently into a large clan, while by contrast the Joe Olbrich family in eastern Washington, which was perhaps the largest Olbrich branch, has virtually died out.

Pass along my regards and thanks to Mrs. Marcia Strauss; I am happy to learn that her efforts are bearing fruit. And thanks for letting me share.

Frederick (Father Matt) Burger  
Providence Hospital 700 N.E. 47th Ave.  
Portland, Oregon 97213

(Ed. note: Like he mentions, Father Matt is a whatever cousin to us since he is an Olbrich descendant. Our grandmother (Emelia Scholz Karges) was a daughter of John and Anna Olbrich Scholz.)



POST OFFICE HOME—Richland Postmaster Mary Van Velkinburgh lowers the flag at the Richland Post Office. The Post Office was moved to the remodeled old home in 1971 which has "worked out nicely," Mrs. Van Velkinburgh said. The (Mrs. VanVelkinburgh is Eva Kresha's youngest half-sister.)

Post Office was formerly in the business district but had to move and ended up in the house "simply because they had to have somewhere to put it," she said.

(Telegram Photo by Stan Linhorst)

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## YOU ALL NOTICE

Since it is already late, I will say that you can get Christmas greetings in until Sat., Dec. 11. It will come out Dec. 13. I plan to get it done at a quick print place in Denver. So there will be no pictures except Christmas decorations I might use for your greetings, and no clippings. Those will appear the next time.

### TAKE NOTE: PLEASE

make your greetings short like on a Christmas card. It would be nice to have one from everyone who is on the mailing list; sure would save you postage and having to buy cards. After the Christmas issue, we'll know more what we can do, how it will look, etc. Already have a couple for the Christmas issue, so the rest of you do it RIGHT NOW because time is short.

Send to: Pat Thomas, Box AA, Castle Rock, Colo. 80104

### First day of fall

Dear Pat & Kreshas,

I had been thinking about writing and when the "KK" came today - I knew I was I'm glad you got my new address, Pat, and I am delighted that you will be nearer to us now in Colorado. (For you non-Colorado folks, Castle Rock is straight south of Denver.) You are lucky because Denver's pollution tends to blow north!

George is still working for the newspaper in Monterey, Calif. Jennie and I had to move out of student housing as I was no longer a student. (I took a summer class toward renewing my teacher's certificate.) Boulder is expensive for rent and there are too many unemployed teachers, so Jennie and I got a neat townhouse apt. in Longmont, Colo. (about 10 mi. NE of Boulder). Starting in Oct. I will have a 1/2 time job teaching hard of hearing students. (Ed. note: this is now up to full time.) George and I are not legally separated and there is still the chance we may get back together. In case we don't, I have talked to my priest, and he says I have several good reasons for a church annulment, should we divorce. So - time will tell.

Jennie keeps busy with school, Brownies, first communion class, and her bunny "Snoopy". I will also

be helping Brownies with crafts, teaching religion on Sat. to some deaf kids, and am still secretary for Boulder Genealogy Society. I am planning to join the Colo. Polka and Dutch-Hop Assn. too (I miss the old wedding dances) and in Oct. I will take a (city) woman's car care class.

I was happy to see a letter from Father Burger, my genealogy forerunner for this family. By the next issue, I should have some more genealogy to report. The Czech Embassy has 11 more birth certificates, as soon as I can manage to send them some money. I think parts of Fr. Burger's Olbrich Book would make a hit movie!

I would enjoy seeing our cousins Michael and Richard Kresha again and meet their families. I remember playing with them 23 (?) years ago at George and Margaret's. One of them told me there were bloodsuckers in the ocean so I was afraid to go in!

I'll be getting a new hide - a - bed sofa soon, so if anyone wants to stop in on their way to Estes Park or wherever, you are welcome. (Just warn me.) Let's hear from some of our cousins out there!!

Marcie and Jennie  
Strauss

New address: 1434 Hover - Apt. 1  
Longmont, Colo. 80501

Hello there,

We sure enjoy getting the Kresha Kronicle and guess it's about time we got busy and wrote a few lines.

It's sure been a busy summer. With a new baby and all of the irrigating it seems like it shouldn't be fall already.

Gregg started picking corn this week. So far he thinks it's pretty good this year. The girls will hardly know their Daddy until after harvest. Denice started bowling a couple of weeks ago, she doesn't do the greatest but she has a heck of a good time. The girls are both growing up fast. Between Romper Room and Sesame Street Jodi has learned a lot of things, she's a great Bert and Ernie (Sesame Street) fan. It doesn't seem like Connie should be almost six months old. She can sit for a short time by herself and she smiles and giggles a lot.

Better sign off, it's time to go to bed. Be looking forward to the next Kronicle.

As ever  
Gregg, Denice, Jodi  
and Connie Kresha

Dear Family, Oct. 14

Time goes by so fast. Here another month is almost over or half anyway. Everything is fine in this Kresha household. Everyone had their turn at colds and sore throats but all is well now for a while anyway.

Ade has been really busy at work. But today, tomorrow and Sat. he's on days off. Today we are going to clean the garage, a long overdue job. That job is always so easy to put off.

Kids are getting along just fine in school. All have nice teachers this year. Pam is really enjoying Jr. High. She thinks it's much more fun than grade school. Tomorrow is homecoming here. So she will get to play in the band at half time. She seems to be enjoying every minute of it. Andy and Tom went out for flag football this year. Both enjoyed it thoroughly and their team won the championship. They had a banquet and each boy got a trophy. Between scouts and school they are kept pretty busy. Andy is going on a camping trip this weekend with the scouts.

I'm just trying hard to keep some order and peace in our household. Very hard at times. Still involved with Scouts as Committee Chairman this year. Also have joined the Ladies Aux. of the K.C.s. Have really liked the meetings and getting to know more people in the church.

Congratulations to all the newly weds, graduates and Emerald Queen. It is always so enjoyable reading the Kronicle. There is always so much going on that we probably won't even hear about otherwise. It will always make good reading for our children's families in years to come.

Sorry we didn't make it to Shelby for the picnic. Had talked about going but Ade couldn't get off. Would have been nice to see everyone.

Well I guess I better get busy now. Have much to do today so take care all of you and we'll read you in the Kronicle.

I'm enclosing a picture you might all enjoy seeing. Kids dug it out when they had their football picture taken.

(Ed. note: It is of the Osceola football team in 1947 when Ade was playing, and will appear in a future issue.)

Lots of love & prayers  
Ade, Pat & kids

Hello to all, Oct. 18

What a surprise to find 1 inch of snow on the ground this morning. Suppose that was the frosting on the cake for our California visitors Margaret, Diane and Marie. Hope you had a pleasant stay and enjoyed our Indian Summer visitors. Wonder how Dixie, Michael, Steven, Troy and Mike fared on their return to California? So glad you came even if it was our busy harvest time. Please hurry back soon!

The Family Dinner honoring all of them at the Shelby Legion Club was well attended. Many thanks to Rosalie Gabel for reserving the hall and making the coffee, to Dolores Nyffeler for getting out many of the invitations and to Bill Kresha for passing the hat for the rent. Oh yes, to all of you for coming and any part you had in making it a happy event.

The corn harvest will be finished in 2 more days. We are so thankful for the good harvest weather. Guess we were lucky in other ways, too.

We went to the David City Hospital, yesterday, to see Mary Lou Dunekacke and her baby daughter Julee. Congratulations to Lee and Mary Lou. You have a beautiful baby. Glad nurse Carol Kresha was on duty and could display her to us.

Hope to hear from many of you in the Kronicle. Love to hear how you are and any other news of your family.

Our love,

Rose and Bud

Dear Kresha Family, Oct. 20

It's the same old story, the 20th of the month and I'm just getting my letter written. Life here isn't any different than any other farmer's this time of the year - BUSY

We are about 2/3 finished with harvest. The weather and how much and when the elevator will take corn will determine when we get done. The lines are getting long at the elevator, plus sometimes they don't take corn.

Monday the 18th we had our first snow. What a surprise to get up to snow when they said there maybe showers. We will be due for a long winter if the old saying is true -- the date (18th) of the first snow will be how many snow storms you will have. Then on the other hand the Farmers Almanac says, "If dry on the 16th look for a dry spring" which it was here.

The snow took care of the flowers which hadn't been hurt by the frost we had before. Yesterday I cleaned off the flower beds and started the big job of raking up leaves. With all the trees we have around here this is a BIG JOB as the leaves don't blow away, just get hung up around the house.

A big THANKS to Aunt Rose, Rosalie and those that helped make the picnic in Shelby such a success. It was so nice of all of you to make an effort to come. Pat, it was nice you made the trip too.

Aunt Emelia called and said she enjoys the KK and rereads it; I want you all to know she thinks a lot of you and you would be surprised how she knows everyone's name and how they are related. She wants me to tell you she is sorry she can't write to the different ones when they do her some little favor. Right now her leg is giving her a lot of pain and for a time she wasn't able to take her daily walks but has started again. They have been putting hot packs on her legs causing them to drain. To the Calif. people and Aunt Rose, she really appreciated your visit.

Talking about the KK, those of you that left early and those of you that weren't there, Pat's fund is running low, since she has to pay someone else to print the news it costs more. Martin passed the hat so we were able to help the fund for awhile. Maybe the rest of you could see your way clear to add to the fund in the near future. It would be nice if you would send a note or a letter too.

Happy Halloween and may the spooks only do nice things to you.

Love,

Delores & Dick

Dear Family,

Oct. 15

Was sure nice seeing so many at the gathering in Shelby. Too bad it had to take so long before we met Dixie, Michael and family. Our children fell in love with Troy and Stephen.

The new babies are so darling. Hope someone has pictures that can be printed in the Kronicle.

For those of you who left before the hat was passed for donations for the Kronicle, Pat could use anything you'd care to send her. It costs \$9.00 just for postage each time they are mailed out, plus the cost of printing. With pictures, it costs extra.

And no, Charlie, (and anyone else who wondered) Martin didn't pass the hat for himself. He gave it all to Pat — \$16.00!

We are still enjoying Indian summer weather. Martin is combining corn. Won't be too long and harvest will be finished.

I am nursing a cold. Had a touch of the flu about 3 weeks ago. Everyone else is well.

Patrick and Kenneth are still going strong in Karate. Will get test results of Oct. 9 testing sometime the

week of Oct. 17. Patrick was up for black belt, but he goofed when he tested so his rank advancement is questionable. Kenneth was green belt and he should have advanced at least to a blue rank. Guess Mom and Dad are as anxious to find out the results as the boys are. Bernard dropped out of karate in Sept. It just wasn't for him.

Doesn't seem possible that the next Kronicle will be the Christmas one.

For this time, so long—  
Martin, Elaine & family

Dear Pat,

Oct. 25

I'm sorry it has taken so long before you can sell your place. Why don't you rent it? Or would people wreck it for you? Start praying to Dear Saint Martin DePorres. He really will help you see that you will get it sold. I bet Gene and girls miss you. I went to the airport to meet Margaret before her plane left for Bakersfield last Tuesday. We had a nice visit. But what a time. I had to park my car.

It was so foggy here this a.m. We had a nice rain, otherwise the smog was so bad you couldn't breathe.

Mrs. Hahn is at Huntingon Beach with Chris and Kia. She leaves for Germand 11-27-76.

I see "Mo. beat Nebraska" last Saturday.

It was nice you could go back while Mike, Michael, Dixie, Troy and Steve were back there too. I'm sorry Eva didn't get there.

Pat, I'm glad you enjoyed your visit here.

Love, Ann

Dear Family,

Nov. 10

It's been a while since we all heard from each other, so will be anxious to hear from all of you.

It has been a nice fall with just enough rain for the new wheat crop to get started. Now it is dry and the soil is cracking. If we don't get snow this winter to replenish the subsoil moisture the farmers will be in great trouble in 1977.

Newly planted trees will have difficulty surviving the winter.

Our church is having their annual soup supper this Sunday. In the Country Store I'll be giving home made peanut brittle, a crocheted stole, and 4 Humpty - Dumpty's made from the plastic eggs from Leggs panty hose. Harold has made 2 Advent Wreaths from wood, engraving some religious symbols, laquering them, and drilling holes for 4 candles.

Larry left for Castle Rock the last week of Oct. to work for the Thomases on their newspapers. It is lonely here without him. The last bird has flown from the nest.

Word from Seattle is that Leon has gone to school in San Francisco

again. Every time Burroughs comes out with a new machine, he goes to school to learn how to repair it. He didn't like his teaching job which he tried last summer. Sharon hasn't gone back to work and enjoys being only a housewife.

Marcia moved to Longmont from Boulder and is teaching the hearing impaired students in the public schools.

O'Briens were here this week-end and their 3 children are growing fast. Bethanie is one year old now and walks several steps.

In Adult Education, Harold took a car tune-up course and I took a creative pottery course. You're never too old to learn!

Let's all get our Christmas messages in the December issue so the cost of cards and stamps is saved.

Love to all  
Harold and Lillian

Dear Pat & family,

I am on the other side of the fence but will scribble a few lines to the Kresha journal news. I enjoyed the little newspaper very much. I loved the comments on Dolores where she fed the company on sweet corn. That's a sure way to cut their visit short. I must keep that in mind, might come in handy when some company comes.

And the comments about Sophia, seems she has the little town under her thumb, including the Catholic Church. Sophia was my wife's bridesmaid, and my brother John was best man.

We had three daughters in the mixup. We now have seventeen grandchildren, five of those are by marriage and two great granddaughters. I love them all.

Hope you all have a nice winter.

With love from,  
Joe Karges  
660 - 13th Ave.  
Columbus, Nebr.

(Ed. note: Joe, we would love to hear more tales about your family, especially your mother whom I hardly knew, and your father, whom I can't recall ever meeting.)

Dear Pat & family,

It has been a busy year for me thus far adjusting to the work world and then changing jobs after four months. I now work for the Nebr. Job Service as an employment interviewer. I really like my work, I might add.

Also changing has been my place of residence (home). I now live at 1624 S. 32 Ave., Omaha 68105.

Love and prayers  
to the Kresha Family  
Andy Kresha

## BIRTHS



It's A Girl!

**Born Oct. 16, 1976, 1:57 a.m. She** weighed 6 lbs. 9 oz. 20½ in. long, and is named Julee Christine. Proud parents are Lee and Mary Lou Duneckacke.

Dennis and Carolyn Kresha are parents of a girl born Sat., Sept. 25., 1976. Please send more statistics to: Pat Thomas, Box AA, Castle Rock, Colo. 80104.

Hello Everyone,

Once again Christmas time has come. We aren't ready for it here yet. Glenn and I are having the turkey this year.

The weather here is beautiful 16 above zero and the sun is shining through the falling ice crystals, it is so pretty.

We have the corn all harvested. The new wheat is sure pretty and the new alfalfa is really one of the nicest I've ever seen. God is really good to us.

Greg and Denice are farming up north, and Raymond and Mary are in Grand Island. He is the news announcer on KMMJ. Their address is:

Raymond Kresha  
2222 Bellwood Dr. Apt. 69  
Grand Island, Nebr. 68801

Andy is working in Omaha with the Nebr. Job Service and he has moved also. His new address is:

Andrew Kresha  
1325 So. 30th Apt. 4  
Omaha, Nebr. 68501

Our Michelle is studying to be a physician's assistant. She graduates this spring and is busy planning her marriage with Mike Berlin. He is studying to be a physical therapist. He is studying out of Omaha. He lives in Columbus.

So this brings us to Christine. She's taking a 2 year nursing course in Lincoln.

And our Tony is a football player and his whole life revolves around the games played and to be played.

As for Glenn and I, we are getting fatter and older every day. (greeting in next issue). Bye, Bye, and God Love You.

Glenn & Ha  
& all us Kresha Kids

# KRESHHA KRONICLE

*Merry Christmas*

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Box AA, Castle Rock, Colo. 80104

Christmas, 1976

## O Holy Night



### From Mother Eva Kresha

May I wish you all, the Joys of Christmas, and Happiness in New Year 1977.

Love ya very much  
Mother Kresha

### From Glenn & Ila Kresha

We send you all of our  
Love and  
Christmas Wishes

and will ask God to Bless each and every one of you. Sure hope this finds you and your family feeling well, and Thanks a thousand times for the Birth of the Kronicle. We just love it, such a beautiful personal way to share the news. We will always treasure every issue.

Bye Bye and "God Love You"  
Glenn & Ila  
& all us Kresha Kids

Dear family,

May you have  
THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS  
which is Peace  
THE GLADNESS OF CHRISTMAS  
which is Hope  
THE HEART OF CHRISTMAS  
which is Love

All our love and prayers to all, and a blessed Christmas and prosperous New Year.

Ade, Pat  
Pam, Andy  
Tom & Danny

### From Bud & Rose Hilger

12/5/76

Season Greetings to all the Family  
Among our Christmas blessings,  
Those we hold most dear  
Are memories of happy times  
we've had throughout the year.

Sincere good wishes to all for a joyous Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Lovingly,  
Bud & Rose

### From Tom and Mary O'Brien Dear Kreshas and all,

Our Christmas wish — Peace for every home, Love for every heart, and an Answer for every prayer.

Tom & Mary O'Brien  
Katie, Matt & Bethanie

### Christmas Card Cookies By ROSE HILGER

3 cups sifted flour  
½ teaspoon salt  
1 cup butter or margarine  
1 cup sugar  
2 eggs - unbeaten  
1 teaspoon vanilla

Cream butter and sugar well, add eggs, beat until light & fluffy, add vanilla and flour. Cover bowl — chill dough 3 hours. Roll small amount of dough at a time to 1/8 in. thickness. Cut out with fancy cookie cutter. Bake at 350 degrees 10 min. Watch closely and do not brown.

This has been our favorite Christmas cookie for 20 years. Makes 3 to 4 dozen of rich creamy cookies.

No, I didn't forget leavening, it takes none.



Merry Christmas  
and  
Happy New Year

May the warmth  
and friendliness of the  
Christmas season be  
yours throughout the New Year.

Dan, Mary Jane,  
Mike & Michelle Hilger

"Wishing the warmest  
Holiday Greetings to all"

Love,  
Bob, Sue & Matt Hilger

### From Hank & Bonnie Kobza

Season's Greetings to all the Kreshas!

Seems we're sure to have a white Christmas this year. The kids can't wait till it's deep enough for sledding.

Hope this finds you all well and with all Good Wishes for your Happiness at this Holiday Season and through the Coming year.

Hank & Bonnie Kobza  
& Family

Merry Christmas from the  
Pacific Northwest

Leon and Sharon Kosch

### From Pauline and Leo Kresha

We have a lot to be Thankful for in

1976. Crops were very good in spite of the dry weather. It is very cold now, have 3 inches of snow on the ground, which was welcomed. The ground is very dry, which could be a problem in 1977.

As Christmas nears, we wish all the relatives and the Kreshas a very happy and Merry Christmas.

Pauline and Leo



**"PEACE ON EARTH"**



**This - the eternal message to the world - rings out at Christmas!**

Dear Kreshas! Season's Best to all.

Dec. 9th

The Ehmkes have survived 1976 and are awaiting '77. The kids are growing as fast as weeds. Johnna's in fourth grade, Jason in first. Since they are gone all day, I have branched out my sewing business & opened a shop in the Knot Hole, a men's store down town. John's busy at Safeway, playing with his new 35mm camera, & hunting! Hope this finds all healthy, wealthy & wise!

Peace!

The Ehmkes

John, Cindy, Johnna & Jason

Dear Family,

Dec. 7

I decided it was high time we let you folks know we're still here.

John had a very busy summer and we were very thankful for successful crops. Seemed like every time it rained we had alfalfa ready to bale. Our haying season lasted from June 1 till Oct. So far we've had a few mild storms. The moisture hasn't been much but it looks like we could very well have a long hard winter.

Pat, hope you're not overdoing it. Your health is som important to us all. At this time Mom (Millie) is in the Canon City Hosp. She's been feeling run down and is in for a series of tests. She had a sore on her lower leg for sometime, and we thought it was healed but now its swollen up again. So they're trying to find out the cause. Do remember her in your prayers.

Our girls are fine. Krista will be 3 on Jan 11 and Kori will be 1 on Jan. 13. They are no longer babies. Kori is taking steps and walking around furniture. Is brave one minute and crying the next. What a time for a child to walk.

Our Christmas tree won't be up till Christmas Eve. We are sending our joy to all your homes. May God Love & Bless you all during the Holidays and in 1977.

John, Conney, Krista & Kori Palmer

(Ed. note: Conney says we have her little girl in the Kresha family book as Kari, but it should be Kori. Please make that correction in your books.)

From George & Margaret Kresha

Dec. 7, 1976

Dear Family,

George and I wish you a Merry Christmas and God's blessings for good health in the new year. As of today George is on retirement — all new way of life. On his last trip the photographers were on hand, followed by a surprise party for him at bus company. They had elegant cake with a street car 1939 and a modern bus 1976. Also Union giving him a watch and party and the company planning an awards dinner at the country club in January. He has earned it.

Our children were home 3 days Thanksgiving. We all had a big family dinner at Richard and Gail's that day. Even Ann came up for the day.

We plan to spend Christmas in San Jose with the Chaissons. Jerome will have 5 week midbreak — he is hoping to find employment, to help the budget.

Merry Christmas to all  
Love, George & Margaret

**Our Wish for You**

May the love we know as a family  
Shine among us all year through.

Happy Holidays!

The Thomases  
Gene, Pat, & family

Dear Pat,

I am finding life in Omaha busy and challenging. Hopefully I will be attending UN-O part time next term.

Love at Christmas to all,  
Andy Kresha  
1624 S. 32 Ave.  
Omaha Ne 68105

Dear Pat & Gene & girls,

Dec. 1

Our family was all together for Thanksgiving, so we got caught up on the latest in each others lives.

Wanda and Nadine both have new addresses. Nadine is living with a lady in Greeley that is also house mother at a Sorority house, she has her same employment. Wanda lives in Denver and is employed at a Vet clinic in Littleton, she has a 15 mile drive to work. She is very happy with her new job.

In early November Dave was one of ten young men from Nebraska to receive the American Farmer Degree. I flew to KC for the grand occasion.

The following week Patsy was a contestant in the Nebr. Wheat Queen contest. Altho she wasn't a winner she enjoyed the competition. This was held in North Platte, so while I was there I went down to visit Mom for several hours.

Everyone here is kept busy, school kids with homework and extra activities. The young men are finding chores and shop work take up most of the day. The cows are on the cornstalks, & have about 300 head steers in feed lot and about 175 yearlings.

I'm taking a course in Food Services, am preparing myself so when the day comes I'll be ready to join the working force.

**Happy Holidays to all, and the best in '77!**

Lots of love,  
Mary and family

**Kimball Youth Wins National FFA Award**

LINCOLN — A Kimball Future Farmers of America (FFA) member and the Kimball FFA Chapter received awards during the national FFA convention at Kansas City Thursday.

David J. Lukassen, son of Mrs. Howard Lukassen of Kimball, received the American Farmer Degree, the highest degree of membership in FFA, which is presented by the national organization to members who have demonstrated exceptional agricultural and leadership ability.

Only those who have earned the State Farmer Degree are eligible for the American Farmer Degree. In addition, candidates for the national award must have been active members of FFA continuously for at least three years. They must have a record of participation in local and state FFA activities and they must have completed all of the vocational agriculture instruction offered in their high school. They must have earned at least \$1,000 by their own efforts through their occupational experience program, with those earnings productively invested or deposited in a bank, and they must have demonstrated outstanding ability through their leadership and cooperation in student, chapter and community activities.

(From Western Nebraska Observer)

The Kimball FFA Chapter was one of four in Nebraska that received gold emblems for top recognition in the national rating of chapters.



**KIMBALL FFA MEMBER HONORED**—David J. Lukassen (r) of Kimball receives the American Farmer Degree, highest degree of membership in Future Farmers of America, from Bobby Tucker, national FFA president. The degree was presented to 10 Nebraska FFA members during the 49th national FFA convention held last week in Kansas City, Mo. David is the son of Mrs. Howard Lukassen.

## FFA receives 4th gold emblem; Lukassen is 'American Farmer'

Kimball chapter of Future Farmers of America has earned another gold emblem national award to add to their trophy case.

The chapter received the honor, which is given to only the top 122 chapters in the nation, at the 49th national FFA convention held last week in Kansas City, Mo. They have now received 4 gold and 2 silver emblems.

David Lukassen of Kimball won the highest individual degree awarded by the national FFA, the American Farmer Degree, joining a select group which represents about one percent of

all FFA members nationally.

Other Kimball FFA'ers attending the convention were President Ted Kellner, Vice President Dennis Lukassen, Sentinel Bob Volkmer, Reporter Debbie Degèle, Treasurer Doug Lukassen, Secretary Kendell Henderson and Scott Mahaffey, a state officer.

They were accompanied to Kansas City by their adviser, Dan Acheson and Bob Kellner an FFA alumni. Mrs. Howard Lukassen was present to see her son, Dave, receive his American Farmer Degree.

The chapter traveled by bus with the FFA chapter from Cody, Wyo.

From Ann Hensel

**Season's Greetings**

Best Wishes to all  
for the holiday  
and in the coming year.

I'm sure everyone is busy this time of the year getting ready for the holiday season, and with the year nearly drawing to a close I had a nice thing happen to me in May. I received my patent from the United States government, which made me real proud to say one of the Kreshas received a US patent. I am in the process of getting it on the market, or I may sell it out right.

The folks I had been caring for their two boys Chris and Kia have moved to Bonn, Germany. I miss them very much, especially Kia. I had cared for him since he was an infant.

It was so nice seeing Pat, her husband Gene and three lovely daughters in August. I had not seen Pat for thirty-seven years. Pat is such a dear person. She reminds me so much of Eva. We all should take our hats off to her, she's such a brave and dear person. One would never know she ever had an ill day in her life. I'm sure all our prayers were answered, too.

Then in Nov. I had the pleasure of taking her down to San Diego to see their son's graduation from the Marines. I'm so happy Pat came. I know Joe was so very grateful to have his mother there.

Well, another person to be proud of is our brother, George, after thirty-nine years with the bus company in Bakersfield. I'm sure Dad Kresha would say 'A job well done, George, I'm proud of you as a son.'

I'm making this short this time. My very best wishes to everyone the coming year.

Love, Ann

From Dale and Millie Lukassen

Merry Christmas &  
Happy New Year  
to everyone from Colorado!

We've had snow and cold weather like everyone has, but its gone in a few days.

I've had some x-rays in the hospital and blood work. All is negative but I got rested up. Otherwise we are all okay. This is a good way to get our greetings to each other, thanks to the Thomases.

Curt had a good football season. He was named player of the week 3 times. Now its basketball for him & Evan. Bart works at Climax so I **don't know** who all will be here for Christmas. We had a houseful of children for Thanksgiving except Bart & Tim & family.

Our best for 1977  
Love for a Blessed Christmas  
Millie, Dale & boys



From Martin and Elaine Kresha

Our prayer for 1977 will continue to be —  
that the Kresha family will find health, peace and unity.

**Christmas Blessings**  
and best wishes  
for a  
Joyous and Peaceful  
**NEW YEAR**

Martin, Elaine & family



Dear Kresha Family,

May the Love, Hope, and Peace, which is Christmas abide with you all throughout the New Year.

"Merry Christmas"  
"Happy New Year"

Larry, Carol,  
Dan & Brad  
Kresha

From Charlie and Lucy Kresha

Nov. 29

Hello Everybody,  
Charlie and I spent a most enjoyable week the first part of Nov. visiting the brothers and sisters in Colorado and western Nebr. Everything was A-okay when we got home too. I must not forget the nieces and nephews we visited too. My, how time does fly.

Charlie has been in the VA Hospital at Grand Island the past week for a checkup. I don't know how long he'll be there. You know it takes forever for them to diagnose something. But it is a nice place to be if you're not feeling up to par.

We wish everybody a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Love, Charlie & Lucy  
Ed, Nancy, Julie & Kristi

Dear Pat & family,

A real Merry Christmas,  
full of joy and good cheer!  
May the season's magic,  
remain with you all year.

Happy Greetings.  
Love,  
Aunt Helen Karges



From Mrs. Edwin Kresha & Family

Hi Everyone,

May God grant you joy on Christmas Day and may He give you all many blessings through the year.

It's snowing real hard today while I'm writing this. Kenny and Lisa are outside and having a ball with their sled.

Kimberlee was a year old last week and it sure doesn't seem possible. She's been walking since she turned 11 months. Follows Kenneth and Lisa around and she really gets excited. Kenneth and Lisa both like school real well.

Put the Christmas tree up Friday and thought it might give Kimberlee a temptation, but she's very good about not reaching for things.

I've been busy making goodies and also been doing a lot of sewing.

Hope this finds everyone well as we are here. Merry Christmas again, & a Joyous and Blessed New Year.



May God Bless You,  
Mrs. Edwin Kresha Family

**A Christmas Prayer**

Eternal Father, our hearts are filled with joy on this Christmas day as we recognize in the little Baby of Bethlehem the revelation of Your eternal love for us. May we receive Him into our hearts and let Him continue to grow there so that we might bring His light, peace and love to all.

Harold and Lillian  
Witulski

Dec. 9, 1976

Dear Kresha Kin,

We hope this season finds you all well and happy and that you can keep the Christmas spirit all year! I've enclosed a "gift" to some of you — a chart with a few of your ancestor names. I am not doing so well with the Karges, Kropatsch & Kresha line. I have been unable to find any birth records in Austria and Germany because I don't know the exact village names. I'd appreciate any help! Grandma Eva says there is a birth certificate in existence SOMEWHERE for Grandpa Adolf. Anyone know where it is? God bless each of you!

Marcie & Jennie  
Strauss



**Holiday Greetings to Everyone!**

May happiness, like the Beauty  
of Nature, surround you in the  
coming year

Rita