

# KRESHA KRONICLE

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## KRESHA FAMILY REUNION JUNE 12

According to word received from Martin and Elaine Kresha, arrangements have been completed for the 1977 Kresha family reunion. It will be the second Sunday in June — June 12. The entire east shelter in Pawnee Park in Columbus, Neb., has been reserved for the Kresha families. Electric outlets are supposed to be available. The east shelter is south of 6th St. on 26th Ave. [where the reunion was held last year]. Everyone will begin eating at 12:30 sharp.

**OUT AT LAST** — I have been trying for a long time to get this issue of the Kresha Kronicle prepared and to press, but it seems something has always interfered. Pat had planned to get it out in January (in fact some of the messages that came in in December were held back when she put out the December issue, with that in mind), but it was very shortly after Jan. 1 that her illness began closing in on her. She kept thinking she would get the editing part done at least, but she never quite felt up to it. While I do not feel I can continue to publish the Kronicle, I felt it would be easier if I published a final issue since we had the materials on hand than to turn it over to someone else at that point. Many members of the Kresha family have expressed appreciation for the newsletter, and several have said they hope it can be continued. I hope someone will see fit to take it over. Perhaps the matter can be taken up at the reunion. Anyone with a typewriter, and an instant printer or offset printer in the neighborhood who doesn't charge too much can handle it, and I will be glad to show the new editor how it can be done.

The Kresha family has been saddened by the loss of two members since the last Kronicle was published. The manner in which they died was very different. Adrian's death was very sudden and unexpected — following several hours after a massive stroke which caused him to lose consciousness in a few minutes and to remain unconscious until his death. The stroke was due to a weak place in an artery which had been present since birth but which had not previously caused any symptoms. Pat's death, on the other hand, came after a two year fight against cancer. To review her case a little, she noticed a lump in her left breast in late 1974. A mammography did not yield a positive diagnosis, so she went to the hospital for a biopsy early in 1975. This indicated malignancy so the breast was removed. A few weeks later she underwent a course of cobalt treatments as a "precaution," lest cancer cells still be present. The radiologist at that time thought there might still be cancer present and thought her ovaries should be removed so the hormones would not continue to stimulate the tumor growth. The surgeon thought there was no more cancer, though, and finally convinced the radiologist. Late in 1975, Pat discovered a lump in the right breast, and early in 1976 went in for biopsy. Again it was malignant and the breast was removed. At first, following the surgery, she seemed to make a good recovery, but very shortly developed chest and abdominal pain and could hardly function. The surgeon put her back in the hospital and (if I'm remembering right) treated her first for pleurisy and then gall bladder trouble, then decided she should have a liver scan. The scan indicated great liver enlargement (accounting for the pain), and she was sent to a cancer specialist. The oncologist said it was probably cancer and began a course of chemotherapy. In a few weeks her liver had receded considerably and she was feeling much better. In June, 1976, she had surgery to remove the ovaries and adrenals, thus virtually eliminating hormones that might stimulate the cancer (and leaving her dependent on an artificial source of cortisone). After recovering from the surgery, she did quite well for several months, carrying on normally except that she had to rest a little more than she did before she became ill. After we moved to Colorado in October, she began to have more back pain as time went on. In December (the third Christmas season in a row for us to receive bad news) she learned the cancer was in the bone marrow in her back and neck and her neck was seriously weakened. They gave her a course of x-ray treatments for this. Other symptoms indicated the cancer in her

liver was becoming active again, so an injection of a different chemotherapy was given. The doctor predicted this, in conjunction with the x-ray treatments, might cause a very sore throat, so we were not surprised when this developed. However, it kept getting worse and worse and she had to go to the hospital, where she was treated for dehydration and with drugs to prevent infection as she had practically no white cells. She got better and came home after a couple of weeks, but was never able to get out of bed for any appreciable time. After a couple of weeks at home, she went to the doctor for a check and he put her back in the hospital and told us it appeared the cancer had become overwhelming and while there was a chance she might get better, it was a very small one. About this time she began having seizures, which became more severe and frequent as time went on, but were controllable to quite an extent with dilantin. At one point they let her come home, but she was hardly home when she began a series of severe seizures and had to go back to the hospital the same night. They were again able to get the seizures fairly well under control, and this was the point she was at at the time of Adrian's death, when several of you visited her. A short time later, they decided there was not much more they could do for her at the hospital and recommended that she go to a nursing home. The only nursing home at Castle Rock was full, so we made arrangements for her to go to Eventide of Lakewood, the nursing home my brother Curt runs in Lakewood, Colo. She continued to have seizures and to grow weaker and had been there ten days when she died. The day before she died, we had completed application for her at the American Cancer and Research Center near Eventide, where we hoped different drugs might help. She died at 2:15 in the morning and there was a nurse with her at the time.

A few weeks before she died, Pat had expressed the desire to be buried in the Kresha family plot at St. Andrew's. She discussed this with Rita at the time of Adrian's death. We all thought it would be a good idea, so when she died we went ahead with this plan.

I certainly appreciate the support of all the Kresha family members at the time of Pat's funeral, and all the help in completing the arrangements, the many spiritual bouquets and memorial gifts, and the hospitality extended to the kids and me and to my brother and sister who went to Nebraska with us for the funeral. I have tried to thank everyone individually, but so many did things for us that I probably missed some; if so, please know that it is not because we are not grateful, but because I just didn't manage to keep track of all the things that were done for us.

Things are going along fairly well for use now. Joe went back to his school in the Marines in Tennessee shortly after the funeral and is doing okay. He expects to finish there in about July, then will probably be home for a little bit, then go to California. Terri went into the Air Force April 20 and is now in basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Tex. She will finish in June but probably not in time to make it to the reunion. She thinks she will then be stationed at Lowry AFB, just a few miles from here. Karen is planning to go to Arizona with her friend from next door when school is out. She may stay there all summer, but I look for the visit to be shorter. Gloria is pretty much planning to spend much of June with friends at Pleasant Hill, Mo., but is planning to go to the reunion. I have sold my two papers here to the competition and have gone to work for them as managing editor of their papers (six in all). I am finding the work tolerable, but will probably buy another paper of my own before too long (hopefully more profitable than the ones here proved to be). My brother, Curt, want to quit the nursing home business and go in with me, so we are going to start looking.

I realize some of the material in this issue of the Kronicle is now nearly six months old, but it is still news to shoe who haven't seen it so I'll include it all. Pat kept an accounting on contributions and expenses on the Kronicle, but, as near as I can tell, got behind in this when her illness became worse. When we no longer had our own printing facilities, the cost of printing went up so I feel sure the previous reserve has been exhausted. I am happy to make up any deficit on this issue after all everyone has done for me. If the family decided to continue the Kronicle, future contributions can go to the

new editor. Pat was grateful for the contributions that were made in the past and so am I.

Probably many of you heard or read of the tornado at Pleasant Hill, Mo. I have visited with a couple of friends there. I had heard of one of the people who was killed but that was all. None of our friends were hurt and our former home and business were undamaged. But it was really some storm. Will plan to see many of you at the reunion.

#### OBITUARY — ADRIAN KRESHA

Adrian Fredrick Kresha, 45, of 806 9th Ave., in Brighton, Colo., died Feb. 27, 1977 at Colorado General Hospital in Denver. Rosary services were held Wednesday, March 2 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Augustine's Church in Brighton and a Mass of Christian Burial on Thursday, March 3 at 10 a.m. at St. Augustine's. Father Jose Hernandez officiated. Interment was in the Elmwood Cemetery in Brighton. Pall bearers were Dorne Solburg, Les Desavedo, Harry Bracklesberg, Dave Wambolt, Paul Schreck, and Danny Shindle.

Born Oct. 1, 1931 at Osceola, Neb., Mr. Kresha married Patricia Ann Hoffman on May 25, 1963 at Stetsonville, Wis. They moved to Kimball, Neb. and lived there eight years. They resided in Brighton the past four years. Adrian was a veteran of Korea, having served in the Air Force. He was a manager for Oil Well Perforators here and worked for them in Kimball. He was a member of St. Augustine's Church in Brighton.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia Ann Kresha; his children, Pamela, Andrae, Thomas and Daniel Kresha, all of Brighton; his mother, Eva Kresha of Holdrege, Neb.; and his brothers and sisters, Amelia Lukassen, Martin Kresha, Lillian Witulski, Arthur Kresha, Charlie Kresha, Bill Kresha, John Kresha, Patricia Thomas, Mary Lukassen, Rita Kresha, Sophia Kresha, Leo Kresha, Adolph Kresha, Ann Hensel, George Kresha, Rose Hilger, Gerhart Kresha. He was preceded in death by a brother, Walter Kresha, and a sister, Cecelia Smagacz.

The family requests contributions be made to St. Augustine's Church Building Fund. St. Germain's Colonial Mortuary was in charge of arrangements.

#### OBITUARY — PAT THOMAS

Patricia Louise Thomas, 47, of Castle Rock, Colo., co-publisher of the Castle Rock, Colo., Douglas County News and the Kiowa, Colo., Elbert County News, died Thursday, March 17, 1977, at Eventide of Lakewood Nursing Home, Lakewood, Colo. Death was the result of cancer, first diagnosed about two years ago. She was born Aug. 31, 1929, at Osceola, Neb., to Adolf F. and Eva Karges Kresha and grew up there. After graduating from Osceola High School she attended a summer session at Midland College, Fremont, Neb., obtained a teacher's certificate, and taught two years in country schools near Osceola. She did office work in Omaha and Columbus, Neb., for a time and in the mid-'50's moved to Grand Junction, Colo., where she did office work for several firms.

In May, 1956, she was married to Eugene Thomas at Grand Junction. They later moved to Denver, Colo., where Mrs. Thomas was employed by Thomas-Hyer Motors. In 1957, the Thomases purchased the weekly Fruita (Colo.) Times and Mrs. Thomas was co-publisher and advertising manager until they sold the newspaper in 1963. She then completed a term at Mesa College, Grand Junction. The Thomases moved to Walsenburg, Colo., in 1964 and Mrs. Thomas was a homemaker while her husband was publisher of the weekly Huerfano World. In 1965 she again became co-publisher of the Fruita Times. They re-sold the paper in 1966 and moved to Boulder, Colo., where Mrs. Thomas worked in the office of the University of Colorado Extension Division for three years. The Thomases purchased the Pleasant Hill (Mo.) Times in 1969 and Mrs. Thomas was co-publisher and advertising manager until they sold that newspaper in 1976. They moved to Castle Rock last October. Mrs. Thomas was active as advertising manager of the newspapers until she became too ill to work in early January. She had been a patient at Colorado General Hospital in Denver much of the time since the first of the year and had moved to Eventide after release from the hospital.

Mrs. Thomas's survivors, in addition to her husband, include their son, Marine Pfc. Joseph Kresha Thomas of Millington, Tenn., and three daughters, Teresa Rose, Karen Marie and Gloria Jean Thomas, all at home; her mother, Eva Kresha of Holdrege, Neb.; four brothers, Martin Kresha of Osceola, Neb., Arthur Kresha of Columbus, Neb., Charles Kresha of Humphrey, Neb., and Wilfred (Bill) Kresha of Columbus, Neb.; four sisters, Amelia Lukassen of Canon City, Colo., Lillian Witulski of Beatrice, Neb., Mary

Lukassen of Kimball, Neb., and Rita Kresha of Sacramento, Calif.; five half-brothers, Leo Kresha of Osceola, Neb., John Kresha of Columbus, Neb., Adolph M. Kresha of Osceola, Neb., and George and Gerhart (Mike) Kresha, both of Bakersfield, Calif.; three half-sisters, Sophia Kresha of Mitchell, Neb., Ann Hensel of Reseda, Calif., and Rose Hilger of David City, Neb., and numerous nephews and nieces. She was preceded in death by her father; two brothers, Walter and Adrian Kresha; a half-brother, Frank Kresha, and a half-sister, Cecelia Smagacz.

Mrs. Thomas was a life-long active member of the Catholic Church. She also belonged to the 'Independent Order of Foresters, and was active in the local chapter of the American Cancer Society when she lived in Missouri. She had been active in the Altar and Rosary Society at Fruita, Colo., and at Pleasant Hill, Mo.

A rosary service was held at Andrews Funeral Home in Castle Rock., Friday, March 18 at 7 p.m. Another rosary service was held at Kepner-Roberts Funeral Home in Osceola, Neb., Sunday, March 20 at 8 p.m. Funeral Mass was at St. Andrew's Church, about 10 miles northeast of Osceola, Neb., Monday, March 21, and burial was in the Kresha family plot in the churchyard there.

#### FROM PAT KRESHA AND FAMILY

A note this a.m. for the Kronicle. Wanted to let you all know we are doing pretty well. Been really kept busy with the yard, house, bills, kids, car, etc. Haven't had much time to sit around and feel sorry for ourselves. We miss Ade very much so I guess it's good we can keep busy. The weekends are the hardest as that's when we were together and did things as a family. It will take a long time to get used to being alone.

I want to thank all of you for your kindness, cards, flowers and money and Masses. It helped a lot to have a wonderful family like yours in our time of need. I hope you won't forget about us. We love you all dearly and hope you sill stop in and see us whenever you are in our area. We are planning a busy summer. Will be in Wisconsin the end of June and first part of July and will be going out to California to see Rita the end of July and first part of August. Should be back from California the second of August. We are hoping to be at the reunion in June if I can get my car fixed by that time. It has been acting up again and won't travel with it until it's fixed. So we'll just have to wait and see.

Well, better run, now. Have a lot to do again today. Take care, all of you, and God bless you all. Lots of Love, Pat and Kids

#### FROM MOM KRESHA [JAN. 14, 1977]

Dear Family, So we're in beginning of a New Year. May you all accomplish what you undertake and have no cause for regret. This wish appeared on a calendar many years ago. Those were the days when every business who could afford it gave a calendar at Christmas. Another that comes to mind was: We believe that business goes where it is invited and abides where it is well treated. On this basis we solicit yours. Some folks had so many calendars they stashed away a few to put up when first ones became faded. I hope you all are used to the winter weather by now. Sure was a lovely fall, so we shouldn't complain. From what I've read, winter is much more severe in the Great Lakes region and New England states. In Wisconsin, winter began in early November, and is staying on. Here in Nebraska we have a bit of snow cover for the winter wheat, for which we are thankful. Papers are telling how so much land is uncovered, thus subject to blowing. My congratulations to the new parents of babies that were born since our last KK visit. Mommie breathes a prayer, hopes baby stays well. Daddy says "another tax exemption." Ha. Of course, Daddy feels same way as Mommie. My congrats also to those of our Klan who are graduating at mid-term. I wish them the best. I wish something could be done to lessen cost of mailing the Kronicle. This first class postage rate is enormous, with such volume of copies. How do these mailers of "junk mail" get away with it? Maybe the Thomases can come up with a solution. In closing, I wish each and every one of you the best: God's blessing, good health in 1977, and always.

Love ya ver' much, Mother Kresha

#### FROM CHARLIE, LUCY AND FAMILY [Feb. 4, 1977]

Dear Kresha Klan, The last three months have been quite hectic around here. On Nov. 19, Charlie went to the V.A. Hospital in Grand Island for a physical checkup for a few days. The doctor found he had bad heart trouble and stayed for three weeks. He came home for Christmas and then was sent Dec. 27 to the VA Hospital in Omaha for more extensive testing and observation. While there he got phlebitis in both legs and a week later he had a slight stroke. He couldn't speak, see, or move for over 12 hours, then his faculties

started coming back, slowly, and is just about okay. Anyway, they dismissed him Jan. 12 to come home and report back to Grand Island Feb. 3 for another check. He called home last night and they put him back in intensive care to monitor his heart again. The doctor said it was no better than the first day he came there. He might be there a few days or who knows for how long. Just so he gets better.

On Dec. 28, Adrea and Ted Preister became parents of a 9 lb. 9 oz. baby girl, Regina Marie. The baby was okay but Andrea got this toxemia poisoning and it was nip and tuck as to whether she would pull through. Thank the Lord she did and everybody is okay, including the father.

On Dec. 30, Kathi went to the hospital to have her baby by caesarean. They had a boy, Jason Robert, 7 lbs. 7 oz. and is a spitting image of Bob. Tammy is so proud of her brother. Anyway, the babies are all baptized and mothers and fathers are fine. I stayed with Kathi and helped her and could also visit with Charlie every day. I soon learned how to drive in Omaha plus a few more nerves. Charlie would like to thank everybody for their cards and letters and prayers. One lady from Humphrey sent him five cards. Charlie was beginning to wonder what was up. Adrea and Ted Preisters' address is Box 275, Madison, Neb., Phone 402/454-2809. God bless everybody. Love, Charlie, Lucy, Ed, Nancy, Julie, Kristi

**FROM NELLIE KUHNEL [Dec. 21, 1976]**

Well, another year has rolled around and it's time again to remember relatives and friends. Seems every year goes faster. This has been a very trying year. No rain to speak of from the middle of June until September. They irrigated from the last week in June until September, night and day. We have three wells on our farms and the expenses were terrific. One of our 80's isn't irrigated so the crop didn't turn out so good. The expenses are the same only the irrigation. The taxes have gone up terrible. And the grain prices have done down so much. Of course, the irrigation crops without rain I don't think are as good. I guess we just have to wait till next year thinking it will be better.

Paul still lives on the farm and has his insurance business. His son came back to the farm to help him. He left such a good job to come to the farm and now it had to be such a year. His girls always helped him a lot but they have been leaving the homestead one by one and next year he will just have one girl left, so it was just getting too much for him. His oldest girl is married and lives in Spokane, Wash. His second is married and lives in David City. The third one goes to college in Kearney. The fourth graduates from high school in the spring and will be leaving for college. His last child will be a junior in high school in the fall.

Rita still lives in Council Bluffs. Her oldest boy graduates from college Dec. 18, and their girl is in her second year in college. Tim is a junior in high school and jim is in the eighth grade. Rita works as substitute at the Iowa school of nursing. Her husband is clerk for the Illinois Central Railroad. Robert is still in Memphis and he works for a big building firm. Their girl goes to college and is in her third year. One boy is in Lincoln and looks after the city auditorium for Lincoln. Their other boy is a dentist in Osceola, Neb. I have eight

great grandchildren. I am feeling real good at present but just got over infection in one of my eyes which took six weeks to heal. Should have gone to an eye specialist sooner. I am having my granddaughter type this and will add to different ones. I write so many that I tell them the same things.

Stella is having Christmas Eve and I am having Christmas dinner for the family. She will have about 30 but I will only have about 16 for dinner as so many go to the other side.

With love and best wishes, Nellie

**FROM VAN AND MARY VAN VELKINBURG [Dec. 22, 1976]**

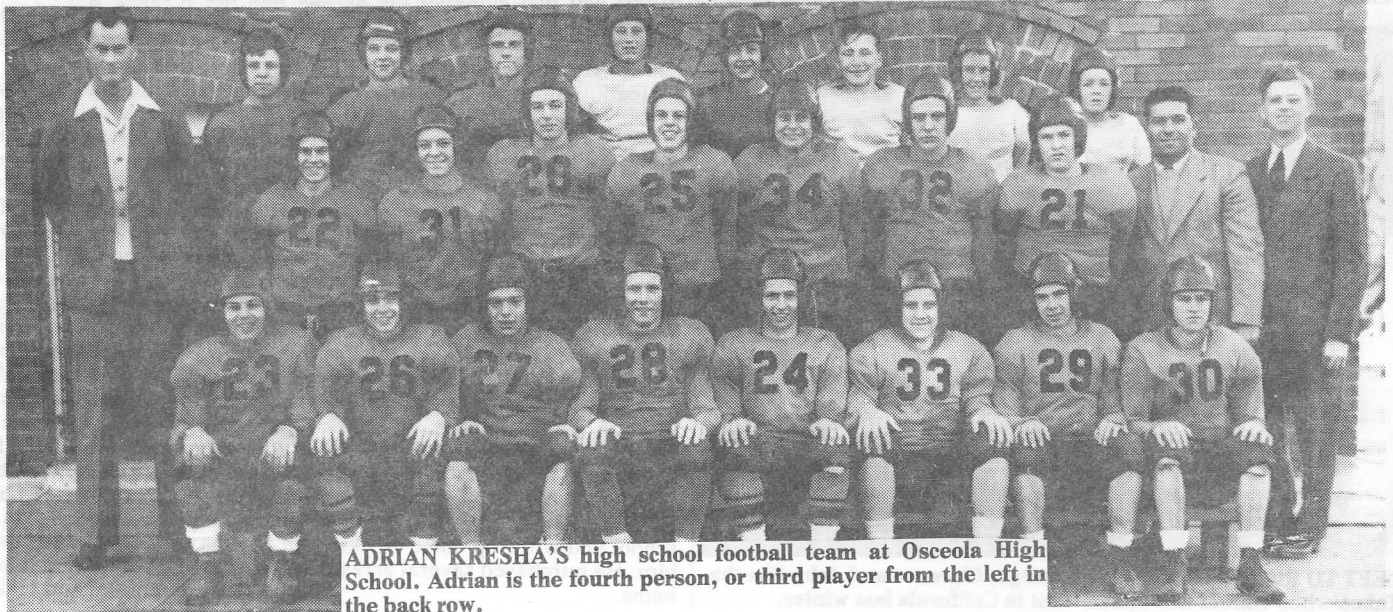
Hello! I want you to know that we enjoy the Kresha Kronicle. That was a great idea. Although I don't know the younger generation, it is so nice to hear about the ones we know as well as all the rest.

Keith (the youngest son) is at Copper Mountain, Colo. His wife's name is Gay. Curtis (the older son) and family are at Lexington, Ky. (Marva is his wife's name). The years go by so swiftly and of course, many, many changes. Mary

**FROM LILLIAN AND HAROLD WITULSKI [Jan. 5, 1977].**

Dear family, We had a nice vacation to the west coast, traveling over 5000 miles with good luck, good weather, good health, and had a wonderful time. We headed west and the first stop was at Holdrege to see Mother Kresha and deliver her birthday present. Then on to Colorado to see Marcia and Jennie. In Castle Rock we saw the Thomases and their new newspaper, Larry and his apartment. The Paul Morris live in Sedona, Ariz., which is located in Oak Creek Canyon. Many picturesque formations of red and yellow sandstone can be seen there which are named: Coffee Pot Rock, Courthouse Rock, Bell Rock, Church Rock, and a Catholic Chapel of the Holy Cross. Helen's mother, who is 93, was visiting them. They are originally from Schuyler (Styskal's) and I knew them from Kimball, Neb. They retired in Sedona because of the cool summers and mild winters. The Grand Canyon, which is the seventh wonder of the world, is beautiful in the early morning sun, ever changing as different shadows are cast and colors are lit up. We saw the south edge. In 1952 I saw it in late afternoon and it looked pretty, but different again. At the very bottom is a tiny stream which is the Colorado River. It is one mile deep and varies from 4 to 18 miles wide. Lake Havasu was the next stop where we saw the London Bridge over the Colorado River. They have quite a settlement built up there, such as an English pub, two decker bus, and British flags flying all over the place.

We visited one old Spanish Mission, San Miguel, in California, that has a 17th century wood carving of St. Michael the Archangel. It was built in 1797 and had many varieties of cactus in front of the church. Harold got some stickers in his boot and as I was taking a picture of him, I backed against some and had to pick them out of my leg. Bakersfield was the first place we stopped in California as George had been retired only three days, after driving a city bus for 37 years. He had time to show us around the city and Oildale. He is kept busy caring for his lawn and other yards which all looked very



**ADRIAN KRESHA'S** high school football team at Osceola High School. Adrian is the fourth person, or third player from the left in the back row.



**LEFT TO RIGHT, Harold Witulski, Margaret and George Kresha. Taken when Harold and Lillian went to California last winter.**



**UNCLE ALFRED and Aunt Martha Zipper with Lillian Witulski, taken when Harold and Lillian visited them last winter.**

nice. That all goes to prove that he still has some "farmer" left in him. Margaret fixed us a big supper and invited Mike to dine, too, so we all had a nice visit. Before we left, they picked some navel oranges and ripe lemons from their trees. In Fresno we visited Ferne (Kotlar) and Tim Hicks. He is an officer in the State Game and Fish Commission. They have a lovely new home after living at Bass Lake in the mountains for many years. They took us to Mariposa Grove to see the giant redwood "Grizzly" which is 209 feet tall and 34.7 feet in diameter at the base. It is 3800 years old. He found two large pine cones, which I treasure.

In Sacramento we spent several nights with Clarence and Marge Kresha. They have a new home and acreage in the northeast part of the city. They took us to see Sutter's Fort Historic Park — one of the early settlements that provided shelter for travelers during the gold rush days. Each room was equipped as it was when built in 1840. In 1847 a rescue party from there brought back survivors from Donner Pass. Chris and John are in their teens. Chris is quite a good softball player and has many trophies in evidence. They took us to see where Rita lived, as she was attending a nurses' seminar in Miami. Karen was there, so she showed us Rita's home and hand hooked wool rug they are making. They have a large garden space in back and we saw the bonsai trees which are her hobby. We picked up some redwood cones, which are quite small, and some sweet gum tree burrs which I'll use in Christmas decorations. As we left, Karen gave me a flower pot with 4 redwood trees growing in it.

At this point I feel that I must tell all of you that we "missed" the inspection station when we left California and all the fruits and plants we had collected arrived home safely. In San Francisco we went to Civic Center and took a city bus tour to view the giths. Places of interest were: Japanese Tea Garden, Cith Hall and Civic Center, Mission San Francisco de Asis, Cliff House and Seal Rocks,

Fisherman's Wharf, and as the bus took us over the Golden Gate Bridge we saw Alcatraz Island. It took four hours and at sunset were on the Golden Gate Bridge which is painted orange because that color withstands moisture and is more rustproof. It takes a year to paint it and then they start over again. It is the world's tallest and the largest single span suspension bridge. We also drove over the Oakland Bay Bridge. The ocean drive was beautiful as we went toward Los Angeles. It was a cool day — 40 degrees, so I didn't swim in the Pacific, but we went shell hunting. I found 6 complete blue clam shells that the sea gulls had just cleaned out. Did you know that the sea gulls drop the clams down onto the rocks to open them and then eat the meat? A surprise was finding a piece of petrified wood on the beach. We had purchased some pretty shells at a shop for the grandchildren and some to add to my collection. We arrived at Ann's in Reseda in late afternoon and she had a big supper waiting for us. She has three dogs to protect her home and back yard, and a cat for company. Her pretty back yard had a lovely poinsettia about four feet tall in full bloom. We really enjoyed her player piano. She has quite a collection of piano rolls. The next morning we left Anns early to visit Universal Studios in Hollywood. This was most interesting as they showed us how they make rain, rock slides, part the waters for the "Ten Commandments," sets for "Ironsides," and other movies, instand floods, bridge collapses after our tram goes across, burning houses, street scene of western towns, European towns, and to top it off, jaws was a plastic whale that tried to eat us! I saw Eddie Albert but didn't get a picture. Then I took a picture of a star I thought was "somebody," but it turned out to be "nobody" but a stunt man! In the afternoon we visited Aunt Martha and Uncle Alfred. They are both retired now and are looking fine. They have a lovely little home on a quiet drive. Uncle Alfred had just shingled his garage and did a really good job. I hadn't seen them since I was about 13 years old. Aunt Martha served us a delicious lemon dessert. Wish you could see her walk-in pantry. How convenient to find everything.

Heading towards home, we passed through White Sands Missal Proving grounds the day that they tried to launch a balloon type missile. It had failed to leave the ground. All cars were stopped and trucks and trailers were searched. Many missiles and planes were visible from the highway. The gypsum sands are as white as snow. After seeing all my relatives and friends, Harold got lonesome for his cousins in Oklahoma, so we decided to go see them. As we drove through southern Arizona the land has been reclaimed and cotton harvest was in progress. Hay was irrigated, too, and it was stacked in huge piles ready for shipment. We stopped at Carnege, Weatherford and Watonga. Was nice to see all the cousins again. They took us to see Indian City, U.S.A., where five different tribes were represented, their homes, tools, furs, etc., at Andarko, Okla.

We arrived home in a dirt storm, all the way from Oklahoma through Kansas and in Nebraska. Everywhere we went they had been having dry weather. On Dec. 20 I started to get ready for Christmas, which was a little late! Marcia, Jennie, Larry, and all the O'Briens were here for Christmas which made it very merry. Leon called to say that he was going to Philadelpha for three weeks of school and will stop some weekend in Omaha so we will get to see him. He purchased several acres near Tacoma and is building a new home.

Love too all, Harold and Lillian



**LEFT TO RIGHT, Lillian, Chris, Marge, Clarence and John Kresha. Taken when Harold and Lillian went to California last winter.**

**LARRY KOSCH STILL ON PAPER STAFF**

Larry Kosch is still working for the publishers of the Douglas County News at Castle Rock, Colo. Sine Gene Thomas sold the paper, Larry is sports editor for the Elbert County papers only, and is spending the rest of his time on circulation work.

**FROM SOPHIA KRESHA [early March]**

Adrian's death was unexpected and I didn't get to his funeral. Was really snowed in and this last week we had a repeat only a little more and stronger. Am busy every day at St. Theresa's Thrift Shop. It is something no one want to give of their time to. We are doing real good considering conditions "money wise." Now have \$4000 toward our stained windows. Total taken over \$16,500. Do a lot by myself—no help. But as God is my pilot, I am going strong.

(dec. 22, 1976): Mary and I had lunch together at Scottsbluff last week. Everyone looking forward to being home for Christmas. If the weather is fit I have been invited to her house. It stays cold and more so with a strong wind. Best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.  
Sophia



**LUKASSEN-TOOMBS WEDDING.** Wanda Lukassen of Littleton, Colo., and Dr. Robert Toombs of Big Springs, Tex., exchanged wedding vows at a 10 a.m. ceremony in Denver, Colo., on April 16, 1977. Parents of the couple are Mrs. Howard J. Lukassen and the late Howard J. Lukassen of Kimball, Neb., and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Toombs of Bushnell, Neb.

The bride chose a gown of nylon chiffon, featuring a keyhole neckline with a lace yoke. A cape effect was created by circular layers of chiffon and the full skirt was edged with circular layers of chiffon. She carried a nosegay of sonis roses, baby's breath and ivy. Her two tier elbow length veil was held with a face-framing headpiece of lace and seed pearls. Nadine Lukassen, sister of the

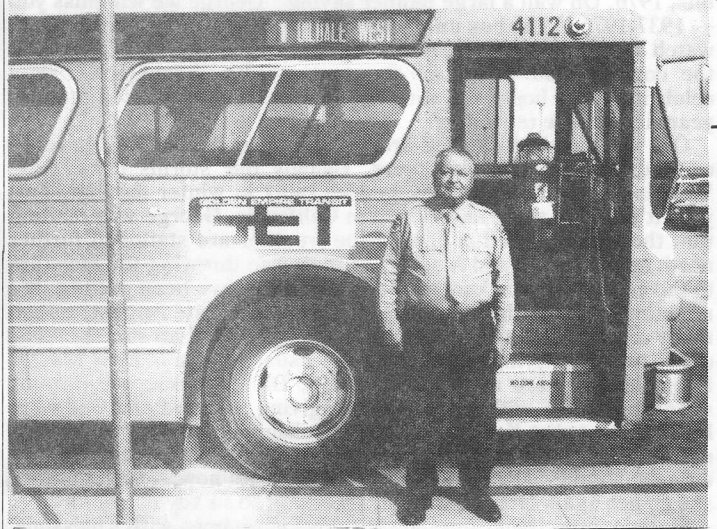
bride, from Broomfield, Colo., who was maid of honor, wore a gown of floral print over melon colored taffeta. She carried a nosegay of white daisies, sonia roses and baby breath. Serving as best man was Dr. Larry Zimmer from Montrose, S.D.

The bridal couple and immediate families were guests at a luncheon at the Rolling Hills Country Club, Denver, hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Evan Moody, aunt and uncle of the bride. A 7 p.m. reception and dance at the Kimball Country Club was hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Tim Lukassen of Dix, Neb., cousins of the bride. Serving at the reception were Mrs. Dale Lukassen and Mrs. Charles Parson and Mrs. Wayne Lukassen, aunts of the bride, and Mrs. Neal James, aunt of the groom. At the guest book was JoAnn Toombs, sister of the groom. In charge of the gifts were Mrs. DeWayne Lancaster, and Chris and Patsy Lukassen, sisters of the bride.

The couple have delayed their wedding trip until summer when they will tour the southern states. The newlyweds will live at 2911 W. Hwy. 80, Apt. 32, Big Springs, Tex.

Wanda is a veterinary technology graduate from the University of Nebraska School of Technical Agriculture at Curtis. Dr. Toombs is a graduate of the Colorado State College Veterinary School of Medicine at Fort Collins, Colo., and is presently with the Air Force at Big Springs. Special wedding guests were the bride's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lukassen of Kimball, and Mrs. Eva Kresha of Holdrege, Neb. Out-of-town guests were from Upland, Scottsbluff, Lincoln, Denton, Columbus, David City, Humphrey, Omaha, Neleigh, Alliance, North Platte, Beatrice and Bushnell, Neb.; Brighton, Longmont, Denver, Attwood, Greeley, and Canon City, Colo., and Carson City, Nev.

Pre-nuptial showers were given by Mdmes. Les Volkmer, Leo Larkin, Walt Thummel, Robert Stanfield, Leonard Perry, Art Hafeman, Clair Childress, Merle Morgan and Bill Sutton on March 26; and by Mdmes. Bertha Lusk, Les Elrod, Doug Elrod, Glendel Snyder, and Joe Culek on March 27.



**GERHART [MIKE] KRESHA and his bus.** A picture similar to this appeared in the newspaper with the following caption: Bus operator Mike Kresha pauses on his Oildale run for a discussion on coming improvements in the GET System. Eight sparkling new vehicles will join the operation in January, and by June, 1977, the entire fleet will be radio-equipped.

**FROM GEORGE AND MARGARET [Dec. 5, 1976]**

Dear family, This Christmas season is coming on so fast, hope I'm not too late for the Christmas edition of the Kresha Kronicle. We are looking forward to reading about everyone in the paper. Congratulations Gene and Pat on their new paper, the Douglas County News. Ann passed along Joe's copy and it's great. Was happy to hear the news of Pat's latest physical tests, keep the prayers coming, everyone. (ed. note, this was before the test results at Christmas time.)

We are all excited about George's retirement as of yesterday. An all new way of life. It will be quite an adjustment for both of us, especially George who has kept a schedule for 37 years. It takes some special kind of a person to drive a bus for that many years—8 hours a day. Just thinking of it makes me tired. Friday p.m., his last trip, the manager, board members and paper's photographer came



**ADE AND PAT KRESHA and family.** This picture was sent along with their 1976 Christmas card.

and took pictures of George leaving the bus and shaking hands with manager. Then he went to bus company where they surprised him with a party. I was invited also. We have a baker here who has a fantastic talent in decorating life-like art on cakes, In left hand corner was a street car, 1937, and lower right center a large "GET" bus, 1976. On wall a large banner saying "George we will miss you — 1937-1976." The bus union are having a dinner and giving him a watch and the company are scheduling a big dinner and awards at the country club. With all the partying he should feel like a celebrity. Mike hopes to retire within a year, also. He will have 20 years in with the retirement.

Our weather is all turned around and looks like we will have an even drier year than last year. Usually our storms come from Washington State and down, getting rains in winter months. This year it's dry up there and Northern California. George was reading that the jet streams that control the weather are stationed further north up in Canada and Alaska and therefore throwing the moisture to the east coast. You know all the snow they have been getting. It's affecting your weather also. We had early rains late August, ruined many crops including raisins, then followed by Indian summer. The citrus trees are trying to bloom now — usually blossom early March. Even the trees are mixed up. Donald, Diane, Marie and Jerome spent three days with us over Thanksgiving. Richard and Gail were hosts to the entire Kresha clan for Thanksgiving dinner. Entire clan except Rita — we missed you. Ann came up for the day and we enjoyed having her. She has the urge to travel now — so let's hope she comes again oftener. She isn't working so steady like before.

George, myself and Jerome will spend Christmas with Chaissons. Looking forward to our first Christmas with our grandchild. Since George isn't working we can spend few days in San Jose. Jerome has quite long break between semesters—until Feb. 1, 1977. So he hopes to find some employment to help the budget. He is living in apartment with another student. Richard underwent hernia surgery couple of weeks ago. He was out of hospital in couple days — record time and hopes to return to work Monday. To each and everyone of you George and I wish you a Merry Christmas and God's blessings for good health in the new year. In lieu of Christmas cards this year I'm enclosing money for expense of Kronicle. The postage alone for Christmas issue will be more—if I don't say goodbye.

Love and God bless you all, George and Margaret  
(Jan. 13, 1977): Dear family: January greetings to all. It occurred to me that the Kresha Kronicle is due to come out in a few days so I better send in a few lines to let everyone know we are well. Mike brought over this picture of him in paper recently so I thought I would send it in. Kreshas are all well. George is enjoying his retirement like he says every day is a weekend or a holiday. He especially enjoys sleeping in these cold foggy mornings. We have a heavy layer of fog hanging here in valley—days aren't much warmer than the nights. We sympathize with you folks. We hear it's beastly cold there in Nebraska, also. Think Mike misses his daily visit with George down at work every morning before they went their separate ways for the day. He hopes to retire in a year, also.

George gets plenty of exercise, working in the yards he does. Hopes to live to be 100 years old. Received letter from Dolores last week and was saddened to read of all the family sickness. Our prayers and good wishes for quick recovery to Charles, Arthur, Debbie and congratulations to parents of the new babies. Eva, I'm hoping you stay well; know the cold is hard to take. Keep well.

My youngest brother Francis is in Omaha University hospital; had tumor removed on lower part of brain back of ear. Lengthy surgery and during it he had slight stroke leaving his arm and leg partially disabled. Last report leg was some better — we have good hopes. Hear it's very cold there and still dry. We finally received .94 moisture and lots of snow in mountains, 30 in. some places along highway 99 from LA to Bakerfield, closed highway about one day. The skiers are happy, almost first snow of season. Even Jerome went out. The spring semester starts Jan. 24. Micheal's Troy is going to a new school since Christmas vacation — sure nothing like the old school houses we knew, with the pot bellied stoves, smoke and drafty windows. You-all remember? I had some foot surgery—don't get around too well and probably be a month before I can wear my shoes again. Nice to have a little help around the house and chauffeur. Love and prayers for all, George and Margaret

#### **DEATH — PEARL CARTER**

Pearl Carter, husband of Eva Kresha's sister, Lucy, died last winter. His funeral was Jan. 10, 1977.

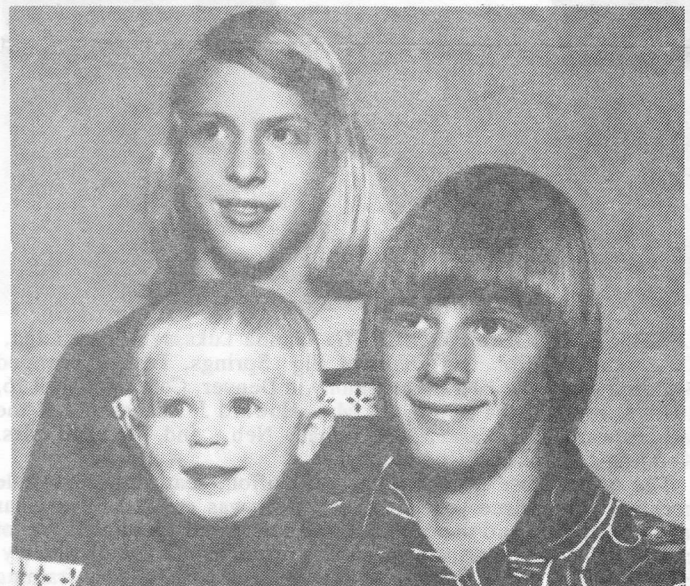
#### **FROM MARTIN, ELAINE AND FAMILY [Jan. 28, 1977]**

Greetings from Polk County: Can hardly believe that January is nearly gone. It went fast, but it also seems that Christmas was months ago. We had a nice Christmas. Enjoyed the Christmas Kronicle. Hope this terribly cold weather lets up soon. I'm ready for spring. We have been so lucky, healthwise. Only a few bouts with the flu. Boys are still in karate. All six are in 4-H. Bernard is getting his seed catalogs out. He is itching to make a garden. A sure sign of spring?

Our best to all of you, Martin, Elaine and family  
**FROM ADE, PAT AND FAMILY [Written before Adrian's untimely death at the end of February]**

Dear family, Better get this written and hope it makes the Kronicle. Everyone here is pretty good. A few colds now and then. Pam broke her right arm right in the wrist, but she's coming along pretty good. It's the third time she's broken that same arm. Each time a different place. Everything is still pretty busy here. Work slows down for a day or two then it's right back to its usual grind. We have carpenters here working this week. Finally getting our cabinets and shelves in the family room. Also going to have it panelled. I'm anxious to have it done. It will be so nice and it will give me so much more storage space. We all had a very nice Christmas and New Year's. Had open house here New Year's Eve and it really was nice. Invited our neighbors and even got a chance to get to know a few new ones. We really enjoyed it and so did they, I hope.

Well, lent will soon be upon us, then Easter. Time sure does go by fast. My dad will be coming out for Easter so we are really looking forward to seeing him again. It's time to get the kids up for



**THE SMITHS.** Randy, Rhonda and Roger, sons and daughter of Ronnie and Romona Smith. This picture was on their Christmas card, 1976.



**JENNIE AND THE ARCHBISHOP.** Jennifer Strauss is shown with Archbishop Casey of the Denver Archdiocese, from whom she received her first communion. Jennie's mother, Marcie, taught her her religion and also prepared five deaf youngsters for First Communion, and all the class received their First Communion from the archbishop. Marcie helped start a Catholic singles club in Denver and later decided there was enough interest to have such a club in the Boulder-Longmont area too.

school so I better close this now and get busy. Take care, all of you, and may God be with you all. A get well wish for all who are sick or in the hospital.

Lots of love, Ade, Pat and kids

**FROM MARY LUKASSEN [March 1977]**

Chris came home from the hospital Jan. 31. She progressed so well the doctor dismissed her early. She is doing very well at home. This week she was able to start her school work. Teachers are coming out to give her assignments. She hates it that she must depend on me to do everything for her. I just about have the daily routine down pat. The boys have been good at doing errands for me in town then once a week I run to the grocery store when they come in for supper.

Much love, Mary

**FROM RITA April 21, 1977]**

Dear Gene and girls, I think of you folks very often and hope that you daily lives are coming back to normal pace again. I had a letter from Pat Kresha yesterday, setting the dates for their trip to Sacramento this summer. They will leave Denver July 20 and return Aug. 2. I would be delighted if Gloria could get to make the trip with them. I am planning a lot of really super things for the family to do while they are here. Hope that Gloria can join us. She and Pam would have a good time together, too. By the dates of the calendar, I

suppose Terri is in the service now. I would like to have her address. Despite our drought conditions, we haven't gone into water rationing yet, so we are having a modified vegetable garden this year. Modified in that we are only growing things we have to have for food, and that that will mature early. We have also changed our planting patterns and watering techniques. I have a vacation coming up — will be spending two weeks in Arizona with a group of Sacramento Audubon members, studying ornithology in the Southwest. I'm really looking forward to it — will be a terrific experience for me.

Best of love to all, Rita

(Pat Kresha and her kids and Gloria already have their tickets and are planning on the trip to Rita's.)

**FROM HAROLD AND LILLIAN WITULSKI [May 5, 1977]**

Several days ago we had 1.35 in. of rain, so wheat and oats are looking good. When it dries, men will start planting milo. Mother writes that she hasn't been feeling so good and doctor recommended she take Geritol. Her vacation starts May 17 and she'll be here a few days. Then she'll go with Patsy Lukassen out to Kimball. She has to depend on people to take her places. Jennie will be coming here to visit this summer as Marcia needs to go to summer school in Greeley. She plans to drive there for a 6 week session. The Kresha family reunion is June 12 and we can't attend. Harold's folks are celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary with open house. On their 50th, their best man and bridesmaid were still living. He is 87 and she is 84. They still live alone on the farm.

Love, Harold and Lillian

AUG 30 1976

**TUESDAY  
is Tots Day**

Kim Kresha,  
9 mo. old daughter of  
Mrs. Edwin Kresha,  
Columbus, Nebraska 68601

**Landgren**  
STUDIO  
P.O. Box 238  
2414 13th Street  
Columbus, Nebraska 68601



This old picture shows Grandpa Adolf Kresha with a big squash. Which one of the Kresha girls is that with him? (Millie)

**ELAINE KRESHA BREAKS ARM**

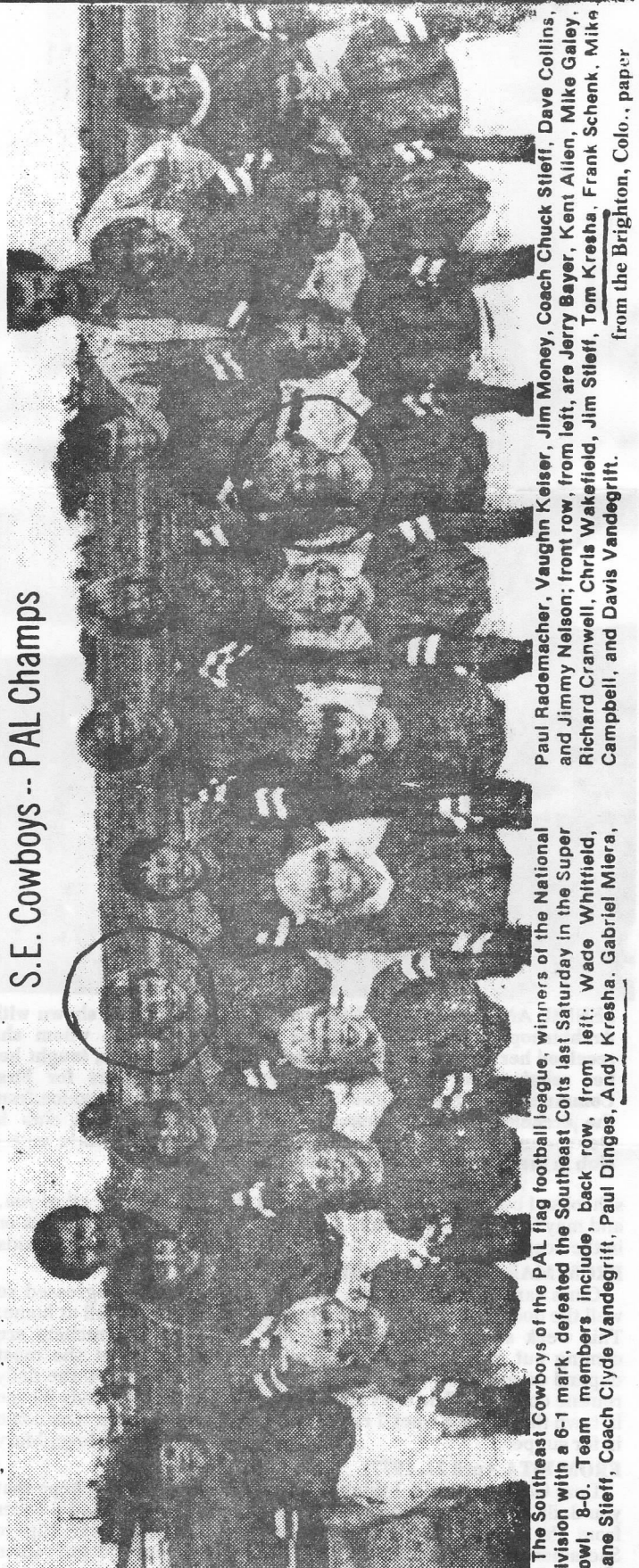
Elaine Kresha broke her left arm April 21 while roller skating at a party where she had taken their kids. She was knocked down — didn't fall. The arm is healing satisfactorily. She and the family were butchering spring chickens in early May. They visited Mom Kresha recently and said she was doing fine.

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S.E. Cowboys -- PAL Champs



The Southeast Cowboys of the PAL flag football league, winners of the National Division with a 6-1 mark, defeated the Southeast Colts last Saturday in the Super Bowl, 8-0. Team members include, back row, from left: Wade Whitfield, Liane Steff, Coach Clyde Vandegrift, Paul Dinges, Andy Kresha, Gabriel Miera, Paul Rademacher, Vaughn Keiser, Jim Money, Coach Chuck Steff, Dave Collins, and Jimmy Nelson; front row, from left, are Jerry Bayer, Kent Allen, Mike Galey, Richard Cranwell, Chris Wakefield, Jim Steff, Tom Kresha, Frank Schenk, Mike Campbell, and Davis Vandegrift.

from the Brighton, Colo., paper





# KRESHA KRONICLE

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11-15-77

Dear Family,

Hopefully, the Kresha Kronicle is again in circulation.

My Christmas Greetings to you all! I wish you the Christmas Peace the Christ Child brought to this world by His birth.

My wish for you all is God's blessings and good health.

Love ya' very much,

MOTHER EVA KRESHA



11-18-77

Dear Kresha Family,

As I write this letter, thoughts are towards Thanksgiving and 'will the snow storm that is coming this way miss us so we can have our get togethers?' We have so many things to be thankful for.

Eva, we want to send you best wishes on your 85th birthday. May God continue to bless you with good health.

A big thanks to Elaine for taking on the job of trying to keep the family together with the Kronicle. The success will only be to the extent that each one of you takes part. Also, don't forget that the printing costs money. Elaine, let us know what our share of the cost is.

To those of you from the first family, our cousin, Mrs. Tony (Mabel Kropatsch) Tworek died this week. The funeral was Nov. 17. Aunt Rose and I went to the Mass and saw many cousins afterwards at the dinner at the Duncan Parish Hall.

I have been asked to print all the corrections and additions that have been made in the Family book since it was printed. Since this issue will be large, I will make it out for the next issue. By the way, Elaine, mention how often you intend to put a copy out.

This sounds like an early time to send out our Christmas wishes, but you know it's just around the corner. We wish you all the deepest happiness that only the Christmas Season brings. May God's blessings be with you in the New Year.

DOLORES AND DICK NYFFELER



Dear Round Robins,

Soon as school started we were in full swing with Evan's (8th grade) football games at St. Michael's. They won all but 2 games--6-2 record.

Curtis is a senior at the Abby. They have had a very successful year. Their record was 9-1 (losing only to Canon City). They had one play-off Saturday with Monte Vista. There will be another play-off Nov. 19 at Glenwood Springs.

We've had a dry summer and fall so far. A few rains, but not what we are used to getting. No snow as yet.

The boys played baseball this summer, so we got to a lot of those games, too. This is what keeps us young.

I was lucky to be able to attend Bud's funeral with Mary. It was a shock to all of us to lose 3 from our family this year. We hope all is better for you, Rose, at this writing.

We hope Debbie and Bobbi are in better health, too. Lillian, our prayers have been for you, too, that your tests are negative. Charles, I hope you were able to get help at Mayo Brothers. Art, I hope you and Irene are fine, too, knowing you had some anxious moments during Bobbi's illness. So did you Bill and Urs.

Congratulations to Tom and Mary O'Brien on the arrival of their new son.

I want to congratulate Elaine for taking on the Kronicle. Best of luck, Elaine.

May our prayers be for the best of health in the New Year and a Blessed and Holy Christmas to all. This is our Christmas card and wish for 1978. Our love to all.

Yours in Christ,

MILLIE, DALE, CURT AND EVAN LUKASSEN



"May Peace, Joy and Happiness  
Be yours this Christmas Season."

BOB, SUE, AND MATT HILGER



11-18-77

Hello Everyone,

Time has passed so quickly since our summer gathering in the park. Just looking back a bit, our crops were good. We had some hail which cut the yield. Of course, that made less storage needed. The corn made about 110 bu. which was good for our area. The growing season was about 2 weeks earlier, and 2 weeks longer, which made for good production of all crops. The late Aug. rains provided a good seed bed for wheat seeding. It is dry now and we are hoping for a good snow cover soon.

The most exciting part of our family life has been with daughter Wanda and her husband, Dr. Bob. Bob was discharged from the Air Force in Aug. He is in the process of setting up a veterinary practice at Pine Bluff, Wyo. They are remodeling a building for the clinic. Altho, they are taking clients and he is making calls, he won't be doing surgery until the remodeling is completed. They have rented a house in the country which is being remodeled, too, so they are really in the "sawdust" now. They will enjoy their quarters when the dust settles.

Nadine lives in Broomfield, Colo. and is in sales and delivery for green houses there. She would like to get into plant therapy similar to what she did at the VA Hospital in Lincoln.

Patsy is at the U in Lincoln. She is in Business Administration and Photography.

Chris is counting the days to Jan. 3 when she is to be out of her "Milwaukee Brace". Her social life is blossoming despite the brace.

Dave has been busy with buying cattle (to use cheap corn). We have about 300 head in the lots now, but plan to increase after the first of the year.

The highlight of Marty's school year so far is learning to play the trombone. School doesn't interest him, otherwise.

At this time I am enrolled in a Food Services course at the Nebr. Western College and attend class twice a week. I'm working toward being a certified food technician.

The first weekend in Nov., Pat Kresha and I attended a Christian renewal for widowed people at the El Pavor Retreat House in Colo. Springs. Altho, it was Catholic sponsored, it was ecumenical.

This is my Christmas letter to you all. May you all enjoy the Blessings of the Christ Child at this Holy Season.

Lots of love to you all,



MARY LUKASSEN AND FAMILY

Dear Family,

Merry Christmas to everyone from Mike Kresha and his family.

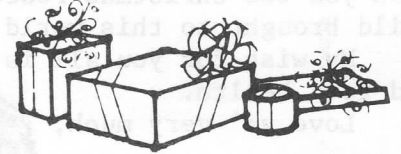
I'm still working and have hopes of retiring this next year. Micheal wants me to retire so we can go fishing together.

My boys and their families are fine. The Grandchildren are growing and are busy at school. They are a great joy to me.

Stay well. I hope to see you all this next year.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!

MIKE KRESHA



Dear Family,

I have had one terrible time getting around to writing, but finally have a few minutes, so will get off a short note.

I was sorry to learn of Bud Hilger's death and the difficulties being experienced by Bobbi and Debbi. I haven't talked to any of the Kresha relatives lately. Marcie had invited us to an outing of her club a few weeks ago, but Curt and I had a press meeting to go to, so didn't make it. We plan a little visit down to Parker one of these days, so will see Larry if he's still there. I think he was considering moving on.

Gloria went to Calif. this summer. She had a good time with Rita, Pat and Pat's kids. Terri likes the Air Force. She's at Denver now and we see her every little bit. Karen, Gloria, and I will be moving to a trailer house soon.

Our love and Seasons Greetings to you all,

GENE, JOE, TERRI, KAREN AND GLORIA  
THOMAS



May the joys of family and good friends bring peace and love to your home during this Holy Season.

TOM AND MARY O'BRIEN  
KATIE, MATT, BETH, AND BENJI



Holiday Greetings to all the Kreshas from our new location in Ord, Nebr., in the beautiful North Loup Valley.

MARY AND DOUG REID  
Brentwood Manor, Apt. 8  
Ord, Nebr. 68862



We want to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and best wishes for the New Year!

BILL AND URS  
DEBBIE, CONNIE, MIKE AND JOYCE  
JIM AND SHARON



Hello to all the Kresha Relatives!

We have lots to be thankful for in 1977. Plenty of rain and very good crops.

The sad part of 1977 was the fact that we lost 3 of our beloved relatives. May their souls rest in peace.

We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

LEO AND PAULINE KRESHA



Dear Kresha Family,

I'm real happy to hear that Elaine will be doing the family paper. I wish you the best of luck in continuing the paper.

We are all fine. Hope this finds everyone else healthy.

Kenny and Lisa are doing well in school. They both finished swimming lessons Nov. 3. They passed and were real thrilled about that.

Kenny is kept busy with Scouting. He just received his Wolf badge and Gold Arrow. He also is ready for his Silver Arrow. The Pack almost folded up, as they couldn't get leaders. I took one Den. I felt I should because Kenny really likes scouting.

Kimberlee is really growing. She is starting to talk pretty well. Can't believe she'll be 2 the end of Nov. She is really active and constantly on the go.

It's that time of the year to start baking cookies and goodies for Christmas.

Kenneth, Lisa, Kimberlee and I wish Sincere Good Wishes for a Joyous Christmas Season and Happiness in the New Year.

Love and Prayers,

FLORENCE, KENNETH, LISA AND  
KIMBERLEE ANN KRESHA



To wish you peace, joy and happiness for Christmas and the New Year!

DAN, MARY JANE,  
MIKE, MICHELLE, AND MARCUS HILGER



11-15-77

Dear Family,

I was so happy to know that the Kresha Kronicle will continue again. I will pray that Elaine will be able to take on this added JOY to all the Kresha Family.

I am doing the usual as I have been doing the last 4 1/2 years. The Thrift Shop for St. Theresa's Church here in Mitchell. We are open every day from 1-5 and Sat. from 10-5. We get so many nice things--radios, TV's, etc. Name it, we get it. Also a lot of junk, which goes to the Indian Reservation of Community Action.

My girl friend, who helps me a few hours each day, has been in Chicago for 3 weeks, so I have been doing most of the work along. Time goes quickly, and I never tire doing work for the House of God.

I am happy to say as of last Sat., we have gone over the \$7,000 mark. Still \$3,000 to go. This has been accomplished from March 1, 1976 to date. We put the money in the bank and it draws interest, so some is interest money. This doesn't include the \$85.00 we pay out for rent, nor the utilities.

This is a busy week. Besides mass and Altar Society meeting today, I was supposed to go to a covered dish luncheon for our knitting club. Tomorrow I will attend the National Civil Service Retired Employees Luncheon in Scottsbluff.

Mary and I have lunch in Scottsbluff every once in awhile. It is a pleasure to meet with her.

Ann called yesterday morning. She is busy, working every day.

It is a beautiful day out. I still have some yard work to do, but it is not that much, so I will get it finished sometime soon.

MAY YOU ALL HAVE A BLESSED CHRISTMAS  
AND A HAPPY 1978!

Love and Prayers,

SOPHIA KRESHA

May Christmas and the New Year bring many blessings and happiness to all the Kresha Klan.

ALLAN AND LORETTA KRESHA



Seasons Greetings from Bakersfield!

May the peace and happiness of Christmas be yours this Christmas Day and throughout the New Year.

We are grateful to Martin and Elaine for their work and responsibility of putting out the Kresha Kronicle. Elaine is very capable and we know she will do a superb job, along with Gene Thomas who will have it printed for us. Thank you, Gene. We look forward to visiting with all of you again through the Kronicle.

George and I are fine. We both still work, but at a leisurely pace. George with his yard work, and I babysit with older children. So we aren't completely retired.

We enjoy Donald and Diane living closer. It's 103 miles to their home in Simi Valley. They live 14 miles from Ann's home so we can see them both when we drive down. We dearly love our Grandbaby Marie.

Jerome is in his last year of college at Fresno State, Agronomy Major. He grew 6 acres of cotton this summer on school land and helped with a sunflower experiment. He works part time as maintenance man in a large restaurant. Said he didn't know he could do so many things.

Richard and Gail are having the Kreshas over for Thanksgiving. We are looking forward to a delightful dinner and an enjoyable day.

We plan to spend Christmas at home. My sister Theresa Seiker and family are tentively planning to drive out for a two week vacation to see Calif. The family has never been West. We won't be alone at Christmas, altho, Donald and Diane are going to his folks.

Calif. is still dry. Just missed another good chance at rain. It froze hard last night--yes, it gets very cold here in the winter, especially when the fog rolls in.

Our continued prayers for the sick of the family and that next year will be a happier year for all the Kreshas.

May the peace of the Lord be with you always.

GEORGE AND MARGARET KRESHA

To send all GOOD WISHES for a HAPPY HOLIDAY and the NEW YEAR.

Love,

ANN HENSEL



Dear Kresha Family,

From the three Chaisson's in Calif., we wish that the Lord be with you all this Christmas. We will be spending Christmas on the road this year between the Grandparents' homes.

In June, Don left his quality control job in Palo Alto for another in the San Fernando Valley with a different pharmaceutical company. The change really strained him since he was separated from his family for 3 1/2 months, but more so because the new job has a faster pace with a department that needed much improvement. Marie and I joined him down here in Oct. after we rented a house in Simi Valley. Presently our San Jose house has just sold and we are beginning escrow on a new house in Simi Valley.

Marie was really anxious to be able to see her daddy every day rather than just every other weekend. She was just 1 1/2 yrs when we moved, rapidly approaching 'daddy appreciation stage #1'.

We are located about 45 min. from Aunt Ann's. Simi Valley is a small commuters community, just over a mountain pass and the Northern county line from Los Angeles. We will be at this address until the middle of Jan., when we plan to move around the corner.

I do miss the colder weather of Northern Calif. Of course, this fall has been exceptionally warm for Southern Calif. On Nov. 17, I was in the backyard in a sundress! What will winter be like?

With best regards,

DIANE, DON, AND MARIE CHAISSON  
1894 Edgewood Drive  
Simi Valley, Calif. 93063



SEASONS GREETINGS!

This brings a prayer at Christmas time, That God will always bless your home and you, and those you love, with lasting happiness.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and happiness in the New Year.  
Much love,



ROSE HILGER

May the meaning of Christmas be deeper, its friendship stronger, and its hopes brighter, as it comes to you this year.

THE MARTIN KRESHA'S



11-17-77

Dear Family,

I guess I better get this out so it can make the Christmas Kronicle. We sure have missed the Kronicle and all its newsy letters. Sure am glad Elaine is putting it out for Christmas. Maybe we can catch up on some of the news about the family.

As for us, well, we've had a busy summer and fall and looks like winter will be the same. We are all doing pretty well. We miss Adrian an awfully lot, but have a lot of good and happy memories. Sometimes things will come up that are pretty hard to take, but so far, we've all been able to handle them pretty well.

This past summer the kids and I went to Wisc. for 2 weeks and visited my Dad and Sister. Then we came back here for 1 week and then on to Calif. for 2 weeks with Rita. Didn't get a chance to visit anyone else as we were so busy sightseeing. We took Gloria Thomas with us and really had a good time. We went to Disneyland, Knotts Berry Farms, Marine World, and spent 4 days at Bodega Bay right on the ocean. It was gorgeous. Rita took the kids on field trips, swimming, fishing, and to the almond factory. They enjoyed every minute of it and are ready to go again some day. So am I.

Since we spent most of our summer bumming when we got home we really had to buckle down. Did some remodeling down stairs. Had my utility room made into a bedroom for Andy and Tom. Put my washer and dryer in the bathroom downstairs, put Danny in the little bedroom upstairs, and myself in the big room. It all seems to be working out quite well this way and the older boys are happy to have Danny out of their room. Of course, all this meant a lot of painting, so we were kept busy. We are pretty well caught up now till spring.

The kids are doing quite well in school this year. Pam is in 8th grade and Andy is in 7th. Both made the A Honor Roll this first semester. They were tickled about that. Tom is just an average student in 5th grade. If he buckles down, maybe someday he will be on the Honor Roll, too. The way he's going it will never happen. Danny is in pre-school this year--2 days a week, half a day. It sure has helped him a lot. He is becoming more independent and doesn't hang on to Mom as much as he did. He really likes it a lot.

As for me, I'm just keeping busy. Mary and I went on a retreat for widowed people about 2 weeks ago. It was great. I really felt like a new person when I came home. It helped me a whole lot. I hope they will have them again some time.

My dad was here visiting, or should I say, working, for 2 weeks. He is going to spend Thanksgiving with us. He's been doing a lot of handyman jobs for me that I can't do myself. Sure are a lot of those, but we are really enjoying having him here.

Have 2 kids home with strep throat this week. It really is going around the schools right now. Just hope Dad doesn't get it.

Well I should close now. Kids are getting up for school. Hope you will all have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Take care, now, all of you.  
Lots of love,

PAT KRESHA AND FAMILY



11-22-77

Dear R.R.,

Hello to everybody once again. So nice to get the bird flying again. This has been quite an eventful year for us. Charlie has been in and out of the hospital until Aug. Right now he feels pretty good as long as he takes it easy and takes his medicine.

The crops turned out quite good and way we've had a lot of rain.

On Aug 21, Charlie, myself, and my Dad left on a 26 day tour of the Canadian Rockies, Alaska, and boat cruise down the Inside Passage, and back to Seattle, and back to Omaha. We enjoyed ourselves very much and saw some beautiful scenery and the Alaska Pipeline. It would take too much space to describe it all.

We wish everyone a Blessed and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Love,

CHARLIE, LUCY,  
ED, NANCY, JULIE, AND KRISTI



11-12-77

Dear Family,

We are having our fall color changes now, and the leaves are beginning to drop. I read in the news that the midwest has already had the first big snowstorm. We are praying for at least a normal rainfall this winter to help overcome our drought conditions. We haven't been out in our sailboat for 2 years because the lake is nearly empty.

Karen's folks bought a new house this summer and we spent almost all of our time off work over ther helping to remodel and get it in shape. The house is about 25 years old, but the previous owners had let many things fall into bad repair. The folks are so happy now with the results of all the expense and hard work.

After the first of the year, I will be spending 1 week in San Diego for an anesthesia conference, and maybe get to do some sailing. Vacation next summer will be a trip to British Columbia.

I'll be looking forward to the 'new' family newsletter--good luck to you Elaine, in getting it all together. There should definitely be a subscription charge to cover the enormous costs of printing and postage.

Best love to all,

RITA



FROM THE EDITOR:

At long last another Kronicle is ready to go to press! I have hard footsteps to follow, but with everyone's prayers and cooperation, I know I will make it.

There will definitely have to be a subscription charge. The initial donation will be \$5.00. We must have 100% cooperation on the donations, or we cannot continue printing. I sincerely hope you feel the Kronicle is worth it.

The Kronicle Fund that Pat and Gene had was depleted before the last Kronicle went to press. Gene donated the last Kronicle. This time we started with nothing. \$77.00 has come into the Kronicle Fund, to date. I have put it into a checking account with my name and Dolores Nyffeler's name on the signature card. I will send a financial statement to anyone, at any time, on request.

I plan to get 6 issues out during 1978. Jan.-Febr.--deadline Jan. 15; Mar.-Apr.--deadline Mar. 15; May-June--deadline May 15; July-Aug.--deadline July 15; Sept.-Oct.--deadline Sept. 15; Nov.-Dec.--deadline Nov. 15. Letters, news items, pictures, etc. should be sent to me. I will edit and type them and send them to Gene Thomas. Gene will set it up and take it to the printer who will finish the job. Gene is donating his time and expense for pictures, but the printer will charge \$25.00 for a 4-page Kronicle(2 sheets printed on both sides). The completed Kronicle will be sent back to me and then will be mailed from here.

This issue will be printed in Columbus, because of the Christmas load that Gene anticipates with advertising, etc., in the Johnstown Breeze. The cost of this issue is \$13.90 for 2 sheets (1 sheet on both sides--\$13.90x3,) plus postage.

The birth announcements and obituaries will appear in the next issue.



Happy 85<sup>th</sup>  
Birthday  
to a Grand Lady!  
Our wonderful  
Mother &  
Grandmother,  
Eva Kresha

ELAINE

