

KRESHA KRONICLE

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FROM MR. AND MRS. C.W. SCHOLZ

12-21-77

Dear Folks,
Be sure to keep us on the mailing list of the Kronicle. Our check in the amount of \$10.00 is enclosed.
Best wishes to you for the Holiday Season and for prosperity in the New Year.

Yours,
C.W. Scholz

FROM FATHER MATT BURGER

12-22-77

Dear Editor Elaine:
Many thanks for including me on the mailing list of the revived "Kresha Kronicle". I have corresponded with several "Kreshas" on the subject of family genealogy, and received the earlier Kronicles from Gene and Pat. I followed the sad course of events leading up to Pat's death--events duplicated all too often here in the hospital where I am Chaplain.
I am a distant relative of the "Kresha Klan" in this way; my grandfather on my Mother's side, was John Olbrich, from Austria (a region now in Czechoslovakia). His older sister, Anna Olbrich, married John Scholz, who were the grandparents, on the mother's side, of grandmother Eva Kresha. So grandmother Eva and I would be second cousins.
I belong to Mt. Angel Abbey in Oregon (Benedictine), and for 20 years was a teacher--a professor of theology and history. My mother died while I was still in that position, and in her honor I gathered as much information as possible at that time and compiled a little book, "The Olbrich Family, Immigrant Pioneers in the West". (The title was suggested by the fact that my grandfather, John Olbrich, and his young family were among the last of the covered wagon pioneers into Oregon, in 1882.) Milton Scholz of Duncan, Nebr., and C.W. Scholz of Bellevue, Nebr. received the "Scholz Share" of the booklets. (There were 5 separate clans of Olbrich descendants, from the 5 Olbrich brothers and sisters. I printed 100 copies and gave 20 to each branch.) The Scholz descendants are the only ones that remained in Nebr., and evidently comprise by far the largest branch. I am very happy to make the acquaintance of the Kresha descendants and hope some day to meet at least some of you in the flesh.
Enclosed is my contribution of \$5.00, for publishing the Kronicle. (As a suggestion, it would be helpful to less well acquainted readers if last names, also addresses, were added to signers of letters.) I much enjoy hearing and learning about you, and wish you a very Blessed Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year in 1978.

Father Matt Burger
Providence Hospital Chaplain

FROM SISTER DOLORES SHAGAZ

12-29-77

Dear Kresha Family,
As I write this message to you, I'm enjoying a Christmas vacation in Albuquerque. My wish for you at this time is for all of you to have a joyous and peace-filled New Year. I want to thank all for their Christmas greetings and to tell you, you have been remembered in my prayers. My new address is--Box 218, Cuba, New Mexico 87013

Sister Dolores

FROM TIM AND CATHY LUKASSEN

1-4-78

Elaine,
Enjoyed your first edition of the Kresha Kronicle very much. Enclosed is our \$5.00 subscription fee.
Keep up the good work.

Tim and Cathy Lukassen

FROM KENNETH KRESHA (8 yr. old son of Mrs. Edwin Kresha)

Jan. 1978

Hi Everyone,
Mom showed me the Kresha paper. I liked reading it. I asked Mom if I could write in it and she said I could if I wanted to.
One more day of school vacation and back to studying. I like school.
Three of our neighbors are on vacation. One of them has a guinea pig. I was taking care of the guinea pig for them and yesterday she had 4 babies.

Kenneth Kresha

FROM MRS. EDWIN KRESHA

Since Kenneth wrote, I'll just add a few lines. Elaine, the Kresha paper is a joy to read again.

I won't be getting much accomplished, as I've got till Jan. 12 to get a centerpiece and things ready for roundtable in Scouting. Should have had it done, but I waited till the holidays were over. With Kim, it's very hard. She's right in it. If she's not with me, she is always into something that she shouldn't be. Guess that's part of growing up.

Lisa was asked to be a flowergirl for our neighbor's daughter's wedding. They were hoping I'd be able to make her a dress like the bride's. She is really anxious and excited.

Till next time, Our love and prayers,
Florence, Kenneth, Lisa, and Kimberlee Kresha

FROM MRS. P.J. CARTER

1-10-78

Dear Elaine,
Thank you very much for taking over the responsibility of the Kresha Kronicle. I am looking forward to receiving each future issue. Although I do not recognize all the names, somehow, I seem to place them where they belong.
I am sending you \$5.00. If more is needed later, don't hesitate to let me know, as it is such a joy to receive the Kronicle.
Thanks and best wishes to all.

Lucy Carter (Eva Kresha's Sister)

FROM MARCIE STRAUSS

1-11-78

Dear Kresha Kin,
Three cheers for Elaine and Gene! I feel \$5.00 is a bargain, considering the efforts of you two and all the visiting we get in one letter.
I am still teaching students with hearing losses. I go around to 6 schools and help the children one at a time. I teach some Catholic deaf students religion and have been interpreting the 9 o'clock mass in signs.
I feel I'm fairly adjusted to being single again. There are lots of responsibilities, but having close friends helps. I have learned that happiness depends on oneself, regardless of one's marital status or situation. My annulment application has been accepted, but it will take 2 years to finalize.
I'm still president of our Catholic Singles Club. We plan dances, volleyball, ski trips, dining out etc. and sometimes join with other singles groups, Catholic or not, in Longmont and nearby towns.
George is back in Denver now, working for Continental Air Lines. I'm glad, because Jennie sees him more often. Jennie gets 3 free flights a year.
We had an enjoyable Christmas in Beatrice and at O'Briens. We're all thankful Mom and Harold's operations were successful. We brought a farm kitty back to Colorado with us.
We've been well, except for a case of "Bronco-mania". Friday the teachers and students will all wear our "orange-crush" T-shirts.
I hope 1978 will be a better year for all, and also that no one reading this will feel that they aren't important enough to share some news.

Love,
Marcie and Jennie Strauss

FROM ANDY KRESHA

Jan. 1978

Dear All,
I'm very happy to see that the Kresha Kronicle will continue. If I can help in any way beyond the enclosed check, please let me know.
I've been promoted! Now I'm the vocational counselor with the WIN Program at the Nebraska Job Service. So far, it has been enjoyable.
Over Christmas, I was quite rushed, with spending time with Vicki's family and mine. Everyone looked so good and healthy at home.

Much love,
Andy Kresha

FROM DICK AND DOLORES NYFFELER

1-13-78

Hello Everyone,
Here it is already Friday the 13th. I always say, "My lucky day!". Just finished typing the corrections and additions for the Kresha Book. Hope I didn't miss any. If there are any more corrections, please let me know. I know there are a lot of address corrections which I don't have, so you will have to give those to Elaine if you want them printed.
Since I last wrote, we went to Chicago for 4 days (over Thanksgiving) where we celebrated my 50th birthday with my Aunt Cel and the Smagacz cousins. I thought it was nice that my 50th was on Thanksgiving, because I was born on Thanksgiving Day back in 1927. Doc hurried me along so he could get home for dinner. Maybe that's why my life has been hurry, hurry, hurry. (Ha! Ha!) Our trip there was cut short when we heard that a storm was coming that way.
Since the first of the year I have been busy with the job we all love--balancing the books and getting the figures ready for income tax.
On Tuesdays Dick goes coyote hunting. They have had very good luck this year, but not this past week. They saw 11, but only got 1 of them. That's the way it goes.
Today we are going to the dentist for our regular yearly checkup. Dick is having one tooth capped.
Hope these few lines reach you all in good health. Take care.

Dolores and Dick Nyffeler

FROM EVA KRESHA

1-15-78

Dear Family,
Wasn't it grand to read the Kresha Kronicle again? First of all, I offer my get-well wishes to the sick of our clan. Then I offer best wishes to all the family for a happy and prosperous New Year to all the Kreshas far and near. It's not too early to make plans for the Kresha Reunion, come June. It's the second Sunday in June, right? (Editor's note: June 11, East Shelter, Pawnee Park, Columbus, Nebr.)
Hope all the seasonal jobs are squared away, and pray that we have good weather for that day, for we should make it to Kresha reunion, or else! May the youngest be walking and maybe talking, too, and all turn out to have a good time. Please remember to pray for those who have gone to their eternal reward. May they rest in peace.
Last, but not least, let us work and pray to make this old world a better place to live in, for ourselves and our fellowmen. Also, above all else, pray for world peace, for this seems to keep itself out of our reach, and is so needed for our well-being.
In closing, I wish you all God's blessing and good health.
Love ya ver' much,

Mother Kresha

P.S. Many thanks to all who took hold to get Kronicle going again. I'm sure we're all happier to have this come our way.

FROM GLENN AND ILA KRESHA

1-9-78

Hello Everyone,

Christmas has come and gone. The New Year has arrived. We missed getting our Christmas letter in the Kronicle. Hope to do better next year. We celebrated Christmas with 8 of our 10 children home. Their stay was short, but very enjoyable.

We had a wedding in our family last year. Michelle is now Mrs. Mike Berlin. They are living and working in Emmetsburg, Iowa.

This spring and summer will be a busy time for us. Farming, livestock, and some land leveling will be on the agenda, not to mention two weddings.

Andrew will be getting married May 27th to Vicki Wiese. Christine will graduate from UNL as a registered nurse. On June 24th she and Pat Gabel will be married.

This cold weather has left us all with miserable colds. May God bless you all. We wish you a happy and prosperous New Year.

Love to all,
Glenn and Ila Kresha

FROM MARTIN AND ELAINE KRESHA

Jan. 1978

Dear Family,

Will try and bring you up to date on our family. We are keeping well with just the minor aches, pains, sniffles, etc. Right now the flu is thick around here. So far it has missed us--just how long we can dodge it is another thing. Out of 8 of us, someone is sure to catch a "bug" of some kind.

The kids weren't ready for school to start in September. Now the school year is half over and we wonder where the time went.

Patrick is a Sophomore. He turned 16 on Jan. 1. The fact that he hasn't had the opportunity to take his test for a driver's license is really bugging him. His time will come and with it more gray hair for Mom and Dad.

Patrick went out for wrestling this year. He wrestles in the 98 lb. class on the Junior Varsity team. This is his first year for wrestling. He has been taking karate lessons for several years, and in June he earned his first degree black belt. We are all proud of him for this accomplishment.

Now, for a quick run-down on the rest of the bunch. Kenneth is in the 8th grade. He was 14 in November. Bernard is in 7th grade. He was 13 in October. Jolene and Colleen were 11 on December 30. They are in 5th grade. Last, but not least, Lois will be 10 in May and is in 4th grade. They keep us on our toes. Haven't figured out if they keep us young or are making us prematurely old.

Patrick and Elaine took a Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation course in November. We are now certified CPRs. Martin and Kenneth are signed up for one this month.

We will all be happy to see some warmer weather replace the unseasonably cold weather we have had for so long.

We sure enjoy keeping in touch with you through the pages of the Kronicle. Marcie Strauss said it best. "I hope that no one reading this will feel that they aren't important enough to share some news." Beautiful!

Our love to all,
Martin and Elaine Kresha and Family

EDITOR'S NOTE:

This Kronicle will be a "catching up" issue. Hope no one was missed in regard to engagements, births, weddings, deaths, etc. I try to watch the papers and clip what pertains to the family, but I can't always catch it all, so please help me. If you have anything you want included in the Kronicle, please send it to me. Some of us are keeping these Kronicles as a family history. What is seemingly unimportant to you today may be invaluable to someone tomorrow.

Included in this issue is a mailing list. An asterisk (*) before a name indicates a contribution has been made to the Kronicle fund.

Please let me know of any address changes as they occur.

Thanks for the kind remarks about the December issue.

Deadline for the next issue is March 15.

Elaine Kresha

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Andrea and Ted Preister--Regina, born December 28, 1976

Kathryn and Bob Mausbach--Jason Robert, born December 30, 1976

Lou and Joe Kresha--Rebecca Lou, born February 21, 1977

Mary Jane and Dan Hilger--Marcus Daniel, born July 23, 1977

Bonnie and Hank Kobza--Catherine, born July 25, 1977

Mary and Raymond Kresha--Matthew Raymond, born July 27, 1977

Mary Lou and Tom O'Brien--Benjamin William, born Oct. 28, 1977--8 lb. 10 oz.--20 1/2"

FROM HAROLD AND LILLIAN WITULSKI

1-19-78

Dear Round Robins,

We wish to thank all of you for the prayers and get well cards sent us during November and December when we both had surgery. They really helped and both of us have had excellent pathological reports and a speedy recovery.

Though we had ample rains last fall for the new wheat, it was getting dry here with large cracks showing in the ground. Since we live "down south", the snows never reached this far until the past few weeks. How thankful we were to have a snow cover on the wheat fields when the thermometer dropped to -16 degrees.

Harold keeps busy repairing small motors, TV sets, radios, etc. while it is so frigid. His latest project is making a wood stove for auxiliary heat--designing it, and obtaining all parts of metal to make it. It will stand in the garage with the heat circulating into the house. Propane is getting so expensive and in due time the country may run out of fuel. We have plenty of wood to burn since this place is loaded with trees.

Soon we will be starting our adult education courses which will last 6-8 weeks. Harold is taking Income Tax and '78 Case Tractors. I am taking "fun" courses on the same night the car goes to town. --macrame and an Art Course.

Our house is a pink house (pink stone), but it is virtually a "green house" this winter. All my house plants--which serve as humidifiers--are blooming quite prolifically now. I have apricot colored amaryllis, striped amaryllis, 3 varieties of sultanas (slips from Caroline Kresha last summer), Christmas Cactus, and the Poinsettias from Christmas. Without my houseplant pets, I don't think I could bear these long winter months.

Love to all,
Harold and Lillian Witulski

CORRECTIONS AND ADDITIONS TO THE ADOLF F. KRESHA HISTORY BOOK

Start from the beginning of the book and flip the pages to:

RAYMOND GLENN KRESHA page--Michelle married 5-28-77 to Michael Berlin

RAYMOND KRESHA page--Children: Matthew Raymond, born 7-27-77

GREGORY KRESHA page--Children: Jodi, born 2-28-74
Connie Sue, born 4-15-76

ALLAN KRESHA page--Mary married 3-26-77 to Douglas G. Reid

CECELIA KRESHA SMAGACZ page--correct spelling Nyffeler, also Dolores Smagacz page.

ADOLPH M. KRESHA page--Joe married 5-15-76 to Lou Jane Logan
wife, Lou, born 11-12-56
child, Rebecca Lou, born 2-21-77

KATHLEEN KRESHA GROSCH page--Children: Lori Ann born 9-20-75

MARY LOU KRESHA DUNEKACK page--Children: Julie Christine, born 10-16-76

JOHN KRESHA page--correct date of birth 1904

DOROTHY KRESHA KUSH page--Denice, married 8-20-76 to Steven K. Urkoski

EDWIN KRESHA page--Children: Kimberlee Ann, born 11-30-75

DENNIS KRESHA page--Children: Terri Marie, born 9-25-76

DIANE KRESHA CHAISSON page--Children: Marie Kresha Chaisson, born 4-25-76

ROSE KRESHA HILGER page--Bernard died Sept. 11, 1977 Buried David City, Nebr.
Sue born 2-20-48 Correction on Bob Hilger page, too.

JANICE HILGER KOBZA page--Children: John James Robert Henry
Thomas, born 1-29-76 Catherine, born 7-25-77

DANIEL HILGER page--Children: Marcus Daniel, born 7-23-77

GERHART KRESHA page--Lavoda died 2-13-76

CONNIE LUKASSEN PALMER page--Children: Kori Ann, born 1-13-76 Note correct spelling.

MARCIA KOSCH STRAUSS page--divorced 3-4-77 Church annulment applied for.

MARY LOU KOSCH O'BRIEN page--Children: Bethanie Bernice, born 10-24-75
Benjamin William, born 10-28-77

CHARLES KRESHA page--Andrea married 8-27-76 to Ted Preister
Children--Regina, born 12-28-76

KATHRYN KRESHA MAUSBACH page--Children: Jason Robert, born 12-30-76

BILL KRESHA PAGE--James married 7-31-76 to Sharon Marie Raun

PATRICIA KRESHA THOMAS page--died 3-17-77, Lakewood, Colo. Lived at Castle Rock, Colo.
buried, St. Andrew's Cemetery, Osceola, Nebr.

FRANCES MARY KRESHA LUKASSEN page--Children: Wanda married 4-16-77 to Dr. R.E. Toombs

ADRIAN KRESHA page--died 2-27-77, Denver, Colo. Lived at Brighton, Colo.
buried, Brighton, Colo.

ENGAGEMENTS

Mr. and Mrs. William Wiese of Columbus, Nebr. announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Vicki, to Andrew Kresha, son of the Glenn Kreshas of Osceola. Their wedding will take place May 27, 1978 in Omaha, Nebr.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Kresha announce the engagement of their daughter, Christine, to Mr. Pat Gabel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Duane Gabel of Shelby, Nebr. Their wedding is planned for June 24, 1978, in Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Shelby, Nebr.

SYMPATHY TO:

Harold and Lillian Witulski and Family on the death of Harold's Father.

Denice and Gregg Kresha and Family on the death of Denice's Mother, Mrs. Francis (Blanche) Donaldson, Oct. 1, 1977.

Loretta and Allan Kresha and Family on the death of Loretta's Cousin, Sr. Fabiola, December 3, 1977.

Kresha-Reid Vows Were Recited At St. Vincent's

Mary Frances Kresha and Douglas G. Reid, both of Omaha, were married Saturday, March 26 at St. Vincent's Catholic Church of Osceola. Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Allan L. Kresha of Osceola and Reverend and Mrs. Gregory D. Reid of Palmyra.

Officiating at the 3 p.m. ceremony were Rev. Robert Preisinger of Omaha and the groom's father. Acolytes were John and Steven Gabel of Shelby. Mrs. Laurence Meister presided at the organ and vocalist was Reverend Robert Harvey of Portland, Oregon.

Floral decorations consisted of yellow and orange gladioli, white poms and greenery.

The bride appeared in a white Quiana jersey silhouette featuring a re-embroidered Alencon lace bodice, high neckline, lace sleeves and an A-line skirt which swept to chapel length. She wore a mantilla with Alencon lace appliques and edged with a double border of tiny seed pearls. She carried white daisy poms, yellow roses and baby's breath.

Miss Michelle Kresha of Omaha was maid of honor and Mrs. Bryan

Sandquist of Omaha and Miss Bettian Kresha of Lincoln acted as bridesmaids. Their floor length gowns of yellow and green sheer organza over yellow taffeta had rounded necklines and long full sleeves caught at the wrist by a ruffle. Each carried a single large glamellia accented with avocado green tufts and streamers.

Attending the groom were Adrian Hernandez as best man and Alvin J. Winter and Don Kresha as groomsmen. All are of Omaha. James H. Novack of Melrose Park, Illinois and Andrew Kresha of Omaha ushered.

A social hour, dinner and reception for 250 guests followed at the Holiday Inn in Columbus. Mr. and Mrs. Dale Nahrstedt were hosts and the groom's sister, Mrs. Adrian Hernandez of Omaha, attended the guest book.

The couple will be at home in Omaha where the bride was graduated from the College of St. Mary and is a registered nurse at the Lutheran Medical Center. The groom is a graduate of the University of Nebraska at Omaha and is an account executive at Tires, Inc., Omaha.



Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Reid

PLAYER OF THE WEEK



DAN KRESHA

Dan Kresha, son of the Larry Kreshas Wrestler for David City High 1977-78

Hilger heads Corvette Club

Platte Valley Corvette Club elected officers at its January meeting: Dan Hilger, president; Charles Stockman, vice president; Laurie Cemper, secretary; Larry Cemper, treasurer; Wayne Harbough, officer at large; Ric Noring, governor; Mary Jane Hilger, news reporter.

A Valentine skating party for members and friends was slated for 8 p.m. Feb. 10 at Humphrey. The Feb. 9 meeting will be at the Downtowner, Columbus.

Jan. 1978

Family Reunion

KRESHA FAMILY REUNION

The annual Kresha reunion was held June 12 in Columbus at Pawnee Park with 111 attending.

Recorded during the past year were six marriages: Sharon Raun and James Kresha, Denise Kush and Steven Urkoski, Andrea Kresha and Ted Preister, Mary Kresha and Douglas Reid, Wanda Lukassen and Robert Toombs, Michelle Kresha and Michael Berlin; two deaths: Mrs. Eugene Thomas and Adrian Kresha; five births: Mr. and Mrs. Joe Kresha, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Kresha, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Dunekacke, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Preister, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mausbach.

Those in attendance included the families of Leo, Adolph, Martin, Glenn, Gregg, Larry, Art, John, Bill, Mike, Dennis, Edwin and Charles Kresha; the Max Gabel, Ronnie Smith, Bernard Hilger, Bob Hilger, Dan Hilger,

Hank Kobza, Richard Nyffeler, Wayne Grosch, Jerome Jarecki, Harold Wituski, Ted Preister and Bob Mausbach families; Donna Ebner, Mickie Bender, Mrs. Eva Kresha, Mary Holst, Pat Gabel, Mary Tajchman, Mary Lukassen and Marty, Marcia Strauss and Jennie, Eugene Thomas and Gloria and Mr. and Mrs. Mike Berlin. Towns represented were Osceola, Shelby, David City, Bellwood, Columbus, Humphrey, Beatrice, Holdrege, Madison, Omaha, Kimball, Longmont, Colorado; Castle Rock, Colorado and Shenandoah, Iowa.

The 1978 reunion will be held the second Sunday in June in Columbus. Next year's committee is Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hilger, Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Kresha.

Michelle Kresha Became The Bride Of Mike Berlin



Mr. and Mrs. Mike Berlin

Michelle Kresha became the bride of Mike Berlin on Saturday, May 28 at St. Vincent's Catholic Church.

Their parents are Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Kresha and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Berlin of Columbus.

The afternoon ceremony was solemnized by Father Edward O'Leary. The organist was Sophia Kresha. Vocalists were Andy Kresha and Gail Reiks. A special song was sung at the end of the service by the groom's brothers, Brad and Dan Berlin.

The bride wore a gown of ivory organza and chantilly lace, fashioned with a natural waistline. The bodice rose to a v-neck and short puffed sleeves, both edged with narrow chantilly lace

ruffles. The skirt featured a swag at either side and swept back into a chapel length train. A picture hat held her veil and she carried pink baby roses, daisies and stephanotis.

Maid of honor was Chris Kresha, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Mary Reid of Omaha, Johna Sheppard of York and Betty Kresha of Lincoln. Jodi Kresha, niece of the bride, was flower girl. Their gowns were rose-colored with a square neckline trimmed in ivory lace. The dresses had bell sleeves and an empire waistline leading to a full skirt. They carried a single ivory mum.

Best man was Brad Berlin of Lincoln, brother of the groom. Groomsmen were Joe Stavas of Omaha, Dan Berlin of Columbus and Ron Zahn of Syracuse. Seating the guests were Paul Greisen of St. Edward and Tony Kresha, brother of the bride.

A reception dinner and dance was held at the Shelby Legion Hall. Mr. and Mrs. Allan Kresha and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hancock of Beatrice were host couples.

After a honeymoon trip to Arkansas the newlyweds will live in Shenandoah, Iowa where the groom is a physical therapist and the bride a physician's assistant. Both are 1977 graduates of the University of Nebraska Medical Center at Omaha.

OBITUARIES



TWOREK — Mrs. Tony (Mabel) Tworek, 57, of Rt. 2, Columbus, died Tuesday in Clarkson Hospital, Omaha, after a short illness.

Funeral rites will be conducted by Rev. Joseph A. Miksch, 10 a.m. Thursday at St. Stanislaus Catholic Church, Duncan, with burial in the parish cemetery.

Mrs. Tworek will lie in state at McKown Funeral Home after 1 p.m. Wednesday. There will be 8 p.m. Wednesday rosary by St. Ann Society and 8:30 p.m. parish rosary at the funeral home.

Lifelong resident of this area, she was born Feb. 8, 1920 at Osceola, daughter of Hubert and Pauline (Hebda) Kropatsch.

She married Tony Tworek May 24, 1943 at St. Andrew Catholic Church, Osceola, and they resided in rural Polk County. She was a member of St. Stanislaus Parish and St. Ann Society.

Surviving are her husband; son, Robert of Columbus; daughter, Mrs. William (Judy) Fyfe of Nickerson; six grandchildren; brothers, Leonard and Conrad Kropatsch of Osceola; sisters, Mrs. Frank (Loretta) Valasek, Mrs. John (Elsie) Keuchel and Mrs. George (Frances) Turley, all of Omaha.

Parents, one brother and one grandchild preceded her in death.

Mabel was a cousin to the children of the first family of Kreshas. Her father and the first Mrs. Adolf Kresha, were brother and sister.

Mabel died 11-15-77.

Sister Dolores observes jubilee

LUMBERTON, N.M. — Sister Dolores (Janice) Smagacz O.S.F., a native of Columbus, celebrated her Silver Jubilee as a religious. A private celebration was held with the staff of St. Francis Parish and School.

Sister Dolores has spent five years assigned to St. Francis School. She left June 1 to work the summer at St. Elizabeth Center at Denver, Colo. Her assignment next fall will be at Immaculate Conception School, Cuba, N.M.

She was born to the late Mr. and Mrs. John Smagacz at Columbus, Aug. 16, 1935. She attended St. Bonaventure Elementary School here.

In 1949, she left home to attend St. Joseph Convent High School in Denver, Colo. Two years later she became a postulant with the Sister of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration. The following year she was invested with the habit of the Order in Denver.

Sister Dolores received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Education from the College of St. Joseph, Albuquerque, N.M. in 1963. (The college is now known as the University of Albuquerque.)

All of her teaching career has been spent in New Mexico. One year she taught at St. Anthony Home for Boys, Albuquerque; five years were spent at St. Francis School, Lumberton; one year she worked at Cuba; and two years she shared with the boys at St. Anthony Child Care Center in Albuquerque.

During the summer months Sister Dolores has kept up on her educational background by attending summer programs at various colleges and universities.

On Aug. 6, Sister Dolores will be honored with open house at the Motherhouse, Mt. St. Francis, Box 1060, Colorado Springs, Colo. 80901. Relatives and friends are invited to attend. Sister Dolores has one sister, Mrs. Richard Nyffeler, who lives at Columbus.



SISTER DOLORES

BERNARD VICTOR HILGER, 64, of Route 3, Box 20, David City, died Sept. 11, 1977, at the Butler County Hospital. He was born on October 1, 1912, to Albert and Catherine (Phillips) Hilger at David City. He spent his entire life on the family farm 2 miles north, 1 1/2 miles west and 1/2 mile north of David City. He attended District 44, St. Mary's Grade and David City High Schools.

When Bud started farming with his father they raised Buff Orpington chickens, Hampshire hogs and Hereford cattle. The fields were worked with a team of horses. His first tractor was a Minneapolis Moline with Lug wheels.

In the winter of 1934, he met Rose Kresha at a Catholic Youth Play and Dance in Bellwood. They were married at St. Andrew's Catholic Church on June 8, 1937. It was then that his father retired, and Bud took over the family farm. Always searching for better ways to farm, he developed irrigation, grain storage and other modern methods on his farm.

He was active in St. Mary's Church and the Knights of Columbus. He served on the building Committee for St. Mary's Grade and Aquinas High Schools. As a blood donor to the blood bank, he had donated 3 gallons of blood.

Bernard's survivors in addition to his wife, include a daughter, Mrs. Henry Kobza (Janice "Bonnie") of Bellwood, two sons, Robert Bernard of David City and Daniel Anthony of Bellwood, his father, Albert, of St. Joseph's Villa, David City, two sisters, Mrs. Joseph Steiner (Leonora) of David City and Mrs. Alex Schumacher (Agnes) of Lincoln. He was preceded in death by his mother in 1933 and a brother Arnold, in 1937.

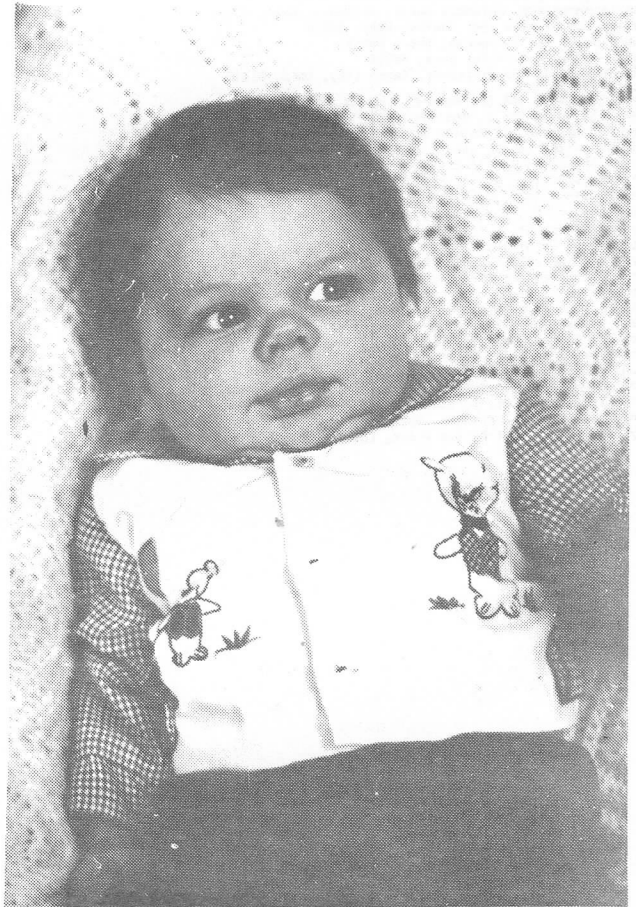
Also surviving are eleven grandchildren, John, Robert, Edward, Martin, Julie, Thomas, and Catherine Kobza of Bellwood. Mathew Hilger of David City, and Michael, Michelle, and Marcus Hilger of Bellwood.

Rosary services were held on Sept. 12, at St. Mary's Church by the Knights of Columbus at 7 P.M. and the parish at 8 P.M. The funeral Mass was celebrated on Sept. 13, at 10 A.M. at St. Mary's Church, by Msgr. A.J. Lisko, assisted by Father Anthony Trausch. Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery.

The grandchildren presented some gifts along with the bread and wine at the mass which represented special interests in Bernard's life. They were a picture album of five generations of Hilgers, ears of corn and Bernard's cap representing his livelihood as a farmer, a small tractor which represented the equipment he used in farming and his fishing reel that was used in his favorite pastime of fishing.

A heartfelt thanks to our relatives who were so kind when we needed you, and to the many relatives who sent cards and letters. Bud loved the many times we were all together and he felt you were all very special to him. May God bless each of you.

Rose Hilger and Family



Benjamin O'Brien, son of Thomas and Mary O'Brien. Born Oct. 27, 1977

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FROM GENE THOMAS AND FAMILY

Dear Kresha family,

Things are going fairly well at the moment for our immediate family, though my dad and my sister are having their problems. My dad had a bad heart attack on Jan. 23 and his heart stopped twice after he got to the hospital and the doctors were doubtful that day that he would make it. However he now seems to be making a remarkable recovery and the doctors believe he will be about as good as ever if he has no more attacks. He left the hospital about a week ago and went to a nursing home and is to go home from there tomorrow, Feb. 14.

My sister discovered a growth on her neck on Thanksgiving day which turned out to be Hodgkin's disease. She and her doctors are very optimistic of a cure, but she is having to undergo a lot of surgery and treatment. She is in St. Joseph's hospital in Denver now after having her spleen and abdominal lymph nodes removed and still faces a long series of X-ray therapy.

Joe is still at the Marines and in Avionics, and is now at Atlanta, Ga., which as I understand it will be his permanent duty base when he finishes on the job training. The Marines seem to agree with him very well and he may make a career of it.

Terri is still at Lowry at the edge of Denver, but will leave next week for a base near Pensacola, Fla. She is also in avionics, but in the Air Force, and will take on the job training. I don't know if she will remain in Florida or not. She is looking forward to going to Florida. She bought herself a new Rabbit a couple of days ago and is having a fun time with it. Another girl is going to ride with her to Florida in it.

Karen is back in school this semester, but says she hates it and I don't know if she will finish the year or not. She seems to want impossible things. She talks some of joining the Navy, which she can do at the end of the school year, I believe, and that might be a good thing for her. We do not get along very well at home.

Gloria has made several friends here and is doing fine at school. She got very interested in basketball, and got to play in some of the eighth grade games, though not as much as she wanted to. Their season is completed now.

I still have a lot of organizing to do in the trailer house to get things organized. My brother has been helping me, but it has been too cold and snowy lately to saw outside and we don't want to do it in the house, so we are walking around and over a pile of lumber. Maybe the weather will change by this weekend.

Curt is a little disenchanted with the newspaper business and may go back to nursing. He wants to check things out in New Mexico this weekend. I will spend Friday at the Colorado Press convention in Denver.

I went to Castle Rock last week and while there had a little visit Larry Kosch.

Love, Gene and family

405 Main Str., Friend, Nebr. 68359
Friday, Febr. 24, 1978

Dear

Just a note to inform you about my mother, Susan B. Berres-Trausch's death Thursday, Feb. 16, at the age of 91. She suffered a stroke Tue. a.m. 2/14 and was in coma until she died peacefully Thu. 4:30 p.m., 2/16th. Apparently, she didn't suffer any conscious pain. Fr. Ray Hain anointed her at the Perkins Pavillion before she was removed to the hospital. At her age and condition, it was a blessing God called her to Himself, even tho we children naturally want to keep our parents as long as possible. She was ready for death and longed for it.

Her funeral was last Monday, 2/20, from Sacred Heart Church, Roseland. I offered the funeral Mass with 3 former p astors concelebrating with me. Bishop Flavin, Fr. Myron Pleskac and Fr. Joe Mroczkowski drove out from Lincoln in the storm for the funeral Mass. Fr. Joe Joe preached an instructive sermon on "You are the Light of the world." Eight priests were in the sanctuary, in spite of the storm.

All of my brothers/sisters with their families got home before the storm, arriving Sat-Sunday, when the weather was nice. My sister, Irene Matyka and son Larry drove from Medford, Wisc., to Milwaukee to pick up Margaret (da.), then to Skokie, Ill., to pick up the other da., Kathy; then took I-80 thro Ill-Iowa-Neb. to Roseland. They returned home yesterday via the same route. Margaret Kresha, her da., Diane and baby Marie flew in from Bakersfield-LosAngeles on Sat. 2/18 into Omaha, where my brother Maurice picked them up-- since he was in Omaha with his da. Margene for her medical check-up. My bro. Gerald, wife Mary Ellen and all their 9 children drove in 2 cars from Overland Park, Ks. (adjacent to Ks. City, Ks.) on Sat. & Sunday. Theresa Seiker and family came Sunday afternoon from Elmwood, Ne. (23 mi. E. of Lincoln) after picking up Mark at the Airport. Mark is at St. Pius Xth Seminary, Erlanger Ky. --across the Ohio river from Cincinnati, Ohio. Three of bro. Ray's family came: Ray, Jr., & Bob from Carroll, Ia., and Alice Mullin from Council Bluffs, Ia. Their Mother, Cecilia is dying of cancer at University Hosp., Omaha. On Mother's side, on account of the storm, the Stuhr families of Petersburg, Ne. and John Berres families of Groom Texas were unable to make it. Texas had a terrible ice-snow storm before.

The Rosary-wake was Sunday night in Sacred Heart Church, Roseland; Mother's remains were brought out from Hastings, then returned after the Rosary. With the wind rising late Sunday night, Ralph and I went out the cemetery to check drifting. The boys had cleared the alleyways on Saturday with their heavy equipment; they were drifted shut again Monday a.m.; So Ralph had his men go out again with the big scoop to clear out snow, and cut a trench north of the cemetery to catch further drifting snow. We didn't have any difficulty at the cemetery for the burial, tho it was raw out, even behind a tent.

Even tho the wind was driving loose snow to near zero visibility, all the family gathered for a private rosary at the mortuary in Hastings, Monday 9:45 a.m. In Hastings itself, the buildings and trees kept the snow from blowing. By Tue., 2/21, it was calm again, and highways were all open again. At Friend, much less snow.

It was Mother's wish that 6 of her sons be pall bearers, saying, "I carried them for 9 months, so they can carry me." In the casket, Mother didn't look her 91 years. Of course, morticians have a way to work out wrinkles and put on cosmetics to hide reality and to give the remains a youthful look. This appeals to the overly sentimental by hiding the reality of death; it can't be hidden!

Mother was last home at Christmas. We had her out to the 'home place' at Francis' house for Christmas dinner. She enjoyed it. Prior to that, she was out home in October, when the family gathered, except Gerald's family, who were not able come because of previous committments.

Mother was a woman of deep faith and fervent prayer. I'm sure her anticipation of seeing God face to face will be realized soon, if not already. In her, we have an intercessor before the throne of God. She left behind a large progeny: 8 living sons, 3 daughters;(Ray, Fr. Robert and Dad preceeded her in death); 41 living grandchildren, 29 great-grandchildren, one great-great grand-da. In your charity, we ask you to remember her in your prayers that she have speedy eternal rest.

Prayerfully,

*Cecilia has since
passed - now in a nursing home.*

KRESHA KRONICLE

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Route 2, Box 100, Osceola, Nebr. 68651

March-April, 1978

FROM MRS. EDWIN KRESHA

3-1-78

Dear Family,

Sitting here writing letters and wondering when our winter will be over. It's really snowing out again. I was glad to see the sun come out for awhile to melt some of the snow. Now we've got a place to put some more snow. Kenny and Lisa are glad for the snow. They can't wait to get home to make a fort. Kim had her snowboots on and she enjoyed the outside. I had a hard time bringing her back indoors.

We rechartered our Cub Scouts. I am a leader and have nine in my Den now. I didn't realize how much time Scouting involved until I got into it. It really keeps me busy. We took the Cubs to McDonald's for a tour. After the tour McDonald's treated them to a hamburger, french fries, and a drink.

I am sewing some Easter outfits for the children. Hope I get them finished. Easter is only a few weeks away.

I didn't get to Lisa's flower girl dress, yet. The material came in and they sent the wrong kind. Hope the right kind gets here soon. Kenny is serving Mass for the wedding, too.

I hope this finds everyone well. We have all been well.

When we get this Kronicle, Easter will be over. Our wish to you all is that the risen Christ blesses you.

Our love and prayers,

Florence, Kenneth, Lisa and Kimberlee

KRESHA FAMILY REUNION

Sunday, June 11, 1978

12 noon sharp

EAST SHELTER, PAWNEE PARK, COLUMBUS

FROM MR. AND MRS. FRED LUKASSEN

3-6-78

Dear Martin and Elaine,

I see you have our name on the mailing list of the Kresha Kronicle. I am enclosing \$5.00 as our contribution. We enjoy reading it, but do wish there would be more Lukassen letters in it.

We have had a long, cold spell. Lots of fog and cloudy weather with some nice moisture. I have stayed in the house most of the cold weather as I have bronchial asthma and can't take the cold. I'm looking forward to spring. We have both been pretty well otherwise, for people 76 and 77 years old.

We have 8 great-grandchildren--6 girls and 2 boys. We are looking for 2 more this spring. We are hoping for boys, but will be happy with girls, too. Just as long as they are well.

Vaughn has been in the hospital the last few days. He hurt his back. He is getting better, but it takes time.

Thanks for including us.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lukassen

FROM SISTER DOLORES SMAGACZ

3-5-78

Dear Kresha Family and Friends,
Greetings from Cuba, New Mexico and a very Happy Easter to all of you.

At this time I would like to do a little begging for our school. On May 7th we are having our school festival. If anyone has any items they would like to donate for the booths, I sure would appreciate it. In sending a dollar I will put your name on a raffle ticket which has money prizes. We would like to have great success in this project as we want to build a parish hall and additional classrooms.

As I write this, I ask God to send His Blessings upon you.

Sister Dolores

RECEIVES DEGREE

Mark Wolf received an associate of applied science degree in dental lab technology March 15 from Central Technical Community College, Hastings, Nebr.

FROM SOPHIA KRESHA 3-78
Dear Family,
My wish to all--a Happy Easter!
I am feeling great and I thank God each morning for the privilege of being able to do a few things every day for the honor and glory of Him who has been so good to me so many times during my life.

The Thrift Shop is still going, going. From March 1, 1976 to March 1, 1978 (2 years) we have \$7,972.26 in savings in the bank. \$10,000 is our goal, and I am beginning to see the light in the distance.

Keep well. Love and Prayers,
Sophia

FROM FATHER ANTHONY TRAUSCH 3-10-78
Dear Kresha Family,
Thanks for your cards extending your sympathy in Mother's death. Our family became quite aware that her influence extended far beyond her own family through her example of being a devoted Catholic Mother. I'm confident that if all Mothers in our modern society were like she lived, we would not have the moral and social problems now confronting us.

Enclosed is \$5.00 toward the Kresha Kronicle. It helps to keep abreast with that side of family by affinity.

Gratefully,
Fr. Anthony Trausch

FROM NADINE LUKASSEN 3-9-78
Hello from Colorado!
This is the first letter I have written to the Kronicle. I have been reading it and decided to contribute this issue.

For those of you who aren't sure which Lukassen I belong to, I am Jim and Mary (Kresha) Lukassen's second daughter.

Currently I am living in Broomfield, Colo., a suburb of Denver and almost part of Boulder. I am an independent single and live alone in a large apartment complex. My job is rather interesting as I am in the greenhouse business.

The company I work for is a large carnation and rose grower as well as, my department, of blooming, potted plants and green houseplants. I have currently gained the responsibility of being in charge of this wholesale department and find there are many headaches with it. We sell to the florist shops in Denver and Northeastern Colo. With Easter early this year we are up to our ears in fragrant Easter lilies already. Before you know it, we will be busy with the biggest holiday--Mother's Day.

I make it home to Kimball once in awhile and catch up with the hectic home life (which I enjoy after living alone.)

I want to extend my open door to any relatives--cousins, aunts, or uncles--if they come to Colo. to ski or visit.

Wishing everyone a Joyous Easter!
Love, Nadine



VICTORIA WIESE

May wedding set in Omaha

Planning a May 27 wedding at St. Robert Catholic Church, Omaha, are Victoria Wiese and Andrew Kresha, both of that city.

Their engagement is announced by the future bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William T. Wiese.

Victoria was a 1973 graduate of St. Mary College of Nursing, Pierre, S.D., and is now a Public Health nurse for the city of Omaha.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Kresha, Osceola, are parents of the prospective bridegroom, who is a psychology student at the University of Nebraska-Omaha.



Christine Kresha, Patrick Gabel



KRESHA - GABEL

A June 24 wedding at Sacred Heart Church in Shelby is being planned by Christine Kresha and Patrick Gabel. Their parents are Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Kresha and Mr. and Mrs. Duane Gabel.

Miss Kresha will graduate in May from the University of Nebraska College of Nursing at Lincoln. The groom to be is a 1974 graduate of David City Aquinas High School and is engaged in farming.



FROM HAROLD AND LILLIAN WITULSKI 3-11-78

Dear Family,

Today we had our first spring rain. The snow drifts can't last long under these conditions. The sun is so much warmer-- if it could only shine. We had several sunny days this week, so I got my solar battery "charged up". Farmers are saying that they probably won't get any oats planted this March. That's farming for you. It's either too dry or too wet.

In Jan. I found a bargain--garden seeds for 9¢ a packet. They were packed for the '78 season, too. So I have bunching onions, yellow Bermudas, and cabbage plants growing in flats in the south window of the garage. Onions grown from seed have to be started very early in the year, so they are big enough to match the size you buy in May for planting in the garden. Since we didn't get the garden plots plowed last Fall, our potatoes, lettuce, and early crops will be late this year.

The "stove" I wrote you about in the last Robin is really a wood furnace. It has one cold-air return and one heat register in the living room. The propane furnace seldom comes on. What a saving on propane that is! Harold put a thermostat and limit controls on the furnace and fan. The water is piped to a humidifier. When it started using more than a bucketful of water a day, he thought it should have piped-in water. The firebox will accommodate logs 3-4' long and needs refueling twice in 24 hours. Since he built the furnace the last of Jan., we didn't have a supply of firewood--just the dead elm trees that were cut up last summer. We couldn't even give that away then. Hard wood such as ash, locust, or hackberry which grows volunteer in this area, burns more slowly and gives off more heat.

Harold is very busy now in the hog barn, as the sows are farrowing. Many nights he goes out there to check the sows.

Harold's sister Alice, who has been a widow for 15 years, plans to marry in April. Since Harold's Dad died, his Mother has been living with Alice, or spends several days a week at our house. In her home in Crete, there won't be room Harold's Mother, so we will have to make other arrangements. She likes it at our house and spent 2 weeks with us, now. She wants to live in her own home. The family can't let her do that. Maybe she can try it next summer for awhile.

This summer we are planning to take a trip to Tacoma to see Leon and Sharon and their new home. From their patio they can see Mt. Rainer.

Larry still lives at Castle Rock, Colo. and was in Beatrice to apply for a journalism job recently. He also applied at Newton, Kansas.

We are happy that Elaine, Dolores, and Gene are getting the Robin flying again and are doing a marvelous job. Thank you very much. We found the small print "trying".

Love to all,
Harold and Lillian

FROM CHARLES AND LUCY KRESHA 3-15-78

Hi Everybody,

Spring is just around the corner and it sure feels good to have some weather above freezing.

Bob and Kathi Maushbach built another new home. Their address is 5809 So. 104th Ave., Omaha, Nebr. 68127

Ted and Andrea Preister moved into a new home over a year ago. Their address is 1005 Roosevelt Circle, Madison, Nebr. 68748

Charlie is still under the Doctor's care, but is beginning to feel better. Ed will be farming with him. If the farmer's strike holds out, we might not farm all year. (A funny)

I am enclosing a check for Kronicle dues. We wish everybody a Happy Easter. May the Easter Bunny visit you all.

As ever,
Charlie, Lucy, and Family



LOCAL COSMETOLOGISTS received an achievement certificate for attending a two-day Redken Seminar in Omaha. Those attending from the Columbus area were: Back row, from left, Sally Dicke, Magic Mirror; Shirley Spence, Four Seasons; front row, Sally Jo Shemek, Magic Mirror; Debbie Kresha, The Hair Loft; Velma Lippert, Magic Mirror; Jeanie White, Four Seasons. (Febr. 1978)

FROM BOBBI AND MARK WOLF 3-3-78

Kresha Family,

Enclosed is our donation of \$5.00 for the Kronicle. I gathered by the letters that this is the right amount.

Aunt Margaret Kresha, Diane and Marie Chaisson came to visit us the 23rd of Febr. We were so surprised to see them. We really enjoyed seeing them and talking to them, since I missed them in Calif. and haven't seen them in many years. Marie is just adorable!

A note to Dick and Dolores Nyffeler I was the one who honked and passed you outside Columbus. I had a metallic ginger AMC Concord Wagon. I was so bundled up and had my glasses on, I didn't expect you to know who I was. Dad had gone to Omaha with me to look for a place to live. Mark had school, so he couldn't go. We haven't found living quarters yet. If we live in Omaha, I'll be closer to my Doctors. As soon as we get our new address, we'll send it. I dread moving in winter, plus the fact that my system is still adjusting to everything.

Mark graduates March 15th and has a job for then with a dentist in Omaha. He'll be a Dental Laboratory Technician (crowns, bridges, partials, dentures).

My health is doing a lot better after my bone marrow transplant in Calif. I had a lot of adjustment to outside life (out of my sterile isolation room). I had a phobia to everything and cried a lot. I'm one of the first aplastic anemics UCLA did. I had a 30-50% chance of survival and I've done the best. I got to come home early. I wear a precautionary mask when I'm around more than 15-20 people. I've averaged one hospital stay a month since the end of October. (twice in Jan.) So far, I'm doing well. I go to the doctor in Omaha every 4 weeks now instead of 2. My blood counts are leveling now and my body systems are gradually coming again. I have about $\frac{1}{4}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ " of dark, curly hair. Mark and Ryan love to see the curls. I feel very lucky that I'm here and have a new outlook on life and everything around me. Thanks can never be enough for all the cards, letters, flowers, gifts of support while I was ill. It meant a lot to me. I'll never forget it, ever! My family was especially great. Especially, Mark. He held up under pressure so well. I was so worried about

him. He took up smoking and promised to quit in due time. He's been everything from housewife to both a Mother and a Father to Ryan, plus going to school and working. He would have graduated in Dec., 1977 if I wouldn't have gotten sick, but he quit school when I went to Calif. Linda and her husband, Kevin Wibbels took Ryan while I was in Omaha and Calif.-- I'm forever grateful to them, too. Ryan was so young and vulnerable. I worried about him and missed him so much. And of course, there's my parents--they were always at my side with encouragement and support. It meant so much to me to have them with me the whole time I was in Calif. They would sit with me for hours. They would have to wear a cap, gown, mask, and paper shoes, plus wash a few times in order to see me. It got hot for them. The procedure wasn't really painful for me, but for Dian-- She had 150 aspirations of marrow taken from 3 places in her hip. She was very brave and so sore from it. I really grasped a close bond with her and am so indebted to her for a second chance to live. We stayed with her and her family for a week while I was an outpatient and we became good friends as well as sisters. I appreciate everything and everyone for their contribution to my regaining health.

Ryan turned 3 Dec. 16th, and is he independent! In my readjustment, he was a big one. Constantly running and on the go. He is still blonde, fair and blue-eyed like Mark. He is very protective of me so I don't get hurt. I'm so glad we have him and can enjoy him. It's so hard to believe in 2 years he'll go to school. I wish he could stay small forever.

In case Mom and Dad don't get time to write--Donna and her husband, Jim Block, in Minn. had a 6 lb. 8 oz., 20 $\frac{1}{2}$ " baby girl Febr. 28 at 5:49 P.M. (on Linda Wibbels' birthday) They named her Kyla Kresha Block. Kyle for short. She has long, dark, curly hair and coloring and features like our dad, Art. They're really excited about their new addition. And, of course, so are Mom and Dad. First granddaughter for them. Dian has 2 boys and we have 1.

A note to Michelle and Mike Berlin: Some friends of yours live across from us. Gene and Jane Parks. (727 No. Lincoln) He's a Physical therapist who graduated with Mike. They send their regards.

Hope we can make it to the reunion. Hope all is well with all of you. I know it is no fun to be sick.

Much love to all,
Bobbi (Kresha), Mark and Ryan Wolf



Bobbi Wolf continues battle with affliction

By DEB GONDRINGER
Bobbi Wolf sat in her doctor's office in Hastings last July and was told she shouldn't be sitting there alive.

Tests had just determined she had less than 10,000 blood plateletes, which are associated with blood clotting.

About a 150,000 platelet count is low for the average person and hemorrhaging begins usually when the platelet count is down to 20,000.

That July, Bobbi at 23 years old who was working to help her husband through school and the mother of a three year-old-son, began a battle for her life.

She was hospitalized in Hastings two days and then rushed to Bishop Clarkson Hospital in Omaha where her hematologist Dr. John Fagler diagnosed aplastic anemia. Sept. 12 she was accepted at UCLA Medical Center where she underwent a bone marrow transplant.

Bobbi, whose parents are Mr. and Mrs. Art Kresha, sat in the home of her mother-in-law Mrs. Lucille Wolf last week and told about her battle with the disease, a battle that still continues.

"I cried when the doctor in Hastings told me," Bobbi said who wears scars from intravenous feedings and catheters, "and thought my gosh what am I going to do now. I told the doctor I had house work to do and couldn't make it to the hospital until after noon."

At Bishop Clarkson "They came in with a list of medical terms for what I had," she said, "and I had my little medical dictionary handy to look up anything I wasn't familiar with."

Her doctor in Omaha set up a schedule of medication to raise her blood count. But nothing worked.



BOBBI WOLF

The hematologist made arrangements, with UCLA, which is one of three hospitals in the United States to perform bone marrow transplants.

"Dr. Fagler told me I either go through with the transplant or I would be dead in a month," Bobbi said. "They painted a very black picture for me but I had no choice but to go through with it." Chances for survival of the operation are only 30 to 50 percent.

Only after careful screening, was she accepted at the California hospital Sept. 12. There her sister Diane Gabriel, who now lives in Santa Barbara, Calif., was selected as her donor.

She was kept in isolation and her parents and husband Mark were only allowed in after they dressed in sterile gowns. "I didn't even know what my doctors or nurses

looked liked until after I was released," she said.

She was fed liquid radiation through a catheter and just before the operation was given 300 rads of radiation on each side of her body.

As a result she lost 90 percent of her hair and her skin turned dark brown.

There are also other side effects and one of those is graf versus host, which nearly everyone experiences to one degree or another, Bobbi said.

She was released from UCLA Oct. 21 and was in and out of the hospital in Omaha until February battling host versus graf. She is still very susceptible to germs and at the first sign of a sneeze or fever must check in with her doctor.

For the remainder of the year she is to go in for blood tests every three weeks which cost from \$2-300 a visit. The couple had to move to Omaha recently so she could be near proper medical facilities.

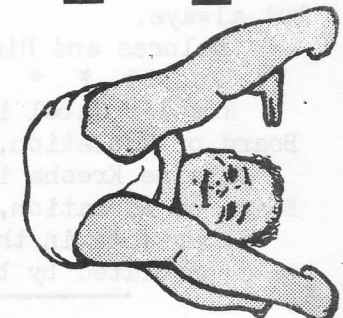
"Facing death at such a young age has made me a very different person," Bobbi said. "Before I was too busy and wrapped up in myself to stop and smell the flowers and look around me.

"Everyone was so good to me during that time," Bobbi said. "I received cards from people I didn't know and found all kinds of support from my husband and family. Having that kind of support won half the battle."

The couple is facing \$87,000 worth of bills as a result of her hospital stays. To help them out Aid Assosication for Lutherans at Immanuel Lutheran Church will be sponsoring fund raising events.

The first is a bake sale Saturday morning at the First National Bank. Russ Aerni said they also have planned a rummage sale, a Fun Fair, church dinner and soup suppers with a goal of \$10,000, which will be matched by Aid Assosication for Lutherans.

No matter how you look at it...



... 33 of those on the mailing list still haven't sent in their \$5.00 donation so we can keep the Kronicle going. Those who contributed since last time are:
Fr. Anthony Trausch
Adrian (Pat) Kresha
Gregg Kresha
Emelia Kropatsch
Nadine Lukassen
Charles Kresha
Mark Wolf
Mary Lukassen
Fred Lukassen

FROM DOLORES AND DICK NYFFELER 3-14-78

Hello Everyone,

It's hard to believe Easter is just 12 days away. Where did winter and Lent go to? As much as we have complained about the terrible weather we have experienced, it doesn't seem possible that Spring is just around the corner. (We hope)

First of all, I want to tell you that Sr. Dolores' parish is having a bazaar in May. She has charge of the Postoffice Booth, so she will appreciate if any of you can send her some "white elephants" worth 25¢. If you have lots of things, just send them in one box and she will rewrap them individually. She is also selling chances for a dollar for prizes of \$300, 200, 100, 75, and 25. They are trying to get money to build a gym which they will have to use to serve the noon lunches in, besides for a place for the kids to play in when the winter weather is too bad to be outside.

Our sympathy goes out to Uncle George and Aunt Margaret, and to Fr. Anthony Trausch on the loss of their Mother. My Aunt, Mrs. John Mimick, died March 6. Besides raising 5 daughters of her own, she raised 5 of her grandchildren. (Ozzie and Barbara Bernt's children) If anyone should be in heaven, I am sure these two ladies should be there.

Donna and Jim Block, we were happy to hear that you have a little girl. Kayla Kresha Block. What a nice name! Grandmother Irene called me to say she and Art were going up the 12th to see the little lady and her parents.

My boss, John Gerber, of Gerber Electric, had to be put in a nursing home as he couldn't live alone anymore. At times he gets so confused. As a result of this, his business has been discontinued. I worked for him for 20 years. I have been spending a lot of time getting the books closed.

Bless you all not only at Easter, but always.

Dolores and Dick

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Rosalie Gabel is a candidate for the Board of Education, at Shelby.

Elaine Kresha is a candidate for the Board of Education, Dist. 19, Osceola.

Your vote in the May 9th Primary will be appreciated by both candidates.

FROM MRS. ADRIAN KRESHA

3-16-78

Dear Family,

I better get this on its way today. If I don't I'll miss this one, too. Sorry I missed the last Kronicle. It just slipped my mind until the day it came in the mail.

We are all doing pretty well now. All 4 kids had their turn at chicken pox right after the first of the year. Then they managed to get the flu and bronchitis. They are all OK right now. I sure hope it stays that way. Two months of sick kids is enough.

Right now we are enjoying the beautiful weather we have been having. It looks like a nice day again today. The sun is shining so pretty. Hope it stays this way next week yet. The kids and I are taking a little trip next week. We are leaving Sat. and will drive to Cheyenne to see my niece, then on to Gillette, Wyo. for a few days to see friends. Back thru Mitchell, Nebr. for a visit with Sophia and on to Kimball for Easter. We are all looking forward to it. It will be good to get away from here for a week.

We are 3/4 through the school year, so it won't be long before summer vacation. Kids are really looking forward to it. We are planning to attend the Kresha reunion. Hope to stay a few days around Columbus then will go on to Wisc. to see my Dad.

I flew home in Febr. for a week when my Dad had surgery. They found he has cancer, but the doctors said he could live another 10 years yet. I spent a week taking care of him when he got out of the hospital. He's doing just fine. Even found himself a girlfriend to take dancing.

Congratulations to all the new babies and newly weds. Happy birthday to all who are having birthdays the next couple of months.

I guess I'm going to have to sign off. Have a lot to do today and have to take my car in for its check-up.

Take care, all of you. I hope you all had a Happy and Blessed Easter. Hope to see you all at the reunion.

All our love,

Pat, Pam, Andy, Tom and Danny

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Nancy

Nancy Kresha, daughter of the Charles Kreshas, is a member of the Chorale--a singing group from Platte College, Columbus. Nancy is a Humphrey High graduate. She is a Freshman and hopes to be an Executive Secretary.

FROM EVA KRESHA

3-18-78

Dear Family,

Was nice to read your letters once again. Couldn't have read the small print except I have a magnifier. My eyes are getting to be a big problem. Dr. Foote tells me to do as I can, because the other eye is sightless, and altho today's cataract surgery is so far superior to that of former years, there's still risk of occasional failure. I finally got over the bronchial condition I had in Febr., now if I can get out into some good Nebraska sunshine, I'll be lots happier. Plan to have a few tomato plants, plant a package of cuke seed, and some flowers. No hurry. Waiting on a snow bank. At least we in Holdrege don't need to worry about floods. The Woodriver area, northeast of here, and Loup Rivers, north of there, had floods recently. The good news about this, I read the water table is reported rising. Don't waste water!

My congratulations to all the Klan who have new babies, those who had weddings in their families--may you all be happy and live long in a happy home, have God's blessings and good health. Do remember to pray for all God's people who must suffer the horrors of war in many parts of the world, lose their homes and loved ones. God is good, and asks us to love Him and keep his commandments.

I often think of Kresha reunion. Hope I get there. Mary Lukassen is hoping, too. Maybe our two hopes will be one good one for both of us who want to be there.

Let us hope for a good year, and world peace. Do pray for this great blessing.

Love ya ver' much,
Mother Kresha



FROM MARY LUKASSEN

3-20-78

Hello Everyone,

Spring is here officially, and we've been enjoying the pleasant weather the past week.

The Hereford calves are a great sight basking in the sun on the hillside. About 80% of the cows have calved, and the death loss was kept at a minimum with the men checking them several times during the night.

School goes rather slow after spring fever sets in. The 5th graders in the two schools are preparing for an operetta. Marty isn't too enthused.

Chris is doing fine. She saw her back doctor today and he prescribed a daily exercise routine to strengthen her lower back.

Patsy is spending spring breat at home this week relaxing. Nadine was home over the weekend so we had a Sunday get-together with Bob and Wanda Toombs and grandparents, Lukassen.

Dave is busy trying to decide the acreage for spring grains. It's a hassle just keeping up with the latest information from the ASCS Office.

Am in an Adult Education Class now. Also, a correspondence course, so I keep out of trouble.

Hope to see you all this summer.

Love 'n Sunshine,
Mary and Family



FROM GENE THOMAS

3-78

Hello to All,

Wanted to tell you I was not entirely satisfied with the completed Kronicle last time--for one thing, the type reduced to 50% is awfully small to read and probably posed problems for some, altho it does take up a lot less space.

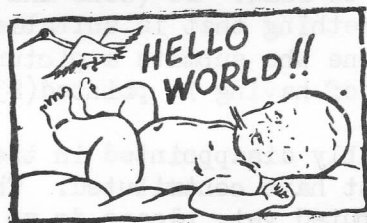
I do not feel I got the best of cooperation in the shop here in getting the job done.

I am glad to do what I can to cooperate in getting out the Kronicle, but since I do not have the print shop here, feel that my efforts may not be helping much, if any, and things might go more smoothly if the whole Kronicle would be done in Columbus.

Not much new here since the last Kronicle. Hope the winter lets up pretty soon so I can get the trailer organized.

Did get word from Terri that she made it safely to her base in Florida.

Love,
Gene and Family



Dr. and Mrs. James Block, Minneapolis, Minn., have a six-pound, eight-ounce daughter born Feb. 28. Mrs. Block is the former Donna Kresha, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Art Kresha, Columbus. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Block, Hallam, are the paternal grandparents.



OBITUARIES

KUHNEL—Margaret M. Kuhncl, 73, widow of Frank J. Kuhncl of Virginia, died Wednesday at the Crete Manor. They were former residents of the Gresham area.

Funeral services will be 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Shelby, with burial in the parish cemetery. Rev. John Zastrow will officiate.

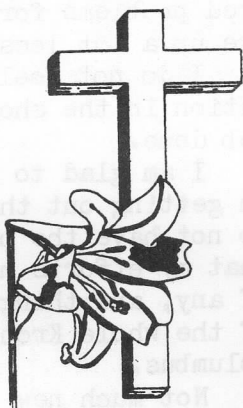
Visitation begins at 9 a.m. Friday at Kepner-Roberts Funeral Home, Osceola, with rosary service at 7:30 p.m. Friday.

She was born Feb. 9, 1904 at Loup City, daughter of Michael and Katherine (Wrobleuski) Kaminski. On Aug. 31, 1925 she married Frank J. Kuhncl at David City. They lived in the Gresham area until 1949, then resided in Lincoln and Virginia.

A retired waitress, Mrs. Kuhncl was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary. Her husband died in 1964.

She is survived by a son, Eugene of Lincoln; daughter, Mrs. Elvin (Dorothy) Mencl of Virginia; brothers, Duke Kaminski of Yakima, Wash., Edward Kaminski of Seattle, Wash.; sister, Mrs. Teckla Gilmore of David City; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Margaret Kuhncl died 1-25-78. Her husband, Frank, was the son of Amelia (Mollie) Kresha Kuhncl-- Mollie was the sister of Adolf Kresha, Sr.



Priests' Mother Buried

Mrs. Susan B. Trausch, 91, who died last week, was buried Monday in Roseland. Concelebrants of the funeral Mass in Sacred Heart Church were her son, Father Anthony Trausch, pastor of St. Joseph's parish in Friend, and Fathers Ernest Sloup, Gerald Messman and Leo Shedivy, O.S.C. Father Joseph Mroczkiwski delivered the homily.

Mrs. Trausch was born in Assumption and spent all her life in the Logan and Roseland areas. A member of the Sacred Heart Altar Society, she received the Benemerenti Medal from Pope Pius XII in 1955. She was preceded in death by a second priest son, Father Robert Trausch, and by another son, Raymond. She is survived by eight sons, three daughters, 41 grandchildren, 29 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

MRS. SUSIE B. TRAUSCH, 91, of Roseland died Feb. 16. Funeral Feb. 20 in Sacred Heart church, with Fathers Anthony Trausch and John Hebert officiating. Burial in Roseland cemetery. Jackson Funeral Home. Surviving: Sons, Anthony, Gerald, Albert, Wilfred, Maurice, Ralph, Louis, Francis; daughters, Mmes. Irene Matyka, Margaret Kresha, and Theresa Seiker; 41 grandchildren, 29 great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild.

EDITORS NOTE:

Sorry about the last Kronicle. The print was extremely small and hard to read. We (Gene and I) did try. You'll have to bear with us until we hit upon something that is suitable. As for now, the printing will be done in Columbus. Anyone who submits a picture will have to send along enough money to cover the cost of having it printed(\$3.50) Newspaper clippings with pictures do not cost extra.

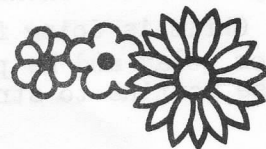
I am terribly disappointed in the contributions so far. Only 43 of the 76 on the mailing list have contributed. This is 56%. To these 43, thank you. If you haven't contributed yet, please do so now. If you don't contribute, the Kronicle will die an early death--when the funds run out.

The Kresha Reunion will be June 11th.

Hope I didn't miss anything this time. Deadline for the next Kronicle is May 15.

Please keep me posted on any address changes. New addresses: Bob Mausbach, Ted Preister (see Charles and Lucy Kresha's letter) Also, CLARENCE KRESHA, 9761 Knight View Court, Sacramento, California 95823.

Elaine



KOLACHES

(A traditional fruit-filled pastry, brought to the United States by settlers from Czechoslovakia.)

This recipe from Eva Karges Kresha.

1 pkg. dry granular yeast
6 Tbsp. sugar (about $\frac{1}{2}$ cup)
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup lukewarm water
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup milk-scalded
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup butter or margarine
 $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. mace, $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. salt
 $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. lemon rind or extract
2 eggs; $2\frac{1}{2}$ cups flour

Soak yeast in lukewarm water with a little sugar. Cool milk to warm. Cream butter and remaining sugar. Add other ingredients, the combined yeast and milk mixture, the beaten egg yokes, the stiffly beaten egg whites, then flour, in small amounts at a time, especially toward the last of mixing. Beat until batter falls from spoon. Let rise till light. Turn out on floured board-pat to $\frac{1}{2}$ inch thickness and cut with small biscuit cutter. Press down in center leaving ridge around edge. Place desired filling in center, let rise till light. Bake 20 min. in hot oven- 425 degrees. Makes 18 to 24.

Fillings: (other fruits may be used if not too juicy)

Prune- Cook $1\frac{1}{2}$ cups prunes in water to cover until tender.(about 25 min.) Drain prunes, pit, and chop. Stir in $\frac{1}{4}$ cup sugar and $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. cinnamon.

Apricot- Cook $1\frac{1}{2}$ cups dried apricots in water to cover until tender. Drain and force apricots through sieve. Add $\frac{1}{2}$ cup sugar.

Toppings:

Add crumb topping before baking, (margarine, flour & brown sugar), or after baking frost with powdered sugar icing, ($1\frac{1}{2}$ cups powdered sugar, 2 Tbsp. hot water, and 1 Tbsp. lemon juice.)

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FROM GENE THOMAS AND FAMILY 5-7-78

Dear Kresha Family,

I was very pleased to see the job Elaine did with the last Kronicle. The printer in Columbus did a very good job with the newspaper pictures, which is difficult.

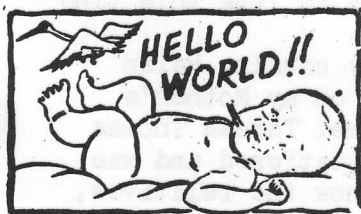
We are all coming along pretty well now. Joe still seems to like it fine at Atlanta and Terri just got promoted to Airman 1st Class in Florida. Karen, unfortunately, has dropped out of school, but has a landscaping helper job with the school district that will keep her busy for awhile. Terri would like to have her stay with her in Florida and go to school there next year, but I have to check to see if Colorado law would permit this. Gloria is doing fine. She worked a lot on their school yearbook and has been active in track.

My brother and partner, Curt, had an ulcer perforate into his pancreas in early March. It set up pancreatitis and he went into shock and nearly died. He was hospitalized 20 days and still does not have all his strength back, but is doing okay. It was pretty hectic for awhile while he was in the hospital and recuperating. I have had some problems, too. Symptoms apparently caused by nerves and a tendency to gout, as other tests were negative. The doctor and I are hopeful the symptoms will eventually disappear.

I doubt that we will be able to come to the reunion this year--not enough organization to leave the paper on Monday. The marathon return on Sunday is a bit much. I have several family items I will try to get to someone who is coming.

We had about a foot of heavy snow the past couple of days. I was concerned about my carport collapsing, but decided to cross my fingers. I think it will be okay now, as the snow has finally stopped.

Love,
Gene and Family



Jennifer Lynn Palmer,
born April 3, 1978
to John and Conney
(Lukassen) Palmer.
7 lbs 3oz--19 inches

FROM MR. AND MRS. FRED LUKASSEN 5-11-78

Dear Kreshas,

We finally got some rain, turning to about 4 inches of snow. Quite chilly weather for May. David has 50 acres of corn planted. Fred is watching it to see if it will make it up.

We will spend Mother's Day with Mary and Family.

Our one great grand-child arrived to John and Conney Palmer of Pueblo, Colo.-- a nice little girl, Jenifer Lynn.

Millie has been busy, as she took over being school nurse the last couple of months. She is substituting for a lady who had a baby four days after Millie took over the job. Millie had surgery on her hand, and was to have the pins out today, May 11.

We have three, 12th grade graduates this year--Kim Parsons, who is Salutatorian of her class, (May 16)--Curtis Lukassen of Canon City, Colo. (May 21), and Doug Lukassen (May 23). Evan Lukassen of Canon City is an 8th grade graduate of St. Michael.

Your friends,
The Fred Lukassens

FROM MICHELLE AND MIKE BERLIN 5-78

Thought since we will both miss the Kresha Picnic this year, I'd better get my money in as well as my regards to all. We will be home, of course, for Chris and Pat's wedding so we will see quite a few of you then.

Michelle and Mike

FROM ANN HENSEL 5-7-78

Dear Folks,

Thanks for your wonderful job on the Kronicle. I'm mailing a check for \$5. This, in addition to the money I sent last fall and in April. I realize that putting out this newsletter costs money.

I hope you are all well.

Love,
Ann

* DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT KRONICLE IS JULY 15 *

LOOK!

FROM URS AND BILL KRESHA 5-11-78

Hi All,

While I was waiting for Debbie to find some time to set my hair, I remembered it was time to get the letters in for the next Kronicle.

We've all been well and busy. Connie will graduate from Platte Junior College. She will be working full time at the Brass Buckle. It is a jean and top shop. She has been working there part time for the last year. I think she would like to manage a shop like that.

Shari (Jim Kresha's wife) will get her law degree Saturday. We plan to attend. She will be working at a law firm in Omaha. Jim will start working Monday at a bank in Omaha. They will be moving as soon as they find housing. Shari will take her bar exams the end of July.

Debbie has been doing well. She has been having chest x-rays every five weeks since her last surgery. She will be able to skip the x-rays when she has her next check-up. She is real busy at the shop. She has four other hair dressers besides herself.

We're getting new cabinets put in next week. I'm also getting a dishwasher. I always told the kids when all my dish washers left home, I would get one. Mike is planning on moving to Lincoln this fall. Connie is going to move in with a girlfriend in June, so we will be left all alone.

Will have to close for now.

Love,
Bill and Urs

FROM MRS. EDWIN KRESHA 4-1-78

Hello Everyone,

I was able to hang clothes outside today. I do believe the sun will stay out so I won't have to run and pick them up. Seems like the last few weeks, before I could get the clothes in, it would start raining.

I started spring cleaning. It was really good to open the windows and let the fresh air in.

The material for Lisa's flower girl dress came in. I worked on it for three weeks. I have it completed now. It turned out beautifully, and I'm proud of it. I made parts of it bigger, so I'll be able to let seams out when she makes her First Holy Communion. I sure hope she doesn't tear it. I've sewn for 19 years and this

is the first time I've had to be so careful with the material. It was so easy to make a tear. If a pin or needle was left in it, it had to be just a certain way or it would ruffle and ruin the material. There was lots of cutting. I had to use the ruffling stitch real close to the seam and cut or the 5/8" seam would have shown. Lisa was glad when the final fitting was finished. She is so excited and nervous. Several of the people who have seen the dress say I didn't make it, so I feel I've done a pretty good job. I still have her hat to finish.

There is one month left of Scouting at my house, except for Roundtable meetings and a once a month event. I am looking forward to the break so I can do more with my children. They started swimming lessons last month. Kenny and Lisa are signed up for ball.

Kenny won a trophy in the Pinewood Derby in design. He'll be in the Scout-O-Rama Sunday, and is he excited!

Kim wants to keep up with Kenny and Lisa. When she can't, you can sure tell she feels left out.

We are all fine and hope this finds everyone the same.

I don't have my garden in yet. It's been so wet. I'm sure if the sun stays out I'll have it in in a few weeks. Lisa and Kenny want to plant a few rows of things, too.

School gets out the 24th of May. The kids will be a big help with Kim. She will enjoy them so much.

May God Bless You.

Florence, Kenneth, Lisa and Kimberlee

FROM SOPHIA KRESHA 5-9-78

Dear Elaine and Family,

Just a few lines to let you know I enjoyed the Kresha Kronicle very much.

I am fine. Had my first check-up a few weeks ago. Everything OK. A little high blood pressure, but he wouldn't recommend any medicine since I don't ever take any.

Gee! So much is going on all at once. I don't know for sure just what I can attend. It is too long to be away so long this time of year.

Had a letter from my cousin, Helen Halouska, Arnold, Nebr., on my Mother's side. She said her son met Teresa Thomas in Florida where he was stationed and was wondering if she might know the relatives, so I wrote her.

Must close. So much to do and also must vote. Love and prayers to all,

Sophia

FROM EVA KRESHA

5-15-78

FROM MARTIN AND ELAINE KRESHA

5-78

Dear Family,

So happy to read Kronicle once again.

What happened to all the pencils? Are they lost? Too few letters. I like to read letters and too many were missing in our last Kronicle.

First of all, I wish to congratulate all the young "Kronicleers" who finish their schooling this spring. I wish you all the luck and success that you're deserving after all the years of studying.

Also, I extend best wishes to the young men and women who will be married soon and be establishing your own homes. I wish you all God's blessings, happiness, and good health.

Have been doing a bit of gardening in spots here and there. Will put out a few tomato plants, later. Looks like the sunshine will be taking over, now.

Our Parish will be having vacation school the week of June 19. Three sisters will be in charge. They will be our guests at the Rectory.

I was to see Dr. Foote at Hastings, Nebr. to have my eyes examined. He found my eyesight diminishing--the cataract more pronounced, but no need for surgery as yet.

Since my bout with the flu last winter, I've been taking heart medicine. I'm getting along quite well.

Now you all keep well and happy, and let's hear from you again.

Love ya ver' much,
Mother Kresha

Dear Family,

Kids are anxious for summer vacation.

You can sure tell they are ready for a change. Suppose it will take them a month to get used to each other and to being home.

We are looking forward to the weddings that are coming up and to the family reunion. Hope we get to see many of you.

Martin is still having problems with his back. He is resigned to the fact that it is something he'll probably have to live with. He just grins and bears it and keeps going.

We discovered in Dec. that Kenneth has an eye disease called kerataconus. We are doctoring him for it. Eventually he will need eye surgery. Until such a time, we are keeping a close watch on it. On July 11 he goes back to the Doctor and will be fitted with a contact lens--glasses won't help in this disease.

Jolene will have knee surgery in Omaha, at Bergan-Mercy Hospital, on June 19. It isn't anything serious, but something that needs to be taken care of.

Colleen's allergy comes and goes. Seems to run a cycle. Several weeks good, several weeks not so good--so it goes!

The rest of us are fine.

Our love. Have a safe and happy summer.
Martin, Elaine and Family

Kosch wins \$850 in Denver bowling tourney

A handicap bowling tournament was held at ABC Bowl in Denver last weekend where Larry J. Kosch of Castle Rock bowled his way to a first place finish and took home a \$850 check for his efforts.

The tournament was sponsored by Tournament Bowlers Ltd. of Colorado.

Kosch, who has a 168 average at Rock Bowl, had to squeak out a 208-206 win over Ron Swift in the championship game to capture first place honors. The game was close until the fifth frame when Kosch rolled back to back strikes to open a 18-pin lead that stood up at the end of the game.

During qualifying rounds on Saturday, Kosch rolled games of 219, 237, 174 and 181. With his 30-pin handicap for each game, Kosch posted a plus 131 score. (Score is figured on number of pins over 200.) Kosch was fourth in the top 24 list when qualifying ended Sunday afternoon. The 237 scratch game enabled Kosch to win his 2 p.m. squad's scratch and handicap sidepots. The amount of the sidepots came to \$43.

In the semi-finals held Sunday af-

ternoon, Kosch bowled games of 183, 205 and 191. The games enabled Kosch to post a plus 69 score, which advanced him into the finals. Since Kosch's plus 69 was the top score of the semi-finals, he was placed in first-seed position. Swift, who was seeded second in the finals, had to defeat his second-place challenger before meeting Kosch in the championship game.

Both Kosch and Swift were on the same starting pair of lanes in the semi-finals. This match-up gave Kosch the opportunity to observe his future final opponent.

"In the third game," Kosch said, "both of us were going at it, with Ron (Swift) leading by six pins. Midway through the game, I put together back-to-back strikes. In the next frame, Swift pulled his ball on a tenth pin leave. His game fell apart from that point on. So I figured that he is prone to breakdown under pressure."

With Swift leading by one pin after four frames in the championship game, Kosch took command with strikes in the fifth and sixth frames. Swift's response to Kosch's pressure came swiftly as he pushed his

ball on a 3-6-10 leave in the seventh frame. The open frame by Swift enabled Kosch to carry a 18-pin lead into the last two frames of the championship game. After Kosch pushed his ball on a 1-2-9 leave in the ninth frame, Swift finished out with two spares, but got only six pins on his final throw. Since Kosch needed eight pins in the tenth frame to win the tournament, he was satisfied with knocking down only nine pins.

"It didn't make any difference whether or not I picked up that tenth frame spare," Kosch commented. "When my first ball knocked down those eight pins, I realized I am \$850 richer."

Kosch is presently preparing to move to Crete, Neb. where he'll work for The Crete News as a news and sports reporter. Kosch stated that he was very happy to win a bowling tournament.

"I am very happy," Kosch said, "because this will be my last bowling tournament in Colorado before I move. With the \$850 I won, I can now afford to move to Crete and buy those replacement hearing aids that I need."

(From the DOUGLAS COUNTY NEWS, Castle Rock, Colo. 5-4-78)

NEW ADDRESSES:

Larry Kosch
1010 Ivy St., SWB
Crete, Nebr. 68333

Mark and Bobbi Wolf
3305 No. 103
Plaza Apt. #1
Omaha, Nebr. 68134

Doug and Mary Reid
1816 F St.
Ord, Nebr. 68862

Andy and Vicki Kresha
4835 Pine St.
Omaha, Nebr. 68106

Teresa Thomas gets promotion

Teresa Thomas, daughter of Breeze co-publisher Gene Thomas, has been promoted to airman first class in the US Air Force at Eglin AFB, Fla.

Thomas received the following letter from Maj. Joseph A. Grobstein, unit commander, the past week:

"It was my pleasure to congratulate your daughter, Teresa, on her promotion to airman first class, effective 20 Apr. 78. Teresa's superb performance of duty as an F-4E Weapons Control System Specialist

and her contribution to the unit and the Air Force earned this promotion."

"Teresa was assigned to our squadron in Feb. 78. I talked with her and welcomed her to the organization. At present Teresa is starting her on-the-job training to become a fully qualified specialist and able to perform unsupervised. She promises to be an outstanding performer and we are proud to have her as a member of the 33AMS" (33rd Avionics Maintenance Squadron).

New reporter begins work at Crete News

There is a new face working at The Crete News this week. He is Larry J. Kosch, who moved to this area from Castle Rock, Colo. Larry will be working as a news reporter with emphasis on sports.

Before coming to Crete, Larry was a sports editor for the Douglas County News in Castle Rock, Colo. for nearly a year. During that period of time, he was also sports editor for the Elbert County News as well. He has a BS degree in Journalism from Peru State College where he was editor of the Peru Pedagogian during his senior year. He spent his first two college years at Southeast Community College in Fairbury before transferring to Peru State. While at Fairbury, he did sports writing and photography for The Pipeline, Fairbury's junior college paper.

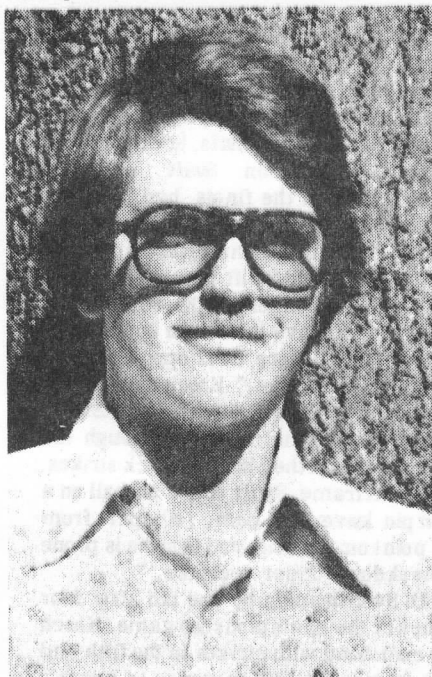
Larry is no stranger to this area as he lived in Beatrice for 12 years. He moved to a farm near Beatrice with his parents back in 1965. He went to Beatrice High and graduated May 1972. After receiving his BS degree in journalism, Larry moved to Castle Rock, Colo., where he worked for his uncle at the Douglas County News. When the paper was bought by a publishing company last year, he stayed on for a few months before it became clear that he was not doing the kind of work he wanted to do.

Larry explained, "I wanted to do work in writing news and sports and the company wanted me to work in circulation. So I decided to 'get off the wagon' and quit. I was getting no job satisfaction at all."

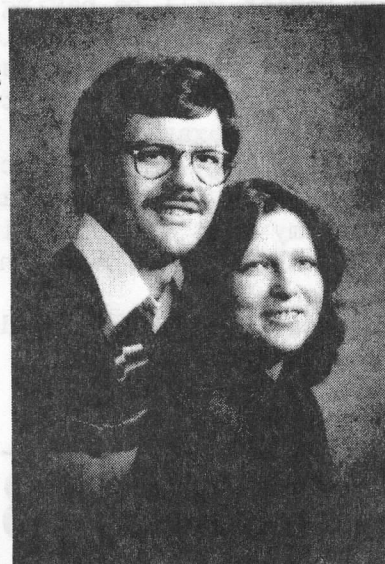
Even though Larry has been in Nebraska only four days, he is already

missing a few things about Colorado. He also realized that he missed a few things about Nebraska too.

"A couple of things about Colorado I'm missing right now," Larry said, "are the snow and mountains. I'm so used to when I look to the west, seeing the Front Range mountains, all covered with snow. Out here in Nebraska, everything looks flat by comparison! But, I find that the people in Crete and Nebraska are very friendly, the weather is really nice, and you don't have to fight the air pollution, like I did back in Denver. This is a real nice place to live in!!!"



Engaged



Steve Witulski, Betty Kresha

Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Kresha, Jr. announce the engagement of their daughter, Betty Ann, to Steve Witulski, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Witulski, Jr. of Gretna.

The bride-elect graduated from the University of Nebraska. She is a member of Zeta Tau Alpha sorority and Alpha Lambda Delta and Phi Upsilon Omicron honoraries. Her fiance graduated magna cum laude from St. Pius X College, Erlanger, Kentucky and is affiliated with Acacia fraternity. Miss Kresha is presently a manager at Armstrong Furniture and Witulski is an educational trainer at Beighley Care Center, both in Lincoln.

An August 19 wedding is planned at St. Andrew's Catholic Church.

FROM LARRY KOSCH

5-12-78

Hello Everyone:

I was a little surprised to find myself on the Kresha Kronicle mailing list. I've always considered myself to be one of the "Koschs". But, since my mother was a "Kresha", I think it would be nice to get the Kronicle. I've always enjoyed reading about how everyone in the Kresha clan is doing, so I'm enclosing my subscription (\$5.) to help pay for this fine newsletter.

So many good things have happened to me the past couple of weeks. It all started last month when I drove up to Beatrice to attend the wedding of my step-dad's sister, Alice. The engine in my "Battered, but Beautiful" Buick broke down some 200 miles from Beatrice. My step-dad, Harold, came to get me with a tow-hitch and pulled my car home. While I repaired my car on the farm, I went to Crete to apply for a reporter's job at THE CRETE NEWS. I was given an interview and they were quite impressed with my work. After about a week or so, I got a long distance call in Castle Rock, Colo. from THE CRETE NEWS. The editor, Mr. Lloyd Reeves, asked me if I still wanted to work for him. I said, "Yes!" and I was hired!

During the same week that I was waiting for word from Crete, I entered a Handicap Bowling tournament in Denver. I did well enough to win first place and take home a check for \$850. !!! Everything went just right for me (including the pins!) and I was surprised by the way I performed in the finals. I am planning to use the money to pay for the move to Crete and buy those new hearing aids that I need.

I've already made my big move to Nebr. last weekend. Since there's no apartment available for now in Crete, I'm staying over at my parent's home (Harold and Lillian Witulski) in Beatrice. Doan College in Crete is presently having their finals this week. After graduation this weekend, quite a few apartments should open up as the college students go home for the summer. I'll be waiting to move into one of them.

Since I'm back in good old Nebr., my plans are to come to the Kresha reunion in June and to attend whatever weddings are being planned for the summer. It will be nice to renew old acquaintances!

So far, my first week of work at THE CRETE NEWS has gone smoothly. It'll take me a little time to work my way into their system before I can do some real investigative reporting. I've already done some sport news and pictures this week.

I will be closing for now. I hope to see all of you at the Kresha reunion. Lots of love, Larry J. Kosch

FROM JOHN AND CONNEY PALMER

5-12-78

Dear Loved Ones,

Hello from sunny Colorado! These past few weeks have been the best for us in '78. We finally received some much needed moisture. We've really suffered from a dry winter. We had 2" of wet snow and rain. It came down so slow and really penetrated the soil. Snow in May! Can you believe it?

Our best bit of news is the best ever. Her name is Jennifer Lynn Palmer. She was born April 3 at 3:44 P.M. and weighed 7lb 3 oz, and was 19 inches long. Her hair is dark and her eyes are blue. Her maternal grandparents are Millie (Kresha) and Dale Lukassen. For the first time people are saying one of our children resembles the Lukassen side. Krista and Kori are both so much like John. They are really excited about Jennifer. Krista is 4 and Kori is 2. Who would think they could be such good helpers? Mom (Millie) is working as Abbey's school nurse so she couldn't come to help after I got home from the hospital. Cindy watched the girls for the 6 days I was in the hospital. What a lifesaver she was for us. Jennifer had jaundice after the 3rd day, so we had to stay longer than we had anticipated.

John has been busy seeding the alfalfa fields and spreading the fertilizer. He is also in the process of changing the frame of an International truck into a farm-hand. I call it the "contraption". Once it is all together, it will be a machine.

We sure wish we could make the reunion, but looks like it will be an impossibility with a tiny baby, the heat, and that far a distance. Hope everyone enjoys the day together as a family. I was thinking of dozens of relatives I haven't seen for years. The last time was at Bonnie Hilger Kobza's wedding. That's a lot of years ago.

Must go to town, so will get this mailed today so it's on time.

May God Bless You, Bobbi, for your bravery!

Our love to you all.

John, Conney (Lukassen) Palmer
Krista, Kori, and Jennifer



CONTRIBUTIONS SINCE LAST TIME:

Lee Dunekacke	Michael Berlin
Bob Hilger	John Palmer
Wayne Grosch	Larry Kosch
Art Kresha	Phyllis Green
Ann Hensel	Leo Kresha

FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

Income: 12-77 to 5-31-78	\$284.00
Expenses: 12-77 to 5-31-78	<u>175.23</u>
Balance on hand May 31, 1978	\$108.77

Thank You! Thank You! 53 on our way to 76!

Printing for the March-April Kronicle was \$55.62
Postage for the March-April Kronicle was \$10.40

FROM YOUR EDITOR:



Congratulations to all the 1978 graduates--grade school, high school, college, graduate school, or whatever. If I started to mention names, I surely would miss someone. Special congratulations to those who graduated with distinction and high distinction.

Best wishes and God's blessing on the newly married and those about to be married.

Thanks to those who have contributed to the Kronicle fund. I was afraid the paper would die, but this boost in the bank account will keep it going for a little longer. We are now up to 70% on contributions--reaching for 100%.

It was suggested that a financial statement be included in the Kronicle. I will put it in occasionally--whenever space permits. Look for it in this issue.

Please, please, please, let me know of your address changes. With rising postage prices, we cannot afford to have the Kronicles returned, only to be resent.

Deadline for the next issue is July 15.

See you at the reunion June 11 at Pawnee Park in Columbus!

Elaine

Jerry Jarecke chosen state K.C. secretary



Jerry Jarecke, Columbus, was elected secretary of the Knights of Columbus of Nebraska at the 74th annual state convention held the past weekend in Lincoln.



JERRY JARECKE

(From the COLUMBUS TELEGRAM, April 22, 1978) Jerry is married to Florence Kresha, John's daughter.



Julie Dunekacke

daughter of Lee and Mary Lou (Kresha) Dunekacke. Julie was born 10-16-76. She was 6 mo. old when this picture was taken.



Graduate Nurse



Christine Kresha

Christine Kresha, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Kresha, was graduated with high distinction May 13 from the University of Nebraska College of Nursing at Lincoln where she was a member of Alpha Lambda Delta, scholastic honorary. She is presently employed at Annie Jeffrey County Memorial Hospital.

KRESHA KRONICLE

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Many attend Kresha reunion

Pawnee Park was site of the annual Kresha family reunion with 116 descendants attending, plus Joe Karges, Donna Ebner, Mickey Bender, Louis Trausch and Cindi Bullock.

Families included Leo, Adolph, Martin, Glenn and Gregg Kresha and Wayne Grosch, Osceola; Ronald Smith, Max Gabel, Shelby; Lee Dunekacke, Rising City; Rose Hilger, Bob Hilger, David City; Dan Hilger, Mrs. Hank Kobza, Bellwood; Charles, Nancy and Ed Kresha, Humphrey; Ted Preister, Madison; Harold Witulski, Beatrice; Larry Kosch, Crete; Paul, Donald and Jim Kresha, Mark Wolf, Omaha; Tom O'Brien, Plattsmouth; Eva Kresha, Holdrege; Sophia Kresha, Mitchell; Mary Lukassen, Kimball.

From Columbus were the Art, Bill and John Kreshas, Connie, Debbie, Joyce and Mike Kresha, Mrs. Edwin Kresha and family, the Richard Nyffelers, Dennis Kresha and Jerome Jarecke families. Here from Colorado were Mrs. Adrian Kresha and family of Brighton; Marcie Strauss and Jennie of Longmont.

During the past year there were six births, one death and one marriage.

Messrs. and Mmes. Robert Hilger, Ronald Smith and Dennis Kresha were the serving committee. Arranging the 1979 reunion, June 10 at Pawnee Park, will be Messrs. and Mmes. Wayne Grosch, Bill Kresha, Jerome Jarecke.



Eva Kresha, Jenny Strauss, Marcie Strauss

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Deadline for the next issue of the KRONICLE is Sept. 25. Any items coming in after that date will be used in the Christmas issue.

FROM EVA KRESHA

7-12-78

Dear Family,

Was so happy to see you all at Kresha reunion. The Klan was ably represented. So many youngsters running about, having fun.

First of all, I extend congratulations to all the high school and college graduates who will go forth to find their places in this busy world of ours. I wish you success in your work, and the best to be had--God's blessings and good health.

I wish the same to the newly-weds. May the new home you establish be one of contentment and happiness.

I had a lovely vacation this year. I feel grateful to all my loved ones whose efforts combined to make it so enjoyable. I was lucky to get back to Holdrege before the three week heat wave hit this part of the country. While I was away, they had a bad hail storm here, first week of June, I believe. Gardens, fruit trees and of course, grain and corn fields, suffered much damage. Many homes that had older roofs are now getting new shingles. Our church is due for a new roof, also. It had a new roof after a bad hail storm in 1958, just a few weeks after Father Howe came here to be the pastor.

I hear that harvest is just about completed in this area. Reported as not as good as in 1977. We haven't had much rain. .36 inches with the hailstorm and .70 inches about a week ago. Rainfall has been light in our part of the country.

Here's sending you my best over the miles and hope to see you all at next years Kresha reunion.

Love ya ver' much,
Mother Kresha



Rose Hilger, Joe Karges, Leo, John, Adolph and Sophia Kresha

FROM GEORGE AND MARGARET KRESHA 6-7-78

Dear Family,

I have neglected to write all our dear ones for several months. Just don't know where the time goes. Anyway, a "Howdy from 711".

First of all, I must say Elaine and Gene are doing a super job editing the KRESHA KRONICLE. The small print was trying, but the last edition was beautiful. Thank you, Elaine, for all your many hours of labor.

Since it is the day after the Calif. election, the tax revolt is fresh on our minds. Proposition 13 was and is, a bad bill. Let's hope the legislators amend it soon. The main purpose was to send a message to our leaders that people are sick and tired of paying high taxes on their homes. However, here in Bakersfield, we lead the NO vote since Kern County has one of the lowest tax rates in the nation because of all our oil, agriculture, and industry. If you can stand the heat, Kern County is a great place to live. It's really not all that bad. . .

We are all well and keep busy. April and May were busy months for me. Lots of setting before school is out. Parents want one last fling without the kids. George paces himself--some days he works hard, but mainly it's a slow pace. He is enjoying his retirement.

We are proud to say our son, Jerome, graduated from the University of Fresno with his BS Degree in Agronomy, May 16. Right at present he is on a weeks R & R. Said he needed a change. Then he will come home and look for a job.

We get to visit with Donald, Diane, and Marie quite often now since they are closer. Also, Diane can put Marie in her car seat about nap time and drive over the Ridge--about a 2 hour ride--to visit us for a couple of days. It sure is great. Marie is getting so grown up!

Mike is fine, still working hard. One of the old faithful bus drivers, who gets called often for extra work. Good old Mike is always available.

Michael is fully recovered from his hernia operation and feeling well. Enjoying his family this summer before going back to work.

Richard and Gail had themselves a nice vacation in Mexico a short while back. Everyone needs some time off from work.

We enjoyed Rose Hilger's visit with us about Easter time. A change of scenery was good for her, too.

According to the TV weather coverage, Nebr. is getting their share of moisture and more, too. Our weather is back to summer normal. Was 107 yesterday. Heat comes and goes in the summer. Still some snow high up in Northern mountains. At least the water is still draining into our earthen dam about 35 miles up in the mountains. It is running over the spillway--only second time that has happened during the 22 years of its existence. Last year the water was very, very low--so it is hard to believe it is that full.

Bobbi and Mark, we enjoyed our visit with you both in Febr. We certainly admire you both--your courage and suffering you endured in your struggle for life. Sorry about the little "sick scare" we exposed you to.

Lillian, I hate to have to top you. Last edition you mentioned you purchased garden seeds for 9¢ a packet--well, our store here was closing out (35¢ pkts) for 5¢. George bought a slug of them. Vegetables and flowers. Then he gave a lot of them away and we planted some. Ha! Bargain of the year!

We will be thinking of you on the 11th while the picnic is going on. Hope you all have one GRAND VISIT. Wish we could be with you.

Love and Prayers,
George and Margaret

FROM MILLIE AND DALE LUKASSEN 7-12-78

Hello everyone, from Colorado:

We've had a hot, dry summer with a few showers, but not enough, as the springs are going dry.

We keep busy checking livestock and hauling hay from Palmer's farm.

Evan plays American Legion Baseball, so it keeps us going.

I still have one pin in my left thumb which is fused at the lowest joint. Hopefully, it'll be removed in Aug. I enjoyed being school nurse at the Abbey from Febr. till the end of May.

Curt is working for a big hog operation close to Greeley.

Everyone sends their love and best.

Dale, Millie, and Evan



Charlie and Lucy Kresha

NEW ADDRESSES:

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Avionics MARTD NAS Atlanta
Marietta, Ga. 30060

A/1C Teresa R. Thomas 490706395
PSC #1, Box 3907
Eglin AFB, Fla. 32542 (that is Eglin, not Elgin)

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Gabel (Chris Kresha)
Rt. 1
Osceola, Nebr. 68651



Marcia Strauss, Lillian and Harold Witulski, Mary Lou O'Brien, and Larry Kosch

FROM LILLIAN AND HAROLD WITULSKI 7-15-78

Dear Round Robins,

It was so nice to see all of you once again. What a lovely day it was. The food was delicious and bountiful.

Wheat harvest is half finished and rainy, foggy days are to blame. Yield is surprisingly good. Now the crop is laying down, so all the straw will have to run through the combine.

This month has been unusually wet. Weeds are growing faster than my vegetables. I'm about to run the lawn mower over my garden lot. We are enjoying zucchini squash and cucumbers. Potatoes are large enough to eat, but digging them is no fun.

Harold's mother has been living with us for several weeks. Since she likes to help, I gave her the jobs of table setting and kettle washing. She needs a walker to get around.

Our grasshopper population is gradually diminishing. We have 6 ducklings that are nearly feathered out. I herd them around the yards to eat the insects.

If my farmer gets his work "caught up", we may go on a vacation to Tacoma, Wash., to see Leon and Sharon.

Love,
Harold and Lillian

P.S. Steve Witulski is Harold's second cousin.

FROM GENE THOMAS AND FAMILY 7-8-78

Dear Kresha Family:

Not a great deal new from here this time. I was sorry we were not able to come to the Kresha reunion, but Karen and I did get to see a good many family members when Aunt Mary Lukassen invited us up for dinner while Grandma Kresha was visiting her. Saw Mary and several of her kids and Millie Lukassen and several of hers as well as some grandkids--didn't make a list so can't remember who all we did see now, but it was an enjoyable day and I learned we are pretty close neighbors to Nadine, Cal and Barb, and Curtis Lukassen.

I have bought out my brother's interest in the BREEZE, and am now almost the sole owner. My old friend, Thomas Shaffer bought a small interest in it. He will not be active on the paper, but will be there to step in and handle things if anything should happen to me.

Gloria is still in Missouri, but should be home in the next few days. Karen took her GED test a few days ago and thinks she passed, but won't know for a few days yet. If she did, she will probably go to Aims Community College in Greeley this fall. Joe was here for a few days visit from his base in Georgia. We visited my parents and uncle at Grand Junction. My dad has made a remarkable recovery from his heart attack and they are both doing pretty well. Terri spent a few days on a special duty assignment in Virginia, and saw a lot of country while she was there. She is back in Florida now.

Larry Kosch sent us a copy of his new paper. I was much impressed with it. I hope things work out well for him at Crete. The best man, when Pat and I were married was from Crete.

I may have forgotten to mention previously, that Sophia's good friend who lives near here, was in for a visit some time ago.

Guess that does it for this time. Will be looking forward to the reunion issue.

Love,
Gene and Family

FROM NELLIE KUHNEL 6-9-78

Dear Martin and All,

I have wanted to send this \$5.00 to you for the Kronicle, but just didn't get to it. For several months, I didn't feel too well. In Oct. I had an operation on one eye. I didn't get along so well with it. A couple of months after that it got my nerves and I was very dizzy for several months. I had 5 big operations in 6 1/2 years and the Dr. said it was just too much for my system, and that was the cause of my trouble. I am feeling pretty well now.

I like to read the Kronicle as it keeps me posted on the Kresha family. I hardly ever get to see them. I know the first family real well, but I really don't know all of the second family. I hear Aunt Eva is doing very well, which is wonderful.

Thank you and wishing you folks a very good year.

Nellie Kuhnel



Glenn Kresha, Sophia Kresha (standing), Rose (Mrs. Adolph) Kresha, Allan Kresha

SURPRISE! SURPRISE! About 30 relatives surprised SOPHIA KRESHA on her birthday, June 13, at a no-host dinner at the Columbus Holiday Inn. The two birthday cakes were baked and decorated by Mrs. Edwin Kresha, and Pam Kresha (Pat and Adrian's daughter), Jolene, Colleen, and Lois Kresha (Martin's daughters).



MAXINE ROSE GABEL, Daughter of Max and Rosalie (Kresha) Gabel, graduated May 14, 1978 as Salutatorian of her class at Shelby Nebr. High School. While in high school, Maxine was editor of the school paper, the HUSKY HOWLER, Pep Club treasurer, attended the 1977 Girl's State, received the CRC best actress award for one-act plays, and was the Shelby Husky's Mascot. She was also active in Band, speech, volley ball, basketball and track.

This fall Maxine will attend the Lincoln School of Commerce. Classes there will begin Sept. 5.

FROM MRS. EDWIN KRESHA AND FAMILY 7-2-78

Dear Family,

It was so good to see you all once again at the Reunion.

I have been busy, baking and getting things ready for company. Clarence Kresha and his family will be here, as will Stan Linhorst from New York.

Stan Linhorst is Kenneth's former Big Brother. They have kept in touch by letters and phone calls, since Stan moved from Columbus. It is really surprising, as they only knew each other for about a year. Kenneth will go to the airport to meet Stan when he arrives. He will spend a day with us. Kenneth is very excited about it all.

We are all anxious to see Marg and Clarence and family.

The children are all excited about the ball games. Kenneth has two games next week and Lisa has a game on Thursday. Kenneth's team is undefeated with four games left. If the team plays as they have been, they should be able to win all four. Lisa will be playing her first game.

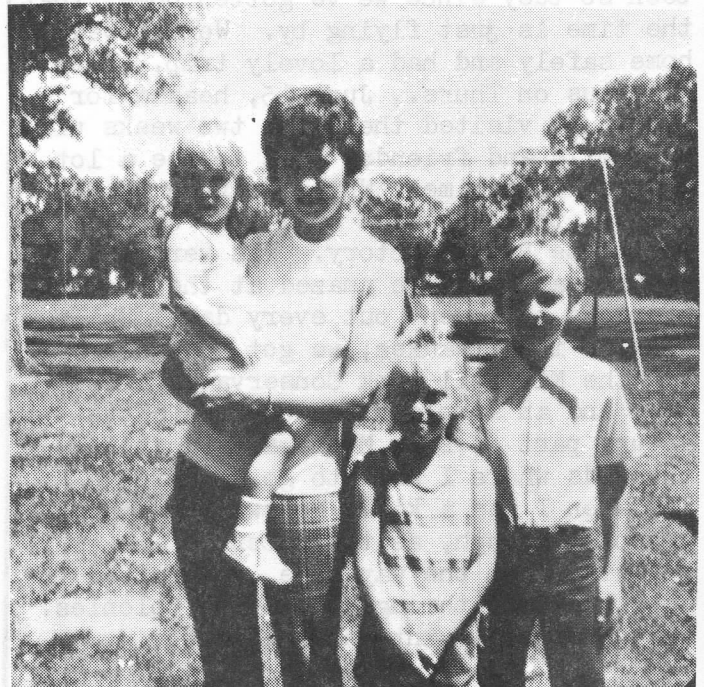
My uncle, Father John Staroska, has been transferred from NewCastle, Nebr. to St. Cecelia's Cathedral in Omaha, Nebr. I have been doing his laundry--altar linens, etc--so I will lose my job, as there is a housekeeper at St. Cecelia's. She must be a busy lady with seven priests to cook and wash for.

The lawn and garden has been so dry. It takes lots of water to keep it alive. We had a good crop of peas. I put some in the freezer. Could have put in more, but the children love them raw. The cucumbers will be ready in a few weeks, that is, if the vines don't dry out. They are starting to look sick.

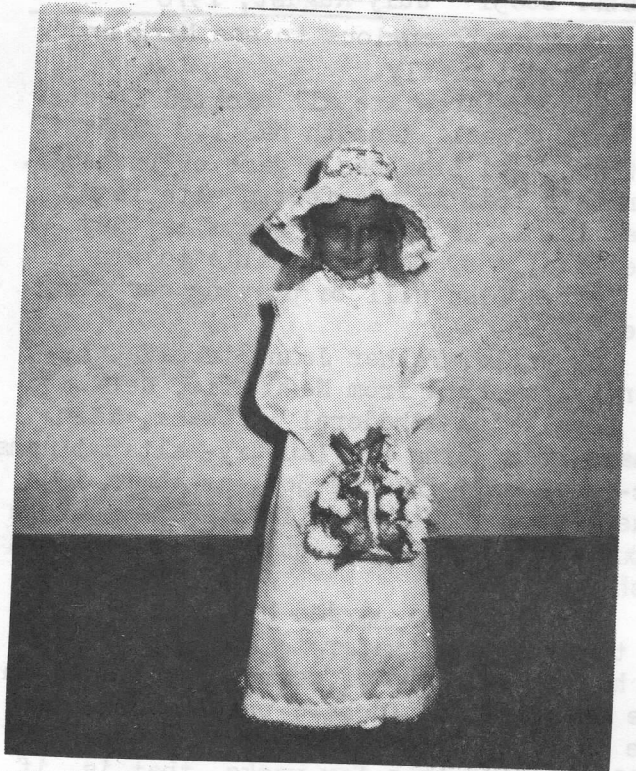
Kenneth and Lisa are still taking swim lessons. They passed from Polliwogs to Minnows. They have only three things to learn and then they will be in Fish (Advanced Beginners).

Love and Prayers,

Florence, Kenneth, Lisa and Kimberlee



Edwin Kresha Family--Florence holding Kimberlee, Lisa and Kenneth. (Edwin was John's son)



LISA KRESHA, daughter of Florence and Edwin Kresha. Lisa was a flowergirl in the wedding of some friends in Columbus, Nebr. in May. Lisa's mother made her complete outfit, which was an exact duplicate of the brides.

FROM MRS. ADRIAN KRESHA AND FAMILY 7-11-78

Dear Family,

I better get this out today. Have been so busy since we've gotten home, that the time is just flying by. We arrived home safely and had a lovely trip. Left Columbus on Thurs., June 15, headed for Wisc. We visited there for two weeks with my family and friends. Got to see a lot of them this time. While we were in Medford, I took the kids on a tour of the Tombstone Pizza factory. Was very interesting, and we were amazed at the amount of pizza that went out every day. While we were in Milwaukee, we got a chance to see the Mitchell Park Conservatory, the zoo, and an airplane museum. We drove around part of Lake Michigan and showed the kids where I used to go swimming a lot when I was a kid. No swimming there anymore, though, as the water is all polluted. On the way home, we stopped in Iowa and went through the Amana Colonies. That was really interesting, too.

My niece, Dona flew to Milwaukee and visited for a few days. Then she drove home with us. She was a big help driving. I don't think I would have made it back without her. We got home the 3rd of July.

Finally got our yard, garden, and flower bed back in shape. Boy, were there weeds! The only problem is they keep on growing. Now that we got the outside finished, we must clean up this house a bit. Have to leave one go to do the other.

Enjoyed our visit with everyone at the reunion. Was nice seeing everyone again. A special thanks to Rose Hilger, Bill and Urs Kresha, Charlie and Lucy Kresha, for putting us up while we were there. Or should I say, Putting up with us.

Congratulations to all the newly-weds, babies, and grads that we missed.

Better run now. Have to take Pam to work in a few minutes. She got a job at a cafe here in town. She works a couple of days a week and really enjoys it.

Take care, now, everyone. If you are ever around Denver be sure and stop.

God bless you all.

Lots of love,

Pat and family



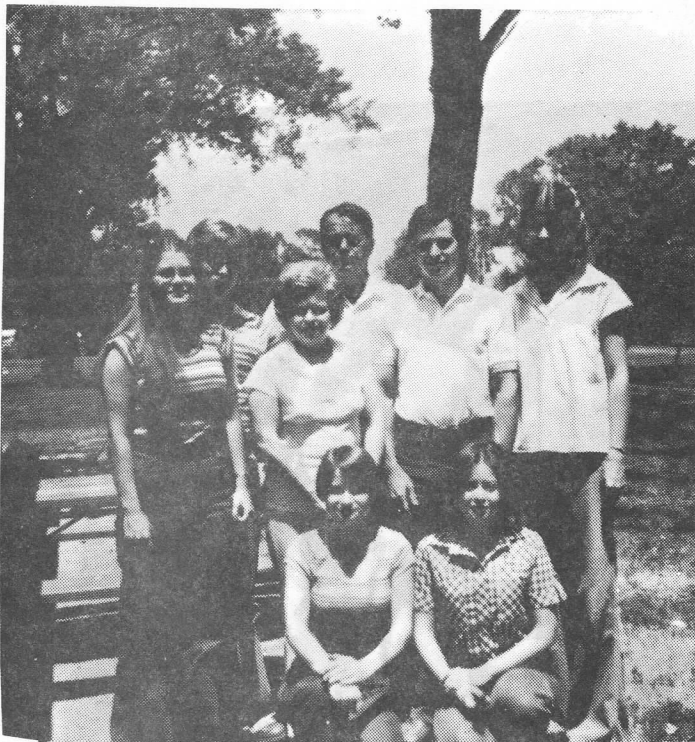
Adrian Kresha Family--Pam, Pat, Andy (Standing) (Front) Danny and Tom



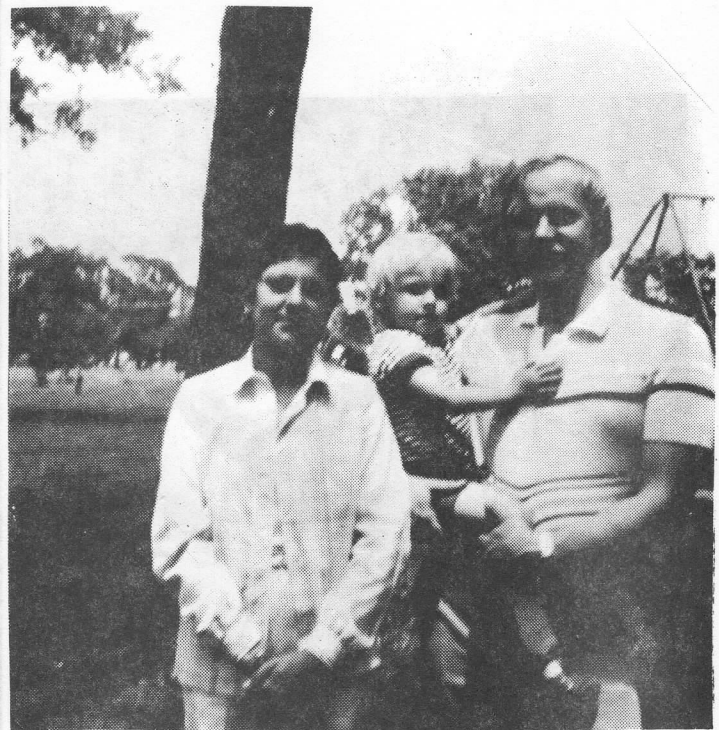
Mary (Kresha) Lukassen, Marty, Chris and Patsy



Tom O'Brien Family--Tom holding Bethanie, Mary Lou (Lillian's daughter) holding Benji, (Front) Katie and Matthew



Bill Kresha Family--Donna Ebner(Mike's friend), Mike, Urs, Bill, Jim, Sharon (Jim's wife) (Front) Joyce and Debbie



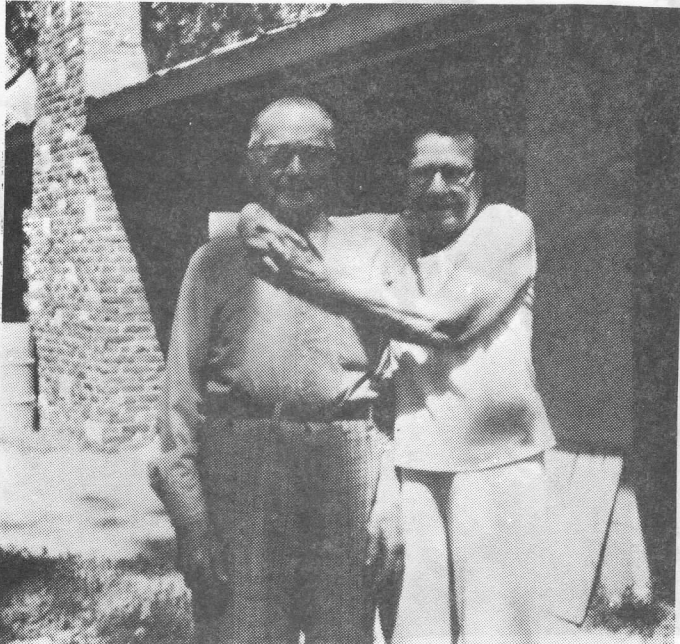
Mark Wolf Family--Bobbi (Art's daughter), Ryan and Mark



Art and Irene Kresha



Paul Kresha Family--Cindi Bullock (Don's friend), Don, Theresa, and Paul (Leo's son)



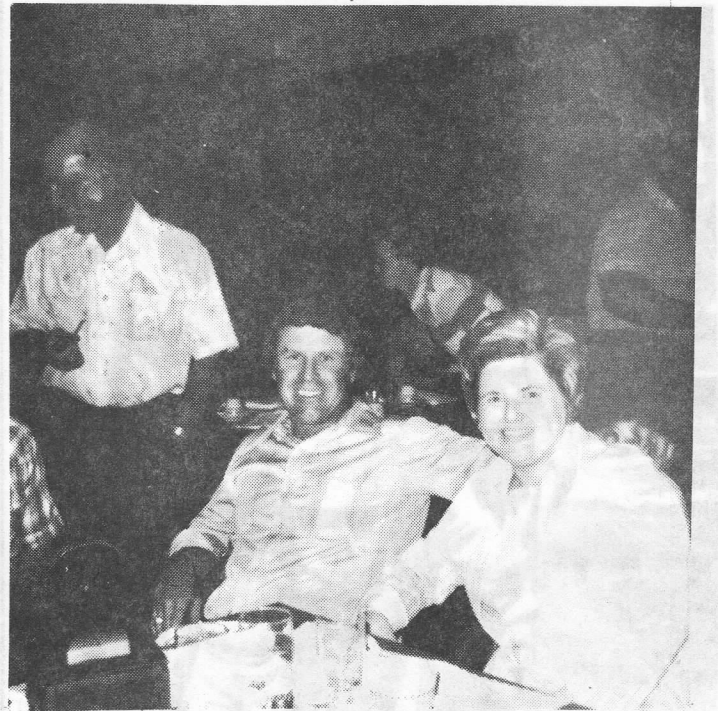
Leo and Pauline Kresha



The Glenn Kresha Family--Ila, Glenn (Leo's son), and Tony



Max Gabel Family--Steven, Johnny, Maxine, Rosalie (Adolph's daughter)



Allan Kresha (Standing) (Leo's son), Larry (Adolph's son) and Carol Kresha



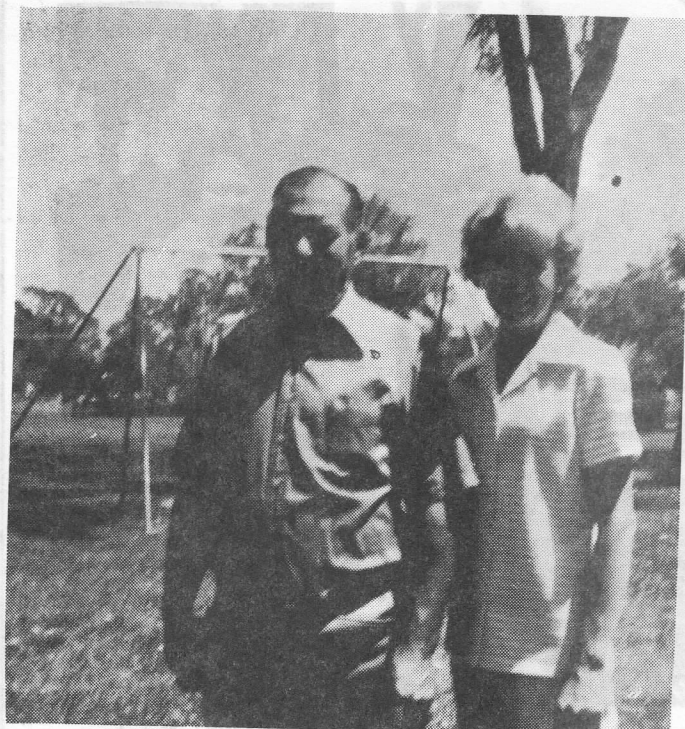
Children of Ramona and Ronald Smith-- Randy, holding Roger, Rhonda (Ramona is Adolph's daughter)



Lee Dunekacke Family--Mary Lou (Adolph's daughter), Julie and Lee



Wayne Grosch Family--Wayne and Kathy (Adolph's daughter)--Gregory, Pam and Lori



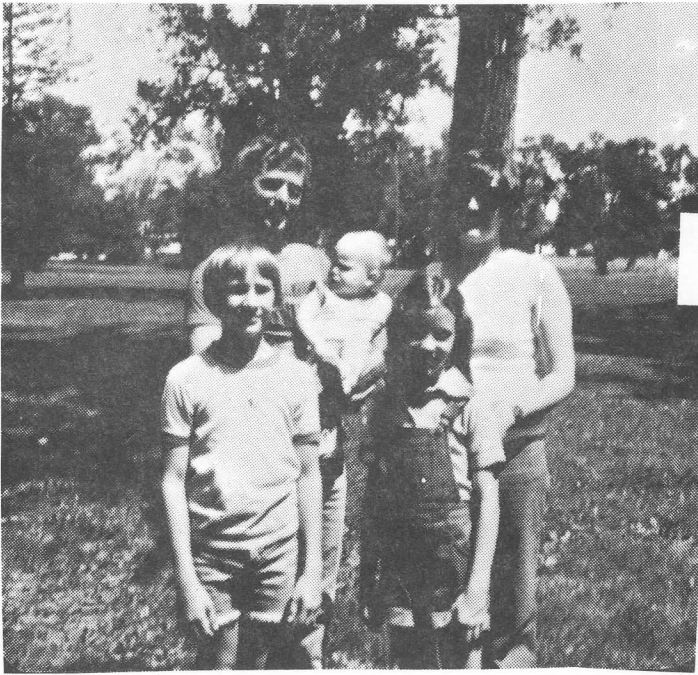
Dick and Dolores Nyffeler



Gregg Kresha Family--Denice holding Connie Sue, Gregg (Glenn's son) holding Jodi



Dennis Kresha Family--Dennis (John's son), holding Terri, Carolyn (Front) Ronald and Jeffrey



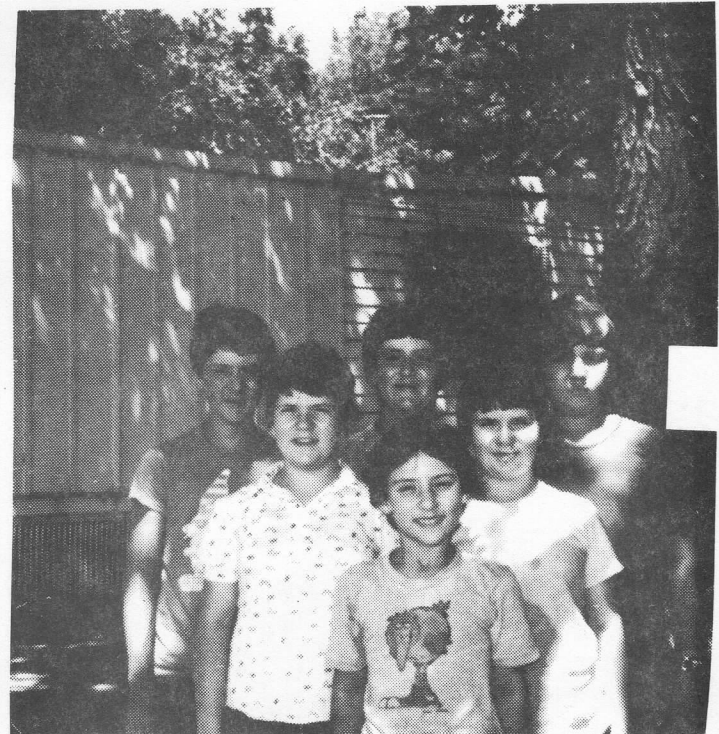
Dan Hilger Family--Michael, Dan (Rose Hilger's son) holding Marcus, Michelle and Mary Jane



Henry Kobza Family--Back row--Bob holding Cathy, Bonnie (Rose Hilger's daughter) holding Tom, John
Front row--Ed, Julie and Marty



Bob Hilger Family--Sue, Matthew, Bob (Rose Hilger's son)



Martin Kresha Family--Back row-- Patrick, Kenneth, Bernard
Front row--Jolene, Lois, Colleen

KRESHA KRONICLE

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FROM LEE AND MARY LOU DUNEKACKE

August, 1978

Hi All! It was so good seeing so many relatives at the reunion.

We are keeping busy this summer. Lee is working for brother, Larry Kresha, plus raising pigs at home. I am working, teaching mentally retarded adults, at the Region V Mental Retardation Center at David City, Nebr. I'm enjoying my work. It is very rewarding and quite a switch from teaching in a public school.

We have a large garden this year, but we are having problems with curcubet wilt (bacterial) on pumpkins, muskmelon, and squash. It was a good year for peas. We put a large supply of peas in the freezer. Our tomatoes look good. We have 100 plants, and I should get enough canned unless something unforeseen happens.

Julee has been the center of our attention lately. She's 21 1/2 months old and her newest word is "Dunekacke". She loves the out-of-doors and resists when it's time to come in the house.

Lee will begin his ninth year of teaching and coaching at Rising City High School. In addition to Industrial Arts, he teaches Junior High Social Studies and Driver's Ed.

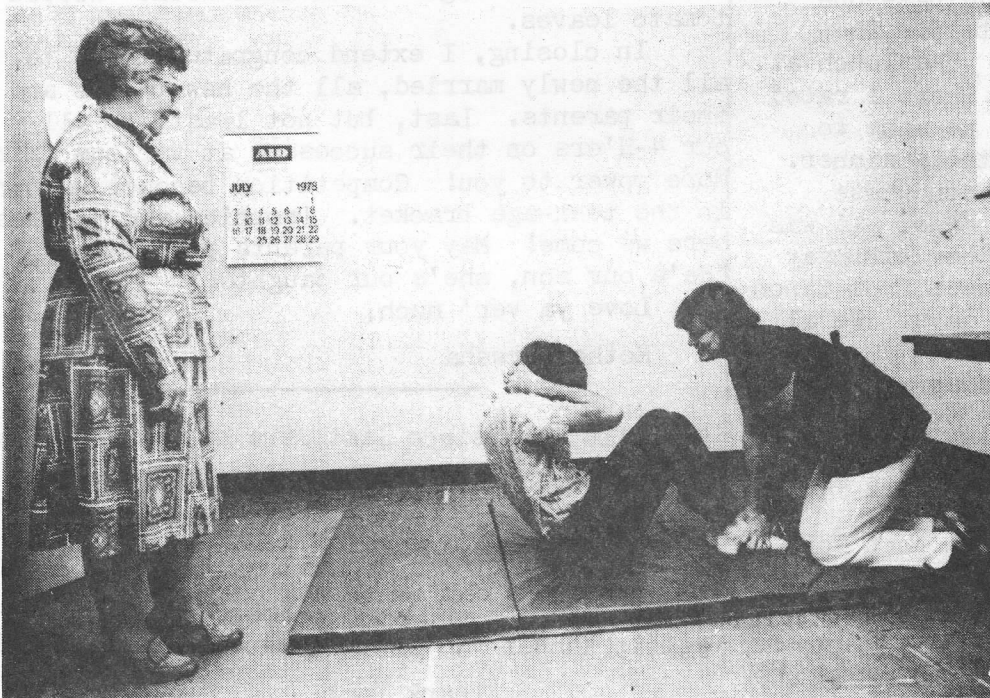
We are expecting our second child in November, and we both need to brush up on our Lamaze methods as the day draws nearer.

Here's hoping everyone is enjoying good health and prosperity.

Love,

Lee, Mary Lou, and Julee Dunekacke

The Banner-Press, David City, Nebr.—July 27, 1978



With Mary Lou Dunekacke holding his feet, Dennis Winter practices sit-ups on the tumbling mat presented to the Region V Mental Retardation Center here by the Union Extension Club. Looking on at left is Mrs. Ray Hartman, president of the club, who said the idea of the gift was suggested by Mrs. Dale Onnen after a newsletter published by the center said such an item was needed. Mrs. Dunekacke is an employee of the center.

Next issue of the KRONICLE will be the Christmas issue. Try to have all articles in to me by Nov. 18 so I can get the paper typed, printed, and out to you sometime the first part of December.

Elaine



FROM MRS. EDWIN KRESHA

Dear Family,

Kenneth and Lisa are back in school and are doing well. They still take swim lessons and are in "Flying Fish". How Kim would love to join them! Now that the small pool at Pawnee Park is closed, she feels she should be able to swim at the YMCA. When Kenny and Lisa swim there, Kim is not too happy to be left behind.

Cub Scouts has started again. It was a little easier to start the weekly meetings. I know a little more about them since I was a leader last year.

I still have tomato vines to clean up. Also, the flower bed. The flowers are still blooming beautifully. We had some apples on our tree this year. They were delicious apples, so the children really enjoyed them.

Everyone is fine at our house. Hope this finds everyone else the same.

Love and Prayers,

Florence, Kenneth, Lisa and Kimberlee

FROM MR. AND MRS. FRED LUKASSEN 10-1-78

Dear Kreshas,

We have had a busy summer. We were back to David City for 2 weddings--one July 22 and the other August 19. Then Sept. 18 we went to Denver. Had lunch at my brother and wife's house where I rated a nice birthday cake. Then we went to Karen and Evan's for my birthday dinner. They have an eight year old son whose birthday is the same day as mine. It was my 77th. We also rated another birthday cake. Dale and Millie Lukassen from Canon City were there a couple of days. We all enjoyed it.

Mary's (Lukassen) birthday was Sept. 24. She had to be in Lincoln, so today, a week late, we are taking her family and Tim and Cathy (Lukassen) and 2 girls out to eat. They will spend the day here.

Men have finished cutting corn for silage, and are busy pulling beans.

This leaves the Lukassens all in pretty good health.

Steve Lukassen visited us a couple of hours one evening, lately.

We enjoyed the pictures in the last KRONICLE.

All our love and prayers,

Fred and Martha Lukassen

FROM MOTHER EVA KRESHA

Dear Family,

Really enjoying KRESHA KRONICLE again! It's up to us, each and all, to keep in touch. Of course, it takes a bit of doing, but that makes this newsletter worth while.

I've been to the doctor. Not that I've been sick. I haven't had a physical for a couple of years, and I waited till two new doctors came to Holdrege. They have their offices in the new clinic that has been built recently. Their names, Dr. Jim Emory and Dr. Michael Wolcott. Forgot where they're from. Understand this is their first assignment, on their own, that is. I had been Dr. Reiner's patient for years--he and Dr. Prems had their office in the old Holdrege Hospital, owned by the late Dr. Theo. Peterson. When he died, and his estate was being settled, the building and equipment was sold, so Drs. Reiner and Prems decided to retire from medical practice, as they were near the age.

Last February, there was a bronchial condition and flu going around. When I got it, a heart condition developed, so now I'm taking heart medicine. Am doing OK so far.

Hope all our Klan are enjoying this lovely October weather--but pray for some rain! Only .07 inch for the month of Sept. None for Oct. thus far. Had light frost last week. Nipped tomato leaves.

In closing, I extend congratulations to all the newly married, all the new babies and their parents. Last, but not least, to all our 4-H'ers on their successes at various fairs. More power to you! Competition becomes keener in the teen-age bracket. Trophies and plaques, here we come! May your parents proudly say, "He's our son, she's our daughter!"

Love ya ver' much,

Mother Kresha

Contributions since last June have come from:

Joe Kresha
Max Gabel
Tom O'Brien
Dan Hilger
Bob Toombs
Nellie Kuhnel

Clarence Kresha
Paul Kresha
Hank Kobza
Jerry Jareski
John Kresha
Dennis Kresha (1979 dues)

Thank You!



FROM MARY LUKASSEN

10-1-78

Hello Everyone,

The summer here produced good crops. Some hail fell and hard rains did damage some hay, but generally, production was good. We had a killing frost on Sept. 29. We were just about finished with corn chopping at that time.

At this time, farm work consists of moving hay home, ripping the irrigated ground, getting ready to combine corn, and attending cattle sales to buy feeder cattle.

September was a busy month for all of us. Marty, Chris and I attended the State Fair. Chris was chosen Grand Champion in the Style Revue at our Kimball-Banner Co. Fair, so she represented our county at State Fair. In State Fair competition, she earned a purple ribbon. She was also awarded purples on a special occasion dress and a hooked rug she exhibited at State Fair.

Marty did well in his 4-H projects, too. He showed the Grand Champion breeding heifer at the Co. Fair. It was a Hereford. Needless to say, these two kids felt all the hard work this summer in their 4-H projects was very rewarding.

This last week of Sept. I was in Lincoln attending a Real Estate Workshop. On the 29th I took the State Real Estate exam. I won't know the results for 3 weeks--but it was really a mind teaser, with tricky, twisted information statements.

Lots of love to all,

Mary and Family



FROM MRS. ADRIAN KRESHA

9-28-78

Dear Family,

Time out this AM for a quick letter. I'm always forgetting to get this out on time so maybe I'll make the dead-line, maybe not.

We are all just fine here. Kids are adjusting to school and seem to be enjoying it. Tom had a little trouble getting started in his first year of Jr. High, but he seems to be doing better every day. We have a fantastic counselor at Vikan Jr. High. She has helped Tom quite a bit.

Andy (an eighth grader) has gone out for football this year. He is really enjoying it and I must say, I am, too. I don't know much about football, but I am learning. I really enjoy watching him play.

Pam is getting very involved, as usual. She is in 9th grade this year and is not happy unless she has her fingers in every-

thing. She is in drama club, pep club, band, and has tried out for stage band. She will find out today if she's made that or not.

Danny is in Kindergarten this year and he is thoroughly enjoying it. He just thinks it's great. He goes to school in the morning, so I have my mornings free. I still baby sit in the afternoons.

I am going to be a school girl, too, come October. I never graduated from High School, so I am going to take some night classes to get my GED. Then I hope to prepare for a teacher's aid job next fall when Danny is in school all day. I have a very good chance at getting the job because they are always in need of teacher's aides here. That way I will be home when the kids are and have my days off and vacations at the same time.

Well, I have to get ready to take Danny to school so I better close this for now. Will finish it later.

Well, everyone is deposited in their proper schools, so I guess I'll finish this now before I get busy.

My Aunt from Wisconsin is coming Sunday. So is her son and his wife from Pueblo. I'm trying to get this house cleaned up and something baked. Will have the whole gang for dinner Sunday.

Have been trying to do some fall house-cleaning, but haven't made much headway yet. Bought paint for the living room, kitchen, and halls, but it is still in the can. Maybe next week?!?!?

Well, I better close for now. Hope this finds everyone well and happy.

Keep up the good work, Elaine, on the KRONICLE. We all enjoy reading it so much.

Take care everyone, and God be with you all. Lots of love.

Pat, Pam, Andy, Tom and Danny

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Balance on hand 5-31-78	\$108.77
Income 6-1-78 to 10-15-78	72.00
Expenses 6-1-78 to 10-15-78	160.14
Balance on hand 10-15-78	\$ 20.63

Printing for May-June Kronicle was	\$ 42.95
Postage for May-June Kronicle was	6.00
Printing for July-August Kronicle	92.03
Postage for July-August Kronicle	11.59



Wiese-Kresha Marriage Vows Recited In Omaha

Omaha will be home for a May 27 bridal couple, Victoria Rose Wiese and Andrew L. Kresha, following a 10-day trip to the Grand Canyon in Arizona.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William T. Wiese, Columbus, and his parents are Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Kresha, Osceola.

They were married at St. Robert Catholic Church, Omaha, during a Mass celebrated by Revs. Carl Salanitro, Allan Reicks and Robert Burns. Karen Meyer was organist and Larry King of Omaha sang.

Tulips and peonies adorned the altar where the bride appeared in a Queen Victoria style gown of angel-mist organza in candlelight ivory. Lace fashioned the high neckline and fingertip sleeves. Her ivory veil, edged in matching lace, flowed from a Camelot headpiece.

Victoria held a bouquet of yellow baby roses and lilies-of-the-valley falling in graduated lengths on ivory velvet ribbon. She also carried a rosary as a gift from the St. Francis Xavier Spanish Mission, Tucson, Ariz.

Maid of honor for her sister was Grace Ann Wiese, wearing a sleeveless apricot giana gown showing a high, pleated neckline and blouson waist with self-tie belt. She carried a long-stemmed, apricot rose and wore a small apricot rose in her hair.

Like gowns and flowers in sea green and yellow were selected for the other maids, Louise Budny and Pam Harrel of Omaha; Christine Kresha of Osceola, sister of the groom; and Jane Kuk of Norfolk.

Flower girl Jodi Kresha, Osceola, was frocked in apricot. Ring bearer was Joseph Wiese of Lindsay, carrying an ivory satin pillow.

Attending the groom were Larry King of Omaha, best man; Ken Zwieg, Omaha; Ray Kresha, Grand Island; Gregory Kresha, Osceola; Airman Keith Thomas Wiese, San Antonio, Tex.

Brothers of the couple, Gordon J. Wiese, Columbus, and Tony Kresha, Osceola, served as ushers. After the ceremony, a reception, dinner and dance were held at St. Ann Social Hall, Omaha, for 380 guests.

The bride, graduate of St. Mary College of Nursing, Pierre, S.D., completed a certified course in coronary at the University of Nebraska-Omaha. She is now a public health nurse for the city of Omaha.

Mr. Kresha, an alumnus of Pontifical College Josephinum, Columbus, Ohio, is a graduate student in industrial psychology at UN-O and an employment counselor for the State of Nebraska Job Service.



Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Kresha

EDITOR'S NOTE:

Hi! Sorry the KRONICLE is always running late. Hope someday I catch up. Guess I have too many irons in the fire.

Please, please, please, notify me if you move. There is nothing more frustrating to me than to send out the KRONICLE and have it come back in a few days with the notation, "address unknown". I need addresses for Donald and Diane Chaisson and for Clarence and Marg Kresha.

Dues are due once again. Our bank balance is very low. Will try and get by another year with \$5.00 from each of you who get the KRONICLE. It will be nip and tuck, so if anyone wants to donate more than \$5.00, no one will object. Too bad that 12 of the Klan decided, for one reason or another, that they no longer wanted to receive the KRONICLE.

Reunion pictures were made possible by Gene's generous donation of the halftones, so the printer in Columbus could just strip them in. Even with Gene's help, the Reunion issue, with pictures, was expensive. We may have to be content with only letters in next year's issue. Think about it and someone bring it up for discussion at the reunion next June.

Try and get your Christmas messages to me by Nov. 18, so I can get things to the printer and you will have your Christmas copy in early December.

Elaine



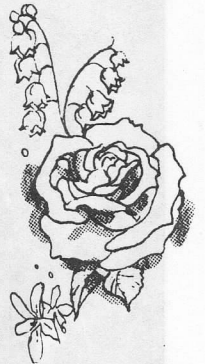


Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Gabel

Kresha-Gabel Vows Were Exchanged At Sacred Heart

ger and Mrs. Pat Augustin cut the cake and Mrs. Joe Dobesh and Mrs. Alfred Otte served punch and coffee. Servers were Joyce Gabel, Jolene Gabel, Jeri Lou Gabel, Sarah Schott and Jill Gabel.

Following a trip to the Black Hills the newlyweds are at home on a farm near Osceola. Mrs. Gabel is a registered nurse at Annie Jeffrey Hospital.



BIRTHS



Mr. and Mrs. Joe Kresha, Osceola, Nebr., are parents of a son, James Matthew, born Aug. 1, 1978. He weighed 8 lbs. 4 oz.

FROM MARTIN AND ELAINE KRESHA 10-78
Dear Family,

Summer went all too quickly-- for all of us. Kids didn't like to see school start, but they are finally all settled into the routine of things once again. The homework in High School these days is something else. Patrick and Kenneth are almost beyond any help we can give them with their lessons.

Patrick is 16 and a Junior; Kenneth will soon be 15 and is a Freshman; Bernard just turned 14 and is in 8th grade; Jolene and Colleen are 11 and in 6th grade; Lois is 10 and is in 5th grade.

The kids all had entries in the Polk Co. Fair this summer. They got ribbons ranging from white to purple. Patrick and Kenneth were part of a 4-member livestock judging team representing Polk Co. at the State Fair.

(More on page 6)

The Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Shelby was the setting for the June 24 wedding of Christine Kresha, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Kresha, and Patrick Gabel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Duane Gabel.

Reverend John Zastrow and the groom's brother Reverend Gary Gabel, officiated before an altar decorated with fresh garden flowers and candelabra. Lighting candles were Troy and Tammy Treadway, of Mesquite, Texas, nephew and niece of the groom.

The bride chose a princess line gown of sheer organza over taffeta. The fitted bodice was accented with pearls and double flower Peau d'ange and chantilly type edging. The dress had a high band collar, bishop sleeves and chapel train. Venise flower lace circled the bride's elbow length veil, falling from a lace bonnet. White carnations, blue daisies and stephanotis made up her bouquet.

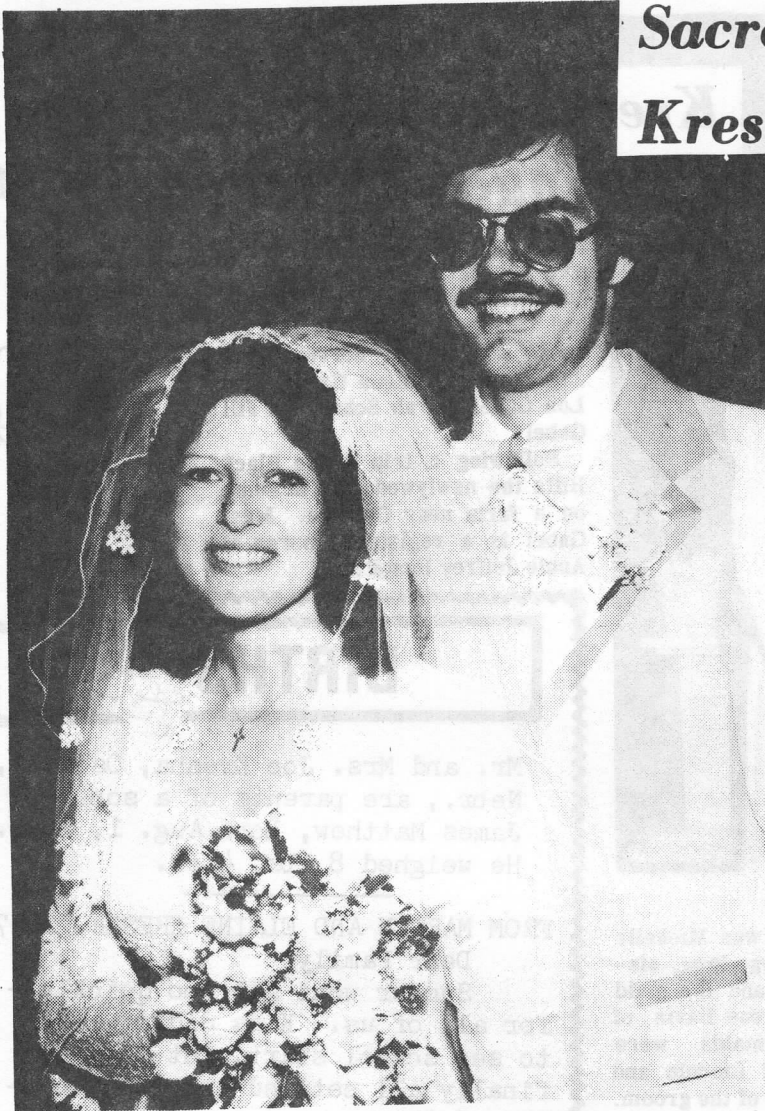
Matron of honor was Michelle Berlin, Emmetsburg, Iowa, sister of the bride, and the maid of honor was Irene Davis of Hastings. Bridesmaids were Vicki Augustine of Lincoln and Cathy Gabel, sister of the groom. Flower girl was Jodi Kresha, niece of the bride. All of the maids wore baby blue polyester, accented with champagne lace. They carried baskets of pink and yellow pixie carnations, white daisies and baby's breath.

David Eller of Columbus served as best man and the couple's brothers, Dan Gabel, Gregg and Tony Kresha were groomsmen. Ring bearer was Jon Murray. Ushers were Andy Kresha of Omaha, Tony Gabel and Jerome Meister of Bellwood. LeAnn Hofmann of Lincoln was organist and accompanied Susie Bryan of Fremont who sang.

A reception, dinner and dance was held at the Shelby Legion Club. Mrs. Gregg Kresha was in charge of the guest book and assisting with the gifts were Maxine Gabel and Christy Murray.

Hosting the reception were Mr. and Mrs. Dan Treadway and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Kresha. Rose Hill-

Sacred Heart Scene Of Kresha-Witulski Wedding



Mr. and Mrs. Steve Witulski

Candelabra and altar bouquets of apricot gladioli, apricot and blue carnations, white figi mums and babys breath adorned Sacred Heart Catholic Church at Shelby on August 19 when Bettian Kresha and Steve Witulski were united in marriage. Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Kresha, Jr., Osceola and Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Witulski Jr., of Gretna.

Reverend Thomas O'Donnell, S.J., Erlanger, Kentucky officiated and John McDowell, London, Kentucky was lector. Avis Kuhnel, Shelby played the organ and Steven Gabel and Patrick Kresha were servers.

The bride wore a white Qiana wedding gown with a silk venise lace-edged Queen Anne neckline. The long fitted sleeves were enhanced with Brussels lace cut-outs from the elbow to the wrist and were finished with a band of silk venise lace. The empire waistline fell into the soft skirt and was finished with a Watteau train that was edged in matching lace.

Her attire was completed with a silk venise lace-covered bridal cap that held a fingertip double layer of illusion tulle that had a rolled edge, and held a venise motif in each scallop. She carried a cascade bouquet of white bridal and white sweetheart roses laced with stephanotis and babys breath. Mary Lou Dunekacke, sister of the bride, was her personal attendant.

Cathy Mintken, Gretna, sister of the groom, was matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Jane Huston of Omaha, Rhonda Fillman of York and nieces of the bride, Maxine Gabel and Rhonda Smith both of Shelby. They wore fox blue dresses with open necklines. The waistlines fell into the fashionable blouson look, which was highlighted with short slit sleeves. The dresses were finished with long billowy skirts. They carried colonial bouquets of white figi poms, apricot carnations and blue babys breath accented with fox blue ribbon streamers.

The groom, attired in a canton blue tuxedo, was attended by Joe Kresha, brother of the bride, as best man. Kevin Cockerill, Morrie Mintken, Mike Witulski all of Gretna and Steve Truby, Arnold were groomsmen. They wore canton and wedgewood blue tuxedos.

The bride's nephews, Dan and Brad Kresha, both of David City, and Randy Smith and John Gabel, of Shelby seated the guests and also wore tuxedos.

Candlelighters were Pam Grosch, niece of the bride, and Dennis Witulski, Gretna, brother of the groom. Lori Grosch, niece of the bride was flower girl and ringbearer was Roger Smith, Shelby, the bride's nephew.

A reception and dinner was held at the Shelby Legion Club following the ceremony with Mr. and Mrs. Larry Kresha, David City and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Grosch as host couples. Rosalie Gabel and Ramona Smith, both of Shelby, pinned flowers. Lou Kresha and Nancy Freburg, Kearney attended the guest book and Donette Jablonski took the gifts. Serving cake, punch and coffee were Rose Hilger, David City, Michelle Berlin, Emmetsburg, Iowa; Debra Bazata, Lincoln, Mary Reid Ord and Sheila Mehlhaff, Lincoln. A wedding march and dance was also held at the club.

After a honeymoon in the Black Hills the couple will reside in Lincoln.

MORE MARTIN AND ELAINE-- The three boys took their 4-H calves to the Ak-sar-ben livestock show in Omaha, in late September. They all got red ribbons on their calves and blue ribbons in herdsmanship. It was a fun and educational time for them. They are looking forward to next year already.

Bernard, Jolene, and Colleen will be confirmed Oct. 26th. They have been putting in lots of work in preparation for this sacrament.

This will end abruptly, for lack of space. Love to the Family, Martin, Elaine, and All



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Dear Relatives and Friends,

My Christmas greeting for you is that your home may be enriched with God's presence.

I'm kept quite busy this year with 36 third and fourth graders. The children are very good and the parents are very cooperative.

On Dec. 17, we will have the blessing of our Guadalupe Hall. There are also four classrooms adjoining the Hall. Fall of next year we will have to hire a lay-teacher for the first time. This is going to be a financial burden on the parish. Up to this time, four of us sisters have taught all 8 grades. Presently we have 135 pupils.

In your charity please remember our mission in prayer and otherwise.

A Merry Christmas to all of you.
Peace and Joy!

SISTER DOLORES SMAGACZ
Immaculate Conception Convent
Box 218
Cuba, N.M. 87013



Dearest Family,

May God grant you your wishes for a holiday season of joy, love and peace. We hope 1979 is a year of happiness and fruitfulness for all our beloved family.

JOHN, CONNEY (LUKASSEN)
KRISTA, KORI, AND JENNIFER PALMER
404 Totten Road
Pueblo, Colo. 81006

MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE!

We're finally settling in and getting adjusted to married life. Pat keeps busy farming and I've been working full time at Osceola's Hospital.

We hope everyone has a joyous and happy season!

CHRIS (KRESHA) AND PAT GABEL
Rt. 1
Osceola, Nebr. 68651



Dear Family,

Hope this finds you all well. I am well, except for a sprained thumb. The Thrift Shop is still going strong. We now have over \$10,660. in savings. Don't know if we will ever get our windows for Church. New priest and newcomers to the Parish are something else. The people would rather see out and see people gawking in when we are at mass. Maybe that is good. I don't know.

I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Love and Prayers,

SOPHIA KRESHA
Box 403
Mitchell, Nebr. 69357



Dear Kreshas,

I hope the holidays find all happy and healthy. We keep busy--Jennie is a 4th grader, learning times and how to play the recorder. I still teach hearing-impaired students. I'm also president of the Catholic Singles Club. A few weeks ago, I got my Catholic Marriage Annulment. It took 1 1/2 years.

God Bless You All!
Love,

MARCIE AND JENNIE STRAUSS
1434 Hover, Apt. 1
Longmont, Colo. 80501

SEASON'S GREETINGS TO EVERYONE!

1978 has been good to us. The girls are growing by leaps and bounds. Gregg and I are doing great. The best part of 1978 was finding out that Connie will be all right, just a little stubborn. Jodi will be in school next year. She can't wait.

Hoping you all have a wonderful 1979.

GREGG, DENICE, JODI AND CONNIE KRESHA
Route 2, Box 89
Osceola, Nebr. 68651

Christmas, 1978

Dear Kreshas,

We are not sending individual holiday greetings this year, so George and I send our love and greetings to you through the Kronicle for a Happy Christmas and good health in the New Year.

George and I keep well; supposed to be retired, but both work at our own pace--maybe we are semi-retired.

We have a new little grandson, as of Oct. 28th. Not sure if Donald and Diane will get around to writing the good news. Mark John-Paul Chaisson was born Oct. 28. Weighed 6 lb. 8 oz. 20" long. He has dark hair, and we think, a beautiful baby. Mark arrived a little early and after a short stay in the hospital he came home, a healthy baby. Donald saved a week of his vacation for the big event. Diane went home after the second day, so she had one week to regain her strength. Donald was there to give her a lot of TLC. That week, Marie, who is 2 1/2 years, spent the week in Bakersfield with Grandpa George and Grandma Margaret. She is a joy, and the week went by quickly. Mark is to be baptized this Sunday, Nov. 19, at the 11:30 Mass in their parish. We will buzz down for the weekend.

Jerome found employment with Cargill, Inc., as a grain merchant. He buys and sells grain for Cargill. He will live in Colusa--385 miles from Bakersfield. He won't get home too often. He is one of 6 buyers for the big shipping terminal out of the Sacramento Port. He has three counties to work--buying grains in fields and elevators in fall. In spring they sell seed grains. This is how most of you farmers know the company. Cargill is the largest independently owned corporation in the U.S. Jerome has a nice company car to drive.

Mike is a busy fellow. Still driving city bus. He has promised to retire his next birthday (in May). On weekends he finds more little jobs to do. He also helps his boys and their families.

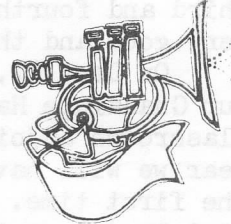
Here it is, Nov. 16, and still no frost. However, we are having some cold temperatures and a few light showers. Last week while we were at Diane's they had a hail storm--almost an inch of hail. It was very small, but different for those parts.

The cotton farmers around Bakersfield had a bad year. Wet spring delayed planting; then extreme heat in June. Several kinds of worms and bugs attacked the crop, causing even lower yields. Only about half the usual crops. Many of the farmers won't even break even. We hear Nebraska had a bumper corn crop. How nice. You better promote the product of gasohol.

Our special thanks to Elaine for the terrific job she is doing with the Kronicle.

Again, Season's Greetings--

GEORGE AND MARGARET KRESHA
711 Loch Lomond Drive
Bakersfield, Calif. 93304



Greetings from the Paul Kreshas!

I hope this finds all of you healthy and well.

This has been a very good year for us. We saw the youngest of our children graduate from High School. Karen is now a student at UNO. Sharon is working at a nursing home. A job which she thoroughly enjoys. She spent much of the summer exploring the Pacific Trails of Washington State.

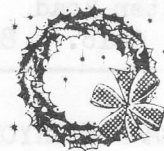
Donald is working as District Sales Representative for AM Corp. He also spends his free time as a DJ at a local Disco.

David spent much of his summer on an extended cruise in the Carribean. He came home with many delightful tales from Haiti, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

We hope that God blesses each and everyone with boundless joys and blessings in this Christmas season and throughout the New Year.

Love,

THERESA AND PAUL KRESHA AND FAMILY
6615 South 135th St.
Omaha, Nebr. 68137



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Holiday Greetings to All--

And every good wish for the New Year!

ANN (KRESHA) HENSEL
19120 Bessemer St.
Reseda, Calif. 91335



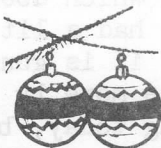
Season's Greetings to All--

As I'm writing this wish to all of you, the view outdoors is the perfect picture for a Christmas card. We had one of those heavy, wet snows which makes everything look so beautiful.

Thanksgiving will be this coming week. We have so much to be thankful for. Hope the year has been good to all of you.

May God's every blessing be with you at this Christmas time and throughout the coming year.

DOLORES AND DICK NYFFELER
Rt. 4, Box 33
Columbus, Nebr. 68601



Dear Family,

Looks like winter is just around the corner. Christmas is the main event, so I write to send Christmas greetings to you all. May the Christmas Joys brought by our Infant Savior be ever renewed in our hearts in this Holy Season. Even the oldest Grandma is a child again, at Christmas.

May you all have God's blessings and good health, always.

Merry Christmas!

Love ya ver' much,



MOTHER KRESHA
1202 Logan St.
Holdrege, Nebr. 68949

Merry Christmas from O'Briens--

Hi Family! Just a note to say we love you all and wish you peace, joy, and good health in the year to come.

Nebr. had its first snow fall today and seeing Beth's (age 3) and Ben's (age 1) faces put me in the mood for the magic of the Christmas Season.

A special hug to you, Grandma Eva.

Love ♡ ♡

TOM AND MARY O'BRIEN
KATIE, MATT, BETH, AND BEN
585 Beaver Lake
Plattsmouth, Nebr. 68048



Dear Family,

Another year has passed and God has been very good to all of us. We are all truly thankful for good crops, health, family and friends.

Every few weeks we have a guest in our home. Harold's Mother cannot live alone anymore and she takes turns visiting her three children. There isn't much work she can do, but at our house she sets the table, washes the kettles, and folds up the fresh laundry. She can still walk with the aid of a walker. I have a dishwasher, but save the kettles for her. The warm dishwater is good for her arthritic hands.

This August we had a nice vacation to Tacoma, Wash. to see Leon and Sharon. Our faithful Ford took us there and back and is still running for us after 132,000 miles. It is such a good friend, we hate to part with it. How nice it is to get away from chores and farm work. Everyone should take a vacation, whether the work is all finished or not. It is good for your mind and health.

Harold sawed a truck load of ash logs for our wood furnace. This is the furnace that he built last January. The harder the wood, the longer it burns, and the more heat it gives when fired.

We wish all of you a Blessed Christmas. May it be more spiritual than material. Traditional family customs are so nice to have during the holidays. Our thoughts and prayers will be for all of you during this holiday season. May good health, happiness, and many blessings be yours in '79.

Love to all,

HAROLD AND LILLIAN WITULSKI
Route 2
Beatrice, Nebr. 68310



**Warmest Wishes
for Christmas and
throughout
the coming year**

Our love,
MARY LUKASSEN AND FAMILY
Rt. 1 Box 42
Kimball, Nebr. 69145

11-15-78

11-14-78

Season's Greetings to All--

We're hoping the Holiday Season finds everyone in good health and that the New Year is all you hope for.

Tim is working part time for an implement dealer in Kimball, plus keeping busy with chores and the livestock.

Our second daughter was born the 31st of May. Kacey is at a nice age, old enough to enjoy the holiday, but not into everything. Mandy is 3 and keeps us on our toes. She's quite a helper, especially where Kacey is concerned.

May peace be your gift at Christmas and your treasure in the New Year.

TIM, CATHY, MANDY AND KACEY LUKASSEN
Rt. 1 Box 1
Dix, Nebr. 69133



Dear Kresha Family,

We both enjoy the letters. A big hello to everyone.

We had a nice year and enough moisture for crops and gardens. This time of year, we all can count our blessings. The summer passed so quickly. Guess it was because we were busy with garden, yard work, canning and housework. John does most of the yard work.

We enjoy going to bingo on Monday nights at our Parish Hall.

Hope you all had a nice Thanksgiving with your family and friends. We are sending all of you season's greetings for Christmas and good wishes for God's blessing and good health for the coming year.

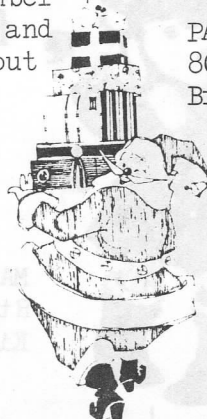
CAROLINE AND JOHN KRESHA
758 21st Ave.
Columbus, Nebr. 68601

Dear Ones in the Kresha Kronicle,

There are thoughts of warm remembrance in this Christmas wish for you, and a prayer for every happiness throughout the New Year, too.

Love to the Family.

LEO AND PAULINE KRESHA
Rt. 2 Box 108
Osceola, Nebr. 68651



Dear Family,

Better get this out this AM. Kids are not up yet and it's nice and quiet. This is my best time for letter-writing.

We are all doing OK here. Keeping very busy with school and all the other activities connected with it. I am going to school 2 nights a week now and it is keeping me busy studying and doing homework. I am really enjoying it. It gets me out of the house a couple of nights a week, which doesn't hurt a thing.

We had a little snow and cold weather, but most of it is gone again. Sounds like we may get some more by tonight. I want to go Christmas shopping today, but don't know for sure yet. Andy is home, sick. Took him to the Dr. yesterday. He may have strep throat and scarlet fever. He had a little rash when I took him in, but no fever. If the rash gets worse, and he starts running a fever today, then it definitely is scarlet fever. Boy, just what I need.

We are having a houseful for Thanksgiving, so I need to get my house cleaned up by then. I don't spend too much time cleaning since I started going to school. We are also invited to a wedding the day after Thanksgiving. Pam has to play the wedding march on the piano, for it. It is her piano teacher's wedding. She is kind of nervous about it, but I'm sure she'll do OK.

I have also been doing a lot of sewing. Trying to get some finished before Christmas. Our craft table is up and full again. It usually gets put up about this time of year and stays there until we are all finished with our crafts and gifts for Christmas. Looks like a mess most of the time, but we enjoy doing it.

I think I must close this now and get the kids up for school.

We want to wish each and everyone of you a Blessed and Happy Christmas and a very prosperous New Year.

Hope this finds you all in good health, with God by your side. Take care, now. All our love and prayers,

PAT, PAM, ANDY, TOM, AND DANNY KRESHA
806 So. 9th Ave.
Brighton, Colo. 80601

Merry Christmas

11-12-78

Holiday Greetings!

First of all, I appreciate very much being able to come into your home, and you into mine through the Kresha Kronicle at this Holiday Season.

Indian Summer in Nebr., was one of the best of the month of October. The trees were ablaze with brilliant colors. The weather was ideal for the corn, milo and soybean harvest. It is unbelievable to have mild weather into Nov., with the mums and roses still in bloom.

I am happy to report that Grandpa (Albert Hilger) is fully recovered after having his leg removed on Aug. 3. Since he is 96 years old, it was most difficult to give my permission for the surgery. Thank all of you for your prayers.

It was great seeing so many of you at the family reunion and the three weddings. Those of you who visited me, I enjoyed having you, and will look forward to more of you coming next year.

Will enclose my Christmas greeting: May the Blessing and Peace of Christmas be yours, and Happiness fill each day of the New Year.

Love,

ROSE HILGER
Rt. 3 Box 20
David City, Nebr. 68632



11-16-78

Season's Greetings from Colorado!

We want to wish all of our loved ones a Blessed and Holy Christmas and a Peaceful and Prosperous New Year.

We had a very dry summer in Colo. In late Oct. we got about 1 1/2" of rain. The cattle did well even though the grass was short. Some ranchers had to haul water for their stock.

Our youngest son, Evan, is a Freshman at the Abbey. Football is over and basketball practice has started. Curtis has enrolled at USC in Pueblo for the spring quarter. He has a job and helps at home. Bart is still at Climaz where he has worked for over two years. Steve is in town and does carpenter work.

Our love and best wishes for 1979.

DALE AND MILLIE LUKASSEN AND SONS
130 Stienmier Ave.
Canon City, Colo. 81212

Greetings:

Hope this finds all the Kreshas in the best of health and happiness. 1978 hasn't been too bad at the Ehmkes. We've enjoyed the Colo. weather, although it has been a mite dry. We're getting some moisture this week along with some cold weather.

We're all well here. John had some tendon transplants in his left hand early in Oct. The cast comes off tomorrow; we're anxious to see how well it turned out. Meanwhile, he's still at Safeway.

Johnna is in 6th grade this year. She's busy with girl's basketball, after a good volleyball season. Her 4-H project in Home Furnishing brought her a Champion in Unit I at the fair.

Jason is in 3rd grade. He follows the Broncos with the same enthusiasm as the rest of his family. This summer his Little League team came in first place.

I have been busy, as usual. But, I must say, exciting! I have had the good luck of working for two motion picture companies filming "True Grit" for TV, and one yet to be seen on TV after the first of the year. "The Sachetts" will be a 2 night, 4 hour show on NBC. I was the seamstress for the wardrobe crew. It was so enjoyable working on things for greats like Glen Ford, Ben Johnson, Slim Pickens, Pat Buttram, Sam Elliott, and many others. Be sure to watch it on the tube!

Bless all of you at this special season. Peace!

JOHN, CINDY, JOHNNA AND JASON EHMKE
2920 Ute
Canon City, Colo. 81212



Dear Family;

We want to wish you a happy, peaceful Christmas and a Blessed New Year.

Love for a Blessed Christmas,

FLORENCE, KENNETH, LISA, AND KIMBERLEE
1018 2nd St. KRESHA
Columbus, Nebr. 68601

NOTE: DEADLINE for the next Kronicle will be January 20, 1979. Please make a note of this on your calendar. Thanks!
Elaine

Dear Kresha Family:

The past year has been pretty kind to us. I keep busy, but that is not all bad. The business has gone pretty well--better than I thought it might for that matter. My brother, Curt, and I split up our partnership last summer. He has gone back to the nursing field and is living in Denver now, and I am running the BREEZE. The former owners and a part-time hired girl in the editorial department make up the rest of my staff.

Joe is still in the Marines at Atlanta, Ga., and Terri is in the Air Force at Eglin AFB near Pensacola, Fla. Both are in avionics work and both seem to like the service pretty well, but not well enough at this point to plan to re-enlist. Both are planning to be home for Christmas. They will drive out in Joe's car if the weather is fit.

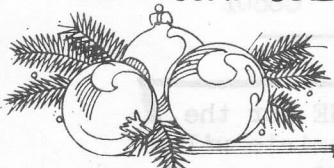
My folks are planning to come over from Grand Junction and visit all of us and we will probably get together at my sister Kathy's place in Arvada at the northwest edge of Denver. My folks have not been too well lately, so the plans will have to remain tentative, but we hope they can make it.

We didn't have time to get much traveling done during the year. Karen, Gloria and I visited relatives at Holly, Colo., for a couple of days a few weeks ago. Also we had a nice get-together with Marcie Strauss at Longmont when Harold and Lillian were visiting her. Pat Kresha and her kids were also there and we had a good visit and a good dinner.

I hope all the Kresha families have a nice Christmas and that 1979 is good to you.

GENE THOMAS AND FAMILY
P.O. Box 400
Johnstown, Colo. 80534

SEASON'S GREETINGS



Here's hoping your holiday is filled with goodness and laced with love.

THE

KRESHAS--

MARTIN, ELAINE, PATRICK, KENNETH,
BERNARD, JOLENE, COLLEEN AND LOIS

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and God's blessing and good health in the New Year. HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

BILL, URS, DEBBIE, JOYCE, MIKE, CONNIE
KRESHA

1716 Woodland Drive
Columbus, Nebr. 68601

JIM AND SHARI KRESHA
11915 Wakeley Plaza #12
Omaha, Nebr. 68154



Hello Everyone!

Time is growing short to get our Christmas letter to the Kronicle. With this in mind, we will wish each and everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and continue our wishes with a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

It is hard to believe that it is mid-November, and the weather, up to a week ago, was summer-like. This morning we had a heavy, wet snow. About 2 inches.

The crops are all in, and better than usual.

Our family is down to only Tony at home. He graduates this spring, but hasn't decided what he wants to do after graduation.

May God send you all, His special blessing for Christmas and the coming year.

Much love,

THE GLENN KRESHAS
Route 2 Box 84
Osceola, Nebr. 68651



Hi Everyone!

It looks like winter is coming to stay with us. Dan is busy getting everything put away for the first snow.

Mike, who is 10, started saxophone lessons in school. He enjoys playing the sax and likes his teacher.

Michelle, who is 9, takes dancing lessons in Columbus. She really enjoys them. She met Wayne and Kathy Grosch's girl, Pam, at lessons.

Marc, who is 15 months, keeps us entertained.

We want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

DAN, MARY JANE, MIKE, MICHELLE, AND MARC
Rt. 1 HILGER
Bellwood, Nebr. 68624