

KRESHA KRONICLE

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Dec., 1978

A belated Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Thanks for the Kronicle. I really appreciate it. Have a Happy 1979!

Love,

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Dec. 18, 1978

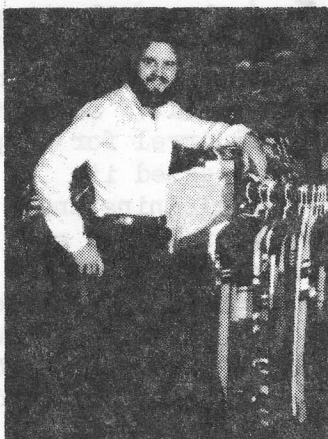
Dear Kresha Relatives:

A belated holiday greeting from your distant relative out in Oregon. I enjoy reading the Kresha Kronicle and the news about all of you, and hope some day soon to have the pleasure of meeting you.

This past year was a hard one for me, as I turned 60 this summer, and then celebrated that event by having a severe heart attack while visiting my sister in Montana. To make it a real family affair, her husband also suffered a heart attack just a few days later, so we both were in the hospital together. My sister, Harriett, is a plucky little lady, and held up well during the ordeal. Both of us victims are recovering nicely now, and both of us hope to be on the job a while yet.

I hope the New Year, 1979, will be filled with all kinds of blessings for all of you.

FATHER MATT BURGER
Chaplain, Providence Hospital
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Portland, Oregon 97213



TERRY KURTENBACH



CONNIE KRESHA

Jan. 14, 1979

Dear Family,

Happy New Year, 1979! May you accomplish what you undertake, and never have cause for any regrets.

I suppose you all have too much winter by now. I haven't been off the place since Christmas. Father and I were invited for Christmas dinner to friends here in town. Had a nice time. Weather was good. We've really had a winter through most of December. Zero and below, for a couple of weeks. I've read that this cold wave reached far as North Mexico. A winter vacation, South, still has cold weather this year. Maybe not as cold, as say, Wisconsin, or Michigan, for instance.

Have been having arthritis, or some painful stuff. An going to the Doctor to find out if he can help me. My appointment is Jan. 19.

My favorite book these cold evenings is a new spring seed catalog. First, I look at the pictures, intending to read later. Very entertaining. No garden room here, so I garden in the catalog. Read "Gardening with Alvin", you Osceola Record readers. He will have a garden and keep records on it this year. He also writes about the vegetables and flowers that won the Highest Awards for the Year. For those of you who don't know of Alvin, he is the son of the Alvin Cerny's living near Osceola. He walks with crutches.

In closing, I wish you all the very best for 1979.

Love ya ver' much,

MOTHER KRESHA

Brass Bucklers promoted

Two-and-one-half years ago, Terry Kurtenbach and Connie Kresha were just part-time employees at the Columbus Brass Buckle. Today, they are co-managers of Brass Buckle's new North Platte store according to Columbus Manager Rich Wrage.

Promoted in January, the new managers will have a new store to work in. The two-week-old branch, located in

the North Platte Mall, has a combined stock of guy's and girl's apparel. Store hours are from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Terry Kurtenbach, 19, is a graduate of Scotus High School and attended Platte College. Connie Kresha, 28, graduated from Columbus High School and attended Platte College two years. Both are single.

Jan. 18, 1979

Hello Everyone,

When we received the Kresha Kronicle, the next deadline of Jan. 20th seemed a long way off and here it is already.

In Dec. we made a quick trip out to Denver to see our landlords. It was cold and lots of snow on the ground, which you all know is unusual for them. We went to see Pat Kresha and children at Brighton. Wanted to swing over to see Aunt Sophia and Mary Lukassen, but you might know, the wind was blowing and had closed the roads that way.

Hasn't this cold weather gotten to be a drag? We've had our share of frozen hog waterers and broken pipes that we hesitate to be gone from home long.

From the Christmas letters, we received some sad news about some of our relatives. Some of you will know the people I mention.

Our cousin, Irene Kresha (not Art Kresha's wife) died in Montana after a long illness.

Another cousin, Agnes Dworek, wrote she had a stroke in Sept. Slowly, but surely, with effort she can write once again. She will be 76 Jan. 24th. In case any one would like to remember her with a card, even if it will be late, her address is: 2705 Steeplechase Lane, Diamond Bar, Calif. 91765

Joe Karges' nephew, Daniel Karges, (son of George Karges) died from an asthma attack. He was such a nice young (29) fellow. Worked at the hardware store and serviced my Toro Mowers.

Last, but not least, Great Aunt Emelia Kropatsch is in isolation at the Columbus Manor, 3918-27th St., Columbus, Nebr. 68601. Her heel started to drain and they had to put her in isolation for her protection from germs. When I saw her last week, the nurse thought she would be able to go back to her room soon. Aunt Emelia asked me to tell you all "Hello" and that she appreciated hearing from so many at Christmas. She enjoys the Kresha Kronicle even if she doesn't know all the younger ones personally, but feels she does through the mails. She says she would love to send a letter to the Kronicle, but she isn't up to writing, so I'm sending all of you her love.

Hope you all read the article that Greg Kresha had in the Farm Journal, Jan., 1979 issue, page 20 of the Hog insert. More power to you, Gregg. After some problems the last 2 years, we are going to quit farrowing pigs and buy feeders. Time will tell if we are doing the right thing.

Well, as I'm writing this, an ice storm is in the process. Bonnie Kobza told me yesterday that a furrier claims the coons are shedding, which means Spring should be here about March 1st. That won't be too soon for any of us. Right?

Take care. Love,

DICK AND DOLORES NYFFELER



Jan. 19, 1979

Dear Family,

We have had 4" of snow, then 8" on top of that with a 35 mph wind with below zero temp. so the weather has been really bad. But, to be worse, we had 27 degree temperatures and .40" of rain on top of all the snow. When walking through the deep snow, one has to break the ice first. We were snowbound several days, but had plenty of food and were warm. If we didn't have winter, how could we appreciate spring and summer?

Since there isn't much to write about-- how about all of you writing some paragraphs about--I REMEMBER WHEN--? (Ed. note--Lillian included 2 incidents which you will find elsewhere in this issue.)

We think that the Kronicle should be printed twice a year or 3 times at the most. This is quite a cost to be printed and mailed.

Did you know that the Kronicle is a source of Kresha history? Some day the 3rd and 4th generations will reread it for geneology information.

Love to all,

HAROLD AND LILLIAN WITULSKI

do you remember?

Mother (Eva) Kresha went to Columbus to do her fall shopping. She told us about

Grandpa Karges hunting squirrels in the Missouri woods, saying they were good to eat. So that afternoon we decided to fix squirrel for supper. Martin shot the squirrel and dressed it. I had finished all the Saturday cleaning and started to prepare supper. When Mother got home, she said that she was surprised to see that the kids had killed and dressed a chicken for supper. No one would take the first piece of meat off the platter, so we passed it to Ma. She looked at it and said, "You kids sure had trouble cutting up this chicken. I don't recognize any of the pieces". After she took a bite, we asked her how it tasted, and her answer was, "Good". So the rest of us ate it, too!

Jan. 21, 1979

Hello Everyone!

Hope this New Year is a good one for everyone. We've had plenty of cold weather the first 10 days of January. Had 14" of snow in December in one storm. In Jan. we had 2 snows, averaging 6" each. Still have some on the ground, but temperatures warm up to the 40's by noon. I know it sure takes a lot of gas to heat the house and gas (natural) has gone up, too.

Curt has begun the spring quarter at the University of So. Colorado in Pueblo.

Evan is having semester tests at the Abbey. He is also playing Freshman basketball and is still jogging, getting ready for spring track.

Dale has recovered nicely from bladder surgery in November. He wasn't able to lift until recently. I've been feeling better, too. I've found my work waits for me if I don't get it finished.

Our best to everyone,

DALE, MILLIE, CURT AND EVAN LUKASSEN

Febr., 1979

Dear Family,

It has been a long time since you've heard from us. In doing the Kronicle, I either omit our letter altogether, or condense it to make the pages come out even. Our lives are mostly uneventful, so I doubt that anyone even misses our letter.

We are all keeping well, except for several bad cases of cabin fever, which is quite prevalent this winter.

Going back--Elaine was an unsuccessful candidate for Board of Education in the May Primary Election, losing by only 5 votes. A recount showed the results to be correct, so she tried her luck as a write-in candidate in the Nov. General Election, but was unsuccessful then, too. (It is tough to get elected that way.)

Elaine is also teaching CCD again this year. This is her 5th year of teaching CCD. She is also taking a correspondence course in Christian Doctrine and Practice. This will eventually lead to certification as a CCD teacher. The course is easy, but involves lots of reading.

Patrick, Kenneth, and Bernard were on the OHS wrestling teams. Patrick was on the Varsity team, wrestling at 98 lbs. Kenneth was a Jr. Varsity wrestler and Bernard was a member of the Jr. High team.

We all say, "Hello! Happy Easter!"

MARTIN AND ELAINE KRESHA AND FAMILY

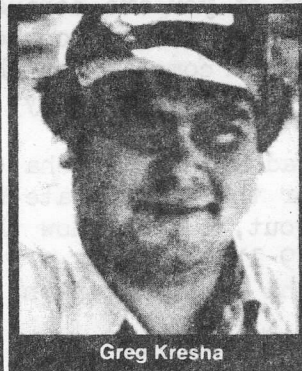


CUB SCOUTS OF PACK 273 of St. Anthony's Parish in Columbus, Nebr. celebrated Cub Scout Sunday, Febr. 11 with the presentation of the Parvuli Dei award to 7 scouts. The Award cites Cub and Webelo Scouts for developing their religious knowledge and providing services to their parish.

The Parvuli Dei (little children of God) award is given on the authority of the bishop of a diocese. Cub Scouts from St. Anthony's Parish received the award from their Pastor, Fr. Laurin Buzynski, OFM. Kenneth Kresha, son of Mrs. Edwin Kresha, is shown receiving the award. Mrs. Edwin Kresha is the den mother.

It was so cold upstairs in the winter we would take a hot salt bag or hot flat iron wrapped in soft cloth to bed to warm our feet at night. I would take a glass of water to wet my hair, put my hair up in bobby pins, tie a flour sack around my head, crawl under the feather quilt, leaving a tiny opening over my head for air and sleep. In the morning the water in the glass would be frozen, but my hair would be dry and curly. (Lillian Witulski)

do you remember?



Greg Kresha

Mrs. Doug Reid of Ord is a new staff member of the Loup Valley Mental Health Center, which is a satellite clinic of the Mid-Nebraska Community Mental Health Center at Grand Island. A registered nurse, Mary is a counseling therapist with offices in Ord and Burwell. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allan Kresha.

Polk Co., Nebr. corn and hog farmer. Kresha feeds 600 head of hogs on a continually rotating basis in a partnership with 4 area businessmen. They begin with small feeder pigs and feed them in drylot confinement with self-feeders. Their goal is to reach 1,000 head of hogs within 2 years, a hefty goal for a farmer who but 2 years ago fed between 150 to 200 head.

Jan., 1979

Dear Kresha Family,

I guess not too much has happened to us since the last Kronicle. Joe and Terri did make it home for Christmas, but didn't have too much time to spend here. My folks decided not to risk coming over the mountains for health reasons, so Joe and Terri went over and spent a day with them. My folks are getting along pretty well now, though Dad is facing prostate surgery as soon as the doctors feel he is up to it--sometime soon.

Joe and Terri drove back to Georgia and Florida in two days, if you can believe that! They will probably fly if they come home for Christmas another year.

Business has remained good, and tax time is now upon us, so I am keeping as busy as ever. Things are about the same with everyone else in the family, I think.

Good to get the news of the family in the Kronicle.

GENE THOMAS AND FAMILY

GENE'S JOTTINGS

By THE EDITOR



THANKS

When I went to the Chamber of Commerce Banquet Saturday night, I did not expect to be named Citizen of the Year, so was rather surprised when Eddie Reichert began telling the story of my life with some details that I was rather surprised he knew about (and it made me wonder if he knew about more details that maybe I didn't want him to know about). As it

turned out he had obtained the information from my brother and erstwhile partner, Curt.

I appreciate the award and thank the committee for choosing me. There is only one little problem — I will have to behave myself now and try to live up to the implications of the award. I will make the effort, whether or not I succeed.

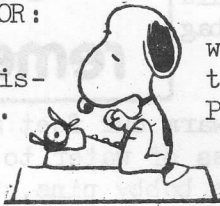
(This article appeared in the Jan. 25, 1979 issue of the JOHNSTOWN BREEZE)

Congratulations, Gene!



FROM YOUR EDITOR:

Starting on a trial basis—4 times a year. once every two income are that we cut



with this Volume of the KRONICLE-- the KRONICLE will be published only Personally, I would like to see it months, but rising costs and declining responsible. It was even suggested it down to once or twice a year. If we are going to do this, we may as well go back to the Round Robin. That would only cost each family about 50¢ every other year!!!

(That's about how long it would take for the RR to make one round.)

I vowed to myself not to mention finances again, but it must be brought up. Dues are due every December, regardless of when you pay them during the year. Some of you are confused about this. Dec. is the month because that's the time I took over the job as Editor.

Sorry more letters didn't come in for this issue. Maybe next time? Next KRONICLE will be the April, May, June issue. Deadline is APRIL 18.

Congratulations to Brad and Dan Kresha (sons of the Larry Kreshas) for qualifying for the Nebr. State Wrestling Finals. I didn't hear how Brad came out, but do know that Dan won the first place medal in Class C, 119 lb. class.

Don't forget the Kresha Family Reunion. It will be held June 10 in Columbus, Nebr.

Elaine



DUNEKACKE - Mr. and Mrs. Lee Dunekacke of Rising City are the parents of a girl, Jennie Marie, born November 14 at the David City Hospital. The couple has another daughter, Julee. Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Kresha are the maternal grandparents.



Deaths and Funerals

KARGES — Daniel G. Karges, 3413 - 19th Street, Columbus, died unexpectedly Wednesday evening in the Columbus Community Hospital. He was 29.

Funeral services will be held 10 a.m. Saturday at McKown Chapel with Rev. Flavius Czuba officiating; burial to follow in Columbus Cemetery.

He will lie in state after 2 p.m. Friday at McKown Funeral Home.

He was born in Columbus on August 23, 1949 to George and Maxine (Brewer) Karges. He graduated from Columbus High School and attended Platte College. He married Betty J. Bitter July 24, 1971.

He lived all his life in Columbus and was employed at Kaufman Hardware.

He is survived by his wife, Betty; mother, Mrs. Maxine Karges; a sister, Mrs. Tom (Marsha) Penington, all of Columbus.

He was preceded in death by his father, George; a brother in infancy; and grandparents

Daniel passed away Dec. 27, 1978

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THEODORE KRESHA FAMILY (Photo taken shortly before Amollia, Anna, and Adolf came to the United States in 1888)

Left to Right:

Back Row: Amollia Kresha Kuhnel, Adolf Franz Kresha, John Thiele (Cecelia's husband), Joseph Kresha, Anna Kresha Karges

Front Row: Cecelia Kresha Thiele and baby, Louisa Kresha Weixler Badstieber, Theodore Kresha (father), Cecelia Pirsikowski Kresha (mother) holding grandson Louis (Kuhnel) Amollia Kresha Kuhnel's son.

(Photo courtesy--Lillian Witulski)

WE'RE PROUD OF YOU
CLASS OF '79

Dear Family,

Better take time out and write a few lines this AM.

We are all doing pretty well right now. Pam and Danny have just gotten over a bout with pneumonia. They were sure sick, but are doing much better now. Andy and Tom both have strep throat. They are on medicine and feeling a lot better. These past few months have been terrible as far as someone being sick. I just hope we have seen the last of it with the coming of spring.

It doesn't look too hot today. We have been having some nice weather. Right now it looks as if it's drizzling. That's OK, too. We need the moisture.

The kids and I are doing some painting inside. Yesterday we did Andy's room. I need to shampoo the carpet and do the windows, then I'm finished with his room. Still need to paint Pam's room, the kitchen and living room. We're trying to get as much as we can finished before next fall, as I put my application in to work as a teacher's aide at the school here. If I get the job, there won't be much time to get things done.

We had a nice visit with Mom, Millie, Mary and Nadine when they flew out to Calif. Got to see Rose for a few minutes, too, at the airport. Enjoyed seeing all of them.

Congratulations to all the newlyweds, babies, graduates, etc. May God's blessing be upon you all. It's hard to keep up with everything going on, so hope this covers it all.

As of now, we are planning on going to the reunion in June. Hope things work out so we can. That is, if the gas doesn't go too much higher. It's terrible now. We are trying to minimize our trips with the car. I got everyone's bikes fixed, so the short trips can be made on bikes.

Pam is preparing for her Confirmation. She will be confirmed on Mother's Day in May. The Lenten season has really gone by fast. It soon will be Holy Week and then, Easter. I am having my Sis and her family here for Easter dinner.

I had better close for now. Have to get busy and get a few things done today. I'm still stiff and sore from painting, but if I get busy, I'll limber up. Take care all of you and may God be with all of you.

Lots of love,

PAT KRESHA AND FAMILY
806 S. 9th Ave.
Brighton, Colo. 80601

Rites in Lincoln For Alpo Worker

Lincoln (UPI) — Services will be here Friday for Pamela Jean Kuhnel, 22, of Crete, who was killed Tuesday in an industrial accident at Crete.

Miss Kuhle, who formerly lived in Lincoln, was killed when she fell into a meat auger while at work at the Alpo Food Plant west of Crete, Saline County Attorney Robert Conner said. She was cleaning the machine at the time of the accident.

DEATHS

Pamela Jean Kuhnel was the daughter of Eugene Kuhnel, granddaughter of Frank Kuhnel, and great-granddaughter of Amollia Kresha Kuhnel.

Pamela was killed March 27, 1979.

5-3-79

Dear Folks,

I must report the death of Walter Scholz on Tuesday, April 10, 1979. He was 77 years old. Services were on Thursday, April 12, 1979, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Central City, Nebr., with burial in the Central City Cemetery.

Walter was a son of John and Emma Scholz. He was born January 4, 1902, over on the Loup north of Duncan, Nebr.

The family moved to a farm east of Grand Island, Nebr. in 1920, and then to a farm near Clarks, Nebr., in 1930, where Walter lived until the time of his death.

He is survived by his wife, a daughter, Arlene, a son, Allen, brother, Anthony of Grand Island, and sisters, Helen Kankert of Genoa, Nebr., and Esther Burghardt of New Ulton, Minnesota.

Yours,

C.W. SCHOLZ
1601 Lawrence Lane
Bellevue, Nebr. 68005

Joe Thomas gets promotion

(Taken from the March 1, 1979 issue of THE JOHNSTOWN BREEZE)

Joe Thomas, son of Breeze publisher Gene Thomas, has been promoted from lance corporal to full corporal in the US Marine Corps.

Thomas is stationed at Marietta, Ga., and is in the avionics intermediate maintenance department. He has been in the Marines since the summer of 1976.



4-12-79

Dear All,

I planned on writing sooner, but I would start writing and something would come up to interfere. I enjoyed the last Kronicle. I think getting it out only once or twice a year would be a disaster.

We had a lot of snow yesterday, but it melted quickly. I pray we will be spared tornadoes. They are really bad in Texas.

I have to go to Scottsbluff to pick up some flowers for the altar today or tomorrow for sure. I will play for the services at 8:30 tonight (Holy Thursday) and Friday (Good Friday) at 12 noon. I really enjoy doing this.

The Thrift Shop is still going strong. It is a lot of work every day.

I enjoyed Glenn and Ila's visit. Only wish it could have been longer.

Don't know yet for sure if I will make the family reunion.

Love,

SOPHIA KRESHA
Box 403
Mitchell, Nebr. 69357

4-17-79

Hello Everyone,

Nadine and I had planned a week in Calif. during March to "get away from it all", and most especially to leave frigid Nebr. We coordinated our trip to be on the same flight with Rose Hilger, who had planned several weeks in Calif. When I found out Mother Kresha was interested in testing her wings, reservations were made so she could join our party. Getting just under the wire, Millie Lukassen decided to join us, making 5--a full house.

Rita was recovering from a back injury and hadn't been released to return to work, so she was our gracious hostess and able tour guide. Rita rented a wheelchair for Mother, so Mom enjoyed all of the touring with us.

In the Sacramento area we toured Sutter's Fort, Capital Gardens, and Old Town Sacramento. One day we drove up the Napa Valley to the wine country. We toured the Christian Bros. and Beringer Brothers winery, of course, each tour closed with tasting their fine wines. One day we visited Reno. Millie and Rose were on the plus side (\$), but the rest of us left our donation! Mom stayed in Sacramento on our gambling day and visited with Karen Zumwalt's family. At the end of the week, George and Margaret drove up to Sacramento and joined us on a jaunt to San Francisco. We toured the Bay Area, had lunch at Pier 39 and rode cable cars.

Sunday was for resting and visiting. Clarence, Marge, Chris and John Kresha, Eva Kotlar, her daughter, "Mike" and husband, Al, and Effie Woodhouse, who was visiting Eva Kotlar, came over to Rita's for an old fashioned visit. The above mentioned all live in Sacramento, except Effie.

On March 12, George and Margaret Kresha left for their home, taking Rose Hilger with them. Mother Eva, Millie and I took the afternoon flight to reality. It was a great vacation, renewing our family ties and relating stories of yesteryear. Rita is such a lovable, gracious hostess.

Back on the home front, spring work is in full swing. Calving is almost finished. Men are cleaning out the cattle lots and discing the corn ground and planting alfalfa. The stubble fields are too wet as yet. Wheat is showing some winter kill with bare spots. How about the cattle market? We like it. Just hope Carter keeps his hands off!

We're looking for hired help this spring. The married man we have leaves in May to go into farming with his father. The single man we had was a mechanic and hired on with the Chevy Garage for \$8. per hour. Just couldn't compete with that.

The family reunion is less than 2 months away. What will gasoline situation be by then? This might be a factor in making the trip across Nebr.

Chris will be making a trip to Washington, D.C., June 18-25 with the Nebraska Pan-handle 4-Hers. The trip is a citizenship short course and also historical.

This September we are having a wedding in our family. Nadine and Tom Timmons are planning to be married. Tom is a native of Colorado and employed by American Telephone and Telegraph.

We hope you all have a good agriculture year!

Love to all,

MARY LUKASSEN AND FAMILY
Rt. 1 Box 42
Kinball, Nebr. 69145



4-18-79

Dear Family,

Hope you all are having lovely spring weather. Believe it or not, I planted a bit of garden yesterday. Saw ground was fit, so why not? Put in lettuce, radish, spinach and Swiss chard. Wouldn't be surprised if the birds eat it, soon as it comes up. Rhubarb is showing up nicely, too. Grasshoppers ate it off badly last fall. Rita wrote, they were to put in their main crop garden the past weekend, so it's the "in" thing among gardeners.

I often think of the vacation trip we took last March. Rita had it planned real well, and looked to me as though things happened as planned. She had somewhere for us to go everyday. Though we had some cloudy weather, we had sunshine, too, and all enjoyed being together. Mary wrote that she'd be writing about our trip, so I'll write about what happened to Karen (Zumwalt) and me. We had just gone through a mall--you know, where many stores have their businesses under one roof--Someone said, "Let's go to see--(I never heard what--before lunch". They had agreed we'd lunch at Pier 39. I was in a wheelchair that Rita had rented for me. She knew full well I never could keep up with 'em. They took turns wheeling me. And it so happened that Karen stayed with me, and the others took off. She understood we were to wait at a certain place until they returned. With all the small talk, I never even heard what was said. They had been gone an hour, and we were getting cold, out on the street. Karen suggested we go to our car, parked in a car barn. She had a key. We were sitting in the car, getting warm, and the others had been to Pier 39 and had their lunch. Rita had hailed a policeman and they scoured the area, looking for a girl, pushing a wheelchair with a "Grandma" in it. Finally they decided to come to the car, and all of us were glad. Rita burst into tears, said she feared something dreadful may have happened to us. So they took us to Pier 39, where our lunch waited. The waitress took the food back to the kitchen to be warmed and Karen and I ate. This happened in San Francisco, and as it was well past noon, they decided to start back to Sacramento.

The last day we were at Rita's we had a mini-reunion. Maybe Mary will write about it. We had a real nice time. Week was past before we were aware of it.

I don't know if I will make it to the Kresha reunion in June. We're due to have vacation school about then, and three Sisters will be staying here. Of course, I'll be thinking of you all, and wondering if the youngest great-grandchild has learned to walk, and who all came to the party. Hope someone sends me a write-up and maybe a few pictures.

I send you my best, over the miles. God's blessing and good health.

Love ya ver' much,

MOTHER KRESHA
1202 Logan St.
Holdrege, Nebr. 68949



4-17-79

Dear Family,

I visited California recently, and thought you might like to hear of the fun time I had.

March 5: A good day to leave Nebraska, as my area was snowbound after a March storm. Dan and Mary Jane safely braved the ice-covered road to Omaha to take me to the plane. I left at 11:15 AM via United Airlines for Denver. (Purchased my round trip ticket at Allied Tour and Travel in Columbus--\$154.50) The computer reported my seat was already reserved by some Lukassen (Mary and Nadine). I wanted to say, "Thanks a lot, computer!" Arriving in Denver I was pleasantly surprised to be greeted by Millie Lukassen and Eva Kresha who had joined us for the flight to Sacramento. Rita was waiting at the airport--time 1:40 PM Pacific Time. Guess I impressed her with a gift wrapped box of Nebr. eggs. Rita has a lovely home and had a bed for all of us. She had prepared food, and a busy itinerary of sight-seeing for us.

March 6: We visited Fort Sutter, in Sacramento, the historic site of the discovery of gold in 1849. This Fort is enclosed in a solid 20 inch concrete wall with a strong, huge gate. It was a supply camp for the miners and other brave people who traveled by covered wagon. The fort was complete in the necessities of life, with living quarters, a kitchen, a huge pantry with sacks of rice, wheat and other staples. A shoe, harness, and a carpenter shop. Oh, yes, even a prison. Brand enblems located points of interest on the ground, so that you could listen by phone to hear the color and excitement of bygone days.

March 6--PM: Now we are at Capitol Park, which is around the capitol building. In this park are thousands of varieties of flowers, shrubs and trees from the world over.

It is truly an outstanding horticulture display. I especially liked the magnolia and camellias which were in bloom.

March 7: Rita's happy birthday! We joined hands at the breakfast table daily, while Rita said, "Thank you Lord, for a beautiful day".

The adventure today is a 1 1/2 hour drive to Napa Valley. It is known the world over for its fine grapes and great wines. The Valley is 20 miles long and 8 miles wide, starting with the town of Napa and ending at St. Helena. Our first stop was at Beringer Winery which was built in 1877. The Rhine House, a 17 room mansion is an exact replica of the family home in Germany. It now serves as a tasting room and gift shop. The original winery was built of native stone abutting the carved out hillside. It was designed to operate by gravity flow. On the third floor grapes were brought in to be crushed and pressed. On the second floor were the fermenting tanks and the cool ground level was for the aging casks and store room. Did you know the Padres were the first to plant and care for the grapes in this valley? Later they were joined by the Germans and other European winemakers. Of the twenty wineries in this valley, we carefully chose Christian Brothers for our second and last stop--the wine never tasted better. This 200 acre vineyard and winery was established in 1903 by the Brothers, a teaching Order of the Roman Catholic Church. The tour covered the large aging cellars with rows of oak barrels. Each barrel held 2000 gallons. At the end of the tour, we are invited to the tasting room. Before you start tasting you should observe the color, the aroma, and the appearance. Most wines are 12 1/2 % alcohol. The samples are generous and about 4 kinds are offered. Most of the grape plants come from the United States and France. The different grapes determine the kind of wine it will produce.

March 8: This is the day we head for Reno. Eva stayed with Karen's parents, the Zumwalts. Eva had gone everywhere with us (rented wheelchair) and seemed to enjoy herself. Our first stop in Reno was at Harrah's for lunch. Millie taught us how to be lucky and win \$90. while waiting for our food. We liked Harold's too--lucky playing slot machines. It was a lovely drive through the Sierra Nevada Mts. and 3 hours to Sacramento. We left at 4 PM, less we be late for dinner at the Zumwalts. We enjoyed their hospitality and food.

March 9: Margaret and George Kresha arrived at Rita's for lunch. Then we all set out to visit Old Town Sacramento, which is being

restored. This historic town, built in 1849 during the Gold Rush days, consists of 28 acres. The board walks, gaslight lights and cobblestone street recreate the feeling of a bustling waterfront town. The fascinating shops, museums and restaurants convince you old Sacramento's heydays have returned.

March 10: We are up early and excited about going to San Francisco which is a 3 hour drive. Today Karen Zumwalt joined us. We could hardly wait to see her. She is a busy girl, sweet as ever.

The cool, cloudy weather was typical of San Francisco. We rode the cable car downtown and back. After that, we visited Ghirardelli Chocolate Factory where cocoa beans are roasted, crushed and heated to a flowing rich dark, "chocolate liquor". Now, it is molded and hardened into cakes of unsweetened chocolate. Wish you could have smelled that rich aroma. The area between Ghirardelli's and Fisherman's Wharf is a beehive of activity from the flea market to shops of every nature. Many people doing their thing. A Chinese Restaurant on Fisherman's Wharf is where we had a banquet of delicious Chinese food for our noon meal. The area near the Fisherman's Wharf is one of merry-making with music, dancing, and contests. Before we leave for home, we drive through the city, stop at the magnificent Cathedral, see many parks and military bases along the way. I have many fond memories of San Francisco!

March 11: Sunday. We attend Mass at Rita's parish, St. Ignatius Church. It was their 25th Anniversary. The choir sang beautifully. After lunch, Effie Woodhouse, Eva Kotlar and her son-in-law and daughter, Al and Mike (June) Kaminski, also Clarence, Marg, Chris, and John Kresha spent the afternoon and joined us for our evening meal. It was a happy time, as I hadn't seen Effie and Eva for a number of years. Since Margaret, George and I were spending the night with the Clarence Kresha's, we said, "Goodbye" to Rita and the other relatives. They returned home the next day.

Clarence and family live on the outskirts of Sacramento on a development of new homes. We were shown the nice pictures, taken last year on their vacation in Southern and Eastern United States.

March 12: Clarence took the day off from the Post Office, and Marg from the Department of Interior. The 5 of us drove to Napa Valley for a tour of the wineries. I enjoyed it more the second time. I hope

they liked it, too. Our return trip took us to San Paulo Bay where a large number of ships were in dry-dock. We also saw acres of foreign car imports waiting to be delivered.

Everyone rises early at the Clarence Kresha's. Chris and John, high school students, board the school bus at 7 AM. Marg and Clarence leave for their work at 7:15. What an enjoyable visit I had with them.

After goodbyes, Margaret, George and I left for Bakersfield. Along the highway were green fields of winter wheat, and other ground that would be planted to rice. The 250 mile trip was a pleasant one. Many fruit trees were in bloom.

March 12-16: March is a good time to visit in Bakersfield, as it is comparable to late May in Nebr. The potato crop was planted, and the farmers were waiting for the soil to dry out before planting cotton.

Margaret served the first asparagus from their garden. George keeps busy maintaining yards for his regular customers. His lawn mower with the grass catcher in front of the mower fascinated me. One day Margaret and I dined at a Basque (Spanish) Restaurant and enjoyed the fine food.

Had a short visit with Mike Kresha who will retire from the bus route in May. I visited with Richard and Michael on the phone. Michael and Mike purchased a motor-home and plan to do some traveling.

I left Bakersfield by bus, a 1 1/1 hour ride to Los Angeles. Ann met me in her dependable gold cadillac.

Reseda is where Ann lives. She owns a nice house with a yard and many flowers in bloom. She is a busy person with regular baby-sitting jobs. The highlight of my visit with her were trips to Santa Anita's horse races and a tour by bus to Las Vegas. Santa Anita is a large, lovely, well-kept, park with yellow pansies everywhere--and some unpredictable horses. One of the trainers was Jack Van Berg of Columbus, Nebr. The tour to Las Vegas was with a CB Group who were pleased to have us aboard. The dazzling lights and action is unbelievable. You can also have fun without spending a roll of money. We attended the Mickey Finn Show.

United Airlines was on strike when I was to return home. I placed a phone call to United. They promised to call back in 15 minutes. A confirmed flight on Western to Minneapolis and Braniff to Omaha was reassuring that some nice people at United are not on strike. The flight home was beautiful. I had a window seat, and the

view below was never better.

Spring had come to Nebraska. It was good to be home.

The California relatives are happy to entertain visitors. Did you realize there are 9 Kresha families living in that state?

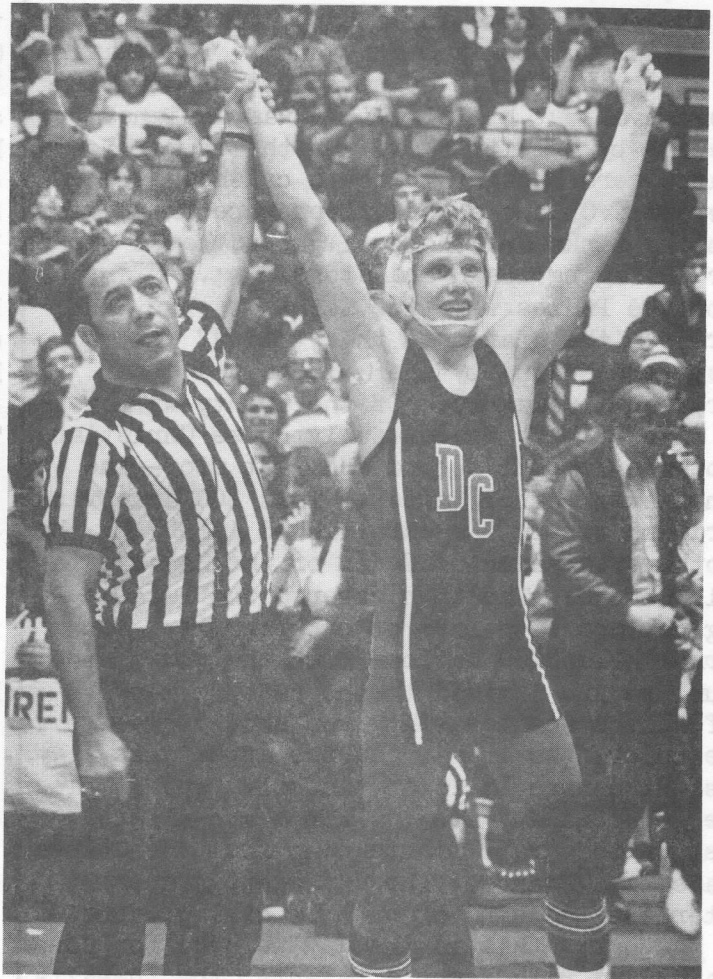
This is getting long. If I were to tell everything, it would cover a book.

My best to all of you,

ROSE HILGER

Route 3, Box 20

David City, Nebr. 68632



THE THRILL OF VICTORY--Dan Kresha's arm is raised by the referee, signifying his 1-0 decision over Paul Comes of Tekamah-Herman in the Class C 119 lb. Championship wrestling match Febr. 17, 1979, in Lincoln, Nebr.

Dan Kresha is the son of the Larry Kreshas, and the grandson of the Adolph Kreshas.

(Photo by Larry Kosch, The Crete News, Crete, Nebr.)

David City Jaycees cite Hilger

The outstanding young farmer, Robert Hilger, is a Butler County native who graduated from Aquinas High School in 1963. He attended a University of Nebraska farmer-rancher short course. From 1964 to 1970 he was a member of the Nebraska National Guard. He is a member of the St. Mary's Parish Council, and is president of the Farmers Co-op Grain Co. of David City and Garrison. He also is a member of the board of directors of the David City Bank. Active in the David City Volunteer Fire Dept., he is currently first assistant chief. He and his wife, Sue, are the parents of a son. Bob farms with his brother operating about 1,000 acres with a diversified farming program.

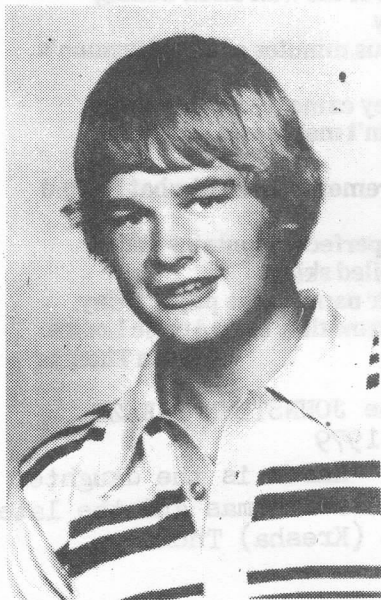


Named the area's outstanding young farmer for this year by the David City Area Jaycees was Robert Hilger, right, shown with his wife and Dennis Pohl, who presented the award last week.

Taken from the BANNER-PRESS, David City, Nebr. March 29, 1979

John Gabel chosen for Boys State

Taken from THE SHELBY SUN, Shelby, Nebr. April 18, 1979. Both boys are grandsons of the Adolph Kreshas.



John Gabel

Shelby's representative to the 1979 Cornhusker Boys State on the University of Nebraska campus in Lincoln June 3 - 9 is John Gabel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Max Gabel. John is active in several high

school organizations including S-Club, band, newspaper staff, speech and was freshmen class president. John has participated in track, basketball and football. He was one of the selections for the 1978 CRC first team all-conference football award.

The alternate is Randy Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Smith. Randy has been active in football, basketball, track, band and S-Club. He is a member of the newspaper staff and is a student council member. Randy and John are both members of the Shelby Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

Their selections were announced by the Shelby American Legion, Frank McMillen Post #296. The annual week-long sessions emphasize the study of fundamental principles of American government. Participants serve in elective and appointive state offices and enact legislation, introduce and debate bills, conduct courts and enforcement agencies.

Selection of delegates to this



Randy Smith

nationwide program is based on citizenship and leadership. Each boy chosen must also rank scholastically in the upper half of his class.



Marketing director picked at Conestoga

Ray Kresha, former reporter for KHAS-TV of Hastings, is the new marketing director for Conestoga Mall. The former mall marketing director, Cameron Fox, is employed at the new Grand Island Mall, north of Conestoga.

Kresha took over duties March 15 and after a month in the position said he found it "very enjoyable" and not as fast-paced as the media world. But, like the reporting business, "there's always something going on."

As marketing director, Kresha said he serves as executive secretary of the merchant association and is involved in such things as mall promotions, advertising, lay-out, copy editing and budgeting.

"Right now I'm basically getting my feet wet," he said. "I'm really looking forward to the challenge with this job such as the expansions, working with new retailers and planning for the (Sears) grand opening, July 14."

Kresha said he left the journalism field after 10 years because of career opportunity and financial benefits in the business world.

A graduate of the University of

Ray is the son of Glenn Kresha and the grandson of the Leo Kreshas.



Ray Kresha

Nebraska-Lincoln with a double major in journalism and English, Kresha and his wife, Mary, have lived in Grand Island for about three years. They have a son, Matthew, 2, and a foster daughter, Elaine Siverly, 15.

POETRY

AUNTIE LOUISE

She was once carefree and happy.
There must have been days when
she felt no pain.
But throughout my lifetime
She never walked without the aid of
a cane,
For time is indeed a merciless foe.
It has crippled her, dragged her
down
Into a room, a rocking chair
Where she constantly listens but
hears not a sound.
As I listened from the doorway once—
While she spoke with her ghost—
I heard my parents in the other room
Telling each other the cause is lost,
She's no good to us anymore;
She should be put into a home.
And I thought of Auntie Louise
Sitting near a window, all alone;
Of the time I'd found her on the floor
Blindly fumbling for her fallen
beads
And helped her up onto the sofa,
Bandaging the bleeding knees.
I thought of the letter she'd given me
to mail,
The cursive scrawled as though by
a spider.
As I'd walked toward the door her
pale eyes had pleaded
And I realized the loneliness deep
inside her.
I thought of the wall clock ticking
away
Precious minutes of an old woman's
life.
When they came to take her away
I couldn't manage to look in her
eyes
For the remembrance of what I'd told
her
About perfect mountains and
unsoiled skies.
I read her name in the paper today.
Tomorrow they bury Auntie Louise.
—Karen Thomas

From the JOHNSTOWN BREEZE,
March, 1979

Karen is the daughter
of Gene Thomas and the late
Pat (Kresha) Thomas.



COMING EVENTS

KRESHA REUNION--June 10,
Pawnee Park, Columbus, Neb.
East Shelter--12 noon.
Host Families--
Wayne Grosch
Bill Kresha
Jerome Jarecke

DEADLINE for the next KRONICLE is Aug. 1, 1979

Thomas graduates from NCO School

Marine Corp. Joseph K. Thomas, son of Breeze publisher Gene Thomas, has recently graduated from Non-Commissioned Officer (NCO) School.

During the course at Marine Corps Logistic Base, Atlantic, Albany, Ga., Thomas studied personnel administration, Marine Corps history and

traditions, military courtesy plus the principles and techniques of effective leadership. Practical application periods on close order drill and a rigorous physical fitness program complemented their classroom instruction.

He joined the Marine Corps in August 1976.

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Kresha family reunion held in Pawnee Park

The annual Kresha family reunion was held in Pawnee Park, attended by the following: Mr. and Mrs. Bill Kresha, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Nyffeler, Debbie Kresha, Mr. and Mrs. Art Kresha, Joe Karges, Joyce Kresha, Mr. and Mrs. John Kresha, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Kresha and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Jarecke and sons from Columbus.

Attending from Osceola were Mr. and Mrs. Martin Kresha and family, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Kresha, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Grosch and family, Tony Kresha, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Kresha and family, Mr. and Mrs. Gregg Kresha and family, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Gabel, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Kresha, Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Kresha, and Mr. and Mrs. Allan Kresha.

From other towns came Mrs. Hank Kobza and family and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Hilger and family, Bellwood; Mr. and Mrs. Harold Witulski, Beatrice; Larry Kosch, Crete; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kresha, Julie and Kristi Kresha, Nancy Kresha, and Mickey Bender, Humphrey; Mr. and Mrs. Ted Priestler and Jeanie, Madison; Mr. and Mrs. Larry

Kresha and Dan, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hilger and Matt, Mrs. Bernard Hilger of David City; Randy, Rhonda and Roger Smith, Shelby; Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Kresha and Matthew, Elaine Siverly, Grand Island; Mr. and Mrs. Doug Reid, Ord; Mr. and Mrs. Mike Berlin, Emmetsburg, Iowa.

Births during the past year were: a daughter, Kacey born May 31 to Tim and Cathy Lukassen; son, James Matthew born Aug. 1, to Joe and Lu Kresha; a son, Mark Paul-John born Oct. 28 to Donald and Diane Chaisson; a daughter to Jennie Marie Dunekacke, Nov. 14, to Lee and Mary Lou Dunekacke.

Three marriages — Andrew Kresha and Victoria Wiese, May 27; Patrick Gabel and Christine Kresha, June 24; Steve Witulski and Bettian Kresha, Aug. 19.

There were no deaths in the immediate family during the year.

The 1980 serving committee was Messrs. and Mmes. Wayne Grosch, Bill Kresha, and Jerome Jarecke.

The 1980 reunion is being planned for the second Sunday in June at Pawnee Park.

Dear Family,

So, it's KK time again. Too bad I couldn't make it to Kresha Reunion. Had sisters coming to teach Religious Vacation School, so I couldn't get away. We had three sisters this year, also a number of lay teachers, both men and women, who had charge of classes.

I suppose all of you took turns enduring the summer weather, but since Labor Day is past, I believe most hot days are over. In Holdrege area, we had more and often frequent rains this summer. Everybody was happier when weather was cooler a day or so after the rain. Of course, the weeds had their hey-day, on account of the rains.

Father Howe had a lovely celebration in observance of his 40th anniversary in the Priesthood. The real day was in June, but there were too many activities going on at that time--weddings, vacations, etc. Labor Day was chosen because people would be off work. The Church services were something to remember. Father Howe offered the Thanksgiving Mass, concelebrated with six other priests. There were about 20 other priests present for the festivities, also.

A potluck supper was served to about 200 guests.

We will be having another member when Tom Timmons joins the Kresha Klan. Of course, I'm sure he'll enjoy the Kronicle same as the rest of us do. Am looking forward to seeing all the Kresha's at Nadine and Tom's wedding. Save up the gas so you can make it.

Be seeing you. Love ya ver' much,
MOTHER KRESHA

MY LIFE IS GOING BY TOO FAST



FROM THE EDITOR:

Christmas Kronicle will be typed Nov. 15, and go to the printer Nov. 19. It should be in the mail to you by Dec. 1. Send your news and greetings to reach me before Nov. 15.

Nebr. Historical Society has seen a copy of the KK

and wants to be included on our mailing list. They will keep their copy on file in Lincoln.

Thanks to all who have contributed to the Kronicle Fund.

As space permits, I will include a new section in the Kronicle, "VOICES FROM THE PAST". I think we will all enjoy reading it.

Cheers!

Elaine

BIRTHS



Daughter,
Kelly Christine,
born May 8, 1979,
6 lb. 8 oz.--to

Wanda (Lukassen) and Bob Toombs

Daughter, Kelly Bridget, born July 29, 1979,
7 lb. 10 oz.--to Mary Lou (Kosch) and Tom
O'Brien



June 2, '79

Dear Family,

I've been transferred in the Air Force from Florida to Germany. I'm now at Ramstein Air Base, or "Ramstein Flugplatz", as the Germans say.

It's pretty decent over here. There are a lot of inexpensive tours all over Europe. And there are so many nice things to buy--rugs, tapestries, steins, crystal, stereo and photo equipment, etc. There are also a lot of good concerts in this area. And the wine is delicious. I went on a cruise up the Rhine River where I saw many vineyards, some castles, etc. It's strange how they grow the grapevines anywhere they can. Some are on the sides of steep mountains. They must have to be VERY careful as they're tending the grapes not to go tumbling down the mountainside.

I'm on the downhill side of my enlistment now, as I have less than two years to go. I will get out in April of 1981. After that I plan to go to college at the University of Colo. in Boulder. I plan to go into television advertising.

I hope the summer finds all of you in good health. I also hope the reunion will be good this year.

I'm sending Aunt Elaine a check for \$15. to help cover the costs of printing the Kronicle. I should have sent some money before, but I guess I never got around to it. Well, "Auf wiederseh'n" for now. Keep up the good work on the paper.

My address here is: P.S.C. Box 1764
APO New York, N.Y.
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Love, TERESA THOMAS

June 25, 79

Hi!

I'm sending an Air Force picture to go along with the letter I sent. I finally found it and got some copies made.

I'll be leaving for Italy on June 29th, my birthday, for a month-long TDY (temporary duty), so I'll be there by the time you get this letter. I definitely plan to soak up some sun on the Mediterranean beaches.

I don't think I mentioned it in my last letter, but at my last base there was a guy in my shop (radar) who is a cousin. His name is Paul Halouska. He mentioned that he was from Nebraska, and I asked him if he knew any Kreshas. He said that, "Yes, he has an Aunt Sophia Kresha", and I said, "Hey, so do I!" We got to talking

about it, and we found out we're second cousins or something. Small world.

I hope you all had a good reunion. Sorry I missed it.

Love, TERESA THOMAS



Airman First Class Teresa R. Thomas, daughter of Gene and Pat (Kresha) Thomas, has been assigned to Ramstein Air Base, Germany. Miss Thomas, a radar technician, was formerly assigned to the 33rd Avionics Maintenance Squadron at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla. She is now a member of the 86th Tactical Fighter Wing at Ramstein. Miss Thomas joined the Air Force on the Delayed Enlistment Program on Dec. 31, 1976

June 20, 1979

Dear All,

We enjoyed the Kresha Kronicle this last time--all about Eva and the girl's trip.

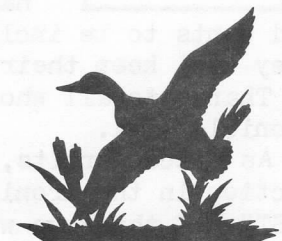
We got .87" of moisture last night with 3 hail storms. One about 8:30 PM, another at 10:30 and they say another at 2 AM, which I did not hear. We also got a big hail storm Saturday night out at the Lukassen farms. Hailstones were between baseball and golf ball size. It broke windows. There was a tornado cloud which touched down 5 miles south of Kimball, but went back up with no damage.

We all got together for Father's Day at Wayne Lukassens. We enjoy there get-togethers so much.

Our granddaughter, Mrs. Dixie Bomberger, was burned badly while starting an outside grill. She has been in the hospital for over a week.

We got the good news yesterday. Chris Lukassen (Mary's daughter) will be our Farmer's Day Queen. We are all happy for her. She is now on a tour with a 4-H group to Washington, D.C.

FRED AND MARTHA LUKASSEN



Hello Everyone!

What happened to the summer? I'm still waiting for summer to come so I don't have to mow the lawn every week. I guess we are just thankful for the rain that has made it keep growing. Matt keeps telling me I shouldn't have fertilized it so much. Wonder where he heard that?!

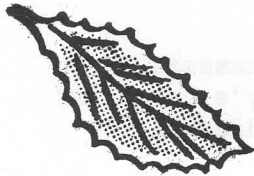
Things are hopping around here like always during the summer. Sweet corn is ready and we are really enjoying it. Everyone is staying well. Hope everyone is finding a little time for a summer break.

Take care,

BOB, SUE, AND MATT
HIIGER



Assistant Fire Chief Bob Hilger, left, and Fire Chief Bill Ortmeier with two awards presented by the Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben at the State Fire School held in Grand Island over the weekend. Hilger received a merit award for his heroism in helping save the life of an infant trapped in an automobile which plunged into a lake here last year. Ortmeier holds the Community Service Award given the David City Volunteer Fire Department for the most outstanding fire prevention work in Nebraska last year.



Dear Family,

Just a note to share our news. We have a new little O'Brien, born July 29. Kelly Bridget weighed in a 7 lb, 10 oz, my smallest baby. She looks like a little pixie.

Tom is home with the rest of the children and I suspect that he has the tough end of the deal.

Our 3 1/2 year old, Bethanie, can hardly wait for her new sis to arrive home. We have 5 little people now, Katie, Matt, Beth, Ben, and Kelly.

We hope all of you have had a healthy and safe summer.

God bless and keep you all.

Love to Grandma Eva. ♡

TOM AND MARY O'BRIEN,
KATIE, MATT, BETHANIE, BENJAMIN AND KELLY



Oct. 4, 1979

Dear Family,

I imagine everyone is wondering where the Kronicle has gotten lost. Well, it didn't get lost--Elaine has just held it up.

My summer and early fall, so far, has been busy, busy, busy.

Most of you know I attended the 8 week summer session at Kearney State College, from June 13 to August 2. I carried 9 credit hours--psychology, math for elementary teachers and are appreciation I am working toward my degree in elementary education. I was issued a substitute teaching certificate, and have substituted 2 days already this school year.

I am teaching third grade CCD again this year. This is my 6th year teaching CCD.

I have also just completed a course in Catechetical Ministry. It was an 8 session course, 3 hours each session. Sometimes I feel my head is about to explode with all these new insights and new knowledge, but I am sure I will take more courses in the very near future.

Kids are all well settled in school. Patrick is a Senior this year. Kenneth is a Sophomore, Bernard a Freshman, Jolene and Colleen are in 7th grade, and Lois is in 6th.

Healthwise, we are holding our own. Lois has been troubled with her bronchitis. Patrick had a terrific case of the flu. Hope that's the end for the year. (Boy, am I a dreamer!)

Sure hated to miss the Lukassen wedding. I'm sure it was beautiful. Hope someone sends the clipping and picture from the paper for the Kronicle.

Our love and prayers,
MARTIN, ELAINE, AND ALL

July 23, 1979

Dear Kresha Kin,

We hope you are having an enjoyable summer. I am staying home and doing some sewing, organizing, and hobbies. Jennie is going out for track and won first place in the 75 yard dash at her first meet in the 8 and 9 year category.

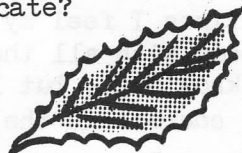
I'm still the president of the Longmont Catholic Singles. We have picnics, hikes, volleyball, and plan to (try to) climb Longspeak again this August. (14,255 ft.)

I'm also getting quite involved at our Deanery level with divorce information and establishing support teams. We meet once a month with priests in No. Colorado and discuss how to change parish attitude and make Catholics more understanding of new Church rules regarding divorce and remarriage. Here it usually takes only about 6-8 months to get an annulment.

We had an enjoyable Western Reunion at Pat Kresha's in Brighton on July 8. She is a good hostess. I have enclosed some candid snapshots. I thought I had captured everyone on film, but later discovered I had even missed Pat (!), also Gene and Gloria Thomas. (Ed. note-- Some of the pictures will run in later issues of the Kronicle)

Good luck to everyone with their crops, health, and any other activities. God bless! Love, MARCIE AND JENNIE STRAUSS

P.S. Does anyone have Grandpa Adolf Kresha's birth certificate?



PICTURES FROM WESTERN REUNION



L-R: Sophia Kresha, Millie Lukassen, Mary Lukassen, Nadine Lukassen (Mary's daughter) Jennifer Palmer (Millie's granddaughter)



Barb and Callen Lukassen with son, Branden (Callen is Dale and Millie's son)

Both pictures taken July, 1979

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Christmas 1979

Dearest Family,

May Christmas blessings be yours now and throughout the year.

FLORENCE, KENNETH, LISA AND KIMBERLEE ANN KRESHA

Dear Martin and Elaine,

Enclosed is \$5.00 toward the Kresha Kronicle for my subscription.

Since I've moved out of the Shelby area, the Kronicle helps to keep the Kreshas pigeon-holed in my mind.

We had our corner stone laying insertion ceremony yesterday (10/28) at the new church in Milligan. Will probably dedicate in the spring when the building is completed with final touches--eg., stained glass windows, etc. We've had services in it since Aug. 4th. We think a practical church along traditional lines.

FR. ANTHONY T. TRAUSCH
405 Main St.
Friend, Nebr. 68359

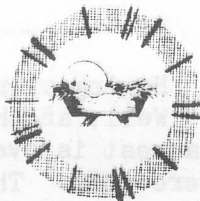


Dear Family,

May the Prince of Peace who brought true joy into the world, fill your hearts with His blessing during this holy season and throughout the New Year.

With love,

SISTER DOLORES SMAGACZ
Box 218
Cuba, New Mexico 87013



Christmas 1979

Dear Kresha Clan--

Whatever is Beautiful,
Whatever is Meaningful,
Whatever brings you Happiness--
May it be Yours this Holiday Season
And Throughout the Coming Year !!!

DOLORES AND DICK NYFFELER

DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT KRONICLE WILL BE
FEBR. 15, 1980

Nov. 11, 1979

Dear Kresha Family,

Down in Southern Nebr. the fall harvest is nearly completed. The milo and dry-land corn crops were very good. Rains were frequent this summer. Sept. was a dry month. Rains last week have helped the newly planted wheat fields. We are very thankful for the many garden vegetables, lovely orchard fruits, and field grains we raised this year.

With the price of gasoline nearly \$1.00, we plan our trips to town very carefully. It is so convenient to have the grocery stores open on Sunday. With winter coming on, we store up more staples than usual.

We enjoyed the family reunion in Columbus last June. I am missing my favorite small spatula with the rosewood handle. It was in with my lemon pie plate and when the pie was all gone, it walked down the dessert line into someone else's dish. Please save it for me and bring it to the 1980 reunion. A suggestion for the picnic is--parents, please bring your children to meet or shake hands with our family patriarches and matriarches when they do come to the reunion. The nieces and nephews are growing up so fast, even I don't recognize them anymore.

Last week-end I attended a water color workshop and learned more about painting. With winter here, and less time spent outdoors, I'll be creating more paintings (until I get a closet full). My last 3 paintings were floral, but the picture I created at the workshop was of an old barn. Four of my paintings were on display at the Beatrice Community Hospital all summer.

Today our church had their annual soup supper and bazaar. I donated 15 pounds of onions (I had a big crop) for the chili soup. For the bazaar I crocheted and knitted wreath lapel pins, bell corsages, table hot mats, and a baby's toy using the Legg's plastic egg.

In closing, our wish for all of you is a joyful Christmas and a Happy New Year filled with good health and many blessings.

Our love and prayers,

HAROLD AND LILLIAN WITULSKI



Nov. 8, 1979

Dear Family,
Guess I will try and get this out this AM before I get the kids up. Any more, early morning is the only time I get any letter writing done. We are all fine here. Everyone is in good health right now. Pam's last check-up showed her scoliosis hasn't moved any more so she doesn't need to go back to the Doctor till March.

We have all been quite busy. I am working now and really enjoy my job. I am working at our school as an aide with the handicapped. I work mainly with one little girl in the 2nd grade. It is a real challenge and very rewarding when I can finally get her to do something. I work from 8:30 to 4:00.

The kids have been really busy in school. Tom is going out for basketball. He hasn't gotten too involved yet, but it looks like he might. Andy was playing football, but they played their last game Thursday. I enjoyed going to as many games as I could. They won 4 out of 7 this year. Much better than last year. Pam is involved in anything she can get into. Right now its drama and she is at practice 6 hours a day. We never see her anymore. Their play is next week, so I'll be glad when it's over. She is also in band. They will be going to El Paso, Tx. on the 19th to march in the Sun Bowl parade on Thanksgiving Day. They will be back sometime the 23rd, so we're trying to get her ready for that. Danny is enjoying school this year. He's in the 1st grade. I work at the same school where he goes so it makes it nice. I just take him with me and bring him home with me. No worry about a baby sitter. Tomorrow there is no school in the Elementary Building so I will be home to get caught up a little. I sure can get behind now that I'm working.

I better close this now. I hope each and every one of you have a very Happy and Blessed Holiday.

Love to all,



PAT, PAM, ANDY, TOM AND DANNY KRESHA

TERRI THOMAS will be spending Christmas at her base--Ramstein, Germany. She has been in Spain recently and is on Sardinia at present but will be back at Ramstein Dec. 21.

Hello and a Merry Christmas Everyone.

We are at the end of another year. The year has been good to us. Our crops are in and the cattle are in the stalks. Everyone here is in good health.

Our big thrill of the year was the fact that we got to go to Iowa to see the Pope. Duane Gabels asked us to accompany them. It was, and is still, a beautiful memory.

With this goes Christmas Wishes and Good Tidings to all!

GLENN, IIA AND TONY KRESHA



Christmas, 1979

"The Holiday brings thoughts of you all."

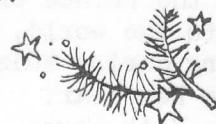
Once more we use the Christmas Season to remind dear loved ones that they maintain a prominent place in our thoughts even though we seldom write and have the joy of seeing many of you.

"It is a joy in Life to find
at every turning of the road.
Since we have little Gold to give
Our love alone must make amends.
Our earnest prayer is while we live,
God please make us worthy of Relatives
and Friends".

I join you in heart and mind as I wish for you every possible joy and satisfaction that can be yours in this holiday season and throughout the days of your future.

With sincere love,

ANN KRESHA HENSEL



Hoping everyone is well and happy.

Well, another year will soon be over. Our harvest is over now. Corn and other crops were good. The corn was better than last year. We don't like the early winter. We had about 5 inches of rain and about 2 inches of snow.

We are getting along OK. We want to wish all our relatives and friends a MERRY CHRISTMAS and a PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

Pauline is not able to send all the Christmas mail she used to enjoy sending.

Closing with best wishes,

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



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Love,

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God Bless!

Peace

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MARCIE AND JENNIE STRAUSS

11-19-79

My Christmas Prayer for each of you:

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The Joy of God within you
Through every passing day--
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My best wishes,

ROSE HILGER



To wish you
all the Peace and Joy
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and happiness in
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MARTIN, ELAINE, PATRICK, KENNETH,
BERNARD, JOLENE, COLLEEN, AND LOIS
KRESHA

11-15-79

Hello Everyone,

We have been grateful for the late frost and mild weather this fall. The delayed frost helped our corn mature and produce a good yield. Our crop had several set-backs with hail, so we were glad for the late frost.

The boys are still picking corn. Our corn is harvested, but they are still doing some custom harvesting.

We have had good moisture earlier this fall so the winter wheat had a good start going into the winter.

It was heartwarming that so many of you could be with us for Tom and Nadine's wedding. It is great that we have such a considerate, loving family. We were sorry that some of you couldn't come, but we understand.

Tom and Nadine are in Ohio, traveling with his work and are in a different location almost every day. We are planning to have them home for Thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving dinner for the Lukassen Klan will be at my house (about 35 guests) I'm hoping for nice weather so the older children can be outside.

We send our best wishes to all for a Blessed Christmas and a Happy, Healthy, New Year.

Love to All--

MARY, DAVE, PATSY, CHRIS AND MARTY
LUKASSEN

*He Was Born On
Christmas Morning,*

Alleluia!

GREETINGS!

Wishing everyone peace and joy this Holiday Season. May the Good Lord send His Blessings in the New Year.

PAUL, THERESA KRESHA AND FAMILY



A MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM COLORADO:

We hope we're not too late for the Christmas deadline. Time slips by too quickly.

May all of our loved ones have a Holy and Blessed Christmas and a Happy and Peaceful New Year.

The past year has been busy for all of us, but we have been thankful for everything God has given us, especially our health.

We were happy to see so many at Nadine and Tom's wedding. Just not enough time to visit much.

Our son Vaughn, who works for Mary will be getting married on Febr. 16 to Terri Joska. We are hoping you can all make it for the wedding which will be in Pine Bluffs, Wyo. (about 20 mi. west of Kimball)

Curtis is going to college in Pueblo, and Evan is a 10th grader at Canon High School.

Our children have planned a get-together for our 33rd anniversary on Nov. 24th. It will be wonderful to have all of them at home.

Our best wishes for the Holidays.

MILLIE AND DALE LUKASSEN AND FAMILY

Dear Kresha Robins,

Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year. 1979 was busy as usual. John is busy at Safeway. I'm sewing my little heart out. Johnna is in 7th grade and on the honor roll. Jason is a 4th grader and following the football season and the BRONCOS.

Our summer was busy fishing, camping, and gardening. Fall was beautiful in the mountains, and winter is setting in with snow in high mountains.

All our wishes for peace in the world as well as in our own hearts.

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ROSE HILGER



Christmas 1979

Dear Family,

Days are getting shorter, but they speed by nonetheless. The Christ Child's feast day will sneak up on us.

We celebrate Christmas in remembrance of the time when the Baby Jesus came to earth to give us the greatest of gifts--Himself.

In this joyous season, I extend to you all my heartfelt wishes--may your Christmas be joyful, your coming year be a blessed one. May you have God's blessings and good health.

Love ya ver' much,

MOTHER KRESHA

P.S. Let this be my Christmas card to you. My hand cannot take so much writing.
Love ya'!!



Nov. 14, 1979

Dear Kresha Family:

A healthy and peaceful Christmas to you all. We'll spend Thanksgiving with Kreshas in Bakersfield and Christmas in San Jose. God and OPEC providing. Holiday season here can either be barbeque weather or a wind storm. Last New Years when Dan Hilger's family was visiting we had a wind storm and an earthquake on the same holiday. I'm still not used to the yearly brush fires around here. This summer, secure in our tile roof house several miles from the nearest hillside, we sat in bed one night and watched the mountain side burn from left to right across the skies. Dante's Inferno?

Don still races his little Triumph Spitfire despite having to rebuild it again this spring. Labor Day weekend he dusted off his golf clubs and was sent by his company to Rochester, NY to be in a Kodak tournament. This spring Diane went to her first Sweet Adelines regional competition with her chorus in Long Beach. The 1979 weekend appropriately fell on Mother's Day.

Early in November we were happy to take Grandparents Kresha with us to San Diego where Don gave a presentation to a scientific society. While Don was at work, the rest of us saw the San Diego Zoo. Little Mark (1 yr.) would bark at the more colorful animals that caught his eye. Our Marie's (3 yr.) Christmas wish (and her Mom's dread) is to join all the kids on the block with a pair of roller skates.

Love to you all.

DIANE AND DON CHAISSON, MARIE AND MARK

Nov. 16, 1979

Dear Family:

May the peace of Christ be with you--also our wishes for good health and happiness during the New Year. These are troubled times and we need to remember each other in our prayers.

Our thanks to Elaine for her work and efforts in editing the Kresha Kronicle. Will include money for the new year from George and Mike. Thank you, Elaine.

Our family has much to be thankful for--our good health and the memories of happy times we've had throughout the year. The happy reunion we had with Rita in Sacramento, or the two grand and glorious weeks we had in Hawaii, and my visit to Nebraska in August. Thanks to Rose Hilger and her family who chauffeured me around for a quick visit with most of the family. Sorry we missed a few of you, also, that George didn't make it.

How about these Kreshas with their reunions--one in Sacramento, Calif, 2nd in Nebr., and 3rd in Colo. Must be quite a few of us. Richard and Gail Kresha are hosting the Thanksgiving dinner in Bakersfield again this year. Gail always has a sumptuous dinner.

Mike keeps himself busy since his retirement and work visa in Nebr. We see or talk with him every day, since he lives only a short distance from us. He said to tell you he plans to come back to Nebr. every summer.

Our grandchildren give us much joy--we usually see them a couple days each month, either here or we drive down there. Mark is walking and Marie goes to nursery school a couple of days each week.

We are having fantastic fall weather--nice and balmy, most of the leaves still on the trees. Calif. had a good harvest in everything this year--cotton, vegetables, and fruits. I canned a lot.

Elaine, thank you again and Merry Christmas to all.

Love and prayers,

GEORGE AND MARGARET KRESHA

LEONARD SERIO died of a heart attack in Milwaukee, Wisc. Nov. 10. His wife is the former Ann Karges. Address: 2600 W. Holt Ave Milwaukee, Wisc. 53215

Serio, Leonard B. Nov. 10, 1979, age 70 years. Beloved husband of Ann M. Serio. Also survived by brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Funeral Mon. at 9:15 a.m. from the funeral home to the IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH, at 10 a.m. Entombment Forest Home Cemetery. Private services and burial. GUARDALABENE & AMATO SCHMIDT & BARTELT 2001 N. Holtton St. 263-7474

Death Notice

P.S. to George and Margaret Kresha's letter

Recently Fr. Anthony was checking out some marriage records in St. Mary's and he found the marriage record of Adolf F. Kresha and Sophia Kropatsch.

Adolf's father was THEODORE KRESHA. His mother was CECELIA PIRSIKOWSKI.

Sophia Kropatsch's father was JOHN KROPATSCH--Mother, ANNA KRAL.

Adolf and Sophia were married in St. Mary's Church, Pilzno, rural Osceola, Neb. on Jan. 14, 1895. Ceremony performed by Father John Moenta, then pastor of St. Mary's. Witness to the marriage--Frank Kropatsch and Mariann Wandro.

(Father sent this to me some time ago and I thought it worth passing on. You may want to put this information on the back page of Adolf Kresha in the family book. Just a couple of weeks ago someone asked us what Sophia Kropatsch's mother's name was.)

Margaret Kresha

11-12-79



Dear Elaine and All,

Seems I didn't get a few lines off to you for the last issue. Always busy. We had such a wonderful fall. It didn't freeze until the last two weeks, so I didn't clean up the yard as everything was growing and the flowers were never prettier.

My joyful occasion was making the Pilgrimage to see the Pope in Iowa. We went on a chartered bus. 45 people, including Fr. Valdez from Bridgeport and Fr. Tryillo from Pine Bluffs, Wyo. (The Toombs' pastor). He kept the bus ringing with music on his guitar. We got on the bus at Scottsbluff about 4 PM Wed., and rode all night, arriving 6 AM at the place patrolmen told us to take to park. Western Nebr. had first preference if they were there when the gate opened up. We were 4th in line. Got off the bus--no breakfast--and walked about 1/4 of a mile. My friend (got lost from the group) and I were right in front of the altar about 2 blocks from the fenced in area. We stood and knelt for 12 hours but it didn't seem long. Had a roll and half a grape-fruit about 10 AM. We didn't have a blanket or anything to sit on. It was very cold and cloudy. There was some entertainment all morning long, and when the Pope finally arrived about 1 1/2 hrs. late, the sun came out and the wind ceased.

It was like a miracle.

We had very nice people in our group. Everyone was so kind. People were everywhere, covering 600 A. I still can't believe that it could be so great an occasion. We didn't get hungry or cold. We left immediately after everything was over. My friend and I were the first to get to the bus. Some got lost and we had to wait for them. We left for home about 7 PM and stopped about 70 miles or more from the History Farms to eat our first warm meal and then on our way again to Scottsbluff. Got there a little after 7:30 AM Friday. I came home to Mitchell with a family who were also from Mitchell.

I unpacked, cleaned up, ate breakfast at 10 o'clock and rested for 2 hours. Then I went to work at the Thrift Shop. Then I went to Morrell at 7 PM for first Friday Mass. Came home feeling thankful for being able to be one of the 340,000 or more who were able to attend. I am sure that will never happen in my lifetime again. I wish you all could experience how wonderful it is to make a Pilgrimage.

Pope John Paul II has touched the hearts of all of us in a very special way. I found myself with tears in my eyes. I was so impressed. The great crowd was so quiet. It was almost solemn despite the cold weather and the long wait. An atmosphere of peace and love in the entire gathering.

A Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.

SOPHIA KRESHA



Dear Kresha Relatives,

I hope everyone is getting set for a happy holiday season, and a good 1980 year.

We were not able to make it to the annual Kresha reunion in June, so missed seeing a lot of you at that time. We were happy to get to go to the get-together that Pat Kresha hosted when Rita was here in early summer, and later to get to go to Nadine's wedding at Kimball. We enjoyed visiting with many of you on those occasions.

Things are rocking along about the same here--keeping busy but not inundated with work, which is about the way I like it.

Joe is planning to come home for Christmas, arriving in Denver at midnight on Dec. 20, and departing for his base at Atlanta on Dec. 29. We will probably visit my parents at Grand Junction while he is here. He and Karen and Gloria may get to visit some of you while he is here. I will be pretty much confined during that time with work when not at one of the get-togethers in my family. We will likely get together with my sister in Arvada on Christmas Day.

GENE THOMAS AND FAMILY