

KRESHA KRONICLE

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To All the Kresha Relationship--
A JOYOUS CHRISTMAS!

My Christmas greetings and best wishes to all the Kreshas. It has been a good year for me, healthwise, and I hope all of you enjoy every blessing of good health and the Lord's peace.

FATHER MATT BURGER



Thank You

To the readers of the
KRESHA KRONICLE--

I take these means through the Kronicle to thank you all for your kind expression of sympathy in my sorrow, of the loss of my beloved husband and pal, 'Leonard'.

My best to you all and the best of health.
Love!

ANN (KARGES) SERIO

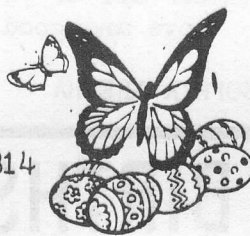
Dear All:

May your paths be strewn with flowers,
Memories, friends and happy hours,
May blessings come from heaven above
To fill your lives with peace and love.

HAPPY EASTER!

LUCY CARTER
Star Route

Coeurd 'Alene, Idaho 83814



KRESHA-KUHNEL FAMILY TREE

I am searching for any information on the exact place Adolf, Amelia, Annie Kresha came from on August 8, 1888. I have Neustadt, near Graetz, Morovia, Austria. I would like to locate exact location so I could try to get information from that country.

Also would like name of ship, where it landed, etc., and any information on their brothers, Theodore and Joseph or their families. Contact:

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Dear Round Robins,

We are almost too sad to write a letter this time. Our hearts and prayers go out to our dear Mother who will soon have surgery on her hip in Sacramento, Calif. The pain and the effects of the drugs will be a big burden to our Mother at her age. (87)

Harold's Mother (86) fell on Jan. 15 and had hip surgery with partial replacement of the hip socket. Her progress was slow, but a week ago the hip was dislocated. She is in much pain. The hip will be set on Mon.

Harold's brother Charles has been very sick with allergies for 3 or 4 years now and the Doctors told him to give up farming. He and Betty have purchased the Beatrice Lumber Yard which he feels will make a good living for his family. So that means Harold will do all the farming. To lessen the work load they'll sell all the livestock so there won't be chores to do.

This fall Harold tore down the old barn and used some of the lumber and foundation to build a repair shop. He overhauls all the tractors, trucks, and combine. Our car doesn't need repairing and it has 148,000 miles on it already.

On Febr. 10, we attended Mass at the Church of the Holy Spirit in Plattsmouth, where our grandson, Matthew O'Brien received his first Communion. We later enjoyed dinner with the family and caught up on all the grandchildren's activities.

Congratulations to Vaughn and Theresa Lukassen on their Febr. 16 wedding. We just couldn't attend, with all the sickness in the family and the highways being so icy and snow-packed.

In water color painting, I just finished a bouquet of yellow daisies and blue forget-me-nots in a vase. The other picture is of 3 iris blooming. The flowers look almost real. What a joy in the dead of winter. Next summer I should paint a cool snow scene!

Keep smiling! Spring is just around the corner!

Love to all.

HAROLD AND LILLIAN WITULSKI



2-14-80

Dear Kresha Readers,

That deadline slipped up on me like a ghost again. Hope this letter gets in the Kronicle with time to spare.

I am doing OK in Crete in spite of the cold winter we're having and the busy sports schedule that I have. I just hope that it doesn't get any worse than this.

I had a nice visit with Larry Kresha recently when he was in Crete to watch his son Brad wrestle in the Central 10 Conference Tourney. We talked about a wide variety of topics, both past and present. I was able to have a word or two with Brad in spite of his preoccupation in preparing for his matches.

Incidentally, I've included a picture of Brad after he received his third place medal in the 132 lb class at the C-10 Tourney. I think that he did well in the tourney and I wish to congratulate him for his fine work.

I was sorry to hear that Grandma Kresha needed a hip operation. My step-dad, Harold Witulski, heard the same news when his Mother fell and broke her hip. She had to have the same type of operation that Grandma Kresha had. The thing I couldn't figure out is why take her all the way to Calif., when an operation in Lincoln or Omaha would do? It would save expenses and spare Grandma the pain of traveling with that sore, stiff hip. I realize that the operation may already be done by the time this Kronicle gets out. I just wanted to put in a few words about this issue as I suspect that a few members of this family may be trying to make themselves look good to others.

Note to Grandma: I wish you a speedy recovery from your operation and may you be your happy self again!

Since this letter is being written on St. Valentine's Day, I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone in the Kresha clan and the rest of the family a Happy Valentine's Day.

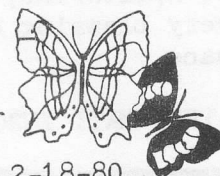
I just can't wait for Spring to get here as I am anxious to start fishing. I picked up this hobby last summer when I caught a good-sized bluegill at Beaver Lake near Tom and Mary O'Brien's place. Even though I didn't catch any more fishes last summer, (I almost had a 20 lb. catfish last fall!) I was hooked on this hobby. This past winter I've been reading fishing magazines, buying fishing equipment and putting together a fishing boat. It will be a two-man vinyl inflatable boat with a special inside bottom I've built.

I still need to get stuff like life-vests, anchor, etc. My biggest purchase will be a depth finder. Basically, my "Little Dreamer" is about ready for open water.

With the closing of this letter, may my love for all of you be like the loaves and fishes that Jesus fed the crowds with. There's more than enough for everyone with some left over.

With love,

LARRY J. KOSCH



2-18-80

Dear Family,

I hope I'm not too late with this letter. I just kept putting it off.

Connie Kresha and I drove over to Kimball to see Eva, Mary, Millie and Dale Lukassen, and some of their families. We had a nice time. Mary had a lovely dinner--turkey and all the trimmings. It was so good. Monday morning Mary took Eva to Denver to catch the plane to California.

I didn't get to Vaughn's (Lukassen) wedding. It snowed for 2 or 3 days. Friday it snowed 3". Connie left Friday evening after work so she could ride with Wilfred and Ursulla, Charles and Lucy. Saturday morning the cars were covered with ice and snow, as it rained first and then froze.

I am getting ready for Lent and will remember all of you in my prayers.

Love and good wishes.

SOPHIA KRESHA

BIRTHS



SON,
Robert John-Paul,
7 lb. 4 oz., Dec. 14,
1979, to Kathi (Kresha)
and Bob Mausbach

SON, Jonathan Sebastian, Febr. 23, 1980, to
Mary and Raymond Kresha

DAUGHTER, April Marie, 10 lb. 4 oz., March 3, '80
to Denice and Greg Kresha

SON, Vincent Mark, 7 lb. 10 1/2 oz., Mar. 24,
1980, to Vicki and Andrew Kresha



2-13-80

Dear Round Robins,

We have been fortunate to have one of the mildest winters I can remember. The ground is white now, but we didn't have any winds so the snow stayed where it fell. We're not complaining, either.

We were blessed with another little grandson last Dec. 14, 1979. Our daughter, Kathi and Bob Mausbach are the proud parents. He weighed 7 lbs. 14 oz., and was named Robert John-Paul.

The high school had their Valentine Dance last week and Julie was crowned Sweetheart Queen. She was tickled pink. Julie also graduates in May and plans on going to Platte College in Columbus this fall.

Andrea and Ted Preister are expecting an addition to their family in June.

We will have a wedding coming up on Sept. 13. Nancy and Mickey Bender are going to tie the knot so we expect to see you all at that time.

We didn't take a vacation this year. Too many things going on and coming up, so we have to conserve our strength.

Hope to see many of you at the wedding in Pine Bluffs this Sat. and in the future.

Love,

CHARLIE AND LUCY KRESHA AND FAMILY



3-24-80

Dear Family,

There's not much new that I could write. Rita has been sending family letters since I've been here. I am so thankful for your prayers and gifts.

I have been doing well since my surgery. I was so weak I couldn't even stand alone, when I left the hospital. Now I walk with the aid of a walker. I may be able to walk with two canes, soon. My back seems to be so weak.

The weather has been fine, since the rainy season ended. It is cool in the mornings with sunshine daily. I do walking exercises on the patio in the warm of the day.

Easter is just around the corner as I write this. I wish you all the joys of the season. I'm so thankful to God for His Blessings. I need not write of much else. I'm also thankful to you all for your prayers, that won for me this favor--a return to health.

Love ya ver' much,

MOTHER KRESHA



2-17-80

Dear Kresha Family,

Not too much new has happened in our family since we wrote for the Christmas Kronicle. We have been experiencing a rather miserable winter as I know a lot of you have. We had planned to go to Vaughn Lukassen's wedding yesterday, but decided not to because the weather looked so bad. It then got better and we wished we had gone, but that is the way things go, I guess.

We are hoping that Grandma Kresha's surgery goes well and that she has no complications with it.

Joe is still in the Marines at Atlanta and looking forward to getting out in August. He enjoyed his trip home at Christmas.

Terri is back at Ramstein right now, but is planning TDY's on Sardinia and in Spain again in coming months. She is talking of getting married this summer.

Karen is still looking for work, maybe getting a little closer, but I don't know.

Gloria is doing fine in school and continuing to enjoy basketball, though not getting to play in games as much as she'd like.

I keep fairly busy with the paper, though things are not rushing as much as they might be. We have not had any health problems beyond the usual colds and the like. Main job seems to be able to stay warm and keep the car running.

Love,

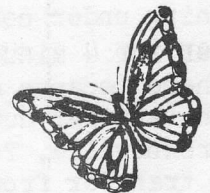
GENE THOMAS, KAREN AND GLORIA

Death Notice

Funeral services were held Wednesday morning at Newcastle, Wyoming for Emry Kropatsch, 74, who died Sunday morning, August 19, in a hospital at Lusk, Wyoming.

Mr. Kropatsch was born September 18, 1905 and was married to Frances Iwan. He farmed north of Osceola before entering the armed forces in World War II. After his discharge from military service, they moved to Wyoming.

Survivors include his wife, one son and one daughter.



Holy Thursday, 1980

Hello Everyone!

As I'm writing this we are getting ready for Easter, but when you read this, Easter will be past, so I hope God's every blessing came to you for Easter. The makings of a white Easter are certainly with us. We think of Mary and the rest of you living in Western Nebr. where they are getting so much snow which is so hard on the calves being born now. Our moisture has been coming in the form of rain, so the ground is soaked.

A lot has happened to us since I last wrote you. We have been gone close to a month, taking us about 7,000 miles. On Febr. 14th we left for points south with my cousin Martha (Mimick) and John Stachura. The high points we hit were Eisenhower Museum in Abilene, Kansas, President Johnson's boyhood home in Johnson City, Texas and the ranch where he is buried. It really is a beautiful set-up. At San Antonio we toured the Alamo and the Lone Star Brewery which is noted for its Hall of Horns. The ceiling is covered with deer horns, while the sides have freak type horns, plus furniture made out of different horns. They have a stuffed cow that has horns with a span of 104". We went to Matamoras, Mexico and had lots of fun "Jewing" with the Mexicans to get their merchandise for the price we wanted to pay. We went sea shell hunting at Padre Island along the gulf. There were still signs of the oil slick last fall. We enjoyed eating Red Snapper. Since we like most fish, we took advantage of eating fresh fish as often as we could. The object of the trip South was to see Dick's sister who had surgery in Nov. At that time they found she had cancer. While we were there, they operated on her for the third time, convinced that they had everything under control. We only got to see her for 4 minutes all the time we were there because she was in intensive care. She and her husband had just moved to Brownsville, Tex. in October. He received a transfer from Columbus, Ohio with the Company that he has worked for ever since they were married. The name of the Co. is Ranco. They make all automatic switches for refrigerators and heaters. The Co. moved down to Mexico to take advantage of the cheap labor--only 4 whites work in the plant. It was on to Galveston where we had hoped to see the 8th wonder of the world--the Bishop's Palace, built in 1846. It was closed so we drove along the Gulf

of Mexico and saw some large ships. Next stop was Webster City where NASA is located. Got to see all the equipment that had gone into outer space and to the moon. Also, the place where the fellows train for space flight. Tours through the Astrodome were in the morning. We arrived there after dinner, so we bought a ticket to the Rodeo that was going on, just so we could see the inside of the building. It was a very good rodeo. It was the same one that was on TV when we got back home. Shawn Cassidy was the entertainer--an idol of the younger set (rock music).

That evening we spent with Dick Torczon, our cousin. They live in Houston. He is still with Conoco Oil. We really gave him a bad time about the oil situation. We were so happy to find Dick in better shape than when we saw him 4 years ago. He has Lou Gehring Disease which means the deterioration of the muscles. (My dad had this disease) Anyway, they gave him 2 years to live and he is going on 7. This past year and a half it has stabilized. When he goes out, he does use a cane. He told us all of our muscles age as time goes on, but that his went at a faster rate, so his are like those of a 90 year old man.

Our nephew, Gene Nyffeler lives at Garland, which is close to Dallas. Would you believe the day he was going to take us on a tour of the city, there was a blizzard? (You name it, we hit all kinds of weather. One day we had black ice which means the highway is covered with ice, but you don't realize it till you apply your brakes.) The next day Gene was able to take us around in his van. We went to Kennedy's Memorial, Fair Grounds, Cotton Bowl, (where the playing field was covered with ice and snow) saw the huge airport and went to Hywatt-Regency and took the glass elevator to the top to look over the city.

For you "Dallas" fans--we never did find where the Ewing Ranch was. Some friends of ours that were there say it's near Plain-o. We didn't get to see J.R., Bobby, Pam, Jock, etc. Ha! Ha!

We enjoyed the juicy oranges and grapefruit that were to be had down there.

Our landlord, Emil Blaser died in Denver, March 2, from Lou Gering Disease. Only his was in the throat part. So that meant a trip to Denver. While there, I called Mrs. Adrian (Pat) Kresha. She was packing to go to Wisc. to her Father's funeral. By the way, that same week, Mrs. Edwin Kresha lost her Father, Peter Kula.

More Dick Nyffeler--

On March 11, Dick's sister passed away, so we then had to take off for Columbus, Ohio. She was buried there as that is where she had lived most of her life. Two of their married sons live there, too.

To add to our sorrow, on March 19th (which was my Mother's birthday) our Norwegian Elkhound dog died. We took him to the Vet as soon as we discovered something was wrong, but he died about 3 minutes after we got there. The Vet figured it was a heart attack. The fact that he was an older dog made his loss a little easier. The loss of our house dog was harder to take as we were more attached to it. We ran an ad to find another Norwegian Elkhound, and would you believe the closest one we can get is Odessa which is near Kearney, Nebr.?

Like everyone else we are anxious for Spring to come and stay. Dick has been lucky and has most of the stalks shredded and disked. I just got a good start power raking my lawn. With all this moisture there won't be any "Good Friday" potatoes planted.

I'll sign off now to leave room for someone else. Hope to see you all at the family picnic in June.

DOLORES AND DICK NYFFELER



Kresha earns top Cub award

Kenneth Kresha of Columbus is the first Cub Scout from St. Anthony's Pack 273 to win the Arrow of Light Award, the highest award in Cub Scouting.

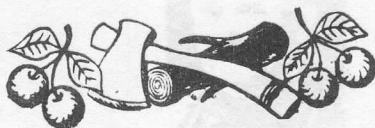
The award was presented at the Blue and Gold Banquet recently.

At the same time, Kenneth graduated into Boy Scouts. He will become a member of St. Bonaventure Troop 115.

Kenneth, a fifth grader at St. Anthony Catholic School, is the son of Mrs. Edwin Kresha.



Kenneth Kresha



Delegate — John Kobza of David City Aquinas High School, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kobza of Bellwood, has been named by the Butler County Farm Bureau to be a delegate to the Farm Bureau Youth Citizenship Seminar to be held at Aurora March 23-25.

2-15-80

Dear Family,

How is the New Year treating you? I hope it will be a good year for everyone.

All of us are concerned about Eva's health. Thank you Mary and Rita, for your wise and quick decision about her care when it was needed. With the best of medical care and all of our prayers, I am confident all will go well.

The weather in Eastern Nebr., with only light snows, has been one of our better winters. Reports of adverse weather where some of you live has been a hardship, I'm sure. The school children keep wishing for school closing weather in this area.

Winter is a time of relaxing, reading, and catching up on the jobs I neglect all year. With a small grocery on hand, I have no need to be out on the road. Now that the seed corn has been delivered, I know that spring is just around the corner.

The week before Christmas, Bonnie and Hank (Kobza) took their oldest son, John, age 17 to Mayo Brothers. He had been having health problems for over a year. The doctors in David City and Lincoln encouraged them to seek more help as there was definitely an answer to his problem. While they were gone, I helped out with their family, especially Cathie, age 2, and Tom, age 4. The school children were well organized and all went well, as I knew it would.

Christmas came early with the diagnosis that John was in good health, but hyper-ventilated. Can you imagine the JOY of all the family? Now John has been accepted by the coaches to participate in sports again. He is on Aquinas' (David City) basketball team and loves to play.

In January, I began a Bridge Class. What a challenge! Now if I could retain all that I learn. Bridge playing relatives, let's get together!

May Peace be with you. My prayers for all.

Love,

ROSE HILGER

FORTY YEARS AGO November 30, 1939

The Adolph Kresha family organized a 4-H club solely within its own ranks. Not only do the members of the first forestry club belong to the same family but also the leader and assistant leader. Officers are Martin, Arthur, Lillian and Charles Kresha. Mrs. Kresha volunteered to be leader and Lillian will act as assistant. Other club members are Wilfred and Patty Lou Kresha.

2-5-80

Dear Kresha Family,

This should have been in the Kronicle before this, but I've been very busy with tests and getting ready to earn the highest award in Cub Scouting, which I'll receive Febr. 19. This is a great honor. I will also graduate into the Boy Scout Troop. I am looking forward to some great adventures.

My greatest thrill that I want to write about was the trip to Iowa to see Pope John Paul II. I went with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kopetzky and family. It was a joyful occasion to be making the Pilgrimage.

We left Columbus, Nebr., early on Wed. Oct. 3. It took us about 5 hours to make the trip. We stayed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver De Ruyscher and Mrs. Ethel Kling. They are the parents and grandmother of the Kopetzky's son-in-law. Kent Kopetzky and I spent the afternoon playing football in the warm fall air. After a trip to K-Mart, Kent, John and I played a long game of Monopoly. Later we slept on the floor of the living room.

Thursday, Oct. 4 began about 6 in the morning. The sunny skies of the day before disappeared--and it was a chilly 35. We all bundled up and went to the State Capitol building in downtown Des Moines, one of the 5 areas where buses were picking people up to go to the farms. All the buses within 50 miles of Des Moines were being used, which meant all the kids in Des Moines got a day off school!

We got within half a mile of the Living History Farms, where the Holy Father was going to say Mass. We had to walk and it wasn't very warm, either. When we finally got to the pasture where the altar was, we saw a really amazing sight--200,000 people gathered together. That was about 7:30 AM. Even though we had brought blankets, it was still very cold when the wind blew on us.

For most of the morning, we waited very anxiously for the Pope's arrival. We made trips to the lunch stands and almost got lost in the crowd that by now had grown to 350,000. Then, at noon, the word arrived that the Pope would be two hours late.

At noon, there was a special service for people of all faiths. At about 1:00, Pope John Paul II landed at the Des Moines airport. We had a radio there and got to hear what the Holy Father had to say. Then we listened as he flew to St. Patrick's Parish outside Cumming,

Iowa. This church, like my St. Anthony's, is a small parish, built in 1852. The Pope spent about half an hour there, and gave a special sermon to the Parishoners. Then he was off in his helicopter again. We all waited, anxiously, watching with our binoculars to the South, hoping to see his helicopter. Finally, the green Army helicopter got there! We all waved as he landed about a quarter-mile from us. But then everyone realized that the Pope's helicopter was still in the air. It soon flew overhead, and we all waved. We saw the Pope wave toward us.

At this time, almost like a miracle, the cloud drifted away and it turned into a beautiful, sunny day.

The Pope then said his mass. Although he is from Poland, he can speak English very well. We were behind the altar, so we couldn't see him awfully well. But there were big loudspeakers all over, so we could hear.

Pope John Paul II said in his sermon that we in rural America have the duty to help feed the people of the world. We went to Communion. They had 150 priests from the Des Moines diocese passing out the hosts. Then, all too soon, the Mass was over and we began our long walk back to the buses. The people were all anxious to get on, so it was one big mess trying to get on a bus. Finally, after an hour, we got on and went back to our car. It was nearly 8:45 when we got back to the car, after a wild ride on the bus. The driver was a real grouch. He drove like a maniac and took the corners so fast we all thought the bus would tip over!!!

Finally, we got back to the De Ruyscher's house. We were all cold, tired, and hungry, but very happy that we got to see the Pope. Seeing the successor of St. Peter was a very joyous experience.

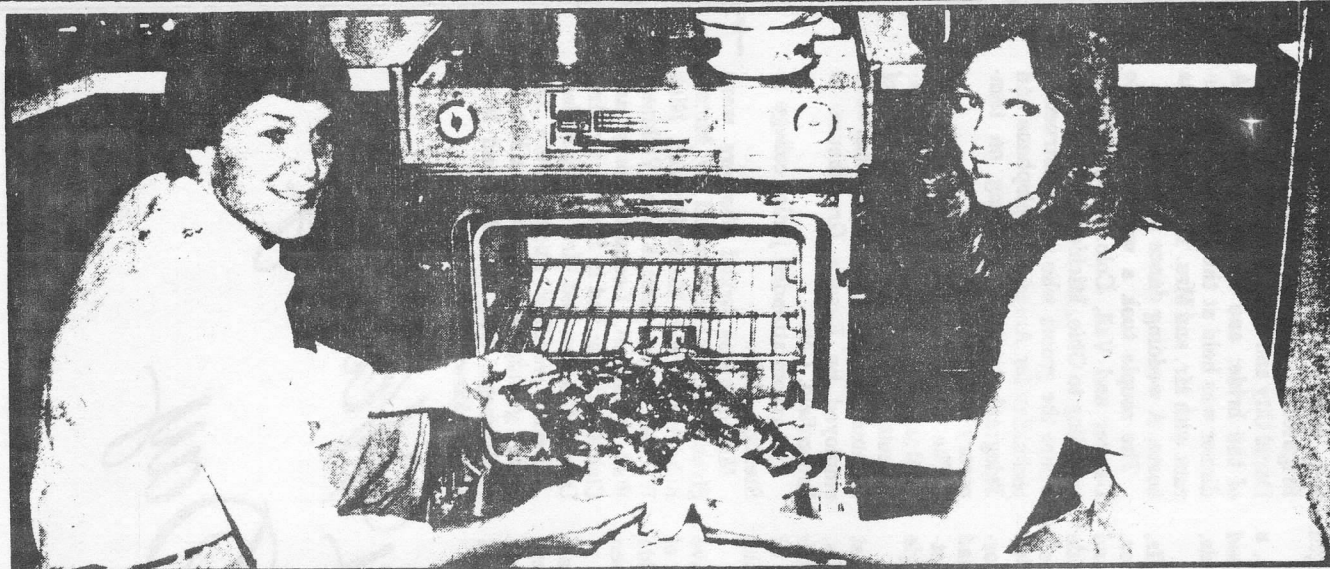
We came home to Columbus the next day. Although it has been a long time since the Pope's visit, I still remember that day last October when I got a chance to see the most important man on earth--Pope John Paul II.

May God Bless You All!

KENNETH KRESHA

(son of Florence and the late Edwin Kresha)





Dinner guests of Don and Karen Kresha were anxious for them to "get it on the table" when the fruit glazed chicken was ready to come from the oven.

Don and Karen are children of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kresha.

Deejays dish up chicken

By Lucille Gregg

Regular customers at Reuben's Restaurant think Don and Karen Kresha make a cute couple. It comes as a surprise to them that the lounge disc jockeys are brother and sister.

Don and Karen normally alternate working hours, but occasionally when they're both at the turntables they create a little action with disco-dance demonstrations.

By day, 19-year-old Karen is a secretary in an accounting firm and 24-year-old Don pays for his flashy green Corvette by selling office machines for AM International.

Don isn't a newcomer to the deejay routine. He's held similar jobs at three other area nightspots.

Karen's first night spinning the records was in June, when Don recruited and trained her for the job when there was an opening.

"I enjoy relating to people one to one," Karen said. "I play what the crowd likes to hear, anything from the '30s on up."

Karen said she finds little time to fill with hobbies, but she does a lot of jogging, which explains how she can eat the restaurant food and stay slim.

Don's pastimes include skiing, golf and the restoration of antique furniture. He's about filled the basement of his parents' Millard home with furniture in preparation for moving into his own apartment this fall.

Don and Karen's schedules usually keep them from eating many meals with their family, but when they do, Don likes to prepare "Chicken Adoba" from a recipe he got from a friend in the Navy who learned how to prepare it while in the Philippines.

EDITOR'S NOTE:

Dear Family,

For as late as the Kronicle is, you must think I died. Well, you're close. I almost did. I had unplanned gall bladder surgery on Febr. 25. Complications developed, and it was touch and go for several days. Thanks to all of you for your prayers, I made a remarkable recovery, and now am feeling better than I have for ages.

That is the reason the Kronicle is so very late this time. I feel terrible about it, but hope you all understand. I guess that's life--"expect the unexpected".

The next Kronicle will be the May-June issue, which, hopefully, will be passed out at the reunion. The reunion, by the way, is June 8, at the East Shelter in Pawnee Park in Columbus, Nebr. (same place as last year) at 12 noon. Host families will be the Dan Hilgers, Joe Kreshas, and ? (I forgot. Hope you remember.)

If any of you graduates would like your picture in the next Kronicle, send it to me before May 21. I think it would be nice to have a picture of as many of the graduates as possible, for posterity's sake. Wouldn't it be nice to look back at the Kronicle 25 yrs. from now and see how you have changed? Too bad we didn't do this in the first volumes of the Kronicle.

I already have some material for the next issue. If you want to send a letter, please have it to me before May 21. Thanks.

Elaine



Wedding vows exchanged by Nadine Lukassen, Thomas Timmons

Wedding vows were exchanged Sept. 15, 1979 by Nadine Jean Lukassen of Broomfield, Colo. and Thomas Joseph Timmons of Hugo, Colo. at St. Josephs Catholic Church in Kimball.

The Rev. John Schlaf of Mitchell performed the 1:30 p.m. ceremony before the altar decorated with wheat, burgundy colored carnations, white fugi-mums and gold tea roses.

Parents of the bride are Mrs. Howard

Lukassen of Kimball and the late Howard Lukassen. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Timmons of Hugo, Colo.

Mrs. Jim O'Brien was wedding organist and Mrs. Tom Rohrig was vocalist.

The bride, escorted to the altar by her mother and brother, Dave Lukassen, appeared in a gown of white qiana knit with bodice and long fitted shadow

sleeves appliqued with heavy silk venise lace. Her lace edged walking length mantilla veil was fastened to a venise lace cap. She carried a crystal rosary, a Belgium lace hanky and an S-shaped bouquet of white phalaenopsis orchids, stephanotis and English ivy.

Mrs. Robert Toombs of Pine Bluffs, Wyo. was her sister's matron of honor. Patsy Lukassen, Chris Lukassen and Margaret Timmons, sisters of the bride and groom, were bridesmaids. Their gowns of burgundy qiana were styled with shirred bodices and straight floor-length skirts. The matching jackets had dolman sleeves gathered to the waistband. They each carried a single phalaenopsis orchid.

Mike Devers of Hugo, Colo. was best man. Dr. Robert Toombs of Pine Bluffs, brother-in-law of the bride, Jim Hatch of Loveland, Colo. and Joe Hamling of Albuquerque, N.M., cousin of the groom, were groomsmen.

Wedding guests were seated by Dave Lukassen and Vaughn Lukassen of Kimball, brother and cousin of the bride respectively. Marty and Don Lukassen were acolytes.

Mrs. Dan McCracken of Denver, Colo. registered guests and Mrs. Wendel Bordash of Denver and Caroline Bury of Erie, Colo. were in charge of gifts.

Serving at the reception in the church hall were Mrs. Adrian Kresha of Brighton, Colo., Mrs. Bud Hilger of David City and Mrs. Evan Moody, aunts of the bride; and Mrs. Jim Foley. A dinner was held at the Holiday Restaurant with Mr. and Mrs. Tim Lukassen as hosts. A wedding dance followed.

The couple took a wedding trip to Denver and Vail, Colo. They will be traveling to Ohio, Michigan and Indiana where the groom who is a construction technician for American Telephone and Telegraph, will be working on temporary construction.

The new Mrs. Timmons is a 1975 graduate of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln where she was a member of Gamma Phi Beta sorority. She has been employed by Euser's Greenhouse in Broomfield, Colo.

The groom attended junior college in Sterling, Colo.

Miscellaneous bridal showers were given Aug. 24 in Kimball by Mmes. Robert Stanfield, Merle Morgan, Nick Wackel, Al Sobiesczyk, Les Volkmer, Walt Thummel, Leonard Perry and Clair Childress; and in Denver by Mrs. Dan McCracken and Mrs. Jerry Bader.

Special wedding guests were the bride's grandparents, Mrs. Eva Kresha of Holdrege, Neb. and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lukassen of Kimball.

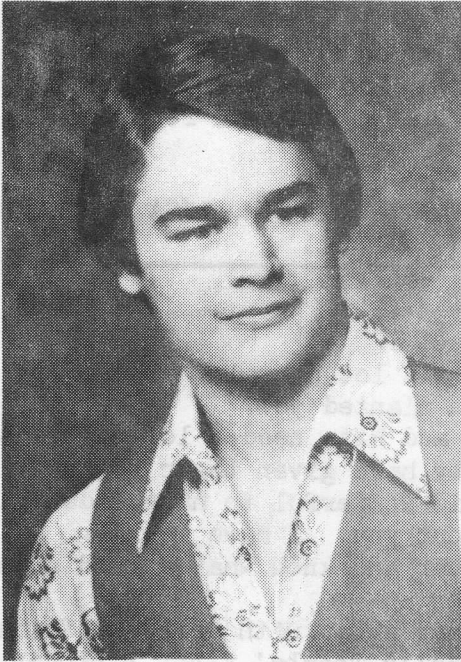
Happy Wedding Day



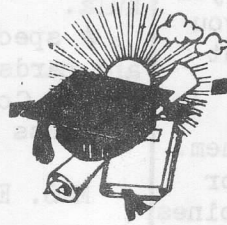
KRESHA KRONICLE

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JOHN CLARK GABEL



RANDY DEAN SMITH



PATRICK MARTIN KRESHA



CHRISTINA MARIE LUKASSEN

WE'RE PROUD
OF YOU!



JULIA ANN KRESHA

5-14-80

Dear Family,

Greetings from California!

I hope you are all enjoying lovely spring weather by now. 'Tis a busy time for farm people. It's getting to be the "in" thing for town folks to plant gardens, too. I'm sure you'll agree, that when you eat freshly picked garden vegetables, you won't be satisfied with the store bought kind, especially tomatoes and corn.

I enjoyed the letters in the recent Kronicle, only there were too few of them.

Congratulations to Kenneth Kresha for the good write-up of the trip to Des Moines Iowa to see the Pope. I'll bet you'll remember it if you live to be 80.

I extend sympathy to all the Kronicleers who had deaths occur in their family circle.

Congratulations to the new parents.

On May 9, I had surgery on my right hand. The three fingers and thumb have been numb for some time and Doctor said my hand would become worse and lose its strength in time, so I decided to have the surgery. The incision was made in palm where the nerves leading to the fingers were causing the trouble. My hand is encased in a heavy cast, and I'll need to wear it till May 19. Then, possibly, a bandage till it is healed.

My hip surgery is doing fine. I walk with a cane, and am doing better as time goes on. I hope to come back to Nebr. to make my home when I am well again. Maybe toward the end of summer.

Wish I could see you all in June, but not this year, sorry to say. Hope next year will be better. Let's hope and pray that it will be a good year for all of us.

My best to you all.

Love ya ver' much,

MOTHER KRESHA

4229 Berrendo Drive

Sacramento, Calif. 95825



BIRTHS



Son, ANTHONY, born April 14, 1980, to Hank and Bonnie (Hilger) Kobza. Anthony weighed 9 lb. 4 1/2 oz.

THANK YOU

Dear Family,

Although this THANK YOU is meant sincerely, it still can't say enough--not nearly, for the kind expressions of sympathy at the time of the death of my Father and Grandfather, Peter Kula.

A special thank you for memorials, food, and cards which were so greatly appreciated.

May God bless and reward you for your kindness shown us.

MRS. EDWIN KRESHA, KENNETH, LISA AND KIMBERLEE

5-12-80

Dear Kreshas,

We are getting a lot of rain. There is very little corn planted yet.

I think Mary and Rita need a lot of praise for the care they have given their Mother. At our age, it is wonderful to have kids that care so much about you. I have been in hospitals all over and know what a good nurse means to a person.

We spent Mother's Day with Mary and family and celebrated Kelly Toombs' first birthday. She is so cute.

Wanda plans to go to Denver to meet Nadine, who is coming home for a little vacation, and to be here for Chris' graduation May 20th. Patsy got home from school in Lincoln last week.

Connie Kresha and room mate also called at Mary's Sunday evening. We all had a nice day at Mary's.

Love to all,

MARTHA AND FRED LUKASSEN

Funerals

KARGES — Funeral services for Martin Karges will be held at 9:30 a.m. Saturday in St. Lawrence Catholic Church at Silver Creek. Father Stanley Mitera will officiate and burial, with military graveside services, will be in the Clarks Cemetery.

Karges died Thursday evening at Columbus Community Hospital.

Visitation is in progress at the McKown Funeral Home in Silver Creek.

A rosary will be said at 7:30 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Karges was born Feb. 20, 1891, in Silver Creek, the daughter of Martin and Ann Kresha Karges Sr.

He never married and lived his entire life in the Silver Creek area as a farmer.

Karges served in the U.S. Army during World War I and was a member of American Legion Post 263. He was also a member of St. Lawrence Church in Silver Creek.

He is survived by one brother, Joe Karges of Columbus; two sisters, Mrs. Ann Serio and Mrs. Marie Baars, both of Milwaukee, Wis.; and nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers and one sister.

Martin Karges died Dec. 20, 1979

5-10-80

Dear Family,

Greetings from Bakersfield! Not too much excitement around. We continue to work and enjoy life around us.

Bakersfield and most of Calif. has had an exceptionally cool spring with occasional late rains. We heard on TV that Kansas and Nebr. are suffering from a drought. Some of the Kansas farmers are turning the wheat crop over.

We were delighted to receive the Kronicle today. It is nice to hear about everyone who writes. Let's hope the rest of us who missed writing in the last issue will send in a little feed back so everyone can catch up with us, too.

I wish we could attend the Kresha picnic, but I can't get George interested in a trip right now with the price of gas as it is.

Sorry to hear that Elaine was so sick. KK was the first we knew about her illness. Let's hope she enjoys good health from now on.

Congratulations to all the graduates. Let's hope all their dreams come true.

Late March, George, Mike and I drove to Sacramento to visit with Eva and the rest of the Kreshas. We stayed with Clarence, Marge and family. They were all such beautiful hosts. Eva was looking good. She had lost weight in Nebr. before her trip to Calif. She was able to walk with her walker. She complained of some back pain from arthritis, but this is normal for her age. We admire and THANK Rita for her loving care that she gives her mother. She has chosen some fine doctors and anticipated every need that Eva will have. It won't be long now until Eva will be well enough to travel back to Nebr. and find a home to retire. She had surgery on her hand the past week.

Last week we went to Simi to help our grand daughter, Marie, celebrate her 4th birthday. Her other grandparents were there also, so George and I stayed with Ann. As always, she was a beautiful hostess. Ann is fine, except she works too hard.

Jerome is enjoying his work on a 6,000 Acre nut farm. He and his supervisor manage this large farm. They use mostly Mexican labor. Jerome had charge of planting 600 Acres of pecan trees, and 40 Acres of Kiwi plants. The Kiwi's are relatively new in this country--coming from New Zeland. The plant trails up a post and climbs on wires like grape vines. It doesn't bear fruit until the third year. The fruit is the size of an egg. The outside looks somewhat like a coconut. Inside, the fruit is green in color. It tastes somewhat like a

cross between watermelon and avocado. It is very delicious in fruit salads. It is also expensive. The plants require about 5 gal. of water every third day. Jerome suggested the drip system. It looks as if it is working fine. He likes working with trees much better than cotton and row crops. Either one they put in LONG hours as you farmers well know.

Must close and leave some space for the rest of you. Hope you all have a happy reunion in June.

Love always,

GEORGE AND MARGARET



MEET OUR 1980 GRADUATES- - -

JOHN GABEL, son of Max and Rosalie Gabel. John graduated from Shelby High School. He was Valedictorian of his class. He also received the outstanding civics and modern problems student award, a proficiency in English award and a journalism award. While in school, he also received awards in band and sports. He plans to attend Kearney State College this fall and major in business.

RANDY SMITH, son of Ronnie and Romona Smith. Randy was also graduated from Shelby High School. He is the recipient of \$150.00 scholarship from the American Legion. Randy plans to attend Southeast Community College at Milford, majoring in Agribusiness.

PATRICK KRESHA, son of Martin and Elaine Kresha. Patrick graduated from Osceola High School. He plans to attend Platte Technical Community College in Columbus. He is majoring in Drafting Technology.

CHRISTINA LUKASSEN, daughter of Mary and the late Jim Lukassen. Chris graduated from Kimball County High School. Her plans after graduation were not made known to us at this time.

JULIA KRESHA, daughter of Charles and Lucy Kresha. Julie graduated from Humphrey Public School. She plans to attend Platte Technical Community College in Columbus this fall.

OUR BEST WISHES TO ALL OF YOU!



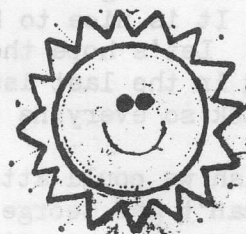


The DON CHAISSON Family

Diane, holding Mark
Don, holding Marie

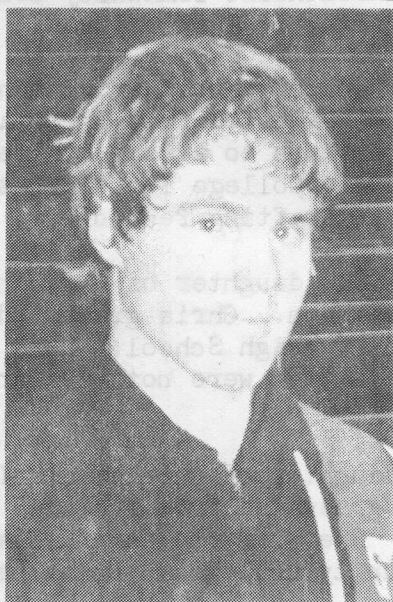
Diane is the daughter of
George and Margaret Kresha

December, 1979



LILLIAN and HAROLD
WITULSKI
December 26, 1979

Celebrating their 15th
Wedding Anniversary



THIRD PLACE MEDALIST--Brad Kresha, son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Kresha, took third place honors in the Central 10 Conference wrestling tournament held in Crete, Nebr., Febr. 9, 1980. After being beaten by eventual champion Dave Evans of Albion, he won the consolation finals by a 11-4 decision over Bob Lewis of Grand Island Northwest. (Photo courtesy of Larry Kosch, The Crete News)

Deadline for the next Kronicle
is August 25th. Let's have
lots of letters for that issue.

Happy Summer! Hope to
see many of you at the
Reunion.

Elaine



KRESHA KRONICLE

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It's Family Reunion Time

KRESHA

The annual Kresha reunion was held June 8 at Pawnee Park in Columbus.

Attending were Patricia Kresha, Andy, Tom and Danny from Brighton, Colorado; Sophia Kresha, Mitchell; Mary Lukassen and Marty, David Lukassen, Kimball; Connie Kresha, Scottsbluff; Mr. and Mrs. Harold Witulski, Beatrice, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kresha, Eddie Kresha, Julie Kresha, Kristi Kresha, Nancy Kresha, and Mick Bender, Humphrey, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Kresha, Dan Kresha, Brad Kresha, Rose Hilger, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hilger and Matthew, all of David City; Mr. and Mrs. Dan Hilger, Michael, Michelle and Marc, Julie, Cathy and Tom Kobza, Bellwood; Mr. and Mrs. Andy Kresha and Vincent, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kresha, David Kresha, Pat McFayden, Karen Kresha, Don Kresha, Kavin Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Mausbach, Tammy, Jason and Robbie, all from Omaha.

Attending from Columbus were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Kresha, Mr. and Mrs. Art Kresha, Debbie Kresha, Mrs. Edwin Kresha, Kenneth, Lisa and Kimberlee, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Nyffeler, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Cerny.

(Ed. note: Theresa Joska and Vaughn Lukassen--married Febr. 16, 1980)

New Addresses:

Teresa R. Thomas
P.S.C. Box 1764
APO New York, NY 09009

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Berlin
7209 So. 76th
LaVista, Nebr. 68128

From Osceola were Mr. and Mrs. Leo Kresha, Adolph Kresha, Tony Kresha, Kathy Dittmer, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Grosch, Pam, Greg, and Lori, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Kresha, Patrick Kresha, Kenneth Kresha, Bernard Kresha, Jolene, Colleen and Lois Kresha, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Kresha, Becky; and Jimmy, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Kresha, Mr. and Mrs. Gregg Kresha, Jodi and Connie.

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

Births during the past year were: a daughter, Kelly, born May 8 to Wanda and Bob Toombs; a daughter, Kelly, born July 29 to Mary Lou and Tom O'Brien; a son, Robert, born December 14 to Kathi and Bob Mausbach; a son, Jonathan, born February 23 to Mary and Raymond Kresha; a daughter, April, born March 3 to Denice and Gregg Kresha; a son, Vincent, born March 24 to Vicki and Andrew Kresha; a son, Anthony, born April 14 to Bonnie and Hank Kobza.

There was one marriage-Nadine Lukassen and Thomas Timmons on September 15.

The 1980 hosts were the Dan Hilger, Larry Kresha and Gregg Kresha families.

The committee for 1981 will be the Joe Kresha family, David Kresha and Eddie Kresha. The reunion will be held the second Sunday in June at Pawnee Park.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen
Preister (Julie Kresha)
Humphrey, Nebr.
68642

Pauline Kresha
Good Samaritan Center
Osceola, Nebr.
68651

July 29-80

Dear Kresha Kronicle,

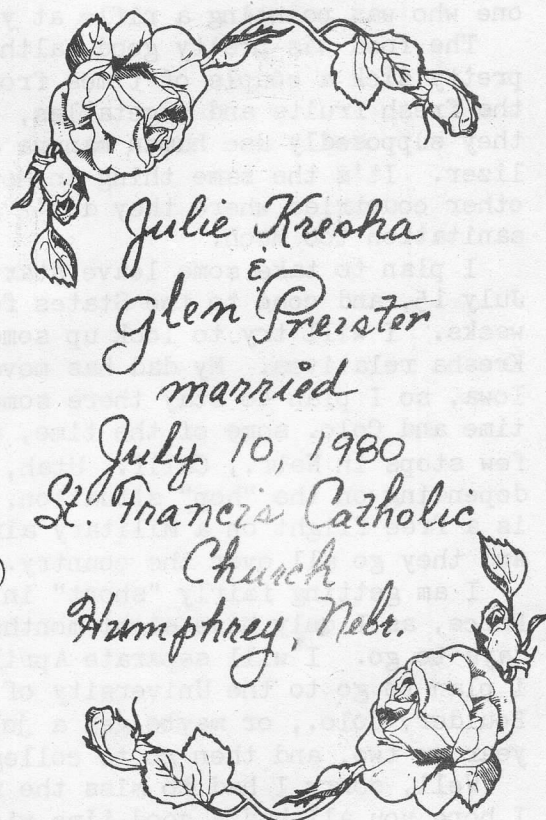
The Lukassens are all through with harvest. Much earlier than before.

We are having a Lukassen reunion Aug. 17, at Genesee Park in Golden, Colo. where our daughter lives. (Karen and Family--the Moodys) It is Mr. Moody's birthday and Wayne and Mary Ann Lukassen's 25th Wedding Anniversary. We plan to spend a couple of days up in the mountains. It sounds like most everyone of the family from around here plans to go. Millie and Dale are planning to go, too.

They are having Trail Days in Pine Bluffs, Aug. 2 and 3. Wanda's husband, Bob Toombs is in the Melodrama.

Our best wishes,

FRED AND MARTHA LUKASSEN



July 7, 1980

Dear Family,

I just received the latest Kronicle last week. Congratulations to all the Spring Graduates, and Good Luck!

I am just winding up a seven-week long TDY (temporary duty) assignment in Adana, Turkey. I will go back to Germany tomorrow, July 8. I've had a fairly good time here, and it's not all that bad as people think. One has to be pretty careful, and stay away from certain areas, but the violence hasn't been too bad lately. In all the major cities, there are commando guards on every street corner, with their M-16 rifles pointed straight ahead, fingers on the trigger. This country has wonderful beaches and a lot of nice things to buy, like onyx goods, (I bought a pink and white solid onyx chess-board with matching chess pieces) copper and silver, beautiful tapestries and rugs, and brass shepherd's lamps. I also found some beautiful dark green velvet with gold thread pinstripes, with which I plan to make (or have made) a three-piece suit of skirt, vest and jacket. I took some wonderful pictures. The people are very colorful and interesting. I also missed a lot of good pictures, because some of the people, like the commandos, are very sensitive about having their picture taken. Of course, you wouldn't want to offend someone who was pointing a rifle at you.

The food was pretty good, although I got pretty sick a couple of times from eating the fresh fruits and vegetables, because they supposedly use human manure as fertilizer. It's the same thing in Mexico and other countries where they don't get into sanitation too much.

I plan to take some leave starting July 15, and come to the States for a few weeks. I will try to look up some of the Kresha relatives. My dad has moved to Iowa, so I plan to stay there some of the time and Colo. some of the time, with a few stops in Nebr., Calif., Utah, and Fla., depending on the "hop" situation. A hop is a free flight on a military aircraft, and they go all over the country.

I am getting fairly "short" in the Air Force, as I only have eight months and 25 days to go. I will separate April 1, 1981. I plan to go to the University of Colo. in Boulder, Colo., or maybe get a job for a year or two, and then go to college.

Well, sorry I had to miss the reunion. I hope you all had a good time visiting with everyone. Love and Luck,

TERESA THOMAS

Aug. 12, 1980

Dear Family,

I hope this will not miss the next Kronicle. I meant to get it out sooner, but the summer has been so busy and has gone by so fast. We haven't really done a lot of running around this summer. Just stayed home and worked. Besides the reunion we did go to Gillette, Wyo. for 4 days. Have some very good friends that we visited up there.

I have been baby sitting again this summer. Have had 2 little girls 7 and 5, all summer, and a 3 year old only for 2 weeks. Pam has been tutoring a little handicapped girl 3 days a week this summer. It has been extra money for her. The boys are still mowing lawns and picking up odd jobs here and there. Enough to keep them busy. We've all been working around here trying to get caught up on odd jobs we left go last fall. Still have a few more to go yet before I go back to work.

I start back to work the 25th of Aug. and the kids go back to school the 28th. I am looking forward to going back. I'm ready. I think the kids will be glad to get back to school, too. It's been a long, hot, summer.

I enjoyed seeing all those at the reunion. We had a nice visit with all. Had a nice trip back, too. Took longer coming back. We stopped at Stuhr Museum in Grand Island. We spent 3 hours there. It is really a neat place. Then we went on to North Platte and spent the night. Saw a very dear friend of mine there that used to live in Kimball. So all in all, our trip was very nice.

I want to congratulate all the Graduates, Newly weds, and babies since the last Kronicle. Happy lives to you all.

We just got back from Gillette last night, so have a bundle of wash to do today. Also need to go to the hardware store and grocery store. We need to put new weather stripping around the front door and put a new threshold in. Hope to do it myself this week.

Well, I guess I really better close for today. Need to get busy or I won't get done what I plan to today.

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

PAT, PAM, ANDY, TOM AND DANNY KRESHA



Aug. 15, '80

Sept. 23, 1980

Dear Family,

Greetings from California! Have been here since Febr. 4, 1980. Rita invited me to come out here to stay with her to recuperate from surgery that was necessary. Had hip surgery six months ago and have recovered almost completely. Had hand surgery about three months ago, and my hand is doing OK. For therapy for my hand, I'm making a quilt in Jacob's Ladder design--two shades of blue. There's 28 patches in each block, plus half triangles to connect the pattern. There are 24 blocks, all done with needle and thread. Now I am about to put it together, tip, batting, and lining. This will be quilted with needle and thread, also.

Rita has a lovely home here, stately trees, beautiful flowers. Has a wonderful garden in her back yard, too.

Had my hair done a while back with an all over permanent. It is so convenient for me to care for. I don't have to fool with combs and hairpins. My hand surgery was on my right hand. It is still a bit sore.

The weather in California has been unusual here, also, this season. We had about two weeks of 100 degree weather. Now it has moderated to the high 80 to 90's in the daytime, with coolness in the evening and night time. It is something like in Colorado. We did have one day that it got to 107. It was the highest we had.

The residential section of the city is very neat. No alleys, no burners. It is like living in a park, with beautiful trees, flowers, and velvety lawns. There are sections of the city that have shopping centers. It is nice when the city is about 20 miles in size. There are about 30 Catholic Churches and other Churches, too, of course. Rita is a member of St. Ignatius Parish, with Jesuit Fathers.

In closing, may I remind you all to keep the letters coming. The Kresha Kronicle is our communication line. We don't see each other at the Kresha Reunion.

Sending you my best.

Love ya ver' much,

GRANDMA KRESHA

BIRTHS



REID: Mr. and Mrs. Doug Reid of Ord are the parents of a daughter born September 4 at Valley County Hospital in Ord. She weighed seven pounds, 12 ounces and has been named Angela Marie. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Allan Kresha.

Dear Family,

As I write this, I am sitting in the Platte College Resource Center. Would you believe I am taking an English Literature course? My class meets on Tuesday and Thursday afternoon. Hopefully, I will make it and come out 3 college credits closer to my degree. It works out real well for me, as Patrick and I can ride out here together on these 2 days. Patrick has classes every day of the week. He is majoring in Drafting Technology and with the exception of Math, is not finding it too difficult. Oh, there are days--like for any of us.

The summer has whisked past. Hardly seems possible it is nearly the end of Sept. The hot, dry weather hangs on. One of these days we will be wishing we had some warmth.

Our family is keeping well. Martin spent a week in the hospital, recently, getting "tuned up".

The kids are adjusting nicely to school. They are all in the high school building now, although they are not all in high school. The three girls are in Junior High. Bernard is in 10th grade and Kenneth is a Junior.

Elaine is substitute teaching again this year. She is also teaching remedial reading twice a week in a Rural School in Polk Co., and teaching third grade CCD. Patrick will be trying his hand at assisting with a CCD class this year, also.

All this activity makes for a hectic, disorganized household. Guess that's when we're happiest--when we are busy.

Until next time,

Our love,

MARTIN, ELAINE AND FAMILY

MORE ADDRESSES:

Marcia Strauss
331 11 St. Box 7
Gilcrest, Colorado 80623

Gene Thomas
P.O. Box 89
Nevada, Iowa 50201

Mr. and Mrs. Mick Bender (Nancy Kresha)
Humphrey, Nebr. 68642

Aug. 24, 1980

Dear Kresha Relatives,

What a hot month July was! Our high was 108 degrees. We had about 2" of rain all month. I remember in the '30's seeing the thermometer read 110 degrees. It was so hot that no one had an appetite. Mother would grind canned meat for sandwiches at supper-time. Dad would like home made bread broken up into a bowl of milk and sprinkled with sugar. We can't believe the scientists who say our climate is getting cooler.

The center pivot and two irrigation wells were hooked up and put into operation in the nick of time. The corn was starting to suffer. Since it is the only irrigation system for miles around, we are satisfied with our supply of water. The pivot traveled 1/2 a circle this year. This fall Harold will clear away more trees and thus increase the distance the pivot will travel.

Katie, Matt, Beth, and Ben O'Brien spent their vacations with us on the farm. Two of them came at a time. They all got to go to the County Fair with us. They really enjoyed corn on the cob, fresh tomatoes, cabbage, and cantaloupe at Grandpa's house.

We are leaving on our vacation to Silver Dollar City near Branson, Mo. After sight-seeing, maybe we can find some peaches to bring home for canning. Coming towards home, we'll swing into Iowa or Kansas. We must get away from all of this work for awhile. A farmer's work is never done.

Harold's Mother is not able to stand up or walk due to her broken hip and surgery. She also has arthritis in her knees. She is still in need of nursing care and is at the Beatrice Community Hospital. One of her family visit her every day.

Harold's brother Charles had to quit farming because of severe allergies. He purchased a lumber yard in Beatrice and the whole family works in the business. Harold is doing all the farming now. His nephew, Chris, helped with the cultivating.

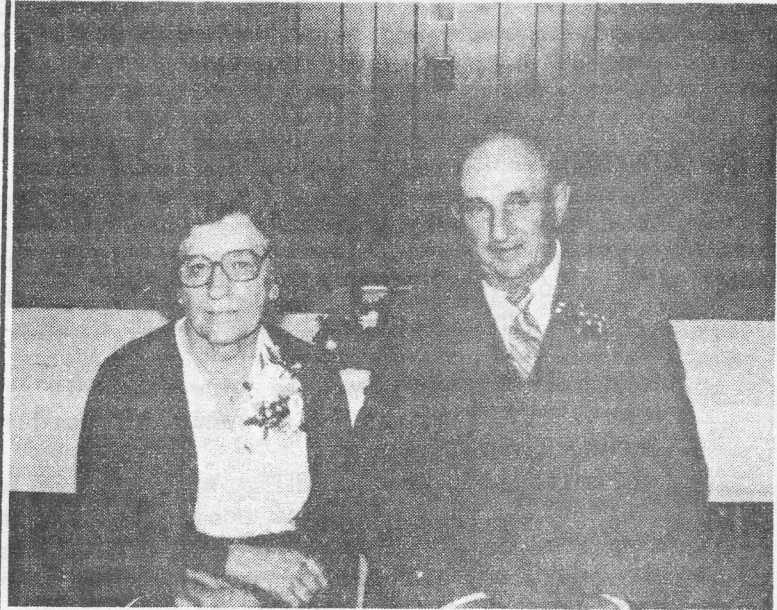
Crops aren't the best this year due to the chinch bug which ate acres of milo and corn. They are still chewing away. Drought conditions will cut down on the yield, too.

We thought the family picnic was great. In the picnic shelter the gravel should be wetted down the night before the picnic and then it wouldn't be so dusty when the children walk back and forth. The food is always scrumptious. Thanks to Rose Hilger who treated all of us to ice cream. What a perfect ending to a picnic!

Love and prayers,

HAROLD AND LILLIAN WITULSKI

Kropatsch Couple Honored On Fortieth Anniversary



Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Kropatsch

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Kropatsch were honored August 30 for their 40th wedding anniversary.

Reverend Joseph Miksch officiated at the 6:00 p.m. Mass in St. Stanislaus Catholic Church, Duncan. Mrs. Don Kropatsch provided the vocal music with Shari Zywiec at the organ.

Dinner, reception and dance at the parish hall were hosted by their nephews Calvin Kropatsch of Osceola, David Kropatsch of Lincoln, Melvin Valasek of Bennington and Jerome Valasek of Omaha and wives.

Granddaughters Sheila and Lana Kropatsch registered guests while Susan and Carolyn Kropatsch took charge of the gifts.

Mrs. John Keuchel presented the corsages, Mrs. Robert Tworek and Mrs. Leon Turley served the cake created by Mrs. Robert Tworek, Mrs. Frank Valasek served punch, Barbara and Janet Keuchel and Diane and Jana Kropatsch served coffee.

Leonard Kropatsch and Tillie Germata were married August 27, 1940 at St. Andrew's Catholic Church, Osceola. They have since lived on a farm north of Osceola. They have five children, Donald and James of Duncan, Kenneth and Patricia of Osceola and Mary Garrison of Lincoln and 13 grandchildren.

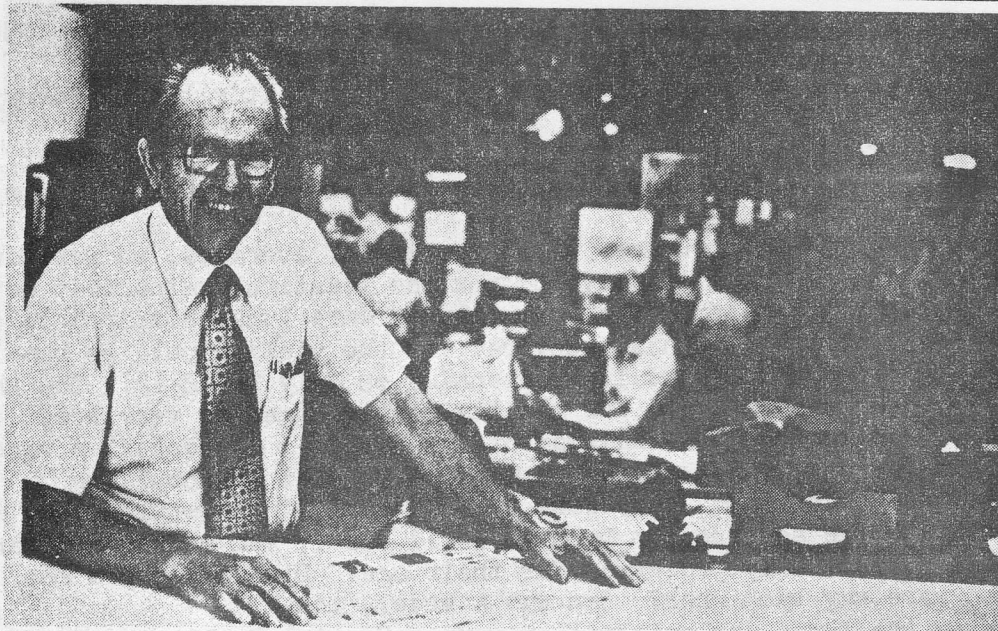
Leonard is a cousin to the children of the first family of Kreshas. His father and the first Mrs. Adolf Kresha, were brother and sister.

STILL MORE ADDRESSES:

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Timmons (Nadine Lukassen)
811 Main Rm 940--Gang Mail
Kansas City, Missouri 64141

Rose Hilger's new phone number is:
(402) 367-4681





Gene Thomas, pictured above in the Journal office, began his tenure as Editor and Publisher of the Nevada Evening Journal today, after having purchased the entire operation from Richard Hammell. Thomas has a rich experience in the newspaper business and is looking forward to making his home in the Nevada area. He will be greeting area businessmen and residents tomorrow morning at the Nevada Businessmen and Professional Peoples' Coffee at the Journal office tomorrow morning.

(Taken from the NEVADA EVENING JOURNAL, Nevada, Iowa,
July 2, 1980)

EDITOR'S NOTE--

Hi! I'm sure some of you are upset because the Kronicle hasn't come out before now. Even my publisher asked me about it one day.

The pictures from the reunion did not turn out good enough to be clearly reprinted. I regret this. Guess next year, if I take pictures, I'll have to remember to use black and white film.

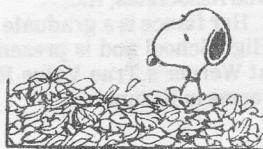
We really enjoyed visiting with Terri and Joe when they were in Nebr. They are really neat! Wish they could have visited longer.

Some of you have written that you no longer receive the Kronicle. I can't figure out why. I have not dropped anyone from the mailing list. Do I have your current address? If not, please bring me up to date. Elsewhere in this issue are several new addresses. Also note the change in Rose Hilger's telephone number.

I have included some Kropatsch family history, according to Emilia Kropatsch. I will include part II next time. Hope you enjoy it as much as I have.

The next issue will be the Christmas issue. Hopefully, it will be in the mail by Dec. 1. Please have your letters in by Nov 10th. Thanks!

Elaine



Funerals

Roy Edward Mason

Roy Edward Mason, 68, of Silver Creek died Saturday at the Columbus Community Hospital, after a lingering illness.

Funeral services have been scheduled for 10 a.m. Tuesday at the First United Methodist Church, Silver Creek, with the Rev. Gary Aten officiating. Interment will follow at the Silver Creek Cemetery with military graveside rites.

Visitation begins at 4 p.m. today at the McKown Funeral Home in Silver Creek.

On July 22, 1911, Mason was born to Phillip and Margaret (Von der Lieth) Mason on a farm east of Clarks.

He attended District 10 school in Merrick County, Duncan Public School, and was graduated from Silver Creek High School.

Florence Conklin became his bride on Sept. 22, 1968 in Kearney. The couple lived west of Silver Creek, and he was employed as maintenance man for Union Pacific Railroad.

Mason was a veteran of World War II, serving in the Aleutian Islands and Germany. He was in Civilian Conservation Corps.

He was a life-time member of the American Legion Post 263, where he served as commander, and a member of the 40 & 8.

Mason was baptized a Lutheran and joined the Methodist Church in Silver Creek in 1965.

Survivors are his widow Florence of Silver Creek, a sister Mrs. Ray (Dora) Wilbur of Silver Creek, four step-children: Howard Seigfreid of Tulsa, Oklahoma, Goldie Hanen of Missouri Valley, Iowa, Boyd Conklin of Davenport, Iowa, and Lloyd Conklin of Loveland, Colo; 10 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother who died in infancy.

Memorials should be directed to the Cancer Fund.

(Roy Mason died 6-28-80.)

His father, Phil, was a son of Grandpa Mason. Grandpa Mason was the step-father of Martin Karges (Eva Kresha's father).

Aug 20, 1980

Hello to Everyone!

How quickly the summer has gone. Do you notice this, too? Guess it's because everyone is so busy.

What a perfect day we had for the family picnic. It was nice so many were able to come. We had the best time ever. We missed those who were not able to come. We hope to see you next year.

The weather here has been unusual this summer. With the law of averages, we were due for the hail in June, the drought and heat in July and now the beautiful rains that have come in August. While we weren't too happy about the hail, we were lucky compared to other areas in our county. Surprisingly the corn has recovered and the yield should be good.

Our dear, small town of Bellwood celebrated its Centennial on July 11-12-13. The whole town worked for the past 2 years getting ready for the big event. Dan was very busy along with the townspeople. His big job was chairman of the parade. 150 enteries were in the hour long parade. It was a very nice parade. Glad so many of you could be among the 5000 who came to help celebrate. Mary Jane was chairman of the style show. It was great! Clothes from all the service men back to World War I, and men, women, and children's clothes that were beautifully preserved for their age. Did any of you see the long fur coats the men wore way back when? Dan was a model, too.

Some of the events during the three day celebration were a Special Burlington Train coming to town to open the festivities. A High School Reunion, Square Dance, Threshing Bee, Style Show, Old Timer's Ballgame, Special Church Services, Horse Shoe Tournament, Tug of War, Greased Pig Contest, Beard Judging Contest, a Beef Barbecue one day and a Pork Barbecue another day to feed the thousands that attended. . and the Parade. The Celebration was filmed all three days. What a joy these pictures will be to the town.

We were all surprised and happy that Sister Dolores arrived in Columbus earlier than expected. While she visited me, we spent one day in Lincoln. We toured the Capitol Building. It is even more beautiful than I remembered. The colorful murals that depict the history of our state and the floor that tells a story with pictures made of small pieces of marble. Then there is the beautifully carved walnut ceiling in the court room. The tour ended with a ride to the dome where we enjoyed the view of Lincoln. Did you know that the Capitol Building is over 50 years old and recently the sower on the very top was regilded gold? Also the slate roofs below the dome are in need of repair and are being replaced as the building has already been damaged by water seeping through the ceilings.

I was pleased to have Terri and Joe Thomas spend a night with me on their way to Colorado. Terri has since returned to Germany, and Joe hopes to enter Colorado University. He has completed his time in the Marines. Terri will be discharged from the Air Force next year.

I hope you are all well, and God Bless You. My love,

ROSE HILGER



Kresha-Bender

HUMPHREY — Nancy Kresha and Michael Bender, both of Humphrey, have announced their plans to marry Sept. 13.

The couples parents are Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kresha and Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Bender, both of Humphrey.

Nancy is a graduate of Humphrey High School and Platte College. She is presently employed at Bruce Gilmore and Associates, Inc.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Humphrey High School and is presently employed at Werner's True Value Hardware and farms in Humphrey.



NANCY KRESHA
MICHAEL BENDER

Theresa Joska, Vaughn Lukassen married in Pine Bluffs church

Theresa Jean Joska, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anton Joska of Bushnell, became the bride of Vaughn J. Lukassen of Kimball, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Lukassen of Canon City, Colo., on Feb. 16, 1980 at Saint Paul's Catholic Church in Pine Bluffs.

The Rev. Patrick Trujillo performed the wedding Mass before the altar decorated with wicker baskets filled with white snapdragons and gladioli.

The bride, accompanied to the altar by her father, wore an ivory chiffon gown with fitted bodice, long sleeves and ruffled neckline trimmed with Belgian lace. Matching lace edged the hemline of the softly full skirt which swept into a chapel length train. Her veil of ivory illusion fell from a lace French riding hat. She carried a cascade arrangement of white orchids and stephanotis.

Mary Lynne Joska was her sister's maid of honor. Another sister, Patricia Vowers, and Linda Shawcross were attendants. They wore cinnamon colored blouson-style gowns and carried blue silk flowers.

Best man was Tim Lukassen of Dix, brother of the groom. Groomsmen were Callen Lukassen of Greeley, Colo., the groom's brother, and Richard Toombs of Kimball.

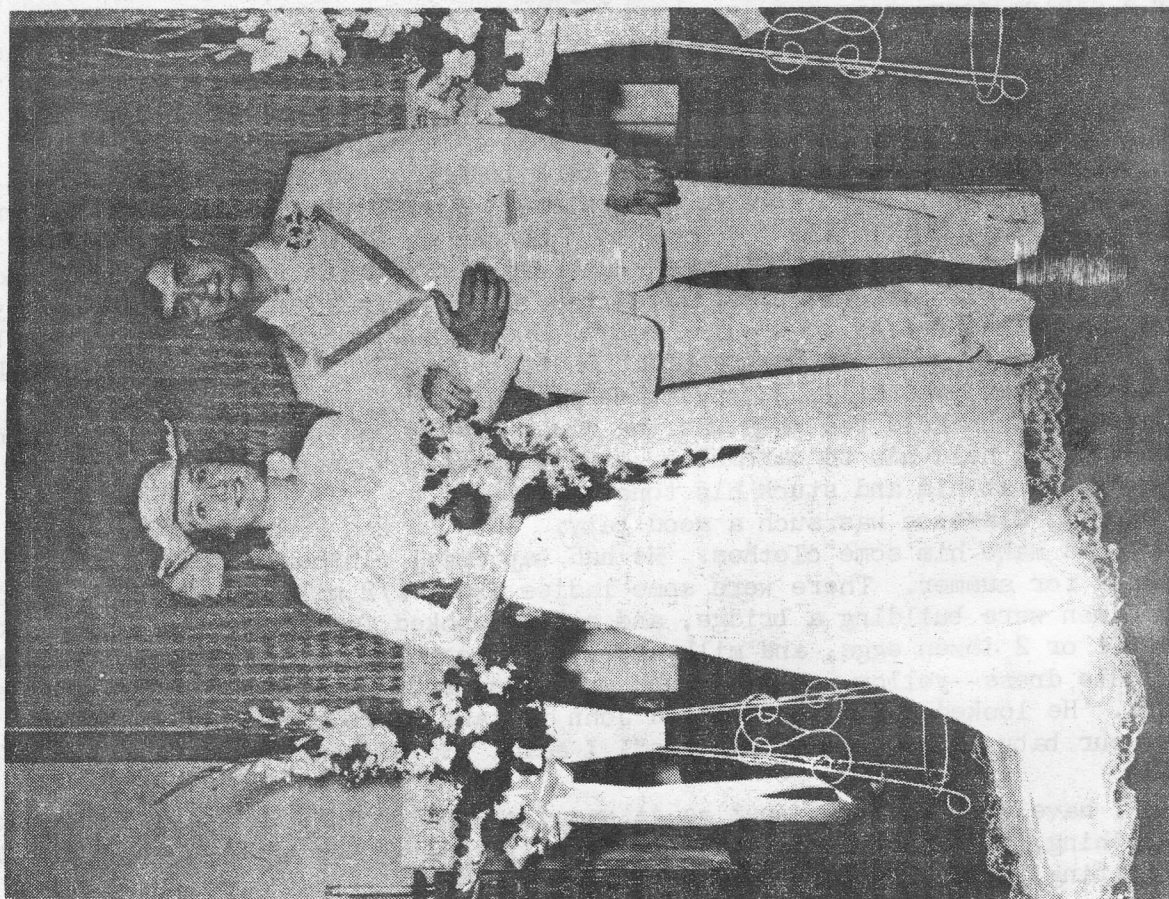
Wedding guests were seated by David Lukassen, cousin of the groom, and Tony Joska, brother of the bride.

Mandy Lukassen scattered flower petals and Jason Shawcross was ringbearer.

Serving at the reception held in the Pine Bluffs Community Center were Patsy Lukassen, Linda Roberts, Lil Morava and Diana Shandera. Chris Lukassen registered the wedding guests. Marie Beranek and Mary Lukassen were in charge of the gift table.

After a wedding trip to Las Vegas, Nev. and Disneyland in California, the newlyweds will live on a farm northwest of Kimball.

The bride attended Northeastern Colorado Junior College at Sterling and Colorado State University at Ft. Collins. She is employed at Safeway in Kimball. Her husband attended Western Nebraska Technical College in Sidney and now works for Luakssen Farms.



After I was married and settled in my own home, my brothers used to come to visit me. I was used to handling the boys--Leo, Cliff, Steven, Tom and Johnnie. They always wanted me to play and do what they did.

We had the hitching bar for the horses. They wanted me to vault over the hitching bar the way they did. And I could do it, too. Then they wanted me to walk on stilts, and would put the notches higher and higher. They wanted me to do it, and I could do it, and do it better than they could.

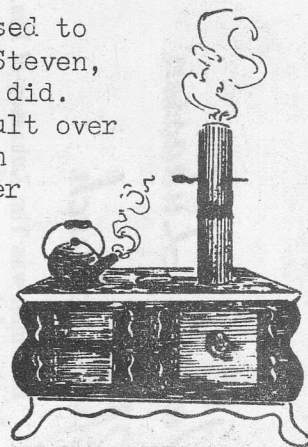
I was always used to being outdoors--I was always outdoors with Grandma. Even when I knew I was going to have a baby, I stayed active as I was used to. One day I was walking home from the school house. Uncle Adolf was driving a 2-horse wagon with a high-up wagon seat. He saw me and said, "Come on, I'll take you home." I got up in the wagon and sat beside him. When we got to the corner he was going to take me to our yard. But I got up and stepped on the wheel and jumped down. He said, "Oh, you shouldn't do that!" I said, "Why?", but all he would say was, "You shouldn't do that--now." I told him, "I always get out that way. I can go alone, you needn't go out of your way." But he took me home. My kid brothers were there and wanted me to vault again. Uncle Adolf spoke up again and said, "You know you shouldn't do that." I got to thinking about that, even though that was all the farther Uncle Adolf could get to tell me I shouldn't do that. One of my brothers said, "You just don't want to beat me." But I just said, "No, I'm not going to do that." Then they wanted me to walk the stilts, but I said, "No, I'm not going to walk on the stilts.

About 2 months later we had a little baby boy--our first child. He was born in the house that Grandpa had built. We had a phone, and had called the Doctor in the afternoon. He said, "It's raining so hard, it will take me quite awhile to get there." About 4 1/2 hours later, in the evening, the Doctor and his driver came. The Doctor was wet and had to dry his hands and talk to Grandma. The driver asked for a quilt and pillow. He put them under a dining room chair and lay down to sleep. We couldn't get a mid-wife, so Grandma said she'd help. Then our baby came--a lively little boy. The Doctor said, "My, my." Grandma had a round tin tub to bathe the baby in. She was going to lift him into the tub. The baby walked across the bottom of the tub, with her holding him, while the Doctor was there yet! They said, "My, my, what a lively baby."

The Doctor had to get his driver up to go back to town. We got along all right. As time went on Grandma and I were more or less alone. I was used to babies as Mother had had one after another. My little boy weighed 5 pounds at birth. My Mother had said, "I hope it's all over before I get there." She was so afraid. John's sisters used to come over and help us. They were all crazy about the baby. When he was a couple of days old, my brothers came--they wanted to see the baby. His eyes were closed. One of the boys asked, "I wonder what color his eyes are?" One of the other boys said, "Well, who knows! They don't open their eyes till they are nine days old."

The first time John held the baby was the first time I had the baby dressed. John sat in a chair, and held him so carefully, and just said, "Sonny, Sonny, Sonny." Clarence looked up at him and stuck his tongue out!

Life went on. Clarence was such a good baby. When he was 3 or 4 months old, I thought that I'd make him some clothes. He had baptismal clothes, but I wanted to make him something for summer. There were some ladies about 1/2 mile away at the school house. Some men were building a bridge, and a lady cooked for them. She came to our place to get 1 or 2 dozen eggs, and milk, so I had become acquainted with her. I made the baby a cute dress--yellow, with a round yoke, and ruffles around the neck and sleeves. It was short. He looked so cute. I asked John to take me to the bridge. "I want that lady to see our baby in his summer clothes", I said. So we went down.



(Ed. note: I have written this, just as it was dictated by Aunt Emilia. I have not changed anything, feeling that if I did change it, some of the meaning would be lost. Space permitting, part II will be in the next issue.)

A Merry Christmas

1980 . . . Year of the Family

KRESHA KRONICLE

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11-10-80

Dear Family,

'Tis the time when one thinks of family when we have feasts being observed in our church regarding the Holy Family. Thus I extend to you all my heartfelt greetings. May you all have Christmas Joy, and Happiness in the New Year.

I'm planning to move back to Nebr. to make my home. I'd be delighted to see you all at Heritage House, 124 North Road, any time after Nov. 15.

Thanks to you all for your love and consideration of me; and your prayers have been appreciated very much.

MOTHER KRESHA

11-10-80

Dear Family,

May the light that His birth shed on the world, bring you joy at the holiday season and every day of your life.

Love and Prayers,

MRS. EDWIN KRESHA
KENNETH, LISA, AND KIMBERLEE

1980

Dear Family,

Wishing you all the joy, the hope and peace of Christmas. May God bless each and every one of you with good health and happiness in the New Year.

My best wishes to all of you.
Lovingly,

ROSE HILGER



Nov. 20, 1980

Dear Kresha Family:

It is time to pay my dues, and to extend my best wishes for a happy and blessed Christmas season to all. I still cherish the hope that one of these years I will have the opportunity to meet you and get to know you personally, as we ought to, distant relatives that we are.

After 10 years as hospital chaplain at the big, 500 bed medical center in Portland, called Providence Medical Center, I was transferred this past September back to my home base, the Benedictine Abbey and Seminary of Mount Angel. I am teaching a few classes, but mostly this is a sabbatical year for me, and my future is still uncertain. As I have not had a vacation in 5 years, I was given a trip to the Holy Land to make up for that lack. With a priest companion I will be taking that trip in December. I will remember you all at Christmastime in Bethlehem.

Many thanks for the friendly newsletter that you keep sending my way.

Christmas blessings,

FATHER MATT BURGER

Nov. 25, 1980

Dear Kresha Family,

My letter this time last year spoke of brush fires in the hills around us. It's hard to believe this year there were no fires in Simi Valley. Today we're getting the fierce winds that did so much damage with fire in San Bernadino.

Christmas we will be in Bakersfield with all four grandparents, then the women of the family will take Marie to the Rose Parade while the men babysit Mark and TV sports.

A blessed Christmas to you all.

DIANE, DON, MARIE AND MARK CHAISSON



11-15-80

Dear Family,

Well here I am running late again as usual. My intentions were good, but they always are. We here, are all doing just fine. Keeping busy as usual. I'm back to work, working with the same little girl I worked with last year.

Kids are being very busy in school. Pam is in drama again this year. Her first play will be, "The Women in White". It will be the 19, 20, and 21 of Nov. I have somehow gotten elected to help make the costumes for the play. I just finished the last one tonight. Dress rehearsal is tomorrow. It has been kind of fun. Andy and Tom both belong to Squires now and seem to really enjoy it. They keep busy with helping with bingo on Wed. night, and several other activities. Tom is taking Confirmation classes now and will be getting confirmed in about one year. Danny seems to be enjoying 2nd grade. He doesn't always want to settle down to the work he should be doing, but never gives me any static about going. He is anxiously waiting to join Cub Scouts, but it will be a while yet, as he can't join until he's 8, and that won't be until May.

It was really good to see you all at Nancy's wedding. It was a fast trip, but I really enjoyed it.

I suppose by now you will all be getting ready for the holidays. Andy helped me bake pies today for Thanksgiving. He made the crusts and I made the fillings. We will freeze them. My sis, Mary Ann, is coming from Wisc. She will spend Thanksgiving with us, so I want to have as much of my work done as I can before she comes. Tomorrow Tom will make dinner rolls. Each one of the kids is taking part in the dinner this year. They appreciate it more this way.

Well, I better close. It is getting late and tomorrow is work. We all want to wish each and every one of you a Blessed and Happy Holiday.

Lots of love to you all.

PAT, PAM, ANDY, TOM AND DANNY KRESHA

MERRY CHRISTMAS



Nov. 24, 1980

Holiday Greetings to All:

It is snowing today--real fine--and it is cold; sort of a holiday feeling in the air. We extend our best wishes for a Blessed Christmas and Happy New Year.

It has been a good year. It went by so fast. We all know time flies when we get older and keep busy.

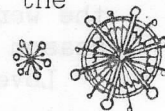
We are so thankful to Rita for taking Mother into her home and giving her such excellent care before surgery and during convalescence. Now Mom's dream has come true--to be back in Columbus. We thank Bill and Urs for all they did to get the apartment ready. A big thanks also goes to Mary who went to Denver and took Mom to her new home. Thanks, also, to the unknown acts of kindness everyone did. God will bless every one.

I am sure everyone's summer was hot and dry and hopefully the crops were fairly good. We are still raising cattle and hogs. It is a real problem trying to find ranch pasture, but we're doing okay. The hogs have slumped some and corn prices are up, but we're still hanging in there.

We enjoyed our short trip for Nancy's wedding in Sept. The time for visiting wasn't long enough. Some day we hope to travel.

Everyone here sends greetings for the holidays.

Love,



DALE, MILLIE, CURT, AND EVAN LUKASSEN

11-23-80

Dear Robins,

Season's Greetings! It looks like a white Christmas already. We're having a much needed snow, since we had a late, warm Indian summer.

The Ehmkes are all well and each one working hard. John is now head clerk in charge of the grocery department at Safeway. Johanna is an 8th grader. Jason is in the 5th grade. Both are involved with friends, sports, and studying. I'm still busy with my pins and needles. Our year has been busy fishing, backpacking, gardening, and following the Broncos!

We wish you and your families the best luck for the New Year, and may the world be at Peace! Love,

JOHN, CINDY, JOHNNA AND JASON EHMKE

Nov. 30, 1980

Dear Kresha Family,

We are still not totally settled in Iowa, but are getting there little by little. I still have a lot of things to do to get the paper organized like I want it, but I knew that would take a long time when we came here. I probably have more things to learn about running a daily than I realized, but with any luck at all now, will be able to survive until I get those things learned.

Our little apartment is working out pretty well for the three of us at home. We have some organizing to do there, too, but I am not all that worried about that. Gloria is getting along quite well at school. She would rather have not made the move, but is making the best of it. Karen has had a couple of jobs that lasted a short time since we got here, and has prospects of getting one soon that will last longer. She would like to go back to college but I am not sure she will be able to. Terri is still in Germany, looking forward to getting out of the Air Force and moving back to Colo. next spring. Joe is living in Commerce City, Colo. and grinding lenses for Douglas Optical in Denver. Joe and Terri are both thinking they would like to go to college in Boulder in another year.

Witulskis had us over for Thanksgiving and we had a very enjoyable day there-- a fairly long drive, but worth it.

We had a letter from Grandma Kresha the past week saying she got moved back to Nebr. all right. We hope she will be happy in her new apartment, and I would predict that she will be.

Merry Christmas to all the Kreshas!

GENE THOMAS AND FAMILY

New Addresses:

Eva Kresha
124 North Lane
Heritage House
Columbus, Nebr. 68601

Phone (402) 563-1596



Christmas, 1980

Dear Kresha Family,

Christmas is a time of warm remembrance. It's over 45 years when we used to go to Grandpa's for Christmas dinner and some times it was New Year's Day. What wonderful food every one brought. Can't you all see the big table in the dining room and the kitchen with the overflow in the bedroom? You wonder how all the aunts and uncles could stand all the noise we must have made. Can't you just see the men huddled around the little radio listening to the Rose Bowl Game? They got just as excited as we do now when we watch it on TV. There were so many of us and times were tough, but the Lord provided us with our needs and we were all happy.

May remembered joys of the past bring their own special warmth to you this happiest of seasons.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

DOLORES AND DICK NYFFELER



December, 1980

Hello Everyone!

The GLENN KRESHA'S wish each and every one a very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

The harvest is all completed here. The weather has sure cooperated with us. When they talk Indian summer, I believe the whole tribe turned out this year.

I have all my fall bulb planting finished. It should be pretty next spring, that is, if that cussed gopher doesn't eat them all again.

We have the cattle in the stalks and we are in the process of leveling more ground for irrigation.

We go to see Mom (Pauline) often. She is getting along real well.

Once again, we wish you all the best of everything for the Holiday season and we thank God for all.

GLENN, IIA, AND TONY KRESHA

New Address:

Joe Thomas
7160 E. 72nd Ave.
Apt. 103
Commerce City, Colorado 80022





11-24-80

Dear Family,

We had a few inches of snow Saturday night. It is real chilly out this morning.

I am always busy, never run out of work, it seems. I am still working at the Thrift Shop and have very good sales.

I took my 7 1/2 pound turnip to Church and placed it in front of the Blessed Virgin's statue with one long orange-colored squash about 18" or more in length, and a round pumpkin with a funny face. It looked very pretty.

Hoping you will all have a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.

God love you all!

SOPHIA KRESHA



Giant Turnips Shock Gardener

Each year Sophia Kresha expects her flowers to produce a great number of blossoms in many beautiful colors. She needs an abundance of blooms to share with her church, her friends, and with people who are sick and lonely.

One thing she didn't expect from her garden this year was turnips; she had planted two rows and not one turnip came up....she thought.

This fall while cleaning up the garden plot Sophia discovered two giants....just two turnips, mind you....but one weighed four pounds and the other tipped the scales at seven and a half pounds,

Humphrey couple exchanges vows

September 13, 1980

HUMPHREY — St. Francis Catholic Church was the scene for Saturday afternoon rites joining Nancy Kresha, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kresha, and Michael Bender, son of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Bender.

Rev. Ambrose German officiated. Providing the music were John Putnam, organist, and Ken-Siemek and Jerry Joseph, vocalists.

The bride was adorned in an ivory gown of angel knit over taffeta, styled with an accordion pleated skirt extending to a chapel train. Sheer front and back V-yokes were decorated with Schiffli embroidery. The gown was also trimmed in silk Venise lace and ruffled with Chantilly.



MRS. MICHAEL BENDER

To complete the ensemble, she wore a picture hat covered with matching lace and an illusion tulle veil. Nancy carried a nosegay of burgundy roses, field flowers, and baby's breath.

Attending her were Mrs. Ted Preister, Madison, as matron of honor; with Mrs. Galyn Moeller and Alice Krings, Columbus, Mrs. Robert Mausbach, Omaha, and Kristi Kresha as bridesmaids.

Each wore a burgundy gown of tinasetta knit. The gowns had b'louson bodices, covered by short cocoon jackets. They carried long-stemmed ivory roses encircled with baby's breath and field flowers, and wore halos of flowers in their hair.

Jim Bender was best man.

Groomsmen were Galyn Moeller, Columbus; Ted Preister, Madison; Ed Kresha, and Dan Bender of Lincoln.

Serving as ushers were Randy Melcher, Lindsay, Rich Bender and Henry Zach. Flower girl was Tammy Mausbach, Omaha, while ring bearer was Mark Moeller, Columbus. Jan Kudron, Omaha, and Mrs. Pat Preister lit the candles.

A reception attended by about 500 was held at the St. Francis Auditorium.

Following a honeymoon trip to the Ozarks, the couple will be at home in Humphrey. The bride is a secretary for Bruce Gilmore and Associates, while the groom farms near Humphrey.



Christmas, 1980

Dear Family,

Hope my letter makes the Christmas issue. I had a little accident involving two fingers, so I'll not be typing for awhile.

George and I extend to you all a joyful Christmas and good health in the New Year.

We keep well and happy. Some days are too short. We are both busy at home and with our separate little jobs. George works at his yards, leisurely, and I sit with some older children in the exclusive area of town. It's interesting. I don't want too much work.

The past year we took a few trips around California. We see our Grandchildren a few days every month--either here or at their home. We plan to spend Thanksgiving at Donald and Diane's in Simi Valley. Christmas will be at our home. Donald's folks will join us for a few days, so we can share our Grandchildren's Christmas excitement.

Jerome has been working for Brenda Masa Farms--thousands of acres of nut trees, almond, pistachio, pecan, and now, kiwi plants. His title and job is "Orchard Supervisor". He and another young fellow manage the East Side Farms of 6,000 acres. They are doing a good job. He lives in Bakersfield about a mile from us and drives 24 miles to work.

Bakersfield has had some great weather this year. We didn't turn on the furnace this fall until the early days of Nov.

Clarence, Marge and children brought brother John and Caroline down for a visit last June. Eva rode a bus to Bakersfield to spend a week with us. We took her to visit with Ann and the Zippers. Rita and Karen came to pick her up for her return to Sacramento. We hope Eva is happy in her little apartment. Keeping house for herself is a new experience. You all have to admit that she looks great. California agreed with her.

Merry Christmas and Good Health to all!
Hope to see you all in 1981.

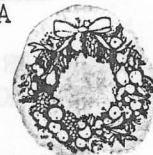
GEORGE AND MARGARET KRESHA

Merry Christmas

"This Christmas. . . mend a quarrel, seek out a forgotten friend. Share some treasure. Keep a promise. Give to someone who has nothing to give. Find the time, encourage youth, forego a grudge and forgive an enemy. Laugh a little, express your gratitude. Go to church, welcome a stranger. Think first of someone else. Gladden the heart of a child. Speak of love. . . speak it again. Speak it still once again--Keep Christmas!"

Peace! Joy! Love!

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



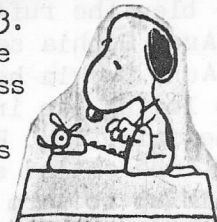
EDITOR'S NOTE:

The KRONICLE is being printed at a different place this time. Our printer went out of business. I would appreciate your comments. It will cost much less to do each issue. The only area where it might make a noticeable difference is in pictures. We can only try, and then judge the results.

Thanks to George and Margaret Kresha for donating about 1,000 envelopes to be used for mailing the KRONICLE. They should last us for awhile. Thanks, too, to all of you who have sent money during 1980. The balance in the KRONICLE fund as of Dec. 1, 1980 was \$241.63.

The next issue of the KRONICLE will go to press sometime in late Febr. Try to have your letters in to me by Febr. 15.

Elaine



New Addresses:

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St. Benedict, Oregon 97373

Mark and Bobbi Wolf
2329 No. 143rd
Omaha, Nebr. 68164

Jim and Sharon Kresha
4432 Williams St.
Omaha, Nebr.



BIRTHS



KRESHA: Matthew Joseph, born Oct. 14, 1980, to Clarence and Marge Kresha.

BLOCK: Nina Danielle, born Oct. 26, 1980, to James and Donna (Kresha) Block.

PREISTER: Baby Boy, born Nov. 2, 1980, to Glen and Julie (Kresha) Preister.

VOICES FROM THE PAST: EMELIA AND JOHN KROPATSCH--Part II

Those ladies were glad to see us, and thought the baby looked cute in his new clothes. Then I said to John, "Why don't we run over to Uncle Adolf's so we can show them the baby in his new clothes?" When we got to their place Uncle Adolf was getting the horses harnessed. Aunt Sophia came out to the car. She had a shawl around her neck--it was kind of cool. Each of them stood on one side of the car. Aunt Sophia held Clarence up under his arms--the breeze blew the ruffles around his neck and arms so he looked like a big yellow butterfly. Aunt Sophia said, "He should have clothes on." I said, "He has his new clothes on." Aunt Sophia held him in her arms, and tucked him under her shawl, and looked at him so loving, so interested in him, like he was the most precious thing in the world. And she said, "Oh, Emelia, you shouldn't take him out like this--he's only a little baby." She smiled so motherly at him. He cuddled under her arm and laughed. She took him up to warm him up in the house. In those days people used to keep babies warm, and in long clothes over the diaper. They put a long petticoat on, which they wrapped around the legs, and turned it up and pinned it over the feet. So after that, I put him back in longer and warmer clothes. When we had been outdoors, Uncle Adolf had just held his horses' harness, but he couldn't tell me how much he liked the baby. He just said, "Oh, Emelia".

John's sister Sophia and her husband were closer to the family than some of the rest. They had a lot of company. The family would get together, and the girls fixed dinner.

They would wash the dishes and put things away, then sit around and visit. I was in the garden one time. John's sisters were there. I looked over to the house and Aunt Sophia was sitting on a chair near the doorway. One of the girls brought a pillow to put on her lap, then they brought Clarence to her and put him on the pillow, wrapped in a blanket, and she sat in the sunshine in the doorway with the baby on the pillow, covered with a shawl. Then she was ready to visit. So it was no wonder she thought I shouldn't take the baby out like I did. I didn't bundle him up like she did, but I did use more clothes on him than I had before.



Queen and king of the 1980 David City High School Homecoming are Kelly Gregory and Brad Kresha. They were crowned during halftime ceremonies at the DCHS-Wahoo football game Friday night.

Brad is the son of the Larry Kreshas, and the Grandson of Rose and Adolph Kresha.