

KRESHA KRONICLE

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Dec. 8, 1980

Dec. 7, 1980

Dear Kresha Kin,

Jennie and I moved into our new home in Gilcrest, Colorado, in August. (Gilcrest is between Denver and Greeley on Hwy 85) We're so tickled to finally have a real house. I got it through a FHMA loan, so it had to be in a small town. You don't put any money down, just closing costs. It's for incomes under \$15,400. Interest on mine is mostly 8½%, and the rest 11½%. It's 2 years old, with two bedrooms, a finished family room with fireplace, and an unfinished room. I have to drive 22 miles to teach in Longmont, but it's worth it. Jennie is bused to a Middle School (Grade 6) 5 miles away. We are learning how to mow grass, paint, etc.

Isn't life funny? I finally got my dream of a house and now I will have to move again this summer as I'll be getting married in June or July. The wedding will be for friends and close family. His name is Murl Etter, A PE teacher in Longmont. I've known Murl for 4 years, but only dated this year. He was only married a few years before when his wife died. We plan to sell our houses and buy a home together in Longmont.

Jennie is crazy about Murl, and I know he'll make a good stepdad and dad. I'll try to bring him to our Kresha picnic in June. My Singles Club will have to get a new leader!

We plan to celebrate Christmas here, then Murl, Jennie and I will come to Nebr. around New Year's. Hope you have some non-wet weather then!

Glad to hear Grandma likes her new "cottage". I think she deserves to finally return!

May you all have enjoyable holidays and may your lives be full of blessings and love all year!

Love,



MARCIE AND JENNIE STRAUSS

(Ed. note--Sorry this did not make the Christmas edition. It was postmarked, Dec. 9, from Longmont, Colo., then Dec. 12 from Gilcrest, Colo., then Dec. 18, from Omaha, Nebr., then Dec. 22, from Jemes, NM I received it after Christmas--and they are going to raise postage to 18¢!---- Sorry, Marcie.)

Kreshas--

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS to all the Kreshas from Old Bethlehem.

FATHER MATT BURGER

Christmas, 1980

Greetings--

"There's no better time than this season of love, To think of the people whom we're fondest of, Wonderful folks we're so glad we met, People like you--just too nice to forget."

I'm fine--a few arthritic pains, sneaking up, here and there, now and then. Nothing debilitating, but annoying. One must do penance for past sins!

Have a joyous Christmas.

FATHER ANTHONY T. TRAUSCH

Jan. 30, 1981

Dear Kresha Kronicle,

We celebrated our 60th Wedding Anniversary Sunday, Jan. 25th. We renewed our vows. The children, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Lukassen, Mrs. Mary Lukassen, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Lukassen, Glenda Parsons, and Mr. and Mrs. Evan Moody were hosting the celebration that followed. The Eagle ladies served the dinner. Open house was from 2-4. A dinner was served in the evening to all the out of town relatives. The grandchildren helped with the dinner.

Our best man (my brother, Henry Vandenberg) and maid of honor (Fred's sister, Ann Timoney) were both here from David City, Nebr. There were many other relatives here from a distance.

We want to thank all of you who sent us cards. We have received 117 cards and they are still coming. It was a great day!

FRED AND MARTHA LUKASSEN

(Ed. note--On behalf of all the KRESHA CIAN, a belated, Happy 60th Wedding Anniversary!)



Febr., 1981

Dear Family,

Last year was a poor one for the farmers, cropwise. The drought during the summer and a hailstorm in Sept. reduced grain production. A rain and ice storm in November gave much needed moisture to the wheat crop. Two truckloads of branches were picked up under the elm trees after the ice storm. Elm wood is so soft.

Harold finished his repair shop and the large overhead door arrived. He is repairing the grain box on his truck right now. A wood furnace heats his shop and he said it was a joy to do his repair work in a nice warm shop.

Orders are still coming in for the blueprints of his wood heating furnace that he made in January of 1980. A picture of it appeared in several magazines.

In our orchard last summer we harvested 18 quarts of sour cherries, 28 quarts of pears and 25 quarts of English walnuts. The nut trees bore for the first time. Frost ruined our apple and peach trees.

Marcia is planning a small summer wedding. She is marrying Murl Etter, a teacher and widower who lives in Longmont and is near her age.

Larry has enrolled in Southeast Community Collège and is taking a course in data processing. He's living at home now since he lost his job on the Crete News last fall.

Leon and Sharon are planning to vacation in Colorado this summer. We hope to see them then.

We are sorry to hear about Adolph's great loss of equipment due to fire.

Our prayers are that Martin, Charles, and Art will regain their health.

Love,

LILLIAN AND HAROLD WITULSKI

Easter Greetings

Humphrey High Sweetheart Dance Queen and King, Kristi Kresha, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kresha, and Steve Sjuts, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cal Sjuts, were crowned recently. Senior attendants were Carl Jarosz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Jarosz and Annette Brandl, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Brandl.



HUMPHREY SWEETHEARTS

Febr. 10, 1981

Dear Kresha Family,

We felt it was time we wrote a letter to all our fellow family members!

Tom is still employed by American Telephone and Telegraph (AT & T) and recently received his transfer. Finally, to get off the road of travel and be in a permanent place. We will miss our theme song, "On the Road Again"!! As of Jan. 5th we became residents of Albuquerque, New Mexico. Old stomping grounds for Rita. Remember, Rita?

Two weeks ago we took the big plunge and purchased a house. We are so excited to be homeowners and have some real estate of our very own! There is a nice big back-yard which is very undeveloped, so there will be a few sore backs here very soon, as we can see spring around the corner. Definitely there will be a garden in one corner. Now to find out what will grow in this fine, sandy New Mexico soil!

We extend a welcome from our home to anyone down this way visiting either this summer, or snow-birds down here already!!! Please look us up.

Spring is on its way!



TOM AND NADINE (LUKASSEN) TIMMONS

NEW ADDRESSES:

TOM AND NADINE TIMMONS
12808 Mountain View, N.E.
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87123

JOE THOMAS
780 Cragmore St.
Denver, Colorado 80221
Phone 303-429-5688

STEVE AND BETTIANN WITULSKI
8511 Sandalwood Drive
Lincoln, Nebr. 68520

BIRTHS



WITULSKI: Mr. and Mrs. Steve Witulski of Lincoln are the parents of a boy born February 14 at Bryan Memorial Hospital. He weighed eight pounds, 9 ounces and has been named Matthew Ryan. Mrs. Witulski is the former Bettiann Kresha.

Maternal grandparents are Adolph Kresha and Rose Kresha.

Febr. 10, 1981

Dear Family,

Those who thought that we'd have an open winter can think again. Today we had a Nebr. blizzard and happy are those who have a warm place to stay. Like me. Daily I'm thankful to God for His blessings to me in my advancing age.

First of all, I extend congratulations to the Klan who graduated from their studies at mid-term. Also to the younger students who made the Honor Roll. A big hug to Katie O'Brien, who got all A's on her report card. Nice!!

Our hearts should go out in sympathy to the Adolph Kresha family, who lost over \$100,000 worth of farm machinery in a fire in January, this year. Let us pray that God may bless them in some other way to compensate for this big loss. God's ways are not our ways.

As I hear, there will be two summer weddings in our family circle. Let us pray for these young people.

I request your prayers for my sister, Lucy Carter, of Coeur D'Alene, Idaho, who passed away Jan. 23, 1981. She suffered over a year with cancer. She was 78.

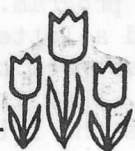
I invite you all to come visit me at Heritage House in Columbus. 124 North Road. Not all at once, please! This is a cozy place, and I love it here. You are warmly welcome.

Please, Father Burger, tell us about your trip to the Holy Land. I'm sure you saw so much that we never read in the papers.

I'm waiting for the Kresha reunion in June, having missed it in previous years. See you there!

Love ya ver' much,

MOTHER KRESHA



Febr. 14, 1981

Dear Everyone,

The past year was good to us, with better than average crop yields, and very good weather.

This winter has been so mild and dry. Just this past week we had the most snow-fall (about 6 inches) and a taste of below zero weather.

The calving season is well under way with a good average so far. The men are feeding the springer cows once a day at 10 PM. This causes the cows to keep busy eating most of the night and then will calve in the daytime. You may think it

unusual, but it has been working so far.

Nadine and Tom were here this weekend to get the household items they had stored here. They are excited about the home they bought in Albuquerque. Many of their wedding gifts had been in storage when they were living in the trailer. They are hoping to drive over to Cuba, N.M. some weekend to see Sister Dolores.

Patsy is with the Bauman family on a trip south to show Charolais cattle. They are in Jackson, Miss. now, and then will be on to Baton Rouge, La. and Houston, Tex. before returning home. This is the last show circuit until fall. Patsy will be married May 23rd.

Marty played 8th grade football and really enjoyed it. He is solid. 5'11", so he was able to handle the right guard position. His favorite subjects are science and industrial arts.

This fall Dave and the men built a pole barn for calving. Dave drew up the blue prints.

I am still employed with the school food service, usually working 30 to 35 hours a week. There is a lot of bookkeeping for the government with school lunch. Maybe Reagan will eliminate some of it.

Chris is enjoying life at UNL. As of now, she is studying to be an elementary Ed. teacher.

Best wishes for good health to all the brothers who have been hospitalized.

Until next time, lots of love,

MARY LUKASSEN AND FAMILY

DON'T FORGET

KRESHA REUNION:

June 14, 1981
12:00 Noon

East Shelter, Pawnee Park
Columbus, Nebr.

DEADLINE for the next KRONICLE will be April 30. Please send pictures of the 1981 graduates, so they can be included next issue.

Thanks!



Febr., 1981

Dear Family,

Winter temperatures in Eastern Nebr. have been great, very comparable to Arizona. On Febr. 10, we had a one day blizzard with little snow and a fierce wind. The school children loved it, as all the schools around were closed.

Wonder how many of you watch weatherman, John Coleman on Channel 7 between 7-9 AM. I really think he tells it as it is! Oh, yes, I watch the California weather, too.

The Wednesday Senior Citizen Dinners in David City find me volunteering my help. This involves setting the tables (we use paper plates), serving the food and clearing away the dishes. Attendance averages about 100, with 180 attending our Thanksgiving Dinner. This is a happy day for the elderly in Butler County, although anyone can come. Many clubs and organizations have been donating their work and helping with the entertainment. I'm especially responsible for the table decorations. God willing, I hope to continue to help as there is a great need for this activity in our town.

This week is a busy one. On Wednesday, Dan Hilger's and Bonnie Kobza's parish have their annual pancake supper in David City. I help with the small children as the whole family works. On Thursday is Grandparent's Day at St. Mary's School. I'll be a dinner guest of my Grandson, Matt Hilger. Then on Febr. 22, the Bellwood School children are sponsoring a soup supper to help pay for a new timer in their gym. Hope these projects make them a lot of money.

My bridge playing is improving. I am learning about defensive bidding. Would you believe some bridge people play morning, afternoons, and at night?

The Butler County Historical Society is publishing a Butler County History Book. I am working on the story of Hilger families starting with great, great grandfather Dominic Hilger who homesteaded near my home. How do you complete the story of ancestors who settled here over 100 years ago? I will be lost forever if I don't try. This is the County's first family household history.

Wishing all of you good health and happiness. My love,

ROSE HILGER



Febr. 19, 1981

Dear Family,

Received the KRESHA KRONICLE Tuesday, thanks to Elaine for mailing me the second copy of the Christmas issue. First was lost in the mails. I like to record the marriages and births in the family record.

We are fine. George celebrated his 70th birthday, Jan. 31. We updated his pickup truck from a 1950 to 1959. This one has a newly rebuilt motor and works fine. So for his birthday the children and I had a surprise paint job put on it. Looks nice now. Mike came and drove it to the shop for us. That night George asked where his pickup was, and I told him Mike took it to do some work on it. We got by with that story until it was ready on Saturday morning.

George has been busy building bee boxes for Jerome. JK wants to get into the bee business. He wants to get stung? Ha! He wants to start with 50 brood hives. They mature and multiply quickly so could double them in a few months. The pollination business is in great demand in Calif. Around here, especially, the big tree ranches of nuts and citrus. One hive can pollinate 3 crops in a year, plus the honey.

Jerome has the most interesting work as orchard supervisor. Today he was up with the crop duster. (They have a converted helicopter) dusting BEE POLLEN on the almond blossoms. It's a plus pollinator along with the bees. Increases the nut set-on---like about \$300 per acre. Real science.

Monday Jerome was driving along Highway 99 in his pickup, listening to Paul Harvey and the news. As you all know, this is a national news program. Paul Harvey was telling he received a letter from Grand Island, Nebr. on the subject of why marriages last longer in Nebr. than in most parts of the US; so he reads the letter. It was signed by Raymond Kresha. Jerome just laughed. A small world.

I'm setting for 10 days with a 9 year old girl. I come home during school hours. It works out OK. One job a month is enough.

The birthday letters brought news of the Kreshas. I say, sure a lot of you were sick. We hope and pray for your complete recovery. We were heartsick to hear of Adolph's terrible fire. That was tragic.

In January, Mike had an accident with his pickup. A 77 year old lady ran a stop sign, hitting Mike's pickup in the right front fender. Mike pulled some muscles in the shoulder area. It bothered him for quite some time, but the Dr. has released him now.

Our best wishes for good health to all.

GEORGE AND MARGARET KRESHA

Strauss-Etter

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Witulski, Beatrice, Neb., have announced the engagement of their daughter Marcie Strauss, of Gilcrest, to Murl Etter, son of Dr. and Mrs. Milton Etter, Boulder.

The prospective bride is a graduate of a Lincoln (Neb.) high school, and from the University of Iowa in Iowa City. She is an itinerant teacher for the hearing impaired in Longmont public schools.

Etter is a graduate of Boulder High School, and Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, Okla. He teaches physical education at Northridge Elementary School.

The couple plans a July 18 wedding at St. John the Baptist Church, Longmont.



MURL ETTER, MARCIE STRAUSS
...plan July vows

March, 1981

Dear Family,

I suppose I'd better add our letter this time. Sometime I have to omit ours for lack of space.

Martin had surgery on Jan. 20th. It was not back surgery, as some of you have heard. Doctor blocked some nerves, hoping to relieve some of the pain Martin had in his back and legs. Doctor also found a weak spot in Martin's abdominal wall, and repaired that. Martin is doing pretty good, but still gets tired easily. I guess it just takes a certain length of time to recover from surgery of any kind.

The rest of us are doing great. The kids have already started the countdown to the end of school. Patrick has only about 6 more weeks of his college year left. The rest of them get out of school about mid-May.

I have been kept extremely busy with substitute work. This was a good year for the flu. One day 3 schools called me to sub for sick teachers.

We have been doing OK, healthwise. The girls did have a bout with the flu, and I had several terrific colds, but otherwise nothing noteworthy.

I hope all of you who live close to Mom Kresha will drop in for a visit. She has a lovely little home, and is always happy to have visitors.

Our best wishes to all of the family for a Blessed and Holy Easter. May the Risen Lord bless you with love and peace!

MARTIN AND ELAINE KRESHA AND FAMILY



OBITUARIES



Frances Gondringer

Frances Gondringer was born March 4, 1899 at Osceola to Julius and Frances Kropach Cerny. She died December 19, 1980 at the Columbus Community Hospital at age 81.

On November 25, 1920, she married Nicholas V. Gondringer at Shelby and they farmed in Polk and Butler Counties before retiring to Shelby.

She was a member of the Sacred Heart Church, St. Ann's Altar Society, the American Legion Auxiliary and was a Gold Star Mother.

Surviving are one son, Mark of Shelby; four daughters, Mrs. Lloyed (Lucille) Walford of Gresham, Phyllis Gondringer of Columbus, Mrs. Felix (Ethel Mae) Zoucha of Monroe, and Mrs. Walden (Elaine) Jones of Osceola; three brothers, Joseph of Columbus, Oswald of Shelby and William of Garden Grove, California; one sister, Helen Merrick of Osceola; 16 grand children, 11 great grandchildren and a number of nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death were her husband, a son, Glen, a World War II casualty; brothers, Frank, John and Julius; and sisters, Josephine Gondringer, Minnie Altmanshofer and Anna Cerny.

Services were at 10 a.m. December 22 at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Shelby, with Reverend John Zastrow officiating. Escorts were Donald Cerny, Daniel Cerny, Paul Gondringer, George Gondringer, Robert Merrick and Victor Krumbach.

Burial was in the parish cemetery.

LUCY (KARGES) CARTER
of Coeur D'Alene, Idaho,
passed away Jan. 23, 1981,
at the age of 78. She
was a half-sister to
Eva Kresha.

Febr. 22, 81

Dear Kresha Family,

Not too much has happened with us since the last Kronicle. My folks' golden wedding open house was a success and they came through it in fine shape. I spent Christmas with them. Joe, Karen and Gloria spent the day with my brother and sister in Denver.

Business is going on about the same. Pretty good, but not good enough to keep me from having a bit of a struggle. I'm making some headway toward getting things worked out, though. Some of the crew and I work some on remodeling most weekends, but this is a project that will take a long time to complete.

Joe is still working for Douglas Optical in Denver. Terri is to get out of the Air Force in about a month and thinks she would like to live in the Denver area, also. Karen is working some at the paper, and still looking for a full time job. Gloria is learning to play golf at school, and is keeping busy with math and other subjects.

We had quite a blizzard here Febr. 10, but it provided some much needed moisture. Now we are getting a little rain. I hope we get a bunch more in the next month or so.

I hope all the Kreshas are doing OK. It is always good to get news of the family.

GENE THOMAS, KAREN AND GLORIA



Mar. 2, 81

Dear Loved Ones,

We enjoyed our "Arizona" weather this winter, mixed in with a few cold days. We haven't had much moisture. Our last weekend of snow measuring 5 inches was the most we had at one time. Today we had a little rain. There will be a shortage of water this summer as the higher elevations did not get very much moisture.

We enjoyed helping Fred and Mike Lukassen celebrate their 60th Anniversary on Jan. 25. Again, we got to see all of our relatives on Lukassen's side.

We have good news to announce. Our son Bart, and Veda Snider will be getting married on April 11. Hopefully, a lot of you can make it to the wedding.

We had a busy winter moving and feeding cattle when the grass was gone. Soon it will be spring.

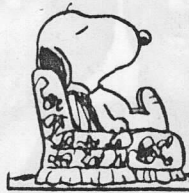
We are so glad that Mother is making such a grand adjustment. Wish we were closer to visit.

Our wishes for a Blessed Easter.



MILLIE AND DALE LUKASSEN AND SONS

FROM THE EDITOR:



I have been waiting "just a little bit longer" so I could put together a worthwhile Kronicle this time. It has paid off, because in the last

two weeks quite a bit more material has come for this issue.

I have had no comments on the last Kronicle, so am assuming it was OK. I will continue with the new printer unless someone has complaints about it.

Don't forget, the reunion will be here before we know it. Mark June 14 on your calendars. Those on the committee this year are Joe and Lou Kresha, David Kresha, and Eddie Kresha.

I am most grateful when you send me your change of address. If you are not receiving some of your Kronicles, please let me know.

Thanks for your cooperation and your contributions. Without either one, the Kronicle would die.

Happy Easter!

Elaine



Jodi 6 years, Connie 4 years and April 5 months, children of Mr. and Mrs. Greg Kresha of Osceola.



Gloria Thomas

KRESHA KRONICLE

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To All the People who receive the
Kronicle:

A WISH A HOPE A PRAYER

This brings a wish that Easter
Will be happy through and through
A prayer that all God's bless-
ings

Will be showered down on you
And a hope that Easter's
promise

Is fulfilled in every way
For you and for your dear ones
On this holy, happy day--

A BLESSED EASTER

A Novena of Masses in honor of
Our Risen Savior will be celebra-
ted for all your intentions start-
ing at the Tomb of Our Lord on
Easter Sunday.

I will be thinking of you all on
Easter. SOPHIA KRESHA



Dear Family,

Just a few lines. Seems I am always
busy. I am not trying to get my yard
done. The garden needs plowing, too.

I am well, and have enjoyed good
health this winter. God, Jesus, and
Mary are really with me, and for me,
day and night. There are so many
people who are sick.

Sorry about Alfred Kuhnel's death. He
was a first cousin on my Dad's side. His
Mother was Dad's sister, Mollie or Amolia.
He is the last of the original Kuhnel
family.

I am also sorry to hear about Caroline's
(Mrs. John Kresha) passing.

I didn't get to Bradley Lukassen's wed-
ding. It was too far and I had to take
care of the singing for Saturday and Palm
Sunday Mass.

I am wondering how Dolores Nyffeler is
coming. Hope her ankle will recover sat-
isfactorily.

Love and Prayers,

SOPHIA KRESHA

Scholarship winner told

Kristina Kresha has been
awarded the Professional
Secretaries International
Scholarship for 1981-82 sponsored
by Navigator Chapter of
Columbus.

Kresha, a senior at Humphrey
High School, is the daughter of
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kresha of
Humphrey. She is reigning Hearts
Queen and an honor roll student.

She has been named to the
Second Team All-Conference
Selections in basketball and has
received honorable mention
status for volleyball. She plans to
attend Platte College in Colum-
bus.



KRISTINA KRESHA

4-25-81

Dear Kresha Kronicle,

We are having beautiful weather. The men
are all busy in the fields.

On April 10, Mary and Fred and I went to
Canon City for the wedding of Bartly Lukassen
and Veda Snider. Mary was our driver and
a very good one. It was a very nice wedding.
Those from Kimball who were there besides us
were, Vaughn and Terri Lukassen, Tim and
Cathy, Mandy and Kacey Lukassen. Glenda
Lukassen and Jill Parson had planned to go,
but Jill got Chicken Pox and the other
children had the school play and their honor
banquet. Wayne and Mary Ann Lukassen would
have liked to have gone, but Donnie had won
the State Farmer Award in FFA and they had
to go to Lincoln for that.

Easter Sunday we had a family pot luck
dinner at Wayne and Mary Ann's. It was
also Fred's 81st birthday. We do it this
way because there are so many of us. There
was food enough for two meals and plenty
left to take home. It was so nice to see
all the Canon City Lukassens.

Today there is a shower for Patsy Lukassen
who is to be married May 23.

We are both happy for Marcie Strauss.

All our best wishes,

FRED AND MARTHA LUKASSEN



4-2-81

Dear Family,

I had an accident March 20. I fell (slipped) off a bottom step on a stairs at a Retreat House where we had gone for a week-end retreat. (about 100 miles from here) My left ankle was broken and the ligaments in my right knee were torn during the accident. I am in casts on both legs--from toes to knee on left, from toes to groin on the right. I will be off work for two months. 4-6 weeks in casts and then a couple of weeks of physiotherapy to get my muscles back to functional order. Karen has been a pillar of strength to me, doing everything that has to be done.

I am determined to make this convalescence one of worth; a time to reevaluate my life and re-dedicate myself to our Lord.

May the Grace of our Lord, and the Love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you always!

Love,

RITA KRESHA



5-10-81

Dear Family,

'Tis a time to greet all the Kreshas in a family letter. Congratulations to all the family members who were married, became new parents, school graduates, during the past months. May they have God's blessings, good health, and serve God all their days.

Also I extend sympathy to all who may have been bereaved in the past interval. May they be comforted in God's mercy. Your patience in grief will be rewarded. As of this time, do remember to pray for a favorable harvest. It is so necessary to provide food for mankind, also for animals, for their food and nourishment.

I'm enjoying my new home in Columbus and I invite my relatives and friends to stop by, even if you only have time to just say, "Hello". This is a nice, quiet place to live, and a pleasant part of Nebr. to call home.

I'm looking forward to the Kresha Reunion. See you there!

Sincerely,

EVA KRESHA
124 North Road
Heritage House
Columbus, Nebr. 68601



CARD OF THANKS

No matter how deep the shadows,
No matter how dark the way,
Having friends abound unfailling
Gives courage and hope today.

THANK YOU!

We want to thank all of our wonderful relatives for all the condolences, food, masses, memorials, and the lovely floral bouquet in memory of Mom.

THE FAMILY OF CAROLINE KRESHA

OUR FATHER'S LOVE

Whose name is lovely above all names

May we have you in our heart

As you have us in yours.

Help us to find a way of life that helps others to live.

As you take no count of our faults may we not judge others by theirs.

Strengthen us against our weaknesses

And keep us from too much pride in our strengths.

For only love builds the world

You had in mind when you created us,

And only love makes life worth living--

for love is life--

Help us to love one another. Amen.

by Dorothy (Kresha) Kush



EDITOR'S NOTE:

Greetings from Kearney, Nebr.!

Hope this issue isn't too jumbled or confusing. I am doing it in my spare (?) time between studies at KSC.

Sorry Grads, I could not get your pictures in this issue. The pictures I had would not reproduce. Congratulations to BRAD KRESHA, son of Larry and Carol Kresha, and to KRISTI KRESHA, daughter of Charles and Lucy Kresha. Were there only 2 from the Klan that graduated from High School this spring?

Next deadline is August 1.

Happy Summer!

Thank you for
your nice letter.

Elaine





DEATHS

Caroline S. Kresha

Mrs. John (Caroline) S. Kresha, 69, of 758 21st Ave., died Thursday evening in Columbus Community Hospital after a short illness.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday in St. Anthony Church with Rev. Laurin Buzynski officiating. Burial will be in St. Bonaventure Cemetery.

Visitation will be after 1 p.m. Sunday in McKown Funeral Home. Rosaries will be recited by St. Theresa Sodality and the Legion of Mary at 7 p.m. Sunday and by St. Anthony Parish at 7:30 p.m. Sunday in the funeral home.

Mrs. Kresha was born in Poland November 26, 1911, daughter of John and Sophia Placek Stavas. She married John Kresha in St. Mary Church, Pilsno, on Sept. 8, 1931.

She and her husband farmed in Polk County for 30 years and has lived in Columbus for the past 20 years. She was a member of St. Anthony Church, St. Theresa Sodality and the Legion of Mary.

She is survived by her husband; two daughters, Mrs. Jerome (Florence) Jarecki of Columbus and Mrs. Louis (Dorothy) Kush of Monroe, and two sons, Dennis Kresha of Columbus and Clarence Kresha of Sacramento, Calif.

She is also survived by three sisters, Mrs. Hubert (Ann) Becker and Louise Rowe of Denver, Colo., and Mrs. Helen Brungardt of Aurora, Colo., and 19 grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a son and a brother.

Alfred Kuhnel

Alfred H. Kuhnel was born October 9, 1906 at Gresham to Adolf and Amelia Kresha Kuhnel and died April 3, 1981 at the Annie Jeffrey Hospital at age 74.

On May 14, 1929 he married Esther Gabriel at Fullerton. He farmed in the Osceola area before retiring more than ten years ago. He was a member of St. Vincent Catholic Church.

Surviving are his wife; four children, Eldon Kuhnel and Mrs. William (Marilyn) Monroe, both of Kansas City, Missouri, Mrs. Darrell (Janelle) Schachenmeyer of Waco and Vernon Kuhnel of Osceola; 13 grandchildren and a great grandson.

He was preceded in death by his parents, five brothers and a sister.

A Mass of Christian burial was held April 7 at St. Vincent Catholic Church with Reverend Edward Valasek officiating. Escorts were Kenneth Kuhnel, LaVern Kuhnel, Paul Kuhnel, Dennis Gabriel, Leonard Gabriel and Richard Thelen.

Burial was in the Osceola Cemetery.

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KRESHA KRONICLE ACCOUNT

Balance on hand 6-1-81 \$239.15

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Hello!

Our work has slowed down. The boys are working nights at Lindsay Manufacturing (L.M.) It is owned by DeKalb. They work the second shift from 3:00 to 11:00. It tires them out and it is dangerous work. They might drive the hyster, drive the crane, do galvanizing, or work with acid.

We gave up our dealership for TL Pivots. Lou is now working at Behlen's at nights

from 3:30 P.M. to 2:00 A.M. as an electrician and maintenance man.

We have 6 children. Denise is 23 and married to Steve Yrkoski. He works at Schuyler Pack. Denise works at Columbus Manor. Ronald is 22. He was home and has gone back to Valentine to help Clarence Danielski with corn planting. Bob is 21, Rich will be 19 this month. He will be leaving June 1 with Jim Mahoney with the wheat harvest down South. Randy is 16. He is in the 10th grade. The boys are all good mechanics. Donna is 11 and is in the 6th grade. She likes to draw and write poems. She is active in girl scouts.

Thanks for attending Mom's funeral and helping out in whichever way you did.

Love,

LOUIS AND DOROTHY KUSH AND FAMILY



5-1-81

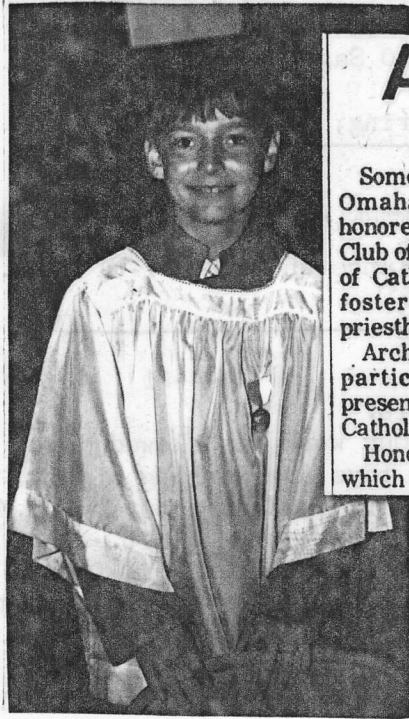
Dear Kresha Family,

The newest thing this time around is that Terri is back home from Germany. She has probably visited some of you by this time. She was here for about a week, then headed out for Colorado with intentions of visiting friends at Omaha, and then Kresha relatives on the way.

Our bookkeeper here at the paper moved away, so Karen is taking on that job--working with me and our accountant. We both have quite a bit to learn, even after taking a beginning accounting course in Ames over a 12-week period. (1 night a week)

Business is coming along fairly well, though it is still a problem to keep the money coming as fast as it goes out.

Gloria is going to the school prom tomorrow night, and has been enjoying golf at school the past several weeks. I keep my nose to the grindstone and there is not much new with me. We plan to attend the reunion. GENE THOMAS, KAREN AND GLORIA



Altar Boys Honored at Omaha

Some 200 altar boys in the Omaha archdiocese were honored recently by the Serra Club of Omaha, an organization of Catholic laymen who help foster vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

Archbishop Daniel Sheehan, participated in the award presentations held at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Omaha.

Honorees for the recognition which includes a certificate and

a medal were Paul Maca, Dennis Rinkol, Duane Dubas, and Kenneth Kresha.

Attending from St. Anthony's of Columbus were Sister Elizabeth Fuch, Sister Lourita Bintner, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Rinkol, Bernice, and Darlene, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dubas, Mrs. Louis Maca, Mrs. Edwin Kresha, and Mr. and Mrs. Don Gablenz.

Rev. John Starostka of St.

Cecilia Cathedral, sons of Mr. and Mrs. John Starostka celebrated Mass with the Archbishop Daniel Sheehan. Father John joined the honorees his cousin, Dennis Rinkol and his great-nephew Kenneth Kresha at a reception following the ceremony.

Also joining them at the reception was Joseph Prochaska of Omaha.

Kenneth Kresha, son of Mrs. Edwin Kresha

MY LIFE STORY

by
JOE KARGES

Hi Friends! Just a little sketch as I pass through life. My parents had 5 boys and 3 girls. My 4 brothers and 1 sister are gone. 2 sisters and myself are still carrying on. In my school years, I got my schooling in Dist. 40 in Merrick Co., Nebr. At the age of 14, my father and I rode an immigrant box car, loaded with farm equipment, and took off for Canada. After 13 days and nights, we arrived in Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada. My mother, brothers and sisters remained on the farm in good old Nebraska. Our stay in Canada was of short duration, a matter of 3 years, due to drought. Getting back to good old Nebraska, as time rolled on, I fell in love with a neighbor's daughter, Clara Meyer, who, in a few years, became my wife. The first 3 years we spent on a farm near Shelby, Nebraska. Then, we pulled up stakes and moved to a farm south of Havens, Nebr. We remained on this farm for 44 years. We raised 3 wonderful daughters. They are doing very well. During these 44 years, I was director of School Dist. 28, our home school, for 12 years. In the Depression of the 1930's, I was a full fledged Veterinarian. Of course, there were ups and downs and ifs and ands. Since my wife's health was failing, we bought a home in Columbus, Nebr., at 660 13th Ave. That was in 1962. My wife passed away on May 4, 1968. I remained in this home until 1980. The 24th of January, 1981, I moved into the new home for the elderly at 1305-8th St., Columbus, Nebr. 68601. I am in Apt. 103. Please come visit me.

With love, from your friend. Joe A. Karges

BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Gabel, Osceola, are the parents of a boy, Brian Patrick, born Tuesday at Annie Jeffery Memorial County Hospital. He weighed 8 pounds 2½ ounces. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Kresha and Mr. and Mrs. Duane Gabel, Osceola. Great grandparents are Mrs. Fred Flamme, Columbus, and Mr. and Mrs. Engelbert Gabel, Shelby.

Brian Patrick Gabel was born April 14, 1981



KRESHA KRONICLE

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Reunion

Kresha Family

The annual Kresha reunion was held June 14 in Pawnee Park in Columbus. Hosts for the event were the Joe Kresha family, David and Eddie Kresha.

Attending were Gene Thomas and daughters of Nevada, Iowa; Mary Lukassen from Kimball, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Witulski and Larry Kosch of Beatrice, Connie Kresha from Gering, the Bob Mausbach family, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kresha, David and Don Kresha, all of Omaha; Mr. and Mrs. Steve Witulski from Lincoln, Mrs. Louis Kush and Donna of Monroe, the Bob Hilger family and Rose Hilger of David City, the families of Hank Kobza and Dan Hilger of Bellwood, the Pat Gabel and Ronnie Smith families of Shelby, Mrs. Lee Dunakacke and daughters of Rising City, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kresha, Mr. and Mrs. Mick Bender and the Glen Preister family, all of Humphrey.

From Columbus were the families of Jerome Jarecke and Dennis Kresha, Debbie Kresha, Joyce Kresha, Mrs. Edwin Kresha and daughters, Eva Kresha, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Kresha, John Kresha, Mr. and Mrs. Art Kresha and Mr. and Mrs. Dick Nyffeler.

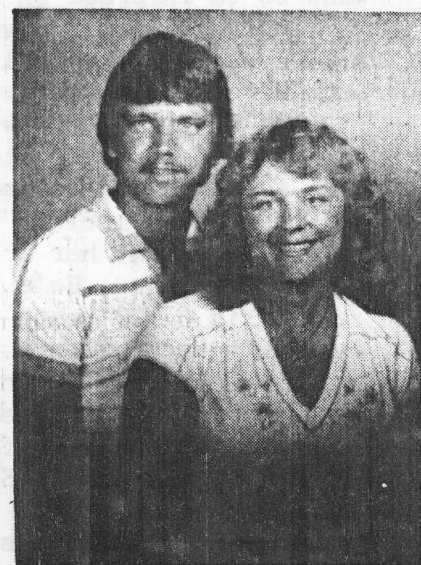
From Osceola came the families of Martin Kresha, Gregg Kresha, Wayne Grosch and Glenn Kresha; Kathie Dittmer, Leo Kresha and Adolph Kresha.

Brian Patrick Gabel was the youngest family member present and Eva Kresha was the oldest.

Mrs. John (Caroline) Kresha died March 26, 1981. Births in the past year included: Angela Marie, born September 4, 1980 to Doug and Mary (Kresha) Reid; Matthew Joseph, born October 14, 1980 to Clarence and Marge Kresha; Nina Danielle, born October 26, 1980 to James and Donna (Kresha) Block; Joey, born November 2, 1980 to Glen and Julie (Kresha) Preister; Matthew Ryan, born February 14, 1981 to Steve and Bettiann (Kresha) Witulski, and Brian Patrick, born April 14, 1981 to Pat and Christine (Kresha) Gabel.

Marriages were: Julie Kresha-Glen Preister, July 10, 1980; Nancy Kresha-Michael Bender, September 13, 1980, and Patsy Lukassen-John Bauman, May 23, 1981.

Hosts for the 1982 picnic to be held June 13 in Pawnee Park, Columbus, will be the families of Hank Kobza and Glenn Kresha.



MAXINE GABEL
AUGUST GOELZ

Gabel-Goelz

Mr. and Mrs. Max Gabel of Shelby announce the engagement of their daughter, Maxine of Lincoln, to August Goelz, also of Lincoln.

Miss Gabel is a graduate of Shelby High School and Lincoln School of Commerce. She is employed by Central Telephone and Utilities, Lincoln.

Her fiance, son of Lawrence Goelz and Mrs. Mary Goelz of Belgrade, graduated from Cedar Rapids High School and Universal Technical Institute of Omaha. He is employed by Novak Automotive, Lincoln.

The couple is planning a Sept. 5 wedding at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Shelby.

Aug., 1981

Dear Family,

Greetings from Columbus, Nebr. Did we ever have a rain! Water, water, where did it all come from? The thunder wakened me. Unusual this year. Before this we had a gentle shower, maybe $\frac{1}{4}$ inch. So we kept praying. Someone with praying power must have stepped in, this time. We got about 6 inches. There was water in basements; street intersections were near impassable, sewers were clogged. Now the corn won't need irrigating for awhile. We're having sunshine and cooler weather, too. God's blessings are smiling on this old world.

I heard we will be having our Kresha reunion at West shelter next year. Some other group spoke ahead of us. Well, let's hope weather will be good.

I was to a wedding in Colo. on July 18. Marcia Strauss and Murl Etter were married at St. John Baptist Church at Longmont, Colo. in a quiet church ceremony.

In closing, I wish you all the best--God's blessings and good health.

Love ya ver' much,
MOTHER KRESHA



July 5, 1981

Dear Family,

We figured it was about time we get our news in, so you wouldn't think we were ignoring our relatives. It's always good to hear how everyone is doing and we always want to be informed on how everyone is doing or not doing.

We wish we could have come for the reunion, but with Mark's work and everything that goes on with us, it was too difficult to get away. Maybe next year will be better for us in every way.

It's so great to have Grandma in Columbus. She loves her new home so much. We get to see her more often and Ryan is getting to know his Grandma Kresha instead of just seeing pictures and talking about her. Anyway, it's good to see her so happy and be able to include her in all our family gatherings when our family gets together. Ryan talks about her a lot now and would like a picture of her in his room with the other relatives. He's big on that.

Ryan is 6 1/2 years old now and looking forward to 1st Grade at a new school that was built not far from here called Grace Abbott Elementary. We're thinking of sending him to a private Christian School next year. Both Mark and I went to one. We feel you get a better education, as well as a Christian education. Public schools are a little too wild for us these days. We are enclosing a picture of him for the Kronicle. (Ed. note--Sorry, there was no picture in your letter. Please send one for the next issue.)

Mark is terrible busy now in his Dental Lab. He's the Manager of Cereamdent and it seems a lot of people need their teeth fixed or replaced, so, he never has a boring or dull moment. He really works hard and I sometimes worry about him. He often is doing other people's work so things get out on time. In the end, he's overworked. He loves his work and is thinking of starting another dental phase of that line of work which is in constant demand. Time will tell, I guess.

Myself, I'm keeping busy. I'm doing pretty well, healthwise, and I hope each day is better. I'll be 4 years old in Sept. It's hard to believe I had my transplant in Sept. '77. Let's hope no one has to go through an ordeal like I did. It's a real mind blower and very unforgettable. There are constant reminders, but I have terrific doctors, family, and friends who have been great and patient with me over the years. Mark has been so great and understanding through all of this. It has not been easy. Ryan is very well educated on Mommy being sick and life in general. I try to make my silk flowers and dried arrangements for people, and weddings, along with other hobbies. It keeps me occupied along with my garden that seems to be taking over our yard. But it is fun.

Well I better go and get things straightened up. I'll be anxious to get this Kronicle. Hope all is well with everyone.

Much love to all--

BOBBI (KRESHA), MARK AND RYAN WOLF
(Bobbi is Art and Irene's daughter)



July 22, 1981

Dear Kresha Kronicle,

Everyone is busy with harvest. We had 2.90" of rain last week which made harvest difficult. Could not start cutting till the middle of the afternoon and the guys would work till midnight. We were beginning to think we have wild wheat and have to sneak up on it in the dark.

Mary Lukassen and Chris attended Marcia Strauss' wedding. She also got to see Dale and Millie Lukassen from Canon City. Was glad to hear Eva Kresha got there.

Everyone is so busy there is no time for any fun.

God has given us good health. We are thankful for that.

Our Best Wishes--

FRED AND MARTHA LUKASSEN

Fatsy Lukassen, John Bauman married in Kimball

Patsy Lukassen, daughter of Mrs. Mary Lukassen of Kimball, became the bride of John Bauman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Darold Bauman of Carpenter, Wyo., in a ceremony May 23, 1981 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Kimball.

The 1:00 p.m. Mass was celebrated by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Carl Hayden and the Rev. Patrick Trujillo of Pine Bluffs, before an altar banked with white mums and candelabra. Mrs. Jim O'Brien was organist and Vic Gentry of Whitman, Nebr., was vocalist. Lector was Kim Cuda of York.

Given in marriage by her brother, Dave Lukassen, and her mother, the bride appeared in a Victorian gown of white sheer-ganga over taffeta styled with bishop sleeves of d'esprit netting accented with Venice lace, which ended in wide lace bridal point cuffs. Matching lace trimmed the bodice and sheer yoke and wedding band collar.

The crystal-pleated skirt flowed into a chapel train. Her riding style bridal hat of Alencon lace was trimmed with seed pearls and streamers of nylon illusion and she carried an arm bouquet of lavender roses and baby's

breath. Chris Lukassen, maid of honor for her sister, wore a lavender gown with d'esprit yoke and sleeves and Victorian neckline accented with Venice lace.

Attendants were Patty Nelson of North Platte, Paula Bauman of Laramie, Wyo., sister of the groom, Mrs. Jerry Roh of Abie and Colleen McBride of Lincoln. Their gowns were styled like the maid of honor's and they carried arm bouquets of lavender roses, carnations and delphinium.

Bruce Bauman of Carpenter, served as best man for his brother. Groomsmen were Brett Bauman of Carpenter, brother of the groom, Scott Duggan of Grover, Colo., Myron Graff of Osceola, Ia., and Marty Lukassen of Kimball, brother of the bride.

Kasey Lukassen of Dix was flower girl and Brandon Lukassen of Evans, Colo., was ring bearer. Acolytes were Craig Morgan and Henry Heeg.

Wedding guests were seated by Tom Timmons of Albuquerque, N.M., and Dr. Bob Toombs of Pine Bluffs, brothers-in-law of the bride; and Steve Idler of Grover, Colo., brother-in-law of the groom.

Assisting with the reception

held in the church hall were Mrs. Rose Higer of David City, Mrs. Tim Lukassen of Dix, Mrs. Wayne Lukassen of Kimball and Mrs. Glenda Parsons of Bushnell, Merry Hullinger of Scottsbluff

and Sue Roddy of Nebraska City. The bride's personal attendant was Tami Pedersen of Omaha.

After a wedding trip to Jackson Hole, Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks, in

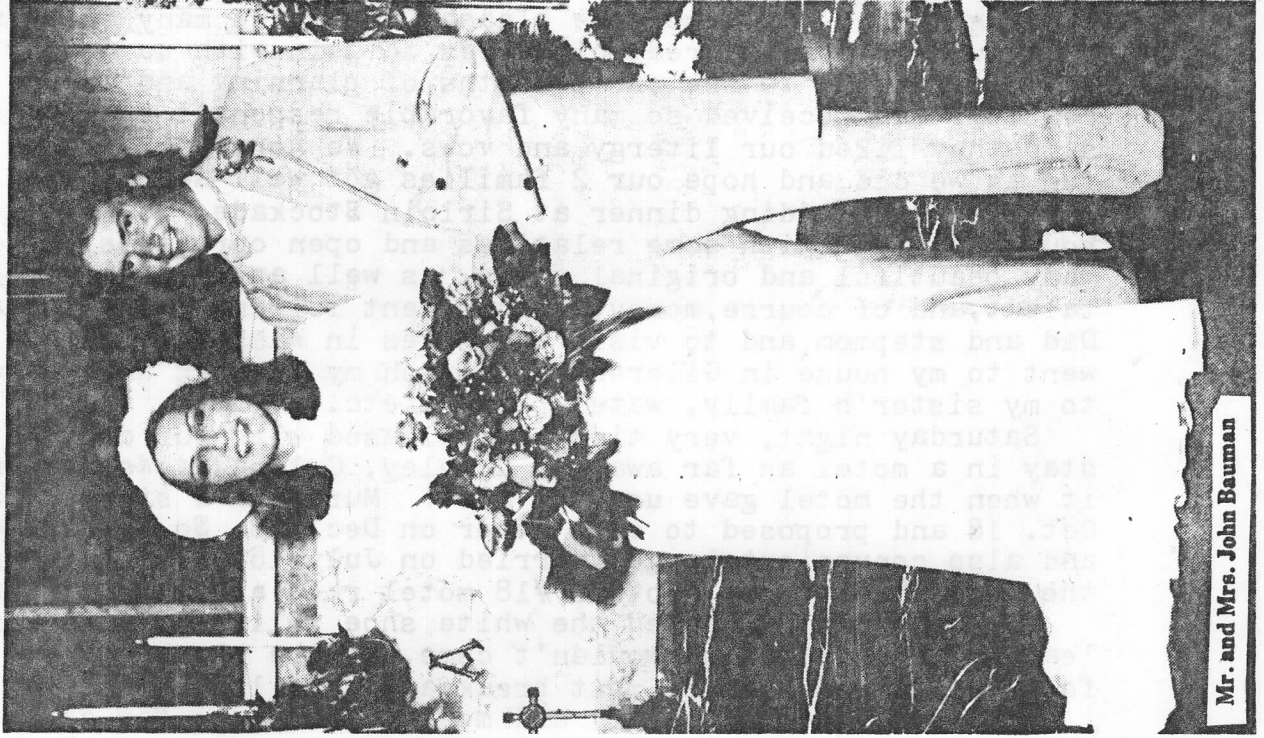
western Wyoming, the newly-weds will live on the Bauman Ranch near Carpenter.

Special wedding guests were the bride's grandparents, Mrs. Eva Kresha of Columbus and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lukassen of Kimball; and the groom's grandparents, John Bauman of Cheyenne, and George Soppe of Carpenter.

A shower for the bride was given in Kimball by Marie Beranek, Evie Childress, Evelyn Morgan, Louise Perry, Mary Stanfield, Dorothy Thummel and Lorraine Volkmer. Hostesses for a walk-in shower in Grover were Jo Duggan, Janie Smith, Lorraine Smith, Maxine Soppe, Lola Nussbaum, Pat Walden and Vera Zitek.

DEADLINE FOR THE CHRISTMAS KRONICLE IS NOV. 15!

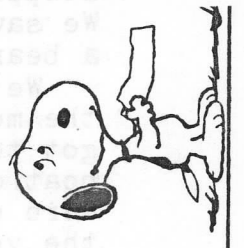
Please mark it down, and try to get a letter or some kind of greeting in for the next issue. Input for the Kronicle is very low. Don't you like to hear about the family? I'm sure everyone is interested in YOU.



Mr. and Mrs. John Bauman

EDITOR'S NOTE:

I need help! I need letters to print!
I need new addresses! I need to be notified of the new babies! PLEASE!!!



OUR HONEYMOON TRIP

Murl & Marcie Etter July 18-28, 1981

Written by Marcie

We planned to write up a story of our honeymoon trip for our scrapbook, and so we decided to also make extra copies to share with family and friends. Some of these details will be boring to others, but they are special to us.

Although Murl and I are not Charles and Diane, we felt like a prince and princess on Sat., July 18, 1981. We got to be the center of attention, and everyone touched our hearts with their wishes and love. We were delighted with our rehearsal dinner, wedding, reception, and wedding dinner. Also we were pleased to see so many friends and relatives come from great distances to join with us on our big day. It was exciting to see our 6 months of planning and dreams become a reality. We received so many favorable responses from guests who said they liked our liturgy and vows. We hope you all had as much fun as we did, and hope our 2 families got well-acquainted.

After the wedding dinner at Sirloin Stockade, we went to Murl's house to visit with some relatives and open our gifts. We received many beautiful and original gifts, as well as some gifts of time and talent, and of course, money. Jennie went to Denver to stay with her Dad and stepmom and to visit relatives in Washington State. Then we went to my house in Gilcrest to finish my packing and to say good-bye to my sister's family, water plants, etc.

Saturday night, very tired but pleased with our day, we decided to stay in a motel as far away as Greeley, Colorado. We couldn't believe it when the motel gave us room #18!! Murl and I started dating on Oct. 18 and proposed to each other on Dec. 18. So, it seemed natural and also convenient to get married on July 18. Even more amazing was the fact that we got another #18 motel room a few nights later.

The next day we washed the white shoe polish off the windows, at least. The shoe polish wouldn't come off the black tires... We bought food for our cooler, so most breakfasts and lunches we made ourselves.

Southern Wyoming was dry and mostly boring as far as scenery goes, but it was a chance to slow down and recover from the hectic days preceding. Murl and I made a bet of a backrub that I would see someone I knew on the trip before he would.

We got to Jackson Hole, Wyo., at 8 PM and all the motels said, "No Vacancy," so we put up our tent at an A-1 Campground. (\$7) It was cozy and comfortable, and interesting to talk to the other guests. Some were from Israel, Australia and Germany.

Monday morning we took a chairlift up a mountain, and rode an "Alpine Slide" sled down. A beautiful airport was just north of Jackson so we stopped and Murl dreamed a bit. The drive through Teton Nat'l Park was magnificent and we stopped and ate our lunch by Jenny Lake. We zipped through Yellowstone Park, stopping only to see "Old Faithful" erupt just a few minutes after we arrived. (But no friendly bears...) Throughout the trip, Murl was unbelievably patient with stopping to let me take pictures. I must have taken 10-12 rolls. We saw many antelope, some elk, chipmunks, mountain goats, and even a bear later on.

We found a motel at Bozemen, Montana, went out to eat, and then saw the movie, "Raiders of the Lost Ark." (fair) By noon the next day, we got to Helena, Montana, so we ate our lunch at "Gate of the Mountains" boat dock. Then we drove ½ mile to meet the family named Hilger, who were expecting us. (My grandmother was a Hilger) Amelia "Babe" is the youngest (age 63) and her 2 older brothers, Daniel and Brian, have

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all never married and run the Hilger Hereford Ranch. Another sister, also single, Susan, had just died last January. They win lots of awards for their Champion cattle and have 10,000 acres, mostly mts. I believe our great-great grandfathers are related as they both came from Luxembourg. Also their ancestor Nicholas and my Dominick sure looked similar in photos we had. They said that Hilgers from all over the country see their sign and stop in. Babe said, "If we like 'em, we claim 'em." At 2:00 we hurried back to the "Gate of the Mountains" dock to take the 6 mile boat ride (with 50 other tourists) on the Missouri. It was very relaxing and the towering cliffs on both sides were awesome. Afterwards, the Hilgers gave us a set of deer antlers, invited us for supper (T-bone steaks by their cook) and we stayed overnite in their guest room. That evening Babe took us fishing by the Missouri. I caught a perch in 30 seconds and Murl also caught 2, but all were too small to keep. As we left in the morning, they said, "Bye, cousins!"

At the small town of Sweetgrass, we passed into Canada Weds. morning. The weather was perfect as we ate our lunch in a park at Letheridge. Canada was rather confusing to us because the speed signs said: 100 Km/h, the radio said it was 20°C., and the money looked phoney to us! A tourist center gave us good advice about motels and told us we could drive 62 mph. The money rate of exchange was 20%, so we loved getting \$120 for our \$100.

Calgary, which is about the size of Denver, is where we got a motel, dressed up, and went out to eat at "Calgary Tower". (It's like the Space Needle in Seattle) The restaurant on top rotated completely every 55 min. so we could see different views of town. The days were longer up there in Canada, and it wasn't really dark until 10 PM.

Thursday morning it was cloudy and rainy, so we tried to do partially indoor things. We saw Heritage Park with old fashioned buildings, forts, and steam locomotives. It could have represented old time Colorado. In the afternoon we visited the Calgary Zoo, 2nd largest in Canada. Later we were hungry for Tacos, and finally found 1 Taco restaurant. There were many oriental people and restaurants there. At our motel I ran into a man teacher I know from Longmont, so I won the bet!

Friday morning it was still raining, but we drove to Banff Nat'l Park anyway to stay on schedule. At 11 AM in the town of Banff, the motels were already filling up and we refused the places charging \$50-\$70. We finally found a rustic bungalow, charming, but still overpriced at \$48. It had a kitchen, with dishes and silverware, and a refrigerator "in the oven." There was a fireplace, 2 bedrooms just inches larger than the bed, and hot water that came after 3 minutes or so. No radio or TV! Good thing we were on a honeymoon. That afternoon, we explored the gigantic and "ritzy" Banff Springs Hotel and saw Bow Falls. At a restaurant we had clam chowder and then trout stuffed with crab. After supper, we went on a "walk" in the light rain, and ended up climbing a small wooded mountain nearby. Later, the crackling fireplace sure did feel good!

Blue sky greeted us on Saturday morning, and we were so happy. While still parked in our Toyota in front of the motel office, a laundry truck turned too sharply and crushed our left front fender. After several hours delay, we got an estimate, and the company paid us \$277 in cash.

About noon, we drove north to Lake Louise. The blue lake was breathtaking and the surrounding peaks looked like the Swiss Alps. We took the



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2-person gondolla lift up, and down, a nearby mountain for quite a view. That night we ate at an American Pizza Hut, and stayed in Cranbrook, B.C. Later in our motel, we wanted to eat 2 cans of chocolate pudding, but had left our plastic spoons out in the car. Murl thought my idea of eating the pudding with our toothbrushes was very funny- but it worked!

The next morning we crossed into the good old USA at Roosville. We almost missed the Glacier International Park, and had to backtrack 30 miles, but it was worth it. The 2 lakes were each about 15 miles long and the highway was winding and high, around snowy mt. peaks. I drove going down so Murl could really enjoy some of the scenery too. Later, when I saw him snoozing, I knew he really did trust my driving!

In Great Falls, Montana, we had to look hard for a motel, as the State Fair and a rodeo were in town. This is where we got room #18 again. Monday morning we gladly exchanged our "phoney" Canadian money, but sadly lost the 20% we had gained. The scenery was mostly plains and bluffs now, with beautiful fields of ripe wheat and farms far apart. We talked about our future, selling our houses, played some word games, and even told some traditional children's stories. (Murl didn't know some that I thought every adult should, just in case...) The numbers of antelope along the highway amazed me, and we counted over 100.

At Worland, Wyoming, we stopped at Jim Hilger's house. He was expecting us and is a 3rd cousin I've never met. We stayed only about an hour, had a beer, and he showed us the old bible passed on to him from his great grandfather Michael Hilger. I took some photo copies of the old family pictures he had that said "Luxembourg" on back. But we don't know for sure who they are.

We didn't arrive at Casper, Wyoming until 9 PM and finally found a motel at 10 PM. The State Fair was also in this town! The towels and sheets (and even the manager's wife!) didn't look too clean. Murl wondered if they had really changed the sheets too.

Tuesday morning we were glad to be heading home, and passed through Cheyenne. By this time, I was thinking about our pets and plants-if they were alive and well. In Greeley we bought groceries at my old King Soopers, and it was such a pleasure to know where everything was that Murl caught me smiling to myself.

We arrived safely at my house in Gilcrest after approximately 2,650 miles since we left. Our dog and cat joyfully welcomed us back, and Murl mowed the overgrown lawn. We saw a lot of beautiful scenery but nothing looked as good to us as getting home, and getting back to our everyday lives, which Murl and I now share, "through good and bad times...all the days of our life."



KATHIE DITTMER
ANTHONY KRESHA

Dittmer-Kresha

OSCEOLA — Planning an Oct. 3 wedding at St. Vincent Catholic Church are Kathie Jean Dittmer and Anthony Edward Kresha.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Dittmer and Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Kresha are parents of the couple, both graduates of Osceola High School. Kathie attends Columbus Beauty College while her fiance is occupied in farming.



KRESHA KRONICLE

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Nov. 8, 1981

Dear Friends,

Everyone here is busy with harvest. We have had over 2" of rain. This makes the harvest very difficult. The corn is good this year.

Glenn has a full time job, restoring old wagons. He's so busy he even forgets when it's time to eat.

Tony, our youngest, is married. The house is so empty. The quiet is so loud. We do have four little grandchildren near to love, enjoy and share the coming holidays with. With this in mind, we wish that each and every one will have a healthy, happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

May God bless you all!

THE GLENN KRESHAS



Dear Family,

A Holy and Joyful Christmas, to all with whom God has shared His word!

MRS. EDWIN KRESHA
KENNETH, LISA, AND KIMBERLEE



Dear Family,

Wishing you all a Joyous Christmas and Many blessings in the New Year.

JOHN KRESHA



Nov. 13, 1981

Hi Everybody,

I finally remembered the due date of the Kronicle, so here goes my two cents worth of news.

Eddie finished the harvest in good time. The crops were all good. Charlie is disabled so the farming responsibilities are all on Ed's shoulders.

Charlie has been in and out of the hospital every so often with phlebitis or chest pains, but we keep hoping for the best.

Kristi is going to Platte College. She hopes to become a legal secretary. She also is on the basketball team and gets plenty of exercise.

Bob and Kathi Mausbach have moved to Phoenix, Ariz. I don't have their new address

We wish you all a Blessed and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! CHARLIE, LUCY & ED

Dear Kresha Family;

The past year has not been a terribly eventful one for us. I have been largely preoccupied with keeping the business going. Business has really been pretty good, but I have myself saddled with monthly payments that seem to continue to be very hard to meet. I have spent a lot of time figuring ways to cut expenses and have cut back on help. I keep hoping to get over the hump but keep running into resistance. Will keep trying for awhile and am still hoping to get it airborne.

Karen is coming along as bookkeeper here at the paper. We sometimes get into fights over procedures, and I think she would rather be in the clothing business or something like that, but has not been able to find a suitable opportunity. We'll keep trying. I do need her help.

Gloria is doing great at school. She got straight A's on her first grade report. She is getting started on her project as editor of the school yearbook, and got a letter of commendation in the National Merit Scholarship Program. She is still working some on photography each morning at the paper, and recently took on another part time job in the food department at the local hospital.

Joe and Terri are still in the Denver area. Joe is going to electronics school under the GI Bill, and also looking for work at the present time. He got let out of his last job as a shoe salesman and is eligible for unemployment. Terri is also going to school, taking courses in accounting and personal finance. She also works full time, doing composition on business forms for a printing company.

Karen, Gloria, and I are tentatively planning to drive out to Colorado for a few days at Christmas, and if we go will try to stop and see at least a few of you on the way.

We enjoyed seeing everyone at the reunion in June, and enjoyed reading all the news in the last Kronicle.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

GENE THOMAS AND FAMILY



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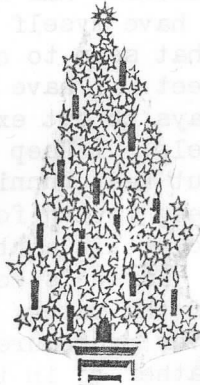
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Nov. 13, 1981

Dear Round Robins,

We wish all of you a happy holiday season full of good cheer and love for all your family members. May the newborn Christ child gladden your hearts.

I will kill the fatted goose for Thanksgiving. In fact, I have 8 Chinese geese to dress. I shall make myself a feather pillow. I thought I'd raise geese from now on, but these are too mean--I've been bitten already.

Harvest is still going here and the yellow corn is being picked. Then we have some white corn to pick last. The milo and soybeans were very good in yield. For the first time, I've been driving the trucks to the elevator. 'Suppose from now on that will be my job.

Our orchard was very productive this year. I told you about the cherries. The yellow delicious apples yielded 3 bushels and red apples 2 bushels. I still have some in the downstairs refrigerator. We picked up 500 lbs of potatoes. Our relatives help us eat them.

Early this fall I joined a busload of Catholic ladies from our diocese and went to Kansas City to the National Council of Catholic Women's convention. It was a most enjoyable time for me and informative, too. I attended the workshops of Family Affairs and every evening we had Mass. At one Mass there were 12 bishops. In two years the convention will be in Denver. I plan to go.

Larry is going to Iowa Western Community College in Council Bluffs and is taking Computer courses. He has a week-end job at the Iowa School for the Deaf as a parent to 20 boys from grades 5-8.

Love,



HAROLD AND LILLIAN WITULSKI

Nov. 13, 1981

Dear Family,

We wish everyone a Blessed Christmas and a Happy and Holy New Year! It's early to send wishes but time can go by so fast.

Our year was a busy one. We had a wedding in April when our son Bart and Veda were married. They live at Dillon, Colo.

We have most of our cattle in the Big Hole Country north of Cotopapi, about 30 miles west of here. It takes time and gas but that's ranching. I do hope all the farmers had good crops this year and that 1982 will be a good one.

I didn't do much canning, but I froze spinach, beans and corn.

I just saw the landing of the "Columbia" space shuttle. What a glorious take off and landing. Let's hope our country can come out of this recession and go forward.

Again, a successful and prosperous 1982!

DALE, MILLIE LUKASSEN AND SONS



Nov. 19, 1981

Dear Family,

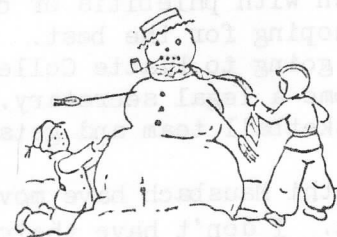
I know this is past the deadline--but I tried. I have been busy with yard work. This way I know it is done the way I want it done.

I have enjoyed the many beautiful days this fall. Yesterday it was cloudy, cold and rainy. The moisture was welcome.

I enjoy the KK.

May the sweet story of the Christ Child
And the gift He brought to men
Surround you with His Blessing
At this Holy Season again.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to All!
SOPHIA KRESHA



Nov. 13, 1981

Dear Kresha Kin,

I hope today will be a lucky Friday 13th. I was surprised and rather embarrassed to see our whole wedding trip in the Kronicle! It was really meant only for our scrapbook and for friends so we wouldn't have to repeat so much. Grandma Kresha sent it to Elaine, I guess because the number of letters was so low. We only invited relatives who could come in a few hours--the "western" folks. So, it was small, but beautiful.

We are now selling my house in Gilcrest, and we live in Murl's home in Lafayette. I'll send our new address. Eventually we hope to settle in Longmont, where we both teach. Jennie doesn't like changing schools. She is 12 now and can almost wear my clothes (And I can almost borrow hers!)

I am no longer involved with the Singles Club, but am president of Longmont's camera club. I've started playing my accordin in our church's music group for mass and Murl and I will be on the Pre-Cana team.

Murl and I are slowly (and happily) adjusting to our new marriage. Poor Murl, he had to get used to living with me, Jennie, a dog, cat, and hamster, plus some plants.

Murl and I are going to organize a plan, "Operation Christ Child", through our church here where a family can buy one more Christmas gift for a needy child. The nuns who help migratory families will give us names, ages, and sizes of the children.

We hope you all have happy holidays and that all your dreams come true. God bless!

MARCIE AND MURL ETTER
AND JENNIE



Nov. 21, 1981

Dear Folks,

A merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

I'm sure everyone is getting ready for the holiday season. It's always a lonesome time of the year for me.

Well "1981" will soon be over. I keep busy caring for my home, 3 dogs, and 1 cat, Toby. They are always waiting for me when I come home. I also take care of little Ilene 3 days a week.

I was so happy to see my two nephews, Clarence, Margie and family, from Sacramento. Also Dennis, Caroline Kresha and family, from Columbus. I drove up to Bakersfield to see brother John, as he stayed with Margaret and George while the rest visited Disneyland.

Well, again, Best Wishes to all.

ANN HENSEL

Dear Family,

I wanted to take this special time of the year to send our love to everyone and to wish you all a holy Christmas and the best in the New Year.

Things are going well for our family with the exception of a few chicken pox that have come to visit.

A lot has happened to our family including the addition of our little boy, Andy. He's not so little any more, however, as he is almost 5 months old and over 20 pounds. He has turned into a happy little guy and gets along in our hectic household.

Another of our special blessings this year has been a medical one. As some of you may know, we had our six-year old, Bethanie, checked for bone age. An X-ray of her hand was taken to establish her bone age which should have been that of a six-year old. She was only 37 inches tall. The X-ray showed her bone age to be that of a 24 month old. Thus we knew that something was preventing her from growing. We went to an endocrinologist, who first checked her for thyroid. Mom was found to have low thyroid at about age 30. Dr. said that this was, however, very unlikely for a child her age. To make a long story short, she has a very low thyroid and has begun taking thyroid each day. This has enabled her to begin growing at 3 times her normal rate to catch up to where she should be. In the last 7 weeks, Bethanie has grown 1 1/2 inches, where she had only grown 1/4 inch in the whole preceding year. Isn't that a wonderful blessing?! It certainly is an adventure. Just a note to others of our family tree. It is easy to check thyroid, and just because your thyroid was working fine yesterday, doesn't mean it won't be low at some time in the future. It isn't specifically genetically linked but tendencies do run in families. Most Doctors say that they have never come across a child so young with this problem. This was a relatively easy problem to correct and a pituitary deficiency would have been so much harder to correct, so we really feel lucky.

Hope you and yours are well and happy in the days ahead. A special hug to Grandma Eva, and love to you all.

Mary and Tom O'Brien
Katie, Matt, Bethanie,
Ben, Kelly, and Andy



Nov. 12, 1981

Dear Family,

Well, I better get this out or I'll never make the deadline. I missed the last two. I just get busy and the time passes by so fast anymore.

We are all doing pretty well. Pam fell on her knees Tuesday in band while they were marching and injured the knee she had surgery on during the summer. It's not bad, but it set her back about a month. The Dr. put it back in the splint again and she will have to go back for therapy for a while again. Her knee cap kept sliding to the side, so she went in and had surgery on it in July. It was doing really well until Tuesday.

Our summer was not the best. After Pam had surgery, then both Tom and Andy went in and had their wisdom teeth taken out. They had no problems with that either, but it seemed we spent the whole summer in dentist and doctor's offices and hospitals. We never did take a vacation.

Now we are all busy in school. I am back to working with Katy, the same little handicapped girl I've been working with for 2 years. I am also taking a typing class 2 nights a week now. Pam, a Senior this year, will be graduating in May. As usual, she has been very active in drama and band. She also works at Burger King part time. Andy is a Junior and is also very active in band. He also works part time at an Italian restraurant here in town. He is cook and really seems to enjoy his job. Tom is a Sophmore and is struggling along in high school this year. He, too, is in band. All three will be going to Arizona the 9th of December to march in the Fiesta Bowl Parade. They are all really looking forward to going. Danny and I will be alone here for 5 whole days. I think we'll just plan on doing some Christmas baking then. Maybe I'll be able to get some baked and in the freezer before it's all eaten up.

Danny has been doing real well in school this year. He sure has grown up a lot. He's 8 years old now. Belongs to Cub Scouts and is taking piano lessons.

The weather here has been beautiful. I'm sure it won't last, but we have sure been enjoying it while it's here. Today it's supposed to be in the 60's.

I hope this finds each and every one of you in good health. Congratulations to any new babies and any important events that we missed.

We want to wish everyone the Happiest Christmas ever and a really Good and Blessed New Year!

Love and prayers from all of us.

PAT, PAM, ANDY, TOM AND DANNY KRESHA



Hi Everyone!

We sure can thank the Lord for the abundant crop we have and the good weather we had for getting it in. It sure kept us busy for awhile and made the Fall go fast. Now it's time to get ready for Thanksgiving and the Birth of our Lord.

Mike is 13 and in the eighth grade. He plays in the St. Mary's School Band. This keeps us busy going to concerts and games. He also wrestles. Mike also helps Bob and Dan with the farm work in the summer and fall.

Michelle is 12 and in the seventh grade. She is still dancing and really enjoys it. She decided to go out for volleyball this year. It keeps her on a tight schedule, and Mom and Dad on the go. She helps me around the house and watches Marcus. She also learned how to macrame and taught the girls in our 4-H Club how to do it.

Marcus is 4. He goes to pre-school at St. Mary's for 3 days a week. It sure is helping him get to know children his own age. He also helps Dad and Mom keep busy.

Dan and I had a busy year. We're leaders of a 4-H Club with 17 members. The children learn a lot from 4-H and so do we.

Here's wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy 1982!

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



Nov. 17, 1981

Dear Kresha Family,

We hope this season finds you all well and happy and that you can keep this beautiful Christmas spirit all year.

George and I are busy. Some days don't seem long enough. George had 3 gardens going for awhile this summer. He gave most of the vegetables to whose ever garden it was. It seems the older he gets the harder he wants to work.

Mike is well also. He helps his sons and does whatever he likes doing. His speciality is cutting down trees.

I enjoyed my short visit in Nebr. My thanks to Rose Hilger for driving me around. Time was so short, we didn't make it to Polk County.

We had a very hot July and August. Now it's like an Indian Summer. On TV weather tonight it showed the first heavy snow of the upper Midwest. We feel for them. The utility rates have really taken a hike--like 40% higher.

George and I take occasional tour bus trips to sights of interest, sponsored by the Bakersfield College Community Services. A teacher who is knowledgeable about the area, goes along.

This past year (1981) our Parish--St. Francis--celebrated the 100th Anniversary of being a parish. In the middle of the summer the entire parish had a big all day picnic on the grounds near a private lake with different ethnic groups entertaining hourly. On the feast of St. Francis, Oct. 4, we had a solomn High Mass. The Bishop concelebrated it with 29 priests. It was truly a beautiful service. Everything was so well arranged. The first 6 months of the year a group got together and compiled an anniversary book of the History of the Parish and Life of St. Francis. It is a hard cover with an embossed picture of the present church, with the first little church off set. Over the 100 years there were 3 church buildings. The first one was outgrown, the second one was destroyed by an earthquake, and our present structure. It's a beautiful book with lots of pictures and history of the area. The books were sold at cost. We are closing the year with a solomn novena in honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. We also had a large artistic banner--"100th Anniversary"--tacked up high on the street-side of the church. And so, we bring our anniversary year to a close.

The Chaissons are coming for Thanksgiving and we will go down there for Christmas.

George and I wish you a Merry Christmas and God's Blessings of good health, peace, and happiness in the New Year!



GEORGE AND MARGARET KRESHA

Dec. 7, 1981

Kresha Kronicle:

Time to pay dues again, and to greet everyone with all the blessings of the Holy Seasons of Advent and Christmas.

After a Sabbatical year, away from hospital duties as Chaplain, I am back in a Portland Hospital as Chaplain again. My Sabbatical year was pleasant, punctuated by a trip to the Holy Land last December, but after a while it became rather boring, and I am glad to be back in the harness.

Some day, I hope, I will be able to meet you all. Meanwhile, my greetings and blessings.

FATHER MATT BURGER



Nov. 20, 1981

Dear Kresha Kronicle:

A Blessed Christmas season to you all from Southern California!

On Halloween we had a terrific combination of wind and brush fire here which cancelled the children's trick-or-treat outing. The smoke was so dense in our neighborhood, that from 4:30 to 7:00 PM you couldn't stay outside for long without a wet cloth over your mouth. On the pass road between here and Los Angeles to the east of us, the vegetation and rocky hills are charred black. It burned over so fast that the plant life might revive well after the first rains. Not all of our area is burned. You can see the rolling beige hills of our valley on two different TV shows. For years Simi Valley has been the setting for the homestead on Little House on the Prairie and now it's used for the orphanage on Father Murphy.

At 5 1/2 years, our Marie is very enthusiastic about Kindergarten. Her Kindergarten classroom faces one of the small canyons at our end of the valley. The children were impressed when the teacher told them not to play at the far end of the playground because occasionally it is occupied by snakes that come down from the hills and over the railroad tracks. Mark at 3 years, doesn't mind too much that sister goes off to school, since he has two little playmates he meets in the mornings.

October 24th was show date for Diane's Sweet Adelines chapter. She spent the last 6 months administering to the show as if it were a regular job. The musical variety show had 19 different numbers for the 20 member chorus to perform in the first half. Diane's glad to be finished with "show biz"!

Don's job has taken him on a couple of business trips to the Province of Alberta, Canada, where his employer in conjunction with Alberta's Government has opened a new encapsulation plant (drugs and vitamins) in the town of Olds. From what I've heard, Olds sounds like a Hastings or a Columbus in the middle of Canadian grain territory. Don got to Olds (via Calgary) one night after midnight and found his motel closed for the night. So he drove around until he found a motel where the manager's bathroom light was still on, and he managed to rouse him for a room by shining his car lights on the motel and knocking vigorously. Yes, there are places that roll up the sidewalks at midnight.

This Christmas our home will have all the George Kresha's from Bakersfield, plus Don's parents from San Jose. It will be a full and fun house.

PEACE BE WITH YOU!

DIANE, DON, MARIE AND MARK CHAISSON

Dec. 1, 1981



Dear Family,

'Tis the time of year when one thinks of loved ones--hoping and praying for the best for them. God's blessings and good health. I wish this for all of you. May you have Christmas Joy, Peace, and Happiness in the New Year, 1982!

Been a long time since the KK made its rounds. Needs more git! Get those letters on their way! You cannot guess how much such a group of letters mean to a grandma, unless you're one, yourself. I live in a village called Heritage House. I've been here over a year, yet there are folks living here, whom I haven't met. Many are never seen except when they step out their door to pick up their mail. Those who have their own cars use them to go places. This place looks like a village, but unlike it, one don't know everybody. This is a good place to live. Has good management, and one can have friends, also enjoy life. However, you may not own a cat or dog, neither can your neighbor have this privilege. I miss the white cat that came to my kitchen door in Holdrege. I may have house plants and enjoy them.

I had a pleasant Thanksgiving day, with my sons and their families living here in town. I also enjoyed the weddings in the Kresha family during the autumn months.

I see my sister Mary, who lives in Richland, Nebr. She and husband Van stop by for me and we have dinner uptown. She still cares for the Post Office. Van is retired as UP Station Agent. Now he writes up memberships for Ak-sar-ben. Their eldest son, Curtis, lives in Florida. The younger son, Keith, lives in Colorado.

Rita writes, she plans to visit us in Nebr. in May of 1982, if all goes well. I hope she gets to see all the Kresha relatives at that time.

Do drop by when in Columbus. I'd be happy to see you.

In closing, I wish you all the best. God's blessing and good health.

Love ya ver' much,

MOTHER KRESHA



Nov. 15, 1981

Dear Folks,

This past year has been good to us. We have had good health except for a couple of hard knocks.

The wheat crop was bountiful and the corn now in the bin was excellent. We are very thankful. This fall we have about 500 weiner calves in the feed lot. The boys are kept busy with chores and we are also doing some custom corn harvesting.

In late Sept. Rose Hilger and I went on a 12 day bus trip to see Autumn in New England. The fall colors were spectacular and although we had some rainy cool days, the sun usually came out to shine on the vivid colored leaves.

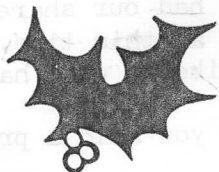
This past week I went on a Coop sponsored trip to Las Vegas. We had a great time, didn't come home with any extra money, but saw several night shows and were tired and ready to come home after that fast living.

Thanksgiving is just around the corner. I will be entertaining the Lukassen families for the day, so have rented the Eagles Lodge. I am planning on 40-50 guests and my home wouldn't accomodate that many.

May you all enjoy the blessings of the Christ Child at this Christmas season and throughout the New Year.

All our love,

MARY LUKASSEN AND FAMILY



Dec. 19, 1981

Dear Family,

This is so very much later than I wanted it to be. Hope that you can enjoy it even if you get it after the excitement of Christmas is just a memory. I was so happy with the response of everyone this issue.

For those of you who don't know yet, I am a full time co-ed at Kearney State College this school year. The first semester has just gotten over. I carried 17 credit hours. Next semester I will only be carrying 13 credit hours. I plan to take private piano lessons (beginning from scratch) and hopefully, learn a little about guitar. We will see if you can teach an old dog new tricks! I am having a ball. I live in the dorm. I am the oldest resident in my dorm (even older than the house parents), but not the oldest full time student on campus. The family is adjusting to me being home only on weekends. They miss me and I miss them, but we manage. It is hit and miss at home. Mostly miss, I'm afraid, but what work doesn't get done, will be waiting when I finish in May. I will have to go for 2 weeks this summer and pick up 2 credit hours that I am not able to get next semester. Next fall I will have to student teach for 6 weeks. I am planning to graduate next December with a BA in Elementary Education.

Deadline for the next Kronicle will be the end of February. Keep the letters coming. Thanks for the letters and contributions this time.

Elaine

November 10, 1981

Hello Everyone,

In the mail we received seals that you put on letters that said, "Count your Blessings". What a better time to do that with the end of the year close at hand as we approach the Holiday Season.

It's an over-used saying, "How quickly the year has passed". A brief run-down of what happened to us this past year. With our open winter found us cleaning up a shelter-belt by Duncan on some land we rent. Some of this we cut up for firewood and was able to sell.

April 7th we were picking up branches that the wind had blown into the corn fields at home here. We came upon a large cedar tree that was broken off at the base. Dick and a fellow that helps us loaded it on the tractor loader. In the meantime, I was ahead piling up branches. As they approached where I was, the tree rolled off and hit me from the back. As I fell I twisted my leg, breaking the bones in the ankle. It was set in the Columbus Hospital, but they could see 1/8" gap, so they sent me to Lincoln to have it operated on. I'm very happy they decided to do this, as they found a chipped bone and a shattered one. So I have 2 pins and wire around one fine bone. This accident gave me time to "smell the roses" and to realize how many places aren't for handicapped. Wearing the cast 12 weeks paid off, as I'm practically back to normal.

During the year we went to several cousin's weddings. Such lovely affairs and a chance to visit all the relatives. We also had several graduate from High School. All of them rank in the upper part of their classes which I think speaks well for our young folks, specially the boys, as not too many boys back in my school days made the honor roll.

The Kresha family picnic was so well attended that I didn't get to visit with every one. The sudden storm that came up about 3 PM broke up the picnic. Thanks to all of you who put forth the effort to come. Hope more of you can come next year so we can get to know and keep in contact with all of our "kissin' cousins".

A big "Thanks" to Elaine for the wonderful job she does with the KK. Let's all cooperate and see to it that she has letters to put in the KK. Hope you all have paid your dues. What a bargain you are getting for \$5.00--History in the making.

Thank you to all of you for the money for the "Flower Fund" as it was down to 10¢.

After a super dry year the rains came in August and we have had our share since then. As a result the ground moisture is great compared to last year at this time. Of course, this has delayed harvest, but as I'm writing this, it sounds like we will have "Indian Summer" weather this week.

I've recalled some of our blessings of the past year. Have you said a prayer of Thanks for yours lately?

May every Joy of Christmas be Yours!

DOLORES AND DICK NYFFELER



To wish you the blessings
of a joyous Christmas
and a happy New Year--

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

*Merry Christmas and a
Blessed New Year*



November, 1981

Hi Everyone!

Some of you are aware that Mary Lukassen and I took the "Autumn in New England" Tour, the last part of September. Perhaps you can imagine you are along on this delightful tour which captures the glorious colors of the red, gold, and yellow foliage of the maple and oak trees, along with the many historic attractions of famous men, places and the Revolutionary War.

Our air-conditioned motor coach is a new Grey Hound. We left Lincoln at 6:30 in the morning on Sunday, Sept. 27th. We stopped in Omaha to pick up our fellow Nebraskan tour members. The first day we sped across Iowa, into Illinois, where we spent the night at Joliet. The second day we had to cover many miles. We boarded the bus at 7:00 AM and traveled through Indiana, Ohio, and reached Erie, Penn. on Lake Erie. All along the interstate we saw prime farm land. The crops were ready for a bountiful harvest.

The next morning we followed the eastern coast of Lake Erie, catching the corner of Penn. This state is noted for its rolling hills where the Dutch people live in large, well-kept houses that are connected to their huge barns. It was interesting to see their dairy herds, orchards, and fields. Along the lake there are many large industrial plants. Location here is ideal because of the Great Lake shipping. Soon we arrived in the state of New York. A stop was made at Syracuse to visit their Syracuse China Store. Maybe you have some Syracuse China, but most likely not, as it is heavy duty and much of this china is used in restaurants. Prices were about one fourth of cost. Mary and I bought a few souvenirs here.

Our stay in Boston was at the Midtown Hotel in the heart of the city. Boston is one of the most historic cities in our country. It was here the lanterns were hung in the steeple of the Old North Church that sent Paul Revere on his famous ride, crying, "The British (Redcoats) are coming", during the Revolutionary War. The origin of our American heritage is recalled by the Boston Tea Party, Old North Church and Bridge, the Naval Ship, Old Ironsides and the famous battlefields of Lexington and Concord. John Adams, John Quincy Adams and John Kennedy called Massachusetts home. Boston is the "Hub of the Universe". Schools of Technology and Nucleonics are located here. Our guide on the tour of the City of Boston was so knowledgeable of people and events in days gone-by. He was proud to be an Irishman, and amused us with his jokes. Our evening meal was at a lovely place on the pier that served delicious fish. We were told to be sure to eat only New England Chowder. It is the best--no tomatoes such as Campbell's Soup (Manhattan). I truly loved Boston. There is so much to enjoy here. We wished we could have stayed longer.

Next, we arrived in Salem, Mass.--the "Witch City". I'm sure one of their witches put a spell on our bus when we stopped to see the Custom House. She (the witch) told our bus driver to turn off the motor because it was noisy and polluting. He did so. Then he had to call for help as the bus refused to start!, resulting in a one hour delay. Next we were on the way to Gloucester (pronounced Glou ter), one of the leading fishing ports where the pungent smell of fish still lingers in the narrow, picturesque streets. A large bronzed memorial on the harbor front, honors fishermen stirring their history. Our dinner was at the Lobster House--yes, we had lobster, and I have a plastic bib for a souvenir. At day's end we reached Portland, Maine. Ship building in the early 1900's made this city famous. Today her fine harbor is filled with expensive yachts and pleasure craft. It is known for its fresh lobster and fish.

Our tour is now in the 7th day. We are westbound, destination, Burlington, Vermont. We are traveling through the White Mts. in New Hampshire. Colorful trees are everywhere. The winding road crosses gushing streams. We stop to walk across a covered bridge. The farmhouses here are joined to the barn, and in turn, the shed, the chicken house, and even the kennels. This is so the farmer (probably his wife and children, too) doesn't have to go outside to take care of the livestock during a winter "gripper". At Barre, Vermont, a visit is made to a large granite quarry. Many large, beautiful buildings are constructed of this fine durable granite.

It was early evening when we reached Burlington. Being Saturday, we attended Mass at St. John Vianney Catholic Church with 3 people from Omaha. A funny taxi experience happened. It cost \$6.50 to get to church, and \$5.50 to return to the Holiday Inn. The first driver was very young, playing loud music, and lost!

On the 8th day, Sunday, we took the ferry across Lake Champlain to Port Kent. It took about 1 hour. At noon we had lunch at High Falls Gorge, the highest falls in the Adirondachs Mountains. Lake Placid, our destination today, was reached early in the afternoon. The shops were open, so we enjoyed mostly looking. Remember the winter Olympics were held here last year. This Lake is a world famous resort and sports center. The town seemed small for a large event such as the Olympics. Housing and traffic had to be a problem. A local lady told me they had no problems except for bad publicity on the news.

The next day we left New York State at Watertown, crossing into Ontario Province, Canada by the Thousand Island Bridge, following the Canadian side of the beautiful St. Lawrence Seaway and Lake Ontario, into the fastest growing city in Canada, -Toronto. One out of every 3 Canadians live in this Province which leads the others in commerce, industry, and finance. Hydro-electric systems provide an abundance of power. Electric power developed this large, spotless city. Our hotel--The Royal York,--with 1600 air-conditioned rooms, in the heart of downtown Toronto was a delightful place. We shopped in a near-by shopping center and collided with the swarm of people getting off work, headed for the subway. Our evening dinner, compliments of our tour, was at the CN Tower. This tower is recorded as the world's tallest free-standing structure (1815 ft.) The top of the tower holds antennas for television and radio, also transmitting equipment for tele-communications (microwave) and other broadcast purposes. The restaurant at 1150 ft. is the largest revolving restaurant in the world, with a capacity of 420. I'm sure the delicious steaks were from Nebraska!

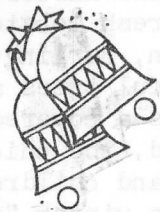
The next morning we left Toronto and were excited about viewing the Niagara Falls in Canada, one of the 50 wonders of the world. Water falls off a thick shelf of limestone 2200 ft. wide, dropping 180 ft. into the Niagara River. Nearly a million tons of water pass over the falls every five minutes. There is a beautiful park and many forms of entertainment here. One could spend a week seeing everything.

This is the 10th day of our tour. We are headed for Dearborn, Mich., and Henry Ford's Museum--truly one of America's showplaces. Not only are there Ford cars here, but one of the most extensive historical collections in the world. Accomodations tonight are at Campus Inn, Michigan College at Ann Arbor.

Today we visited Kellogg's Company at Battle Creek, Michigan. Ready-to-eat cereals are made here. In the plant, corn flakes were on the assembly line, and boxes were being filled, sealed, and boxed. Most cereals have a shelf life of one year. Their newest cereal is banana flakes. More corn is used than any other grain. Everyone received a box of corn flakes! By night we had returned to Joliet, Illinois on I-80. (Our stop, first night, going East)

Our final day, we are headed back to Nebraska. Our stop for lunch is at the Amana Colony in Iowa. The food is hearty German style. We were able to visit their stores and purchase food, wine, and other goodies manufactured here.

A tour on a bus is a very enjoyable way to travel. The people aboard were friendly, which added to the good time. Thank you, Mary, it was a fun time. Let's plan another trip soon.



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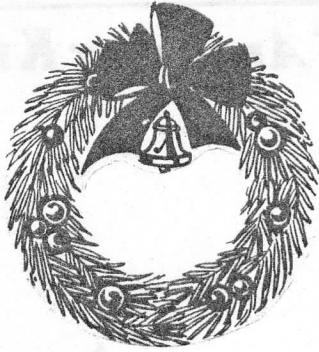
Hi Everyone!

My Christmas wish for all of you. "Let's give love to all for Christmas, it lasts forever."

My Love,

ROSE HILGER





Cerny — 60th

In observance of their 60th wedding anniversary, Joe and Eleanor Cerny renewed their marriage vows during the 9:30 a.m. Sunday Mass at St. Bonaventure Catholic Church.

The parish adult choir furnished the music with Maria Spenner singing a solo. The Rev. Flavius Czuba was celebrant of the Mass and was a special guest at the family brunch that followed at the Holiday Inn courtyard.

An afternoon reception, hosted by the children and grandchildren, was held in the home of their daughter, Romaine Hogelin. Red roses and majestic daisies in an antique cut-glass basket centered the buffet table, flanked by tall white tapers.

Joe Cerny and Eleanor Goc were married Aug. 13, 1921 at St. John Catholic Church in Omaha. Helen Karges and the late Adam Karges were their attendants.

Since their marriage they have made their home in Columbus. Cerny founded Columbus Motors, Inc. in 1923 as a car dealer and mechanic, and is now retired.

Their children are Daniel and Romaine, both of Columbus. They have five grandchildren.

CELEBRATING 60 years of marriage has always been quite unique, but having both sets of grandparents noting 60th anniversaries in the same month is even more unusual. The Dan Cerny children, Karen, Dean, and

Danette (Schmitz) are pictured with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Rosenberry, left seated, and Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Cerny, whose anniversaries occur in August.

Gabel-Goelz

SHELBY — Coachmen lanterns lined the aisle of Sacred Heart Catholic Church for the Sept. 5 wedding of Maxine R. Gabel and August L. Goelz, both of Lincoln.

The Rev. Ivan Vap heard the vows joining the children of Mr. and Mrs. Max Gabel, Shelby; Lawrence Goelz and Mrs. Mary Goelz, Belgrade.

Honor attendants were Cheryl Hergott, Lincoln, and Randy Bishop.

Bridesmaids were Mrs. Deb Petersen, Kearney; Julie Hoeft, Lincoln; Mrs. Neva Umstead, Fullerton, sister of the groom; Rhonda Smith, Shelby. Julee Dunekacke, Rising City, and Jessica Umstead, Fullerton, were flower girls.

Brothers of the bridal couple served as groomsmen: John Gabel, Kearney; Steven Gabel, Shelby; Francis and Duane Goelz, Belgrade. Ushers were Randy Smith Beatrice; Danny Kresha, David City; Danny Klein, Stromsburg; Fred Kuhr, Columbus.

For her wedding the bride chose a white organza gown with empire bodice of Chantilly lace. Pearls accented the Queen Anne neckline above bishop sleeves cuffed in ruffles. Tiers of ruffled Chantilly enhanced the skirt, which flowed to a chapel train, and lace and seed pearls also trimmed the illusion veil, held by a Juliet cap.

Mrs. Lois Kuhnel played the



MR. - MRS. AUGUST GOELZ

organ for the ceremony and Mrs. Diane Bishop sang. Glenda and Helen Bills were program and gift carriers.

Four hundred guests were entertained at the wedding reception and dance at the Shelby Legion Club.

When the couple returns from a trip to the Black Hills, they will live at 630 Elmwood, Lincoln. The bride is employed by Central Telephone & Utilities; the groom is a body man for Novak Automotive.



Kathie Dittmer Is Autumn Bride Of Anthony Kresha



Mr. and Mrs. Tony Kresha

St. Vincent Catholic Church was the setting for the wedding of Kathie Jean Dittmer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Dittmer, and Anthony Edward Kresha, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Kresha, on Saturday, October 3, at 2:30 p.m.

Father Edward Valasek performed the double ring ceremony before an altar graced with two 15-candle spiral candelabra that were decorated with greenery and baby's breath. Large white bows accented the pews.

Diana Johnson provided the organ music and accompanied the soloist, Laurie Helgren of Palmer, who had been the couple's vocal teacher.

The bride was escorted to the altar by her father. She wore a floor-length gown of sheerganza and chantilace. Pearls dotted the rose applique of English Schiffli embroidery on the sheer round yoke which was bordered with a wide ruffle of chantilace dotted with sequins and pearls. The long fitted sleeves were trimmed with chantilace appliques and cluny lace circled the empire waistline. A panel of sunburst pleated organza edged with cluny lace and chantilace appliques centered with pearls were featured on the A-line skirt which flowed into a chapel length train. Adorning her head was a seed pearl dotted cap with a waltz length veil and she wore a necklace which had belonged to her grandmother.

Red sweetheart roses, pink baby's breath and white pixie carnations formed the bride's colonial bouquet.

The groom was attired in a light grey tuxedo with a cutaway coat and ascot tie. His boutonniere was a red sweetheart rose, a white carnation and baby's breath.

The couple presented a bouquet to the Blessed Virgin Mary and lit a unity candle. Andrew and Daniel Ienn were altar boys and the lector was Andy Kresha, brother of the groom.

Cathy Coffin was the maid of honor and the bridesmaids were Beverly Schott, Jane Jarmin and Kris Monson. Their alike floor-length burgundy gowns featured full sunburst pleated skirts, high necklines and wide lace capelet bodices. They wore baby's breath in their hair and carried pink rose bouquets.

Connie Kresha, the groom's niece, was flower girl and wore a pink and burgundy dress made by her mother. She carried a wicker basket of white button mums and burgundy baby's breath.

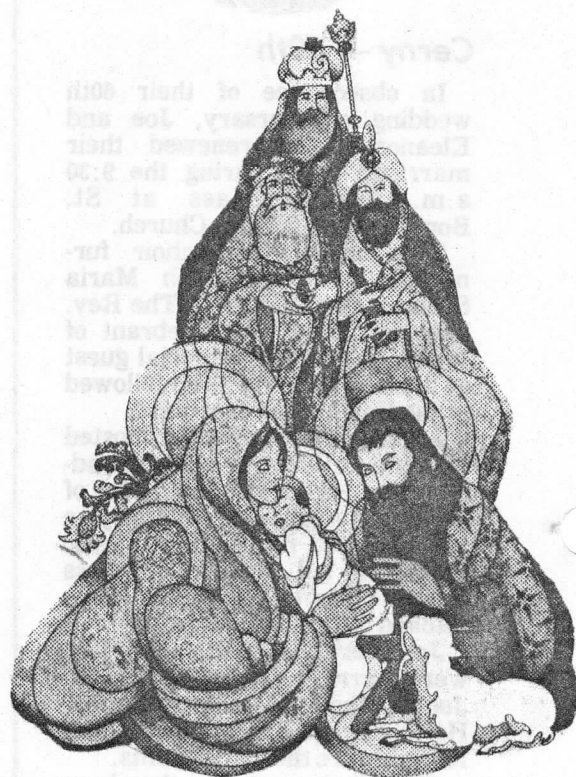
The bride's personal attendant was Chris Gabel and pinning flowers was Michelle Berlin. Both are sisters of the groom.

Lighting the candles were Jodi Dittmer, the bride's niece, and Patti Ferguson, a cousin of the bride. They wore floor-length gowns of pink trimmed with white lace and carried white candles centered in bouquets of white pixie carnations tipped in burgundy and a single rose.

Derald Johnson was the best man. Groomsmen were Steve Davis, Duane Tonniges and Jerome Zelasney. All wore light grey tuxedos with ascot ties and pink rose boutonnieres. The ring bearer, Matthew Kresha, nephew of the groom, was attired like the men in the wedding party and carried a white eyelet heart-shaped pillow.

Seating guests were Dick Dittmer, Pat Gable and Kevin Breeden. At the guest book was Renee Dittmer and receiving gifts were Greg and Kirk Dittmer. Rice-filled flowers were made by Bonnie Dittmer.

A reception, buffet supper and dance were held at the Shelby



Legion Club. Host couples were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dittmer and Mr. and Mrs. Greg Kresha.

The bride's and groom's cakes were baked by Judy Stankoski who also cut and served them assisted by Lilly Graham. Edith Zachry dipped punch and Loretta Kresha poured coffee. Assisting at the reception were Linnea Krol, Debbie Stankoski and Karen Kresha.

The wedding dance was led by Paul and Teresa Kresha.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Kresha hosted a rehearsal supper at the cafe in Osceola Friday evening, October 2.

The couple resides on a farm near Silver Creek.