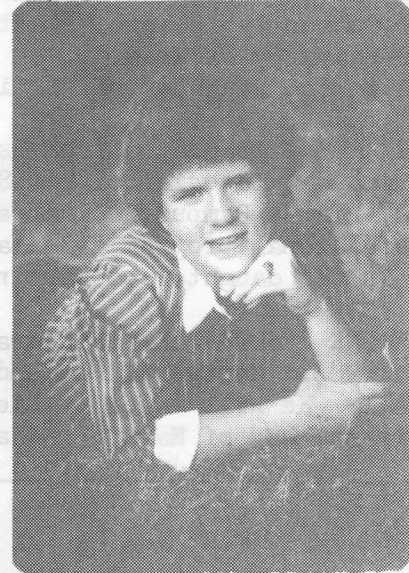


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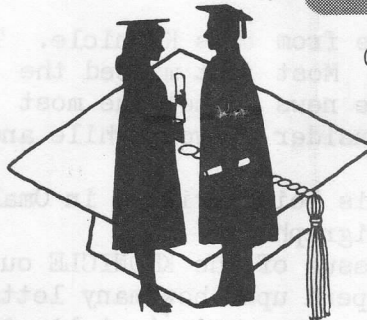
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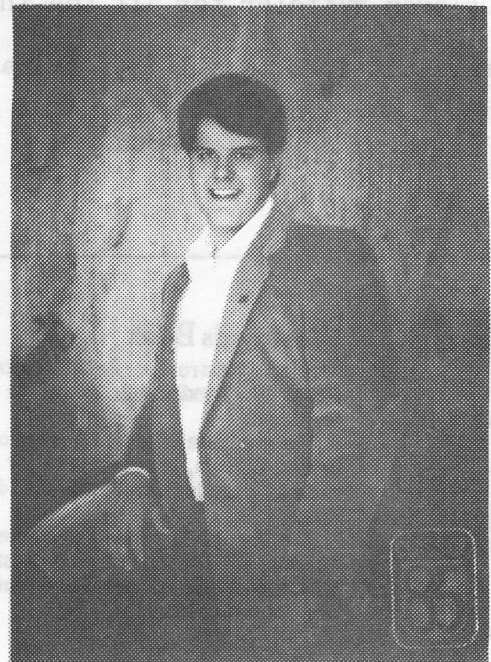
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Congratulations
ON YOUR ACHIEVEMENT
Graduates

MEET THE GRADUATES! !

JOHNNA EHMKE graduated from Canon City, Colorado High School. Johnna is the daughter of John and Cindy (Lukassen) Ehmke, and the granddaughter of Dale and the late Millie (Kresha) Lukassen.

COLLEEN MARIE KRESHA graduated from Osceola High School (Nebr.), on May 19, 1985. Colleen was the Valedictorian of her Senior Class. This fall, Colleen will attend Central Community College, Platte Campus, Columbus, Nebr. She is enrolled in the Pre-Pharmacy Program. Colleen is the daughter of Martin and Elaine Kresha.

JOLENE MARIE KRESHA graduated from Osceola High School (Nebr.), on May 19, 1985. Jolene was Salutatorian of her Senior Class. Jolene will attend Central Community College, Platte Campus, Columbus, Nebr., this fall. Jolene is enrolled in the Pre-professional program and plans a career in ophthalmology. Jolene is the daughter of Martin and Elaine Kresha.

MARTIN FREDERICK (MARTY) LUKASSEN graduated from Kimball County High School (Nebr.), on May 19, 1985. Marty will attend Southeast Community College, Milford, Nebr. Campus, this fall. He will major in Diesel Technology. Marty is the son of Mary (Kresha) Lukassen and the late H.J. "Jim" Lukassen.

EDITOR'S NOTE:

Hope you can make some sense from this Kronicle. The letters have slowly trickled in. Most just missed the Christmas edition, so some of the news is not the most recent, but hopefully you all consider it worthwhile and welcome. I know I do.

This issue of the KRONICLE is being printed in Omaha. Thank you to Don Kresha and Multigraphics.

I will try to get another issue of the KRONICLE out before October 1. A lot will depend upon how many letters or how much news I get. Keep the news coming! A big thank you to Dolores Nyffeler for all the information she sends my way.

Congratulations to all the graduates!

Elaine



Kresha

Westroads Bank

First Westroads Bank appointed Peter W. Zandbergen executive vice president.

The graduate of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, is responsible for commercial lending and market development.

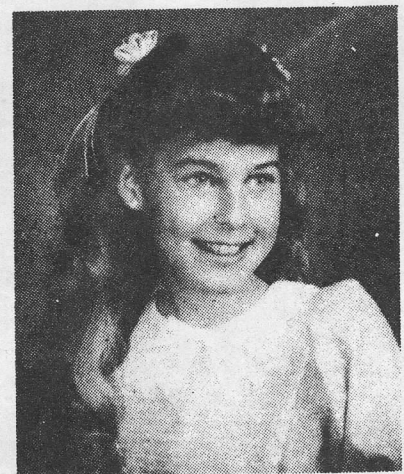
Another UNL graduate, James W. Kresha, was appointed vice president. His responsibilities include commercial and consumer lending.



(Omaha World Herald 1-20-85)

Dancer Enters Talent Contest

Lori Ann Grosch is a finalist in the National Pre-Teen Pageant and talent contest to be held June 8 and 9 in Grand Island at the In-



Lori Ann Grosch

terstate Holiday Inn.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Grosch, she is nine years old and in the fourth grade at Jeffrey Elementary. Her talent competition will be a dance number. She also studies piano and enjoys playing softball in the summer.

Her sponsors are Genoa National Bank and Columbus National Bank.

(Osceola Record 5-16-85 Lori is the granddaughter of Rose Kresha and Adolph Kresha.)

January 29, 1985

Dear Folks:

I owe so many letters, so I'm taking a short cut to write the main news and make copies with a note to each of you.

Thursday is George's 74th birthday. He is enjoying better health this year, thanks to his medication and change of diet. The Chaisson's were up over the weekend to help him celebrate. Nothing like youthful grandchildren to brighten the day.

We heard of your Artic blast a week ago. Brrrr! makes me cold to think of it. Then you had a second one and we had a storm come through, so another is on the way. This one is leaving a lot of snow in the High Serrias. We had .09" of rain. The last one left lots of snow on the ridge and desert. Made it pretty cold here. We had several nights of 27 degrees, with highs in the 40's. Had high fog for one month steady. Makes it cold here.

Several of you have been making wood. With so many fireplaces going it should be a good business. There are sure a lot of firewood inserts around here.

We had some excitement in Bakersfield over Christmas. We had a heavenly visitor. Christmas Eve we had what was believed to be an apparition of the Blessed Mother, across town. As the lady of the house, Mrs. Zamora (Spanish descent) was leaving her home for Midnight Mass, she noticed this bright spot on her outside wall. It was about a 6" figure that looked like the Blessed Mother. Within two days it had grown to a size about 2 1/2' tall and became brighter. The house is painted yellow. The vision appeared each night about 5:30 PM, just below the Christmas lights on the house. This lasted for 13 days until the feast of the Epiphany, when Mrs. Zamora took down the lights. Here is a strange coincidence. The house number was 1224--12th month and 24th day that the vision appeared. This is a poor neighborhood, also a high crime area, so maybe the Blessed Mother did have a message to give. The first few nights people came by the hundreds. After it hit the media, people came by the thousands, even from a distance. They came to look at this bright vision. People said sometimes her hands were folded and sometimes her arms were extended. It certainly brought faith to many people. The ones I talked to said there definitely was a vision. Something was there. People would pray rosaries and sing. I wanted to go but George does not like driving at night. It was on a street that dead-ended into a freeway approach, so the police had to get out and direct traffic. It was a very orderly crowd. I can imagine how nerve-wracking it would be to some of the non-Catholic neighbors. Cars were parked as far as four blocks away.

The priests in town stayed quietly away. After the first week the Pastor at St. Joseph's went to bless the family and the home. Had the vision stayed after the lights were off, then the church MIGHT have made plans to investigate. The church does not investigate all things miraculous. There was no harm in gathering to pray. It brought faith to many.

God love you all. GEORGE AND MARGARET KRESHA

FIRST COMMUNION

Mr. and Mrs. Gregg Kresha hosted a dinner in their home Sunday, May 5, to honor their daughter, Connie, on her First Communion at St. Lawrence Church in Silver Creek. Guests included Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Kresha, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Kresha, Thelma Conkling, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Donelson and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Liedtke of Stromsburg, Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Gabel and sons, Mr. and Mrs. Tony Kresha of Columbus, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Berlin of Omaha and Jodi and April Kresha.



Thompson, Miss Kresha

Kresha-Thompson

Mr. and Mrs. Paul J. Kresha have announced the engagement of their daughter, Karen Joyce, to Roger E. Thompson, son of Gloria A. Thompson.

A June 22 wedding is planned at St. John Vianney Catholic Church.

The bride-to-be is an assistant operations officer at Ames Bank.

Her fiance, a certified public accountant, is a senior auditor with Seim Johnson Sestak & Quist.



Services Saturday for Joseph Cerny

Joseph F. Cerny, 81, of 1711 21st Street, a well-known retired businessman in Columbus, died Thursday at home. (9-13-84)

Services are at 9:00 a.m. Saturday at St. Bonaventure Church, with Rev. Flavius Czuba officiating. Burial is in St. Bonaventure Cemetery.

Visitation is after 1 p.m. Friday at McKown Funeral Home. A Knights of Columbus rosary will be recited at 7 p.m. and a parish scripture service held at 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Mr. Cerny was born Feb. 20, 1903 at Shelby, the son of Julius and Frances (Kropatsch) Cerny. He attended Polk County schools and married Eleanor B. Goc Aug. 13, 1921 at St. John's Church in Omaha.

Mr. Cerny lived all his adult life in Columbus. He and his brother, William, founded Cerny Brothers Garage in 1922,

where they sold automobiles. Later, he bought out his brother and operated the business as Columbus Motors, with a Chrysler and Dodge dealership, until his retirement in 1968. His son, Dan, then began operating the business. Mr. Cerny had a special interest in antique cars and had restored several.

Mr. Cerny was a member and a past president of the Eagles Lodge, an honorary life member of the Knights of Columbus, a member and past president of the Holy Name Society and a member of St. Bonaventure Church.

Surviving are his wife, Eleanor, of Columbus; one son, Daniel J., of Columbus; one daughter, Romayne Hogelin; one brother, William Cerny, of Garden Grove, Calif.; one sister, Mrs. Helen Merrick, of Osceola; and five grandchildren.



JOSEPH F. CERNY

He was preceded in death by six brothers (two infant) and four sisters.

Memorials may be directed to the St. Bonaventure Memorial Fund.

(Joe Cerny was a first cousin to the first family of Kreshas. His mother Frances was a sister to Cecelia (Kropatsch) Kresha.)

Obituaries

RICHARD A. BOLTON, JR., Bellwood, Nebraska, died May 9, 1985 in the Butler County Hospital, David City, Nebr. Richard was the brother of Mrs. Robert (Sue) Hilger.



Amelia 'Millie' Lukassen

Amelia "Millie" Lukassen of 130 Stienmier Ave., Canon City, died Dec. 22, 1984 in a local hospital. She was born July 9, 1920 to Adolf and Eva (Karges) Kresha in Osceola, Nebr. She was 64.

Mrs. Lukassen came to Canon City from Dix, Nebr. in 1963. A registered nurse, Mrs. Lukassen served during WW II in the Navy as an R.N. She was a very active member of St. Michael's Catholic Church, a member of the Altar Rosary Society, and a past state member of St. Michael's School Board. She was active in the Democratic Party and served as president of Jane Jeffersons for two years. As a Democrat, she was a delegate and also a precinct woman and a member of the Century Club of Colorado. Always helping in Fremont County 4-H with her husband and children, she was a dedicated member of the Rebel Riding Club and Four-Mile Community Club. She served for several years as secretary of Rebel's Riding Club. She also belonged to District 21 Colorado Nurses Association.

She married Dale F. Lukassen Nov. 26, 1946 in St. Mary's Church, north of Osceola. He survives as do children: Cindy Ehmke of Canon City; Steve Lukassen of Canon City;

Connie Palmer of Pueblo; Vaughn Lukassen of Kimball, Nebr.; Callen Lukassen of Greeley; Tim Lukassen of Dix, Nebr.; Bart Lukassen of Canon City; Curt Lukassen of Canon City and Evan Lukassen of Canon City. She is also survived by 13 grandchildren and brothers: Martin Kresha of Osceola; Art Kresha of Columbus, Nebr.; Charles Kresha of Columbus; Bill Kresha of Columbus; sisters: Lillian Witulski of Beatrice, Nebr.; Mary Lukassen of Kimball, Nebr.; Rita Kresha of Sacramento, Calif. Survived by half-brothers Adolph Kresha of Columbus; George Kresha of Bakersfield, Calif.; Mike Kresha of Bakersfield; half-sisters: Sophia Kresha of Mitchell, Nebr.; Anne Hensel of Reseda, Calif.; Rose Hilger of David City, Nebr. and her mother Eva Kresha of Columbus.

Recitation of Rosary will be 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 26, 1984 at St. Michaels Catholic Church. Mass of the Resurrection is 10 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 27, 1984, St. Michaels Church. Father Ignatius Smith officiating. Interment Lakeside Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to L.P.N. Scholarship Fund, c/o Holt & Dixon Funeral Directors.

May 29, 1985

Dear Family,

'Tis time to put on the old thinking cap and put some news of our family in the Kronicle.

We have kept pretty well this winter. Elaine did have the flu several times--probably picked up the bug in school. The rest of the family seemed to have missed it. Martin's blood pressure was up, but is down again. He has his share of aches and pains, but has learned to live with them. Guess old age is catching up with him.

Elaine just finished her second year of teaching 5th grade at St. Isidore School in Columbus. The first year was not necessarily the hardest. I had several students this year who made my life very interesting, to say the least! I have signed my contract for next year--again, at St. Isidore's--again, 5th grade. There have been two 5th grades, and two 5th grade teachers, but next year there will be only 25 students, so the other 5th grade teacher was moved to the 3rd grade.

Elaine took 7 hours of graduate work during the past school year, so this summer she will be free from school. Truly a vacation! Elaine also taught 6th grade CCD in Duncan, Nebr. this past school year. This makes 10 years of teaching CCD, so she has decided to retire from that. Martin says, "Hooray"!

Patrick is working in Grand Island. He has been a Draftsman for the U.S. Government, Bureau of Reclamation, for nearly 18 months now. He likes his job. Patrick is still a farm boy at heart, because he has a huge garden in Grand Island. He says he likes to "dig in the dirt".

Kenneth is still working at Mahoney Implement in St. Edward, Nebr. He likes it better all the time. For awhile his job was a little shaky, but business did pick up and they didn't need to let anyone go. Kenneth would have been the one to lose his job because he was the last one hired.

Bernard has a job as a farm-hand/mechanic for a farmer who lives by Stromsburg. He likes his job real well, but still would like to get a job as a mechanic at an implement shop, working by the hour, with overtime pay for extra hours.

Jolene and Colleen graduated on the 19th of May. They are looking forward to college this fall.

Lois will be a Senior at Osceola High School this fall. She is looking forward to that and to being the only one at home. The highlight of the past year for her was getting her driver's license. Polk County roads will never be the same again!

Martin and Elaine will be observing their 25th wedding anniversary on June 14. The only celebration that they will have is a Mass on June 16, at 3:00 PM at St. Stanislaus Catholic Church, in Duncan, Nebr. There will be no reception, no open house, no dance. If any of the Klan would like to attend the mass, please consider this your invitation.

We are looking forward to the summer with its work and its play. Hope your summer is safe and enjoyable.

Our love, MARTIN AND ELAINE KRESHA and FAMILY

Dear Kronicle,

Just a few lines. I have been keeping well. I am also very busy coming and going to meetings. Sometimes I have three things in one day. There is always yard work, garden, and people coming and going. It makes a lot of work.

Hope to see you all at the Kresha reunion.

Love and prayers,
SOPHIA KRESHA

**Congratulations
To The
1985 Graduates**



Christmas 1984

Dear All,

We are sure you were wondering what ever happened to us Kreshas from Omaha. The fact of the matter is that we are transplanted in the Phoenix, Arizona area.

After working as the personnel director for his company, Andy had the chance to try on an operations manager hat for his commercial janitorial service company. After trying out the job in June and July, Andy moved the "covered wagon" west to an oasis in the desert. Vickie helped pick out a four-bedroom house with a pool and has been setting up "home" in Tempe while working in a doctor's office.

Since then, Vickie has moved to another doctor's office that is more friendly and personable, in keeping with her own personality.

With the move to the southwest, we have had a relatively easy adjustment to the warmer climate because of lower humidity. August was 105-109°; October 85-90°; December has been 65° with lows of 35-50°. Vincent (4 1/2 years) and Carmen (2 1/2 years) are hoping for snow, so we plan to go up to Flagstaff later this winter to help them "remember" since Phoenix never sees snow. The children are enjoying bikes, swimming, playgrounds, and pre-school activities. We have a warm Catholic parish, friendly neighbors, and a magnificent state to explore. There is much we do miss about Nebraska, especially our friends and family.

May the blessings of Jesus be yours!

ANDY, VICKIE, VINCE, AND CARMEN KRESHA
2031 E Libra
Tempe, Arizona 85283

For the New Year we would wish:

No more snow, or blow, or below zero temps.

A slow thaw in spring.

Just enough rain to keep the crops watered; but not when the hay needs mowing.

Good health.

Prosperity.

Satisfaction and contentment.

The will to change the things we can; the resignation to accept those we can't.

May you all have a Merry Christmas and a good "1985".

Our love,
RONNIE, ROMONA SMITH AND FAMILY

Dear Friends and Relatives,

The year has been a rough one for us economically, but pretty good in other respects.

Gene cut the paper from daily publication to three days a week last spring, and the staff is now six people. Gene is running the press and doing more of the editorial work than previously.

Karen is still living at home, but hoping to move into a house in a month or so. She is now working full time for the paper, handling office work and circulation. She is still hoping to get into the vintage clothing business as soon as she can.

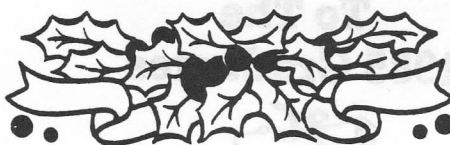
Gloria continues to do well at Morningside College at Sioux City and spent last summer working at the college, as well as attending school during the academic year. She plans to get away from the school some next summer, though.

Joe's situation in Denver remains about the same and he is doing okay.

Terri and her husband moved from Germany to Portland, Me., last summer. Terri is still in graphic arts and Scott is now maintaining copy machines.

Merry Christmas and a happy 1985!

GENE THOMAS, KAREN AND GLORIA





Greetings from GREEN Southern California:

Last year our rainy season stopped on December 25th, so that by May the hills were brown. But our winter greening is pale when compared to Nebraska in the spring. We four Chaissons plus Grandma & Grandpa Kresha enjoyed Nebraska's lush growth and lilacs for 11 days last May. We would like to thank all who were so generous with their hospitality during our visit.

Diane and 3 other moms spent the last 3 weeks at school working on the primary grades' Christmas play. 4 adults were needed to choreograph and direct the chattering third graders into 20 dancing and 20 speaking parts. Due to Don's good fortune in winning a video recorder in November, we can run the school show later for the grandparents. This year they'll all be here in Simi Valley for Christmas along with Uncle Jerome and Aunt Ann for dinner. Papa Adam has been growing stronger since his radiation therapy last winter but still goes for frequent checkups. Grandpa George is feeling somewhat better since he started medication and a new diet to reduce his cholesterol.

For the first time Marie and Mark are attending the same school, a convenience for Mom. They both started playing team soccer, educating Mom & Dad in the rules of this now popular sport for kids.

At Don's work the vitamin business is slow, but pharmaceuticals are going strong. This fall Don dismantled the Spitfire race car that's been idle for 4 years on the side yard. He bought a 1965 body that was in fair condition, put the race car mechanical parts in it. Now he drives the little convertible to work on sunny days with a sport cap, a scarf blowing and driving gloves to keep his hands warm. Not only is he a sight but noisy too.

The Chaissons hope you will have a peaceful and love-filled Christmas.

DON AND DIANE CHAISSON AND FAMILY



WITULSKI Son, Matthew Ryan, born Febr. 14, 1981 to Bettianne and Steve Witulski.

Son, Eric Lawrence, born June 6, 1984 to Bettianne and Steve Witulski

PREISTER Son, Matthew Charles, born Febr. 19, 1985 to Julie (Kresha) and Glen Preister Grandparents Charles and Lucy Kresha

WITULSKI Grandparents to Matthew Ryan and Eric Lawrence are Rose Kresha and Adolph Kresha

March 8, 1985

Dear Family,

Time out this AM for a few lines. Couldn't sleep so I got up earlier than usual. Will try and get this out before I go to work.

The school year is going by fast. The new school I am working at this year is really a joy. The days go by so fast, it's almost scary. The kids are all doing pretty well. Pam is working and going to school in the evenings. She is going to Colorado Institute of Art. She is taking interior design. She really likes it. Andy is now working at AT & T. He really likes the work and looks like there may be a lot of room for promotions. They will pay for his schooling in electronics which he is seriously considering. He and a friend are moving into an apartment this weekend. He's real excited about it. My first one to leave home. Really feels funny. Tom was made assistant manager of Direct Tire Sales about a month ago. Seems to like it, but it's a lot of hard work.

Danny on the other hand, has been having some problems with school. The Middle School concepts have been very hard for him to adjust to. I have checked into getting him some counseling. We are going through a really rough period with him right now. It's not a behavior problem, he just doesn't think much of himself right now. He's always down and depressed. He's had a lot of physical problems, too, which has not helped. The doctor thinks he may be getting a hernia. We will find out today just what's going to happen.

Other than that, all else is pretty good. Been trying to get together a Surprise Birthday party for Pam's 21st birthday. She will be 21 on March 12th.

The weather in Colorado has been pretty nice lately. Sure would be nice if it stays that way. We have spring break the last week in March, and I want to start doing some painting.

Well, better run now. Time to get everyone up for work or school. Take care all of you. We hope to see you at the Kresha Reunion this year.

All our love,
PAT, PAM, ANDY, TOM, AND DANNY KRESHA

March 12, 1985

Dear Kresha Kronicle,

I am kept so busy these days doing the work for two, and at my age. (83 1/2 years)

I had two sad losses this year. My husband, Fred, and my daughter-in-law, Millie Lukassen. They are both missed very much.

Dale, Steve, and Evan Lukassen came with Karen for Todd Parson's wedding, but they didn't stay very long.

John and Conney Palmer are moving from the farm to Canon City. They will be close to Dale.

I don't have much news as I go very little. I do a lot of letter writing.

I have 31 grandchildren and 31 great-grandchildren now.

I have enjoyed the nice winter.

MARTHA LUKASSEN

1985

GOELZ: Mr. and Mrs. August Goelz of Lincoln announce the birth of a son, Clinton Francis, Feb. 22 at St. Elizabeth Hospital. He weighed seven pounds, 10 ounces. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Max Gabel and Larry Goelz and Mary Ann Goelz, both of Belgrade. Great-grandparents are Mrs. Rose Kresha, Adolph Kresha, Mrs. John Gabel of Shelby and Mrs. Rose Goelz of Fremont. The baby's great-great-grandmother is Mrs. Eva Kresha of Columbus.



1984

SIMPSON: A son, Travis Robert, was born Aug. 22 to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Simpson of Lincoln at St. Elizabeth Community Health Center. He weighed eight pounds, 15 ounces. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Virgel Simpson of Falls City and Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Smith of Shelby. Mr. and Mrs. Roderic Smith of Shelby, Adolph Kresha and Mrs. Rose Kresha are the baby's great-grandparents.

I have been invited to do a write-up of some happenings that occurred during my childhood. This one, how could I forget? First, I will introduce myself. I am EVA KARGES KRESHA, the daughter of Martin and Emilia Karges. My people spent most of their lives in Platte and adjoining counties in Nebraska.

I was born December 12, 1892, north of Silver Creek, Nebr. My Mother's death occurred Jan. 18, 1896. Later my father remarried. My stepmother was a homesteader in Merrick County. After she obtained her patent, we moved to a farm farther north, in the Loup River Valley. In 1903 the farm was sold and we moved to a rented place 4 miles west of Duncan, Nebraska, owned by Mrs. Francis Vlecik. In the latter part of May, 1905, a flood struck the area. We were told that a reservoir near Woodriver, Nebraska had collapsed due to excessive rains. The earth walls gave way and sent its waters to Prairie Creek which carried the flood east, to the very north of the creek where it emptied into the Platte River, which was normal flow at the time. Flood waters spread over low-lying areas, even following railroad ditches, and reached to Duncan village before subsiding. Bridge approaches were washed out, the railroad bridge on the Union Pacific Railroad at Gardiner station was threatened. A work train with supplies of sand bags was brought to fortify the bridge approaches and crews of men worked round the clock. The bridge was saved. There were no trains for several days.

I never saw so much water--had never seen a lake! We children stood on the porch, looked eastward, saw only water with tree tops here and there. Our farmstead was not inundated though water came up to the corral and chicken yard.

Brother Frank and the neighbor boys went pitchfork fishing on our meadow. Caught some nice fish.

Frank and I had been driving his horse and buggy to parochial school in Duncan. It was decided he walk to school, 4 miles, as he could walk across the railroad bridge, not the one before mentioned, since one on the road was washed out. Most bridges had their approaches washed out, in that vicinity.

I got the job of herding the cows in the sandhills, as home pasture was covered with water. So each morning I went on horseback, driving the cows about 2 miles north, to herd them where there was no fence, returning home about 4 PM. This job lasted around 2 weeks. Even after the flood abated, the torn-up fences and our washed out farm bridge had to be repaired. Not much crop that year, some wheat, field so soft that grain harvester couldn't get in for some time.

Meadow had patches of sand. Cattle didn't come for the hay. This creek mentioned was a meandering stream that flowed through our farm, on its way to empty into the Platte River farther east. It's flow continued higher than usual that summer, bringing fish from Missouri River until the Platte River went dry as usual during summer seasons. We had many fish dinners, often had fish even at breakfast. There was no refrigeration, so fish could be kept but a short time. Some unusually large catfish were caught, weighing around 15 pounds. Since cleaning fish was my job, I felt relieved when Pa dressed the large fish. They were cut in steaks like one buys at a store. We often had fish 3 times a day. There were some extra for the cats and chickens. Cats like fish. They grew sleek and glossy.

We lived in this home 16 years altogether. During this time our family increased until there were nine children--six daughters, three sons.



EVA KARGES KRESHA (Continued)

This farm was the home place of Mrs. Frances Vlecik, my stepmother's mother. She also made her home with us for some years. During this time my father bought the adjoining farm over west. It had run-down buildings and Pa was having them replaced, as we were planning to live there after our lease expired. During these years, some of us children grew up. Frank went into the U.S. service during World War I. Grandma Vlecik passed away. Frank inherited the farm where we were living, from his grandparents. In December, 1918, we moved to the new house that had been completed the past summer. Barely were we settled that the 1918 flu marched in and most of us fell ill in a few days. Only Martha, my 10-year old sister, was spared. She went from one bed to another, carrying drinks of water to her feverish patients. My father had a lady come from town to take care of us, too.

The same year in June, Frank returned from Germany, his term of service completed. Eva was married in June and went to make her home in Polk County.

Younger members all grew up, went on their own, thus ending the life story of my home family, where I was an important part, being the eldest daughter.

Stephanie Iwan selected as outstanding teacher

Stephanie Iwan, daughter of Edward and Darlien Iwan of Duncan, has been selected as Outstanding Young Educator by the Fremont Jaycees.

Iwan, a 1970 graduate of Columbus High School, has been teaching in Fremont for three years. She teaches Spanish courses and is also principal at Archbishop Bergan Junior-Senior High School.

She was honored for her dedication to the teaching field and community service. In addition to teaching and administrative responsibilities, Iwan is involved in Phi Delta Kappa, Catholic Daughters of America, and Girl Scouts.

Iwan will represent Fremont in the statewide competition in February, according to



STEPHANIE IWAN
1985

Fremont Jaycee president John Doudney.

Stephanie is the granddaughter of Helen Karges and the late Adam Karges. Adam was a half brother to Eva Kresha.



Engagement Told

The engagement of LaDonna Reisdorff and Steven Gabel has been announced by their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Reisdorff and Mr. and Mrs. Max Gabel.

The bride-to-be is employed at the First National Bank of Osceola and her fiance is engaged in farming. The couple is planning an April 27 wedding.



LaDonna Reisdorff, Steven Gabel

Osceola Record 2-21-85

Ray Karges

Ray Karges, 53, of Duncan, died Friday at Mercy Care Center in Omaha.

Services are at 10 a.m. Tuesday at St. Stanislaus Church in Duncan, with Rev. Joe Miksch officiating. Burial is in the parish cemetery.

Visitation is after 3 p.m. Monday at McKown Funeral Home, with the Holy Name Society rosary at 7:30 p.m., and the parish rosary at 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. Karges was born Oct. 4, 1931, in Columbus, the son of Adam R. and Helen Goc Karges. He attended St. Stanislaus School in Duncan. A lifelong resident of Duncan, he was in the farming and trucking business with his brother.

Mr. Karges was a member of St. Stanislaus Church and Holy Name Society.

Surviving are his mother, Helen Karges of Duncan; one brother, Donald, of Duncan;

Ray's father, Adam Karges, was a half-brother to Eva Kresha.

Elsie was a first cousin to the first Kresha family. Her mother, Bertha, was a sister to Cecelia Kresha.



four sisters, Lorraine (Mrs. Joseph) Sapikoski of Omaha, Darlien (Mrs. Edward) Iwan of Duncan, Helen Marie (Mrs. Herbert) Micek of Omaha and Cynthia (Mrs. Mike) Burkhardt of Columbus; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father.

Obituary

Elsie A. Abbott

Elsie A. Abbott was born to Frank and Bertha Kropatsch Bernt on Nov. 12, 1916. She passed away Dec. 8, 1984 at Annie Jeffrey Memorial County Hospital in Osceola at the age of 68.

On Nov. 27, 1940 she was united in marriage to Ray L. Abbott. To this union were born three children, Sharon (Mrs. Ray Watts) of Osceola, Michael of Lincoln and Bette of Shelby.

Elsie was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church of Shelby and of St. Ann's Altar Society. Her interests included gardening, flowers, needlework and baking.

Her survivors include Sharon and Ray Watts, Penny, Toby and Polly; Mick and Connie Abbott, Shawn, Kelly and Nicole; Bette Abbott and Nathan; three sisters, Agnes Dworak of California, Virginia (Mrs. John) Tomasevicz of Shelby, Helen Gabriel of Osceola, and one brother, Alfred Bernt of Shelby.

She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, one brother and one sister.

Rosary was said on Dec. 10 at 7:00 p.m. at Kepner-Roberts Mortuary in Osceola. Funeral services were held Tuesday, Dec. 11, at 10 o'clock at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Shelby with Father Stanley Schieffer officiating. Burial was in the Shelby Catholic Cemetery.

Patty Davis was organist for the services.

Escorts were John Abbott, Kevin Abbott, Ross Braithwait, LeRoy Gabriel, Lee Iwanski and Dick Tomasevicz.

Frank M. Kmiecik

Services for Frank M. Kmiecik, 72, of Silver Creek, are at 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Lawrence Church at Silver Creek, with Rev. Stanley Mitera officiating. Burial is in the parish cemetery.

Visitation is after 4 p.m. Friday at McKown Funeral Home in Silver Creek. An 8:30 p.m. rosary will be recited Friday evening at the funeral home.

Mr. Kmiecik was born May 31, 1912, at Genoa, the son of John and Anna Zelasney Kmiecik. He married Clara A. Kalinowski Nov. 18, 1941, at Farwell.

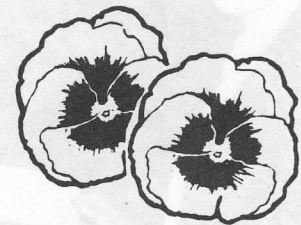
Mr. Kmiecik resided in the Silver Creek and Genoa area his entire life. He was a retired section foreman with the Union Pacific Railroad. He was a member of the St. Lawrence Church.

Mr. Kmiecik died Tuesday at Genoa Community Hospital.

Surviving are his wife, Clara of Silver Creek; two daughters, Margaret (Mrs. Clarence) Kresha of Sacramento, Calif., and Bernadine (Mrs. Frank) Podraza of Hitchcock, S.D.; a son, Francis L. Kmiecik of Sacramento, Calif.; seven grandchildren; two sisters, Rose (Mrs. Henry) Koza of Columbus and Verna (Mrs. John) Jarecki of Omaha; and a brother, Ben Kmiecik of San Diego, Calif.

He was preceded in death by two sisters and four brothers.

Frank Kmiecik died March 5, 1985.





First Baby In 1985

Michael Christopher Gabel is the first baby born in 1985 at Annie Jeffrey Memorial County Hospital. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Gabel, he weighed in at eight pounds, 15 ounces and arrived at 7:38 p.m. on Jan. 2. His grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Kresha and Mr. and Mrs. Duane Gabel. Great-grandmothers are Mrs. Leo Kresha, Mrs. E. E. Gabel of Shelby and Mrs. Fred Flamme of Columbus.

Gabel-25th

Max and Rosalie Gabel celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary Nov. 11 with a 5 p.m. buffet reception at the Shelby Legion Club. Two hundred relatives and friends attended. A dance was held with music.

The reception was hosted by the couple's family, August and Maxine Goelz of Lincoln, John Gabel of Lincoln and Steven Gabel of Osceola.

Helping with the reception were Maxine Goelz, Julee and Jenny Dunekacke, Roger Smith, Mrs. Theresa Van Ostrand, godmother of Mr. Gabel, Carol Kresha, LaDonna Reisdorff, Mary Ann Yrkoski, Mary Lou Dunekacke, Patricia Reisdorff, Maureen Lnenicka and Barb Reisdorff.

Rosalie Kresha and Max Gabel were married at St. Andrew's Catholic Church in rural Osceola on Nov. 7, 1959. Attendants for their wedding were maid of honor, Mrs. Ramona (Kresha) Smith, Mrs. Bonnie Kobza of Bellwood, Mrs. Julee Werkmeister of Brunswick; best man, Norman Gabel of Osceola, Dwane Mick of Bellwood, Don Gable and ring bearer was Jerry Klein of Stromsburg. Unable to attend were Mrs. JoAnn Placzek of Columbus, Larry Kresah of David City Mrs. Bettian Witulski of Fort Wayne, Ind.



JULIE KOBZA, daughter of Hank and Bonnie(Hilger) Kobza is shown receiving an award for a pork demonstration at the Butler Co. Pork Producers Banquet. (Banner-Press, David City, NE-- April 4, 1985)





May you have
The gladness of Christmas which is
• • • • HOPE •
The spirit of Christmas which is
• • • • PEACE •
And the heart of Christmas which is
• • • • LOVE •

December 1984

GREETINGS--

This is my 47th Christmas as a priest. A priest's life is concerned with the supernatural, spiritual, and human needs. Among his duties is to pray for and with others as well as for himself. And as the Apostles Peter and John on their way to the temple met a cripple expecting some alms, said Peter: "I have no silver or gold; but what I have I give you; in the name of

Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk." I will offer my 9:30 AM Christmas day Mass for all deceased relatives and those who benefited my 47 years in the priesthood, and for your intentions. Join me at that hour if you can. May the Infant Christ Child grant you His graces to live as He did on earth.

A commercial card with its stereotype message doesn't 'lift' me--unless a personal note/letter accompanies it. A mere 'HI' and signature frustrates my human interest. To communicate, some people phone--the expensive, quick way; some write long letters--leaving no doubt! Recently I read the following that may well apply to a Christmas note:

"Whenever people come together a miracle happens.
They receive one another as expected friends.
Wit is the wine of the conversation,
the simplicity tastes like pure wheat bread.
Cordiality blossoms in every gesture.
They are happy to just be together.
When they take leave they do not abandon one another.
Whenever people truly come together a miracle happens." --Missionhurst.

AT NEAR AGE 77, I do not entertain the idea of retirement. Like many dioceses, our Lincoln Diocese is faced with a critical shortage of priests. Our diocese has 121 priests. Of these, 14 are retired; 20 are over age 60; 19 are over age 70, including myself. Percentage wise, this means almost half of our priests are over 60. But our prospects for priest replacements have reasonable hopes. Our diocese has 43 seminarians studying for the priesthood. If they persist, our 6 deacons will be ordained priests next May 1985. This gives hope for retirement to some of our priests with limited disabilities--unless they already have one foot in the grave. I don't consider myself in this last category.

HIGHLIGHT IN 1984--Fr. Mark E. Seiker was ordained a priest last May 26th by Bishop Glennon P. Flavin at the Cathedral, Lincoln. Fr. Mark is the 2nd son of my sister Theresa and Vincent Seiker, Elmwood, NE. The Seikers also have 2 other son seminarians, Daniel and Leo. Daniel is in 2nd theology; Leo in 2nd college. Another nephew of mine, John Trausch, 2nd son of my brother Gerald and Mary Ellen, is also a seminarian for our diocese, and is now in pre-theology. John's studies this year center in courses of philosophy, since he graduated with honors holding a degree in Latin from Kansas University, Lawrence. So among the 43 diocesan seminarians, 3 are my nephews.

I DID A BIT OF TRAVELING in the past months--making up for lost time since I broke tibia and fibula bones in both legs, 8 inches above the ankles on Aug. 17, 1981. From previous letters, you may recall I was in 3 sets of casts for 7 1/2 months until April 6, 1982. After that ordeal, people tell me they never expected me to walk again. With God's healing power, I never doubted that I would not walk. I could not picture myself as a wheel chair victim. Though I do not have my previous agility of movement, my walking is more like a duck on the level. For safety sake, I use a cane up/down steps, or on longer walking stretches.

I pray that all will have an eventful year in 1985 filled with many blessings during that year of our earthly pilgrimage. Prayerfully,

Fr. Anthony Trausch

Arizona and the Great Southwest Tour

1985

Would you like to travel with Mary and me to Arizona, Nevada, and California? I'll try to be your guide and tell you of the interesting places, the sightseeing, and other details on this tour.

Day 1-- On February 22nd we flew to Phoenix on Frontier. Our tour guide met us there, and people from about 10 other states.

Phoenix is the capitol of Arizona. Spanish colonial and Indian pueblo architecture add variety and color to the city. It is a popular winter resort city. Hi tech industry is growing at a rapid pace. Four hundred new families move in every week. In our tour of the city we visited Heard Museum-- a place of Indian artifacts, the Civic Center, and many expensive homes. (Wrigley's gum).

Our welcome meal was at Pinnacle's Peak--west's most western steakhouse. Anyone wearing a necktie had it scissored off, and the half tie was added to the 100's of ties on the walls. What a collection! Doubletree Hotel in Scottsdale was a very nice place to spend the night.

While I did visit with nephew Dr. Tim and daughter, and Andy Kresha on the phone, I was sorry we had a short stay and was unable to visit them--maybe next time.

Day 2-- This morning we visited one of Arizona's citrus groves. The land was once a desert. Irrigation transformed it into an oasis of citrus trees. Velancia's were in this grove--and the best to eat. The season comes as California navels end. All of us were invited to pick and eat several oranges. Frost had hit this grove, but large fans and other methods of frost prevention saved the trees from damage.

As we travel northward, the desert terrain is filled with cactus, century plants, and spiny Mexican pine. Soon we stopped at Montezuma Castle National Monuments--one of the best preserved prehistoric cliff dwellings in the southwest. The main unit in the stone wall contains 19 rooms and was built between 1100 and 1400 A.D.. The inhabitants left no history of their identity. What a mysterious ending!

Tonight we stop at Sedona in the red rock country. We stay at beautiful Poco diablo Resort on the edge of town.

Day 3-- We are heading for Flagstaff and to San Francis Mountains, passing magnificent snow covered Humphrey Peak. These mountains or messas are flat tops and very steep sides. The buttes are small mesas. Both are very colorful with shades of red and browns. The Hopi and Navajo Indian tribes dwell here.

Our destination today is the Grand Canyon. It is an awesome gorge. From rim to rim it varies from 4 to 18 miles in width and is 5700 feet deep (or more than 1 mile). It is unbelievable to see ponderosa pine and pinon trees growing right to the rim. The canyon is ever changing. The sun and shadows tint the reds, purple, and brown stone walls. Should you like, you can ride a pack mule to the bottom of the canyon. Reservations are necessary. About 300 Indians live in the lower region near the Colorado River where the weather is pleasant and warm. They raise crops for food. Deer and other wild animals are hunted too.

Grand Canyon is also the name of the tourist village on the south rim. It has many lodges and a good restaurant. Our stay tonight was at the Lodge--Grand Canyon.

Day 4-- With a Game and Parks Guide we toured the rim of the canyon--one of the 7 wonders of the world. This lady guide added much to the meaning of Grand Canyon.

Leaving the Grand Canyon we travelled through Kingsman and it is 6 p.m. when we reached Las Vegas. Here our accommodations are at the Golden Nugget Hotel. It has a fabulous casino. Recently, Frank Sinatra is part owner. It is all newly redecorated and his singing goes on and on. This city has dazzling lights and stunning entertainment. It is a popular convention place with excellent foods. (We enjoyed a generous shrimp cocktail--only \$1.00). Top stars compete on the Strip. We had reservations at the Flamingo for dinner and the show "City Lights." Our guide was wise as to how to get us seats near the stage. "City Lights" was a colorful show with lots of laughs. Oh yes, the one arm slots were enjoyed. No big winners!

Day 5-- Hoover Dam, the largest man-made dam in the U.S., is located on the Colorado River. We toured the inside of the dam and crossed from Nevada to the California border while in the tunnel. We viewed the seventeen giant generators which make this the largest hydroelectric installation in the world. The benefits from this dam are low-cost power, irrigation, water supply, flood control, and recreation on Lake Mead. What a dream come true for the Civil Engineers! This is a must see if you are near.

Day 6-- Now we are driving through the Mojave Desert. We stop for lunch at "Calico Ghost Town." It was once a desert junction for overland wagon trains and an outfitting station for Death Valley expeditions. On our arrival, the town marshal boarded our bus and promptly handcuffed the comic, a nice fellow on our tour. It was a fun surprise! After a good lunch, we visited a variety of stores still standing since the Silver Rush Days. Leaving Calico, we travel Cajon Pass and finally reach Anaheim (Los Angeles). The next 3 nights we'll be at the new Doubletree Hotel.

Day 7-- This morning in a dense fog we are driving to Alta Dena Dairy on the outskirts of L.A.. This is the largest dairy in California, where 7000 Holsteins are milked each day. Milking goes on for 20 hours. The Dena Family supply 56 of the 100 workers. This dairy sells certified raw milk which is in great demand at Health Food Stores. They also sell pasturized milk, cream, butter, and cottage cheese. What a big production!

Our next stop is at the world famous Farmers Market. One hundred sixty stalls of American, Mexican, Italian, and Chinese foods, to name a few, provide a variety of lunches. We enjoy a delicious pita sandwich. Farmers Market is a nice place to shop for fruit, vegetables, bakery goods, candy, clothes, and souvenirs.

It is now 1 o'clock and we are on our way to "M's Candy Factory." We all had samples of the delicious candy. Some bought the candy at \$10 a pound. Our next stop was a quick visit to Pykettes Outlet Store. They had a special sale of nice blouses at \$7. OK yes, I bought one. Another quick stop is at Librace's Museum. We enjoyed seeing some of his pianos, wardrobe, cars, and every type of piano imaginable--from music boxes to jewelry pins.

We are now on the way to the NBC News Studio for a tour of production studios, dressing rooms, etc.. Then we had reservations for the Johnny Carson "Tonight Show." Johnny is a charmer. Doc Severson and his band were great. Shelly Winters was his special guest. The show is taped 5:30 California time. Johnny no longer drives his DeLorean--it's too noticeable. Instead a white corvette was parked in his stall. This show was a highlight of the tour. Even though it was late, our bus driver kindly drove to Grauman's Chinese Theatre. This is well known for the many famous stars hand and foot prints in the cement sidewalk.

Day 8-- The Crystal Cathedral which is the base for Robert Schuller's television ministry is our first stop today. Ten thousand mirrored windows cover the sides of this Cathedral, a most magnificent building. It seats 2899. The building

was being prepared for the "Glory of Easter" from March 13 to April 13, a live production.

The Wonderful World of Disneyland is truly a place for all ages--not only children. We enjoyed the live entertainment on the grounds and took in the "Small, Small World" show. It was even nicer than the last time I saw it. Since Disneyland is celebrating it's 30th. Birthday, a parade is held each afternoon, with Mickey and Minnie Mouse, and other characters taking part. The special shows we attended were "Great Moments with Mr. Lincoln", "America Sings", and a film, Circle-Vision by P.S.A., a thrilling journey through America. It was a fun day. Mary's two friends from Kimball, Colleen and Martha, went with Mary and me to a nice, large, nearby shopping center where we found a good restaurant and did some shopping in the evening.

Day 9-- Leaving Los Angeles, our destination is Dan Diego. We were, as usual, up at 6 a.m., breakfast at 7 a.m., and on the road again at 8 a.m.. A special stop made today was the Mission Dan Juan Capistrano. It is famous because the swallows return here from Argentina every year on St. Joseph's Day, March 19th.. Maybe you remember the once popular song "When the Swallows Come Back to Capistrano". The old stone church was built in 1797 by Fray Junipero Serra. This Mission is now a National Historic Site. The School Sisters of St. Francis staff their school. A new parish church is being built beside the Mission, carrying out the architecture and interior decorations of the early church. This parish is growing by leaps and bounds with 10,000 parishioners.

After a lunch at historic "Old Town", we visit Sea World--the best oceanarium in the U.S.. Marine life exhibits from around the world are shown here. The star attraction is "Shamu" a three ton killer whale. Other trained performers are sea lions, seals, dolphins, penguins, walrus', and pearl divers. What a lovely place and good time, except for 3 drenching showers!

Tonight we are at Holiday Inn Embarcaders which is across the street from Port San Diego. The largest naval installation in the U.S. is located in this bay. Many large foreign ships were also in the harbor.

San Diego, the birthplace of California, dates to 1769 when the Franciscan monk, Junipero Serra of Spain, planted a cross here. He then went on to sprinkle 21 missions along the Pacific Coast.

Day 10- As we leave our hotel this morning, we see 5000 runners blocking streets in the San Diego Marathon. Our bus driver knows how to reach the world's largest zoo at Balboa Park. This huge animal and bird collection is set among 100 acres of tropical gardens. This famous exhibit has many rare and exotic species. We viewed these birds and animals by riding a shuttle bus for several miles. The shuttle driver described the different exhibits, adding much about their habitat. The crowd was very large. It was great.

The afternoon was free to choose from the attractions. The Tijuana, Mexico's border, was only 30 miles away. Due to unstable border conditions, we stayed away. Some of our people took the Harbor Excursion cruise. Mary, Martha, Colleen, and I had an enjoyable time at Seaport Village.

Anthony's Harborside Restaurant, famous for seafood, was the place of our farewell dinner. We had a nice time as funny stories and jokes of the tour were enjoyed.

Day 11- We bring our tour to an end and hurry off to the airport. About 8 different flights were involved. Our flight was with Frontier via Palm Springs, Denver, and Omaha. The flight was beautiful. The weather was clear. What a sight to see the landscape below--cities, snow in the mountains, huge circles--center pivot irrigation systems, and many dams along the route. Thanks to dear Sue and her mother Freida who met me at the airport and welcomed me home.

While I had visited the southwest before, the Rural Route tour was most enjoyable. Our lady guide, Myrtle Sears, was very knowledgeable of attractions in this area. She constantly surprised us with extra stops and gifts. Bill Baker, our bus driver, had a good sense of humor and was helpful in pointing out points of interest. Wish all of you could have been with us.

MARY LUKASSEN and ROSE HILGER

Former local resident carries Olympic torch

David Altmanshofer, a former Columbus resident, was scheduled to carry the Olympic Torch Monday morning on its route to the 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles.

Altmanshofer was to carry the torch Monday for one kilometer as the torch passes through the Norco-Corona, Calif. area. Altmanshofer now resides in Covina, Calif. with his wife Marlene, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William German of Columbus. David is the son of Gary and Lillian Altmanshofer, former owners of Gary's TV Service of Columbus. David's parents now live in Ontario, Calif.

Altmanshofer was chosen to carry the torch by the U.S. Olympic Committee. According to David's father, the Committee promotes private donations to support the U.S. Olympic team, and anyone who donates a certain amount of money is asked to carry the torch.

David Altmanshofer's grandmother was Minnie Cerny Altmanshofer. Minnie's mother, Frances was a sister to Cecelia (Kropatsch) Kresha.



JULEE DUNEKACKE

Rising City girl will compete for state Little Miss

Julee Dunekacke, 7, daughter of Lee and Mary Lou Dunekacke of Rising City, has been selected as a contestant in the 1984 Nebraska National Little Miss pageant at the Lincoln Hilton on June 30.

This is the official state preliminary to the National Little Miss pageant which will in October 1984 in Florida and will include a representative from every state, the District of Columbia and the territory of Puerto Rico.

This pageant is affiliated with the Miss National Teen-Ager pageant, which is in its 13th year and is nationally syndicated for television.



The winner of the pageant will receive a cash award, a portrait, a crown and banner, a trophy, an assortment of gifts from Tinkerbell good grooming and a round-trip flight to Florida to compete for the national title.

Contestants are from 4 to 7 years old and will be judged on poise, personality, judges' interview and appearance. Trophies will be awarded for Most Poised, Best Personality, Best Party Dress, Best Casual Outfit, Miss Photogenic and Most Well-Groomed.

Trophies will also be awarded to the top four runners-up.

Julee is being sponsored by Farmers State Bank, Rising City Insurance Agency, Farmers Co-op Grain and Farmers Co-op Oil, all of Rising City, and the Mike Senior Studio of Columbus.

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Julee's grandparents are Rose Kresha and Adolph Kresha



KRESHHA KRONICLE

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Grosch vies for national Little Miss pageant title

A nine-year-old Osceola girl is a finalist in the National Little Miss Pre-teen Pageant.

Lori Ann Grosch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Grosch, will compete for the title during competition June 8-9 at the Grand Island Interstate Holiday Inn.

The contest emphasizes importance of mental alertness, self-confidence, achievement in school and performance on stage. Contestants will be judged on poise, personality and appearance.

Lori's hobbies include 4-H, piano, dancing, softball, waterskiing, and reading.

Her sponsors are the Genoa

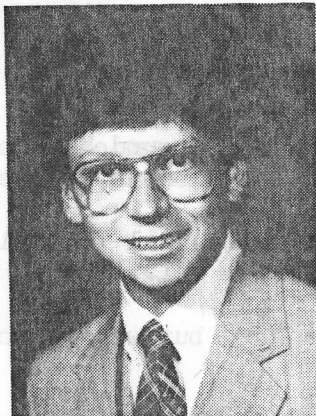


LORI ANN GROSCH

National Bank and the Columbus National Bank.

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'85 Graduate



GREG JARECKE
Scotus High School

Greg Jarecke, son of Jerome and Florence, a Columbus Scotus Catholic High School graduate, received the President's Alternate Scholarship.

His school activities included football, basketball, track and was a member of Campus Ministry, S-Club and Columbian Squires.

He plans to attend Kearney State College and major in accounting and business.

Osceola girl third runner-up in pageant

Miss Lori Grosch of Osceola was named third runner up at the Miss Nebraska Pre-teen pageant June 8-9 at the Grand Island Interstate Holiday Inn.

Winning the Miss Nebraska Pre-teen Title was Angela Robidoux, 12, of Lincoln. First runner up was Melissa Giddings, 11, of Hastings. Second runner up was Joey King, 10, of McCook. Fourth runner up was Pamela McDaniel, 8, of Blair.

Lori Grosch won the title of Miss Nebraska Pre-teen third runner up and also won the title of Miss Nebraska Pre-teen Photogenic.

Grosch was sponsored by the Genoa Bank and the First National Bank in Columbus.

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Sr. Dolores Smagacz, Denver, CO also attended the reunion.

Reunion

KRESHHA FAMILY

The Kreshha family reunion was held June 8 at Paynee Park in Columbus. This year's reunion was organized by Tony and Kathie Kresha, Chris and Pat Gabel, Romona and Ronnie Smith and Adolph Kresha.

Those in attendance at the noon potluck dinner were:

From Columbus - Eva Kresha, Art Kresha, Bill and Ursula Kresha, Florence, Kenny, Lisa and Kim Kresha; Delores and Dick Nyffeler, Charlie and Lucy Kresha, Debbie Kresha, Alma Hasselbalch, Oma McEnerney, Jerome and Florence Jarecke, Dennis, Carolyn, Ron, Jeff, Terri and Jennifer Kresha; Tony and Kathie Kresha.

From Osceola - Pat, Chris, Brian, Tom and Michael Gabel, Martin and Elaine Kresha, Adolph Kresha, Colleen, Jolene and Lois Kresha, Allen Sculley, Glenn and Ila Kresha, Bernard Kresha, Joe, Lou, Becky and Jim Kresha; Gregg, Denise, Jodi, Connie and April Kresha.

Also Ronnie, Romona and Roger Smith, Randy Smith and Kim Tigeron, all of Shelby; Rose Hilger, Bob, Sue and Matt Hilger of David City; Sophie Kresha of Mitchell, Mary Lukassen of Kimball, Harold and Lillian Witulski of Beatrice, Larry Kosch of Lincoln, Patrick Kresha of Grand Island, Kenneth Kresha of St. Edward, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Hilger, Mike, Michelle and Marcus of Bellwood.

Out of state relatives present were Pat and Danny Kresha of Brighton, Colorado; Steve, Betty, Matt and Eric Witulski of Fort Wayne, Indiana and Curtis Lukassen of Canon City, Colorado.

Births last year: Michael Gabel, Eric Witulski, Brandon Kresha, Clinton Goelz, Matthew Priester, Travis Simpson, Michael Johnson.

Marriage: Steven Gabel and LaDonna Reisdorff.

Deaths: Leo Kresha and Millie Lukassen.

Those on the 1986 reunion committee are Rose Hilger, Debbie Kresha and Florence Kresha.

July 1985

Dear Kresha Kroniclers,

Greetings from the Pacific Northwest! We are enjoying our typical summer weather, a few nice days and a few rainy days. Actually, if it doesn't rain often enough, we natives get nervous. We are still behind our annual rainfall by quite a few inches this year.

Leon and I had a nice visit with Marcie and Murl Etter last weekend when they visited the Oregon coast. We stayed with them in their condominium. I had never been to the ocean in Oregon before, even though I have lived in Washington all my life.

Did you know there will be a world's fair in Vancouver, British Columbia next year? It's called Expo '86. If anyone is planning on coming, give us a call. We're about 3 1/2 hours from Vancouver and just off the freeway. So we would be a convenient stop over. We're the only Kosch's in the Tacoma phone book. We'd love to hear from anyone going through.

Hope everyone has a successful summer.

LEON AND SHARON KOSCH

July 25, 1985

Dear Folks,

Will try and write a few lines to thank you for the paper. I really did enjoy it. We read every line many times, as I didn't know too much about my folks. Mother passed away when I was only 4, and Father didn't tell us anything about our folks. My sister might have known more as she was older. She, too, is gone now, so anything I will learn about my relatives will have to come from my cousins.

Ines and my cousin stopped in Bakersfield and met Mike Kresha when I was overseas. It is so good to read about all the Kresha families.

We don't go much anymore. We go to see our son in Vallejo. Our grandchildren and great grandchildren are all there. After a visit with the children and grandchildren, we hurry home to take care of our "livestock"--a few head of cattle and some chickens.

Our son is thinking of going to Germany some time this summer, but with all this airplane stuff, I hope not. He would like to find out about some of our relatives.

Our daughter lives in New York. She wanted us to fly out to see her, but we are not sure yet if we will or not.

Ines and I have been married 52 years. Ines was born in York, Nebr.

Love,

JOHN AND INES KRESHA

(Ed. Note: John Kresha is a cousin to the Kresha (Adolf) children. His father Joseph F. Kresha was a brother to Adolf. John's mother was Laura Reed Kresha. Welcome to the Klan, John and Ines. Please continue to write and let us know all about your family--their names, where they live, their children, etc.)

Reisdorff-Gabel Nuptials Are Solemnized At St. Vincent's

LaDonna P. Reisdorff and Steven M. Gabel were married Saturday afternoon, April 27, at St. Vincent Catholic Church. The Reverend Anthony Kotz officiated at the double ring ceremony.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Donald Reisdorff and Mr. and Mrs. Max Gabel.

Mary Ann Yrkoski, the organist, provided music for the ceremony and accompanied the soloist, Dan Bolin.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, chose a candlelight Victorian gown of chantilace and sheer voile. Cluny lace formed the high neckline and accented the sheer V yoke of


point d'esprit which was outlined with satin ribbon. A double ruffled voile flounce edged with chantilace formed a capelet, and her long fitted sleeves were edged with ribbon and lace. The front panel of the full gathered skirt, which flowed from a basque waistline, was also accented with ribbon and lace. Chantilace formed a bustle effect at the back.

She wore a profile hat of Schiffli embroidery, dotted with pearls. Flowers accented the upswept side and a pouf with a fingertip veil added back interest. She carried her grandmother's handkerchief in a cascade bouquet of tiger lilies, mini carnations, baby's breath and ivory

To two Spooks on Halloween!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Rol & Dick Nyffeler



satin ribbon.

The bride's sister, Lori Reisdorff, was maid of honor. The bridesmaids were Lisa Reisdorff, sister of the bride; Maxine Goelz, sister of the groom; Jill Gabel, the groom's cousin, and Beverly Bryan. They were gowned in ivory lace dresses with peach underskirts and peach satin sashes. Each carried a nosegay of a single tiger lily and baby's breath.

Lacy Gabel, cousin of the groom, and Ryan Reisdorff, the bride's brother, were flower girl and ringbearer. She wore a peach dress similar to the bride's gown and carried a basket of flowers like those in the bridal bouquet.

Attending the groom was his brother, John Gabel, as best man. Rodney Reisdorff, the bride's cousin; August Goelz, the groom's brother-in-law; Patrick Reisdorff, brother of the bride, and David Augustine served as groomsmen and ushers.

Host couples at the reception for 300 guests, which was held at the Shelby Legion Club, were Larry and Carol Kresha and Eugene and Lorraine Reisdorff.

Pinning flowers were Barb Reisdorff and Romona Smith. Kelly Bright and Nancy Zegers received the gifts, and Brenda Marxsen and Rhonda Simpson attended the guest book.

Assisting at the reception were Orletha Havlovic, Virginia Zegers, Mary Lou Dunekacke, Eleanor Eikmeier and Lorraine Klein. The waitresses were Pam Grosch, Renee and Shelli Bartak, Mindy Krumbach, Diane Hanson, Sarah Kucera and LeAnn LeSuer.

A wedding dance, with music by the Country Ramblers, followed.

The newlyweds are residing on a farm southeast of Osceola after a wedding trip to the Black Hills.



Mr. and Mrs. Steven Gabel

OUR DEPRESSION YEARS

It was in the thirties--the depression years.
The times were hard and it caused some tears.
The crops dried up from lack of rain.
Our family had some worry and pain.

Each morning our Dad would look down south
To the withering corn, its tassels all about.
"Go chop the stalks for the cows", he said.
"They give more milk when they're well fed."

Each night we knelt and prayed for rain.
Clouds came over, but all in vain.
The big trees died, the plains were bare.
The sun spots caused the arid air.

When snow was deep, Dad took us to school.
With a team and wagon, that was his rule.
He sat up high on the wagon seat.
"Rabbits for supper," he said, "we'll eat."

Jack Rabbits were shot by the pasture fence.
There's meat for the table, Dad made good sense.
Fur was saved to make warm coats.
The team was rewarded with a bag of oats.

The depression years gave us grief and strife.
It made us stable for the rest of our life.
Food and clothing were handled with care.
Who says life has to really be fair?

Lillian Kresha Witulski---



MR. AND MRS.
C.W. SCHOLZ

Scholz-50th

Mr. and Mrs. C.W. Scholz of Bellevue celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Nov. 10 at the Ambassador Hotel in Chicago. The event was hosted by their sons and daughter-in-laws, Gordon Scholz of Lincoln and David and Sandra Scholz of Oak Park, Ill.

Clarence Scholz and Evelyn Blaser, former Duncan residents, were married Nov. 14, 1935, in the Duncan Methodist Church. They resided in Bellwood and Lincoln before moving to Bellevue in 1942.

In addition to their sons and daughter-in-law, their family includes two grandsons, Brian and Daniel Scholz of Oak Park.

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(Eva is a cousin to the children of the first family of Kreshas. She was born on the same day as Sophia Kresha. Sophia is 1 hour older.)

October 3, 1985

Hello Kresha Kin!

About time I contribute to the Kronicle again. The best \$5.00 bargain around, and the only way to keep in touch with so many people. It's like having a visit from a lot of loved ones without having to dress up, vacuum, or bake brownies! (Ha)

Murl is still teaching PE at 2 schools and he had to go be a counselor for Eco-week, twice. (6th graders go to a mountain camp for 2 1/2 days.) I teach in a resource room with a variety of hearing impaired students who come at different times.

Jennie is a junior, learning to drive, and got her first job at a McDonald's. We got "call waiting" put on our phone, so Murl and I can use it too. Zachary is 2 yrs, 2 mos., almost "trained", and still a delightful, talkative bundle of energy.

We were happy to hear of Bob and Sue Hilger's coming family addition. Best of luck--Will you show everyone how a 'pro' does it? (Practice what you teach?) We hope to make it to the reunion this next summer--to visit in person and try to guess who all the tall kids are!

We are so grateful for all we have--considering the wars, famines, and natural disasters occurring all over the world. I'm really getting interested in the Bible's prophesy and how it relates to our present generation. It does look as if the whole system could change during our life time. Scarey, but exciting to think about.

We hope all you farmers did well this season. Our country has "plenty", thanks to you!

May you all be enjoying good health.

Love,
MARCIE AND MURL ETTER
JENNIE AND ZACHARY

8-23-85

Dear Kronicle,

GREETINGS FROM SUNNY TEMPE ARIZONA!

It has been a very hot summer here, but pleasant in most other ways. We had the opportunity to visit a number of Arizona's sites on our vacation and on long weekends. The Grand Canyon, the red rocks of Sedona, timbered mountains, and cool mountain lakes have kept us in awe of the magnificence of our great country.

We hope to be "home" for Christmas and see some of you.

Vincent starts school next week. Carmen wants to go too, though we're not sure if she'd last.

Best wishes
ANDY AND VICKIE KRESHA
VINCENT AND CARMEN



November 21, 1985

Dear Kronicle Families,

How quickly the year rolls around to exchange holiday greetings. With early snow cover this year it looks like we are in for a long winter.

After two years of too much moisture and drowning out of many fields it was a pleasure to be able to harvest a good crop from one end of the field to the other end. The unseasonable weather made for many delays.

We had a very nice Kresha picnic in June. Hope more of you can attend next year. It is always the second Sunday in June. How else will we cousins get to know each other and your offspring?

During the business meeting it was brought up that many are behind in paying their \$5.00 for the Kronicle. The Kronicle can only be if we all contribute to it. (Letters as well as money.) If Elaine doesn't receive any letters she can't put out an issue every three months.

We wish you all a Blessed Christmas and God's Blessings in the New Year.

Love,
DOLORES AND DICK NYFFELER



11-25-85

SEASON'S GREETINGS AND BEST WISHES FOR THE NEW YEAR *

Just a few lines. I'm sure every one is busy at this time of year. I'm hoping you are all well. My best wishes to all.

Love,
ANN HENSEL

THE STRESS OF THE EIGHTIES

Big foreign trade is coming in
to flood our market. It is a sin
to ship us products that we can make.
How much more can the economy take?

The price of grain is going down.
We may have to work in town.
Mortgage payments are overdue.
We could sell the cattle, too.

Hogs are getting fatter
and the price is going down.
Dad is feeling grumpy
and he wears a worried frown.

Mother's feeling really tired
and she's under lots of stress.
She's worried that we won't survive
this big financial mess.

Our future is uncertain
and we don't know where to turn.
This present generation
has a lesson to be learned.

Lillian Kresha Witulski--May '85

12-6-85

Dear Kresha Kronicle Families,

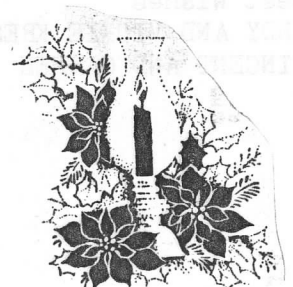
I want to wish you all a Merry Blessed
Christmas and a Happy New Year.

I am fine and busy every day. There is
no let-up on work when you have rental
property. Work is good for me. It
keeps me busy. I thank God every day
for being so good to me through 88 years
of my life.

I pray that God will bless each and
every one of you and keep you in His
care.

Love and Prayers,

SOPHIA KRESHA



July 22, 1985

Dear Family,

Tis the middle of July--one of our hot months, but we are having less humidity than last year, so it's much easier to take temperatures over 100. One morning I remember we had 9% humidity and humidity mostly in the teens in PM. August is usually hot, too.

George and I are OK. We both had physicals. Doctor was pleased that George's EKG showed same as last year--which is no better or worse. He thought that was pretty good that a 74 yr. old man held his own for 1 year. Mine was the same, after two years of worsening heart. Held my own. So we are aging together. . . George had a low thyroid so he is on Thyroid. Has to go back in August for lab and to see Doctor. Then again in 6 months. George looks better than he did midyear, also eating better.

Well, today I lost my job, after 4 years. The old gent died. Had he lived until Sept. 24, he would have been 96 years old. He was bedfast the last 5-6 weeks. He had a cancerous tumor high in the abdomen. He didn't suffer a great deal. They hired an LPN to take the night shift from midnight till 8 AM. She took care of his catheter, irrigating it twice and keeping track of his vitals. Four of us gave him wonderful care, much better than he would have in the hospital. We had a hospital bed, and everything that was helpful. He wanted to die in bed at home.

Don't think I'll work for a few months. I want to have a couple of rooms painted, etc. If I can get a chance with the painter, Jerome K. He has jobs ahead, so he keeps pretty busy. Most of his jobs are referral, because he does a good job. His nursery is doing fine. He took off painting a couple of weeks in May to get the potting done. Now it's only watering daily in the AM.

I hear that there is an abundance of almond nuts this year, and still a big surplus left from last year. Europe also had a bumper crop. Same is true of raisins and wine business. Our government allowed so much cheap wine to be imported, we have a surplus. Those poor farmers. Kern County did get a black-eye. Four big farmers used Aldicarb on melon plants and quite a few people got sick. Aldicarb is not to be used on melons.

Don, Diane and children had a two week vacation--Sacramento, Tahoe, and a couple of National parks, then a few days with his folks in Sunnyvale. They stopped here for a rest both ways. Don's folks will celebrate their 40th Anniversary August 3. We will celebrate ours in November. When we married, we didn't dream we would be around this long.

Love to you all,

GEORGE AND MARGARET KRESHA

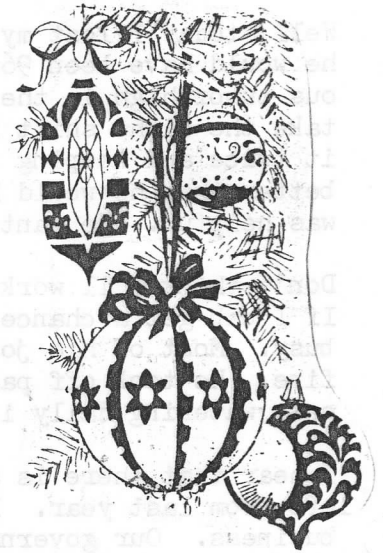
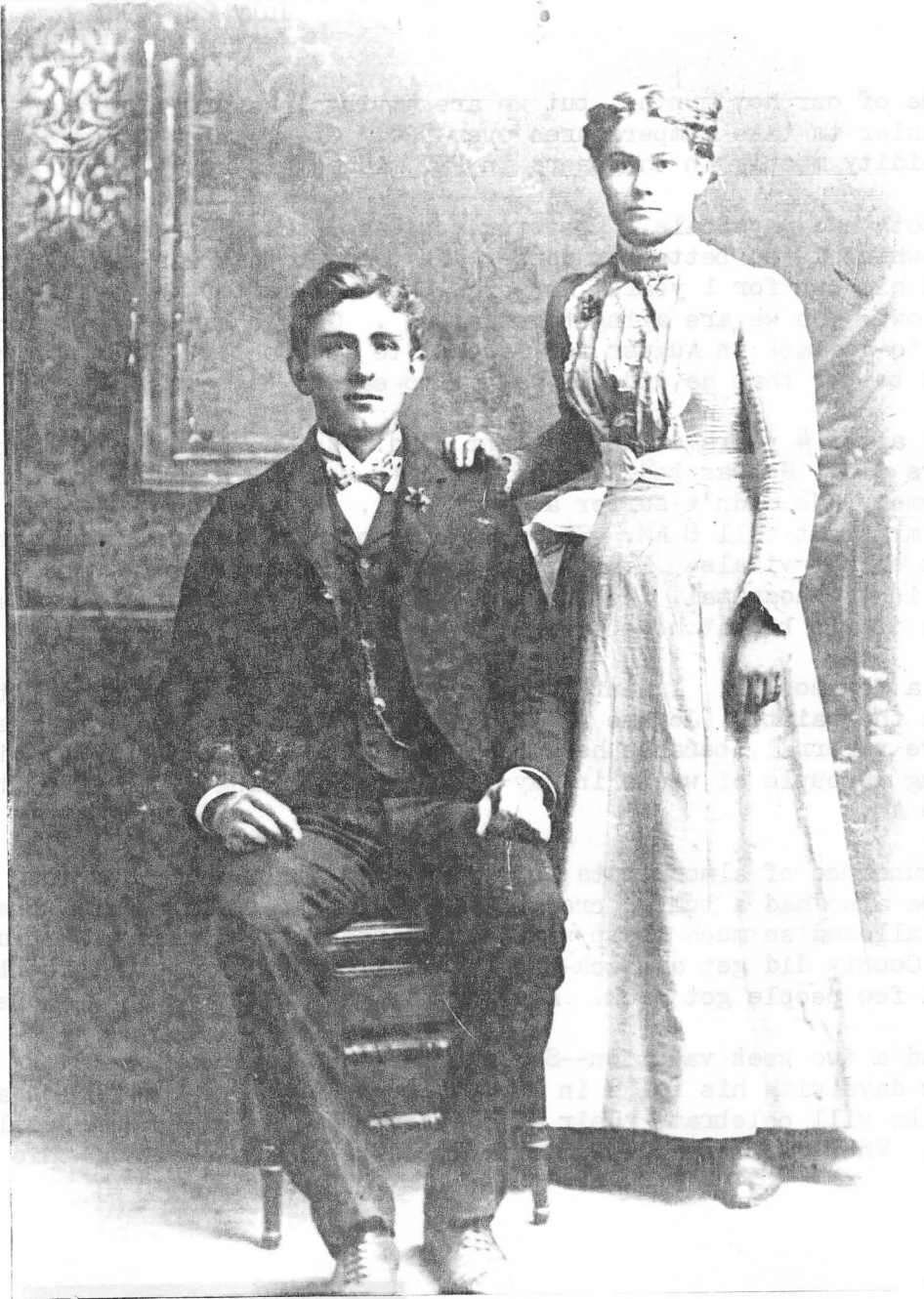


BENDER: Mick and Nancy (Kresha) Bender
Son 8 lbs., 5 oz.
August 19, 1985



Jennifer and Julee Dunekacke

Daughters of Lee and Mary Lou (Kresha)
Dunekacke



Joseph F. Kresha and
Laura Reed Kresha

Joseph was a brother of
Adolf Kresha.

John G. Kresha of Cottonwood,
CA is Joseph's son.

1985
Together
For our 52nd
Christmas

And as our joys multiply
With every year that passes by,
This Christmas wish is ours to share
With friends and family everywhere. . .

May this year's Christmas joys and more
Be yours for now and evermore!



JOHN AND INES KRESHA
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12-7-85

Season Greetings to you all!

The year 1985 is coming to a close. Despite the unusual weather, the crops were excellent. We are all thankful and will survive the stressful times for the farmers as well as the businessmen.

I am well and busy. Mary Lukassen and I took a Rural Route Tour and visited the Southwest USA in late February and early March. We had a great time.

This summer I enjoyed a one day trip to Brownsville, Nebraska. We had a cruise on the Missouri River and dinner on the boat. Two trips were to Omaha to dinner theaters. A guided tour of Boys Town and the Old Market were nice. The last trip was to Lincoln where we visited Cotner Senior Center and Condominium. Had a guided tour of our magnificent Capitol Building. Before returning home we visited the Sunken Garden and the Rose Garden. Beautiful!

One day when Bonnie attended a realtor's meeting in Grand Island, her three youngest children, Cathy, Tony and Tom and I enjoyed going to nearby Stuhr's Museum of the Prairie Pioneers. We rode the steam train to Railroad Town, which consists of 56 original buildings which were moved to this site. It is typical 1860 to the late 1890's. Take time to visit this beautiful museum and enjoy the history of the Prairie Pioneers. Fonner Rotunda with its Indian and old West Memorabilia are displayed in a modern stately building, too.

On January 4, 1986, John Kobza and Kim Stara will be married at Bee, Nebr.. Kim and John attended Aquinas High School. Congratulations to Kim who will graduate from the University of Nebraska on December 21. John has started farming this year. They will live east of Bellwood.

This week a Parish Mission is being held at St. Mary's in David City. It is a time to think and pray, and especially prepare for the coming of the Christ Child on Christmas Day.

Looking forward to reading letters from many of you, telling what is happening at your home.

Best wishes, Health, Happiness, Peace and Joy!

ROSE HILGER

REUNION 1984--Clockwise,
Eva Kresha, Rita Kresha,
Adolph Kresha, Leo Kresha,
Wilfred Kresha, Mary (Kresha)
Lukassen, Millie (Kresha)
Lukassen, Martin Kresha,
Lillian Kresha Witulski,
Charles Kresha, Rose (Kresha)
Hilger



12-3-85

Dear Family,

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

We are fortunate to be enjoying good health once again. George has made a remarkable recovery . He is eating good and looking healthy. He enjoys his outside work and exercise.

We celebrated our 40th wedding anniversary Friday, Nov. 29th. We both wish to Thank all the Kresha's for the "card shower." Word got around fast back there and we received many congratulatory cards. (I'm sure Ann had something to do with it.) The Pastor had the mass and one of the assistants was in the Sanctuary. He read the marriage vows and blessed the marriage. Right after the offertory all the church lights went out. We had about 50 mph wind. I guess it was the tail end of a twister up north. It uprooted many trees around. The mass was finished. It was very lovely. We had dinner at a Basque restaurant. Diane had a program similar to "This is your life" and she and Donald sang a love song to us. About 25 relatives and friends came. We didn't ask too many. The cards and a few phone calls just finished the day for some happy memories. Thank you.

George still does a few yards. He loves working out doors and keeping busy. Mike is the same. He helps Richard at his business. It's enough to have contact with the outside world. He keeps well.

I take care of an elderly lady who had a heart attack. I work two afternoons per week. She has a good mind, so it's interesting to talk with her. She follows me all around the house. Talk--talk--talk.

We had a very dry year in California, but with irrigation and a cool summer there was an abundant crop in cotton, almonds and raisins. But like you farmers, there is no price for their produce. The railroads ask such tremendous shipping rates that the potato farmers plowed under many of their potatoes.

May God send you many blessings in the New Year. Merry Christmas.

GEORGE AND MARGARET KRESHA



Christmas 1985

May the Peace of Christ dwell in your hearts at this Christmas time.

Presently I'm teaching the fourth grade at the Sacred Heart Cathedral School in Gallup, New Mexico. Last year I taught in Denver. I was very happy to return to New Mexico.

Gallup is the Indian Capital of the United States. In August I attended the Indian Ceremonial. Indians from all over the United States and Canada performed.

The population of Gallup is about 19,000. There are four Catholic Parishes in the city and two Catholic Schools. Years ago we had a High School. Now the High School building is rented out to a Head Start Program and the Catholic Social Services.

I wish all of you a very MERRY CHRISTMAS and a NEW YEAR filled with joy and peace. Love and Prayers,

SISTER DOLORES SMAGACZ
Cathedral School Convent
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12-8-85

Dear Kresha Family,

This past year has been pretty much another nose to the grindstone one for me. Keeping up the payments on the business and keeping the bills paid seemed an impossible task at the beginning of the year and I really had doubts that I was going to make it. I have now done some refinancing, though, and gotten the payments reduced considerably and things are looking a lot better, though I'm still running pretty short handed and putting a lot more hours at work than I like to. Karen is still working for me and has the same mailing adress, though she is now living with another girl here in Nevada.

Joe is still working at the same job, but has a new address.

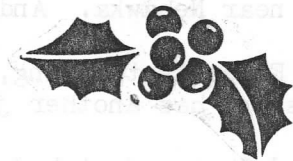
Terri and her husband have not been getting along so well the past year and their future would appear uncertain at best. She is going to college now and has a part time job with the school newspaper.

Gloria is now in her senior year at Morningside College in Sioux City and doing fine. She and her roommate moved out of the residence hall this year. She is working part time in a video store.

Terri and Gloria plan to be here for Christmas, and I'll have to see if there is any possibility that Joe might make it.

I hope all the Kreshas are doing okay.

Love,
GENE THOMAS



Christmas, 1985

Dear Family,

I wish you God's blessing and good health. May you have happy holidays and a Happy New Year. These wishes come to you from Mory's Haven where I have been a resident since early 1985. Every day I wish the sun would shine. I invite all of you to come for a visit or write me. I am in room #4. I have a very nice roommate. Her name is Mabel Ernst. She was from the Duncan area. We know a lot of the same people and enjoy talking about them.

Hope to see or hear from you soon. Best wishes to you at this joyous Christmas Season.

Love ya ver' much.

MOTHER KRESHA



Jarecke student intern this fall

David A. Jarecke, a junior majoring in political science at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, is a student intern this fall for the Accountability and Disclosure Commission.

David is the son of Jerome and Florence Jarecke of Columbus. His responsibilities as an intern include researching information for reports and speeches. 11-3-85

Thompson-Kresha June 8

Karen Joyce Kresha and Roger Eugene Thompson were married at 2 p.m. Saturday at St. John Vianney Catholic Church. The Rev. Michael Grewe officiated.

Sharon M. Johnsen was matron of honor for her sister. Best man was Sonny Kilmer of Valley, Neb. A reception was held at Methodist Hospital's Continuing Education Center.

The bride's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kresha. The bridegroom is the son of Gloria A. Thompson.

After a honeymoon in Florida, the newlyweds will live in Omaha.

Christmas, 1985

Dear Round Robins,

Greetings to one and all this Blessed holiday season. May the newborn Christ Child bless each and everyone of you. Have a good and happy New Year.

Time passes quickly when we're busy. This year sped past so swiftly. Crops were good, rain was plentiful until Sept. when it never knew when to stop raining. Wheat was planted in the mud! The last field of wheat was planted in Nov..

We are very thankful for our good health and our bountiful crops.

Larry has been working at Miller and Paine for a year, now, and likes going to work at 5:30 AM.. He has the afternoons free to do other things. He used to be a "night owl", but now he goes to bed early.

I am enclosing a poem I wrote about the Christmas of 1983. Since we've had several snows already, sounds like this winter will be a hard one.

Congratulations to Margaret and George on their 40th Anniversary.

Mary Lou O'Brien is teaching first grade at St. John's Parochial School. Three of their children also attend that school. Katie and Matt ride the bus to Conestoga School near Nehawka. Andy, 4, goes to Pre-school and stays at the sitter's house.

Marcia Etter is teaching, too. Jennie has an evening job at McDonalds. Murl teaches and has another job in a liquor store.

Leon and Sharon just had a week's vacation and 6 inches of snow in Tacoma--which is rare. It also was unusually cold, too. I guess the 3 volcanoes erupting may have changed our weather.

Love to all,

HAROLD AND LILLIAN WITULSKI

Marty Kobza is the son of Hank and Bonnie (Hilger) Kobza.



Sandy Romshek and Marty Kobza were crowned Queen and King at the Aquinas High School homecoming dance Friday. Sandy is the daughter of Jack and Betty Romshek. Marty is the son of Henry and Bonnie Kobza of Bellwood.

OCT. 85

"THE CHRISTMAS BLIZZARD"

A true poem by Lillian Kresha Witulski

The winter was cold
in late eighty-three.
The snow came so hard
that we could not see.
'Twas on Christmas eve
and roads were all closed.
Snowbound for Christmas
at home, we suppose.

We had TV on
to pass away time.
Why go to bed now?
We'll sleep until nine.
Oh! See Pope John Paul
with his vestments on?
We will get to see
his Mass before dawn.

The next day we called
the grandkids to say,
"The roads are all closed,
We can't come today."
In their voice we heard
a tone of sorrow.
Save us some turkey.
We'll come tomorrow!

Their presents were wrapped
and ready to go.
Our plans have been changed
because of the snow.
That night we both heard
a loud, rumbling noise.
It was the snowplow.
Load up all the toys.

Next morning at eight
to their house we drove.
"Hello! We are here!
Put food on the stove."
Their big tree was lit--
all sparkly and bright.
We ate, sang, and played
until it was night.

Dear Family,

The cold weather has really taken a toll
on all of us. We have had about seven
pigs freeze to death this last month.

Martin's arthritis is slowing him down a bit.

Elaine is teaching 5th grade at St. Isidore
School. This is her third year there.
She has 25 pupils. She is anxious for
Christmas break.

The boys all have their same jobs.
Kenneth has a new roommate. His cousin,
Bob Kobza.

Jolene and Colleen are attending Platte
College in Columbus. Colleen is enrolled
in Pre-Pharmacy. Jolene is enrolled in
Pre-Med. They are living in the dorm
and making new friends. Right now they
are studying for finals.

Lois can't wait until next spring when
she will graduate from Osceola High School.
She will graduate May 18, one day after
her 18th birthday.

May peace and joy be yours at Christmas
time and throughout the New Year.

THE MARTIN KRESHA FAMILY

*Season's
Greetings!*