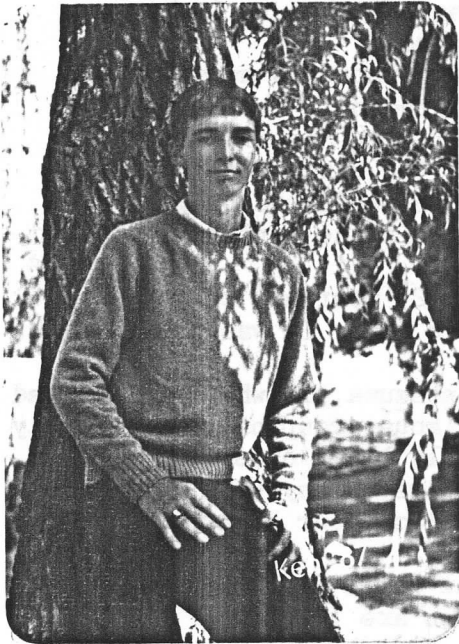


KRESHA *Class of '87* KRONICLE

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KENNETH J. KRESHA
 Scotus Central Catholic
 High School
 Columbus, NE
 Son of Florence and the
 late Edwin Kresha



DONNA KUSH
 Monroe High School
 Monroe, NE
 Daughter of Louis and
 Dorothy (Kresha) Kush



JULIE KOBZA
 Aquinas High School
 David City, NE
 Daughter of Hank and
 Bonnie (Hilger) Kobza

Not Pictured--

JENNIE STRAUSS
 Daughter of Marcie
 (Kosch) Etter

COLLEGE GRADUATES

CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE
 PLATTE CAMPUS--COLUMBUS, NE

Mary Jane Hilger (Mrs. Dan)
 1 year diploma

Colleen Kresha
 Pre-Professional
 Associate Degree
 Pharmacy

Daughter of Martin and Elaine Kresha

Jolene Kresha
 Pre-Professional
 Associate Degree

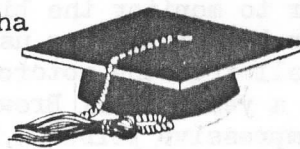
Daughter of Martin and Elaine Kresha

UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA
 LINCOLN, NE

Dave Jarecke
 Degree in Political Science
 Son of Jerome and Florence (Kresha)
 Jarecke

SOUTHEAST COMMUNITY
 COLLEGE-MILFORD, NE

Marty Lukassen
 Truck Diesel Tech.
 Heavy Equipment
 Son of Mary and
 the late H.J. (Jim)
 Lukassen



MICHELLE LYNN HILGER
 Aquinas High School
 David City, NE
 Daughter of Daniel and Mary Jane
 Hilger

Michelle has a job as a nanny in
 Norfolk and plans on going to
 school for Fashion Merchandising.

CONGRATULATIONS

DEEP SOUTH TRIP

Rose Hilger Mary Lukassen

February 1987

It was last December that Rose and I decided to take a tour of the Deep South with the World Wide Country Tours. Our thoughts were to get away from the cold midwest.

The chain of events including the untimely deaths of Mike Hilger and Dick Nyffeler caused us to leave with heavy hearts as Bill and Urs (Kresha) took us to Omaha on February 24 where we flew out to Atlanta, Georgia that afternoon.

In Atlanta we did some sight-seeing which included the governor's mansion, the famous Buckhead area with prestigious homes. Most are situated on 25 acre wooded plots. We saw the Ebenizer Baptist Church and Martin Luther King Memorial. The outstanding stop of the day was the Cyclorama. It depicted the Civil War Battle at Atlanta. It is a 50 ft. high by 40 ft. long painting with three-dimensional figures in the foreground. As you sit in the rotating theater seats in the center, the sound, lights, and narration bring the Civil War alive.

This evening all 88 of the people on our motorcoaches (2) tour met to get acquainted and share refreshments. Each morning we left at 8 A.M. It was about 5 P.M. when our day ended.

On 2-25 we left Atlanta and our first stop was at Montezuma, GA where we visited a Mennonite family farm and dairy. The people of this religious group have electricity but no TV or radios. They also have tractors and cars. (Only black ones) Three married sons and their families prosper on their large acreage. They were one of the many southern farms that had received hay from the midwest last year because of the drought.

We stopped briefly in Andersonville, where, during the Civil War, there was a prisoner of war camp and a large cemetery where many Yankees are buried.

Our next stop was in Plains, GA (A wide spot in the road) We saw the famous Jimmy Carter home, Plains Peanut Co. and brother Billy's filling station.

We were on to our next stop at Albany, GA, the pecan capitol of the world. The mechanical shaker, to harvest the pecans was demonstrated and we visited the processing plant and made purchases of chocolate covered pecans, Amaretto and rum flavored pecans and honey roasted pecans. Later down the road, we visited a cottage industry started by four farm women who make and sell salad dressings and Mayhaw jelly. The mayhaw fruit is similar to the chokecherry.

The next day we started at Dothan, Alabama, which is the peanut capitol of the world. Here we learned everything you ever wanted to know about peanuts! The tour guide from the local peanut company explained that each scale house has a pot of peanuts boiling during harvest for the farmers to help themselves when they weigh their trailer loads. To boil the nuts they must be green right from the ground. We had never heard of boiled peanuts before. Peanuts must be dried just like our corn. This was a very informative stop.

Our next visit was at a Newton, Alabama ranch where they raised Red Brahma cattle. These cattle are ideal for this area as they withstand the heat and the insects. We were then on to Kinston, Alabama. Here we visited a farmer that finished 135,000 broiler chickens a year. One house holds 16,000 broilers. Peanut hulls are used for bedding. These people raised the poultry for Con-Agra who furnished the chicks, feed and the district supervisor to monitor the birds. The farmer gets paid for the live finished product. Rain kept following us on this day. Our next stop was at a feed lot, so we viewed it all from the motorcoach. This feed lot at Atmore, Ala. finishes 100,000 head of cattle a year. Bill Brown came on our bus to tell us about his operation. He was a very impressive person. He was proud to tell us that he is a born-again Christian. (You have to be to be in the cattle business.) Our overnight stay was in Mobile, Ala. (Tonight we went to the Dog Races. Rose was a winner. You'll have to find out how to pick the winners from her.)

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Today we first toured the famous Bellingrath Gardens. Mr. Bellingrath was the founder of Coca-Cola. His 150 acre estate was made into gardens to include 'six seasons'. In January the camellia are blooming--February-March the azaleas are blooming. (Have a snapshot of Rose beside a huge azalea outside.) Tulips and other bulbs are blooming at this time. Daffodils grow wild. April to December you find roses in the large rose wheel garden. October to November the chrysanthemums (over 60,000) are all over, including the wrought iron balcony railings. Then in December, you find blooming outside, poinsettas, flowering kale and pansies.

Our motorcoach took us next into Mississippi and through the Bayou country and on to New Orleans. Here the city was in full swing with the Mardi Gras. The streets were closed for the afternoon parade making it impossible for us to get to the steamship company where we were to take a boat ride up the Mississippi. We did cruise the city and I was amazed at the 'above the ground' cemeteries. It is because of the high water level.

We were all excited about our next stop at the Greenwood Plantation. We toured the lovely Antebellum Plantation home where the TV series "North and South" and the movie, "Sisters", was filmed. It was everything I expected. I'm sure we will see more movies made there.

At Lorman, Miss. we visited a Christmas tree farm. The trees are trimmed or shaped twice a year. Each year about a tenth of the trees are harvested and sold locally as trees and wreaths. The owner of this farm is a retired army man. On their farm is a huge plantation home that they live in and also offer Bed and Breakfast to travelers. These people are still refurbishing parts of their Antebellum home.

We were then on to Vicksburg, Miss. and of course you remember the famous Battle of Vicksburg from your Civil War History! We had a tour lady get on our coach and as we drove through the hilly historic park she related the complete story to us Yankees! We did learn whatever we ever wanted to know about the 'conflict between the states' from her!

The climax of our trip was the catfish farms at Betzoni, Miss. On an 80 acre tract the farmer installs 4 ponds with 4 feet of water for the fish. The farm-raising of catfish is an exacting and highly scientific process. The environment of the fish must be strictly controlled. Ponds are specially designed and filled with pure deep well water, and mechanical aeration is used whenever necessary to keep the water properly oxygenated. The catfish are fed a high-protein diet of corn, wheat, soybeans and fish meal. This careful diet, along with the purity of the water insures that each catfish has a delicious light taste, with no fishy odor. At harvest time, the strict supervision of the catfish continues. Special nets insure that only those fish of specified size (1 1/2 lbs.) are caught for processing. The fish are taken to the processing plant in special aerated trucks. Catfish arrive at the plant live, and in only minutes are processed and ready to ship. They were harvesting a pond when we were there. We then went to the farmer's house where we were treated to a truly southern catfish fry on their patio. (These fish are marketed under the label of Delta Pride.) At each of our stops we enjoyed true southern hospitality and the soft southern drawl.

Our last night was spent in Jackson, Miss. The next day we flew into Omaha and were met by Bob, Sue, and Bethany Hilger. Rose and I enjoy traveling together. It's nice that we can look after each other.

People from 17 states were on this tour. There were six of us widows and the rest were couples. Eight of the 88 people were from Nebraska.



Gabel-Yrkoski Wedding

Vows Said In Silver Creek

The wedding of Mary Ann Yrkoski and John Gabel, both of Lincoln, was solemnized at 2:00 p.m. June 7 at St. Lawrence Catholic Church in Silver Creek. Father Stanley Mitera officiated.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Phil Yrkoski of Silver Creek and Mr. and Mrs. Max Gabel of Osceola.

The bride chose a Dacron organza gown over bridal taffeta. The Queen Anne neckline was edged in Chantilly lace and the long, fitted sleeves were edged with fluted organza ruffles. A shoulder ruffle of Chantilly accented the lace-covered bodice. The full skirt, with its chapel-length train, featured double ruffles of fluted organza, each topped with a band of Chantilly. The bride's small-brimmed hat was dotted with pearls and held a back pouf and illusion veil. She carried a bouquet of white roses and stephanotis.

The bride's sister, Mary Lou Yrkoski, of Omaha was maid of honor and bridesmaids were Marge Yrkoski of Silver Creek, Maxine Goelz of Lincoln, Angie Euse of Butte and Cindy Lottman of Wichita, Kansas. They wore floor-length Danube green dresses of taffeta moire and carried yellow rose stems.

Kathy Miller of Clarks was the bride's personal attendant.

Steven Gabel of Osceola, brother of the groom, was best man. Groomsmen were Don Fibich of Gretna, August Goelz, Jim Yrkoski, both of Lincoln, and Randy Smith of Shelby.

Ushering guests were Dennis Yrkoski of Silver Creek, Dan Klein of Benedict, Brad Kresha of David City and Pat Bierbower of Shelby.

Angie Reid of Ord was flower-girl and ring bearer was Derek Butts of Murray.

Tom Yrkoski acted as lector and Wayne Mustard and Ronnie Ferris were altar boys. Kathleen Schott was organist and Mike Cave and Janeatte Keller sang. Billy Cutsor and Julee Dunekacke handed out programs. Mary Lou Dunekacke and Denise Butts pinned flowers.

The reception at Pioneer Ballroom in Silver Creek was hosted

by Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cutsor and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Kresha. Cheryl Hoffman presided at the guest book and Cori Euse and Cathy Hoppner were gift attendants.

Mary Ann Loseke and Kathy Grosch, godmothers of the couple, cut and served cake. Serving punch and coffee were LaDonna Gabel and Pat Smolenski. Servers at the reception were Sally Carman, Patty Carman, Kim Strong, Lisa Bialas, Chris Starostka, Natalie Gembica and Elaine Paczosa.

The couple will reside in Lincoln after a trip to the East Coast and London, England.



Mr. and Mrs. John Gabel

EDITOR'S NOTE:

May 25, 1987

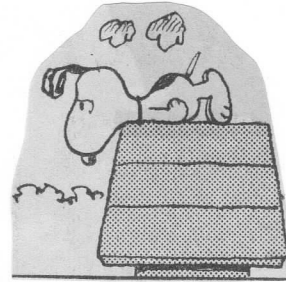
Dear Family,

Sure feels good to be out of school. Our school was out May 20.

PLEASE send me letters and other information for the KRONICLE. If I "ain't got" it, I can't print it.

Happy Summer!
Love,

Elaine



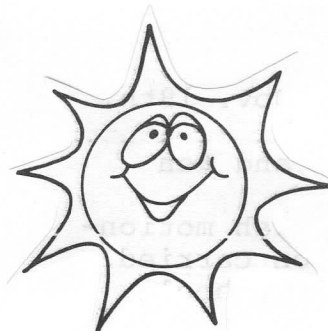
Father Matt Burger--Mt. Angel Abbey
Mount Angel, Oregon--June, 1986

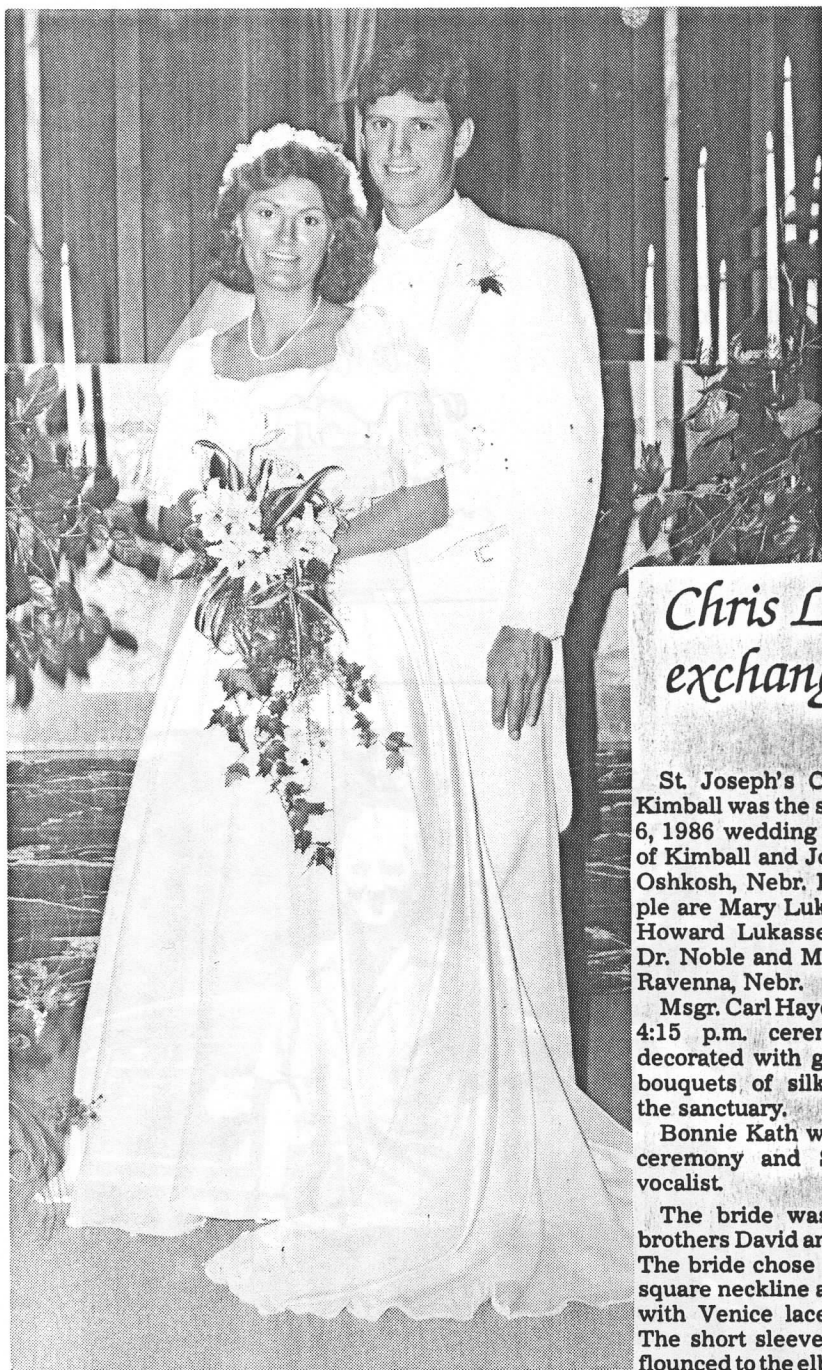


Challenger VFW 7595 Post Voice of Democracy chairman Glenn Cedarberg gives certificate and \$50 savings bond to Pam Grosch, the winner of this year's speech-writing contest. This is an annual VFW activity promoting youth and Americanism.

Pam is the daughter of Wayne and Kathleen (Kresha) Grosch.

OSCEOLA RECORD 1-29-87





Chris Lukassen, Josh Saunders exchange wedding vows here

St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Kimball was the setting for the Sept. 6, 1986 wedding of Chris Lukassen of Kimball and Josh R. Saunders of Oshkosh, Nebr. Parents of the couple are Mary Lukassen and the late Howard Lukassen of Kimball and Dr. Noble and Marilyn Saunders of Ravenna, Nebr.

Msgr. Carl Hayden officiated at the 4:15 p.m. ceremony. Candelabra decorated with greens and ivy and bouquets of silk flowers adorned the sanctuary.

Bonnie Kath was organist for the ceremony and Sue Sterling was vocalist.

The bride was escorted by her brothers David and Marty Lukassen. The bride chose a gown featuring a square neckline and bodice adorned with Venice lace and seed pearls. The short sleeves were puffed and flounced to the elbow. A full skirt was bordered with Venice lace sweeping into a full chapel train. Her veil fell from a wreath of silk roses, roped pearls and bridal illusion. She carried a bouquet of lillies, champagne roses, seed pearls and ivy.

Patsy Bauman, of Carpenter, Wyo., served as matron of honor for her sister. Bridesmaids were Sheila Volkmer, of Casper, Wyo, Jill Hilderbrand, of Laramie, Wyo., and Molly Baker, of Nebraska City, sister of the groom. Personal attendant for the bride was her sister, Wanda Toombs.

Flower girl was Lindsey Toombs and ring bearer was Kelly Toombs.

Best man for the ceremony was Paul Landrigan, of Valentine, Nebr. Marty Lukassen, of Kimball, brother

of the bride, Gregg Rasmussen, of Hazard, Nebr. and Kelly Rager, of Broken Bow, Nebr. were groomsmen. Ushers were Mike Brown, of Kimball, Jamie Gary, of Laramie, Brent Bauer and Brent Dethlef, both of Ravenna. Todd Wentz, of Kimball and Chris Hurlbutt, of Oshkosh, served as acolytes.

Following the ceremony a buffet reception was held at the Eagles Club. A dance was held at the Holiday after the reception. David and Dixie Bomberger and Tom and Nadine Timmons were hosts and hostesses for the occasion. Servers were Alda Landrigan, Laveta Beyke, Robyn Sowerwine, Chris Kallhoff and Mary Ann Lukassen. Nadine Timmons, sister of the bride, presided at the guest book. Lisa Englert and Sara Saunders were in charge of the gift table.

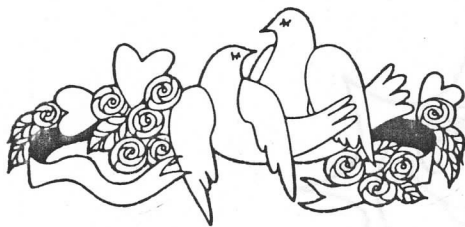
Honored guests were Mary Albrecht, of Grand Island, grandmother of the groom and Martha Lukassen, of Kimball, grandmother of the bride.

Following a camping trip to Washington state and the west coast the couple will be living at Oshkosh, Nebr.

The bride is a graduate of the University of Wyoming at Laramie with a Home Ec degree.

The groom, a graduate of University of Nebraska-Lincoln, is employed by the United States Soil Conservation Service at Oshkosh.

A miscellaneous shower was given for the bride by Mary Stanfield, Lorraine Volkmer, Louise Perry and Mary Ann Sobieszczyk.



Dec. 20, 1986

Dear Friends and Family,

I'm still at the stand here in Nevada, and still putting pretty long hours on the paper, but outside of that, things are going pretty well.

Gloria graduated from college in May and stayed around Sioux City for awhile, then on October 1, came back home and is now working for me on the paper, pretty much taking over the job Karen had been doing. Gloria is looking into graduate school for next fall, with the idea of going into more advanced studies in English Literature.

Karen bought a vintage clothing store in West Des Moines, about 45 miles from here, and took over there Oct. 1. Business is not as rushing as she had hoped it would be. I think she will stay with a business of that kind, but am not sure at this point that she will stay in that location. She is home frequently for visits.

Terri, now divorced, is still attending the University of Maine at Portland and is editor of the school paper there this year. It is a weekly and is keeping her plenty busy. She has decided to stay there until she graduates, two more years after this one. She has been enjoying school.

Joe is still at the job with the optical company in Denver and is in the Naval Reserve which takes care of some of his weekends. He has taken the exam for work with the Postal Service but doesn't know yet what chance he might have there.

My dad is still living in the VA Nursing Home in Grand Junction and getting along pretty well. My mother is still holding down the fort at their home on Orchard Mesa. I made it out for a brief visit last summer and am not sure when I can get loose for a few days to get out again.

I hope you all have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

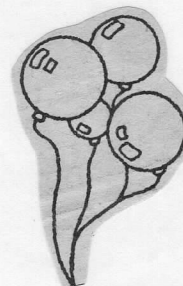
GENE THOMAS, KAREN AND GLORIA



New Journal staffer

Gloria Thomas is the new office and circulation manager at the Nevada Journal. She replaces her sister, Karen Thomas, who has entered the vintage clothing business in West

Des Moines. Gloria is a graduate of Nevada High School and of Morningside College in Sioux City. Journal photo by Gene Thomas





Greetings, Relatives & Friends,

It's December 18th and I am just getting to my Christmas cards! We want to wish you many blessings during this holiday season and in the New Year. Tony let me borrow his computer to type this because I don't get along with typewriters.

It's been a busy year for us again. I'm still with Wilke Landscape Center and have just started my annual winter vacation this week. We had sold 400 Christmas trees before my layoff. Tony is President of Micro Data Technology, a computer retail and service store. He bought out his partner early this year and opened a new store in Norfolk, NE. We joined the Connecting Point franchise during the summer and they have been very helpful. Tony is so busy anymore I can hardly get him to come home at night. We now have 8 employees, so I've been getting ready for the Christmas Party at our house Sat. night.

We had a very nice skiing trip in Colorado last Feb. It was my first time and we plan on going again this year. We also got to visit a lot of relatives while we were out there.

During the summer we had a great time putting together the Ferguson Reunion at my brother Bob's place. It was a two day event and people came from every corner of the USA. It was great seeing everybody again. We put up a huge tent on Bob's lawn and played games, watched old home movies and had an old fashioned Barn Dance at Mom & Dad's barn. We power-washed the hayloft and decorated it up good! I blew the cobwebs out of my accordion for a song or two and my cousins led a singalong. We danced up a storm and shook the rafters. It was a night to remember for a lifetime to come!

Tony and I joined a Nautilus club in Sept. and have been working out 2 to 3 times a week. We both feel really good. I also joined the aerobics class there in order to shape up for skiing. Last time I wore out pretty fast. Someday I will conquer the back bowls of some mountain.

We got into the Christmas spirit the other night and took the neighbor kids caroling around the lake. We had hot chocolate at our house afterward. You should see all the Christmas lights out here!

If you are near Columbus for the Holidays or anytime please give us a ring (it rings at work too so leave a message), and stop in to see us. We have a guest room just waiting to be used.

Love to you all & may God Bless!!

TONY AND KATHIE KRESHA





Christmas 1986

Dear Cousins,

May the beauty of the holiday season remain with you all through a happy year.

With Love,
ANN SERIO

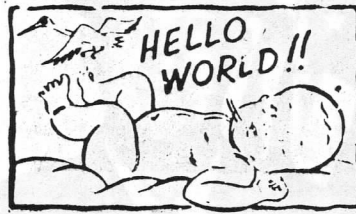
REID: Mr. and Mrs. Doug Reid of Omaha are parents of a seven pound, 14 ounce daughter, Abby Linn, who was born Nov. 30 at Bergan Mercy Hospital. Grandparents are Reverend and Mrs. D. G. Reid of Omaha and Mr. and Mrs. Allan Kresha. Pauline Kresha is the baby's great-grandmother.

Christmas 1986

Have your merriest Christmas ever!

MARK, BOBBI, RYAN WOLF

KRESHA: Mr. and Mrs. Dan Kresha of David City announce the birth of a daughter on Nov. 30. She weighed six pounds, 11 ounces and has been named Britany Kay. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Larry Kresha of David City and Mr. and Mrs. Don Codr of Bee. Marie Codr of Seward, Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Hladky of Utica, Mr. and Mrs. Roderic Smith of Shelby, Adolph Kresha and Rose Kresha are great-grandparents.



BAUMAN: John and Patsy(Lukassen) Bauman are parents of a 6lb. 10 oz. daughter, Kassi Jean, born March 18, 1987.

4-7-87

Dear Kronicle Readers,

Sights and sounds of spring are here, at last. Our winter wasn't really bad, but spring and new life are always exciting.

We have a new "Queen" in our family. On March 18, Patsy and John Bauman became parents of a daughter, Kassi Jean. She weighed 6 lb. 10 oz. I spent several days at their house getting acquainted with the little gal. She is gaining and growing fast.

On March 19, Marty graduated from truck diesel technology at Milford Southeast Community College. He decided to take a quarter of studies in heavy equipment and will finish in June. He has resumes out to companies that need his dual major.

Our men are busy planting barley and doing maintance on the irrigation equipment. The cattle have been worked and are ready for summer pasture.

I'm busy with volunteer work beside maintaining things on the homefront. Occasionally I sneak out of town for a day of "shop 'till I drop."

Enjoy spring, and take time to smell the flowers!

Love,
MARY LUKASSEN



Obituaries



Conrad Kropatsch

Conrad Kropatsch was born in Polk County May 28, 1916 and died at Annie Jeffrey Memorial County Hospital in Osceola Jan. 11, 1987.

The son of Hubert and Pauline (Hapday) Kropatsch, he lived all of his life in Polk County. On Feb. 2, 1942 he was married to Josephine T. Tworek at St. Bonaventure Church in Columbus.

He was a member of St. Andrew's Catholic Church.

Preceding him in death were his parents, an infant brother, one sister, Mabel Tworek, and one grandson, Andrew Kropatsch.

Survivors include his widow, Josephine; three sons, Richard of Silver Creek, David of Lincoln and Calvin; nine grandchildren, one brother, Leonard, and three sisters, Loretta Valasek, Elsie Kuchel and Frances Turley, all of Omaha.

Services were held Wednesday morning, Jan. 14, at St. Mary's Church, Pilsno with the Reverend Edward O'Leary officiating. Burial was in St. Andrew's Cemetery.

Funeral services for Michael Dean Hilger, 18, of Bellwood were held Tuesday morning, Feb. 24, from Presentation Church, Bellwood, with Father Gerald Vap officiating. Michael died Saturday morning, Feb. 21, in a car accident near Madison.

Pallbearers were Robert Jaster, Marty Kobza, Jeff Kampovitz, Matt Romshek, Gerald Frahm, and Scott Wellman. Burial was in the Presentation Cemetery.



MICHAEL D. HILGER

Michael, the son of Daniel A. and Mary Jane Hilger, was born Feb. 24, 1968, at David City. He attended St. Mary's Grade School in David City and graduated from Aquinas High School in 1986. At Aquinas he lettered in wrestling one year and was a band member for three years. He raced go-carts for three years and was a member of the Marietta Livestock 4-H Club for seven years.

A member of Presentation Parish (Marietta), he was interested in auto mechanics and fishing. He had recently graduated from the food service of the Air National Guard and planned to attend Southeast Community College, Milford, majoring in automotive technology.

Survivors include his parents, Dan and Mary Jane Hilger, a brother, Marcus, and a sister, Michelle, all of Bellwood; grandparents, Ernest and Adeline Turek of Columbus and Rose Hilger of David City.

He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Bernard Hilger.

Richard E. Nyffeler

Richard E. Nyffeler, 64, of Route 4, Columbus, died Saturday in rural Duncan. (2-21-87)

Services are at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at St. Isidore Church, with Fr. Floyd A. Wessling officiating. Burial is in St. Bonaventure Cemetery, with military graveside services by Hartman Post #84 American Legion.

Visitation is 2-5 p.m. Tuesday at McKown Funeral Home in Columbus, from 6-9 p.m. Tuesday at St. Isidore Church, and 8-10 a.m. Wednesday at McKown. A scripture service will be held at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at St. Isidore Church.

Mr. Nyffeler was born Oct. 31, 1922, in Columbus, the son of Ernest W. and Henrietta (Weiss) Nyffeler. He married Dolores Smagacz on Oct. 11, 1950, at St. Bonaventure Church in Columbus. He lived all his life near Duncan, where he was a farmer.

He served in the U.S. Army during World War II as a private first class in the 5th Armoured Tank Division. He served in the Battle of the Bulge. He received the Purple Heart.

Mr. Nyffeler was a member of V.F.W. Post #3704 and D.A.V. Post #20 in Columbus, and the American Legion Post #263 in Silver Creek. He was a member of St. Isidore Church.

Surviving are his wife, Dolores Nyffeler of Route 4, Columbus, and his twin brother, Roland Nyffeler of Columbus.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Nadine Hersey.



Card of Thanks

Kresha family -

Perhaps you sent a lovely card,
Or sat quietly in a chair.
Perhaps you sent a floral piece,
If so we saw it there.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words,
As any friend could say;
Perhaps you were not there at all,
Just thought of us that day.
Whatever you did to console our hearts,
We thank you so much
whatever the part.

*Thank you for the beautiful
alzeala plant.*

Dolores Kyffeler

In Dolores Smagacz



EVA KRESHA December 12, 1986

94 years



Matt Hilger, Bethany Sue Hilger (20 months)
Children of Bob and Sue Hilger
October, 1986

THANK YOU

To the Kresha Family

Thank you for the lovely
azeala plant the Kresha family
gave us for Mike's funeral.
It sure is nice to know one is
in everyone's thoughts and
prayers.

Also, we would like to thank all
who gave Masses, food, other
donations, and home visits. It
sure make's one feel good.

The family of

Michael D. Hilger



JENNIFER LEE STRAUSS

Daughter and stepdaughter of
Marcie and Murl Etter-
May 30, 1987
Centaurus High School
Lafayette, Colorado

Hello Kresha Kin!

Enclosed is a senior photo of Jennie who graduates from high school the end of May. So far she plans to attend the University of Southern Colorado (in Pueblo) this fall. She did well enough in track this year to make it to "State" in 2 sprints and 2 relay teams. However, they did not place at State.

We were so sad to hear of the deaths of Mike and Dick. I continue to pray for their souls and for the peace and comfort of their immediate families. We need to appreciate each other, and be ready to go ourselves, since no one is promised tomorrow.

We have a party planned this weekend for Murl's big 40th. He and some other teachers plan to run on Memorial Day in the huge (25,000 runners) Bolder Boulder Race. I guess I'll cheer, and take pictures, if I can see them! Murl started a new hobby a few months ago. He got a radio controlled airplane and is still figuring it out. He gets an award next Wednesday night as "Teacher of the Year" from his school, then we have to hurry to Jennie's Award Banquet (we'll miss the food part) to see her get the Most Valuable Player award again this year.

I have been working on a quilt for Jennie with about 20 T-shirt fronts accumulated over about 15 years, but since it's my first, it may be done when she graduates from college. . . I'm done with my Catholic Bible School for this year. Besides learning a lot about the "OT", I've learned many amazing things about

Catholic prophesy and the urgent message from our Blessed Mother when she appeared at Garabandal, Spain, and more recently in Yugoslavia.

This summer I will get to attend my 25th (!!) class reunion at Pius X High in Lincoln toward the end of June. Then we planned our vacation for this year toward the end of July at Toronto, Canada, Mackinaw Island and Oshkosh, Wis., for the International Air Show. I hope we see the "Voyager" plane there.

We wish you all many blessings, a BIG HELLO to Grandma Eva, and appreciation to Elaine for all her work and caring.

Love,

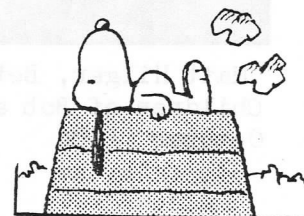
MARCIE, MURL, JENNIE AND ZACHARY

P.S. I forgot to tell you about the sacred bugs in our yard. Zachary said he found a "Holy Poly"!

EDITOR'S NOTE: June 11, 1987

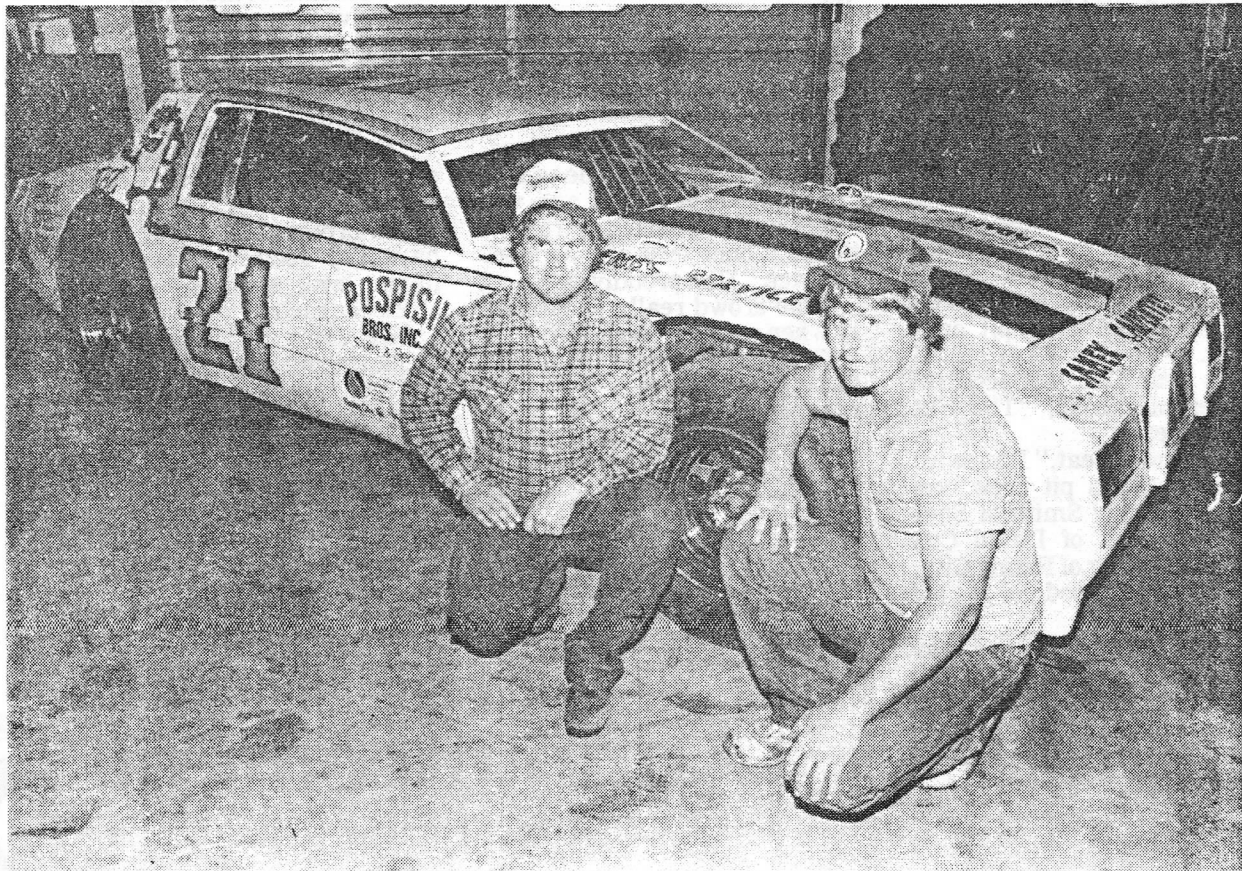
I apologize to Jennie for having her picture toward the back of this issue. I just returned from a 2 week trip to Oregon and Washington. I had the Kronicle done before I left on May 26. When I returned home yesterday, Marcie's letter was with the mail that came for me while I was away. I added this page and took page 11 back so this could be added as page 12. I decided to do it this way, or Jennie's graduation picture may have ended up in the Christmas issue.

Elaine





EVA AND ADOLF KRESHA
Summer 1949



RACING BROTHERS — Dan (right) and Brad Kresha of Rising City have been racing for the last seven years. The two race under the unofficial ti-

tle of Taz Racing Team. Taz is short for Tasmanian Devil, the cartoon character.

(Telegram photo by Chris M. Chebuhar)

Kresha brothers race through life

By CHRIS M. CHEBUHAR
Telegram Staff Writer

RISING CITY — During the week Dan Kresha is a farmer who works the land in Butler and Polk counties.

On the weekends he can be found driving around a oval dirt track at 70 miles-per-hour, often referred to by racing fans as "Taz" or "The Flying Farmer."

Dan, 25, and his brother, Brad, 23, own and race a sportsman class car and raced for seven years. This year they started off the racing season with four feature race wins in as many weeks at U.S. 30 Speedway.

Dan drives and Brad is the mechanic.

Brad lives with Larry and their mother, Carol. Dan lives a mile down the road from his dad's farm with his wife, Becky, and his two children, Brandon, 3, and Brittany, seven months.

"I'm lucky my wife likes racing. She goes to the races," said Dan.

Over the years Dan picked up the nickname "Taz", which is short for Tasmanian Devil, the cartoon character. They have the name and the character painted on the side of their car, and on shirts and jackets they have and their pit crew wears.

This year Dan has acquired another nickname, "The Flying Farmer."

"It's kind of neat," Dan said.

The brother's pit crew consists of: Randy Smith of Shelby, Mark Bell of David City and Mike Foster of Rising City.

"They do a good job," said Dan.

The brothers race from May to September and figure in a season they will run 30-40 races. This year they will race primarily at U.S. 30 Speedway and in Albion, they said.

In 1986 Dan won the sportsman trophy at U.S. 30 Speedway for the sportsman class.

"I like that trophy a lot. I don't have anything else like that," he said proudly.

Brad has degrees in auto and diesel mechanics from Southeast Community College in Milford. Both brothers farm with their dad, Larry.

"Farming comes first around here and we try and make time for racing," Brad said.

"We usually try and work on the car through the winter when snow is on the ground so in the spring we can get out in the fields," Dan said.

The brothers are sponsored by several businesses, including: Pospisil Brothers, Inc., Samek Carpentry, Adamy Chevrolet and the Shelby Hotel.

"Our sponsors help a lot. We probably wouldn't think about it (racing) without sponsors," Dan said.

A few years ago, Dan drove a race he won't forget, he said.

"About three years ago we rolled a car (during a race), tipped it back over and we won the race," Dan proudly said.

"The crowd really went crazy when we won," he added.

The brothers raced for about three years before they won a race, they said.

"It takes a lot of time and experience to win a race," Dan said.

"You gotta have a lot of luck for racing. We've been pretty lucky, it's not going to happen all the time (getting lucky)," said Dan.

The brothers keep their car in a shop on Larry's farm, and that's where they can often be found working on it or farm machinery.

"We spend late hours out here in the shop (working on the car)," Dan said.

"We spend some late hours farming, too," Brad added.

Dan said they put a lot of time in working on their car and "that's one reason we're successful," he said.

In high school at David City Public High School the brothers competed in wrestling and football. Now they compete on the weekends at the track.

"We've always liked competing," Dan said.

"I like racing, that's my hobby. We wouldn't do it if we didn't enjoy it," said Dan.

"As long as we have fans and sponsors we'll race," Brad said.

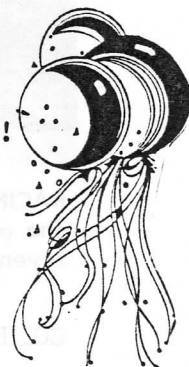
The brothers said they don't have any desire to race at a higher level, such as NASCAR stock car racing.

"We enjoy just what we're doing, racing local. Our friends and our family can come and watch us race," Dan said.

Announcement

HAPPY 90th BIRTHDAY SOPHIA KRESHA! !

June 13, 1987



KRESHA KRONICLE

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KRESHA REUNION

The annual Kresha family reunion was in Pawnee Park in Columbus June 14 with 75 in attendance.

Coming from out of state were Rita Kresha of Sacramento, California, and Gene, Terri and Gloria Thomas of Nevada, Iowa.

Nebraska relatives present included Mary and Marty Lukassen of Kimball, Sophia Kresha of Mitchell, Harold and Lillian Witulski of Beatrice, Larry Kosch of Lincoln, Mary Lou, Matt, Ben, Beth, Kelly and Andy O'Brien of Plattsmouth, Rose Hilger and Bob, Matt and Beth Hilger of David City; Kenneth Kresha of St. Edward, Bonnie, Tom, Cathy and Tony Kobza and Dan, Mary Jane and Marc Hilger of Bellwood, Ronnie, Romona and Roger Smith of Shelby.

Attending from Columbus were Martin, Elaine, Jolene, Colleen and Lois Kresha, Dennis, Carolyn, Ron, Jeff, Terri and Jennifer Kresha, Florence, Kenny, Lisa and Kim Kresha, Bill and Ursula Kresha, Charles and Lucy Kresha, Art and Irene Kresha, Dolores Nyffeler and Florence and Jerry Jarecke.

From Osceola were Glenn and Ila Kresha, Adolph Kresha, Pat, Chris, Brian, Tom and Mike Gabel, Bernard Kresha, Joe, Lou, Rebecca and James Kresha and Wayne, Kathy, Pam, Greg and Lori Grosch.

Guests included Lisa Church of Omaha, Bill Rombach of Columbus, Star Loveless of Rising City and Mr. and Mrs. Gary Altmanshofer of California.

Hosting the reunion were the Martin Kreshas and the Wayne Grosches.

Next year's reunion, the Kresha Centennial, will be held June 12 in Pawnee Park. It will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the arrival of the Kreshas in Nebraska. The centennial committee is composed of Harold and Lillian Witulski, Dennis and Carolyn Kresha, Bob and Sue Hilger and Joe and Lou Kresha.

Family Reunion

The family reunion in Pawnee Park on June 14, Flag Day, was very nice. The committee even had a small flag on display. They did a great job, as usual. It was so nice to see all of you even though we didn't get to visit with everyone, personally.

Plans are being made for a big celebration in 1988!! It will be the KRESHA CENTENNIAL. The 1988 reunion will be held in Columbus, Nebr. at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 3115-6-St., on Sunday, June 12.

I am gathering material for our book titled, Kresha's in America. Each child of Adolf is being mailed a questionnaire for their vital information. One chapter will be entitled, "Remembering Papa Adolf". If any of you can remember some of his sayings, deeds, or positive actions, please relate them to me. The deadline is SEPT. 10, 1987. I am also asking for an advance deposit on the book as well as your orders. One picture from each child is requested--either your wedding picture, or your family group picture. The picture will be returned. The book will have maps of the "Old Country", birth certificates, etc. There will be a chapter on Anna Kresha Karges and family, Amollia Kresha Kuhnle and family, and Joseph Kresha and family, whose descendants live in California. Did you know that Adolf's oldest brother came to America first and remained a bachelor? The only Kresha name came from Adolf or Joseph? The book will have a soft cover and a plastic spiral spine. Sorry I can't give you the cost yet, as the printer needs to know how many pages it will be, etc.

Plans are also being made to have Kresha Centennial T-shirts and caps. There will be more about them in the Christmas Kronicle.

We started our wheat harvest on June 16 and had very good luck with the machinery. Wheat yield was good, but the weight was only 58 lbs. Today, Harold has started the irrigation system as corn is ready to tassel and is getting dry.

The harvest apples were plentiful and all our relatives and friends took bushels off our hands.

Please write a letter to the Kronicle, telling us of your joy, good fortune or sorrow--We want to hear all about you.

Love and prayers,

LILLIAN AND HAROLD WITULSKI



Hospital, Scripture, heavens keep Father Matt busy

Colleagues praise his work for others

By PAUL GERHARDS
Of the Sentinel

Early each morning, six days a week, Benedictine Father Matthias Burger leaves his home at St. Mary Cathedral and drives his red Volkswagen bug to Good Samaritan Hospital, about a mile away.

He arrives by 6:30, in time to visit any of the Catholic patients there who are scheduled for surgery that day, which begins at 7.

Then he hustles back to the Cathedral, in time to celebrate the 7:15 Mass.

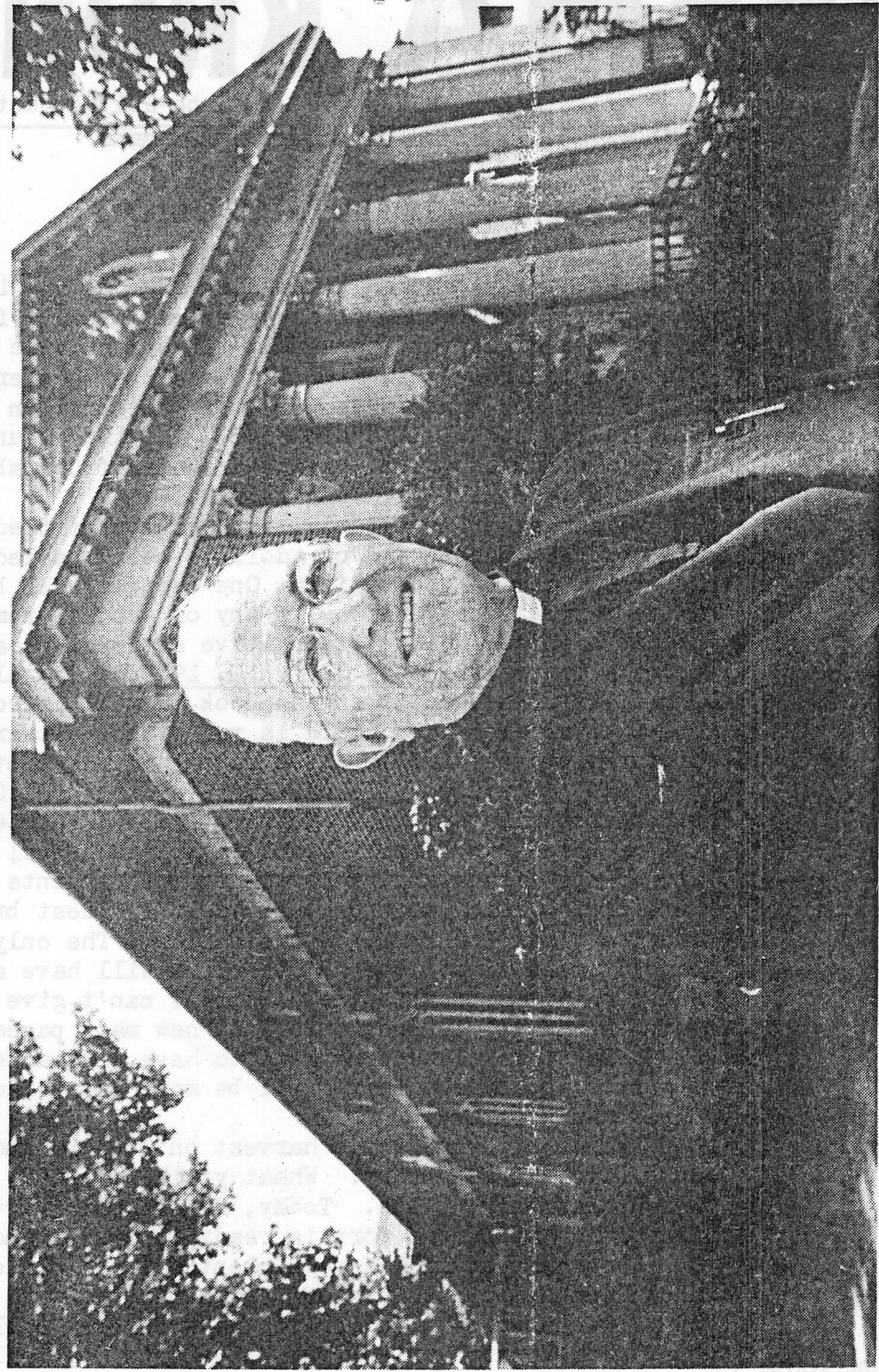
Father Matt has been in residence at the Cathedral since 1981, when he began serving as chaplain to Catholics at Good Samaritan Hospital, the responsibility of Cathedral Parish.

"He takes care of the hospital as no one else could," says Father Alan Kennedy, pastor of Cathedral Parish.

"There is probably no priest I've run into who is truly the servant he is, in terms of his ability, pastorally with people, and his dedication to the patients," says Episcopal Father C.K. Trehella, director of religious services at Good Samaritan. "Early in the morning and late at night, he's always available. He puts himself last."

Before coming to Good

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Sentinel Photo by Jed Doty

Father Matthias Burger in front of St. Mary Cathedral.

(Courtesy of CATHOLIC SENTINEL, Portland, OR July 31, 1987)

Fr. Matt

Samaritan, Father Matt, who is a member of the National Association of Catholic Chaplains, was for 10 years chaplain at Providence Medical Center in Portland. He also served one year as chaplain at Dwyer Hospital in Milwaukee (now Providence Milwaukee Hospital).

Father Trewhella recalls meeting Father Matt 17 years ago, while Father Matt was at Providence.

"I caught the quality of the man," Father Trewhella says. "I said to him, 'By God, I need a Roman Catholic like you (at Good Samaritan). One of these days I'm going to steal you.'" Father Matt, who turned 69 this month, also serves as an unofficial assistant to Father Kennedy.

"He's indispensable," Father Kennedy says. "He's a man in residence so he isn't involved that much in parish work, but he says Mass, hears confessions, has run the catechumenate program and in the winter months holds Scripture classes. He is of immeasurable help."

"I've always liked parish work," Father Matt says, "especially the care of the very sick, which I think is a very neglected activity in many parishes. In the Gospels, Jesus spent a great deal of time healing and consoling the sick. It should be a major part of our pastoral activities."

Father Kennedy thinks highly of Father Matt not only as a chaplain and an assistant, but as one who is "an extraordinary Scripture scholar and

knowledgeable in all branches of theology."

"He's a good and conscientious man," says Lillian Pereyra, a member of Cathedral Parish and a retired history professor at the University of Portland.

About once a month Ms. Pereyra serves as a reader and eucharistic minister during the "last chance Mass," which Father Matt celebrates at 5:30 p.m. on Sundays.

"He's undoubtedly conservative in his approach to theology and Church discipline," she says of his homilies. "He doesn't approve that much of the more open questioning going on. He takes a more authoritarian approach."

She says she enjoys how Father Matt, who worked with her for a time in the graduate history program at the university, ties history in with the message of his homilies.

She also enjoys his sense of humor.

"After Mass," says Ms. Pereyra, "he looks at me and says, 'Well, we did it again.'"

While Ms. Pereyra describes Father Matt's approach as "conservative," others shy away from the term.

"Conservative is considered derogatory by some and praiseworthy by others," says Francis Kies, sacristan at Cathedral Parish. "I prefer to call him authentic in his teachings."

Father Matt has been a hospital chaplain for 18 years, and he considers chaplaincy a "second career."

Ordnained at Mount Angel Abbey on July 27, 1947, Father Matt spent his first two years as a priest studying at the Biblical Institute in Rome. After he returned to Mount Angel he became a full-time teacher of Scripture at the seminary there, a position he held for nearly 20 years.

Father Matt has a reputation for being outspoken when it comes to Scripture and warns his students against "errors and foolishness."

"I've always insisted that my students face the problems directly, in the same way that the biblical authors faced them," he says. "I'm always struggling to make Scriptures contemporary. The Scripture authors had a contemporary message and it's still contemporary. I want my students to see the relevance of the Scriptural messages today and not just mouth pious platitudes."

Scriptural passages could be looked upon as nice devotional sayings without any meaning. They do, in fact, have a direct and important meaning."

Discovering the meaning is not difficult, he says, "if you see the biblical stories as things that are happening today to real people, to us."

In 1967 Father Matt took a year's sabbatical and went to Wrangell, Alaska, where he was administrator of St. Rose of Lima Parish.

The following year he taught at Al Hickma, a Jesuit university in Baghdad, Iraq. He wasn't there long before the

Iraqi government closed the school. After travelling several months in the Middle East Father Matt returned to Mount Angel.

In 1969 Benedictine Father Bonaventure Zert, now Abbot Matt's duties as Scripture teacher, "and I began thinking of a second career," says Father Matt.

Though he no longer lives at the Abbey, Father Matt is still a member of the monastic community there. Every Monday he travels to Mount Angel, where he sits on the Abbot's Council, an advisory board on which he holds an appointed position.

During the school year he teaches a Monday class in Scripture at the seminary.

On Fridays, his "day off," he returns to the Abbey for some "physical work."

Having been raised on a farm in Yamhill County, Father Matt cultivated a love of the land. While living at the Abbey he was in charge of the grounds on "the hilltop."

He made sure the grounds looked good and often used the services of a professional landscaper. In front of the Abbey Church is a massive stone patio that Father Matt laid.

Now, on his days off, he enjoys cutting the grass or doing any other outdoor work.

"There's enough of the farmer in me that I still like to do some gardening" at the Cathedral, Father Matt says, "but unfortunately I don't have much opportunity anymore." There just isn't

enough time, he says.

Aside from having a modest passion for the land, Father Matt is known among the monks at Mount Angel for occasionally casting an eye heavenward.

Ever since his student days, when he served as "caddy" for Benedictine Father Hilary Grantz, Father Matt has nurtured an enthusiasm for the stars.

Father Matt would help Father Hilary pack the Abbey's telescopes to a veranda off an upper floor of the Abbey retreat house, which affords the amateur astronomers a sweeping view of the southern, eastern and western skies.

Over the years Father Matt has built several reflector telescopes, including grinding the mirrored lenses.

There are a number of "telescope nuts" at the Abbey says Father Matt, "but we daydream about it more than actually practice it. This is poor country for astronomy because of the weather. And always there's the big bugaboo of a lack of time."

Father Matt now is doing for another monk what his mentor in astronomy once did for him. He is passing on the modest tradition to Brother Cyril Drnjevic, "showing him the ropes," as it were.

Father Matt also is a Volkswagen enthusiast and has owned several of the bugs over the years. He does all of his own maintenance on his cars.

"He's super good at it," says Kies. "He knows every nut and

bolt in it. He's an extremely good Volkswagen mechanic. He even services mine."

For all of his interests, there is one that eclipses all others, and that is the priesthood itself.

"I had a very clear and distinct desire for the priesthood from the start," Father Matt says. "I didn't grow up playing at saying Mass, but I had a very clear vision of the priesthood, and I never wavered from that. I never had to fight through any battles about vocation," he says, adding that he considers this circumstance to be "my greatest gift from God."

In 1936 he joined the seminary with "the definite purpose" of becoming a priest of the Archdiocese of Portland. In 1943, however, while studying theology at St. Edward Seminary in Seattle, Father Matt "could clearly see that I was more suited for the monastic life and the priesthood there." He returned to Mount Angel Abbey as a novice, "and I've been there ever since."

Father Matt was born in Emmett, Ida., of pioneer parents. At the age of about two years he moved with his family to a farm in Yamhill county, where he was a member of St. James Parish in McMinnville.

Last Sunday (June 26) he observed his 40th anniversary to the priesthood with a Mass of Thanksgiving at the Cathedral. He celebrated his first Mass at St. James Church on Aug. 3, 1947.

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St. Mary's Cathedral

1716 N. W. DAVIS STREET
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July 30, 1987

Dear Elaine:

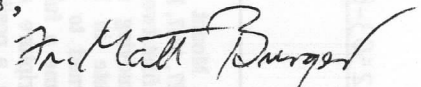
Greetings from Portland to you and all the KRESHAs. I see in the weather news that you are having a mighty hot summer back in the Midwest. Out here in the Far West we have had an unusually cool summer so far, but we all keep our fingers crossed, for there is a lot of time for it to get very hot yet this summer.

It has been a very eventful summer for me. June was taken up with jury duty, an interesting experience, although there sure is a lot of "Hurry up and Wait!" Then, this July, I decided to celebrate a little for my 40th ordination anniversary. I know that people don't usually celebrate a "Fortieth", but I doubted I would hold out another ten years in this big parish. Besides, as I told the people, 40 is a very sacred biblical number. There is hardly any mention in the Bible of 50, but all kinds of things lasted 40 days or 40 years. So I would celebrate my 40 years too. I was ordained at an "off time" of the year, July 27, when nobody is thinking of graduations, ordinations, or anniversaries, so up until now I have never been able to celebrate it. Well, we made up for it this year. What started out to be a simple Mass of Thanksgiving sort of got out of hand, and turned into a full blown Reception, with all the trimmings. Then, the next day, I had to go to Mount Angel to repeat the whole thing. It was wonderful.

For vacation this year I am going to really splurge. My oldest sister is taking me on a Caribbean cruise through the Panama Canal. I'm as excited as a little kid.

Hope all is well back in the Midwest, and that you all survive the heat.

Best wishes,



August, 1987

Dear Cousins,

Hope everything is going well with you. This has been an awful summer. We had a beautiful winter in 1986, but we're paying for it now. Wonder what next year has in store for us? Guess we have to wait and see.

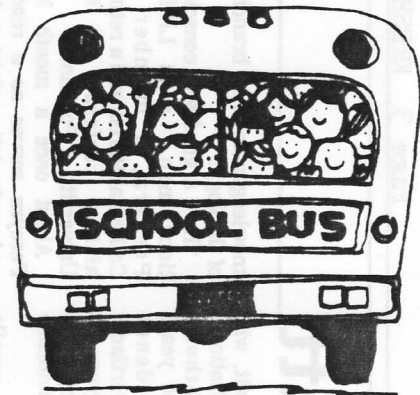
Not long before school starts again. Anymore, time moves too fast.

We sure enjoy getting the news through the Kronicle. Only wish we could meet up with all the cousins.

Much love,

ANN (KARGES) SERIO

MARIE (KARGES) BAARS



Former Duncan mayor dies

A former mayor of Duncan and long-time businessman in that community died Saturday. Milton F. Scholz, 81, of Duncan, died at Columbus Community Hospital.

Mr. Scholz operated Scholz Hardware in Duncan for many years until closing the store in 1980, when he retired. In addition to having served as Duncan mayor, he was a former member of the Duncan Volunteer Fire Department.

Services are at 10 a.m., Tuesday at St. Stanislaus Church in Duncan, with Father James M. Gaughan officiating. Burial is in St. Stanislaus Cemetery.

Visitation is from 1 to 5 p.m., Monday at McKown Funeral Home in Columbus and from 6 p.m., Monday, until service

time, Tuesday, at St. Stanislaus Church, with a 7:30 p.m. rosary, Monday, at the church.

Mr. Scholz was born June 6, 1906 at Pierce, the son of Frank William and Emma Ida Engel Scholz. Moving to Duncan in 1912, he graduated from Duncan High School. He married Marie Lassek Feb. 18, 1930 at St. Bonaventure Church in Columbus. Mr. Scholz has lived in Duncan since 1912 and was a member of St. Stanislaus Church.

Surviving are his wife, Marie, of Duncan; one son, Tiny Scholz of Bellwood; three brothers: Clarence of Bellevue, Marlon D. of Bellwood and Harold of Omaha; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

May we live
and grow in our
Love
of God
and of one another,
and may He bring us
all to life everlasting.



Milton F. Scholz--died 7-4-87
--buried 7-7-87



Amelia Scholz Karges
Mother of Eva Karges Kresha

WILL TEACH IN TEXAS

Ray Kresha, son of the Glenn Kreshas, will begin a teaching career in Abilene, Texas next month.

Kresha, who graduated from the University of Nebraska in 1972, has worked as a journalist, writer and salesman at various radio and television stations in Nebraska, Iowa and Texas. Last year he returned to school and earned an education degree from Abilene Christian University. Kresha will teach journalism at Abilene High School and sponsor the high school newspaper.

August 31, 1987

Kresha's In America (Book Report:)

The following persons have sent me their statistics and pictures along with their orders and deposits:

Joseph Kresha---by Wilbur Freye and John Kresha
Anna Kresha Karges---by Ann Serio
Mary Kresha Lukassen
Rose Kresha Hilger
Cecilia Kresha Smagacz---by Dolores Nyffeler
Martin Kresha

One printer needs the copy of the entire book before he can give me a cost estimate. Please get your reports to me as soon as possible. We want it finished by June 1988. Sorry I can't say how much it will cost.

Another problem is that some reports aren't complete or correct, so then I must write you for the information.

Are you proud of your parents, their work, and achievements? Let's hear it! It's not painful to give compliments.

This book is being published to honor our father, aunts and uncles. It will be a record for our children's children.

Tho' I've broken a bone in my right hand, I'm still typing and hope you don't make me "burn the midnight oil".

Love and prayers,

LILLIAN WITULSKI

Committee Chairman Report:

We will celebrate the Kresha Centennial on June 12, 1988 at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Columbus, NE. It is air-conditioned, and they will open the bar for us in the afternoon. Make your vacation and housing plans now! One descendent is coming from Tacoma, Washington.

The logo has been drawn and in the Christmas issue you can order T-shirts, caps, or badges. A banner is being made.

The afternoon program is being planned with grandchildren doing the entertaining, with sing-a-longs for the audience (Remember--I was once a schoolteacher.)

Suggestions will be considered. Contact:

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who are also serving on the Centennial Committee.

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Merry Christmas KRESHA KRONICLE

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November 9, 1987

Dear Family,

Well, here it is getting close to Thanksgiving and nearing the deadline for this letter. Sorry I missed the last couple of issues with my letters. Just seems that time goes so fast. Much has happened since I've last written. I'll see if I can get you all caught up.

As most of you know, we didn't make it for the reunion. Two years now. We did manage to make it to Columbus though some time during the summer. Our Parish celebrated their 100 year (Centennial) anniversary this year and had all of their big doings the same weekend as the Kresha reunion. We are all going to try and make it for the Kresha Centennial Reunion. It's been a long time since Pam, Andy, or Tom have been there.

One of the changes in our family was that Andy got married in September. They had a nice, small wedding. It was a candle-light wedding in our back yard, at 7 P.M. There were only immediate families and a few close friends in attendance. It turned out to be a beautiful day.

I am excited about the prospects of becoming a grandma for the first time. Andy and Becky are living with me for now, but Andy started a new job at Storage Tech, so the newly-weds will probably be moving soon.

Tom is still working at Wayne's Automotive in Tharton. He is studying now to get his emission license.

Danny is in his first year of High School this year. Can hardly believe he is a Freshman. He really likes school. Says it's much nicer than Middle School. He has grown a lot. Last time he was measured, he was 5'9" tall.

I am still working at the school. Think I'll be there forever. I took on a part time job selling Christmas Around the World. It is a home party plan, and I've really enjoyed it. I've met some really neat people and the extra money has helped. I wanted to save that money for new furniture for the living room, but my car has decided differently. The transmission is going out, so I need to have that fixed soon. Oh, well!!

We have been having some really beautiful weather. Can hardly believe that it's November already. One of these days I'm afraid we really will get clobbered. I still have some yard work I would like to get done, but no sweat if it has to wait. Tom did get the patio winterized for me, so that's done.

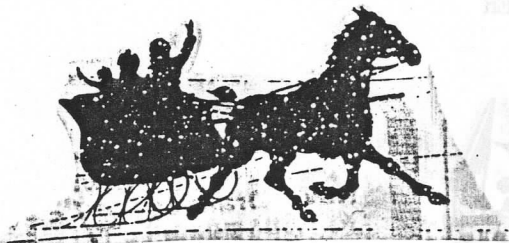
Pam is living in Aurora, Colorado now. She has a real nice apartment. She is working for the Colorado Auto Auction as a title clerk. She really likes it. She also has a part-time job right now at the Museum for "Ramses". That will only last till March.

I had better close. It is getting late and tomorrow will come fast. We all want to wish everyone a very nice Thanksgiving and a very HAPPY and BLESSED CHRISTMAS!

Our love to all,

PAT, PAM, TOM AND DANNY KRESHA

ANDY AND BECKY KRESHA



November 11, 1987

Dear Kresha Family,

Another year is about to pass. We are thankful for our health, good weather, and good crops. We all are very thankful that our Mother, Eva, is still with us, even though she has had some bad falls and many stitches. As time passes, we value the love and prayers of each family member.

After fall harvest we drove to Colorado to visit the Eppers for one week-end. Harold felt he had to get away from all the work. How we did enjoy visiting our loved ones and viewing the mountains! The Aspens, higher up on the mountains, had lost their golden leaves, but on the plains, no frost had come. Marcie's rose bushes were still blooming. We attended Mass in the Westminister Presbyterian Church at 8 A.M. There was also a Mass at 12:30. The Presbyterians have their service at 10:30 A.M. How ecumenical! It was All Saints Feast Day, and for the closing hymn we sang, "Oh When the Saints Go Marching In."

We wish each and everyone a Blessed Christmas Season. May the newborn Christ Child bless you and bring you happiness throughout the holidays and in the year of 1988.

Love and prayers for all.

HAROLD AND LILLIAN WITULSKI



Christmas, 1987

Dear Family,

What a pleasure to send Holiday Greetings to all of the family in the Kresha Kronicle.

"Often think of family members;

By your writing it helps to keep in touch.

It makes me sad when your greeting is missing.

Then I still wonder about you. Hope everyone is well".

1987 was a busy year that has gone all too quickly. So much has happened.

The farmers in our area had a good harvest. The weather cooperated beautifully, making a new early record date for completing the combining of corn, milo, and soybeans. The 4th cutting of alfalfa was a luscious green. Dairy farmers are happy with the top quality of alfalfa hay.

The apple and pear crop was excellent. After canning 80 quarts of pears, I stopped counting. Anyone that stopped in here in October was rewarded with an apple pie or Danish apple bars. My secret ingredient is red hots!

On November 22, our Parish held our Harvest Festival. 1,657 dinners were served. An estimate of a net balance is close to \$28,000. for dinners, raffles, auction and concessions. Sue and Bob (Hilger) were on the Steering Committee. Making dressing was my job. Many nice compliments were received on the food.

Being on the Executive Board of the David City Area Senior Citizens is a rewarding way of volunteering. We were given a large Government grant to remodel a building downtown into a much needed permanent Center. Luck was with us.

May the Infant Jesus bless you at Christmas, and then because you are all so dear, you're wished health and happiness in the New Year.

My love,

ROSE HILGER



November 22, 1987

Hello to all my relatives,

May Christmas be a special day that's filled with warmth and love.
May it hold the happiness you're so deserving of,
And then as all the other days throughout the year unfold,
May you be blessed with all the joys a Happy Heart can hold.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Love,

DOLORES NYFFELER



November 23, 1987

Hello Kresha Kronicle,

I find it's time to write a few lines to let you know we are all well and happy here. The crops are all out and were fairly good.

Glenn and I are trying a first--to feed the heifers out. They sure look nice. They weigh around 800 lbs. We sure look for a good price in the spring.

We are going to Colorado for Thanksgiving this year. Christmas is nearly upon us again. What a joy, all the hustle and bustle and happy faces. It's my favorite time of year. You can nearly reach out and touch the happy times.

Our Tony and Kathie have a new baby girl--Autumn Marie Kresha. She weighed 6 lbs. 12 oz. We are so proud of each and every one of "our grandchildren". We will have another in February, as Mike and Michelle (Berlin) are expecting around then.

Well folks, here's wishing you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

From,

GLENN AND ILA KRESHA

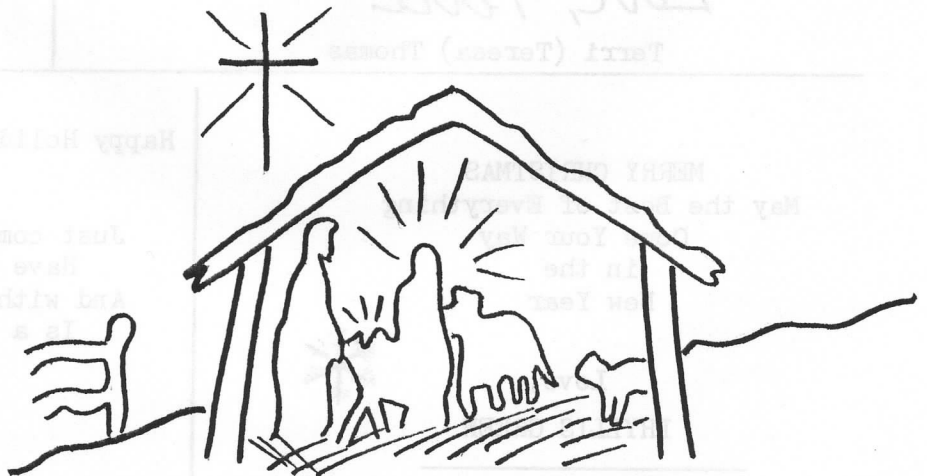
Dear Family,

At this holiday time may you all renew your faith in Jesus. He is there for you when you need Him.

May He come to you this Christmas with His peace and joy. May He be there for you in the New Year.

Love,

SISTER DOLORES SMAGACZ



KRESHA: Daughter to--
TONY AND KATHIE KRESHA,
October 19, 1987
6 pounds, 12 ounces

She has been named
AUTUMN MARIE KRESHA

Paternal grandparents:
Glenn, Ila and the late Delphine Kresha



KUHNEL: Mr. and Mrs. Kraig Kuhnel of Stromsburg announce the birth of a son Oct. 30 at Columbus Community Hospital. He weighed eight pounds, two ounces and has been named Kristopher Kraig. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Kuhnel and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Horton of Stromsburg. His paternal great-grandmothers are Esther Kuhnel and Ellen Oppliger of Columbus.

Dear Friends and Relatives,

Here is hoping you are all well and enjoying good health.

This has been an eventful year for me, starting as a college student in Maine and ending as a typesetter (again) in California. I left Maine in June, with the Subaru loaded to the hilt with all my worldly possessions and my cat Toby to keep me company. I stopped to visit friends in Dorchester, Mass., and Wilmington, Delaware, then stayed in Iowa with my dad and sister Gloria for two months. It was the longest period of time I had spent with them in ten years, and we had a great time and a lot of heavy-duty philosophical discussions, not to mention bizarre dietary experiments.

Then I spent some time in Denver, and my sister Karen and I headed west to the Golden State. After a lonely stretch of desert known as Nevada, where there is only a gas station every hundred miles or so, we pulled in to California on August 16. Karen stayed with me for a week, then flew back to Denver.

Luckily, I found work and an apartment right away. San Francisco is a beautiful city, with a lot to do and lots of interesting, open-minded people. I plan to stay.

It looks like I will be finishing up my education at California State University at San Francisco, majoring in creative writing, after finishing my year of dues-paying, i.e., establishing California residency. I hear the creative writing program at CSUSF is tops, so I'm pretty excited.

Take care, and I hope to hear from you soon.

Love, Terri

Terri (Teresa) Thomas

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Litchfield park, AZ 85340

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1545 Hampshire St. #6
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SISTER DOLORES SMAGACZ
St. Bonaventure Convent
1572-16th Ave.
Columbus, NE 68601



MERRY CHRISTMAS

May the Best of Everything
Come Your Way
in the
New Year

Love,

PHYLLIS GREEN



12-1-87

Dear Kreshas,

We had a very good and prosperous year and a lot to be thankful for. Charlie and I wish everybody a Blessed and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

Love,

CHARLIE AND LUCY KRESHA



1987

Happy Holidays from . . .
COTTONWOOD, CALIFORNIA

Just coming 'round your way to say...
Have a wondrous holiday!
And with this greeting so sincere
Is a special wish to friends so dear!

THE KRESHAS

JOHN AND INES

Dear Cousins,

How are all of you? We are doing pretty good. If any of you cousins come out to Cottonwood, California, stop by and say hello. We would love to see all of you.

Take care,

JOHN AND INES



ANDREW KRESHA
240 S. LITCHFIELD RD #108
LITCHFIELD PARK, AZ 85340
September 18, 1987



Dear Family,

This marks three full years in Arizona for Vickie, Vincent and Carmen. Nebraska still holds many, many fond memories of all of you but I think we are slowly becoming what locally is referred to as "semi-natives". The climate, spectacular beauty, and people have grown on us.

Vickie still is working in allergy nursing but about ready to "retire" to be home with Vincent, 7, and Carmen, 5. The clinic she works at recently hired a full time allergy doctor and will need three nurses to keep up with his practice.

Carmen got on a bus recently for the first time and has enjoyed kindergarten immensely. Find enthusiasm for second grade is harder for the seasoned student, Vincent. He would rather play in the dirt or search the skies for golden eagles. These majestic birds are bountiful here.

I'm about to start a second year at Valley National Bank, the largest bank in the Rocky Mountain States. My work in the training and development department involves consulting to organizational problems, developing training programs, career counseling, and some research. It has been most enjoyable.

When I started at the Bank, they mentioned that my office location would change to some 15 miles further away. So Vickie and I fixed up our house in Tempe, sold it, and moved to an apartment on the other side of Phoenix (a valley that is 60 miles long and 40 miles wide). We recently received word that our loan to build a home on a two acre "farm" had been approved. Hopefully by Christmas we can move in and start planting orange trees and planning for some farm animals. We are so excited (mostly about moving out of a tiny apartment) since we've wanted to live in a semi-rural area for some time.

Best wishes and prayers to all,

Andy, Vickie, Vince, & Carmen

Christmas 1987

Dear Fellow Relatives and Friends,

Winter has a grasp on us today, with 25 mph wind and snow. What a rude awakening after such a mild fall!

Fall harvest went well. The good weather made the work a real joy. The yields were good, some earlier hail stunted the corn in one area.

Dave has been busy attending cattle auctions and purchasing steers for the feedlot. He has had some R and R hunting this fall for antelope and now deer and goose.

This September three of my widowed friends from Kimball, and I, spent a week touring Nebraska. We went up north to Fort Robinson, then down to Alliance, joining Highway 2 and went through the Sandhill country to Broken Bow and Grand Island. We then took Highway 30 to Columbus. Other stops were Clarkson, Fremont, Blair, Lincoln, Nebraska City, Minden, North Platte and on home. Some of the highlights of Nebraska were--Biggest hamburgers served in our state at "The Drug Store" in Harrison (no kidding). Alliance has the Woolrich factory and a very reasonable "outlet store" selling discontinued fashions and current fashions. Also irregulars. We saw Halsey National Forest. In Grand Island we visited Stuhr Museum, The Art Gallery, and shopped at the mall. At Clarkson we visited the Blue Bird Nursery. The fall plantings were in full bloom and all were labeled so we had a great time there. One of the girls purchased bulbs to plant, so in the spring they will have blooming memories of our trip. We spent time with Rose Hilger at David City after an overnight in Columbus. Rose had traveled with two of our group at one time, so we all had a nice visit. She showed us her beautiful yard and we were guests of hers for the Senior Pot Luck Dinner. The food was great. In Fremont we boarded a train, that the local Historical Society purchased, and rode to Nickerson and back. On weekends this train adds a diner car and goes on to Elkhorn. It was fun. I rode in the caboose Cupola. It sort of fish-tailed, but up high we could see everything. At Blair we visited the John Neihardt Park and saw the huge mosaic cross erected in his honor. In Lincoln we visited Marty (Lukassen). He gave us a quick tour of the city and dinner at the Sea Gallery. Next was Arbor Lodge and an apple processing mill. We enjoyed fresh apple cider and caramel apples. In Nebraska City we were very disappointed with the factory outlet stores. We spent a day in Minden at Pioneer Village. In North Platte we took a self-guided tour of the Nebraska Experiment Station at their open house. We had great weather and only one flat tire.

Marty is employed at Rose Equipment in Lincoln, as a diesel truck mechanic. He enjoys his work.

A grand-daughter joined our family on June 4. She is Whitney Marie Timmons. Her parents are Nadine and Tom Timmons. She has two loving sisters, Haley and Laureen.

May you all enjoy a Blessed Christmas, and let the word of Christ, rich as it is, dwell in you always.

Love to you all,

MARY LUKASSEN

12-2-87



Love you all:

May the beauty and joy of the season
Make your holidays happy and bright.
May each day of the year that's beginning
Be just perfect from morning till night.

Wishing you all happiness today and always. A Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year! God bless you all!

Love,

SOPHIA KRESHA



GREETINGS FROM SACRAMENTO--

I'll be starting 1988 with a new artificial knee joint. Many of you know that I've been "gimpy" for many years, and I look forward to a new bionic knee and several months to catch up on reading and petting cats! May the grace of the Lord be with all of us!

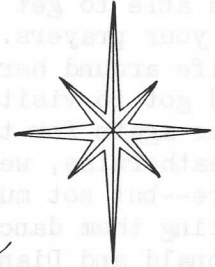
Love,
RITA KRESHA

May the blessings of the Christ Child be with you now and throughout the New Year!

DENNIS AND CAROLYN KRESHA
AND FAMILY

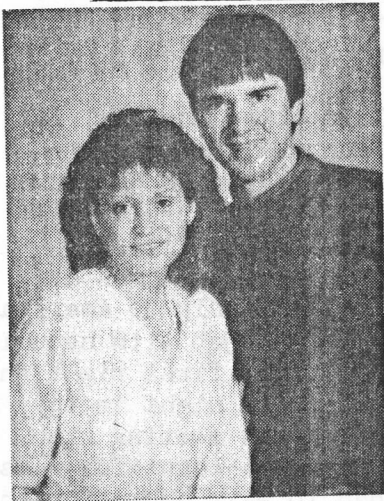
A Christmas wish from Milwaukee, that you all have a Blessed Christmas, and all good things for the New Year.

Love,
ANN (KARGES) SERIO
MARIE (KARGES) BAARS



Blessings for you during this Christmas Season

FATHER MATT BURGER



KATHY RENEE FLEEMAN
EDWARD FREDRICK KOBZA

Fleeman-Kobza

Kathy Renee Fleeman of Clarks and Edward Fredrick Kobza of Bellwood will be married in a July 25 ceremony at St. Bonaventure Catholic Church in Columbus.

Parents of the couple are Mrs. Evelyn Fleeman of Clarks and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kobza of Bellwood.

The bride-to-be is a 1986 graduate of Clarks High School and attended Platte College in Columbus.

Her fiance is a 1984 graduate of David City Aquinas and a 1986 graduate of Milford Technical College. He is presently employed at Napa Auto Supply in Central City.



REBECCA LEE LAMB
ANDRAE FREDERIC KRESHA

married

September 4, 1987
Brighton, Colorado



Mitchell-Jarecke

Joanna Mitchell and Tom Jarecke, both of Columbus, have announced plans for a Nov. 27 wedding at St. Isidore Catholic Church in Columbus.

Parents of the couple are Delmar and Sue Ann Mitchell of Genoa and Jerome and Florence Jarecke of Columbus.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Silver Creek High School and is attending Kearney State College. She is employed by the Elks Club in Columbus.

Her fiance is a Scotus Central Catholic High School and Kearney State College graduate. He is employed at Sand Fiberglass Products as foreman.

Christmas, 1987

Dear Kresha Family,

The last few days our weather turned cold and it's starting to feel like Christmas--so, it's time to get the holiday wishes off to you.

Healthwise, George and I have had a pretty good year. He still does some yard work and it seems to me he is always busy.

Gerhart has not fared that well. He has not been feeling well for some months, but of late the doctor seems to have hit on right medications for his complications. Mike is able to get out and do some errands and visit a bit--good for his morale. Keep him in your prayers.

Life around here has been routine. We enjoyed our visit back in Nebraska last May and got to visit with most of you. It was all very nice. God willing, maybe we can come again for the reunion in June since it's a special one.

Weatherwise, we had a dry, mild year. The past month we have started to get some moisture--but not much. Most of the leaves are on the trees yet, but a light breeze will bring them dancing down.

Donald and Diane are going to Hawaii next week for one week. I volunteered to stay with the grandchildren in Simi Valley. Donald and three other men from his office are going to attend a pharmaceutical show. They will attend the Banner Co. booth. I'm sure Donald will get some golf in. Diane has been back in college the past year, half days, while the children are in school. Marie is in 6th grade and Mark is in 4th.

Jerome's rootstock business is really picking up now that he has access to some seed. Also, he has several large painting contracts. One is to finish the furnishings--tables, desks, etc., for our new large Kern County Library downtown. He does nice finish work. He also has a good foreman.

I will cook the Thanksgiving dinner this year. They all like Mom's cooking, but we will all go to Simi and spend Christmas and several days at Don and Diane's home.

We enjoyed the Pope's visit to L.A. One Los Angeles TV station devoted 54 hours complete coverage of his visit. From the time he arrived until the departure of the plane. It was excellent. When the camera wasn't at a function, they had films of Rome, Poland, the Pope's childhood, war and right up until his election. It was a marvelous visit, and I do believe L.A. was the highlight of the Pope's trip to America. There are too many kooks in San Francisco. The police did a wonderful job with security. Of course, everyone prayed for the Pope's safe and fruitful visit. The first night the mass was in the Coliseum (where the Olympic's were held) and the second night in the Dodger Stadium. All the Bishops of the United States that come for the meeting with the Pope attended that mass along with all the ethnic groups. It was a beautiful mass. Both masses were preceded by entertainment for the people who had to wait hours for the service to begin. I have 3 VCR tapes of most of it. We picked out Bishop Flavin several times during the processions. (He is so tall.)

We wish you all the Joy and Peace of Christmas. May God Bless each and every one of you with good health and happiness during the New Year.

God love you,

GEORGE AND MARGARET KRESHA



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A Time for Looking Back for Trausch

Father Anthony T. Trausch came to Friend 10 years ago, June 22, 1977, to serve the parishioners of St. Joseph's and St. Wenceslaus Church, Milligan. Parishioners of both parishes will honor him to commemorate his 50th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood at St. Joseph's, Friend, on Pentecost Sunday, June 7. He will offer the Mass of Jubilee at 10:00 a.m. His two nephew priests, Father Mark E. Seiker and Father Daniel J. Seiker, will concelebrate the Mass with him.

The ladies of both parish Altar Societies will host a reception at St. Joseph's

Parish Center, Friend, from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m. The public is invited to attend both the 10:00 a.m. Mass and the reception.

Prior to coming to Friend, during his 50 years as a priest, Father Trausch served in 11 residential and mission parishes in the eastern part of the Lincoln Diocese of Nebraska. The Lincoln Diocese comprises the area from east to west that lies south of the Platte River to the state border of Kansas.

Father Trausch was ordained to the priesthood, Ascension Thursday, May 6, 1937 at the old St. Mary's Cathedral in Lincoln by the late Bishop Louis B. Kucera, Bishop of Lincoln. Ordained with him were Fathers Wenceslaus Beranek, Clarence J. Crowley, Daniel E. Cooper and Joseph A. Tupy. Only Msgr. Cooper, who observed his jubilee at Wahoo last March 22, and Fr. Trausch survive out of this ordination class of five priests.

Upon ordination, Fr. Trausch was appointed with Fr. Daniel Cooper to serve as assistant pastor to Msgr. Clarence J. Riordan at St. Mary's Cathedral, Lincoln. During his three years at the Cathedral, in addition to parish ministry, Fr. Trausch taught religion classes in both grade and high school levels at St. Mary's Cathedral

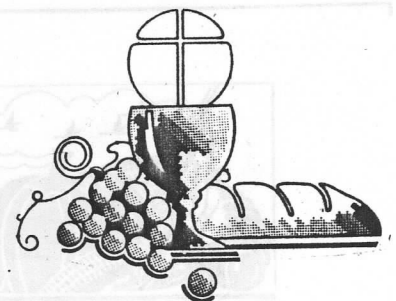


Father Anthony Trausch is sitting at his desk, perhaps wondering where all the years went which preceded his 50th jubilee celebration.

School in Lincoln. This former school area is now occupied with a car park and office facilities. During the summer of 1939, he attended a summer session at the Catholic University, Washington, D.C.

After leaving St. Mary's Cathedral July 1940, Fr. Trausch was temporarily assigned for five months to St. Joseph's Church, Superior, and its mission parish, Sacred Heart, Nelson. Leaving Superior the last of November 1940, he was transferred to serve nearly 18 years at St. Mary's Church, Cedar Bluffs, and its rural mission parish, St.

Therese, Estina, near Leshara. Under his direction during his pastorate in Cedar Bluffs, the church was renovated, redecorated and
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Trausch Looks Back

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a full basement constructed under the church. Likewise, the Estina church interior was decorated. Later in the winter of 1959, within a week's time, an arsonist burned down the Estina Church and a neighboring rural church. He was later apprehended. Neither church was rebuilt.

Parishioners of Cedar Bluffs and Estina presented Fr. Trausch a purse to travel in October 1950 to Germany, Luxembourg, France and down to Rome, Italy to make the Holy Year. While in Rome, he was among the 750,000 persons gathered in St. Peter's square to hear the official declaration of Mary's Assumption into heaven by the late Pope Pius XII.

From Cedar Bluffs, Fr. Trausch was assigned to Deweese in February 1958 to serve parishioners of Assumption parish and nearby rural mission parish at St. Martin's, Louchy. The parishioners in Deweese were eager to build a new church. The impending threat to construct the Angus Dam on the Little Blue River would have inundated the town of Deweese; it held up construction of the new church for some 15 years.

To ward off the construction of the Angus Dam, Jay Hubbell of Fairfield and Fr. Trausch flew to Washington in 1960 to testify before a House Subcommittee concerning the impracticability of taking 13,000 acres of farmland out of circulation for a dam area at an estimated cost of \$60 million. Instead of constructing a dam to control flood waters on the Little Blue

River, it was recommended to apply total watershed development throughout the headwater drainage area above Deweese with the same monies recommended for the dam construction. The Angus Dam was never built, and the new church in Deweese was built after Fr. Trausch was assigned to Assumption Church, Dwight, in June 1963.

Fr. Trausch humorously referred to his transfer from Deweese to Dwight as, "from riches to rags." At Deweese nearly enough funds were on hand to build the proposed new church, while at Dwight much of his administrative persuasion was directed toward liquidating a large debt on the parish.

Following five years at Dwight, Fr. Trausch was assigned in June 1968 to St. Anthony's parish in Bruno and with Sts. Peter and Paul Church as the mission parish. Again a drive was made in Bruno to collect funds toward a new church.

Upon the death of his younger priest brother, Father Robert Trausch, in August 1970, Fr. Anthony was appointed administrator of Sacred Heart Parish, Shelby, and appointed pastor at Shelby to take charge of the parish in October 1970. During the nearly seven years in Shelby the main "distraction" was to subsidize funds for the parish share with 10 other parishes in the Butler County area toward operating costs of Aquinas Central High School, David City. While at Shelby, Fr. Anthony completed parish renovation projects begun during his priest brother's pastorate, and finished installation of a 19 rank pipe organ.

Coming to Friend in June 1977 to take charge of St. Joseph's with St. Wenceslaus, Milligan, as its mission parish, Fr. Trausch again became involved with construction. A new church was dedicated September 1980 in Milligan. And in July 1982 construction began on the new St. Joseph's Parish Center in Friend. During the initial preparations to build the parish center, Fr. Trausch was immobilized in a freak accident, August 1981. Both tibia and fibula bones in each leg were completely broken six inches above his ankles; he spent nearly 7½ months in three sets of casts before walking again. During his recovery in leg casts, he directed the parish activities and guided the parish men during the construction of the Parish Center from his bedside at the Friend Manor.

Fr. Trausch is a native Cornhusker. When explaining his ancestry, he labels himself "A Luxembourger meat ball with 3/4 German content becoming a typical Nebraska Cornhusker."

All four of his grandparents were emigrants from Luxembourg and the Rhineland Province of Germany in the early 1870's. His grandfather, Thomas Trausch II "disappeared" from Luxembourg during the Franco-Prussian War in 1870 to avoid being drafted into the German army. After a month's trip by boat leaving Liverpool, England, the grandfather landed in New York October 15, 1870, going to Aurora, Illinois, where many Luxembourgers settled. Grandfather Trausch came to Adams County, Nebraska, March 12, 1876. On March 30, 1876, he purchased the N.W. 160 acres in section 17, Roseland Township, Adams County, for \$800 from the Burlington, Missouri River Railroad company. In October the same year, at age 32, Thomas Trausch married Anna Marie Schiferns, age 18, in the Busch public school house, District #6, Adams County. Father Ferdinand Lechleitner of Crete officiated at their marriage. Radiating out of Crete, Fr. Lechleitner travelled on the Burlington route to minister to scattered Catholic families in south central Nebraska. Enroute

Exeter, Sutton, Inland, Hastings, Juniata, and as far west as Republican City. As yet, there were no Catholic churches in these towns.

The original Trausch farmstead is still owned and operated by a Trausch grandson, William M. Trausch. The Trausch grandparents had 11 sons and two daughters, and 45 grandchildren (27 boys, 18 girls). Father Trausch is the fourth grandchild.

He is the eldest of 10 sons and three daughters born to John H. Trausch and Susie B. Berres, born February 29, 1908 on a farm southwest of Holstein, Logan Township, Adams County, Nebraska. When he was age 3, the John Trausch family moved to Roseland where he grew to manhood. In addition to farming, his father, John, and uncles George and Peter Trausch built and operated the Trausch Bros. Brickyard in Roseland until June 1918. The farmstead of Fr. Trausch's birthplace was pioneered by his maternal Berres grandparents. They purchased the native prairie land from the Stat of Nebraska. Fr. Trausch has 42 nieces and nephews, children of his brothers and sisters.

As a youth, Fr. Trausch attended the Roseland Public grade and high school, District 42. Two years of his grade schooling were at the Assumption Parochial School, three miles north of Roseland. After his high school years, he helped his father with farming on the Little Blue River, southeast of Roseland. Beginning September 1929 through May 1933, he attended St. Benedict's College, Atchinson, Kansas. His four years of theology were taken at the St. Paul Seminary, St. Paul, Minnesota, until ordination in May 1937.

Though a priest, born and reared on a farm, Fr. Trausch is farmer at heart. It is said, "You can take the boy off the farm, but not the farm out of the boy." Gardening and watching things grow are fascinating to him. Many hours are spent planting new varieties and old favorites of vegetables and flowers, and then caring for his treasured plants.

Congratulations to Father Trausch in this time of celebration.



To you is born a Savior



BETHLEHEM means "House of Bread."

A MANGER is something from which to eat.

THE STRAW was stems of threshed wheat.

THE INFANT was speechless although He is **GOD INCARNATE**.

This is our Jesus! **OUR BREAD OF LIFE!**

MAY HE be yours in a most intimate way this Christmas!

On Christmas we celebrate God's SON-BORN AS-MAN. The bread and wine offered at Mass becomes His FLESH and BLOOD in the Eucharist and is an extension of the Christmas mystery. As in past years, I am offering my 9:30 a.m. Christmas Day Mass for your intentions, deceased relatives, and all benefactors living or deceased. Make your intentions now to be included in that Mass.

HIGHLITES for me during 1987: **TWO PLANE TRIPS--** [1] May 16-20 to Newark, N.J. to attend the graduation from college of my nephew Leo Seiker at St. Charles Seminary, Philadelphia. While there, my sister Theresa, her husband Vince Seiker and Fr. Mark Seiker toured the historical sites of Constitutional Hall [this year Bi-Centennial signing the Constitution], the Liberty Bell, and a side jaunt to Valley Forge where General Washington wintered with his troupes. Leo Seiker is now a 1st year theologian at St. Joseph's Seminary, Dunwoodie, Yonkers, N.Y. 00704.

LATER on June 30th, my sister Theresa and I flew from Lincoln via Phoenix to Ontario, Calif., to visit our 1st cousin Trausch families at Riverside-- Ed, Charles, Alfred, James, Marlene Trausch-Ritz, and our Aunt Mary Trausch [widow of Uncle Sylvester]. The Trausch family clan gathered for a re-union dinner at Ed and Billie's home, 7815 Potomac St., Riverside. Thursday, July 2nd Ed drove Theresa and I to the home of our niece, Diane Kresha and her husband Don Chaisson in Simi Valley. That evening Diane drove us a 100 miles N.W. to Bakersfield, since she was to be one of the bridesmaids in her brother Jerome Kresha's marriage to Rosa Aguilar, Sat. July 4th. I officiated at their marriage. Further details about the wedding below.

ANOTHER HIGHLITE-- ORDINATION TO PRIESTHOOD of my nephew, Father Daniel J. Seiker, Sat., May 30th at the Cathedral, Lincoln, and his first Solemn Mass in his home parish, St. Mary's, Elmwood, NE. Sunday May 31st. Fr. Dan's older brother, Fr. Mark Seiker ordained priest in May 1984, after ordination was assistant pastor at St. Michael's, Hastings, for two years. He is now assistant pastor to Fr. Phil Rauth [a 1st cousin of Vincent Seiker] at St. Mary's Nebraska City, NE. Some may say Fr. Mark's present assignment smacks of nepotism. Fr. Mark also teaches at Lourdes Central Catholic High School, Nebraska City. After ordination, Fr. Daniel is now assigned to Blessed Sacrament, Lincoln.

MY 50 YEARS IN THE PRIESTHOOD jubilee observance was held in Friend on Pentecost Sunday, June 7th. It was a joint celebration by both parishes, St. Joseph, Friend, and St. Wenceslaus, Milligan. Additional details about my jubilee observance may be read in an accompanying flyer sheet.

RETIREMENT-- Next February 29th, I will celebrate my 20th birthdate [God willing]. Calculating birthdates, I'm just past being a teen-ager. But 80 year-wise is irreversible proof that the agility of a teen-ager is long past. Especially after total bone breaks above my ankles in both legs, August 1981, 'arthur-itis' is sneaking up on me with its darts of slow immobilization [fortunately with relatively limited pain so far]. It just takes longer to get from point "A" to point "B" particularly up/down steps with the aid of a cane as a precautionary measure. A tumble going down steps is farther than going up!

Bishop Flavin is permitting me to retire in June 1988 after ordinations when clergy assignments are made. Anticipating retirement, I purchased a 5 room home in Roseland, NE. My home is 1½ blocks from church and down town; three brothers, Louis, Francis and Maurice, within one half to four blocks of my house. Even so, there is not yet a Trausch monopoly in the village of Roseland.

JEROME G. KRESHA and **ROSA ELIA AGUILAR** marriage, Sat., 4 July 1987 in St. Philip the Church, Bakersfield, Calif. Jerome is the son of my sister Margaret Trausch and George A. Kresha. Rosa is the daughter of Refugio Betancourt and Salomon Aguilar. [over]

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As her name indicates, Rosa's mother has some French in her ancestoru. [Through international intrigue the French exercised considerable influence in Mexico, especially during the period 1864-67, When Maximilian was emperor of Mexico.] Rosa's father, Salomon Aguilar, is of Spanish descent. Rosa grew up in an agricultural valley S.W. of Mexico City. She is a talented and enterprising person, speaking English quite well after being in California for some years. She has three brothers and a sister in the Bakersfield / Los Angeles area. A brother Luis operates an excusive restaurant near Simi Valley; two other brothers, Raphael and Salomon [Jr.] operate a nice restaurant [serving both American and Mexican dishes] and a used car parts business in Lamont [S.E. near Bakersfield]. Refuquio and Salomon have a large family of some 11 children, Rosa being among the middle children. Her parents and a large family delegation came up from Mexico for the wedding.

THE WEDDING WAS BEAUTIFUL, proper and liturgically correct, unlike so many of these 'hybrid ceremonies' [half Protestant, half Catholic] seen these days. I officiated at the exchange of vows, receiving Jerome's vows in English, and Fr. Mike [assistant] receiving Rosa's vows in Spanish for the benefit of the many Spanish speaking guests present. Fr. Mike concelebrated the nuptial Mass with me. Never before had I witnessed a Spanish marriage ceremony; I was impressed with the completely Catholic tone throughout the entire ceremony and Mass. A 9 piece MARIACHI BAND [4 violins, 3 guitars, 2 trumpets] accompanied with singing in Spanish the 'Lord Have Mercy, Gloria, Sanctus/Holy, Lamb of God', the processional and recessional. The instrumentalization and singing were harmoniously blended. The Spanish language, like Italian (also Latin) are more expressive that English lyrics set to music.

A SPANISH CUSTOM--After the exchange of vows and rings in the marriage ceremony, the groom placed in the hands of the bride a band of gold colored coins [size of a large watch wrist band] to symbolize his life long material support [bread and butter]. Meanwhile, the parents of both groom and bride came forward to place a large silk lasso rope [tied in figure 8]. The groom's parents placed one of the loops over the groom's shoulders, while the bride's parents place the other loop over the bride's shoulders, symbolizing their two-in-unity in marriage. The lasso remained on the bridal couple's shoulders for the remainder of Mass, and removed just before the recessional march exiting after Mass. The Mariachi band followed immediately after the exiting bridal group, playing and singing the recessional down the aisle and continued to play / sing at the church door steps while all congratulation hand shaking / kissing took place. There were 8 attendants, Jerome's sister Diane Kresha-Chaisson one of the bridesmaids --almost as beautiful as the bride [no one excels the bride in beauty!].

DURING THE RECEPTION AND BUFFET LUNCHEON in the parish hall, the Mariachi band continued to play for over an hour. The band accompanied a couple of Mexican dance skits, beautifully performed during the luncheon. Rosa had coached the dancing couple. Since the Aguilar family are skilled restaurant personnel, they prepared and served more than 200 guests at the reception. A large variety of American and Mexican fruit salad dishes, plus meat cuts, were available in cafeteria style. After the Mariachi band left, an American band of 4 or 5 instruments continued playing during the luncheon --What a contrst in music!!! I would say 'raucous' --typical of current American taste for noise and beat.

TRAUSCH'S ATTENDING FROM NEBRASKA: Ralph and Louis, my sister Theresa, and myself. On the Kresha side, George's brother Mike and his family, George's sister Ann and the Kropatch family from Los Angeles. Mr. and Mrs. Kropatch are Jerome's godparents at baptism.

I pray that all of you will have a holy and grace filled Christmas season.

FATHER ANTHONY T. TRAUSCH



Christmas, 1987

Dear Kronickers,

Another Christmas season is upon us. Everyone is out shopping, earlier than usual, it seems. Our shopping is finished, except for some last minute stocking fillers. (I guess if you can't beat them, join them. -- Shopping, that is.)

Colleen and Lois are preparing for their finals as the semester draws quickly to an end. Both will be home for the holidays for 3-4 weeks.

Lois is in her second year at Platte College, in Columbus. She is taking general courses, not quite sure yet what she should major in.

Colleen is almost half-way through the 5 years it will take her to complete the requirements for a Pharmacy degree. She is attending Creighton University in Omaha. She will begin working in December at Gibson Pharmacy in Columbus. This is part of her internship. When school begins again in January, she will return to school. During the summer she will work again, until she completes the required number of hours as an intern.

Jolene works in the office at Henke Machine, Inc. here in Columbus. She's glad to have the job, although it is only 36 hours per week. She has wonderful co-workers.

Patrick is still working at Hoover Dam in Boulder City, Nevada. He is a draftsman. He doesn't plan to come home for Christmas. He plans to build up his vacation time and come out for a couple of weeks in the Spring.

Kenneth still works as a mechanic at Mahoney's Implement in St. Edward, Nebraska. He lives in St. Edward during the week, and comes home to the farm on weekends.

Bernard started working at Grosch Irrigation in Silver Creek, Nebraska. He has been there about 9 months.

Martin has been slowed down by sore hips, back, arms, and feet. Otherwise, he's doing O.K. (It's tough to get old.)

Elaine is teaching 5th grade again at St. Isidore School in Columbus, Nebraska. She has 22 students; 15 of which are boys. They are a very social group (talk constantly) but are good kids. She will be very happy for Christmas vacation.

Our wish is that everyone has a Blessed and Joyous Christmas and a Prosperous and Holy 1988! Keep well.

MARTIN AND ELAINE KRESHA AND FAMILY

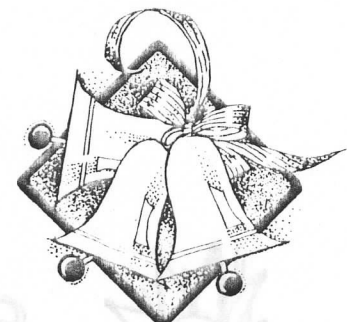


MR. AND MRS. JEROME G. KRESHA

July 4, 1987

St. Philip the Apostle Church

Bakersfield, California



BOOK REPORT:

"The Kresha Families in America", is the official title of our book. About 80% of the family histories have been received. The geneology report on the Theodor Krehse family has been received from the Czechoslovakian Archives and has been translated.

I am finished with the ancient history of Moravia and Austria, which is our "grass roots". Now I'm writing, "Remembering Papa Adolf" incidents.

The size of the type has been picked and the footnotes or references will be in smaller type.

Several people have asked about putting pictures of Papa Adolf's Great-grandchildren in the book. We plan to leave a blank space after each son or daughter's write-up so they can insert a picture or two if they choose. It is hoped that each son or daughter will write their own history book, later, for their immediate family.

The cost will be 4¢ a page, plus the covers and spiral binder. Total cost is unknown.



CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE REPORT:

After consulting with several T-shirt printers, the average T-shirt (with a blend) costs \$5.50. The print pattern costs \$15.00 and with one color of ink, the T-shirt would cost \$6.95 each. I have had no input from anyone in the family. The T-shirts are a form of advertising, which we do not need, so I've decided to drop the idea.

Financiers predict another depression in 1988, so money is precious.

Our newspaper, The Beatrice Daily Sun, will print "iron-on" transfer designs for \$80.00 per hundred, using one color. Everyone can use their own T-shirt. The design will fade after 3 or 4 washings. Do you want this?

Would all of you rather have centennial badges and printed napkins for souvenirs instead of the T-shirt idea? If each son or daughter took a poll of their family and let me know, I can proceed with the orders.

Can we have the men growing mustaches and/or beards? Can the ladies wear their Centennial dresses and bonnets? Then it would appear and feel truly like a Centennial celebration.

Please, family, volunteer for the entertainment part of the celebration. This can be musical, or patriotic, with a bit of spiritual music included. Words will be printed for a few "sing-a-longs".

After the program, we will serve cake and gold colored punch to end the celebration.

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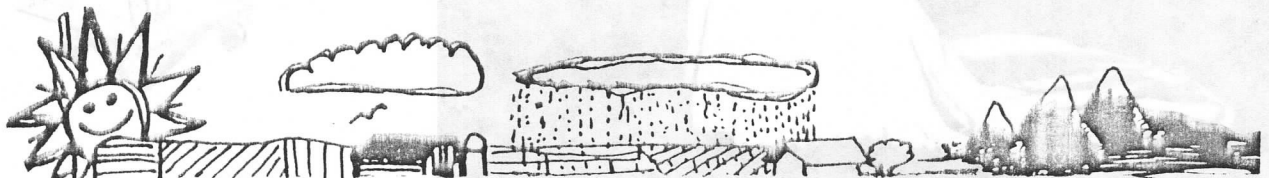
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KRESHA-AGUILAR WEDDING--

In addition to the write-up that Fr. Trausch included about the wedding, Margaret added:

The bride was given in marriage by both her parents. The bride's dress was a copy of an Italian original. The dress was of white satin, bustline had a tulip effect, with waist insert and sleeves of delicate ribbon lace. Rosa's Uncle in Mexico made the bridal bouquet, headpiece, and the lasso.

Jerome's sister, Diane Chaisson, was maid of honor, and four other friends of Rosa's were bridesmaids. The bridesmaids wore identical dresses of peach Fantasia. Their head-dresses were made and designed by the bride. Their bouquets were lace fans with floral arrangements in front.

The two little flower girls wore dresses of peach and the little boys wore gray tuxedos.

Both mothers of the bride and groom wore peach tea length dresses.

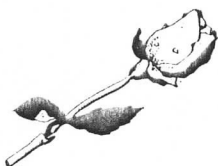
John Humerick, friend of the groom was best man. The groomsmen and the fathers wore gray tuxedos. Donald Chaisson, a groomsman, also was the lector. Mark Chaisson and Louis Aguilar were candle lighters and brought up the gifts at the mass. Marie Chaisson, attended the guest book.

Jerome attended Fresno State College with a degree in Plant Science. He operates a rootstock nursery. The bride attended a university in Mexico and operated her own clothing business while living near her home.

Jerome and Rosa had a 9 day honeymoon in Mexico. They will make their home in Bakersfield.

Rosa has been living in Calif. for several years. She is a very sweet and talented person. We are so happy to have her in the family.

MARGARET KRESHA



Obituaries

Helen Merrick

Helen Merrick, daughter of Julius and Frances (Kropatsch) Cerny, was born Sept. 15, 1908 on a farm north of Osceola in Polk County and departed this life on Oct. 26, 1987 at Annie Jeffrey Memorial County Hospital.

She was united in marriage on Feb. 12, 1929 to Richard Merrick. To this union two children were born, Bob and Lynda.

Survivors include her son, Bob Merrick, and wife Nellie of Columbus; her daughter, Lynda Burritt, and husband Kenneth of Osceola, seven grandchildren, Robert Jr., Laurie and Pamela Merrick, Connie (Merrick) Presley and husband Blaine, David, Debra and Douglas Burritt; two great-grandchildren, Amanda and Nicholas Presley; three sisters-in-law, Mrs. J. A. Cerny of Osceola, Mrs. J. F. Cerny of Columbus and Mrs. William Cerny of Garden Grove, California; many nieces and nephews, friends and other relatives.

Preceding her in death were her husband, her parents, four sisters and six brothers.

Services were held at the United Methodist Church in Osceola Oct. 29 with Reverend Douglas Ferguson officiating. Jane Roberts sang, accompanied by Helene Cox, organist. Honorary pallbearers were Bob Merrick Jr., Doug Burritt, Mike Merrick, David Burritt, Blaine Presley and Pat Merrick. Pallbearers were Victor Cerny, Alvin Cerny, Mark Gondringer, Dan Cerny, Gary Altmanhofer and Raymond Cerny. Interment was in Osceola Cemetery.

Julius Cerny

Julius Leo Cerny, the son of Julius A. and Alberta Glaubitz Cerny, was born on May 3, 1938 in Omaha and died on Oct. 29, 1987 at Columbus Community Hospital. He attended school in Polk County.

On Nov. 20, 1960 he was united in marriage to Laurella Lambert at Fullerton. They adopted a daughter, Louise, in 1968.

He was a farmer all his life. He farmed near Genoa from 1958 to 1968, south of Duncan from 1968 to 1978, then west of Silver Creek until the time of his death.

Survivors are his wife, Laurella of Silver Creek; daughter, Louise of Grand Island; mother, Mrs. J. A. Cerny; mother-in-law, Lorene Lambert; three brothers, Alvin, David and Nick of Clarks; five sisters, Dorothy (Mrs. Emil) Czarnick of Genoa, Vera (Mrs. Walter) Beck of Clarks, Mary Ann (Mrs. Clarence) Way of Columbus, Mary (Mrs. Gordon) Novacek of Littleton, Colorado, and Rosella Gabriel of Lincoln, and a host of nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death were his father, father-in-law, Eugene Lambert; sister, Irene Schmid; two nieces and a nephew.

Julius was a loving husband and a wonderful father.

Graveside services were held Monday morning, Nov. 2, at the Osceola Cemetery with Reverend Douglas Ferguson officiating.

Julius Leo Cerny was a grandson of Julius and Frances (Kropatsch) Cerny.

