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William and Catherine (Schechinger)		Peter and Elizabeth (Schechinger)	John and Odelia (Schnuettgen)	Paul Francis and Magdalena (Heinzlmeier)
Liphartha Elizabeth (Zimmerman)		Isidore Nicholas	Cyril Nicholas	Wilfrid Nicholas
Lawrence George		Sylvester George	Valerie Marie (Zimmerman)	Gregory Michael
Joseph Nicholas		Ferdinand Henry	Roman Anthony	Rita Mary
Aloys Peter		Hilary William	Marian Kathryn (Marshall)	Mildred Rose (Gromak)
Odelia Marie (Foxhoven)		Cornelius John	Colette (Butterfield)	Irene Odelia (Goetzinger)
Marie Adelaide		Francis Paul	Verner Peter	Lucille Mary (Stangl)
Suzanne Magdeline		Joseph	Dewie Joseph	Joseph Henry
Anthony Vitus		Gerald Vitus	John Mark	Paul Urban
Pauline Lucille (McAndrews)		Adelaide Marie (Croghan)	Angela Therese	Donald Isidore
Genevieve Helen (Scheuring)		Peter Joseph		Joanne Elizabeth (Harding)
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WELCOME TO THE CLAN

Meet the *Rod and Angie (Bieker) Kenkel's New Family Additions!*

The excitement started well before they left their Panama, Iowa home at 6 p.m. Tuesday night, April 9, 2002 for Omaha Methodist Hospital. At 9:03 p.m., the first of the "Kenkel Quads" as they have become known, were born. The babies are identical triplets boys and one girl.

Mark Brian, the smallest at 3 pounds and 14 ounces and 17 inches long, was the first to be born.

Second to be born was Matthew Craig. He arrived at 9:04 p.m. and weighed 4 pounds, 8.5 ounces and was 17 1/2 inches long.

The next two to be born were Michael Chad and Grace Kristina. They both arrived at 9:05 p.m. Michael weighed in at 4 pounds, 9 ounces and was 17 1/2 inches long. Grace was the largest of the four at 4 pounds, 10 1/2 ounces and 18 inches long.

As you can see from these pictures taken on June 27th, they are growing and doing well.



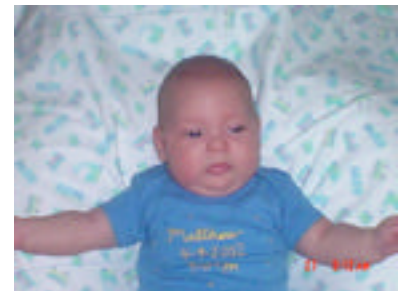
Grace Kristina



Michael Chad



Mark Brian



Matthew Craig

The quads have an older brother, Joel Leonard, 3, pictured here with his parents. Grandparents include Damian and Pat Kenkel of Panama and Dan and Jean (nee Gaul) Bieker of Harlan. Great-grandparents are Dorothy (Ferd) Gaul of Earling; Alice (Leonard) Fahn of Harlan; and Helen (Ed) Bieker of Harlan.

No fertility drugs were involved in the Kenkel multiple births. "It was all natural," said Pat Kenkel. "Originally they (Rodney and Angie) thought they were having twins." She explained that the first ultrasound showed that two eggs had been fertilized. "When they went for another appointment, the ultrasound showed that one of the eggs had split three ways." *What a surprise! Congratulations Rod and Angie, from all of us.* (Peter, Ferdinand, Jean, Angela, Grace Michael Mark and Matthew)



Gaul

Jack's Story Corner

There is a contest being offered in the Sunday Parade magazine which I am thinking about entering. They are asking their readers to write a story about their most loved automobile. The story judged as the best will be published as will some of the runner-ups. I



owned a few cars, some of which I became very attached to, here is a sample.

My first car, if it can be called that, was a stripped down model T Ford. However as much as I enjoyed working on it and driving it, I can't list it as the "most loved" even though it taught me a lot of mechanical basics. The next car was a 1930 Chevie coupe which was a vast improvement, both in style and mechanical technology, but again it only filled a gap until something better came along. However I surely spent a lot of time working on it. Messing with it would be a better term. I did a couple of shade tree engine swaps (until the branch broke) and a few valve jobs.

I experimented with coil front springs and telescoping shock absorbers (for about two days) when I lost control on my second road test and might neared flipped on a dead straight road.. My brother Cyril cautioned me, saying my time would come soon enough, don't try to rush it. But what would an older brother know.

But I did put the original front suspension back in place. Then I added a relay and a push button switch to replace the foot operated starter pedal, *cool!* Added driving lights and what I thought was going to be a better heater was a mistake. I installed dual straight through exhausts, fabricated from common water

pipe. That was a very bad mistake and so under the watchful eye of my father I converted back to the standard exhaust system. About that time a 1927 four door Oldsmobile and a two door 1929 Chevie made the scene. But neither of them held my interest for very long. However the engine in the '29 Chevie was in great (better) shape so I plucked it out and slipped it into the '30 Chevie. I did this engine swap in the cars shed as we were fresh out of strong tree branches. The Oldsmobile was sold after about a year to a friend of mine, however that friendship for some reason soon ended.

Next came a 1940 Hudson business coupe into which I stuck every loose dollar I had. For a time I felt as though I was in *hogs heaven* with this car. I slipped in a new short block engine, installed oversize tires, experimented with a vacuum operated clutch and an over drive transmission. Installed spot lights, fog lights, rear view mirrors, seat covers, oversize batteries which were located in the trunk, split manifold-dual exhausts and a radio with twin antennas. Great,,but no cigar. What I really wanted was a car with an automatic transmission

Enter a 1946 DeSoto four door *Custom* sedan, which was blue in color. It didn't have a true fully automatic transmission, but did have fluid drive and a

semi automatic two speed transmission. And folks it was a COOL, very COOL machine.

What it was about this car, I can't say anymore, but for a few years the sun rose and set on it. My good father too thought that this car was plenty swell and almost pleaded with me to leave it original. He enjoyed driving it as he didn't have to shift any gears. So he told me that it didn't need whitewall tires, full disc hubcaps, bumper guards, fog lights, head light half caps, fender skirts, outside rear view mirrors, spot lights, rear window wiper, back up lights, back seat speaker, remote trunk release, additional courtesy lights and switches, tachometer, compass, vanity mirrors split manifold-dual exhausts or a bored out Chrysler engine which would top out my brother-in-laws Massey Harris.

Dad was right too. When I traded it in on a 1948 Oldsmobile the only thing the dealer mentioned was that he liked the color of the seat covers. I guess he looked upon all the other refinements as DUMB KIDS stuff.

Well I was now 20 years old, grown up, so that Oldsmobile pretty much stayed original. Anyway thinking back now, that old '46 DeSoto was probably my first and last love, if a car can actually be loved.

. . . . Jack Gaul

Pictured here is the

Lawrence and Esther Gaul family.

In May, they gathered at the Ray and Maxine Books home in rural Harlan.

There were 44 family members present for a day of fun and surprises! And lots of visiting. A special "birthday" was celebrated.

Pictured here are Maxine Book of Harlan, Iowa , Bill Gaul of Tucson, Az., Mary Huss of Omaha, Ne. , Donna Wright of Omaha, Ne., Jerry Gaul of Albuquerque, N.M. , and Bob Gaul of Harlan, IA



Congratulations To The Class of 2002

Kimberly Anne Gaul, 2002 graduate from Olathe East High School in Olathe, Kansas.



She plans to attend Johnson Community College and Kansas State. Kimberly played the Bassoon in her school band for which she

won a scholarship. Kimberly is the daughter of Robert and Linda Gaul of Olathe, Kansas and the granddaughter of Peter and Hilary Mae, (Grote) Gaul of Melbourne, Florida (Peter, Peter, Robert, Kimberly)

Michelle Marie Gaul graduated from Millard South High School, Omaha, Nebraska, on June 2, 2002. She is the daughter of Scott and Nancy Gaul and the granddaughter of John and Ann Gaul of Omaha, Nebraska.



Michelle plans to attend the University of Nebraska at Lincoln. She is the recipient of several scholarships. (John, John, Scott, Michelle)

Levi Cody Gilbert graduated May 19, 2002 from Glidden Ralston School. His plans are to go to IV Tech and get a degree in Architecture. In the meantime he is going to work with his father for Tonn & Blanc Corp. in Indiana. Levi is the son of Jack and Laurie (Gaul) Gilbert of Glidden, Iowa and the



grandson of Dorothy Gaul of Earling, Iowa. (Peter, Ferdinand, Laurie, Levi)

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Anderson Private School
website: www.andersonschool.net

Stephanie Ann Gaul, 2002 graduate from Missouri Valley, Iowa High School. Stephanie was active in sports and gymnastics. She enjoyed softball, track and cheer-leading. She also participated in drama, show choir and chorus. She is a member of SADD and Spanish Club. She received a scholarship from the Knights of Columbus



and plans on using it to attend the University of Iowa and major in journalism. Stephanie is the daughter of Gene Gaul and Kathleen Larson and the granddaughter of Vern and Betty Gaul of Earling, Iowa. (John, Vern, Gene, Stephanie)

Matthew Gaul graduated from Northeast Community College with an Applied Science Degree in Information Technology in May of 2002. While attending NECC he also played 1st chair saxophone in the school's Concert Band and Jazz Band which toured four states. He will be returning in the fall for further training in Computer Networking. Matthew is the son of Wally and Donna Gaul of Dunlap, Iowa and the grandson of Dorothy Gaul of Earling. (Peter, Ferdinand, Walter, Matthew)

Jill Ann Kenkel, graduated from Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa on May 19, 2002. She began her job at First National Bank in Omaha in June. Jill plans to be married in September. She is the youngest daughter of Jack and Gloria (Gaul) Kenkel and the granddaughter of Bernice (Gaul) Book of Earling, Iowa. (Peter, Gerald, Gloria, Jill)

Schnuettgen/Gaul families:
Check out John Schulte's family website: www.usfamily.net/web/jrschulte/

Melissa Marie Scheuring, graduate from Harlan, Iowa Community High School. She is the daughter of James and Cindy Scheuring and the granddaughter of Vernon and Genevieve (Gaul) Scheuring of Defiance, Iowa. (William, Genevieve, James, Melissa)



She is the daughter of James and Cindy Scheuring and the granddaughter of Vernon and Genevieve (Gaul) Scheuring of Defiance, Iowa. (William, Genevieve, James, Melissa)

(William, Genevieve, James, Melissa)

Corrine Muriel Knox graduated from Central Michigan University on May 4, 2002 with a B.S. in Management Information Systems. She is the daughter of Brian and Suzanne (Gaul) Knox of East Lansing, Michigan. Her grandparents are Sylvester and Betty Gaul of Davenport, Iowa. (Peter, Sylvester, Suzanne, Corrine)

Amber Dawn Gaul graduated May 19, 2002 from St. Alberts High School in Council Bluffs, Iowa. She is the daughter of Jeffery and Mary Jane Gaul of Council Bluffs and the granddaughter of Bernice (Gaul) Book of Earling, Iowa. (Peter, Gerald, Jeffrey, Amber)

Nursing graduates

May 4, graduation for the Nebraska College of Nursing was held at Joslyn Art Museum. Receiving bachelor of science degrees included **Diane Teresa (Gaul) Weis, Angela Lynn Gaul** both of Omaha and **Stephanie Ann Gaul** of Minden.

Diane (Gaul) Weis is the daughter of Bernice Book and the late Gerald Gaul of Earling. Attending the ceremony and reception were Diane's husband, Dave Weis, and children, Matt, Megan, Jamie and Emily; Bernice Book; Gloria Kenkel; Janet Blum and Christi; and Lee Malone of Omaha. (Peter, Gerald, Diane)

Angela and Stephanie are the daughters of Neal Gaul of Earling and their grandmother is Sylvia Gaul of Earling. Neal and Sylvia also attended the celebration. (William, Aloys, Neal, Angela & Stephanie)

WELCOME TO THE CLAN

Rodney De Haai, married **Catherine Parker** on October 13, 2001 at St. Mary's, Warren County, Iowa.

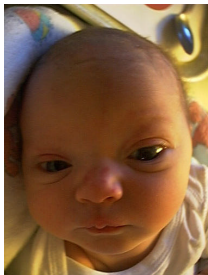


Catherine is the daughter of Richard and Laura (McAndrews) Parker, of Martensdale, Iowa and the granddaughter of Pauline (Gaul)

McAndrews of Ute, Iowa. Catherine and Rodney reside in Windsor Heights, Iowa. (William, Pauline, Laura, Catherine)

Jackie Gammy married **Andrew G. Gaul** on May 11, 2002 in Holly, Michigan. Andrew is the son of the late Kenneth L. Gaul and Debie L. Gaul. His brother Michael Gaul, was best man. A reception in their honor followed at the Eagles Club in Fenton, Michigan. (Paul, Gregory, Kenneth, Andrew)

Hannah Louise Gaul, born May 3, 2002 at Topeka, Kansas, at St. Francis Hospital, to Greg and Melinda Gaul, their first born. Her grandparents are Gerald and Nancy Gaul of Albuquerque, New Mexico. (William,



Lawrence, Gerald, Gregory, Hannah)

Cassandra Marie Gaul, born April 7, 2002 at Bishop Bergen Hospital, Omaha, Nebraska to Roger and Christine Gaul of Belview, Nebraska. Her grandparents are Dennis and Sylvia Gaul of Earling, Iowa. (William, Aloys, Dennis, Roger, Cassandra)

Anthony Betjacob, married **Karen Sue McAndrews** on August 18, 2001 at Omaha, Nebraska. Karen is the daughter of Michael and Christine McAndrews of Blencoe, Iowa and the granddaughter of Pauline (Gaul) McAndrews of Ute, Iowa. Karen and Anthony live in Omaha. (William, Pauline, Michael, Karen)

William George Kenkel, born December 12, 2001 at Council Bluffs, Iowa to Scott and Ruth Kenkel. His grandparents are David and Joyce (Foxhoven) Kenkel of Panama, Iowa. (William, Odelia, Joyce, Scott, William)

Hannah Elizabeth Bieker, born May 14, 2002 at Pella, Iowa to Brian and Laura



Bieker of Pella. She joins her two sisters Emily (6) and Rachel (4). Her grandparents are Daniel and Jeanne (Gaul) Bieker of Harlan, Iowa. Hanna's great grandmother is Dorothy Gaul of

Earling, Iowa. (Peter, Ferdinand, Jeanne, Brian, Hannah)

Jazmen Alyah Pierce, born January 14, 2002 at Genessis-East hospital in Davenport, Iowa to Josh and Nicole (Duvall) Pierce of Davenport. Her grandparents are Dennis and Nancy (Gaul) Duvall and great grandparents are Sylvester and Betty Gaul of Davenport. (Peter, Sylvester, Nancy, Nicole, Jazmen)

Daniel Schumacher, married **Sarah Zimmerman** on September 22, 2001 at St. Boniface Church in Westphalia, Iowa. Sarah is the daughter of John and Bonnie Zimmerman of Earling, Iowa and the granddaughter of Bernard and Valerie (Gaul) Zimmerman of Westphalia. (John, Valerie, John, Sarah)

Keely Kenkel, born October 25, 2001 to Curtis and Natalie Kenkel of Olathe, Kansas. Her grandparents are David and Joyce (Foxhoven) Kenkel of Panama, Iowa. (William, Odelia, Joyce, Curtis, Keely)

Sophie Marie Gaul, born April 9, 2001 at Boise, Idaho to Kerry and Angie Gaul of Boise. Her grandparents are Ronald Gaul and Nancy Gaul of Harlan, Iowa. Sophie's great grandmother is Dorothy Gaul of Earling, Iowa. (Peter, Ferdinand, Ronald, Kerry, Sophie)

Robert Louis Brue married **Patricia Rae Book** on April 6, 2002 at Immanuel



Lutheran Church in Harlan, Iowa. Bob works as a connectivity specialist for Bro Business Center in Harlan and Patty is a clerk at the Harlan Post Office. Patty's

parents are Raymond and Maxine (Gaul) Book of Harlan. Pictured is Bob and Patty Brue and Patty's son Bradley. (William, Lawrence, Maxine, Patricia)

Congratulations

Sara Gaul, a 1997 Harlan Community graduate, has successfully made the transition from player to assistant coach for the Des Moines, Iowa Grand View College



women's basketball team. She is in her first year as an assistant coach at Grand View, where she earned first-team, all-Mid-

west Conference honors the past two years. Sara graduated from Iowa Western Community College with an associate's degree in coaching in the spring of 1999 and graduated at Grand View this year. Sara is the daughter of Neal Gaul of Earling and her grandmother is Sylvia Gaul of Earling. (William, Aloys, Neal, Sara)

1852-2002 Gaul Sesquicentennial

Lukenburg, Iowa, June 2002



Reflection:

Presented at the anniversary Mass by Judge Dewie Gaul of Sioux City, Iowa

Fifty years ago the centennial of the marriage of Peter Gaul and Mary Theresa Ahlers was celebrated here in this church. I can only attempt to achieve the eloquence of the thoughts expressed at that celebration. Those of you present then may remember them, and those of you who have access to the Centennial booklet published in regard to that event may have read them.

No doubt, those words inspired some of you, for here we are, 50 years later, to again celebrate and remember our heritage, our ancestors whose courage and generosity are still legendary among us.

But although we commemorate their 150th wedding anniversary, the story of Peter Gaul, of course, does not begin in 1852. I like to think of it as beginning January 7, 1791, in the town of Tontelenge — in what is now Belgium but was then Luxembourg — where Paul Gaul was born. Not long after Paul Gaul's birth, revolutionary France expanded to include the country of Luxembourg.

A few years later, Napoleon dominated Europe, and Paul Gaul and his brother found themselves caught up in the Napoleonic Wars. The exploits of the Gaul brothers have furnished grist for war stories heard in our families since and I trust you have all heard them. If not, there are written accounts to which you can refer.

After his military career was over, Paul Gaul, went to the town of Pratz, in Luxembourg, became a shoemaker, and on June 18, 1817 — exactly two years after the Battle of Waterloo ended and a hundred years without a general war began in Europe — married Elisabeth Sadeler. They had four children, but

the two significant to us are Wilhelm, born on April 10, 1818, and Peter, born Jan. 28, 1823.

Peter left his European home at the age of 22 and on May 25, 1845, at Antwerp, Belgium, having paid the fare of forty francs, embarked on the ship *Silvanus Jenkins*, and after 40 days at sea arrived in New York on the Fourth of July. The ship manifest shows Peter Gaul was passenger no. 21.

He had the wisdom and foresight to come to Iowa, and seven years later, on September 28, 1852, at New Vienna, Iowa, he and Mary Theresa Ahlers, to the applause of so many of us here today, were married.

They had 13 children. 11 attained adulthood, and 9 married and had families. Many of you here today have one of those children as your grandparent, great-grandparent, or great-great-grandparent.

Meanwhile, back in Luxembourg, Peter's older brother, Wilhelm, shortly after Peter left to begin his new life in America, married Anna Albertina Thines on Aug. 24, 1846, at the town of Boegen, Luxembourg, and to them were born nine children.

It was about 1870 when Nicholas, one of Wilhelm and Albertina's children, no doubt having heard from his uncle of the great future available in America, arrived here and came to his uncle's home just outside of this community. On February 1, 1876, Nicholas, in this very church, married Susan Friedmann.

Nicholas wanted to buy land in Shelby County, Iowa, but needed money. With a generosity which Nicholas and all his family and descendants have ever remembered, Peter lent my grandfather the money necessary to get started on a farm near Earling, Iowa.

Peter Gaul's own children made their homes in Iowa, Wisconsin, and Oklahoma, and their descendants are spread over many states — but, of course, many are, fortunately for us from a distance, here in Dubuque County and we are grateful they are here and have inspired this gathering of the family and worked to make it possible.

Incidentally, when I was thinking about this reunion and what I might say I thought it would be neat if I told you how many descendants of Paul Gaul and his sons there were. I proceeded to start to count them, starting with the descendants of my grandfather. I found according to my records my grandfather, Nicholas Gaul, had 738 descendants: 46 deceased and 692 living. But this was so much work that counting the rest seemed too big a job, and I regret to say I stopped. Some of the technicians who have all the descendants on a computer can count them in a keystroke or two and this made me realize that to spend hours on the job was maybe not the most efficient use of my time.

Six of Nicholas Gaul's siblings and the widow and children of the seventh came to Earling, and from there made their way to Mapleton and Minnesota and Illinois and Washington State and the descendants of Wilhelm Gaul are also now spread over many states — and some are still in Luxembourg.

As we gather here in memory and gratitude for the efforts and sacrifices that our ancestors made in coming to this country and establishing their homes here, we thank God for their courage and foresight. And we ask God to continue to bless our families and guide us as we face the frontiers of our own lives.

Reactions - - Excerpts from E-mail:

From Fr. Richard Gaul

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Greetings to all:

I just returned to my parish and am catching up on the mail. Wow!

My impressions of the weekend was beyond expectations, despite the huge gathering on Sunday. Impressive! I really enjoyed every minute of both days.

It was our pleasure to host everyone. We were thrilled. I know my brother Alfred really loved it and he was very, very proud to see all of you. My brother, Ron was most pleased and my sister, Janice was also appreciative of your presence. My mother is still speechless; but was happy to be able to partake in the events...

My personal thanks to all of you for coming.

Blessings to all of you. Until later.

From Judge Dewie Gaul

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What a euphoric weekend! The people putting it on were marvels, and I certainly found the weekend everything that I had hoped and dreamed it would be. Father Richard and the committee outdid themselves, and tho I was not there in 1952 I have the impression that there were things about this one that excelled 1952, and we all can be mighty grateful to those who worked so hard to make the event the great success it was.

From Peter Gaul

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I have to agree, Dewie, it was an euphoric weekend! Just think, in 1952 Father Richard and his committee, as youngsters, might never have foreseen or imagined their roll in making this event such a memorable one. So too, some of the young attendants will surely have a similar task thrust upon them in 50 years hence. However, I can't imagine anyone staging as enjoyable get-to-gather as this one.

Although I have never met a relative I didn't like, one could not have ever imagined the hospitality of those around the Luxemburg area. We can't tell everyone there in person how much it meant to us, so until I can get a personal letter to each of you we've met, Father Richard, Larry and others there please pass on our heartfelt thanks to them all.

From Gene Gaul

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It was a very euphoric weekend. During the mass it took a great effort for

me to hold back the water. Thank you Sandy for a great program. I kept thinking throughout the mass, 'we're over 700 strong and we're all family.' It was a very spiritual experience for me. Thanks to everyone who made the liturgy so beautiful. The hospitality I received on all three days will never be forgotten.

Thank you all so very much.

From Joe & Kathy St.Hilaire

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This comes from some long-separated Gaul relatives from Washington state. We simply want to thank all of you who had a hand in the planning, organization, and staging of this weekend's events in Luxemburg and Dyersville. It was simply wonderful. We were so impressed with your hospitality, with the way you treated us strangers like family, with the food, with all the details of the two days.

There was the Saturday gathering on the homestead farm, where we met Joan Wilwert (who handled registrations for over 800 people!), Eileen Hermsen (who worked many long hours on poster boards that gave very detailed information and photos on our ancestry), Fr. Richard Gaul (who gave us a personalized tour of the old home, including the low-ceiling basement where Peter first lived in Luxemburg), Alfred Gaul & family (who opened the homestead home to so many touring visitors), Ron Gaul (chef), Larry Gaul (who gave rides on a wagon pulled by draft horses).

There were the Sunday events, which started with a beautiful Mass at Holy Trinity Church in Luxemburg, celebrated by Fr. Richard (who was a server at the 1952 Mass), music led by Marti Gaul and organist Betty Gaul. Genealogist Dewie Gaul gave us a very good talk about our beginnings in America. We toured the cemetery and then joined hundreds at the Dyersville pavilion for a delicious meal and visiting.

I can't begin to mention all the wonderful people we met, and I fear that now I must attempt to identify everyone in those three rolls of pictures I took. We brought home the prize for traveling the greatest distance to the reunion—about 1,850 miles—and we promise to share it with the others in our group: Catherine St.Hilaire Boze and Ruth St.Hilaire of Seattle, Dick & Louise St.Hilaire and Wynne (St.Hilaire) & Claude Pierret of Pasco, WA, and Marianne Hinsberger Horan of Anaheim, CA, whose

homes aren't much closer to Luxemburg than ours.

We sincerely hope we can keep in touch with many of you, and we hope we don't have to wait another 50 years to see you again.

God bless you all and long live the Gaul Family!

From Joe Gaul

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Wow!

What a week end! To list all who made my visit to my roots as enjoyable as it was would be an enormous task and I probably would miss somebody so I'll just add my "Thanks" to all who worked so hard to make it a great success.

We just didn't want to leave.

From Ruth St.Hilaire

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How great to get to know our Gaul relatives more personally. Since our grandfather, P.A., was the only Gaul to remain in the Pacific Northwest we grew up not knowing many of our kissin' cousins. We did have a connection to the Hinsbergers as Uncle Leo loved to travel and he brought his family up to Washington about every other year to visit us. Those were exciting times for us young ones. But, mostly we were connected to our St.Hilaire cousins who all lived in the Yakima Valley, just a few miles from us.

I do hope we don't wait 50 years for another reunion...most of us won't be around for the experience!

OOPS! I GOOFED!

About those two Pictures, *wrong reunion!* Dewie Gaul wrote:

Dear Pete, (*editor*)

Valerie was talking to Sister Consilia Schoenherr at the reunion and she said that the two pictures, one of men including your father, Uncle Willie, Uncle Paul, and Johnny Bissen and, I guess, my Dad, and the other of women including my Mom, your mother and aunt Lenie, were taken not in 1952 at the reunion then, but at Ute, Iowa, at a reunion there. This explains how Aunt Lenie was on the picture!

Dewie

Our Condolences to the Family of:

Andrew H. Nieland 88, of Carroll, Iowa. Services were at 10:30 AM June 3 at St. John Catholic Church Arcadia, Iowa. Burial was in the Arcadia cemetery. He died Thursday May 30, 2002 at Carroll Health Center Carroll, Iowa.

Mr. Nieland was born Nov. 9, 1913 in rural Carroll, son of William and Katherine (Grote) Nieland. He married Caroline Staiert June 4, 1935, in Arcadia. She died in 1960.

Andrew was a life-long farmer.

Survivors include daughters, Ruth (King) Conway, S.C; Mary (Baumhover) Carroll, IA; Irene Cedar Rapids, IA; Ione Rock Island, IL; and Alma (Gaul) Bettendorf, IA; sons, Leonard, Omaha, NE; Maurice, Sioux City, IA;

Alma (Nieland) Gaul is the editor of The Home & Garden section of Davenport's Quad-City Times. Her husband is David Gaul of Bettendorf, Iowa. (Peter, Sylvester, David)

Did your address change?

If yours did, drop me a line. If your children no longer live at home, send us their correct address. Thanks!

What Is This All About?

See those names in the parenthesis in this issue, like (name, name, name)? It shows the family linkage to the names listed at the top of the front page. The first name is the first generation name, the second name is the child, the next name is the child's child, etc.. As an example, a story about my youngest daughter would have: (Peter, Peter, Maria).

Meet:

Robert Terrell Patton, who is in third grade and plays football in Denver, Colorado for the Blackhawks Pee Wee



Division. This year was his second year playing where his team won the Super Bowl in four overtimes. The last game of the year Terrell got a touch down. "We are so proud of him!" say Terrell's parents Robert

'Terry' Patton and Tiffany (Molone) Patton. His grand mother is Constance (Gaul) Jones of Longview, Washington. Terrell is the first great grandson to Francis and Claire Gaul of Longview, Washington. (Peter, Francis, Constance, Tiffany, Robert)

Seth Allan Knox, graduated from the Military Security Guard school at



Quantico, VA on June 28th, 2002. He will be stationed at the embassy in Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire in West Africa. Seth is the son of Brian and Suzanne (Gaul) Knox of East Lansing, Michigan. His grandparents are Sylvester and

Betty Gaul of Davenport, Iowa. (Peter, Sylvester, Suzanne, Seth)

Thanks for the "postage relief"

I welcome your help and continued support. But just as important are the letters and sharing the news of your families with us all. Thanks again for your support. Pete

Congratulations

Jerry and Judi (Gaul) Hodgett on their 40th Wedding Anniversary.

They were married on May 19, 1962 at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Davenport, Iowa. A reception in their honor was held on Sunday, May 19, 2002 at the DeWitt Bowling Lanes.

Their children and grandchildren are:

John and Jill Hodgett

Gordii, Crystal and Alyssa
Sam, Joe, Hannah and Madeleine

Lora and Mark Youmans
Jessica, Jacob and Ben

Christine and Mark Dressler
Shelia and Kurt

Janine and Christopher Dearing
Dean

(Peter, Isidore, Judy)

The "Woodbine Affair,"

here is how Ann (Zimmerman) Gaul discribes it.

"Early this spring, their school chorus was getting ready to practice for graduation. They have a tradition of singing: 'The Lord's Prayer' at this ceremony. Well, there is a set of twins in the chorus who are atheists as are their parents. So the family sued to have the song deleted. It's a long story. But it ended up with the ICLU and the Courts and the Judge said: 'Nope, you can't sing or say the Lord's Prayer.'

This got around to at least one major network, by the way. Anyhow, the School Board said they would not contest and on the graduation program it stated that the Court order would be observed.

Well, there was some talk of defiance but nothing happened. Until the end, when one student finished his short talk, he sneezed. Someone in the crowd called out:

'God Bless You.'

The whole audience erupted in a roar of cheers!!

Isn't that the best ending! My great-niece, Mary Jo (Hoffmann) Schmitz (William, Lipharda, Ruth, Mary Jo), is music director at that school so it was quite a daunting experience for her."

Ann (John, John)

Happy Birthday Pauline

On January 26, 2002 Pauline (Gaul) McAndrews' family marked her 80th



Pauline (2001)

The following is a biography of Pauline written by her granddaughter, Catherine (Parker) De Haai, daughter of Laura McAndrews Parker.

Two minutes before midnight on January 31, 1922, William and Catherine Gaul welcomed their new daughter Pauline Lucille into the world. The seven pound baby girl was bright eyed as she faced the dawn of her life. Eighty years

later, that sparkle is still in her eyes. Pauline grew up in a farmhouse outside of Earling, Iowa with her parents, 5 sisters and 4 brothers. They all worked hard on the family farm and it, like their family, flourished. Pauline's favorite activity was going to local dances.

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On a fateful day in 1940, Pauline went to a Leap Year dance in Defiance, Iowa. The tradition of a Leap Year dance was for the girl to ask the boy to dance. Pauline's choice was the handsome Phillip McAndrews. Little did she know at the time that their dance would last 51 years. Phillip won Pauline's heart that night.

In 1941, Phillip proposed to Pauline before he went overseas to fight in WWII. Unlike many women of her time, Pauline decided against being a war bride. She promised to marry him upon his return. Every night she prayed a rosary for his safe return. On September 9, 1946, she and Phillip were married at St. Joseph's Church in Earling.

In July 1947, Pauline and Phillip welcomed their first child, a boy, Mike. Nine more would follow, six more boys

(Joe, Pat, Steve, Tom, Frank and Don) and three girls (Kate, Laura and Paula).

Pauline's ten children have blessed her



Pauline (1940s)

with 21 grandchildren and 8 step grandchildren. She has six great grandchildren. On May 15, 1986 Phillip suffered a massive stroke and was confined to a wheelchair for the remainder of his life. Unconditional love helped Pauline care for him at home as long as she could. After Phillip moved into a nursing facility, Pauline visited him faithfully. She was at his side when he passed away on November 30, 1997.

Pauline has never been able to sit still and is active with the Ute Senior Citizen's Center and St. Mary's Catholic Church. She always has a joke ready to tell and a smile on her face. (William, Pauline)

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