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Our trip to Luxembourg September 3-5, 2003

Mark and Patti Gaul, League City, Texas

We visited Luxembourg as a side trip when we visited Paris, France recently. We did a house exchange with a couple from Paris. Being so close to Luxembourg, Mark wanted to visit the country of his ancestral roots. He contacted Dewie Gaul and was informed that the Steichens lived in Luxembourg. We were met and escorted around Luxembourg by Ben Steichen. Ben's great, great grandmother was Rosalie Gaul. She was the sister of Nicholas Gaul, Mark's great grandfather. Nicholas brought the Gaul name to Shelby County, Iowa in the 1876.

Ben was an excellent tour guide around Luxembourg City. We found the city very beautiful with green hills, crystal clear rivers, beautiful parks and architecture. We saw part of the old stone wall

dropped every thing for us and gave many hours of his time to show us the points of interest. He met us at our hotel the afternoon we arrived and gave us a tour of Luxembourg City. After a few hours, we were driven approximately 30 kilometers to Pratz, Luxembourg where we met his grandparents, Jean-Pierre Steichen and his wife, Anne. They took us to the town's cemetery where we saw the memorial stone of Rosalie Gaul, who died in 1926. She apparently was the only Gaul of her generation that did not go to the United States. Ben's grandparents served us a nice evening meal and we did a lot of talking with Ben's help, as his grandparents did not speak any English and we did not speak any Luxembourgish.



Anne, Ben, Jean-Pierre Steichen and Mark Gaul.

The following day, Ben picked us up at our hotel and we were off to the United States Military Museum not far from Luxembourg City. (*In Diekirch. Roland Gaul was one of the founders and Curator . . . Ed*). We spent several hours in a very elaborate display of Luxembourg's obvious appreciation of the American military sacrifice. It was quite impressive. We saw a statue commemorating General George S. Patton and his victory during the Battle of the Bulge.

We were very surprised at the speed limits in Luxembourg. They are much higher than we are accustomed. The streets are narrower and winding through the mountain terrain and the speed limits were 120 kilometers per hour, even through the city. Ben is a very skilled driver and we jetted around quickly.

Luxembourg is only about the size of Rhode Island. You can see the entire country, especially with the speed limits, very quickly. The entire population is about 400,000 people.

We were warmly welcomed and retain very pleasant memories of Luxembourg. We took videos and stills of some of the highlights. (John, Roman, Mark)

that once surrounded the city. We saw lots of banks, this obviously being the predominant industry. We ate lunch in a wonderful restaurant with cuisine partly French and partly German. We learned that the language is Luxembourgish, a mixture of French and German. We were amazed that Ben, a 19 yr. old future University student,

Jack's Story Corner

Part three of my tour in Germany 1952, 53, 54.

It was the year 1953 and for all British subjects, it was an important one,



as that island kingdom would crown their new queen, Elizabeth II. Other nationalities might celebrate for a different reason as

the Russian dictator (Dzhugashvili) Josef Stalin got "Kaput" that year. Several of the guys in our company arranged for a furlough to merry England (London) to attend this coronation, however, none to my knowledge expressed any interest toward attending the funeral in Moscow.

I also took a furlough however it was not to London or Moscow but to the town of Meschede, Germany to visit my mother's uncle, Richard Koesters. Richard and a few of his friends came to the United States in 1927. Richard settled near Earling where he had relatives however his traveling companions continued on to San Francisco. Richard left his Schatzie in Germany however they kept in touch by mail. He told me while visiting him that if it hadn't been for those letters from his girl friend he might have stayed in the States. But through her he found that his father was building a new house, and could surely use some help, that radio, telephone and electric lighting were getting to be common place, but mostly she wrote about how she missed him and wished he'd come back home.

So in 1933, the year Hitler came into power, push turned to shove, and Richard and one of his friends who had gone on to San Francisco headed back home.

I left Augsburg, Germany on a Sunday afternoon by train. The routing would take me through the cities of

Munchen, Nurnberg, Frankfurt, Bonn, Koln and finally to Meschede, which was in the British zone of occupation. Much of the trip was made at night so I didn't see much, or recall much of the countryside, cities, etc.

My Mother had written to her Uncle alerting him and his wife of my pending visit. The address Mom had sent me said Richard lived at 19th and Hardt Strasse. When leaving the Meschede train station I had no idea which way to walk, east, west, north or south. For whatever reason I chose east and after walking a few blocks I heard a loud commotion on the other side of the street. Two women were in their front yard waving and jabbering in German, however I did understand what sounded like American soldier and motions that I should come across the street. I did. We shook hands and exchanged names. That was it, other than smiling a lot. They telephoned Richard at work and before long he was there on his bicycle. My knowledge of German was near nil and Richard's English, after being back home for 20 years wasn't much better. However he did make it understood that I speak only English to him, not attempt anything in German. OK. By evening we were talking up a storm in English while his wife, child and folks were sort of staring into space.

The house which Richard came back to help his Dad build was quite a house. Three stories, stucco, with a terrazzo first floor. The second story was a near duplication of the first floor I kitchen, dining room, front room and bedrooms. The third floor only had bedrooms. That is where they put me.

His folks lived on the first floor. Richard, his wife and twelve year-old child Hubert lived on the second floor and an older lady rented a room on the third floor. However I believe that their main meals were usually taken together on the first floor as they were really one family, per se.

The following day Richard and I walked all over town. He gave me a walking tour of the city, showed me where

he worked, where his son attended school, where they attended church and where they bought their groceries etc. We also stopped at an Opel car dealership garage where this friend who had gone on to San Francisco worked as a mechanic. While in San Francisco this guy worked at a Cadillac dealership, Richard said. He told his friend that I was from America and that I too was an auto mechanic by trade and that he could speak to me in English. However this man told Richard he didn't remember one single English word. Sad but sol

The following day his cousin Paul Koesters, who worked at a bank, came by in his Mercedes diesel and we went for a ride in the country. They showed me where a large hydroelectric dam was going to be built which would flood several towns, told me about the new monorail train in Koln and later drove to my grandmothers birthplace in Oberhundem. A Heindrich Koesters and his family now lived in that house and his brother Casper lived a short distance away. We were invited into Heindrich's house for refreshments and such. Mercy! This house was nothing like Richards. The Heindrich Koesters family lived on the second floor per se, as the first floor, or ground floor was the cow and hog shelter. During our visit I had to use the facilities and Richard being the only one understanding English showed me where the facility room was. A small room with a couple of round holes cut in the floor. It smelled strongly of animal and I could hear hogs grunting below. When I came out Richard had a big smile on his face and asked me quietly what I thought of that rest room. No comment at the time!

I took a flock of pictures of the house and family and then we bid them farewell. We stopped at a church where they and my late grandmother was baptized, received her first communion and attended mass. We also took a pass through the adjacent graveyard. Then on to Casper's house, which I only vaguely recall, but do

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remember that it wasn't very shift-a-keen.

On the drive back to Meschede I was told that when the allies came through Oberhundem (1945) they burned Heindrich's barn which nearly caused his cattle to starve. They told me however that the soldiers were British, not American. (I wonder?)

Back at Richards's house I was briefed on what took place in the twenty years since he left Earling. Until the war broke out in earnest, summer of 1941, on into winter, life was good in Germany. He had a secure job at an aluminum fabrication plant in town and was not troubled by the Nazi government. However as the war escalated and Germany was no longer the conquering nation and was being bombed by the Allies day and night, things changed and thoughts of "Why didn't I take my new wife and go back to America (Earling) when I still could?" Because the factory where Richard worked made the tail fins and other parts for the V-2 rocket, the city of Meschede had its share of air raids. When the sirens sounded Richard said they opened all of their casement windows, hoping this might prevent breakage. It did! One bomb that hit not far away sent shrapnel through the open window lodging in a wall. It started a little fire, but no real damage. Otherwise the house was mostly unscathed. Richard said he was drafted into the home guard around Christmas time 1944. Their duties were to carry artillery shells from a bunker to an anti aircraft gun emplacement when the sirens sounded. He said he went AWOL about April and hid out until the war ended May 7th. I asked him whether he could have been shot for desertion had things not gone as they had, he said he doubted it, as most of the fanatics were gone by that time; at least he hoped they were.

When the allies entered their town after the surrender, his father and mother, wife and child were standing by their front door waving. One of the vehicles (a jeep) stopped and the officer waved to little Hubert to come to him. He did and the officer gave him a piece of chocolate and told him to "Essen Jugen". That was little Hubert's first taste of Chocolate.

On my last night at Richard's his wife put together a great feast. His cousin Paul and his wife were there. After that meal I thought we should have some beer, however there was none in the house. I suggested that we buy some and whipped out a fifty-mark bill. (\$12.50) After this bill made it around the table for all to see, they gave it their little (12-year-old) son Hubert and off he went to some near by the Gasthaus for a few liters of beer. These bottles of beer he bought had that little stopper attached to the neck so the bottle could be sealed again after pouring a glass, however I never did that, but Richard did, as though the beer would spoil if not sealed immediately. I took a few more pictures until I ran out of flash bulbs. But when the beer was all gone every one was ready to go to bed or home.

Early the next morning I walked to the train station and left for Augsburg and Sheridan Kaserne.

Coffee was still a rare and expensive commodity in Germany, so I promised to send them a bunch of jars of Nescafe instant coffee from the PX in payment for their hospitality. I did, I think about eight jars. However about a month later I got a letter from Richard that my Austrian roommate read for me. Basically it said thanks but no thanks for the coffee. For whatever reason Richard had to pay a whole bunch of duty to get that coffee out of the post office. To this day I don't know why.

... Jack Gaul

Congratulations

Sharon and Bill Gaul celebrated their 34th Anniversary on November 15. Tucson, Arizona has been their home for the past nine years. William Ivo Gaul



Grote of Portsmouth. (William, Lawrence, William)

married Sharon Celia Grote on November 15 1969 in St. Marys Catholic Church in Portsmouth, Iowa. Sharon is the daughter of Tom and Theresa

Happy 40th anniversary

Ray Book and Maxine Gaul were married December 28, 1963, at St. Joseph's Church, Earling, Iowa. Ray was in the Air Force stationed at Vandenberg,



A.F.B. California at that time so their first home was in California. Maxine worked at the base Beauty Shop. After his discharge, they moved to Harlan to be closer to both the Books and

the Gauls. They live on the Book century farm. Ray has worked as a Rural Letter Carrier for 18 years and will retire at the end of this year. Maxine owns and operates a beauty salon in Harlan, working part time.

Their children and grandchildren are Cathy and Vic Robertson, Clearlake, So. Dakota, Michele and Jeff Sundholm, Alex and Jake of Norwalk, Iowa, Rose and Tracy Klein, Michael, Taylor and Marcus of Harlan, Iowa and Deb and Paul Campbell, Emily and Anna of Hamlin, Iowa and Patty and Bob Brue and Bradley of Harlan, Iowa.

To celebrate their 40th anniversary and Rays retirement, They are having an open house at St. Michael's parish center located at 2005 College Place, Harlan, Iowa on Sunday December 28th from 1 to 4 PM. They invite you all to come and celebrate with them.

(William, Lawrence, Maxine)

Did your address change?

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

WELCOME TO THE CLAN

Anna Marie Campbell, born May 8, 2003 to Paul and Debra (Book) Campbell of Hamlin, Iowa.



She has a very helpful sister named Emily who was 4 years old in July. Debras parents are Ray and

Maxine Book of Harlan, Iowa.
(William, Lawrence, Maxine, Debra, Anna)

Carol Ann Kuennen and Michael Anthony Gaul both of Altoona, Iowa exchanged marriage vows on August 2, 2003 at Saints John and Paul Catholic Church in Altoona. Parents of the couple are



Randy and Laura Kuennen, Fort Atkinson, Iowa and Dennis and Sylvia Gaul, Harlan, Iowa. Grandmother of the groom is Sylvia Gaul of Earling, Iowa.

Carol is a 1996 graduate of Turkey Valley Community School District and Wartburg College where she received a degree in elementary education. Carol is employed as an elementary teacher.

Michael is a 1997 graduate of Harlan Community High School. Michael was awarded an associate's degree from Kirkwood Community College and a bachelor of science degree from Iowa State University. He is employed as a horticulture technician.
(William, Aloys, Dennis, Michael)

Ashton Kent McDermott, born August 19, 2003 to Kent and Julie (Gaul) McDermott of Minden, Iowa. His grandparents are Dennis and Sylvia Gaul of Harlan, Iowa and his great grandmother is Sylvia Gaul of Earling, Iowa.
(William, Aloys, Dennis, Julie, Ashton)

Owen Latimer Gaul, born May 14th, 2003 to Jeffery and Margot Gaul of Divide, Colorado. Owen's grandparents are



Gerald and Nancy Gaul of Albuquerque, New Mexico Owen is their 4th grandchild. Jeff says, "He has decided to live at home with us in Divide, Colorado and his mother

(Margot) decided to take a year off from teaching 5th grade to keep him company."

(William, Lawrence, Gerald, Jeffrey, Owen)

Anne Maria Breining and Craig Daniel Bieker were married on October 31,



2003. Anne is the daughter of Margaret Beck and Ron Breining. Craig is the son of Dan and Jean (Gaul) Bieker of Harlan, Iowa and the grandson of Dorothy Gaul of Earling, Iowa.

The couple live in Harlan,
(Peter, Ferdinand, Jeanne, Craig)

Nicholas Todd Edmundson and Jill Marie Weis were married on August 26, 2000 in Omaha, Nebraska. Jill is the daughter of Kennan and Judy (Gaul) Weis of Omaha. Her grandmother is Betty Gaul of Harlan, Iowa. The couple live in Omaha. (William, Ivo, Judy, Jill)

Mickey Robert McLaughlin and Jaclyn Elaine Weis were married on May 20, 2000 in Omaha, Nebraska. Jaclyn is the daughter of Kennan and Judy (Gaul) Weis of Omaha. Her grandmother is Betty Gaul of Harlan, Iowa. The couple live in Omaha. (William, Ivo, Judy, Jaclyn)

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Matthew Russell and Tracy Croghan were married on August 22, 2003 at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Knoxville, Iowa. Tracy graduated earlier



Photo by Kirsten Lyons
of Treasured Portraits

in the year from Hawkeye Community College with a degree in Photography. Matthew returned from Iraq and finished his two years in the Navy. He is now in the reserves and working in Pella,

Iowa. Tracy is working on Photography and also at Pizza Hut. Tracy and Matthew live in Knoxville, Iowa. Tracy's parents are Don and Kathie Croghan of Knowville and her grandmother is Adelaide (Gaul) Croghan of Panama, Iowa.
(Peter, Adelaide, Donald, Tracy)

Cheyenne Nicole Youmans, born October 14, 2003 at Genesis East in Davenport, Iowa to Jessica Youmans. Her grandparents are Mark and Lora



(Hodgett) Youmans of Delmar, Iowa. Her great grandparents are Jerry and Judy (Gaul) Hodgett of Eldridge, Iowa and her great great grandmother is Madeleine Gaul of Bettendorf, Iowa. From Judy to Cheyenne, they are all first daughters!

(Peter, Isidore, Judith, Lora, Jessica, Cheyenne)

Congratulations To The Graduates

On Dec. 6, 2003 **Sister Jodelle Zimmerman, OSB** will receive her Masters of Arts in Pastoral Ministry (MAPM) at Mt. Marty College, Yankton, SD.

This was a “distance-learning” course in which she studied the documents of Vatican II, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* as well as church history, scripture, and philosophy. The goal, of course, is application in pastoral work and so the material was very broad and challenging.

Sister Jodelle is the daughter of Bernard and Valerie (Gaul) Zimmerman of Westphalia, Iowa. (John, Valerie, Jodelle)

Kelli Rae Miller graduating with honors from the University of Florida with a Bachelor of Science in Recreation. Her degree is in Therapeutic Recreation with a minor in Gerontology. Kelli is the daughter of Julia (Gaul) Miller of Melbourne, Florida and the granddaughter of Peter and Hilary Mae Gaul of Melbourne.



(Peter, Peter, Julia, Kelli)

Stephen Zimmerman son of Paul and Arlene Zimmerman of Westphalia, Iowa graduated from St Michael’s Homeschool High School this spring.



He is presently attending Iowa Western Community College majoring in Agriculture working toward an Associate of Applied Science

Degree. He plans on farming or working in an Agricultural based business when he graduates. Stephen’s grand parents are Bernard and Valerie (Gaul) Zimmerman. (John, Valerie, Paul, Stephen)

From the Picture Album



This is the **Brian Bieker family** of Pella, Iowa. That is Emily, her dad, Brian, Laura holding Hannah, and Rachael. Brian is the son of Dan and Jeanne (Gaul) Bieker of Harlan, Iowa. Brian’s grandma is Dorothy Gaul of Earling, Iowa. (Peter, Ferinand, Jeanne, Brian, Etall)



“On October 24, 2003, our son **Jonathan’s** adoption became final. We are now his forever family and he is now offically a member of two wonderful extended families, the Gauls and the Tepes. Our family is pictured here immediately after the Finalization Hearing with the Judge and Chris’s mom, Agnes Jo Tepe.” wrote Mary Susanne (Gaul) Tepe of Hanover, Maryland. Mary Susanne is the

daughter of Roman and Mildred Gaul of Earling. (John, Roman, Mary Susanne)



Mike, Mark, Matt and Grace Kenkel are about 19 months old in this photo. That’s their older brother, **Joel**. He has his 5th birthday coming up on December 9th. Their parents are Rod and Angela (Bieker) Kenkel of Panama, Iowa. Their granparents are Dan and Jeanne (Gaul)

Bieker of Harlan, Iowa. Great grandma is Dorothy Gaul of Earling, Iowa. (Peter, Ferinand, Jeanne, Angela, Et all)

Our Condolences to the Families of:

Reverend Cornelius Gaul of Earling, Iowa.

Cornelius John Gaul was born on February 19, 1920, on a farm southeast of Earling, Iowa, and was one of twelve children born to Peter and Elizabeth Schechinger Gaul. He was baptized, confirmed and received his First Holy Communion at St. Joseph's Catholic



Church in Earling, Iowa. While growing up, he enjoyed helping his mother around the house in any way he could. Rev. Cornelius attended St. Joseph's Catholic School in Earling and was a member of the graduating class of 1937. He then continued his education at Dowling Junior College in Des Moines, Iowa. Following Dowling Junior College, he attended St. Ambrose College in Davenport, Iowa for one year. Rev. Cornelius studied Philosophy at St. Paul's Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota and Theology at Conception Seminary in Conception, Missouri.

On July 25, 1945, Rev. Cornelius was ordained into the Catholic Priesthood at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling, Iowa. He was an assistant pastor at various parishes for eleven years including, Granger, Iowa in 1945-1948, St. Ambrose Cathedral 1948-1952, St. Augustine 1952-1955, St. Boniface 1955-1956, and a pastor for twenty-nine years at different parishes throughout the Des Moines Diocese. He served at St. Patrick's Irish Settlement from 1956-1958 and was the pastor of Sacred

Heart Church at Chariton, Iowa, from 1958-1978. During that time, he completely remodeled the church and the rectory and built a new parish center. In 1975, Rev. Cornelius began to offer mass for residents of Wayne County, Iowa, at the Methodist Church, which evolved into St. Francis Parish. He was transferred in 1978 to Greenfield, Iowa, where he was instrumental in providing spaces for the parish offices. Rev. Cornelius retired on July 8, 1985, and moved back to Earling, Iowa. He celebrated Golden Jubilee on July 23, 1995. On April 18, 2000, Rev. Cornelius became a resident of the Little Flower Haven in Earling.

Rev. Gaul enjoyed singing, listening to songs from the Big Band era and playing golf. He was the chaplain for the Catholic Daughters of the Americas for several years and was a member of the 3rd Degree Knights of Columbus Earling Council No. 1741 and the 4th Degree Knights of Columbus Honor Guard. He also enjoyed attending senior citizens' meetings and playing cards.

Rev. Cornelius died on Sunday, June 22, 2003, at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha, Nebraska, having attained the age of eighty-three years, four months and three days.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brothers, Isidore, Ferdinand, Rev. Hilary, Gerald and an infant brother, Joseph.

Survivors include his brothers and sister, Sylvester Gaul and his wife, Betty of Davenport, Iowa; Francis Gaul and his wife, Claire of Longview, Washington; Adelaide Croghan of Woodbine, Iowa; Peter Gaul, Jr. and his wife, Hilary Mae of Melbourne, Florida; Leo Gaul and his wife, Agnes of Harlan, Iowa; Charles Gaul and his wife, Irene of Holt, Missouri; sisters-in-law, Madeleine Gaul of Davenport, Iowa, Dorothy Gaul of Earling, Iowa, and Bernice Book of Earling, Iowa, nieces and nephews, other relatives and many friends. (Peter, Cornelius)

Sidonia Theresa Book

Sidonia Theresa Schmitz Book, the daughter of Emil and Mary (VonTersch) Schmitz was born on a farm near Westphalia, Iowa, on September 4, 1911. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Westphalia. She attended St. Boniface Catholic Schools and was a member of the first graduating class of that high school in 1929. After receiving normal training, she went on to teach school in Westphalia and Cass townships.

In 1931, she moved with her parents to Harlan where she became the housekeeper for Father Charles McAniff. On February 2, 1933, she was united in marriage to



Raymond Book at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan. Father McAniff drove the newlyweds on their honeymoon to Niagra Falls. Three children were born to this marriage. As a member of the parish, she was active in the church choir and played the violin. Mr. and Mrs. Book sang together as a duet in church for more than twenty-five years. After their marriage, Ray and Sidonia farmed north of Harlan until 1978 when they retired and moved into Harlan.

Sidonia died on August 8, 2003 at Elmcrest Retirement Community, having attained the age of ninety-one years eleven months and four days. She had been a resident of Elmcrest since 1988.

Sidonia was preceded in death by her husband Raymond, who died on March 28, 1988. Survivors include two daughters; Maxine and her husband George Schwery of Panama, Iowa, Emelie and her husband Robert Koster of Gretna, NE and one son Raymond and his wife Maxine of Harlan; seventeen grandchildren, twenty great grandchildren, two step great grandchildren and one step great-great grandchild. (William, Lawrence, Maxine)

Our Condolences to the Family of:

Patrick Stangl

Memorial Mass was held for Patrick Stangl was Thursday, July 3 at 11:00 A.M. at St. Mary of the Visitation with Rev. Troy Richmond officiating. His body had been cremated. Internment was in Calvary Cemetery. Military services were conducted by O.B. Nelson Post #3 American Legion and Walter B. Schafer Post #775 Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Patrick O. "Pat" Stangl, 81, died June 30 at the University of Iowa Hospital in Iowa City.

He was born March 17, 1922, in Carroll County to John and Antoinette Pille Stangl. He married Lucille Gaul August 28, 1946 in Earling, Iowa. She preceded him in death January 26, 1978.

He married Mary Theresa Jones September 16, 1978. A graduate of Coon Rapids High School, he served in the Army during World War II in the European Theater, receiving a Silver Star and a Purple Heart. He owned and operated taverns in Manning and Knoxville. A resident of Ottumwa since 1964, he owned and operated the Horseshoe Club in Ottumwa. He was a member of St. Mary of the Visitation, O.B. Nelson Post #3 American Legion and Walter B. Schafer Post #75 Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Surviving is his wife, four sons, Neil of Marion, Steve of Eufaula, OK., Michael of Pasadena, CA., and Bob of Wichita, Kansas; two daughters, Debra Margrave of Sedona, Arizona, and Casey Stangl of Minneapolis, MN.; two sisters, Marykay Mendez of Holly, Mich. and Alice Claire Broude of Los Angeles, CA. and a brother Barney Stangl of Knoxville.

(Paul, Lucille)

Good news!

The big news in the John Gaul relationship is that Roman's eldest son, Mike, has recovered from his months long struggle with death and helped with combining this fall. If anyone has ever come closer to death than he and lived I don't know who he is. He was in the hospital from December till June and then returned to the hospital again for more weeks. *Dewie Gaul*

Mark T. Croghan

Mark T. Croghan, 45, Sioux City, died Saturday, October 18 at Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha.

Croghan died from injuries suffered in an explosion August. 29.

Services were held Wednesday, October 22 at 10:30 a.m. at Blessed Sacrement Church with burial in the Sacred Heart Cemetery in Manning at 4 p.m. Wednesday.

Croghan is survived by his wife, Carol, of Sioux City; sons Adam of Ames and Scott at home; father Jerome Croghan of Manning; mother-in-law and father-in-law Wayne and Arlene Justice of Manilla and 12 brothers and sisters.

Mark is a nephew of the late Peter Croghan, the son of Jerome and Catherine (Catherine passed away suddenly on October 4th, 2002) Pete's brother, Jerome, is just older than him.

Mark and 7 other men were burned in and explosion of Hexine Gas at the soy bean oil plant (Port Neal Plant) near Sioux City. Another man 22 yrs. old and Mark were burned over 80% of their bodies. The other man, Kyle Heck, passed away several weeks later.

(Peter, Adelaide)

Congratulations Chris

Chris Gaul was issued US Patent 6,584,784, Combined refrigeration system with a liquid pre-cooling heat exchanger on July 1, 2003. Chris is a mechanical engineer at the Dept. of Energy's National Renewable Energy Laboratory in Golden, CO.

He has another interest pass time.

Chris and friends climbed two 14,000 foot mountains, Mt. Bierstadt and Mt. Evans, on Labor Day. The trek lasted 13 hours, starting before sunrise and ending after sunset. (John, John, Chris)

From the E-Mail Bag:

This past summer was a great year for the children of Vinton and Theresa (Croghan) Wooster of Charter Oak, Iowa.

At the Charter Oak Achievement Days Meghan won Grand Champion



Market Steer. At the Crawford County Fair in Denison, Iowa, **Meghan** was the 2003 Crawford County Fair Queen and showed the Grand Champion Market Steer. Meghan proceeded to compete in the Iowa State Fair Queen Contest where she made many memories and

friends.

Jerod showed the Grand Champion Market Lamb and the Reserve Champion Market Steer. At the Four County Fair in Dunlap, Iowa. He showed the Grand Champion Pen of three Market Lambs and the Grand Champion Market Heifer.



Meghan's and Jerod's grandmother is Adelaide Croghan of Panama, Iowa.

(Peter, Adelaide, Theresa)

Schnuettgen/Gaul families:

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

From the Picture Album



Mini Gaul Reunion in Albuquerque, New Mexico, Labor day 2003

Left to right, the Gaul husband and wife teams are: Larry and Dolores from Epworth, Iowa, Marvin and Germain from Holy Cross, Iowa, Gerry and Joan, and Virgil and Mickie from Albuquerque. Marvin and Germain celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on December 30, 2002.



Not so Mini Reunion

The Croghan family held their 2nd annual reunion in June. Pictured here are: Frank, Richard, Phil, Robert, Raymond, Mike, Adelaide, Don, Theresa, Alice, Barbara, Kathleen, Marilyn, and Margaret. Counting spouses and children, it was one big party. They also celebrated Adelaide's 75th birthday.



A Parish Custom

In the St. Boniface Church in Westphalia they have a custom that takes place at the early Mass on Christmas day. They have a couple play Mary and Joseph with baby Jesus in a scene in front of the crib. In 2002, Sarah (Zimmerman) Schumacher had the honor of portraying Mary with Madison, her daughter. Madison is the first great grandchild of Bernard and Valerie (Gaul) Zimmerman. In the foreground are granddaughters, twins, Emily and Rachel Zimmerman.



Gaul news
