

Our Fire and Rescue personnel, left to right, Val Cushman, Bruno Andreini, George Dunlap, Eldon Brown, Lee Schultz, Linda Schultz, Carol Hutcheson, Aldo Forneris, Richard Hawbaker, Tony Forneris, Paul Havnen, Brad Long, Dave Stanger, Rick Hutcheson, and Dean Nath.

E. School System

1. Public Education

From 1881 to 1902, those living south of what is now Highway 44 attended school that was located about a mile and a half south of Grimes, and those living north of Highway 44 attended school north of town, the school being located about one half mile north of the Railroad tracks on James street. Those attending school in Jefferson township were taken in a wagon called a "Kiddy Wagon."

Francis Ellis writes, "I know that the High School and elementary building were erected in 1902. The first High School graduating class was May 1905. High School was a three year school. The first class consisted of Burt Knight, Dwight Ewing, and Earl Stewart. The class of 1906 was Warren Ewing. The class of 1907 were Glee Parmenter, Verne Knight and Blanche Shafer. (There were 8 but we have the names of only three.) The 1908 class: Carl Hoff, (sometimes the name is Huff and Hoff), Alma Scheonlien, Mary Meneough, Marion Brown, Cora Fryer (now Friar), Henry Meneough, Ruth, Albert and Walter Weiser, Tessis Everett and Francis Ellis. The first superintendent was A. E. Sager; then J. G. Bester, Harry Dunn, Mr. Herrick and Harry Kensinger. Francis Ellis served 1914-1915, and during this time there were around 50 in High School, in 1915 the class graduated 15. The first school board was made up of W. J. Stewart, Henry Seibert and F. A. Ellis." In 1902 the two country schools mentioned above were abandoned.

J. G. Bester had been a teacher over 30 years and authored a book of 76 questions and rhyme statements. A few are: 1. How many bones does the body hold? Two hundred and six worth their weight in gold." 2. How many bones are in the head? There are 28 as I've often said. 3. How many bones in the skull are found? Eight from a box that is nearly round."

The Grimes Advocate newspaper states that the Grimes school building is a 4 room brick structure costing, including furnace and ventilating plant, about \$7,000.



Our first school building



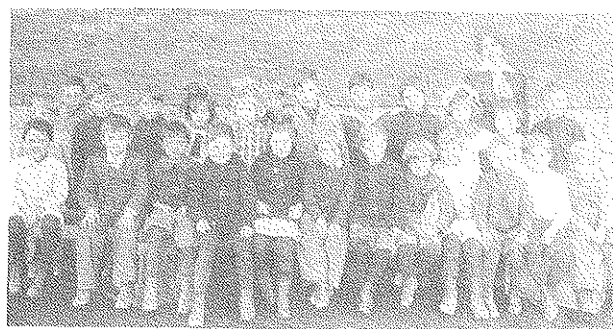
Class of 1910, back row, Frances VanDorn, Fern Findley, Carl Heidman, second row, Edith Ritchhart, Irene Ewing, Glen Wagner, Hazel Anderson, Edith Wilcox, Ivah Harvey, first row, Guy Crispin, Anna Peitzman, Supt. Paul Herrick, Emma Seibert, and Lester Howard.

1907 Intermediate grade, back row, Henry Anderson, Lester Ewing, Pete Reed, John Peitzman, George Anderson, Everette Ellis, Glen Wilson, Paul Kleinlein, Floyd Shiffer, row 2, Miss Alice Plumer, Lora Zornes, Pearl Parmenter, Ollie Houghtaling, Marie Hale, Belle Rosenberg, Lillian Shephard, Sarah Reed, Clara Kleinlein, Lotta Bauman, Louise Cook, Albert Rosenberg, first row, Jennie Houghtaling, Frances Meneough, Ethel McHarg, Mable Shephard, Ruby Stewart, Lena Wall, Mary Howard, Corene Schoenline, Paul Bauman, Eli Smith, and Elmer Pritchard.



High School Class of 1911-1912, back row, Gladys Kinsey, Mary Bohrofen, Carry Frear, Albert Rosenberg, Fred Wiperman, Arthur Houghtaling, Floyd Shiffer, Mabel Day, Edith Denny, second row, Frances Seibert, Ida Peitzman, Bernice Kinsey, Mary _____, Lora Zornes, Sarah Reed, Lois Parmenter, Corene Scheonline, Raymond Denny, Frank Kuehl, Ethel McHarg, Lula Thorpe, third row, from top, Lamona Shawver, Edna Bear, Clara Ewing, Ruby Stewart, Grace Robertson, Emma Knoll, Rosia Duncan, front row, Clinton Graham, Andy Kean, Lloyd Stewart, Lester Ewing, James Brown, Lee Friar, Ray Channon, and Herman Wiperman.

First and second grade class, 1914, left to right, top row, Gale Parmenter, George Aulich, John Kinsey, Edward Kinsey, Dorothy Blackman, Virginia VanDorn, Ralph Butin, Charles Hardy, Harold Weiser, Marie Parkins, Vera Dammann, Gladys Peitzman and Herbert Aulich, front row, Robert Denton, Hiram Rosenberg, Earl Weiser, Robert Hardy, Elizabeth Shawver, Glen Seibert, Oscar Danilson, Ervin Kingman, Paul Shafer, Ralph Peitzman, Warren Hardy and Henry Spencer.



Class of 1915, back row, Grace (Robertson) Peitzman, Bell Rosenberg, Rev. Francis Ellis (principal), Marion Brown, Clara (Ewing) Menough, Edna (Baer) Shawver, Lee Friar, Emma (Knoll) Karst, James Brown, and Lamona (Shawver) Weiser.



Third and fourth grade, teacher Verna VanDorn. Standing, Erwin Kingman, Glen Seibert, Oscar Danilson, Ralph Butin, Edward O'Donnell, Bob Hardin, Earl Weiser, Edward Kinsey, Mel Hodges, Paul Shafer, unidentified, and George Aulick. Seated, Beth Shawver, Virginia VanDorn, Verna Gintzell, Dorothy Blackman, Gladys Beam, Curtis Baer, Hiram Rosenberg, Vernon Lenox, and John Kinsey. Date 1917.

Girls, left to right, Beulah Reed, Thelma Cunningham, unknown, Opal Baer, Margaret Reed, Hazel Hatfield, Elizabeth Howard, Chrystal Harden, Marjorie Bye, Alice Hull. Boys, Henry Lenox, Cunningham, Carroll Harden, Stanley Weiser, Vincent Broderick, Vernon Lenox, John Cunningham, unknown, Harold Kohls, Harold Aulick, Clarence Seibert, Ellsworth Beam. Teacher, Corene Scheonline. Date 1918.



1934 High School Class, first row, Lewis Seibert, Murry Friar, Eldon Ellis, James Kern, Joe Kern, Morris Nelson, Bob Koch, John Rittger, Marvin Hart, Delbert Cole, second row, Janet Bester, Hilda Poulton, Margaret Dillon, Alma Peitzman, Mildred Seibert, Dorothy Kuehl, Dorothy Robertson, Doris DeLazzer, Neva Peitzman, Fern Peitzman, Shirley Friar, William Morris, Reno Massarini, third row, Irene Taylor, Bessie Poulton, Fannie Grimm, Marion Bauman, Gwendolyn Morgan, Arlene Findley, Martina Erskine, Burton Robertson, Doreno Massarini, Hazel Hull, fourth row, Grace Findley, Frank Price, Laura Decker, June Peters, Mr. Paul Johnson (teacher), Mrs. Kathrine Zeel (teacher), Leo Seibert, Wanda Findley, Ernie Knoll, Robert Kock, John Bohrofen, Ted Mills, Herman Bartelt, and Mr. Guy Bennington (Supt.)

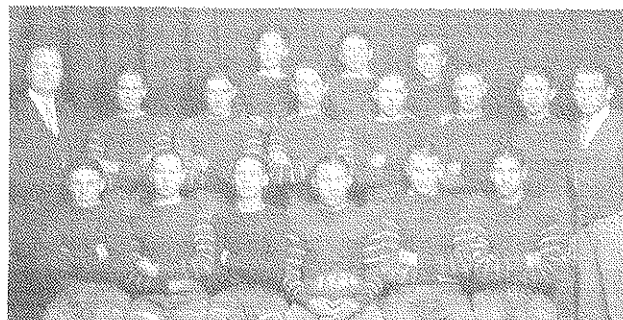
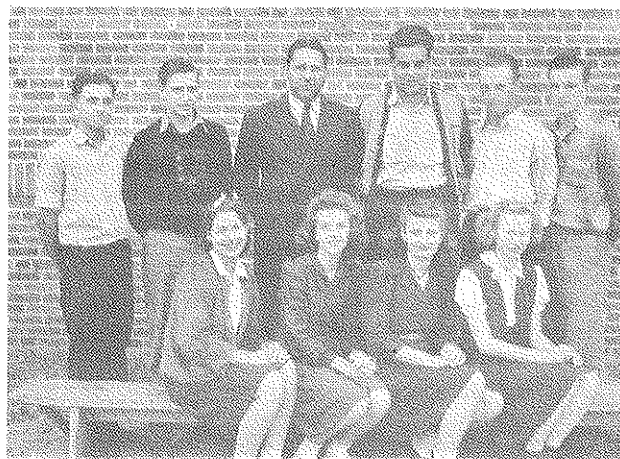
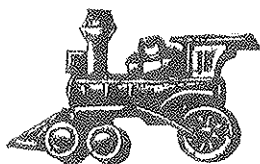


1929 Class reunion in 1979, Hazel (Hatfield) Stickle, Margaret (Reed) Peterson, Lucille (Betz) Smith, Josephine (Griggs) Evans, Laura (Rittger) Emmert, Gladys (Seibert) Schlenker, Ora Woodring, Ellsworth "Bus" Beam, and Clarence Seibert.



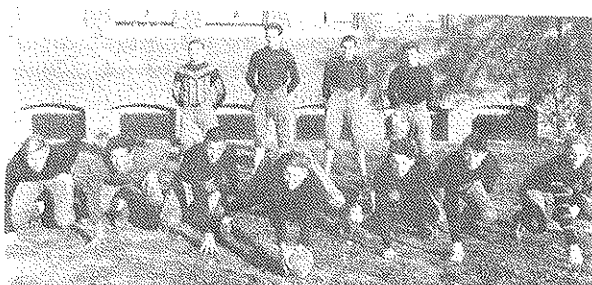
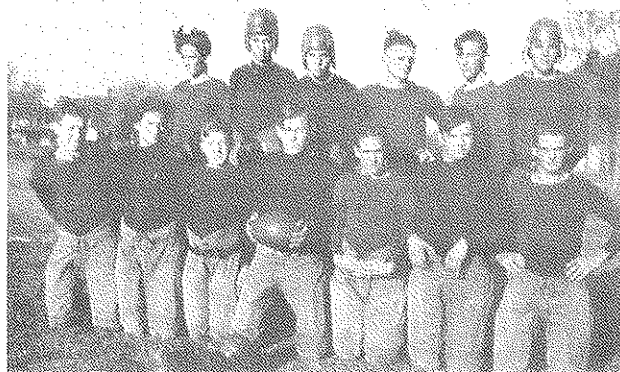
1935 Jr Hi Class, front row: Joyce Whally, Ann Richardson, Frances Wilson, Dorothy Slaughter, Betty Lowling, Violet Kern, Alice Osterhout, Millie Vranich, second row: Mernita Mills, Mary Jane Weiser, Velma Fry, Dorothy Poulton, Maxine Eppert, Anna May Smith, Gerldine Lowling, Hazel Tuller, Louisa DeLazzer, teacher, third row: Dale Lint, Jr. Erskine, Donald Koch, Elmer Haskinson, Marino Tazzoli, Gerald Blackman, Ewing Shiffer, Richard Durkee, William Fruitt.

1941 Senior Class, Howard Bechel, Dale Lint, Supt. Kershbergen, Marino Tazzoli, Howard Koch, Bud Shiffer, Violet Kern, Marguerite Wilkie, Millie Vranich, Bonnie Kuehl.



1930 football squad, front row, Lewis Morris, Russell Decker, Joe Kearn, Dale Taylor, Charles Findley, Lloyd Decker, Saylor Blackman, back row, Frank Smith, Donald Smith, Leno Massarini, Ben Robertson, Carol Blackman and Harold Bohrofen.

1926 Football squad, front row, Walter Seibert, Carol Harden, Ed Gintzel, Harry Shane, Kenneth Seibert, Orval King, second row, J. J. Ferow, Ray Stall, Forest Olson, Ora Woodring, Orville Quiggley, Art Olson, Bus Beam, Otto Freece, third row, Ray Griggs, Kenneth Casady and Mike Vranich.



1933 Football Team, backfield, left to right, Doreno Massarini, Jack Smith, Bill Delazzer, Burton Robertson, Line, left to right, Ernest Knoll, Orville Gourd, Paul Findley, Bill Morris, Francis Broderich, Mark Shiver, Claude Price.

On April 21, 1938 there was a School "Sitdown Strike," at Grimes School. the "strike" was called when the students learned that Andy Crawford, high school instructor and athletic coach had not been offered a contract for the coming year. This was on Thursday and about 10 boys spent Thursday night at the school and the girls returned Friday. School was closed by order of the school board until the following Monday. The school board did then give Mr. Crawford a contract for the following year but he did not return securing a position at another school.

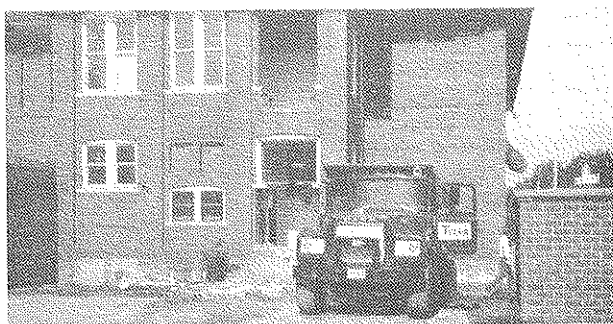
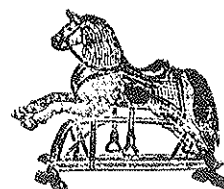
After sixty years as an Independent School District the Department of Public Instruction felt as if Grimes did not have, and did not offer the full amount of subjects for our students. It then became necessary for Grimes to reorganize and two plans were presented. One plan was to go in with Johnston having Johnston-Grimes also the rest of Jefferson and part of Webster township, this would be known as the Northwest Polk Community School. Another plan was to have Grimes, Dallas, and Central Dallas districts go together. None of these plans were put into effect but the final plan we now have was to have Grimes and Dallas Center school district in one district, known as Dallas Center-Grimes Community School District.



These two striking Grimes, Iowa high school senior girls took turns carrying a sign Friday. Sign asks that school board give Coach Danny Crawford another year's contract. Francis Shiffer and Hazel Tuller.



1924, "Tot" Hatfield and Mrs. Ivah Butler



Only Memories Remain



Class of 1947 Grimes juniors and seniors are shown above as they attended the annual Junior-Senior banquet at Hotel Commodore, Des Moines. Joan Weiser, Jeanne Beckel, Barbara Friar, Cletus Denton, Suzanne

Beauchamp, Doris Baer, Lucille Pinegar, Jane Savage and Patsy Dyres, Eugene Baer, Harold Wallace, Dean Ellis, Billy Mills, Jack Sehluefer, Jerry Wright, Jack Slaughter, Dean Curtis, Duane Baer and Glen Sloan.

2. P.T.A. and Booster Club

Grimes had a P.T.A. for years. However, it seems as if the group began to function more and more through the Booster club. The earliest records date from about 1950.

The Booster Club: The motto is "A tradition of service." The Dallas Center-Grimes Booster Club has provided the school with many projects over the past years. They are an organization that prepares many worthwhile activities toward the interest of the students and schools. The Booster club organization was started in 1965, and has contributed such items as: yearly scholarship, sports banquet, football equipment, basketball equipment for the boys and girls.

3. Preschool

Grimes Early Learning Center was opened in December 1979 at 218 N.W. 3rd Street Place by Marilyn Haugh. The children were offered a wide variety of experiences and freedom to choose according to their interests and abilities.

Daily activities included music, physical development, verbal expression, arts and crafts, etc. Monthly themes were All About Me, Home and Family, Winter, Neighborhood and Community, Spring and Farm Animals. Special visitors and events were: dental hygienist, trip to dispatcher, fire station, postoffice, and bank. Sessions were offered for 3 and 4 year olds. Highlights of the year were Santa's visit, and feeding the animals at a nearby farm.

Pre-School, back row, left to right, Marilyn Haugh, Steven Knowlton, Kurt Marguadt, Monica Richey, Erin Willrich, front row, left to right, Danny Patterson, Tate Golightly, Ryan Quinn.

4. Grimes School, Our Future

The Grimes school was constructed in 1955 with additions in 1966 and 1975. It has 15 class rooms, a gym and library and a capacity of 450 students.

In 1980 the school operated within their capacity. There has been a substantial increase in population of children under the age of four. Because of the desirability of Grimes for younger couples, future increase in school enrollment can be expected to take place, primarily in the elementary grades.

The site on which the present Grimes school is built is used to capacity.



F. Service Groups

1. General

a. Centennial Committee: In June of 1979 the City Council took formal action to proceed with setting up a committee that would organize, develop, promote and run events for the 1981 Grimes Centennial. Harry and Hazel Stickle were designated as the persons to write a history of the City of Grimes.



Centennial Committee, back row from the left, Harry Stickle, Fred Wright, Carol Hutcheson, Vickie Mathews, Ron Kramer, Bill Young and Ernest Knoll. Front, Darlene Woodring, Donna Maasen, James Weiser and Brenda Jermier. Other members not present include Jerry Hoy, Wayne Patterson and Dave Pierce.

b. Lodges: The first lodge in Grimes was the I.O.O.F. lodge and was instituted August 27, 1884 with the following charter members: J. H. Beck, F. P. McClain, Wm. Mollison, Jeremiah Hunt, C. W. Terry and J. H. Gilbreath, (we wondered if that should have S. W. McClain but the copy of the records furnished us said F. P. McClain.) The charter was surrendered May 3, 1964. It was before the turn of the century that they built their I.O.O.F. building with the first floor being used for businesses. This building is still standing on Main Street. The hall was used for school plays, commencement, etc., Farmer's Institute, as well as other lodges. The following lodges were in the area: Grimes Camp No. 1687 of Modern Woodmen of America with W. A. Anderson as head officer and S. E. Shiffer clerk. Homestead No. 144 of the Brotherhood of American Yeoman. In 1902 Harry Taylor was chief officer and L. E. Bennett correspondent of the I.O.O.F. Beaver Lodge No. 235, Degree of Rebekah, with Miss Alta Alen, as Grand Noble and Mrs. Blanch Parmenter secretary. The Webster Camp No. 191 of the I.O.O.F., with S. W. McClain, chief priest and G. A. Stewart, secretary.

c. Legion and Legion Auxiliary: The American Legion has meant much to our country. In Grimes years ago they sponsored the 4th of July celebration. In recent years they have a sweet corn supper. Every year they have a memorial service at Sunny Hill Cemetery, and on that day they place a flag on the grave of all veterans of all wars.

The Congressional Medal of Honor--the highest military award for bravery that can be given to a member of the Armed Services of the United States--dates from the Civil War. It was Senator James W. Grimes of Iowa who in 1861 first introduced a bill in Congress establishing this Medal of Honor.

The Legion Auxiliary has done much in serving our community. They are divided into committees. Some of

these committees are the Americanism committee which has special function on Veteran's Day, Sale of Poppies, Mother's day observance. The Child Welfare committee helps children in our local community, and every year sends support to the national Child Work. There is a Community Service Committee, besides bringing cheer to the sick they also have special giving at Christmas time, and have donated flags to the school. They send a girl once a year to Girls State. Then there is the Rehabilitation Committee that helps veterans in our hospitals.

Service Board of W.W. II soldiers



d. Lions and Lioness: The Lions Club of Grimes was organized May 29, 1947. Mr. Frank Long of the Altoona Lions Club was the speaker as the Altoona club was the sponsor of the Grimes Club.

The major activity of Lionism is sight and hearing conservation, international social, health, citizenship, environmental, recreation, public and educational services.

The local Lions Club works closely with Iowa Lions with the EYE bank at University Hospital at Iowa City. The local Lions Club has cornea donor cards, in fact, a number of donors are from the Grimes area.

One of the most familiar projects that the Lions Club had through the years was their operation of the lunch stand at the Iowa State Fair, which was started August 1952 and ceased in 1978. They first had a stand in a tent and later located their stand in a building. The stand was in the same location for these years, (on the S.W. corner of the lot where the Horse barn is located, and across from the Cattle barn.) Their profits ranged from \$800 to \$3,000 per year through the years.

The projects that the Lions Club have contributed to through the years are too numerous to mention. They have provided for a number of projects at the school, one was \$1,398. for a P.A. system. Contribution to the Library fund, Rescue Unit, 4-H clubs, summer baseball, scouts, etc. They hold safety check programs, testing for Glaucoma here, and also blood pressure clinic.

Through the years they sponsored "Old Grimes Day" with attendance some years of over 1,000. In 1950 they built their Lions building, which is used by others also.

The Lioness club is our newest service organization, starting in 1980 with 16 members. They have one project, that of examination of school children for "Lazy eye", but, they look forward to other projects in the future years.



Lion cooks



Lions Club building



Lions Club banquet, their first meeting served by Lutheran Church ladies. Left to right, Maxine Loose, Josephine Seibert, Edna Knoll, Bonnie Bauman, Irene Kuehl, Betty Seibert, Neva Bartelt, Pearl Greif, Marie Knoll, Phoebe Bartelt.

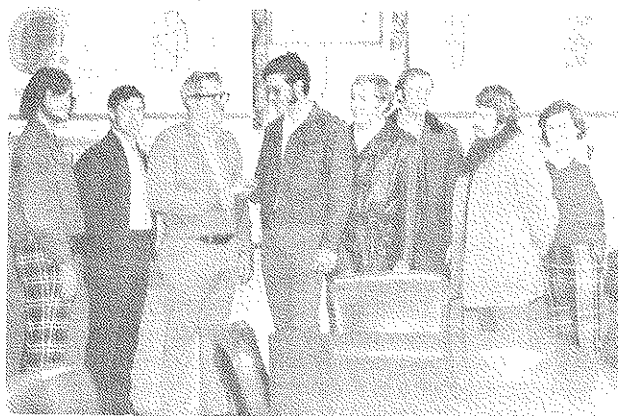
e. Jaycees and Jaycee Ettes: The Jaycee group was organized in April 1973 and a month later the Jaycee Ettes were organized. The first president was Harvey Leners and the present president is John Essy. The Jaycee Ettes were organized with 36 members. In 1980 the officers were Marsha Levisay, president; Judie Day, vice president; Karen Schuster, state director; Carol Hutcheson, secretary; and Janie Kessler, treasurer.

Some of the projects of the groups have and are the Fall Festival, bicycle safety, blue start program, newcomer kits, senior citizens banquet, eye screening for children, pre-school story and craft hour, babysitting clinic, etc. They sponsored the placing of the community billboard, and also donation to ball park light fund and the McDonald House, raising money for the Rescue Unit.

The social events include summer family picnic, hayrack rides and family Christmas party.



Jaycee Ettles 1979, front row, JoAnn Leners, Mickie Wile, Janice Hargens, Sara Otto, Karen Adams, Beth Rainey, second row, Karen Schuster, LeeAnn Coates, Marilyn Haugh, Leslie Akehurst, Treva Howrey, Donna Maasen, Jeanne Haack, Carolyn Danley, third row, Janine Kessler, Carol Hutcheson, Lucy Fay, Mary Harper, Shirley Walker, Pam McMahon, Marsha Levissey, Judie Day, Sun Sander.



Jaycees start Rescue Fund Drive. Pictured are the Grimes Jaycees officially kicking off their fund drive by making their \$500 donation to the Grimes Fire Dept. From the left, Richard Hawbaker, Jaycee member and Fireman; Bruno Andreini, assistant Fire Chief. Accepting the donation is Fred Roth, Grimes Fire Chief. Presenting the donation for the Jaycees is Rick Hutcheson, Rescue League Project Chairman. The rest pictured are Jaycees, Rich Sychra, Treasurer; Dwayne Wallace, State Director; George Dunlap and Harvey Leners, Chapter President.

f. Child Study: This group was founded in October 1976 by Randy Hopkins and Nellie Wilson, to provide a social and educational outlet for mothers of small children. The group meets the first Tuesday each month September through May at the First Presbyterian Church, "We have had teachers, psychologists, ministers, pharmacists speak on various topics, such as nutrition, snacks, first aid, sewing for children, etc." Their project in 1979 was the Flea Market.



Child Study Group, Lynn Schlenker, Treva Howrey, Riley and Bradley Diech, Pam Knox, Joyce Hart, Tami VanHorn, Denise and Donnie Frantz, Andrea and Benjamin Kann.