

Best Wishes for a  
Blessed Christmas  
and a  
Healthy and happy 1995!!

-from Rita, Bob, Lloyd and Joe

### News Items

#### Congratulations!

Carl Gucker and Annette Nordmeyer were married on December 3rd, in New Jersey. They will be moving to England. Best of luck Carl and Annette!

#### Welcome to the 6th Generation!

On July 20th, Shawna (Hoerning) and Andy Devoe had a healthy baby Girl, Kelsey Lee. They're living in New Hampshire. This means that Bruce and Roxanne are Grandparents, and Ginnie Ferguson is a great-grandmother!

In September, Regina (Lucke) and Craig Carey gave birth to a Son, Craig Joseph; Regina is #2 Frank's great-granddaughter, Clement's Granddaughter, Diane's Daughter.

#### The Annual Lucke Family Picnic

For the first time, we had a rain-out! Unfortunately, we gave mixed signals, so Carl, bringing Annette to meet the Family, came all the way from New Jersey ... but nobody else showed up. Sorry Carl and Annette. A few of us did gather the following day. Mark this date for the 1995 Picnic: Saturday, October 7th. We may have some folks actually named Lucke (Pete and Family)!

### Happy Birthday!

#### January

11 Annmarie Romano Age: 32  
14 Margaret Mary Magee Age: 35  
15 Michael Christopher Lucke Age: 24  
17 Christina Carlucci Age: 12  
18 Megan Magee Age ??  
19 Paulette Young Age: 23  
19 Samantha Bernet Age: 9  
21 Twin #1 Lang \*  
21 Twin #2 Lang \*

26 Robert P Hoerning Jr. \*  
28 Mary Dorothy Crossan \*

\* = Deceased

#### February

? Patrick Magee Age: 20  
2 Joseph Magee Jr. Age: 18  
4 Edwin Magee II Age: 69  
5 Mary Erhardt Age: 28  
8 Jacqueline LaCava Age: 65

- 10 Agnes Mary Wilson Age: 82
- 15 Thomas Langdon Cook Age: 4
- 20 John Jacob Muller \*
- 20 Melissa A Keeley Age: 21
- 22 Elizabeth Connolly Age: 65
- 23 Richard Magee Age: 25
- 24 Elizabeth Ann Donovan Age: 22
- 26 Douglas H Keeley Age: 14

### The Thirteen

We continue the stories about the 13 children of Caspar and Mary Elizabeth Lucke. Thanks to Agnes Wilson, Gertrude Keeley, Peter Lucke, Leo Lucke and Patricia Galligan for their input about #2 Frank and #3 Leo. Unfortunately, there is nobody living among #4 Beatrice's Family so all we have are the basic facts. Gertrude did recall that her Mother (Mamie) and Beatrice were very good friends.

Somebody reminded us that the Catholic Church keeps accurate records and we knew that the Lucke Family grew up in St. Benedict's Parish, so we wrote for information. St. Benedicts, in the Bedford-Stuyvesant section of Brooklyn, has long-since closed, so we had to contact the Diocese of Brooklyn. They sent us the Baptism records for the 11 Lucke children who were baptized at St. Benedicts; #1 Mary and #2 Frank were born and baptized in New York City, at St John's Church on West 31st Street, across from Madison Square Garden. We also got records for Frank & Mamie's children and Leo and Mary's children, all baptized at St Benedicts. An interesting fact: the Baptismal names used up to 1900 were in Latin; also, two names were not what we expected: Beatrice was baptized Francisca and Elsie was Anna Elizabeth.

Agnes Wilson gave us several corrections to the stories in the last issue: Grossvater was born in Westphalia, Germany\*\*; Grandma was born in Herkimer, New York; Most Holy Trinity Cemetery is in the Bushwick section of Brooklyn (not Flatbush). Leo remembered hearing that, when Grossvater was a lad, all German youths were required to spend some time in the military. This may have been the reason for Caspar's emigrating to America.

\*\*[ED: Westphalia is noted for its ham; Luckes are noted for "hammy" humor!]

#1 MARY CATHERINE LUCKE (born 29-Mar-1880 , died 27-Dec-1961)

m. John Jacob Muller

#2 FRANK P LUCKE (born 18-Oct-1881, died 24-Mar-1968)

m. Mary Margaret Cramer

#3 LEO CASPAR LUCKE (born 19-Aug-1883, died 15-Mar-1943)

m. Mary Anna Karl

#4 BEATRICE LUCKE (born 25-Aug-1885, died 21-Jan-1914)

m. Fred Lang

#5 ELSIE LUCKE (born 24-Jul-1887, died 15-Feb-1970)

m. Joseph V. Bond  
#6 LUCY MARY LUCKE (born 7-Aug-1889, died 1895)  
#7 CHARLES BERNARD LUCKE (born 27-Jun-1891, died 10-Dec-1966)  
m. Mae Broncheska  
m. Helen  
#8 WILLIAM JOSEPH LUCKE (born 25-Oct-1893, died 31-Mar-1969)  
m. Loretta Dougherty  
#9 JOSEPH ANTHONY LUCKE (born 8-Oct-1895, died 11-Jul-1967)  
m. Beatrice Bier  
#10 MARGARET MARY LUCKE (born 31-Oct-1897, died 3-May-1959)  
m. Edwin Magee  
#11 ANNA GERTRUDE LUCKE (born 12-Dec-1900, died 26-Jul-1981)  
m. Lloyd Howell Campbell  
#12 CASPAR AMBROSE LUCKE (born 20-Oct-1902, died 1902)  
#13 CASPAR JOHN LUCKE (born 27-Dec-1905, died 25-Oct-1985)  
m. Anne V Reilly

## Child #2: Frank

Frank was born in New York City on October 18, 1881. He graduated from St John's College in Brooklyn and St Jerome's College in Canada. He was a very good baseball player and also managed St. Benedict's baseball team. Frank met Mary (Mamie) Cramer at St Benedict's; they were neighbors at 21 and 30 Suydam Place. Frank had a good job in a woolen company but left it when Grandpa died so he could help Grandma and take over their real estate business. Frank postponed his wedding for a year because of this. Frank and Mamie were married on June 23, 1909. They lived upstairs at 1353 Park Place, in a two-family house built by Grandpa, next-door to Leo and the Mullers. This is where Clement, Agnes, Cecilia and Gertrude were born. They were all baptized at St. Benedict's. Frank and Mamie later moved to East 48th Street in Flatbush, and eventually to Woodhaven, Queens. After Frank retired, they moved to Shohola, Pa. which is along the Delaware River in Pike County. Agnes and Gertrude lived nearby.

Gertrude's reminiscences: Pop and I often took walks to the movies, holding hands and taking turns "squeezing." (I've played the same "game" with each of my Grandchildren.) Pop often took Mother and me to lunch after a movie in downtown Brooklyn. We always went to Joe's Restaurant where gentlemen were required to wear jackets. On a hot summer day (no air-conditioning in those days!) Pop removed his jacket and a waiter brought him another to put on. Pop was very upset and never returned to Joe's! Pop loved and trained homing pigeons. I remember him waiting for them to come home after being released quite a distance. Pop won many silver cups for their racing times. When we lived in Flatbush, I remember taking piano lessons on East 34th Street, across from Grandma's house. I always went in to see Grandma and Auntie after my lesson. I remember a beautiful silver maple tree in their backyard. Auntie took Dotty and me to Steeplechase every summer; we always looked forward to these outings and had a great time. I remember taking the bus to the IRT subway at Newkirk Avenue, across from St. Jerome's Church, to go to Bishop McDonnell's HS and later, to work. Mother and I often went to visit Aunt Anne (Bob and Lloyd's Mother and my Godmother) and I remember vividly the day we heard that Aunt Anne's Husband (Lloyd) passed away. Pop loved the Brooklyn Dodgers and dreamed of seeing them win the pennant some day. When they finally did win it, Agnes and I were so excited that we called Pop from upstate. But, he showed no enthusiasm...I guess the wait had been too long!. Pop had a great belief in St. Anthony's finding "anything." [ED: Like so many of us!!]

### "Lucke Humor:"

J While engaged to Mamie, Frank took her to a winter carnival. He hit her on the face with a snowball which caused a big bump on her nose. When he took her home he announced to her Father "Don't worry, Mr. Cramer. I'm going to marry her anyhow!"

J Frank loved food, announcing "it tastes like more!" He always led soup chorus at Thanksgiving dinners (slurping from a spoon). Frank added "God bless the cook" to the blessing before meals.

J Frank always emphasized correct grammar. When Agnes stated she had to clean a mess "up", he told her not to end a sentence with a preposition. He also helped write Ruth Ann and Mary Agnes' graduation speeches.

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### Child #3: Leo

Leo Caspar was born on August 19th, 1883 in Brooklyn, at the Suydam Place house. He met and married Mary Anna Karl and they lived at 1355 Park Place, one of Grossvater's houses, below #1 Mary and John Muller and their Family. Mae, Edward and young Leo were all Baptized at St. Benedict's. Later on they moved to the Bay Ridge section of Brooklyn. Big Leo was the best bowler in the clan which is saying something, since all the Lucke boys were very good bowlers. Rita remembers Mae as a bright, pleasant, always cheerful young lady. Unfortunately, Mae contracted tuberculosis and although she made several trips to Saranac Lake for treatment, she died at age 29. Edward was a good athlete like his Father; he played professional baseball with the Newark team. He was recruited by the New York Sanitation Department, who were trying to form a team to beat the Police and Fire Departments. Edward became a well-respected Supervisor at the Sanitation Department; both Pete Lucke and Patricia Galligan told us that Edward was still well known there long after his retirement. Young Leo gave us much of this information but he didn't tell us about himself; however, Rita remembers that Leo, Clement (nicknamed Zeke) and her sister Mary Muller had a "shanty shack" in the backyard, where they roasted mickeys. They often caused the neighbors to complain about the racket!

### "Lucke Humor:"

J When Mary Karl went to school, they only spoke German in class. Mary felt that this gave her an "inside track" with Grossvater!

J Mary Karl had a uniqueness in that her senses were very sharp. In the days when there was tub butter, young Leo was sent to Ginsburg's Delicatessen with instructions from his Mother to tell the man to cut the butter from the middle of the tub. When Leo came home, Mary sniffed it and said: "Take it back; he didn't cut it from the middle of the tub!" This happened three times!

J Mary Karl once discovered that gas was leaking from the refrigerator. She went to the nearby Fire Department and asked them to send a couple of men to take the refrigerator out without making a big fuss. When she got home, a mob had gathered because they had sent a hook-and-ladder about a block long!

J Mary Karl always scared Rita by telling her that the Easter Bunny was actually "The Biz", hiding in a dark corner.

J Rita remembers Mary Karl saying "Always have herring and wine at New Year's eve, and you'll have money all year!"

**Child #4: Beatrice**

We know that Beatrice married Fred Lang and they had a Daughter, Margaret Mary. Beatrice, as well as the Twins she carried, died during childbirth in 1914. When Fred re-married, Margaret Mary went to live with her Grandmother and Aunt Mary (Lang) at 57 Clinton Avenue in Rockville Centre, NY. Rita remembers going there for Margaret Mary's birthday parties. Later, Margaret Mary moved to Florida with her Aunt Mary; apparently she died there.

**For the Next Issue:** Next up will be #5 Elsie, #6 Lucy and #7 Carlie. We ask their Families to send along their stories.