
Guide to the

KREHBIEL FAMILY SCRAPBOOKS

1993-1997

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Biographical Sketch

Sigrid Krehbiel was born Sigrid Kaplaneck on August 4, 1930 in Berlin, Germany. She was educated at the Lyceum for Girls and spent time singing and playing the recorder for a Berlin radio station. In July 1950, Mrs. Krehbiel immigrated to the United States, settling in Columbus, Ohio. While in Columbus, Mrs. Krehbiel attended Capital University, graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree in 1954. She also received a degree in Medical Technology from Ohio State University the same year.

In December 1953, Sigrid married Del Krehbiel, an Ohio State Ph.D. student. Upon his graduation, Del took a position as a research chemist with Standard Oil Company in Crown Point, Indiana. The next year, the couple moved to Tulsa, Oklahoma. While in Tulsa, the Krehbiels had two children, a daughter and a son. During their time in Tulsa, October 1957, that Sigrid became an American citizen.

The family moved to Ponca City, Oklahoma, in 1960 when Mr. Krehbiel accepted a job at Continental Oil Company. During their thirteen-year stay in Ponca City, Sigrid became active in her church's choir and in local school music programs. She also became a member of the Ponca City Music Club, which performed throughout the state.

In 1972, Mr. Krehbiel took the position of Industrial Hygienist with the U.S. Department of Labor in Lubbock, Texas. In Lubbock, Mrs. Krehbiel did hospital volunteer work and worked as a medical technologist. She was also a member of the Texas Tech Faculty Baroque Quartet.

After four years in Lubbock, the Krehbiel family moved to Irving, Texas. Sigrid served as a volunteer aerobics instructor for the Irving Parks and Recreation Department from 1977-1982. In 1988, while undergoing physical therapy for injuries sustained as an aerobics instructor, Mrs. Krehbiel began doing a volunteer litter patrol around her health club. During

the year, she added new areas to her litter control program.

Mrs. Krehbiel continued her one-woman cleanup and beautification program and for her efforts was given Irving's High-Spirited Citizen Award in November 1989. She also received a Community Service Award from the Irving Parks and Recreation Department in 1991 for her volunteer cleanup efforts.

In 1993, Sigrid was nominated for the O.P. Schnabel Status Citizen Award. This is a statewide award given by the Keep Texas Beautiful organization to recognize senior citizens and senior citizen organizations for continuing outstanding litter prevention and beautification efforts in their communities. She was a citation winner at the 1993 Keep Texas Beautiful Convention. Mrs. Krehbiel was nominated for the award again in 1996 and received a second place finish at the statewide convention.

From 1988 to 1999, Mrs. Krehbiel dedicated much of her time to litter control and to the development of an Adopt-A-Spot program in Irving. In 1991, the city of Irving hired a Recycling/Keep Irving Beautiful coordinator. One year later, the Keep Irving Beautiful program became affiliated with the national Keep America Beautiful program. At the same time, the Irving Beautification, Inc., board was established, and an Adopt-A-Spot committee was formed under the board.

Sigrid Krehbiel served as a member of the board of Irving Beautification, Inc., and as chairman of the Adopt-A-Spot committee. She established partnering relationships with various city departments to create a more effective Adopt-A-Spot program. Through strong promotion and the efforts of Sigrid and Del Krehbiel, the Adopt-A-Spot program had more than fifty adopters by 1995. Through the years, the program has continued to grow, and as of 1999 there were over 120 Adopt-A-Spot members.

Biographical Sketch

Delmar Dean Krehbiel was born June 7, 1924 in Pretty Prairie, Kansas. He attended Bethel College in North Newton, Kansas from which he received a Bachelor of Science Degree in 1948. He continued his education at Ohio State University receiving a Ph.D. in Organic Chemistry in 1954.

In December 1953, he married Sigrid Kaplanek in Columbus, Ohio. The couple moved to Crown Point, Indiana in 1954, where Del accepted a job as a research chemist for Standard Oil Company. A year later, he was transferred to Tulsa, Oklahoma and the Pan American Petroleum Corporation. While in Tulsa, the Krehbiels had two children, a daughter and a son.

The family moved again in 1960 to Ponca City, Oklahoma, where Del joined the Continental Oil Company. The Krehbiels spent thirteen years in Ponca City working and raising their children. Del was active in his church and in his son's scouting program.

In 1972, the family moved to Lubbock, Texas, where Del began work as an Industrial Hygienist with the U.S. Department of Labor. Five years later, he was transferred to Irving, Texas. Del worked for the Department of Labor until he retired in 1995. Through his career, Del was a member of the American Chemical Society, the American Hygiene Association, the American Conference of Industrial Hygienists, and the American Society of Safety

Engineers.

After his retirement, Del became actively involved in assisting his wife in the development of the Adopt-A-Spot program in Irving. He was instrumental in establishing the program's organizational structure and record-keeping methods. He also served as co-chairman of the Adopt-A-Spot committee in 1996-1997.

Source:

The Adopt-A-Spot Scrapbooks, 1989-1999, Collection 18, Volumes 1-7, Irving Archives, Irving Public Library.

The Krehbiel Family Scrapbooks, 1993-1997, Collection 19, Volumes 1-4, Irving Archives, Irving Public Library.

Scope and Content Note

The Krehbiel Family Scrapbooks consists of four volumes. The scrapbooks are in excellent condition and have been left intact. Two of the volumes, entitled Krehbiel Family Project, document Sigrid, Del, and their son Roger's efforts at litter control and beautification of two neglected areas in the city during the years 1995-1997. The other two volumes are the nomination forms and supporting material that were submitted to the Keep Texas Beautiful board in nominating Sigrid Krehbiel for the O.P. Schnabel Status Citizen Award in 1993 and 1996.

The Krehbiel Family Scrapbooks consist of correspondence and before-and-after photographs relating to the cleanup projects undertaken on a drainage ditch along State Highway 183 and on the grounds of the Jackie Townsell Bear Creek Heritage Center.

The awards scrapbooks consist of copies of correspondence, award certificates, newspaper articles, and photos detailing the work done by Mrs. Krehbiel on litter control and beautification in Irving. These scrapbooks were submitted to the Keep Texas Beautiful board as the nomination form and support material for the O.P. Schnabel Status Citizen Award.

Provenance Statement

The scrapbooks were donated to the Irving Archives by Sigrid and Del Krehbiel in two accessions. Accession 9798-17, the volume on the Highway 183 project, was donated on November 5, 1997. The other three volumes, accession number 9798-22, were donated to the Irving Archives November 12, 1997. The award scrapbooks were put together by the Keep Irving Beautiful coordinator and given to Mrs. Krehbiel after the awards ceremony. Prior to their donation to the Irving Archives, all the scrapbooks were in the possession of Sigrid Krehbiel.

Note to the Researcher

For additional information on the Krehbiels and the Adopt-A-Spot program, please see Collection 18, The Adopt-A-Spot Scrapbooks, 1989-1999. For more information on Mrs. Krehbiel and the Lee Park Aerobic Class, see Collection 23, the Lee Park Aerobic Class Scrapbook, 1977-1982.

Container List

Box 1

Vol. 1 Scrapbooks, 1995-1996

Documentation of reclamation of drainage ditch along the service road of Highway 183 in front of the Irving Plaza Shopping Center.

Vol. 2 Scrapbook, 1996-1997

Documentation of the development of a community garden at the Jackie Townsell Bear Creek Heritage Center and of the reclamation of the surrounding grounds.

Box 2

Vol. 3 Scrapbook, 1993

Entry form and supporting material used for the nomination of Mrs. Krehbiel for the O.P. Schnabel Status Citizen Award.

Vol. 4 Scrapbook, 1996

Entry form and supporting material used for the nomination of Mrs. Krehbiel for the O.P. Schnabel Status Award.