

## 906 W. 5th street

Historic Name: Glen V. & Inez Kraus House. Glen V. Kraus completed the plans for his new home in July of 1935. Constructed in the English style of architecture, its severe lines attract instant attention and its large window and stone trimmed corners give it an old country air of charm. A six room dwelling, it has three bedrooms and bath upstairs. A brick and stone fireplace and a stone hearth are to be found in the living room, and an open porch faces the south. Glen V. Kraus started the Wisconsin Hub Newspaper in Marshfield in 1920, which in 1921 merged with E. S. Bailey's Marshfield News to become the Marshfield Daily News, the city's first daily. In 1927, the paper was sold to the publishers of the News-Herald and in 1929, Krause took over the insurance business of his father, P. J. Kraus.

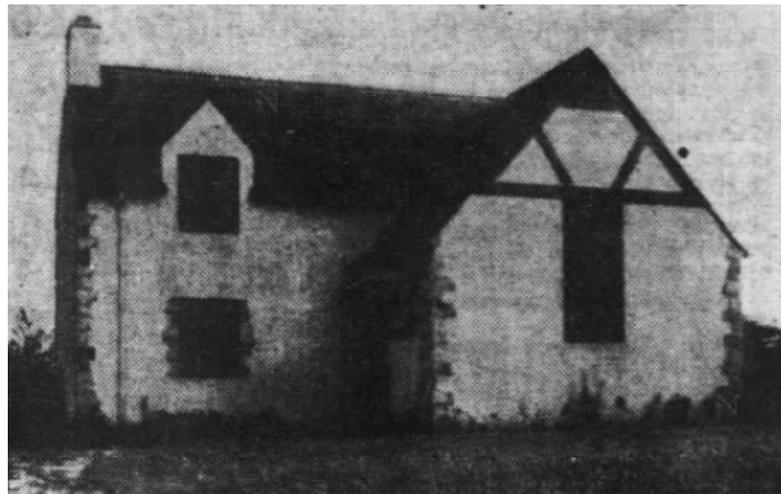


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Glen V. Kraus has completed plans for a new residence to be erected on W. Fifth street.  
*(from Marshfield News-Herald, 27 July 1935, pg. 5)*

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Decidedly distinctive in appearance is the new stucco-covered home of Mr. and Mrs. G. V. Kraus, 806 W. Fifth street. Constructed in the English style of architecture, its severe lines attract instant attention and its few large windows and stone trimmed corners give it an old country air of charm. A six room dwelling, it has three bedrooms and bath upstairs. A brick and stone fireplace and a stone hearth are to be found in the living room, and an open porch faces the south. Hot air heating is combined with one of the new fan cooling systems.  
*(from Marshfield News-Herald, 19 July 1936, pg. 5)*



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## 11-Year-Old Girl Edits Latest City Newspaper

Perhaps not the biggest but certainly one of the liveliest Marshfield newspapers is The West Side Gazette. The first edition hit the streets Friday without much fanfare, but no doubt it will become a fixture in many of the west side homes before much longer.

Editor, circulation and advertising manager of this ambitious new literary effort is 11-year-old Monnie Kraus, 906 W. Fifth street. These duties, of course, are in addition to those of publisher.

Monnie (her right name is Mary but she likes Monnie better) is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. V. Kraus. In the fall she will enter the sixth grade at Our Lady of Peace School.

### Yen to Write

This bright-eyed young newspaper woman said she first got the idea for the project this summer. She added that she always had a yen to write and her own paper seemed to be the answer. Perhaps some of her talents may be inherited as some residents will remember her father as editor of the Marshfield Daily News 22 years ago.

The first edition of the West Side Gazette consisted of two type-written pages containing 24 short stories pertaining to West Side residents. Although Monnie gathers and writes the stories herself, she gratefully acknowledges the contributions of her older sister, Kay, and her father for helping type enough copies to make 28 papers.

However, she said that such aid won't be necessary in the future as the next edition will be put out on a mimeograph "press." The paper will appear weekly, and this Friday she plans to issue 50 papers.

Monnie reports that her paper keeps her busy as it occupies a good part of the day to gather, write, and edit the material. As yet she hasn't decided whether or not to publish during the school year.

Her stories are written in a breezy, chatty style with a warm human touch. For example: "THE STANLEY HIMSELS who recently moved to Madison, returned for a visit of several days to the Augie Keller home, their former residence. MARGARET KELLER WILL RETURN to Madison with them when they leave. Their delayed departure for Madison is because one of the Himsels little boys swallowed a pin."



**EDITOR AND PUBLISHER** Eleven-year-old Monnie Kraus, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. V. Kraus, represents the entire editorial staff of the latest Marshfield newspaper, The West Side Gazette. Monnie says that she always had a yen to write and that her weekly paper seemed to be the best answer. Her first edition of 28 papers, typewritten, hit the streets Friday, but Monnie states from now on the process will be faster through the use of a mimeograph "press."

## **Community Development**

Another, pointing to community development, reads: "LANDSCAPING WORK at Our Lady of Peace Church has been started. Grounds have been leveled and seeded to grass, and what the sparrows don't get will come up, we hope."

Monnie says she hopes to go to journalism school when she gets older. If she does she will certainly have plenty of experience. It isn't everyone that edits and publishes her own newspaper at the age of 11.

*(from Marshfield News-Herald, 13 July 1949, pg. 5)*

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## **GLENN V. KRAUS**

Glenn V. Kraus, 906 W. Fifth St., is making his first bid for public office as a candidate for the Board of Education.

He was born in Marshfield March 1, 1893, and attended local schools, graduating from McKinley High School in 1910. He taught school at Shields. N. D., for a year and obtained his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Wisconsin in 1916.

Kraus engaged in newspaper work in Chicago until April, 1917, when he enlisted in the Marine Corps, serving two years with the Second Marine Division and being discharged in May, 1919, to return to newspaper work in Chicago and its suburbs.



*Glenn V. Kraus*

He came back to Marshfield in 1920, purchased the Marshfield Times, a weekly, and published it as the Wisconsin Hub until the following year when it was merged with E. S. Bailey's Marshfield News, another weekly, and the city's first daily, the Marshfield Daily News, was founded.

The daily was sold to the present publishers of the News-Herald in 1927, and Kraus took over the insurance business founded by his father, the late P. J. Kraus, in 1929, a business in which he is still engaged.

Mr. and Mrs. Kraus have two daughters, Catherine, who graduated from the Senior High School here in 1948, and Mary, a freshman at Columbus High.

*(from Marshfield News-Herald, 3 April 1953, pg. 7)*

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## **The Recorder**

- \* **Tribute to Pioneer**
- \* **Native of Wisconsin**
- \* **Co-Founder of Daily**

CAPTIONED "A Life Of Usefulness," is the following editorial tribute to the memory of P. J. Kraus, one of Marshfield's outstanding pioneer businessmen and civic leaders, whose death occurred 25 years ago tomorrow: "When death claims a man who has climbed to a position of importance or wealth, it is customary to appraise his life in terms of success. Yet it is not always possible to say that in his daily pursuits, regardless of his personal success, his work was useful to mankind. Success and usefulness may go hand in hand, but often they do not. P. J. Kraus, who died in Marshfield Thursday, was not only prominent and successful In the community where he spent nearly a half century of his life, but he was useful because he utilized his ability for the sake of his fellow citizens. He served in various public capacities and worked diligently, taking extreme pains to make his efforts conform to the special needs of every problem that confronted him.

"There was probably no public movement projected to the attention of Marshfield residents within the last several decades with which Mr. Kraus was not in some way identified. His activities in the affairs of the city, the county, and the various civic and fraternal organizations of which he was a member was most pronounced. He was an ardent and enthusiastic worker in all he undertook and there was much about his work to bring him into the public eye.

"No recollections of newspaper making in Marshfield would be complete without mention of the name of P. J. Kraus, one of the owners and vice president of The Daily News until its sale to the present publishers, who merged the publication with the Marshfield Herald. Although he took no active part in the conduct of the affairs of the newspaper Mr. Kraus was a frequent contributor to its columns. He was a brilliant writer and delighted in penning articles that dealt with the early history of the community. Mr. Kraus aimed to do what the tenets of the highest idealism pointed out His penchant for doing things himself never lessened. In his particular field he achieved success. He was a model worthy of emulation."

To this we add a personal note: Our memory of Mr. Kraus goes back to the early 90s, and we recall how honored we felt when he met us on the street and tipped his hat, one of the few Marshfield businessmen who greeted little girls in that manner.

"P. J. Kraus, 71, Second Ward representative on the Wood County Board of Supervisors and a pioneer resident of Marshfield, died at 3:15 o'clock this afternoon at St. Joseph's Hospital, where he had been receiving treatment for a chronic illness," was the announcement under the head, EXTRA, in the July 11 News-Herald, which came as a shock to the community, where few realized the serious nature of his ailment. The biography in the July 12 issue reads in part as follows: Peter Joseph Kraus was born January 12, 1858, at Cazenovia, Wisconsin, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kraus. He attended school there until he reached the age of 10 years and then moved with his parents to Muscoda, where he continued his schooling. At an early age he went to Oconomowoc and learned the harness making trade, which he mastered thoroughly. Leaving Oconomowoc a few years later he went to New Haven, Conn., where he completed a commercial course in Yale Business college. He worked in the office of a wholesale grocery firm in New Haven before going on the road as a representative of New York importers.

"He was married Dec. 19, 1882, to Miss Anna K. Viering, the ceremony being performed in a Catholic church at Collinsville, Conn. Shortly thereafter Mr. and Mrs. Kraus moved to Marsh-

field, the former entering the employ of Vollmar & Kraus, dealers in groceries and dry goods. In the summer of 1887, just after the great fire which destroyed most of the city, he formed a partnership with the late I. P. Tiffault, with whom he started a mercantile business in a board shanty on South Central avenue, on the site now occupied by the Cloverland State bank. The little place was occupied but a few months, and in October the firm moved into a new brick building at the corner of Second street and Central avenue.

"Mr. Kraus' partnership with Tiffault continued until the fall of 1891, when the late W. H. Kamps bought out the Interest of Mr. Kraus, who subsequently entered the mercantile business as sole owner. About 22 years ago he disposed of his interests and entered the general insurance business, in which he was engaged until his death. . . In recognition of pre-eminence in activities look toward the betterment of the Mr. Kraus was elected to positions on the common council, the board of education, and the Wood County Board of Supervisors. He served as alderman while residing in the Fifth ward and was clerk of the board of education for nearly a decade. At the time of his death he was rounding out his fourth consecutive year as Second ward representative from Marshfield on the county board, an office he held previously while residing in another part of the city.

"Mr. Kraus was one of the organizers and vice president of The Daily News, Marshfield's first daily paper, which was established in 1921, with the first edition appearing on March 7 of that year. In 1927 the Dally News was sold to its present owners and merged with the Marshfield Herald. . . Mr. Kraus was a charter member of Pine Tree Camp, Modern Woodmen of America, which he served as clerk for the past 26 years; a member of the Catholic Order of Foresters, in which organization he held many offices, including that of chief ranger; a former member of John Eisen Council, Knights of Columbus; a member and former secretary of the Beavers, and a member of the Marshfield Commercial Club."

Also mentioned was the fact that Mr. Kraus was a member of Marshfield's first militia company, known as the Marshfield Light Infantry until it was mustered in as a provisional company of the Wisconsin National Guard Sept. 25, 1889. Among the historical sketches he compiled was one of St. John's parish, published in pamphlet form about 1906. In a lighter vein was a poem written for the Marshfield Times in the early 80s and reprinted in the News-Herald June 24, 1937, telling of the toboggan parties held on East Second street.

Funeral services for Mr. Kraus were held in St. John's Catholic Church July 13, with the Rev. A. J. Dorrenbach officiating at the Requiem High Mass. Burial was made in the family lot at Hillside cemetery. Members of the family listed as survivors 25 years ago, including Mrs. Kraus, a son, two daughters, and two grandsons, are still living, and two granddaughters have been added since then. Mrs. Kraus, who devoted much of her time for years to church and charitable work, as well as being active in educational and social circles, divides her time among her three children, Glenn Viering Kraus, 906 W. Fifth St., Mrs. C. H. Cleland, Lake Geneva, and Mrs. Ray Herzog, Erie, Penn. The son purchased the Marshfield Times in 1920 and published it for a year under the name The Wisconsin Hub, before it was merged with the Marshfield News, and when the first daily paper was founded he became its editor-in-chief. Mrs. Kraus, the former Inez Noll, continues to operate the insurance agency established by P. J. Kraus. Their family includes two daughters, Katherine, who graduated from the Senior High

School here in 1948, and Mary, a student at Columbus High School. Mr. Kraus was elected a member of the Board of Education April 7, 1953.  
(from *Marshfield News-Herald*, 10 July 1954, pgs. 1 and 7)

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## **Illness Fatal to Glenn V. Kraus**

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### **Rites Tuesday for Local Businessman**

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Glenn V. Kraus, co-founder of Marshfield's first daily newspaper and prominent in the insurance business here, died at 2:45 p. m. Saturday at his home at 906 W. Fifth St. He was 61 years old.

He had been ill with cancer for the past year, undergoing an operation at Wisconsin General Hospital in April. On Nov. 29 he submitted his resignation from the Board of Education, due to his failing health.

Funeral rites will be conducted at Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church Tuesday at 9:30 a. m. Ministers of the Solemn Requiem High Mass will be the Rev. William Spalding, Green Bay, celebrant; the Rev. James R. Lane, deacon; and the Rev. Constant Chilicki, subdeacon. Burial will take place at Hillside cemetery, where Lesselyong-Sadowska Post 54, American Legion, will conduct military rites.



(*News-Herald Photo*)  
Glenn V. Kraus

Friends may call at the Rembs Funeral Home, where a Catholic Daughters of America rosary service will be conducted at 4 p. m. today, a Columbus High School rosary at 6:50 p. m., an Elks Lodge of Sorrow at 7:30 o'clock this evening, and a general rosary service at 8 o'clock. Two services were conducted Sunday evening, by the Knights of Columbus at 7:30 o'clock and the Rosary Society at 8.

Mr. Kraus was a member of the Fourth Degree Assembly, Knight of Columbus, a member of the Holy Name Society of Our Lady of Peace Church, and a member of the Elks and American Legion.

Born in Marshfield March, 1, 1893, Glenn V. Kraus was the son of Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Kraus. His father died in 1929. He attended local schools, graduating from McKinley High School in 1910. After teaching at Shields, N. D., for a year, he obtained his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Wisconsin in 1916.

He was engaged in newspaper work in Chicago until April, 1917, when he enlisted in the Marine Corps. Serving for two years with the Second Marine Division, he was seriously wounded during the battle of Chateau Thierry. Upon his discharge in May, 1919, he resumed newspaper work in Chicago and its suburbs.

In 1920 he returned to his native community and purchased the Marshfield Times, a weekly,

publishing it as the Wisconsin Hub for a year until it was merged with E. S. Bailey's Marshfield News, another weekly, to found the city's first daily, the Marshfield Daily News.

Mr. Kraus married the former Inez Noll at Sacred Heart Catholic Church here Oct. 27. 1923.

The Daily News was sold to the present publishers of the News-Herald in 1927, and in 1929 Mr. Kraus took over the insurance business founded by his father and was active in that business until his last illness.

Seeking political office for the time in April 1953 he was elected to the Board of Education for a three-year term. Fellow members of the board last week accepted his resignation "with regret."

He is survived by his wife and daughters, Katherine and Mary both at home; his mother. Mrs. P. J. Kraus, Marshfield; and two sisters, Mrs. C. H. (Genevieve) Cleland, Lake Geneva, and Mrs. Ray (Calla) Herzog, Erie, Pa.

*(from Marshfield News-Herald, 20 December 1954, pgs. 1 and 18)*

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### **Mrs. P. J. Kraus Dies at Age 94**

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#### **Funeral Services To Be Saturday**

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Mrs. P. J. Kraus, one of the few remaining men and women who had seen virtually the whole span of Marshfield's growth and development, died this morning of complications at the home of her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Inez Kraus, 906 W. Fifth street. She was 94 years of age.

Funeral services will be held in Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church at 10:30 a.m. Saturday with the Rev. Robert Hagenbarth officiating. Burial will be made in a family plot in Hillside cemetery.

The body will repose at the Rembs Funeral Home beginning Friday noon. A general rosary service will be held there at 8:15 Friday evening.

The former Anna Viering was born April 23, 1864, in Collinsville, Conn., where she was married in the Catholic church on Dec. 19, 1882 to the late P. J. Kraus.

Shortly after their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Kraus moved to Marshfield, the former entering the employ of Vollmer and Kraus General Store.

In the summer of 1887, following the fire which destroyed most of the community, Mr. Kraus formed a partnership with the late I. P. Tiffault, with whom he started a mercantile business in a board shanty on Central Avenue. Later the business was transferred to a new building at the corner of Second street and Central avenue.

Mr. Kraus entered the insurance business in 1909 and continued to operate the firm until his death in 1929. He also served the city as an alderman, school board member and member of the Wood County Board of Supervisors.

The only son of Mrs. Kraus, the late Glenn V. Kraus, was co-founder of Marshfield's first daily newspaper and was prominent in the insurance business until his death in 1954.

In late years, Mrs. Kraus alternately made her home in Marshfield with her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Inez Kraus, and with two daughters, Mrs. Ray (Calla) Herzog, Erie, Pa., and Mrs. C. H. (Genevieve) Cleland, Lake Geneva, all of whom survive her. Other survivors are four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by two daughters, one son, one brother and four sisters.  
*(from Marshfield News-Herald, 25 September 1958, pg. 16)*

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## **KNOW YOUR NEIGHBOR**

### **Mrs. Inez Kraus**

Mrs. Inez Kraus operates an insurance agency which has been in the family more than half a century and which, she proudly states; still represents some of the companies with which the late Peter J. Kraus started on May 15, 1909.

Mrs. Kraus, whose maiden name was Noll, was born Aug. 1, 1894, in Marshfield. She attended St. John's School and graduated from McKinley High School here, attended the Sinsinawa girls' school near Dubuque, Iowa, a year, then finished her school at the University of Wisconsin, where she received a BA degree in physical education in 1917.

She taught physical education for six years at such varied places as southern Wisconsin, the Valley. City, N. D., Teachers College and the University of Puerto Rico.

She returned to Marshfield to marry Glenn Viering Kraus Oct. 27, 1923. They bought his father's insurance business in July, 1929, and she bought her husband's interest in 1955. He died Dec. 18, 1954. Four years ago she took her older daughter, Catherine Ann, into partnership with her.

Another daughter, Mary Margaret, is a Franciscan Sister at St. Rose's Convention La Crosse.

Mrs. Krause who lives at 906 W. Fifth St., is treasurer of the Fortnightly Music Club, a past president of the Business and Professional Women's Club, a former member of the Marshfield Woman's Club and is a charter member and first president of the Catholic Daughters of Amer-



*(News-Herald Photo)  
Mrs. Inez Kraus*

ica chapter.

She is also a member of the Rosary Society at Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church, the Independent Insurance Agents Association and the Central Wisconsin Life Underwriters.

In keeping with her athletic schooling, she enjoys horseback riding, skating and swimming. Traveling is another hobby and she has started a collection of old violins, an instrument she has played since her youth.

*(from Marshfield News-Herald, 31 January 1964, pg. 3)*

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### **Mrs. Glenn V. Kraus**

Mrs. Glenn V. (Inez) Kraus, 89, of 906 W. Fifth St. died at 6:30 p.m. Monday at her home of a heart condition. The Rembs/Kundinger Chapel is handling arrangements. The obituary will be published Wednesday.

*(from Marshfield News-Herald, 18 October 1983, pg. 18)*

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### **Mrs. Glenn V. Kraus**

Services for Mrs. Glenn V. (Inez N.) Kraus, 89, of 906 W. Fifth St. who died at 6:30 p.m. Monday at her home will be held at Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church on Thursday at 1:30 on Thursday. Visitation will take place at noon Thursday and continue until service time.

The former Inez N. Noll was born Aug. 1, 1894 in Marshfield, to the late Mr. and Mrs. William (Catherine Sturm) Noll. She attended St. John's Parochial School and graduated from McKinley High School in 1913, attended the Sinsinawa girls' school near Dubuque, Iowa, for a year and then attended the University of Wisconsin-Madison, where she received a BA degree in physical education in 1917.

After graduating from college she was the physical education instructor for six years in southern Wisconsin, later Valley City, S.D. Teachers College and then at the University of Puerto Rico. She returned to Marshfield in 1923 and was married to Glenn V. Kraus on Oct. 27, 1923 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

The couple purchased his father's insurance business in July 1929. Prior to entering the insurance business, Mr. Kraus was the co-founder of Marshfield's first daily newspaper. After the death of her husband on Dec. 18, 1954, Mrs. Kraus operated the business. Four years later her daughter, Catherine Ann Kraus entered into partnership, and on Jan. 1, 1978 the Kraus Insurance Agency was sold.



*(News-Herald Photo)  
Mrs. Glenn V. Kraus*

Mrs. Kraus was a member of Our Lady of Peace Parish, the Parish Council of Catholic Women, and a charter member and first president of the Catholic Daughters of America Chapter. She was a former member and treasurer of the Fortnightly Music Club, a former member of the Marshfield Business and Professional Women's Club, having served as president from 1957-58, a former member of the University of Wisconsin Half-Century Club and the Alumni Association, and a former member of the Independent Insurance Agents Association and the Central Wisconsin Life Underwriters.

Survivors include two daughters, Catherine Ann Kraus of Marshfield and Mary Margaret Kraus, Bob Jones University, Greenville, S.C.; and one sister, Mrs. Lucille Normington of Beloit.

She was also predeceased by four brothers and one sister.

Memorials are requested to the Marshfield Medical Foundation or the Marshfield Infant Rehabilitation Center Inc., 212 E. Third St.

*(from Marshfield News-Herald, 19 October 1983, pg. 20)*

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For additional information on this home check:

Property Records of Marshfield, Wood County, Wisconsin:

<http://assessordata.org/reports/6984216880563.pdf>

Wisconsin Historical Society's Architecture and Inventory:

<https://www.wisconsinhistory.org/Records/Property/HI55556>