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SHAMBAUGH FAMILY NEWS-LETTER

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EIGHT YEARS AGO the first News Letter made its appearance. A total of fifty issues have been prepared and mailed from then until now. World War II got in the way of and then stopped the Letter altogether. Now, at the request of those gathered at Upper Sandusky in the Fourth National Reunion, we begin a new series with the promise of issues as material is made available. We begin this first issue with the minutes of the Fourth National Reunion business meeting as given to us by past-president F A Leightey who with his good wife made of that Reunion such a success. We acknowledge a most pleasant visit from Mr and Mrs Leightey during which time we discussed many things having to do with the News Letter and with the organization that sponsors it. We will discuss these matters from time to time.

THE FOURTH NATIONAL SHAMBAUGH REUNION was held at Wyandot County Fair Grounds. The president, F A Leightey, was in charge. The place decided for the next Reunion was with the Loudonville group at Ashland Brookside Park. It was voted on to hold the National Reunion on the Sunday preceeding Labor Day. Sam Shambaugh of Ashland was elected president of the National Reunion. Floyd Shambaugh was elected vice-president with Mrs Guy Portner elected to the position of secretary+ treasurer. It was suggested that we let the News Letter know about deaths in the family. It was suggested that we put the names of our father or mother of the Shambaugh line on the register. A committee was elected to editand compile the monthly News Letter. Harry Gleim was selected as editor with Mrs Harry Gervin and Mrs Lois Castleberry as co-editors. Mrs Harry Gervin was appointed to receive sub scriptions for the News Letter and to forward same to Mr. Gleim. The rate was set at \$1.00 per year. The National secretary read the minutes of the Third National Reunion and they were approved. H F Gurthrie and Mrs Lois Castleberry were both unable to attend because of illness. Regrets were received from Mr and Mrs Harry Gleim, Hardy, Nebr., Mrs R H Dick of Chester, Pa., Miss Junia Shambaugh of Wash- ington, D C., Mrs Arthur L Shambaugh of Republic, Ohio and Wm C Trachsel of Akron Ohio, besides many others. A collection of \$20.15 was taken which was \$8.00 more than necessary to pay expenses. This balance was forwarded to the News Letter. There were about 160 people present. Another Reunion was a success.

DURING THE MONTH OF DECEMBER we sent out a letter to 100 members of the Shambaugh clan asking for items and news. There were eight responses. Unless we do better than this it is going to be difficult to make a monthly letter, even if we do plan to continue our series on Family History as a part of the letter.

Rev. Wm F Switzer, 732 Harrison, Gary, Indiana expresses his pleasure at the renewal of the News Letter and writes- " I have personally known seven who were born Shambaughs and not one of them thought of himself more highly than he ought to think!, but obeyed the Scriptures. They were all endowed with good common sense and were good citizens. I think Adam Shambaugh was one of the most gifted men I ever know. He was a preacher, an editor, a doctor, a carpenter, a cabinet maker and a printer. He loved the United Brethren Church and gave of his means and talents to its promotion. My father said that he never saw Adam make an unprofitable stroke with an axe. He was sure that he was right and went ahead." Rev. Switzer was 91 years old on January 21. He is undoubtedly our oldest living member of the clan.

Mrs Teresa Boyd, 745 So. 6th St., Coshocton, Ohio says she is thankful that she has not been forgotten and that the News Letters are on again. " I can not write very much, I am so nervous and my eyes are in such bad shape." Mrs Boyd will be 89 years old on Feb. 18. She is an inmate of the Old Ladies Home in Coshocton and in spite of " that awful arthritis in my knees" is still able to be about to write us letters. She would be very glad to hear from any of you. So, also, would Rev. Switzer.

Mrs Nina B. Hauptli, Downs, Kansas, a descendant of John Shambaugh of the Lancaster County line is most interested in a revived News Letter. She tells us of the marriage of her son, Frederick James Hauptli to Evelyn June Rood, which event took place September 1, 1947

Mrs Grace S Black, Baldwin, Kansas, whom many of you will remember for her story of life in the home of a pioneer Methodist preacher sends us a line. She and her sister, Mrs. Mary Martin, live in the old Showalter homestead at the edge of Baldwin where we visited them in 1946. In her letter she speaks of her nephew Dale Martin and his family telling us " The children are building a home here on the place. Will be in it soon. They have a new boy four months old. It is the same old story. He came ' trailing clouds of glory' from heaven, and we are feeling the wonder of it again. Larry is growing in every way (you should see that boy! Mrs Gleim and I wanted to steal him! "

Mrs C C Kirkland, (Ulla), 4514 Royal Ave., Jacksonville, Fla says " I enjoy reading the News Letters altho so seldom I know ones mentioned.. Our son, Tom, is located at Orlando, Fla and is a member of the law firm of Rodgers and Kirkland. He has a son, Thomas Robert who was four years old on Nov. 10th and a daughter, Joan Stewart, who was one year old on April 1st. My brother Cloy (C D Shambaugh) had an eye operation this fall for cataract and is doing wonderfully well!" She also tells us of the continued illness of Harry Shambaugh of Eau Gallie, Fla whom some of you may remember as the writer of the old song, " The Rose is the Flower for Me."

Mrs L E Lee, Bonner Springs, Kansas sends us a line advising us that her sister, Mrs M Opal Fore is back again on the staff of the Clarinda State Hospital at Clarinda, Iowa and that her mother, Mrs Emma Zimmerman, who will be 87 years old on Feb. 2d is also living in Clarinda where she can be addressed at 302 No. 15th Street. These older members of our clan will be happy to have your letters.

Mrs Clara Creal Morrison, East Springfield, Ohio tells us of a recent trip to Colorado during which time she visited the Wibles families at Canon City and at Dodge City. She also tells us that Mr and Mrs Chas Cogsil have a granddaughter born to Mr and Mrs James Litzenberg of Lamartine on Aug. 14, 1947- that a son was born to Mr and Mrs Paul Spikor of Scio on Dec. 26, 1947, and that Henry A. Estabrook, husband of Winnie Tipton Estabrook of Bolvidone, Calif died June 2, '47

Mrs ELMA ROSS, Arlington, Iowa, secretary of the Fayette Co. Shambaugh group sends us the last letter in this mail bag. Her family news concerns Mrs C N Shambaugh of Eureka, Kansas and Mr and Mrs Scott Gundlach of Aurora, Iowa. Elma although much past the age when school teachers like to wrestle with country schools in Iowa is still teaching Young America the three R's.

IN CONCLUSION- if we are to have a News Letter you will have to send us your family news. Lot's got acquainted all over again.

Yarrow (1969) Orlando, Florida