

SHAMBAUG FAMILIES - NEWS - LETTER

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LeRoy and Madeline Shambach, Middleburg, Penn., 17842

We have been having cool weather all through April and very little rain. We must have worked at least five weeks without losing a day on account of rain. We had some rain this week. Probably about one inch in all, which we sure needed. (Ed. - We had over 3 inches in all.)

Madeline and I are quite well and so are all our families and real busy as usual. It seems we like many other people, are on a treadmill going real fast but going nowhere.

We had a very nice vacation this winter. We left home Jan. 3rd and returned home March 4th just in time for a good old severe snow storm and were snow bound for a few days. We drove 8500 miles on the trip. Started out by going to Florida for a few days and then headed west stopping over in San Antonio, Texas to visit friends there then on to Arizona. Went to Tombstone, Tucson, Scottsdale etc. but spent most of our time in Phoenix. We spent about 4 weeks there and the weather was just wonderful. We did manage to get into the Los Angeles, Calif. area on Feb. 8th and were just in time for the earth quake the morning of Feb. 9th, a day I'm sure many people will always remember. We sure were shook up some and will not deny that we were just a little bit scared! We visited some friends in the Los Angeles area and took in the usual tourist attractions, having a lovely time there.

We also spent a little over a week in Albuquerque, New Mexico and then returned home and are now reminiscing the whole trip all over again and the wonderful and lovely time we had.

Well, what we are all looking forward to now is the Nat. Shambaugh Reunion down Georgia way and again meeting all those nice people that we get to meet only once a year. I am sure that the time and effort of getting there is worth it all and then there are the beautiful memories that linger on long after we return home.

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Mrs. Harry A. Gervin, Sr., P. O. Box #347, Gatlinburg, Tenn. 37738

I received cards from many people, especially in the West and Penn., whom I could not place, either in you line or mine. Many had messages, giving me some family data. Some I hope to be able to write before long and give them some added information or straighten out a quirk or two. Also to ask them for some information, which I think I can add to what I have, to our mutual interest.

I received many gifts that were quite useful and lovely. I've received 124 cards, several telegrams and telephone calls. I had many cards from three generations of kin I had met at their reunions before our National Shambaugh Society became organized. It was all so very thrilling. I knew Mary Alice was planning something special for my birthday, but I had no idea of the immensity of it all! To say I enjoyed it all and appreciated everything that was done for me, is putting it mildly!!

I received a placque from Dr. S.I.G. Shambaugh as coordinator of Shambaughs International, honoring me and expressing appreciation to me, Cleo Shambaugh Gervin, for dedicated service in Genealogical Research.* I was quite surprised and pleased to be so honored.

Also, please express my deep appreciation to all the wonderful Shambaugh kin, (these families certainly have a warm spot in my heart) for remembering me so very kindly on my 80th birthday. I shall treasure always every lovely card, message and thought which prompted them. I wish I were able to thank every person who so graciously remembered me, but I am not well enough to undertake the writing of personal notes to all. May God bless you all for sending me so many tokens of affection. Would love to know all of you personally. Thank you very, very much.

P.S. Last night, May 3, 1971, was the coldest one recorded for the date. It was 24 degrees at 7:25 A.M.

Mary Alice writes, April 15th - -We had near 70 people to call. Most were kindred but they came from as far away as Birmingham, Ala. We served from about 6:30 p.m. until after 10:30 - using most of these big sheet cakes. We had music and singing from opera to Church of God (speed). But all was enjoyed. Auntie and I were still up (near 2:00 a.m.) reading her cards and chatting. She had to go back home this morning but her day and night was one that she will never forget.

Mrs. Kermit Whan, Avilla, Ind., 46710

Hi, greetings from Avilla, Ind. We are fine. Dick and Paul and their families are fine busy and happy. Grand kids growing like weeds. Heard from our daughter Janis (Mrs. Jim Groll) Mesa, Arizona. They too are fine, and are planning a trip back to Indiana and home in July. We are thrilled. Weather is some what settled now. Oats are all out, a lot of plowing done for soybeans and corn. Daffodils, tulips, and the apricot trees are in full bloom, a sure sign of spring. Today I watched a robin building a nest in a tree not far from my kitchen window. How I will enjoy her. Best wished to all the cousins.

Mrs. Pearl M. Shambaugh, 120 W. Walnut St., Titusville, Pa., 16354

We enjoy reading the News Letter altho the folks mentioned do not seem to be in the same line as our family.

We are members of the United Methodist Church and busy and active there. We are also active in the Masons and their affiliate organizations. Robert Sr. is a 32nd degree member. Jr. belongs to Demolay. Daughter Sharon and I spent a portion of last summer touring Europe and visiting relatives in England. She is teaching near Rome, New York and enjoying it very much.

Our son Robert Jr. has been in Viet Nam since last June. He sent a clipping to us about the passing of the 4-H founder Jessie Field Shambaugh which follows:

A principal founder of the 4-H clubs in the United States, Jessie Field Shambaugh, 89, died in a hospital here (Clarinda, Iowa) Friday after suffering a fall.

Mrs. Shambaugh organized a 3-H group in Page County, where she taught, in 1900. The 3-H stood for head, hands and heart. Then in 1913 "health" was added to the group and it became 4-H

She served as a national advisor to 4-H groups.

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Margaret (Kuhn) Erb, 553 Railroad St., Danville, Pa., 17821

March 8, 1971

Hello to Shambaugh News! Just received my letter today. Sure has been interesting to read your letters. But there are a lot more Shambaughs in Pa. I am the eldest granddaughter of Harriet Jane (Shambach) Getz and the oldest of Mary Vincent Kuhn, twelve children.

I had six of my own, and now have eleven grand children the same as our editor. I had hoped to get to the reunion last year but just couldn't make it with the Offices my husband and I held last year.

Will try again this year. We are campers and have traveled far. Last year we climbed the highest Mts. in the East and sailed the rolling seas. In New England states we also visited a son in Conn. where he is teaching school, and has the largest and most active ski club in the East. Has 250 members this year.

In May I will be flying to Oklahoma City for Supreme White Shrine. I will be installed as Worthy Hi Priestess of Rugged Cross Shrine #39 one week before. A busy year ahead. I hope we can make it to Rossville.

My brothers and sisters and families hold a reunion each year, this year we will be going to Berlin, N. J. A sister there has charge of the Reunion this year. We number over 100 now. Quite a few of us are campers. When the time comes we will spend the weekend in N.J.

Say Hello to the Palmer Getzes in Upper Sandusky for us. We have been to see them several times. I hear they are still working at their new home.

It wasn't until we had our family thru college that we were able to get to Ohio. Uncle Grover Getz and Aunt Grace were responsible for us to get to Ohio and learn that there were as many of the Getz family in Ohio as in Pa.

Now learning of all the Shambaughs. I guess there is a lot more to learn.

I am looking forward to the time when we can start on one long vacation and hunt up some of the relatives. We have been to Key West, Fla., San Antonio, Texas, and Lorado, N. Mex. Also Upper peninsula of Michigan and many fplaces along the way. My husband and I love to travel.

P. S. - It was interesting to know that the Shambaughs were the founders of 4-H. The club that has done so much for youths. We raised our family in town, were Scouts, both boy and girl scouts.

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Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fortney, 165 Dice Rd., Galion, Ohio 44833

March 12, 1971

We spent this winter in Ohio, the-first for several years. Fred spent a week in mid-October in the hospital and since then spends most of his time in bed. Ruth is a grandmother now and since another generation had been added, we great grandparents seem much older. Anne Beatrice Lee was born Feb. 12th in Reno, Nev. The News Letter keeps us informed about those whom we have known. Writing is quite a chore for some of us.

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Mrs. Frank (Ethel Gleim) Seeley, 516-20th St. S.E., Mason City, Iowa 50401

Was glad to send Cleo a card on her 80th birthday. Harry Gleim used to speak of her often. She has the same birthdate as our son William, who is 50. I was 80 last Sept.

William gave me a wonderful birthday party. It was a surprise and really a surprise! He had invited both his Church people and where we attend. He took us out to dinner, and when we got back every one was here. I have enjoyed that birthday party every since.

I don't know if any of our recent births have been reported of not, but our oldest grandson has had 2 sons, - Franklin Henry Myler, also Gregory Myler. Also our granddaughter, who married Gary Rosauer, has had 2 children, Todd and Sara. I don't know just how old any of them are or when their birthdays are, but they are four pretty wonderful great grand children. Brian Myler and wife and children live in Columbus, Ohio, and Gary and Barbara live in Cedar Falls Iowa. Not to far but what I get to see them often.

I am living here alone, William comes every weekend to preach at a little Church about 16 miles from here. I look forward to his coming.

Mrs. Frank Seeley cont'd.

Frank W. Seeley, 80, of Mason City, Iowa, passed away Jan. 22, 1971. Born Nov. 14, 1890, the son of Harry E. and Mae L. (Wood) Seeley. He was graduated from Grady High School and attended Upper Iowa College.

He married Ethel N. Gleim June 30, 1914 in Arlington, Iowa. (Ethel was a sister of Harry Gleim, former N-L editor) Mr. Seeley worked for Western Grocery Co. before working for Mason City Monument Co.

He is survived by his wife, and one daughter, Mrs. Derwin (Elizabeth) Myer, Spencer, Iowa, two sons, William H., Minneapolis, Minn. and Clyde R., Ferrum, Va.; six grand-children; four great grand children; three sister, Mrs. W.A. (Bessie) Gage, Stanwood, Mich., Mrs. R. L. (Hazel) Ainsworth, Waterloo, Iowa, and Mrs. V.S. (Dorothy) Rawson, Las Cruces, N. M. and one brother, George, Cedar Rapids. He was preceded by one sister.

A member of the First Church of Christ, services were held at the Major-Erickson Funeral Home with Rev. Elmer Hodge officiating. Burial in Memorial Park Cemetery.

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Mrs. Hattie Trachsel of Upper Sandusky, Ohio has recently been discharged from the hospital and is now in the Wyandot Manor Convalescent Home here in Upper Sand.

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Mrs. Clifford (Marquerite Shambaugh) Baker, R#4, Wabash, Ind. 46992

We were sorry to have missed the reunion last year, but farmers can't always leave when they would like to. We are hoping to get to go this year.

I have compiled a booklet, "The Ancestral Line and Decendants of Jacob Shambaugh." Anyone wanting a copy, they will be \$1.50 each.

(Ed. Note - I have a copy of Marquerite's booklet and find it very interesting on Shambaugh lines. I know U would enjoy reading a copy too.)

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Mary Alice Dantzler, 1407 McFarland Ave., Rossville, Ga. 30741

Mac's daughter, Jeanene (Shambaugh's) husband Ralph Aaron has returned from his tour of duty in the Navy and they are very happy.

Mac and Polly Shambaugh are living on their little farm below Chickamauga, Ga.

Emily Dantzler Briscoe's husband Jack has gone to Denver, Colorado for a couple of months to do some work. Both her father-in-law, Victor Briscoe and Margaret Alice Dantzler's father are in the hospital.

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ATTENTION!! All Shambaughs - start NOW 2 "fill that old kit bag" and B ready 2 go 2 Rossville, Ga. for the National Reunion 2 B held Sept. 5, 1971. Plans R in progress for a "BIG time in the old town" that day.

Details for lodging, entertainment, and routes available will B in the next issue of the N-L.

Plan 2 B there 4 the Saturday evening get together if possible, 2 meet old and new members again. A short planning session will B held for the reunion.

Officers selected - Mary Alice Dantzler - Pres., Dr. Nona Grapes - Vice Pres., and Sec'y. - Diane Nave.

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Our grandson, Douglas Leightey, was home form San Antonio, Lackland A.F.B. from May 1st to 12th, returning to 306 Security Police Sq. MAC, McCoy A.F.B., Florida 32812

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