

SHAMBAUGH FAMILY NEWS-LETTER

EDITORIAL STAFF—HARRY BLEIM

LOIS SHAMBAUGH CASTLEBERRY

CLED SHAMBAUGH GERVIN

.....
New Series No. 3—A project of the Shambaugh Families Society

.....
March 1948

.....
From the mail bag—

Miss Eva Mary Mahon, 5625 University Ave., Chicago, niece of Dr. George E. Shambaugh who passed away Nov. 30, 1947 sends us a sketch of his life which will appear in an early issue..... From Mrs Mattie Grapes, 732 Selma Ave., Selma, Ala we learn that her daughter, Dr Nona V. Grapes has recovered from a serious fall; that Mrs C C Kirkland of Jacksonville, Florida stopped and visited her and told her that C D Shambaugh's second eye operation had proven a success; she also tells us about her grandchildren, sons of Mrs Carl Hansen of California. She says that Carl Jr who was in the service for five years is now selling insurance in San Francisco and that John is taking a course in photography and sends her some very fine pictures..... Mrs F W Seeley, 516 S E 20 St., Mason City, Iowa tells us that her husband has sold his interest in the farm store that he has held the past two years and is now salesman for a sheet-metal company. She also tells us that all is well with her son, Rev. W H Seeley who is preaching in his old home church in Arlington, R G Shambaugh, 2312 Oakridge Rd., Fort Wayne, Ind., sends his \$1 and says he is surprised to find there are so many Shambaughs all around him, though few of them in Fort Wayne..... Chas Bohart sends us a letter from Mrs B F Shambaugh of Iowa City which will appear in another issue..... From Mrs R R Knoerr, 6330 Clarke Wauwautsa, Wis., we learn that her son, Donald, is giving six months of his time travelling the state of Wisconsin in the interests of the United World Federalists whose aim is to urge the strengthening of the United Nations to a point where it will be more effective in world affairs. Her younger son, Kenneth, is in his second year in college..... Mrs Ira W Shambaugh, Clarinda, Iowa sends us \$5.00 for the News Letter Fund telling us that she has about recovered from her recent illness. She and Ira are quite alone as Wm and his family are in Des Moines and Ruth (Now Mrs Robert Watkins) lives in Los Angeles. We will tell you more about this grand lady in another issue..... F A Leightoy is busy on some new history concerning his grand father which he will give us one of these days unless " the readers have ruled me out of writing anything more for the Letter."..... Mrs Castleberry writes as a letter which encourages us to believe that she is in better health and that she will be able to complete the monumental work she has been doing for us..... Mrs F H Fortney writes as follows about Uncle Henry Guthrie, " He celebrates his 92d birthday while confined in the hospital. The nurses gathered around his bed, sang Happy Birthday, and presented him with a big cake with appropriate decorations. He was so pleased with the beautiful bouquet that Mr and Mrs Sam Shambaugh bought him in the name of the National Shambaugh Family Reunion.....there were other gifts..He was bright and cheerful. On Feb. 23d his left leg was amputated above the knee. He withstood the operation well and was dismissed to the home of his niece at Perrysville on Mar. 10 He moves about in a wheel chair and is quite alert, tho weak!..... The last letter with \$2 comes from A M Shambaugh, 2128 Halleck Ave S W, Seattle, Wn and does he make us jealous! He writes- " We have had carnations and roses in blossom, out of doors, all winter long." While we have never met Archibald we are more than anxious to do so. You see he was born and raised within seven miles from where we are now living and I have talked with folks who knew him as a boy and who still remember the whole family.

Introducing-

KATHERINE BOLT (Mrs Wade Smith Bolt) of Otterbein, Indiana. Mrs Bolt is the daughter of Abraham and Margaret McKinnis Switzer. She was born July 28, 1886 at Otterbein and received her early education there. She attended high school at Lafayette and after graduation there in 1905 attended Northwestern University for two years. On March 6, 1913 she was married to Wade Smith Bolt, son of Robert Henry and Lulu Smith Bolt who was born Nov. 12, 1892 at Otterbein. The Bolts run the Town Hardware at Otterbein (Mr. Ripley, please note.) She is a member of the Otterbein Methodist Church and is a Republican in politics. As to clubs she says, " I have been an active member in clubs but as I help at our store and do the buying I have severed all relations except the Church." The Bolts have one child, Martha Jane, who was married to Gareth Wayne Russell. Mr. Russell " was killed in an auto accident, Jan. 16, 1947 at Weaverville, N C while on business for the Caterpillar Tractor Co of Peroria, Ill., for whom he was district representative. They were then living at Atlanta, Georgia. Mrs. Russell returned to Otterbein with her two children, Barbara Sue aged 10 and Jerry Wayne, age 8 to live with us. She is now employed by Price & Price, Lafayette, Ind., owners of National Homes, manufacturers of prefabricated houses. James and George Price are grandsons of Rhoda Darby, ma cousin, and a Shambaugh descendant."

Genealogy:-Abraham, Catherine Shambaugh, Rev. Adam, Jacob, George II, George of Lancaster County.

-- Thus we begin our series of biographical sketches. To date we have sixteen who have returned the completed blanks. Don't mislay yours. Send them in.

Mrs Castelborry says-----

SHAMBAUGHS ARE ALL TRAVELLERS

Having reported for my books on the travels of all the older generations, I now record a few of today. Perhaps you readers will know a part of them, or you may be planning a trip for yourself-- if so write for suggestions! At least I trust you will be interested in what your distant cousins are doing since the War is over! Houston is the fastest growing city in the world and holds records on so many other firsts that it naturally appeals to a lot of people who plan their long drives accordingly. (Memo to the Houston Chamber of Commerce- please send this editor a folder about your city.) A year ago my brother Will's widow, Carrie, spent the winter here with her son, my brother and me, always a delightful guest. In March, Carrie's oldest daughter and husband, Mr and Mrs Alvin Meyer of Van Meter, Iowa drove down. For over a week it was hectic for every one. A full car even drove an extra thousand miles to see our fine Valley. Carrie went home with them. Soon a nephew, Major Gordon Shambaugh of Iowa, was discharged from the Dental Corps at San Antonio after 5½ years. His family and another drove their trailer-houses over here on the first lap for a brief visit; then on to Florida, getting a long sight-seeing tour in before finally settling down to business in a small town near Gordon's home. Early in the Spring a daughter of an Ohio cousin but who lives in San Antonio, also came over and we were happy to meet this charming relative. She belongs to the Finnicum family at New Rumley.

Proving that we are not partial to our own half of the Tree, Mr and Mrs Burch dropped in on us for a happy surprise. She is a daughter of Ira Shambaugh at Wabash he a cousin of Joe. They live several miles outside of the city as Mr. Burch has a fine job with one of our big Oil Refineries. Next a niece and her husband, Mr and Mrs Leonard Douglas of Riverside, Calif. halted here a few days with relatives of both while on their way to the East Coast. Travelled 9,000 miles through 30 of our states and crossed the borders of Canada and Mexico. One Saturday night last spring I received a phone call from Lehman Lynwood Shambaugh of Oakley, Ill. It was not a complete surprise as I had corresponded with his grandfather, Harry L. who had urged him to see me at the first opportunity. Lynwood served with the Merchant Marine

(Continued on page three)

during the War, young as he was. We put in hours of rapid talking and driving that night and all day Sunday. It was more of a surprise to again hear his voice at Christmas as his grandfather, whom he adores, had loaned him the car to take his younger brother and a friend on a quick vacation trip while school was out. The stay was short but not a second was lost. He is the friendliest boy I ever met. I wonder if Mrs Dick understands that Harry L. (who made a hit at the last Reunion) is a third son of Philip A. Shambaugh who moved to Illinois so many years ago. Philip A was ninth child of Philip II, while her ancestor, Levi, was the tenth. What a small world this is, after all.

Another pleasant surprise in the spring was the arrival of Mr and Mrs Ralph Roland of Solinsgrove, Pa. She is of the other half being cousin of Prof. John E. of Bonora, Jesse Y. of Harrisburg, Prof. Frank E. of Iykens, sister to Donald of Cleveland, all of whom I know. What a wonderful group they make. Mr and Mrs Rohland were just as delightful as I expected, judging from a long correspondence. They were on the way to L A and a drive up the Coast, hunting relatives in North Dakota, etc; their first long trip was reported to be a complete success. In October, Mr and Mrs Chas M. Minard of Canton, O arrived here on the return part of their trip through all the Western States, visiting and sight-seeing everywhere but staying longest with her nephew in L A. They got to meet many, if not all, of our California relatives. Their 8,350 miles without the slightest mishap seems remarkable in a far-from-new car and at their age. Myrtle is one of my many double-second-cousins whom we saw in 1939 and 1941. They are two of the most cheerful of people to whom the world has been kind. But why not- they are kind to everyone they know and deserve these pleasant older years. We ended their stay by going with them to Alexandria, Ia to visit another cousin- Mrs Leonard Mundis.

In January 1948 we had the opportunity of meeting others, Mr and Mrs Leightey. Mr. Leightey of Upper Sandusky, Ohio, is my third cousin being descended from John brother of my great-grandfather, George III. Both settled at New Rumley in 1817 but John later moved to Carroll County. The Leightey's left home with just one purpose of visiting and Gleims and Houston; on return trip they stopped to see Guys in Ga and Mrs Gerwin in Knoxville. We enjoyed them very much and appreciate their help in the John section. It had stood at 460 total for so very long. Now we have many new names and corrections and await others. The old people had worked hard to prepare data last year to bring their records to date. But they need younger assistance Mrs Clara Creal Morrisson and Mrs Cogsil both belong to this family and the Leighteys are added to our personal friends.

Among other Shambaughs who travel a great deal is the nephew, Russell Shambaugh, who has lived in Houston many years but has just sold his home (\$12,000 cash) and moved to a county seat 115 miles north where his wife will be with her folks. He is an insurance man and now serves as a teacher sent out by the head office in N Y. to train salesmen all through the South. Goes to NYC twice a year and the past year had one school in L A. One of his brothers lives in N Y and he and his wife spent their vacation in L A with still another younger brother. A nephew in Riverside, Calif took a well-earned vacation after serving in Govtl office during the War and spent two months with wife and two small daughters in the mountains of Oregon. As they had a mile of beach by their camp to call their own, they had complete relaxation. Said they could catch enough fine fish in an hour to give them all they could eat for a day. Another type of travel. Know that men will wish they were here right now to attend the Houston Fat Stock Show and Rodeo. Of course Gene Autrey is one attraction. This display of 7,500 entries is second only to the Chicago International and lasts 16 days. A check came in advance for \$12,500 as a first bid on whatever was chosen to be tops. Characteristic of how things are done here in Texas. They expect 400,000 visitors- but I will keep my distance (Mrs C. how many visitors DID they really have ?)

(Completed on page 4)

(3-15-38)- Since I wrote you the other letter we have had still other guests- Mr and Mrs Ralph Tinsley of Ashland, O. After spending other winters in Florida for her health, they decided on our Valley this year and will be back next Fall. Like it down here very much. Alza's mother, Margaret Walter Leiby, was first-cousin to Uncle Henry Gurthie, both being grandchildren of Catherine Shambaugh Walter. She was a sister of John and George who settled at Ferrysville; she arrived in Ohio after spending several years in New York where her husband died. The Tinsleys are grand people and we will be glad to see them any time.

Mrs Castloberry adds these two items..

Laura Finnicum Smith of Jewett, Ohio passed on Nov. 26, 1947 at the age of 85½. She is survived by one brother and one sister. We lived with Laura the 11 days she spent in that community in 1939. The only one left in the older generation now is Aunt Laura Shambaugh who will be 90 on Feb. 22, 1948, she the widow of my youngest Uncle.

We have three new babies in brother Will's family. Sgt Robert is now settled in Ann Arbor and there a son, Gregory Randall, was born in October; Ralph in Winterset, Iowa has a second, Michael Paul; Dorothy Moyer's oldest daughter had her first in August, Nancy Jane Bucklow, ninth in her generation making three who have now reached that honor in our group, and 46 of them in the George III group.

(And still another item)- Mrs Jess L. Messenger of Brush, Colo recently visited her two sons here in Houston; Lt. Darl married a Houston girl during the War, and has a baby. Keith is still single and working at Shell Refining Co. He graduated at Annapolis during the War.

.....
GEORGE ELMER SHAMBAUGH, for many years Professor and head of the department of Otolaryngology at Rush Medical College, Chicago, died at Wesley Memorial Hospital, November 30, aged 78, of cancer of the lungs.

Dr. Shambaugh was born in Iowa, Nov. 15, 1869, and graduated from the University of Pennsylvania Department of Medicine, Philadelphia in 1895. He then did post-graduate work for two years at the University of Berlin and the University of Vienna and on his return became instructor in anatomy at the University of Chicago in 1900, where he carried on research.

Dr Shambaugh was professor and head of the department of otolaryngology at Rush Medical College from 1916 until 1935, when he became clinic professor emeritus, and was otologist and laryngologist to the Presbyterian Hospital, Chicago, from 1902 until 1935. His eminence in this specialty was attested by his election to be president of the American Otological Society, the American Laryngological Society, the Chicago Laryngological and Otological Society and the Institute of Medicine of Chicago. He was a member of numerous other scientific societies including the American Laryngological, Rhinological and Otological Society, the Chicago Medical Society and the American College of Surgeons. Dr Shambaugh was a founder and later an honorary member of the American Board of Otolaryngology. He was secretary of the Section on Laryngology and Otology of the American Medical Association from 1908 to 1911, chairman of the section in 1911-12, and a member of the House of Delegates in 1916. Dr Shambaugh was chief editor of the Archives of Otolaryngology, from the time it was established in 1925 until 1937, at which time the board of trustees of the American Medical Association tendered him its utmost appreciation for his contribution to the advancement of the Archives. Dr Shambaugh was eminent as a scientist and outstanding as a leader in the advancement of his specialty. As an educator, a practitioner and a contributor to research he achieved worldwide recognition.