

SHAMBAUGH FAMILIES NEWS - LETTERS

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Clay County's choice, in Iowa, for mother of the year is Mrs Derwin Myhr of Spencer, the former Betty Seeley, daughter of Frank and Ethel Seeley of Mason City. She will compete with other mothers of the state for top place. (here is to the top of the ladder for you, Betty). Mr and Mrs Myhr are active in the First Christian Church in Spencer, and other civic affairs, also noted that Mrs Myhr possesses such traits as courage, cheerfulness, patience, affection, understanding and homemaking ability. They have four children - BRIAN, received his bachelor of Science degree in biochemistry from Iowa State University in Ames, also did cancer research in Oklahoma. JOHN, is a senior at Iowa State, BARBARA, attending State College of Iowa, JERRY, is a sophomore in Spencer High.

Guy G. Shambaugh, 175 Curtis Ave. Marion, Ohio

Guy is having a vacation in Guadalajara, Mexico. He says it is a beautiful city of over a million people, not a fire plug or fire escape, and no parking meters. The weather is just right, hot in the day time and cool at night.

Mrs Elsie Brehm and Katherine Trussell, 4709 Walker Ave. Houston, Texas 77023

Mar. 26th. - Elsie says spring is apparent here with the wisteria, azaleas, Red Buds and grass growing, and long too. We hope to see the Hodge Gardens in La. soon.

Mrs R. R. (Bertha) Knoerr, Box 282, Smithers, B. C. Canada. Feb. 2nd.

When my husband, Rudolph, passed away Dec. 16, 1962 I learned that home is not where one's material possessions are but where one can have personal contact with some member of one's own family. Therefore, I sold our house in October 1963 and came to British Columbia to spend the better part of a year in a trailer next to the farm home of our youngest son, Donald.

Next fall I plan to move my stored furniture to Durham, N. Carolina and rent an apartment near Kenneth's home. He is asst. Professor at Duke University and plans to remain there in Durham, so I think I shall establish a permanent residence there.

The area in B. C. where Donald lives is close to the Pacific Ocean and warmed by the Japanese Current, so it is no colder here than where I lived in Milwaukee, Wis.

I have been enjoying the scenery provided by snow laden tall spruce trees and mountains on three sides of us.

Some News-Letters are of interest to me, particularly those containing historical information, but to read about births, deaths, the illnesses, etc. of strangers is monotonous, however, I am sure the News - Letter has helped some people get acquainted with other Shambaugh's whom they did not know previously, even though they lived in the same state. It has certainly made us aware of the wide distribution of our clan and more familiar with our genealogy.

I am wondering if there is too much family data to have it mimeographed for a loose leaf notebook, giving the origin, reason for immigration, early interesting history and then listing all the names according to family tree. Then when we read about someone's activities in the newsletter, we could check our relationship and clip there up-to-date news beside their name.

I would gladly help pay to have the data printed instead of mimeographed, but the advantage of a loose leaf notebook would be that new information obtained could be inserted. No doubt the chief problem is for someone to find time to organize the material.

Dale B. and Jean M. Shambaugh, 5313 Powhatan Rd. Riverdale, Md.

We enjoy the N - L every time we get one and look forward to see where all our relatives are. Last summer we visited relatives in Tiffin, O. and took Dale's sister Marie (Setzler) with us on to Volga, Iowa to visit their mother, Mildred Shambaugh and other relatives there. We brought Marie back to Tiffin, and from there went to Detroit, Canada, Niagra Falls, New York State and home. Enjoying our trip very much.

Over this Christmas, Sandra Shambaugh Nelson (Dale's niece) visited us on their way from Germany to Arizona. She has two children, and stayed with us until her husband Robert came back from overseas, then they all went to Arizona, visiting relatives on the way.

Last October, Dale's brother Harley and wife Catherine of Tucson, Ariz. and others visited us over a week end. Dale was very pleased that he got to see all of his family for they all live so far apart.

Dale E. and Gladys Shambaugh, 462 So. Sandusky Ave. Upper Sandusky, Ohio

As a district agent, Dale was one of 11 agents who attended a meeting of the Agents Advisory Council, Feb. 17 - 18 at the Lutheran Mutual Life Ins Co. home Office in Waverly, Iowa. Dale was also in Texas for an Insurance meeting. Flying both times. Gladys had to stay at home and work, at the telephone office.

Mrs Alma C. Ehrlic, (The Real Wine Maker) Homestead, Iowa 52236 -- of the Amara Colonies, which began 240 years ago in Germany. Your News-Letter is so interesting. There are no Shambaugh's around the Amara's now. Prof. and Mrs Ben F. Shambaugh from Iowa City wrote a book on the Amara Colonies many years ago. I am in the wine business which my late husband had started and which I carry on, making Grape and Rhubarb wines. The Colonies also produce woblen goods, hand made furniture, cured meats and bakery goods. I have friends in Akron, O. so some day I plan to visit them, and also to see the wineries in Sandusky, O. My hobby - I collect friends, will you be one?

Mrs Mary Kohler, Box 145, New Rumley, Ohio 43834 Ohio  
My son Ronald was out of the Navy last Dec. He lives in Cleveland, but works in Akron, O. Robert is still at home.

Fred and Beatrice Fortney, 165 Dice Rd. Galion, Ohio 44833 News items --  
Fred is able to be about now and to drive the car some.  
John Cunning of 993 W. Cook, Mansfield, O. was operated on in a Columbus, Ohio hospital on Feb. 7, and got along fine.

Mr and Mrs Eldon Canning, 720 E. Handley Rd. Mansfield, O. observed their 25th. wedding anniversary Feb 11. They were married by Dr. Grover Swoyer in the First Lutheran Church in Mansfield. They are the parents of Ronald, a pre-junior in electrical engineering at Ohio State, and Sharon, a senior at Madison High School.

Some times it takes no more than an item in a sale bill to alert one's interest. This quote from one published in the Mansfield News-Journal in Jan. 1964:

"Will offer the 8 room antiquated stone house built in 1825 -- has 1 1/2 baths, deep well, etc. with 2 acres or more of ground and other buildings, located 6 miles East of Lucas, 4 miles South of Millin, 6 miles West of Ferrysville, Ohio, east off route 003 on county line road, or north off route 59 on Weil Rd. to Frontz Rd."

This sale included livestock, machinery and household goods to close out an estate Now I would like to quote from the Shambaugh Family News-Letter, Vol. 3, No. 3 (old series) #27 of March 1942, page 4 and paragraph 4 from an article by Cleo Gervins:

"In 1828, George III and his wife Catherine moved to Richland County, Ohio, where he built a lovely stone house. This house is standing today and is in splendid condition. There is also a large barn and Dutch oven on this farm. George III gave a corner of his farm to be used for a church, school and a cemetery, and in this cemetery are buried nearly all of the Shambaugh's who lived in the section, and there were many. The school was known as the Shambaugh School. George III was the ancestor of all the Wabash, Indiana Shambaugh's".

(See also paragraphs 5 & 6 of above reference, Vol. 2, No. 2, (14) and Vol 4, No. 3, (39).) Two different dates are given as to when the stone house was built, but I'll bet on Cleo's accuracy over the one who wrote the sale bill. Conversation over this item recalls the legend that the stones for this house were collected from the farm on which it was built. There is a building with a stone wall still standing on the home site presently occupied by Wayne Royer and his wife Margaret, daughter of Carrie Shambaugh Smith on route 39, said to have been built by a Shambaugh. This home is west of the early home of John Shambaugh and south-east of George's stone house.

Could this be the location of the home established for my great-grandmother, Catherine Shambaugh Walter, when she came to Ohio? This is one thing relating to the family that uncle Henry Guthrie never told us, if he knew, but it seems plausible.

Beatrice Guthrie Fortney.

News items from your editors families: Upper Sandusky, O.

One of our great grand sons, Randal Scott, son of Dennis and Drucilla (Leightey) Daulton was operated on in our Wyandot Memorial Hospital, April 9, and has recovered.

An 8 lb. 2 oz. son, William Bryan, born April 9, 1964 to Robert and Ann (Leightey) Harris. Howard and Dorothy Leightey are grandparents again, and your editor and wife are great grandparents again for the fourth time.

On March 30th. your editors wife Jennie, entered the Community Memorial Hospital at Marion, Ohio for surgery, for a hernia of the diaphragm. She came home April 12, and recovering nicely. Your editor was chief cook and dish washer (no bottles), guess she didn't like my cooking for she is doing it herself now, (22nd. on birthday).

Ann and her baby came here from the hospital, so we had a sort of hospital at home, lots of visitors, and not limited to two only.

This is Sunday, and Jennie says she is getting me a birthday dinner tomorrow. Ann and Willie B. may be here too.

Mrs Pearle Thrailkill, 2308 W. Compton Blvd. Gardena, Calif. Feb. 7th.

I had a bad fall off my back steps and am really crippled up.

My daughter, Mrs Helen Frances Matz, 52, passed away Sept. 12, 1963 in Gardena, Calif. She was born Oct. 1911. Services were held at the McCormick Gardena Chapel with Rev. Robert Young officiating. Burial in the Roosevelt Memorial Park.

\* Miss Laura Irene Grim, 82, of New Rumley, Ohio passed away April 4, 1964 in the Rubrig Nursing Home in Uricksville. She had been seriously ill for two months. Born Aug. 28, 1881, the daughter of William and Rachel Shambaugh Grim. Surviving are several cousins. Services were held in New Rumley Methodist Church, of which she was a member, with Rev. Rothel officiating. Burial in New Rumley Methodist Cemetery.

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Robert Shambaugh of Upper Sandusky, O. son of Walter and Leefee Shambaugh was quite ill with Scarletina the first part of April.

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

My daughter Emily and husband Jack Briscoe with Alisa Dawn, and Gene Shambaugh, all of Atlanta, were home for Easter, along with other members of the family here, but I was in Marion, Va. visiting a daughter Mary Lillian and Hugh Slagle and their daughter Cynthia. Dad (F. Guy Shambaugh) is feeling fine and selling GM trucks.

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Although it is a little late for last Christmas news items, the following are, in part, some Shambaugh news items we want to share with you from those who sent notes or letters to us with their Christmas Cards --

Madge Mandis, 210 Win St. Alexandria, La.

Guess its a good thing to have Christmas or we would never hear from each other.

My health is about as usual

June Shambaugh, Apt. N - 701, 1301 Delaware Ave. S. W.

I have little news except that I am as busy as ever in these confused times.

My sister Clara is very busy visiting and keeping in touch with her family by mail.

Her youngest son Ronnie is to be married Jan. 11.

Katherine Trussell and Elsie Brehm, 4709 Walker Ave. Houston, Texas 77023

Here comes that once-a-year letter at Christmas time, but if I don't hurry, it won't be much more than a "Hello" and "Goodbye". We are having the family dinner, and with three little boys aged 1, 2 and 3, that means a house-full. It has been a joy, and how privileged I have felt in being accepted as an extra grandmother. In Oct. after Elsie got her new Valiant, we left Houston for a few days, going to Hot Springs, Ark. enjoying our stay there, although too dry, the hills were ablaze with fall colors, also enjoying long sight-seeing walks. The baths were a novel experience and the food eaten there was delicious. On our way home, we stopped briefly in the oldest plantation town in La., Natchitoches. Here, we succumbed to our favorite form of sight-seeing by driving out 16 miles to visit the oldest plantation house in the region - and still lived in. This was the Melrose, built of frame with slave-made brick floors, big rooms lined with books and filled with fine old furniture. The surprising feature was an African house built according to the specifications of the Negro mistress. Quite a history here!

Rev Harry and Ina Gleim, 1320 Carroll St. Boone, Iowa

We do thank God that at least once in each year we are drawn closer together by the bond created by His giving us His only begotten Son, born in a manger. We treasure each card and message as it comes and read and re-read the messages. Our families are busy as usual. Ina's daughter Winifred is office secretary for the Chamber of Commerce. Her husband is still managing editor of the Boone News-Republican. The oldest grandson, Stephan, now an Eagle Scout is a high school junior. Dennis, the second, is a sophomore. Edward is a freshman, and Douglas, now ten, is in the fifth grade. Never a dull moment in the Weeks family. My sister Ethel with her husband Frank, growing older like us, keep busy with

church and other activities in Mason City. Thier eldest son Clyde, is director of College Camp on Lake Geneva. His wife Alice and two daughters, Kathryn and Karen also lead Busy lives. The younger son Wm. Harry, is an auditor of tellers in a prominent ~~Minneapolis~~ bank. Ethel's daughter Elizabeth and her husband Derwin Myhr are still in Spencer where he is a long-time member of the high school faculty. Their two older sons Brian and John are at Iowa State Univ. at Ames, one working on his masters degree and the other a junior. The third son Jerry, is well along in high school in Spencer. The daughter Barbara, is is the State College of Iowa in Cedar Falls.

Iva Tomlinson, Browntown, Wis. 53522

Well, Christmas is here again, a happy time for families to be together. I have been attending church events, we had a pageant, Shepherds, Wise Men and the Virgin Mary, I was Mary, and had the solo work between the readings.

F. Guy, Mary Alice and Marcia, Shambaugh's of 1407 McFarland Ave. Rossville, Ga. Christmas time is here again, and it would'nt seem right unless we sent greetings to those we love so much. We had most of the family toge ther for Thanksgiving and expect most of them again for Christmas. We expect aunt Cleo too for holidays.

Frank and Ethel Seeley, 516 - 20th. St. N. E. Mason City, Iowa

We both send Merry Christmas Greetings and wish you a wonderful New Year. We had our family home for Thanksgiving, Clyde, Alice and two girls from Williams Bay, Wis. Elizabeth, Derwin and children from Spencer, Iowa, and William from Minneapolis. We are getting older, and will celebr te our Golden Anniversary next June 30th.. Three of our grand children are in college.

We still have hopes of coming to Ohio to the National Reunion. (Note.- Say, Why don't you folks come to Wabash this year, then to Ohio next year, we would get to see you more often that way, bring your families along too.)

Floy and Jay Shambaugh, 202 Ammunition Rd. Fallbrook, Calif. 92028

We had a very nice year. Feb. and March we had a seven week trip to Florida. Hoping you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy and prosperous all the yea. 1964.

Mrs Cleo Gervin, Box 347, Gatlinburg, Tenn.

The 1963 Holiday Season is now upon us, and we have so much to be thankful for. My grandsons spent almost six weeks with me this summer I was so thrilled to have them. Allen, eleven in Sept., is perhaps a little bit taller than I am. Michel, ten this month, they are both fine boys. I've had many guests this year. Wishing for each of you Health, Happiness and all the good things of life for the coming year and the joys of the Christmas - New Year season.

Rev. Guy H. and Anna May Kintz, 886 Central Ave. Richland Center, Wis.

Christmas Greetings to you. We are thankful to our Heavenly Father for health, strength and spiritual blessings, and so many, many others. For having Evelyn, Norene and Ralph with us a few days this summer, and wish Russell could have come too. We wish for you the Blessings of the Joy and Peace Christ came to bring.

( Note- Jennie and I want to thank each of our readers who remembered us with cards and letters during the Christmas Season. It was so nice of you).

\$\$\$ for N - Lt Jean M. and Dale B. Shambaugh, 1.-. Bertha Konerr, 5.-, Katherine Trussell, 5.-,

And don't forget our 1964 National Shambaugh Families Reunion coming up this Sept. 6, at Wabash, Ind. again. Its a nice place, plenty of room and under cover too, so don't stay away, not for rain, snow, sleet or whatever, for, like a show, the reunion must go on.

And don't put off sending in your Shambaugh news events, for if you do, it makes it to long between letters.