

SHAMBAUGH FAMILIES NEWS - LETTER

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Mrs Olive and Miss Marjorie Barnes, 2904 Ernst St., Omaha, Nebr.

We always read the news-letter. Mr Barnes passed away in 1950, then Mrs Barnes Sr. lived with us, and talked a great deal of the Shambaugh's. She was born in 1854, her name was Sophia E., they called her "Ph", her twin sister was Satira C., they called her "Ti", she died along with four other children during an epidemic, when she was 6 or 7 years old. Their father was Phillip Isaac, his brother James settled the Iowa town of Shambaugh where they had a flour mill. He sent flour and feed to Colo. by oxen train.

Would you send me the name of your Mrs Frank Given? (her address - Mrs Frank Given, Box 152, Jewett, Ohio), we have two Mrs Frank Given's here in Omaha, I know them in a way, we have lived in North Omaha 38 years and they were living not far away. Frank Jerome, the son, is close to 40, and is a fine christian man, he holds a responsible position in the law dept. of the Union Pacific, I think he is Assistant General Solicitor. His father did the same kind of work for the Burlington Lines. Frank J. was assigned by the U. P. to take care of our estate when my husband died. The U. P. does that for their officers

Junia Shambaugh of Washington D. C. sends in her new address -- Apt. N-701, 1301 Delaware Ave. S. W. Washington 24, D. C. --- I have a beautiful view of the Potomac River here and many interesting landmarks on both side of the river.

Harley and Cathy Shambaugh, and family, R 3, Box 733, Tucson, Ariz.

Hi! how are you? and Merry Christmas. We are all pretty good, but never seem to have much spare time. Our weather is just perfect. Sandy says Germany is cold and damp, they hope to be home for Christmas next year. Little Michael is five months old and looks so cute in his pictures. Don and Francie and their two boys live here in Tucson now.

Mary Kohler, Box 145, New Rumley, Ohio

Sorry I was not at the reunion, had to help my son Robert with his car near Cleveland and could not get back in time.

Laura Grim was in the hospital for surgery and came through fine, she is able to be active again.

Mildred Shambaugh, Volga, Iowa

I plan to leave for Marie's Dec. 19, (Mildred's daughter in Tiffin, O.) we want to go to my son Dale's in Md. if weather permits. We had the warmest Nov. recorded, but has been very cold since Dec. 5, no snow.

Ray and Allie Hackett, Beloit, Wis.

We have had a beautiful fall. Iva Tomlinson, (Browtown, Wis.) is real good. Alice and Ross Dosson of Cadiz, O. were to see us in Nov., so glad to see them.

Frank and Ethel Seeley, Mason City, Iowa

We are quite well and busy at home and church. All our families were home for Thanksgiving. Clyde and family for four days, William for one day, Elizabeth and family for part of a day. William will be home for Christmas from Minneapolis. He and our selves will be with Elizabeth, Derwin and family for the day, Clyde, Alice and two girls will be at home for the day in Williams Bay, Wis.

Mrs Natalie Shambaugh, 2143 Elliott St. Toledo, O.

I have some data of the "Ruhl Family, 1741 - 1924", in which is the name of Charles Shumbach, which was my husband's grandfather, married to Clara Hower. (see N-17 page four, notice different spelling of names - Shambaugh and Howard - does any of our readers know of this Ruhl family?).

Eta Glatser, 617 - 3rd. St. N. W., New Philadelphia, O.

Was sorry I didn't get to the reunion, I have arthritis and can't get around very good. I had my Christmas dinner with my daughter Mary.

Iva Tomlinson, Browtown, Wis.

We havn't had any snow, a lovely fall and winter so far, we did have it real cold, as much as 8 below for several days. I have been well and active, go where I want to, keep up with the crowd, and go to church regularly.

Mrs Bertha Frank, Box 491, Redlands, Calif.

well, another year nearly past and none of us get to Ohio this year. Jimmie, the oldest son of Helen Stahl of Deer River, Minn. stopped here Nov. 17, on his way to the east coast, being transferred there, going to teach parachute rigging. The other son, Robert, is stationed at San Diego, he has been in a little over a year.

Mrs Cleo Gervin, Box 347, Gatlinburg, Tenn.

I measured 6 1/2 inches of snow here and 5 below zero. I have had many guests this year. My grandsons did not come this year, and I miss them.

Clark and Florence Bender, 1367 Blvd. Way, Walnut Creek, Calif.

Florence is teaching combination third and fourth grades, and active in the new E U B church and Sunday school in Walnut Creek.

Clark building homes on speculation- selling contracts for a Home Builder- selling Real Estate- raising orchards- managing Real Estate for an Investment Company- assisting in the new E U B church- teaching Sunday school class- and helping with plans to build a church building. Activity keeps us young - and prevents rust.

(and you claim you have retired?)

A six weeks vacation in July and August took us to Grass Valley- Portland- Paradise- Seattle- The Olympic Peninsula- Redwood Empire- Mission Springs- Bakersfield- and to Grand Rapids, Mich., attended Bible Conferences, a guest as "past president" to the State Convention of the California Credit Union League, - The highlight of the year was our attendance for 10 days to the World General Conference of the Evangelical United Brethren Church- there were 19 nations represented by more than 1500 delegates, Bishops, officials, educators, missionaries and visitors.

A Christmas letter from Katherine Trussell and Elsie, Of 4709 Walker Ave, Houston 23,

We started in the spring to remodel the apartment houses, making some drastic changes, making the dining room into a kitchen and the kitchen into a dining room, along with other changes. Once done, however, it did make exceptionally attractive and convenient units.

Then in Sept. we proceeded to transform our house, to modernize and beautify the place. Bookcases, that divided the living room from the dining room were moved to either side of the big front window, with a window seat, also a window seat with a back rest in the bay window in the dining room. Wall-to-wall carpeting and other improvements, draperies, etc., including a central heating system installed in the attic.

Besides the new home, we have three of the cutest little grand sons to show off. Christmas is pretty well prepared for, every cookie jar is filled with Elsie's good cookies, and the menu completed for the family party. (Katherine- we should like to come down there and visit you gals again, so don't tempt us to much).

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

Merry Christmas, everyone! - Once again we come into your house to wish you the very best of the Holiday Season. So many of you have asked us to tell you more about our own life. There is very little to tell. - Our lives are tied in with our two fine country churches, small in number but large in Christian graces. Our duties usually are found in calls, meetings, Sunday services, and what have you. We are thankful for our good health and that in our 70's, we can give reasonably satisfactory service to our people.

Of course Ina's daughter and her family are special sources of interest. Both parents are in public service; Harland - managing editor of the daily news paper and Winifred - secretary of the United Community Fund. The four boys are growing up fast. Stephan is now in high school, Dennis and Edward in Junior High and Douglas in the fourth grade.

The most exciting family news is of the 92 - piece Boone High School Band which plays in the Rose Bowl Parade on New Year's Day. Stephen, a tall six foot, in the clarinet section, and Dennis plays the sousaphone. Boone raised nearly 21,000 dollars to make this project possible.

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

We had 21 of our family with us to help eat our Thanksgiving turkey, aunt Cleo, Mary Lillian's and Emily's could not be here, but we are looking for them all at Christmas time.

Mrs Elma Ross, Arlington, Iowa

Rudolph Knoerr, passed away Dec. 16, 1962 after a short illness. I spent a few days in Milwaukee with my sister, her son Kenneth, Duke's Univ. and family were there. Mildred Shambaugh, of Volga, Iowa went to see her daughter Marie, in Tiffin, O. going from there by train to see her son Dale, and family in Maryland. Scott Gundlach had a stroke last fall and was in the Gelwein hospital for some time, but is home now.

All these Shambaugh items were from our Christmas mail bag of cards and letters, total received from Shambaughs and others, were 85 cards and 15 letters, even one from Africa. Thanks a lot to all who remembered us at the Christmas Season.

Dale Shambaugh of 462 So. Sandusky Ave. Upper Sandusky, O. has earned a place in the Lutheran Mutual Life Ins. Company's All American for 1962. This is the 5th year Shambaugh has been an All American in the Co., which was founded in 1897.

Shambaugh's efforts contributed much toward making this one of the best years in L. M. history, which issued more than \$96,000,000 of new insurance.

A son, born June 11, 1962 to Raymond and Helen Frank of Redlands, Calif. Bertha Frank, formerly of Galion, O. is the grand mother.

Floy and Jay Shambaugh of Fallbrook, Calif, report on their trip in 1962

Floy and I left Fallbrook on June 6, with our friends, Ross and Bessie Talley, whom we have known since 1907, when we all lived in Gibbon, Nebr.

First stop was at Bass Lake, and drove out from there for two weeks, seeing King's National Canyon, Sequoia and Yosemite parks and being early enough to see the wonderful water falls, drove the car through the big trees, and plenty of room to spare, also made a trip to Huntington Lake and found snow drifts in the shade of the trees. The Talley's decided to return home as the weather had turned very hot.

When the two weeks were up in the park, we drove to Roseville for a week end with friends that had lived next door to us in Kearney, Nebr. Then on to Brownville, Ore. for two weeks with friends from Bullhead City. Attended the Seattle World's Fair one day, they had 67000 people on that day, the largest up to that date. Enjoyed the fair very much. Then we turned our Mercury east, into Nebr. where my brother, and Floy's sister live at Gibbon, and drove out from there for two weeks visiting friends at Kearney and Gibbon, made a trip to woodston, Kan. where we visited a cousin, Clara Swank, whom I don't ever remember meeting before.

On our way east we visited some relatives at Grand Island, Bradshaw, and as we both had relatives at Lincoln, we spent several days there. Leaving there, a stop at Omaha, then into Spencer, Iowa where we have a very good couple that we enjoy visiting.

Stopping at Boone, we surprised Rev Gleim and wife, they took us out for dinner, they had a church meeting that afternoon, so we traveled to Boonville, to the home of Orin and Barbara Shambaugh, still living on the farm where they moved right after they were married. They are doing real well for a young couple of 86 years of so. Dr. Gordon, their son, and wife Frances live at DeMoines, and can help them if needed.

At Winterset, we visited Wm. Shambaugh's widow, her son Ralph, and Dorothy, her daughter. After leaving Winterset, we made a couple stops with friends. Leaving Iowa, we drove on through Ill. to Clear Lake, Ind., made a run up to Coldwater, Mich. where Floy's cousin lives, for a couple days, then into Ohio to Delta and Swanton for two weeks as Floy had relatives in both towns.

After traveling a distance, we found ourselves in front of a number that read 442 So. 7th. St., Upper Sandusky, the home of Flavius and Jennie Leightey, and enjoyed several days with them. (glad you folks came back again, and keep on coming).

Then on to Navarre with my cousin Bertha Slates and other relatives there, then to Scio with another cousin, Florence Butcher and to be near Jewett for the National Shambaugh Reunion on Sept. 2nd. Had a delicious dinner and met many relatives that we didn't have the pleasure of meeting before in other Ohio visits - 1932 - 36 - 58 and 62. On Monday the 3rd. we went to Anna Cogswill's for a nice dinner and a visit.

Leaving Ohio we went to Ft. Benjamin Harrison Base, Ind. where Floy has a cousin in the service. The son-in-law's relatives live in St. Louis, and we were there several days. Have a friend in Independence, Mo. (no, not Harry Truman), just one night there. Then to southern Nebr., stopping at Superior, and at Alma, spending several days with Anna, my sister-in-law and Ruth her daughter.

From Nebr. to Denver a couple of days, then to Grand Junction where Floy's brother and wife live, went up on Mesa fishing, largest one, 11 inches. Then thought it was about time to get home, arrived here Oct. 12th. after 4 months and 5 days, 10985 miles in 16 states. Be it ever so humble, there's no place like home.

P. S. - We had planned on going to Death Valley Encampment in Nov., but one of our party got sick, so we decided not to go.

Shambaugh Letter NO. 3, by co-editor Harry Gleim ..

When one starts on genealogical research no possible avenue of information is overlooked. One usable source is the telephone directories. One day it was my good fortune to pick up a Chicago directory and leafing through it I came across the name of S R Shambaugh. I wrote to him in the hope of a possible establishment of relationship. In reply he expressed some doubt as to that point. However, he did suggest that I write to Mrs Harry Gerwin of Knoxville, Tenn. who was looking for Shambaugh information and whom he believed might be related to me.

Our correspondence began sometime in 1938 and proved to be interesting and profitable. It seemed that we might be somewhat closely related. Now there were three of us working toward a common end - The development of a Shambaugh Family history for I immediately put Lois Caslaberry and Cleo Gerwin in contact with each other. During the months that followed many letters passed among us and some points were settled.

At this time I was general secretary of the Y M C A in Ft. Dodge, Iowa. Mrs Gerwin was an attractive widow whose husband, a building contractor, had been killed in an accident while directing the building of a church in Knoxville. He left his widow and son a substantial insurance income. Cleo Gerwin's hobbies were like mine, genealogical research and travel which go well together.

Late one afternoon, I believe it was in 1939, I was in a board meeting in the Y M C A and my desk secretary called me to the telephone. Imagine my surprise to learn that the person calling was none other than Cleo. She was on a cross-country trip. She had visited the little town of Shambaugh below Clarinda, then coming on to Des Moines had ridden our interurban to Ft. Dodge to meet me. We were together less than two hours during which time we talked over many things, including the possibility of a mimeographed letter to contact all known Shambaugh's and the possibility of a National Reunion of all Shambaughs.

We began the News Letter in 1940 and its first issue was used to promote the First National Reunion which came off at Lamartine, Ohio on the Wm. Shambaugh

Homestead where Anna Shambaugh Cogsil and her family lives. That was on Labor Day Sunday in 1940. Cleo and this writer were in attendance but it was not possible for Lois to make this reunion. The first get-together of the three co-operators was to be delayed until the Second National Reunion which was held at Loudenville, Ohio on Labor Day Sunday in 1941.

By Harry Gleim -- Rudolph R. Knoerr, 70, died of pneumonia, Sunday, Dec. 16, 1962. He was president of Knoerr and Fischer, Inc. since 1941. The company was founded by his father, George in 1905. Mr Knoerr belonged to the Pilgrim Congregational Church and several societies in Milwaukee.

Survivors are his wife Bertha, two sons, Kenneth R. and Donald A., five brothers, Gilbert, George, Alvin, Clarence and Carl, and two sisters, Mrs Elfrieda Busacker and Mrs Elmer Milbrath. Services were at 8:30 P M. Tues. in the Ritter Funeral Home with burial in Valhalla Cemetery.

Scott Gundlach, who recently passed away, was the son of Fannie May (Shambaugh) Gundlach, one of the daughters of C.D. Shambaugh my (Gleim) grandfather's brother.

Obituaries of Floyd and Zada Shambaugh of Wooster, Ohio

Floyd A. aged 76, a retired Pennsylvania Railroad employee, died at his home on Oct. 3, 1962 after a long illness. Mr Shambaugh was born in Perrysville, O. on April 5, 1886 the son of Thomas and Alice (Spade) Shambaugh. He was an employee of the railroad for 50 years and worked on telegraph and service maintenance.

One sister, Mrs Carrie Smith is still living, three sisters and four brothers died previously.

Zada M. aged 75, died at the Community Hospital Dec. 2, 1962 after a long illness. She was born Oct. 11, 1887 at Perrysville, O. to John and Mary (Homer) Oswald. One sister, Mrs Zelma Schroder is still living, a brother, a sister and a half sister died previously.

Floyd and Zada both belonged to the Presbyterian Church. Surviving are two sons, Clarence of Massillon, O. and Floyd Jr. of North Canton, O. five grand children and a great grand child. A son Russell died in 1956.

Services for each were held in the McIntire Funeral Home with Rev. Harry Eberts officiating. Burial in the Wooster Cemetery.

Lt. Clarence Shambaugh of Massillon, O. has been appointed Commander of District 8 Headquarters of the State Highway Patrol. He succeeds Capt. A B Cook, who was transferred to Columbus, O.

Jesse Shambaugh, Greenfield, Ind.

Am sending a clipping of the death of my wife Ethel, who died Nov. 12, 1962 at our home in Greenfield. Mrs Shambaugh was born in Wabash Co., had lived in Indianapolis for 21 years before moving to Greenfield 8 1/2 years ago.

She was a member of the University Heights E U B. Church in Indianapolis. Services were held in Pasco Memorial Mortuary here, with burial in Friends Cemetery in Wabash. Surviving is the husband, Jesse A. Shambaugh, a daughter Mrs George Sprague and two sons, Paul and Jesse A. Jr. and six grand children, also a sister Mrs Elmer Epley.

Harry Gleim sent in an item from the recent Iowa State Historical Society Bulletin which included one of our Shambaugh's. In the first Basketball game between the University of Iowa Y M C A and the Cedar Rapids Y M C A, played April 26, 1893, Benjamin F. Shambaugh, later Supt. of the State Historical Society of Iowa, scored all the Univ. points-- 4 baskets counting 3 points each-- in a 12 to 2 victory over Cedar Rapids. It was noted that the date of this game was played just two years after Dr. James Naismith (with the assistance of two students, Amos Alonzo Stagg, and Coach H. F. Kallenberg of the Univ. of Iowa Y M C A team) invented the game at Springfield Y M C A, College in Mass. in 1891.

A Chicago versus Iowa game, played Jan. 16, 1896 had 5 players on each side, with no substitutions.

A miscellaneous shower was given Mr and Mrs Dennis Daulton of Upper Sandusky, O. on Sunday evening Feb. 10, by 25 people present. Many nice gifts were received.

Mrs Daulton was the former Drucilla Leightey.

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Mrs James (Julia) Litzenberg, daughter of Anna Cogsil of Lamartine, Ohio, was operated on for goiter last Nov. 16, got along fine and a complete recovery.

Please send in your news items as complete as possible, most of our readers do not know your family names, or connections.

WILL BE LOOKING FOR YOUR SHAMBAUGH NEWS ITEMS