



A.E. Swope
1870-1955

SWOPE NEWS

2012 Reunion
Saturday July 21st
At the Black Buggy.



Kate Swope
1870-1939



Mayme
1890-1953



Ralph
1892-1948



Elnora
1894-1997



Laura
1900-1991



Kathryn
1903-1981



Alice
1905-1985



Isabel
1908-2011

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FROM THE RICHARD RIGGS

We think spring has sprung, although, we are waiting for the other shoe to drop. Rich swears we are due for snow still. We are into dogwood and redbud time and all the trees have a haze of green on them. A special time of year, although we are warned that it is still early. The birds are fooled, as they are busy building nests and some of our grass has had it's third mowing. We both like basketball but are almost getting enough to last us until next fall. We were hoping Purdue would beat Kansas but they fell a couple of points short. Now with the Final Four coming up this next weekend, we will be pulling for the Big Ten Team, Ohio State.

Rich had to have four teeth extracted due to breaking or cracking. I have been trying to be creative in soup making. They cannot work on a partial plate until he is healed for a couple of months. He can chew some now but has to be selective in what he eats.

We try to keep up with grandkids and now great-grandkids as they are involved in baseball practice, soccer, marching band, track, lego robotics competition and math and academic teams. We are expecting another great-granddaughter this July.

This continues to be an exciting time for Blue Grass Church as we move forward toward building our new church across Cemetery Road from our present church. A house and garage have been removed and numerous trees cleaned out. Last Sunday after each of our three church services, our congregation walked over to the site we will be building on and circled the ground and prayed. God provided a good day. Rich took his "gator" so we rode. We are members of the Capital Stewardship Campaign Committee and are thrilled by the people we work with. The prayerful, thoughtful, enthusiastic approach to this great project is awesome!

The land behind where we live continues to have houses pop up, it seems, and we see now where the builders are extending the sewer and apparently a road east toward Green River Road. We are glad to see the progress.

We are planning a Riggs Reunion for August 4 this year at Blue Grass Church, our first since 1998. As with our family, we realize that it gets harder and harder to get all together with the many activities people are involved in but we hope to get as many as possible. Our immediate family will be gathering at our house on Easter and I heard some say there will be Easter Eggs for

the youngsters to hunt. There is no age limit on youngster!

May all have a pleasant and happy Easter,
Jeanine and Richard Riggs

FROM TEXAS

Hello Family! Spring has been wonderful to us with all the rain and warm weather. We just might get a good crop of hay before the summer heat hits. We shall see. Pray for us. Another summer drought will be devastating to the Texas ranchers.

Spring Break has come and gone. We kept our youngest grandson, Matthew 5 yrs old, and, although we love him to death, we were glad to see his daddy come get him. :)

Horse shows have started and we have one under our belts with 2 more in April, then 3 more during the summer and fall. I was the show manager for the first one and Richard the announcer. I'll be the secretary for the rest of the shows.

Richard is good. Hates that the grass is growing and he is having to mow so soon in the year, but I love the grass growing and the flowers blooming.

I'm planning to be in Evansville for the Family Reunion, but not sure if I'll be visiting before that.

Hope to see you all at the reunion.

Paula Sue Swope

FROM ROSS AND MAE

It's been a wonderful winter in Fl, one of the best we can remember. Spring has sprung with the warm weather and the flowers and trees a re coming fourth with their beauty. It always is a picker uper to see the new life come fourth.

We have new life in our family - little Matthew Mirelez was born Jan 18th weighing in at 6 pound/15ozs. David and Alison the proud parents and Julie Mae and Ellie the proud sisters. That makes number 39 in the Ross Riggs family now, but it doesn't stop there - on Feb 4th little Stella LaRue was born to Levi and Brittany Riggs and weighing in at 6 pounds 10 ozs- she is Number 40 in the family!!!!!!!!!!!! Matts Grandma is Becky and Stella's Grandma and Grandpa are Roy and Katie.

Our Grandson Danny got back from Afghanistan in early January and is back with the family- has his job back and is still with the reserves. We're so happy that Dan is back on US soil!

Mike was down for a visit in Jan. and we celebrated Anna's and Mae's birthday and Roger was down in March. It was good having some of the family around.

Ross has been involved with the shuffleboard matches. They come from all over Central Fl. Shuffleboard goes on most of the winter down here. Keeps him busy. With our own games, Central league and president of the club.

We will be back in Indiana in May. Hope to see you at the reunion.

Ross and Mae

FROM CLIPPINGER ROAD

I have a few things to talk about. My son, John, spent about three months in Tallahassee. He went down to visit his son JP and be there when his new grandson was born.

The kids gave me a scanner for Christmas, one that I could scan negatives. I had wanted one for some time and I finally saw one that was affordable, real affordable, it was a gift. I have been scanning negatives ever since. As I get a group done I send it to the kids. Been scanning them just as they come out of the box, the next thing will be separating them by year and groups.

Another thing that I thought was interesting was finding an old tape of recordings of Dwight's band. Dwight had a band in the 50s through the 70s. Susie and Joyce were going through things in Gracie's house and found it. As near as they can figure it was from the 70s. They made CDs of the tape and were gracious enough to make me copies. If anyone is interested in this type of thing let me know and I will send them copies.

The aches and pains of getting older are finally getting to me. Not that bad, I keep a going. Angel keeps me on a narrow path. McCutchanville Church still has things that needs fixed and I do what I can. When there are things that require getting on the floor or climbing a tall ladder I enlist John for that.

Well that's about all I have from here.
Paul Swope

FROM THE EDITOR

REUNION

The Black Buggy Evansville has a room reserved for us on Saturday the 21st of July 2012. I told them we would start arriving at 11 and eat at 12. They will show you the room when you arrive, and then you pay as you leave. They will include the gratuity in the ticket, be sure and tell them at the cash register when paying if you are a senior.

Remember the shirt colors, those that observed the colors had a good time with them.

See the web page at www.swopes.org/reunion.htm there are pictures. I have put some of the 2011 reunion pictures on the web site. If you would like to see more pictures or print some pictures ask me for a CD of the pictures.

ADDRESS

We have been trying to keep all the addresses up to date. If you want the latest list let me know and I will get you one. Please try and keep the list up to date. If any of your family needs to be added let me know.

ACCOUNTING

The Swope News letter costs approximately \$180 a year to print and send. We only collected \$50 at the reunion. That is really no problem though because we have about \$800 in the checking account. That will carry us for quite a few years and when that runs out we will decide what to do then

Anyone wishing to audit the check book and account is welcome. If you would like a copy of the account sheet I can email it or snail mail it to you. I will have a copy of the accounting sheet at the reunion.

NEWS LETTER

We are still on a three a year news letter cycle. They go out April, August and December. I always need articles of family interest to keep the family up to date. Please get them to me in a timely fashion. We can have up to eight pages without additional postage required.

If anyone wants the job of editor I will gladly give it up.

It seems that we get less input for the news letter each time for publishing. If there is not more

interest shown I will suggest that we quit publishing it.



During WWII Ralph Swope had all the families with men in the service bring pictures that he could put on the wall of the store.

TOP ROW

1. Glen Haretig
2. Kenneth McCutchan
3. Chet Steiner
4. James France
5. Kenneth Conner
6. Jack Koehler
7. James Angus
8. Horace Moffett
9. Charles Moffett
10. Allen Moffett
11. Paul Moffett
12. Malcom Moffett
13. Paul Hagen
14. Charles Richardville
15. Donald Hesseman
16. Jack Hahn
17. Lee Hulsey

18. Philip Ryan
19. Currey Oliver
20. Ambris Oliver
21. Jimmie Torian

SECOND ROW

1. Carl Witte
2. Harvey Guthridge
3. Earl Schoaff
4. Harry Thompson
5. Harry Heim
6. * Ed Koehler
7. * Thurston McCutchan
8. John McCutchan
9. Paul Drain
10. Jack Drain
11. Hugh Henry

12. Donald Henry
13. Harold McCutchan
14. Buwie Watson
15. Earl Watson
16. Roy Patterson
17. Lloyd Patterson
18. Roy Ryan
19. Floyd Grant
20. Kenneth Johann
21. Milan McCutchan

BOTTOM ROW

1. Dale Work
2. Dwight Swope
3. Bill Nicholson

* Died In Action