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Third Generation—Richard and Barney

Richard John Yankle was the second son of John and Helena (Griep) Yankle, and the grandson of Frederick Yankle. He was born September 25, 1901 in New Haven Township. His older brother, Arthur was two years old when Richard



joined the family. As a young man, Richard worked at the Estey Furniture Company in Owosso, Mi., then followed

in the footsteps of Arthur when he became a wood finisher at Woodard's Furniture Manufacturing. During World War I, Richard graduated from an aviation ground school conducted by the Air Force, but we do not know if he ever used his aviation training, or in what capacity.

John was afflicted at a fairly young age with Multiple Sclerosis, a disease which usually occurs between the ages of 20 and 40

to people who live in a temperate climate. The two people living today who remember Richard, Beryl and Barb Yankle, knew him as "Uncle Rich". He was tall and slim, and a kind man. They knew of his disease, but it was never talked about within the family. To some, it might have appeared as if Richard were drunk, because the numbness in his nerves would cause him to stumble. Yet



he continued to visit his brothers and their wives (seen above with Irene and Helen), joining in on family holidays. Richard lived with his parents, John and Helena Yankle, until he died in 1952 from complications of pneumonia.

Barney August Yankle was the youngest son of John and Helena (Griep) Yankle. His birthday was on March 8th, 1904. Of the Third Generation Yankles, Barney was born the latest, died the latest, and was married to the same woman longer (57 years) than any other Yankle before or since.

Barney did not finish high school. At some point, his mother decided they needed more family income so she pulled Barney out of school and put him to work. This did not seem to affect him in later life, as he was very intelligent. Though strict, and very religious, Barney was always kind-hearted and a gregarious soul.

Barney fell in love with Helen Sanders, the girl who lived across the street from him in Owosso. Evidently, Helena did



not approve of his choice of girlfriends and sought to dissuade him from continuing the relationship. Thankfully for Danny and Barb (his children), he ignored her advice and created a very happy and long-lasting marriage. Barb calls her Dad her "Hero."

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Although Barney started out working for the railroad, for 30 years of his life he was a postman, serving in the mailroom, then on a rural route. As an intelligent and affable man, Barney was the “darling” of the wives on his postal route. They would often bake him cookies and candies. He was often involved in community events and everyone in the town liked him.

Helen (Sanders) was the perfect complement to Barney. Once, when Barney was in the hospital, she visited not only him, but all the other patients on the ward, saying a kind word to them all and visiting for a short while. Barb says that her Mom was the “Personality Person” in their marriage, one that lasted a long time.

Our Featured Family

Daniel August Yankle



Kidz Spotlight Kidz Spotlight



The children who have appeared in the Kidz Spotlight section are all descendants of Frederick Yankle, although many bear other names by marriage. When you attend the reunion, we will have a number of copies of the Yankle Chronicle on hand so you can test your family tree knowledge by identifying as many of the children as you may know personally, or by reputation. Most of the people who have appeared in the Kidz Spotlight as children will also be attending the reunion as adults.

The Issue number that appears on the first page of the Yankle Chronicle has been going down, not up. The Issue number actually reflects how many months are left until we all meet at the Family Reunion, 2004, in Owosso, Michigan. Issue 1 (June of 2004) will be the last Yankle Chronicle before the reunion actually takes place in July.

We have a request for members of the Family to help us create a Family Motto that will be incorporated into a Yankle Family Coat of Arms that is being designed by Abraxas King, the son of Kitty. Several suggestions have been submitted so far:

Far apart, but close at heart
Yankles united — past, present, and future
Families are like angels, you don't need to see them to know they are there

- We're still waiting to hear from the rest of you. Please submit your suggestions.