

My Typewriter Talks

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It might be that nobody missed my column last week. Which reminds me of something funny that a well-known Back Mountain citizen said the other day. I was leaning against the wall of the corridor talking to a dietician when this man came along. I said good morning to him, and at first he didn't recognize me, and then he did and said to the Rev. Gilbert, "Oh yes, you are the Rev. Gilbert. If he didn't write so much in The Dallas Post we'd have more news!"

How about that? Anyway, have you ever thought how appropriate it is that ears are so placed on the head that they make ideal hooks for spectacles? They are also good to pick up sound waves occasionally!

Another use for these ears came to me when I landed in the hospital after my first ride in an ambulance and my first use of oxygen. These ears so good to hold specs in place are good to hold that gadget of green hoses with nozzles for the nostrils by which oxygen is administered. Catherine said I looked like a man with a little green moustache looped across my upper lip! Well, be it so, those nose pieces stayed in place all day and all night while life-saving oxygen fed into my tubes in my chest.

What a relief! Those boys of the ambulance crew were clever. They had short space to turn around in our upstairs hall. But they cheerfully said, "Now Reverend, don't you worry. Relax and we'll manage." And they did. With a portable litter which they rolled me onto in my bed they tied me in and then picked me up and over the stair well and turned in mid-air and headed down stairs with me and laid me on the cot. Then into the ambulance they slid me, put the oxygen mask on my face and away we went. How good it was to be able to take one breath after another!

In the hospital room I heard a low voice from the other bed say, "That's the Rev. Gilbert. I know him!" Later I recognized Harry Welliver from up in our hills of Mt. Zion. The ambulance ride and the oxygen were both firsts among my many experiences in life. But to find myself among friends was not a new venture.

It has not been often that I could be a second story sidewalk superintendent of construction. But here I was overlooking the new work going on in the front lawn part of Nesbitt Memorial Hospital. The broad area was ready for the concrete which was to become not only the roof and ceiling of the expanded facilities of the basement newly excavated from the front lawn but also the base for the new lawn and landscaping yet to be laid out.

By and by the great load of ready mixed concrete drew up in front of the building. A team of men trundling two-wheeled carts formed by the mixer and received their loads of gray mix and brought them up the ramp and over on the area ready for it. By the day's end that whole "lawn" was covered.

During the process and a bit of a lull there came a real human touch to the scene. A little dog with big feet tried out a new experience for himself. Paw by paw he picked his way across the corner of this fresh "mud."

Rotary plans turkey dinner

A turkey dinner complete with all the trimmings will be served Saturday, March 14, from 4 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Dallas High School cafeteria. Sponsored annually by the Dallas Rotary Club, the turkey dinner is cooked and served by the Rotarians and Rotary-Anns. Take-outs will be available.

Proceeds from the dinner are used to help finance the organization's student exchange and teen-age baseball programs, as well as the other civic projects sponsored by the Rotarians. Tickets for the turkey dinner may be purchased from any Dallas Rotarian or at the door. Informal attire is encouraged.

A bake sale featuring home baked goods will be sponsored by the Rotary-Anns in conjunction with the turkey dinner. Dinner chairman is Bob Coscia, assisted by Bruce Slocum, Dr. Robert A. Mellman, and Johnny Margis.

To himself he said, "Queer stuff, this mud. Just look at my big footsteps!" The workmen, each of whom loved some doggie, indulgently watched him cross that corner. They knew better than to chase him off. He could have messed up the whole area. But one man gathered up little doggie from his sticky footed adventure and carried him off to a further section of Wyoming Avenue. Then with their tools they carefully smoothed over the big foot molds from the surface and went on with their slab laying.

For a room of three invalids that was a big day's work of superintending. No wonder we all had an early afternoon nap.

That particular day was a happy one for me, for the doctor granted me the inestimable privilege of leaving the confines of the room and totter down the hall a mile or less to the room with the proper label on it for me for what my whole system was longing to enjoy.

Catherine brought me a suitcase of clothes just in case doors would open out for me. The shoes came in especially handy, much more comfortable for walking even along hospital corridors than sloppy slippers. The shoes made me walk as if I were walking my dog.

My hospital roommates seemed to enjoy my visitors as much as I did. One of them commented: "The Reverend's company was the jolliest that could ever be. And each offered up a prayer for our recovery, and for the doctors and nurses. I should mention that 17 of the crowd were ministers, and three of them were priests. It is easy to feel the prayers bearing one right up to God.

Plants have been growing well for Catherine. She discovered some seeds overlooked last year of windowsill tomatoes. Of course she had to see how well they would germinate. First they were sown in a box and then they sprouted so well she transplanted them into little pots, must be about 40 little plants. They are supposed to bear tiny tomatoes on the window sill.

And in "the glass house" after the three mammoth flowers had gone from the amaryllis now comes along another bud shooting for the stars as fast as the others had done. The Birthday Fuchsias are sensing it is time for me to have another birthday and they are ready. The azaleas from the plants sent me in the hospital a year ago by the Sherman Heft family are blooming for all they are worth as if to assure me the friendliness of those who sent them in the first place is still giving me cheer.

postal services are improved

A new order from Postmaster General Winton M. Blount will mean substantial improvement in mail delivery services to people in certain areas. The improvement affects postal customers living more than a quarter of a mile away from post offices but less than half a mile away. To be serviced, it is necessary that those living in a qualified area ask their postmaster to provide service and a majority of those in the area must want the service.

Discussing the local effects of Mr. Blount's order, Dallas Postmaster Edward Buckley explained, "At the present time all new developments in this area are being served, and the developer of any new housing developments contemplated, should contact the postmaster as to the roads and conditions for delivery."

Under the new order, those living less than a quarter of a mile from the post office will continue to pick up their mail. "But," said Mr. Buckley, "that's no more than a few blocks. This order, however, will make home deliveries available wherever desired by the majority of those living beyond a quarter mile."

"This distance factor can be significant in areas where severe weather conditions prevail, in areas where large numbers of older persons are living or in remote sections where even a little distance may mean travel difficulties."

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