

My Typewriter Talks

by The Rev. Charles H. Gilbert

My brother thinks of nice ways of doing things on my birthday. The printed verse was to "wish you 'Happy Birthday' And a year of happiness"—and then he bracketed that part and wrote "I wouldn't limit it to a year!"

A year ago Cathy brought me a huge and lovely Fuschia plant with its large pendant flowers with white centers and red, red petals. Several times through the year it has renewed its blossoms as if to say, "We want it to be a bright birthday all through the year." And so now it seems to know it's that time again. The buds have appeared, followed by the blossoms saying, as only flowers know how to say it—"Happy birthday again, and again, and again."

A few weeks ago after our other amaryllis bulb had bloomed itself almost out of the container with flaming red flowers, Catherine brought home another bulb, this time with a tag saying this would be a red and white striped one. Or red and yellow. Already with a short stalk it has a standard raised up with two swollen buds about ready to explode with beauty. It will be open tomorrow (22nd) in time for my birthday!

The birthday wishes already coming in are like these flowers, just overflowing with wishes for everything glad and beautiful now and forever. I take these good wishes seriously and believe they will come true, just as I believe the amaryllis flowers will be out when I come downstairs in the morning.

At Valley Crest this morning it was a bit dark on account of some rain and more clouds and finally low-hanging fog. When I sang to them, as I often do, the song "How Great Thou Art," I told them how wonderful the Creator was because he makes rain come down and the grass gets green and greener and our daffodils come out bright yellow. But, I said, when that rain falls on my raincoat I don't get covered with green grass

and yellow daffodils! So our Maker brings us such a variety of visions of his wonder that we can well sing and say "How Great Thou Art!"

Often when I lie awake looking at the ceiling of my bedroom I see the lines where the joints of the plaster board are. And I have thought how easy it would be to fasten nailers along that ceiling and then attach ceiling blocks to the nailers. Just nail the strips at the places where the plaster board sheets have been nailed to roof strips. Catherine and I have often thought it would help prevent heat loss if we did such a thing to the ceiling. We both agreed it would be a simple matter.

But it wasn't! When we attempted to drive a nail through the nailer we found no solid beam of attachment. Again and again we tried with a nail, then with an exploratory drill. Result! Something like a lot of bore holes in the ceiling. Finally we cut a section of the plaster board out to admit Catherine's exploratory head. She reported a variety of timbers up there. She brought her Polaroid to the situation and took some flash bulb exposures into the dark upper reaches. Our trouble seemed to be too short nails to reach the nearest cross-beam. So I went to the hardware and brought home a quantity of ten penny nails. So we did get three nailers attached ready to begin the job of attaching a block ceiling. That will be another story or chapter to this same story.

Last week—or some week—the concert I'd been forecasting as Elijah, was performed to a larger house than last year. Elijah went off beautifully. Then three days later we went down to hear the concert on the play-back, which was an excellent tape recording. It was a treat to witness the interest of many of the performers as they listened to the concert in which they had been singing part but not a listening audience. When you are in the middle of the performance you are not in a good

position to know the total impact. Both the director and the chorus seemed pleased with the total result.

It has been our annual delight to be serenaded on spring evenings with the chorus of peepers. There has been enough of the pond overflowing into our Low Meadow section so that the piccolo ensemble could be up further toward the front of their performance. The decoration for their concert is a bed of daffodils glowing like pure gold at the edge.

So this is Earth Day—at least it was when this column was written. And so I have the thrill of giving my thanks for coming to earth for the first time on this Earth Day. Twenty one years from now will come my hundredth birthday, bringing to an end my first century on earth. Or perhaps I should say the beginning of my second century! For when I became fifty I said this was the beginning of my second half century!

What a lot of fun a mere typewriter can have stringing together a lot of words!

Deborah Circle elects officers

The regular monthly meeting of the Deborah Circle of the Shavertown United Methodist Church was held April 13 at the home of Mrs. Granville Miller, Elmcrest. Mrs. Milton Evans was co-hostess. Devotions were led by Mrs. John Porter.

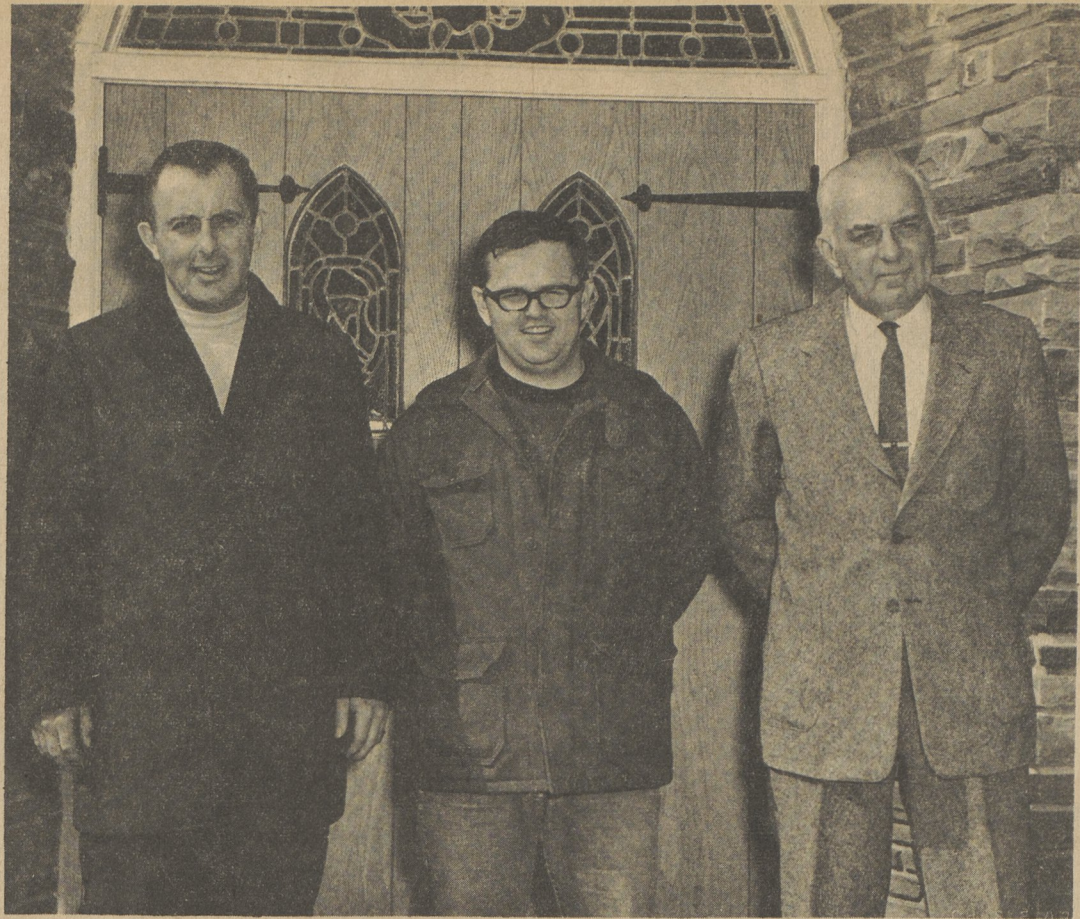
A skit entitled "The Redemption Center" was given by Mr. Raymond Parsons and Mrs. Joseph Allen. Discussion was led by Mrs. Everell Chadwick.

Election of officers for the new year was held. New officers to be installed in church next month are: chairman, Mrs. Donald Grimm; vice-chairman and program, Mrs. Fred Ostrum; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Patrick McGough; ways and means, Mrs. Keith Murray; membership, Mrs. Granville Miller; devotions, Mrs. Kenneth Kirk; publicity, Mrs. Joseph Allen.

St. Ann's set for game social

St. Ann's Altar Society of St. Andrew's Eastern Orthodox Church of Dallas will sponsor a game social May 3 at 3 p.m. at the Jonathan R. Davis Fire Hall, Idetown. Mrs. Robert Rhodes is chairman and Mrs. William Ostrum and Mrs. Paul Selingo are co-chairmen. They have selected the following committees: kitchen, Mrs. Costy Archacavage, Mrs. Anton Huminik, Mrs. John Panco, Mrs. Frank Lengyel, Ignatius Kozemchak, Mrs. Michael Brin and Mrs. Edmund Yankoski; waitresses, Mrs. Jacob Brin, Pamela and Paula Selingo, Monica Brin and Frankie Yankoski; games, Mrs. John Kriel, Mrs. John Prokopchak and Mrs. William Ostrum; basket of groceries, Mrs. Paul Selingo; bake sale, Mrs. Thomas Wolfburg; door and tickets, John Kriel; callers, Anton Huminik and Steve Kozemchak.

Tickets may be purchased from any member of the Society or at the door. Refreshments will be served. The public is invited.



Pictured above are three persons who are active in making preparations for the Prince of Peace Antique Show and Sale. Left to right are: The Rev. John Prater, rector of the church; John Sheehan, superintendent of the Sunday School, who has helped with the annual event since he was a young boy, and A. Antanaitis, who has done the lighting for the show for the past 18 years.

Prince of Peace set for antique show

Final plans are being formulated for the 18th annual Antiques Show and Sale at the Prince of Peace Episcopal Church, Main Street, Dallas, May 5 and 6, from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

The following dealers have been announced:

Gene Hanley and Bob Davis of the Silver Sleigh; Mrs. P.J. Morgan, The Red Door, Forty Fort; Marlene Kapes and Mrs. Kimball, The General Store, who specialize in general line, primitive and jewelry; Esther Schwartz, Den of Antiquity specializing in small furniture, cut and art glass, clocks, brass and copper, Victorian and English china.

Joseph Brode, Patchogue, N.Y.; Diane Philbin, Tall Spruce Antiques, general line with early furniture; A. R. Wideman, American and Euro-

pean art glass; Marjorie J. Creasy and Janet Post, Yankee Traveler; Dale Meyers, Evans Falls; Wark's Antiques, Nola Wark; Harry Ward, Profile Rock Antiques.

Graydon and Shirley Mayer, "Century House Antiques," country furniture, primitive tools, cut and pressed glass, locks, keys and brass door knobs, letters and stamps from Civil War; Bryce Major, Majors Antiques, country furniture; Mrs. Joseph Stegner, furniture, china and early glass.

Another feature of the show will be the Flower Mart where you will find a variety of geraniums—ivy, scented Martha Washington, novelty, tree geraniums plus regular geraniums. The mart will specialize in bedding plants, African violets and household plants.

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Not all the big ones get away! At least, that's what seven year old Martin John Cook thinks. Martin, a first grader at Lehman Elementary School, caught three trout the first day of fishing season, including one that measured 13 inches.

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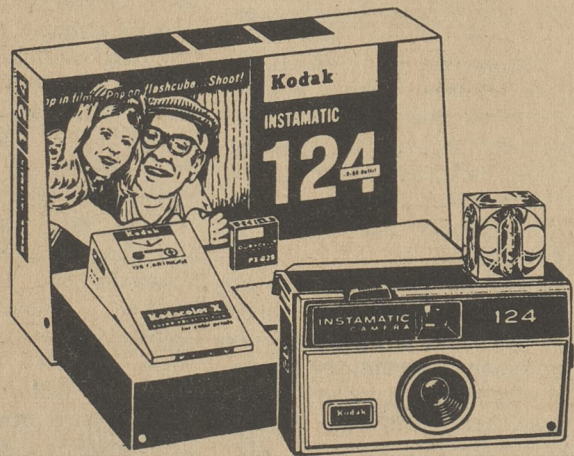
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