

My Typewriter Talks

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Our place is buzzing with life. Not that this life makes much noise—although there doubtless is a great deal of sound in the air of buzzing insects, of high-frequency bird song and no telling what other sounds. What kind of noise do the growing plants make? The pond itself is always astir with creature movement beneath the surface. And at the pond edge there are sounds in the low-frequency range such as the bullfrog's deep ker-tunk! We enjoy this activity, this life all around us.

Some of these signs of abundant life are due to my temporary muscular pains that have made the simple act of putting on socks and tying shoes out of the question. And so the lawn has gone unmowed, weeds unslicked, unpulled. Our trees which we so delighted to set out when they were little are now making us like a small forest.

But they are beautiful as nature is beautiful.

The surface of our pond has been fascinating to watch as the changing air currents keep the green mass moving, swirling, shifting front to back, side to side and then again leaving it unbroken all over with bright green.

The other day I said to Catherine, "You know, I would like to see what that green stuff looks like under a magnifying glass." And she replied, "That would not be hard to arrange." And she took a paper cup to the pond edge and brought me back a sample of the surface. Under the glass I was amazed to see that it was not a slimy scum but a garden of life such as I had not imagined.

There are two different kinds of Duck Weed, one with floating leaves and dangling roots as delicate as a fairy plantation. And joining with these well-formed plants were tiny bubblets with out roots or leaves but with the same chlorophyll-packed green floating idly about, clean as could be in water clear as a spring. I would not say that the water would stand state health inspection as drinking water. It may be loaded with germs! But the little people of the pond must enjoy the superabundance of fresh vegetables provided for them. When ducks descend for a swim, they find ready at hand enough greenery to scoop up in their ample bills and they turn it into wholesome duckmeat—I guess. Never ate any of the lovely creatures!

But when I took out at this quarter of an acre or so of rich emerald loveliness, I try to imagine how many millions or billions of such little plantlets there are. Life, life!

HUMAN LIFE AND ELECTRIC LIGHT

Some company is erecting steel towers along the skyline down the hill from us. The steel work looks artistic and strong. It had better be! They are being called on to carry the weight of wires which soon will be humming with high voltages of power linking many companies and communities together.

But recently it came to me that some men have to go to dizzy heights to make this possible. And because I am a sheer coward at the very thought of high places I was almost horrified to see hanging from one of those high crossarms on a tower a cable ladder, the bottom end of it swinging free. Question: How does anybody ever get to climb such a ladder? How can his stomach stand the swinging back and forth?

Probably some truck squirms up the rough ground to the foot of this tower. Perhaps they erect an extension ladder up to meet the bottom of that one swinging in space. Who under the sun has nerve enough to climb up the extension, catch hold of that one hanging from the stars, and do any kind of work up there? Such, for instance as fastening the wire in place to the insulators?

Good gracious! What a lot of trouble somebody has to go to in order that I may have light for my typewriting, hot water for my showerbath, hotter water for my coffee, sparks to ignite the oil in my furnace, turn the blower that circulates the heat, etc. and etc.! Human life out there, up there!

BIG NEWS AT OUR HOUSE

I am in the process of mimeographing my regular bi-monthly news letter called Jots from Dot. This issue is telling of the new furlough plans the mission board is putting into operation, that of making furloughs of its missionaries shorter and more often. Our daughter Dorothy has been having one furlough year and four years to a term of service. This new plan will bring her home this fall and she will return to Africa after Christmas. She has been a missionary nurse in Africa since 1952. Soon she will be packing up for her trip home.

Part of the treatment for this muscular pain has been the taking of some medicine during which time I am forbidden to drive. By the time this gets printed, however, that medicine will be all gone and I will be driving again. This emergency has made Catherine the only one at the wheel wherever I needed to go.

On July 21, 1873, Jesse James and his gang held up the Rock Island Express at Adair, Iowa, and escaped with \$3000.

213 Girl Scouts attend day camps

Over 213 Girl Scouts currently are enjoying day camping within Penn's Woods Council. There are 107 girls at Camp Wildwood, Harveys Lake; 73 girls at Camp Joy Lo in Hobbie; and 33 girls at Camp Pisgah, Nesquehoning. Sessions at Joy Lo and Pisgah begin July 20 and conclude July 30 while Wildwood, now in progress, ends July 23.

The two week sessions of day camping include challenging programs for each age level of Scouting. Among these are campcraft and conservation, fire-building, cooking out-of-doors, hiking and working on various badge requirements. Camp director at Wildwood is Mrs. Robert Masoner, Dallas; director at Joy Lo is Mrs. Foster Wagner, Beaver Meadows; and director at Pisgah is Mrs. Gwen Wehr, Summit Hill.

school bus inspection due August

The annual inspection of vehicles to be used for the transportation of school pupils during the 1970-71 term will take place in August. The Pennsylvania State Police have requested the Luzerne County Schools office to notify contractors of the time, place and dates designated for the annual inspection.

The Motor Vehicle Code provides that the owner of every vehicle which is to be used for the transportation of school children shall submit such vehicle to the State Police to determine whether such vehicle conforms with the provision enacted. P.L. 588, 1963, states that no school bus shall be equipped with a radio, or have one installed, except for Civil Defense purposes.

Two places have been listed in the Back Mountain Area. The police will be at Dallas Junior-Senior High School, Aug. 18, from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. and at Leon Emanuel's Garage, Orange, Aug. 24 and 25, from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Buses are to be taken to the nearest inspection area. All equipment should be inspected according to schedule. School bus signs should be covered while enroute for inspections.

Administrators are urged to review the Revised Minimum Standards for School Buses with contractors.

Traver reunion held July 5

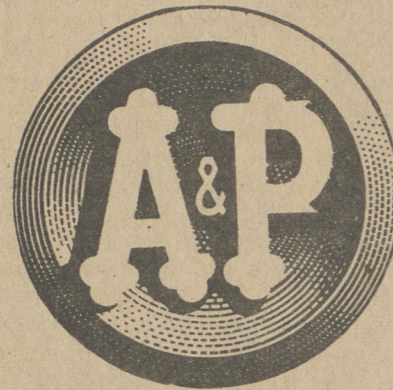
The 18th David Traver Reunion was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Voyle Traver, Evans Falls, July 5.

Games were played and prizes awarded to the oldest married couple—Mr. and Mrs. Bert Montross, Noxen, 49 years; oldest man present—Bert Montross; oldest woman present—Mrs. Bert Montross; youngest married couple—Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ladner, June 20; traveled farthest—George and Alicia Traver, Chester, N.J.; youngest baby—Tom and Elsa Traver, daughter, Amber Paige; largest family—Mr. and Mrs. Jack Traver.

Officers for the coming year remained the same: president—Alfred Traver; vice president—Estella Whispell; secretary—Betty Weaver, and treasurer—Linda Traver.

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