

My Typewriter Talks

by Rev. Charles H. Gilbert

My daughter, Catherine, and I are fond of looking things up in the dictionary. Last night from the front porch where she was reading Pickwick Papers by the light through my study window, with articulating motions, she asked me to look up the word "pettitotes." It turned out to be a word signifying pigs' feet, especially the toes, prepared for edibility! Quite enlightening, but not especially a useful word for our day by day vocabularies.

Meanwhile I had been searching for the word (take another line for this!) disestablishmentarianism. This word had special meaning in England to describe those people who wanted to depart the "establishment's" principle of separation of Church and State.

While the limited meaning of the word is not so much in public news in our time there are plenty of movements to disrupt certain situations which are labeled "the establishment." It sometimes means the Church, especially the stronger denominations which have a more or less settled status in society which irks the rebellious strata among our people. It may mean a settled school system, or a university, or a racial entity with its power and privilege. Or it may mean a governmental practice of long duration.

So there have arisen groups, often mobs, with or without organization but which are recognized as against some of these establishments. Sometimes the only apparent reason seems to be simply because "it" is an establishment, something which its opponents consider having been too long settled in its ways and ought to be "disestablished." It is too long a word to have printed in large letters on a banner.

How would such a banner be handled which had printed on it: "WE ARE FOR DISESTABLISHMENTARIANISM!" Bottles, rocks, marches, door-breaking,—anything will do to break up "the establishment." These groups, whether old or young, students or workers, men or women, doubtless have some real grievous complaints. There do need to be changes in the established way of doing things, there too long have been overlooked the needs and rights of minority sections of our people.

But because within every "establishment" there are so many values which have taken time to accumulate and organize, so

many books and records that money cannot replace, and which sooner or later will be needed and wanted by almost any citizen we think there is a growing antagonism to all this attempt to destroy the best with the worst, a growing type of iconoclastic activity which leaves the world poorer for the losses involved, we think there should be, and in fact there is, a trend toward "ANTIDISESTABLISHMENTARIANISM." Let's not anybody try to print that on a banner!

But sometimes we need to protest against the protestors. Yet we need to beware lest we condone some of the qualities of "the establishment" which need altering in favor of greater humanitarianism, broader sympathies, and more consideration for minority rights.

GREEK

Now I hope you will be patient with me while I air a feeling which I have developed for certain wordings of the Greek in the New Testament. For instance, in all the translations I have seen so far I read as in Matthew 14:27 where the disciples were scared cold by what they thought was a ghost walking on the water toward their boat. The voice that came to them full of assurance is given in English as "It is I." I would not for the world lift my judgment above any translator's to say that such is not the way the words should be translated.

All I say is, that since I have been having so much fun delving into the Greek New Testament I get a spiritual pleasure from taking the two words (not three) in the Greek and hearing Him say merely: "I AM!" For I find a linkage (whether such linkage is intended or not) between this and Exodus 3:14 where the voice of assurance and courage came to trembling, hesitant Moses standing there beside the burning bush in his bare feet wondering Who this was speaking to him, and saying: "I AM!" Especially do I take this in its shortest form when I realize by so many references how closely Jesus linked himself with the Voice Moses heard. In John 8:28 in the New English Bible: Jesus said to them, "When you have lifted up the Son of Man you will know that I am what I am." Sounds as if the Burning Bush were not far away from his mind!

So I find it not hard to read: "I AM, do not be afraid." Moses got over his fear of Pharaoh when he remembered that the "I AM" had spoken to him.

TRUCKSVILLE

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Trucksville Fire Company will meet in the fire hall Friday at 7:30 p.m. The auxiliary will meet Monday night at 8.

Kathleen Marie Hons, 150 S. Lehigh St., has completed a three year course of instruction at Reading Hospital School of Nursing. Kathleen, a graduate of Dallas Senior High School, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Hons.

The engagement of Patricia A. Cully, South Pioneer Avenue, to Carl G. Tyson, 133 Scott St., Wilkes-Barre, has been announced. Patricia, a graduate of Dallas Senior High School and Wilkes-Barre Business College, is employed as secretary by Nelson and Sons, Kingston. Mr. Tyson, a graduate of Coughlin High School, Wilkes-Barre, is attending Penn State University where he will graduate in June with an associate degree in drafting and design technology. The wedding will take place Sept. 18 in St. Therese's Church, Shavertown.

Jack Jones, South Pioneer Avenue, is convalescing at home after being a patient in General Hospital.

Dorothy Maxwell and her three sons, Kenneth, William, and Douglas of Atlantic City, N.J., have returned after visiting her mother, Johanna Ryzdewsky, 96 Staub Road.

Mrs. Donald Bytheway and son, Scott, Edgewood Heights, are visiting her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Bytheway and family, Los Angeles, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Weatherholt, Westmoreland Hills, entertained at a buffet dinner

party at their home Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. William Eckroat, who were recently married in Shavertown United Methodist Church, will take up residence at Gallup, N.M., in September.

Reulla Schroer, Cliffside Avenue, will celebrate her 11th birthday Saturday. She will be honor guest at a family party.

Several members of Back Mountain 4H Club attended a four day camp period from Friday through Tuesday at Camp Bruel last week. Maureen Brown, a student at Central Catholic High School, Kingston, spent last week at a cheering camp at Penn Hall Junior College in Chambersburg. Maureen, daughter of Atty. and Mrs. Lenahan Brown, Westmoreland Hills, is a cheerleader at the high school in Kingston.

Mrs. Joseph Voitek and infant daughter have returned from General Hospital to their home on Bunker Hill Road.

Mrs. Carl B. Olsen, Terrace Avenue, attended the funeral of her late uncle, Rep. Michael J. Kirwan, last week at Youngstown, Ohio.

Florence H. Frantz, 134 South Pioneer Ave., is convalescing at her home after being a patient in General Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Spencer, Harris Hill Road, entertained Tuesday evening.

Leo Corbett, Clearview Avenue, was elected lieutenant governor of Kiwanis Division 15 at a meeting held recently at the American Legion Home in Swoyersville. Mr. Corbett is a member of the Dallas Club.

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