My Typewriter Talks

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Africa Comes Home

This typewriter has had time to get used to a whole new vocabulary and angle of reference. For I have told Dorothy of course to use my typewriter and my desk where it sits always waiting for some skilled words to be sounded out on its keys.

Last Sunday—I mean Sept. 13-Dorothy was expecting to meet over on the highway a young visitor and his young wife and conduct them to our house and church. The young man had been in Congo for a short term mission, where he had done excellent work and maintained a fine Christian spirit. So Dorothy was glad to see him and his wife of two months. She had not returned with these visitors when time came for us to go to church. Mt. Zion church, Catherine's adorable childrens' choir was to sing a special number so we had to get there on time, hoping Dorothy and guests would make it before church had been long in pro-

The Africa Anthem

So church began and the service went on towards the time for the anthem. Catherine was sitting next to the front seat the choir when they needed it.

The congregation had just stood to sing the offertory response and down the aisle came Dottie and her guests. They went to Cathy's beckoning to the very front seat ahead of Catherine and close to the

The choir stood to sing lovely and expressive anthem with a rhythmic tinkling as of bells. Dorothy was sure to enjoy this, for the music was written by an African and the words had been translated from the Otetela language into English by Dorothy herself. veryone knew that the choir no. only had been well trained in this singing and rhythmic accompaniment, but we all recognized how well these singing children had done this number. Peggy Thomas told Cathy that the children, whenever they go for a ride in the car, are always breaking into song along the way.

Our guests also thoroughly enjoyed the program.

And we enjoyed these lovely guests and saw them on their way, giving them a safe conduct convoy to Route 81 on which they would continue their

> Visitors See Valley Crest

On the way we led our guest up around the drive past the

Boy Scouts recruit Oct. 6

"School Night for Scouting" will take place Oct. 6 at 7 p.m. in their Back Mountain elementary schools. All boys who are eligible to join either Cub or Boy Scouts will be able to register and learn something about Scouting. Boys and parents should go to the elementary school nearest their home and be assigned to a unit. If an esisting unit is filled, a new unit will be organized to meet the needs of the community.

To be eligible for Cub Scouts, a boy must be seven years old and in the third gradeor eight years old and in any grade. The age requirements for Boy Scouts is 11 years old or older. Eligible boys will receive brochures in school with information as to where they are to

"School Night for Scouting" is part of a long range program of the Boy Scouts of America to make Scouting available to all eligible boys in the United

Back Mountain schools open Oct. 6 will be Dallas Elementary, Shavertown Elementary, Trucksville Elementary and Lehman-Jackson Elementary. In addition, Carverton Methodist Church and Jackson Township Volunteer Fire Company will carry the program in their area.

William Austin and John J. Mulhern are serving as co-ordinators for District 2. Serving in their respective schools are Walter Prokopchak, Shavertown; Philip Zachary, Trucksville, and John J. Mulhern, Dallas

buildings of Valley Crest, for I like to have guests see the place where my heart has been so closely entwined these eight

> Catherine and Dorothy Present Program

Monday was the first fall meeting of the Wilkes-Barre District Ministers and Wives Association at First United Methodist Church in Wilkes-Barre. Catherine had been asked to provide a program of devotions for the wives' meeting. There had been a speaker dated to give a program on Africa, but at a late date the speaker phoned to say she was to be in Texas and could not be

So the one in charge asked Catherine if she and her father could provide a program about Africa. Catherine replied that we could but asked her how it would be if Dorothy herself were able to provide it. Which of course was acceptable! So I sat in-not unwillingly!-at the wives' meeting instead of going into the ministers' meeting.

Catherine had prepared a selection of beautiful slides with a spiritual connotation of excellent applied thoughts. On the side I want to say I was personwhere she could sort-of direct ally deeply moved by the devoutly beautiful worship experience. This was followed by slides and a talk by Dorothy about her work in Congo which was well-received by the women who also asked many questions which Dorothy answered in clear and understandable fashion.

> In passing I was not surprised to find that several of the women want to date Catherine and program for some of their church meetings-which Catherine of course was willing to

Dorothy's speaking program will not commence until No-

Meanwhile Surgery

After being checked over by the mission board doctor on her return from the Congo, it was advised that this missionary should have surgery very soon, not so much as an emergency measure but so as to get it taken care of and have time for recuperation before speaking engagements come on and so as to be in good condition to return to Congo after Christmas

So at this writing Dorothy is in (to you, WAS in!) surgery and I await word of her progress. I expect it will all be good, for she has told doctors before now, "I always heal quickly!" So when the doctors told her she would be a week or two weeks recovering, She declared, "I will be ONE week!"

My Own Recovery

Of course I don't get over at area schools of course I don't get over then I am further toward a century of age than Dorothy is! At this writing, however, I have shouted to my friends as Cathy has wheeled me around those long halls at Valley Crest, "I tied my shoes myself, this morning; And look! I'm using only ONE cane!" At which all

> I think my friends there do not feel too badly to have Cathy wheel me around just so long as I am there! And besides, they get duets from the red hymn book, not just solos. All my friends, patients and staff, sweepers and moppers, dining room people and all are, as always just wonderful to meand us. I go there to bless them, and lo! I get the blessing!

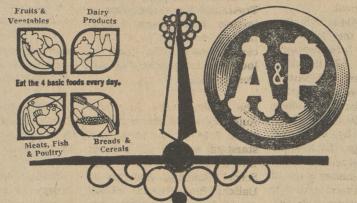
Shavertown Meth. plans beef dinner

The planning committee for the annual roast beef dinner of Shavertown United Methodist Church met recently at the home of the co-chairman, Mrs. Gordon Edwards, in New Goss

Other members present were: Mrs. Walter Cook, Mrs. Jack Kloeber, Mrs. E.V. Chadwick, Mrs. Michael Olenick. Mrs. R.G. Lewis, and Mrs. M.J. Borthwick, chairman.

Reservations for the Oct. 28th dinner may be made with any member of the Shavertown WSCS or by calling the church office. Tickets will be available soon, and must be purchased in advance. No tickets will be sold

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