

My Typewriter Talks

by the Rev. Charles H. Gilbert

Lover of Trees
There is a plant whose name is philodendron, meaning a lover of trees. It twines around a tree as if its very life depended on it. So far as I know it is not a parasite but simply loves a tree for its companionship and support. There are several varieties of this plant, and I do not have any special one of it in mind. It is the idea of its being named a lover of trees that appeals to me. For I, too, am a lover of trees.

Trees Grow!
When we came up here in 1969 to begin our life of retirement there were not many trees on this place, but we were surrounded by them. One year we bought a clump of three paper-white birches. They were not white then. The trunk and limbs were covered with a beautiful reddish brown bark. I think it was about three years before those stalks began to show white. We had set the clump in our side yard where the underlying land is mostly rocks. It has been a wonder to me how trees set there could possibly find soil and water enough to grow.

But finding nourishment for the trees has not been my problem, for they were equipped to find for themselves. And down went the roots. How they must have squirmed and pierced and hoped for what they were born

to require. I have had occasion to plunge my crow bar into the yard in order to dig holes for various plantings. The steel bar was not equipped to find its way downward. I had to move it, try another spot and finally find a place where the bar could make a hole.

Brown becomes Paper-White
Finally that clump of shiny brown stalks became white with curling bark and almost trying to shed paper of its own accord. I know what could have been done with that bark, for I have seen strips of the bark peeled from that kind of tree. It can be used for writing paper of a kind. It can be separated into thin sheets. One's imagination can easily picture Hiawatha taking a large enough white birch tree and winding off from it a sheet big enough to be shaped into a canoe. It would be waterproof, for the bark is oily. In fact when I was in Scouting, I learned that a piece of white birch could be lighted with a match even when wet and was a help in starting a campfire.

So now our clump of small birch trees is a clump of sturdy white barked trees.

Fashioned From Roots
One of my hobbies used to be to see in my mind some possible shape that could be formed from a queer angle of roots. From some pieces of yellow

birch I made a pair of bookends with the curly yellow bark forming a decorative texture. And from small branches I have made paper knives, letter openers. On time I saw in my imagination a peculiar kind of animal shaped by the cutoff stem and roots of a maple tree. When I dug up the thing and kept my imagination alive I fashioned it into a door stop which rears its ugly head with grinning mouth, and holds aloft a forked tail behind its camel-like humps on its back. We gave it an impossible name coined from a combination of turtle neck, camel-hump, walrus hinde. I cut eyes in its watchful head. There it stands holding open the door between our dining room and kitchen. A cousin of mine who is an expert at naming things said it was a skeuomorph, a word not yet in the dictionary at that time!

The Grain of Wood
A friend of mine a long time ago knowing how much I like beautiful wood gave me a big slab of wood which had been sawn out of a mammoth burl of a maple tree. It was not then a thing of beauty, but I took it to a lumber yard (I had to hunt around to find one with a fast enough planer) and asked the man to plane it on both sides. Of course the planer knives had to work across the grain and on one side the knives snatched bits of the wood out and left rough spots. But the other side, especially after I gave it a good dressing down through a drum-sander, became a handsome piece of wood with what looked very much like an Indian head in deep red in the middle. Eventually I had it sawed into shape for a small table and when finished with fine shandpaper and varnished was and is a thing of beauty. Now whenever I see a large burl on a maple tree along the road I think how such a bump on the tree might turn out to be another thing of artistic loveliness if sawed through its cross-grained body and finished.

Along the Highway
Many times I have almost gasped with the wonder and thrill of a huge oak tree which has been liverated from the confines of a forest to spread and spread its arms of strength out across the road as if to protect travellers from danger from the skies. Within the forest an oak unable to spread its wings sideways grows straight up and up in its insatiable yearning for the light of the sky. Such a tree becomes long oak boards from which flooring can be made or church pews or other furniture. A young Englishman once told me how extravagant the English considered us Americans for the way we used oak for church seats.

When I drive up the road from Carverton to Orange I gasp at that lovely spreading oak just up the road from the Grange-hall. And when I drive up route 92 there is another old great-grandfather oak tree guarding the highway up near the Harding Hose House.

Flaming Colors
I do not need to call attention to the extravagant colors of our time of year in this region. You can count on Columbus Day being the time if ever for the pigmentation of the leaves to be at its most brilliant best.

Marines plan birthday ball

Marines in the Scranton and Wilkes-Barre area will celebrate the 195th anniversary of the United States Marine Corps, Nov. 6 at Convention Hall in Pittston Township.

The celebration will include guest speakers, cocktails, dinner and dancing. The evening's program will commence with the serving of cocktails at 7 p.m. Dinner will be served at 8 p.m. and then the Marines, their families and guests will take part in the traditional cutting of the Birthday cake. There will be dancing until 1 a.m.

The uniform for Marines will be dress blues or winter service, with civilian suits for former Marines and civilian guests. For the ladies, cocktail dresses or evening gowns.

For tickets, reservations, or information, call the Marine Corps Reserve Training Center at 825-6811 extension 270-270 or 822-1493 after 5 p.m. and weekends.

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TRUCKSVILLE

Cub Pack 155 will meet tomorrow night at 7:30 in the educational building of Trucksville United Methodist Church. The group will hold a Halloween party at that time. All cubs are to be masked.

Girl Scout Troop 630 will meet in the Trucksville United Methodist Church Monday at 4.

Back Mountain 4-H Club met in the municipal building Friday night. Paul Beard presided at the business meeting. Plans were completed for the fall and winter program. Members will attend the achievement banquet to be held at O'Leary's in Hazleton, Oct. 25.

Mr. and Mrs. Vought Long, Grove Street, will return this weekend from a motor trip through Florida. Some of the cities they visited are St. Augustine, Miami, and St. Petersburg.

Lucy Cortright is a patient in Town Nursing Home, 15 Lombard St., Philadelphia. Miss Cortright is a former resident of Harris Hill Road.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Harris, Cliffside Avenue, entertained Saturday evening.

Richard N. Fedock, 134 Gramgorna Drive, has been awarded an engineering scholarship by the William T. Morris Foundation. He attends Bucknell University and majors in chemistry.

Robert Griffiths, a member of the freshman class at Drew

Stanley Hozempa attending lectures

Dr. Stanley Hozempa, Shavertown, is in Corning, N.Y., this week, along with other optometrists from New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Quebec and Ontario, attending lectures at the 31st New York All-State Optometric Congress. The Congress, in addition to providing a forum for the exchange of information among optometrists, presents lectures by leading authorities of the optometric profession and other related disciplines.

Penn State offers engineering review

Charles R. Meck, assistant director for Continuing Education at The Pennsylvania State University's Wilkes-Barre Campus, has announced a Professional Engineering—Electrical course will be held at the campus in Lehman beginning Nov. 12.

The Professional Engineering Review program is for practicing engineers who are planning to take the professional engineering examination for state registration in Pennsylvania. The sessions, which meet for

21 weeks on Thursday's from 7 to 10 p.m., will cover those phases of engineering with which the engineer should be familiar in order to adequately prepare for the state examination.

The review will consist of a systematic coverage of typical problems and pertinent engineering and scientific principles, fundamental instruction in professional ethics and engineering economy, and familiarization with the examination format and procedures.