

# My Typewriter Talks

BY Rev. Charles H. Gilbe.

Of interest to taxpayers!

Along first floor hall of Dining at Valley Crest two men came, carrying a bronze plaque about 9x12 inches in size, an electric drill, and few other tools. On the wall beside the door to the newly rebuilt room which I had come to know as the proposed intensive care unit, these men stopped, began drilling holes, and soon had mounted the bronze plaque which reads as follows:

**THE ACUTE CARE AREA  
AT VALLEY CREST  
DEDICATED 31 AUGUST 1971.**

This area was made possible by donations from the Ladies Auxiliary of Valley Crest and Volunteer Services.

The Helen L. Judge Memorial Fund, patients and relatives of patients, citizens of Luzerne County, and Luzerne County commissioners, Edmund C. Wideman Jr., Frank P. Crossin, Ethel A. Price; Gerald P. Malloy, Executive Director; Walter Z. Newman, M.D., Medical Director.

So this is what the invitation is all about which came to my desk inviting me to the dedication ceremony of the Acute

Care Area at Valley Crest Aug. 31 at 10 a.m.

By removing a partition, two rooms of four bed capacity each have been merged into one room of six bed capacity. The beds which are called Intensive Care beds are of such height as makes possible the easy moving of an invalid from a stretcher cart directly over on the bed. Each bed has three positions adjustable to the normal requirements of a bed patient. These beds are not motorized but can easily be adjusted by hand cranks. Oxygen and vacuum are piped from an adjoining storage chamber to a position in the walls convenient to the heads of the beds. Electrical monitoring is provided to bring necessary information from the patients to the attention of the nurses in charge.

A machine called a defibrillator is useful in stabilizing heart action when necessary. An electrocardiogram records the patients' heart rhythms.

At present there are two certified intensive care unit nurses. The other nurses are now being schooled for this special type of service. Other especially accredited personnel are expected to be employed soon. This Acute Care Area is located not far from the main offices of the medical director, the director of nurses, the supervisors' room and the office of the director of in-service training.

It has been apparent that one of the focal interests of our retiring executive director, Gerald P. Malloy, has been the completion of this Acute Care Unit so that it can now be put into immediate use for any cases needing it. The room has been readied for some time; now the equipment is in place, connections completed, and specially trained nurses are in charge.

This chaplain has been thinking of the tragic case of long ago reported in old

Jerusalem when in an area where healing potentialities were supposed to exist for chronic invalids of the time, but unfortunately only the first person who could crawl or be dragged by friends into the healing pool at the moment of its periodic bubbling could be healed. The story has come down to us that there was a man whose invalidism had been going on for 38 years. Then a kindly stranger came by who stopped and asked this ironic question: "Do you want to be healed?" The pathetic answer full of despair came: "Sir, I have no man when the pool begins to bubble to put me in. For while I am coming another steps down ahead of me."

"I have no man—!" This chaplain would like to pray: "Dear Lord of all healing, if ever any invalid needs the care that Valley Crest can give, let it never be said, 'Lord, just when I need the help, You are here to give: I have no man to wheel me to this place and put me in.' For here are many who are equipped to help just such persons in need. And, Lord, keep on call for Your holy purpose of healing, a list of men and women who are able and willing to be Your hand and heart for human sufferers. Amen."

I would like to pay tribute to Gerald F. Malloy and Dr. Walter Z. Newman and all others whose dedication to this day's possibilities have made this a day of divine blessing not only for now but for years to come.

In the presence of the county commissioners, the staff personnel and many distinguished guests, Edmund C. Wideman Jr. spoke in high appreciation of the work of Executive Director Gerald F. Malloy and extended to him best wishes in his new field of work. Then he cut the ribbon—thus opening the Acute Care Area to the public for inspection and the asking of questions.

## Crispell Family Has 58th Annual Reunion

The Crispell family held its 58th annual reunion Aug. 14 at Dymond's Grove, Noxen, with 83 in attendance. A smorgasbord lunch was held at noon after which a meeting was called to order by the vice president, Mrs. Edward Sidorek, in the absence of Robert Crispell, president. Prayer was offered by Albert Crispell.

Reports were given by Mrs. William Hoover and Mrs. Elwood Oney, secretaries; Edward Cobleigh, treasurer.

Gifts were presented to: oldest lady, Daisy Crispell, 87; oldest man, Rex Vosburg, 69; longest married couple, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Crispell, 45 years; most recently married couple, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Traver, two months; youngest baby, Karen Marie Crispell, 11 months; family traveling the farthest, the Vosburg's, Virginia; largest family, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Crispell.

Officers were elected for the ensuing year: president, Mrs. Edward Sidorek; vice president, Richard Traver; secretaries, recording, Mrs. Elvin Bean Jr.; and corresponding, Mrs. Robert Bennett; treasurer, Mrs. Francis Schenck; prizes, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Cobleigh; games, Mrs. Claude Sorber and Janet Andrews.

## Dog Training Club Announces Classes

The Anthracite Dog Training Club has announced its fall training class schedule. Registration will be held Sept. 8, at 7:30 p.m. at the Acme Auditorium, Gateway Shopping Center, Kingston. This will be followed by a brief orientation program for all new handlers. Classes will begin Sept. 12 at 2 p.m. in Nesbitt Park and continue for ten consecutive weeks. In addition to the sub novice (beginners) and novice (advanced) classes, a new puppy class will be formed. This class is designed for dogs three to six months of age.

For further information call Bernie Zoranski, training chairman, at 868-3628 or Gail Butkiewicz, trainer, at 822-3524.

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