

# My Typewriter Talks

by Rev. Charles H. Gilbert  
That time again! Last year I thought I'd never try it again, but the philosophy of life I am attempting to follow as time goes on is the longer my mind can follow an aim, and I think I can do it I keep on trying. Well, here it is again—that huge ecumenical service of praise in St. John the Evangelist Church in Pittston.

I've been looking over the music and it does not look exceptionally difficult, only when it comes to those long, long holds, all on one breath—well I'll just do the best I can. The dear Lord who heard me tell him that night in the hospital, "I want to live—but it's hard work to breathe," said, "I know, and I am glad you want to live badly enough to want to work at it, and I'm helping you." He didn't say I should quit singing such songs as these in such a lofty setting.

I'd better make the best of these occasions. I'll praise the Lord while I have my breath! Bless the dear Lord who brings me letters (with the help of our RFD carrier and clerks along the way). I am glad of that good Greek word that is translated into English as "messenger", "angel", "Gospel", "Evangel", "Evangelist". If the typesetter at the Dallas Post had a font or two of Greek letters, I'd like to print them in my column. Every time I look into my New Testament (my hobby book) I see the words spelled out in the beautiful curly-kews of the language—the Gospel—according to Matthew, Mark, etc.

Messages come to my desk from friends whom I cherish year after year, and some of them seem to feel the same way about my letters to them. Some I write in response to needs and certain reminders tell me, "This is the time for you to write as the very message of God."

The one that came the other day came from a cousin on the Atlantic Coast. About 10 or 11 years ago, she sent me Pussy Willow whips in a box such as florists use. Those whips found some good places to reach down for the water that underlies our back yard. They grew! And how they grew! I had to tell her again my joke about the pole beans that did not grow, but the pole that did! And that bean pole became a tall tree, a grandchild of other tall willows at the pond edge.

And then came some pictures of babies I have recently baptized and one or two of them as babes in my great-great-granduncle's arms. I couldn't have that honor if I hadn't outlived several dates!

Recently I have just finished reading a book about Joseph Haydn. I thought it would be a good idea in view of the coming performance of the oratorio, "The Creation", by Haydn. I am appalled at the beatings given him by some men of that age who could have everlasting fame and credit if they had extended advancements in his educational advantages. Now don't anybody tell me that he became the kind of genius he was because of the whippings he got! What he became is due solely to his own intense desire and determination, and in spite of those who trusted in the rod. Anyway, we are going to hear the Creation, and enjoy it.

Oh, I ran across something quite unusual among my things. It was a three-ring notebook, larger than my diaries. I opened this one to see what precious document I might have laid away in it. For instance, one of such size has matters relating to pumps and motorized tools. But I could not remember what I had put away in this one. It turned out to be a collection of children's stories, typed out so they could be read to children of any age "from 6 to 90". I was fascinated by them.

Funny, I used to tell them to children simply by the an-

nouncement, "All right, children, for your story." I invited them to come to the front seats, thereby giving them the chance to move around which their parents could not do. The sight of those children tumbling and rolling down the aisles was a happy sight to see. There was the inspiration and the "go to it" for my imagination. The stories were the creation of my fancy. But they became so real that people sometimes asked me, "Were they real children?" No, they weren't, until I had lived with them awhile, and then they were "my babies", and the big white house and the little brown house next door became as real as if they were real! Funny how they all came back to me when I was reading the stories. The publisher I sent them to did not share my enthusiasm, and returned them to me, and I filed them in this loose leaf book.

I wish somebody wanted to read them to somebody's children. They might not read well. The children kept my attention!

## Local Pathfinders Step Up Activities

Local youth are sharing in the Pathfinders' 25th Silver Anniversary celebration this month as they step up activities under the guidance of Mervin W. Ernst, master Pathfinder guide.

At their meetings each Tuesday evening at the Kingston Seventh-Day Adventist Church, Pathfinders in full dress uniform take part in special drills and marching exercises and work on a series of hobby and craft projects in preparation for an annual Pathfinder fair. The fair this year will be held in May at Blue Mountain Academy campus, Hamburg. Pathfinder Clubs from all over Northeastern Pennsylvania will participate.

The Pathfinder Club is sponsored locally by the Seventh-Day Adventist Church to provide recreation and character-building activities such as camping, crafts and honor badge work, including Bible memory work, for boys and girls between the ages of 10 and 15. The club is open to all youth of the community.

## PG&W Approves Quarter Dividends

The board of directors of Pennsylvania Gas and Water Company voted quarterly dividends of 33 and three-quarter cents per share on its common stock, \$1.025 per share on its 4.10 percent preferred stock, and \$1.4375 per share on its 5.75 percent preferred stock. The dividends are payable March 15 to shareholders of record Feb. 27.

Net earnings figures for the year 1973 will be released after completion of the annual independent audit.

And I kept theirs. Some people remember those stories to this day!

We had an energy crisis one day in our kitchen. There was a gas explosion! It didn't make much noise, but we found the cover, a plastic one, on the floor about six feet away from where it had been tightly snapped over the top of a stainless bowl on the table. Catherine had placed the pan there with a batch of starter dough in it, and capped it tight to rise some more. In the morning the dish was still there, and the dough. The cover had taken flight through the air. That's the kind of starter to have to raise bread dough!

# Brewing Company Executive Victim of Heart Attack at 49

The president of the Stegmaier Brewing Company, a Dallas resident, died Feb. 17,

the victim of a heart attack. J. Fred Maier, 49, of Haddonfield Hills, Dallas, was pronounced

## \$6,000-Plus Collected For Carol M. Harris

Mrs. Gerald A. Spenser, Shavertown, has told the Post that the Carol Marie Harris fund drive has collected a little over \$6,000 and an undetermined amount of blood. Carol Marie, Mrs. Spenser's niece, is the 13-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Harris, Island Road, Noxen. She has been ill since last July with acute lymphoblastic leukemia.

Mrs. Spenser told the Post that she, Carol Marie, her family and Mrs. Preston Swan, RD 4, Dallas, another aunt who co-ordinated the fund drive with Mrs. Spenser, wish to thank everyone who donated blood or money or who in any other way helped the fund drive.

## Kunkle

The United Methodist Women of the Kunkle United Methodist Church met at the home of Arline Updyke Feb. 13 at 8 p.m. Jeanie Hilbert was co-hostess.

Arline Updyke presided at the business meeting and Dorothy Dodson was in charge of devotions, assisted by Naomi Ashburner and Elva Elston.

After the business meeting, refreshments were served to the following: Doris Harrison, Lana Birstock, Dorothea Heinen, Anna Maude Landon, Jennie Miers, Dorothy Henney, Winifred Stompler, Dorothy Adams, Sylvia Brace, Dorothy Dodson, Elva Elston, Naomi Ashburner, Ann Weaver, and the hostesses, Mrs. Updyke and Mrs. Hilbert.



Pathfinders work on glass craft, in preparation for the annual Pathfinder fair. In the foreground is David Beamesderfer, Dallas, scribe of the "coyotes". Other Back Mountain youth in the group include Mike Duncan, Dallas, and Tom Jones, Shavertown. Director Ernst is seen in the background.

dead by chief deputy coroner Joseph Shaver.

The president and chairman of the board of the Wilkes-Barre brewing company, Mr. Maier was born in Los Angeles, Calif. He was a graduate of St. John's

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# Obituaries

**MARGARET STACK**  
Margaret M. Stack, 57, Skyview Drive, Dallas, died at home Feb. 12 after a brief illness.

A native of Wilkes-Barre, she had lived at 254 S. River St., Wilkes-Barre, before the 1972 flood.

She was a graduate of St. Ann's Academy, College Misericordiae, and Marywood College, where she earned her M.A. degree.

She taught Latin and French at Wyoming Seminary Day School, Forty Fort, for 30 years. She is survived by a sister, Kathleen G. Stack, with whom she resided.

The funeral was held from the McLaughlin Funeral Home, Kingston. Interment was in St. Mary's Cemetery, Hanover Township.

**WAYNE SMITH**  
Wayne H. Smith, 401 Lincoln Ave., Folsom, a native of Sweet Valley, died Feb. 9 in Riddle Memorial Hospital, Lima.

The 52-year old man was employed by IMI Company, Chester, as a welder.

He is survived by his widow, the former Florence Clarke; daughters, Frances Anderson, South Carolina; Deborah Johnson, Chester; Jeanette Hildick, Rdley Park; sons, Ronald Smith and David Anderson, both of Chester; Elwood Smith, Norwood; 11 grandchildren; sisters, Pearl Oberst, Bloomsburg; Stella Kittle, Louise Shaw and Arline Adams, all of Sweet Valley; Phyllis Skoronski, Wilkes-Barre; Neta Kocher, Harveys Lake; brother, Lawrence Smith, Sweet Valley.

**GLADYS MARTZ**  
Gladys Martz, 74, of 34 West Center St., Shavertown, died Feb. 17 at Boone Nursing Home, Eversgrove.

A native of Greenwood Township, she is the former Gladys Morris, and was a resident of Shavertown for 30 years.

He is survived by a son, Ted, Bethlehem; sisters, Mrs. Clyde Bennett, Shavertown; Mrs. Charles Bittner and Mrs. Forest Talcott, both of Orangeville; four grandchildren. Her husband, Roy, died in 1961.

The funeral was held from the Disque Funeral Home, Dallas. Interment was in Greenwood Cemetery.

**MONROE SHULTZ**  
Monroe J. Shultz, 71, of Poplar Street, Fernbrook, died in General Hospital Feb. 14.

A native of Wilkes-Barre, he retired in 1967 from employment as a welder with the W.H. Nicholson Company of Wilkes-Barre.

He is survived by daughters, Arline Boyes, Hagerstown, Md.; LaBerta Merithew, with whom he resided; sons, Gerald and Walter, Manassas, Va.; Robert, Las Vegas, Nev.; 19 grandchildren; sisters, Mrs. Edward Lynch, Sarasota Beach, Fla.; Irene Naugle and Eleanor Edwards, both of Harveys Lake; brother, George, Michigan.

His wife, the former Leona Frey, died in 1969.

The funeral was held from the Harold C. Snowden Funeral Home, Shavertown. Interment was in Maple Grove Cemetery, Pikes Creek.

**MARGUERITE JOHNSON**  
Marguerite M. Johnson, 63, of 13 Harris Hill Road, Trucksville, died at home Monday morning.

A native of Wilkes-Barre she lived in Trucksville for over 40 years. She is the former Marguerite Jackson.

She is survived by her husband, Clifford; son, Robert, Trucksville; three grandchildren; sisters, Claire Beidman, Cape Coral, Fla.; Ora Beers, Levittown; Madge Oram and Rachael Bayer, both of Wilkes-Barre; brothers, Edward and Marvin Jackson, both of Wilkes-Barre.

The funeral was held from the Trucksville United Methodist Church. Arrangements were through the Bronson Funeral Home, Sweet Valley. Interment was in Lehman Cemetery.

**EDWARD DENDLER**  
Edward Dendler, 64, a former resident of Noxen, died Feb. 12 in Delaware Valley Hospital. He had been living in Bristol.

He is survived by daughters, Eva Jean Jones, Clifford; Barbara Gee, Whittier, Calif.; son, Gerald, Louisiana; six grandchildren, two great-grandchildren; sisters, Marjorie Szella, Trucksville; Freda Lily, Bristol; brothers, Roy and Ernest, both of Noxen; Albert, California; David, New Jersey; Phillip, Minnesota; and Walter, Bristol.

The funeral was held from the Nulton Funeral Home, Beaumont. Interment was in Orcutt Cemetery, Noxen.

**DIANNA BONK**  
Dianna Bonk, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Bonk, RD 5, Shavertown, died shortly after birth Feb. 13 in Nesbitt Hospital.

The mother is the former Donna Phillips of Kingston. Also surviving are a brother, John; maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Phillips, Kingston; paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Bonk, Laurel Run.

Private funeral services were held from the McLaughlin Funeral Home, Wilkes-Barre. Interment was in St. Mary's Cemetery, Hanover Township.

## Rummage Sale Set by Chapter

The Pennsylvania Northeast Chapter of Deborah will hold a rummage sale at 346 Wyoming Ave., Wyoming, Feb. 21, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Feb. 22, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Feb. 23, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. to 5 p.m.

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