

# My Typewriter Talks

by Rev. Charles H. Gilbert  
That ordination service of 50 years ago! Lisle, N.Y., was (and still is) about 25 miles north of Binghamton on route 26, just beyond Whitney Point. Lisle was where my church was, it was my second appointment there. I went there in 1919, was there three years, and then transferred to Flemingsville, then back to Lisle for two years again. I came to have a great deal of affection for that town and its people. Somehow that feeling still remains. Most of the "old timers" are gone, but I still feel a sense of gratitude to the church that took me in as a raw minister and put up with my inexperience and probably peculiarities and went on living, and is still there. They rejoiced when our first baby was born in the Methodist Hospital up in Syracuse. And when I told some of the people that I went up to the hospital and picked out the nicest looking baby to bring home, some said, "Oh, I thought she was your own!" And she was.

Now came the year 1924 and that summer we were to have a second baby; this time at home, with the old home town doctor in charge. But I'm getting too far ahead of my story. Conference was meeting in April 1924, and Catherine likes to say that she was there at my ordination (although she wasn't born until August!) The Conference ordination service was being held in the Centenary Methodist Church on Court Street, Binghamton.

According to my diary for that date I made record simply: "Today I was ordained Elder." I had a letter lately from another who also attended that ordination service and then—"Yes, I remember the time... We were at the church for your ordination and left soon after on account of heavy storm. We got to top of hill down into Whitney Point and couldn't make it any further on account of the water. We came back to Binghamton and stayed overnight. Came up in the morning, left the car top of the hill in Whitney Point, walked down to the railroad, and walked the track home from there... Time does fly by, doesn't seem as if I had been writing you and your family for 50 years!"

And Lisle has furnished news to our personal life history. In that church was a young girl in her early teens who had been taking music lessons and became a substitute organist. She was a cousin of the one who has been a steady letter writer for these 50 years. This young girl grew a bit beyond her teens and was to be married at her mother's home on High Street near to this letter writer friend. She wanted me to come back to do the wedding. Which I did. She married the man who was at that time principal of the local high school... Now skip along a few years, and this man entered the Methodist ministry, became an army chaplain... More years went by and he became a pastor... still more years and he and his wife were sent to Lisle where he remained as pastor until his retirement this very Conference and are living in

Again this letter-writer tells about her brother who in my days as pastor was one of the town's fine young men. In the course of time he moved into Johnson City, married, and later on joined our conference as a student minister, completing his schooling at Harper College. It was my pleasure to be at the Conference executive session when he was up for admission and ordination in this Conference. And within these same 50 years he has been serving well as one of our Conference pastors, and now he has retired and like most retired ministers does some supply preaching. It was my pleasure to sit beside him in the recent Conference sessions and have him assist me in keeping track of the conference program doings, being eyes for me.

It came over me recently how unique this one special writer of letters has continued to keep me informed not only of Lisle's activities and of some of those whom I knew way back when I was active there. Her letters are always encouraging, and she never misses an Easter, or Christmas sending appropriate greetings. Her letter this time had the most unusual postage stamp I have yet seen, a stamp commemorating America's mineral resource with a beautiful engraving of a stone I can't find in my Random House dictionary but like many scientific names this one has it in Greek—Rhodochrosite, which means at least Rose-colored, for Rhode is Greek for rose.

Writing of these 50 years reminds me also that in the corner of my present home concrete walk is a portion of the first concrete walk I ever built. It was the one I built around the parsonage corner when I was pastor at Lisle. It is laid in that same year of 1924 when I was ordained elder, and my younger daughter was soon to be born. And Dorothy, our little four-year old, was watching her daddy pour and spread concrete. When I had finished I helped press her two little handprints into the soft concrete where I fingered the date 1924... Years passed by and one of the strong young men of Lisle saw what I had done. His daughter was a playmate of our Dorothy. A year or two ago he cut that end of the concrete off from the walk which had been ruined along with the parsonage property, and loaded it into the trunk of his car and brought it down to me. Neighbors helped unload that chunk on to our yard here, where I have it now set into the ground in that corner place. Fifty years seems a long time. I celebrated my 50th birthday while living in the Carverton parsonage, and the people of the parish gave me a birthday party that night in the Grange Hall, as I said, "Entering my second half century."

And in November 1967 about 300 people helped my daughters celebrate their parents' 50th wedding anniversary. So you see, 50 years is a good time to celebrate. And I thank God that I have already been able to see more than half way through my second half century of life.

# EPA Will Tighten Regulations For Car Emission Standards

by Melissa Langston  
Post Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON -- The Environmental Protection Agency is preparing to expand its methods of approving auto emission standards for various model cars. At present, new models are tested prior to production, using prototype vehicles.

But the EPA will publish regulations in the fall for a "selective enforcement audit" of cars from the assembly line. The cars will be driven up to 4,000 miles in order to break in the engines, and then they will be tested again to see how well the emission control systems are still working.

Officials of the environmental control agency have been disturbed by results of various state and federal tests, which have found a rather high percent of cars failing emission control tests.

The proposed regulations will go into effect early in 1975, and could affect 1975 model autos. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration proposed regulations last week to make school buses safer.

The rules call for stronger, higher seats for school buses designed to protect children from injury if they are thrown from their seats in a crash. The seats will be tall enough to serve as restraining barriers and sufficiently padded to reduce injury. The proposals would also require that cushions be attached firmly enough that they would not detach from the seats in a crash.

Originally, proposals for bus safety also included city buses and interstate buses, but -- as presently proposed -- the safety regulations only cover buses used to transport school children.

An earlier proposal for installing seat belts in school buses was also rejected, but the government is still recommending that buses be constructed so that seat belts can be installed in case, at some future time, a new regulation is written requiring seatbelts.

The Federal Trade Commission and 25 companies have agreed on a provisional consent order which may have a strong impact on construction practices and building codes. The companies are ordered to stop advertising cellular or foamed plastics as "nonburning," because the plastics are combustible.

Advertising claims for the

plastics -- widely used in home construction for insulation -- were based on limited tests run by the American Society for Testing and Materials, even though the tests did not simulate the actual conditions of a real fire.

One official of a plastics company explained that cellular plastics are widely used because they are light, cheap and easy to work with.

The FTC has also ordered the 25 plastics manufacturers to warn past purchasers -- back to 1968 -- about the fire hazards of the plastics. They are also to notify all others "concerned with fire safety codes and building codes," such as government officials and insurance companies.

In addition, the companies agreed to set up and fund a study of flammability and fire control for their plastics -- at a cost of \$5 million.

The FTC's investigation began after receiving a complaint from a man whose two children had died in a home fire.

The Federal Trade Commission has ordered K Mart Enterprises, Inc., to stop making claims for its automobile tires which are not supported by "competent scientific tests or other similar objective material."

In May, 1972, K Mart was among 18 tire manufacturers and retailers ordered to substantiate advertising claims for their products. After studying the materials K Mart had submitted, the FTC decided they were not substantial and the order resulted.

The order concerns an advertisement that K Mart's KM100 tires have "polyester cord construction for added strength."

The trade commission contends that the K Mart ads falsely claimed that the polyester cord was stronger than similar cords used in other tires.

K Mart, a subsidiary of S.S. Kresge Co., markets tires and other automotive products nationally in 361 stores.

Secretary of Agriculture Earl Butz has taken to recommending reading for people who want to know more about food prices. Sec. Butz has been plugging a new USDA booklet called "The Real Facts About Food." Reading the book, said Sec. Butz, can even help make you popular. "Gosh, there are things in the booklet that even I didn't know. I guarantee you that you'll be the best conversationalist around on food after reading this booklet."

MILDRED B. SPENCER  
Mildred B. Spencer, 71, R D 3, Dallas, died Aug. 2 in General Hospital.

Miss Spencer was born in Dallas and was a graduate of General Hospital School of Nursing. She was employed as a private duty nurse in New York City for many years. Miss Spencer was a member of Prince of Peace Church, Dallas.

She is survived by a sister, Marie Spencer, Dallas; and brother, Edward, Rochester, N.Y.

The funeral was conducted from the Richard H. Disque Funeral Home, 672 Memorial Highway, Dallas, Aug. 5. The Rev. John Prater, rector of Prince of Peace officiated. The burial was in Warden Cemetery, Dallas.

JESSIE RUGER  
Jessie Ruger, 82, 114 Memorial Drive, Shavertown, died Sunday in Mercy Hospital, Wilkes-Barre.

She was born in Pittston, Aug.

23, 1891, the former Jessie MacDonald. Mrs. Ruger was a member of the Shavertown United Methodist Church.

Surviving are her daughters, Hulda M. Dempsey and Jessie Parrish, Wilkes-Barre; Ann Whiting, Shavertown; Lois Wilcox, Jermy; Audrey Whible, White Plains, Md.; Hugh, Dallas; Calvin, Buffalo; Daniel, Blazedale, N.Y.; 34 grandchildren, and 31 great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held from the Snowden Funeral Home, Shavertown, today (Wednesday) with interment in the Oak Lawn Cemetery. The Rev. Robert D. Yost, pastor of the Shavertown United Methodist Church, officiated.

ALEXANDER M. MAHONEY  
Alexander M. Mahoney Jr., 46, State Line, died July 21 in the Waynesboro Hospital. He was a former area resident.

Born in Kingston, he was the son of the late Alexander M. Sr.,

and Lillian Emery Mahoney, Fernbrook. Mr. Mahoney was a member of the Trinity United Brethren Church, and had been employed at Mack Trucks, Hagerstown, Md., for the past 12 years. He was a veteran of World War II.

Surviving are his wife, Mildred Borton Mahoney; daughters, Susan Varner, Waynesboro, Karen L. Mahoney, at home; sons, Michael P. Gettysburg, and Alexander M. Mahoney III, Blue Ridge Summit; a sister, Mrs. Robert Kray, Mountaintop; and one grandson.

Services were held at the Trinity United Brethren Church of State Line. Burial was at Beautiful View Cemetery.

The family requests the omission of flowers, and memorial donations be made to the Cancer Research Hershey Medical Center, Hershey, in care of Dr. J. Burnside.

Joseph Stolarick, 74, Lehman, died in Nesbitt Memorial Hospital Aug. 1. Mr. Stolarick had been a patient in the hospital for four days.

Residing in Lehman for the past 65 years, Mr. Stolarick was born in Plymouth. He was employed by Hayfield Farms, Lehman, and was a member of the Lehman United Methodist Church.

He is survived by his widow, the former Mabel Stuliff; son, Edward, Pine Grove; brothers, Stephen, Shavertown, and Frank, Lehman; sisters, Mrs. Gurney Pleiss, Whitehall; Mary Stolarick, Lehman; Mrs. Richard Disque, Dallas and two grandchildren.

His brother, Andrew, died in November, 1973.

The funeral was conducted from the Richard H. Disque Funeral Home, 672 Memorial Highway, Dallas, Aug. 5. The Rev. Fred Whipple officiated. The burial was in Hintsville Cemetery.

JOSEPHINE OPALICKI  
Josephine Opalicki, Harris Road, Fernbrook, RD 3, Dallas, died July 29 in Nesbitt Memorial Hospital where she was a surgical patient. She was 74.

Born in Yugoslavia, she lived in Fernbrook since she came to this country many years ago. She was a member of Gate of Heaven Church, Dallas.

She is survived by her daughter-in-law, Theresa Opalicki, at home; one grandchild; two great-grandchildren. Her husband, Andrew, died in 1967.

Funeral services were held Aug. 1 from Blazejewski Funeral Home, Luzerne. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at Gate of Heaven Church. Interment in St. Nicholas Cemetery, Shavertown.

Card of Thanks  
The family of the late Grace Althea Ide of Dallas wishes to thank family and friends who assisted them during their recent bereavement.

# Antiques and Art Show Scheduled for Aug. 31

The fifteenth annual Haymarket Outdoor Antiques and Art Show and Sale will be held Aug. 31 in a large, open field on Route 309, midway between Dallas and Tunkhannock.

The event is sponsored by Harmony Chapter, No. 58, Order of the Eastern Star, and will be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The members will feature a white elephant table and home baked goods will be offered for sale. All of these items will be donated by the women of Harmony Chapter to support this project.

Antique dealers representing Florida, New York and New Jersey as well as Pennsylvania will participate in the show which will be held in a large, cleared field at the foot of a picturesque mountain in the village of Evans Falls.

Antique furniture, glassware, china, prints, maps, copper, brass and a host of other items of interest to collectors and fanciers will be found at the Haymarket.

In addition to the antiques show there will be an art show of special interest with paintings and art work displayed on

the outside wall of a rustic, old barn. Patrons may enjoy a snack in a rustic, outdoor setting at the snack bar which will be set up on the premises.

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