

# My Typewriter Talks

by The Rev. Charles H. Gilbert

When the mail brings me letters from certain people I know find myself highly privileged to have such scholarly correspondents. Sometimes I have allowed such writings as being worthy of filling in my diary of at particular date for future reference. Recently, as of this week, I decided I needed to have them more readily available for careful study without having to hunt through the dates in a diary.

These special issues which make the gray convolutions of the brain tangle I now am providing with a more fancy loose leaf notebook such as I used to use when going to some lecture in which I wanted to take notes, have for that purpose a leather perhaps -ette, not pure cowhide! with a zipper closure which runs around three sides of the leaves.

Any lecture or notes of such a nature I do not want to get away from me I put in the book. They might get away from me through sheer forgetfulness, but not by a looseleaf book from which loose leaves discover they can escape bondage from ignorant book keeperism.

One of many of my silly habits is to jot some morsel of truth down on paper so as to have it where I commit to writing instead of memory with sure recall ability.

One idea I have had recently is that if I want to pretend I'm well educated, I should not attempt to speak with authority but rather to say, "I don't know, but I think I know where I can find the answer." Recalling where I had seen such bit of valuable knowledge, I can quote or give the name of the author's writings on the subject. Therefore I believe I will find this zippered-up book of knowledge helpful, at least to my own fund of pure golden words of wisdom.

When I find myself "stuck" in some of my Greek, I like to find the time when I wrote to somebody for information on that particular matter and await his reply. What a rewarding place it is in my progress toward perfect knowledge to turn to such a person's letter which I filed in my zippered "Tree of Knowledge" collection!

For instance, in my newer set of problems in trying to read the Septuagint Old Testament, I sometimes run across a Greek word I can not find in any of my small catalogue of dictionaries or lexicons. This time I phoned a priest friend of mine and asked him if he would see if he could find this word in any of his thumb-indexed source of information.

Right while I was with him on the toll line, he hazarded a guess as to its formation and possibly interpretation in that field. Sure enough, from what he gave me I also traced derivations to what that word was! It had something to do with singing and it made me feel like singing a song of praise! Later he wrote out in fuller detail other information about that word and other words. So that letter joins the ranks of "Zipperful Knowledge!"

Many months ago, after I had been searching here and there for some comments about a quotation from this Septuagint volume of Old Testament Greek, the directional signals in the upstairs room in my think-house sent me here and there until I found a man high in the ranks of men who are full-time workers in the realm of classical studies. He turned out to be a most fruitful recourse in my search for answers to questions which sometimes seem to me

must be trivialities to such abundantly funded stores of Greek verbs, rough breathing knowledge. With it all he has a charming personality for whose letters I squeeze so much juice of flowing and sparkling erudition that his writings I have made sure are zippered-in for safe keeping and frequent quaffing.

In fact, his writings as well as his own living presence turn out to be for me a genuine symposium. And by the way that word symposium occurs in Mark 6:39 (in the Greek) as meaning the grouping of some of the personnel of the 5000 half-starving people in a hillside in Palestine. They had been so eager in their desire to hear the words of wisdom of the Man of Nazareth that they forgot to bring lunches with them and were near collapse, and this Man of Nazareth was called on to work a miracle to keep them from fainting.

When I read that story in Greek, I found that he ordered his few students with him to make the people sit down in groups of 50 or hundreds as drinking parties and flower beds in a garden. To get a letter from this friend of mine in a certain classical situation in a New York State University is like joining such a group to feed my hungry soul.

A most recent reply to my questions, related mostly to some matters I wanted light on in this Septuagint Old Testament, brought me refreshing information I had been aware of, namely that there is a movement among certain possessors of brains and imagination to compile a new dictionary of Septuagint words. This made me feel more cheerful about the future of Greek scholarship, in view of the smaller number of schools offering, or even giving courses in beginners Greek.

I suddenly began to wonder who would look after the finding, preserving, and deciphering old manuscripts. This friend in charge of classics in college is still under 60 years of age. When his last letter told of his attending a group meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature in Washington, I concluded I was fortunate to have a friend who is interested in keeping the Greek language alive. This one correspondent of mine is a real friend, for he not only can and does answer my questions, but kindles my knowledge for more, and encourages my pursuit.

Still another letter came the other day. A Ph.D in some high level mathematics I never even heard of, wrote me an account of his visit to a planetarium in Chicago which, just since a previous visit, has added several new dimensions to the unbelievable magnitudes of the universe, and more knowledge on the possibilities of life on some other planets. This young nephew (whose parents I had the honor of marrying some 40 years ago!) gave me a most spectacular letter on the immensities of life. I must keep this letter in ready condition for study and re-reading.

How is it possible to keep track of the endless spaces? We still live in the section known as the "Endless Mountains". I examine one of the unnumbered duck weed specimens that flourish in or on and across our pond and I wonder what one such little plant, with its full quota of tiny roots with which they draw their bread and butter and dainties of the depths too numerous to mention, would think of what we call "immensities"? I don't know! I don't know! I just donno!

## Deer and Turkey Report Cards Due

Successful archers are reminded by the Pennsylvania Game Commission to file their deer kill report cards. Reports must also be filed by successful turkey hunters.

Those filing the report cards are asked to give careful consideration to the information sought. A number of incomplete cards have been filed, and hunters are urged to provide all of the data asked for on the report cards.

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## Dallas Girl Student Teaching in Iowa

Linda Derickson, 118 Main St., Dallas, is an elementary education senior at William Penn College who currently is student teaching at Webster Elementary School.

This semester 41 seniors at the small liberal arts colleges are doing their student teaching.

William Penn College is accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) and by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

# Delinquent Sewer Rents

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Kingston Township was the hardest hit when they found out they owe DAMA \$42,941.54 for 1974 and for 1975 they will owe \$14,100. This is for 103 delinquent accounts. Kingston Township has 1,442 connections in all.

Dallas Township owes \$20,646.81 for 1974 and will owe \$8,100 for their share of delinquent accounts in 1975. They have 944 connections.

Dallas Borough owes \$16,811.19 for 1974 and will owe \$7,800 for 1975 for 56 delinquent accounts. They have 1,020 connections.

All this came about when DAMA decided to go by the service agreement signed by the municipalities before the construction of the sewer and let the municipalities try to collect. DAMA has dunned, billed, and filed liens against the properties of these delinquent accounts for over two years without much success. They have prepared delinquent lists of each municipal area and have stated that these lists are a matter of public record and will be published in the future.

How will these bills be paid? was a question asked members of the Dallas Township Board of Supervisors. What other way is there but through taxes? was the answer. This means that each consumer will not only be paying the additional \$33 per year increase DAMA recently announced but they will also be paying additional taxes to make up for the delinquent accounts in their respective areas.

DAMA Solicitor Merton Jones presented the awestruck group with a possible solution when he said that if the municipalities gave DAMA permission, DAMA could use a law which allows sewage collection through water utility law.

This law, Pa. Act 1949, PL 482, Statutes 53, section 2261 states that if an owner or occupant of a premises served by any water utility neglects to pay their sewer rental for 30 days, the water can be turned off until all overdue rentals are paid, together with penalties and interest.

Mr. Martin said this seemed to be the only recourse open, and each of the municipal members agreed that they would give their official approval for such action.

The amount to be paid in 1975 was calculated on five percent of the total number of collections in each municipality. Dallas Borough will be paying for just their delinquent accounts and will not share the burden of any other community. The same goes for the townships.

Kingston Township officials were informed that their bill included the Kester Trailer Park which was used during the post-flood period. This amounted to \$20,000. Mr. Martin said that the authority would sit down with the supervisors and try to work out some agreement as to this assessment.

Kingston Dodge was awarded the contract to supply Jackson Township with a five ton rear-wheel-drive dump truck and a three quarter ton pick-up truck, both with snow removal equipment.

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## King's Grapplers Open Season Against Trenton

Coach Ned McGinley will send a young King's College wrestling team into its season opener with Trenton State College, Nov. 30 at 2 p.m. in the King's gym. "Our lineup will feature freshmen and sophomores, and will carry just two seniors," the coach explained.

Upperclassmen are captain Jim Manganiello at 126, who posted a 7-4 record in dual competition last season. He's a criminal justice major from West Pittston. The other senior is Joe Smee of Edwardsville at 190. Smee just completed his grid career with the Monarchs and has had some knee troubles.

At 118, Coach McGinley will send out Tom Davis, a freshman from Wyoming Valley West. He was PIAA District 2 runnerup at 95 pounds in his senior year there.

The Monarchs feature a brother team at 134 and 142 in Tony and Mickey Baloga, products of Wyoming Area. Tony is a junior, and Mickey, a sophomore.

Finishing the season with a 10-0 victory over Iona College of New Rochelle, N.Y., the King's College football team concluded with a 4-4 record under first-year coach Tony Marranca of Pittston Township.

Since football was established on a club basis in 1966, the King's teams have posted a composite 46-19-1 record and have never fallen into a losing season.

Coach Marranca entered the season after losing 14 seasoned players via the graduation route. The same type of situation will prevail for next fall as many experienced gridders leave by graduation.

One of those departing is Mike Lisovitz of Middlesex, N.J., who emerged as an offensive star of this year's squad. He was converted from running back to quarterback by Coach Marranca just before the Sarranca game and did a fine job all year.

In action against Iona, he gained 140 yards from scrimmage on 18 carries. Mike sustained a broken finger on his right hand in that fray.

Speedy Dave Begliomini of Wyoming reinjured his knee early in the year and missed most of the season.

King's opened by losing at Meyers Stadium in the rain to Oswego State, 33-7. Other losses were to Canisius, 27-8; Duquesne, 28-12; and St. Francis of Loretto, 26-7.

The Monarchs defeated Scranton, 26-12; Siena, 18-7; Livingston, 20-6; and Iona, 10-0.

The Kingsmen had freshman quarterback Mark Williams of Long Island, N.Y., spelling Lisovitz for part of the season. The coaches will probably be working with him as signal caller for the next year. He throws a good pass and the job will be finding receivers who can grab the tosses.

## Hospitals

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New equipment, much of which is automated and miniaturized, is constantly being perfected. Hospital administrators indicate that no hospital can own or operate all of it. For not only can the price of a piece of equipment run into hundreds of thousands of dollars, but by the time it is paid for, it may already be technologically obsolete.

Hospital costs have gone up, and they will continue to go up as long as the public demands the highest quality, most technologically advanced care, according to Mr. Morgan.

"In the opinion of most of us who have witnessed the remarkable advances in medical and patient care, the health care dollar is still the biggest bargain on the market," he concluded.

6 Deer Examination Stations Announced

The Pennsylvania Game Commission, in a continuation of its efforts to learn more about the state's whitetail deer herd, this year will again operate six deer check stations during the first three days of buck season, Dec. 2 through 4.

The station in Northeastern Pennsylvania will be located between Hawley and Milford along Route 6 at the Shohola Wildlife Management Area parking lot.

In Eastern Pennsylvania, the station will be located at the rest area on the eastbound lanes of Interstate Route 80 near White Haven.

The Central Pennsylvania station will be 13 miles north of Harrisburg on Routes 22 and 322, just off the east end of the Clarks Ferry Bridge.

In Southeastern Pennsylvania, the deer check station will be located at Caledonia State Park along Route 30 in Adams County.

The Northwestern Pennsylvania station will be on the southbound lanes of Interstate Route 79 just south of Interstate Rt. 80.

In Southwestern Pennsylvania, the station will be near Delmont, on Route 22, just east of its intersection with Route 66.

Hunters who bag deer are urged to take their whitetails to the nearest check station if convenient. Deer examination takes just a few minutes. Each station will be well marked.

# Sen. T. Newell Wood Ranks 2nd in Republican Leadership

Sen. T. Newell Wood of Luzerne County was elected Republican Caucus Whip of the Pennsylvania Senate.

The second ranking position in the Senate Republican leadership, Sen. Wood will be responsible for assisting the Republican Floor Leader, serving in his absence and keeping track of Republican members and policy positions on key issues.

Other Republican leadership posts filled during the election reorganization include Sen. Richard C. Frame of Venango County, reelected to his second two-year term as GOP Floor Leader; Sen. Wilmot E. Fleming of Montgomery County, a second two-year term as Caucus Chairman; Sen. Clarence D. Bell of Delaware County, a third two-year term as Caucus Secretary; and Sen. Wayne S. Ewing of Allegheny County, a second two-year term as Minority Policy Committee Chairman.

Sen. Wood, who has served 16 years in the Senate, said he is committed to a course of development in the best interest of all Pennsylvanians.

"The Republicans currently hold a minority position in the Senate, but we are by no means unable to provide effective representation for our constituents," Sen. Wood said.

"I intend to work very strongly for a cooperative effort among not only my Republican colleagues, but my Democrat colleagues as well. We cannot expect to serve the people of this state if we allow ourselves to become embroiled in partisan politics on every issue," he said.

"Indeed, there will be times, I'm sure, when we will disagree philosophically on issues and policies. But I believe if we are willing to openly debate our views and willingly work together we ultimately can achieve successful results for the benefit of all," Sen. Wood said.

Sen. Wood has served on many key committees during his years in the Senate, and was instrumental in developing such

legislation as aid to miners suffering from miner's asthma, programs to combat the gypsy moth, and measures that put Pennsylvania's teachers on a decent salary schedule and removed them from political domination.

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## Jackson Twp. Conducts Sewer Authority Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Jackson Township Sewer Authority was held Nov. 11 at the fire hall, with chairman, John Filip, presiding. Members of the authority expressed frustration that although they were appointed "nearly" six months ago on June 3, they still do not have the necessary "articles of incorporation" giving them the legal authority needed to function.

Gerald Bernstein, secretary, had contacted Atty. Jerry Cohen, who was hired to write the charter. Atty. Cohen advised him that the legal papers should be completed in about 10 days.

In the meantime the Jackson Township Supervisors had signed a contract at their November meeting on behalf of

the sewer authority for a feasibility study to be made by Mullin-Loneragan-Cahn. The study is expected to take six months to complete.

Louis Harris, treasurer, suggested that the authority request that the sum of \$200 be requested from the township for administrative costs of stationery, postage and so forth. A motion was passed that this request be made to the supervisors for their 1975 budget.

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