

MY TYPEWRITER TALKS

Spring peepers

by the Rev. Charles H. Gilbert

Letter-writers often stop and revolve their thoughts around circles of possible interest to use on the special letter-reader involved. At this point I am trying to choose among several possibilities of excitement to cover.

Let's start with those cheer-uppers, the spring peepers. The air and ears are full of their sound here by our pond. Every year I have loved to listen for the first peep; each year they seem almost as new as if they had never been before. With my hearing getting less acute in recent years, it's been harder to hear them until they were all going full blast.

But this year is all the better for the waiting, for my "hearing instrument" has been overjoyed to be full of rapture to hear how eagerly each tiny bit of a frog creature tries to be first among the thousands to get their concert pipes sounding loud and clear. They almost seem to be battering on the threshold of my house of hearing.

I've been wanting a recording of this "concert," and one evening Cathy took her machine outside, then came in and blasted the air with peepers piping on all their pipes. It seems as if there must be at least eight thousand eight hundred and ninety one registered pipers going all at once!

Then the neighbor youngsters came excitedly to the door to tell Cathy they had found one sitting on a yucca leaf singing while they watched, so she took out her camera and got his portrait. He was so intent on his song that he didn't mind the flash or the circle of admirers.

God bless my hearing aid!

For then there were the sounds almost divine of the Oratorio concert on Palm Sunday afternoon. Not the extravagant number of performers as in my guess about the peepers, but about 130 singers and instruments making the air quiver, the notes

bouncing off the ridge of the roof, to the rafters, to the faces of the angels clinging with their shoulderblades or wingtips to whatever heavenly thing they can touch with their own melodies.

Mingled timbres and tones came from strings of steel and gut, from crooked and straight brass tubes, rumbles and ripples from tightly stretched animal skins over shining cauldrons, and from hearts and throats in a nerve-tingling blend until every atom will never quite get all fibers readjusted to normalcy again.

The whole resembled some edge of life as we manage to feel it and hope we never have to let go entirely the whole sum of the experience.

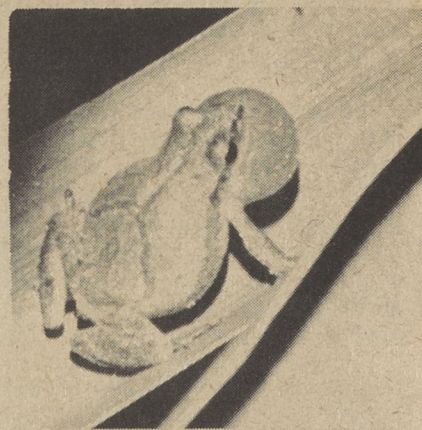
There was another spot of interest in the past week. A young man came to the house in the course of a political tour of the community. But it became an evening of chattering about many

things, including the making and the importance of newspapers.

I need to have people introduce themselves to me now, and this "boy" started by telling me that I had married him to his wife twelve years ago! He had grown up in a newspaper family and still works in the production of a large city paper. He and Cathy were soon sharing thoughts and experiences about printing and changes in the process since the days when my cousin hand-set his four page "Plain Dealer" up in Great Bend.

I've been hearing that the price of newsprint has gone up ever since I was old enough to hear the cracker barrel philosophers talk about taxes!

And we were talking about how important a newspaper like The Dallas Post is, with its concern for the life of the community and the people it serves.



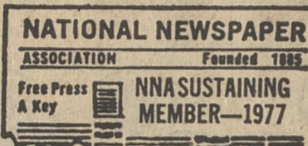
SOUNDS OF SPRING--The peepers sound their concert pipes and fill the air and ears in the country surrounding the Gilbert home. (Photo by Catherine Gilbert)



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ONLY YESTERDAY

Firemen to decide on building

40 years ago—April 9, 1937

Bypass proponents are working on a new plan which will eliminate the necessity for Luzerne Borough's sanction. The allied groups have discovered a new plan to overcome any opposition from Luzerne Council which blocked the bypass last year.

Having abandoned two plans for a new home, members of Shavertown Volunteer Fire Company will have a third proposal presented to them at their meeting next Monday night and a final decision is expected.

The Harvey fire tower, on the knoll above Irem Country Club, has been opened for the season with Jacob Gossart, Jr., West Dallas as the warden in charge.

At a session which lasted over four hours, part of that time behind closed doors, Kingston Township school directors decided on Monday night that this year's senior class will be the last to make a trip to Washington, D.C. The objections of parents to having their children away overnight and the added expense arising from the increasing size of the senior classes in the township were given as reasons for the action.

The plans for consolidating the rural districts of western Luzerne County into one large legislative district which would strengthen the position of the Democratic party in the county brought many comments but very little opposition and it seems certain that the measure will become law.

The local scholastic baseball season begins April 27 with four teams in the league, Dallas Borough, Dallas Township, Lehman, and Kingston Township.

Warren Boyce, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Boyce, Shavertown, won first prize in the Amateur Show of Mt. Greenwood Kiwanis Club in Kingston.

William Schmolli is appointed street commission by Dallas Borough Council to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Wesley T. Daddow.

Birthday—Mrs. James Marshall, 83 years.

You could get—Veal 23 cents lb.; lg. dill pickles 3 for 10 cents; butter 2 lbs. 73 cents; coffee 2 lbs. 39 cents; bread 10 cents double loaf; potatoes 43 cents peck; onions 3 lbs. 10 cents; jumbo oranges 39 cents doz.; evaporated milk 4 cans 25 cents.

30 years ago—April 4, 1947

The parking problem on Main Street was discussed at the meeting of Dallas Borough Council Tuesday night and a commission comprised of two businessmen and two automobile owners will be appointed to make a survey and recommendations to Council.

Co-managers Emil Fedor and John Niezgodka announced that Jackson Baseball club will retain its franchise in the Wyoming Valley League for the coming season and issued a call for players and umpires.

A real, old-fashioned Country Fair, chock full of excitement and fun for young and old alike, will be at the

Dallas Township High School for the benefit of the athletic fund, Wednesday, April 30. Among the features will be a baking contest including ladies of the township and girls in the home economics class.

Now playing at local theatre—"The Virginian"; Joel McCreia, Sonny Tufts, Barbara Britten, Shaver Theatre.

Harveys Lake Women's Service Club organized March 27 with 43 charter members. Mrs. Elsie Rauch was elected as temporary president.

Married—Miriam Johnson to Howard Rice; Marjorie Phipps to Stanley Shewan.

Anniversaries—Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wandell, nine years.

Birthdays—Charles Fisher, 77 years.

Deaths—Mrs. John Jones, Hunlocks Creek

Three local students left yesterday morning from the Lehigh Valley Railroad Station with 45 students of the Spanish department of Bucknell Junior College for a week's educational tour of Havana Cuba. The local students are Nelson E. Nelson, Naomi Hons, and Henry W. Anderson.

You could get—Turkey 49 cents lb.; hams whole 67 cents lb.; Chevel cheese 2 lb. loaf 89 cents; stuffed olives 39 cents 7½ oz. jar; Camay soap 10 cents bar; Texas carrots 2 lg. bunches 15 cents; radishes 2 bunches 13 cents; eggs 55 cents doz.; coffee 2 lbs. 81 cents.

20 years ago—April 5, 1957

Five school district failed to reach an agreement at a special meeting of Dallas Area School Boards Tuesday night on a union district until the solution is solved on the separation of students, the obstacle which brought about the resignation of Dallas Borough and Kingston Township.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Lamoreaux, formerly of Jackson Township, have purchased the Alfred Bronson farm at North Lake, in a whirlwind transaction beginning with the sighting of a classified ad in the Dallas Post on Saturday and signing of the papers on Monday.

Sixty firemen from three companies rushed to Linear Inc. plant, Friday evening when a fire was reported. The fire proved to be minor and was extinguished with a booster pump, confined to a six-by-six ventilator on the roof.

Ten motorists were arrested in Kingston Township during the last week of March by Kingston Township and State Police.

Commonwealth Telephone Company will have attractive code names by September. Customers will dial ORchard for Dallas, NEptune for Harveys Lake, and GReenlead for Sweet Valley.

Now playing at local theatres—"Great American Pastime"; Tom Ewell, Ann Francis; "Love Me Tender"; Richard Egan, Debra Paget, Elvis Presley, Dallas Outdoor Theatre; "Naked Hills"; David Wayne, Kennan Wynn, Starlite Drive In; "Walk The Proud Land"; Audie

Murphy, Moonlite Drive In.

Engaged—June Rimple and John Houser; Merle McQuown and Jerome Gardner; Mildred Slocum and Ernest Slocum; Grace Major and Robert W. Nicholas.

Anniversaries—Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Austin.
Birthday—William C. Roushey, 90 years.

You could get—Chuck roast 29 cents lb.; pork chops 69 cents lb.; frozen strawberries 2 16-oz. pkgs. 69 cents; extra sharp cheese 69 cents lb.; Nabisco premium saltines 27 cents pkg.; raisin bread 19 cents loaf; golden crushed corn 8 cans \$1; apricot nectar 2 cans 69 cents; miracle whip salad dressing 59 cents qt.; pineapple 29 cents each; cauliflower 29 cents hd.

10 years ago—April 6, 1967

Freedoms Foundation distinguished service award given Kiwanis Clubs, it was announced today by president Harry Lefko.

Fred Hennebaul was the honored guest at the 13th annual George Hooper Award ceremony at Kingston High School to congratulate to Robert Herman, Kingston High School wrestling coach.

Edward Augustine, a member of the mathematic department at Dallas Senior High School, has been selected as a participant in a National Science Foundation sponsored sequential institute at the University of Buffalo.

Now playing at local theatre—"A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum"; Zero Mostel, Phil Silvers, Dallas Drive-In.

Engaged—Gail Rumbaugh to Robert Milroy; Terry Moore to George Hunsinger; Kathleen Vidunas to Thomas Boek, Jr.

Married—Bonnie Lee Mahler and Donald D. Metzger, Jr.

Anniversaries—Mr. and Mrs. Donald Smith, 22 years; Mr. and Mrs. Byron Grieves, 14 years.

Birthdays—Mrs. Emma Barto, 82 years.

Deaths—Mrs. Mary Hudak, Dallas; Mrs. Maude E. Brandon, Lehman; Arthur C. Johnson, Trucksville; Mrs. Mary Stredny, Kunkle; Mrs. Mary S. Henwood, Huntsville Road.

You could get—Chickens 26 cents lb.; cornish hens 49 cents lb.; sliced bacon 85 cents lb.; coffee 63 cents; salad dressing 59 cents qt.; spaghetti lb. pkg. 23 cents; frozen orange juice 6-oz. cans 77 cents; rye bread 2 1-lb. loaves 49 cents; catsup 2 14-oz. bts. 49 cents; Italian salad dressing 49 cents pt.; cabbage 8 cents lb.; carrots 2 pkgs. 19 cents; fresh asparagus spears 25 cents lb.

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of the Year in the country-western field, he had not missed a show.

In the same release, Paycheck was quoted that he "looked Hell in the face for about a dozen years before I came up on top." He struggled against addiction to "drink and drugs." He said, "Intoxicants made me blow my mind. My friends tell me I was hooked on drugs. I don't know, maybe I was. But not any more."

For a number of years, Paycheck used different names, trying to remain outside the reach of the law. He was tenor side man for George Jones, another well-known name in the country-western world.

Paycheck said he knew he had talent but he didn't know how to channel it in the right direction.

In 1971, he made a comeback in Nashville. In 1976, in an appearance on the CBS Records Show at Fanfare in Nashville, he was given a new name by his good friend, Charlie McCoy. His official name now was John Austin Paycheck.

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Magistrates

criminal justice, and his experience as a police officer and chief in Jackson Township, "Crime is on the increase," observed Jones, attributing the increase to economic hardship and alcohol and drug abuse problems.

He said he would be fairminded and referred to his experience in the law and legal procedures. Jones also told Tuck about existing escape

procedures for local police officials concerned with SCID.

Initial questioning concentrated briefly on solutions to drug abuse problems in the area when one Rotarian asked each candidate to indicate what his candidacy could do to abate the problem.

No candidate indicated a specific difference in approach from the magistrister position although Harvey commented that he believed school officials could do more to combat the problem.

On further questioning, Harvey suggested searching students and lockers as a possible initiative for school administrators, a proposal which was criticized as potentially improper by Jones.

Candidates Jones and Harvey also briefly differed on provisions of Section 1212 of the Pennsylvania code, which refers to the effect of apprehending a vehicle's owner when a license number has been obtained at the scene of a violation.

Jones said he believed provisions of the statute could also apply to parking offenses and Harvey strongly disagreed.

Much of the subsequent questioning included "what if" situations during which Rotarians probed the decisions the candidates might make, given certain facts

Town meeting
for recreation
program set

Members of the Back Mountain Recreation Council will hold the second town meeting on recreation, Sunday, April 17, 2 p.m. in the Dallas Senior High School auditorium.

The program will feature Bob Neff, director of the Luzerne County Recreation Commission; Owen Costello, Wilkes-Barre City recreation director, and a slide presentation of past and present recreation facilities in the Back Mountain.

All residents of the Back Mountain area are urged to attend. Refreshments will be served.



SHOE WORKERS DEMONSTRATION—Back Mountain shoe factory workers were among the more than 1,500 employees and management personnel who demonstrated

on Public Square last week against shoe imports. The closing of Heavenly Shoe Company, located on the Sans Souci Highway, affected about 30 employees from the Back Mountain. (Photo by Fay Broody Studio)

COMMENT & OPINION

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money to the fire company. He said the fire company did not suffer any financial loss other than what they might have gained from the proceeds.

However, he said it is "embarrassing for such a thing to happen to a non-profit organization. We have egg on our faces because of what Paycheck did."

Eyet said that Richard Goldberg is the attorney for the fire company. He added that no one wished to make a statement until an explanation was received from Paycheck or his agent.

Eyet said that Paycheck's band, the Lovemakers, put on an excellent show. The Lovemakers played two shows, along with a local blue grass band, called "Homestead."

Most of the people who came for the first show, stayed for the second show, hoping Paycheck would appear. Even after the audience sat through three hours of entertainment, they were offered a full refund by Supreme Shows, Inc.

According to Eyet, most of the people felt they had seen a good show. The only thing missing for the evening was the main personality, Johnny Paycheck.

Richardson said the fire company wasn't relying on the proceeds from the show to carry its budget. It was additional money they had hoped to receive to help pay for new equipment, a new fire truck costing \$66,000 which will be delivered in September.

Russ Eyet of the Dallas Fire and Ambulance Co., Inc. was co-chairman of the program to bring additional

Dear Sir:

Thank you for the publicity regarding CPR Training for the Dallas Junior Women's Club. However the article failed to mention that this is an on-going program of the American Heart Association, Northeastern Pa. Chapter.

A total of 1,797 people were trained in the past year in this County, including training and periodical retraining programs for the Dallas, Franklin Township, Kunkle, Harveys Lake, Trucksville, Shavertown, Idetown, Lake Silkworth, Shickshiny and Hunlock Creek Fire and Ambulance groups, Irem Temple Life Guards, and the Penn State-Lehman Campus.

American Heart Association instructors for these courses were Robert Cartier, Ann Rowlands, John Howanitz and James Pfuntner.

Very truly yours,
Priscilla R. Williams
Executive Director

AHA claims
credit for
CPR class