

MY TYPEWRITER TALKS

Attack from the roadside

by Rev. Charles H. Gilbert
It could hardly have happened at another moment of the world's history, or by a handsomer, though fierce-looking predator. We just happened to be driving along Bodle Road just below Perry's at the moment when he decided to take off from the shrubbery above the road. I was riding in the back seat when there was suddenly a Bang against the side of the car. Cathy was unable to avoid the collision, but stopped when she saw him lying in the road behind us, still moving. She walked back and later reported that he was shaking his head back and forth as if to say "What hit me?" But he couldn't move his grey and white speckled wings or taloned feet with enough coordination to get off the road.

What to do next? She didn't want to leave him lying there, for surely the next car would run over him. But neither did she want to risk a bite from that curved beak. Then she remembered that since it was a cool day she was wearing a coat for the first time this fall. She threw it over him, wrapped him up in a bundle carefully and brought him back to the car.
In a situation like that, who is the best person to think of first? For us the answer was simple: Joan Dymond. So we turned around and took the bundle to Joan and the girls unwrapped it partially on the kitchen table. It was conscious, but woozy and they weren't about to give it its freedom in the house. They were sure it was badly injured so Joan called the

Game Protector in Dallas and Cathy arranged to meet him at the office. Meanwhile young Clay and his friend were trying to find the bird in the encyclopedia and thought it would be a nice pet! The Siamese cats tried to investigate the visitor but were kept a safe distance away.
While we were on our way to Dallas, the bird did some wriggling in his wrappings so Cathy was sure he was sitting up so she kept patting the hump under the coat and talking gently (I'm sure he understood!).
In the parking lot of the Game Commission office, the man took over and unwrapped the bird, examined his wings and pronounced him all in one piece but still stunned. Just as he was saying that he would put the bird in a box until he was recovered, the bird shook himself, took a few steps, spread his wings and flew up into the trees behind the building.
The Game Protector told us it was a Broad-winged Hawk, so Cathy looked it up in the book when we got home. That kind lives mainly in the woods, eating shrews, mice, grasshoppers, snakes, and occasionally small birds. Some stay up north for the winter, but most of them fly to South America. Cathy has been wanting to go to Hawk Mountain to watch the migrations, but we haven't been able to manage it, so this one migrated right into our path!

She's still talking about the thrill of seeing such a big bird at such close range.
After all that excitement she left me at home and went down to Plymouth to sing with the Lehman Church Choir. Then came dashing in to go over to our church to prepare for the evening hymn festival, assuring me that she would come back to get me in time for the service.
I did enjoy that "Great Day for Singing" evening. There were about thirty singers, men, women and young people, up on the platform, and the same number in the congregation. It was nice to have people from several churches singing together, especially to have Ross Santos lend his strong tenor after the busy day he had had, and to hear the fine things Rev. Bob Harris told us about our young folks on last week's CROP walk.
There was one hymn I had never heard before, but liked very much. Cathy claims the composer as a distant relative of ours, Lucius Chapin; seems he joined the Revolution at 16 as a fife player and was from the area and era that he could have been a brother or cousin of my Grandmother Catherine's Grandfather Chapin. The way we sang it, you could almost see the boy with the fife leading the march down a dusty road.

GROSSMAN

'People Shaping'

by Howard J. Grossman
In his book The People Shapers, Vance Packard outlines a radically different future as science continues its march toward giving birth and extending life much beyond the current standards. The many different ways by which people are shaped is frighteningly portrayed in this excellent review of the techniques and means for shaping people's minds and lives.

In much the same way, the attitudes and thoughts of the people of Northeastern Pennsylvania are shaped by history, current events, and the persistent and illogical forces which personalized much of the decision making which takes place in the region.

If the psychological profile could be drawn for Northeastern Pennsylvania it might reveal that fragmentation at the government or non-governmental level is a strong foundation of the region. It stems from the days when independence was king and individualism was a strong virtue and isolation was a dominant force in the way Northeastern Pennsylvania shaped its destiny.

The opening up of the frontiers of the region through major transportation improvements and the interdependence between this region and other sections of the State and nearby states has not as yet allowed freedom of choice and decision making which are in the best interests of Northeastern Pennsylvanians.

Some change has been noted in the decision making process, however, through the selection of priorities for

certain projects and a balancing and negotiating within and between the Northeastern Pennsylvania communities and organizations concerned with the region's future. Such is the case, for example, in the establishment of priorities for funding of projects under the Appalachian Regional Development program and the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965, As Amended. Project priorities are selected involving the seven counties of Northeastern Pennsylvania through a process which has as its theme what is best for the region as a whole rather than its individual parts.

The cornerstone of Northeastern Pennsylvania's future is the continuing ability to fashion and shape a regional consensus rather than a regional fragmentation. It means, perhaps, inventing some new techniques and taking some courses of action which may be threatening to some and misunderstood by others.

Shaping a new region, however, is part and parcel, shaping people's minds in the region to accommodate modern issues and problems rather than the lingering factors which have traditionally adversely effected the region's potential.

Changing the attitudes of people toward their own community, area, or region is probably the most difficult assignment possible. On the other hand, unless this occurs, Northeastern Pennsylvania cannot hope to achieve its full promise as the greatest opportunity along the Atlantic Seaboard for achieving a strong economic base along with an environmentally sound landscape.



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of the case it was decided by Solicitor Townend that all could remain until the final decision was made. Following the presentation of sworn witnesses and the instruction on the board by Solicitor Townend the board

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discussed the case in depth. The vote was taken and all members agreed that Yeagley had approval to build houses which were already built even though there was an appeal of the board's decision before the Luzerne Courts.

EDITORIAL

'Newspaper weak'

It's ironic that last week, National Newspaper Week, found Luzerne County's largest newspaper, the Wilkes-Barre Times-Leader Evening News Record, in the throes of what may be the most bitter labor dispute seen by any regional newspaper.

Area television news broadcasts almost nightly told of incidents involving striking newspaper workers and a 'security force' hired by Capital Cities Communications, new owners of the Times-Leader. In an industry which often lays claim to a high level of democratic idealism, it made for a sad week.

It is common gossip in area newspapering that the Times-Leader was involved in an economically prohibitive labor contract. It is also well-known in the newspaper business that Capital Cities is known as a 'no-nonsense' company when it comes to dealing with unions--its operations at the Oakland Press in Pontiac, Mich., affirmed that.

We may never know the intramural strategies of either side to this dispute, and we are not spending a great deal of time trying to find out. But it did seem that, in this instance, Capital Cities did little to communicate with the general public and seemed bent on stimulating tension in the labor-management relationship.

This tension is not sufficient excuse for vandalism or property destruction; it only aggravates the bitterness. There is little apparent goodwill here on which to base a settlement.

And we regret it. Newspapers have done much to develop the community and the nation, particularly in refining the public conscience and demanding an integrity in democratic institutions, projecting an attitude that reasonable men and women can work together in goodwill for the betterment of the communities in which they find themselves.

And when the relationship becomes one of tension and violence--no one can benefit. And newspaper people should know that.

ONLY YESTERDAY

Misericordia may pay with 450 bushels of wheat

40 years ago-October 21, 1938
New registrations give Republicans 2-1 lead in totals for seven rural and suburban communities about Dallas.

Residents of Parrish Heights irritated by water failure during the past week.

College Misericordia faces the prospect of having to pay 138-year-old mortgage with 450 bushels of wheat if any of Matthew Covell's heirs show up by Nov. 10.

Mrs. Lloyd Kear is installed as captain of Women Golfers of Irem Temple for new season.

George Lewis, son of Atty. and Mrs. B.B. Lewis, is named secretary of the Junior Class at Stroudsburg State Teachers College.

Old friends and neighbors return to attend Mooretown Homecoming Day sponsored by the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Dallas Township Alumni Association complete plans for semi-formal dance on Nov. 5, with music by Donlin's Pennsylvanians.

Married-Murl Dennett and Thomas Wallace; Virginia McGuire and Jack Edwards.

Deaths-David W. Morris, Trucksville; Charles Norris, Jackson Township.

Now playing at local theatres-"I'm From The City", Joe E. Penner, Shaver Theatre; "Love Finds Andy Hardy", Mickey Rooney, Himmler Theatre.

Dallas Arrows take championship in Bi-County Baseball League. Gunning for first place in the Luzerne County Scholastic League, Kingston Township High School gridders will meet Shickshinny tomorrow afternoon.

You could get-Ground beef 2 lbs. 29 cents; lamb chops 19 cents lb.; coffee 24 cents lb.; sugar 10 lbs. 44 cents; flour 24-lb. bag 59 cents; ketchup 17 cents bot.; orange juice 46-oz. can 19 cents; dog food 6 cans 23 cents; lettuce 2 heads 15 cents; yams 5 lbs. 10 cents; celery hearts 2 bunches 15 cents.

30 years ago-October 22, 1948
In an attempt to obtain more financial support for Kingston Township's new school cafeteria, the board of directors has added billboards and signs along the public highways to its list of items to be taxed.

Many hunters take to woods on opening day as game protectors report local birds plentiful.

Peter Maonis, Luzerne restaurateur, is constructing a two-story brick hotel north of Kunkle on Route 309.

This year's Halloween Parade will have a bicycle class among the competition entries.

Dallas Women's Club to present "Mr. Roberts", popular Broadway play.

Now playing at local theatres-"The Big City", Margaret O'Brien, Robert Preston, Shaver Theatre; "That Hagen Girl", Shirley Temple, Ronald Reagan, Sandy Beach Drive-In.

Engaged-Pearl Hopple to Bert Biggs.

Anniversaries-Mr. and Mrs. Walter Smith, 44 years.

Birthdays-Edward Line, 82 years. Married-Betty Trimble and Leo T. Schwartz, Jr.

The "Great Eduardo", magician, will appear at Lake Township High School's Halloween party Wednesday evening.

Clarence Laidler, Charles W. Lee, Walter Elston, Arch Brooks and Paul Warriner have been named to Dallas Township Zoning and Planning Board. Laidler will serve as chairman.

Dallas Township-Franklin Township PTA votes to pay \$265 balance on the new band uniforms.

You could get-Hams 59 cents lb.; steaks 69 cents lb.; franks 55 cents lb.; Cheddar cheese 55 cents lb.; bread 13 cents loaf; sugar donuts 18 cents doz.; catsup 20 cents bot.; margarine 33 cents lb.; pork and beans 10 cents lb.

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GUEST EDITORIAL

Smoking and individual rights

California is at it again. This time it is proposition 7. Proposition 7 would prohibit smoking in all public buildings, including concert halls (when there are symphony concerts, but for some inexplicable reason, not when there is a rock show). Proposition 7 would prohibit workers who share a common working space from smoking. But, if you have your own office, you could smoke.

Proposition 7 would prohibit people from smoking in restaurants unless there were smoking-no smoking sections.

In short, it looks like Proposition 7 wants to keep people who smoke from polluting the eyes and lungs of non-smokers.

The polls right now show that Proposition 7 will pass even though the tobacco companies are pouring huge amounts of money into a campaign called "common sense" designed to get people to vote against Proposition 7.

The thing about propositions from California is that they seem to take the country by storm and we soon all may be facing propositions designed to limit the places where people can smoke.

The issue is not whether smoking is bad or good for you. The evidence about the hazards of smoking is pretty well documented, as is the evidence that non-smokers who are around smokers all the time will be adversely affected.

The question--and the complexity of the issue--is one of individual rights. If Proposition 7 passes, smokers' rights to smoke, their right to decide that the enjoyment of smoking is greater than their fear of the consequences, will be impinged upon.

On the other hand, if the proposition is defeated, the rights of non-smokers not to have their air and lungs polluted will be infringed upon.

Whose rights are more important? Or is smoking hazardous enough to say that one group, in exercising their rights, are hurting another group and one person's rights cannot hurt another?

When do we decide that for the common good, we need to take away an individual's rights? And, if we do it in this case, does that mean we take cars away from people who have been in an accident? Do we go back to prohibition because a drinking driver is dangerous? Maybe the answer to these questions is yes.

Maybe it isn't. California may be a test. Where do a citizen's rights bend and the common good begin?

What might invalidate the test is the influence of the tobacco companies. They are spending millions of dollars to insure that their rights to sell their products aren't hurt by legislation. Are their rights more important than the common good?

Nobody said the choices to be made in a democracy would be easy. The concern is that we recognize precedents may be set and that we don't jump on a bandwagon just to jump on without considering the consequences to all of us.