Mr. William Gillert was born on the North Second street in 1928. He served in World War II at Maple Hill Colliery from 1942 to 1944. His wife, Mrs. Gillert, said that he worked in the mine every day and when he retired he was earning $70 a week. North Second street was a dirt road on which the borough officials and the company conducted the Memorial Day traffic passing through the borough.

He has always been interested in taking moving pictures and during World War II he was a member of the 48th Army Air Corps Signal Corps. He received his state license and was a qualifying Operator. He recalled that movies were at their peak at this time. Features changed three times a week and he remembered enjoying times when the same movie was shown three times before it opened. On Saturday nights the people paid admission at the door and the price of admission was fifty cents. Free prints were given to all ladies attending the Monday night show and many people in town are still using these prints. He also remembered the antics of the usher. The usher was greater in the Frackville Garden Theater. He received his state license and was a qualifying Operator. He recalled that movies were at their peak at this time. Features changed three times a week and he remembered enjoying times when the same movie was shown three times before it opened. On Saturday nights the people paid admission at the door and the price of admission was fifty cents. Free prints were given to all ladies attending the Monday night show and many people in town are still using these prints. He also remembered the antics of the usher. The usher was greater in the Frackville Garden Theater. He received his state license and was a qualifying Operator.

Mr. Gillert had always been a movie bug and recalled that he "wore out his first lawn mower" using a 16mm camera in 1946. He is also known for another hobby which is "collecting old movie post cards." He has a large collection of post cards of the garden display beneath the Christmas tree where many people from town stop in each year to take photos of their families. He has taken so many pictures of him.

The afternoon was filled for the youngsters with many contests for children of all ages and a baseball game was held in the early evening conducted by the American Legion at Joe Kargel's rink. A movie was performed with singing, imitations, acrobatics and tap dancing. Betty Auman Dower was IVlother Goose with first and second grade girls performed the Irish Lilt; the third and fourth grade girls performed a patriotic song; the fifth grade performed the Dutch dance; the third and fourth grade boys danced the Virginia Reel in colonial costume; the third and fourth grade girls danced the Irish Lilt; the first and second grade children were the base of the Honor Roll by obtaining the highest marks; the third and fourth grade girls danced the minuet; Mrs. Dorothy Dewer was Mother Goose with first and second grade children as the nursery chorus children; seventh and eighth grade boys were the cowboys; the sixth grade girls performed the Russian polka; fifth and sixth grade boys performed the flag drill; the May Pole dance was performed by the fourth and fifth grade; and the kettle dance was given by the seventh and eighth grade boys. This program ended with Rev. Charles Gfrifert according the Benediction. Rev. Charles Gfrifert had always been a movie bug and also a movie director. He is also known for another hobby which is "collecting old movie post cards." He has a large collection of post cards of the garden display beneath the Christmas tree where many people from town stop in each year to take photos of their families. He has taken so many pictures of him.

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