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Toddler Property Laws

1. If I like it, it's mine.
2. If it's in my hand, It's mine.
3. If I can take it from you, it's mine.
4. If I had it a little while ago, It's mine.
5. If it's mine, it must never appear to be yours in any way.
6. If I am doing or building something, all the pieces are mine.
7. If it looks like mine, it is mine.
8. If I saw it first, it's mine.
9. If you are playing with something and you put it down, it automatically becomes mine.
10. If it's broken, it's yours.

(Author Unknown)

Just A Typewriter – Paul Smith: One Man At His Finest With A Typewriter

He lived at Rose Haven Nursing Home (Roseburg , OR) for years. Paul Smith, the man with extraordinary talent was born on September 21, 1921, with severe cerebral palsy. Not only had Paul beaten the odds of a life with spastic cerebral palsy, a disability that impeded his speech and mobility but also taught himself to become a master artist as well as a terrific chess player even after being devoid of a formal education as a child.

"When typing, Paul used his left hand to steady his right one. Since he couldn't press two keys at the same time, he almost always locked the shift key down and made his pictures using the symbols at the top of the number keys. In other words, his pictures were based on these characters @ # \$ % ^ & * () _ . Across seven decades, Paul created hundreds of pictures. He often gave the originals away. Sometimes, but not always, he kept or received a copy for his own records. As his mastery of the typewriter grew, he developed techniques to create shadings, colours, and textures that made his work resemble pencil or charcoal drawings."

This great man passed away on June 25, 2009, but left behind a collection of his amazing artwork that will be an inspiration for many.

(Author of this article unknown)

Food for Thought

When we do the best we can, we never know what miracle is wrought in our life, or in the life of another. (Helen Keller)

The secret of getting ahead is getting started. (Mark Twain)

Good, better, best. Never let it rest. Until your good is better and your better is best. (St. Jerome)

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