

But that which beareth thorns and briars is rejected, and is high unto cursing; whose end is to be burned.—Hebrews 6:8.

Faith is to believe what we do not see; and the reward of this faith is to see what we believe.—St. Augustine.

The Wonders Of These Hills

Along with Haywood's many distinguished sons, including shipbuilders, statesmen, financiers and teachers, must go the name of Dr. Eugene W. Gudger, as a noted scientist.

Dr. Gudger was a man that truly loved his work as a scientific research specialist in the field of fishes.

And suffice it to say, he was a man who truly loved his native Haywood county.

Every year he looked forward to his vacation of a month, during which time he would spend much of his time roaming these hills in his often long hikes.

He never lost interest in the development of this area, and in recent years often came by and said time and time again, "I marvel at the wonders which are being done here in developing this rich mountain country."

He was a strong advocate of the CDP and wrote many letters to editors in other parts of the country about the revolutionary program which was being carried on so successfully here in Haywood.

One of his last public appearances found him advocating that a colored post card be published of the scene looking through Pigeon Gap towards mighty Mt. Pisgah.

"That's a scene that every American should see," he often said.

Although a scientist of international fame, he was never happier than when he was back home, talking about "the wonders of these hills."

Spring's Schedule

There's more signs than the cardinal's calls to remind that, even though there may be many cold days ahead and fickle February and capricious March may pull all sorts of meteorological pranks, we're looking down Winter's bleakness toward Spring.

The soaking rains and balmy sunshine which followed are auguries of growth. The sap starts rising, and the full splendor of leaf, blossom and pristine greenery slowly unfolds.

The signs that we already have? Have you noticed the crocuses emerging? And the first venturesome bulbs, some of which you made the mistake of planting too shallow, poking up shoots of green? Japonica has reached the stage where sprigs may be brought indoors for forced blooming.

The hours of light are lengthening. The ground hog's prophecy is behind us, and St. Valentine's day has come and gone. The first robin has been seen strutting pompously on the lawn or cocking an ear for a worm which makes the fatal mistake of early stirring.

Sweet breath of spring, spiraea, jonquils and forsythia will come tumbling onto the landscape; and then it'll be here.

The winds still blow, the temperature still drops and the furnace seems to go on running endlessly. But the seasonal schedule clicks. These are the first discernible signs, if only you'll look closely enough, of its infallibility. Never yet has Spring failed to show up.—Ex.

We've seen robins and crocuses and heard the first of local political discussions. The arrival of spring is definite.

Views of Other Editors

Illness As Transportation Hazard

It is pathetic, yet shocking, news that the engineer involved in the terrible Santa Fe train wreck on January 22 has suffered from cancer, tuberculosis, a perforated ulcer and chronic fatigue.

The engineer, 61-year-old Frank B. Parrish, was operating the train which turned over at 70 mph

on a curve where the maximum speed was supposed to be held to 15 mph. Thirty persons were killed.

He told a coroner's jury at Los Angeles Monday that he blacked out just before the wreck. "I want no one blamed but me," he added. The jury held that no one was criminally responsible for the accident.

The engineer testified that he goes to bed at about 8:30 or 9 o'clock each night "because I am so tired."

The railroad Tuesday defended its policy of returning engineers and other train crew members to duty after illnesses. Doctors always must rule the employee fit before he is allowed to go back to work; the Santa Fe said, adding: "It is already on the record that Engineer Parrish passed a physical examination in September."

In any event, the tragic accident should serve as a grim reminder to transportation companies of all kinds to use every reasonable precaution to see that operators of their equipment are physically able to perform their duties without hazard to the public.

A man in apparently excellent health can suffer a sudden physical collapse but the chances of such a collapse occurring are much greater, of course, in the case of a person obviously ill.

The same applies, to a lesser degree, to the operator of a private automobile. He, too, can be a safety hazard if poor eyesight or other physical disability interferes with his driving. The licensing authorities can do some screening in this respect, but the individual also has a responsibility to refrain from driving when, because of fatigue or other reasons, he is not physically up to the task.

—From the Richmond Times-Dispatch.

National Guard Essential To Nation

On February 25 the National Guard of this city and state is to hold an intensive one-day recruiting campaign. Its purpose is increasing the strength of the National Guard to help take up the slack caused by reduction of our military forces.

This makes sense on several counts. For one thing, it's good economics. A large and strong National Guard, composed of volunteer citizen-soldiers, is about the most in the way of defense we can get for our money.

For another thing, the spirit of volunteer service which is the foundation of the National Guard, is in the very best tradition of our American way of life. Very probably our historic preference for doing a job voluntarily before it is forced upon us, without choice, accounts for much of our strength as a nation.

The success of the voluntary approach to matters military is forcefully illustrated by the fact that the National Guard, with voluntary service as its keystone, is the oldest military organization in our Nation. Its history dates back over more than 300 years, well before the Revolutionary War.

And from the Revolution on, Guardsmen have fought for their country in every conflict in which it was engaged.

The peacetime service of the National Guard is also impressive. We know of its work in time of emergency and disaster in this state. The Guard served valiantly, too, at the San Francisco earthquake, the Galveston and Johnstown floods, at Texas City, in hurricanes on the East Coast, blizzards in the Plains States. The list is long.

Now, at the request of Congress, and to meet a need for the particular kind of service which only the National Guard can offer, the Guard must increase its strength.

Appropriately, the day chosen for its big recruitment drive falls during the week of the birthday anniversary of the founder of our Nation. Thus is symbolized, if a symbol is needed, the essential character of the National Guard in the affairs of our country. Its coming campaign deserves our support.

—Washington Post and Times Herald.

Armor For Motorists

A race seems to be on to determine whether the new safety devices for motorists can keep up with the growing horsepower — and speed — of motor cars. Safety belts are here, along with safety door latches and padded dashboards.

Shatterproof mirrors and rear-facing seats with high shock-absorbent headrests are being talked of as protection in accidents. More defense of some nature (possibly a coat of mail) is being urged for the occupant of what is called the "death seat" on the right hand of the driver.

Yet at the rate motor car horsepower is going up, more radical safety measures may be needed. New 1956 cars in the medium and high priced range feature more engines of 200-plus horsepower, with some as much as 300 horsepower.

The safety experts need to come up with some suitable armor for motoring. Something on the order of the outfits worn by football players, undersea divers, or better still, outer space pilots, might be worked out. Why not? We outfit men for the battlefield — yet more persons have been killed on our highways than in all our wars.

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Red Pepper Sausage

We don't know the origin of country sausage. The kind with a lot of sage and red pepper. The kind that sizzles in a skillet at daybreak, with biscuits in the oven and coffee ready to boil.

The countryman knows sausage for what it is—a satisfying sufficient ballast on which a man can last out a long day mending fences or plowing in the field. On a cold morning it's good to walk out in the air, go to the barn and come back to a smell of sausage and ribbon cane syrup in the kitchen.

Sausage on a cold morning compares favorably with corn chowder or red-flannel hash the latter to be served piping hot with cornmeal muffins and green-tomato pickles.

Gourmets keep speculating on food of the future—how maybe we'll take a pill on arising and consider it sufficient for the day. We can't imagine a pillular substitute for hot biscuits, butter, country sausage and coffee. We are not anti-pill. We are pro-sausage.—Dallas Morning News.

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Eugene Willis Gudger

In its more precise meaning "scholar" is defined as one who by long study has gained competent mastery over one or more organized fields of knowledge.

Dr. Gudger was therefore a scholar in the study of fishes, one of the few internationally recognized for making permanent contributions to the subject.

His knowledge of some 30,000 kinds of fishes was manifested in many ways. Most notably, his research and writings brought him membership on the staff of the American Museum of Natural History in New York.

There he received national and world recognition for his four years' task in editing the Bashford Dean three-volume Bibliography of Fishes published by the Museum, perhaps the most comprehensive bibliography ever made of any species of animal life.

Dr. Gudger wrote more than 300 articles on fishes. In 1933 he was appointed editor of the fish terms of Webster's International Dictionary.

Much absorbed always in his specialty and the research that often took him to faraway places. Dr. Gudger through all the years was nevertheless in his personal interests a Tar Heel born and bred. He kept in touch with the social, economic and political news of his home state.

A native of Waynesville, he was particularly alert to movements and developments affecting the progress and welfare of this mountain region.

In his early days Dr. Gudger was interested in geology and especially that branch of it dealing with the earth's history in the Southern Appalachian Mountains.

In W. C. Allen's "Annals of Haywood County" Dr. Gudger and H. C. Wilburn contributed articles on the geologic history of this immediate area. In his short contribution, Dr. Gudger said, in part:

... the upheaval of the Smokies caused the formation of a number of large lakes throughout Western North Carolina. The valley of the French Broad above Asheville, including the Mud Creek valley, is the bed of an old lake. At Waterville there was a (natural) dam which also was a great lake. . . . The Love bottoms around Waynesville are the bed of the lake whose dam was at Howell's mill. The Welch bottoms well up toward the Balsam Gap are the bed of a lake whose natural dam was later replaced by an artificial one where the old Platt mill stood, which mill dam I can remember as a boy. . . .

In his distinguished life work and in the honors that were accorded him, Eugene Gudger brought honors to his state and to his country. His life as a scholar and as a civic-minded citizen will always be an inspiration to the youth of North Carolina.—The Asheville Citizen.

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Dear Dr. Fender: My office was recently informed that the Waynesville United Fund included the March of Dimes as a cause in the federated community drive held there late in 1955.

Mr. Max Rogers, Chairman of the Waynesville Area of the Haywood County Chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, has informed me that prior to the conducting of the united drive, he informed the Waynesville United Fund Executive Committee that the March of Dimes could not be included since the charter of the Haywood County Chapter specifies that "a separate March of Dimes shall be the only means of fund-raising participated in by the chapter."

I would like hereby to confirm Mr. Rogers' statement to your committee. By virtue of its charter, the Haywood County Chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis may not participate in the Waynesville United Fund. None of the 1,300 county chapters of the National Foundation throughout the nation participates in federated or joint fund-raising.

Please be assured that the Haywood County Chapter, along with state and national leaders of our organization, is cognizant and appreciative of the interest and good will of the Waynesville United Fund toward our program. It is realized that you did not intend a dis-service to our program when you without permission included our cause in the united drive. The fact remains, however, that the inclusion of the March of Dimes in your federated drive is unfortunate in that it has compromised for the current year the effective function of the Haywood County Chapter of the National Foundation—a service urgently needed for the health and welfare of our nation and your community.

Since any funds you have collected for the March of Dimes in the United Fund cannot be accepted nor administered by the Haywood County Chapter of the National Foundation, the disposition of such funds must be decided by the United Fund Executive Committee as the wishes of your donors are determined. Should

Rambling 'Round

By Frances Gilbert Frazier

She had a very high opinion of herself but, unfortunately, her mental equipment wasn't geared up to her lofty ego. Her domineering manner was deeply resented by her fellow workers. One day, a newly arrived secretary let an error get by and the Superior One pounced on the luckless girl with all her fury and superiority.

At the end of an everlasting (it seemed) tirade, she concluded with: "And I want you to remember that errors cost the company money and you cannot expect them to lose just because you make errors. Now, have you anything to say?" The culprit, quite unabashed, smiled sweetly and replied: "I certainly have. You are absolutely right and I'd like to add that that is the first intelligent remark I have ever heard you make."

It is impossible, evidently, for some people to think and talk at the same time.

A pair of clouds went drifting by, One very dark, one soft and white. They moved across a sapphire-sky, Then suddenly they slipped from sight. How like the clouds we are each day . . . And Life's like that, both dark and bright. But we must move along the way, Until we, too, drift out of sight.

Sympathizer: "You mustn't worry about it. Everybody makes mistakes." Error-maker: "That may be so but I seem to be the only one Miss Sylla Davis told this and we wanted you to enjoy it with that ever gets caught at it."

us: One Sunday Miss Sylla was called upon to help out with the Beginner's class in Sunday School and she wanted to impress upon the children the importance of Creation. She asked several questions to which she got prompt replies, such as why was the cow created and the answer was to give milk to drink; birds were created to give us songs, and so on. Then came the question (born of lack of new objects) why was the elephant created. One little girl's hand went up instantly: "Elephants were created so we could have circuses. Out of the mouths of babes!"

Why is it that there is never exactly the right time to do things we don't want to do?

Highland Flings

By Bob Conway

Despite the fact that the cold war with the Communists has grown even colder lately, Congress still has declined to pass a law making membership in the reserve compulsory.

In recent months the armed forces have gone all out to build up a strong, well-trained reserve, but Congress is still dragging its feet—even though the threat of war is as great today as it ever was.

We need a large reserve force simply because the United States has a standing army of only one and a half million men, whereas Russia has more than six million and Red China has another two million.

Back in World War II, the U. S. had more than 13 million men in uniform (in all branches of the armed forces), but it took us from the time the war was declared in December 7, 1941, until the end of the war in 1945 to train all those men.

If World War III ever should break out, atomic and hydrogen bombs start falling, will America have all the time it needs to get ready? (The chiefs of our armed forces fear that we won't have.)

return of monies they intended for the March of Dimes, the Waynesville March of Dimes will be glad to receive such funds when given directly by individuals to the March of Dimes.

The National Foundation believes that the American democratic way of life affords an or- Continued on page 5)

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