

He was a promising man in the literary field. Then he was partially paralyzed. Many of his friends said his literary career was over. However, he would not have it that way. With deep determination and a renewal of faith in God, he set out to continue in his chosen field. He travelled over the world in his wheelchair, lecturing and stimulating vast audiences. His was always a keen humor, mixed with philosophy in appraising contemporary life. He was a reporter and critic for the New York Herald-Tribune. He reviewed books for the Saturday Review of Literature, and the New York Times. In addition to the above, he wrote several books. His latest book, "Watch For The Morning", was published by Harpers. His name—Thomas Sugrue... How did this man, who carried a heavy handicap around in life, find the time to do so much? We know that so much in the life of individuals is not explainable. We know that some think of the words of the poet who wrote:

Not until the loom is silent, and the shuttles cease to fly,
Will God unroll the canvas, and explain the reason why
The dark threads are as needful in the weaver's skilled hand
As the threads of gold and silver in the pattern He has planned.

But men like Thomas Sugrue do not say, "Well, I will wait until that day and then find the answer." He and others like him have said: "This may be a barrier to some, but it will not be one for me." He found wings to hurdle the barrier. Wing of faith and determination. Faith in God and determination in self-discipline. With such wings underpinning the foundation of one's aspiration and hope, all barriers and invidious bars will fall. It is such men as these who have opened new channels of living; they have probed into the recesses of the earth to bring about better conditions for all of mankind. They have discovered new beachheads of spiritual resources. They are the true pioneers. Their whole life blazes with a spirit of heroism. It is such men as George Lansbury of England, who worked tirelessly for forty years to bring peace among the peoples of the earth, who could say before he died, "Yet the guns of the second World War are booming, peace is FORTY YEARS nearer." Truly such people are writing upon the parchment of time songs of human endeavor that will be always a melody of praise on the lips of the human race. Yes, if you are down and out and feel as if the world does not offer you an opportunity, don't look down but get the UpLook. The world will get no better until you take an active part in making it better. It was Longfellow who wrote:

The heights by great men reached and kept
were not attained by sudden flight,
But they, while their companions slept,
Were toiling upward in the night.

RIDGECREST ramblings

Chaplain and Mrs. Louis Jackson last week were Mr. C. W. Worman, San Diego, and Mrs. L. M. Jackson, S. C.
and Mrs. C. D. Hardin and Mr. Washington, D. C., are this week of his parents the late Mrs. Elbert F. Hardin at home.
and Mrs. W. P. Reeves left for their home in Decatur, Ala., after being at their cottage "Appalachia" since early in the summer.
Mrs. L. M. Ledbetter and son, Michael of Broad River community were guests at our church Sunday.
Miss Mary Paschal, Red Cross executive, Hickory, spent the week end at her cottage on Meeks road. She attended divine services here Sunday morning.
Mr. and Mrs. Willard K. Weeks spent Sunday in Waynesville where Mr. Weeks supplied the pulpit of the First Baptist church at both services.
Calling on Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Meeks Saturday were Dr. and Mrs. Robert Hicks, Bishopville, S. C.
Mr. and Mrs. Sam C. Gill had as their guests Sunday their son and his wife Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Gill, Weaverville.
Mrs. Mamie Gough left one day last week for Donelson, Tenn., where she will spend the winter with her brother and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. C. D. Creaman.
"Let's Listen" was the book taught the Circle of Business Women by Mrs. Cecil M. Perry Monday evening. The meeting held at the church was preceded by a covered dish supper presided over by Alice Turner, chairman of the group.
Friends of Dr. Annie Dove Denmark are delighted to hear that she is recovering from an illness suffered since she left Ridgecrest for her home in Goldsboro.
Mrs. Clarence Allison entertained the Woman's Missionary society at her home on Tuesday afternoon.
Mrs. Jack B. Fellows was the speaker. Korea was the topic. Mrs. Cecil M. Perry was program chairman. Mrs. Charles Jolly presided over the business meeting held prior to the address.
The Junior G. A.'s had a Halloween party with Mrs. Lillian Galamore Thursday night. Taking part in the fun were Sandra Wright, Anne Moore, Fay Peek, May Peek, Janice Peek and Barbara Bradley. Costumes, treats and tricks were much in evidence.
John B. May a student at Western Carolina college, Cullowhee, was at home with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Roy L. May Sunday.
Miss Betty Allison (Atlanta, Ga.) spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Allison.
Mr. and Mrs. Hensley Snypes had as their guests Sunday his father and mother the Rev. and Mrs. M. V. Snypes and his sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey James, all of Nebo.
Visitors at Hills of Home last week were Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lockhart, Timmonsville, Mrs. L. M. Jackson, Sumpter, Mr. and Mrs.

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M.Y.F. WILL ATTEND TRAINING SCHOOL

The members of the Methodist Youth Fellowship who wish to attend the training school in Asheville are asked to meet at the church Sunday afternoon at 2:30. Title of the course will be "Understanding Ourselves," taught by Mrs. E. H. Ould of Roanoke, Va. The regular meeting will be held at the church at 7 p. m. with Donald Brown leading the discussion.

George Thomas, Greenville, S. C., Mrs. W. G. Bandy, Lincolnton, N. C., and Mr. and Mrs. William Worman, San Diego, Calif.

Monday afternoon of last week Intermediate G. A.'s held their regular meeting with their counselor Mrs. E. F. Hardin. Shirley Denny had charge of the program giving a beautiful devotion on "The Meaning of Prayer" and leading a fine discussion on "Is it Wrong to be Rich?" One hundred per cent of the members attended and participated in a lively, interesting and helpful discussion of the topic.

The Intermediate Department of the Ridgecrest Sunday school held a jolly, rollicking Halloween social in the church recreational hall Friday evening. Eighteen boys and girls directed by Mrs. E. F. Hardin, played merrily for two hours. They enjoyed Jack O'Lantern sandwiches, doughnuts, apples and "witch's brew" served by Mrs. W. L. Snypes and Mrs. Joe Hollifield.

A high spot in the lives of Ridgecrest girls came Thursday evening when they gathered in the home of Mrs. Elbert Hardin to study "As Others See Us" as Mrs. Cecil M. Perry, teacher, marvelous, held them in close attention and led them in spirited discussion of this challenging book. Study began at 4:00 p. m. and lasted until 8:00 with an hour out for a delightful supper and happy fellowship. Present besides Mrs. Perry and Mrs. Hardin were the Bradleys, Barbara Denny, Shirley Denny, Emily Hollifield, Ann Carr Perry, Evelyn Peek and Doris Snypes.

Mrs. W. G. Bandy, Lincolnton, N. C., gave an illustrated address on Palestine here Sunday evening. Her pictures of Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Capernaum, Tiberias, the Sea of Galilee, the river Jordan and other places in the Holy Land were impressive, educational and informing. While here she was the guest of Mrs. Elbert Hardin.

Sunday, Nov. 1, was the twentieth anniversary of the arrival from Salisbury of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. May and sons Bob and John in Ridgecrest to make their home Saturday evening. Mr. and Mrs. May entertained at dinner her mother Mrs. Lillie Balentine and John who is studying for his Master's degree at Western North Carolina college and Miss Betty Allison who was home for the weekend from Atlanta.

Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Gray, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Gray and children, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde D. Gray and daughter Donna Vee were called to Franklin Monday for the funeral of Mrs. Mary Estelle Gray Tallent, 45, sister of Mr. Gray who died Sunday at the home of her mother Mrs. Melvina Gray after a short illness. The services were held at the Coweta Baptist church and burial was in the church cemetery. We sympathize with the family in the loss of his sister and the illness of his mother and another sister, Miss Nina Gray.

We made two trips to Asheville last week. Asheville allures us. It is full of interest. When I parked on Church street and searched our pockets for a nickel to feed the meter no buffalo could be found, there was not even a Lincoln penny, although there were six halves, a quarter and four dimes in the bag. We looked up, dismayed, distraught, disconcerted, uneasy and chagrined at the thought of having to move on for lack of a nickel or run the risk of being caught parking unlawfully while going across the street to the First National Bank for some change. Just then three young men in animated conversation came ambling along and we asked if they had change for a quarter. One said "I'm sorry" another said "no" the third one said "no, but here's a nickel" and he thrust it into my hand almost before I could politely refuse. I said "oh, I thank you sincerely but I can't do that" and he just moved on while the conversation with his companions increased in animation. Kindness, courtesy, sympathy, accommodation, the will to do good is yet inherent in the hearts of young men. A little deed of kindness is like a drop of dew clear and crystal-like on the petal of a rose greeting the sun early in the morning.

On the other visit to the city it was Shrine Day. Waiting for the parade scheduled for twelve o'clock I promptly took my stand on Patton avenue in front of the Wachovia Bank where I assisted a man who said he was "holding the bank building in its place." For more than an hour we "watched the world go by." The sidewalk became a one way traffic lane as male and female, rich and poor, white and black, small and tall, slim and stout, huffer and puffer, old and young, aged and bent, boy and girl, shriners and just plain masons marched back and forth. In my life time I have traveled in much of the U.S.A. and more than a dozen foreign countries. In all these places I have stood on street corners and in the market places and watched the throngs pass by. Crowds charm me. The expressions on people's faces, the color of their garments, their pace, what they carry in their mouths, tongue in cheek, cigars, chewing gum, match stems, tooth picks, suckers, quids of tobacco, all of these I saw while waiting for the parade. It came with color, noise, music, drum beats, laughter, fun, charm, bringing shriners in Cadillacs, Packards, Fords, Olds, DeSotos, Chevrolts and Buicks while others marched and made us laugh at their antics. Yes, Asheville, we like you and your conventions, meetings, days of fun and frolic. You can be entertaining as well as bustling with business.

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Crusade for Freedom Leaders See Car In Which Czechs Crashed Iron Curtain



A five-ton armored car in which eight Czechs crashed through the Iron Curtain to liberty was made the symbol of resistance to Kremlin tyranny, at a two-day Crusade for Freedom Conference in The Pentagon, Washington, D. C., Oct. 20 and 21.

At the conference, leaders of industry, labor, civic and fraternal organizations heard plans to enlist 25,000,000 Americans in the Crusade, which, through Radio Free Europe, broadcast truth and hope to 70,000,000 captives of communism in satellite nations.

For three years, Vaclav Uhlík, a Czech mechanic, listened to such broadcasts while he secretly assembled his escape vehicle, which was brought here for a national tour in behalf of the Crusade. Above, Henry Ford II, chairman of the Crusade for Freedom, is shown (l.), with George M. Ivey, of Charlotte, North Carolina State Chairman of the Crusade, and C. Chester Coad, Regional Director.

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AIR LETTER SHEETS
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DOUGHERTY'S ARE GIVEN FAREWELL PARTY

A surprise farewell party was given at the Marcus Begley home on Saturday night for Mr. and Mrs. George W. Dougherty who have moved to Neoga, Ill., to make their home.

Arrangements of mixed fall flowers were used throughout the home. A gift was presented to the honorees by the group. Later in the evening a buffet supper was served to Mr. and Mrs. Coleman Wright, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Simons, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Tinney, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Patton, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Stone, Mr. and Mrs. William Phillips, Bill Gudger, Roy L. Russell, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Sobol, Mr. and Mrs. Begley and Mr. and Mrs. Dougherty.

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Poel's Corner

Conducted by Anne K. Sharp, Chairman, Creative Writing Group

ELEVENTH HOUR
Brown leaves on the sidewalk,
Sodden with the rain—
Cleft ones, lobed ones—
Have left a sable stain.
It is a rebel gesture,
And it may be—no knowing,
That brown leaves are, as I shall be,
Unreconciled to going.
Leona Chunn,
Asheville Branch NLPAP.

As our forests are passing thru the "eleventh hour" during this "eleventh month" of the year, this poem, formerly published in the Kansas City Poetry Magazine, seemed most appropriate. Our appreciation is extended to Mrs. Chunn in her willingness to permit our chairman to use her poems when one is needed for a special occasion. Mrs. Chunn is a versatile, widely-known poet. She is most sensitive to every phase of Nature—the seasons, the birds, the flowers and trees. She writes glowingly and sympathetically about all.

Anne Kendrick Sharp,
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