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5-Minute Biographies

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ALEXANDER DUMAS

He Wrote 1200 Volumes, Earned \$5,000,000 and Died in Poverty

What is the most popular adventure story ever written? Robinson Crusoe? Don Quixote? Treasure Island? Naturally, opinions differ; but I'll cast my vote for The Three Musketeers.

The Three Musketeers has been a "best seller" for almost a century. Your grandmother probably thrilled to it in the theater when she was a girl, and hundreds of people are reading it this very minute, in a dozen different languages all over the world.

Alexander Dumas, the man who wrote The Three Musketeers, was one of the most astonishing novelists that ever dipped a goose quill into ink. In spite of his fat, grotesque appearance, he did have a way with women.

He declared over and over again that he would never marry. But he boasted once too often and one of his sweethearts called his bluff. She had her guardian buy up all of Alexander's debts at a bargain price.

In those days, you could be clamped into jail for debt; so Dumas, the great lover, was politely informed that he could take his choice—marry or go to the hoosegow. He married. Dumas even looked strange.

Three-fourths of the blood that coursed through his arteries was white; but the other fourth was negro.

An epicure and a gourmet, he was nearly as famous for his ability to concoct a sauce or roast a duck as for his ability to write a novel.

He would eat a meal that would have put even Bismarck to shame; yet, in spite of his gluttonous appetite, he never drank coffee or liquor, and he never smoked.

When he was busy writing, he didn't even care about food; and sometimes he even forgot to eat at all. If a friend dropped in to see him while he was working, he simply held out his left hand in greeting and kept on scribbling with his right hand.

But he was frightfully temperamental about the kind of paper and pens he used.

For example, he could only write novels on blue paper, and with a special set of pens. If he was writing poetry, he used yellow paper and a different set of pens.

If he was writing an article for a magazine, he couldn't possibly use anything but rose-colored writing paper; and he never, un-

der any circumstances, used blue ink.

Blue ink gave him the jitters. And he couldn't compose a play while sitting at his desk. In order to write a play, he had to lie down on a sofa with a good soft pillow propped under his elbow.

Ridiculous? Yes, but before you laugh at him, let me tell you what he accomplished. He wrote over one hundred plays and so many novels and histories that the collected edition of his entire work today totals one thousand, two hundred volumes! Think of it!

He earned over five million dollars—far, far more than any other writer of his age.

The characters in Dumas' books were intensely real to him. He dreamed about them and gossiped about them just as if they were living people; and he wrote about them with a sweep and gusto that holds you spell-bound now, almost a hundred years later.

Sometimes he would be carried away completely with his story and he would shout with laughter and joke with his characters as if they were actually sitting across the table from him.

Blessed with the energy of a Jack Dempsey, he tore all over Europe by stage coach and horseback, and he often kept five novels going all at one time, appearing, day by day, as serials in the newspapers. He didn't have time to read his own books; but he did have time to fight twenty duels with swords and pistols.

As he grew older, he went in for wine, women, and song. No, No, I am wrong. He didn't drink and he didn't sing; but he did go in for girls in a big way.

When the many gold diggers had extracted all his money, they deserted him, in derision and contempt, and Dumas spent his old age in poverty and loneliness.

Shortly before he died, his son found him reading a copy of The

Pension Advocates



WASHINGTON, D. C. . . . The House Ways and Means Committee called advocates of old age pension plans to testify on their various pension schemes. Photo shows Representative Ralph O. Brewster, of Maine (left), who testified in support of the Townsend Pension Plan and Dr. Francis Townsend.

Three Musketeers. "How do you like it, father?" he asked, and the old man said, "It'll do. It's good."

SURRY FARMERS HOLDING MEETS

Are Discussing Plans Concerning Cooperative Manufacturing of Fertilizer

HAVE HELD 2 MEETINGS

Surry county farmers are holding a series of five discussion meetings during the ensuing ten days to discuss plans whereby through the cooperative manufacturing and distribution of fertilizer they can save themselves hundreds of dollars during the spring season.

The meetings are being sponsored by the state-wide Farmers Cooperative Exchange, and all farmers and their wives are invited to attend and take part in the discussion.

At an organization meeting recently held leading farmers from all sections of the county planned the meetings in various communities and have arranged with at least twenty-five other leading farmers and their wives to take part in each community meeting.

Two of the meetings have already been held, the first February 21 at the Dobson court house, at which N. J. Martin acted as chairman. Number 2 was held Wednesday at Copeland school. R. S. Burrey acted as chairman. The remaining three meetings will be held as follows: Today, Franklin school, E. L. Patterson, chairman; Friday, Cooke's school, S. C. Carson, chairman; Monday, February 27, Shoal's school, E. E. Marion, chairman. All meetings will begin at 7:30 p.m.

MRS. ANNIE BUXTON CLAIMED BY DEATH

Mrs. Annie Pearl Buxton, 49, wife of Ralph Buxton, died Tuesday afternoon at the home four miles west of Yadkinville in the Branch church community. She was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. T. U. Bryant.

Surviving are the husband; one son, Charles Edwards Bryant, both of the home; six brothers, Will Bryant, of California; George Bryant, of Greensboro; Hobart Bryant, of High Point; Lonnie Bryant, of Durham; G. W. Bryant, of High Point; and Hugh Bryant, of Lenior; two sisters, Mrs. Rosa Yarborough, of High Point, and Mrs. Mary Reavis, of Yadkinville.

The funeral will be held this afternoon at 2 o'clock at Branon Friends church, of which she was a member. Mrs. M. A. Cox and Rev. J. H. Green will conduct the services. Burial will follow in the church graveyard.

HONOR ROLL FOR FIFTH MONTH AT NORTH ELKIN

The following is the honor roll for the fifth month of the North Elkin school:

First grade: Melrose Cooper, Ann Eldridge, Parks A. Roberts.
Second grade: Norma Sue Hayes, Juanita Steele.
Third grade: Mildred Pruitte, Roy Smith.

Fourth grade: G. C. Cooper, Katy Lou Childress, Alex Carter, Betty Lou Steelman.

Fifth grade: Fred Hemric, Sam J. Johnson.

Sixth grade: Helen Carter, Joyce Royall, Helen Haynes, Martha Ball, Willow Dean Hayes.

Seventh grade: Estelle Carter, Kathleen Cochrane, Maud Huds-peth, Betty Yarborough, Reella Miller, Louise Russell, Louise Simmons.

The witch-hazel blooms after the leaves have fallen.

Warlick to Hold Court at Yadkin

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Session he said John Cooper planned the whole thing. Both have been in jail here since the crime.

Alec Rash, charged with entering the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Johnson near Buck Shoals, and taking upwards of \$400 from a dresser drawer, confessed to officers that he took the money. His sweetheart, Della Prevetie, of Wilkes county, is indicted with him and has confessed her part in the crime.

Conrad Hutchens will be tried in connection with the death of Mrs. Thurmond Caudle, who was killed in an automobile accident one mile east of Yadkinville last November. Dallas Davis, owner of the car and who was with Hutchens, will also be tried. Both are charged with drunkenness also.

Many other cases will likely result from grand jury bills after it meets Monday morning and gets its charge from Judge Warlick.

TO BE AT JONESVILLE ONLY ON WEDNESDAYS

Dr. James Oliver Crutchfield, chiropractor, of Jonesville, will be at Jonesville only on Wednesdays during the immediate future, he has announced. He will continue to make his home there, however.

ROLLING LIBRARY NEEDS MORE BOOKS

Mrs. Gentry Expresses Appreciation to Those Who Have Aided Work

4,000 VOLUMES NEEDED

Mrs. Willie Moore Gentry, who is in charge of Surry county's community school on wheels, said Wednesday morning that in order to meet the continued demands for books that several additional volumes would be required. She stated that she now had 2,200 books but the number should be increased to 4,000 if the needs of the county be adequately met. Mrs. Gentry and her workers make a complete circuit of the county twice each week and reading material is supplied free of charge to anyone desiring it. Schools, particularly where there are no other library facilities, are among the best patrons of the library. The majority of the books in the traveling library are state accredited for school libraries and an average of 700 books are dispensed from the truck each day. Magazines are also distributed.

Mrs. Gentry expressed her appreciation for the aid given her by the Elkin Kiwanis Club and

by Chatham Manufacturing company, each of them having made liberal contributions for this work.

In speaking of the type of books needed Mrs. Gentry stressed the need of books for children from the first to the fifth grades.

JUNIOR ORDER TO HOLD INITIATION

Plans are in readiness for the district class initiation service of the Junior Order to be held in the Jr. O. U. A. M. hall here Friday evening, February 24. A speaker has been engaged for the meeting and refreshments will be served. The event will be in celebration of the birthday anniversary of George Washington.

All members of the local council and other councils of the district are invited to attend.

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