

Dale Carnegie

5-Minute Biographies

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ANDREW CARNEGIE

He Made More Millionaires Than Any Man Who Ever Lived

Andrew Carnegie was born in Dunfermline, Scotland, without benefit of doctor or midwife because his people were too poor to afford either. He started working for two cents an hour and he made four hundred million dollars.

When the Carnegie family came to America, Andrew's father made tablecloths and peddled them from door to door. His mother took in washing and stitched boots for a shoemaker. Andrew had only one shirt, so his mother washed and ironed that shirt every night after he had gone to bed. She worked for sixteen to eighteen hours a day, and Andrew adored her. When he was twenty-two he promised her that he would never marry as long as she lived. And he didn't. He didn't marry until his mother died thirty years later. He was fifty-two when he married and sixty-two when his first and only child was born.

Carnegie got a job as telegraph messenger boy in Pittsburgh. The pay was fifty cents a day. It seemed like a fortune. He longed to be an operator, so he studied telegraphy at night and rushed down to the office early

each morning to practice on the keys.

One morning the wire was hot with big names. Philadelphia was calling Pittsburgh, calling frantically. There was no operator on duty. So Andrew Carnegie rushed to the wire, took the message, delivered it, and was immediately promoted to the position with his salary doubled.

His restless energy, his sleepless ambition attracted attention. The Pennsylvania railroad erected a telegraph line of its own. Andrew Carnegie was made operator, then private secretary to the division superintendent.

Suddenly one day an event happened that started him on the way to fortune. An inventor came and sat down beside him in a railroad train and showed him the model of a new sleeping car he had invented. The sleeping cars of that day were crude bunks nailed to the sides of freight cars. This new invention was much like the Pullman car of today. Carnegie had shrewd Scotch foresight. He saw that the invention had enormous possibilities. So he borrowed money and bought stock in the concern. The company paid sensational dividends and when Andrew Carnegie

reached twenty-five his annual income from this one investment alone was five thousand dollars a year.

Once a wooden bridge burned on the railroad and tied up traffic for days. Andrew Carnegie was a division superintendent at the time. Wooden bridges were doomed. He saw that. Iron was the coming thing. So he borrowed money, formed a company, started building iron bridges — and the profits poured in so fast that he was almost dizzy.

This son of a weaver had the golden touch. He and some friends bought a farm amidst the oil fields of Western Pennsylvania for forty thousand dollars and made a million dollars out of it in one year. By the time this canny Scot had reached 27, he had an income of a thousand dollars a week.

It was 1862 now. Abe Lincoln was in the White House. The Civil War was raging. Prices were skyrocketing. Big things were happening. Frontiers were being pushed back. The far west was opening up. Railroads were soon to be thrown across the continent. America trembled on the threshold of an astonishing era.

And Andy Carnegie, with the smoke and flames belching from his steel furnaces, rode up on a tidal wave of prosperity — rode and kept on riding until he had acquired riches such as had never been dreamed of before in the history of mankind.

Yet he never worked very hard. He played about half of the time. He said that he surrounded himself with assistants who knew more than he did — and he spurred them on to pile up the millions for him. He was Scotch, but he wasn't too Scotch. He let his partners share in his profits and he made more millionaires than any other man who has ever lived.

He went to school four years in

his life; but in spite of that he wrote eight books of travel, biography, essays and economics and gave away sixty million dollars to public libraries, and seventy-eight millions for the advancement of education. He was not a member of any church, but he gave away more than seven thousand pipe organs to churches. All in all, he gave away three hundred and sixty-five million dollars, a million dollars for every day in the year, for he declared it was a disgrace to die rich.

Little Richmond

Members of the Little Richmond Home Demonstration club enjoyed a delightful meeting at the home of Mrs. W. L. Cockerham at Rusk Friday.

Spring flowers, suggestive of the Easter season, decorated the entire house. The meeting was opened by Mrs. J. W. Martin, vice president. Mrs. Grace Pope Brown, home demonstration agent, made a very instructive talk on spring gardens, flowers, etc. Two outstanding features made this meeting especially interesting, one the working of cottage cheese by Mrs. J. W. Martin, who excels in this, and the other, that this was the first anniversary of the club as it was organized just one year ago.

After the business part of the meeting the guests were invited into the dining room where covers were laid for all the members. The table was lighted by candles. Refreshments consisting of a three tier cake, decorated with one candle, pickles, peaches with whipped cream, and coffee were served. After this the meeting adjourned to meet with Mrs. Porter Holyfield on April 28.

Eskimos make waterproof coats from the entrails of seals and walrus.

BRANON

Mr. and Mrs. Alan Steelman, accompanied by Woodrow Steelman, visited Mrs. Steelman's parents, in Tennessee, Sunday. Mrs. Steelman will spend some time there.

Miss Pauline Boles, student of W. C. U. N. C., Greensboro, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robey Boles.

Mr. Tommy Comer of Winston-Salem, spent the week-end with his aunt, Miss Hazel Blundy.

Miss Doris Ruth Smith visited her sister, Mrs. Ray Madison, of Hamptonville, part of last week.

Mrs. Glen Mastin and children, Rex and Ted, of Ronda, visited Mr. and Mrs. Tom Cummings from Thursday until Sunday last week. Miss Jettie Cummings, sister of Mrs. Mastin, accompanied her home for a few days visit.

Miss Mabel Smith of Winston-Salem, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Smith.

Mr. Ralph Buxton has returned from Davis Hospital, Statesville. His condition is reported some better, we are pleased to note.

Leonard Ray, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Swisher, is in Elkin hospital, with a throat infection.

Mr. Forest Doss spent the week-end in North Wilkesboro, the guest of relatives.

Brooks Cross Roads

Mrs. Roy Nichols, of near Yadkinville, visited her mother, Mrs. Sallie West, on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Irvin moved from here last week. They are now living in the Shiloh community.

Several members of the Beta club of West Yadkin school attended the annual Beta club convention which was held at the Robert E. Lee hotel in Winston-Salem last Friday and Saturday.

Mrs. R. L. Melton returned last week from Salisbury where she had been the guest of relatives for several days.

Miss Audree Shore, member of the Hartzell school faculty, Concord, spent Friday with relatives and attended the funeral of her uncle, J. Guy Cheek, which was held at Longtown Methodist church Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Bell Entertains

The Happy Hour Sewing club met with Mrs. Spencer Bell Tuesday afternoon with 10 members present. Mrs. Fred Money was awarded the prize in an interesting contest. A salad course was served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Velma Weaver, to the following: Mesdames Clyde Wright, G. C. Wallace, Miles Shore, Marvin Hoots, W. N. Ireland, Jr., Velma Weaver, Charlie Gough, Fred Money and Raymond VanHoy.

COOL SPRINGS

There were 153 present at Sunday school Sunday, with several visitors. Two classes of Intermediates have been recently organized by Mrs. Paul Newman. The enrollment is 27, with possibilities of 14 others.

Miss Blanche Cox, of Traphill, was the guest of Miss Edna Couch the past week-end.

Messrs. Maynard Harris and Todd Kress, of Salisbury, were the guests of Mr. Harris' parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Harris, Sunday.

Uncle Charlie Carter, a patient in the Statesville hospital, shows slight improvement.

Mr. Worth Newman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Newman, is a patient at the Statesville hospital. He is doing fine.

Mr. O. P. Holbrook has gone to Hugh Chatham Memorial hospital for an X-ray examination, since suffering a bad fall through a trapdoor last summer Mr. Holbrook has not been well.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Reckford Wixson a baby boy on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jolly, who recently came to this community, visited Mrs. Jolly's father at Taylorsville Sunday, when he celebrated his 77th birthday anniversary.

If your health and that of your family will permit we want you present at Sunday school Sunday morning.

POPLAR SPRING

Miss Connie Hinson spent the week-end with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Collins, of near Elkin.

Mr. Tommie Luffman, of Jonesville, conducted the prayer service at the Poplar Spring Baptist church Sunday night. Everyone seemed to enjoy the service very much.

Miss Margaret Carter had as her week-end guest, Miss Lucille Sprinkle, of Elkin, R. F. D.

Rev. Claude Flinchum, a young minister, will preach at the Poplar Spring Baptist church Sunday

morning at 11 o'clock, and Rev. John Hinson, of Arlington, will preach Sunday night at 7:00 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend each service.

Mrs. Ellen Gentry and Mr. and Mrs. Noah Gentry and little daughter, June, have moved back to this community. They have been living in Danville, Va.

Oberlin college (Ohio) was the first college in the U. S. to become wholly co-educational.

MOUNTAIN PARK SENIOR CLASS TO GIVE PLAY

"Mammy's Lil' Wild Rose" is the title of the play to be presented by the senior class of Mountain Park high school in the school auditorium on Saturday evening, April 8, at 7:30 o'clock. The production is a comedy-drama, with its setting in the mountains of Virginia.

There will be a small admission charge. Proceeds will go to the school.

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