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5-Minute Biographies

THEODORE DREISER

God's Mercy and Three Gin Rickeys Brought A Titan to American Literature

Theodore Dreiser is one of the most astonishing novelists in America—and one of the most distinguished. For a third of a century, he has been on a literary rampage, bellowing and snorting and pawing up the earth like a short-horn bull.

He has had an immense influence upon American literature. The books you are reading today would have been a trifle different if Theodore Dreiser had never lived.

In 1900, he wrote a sensational novel called Sister Carrie, which stirred up a tornado of talk. Critics denounced it as immoral and obscene. Preachers pounded their pulpits and women's clubs rose up in holy indignation and demanded that it be suppressed. The publisher became frightened,

and refused to sell it. Dreiser was astonished. He didn't know there was anything immoral about his novel. He had only depicted life as he saw it. But that was back in 1900. Nobody would think of denouncing the book now. And if you want a copy of the first edition of Sister Carrie today, it will cost you \$350. I once went up to see this grey, glum gruff giant. He is so frank he makes you gasp.

He has written the most moving tragedies ever penned about American life. His greatest book, An American Tragedy, appeared in 1925, when the author was so hard up he could hardly pay his room rent. The book created a national sensation and four hundred thousand dollars came roaring down upon him like an ava-

lanche. Hollywood paid him almost a fifth of a million dollars for the movie rights alone. I asked him what he did with the money—he put it in stocks, bonds and mortgages and lost \$300,000.

Dreiser suddenly decided one day that he was going to be a newspaper reporter, so he applied for a job on the Chicago Globe. They told him that they didn't need any help. But he took a chair and said he was going to sit there until they did. He sat there every day for over a month.

That was in 1891, and when the Democratic National Convention opened in Chicago, in June of that year, the paper had to have some extra reporters so they gave him a job. Then an incredible thing happened. This cub reporter, who had never written a line for a newspaper in his life, was having a drink with the other reporters at the bar of the Auditorium Hotel; the other reporters were bemoaning the fact that no one knew who was going to be nominated. Dreiser had had a couple of cocktails and he wanted to show off, so he said, "I know who is going to be nominated. A dark horse, Senator McEnty of South Carolina." Just at that instant, Senator McEnty swung into the room and said, "Who does me the honor of mentioning my name?"

Dreiser confessed; and the Senator said: "That's fine. Let's have a drink." Then five minutes later, he invited Dreiser to have lunch and some more gin rickeys; and under their mellow influence, the Senator said: "I want you to go to Washington with me as my private secretary."

After lunch McEnty said: "Listen, boy—I'm going to let you in on a dark secret. Grover Cleveland is going to be nominated for President; and you are the first newspaper man to know it."

Dreiser was flabbergasted. He had only been a reporter for two days, and had gotten the biggest scoop of the year. I asked him to tell me the secret of his success and he said, "Just the mercy of God—that's all."

TRAPHILL HONOR ROLL FOR SEVENTH MONTH

The following is the honor roll for the seventh month of the Traphill school:

First grade: Billie Absher, Eugenia Ray, Buddy Smith, Holland Warren, James Billings, J. W. Bryan, Ray Warren, Hadley Cothren, Annie Lee Luffman.

Second grade: Ray Wood, Wilhemina Billings, Clyde Brown, Guy Ray.

Third grade: Peggy Lou Brown, Ruth Holbrook, Helen Warren, Louise Smith, Mary Lee Casstevens.

Fourth grade: Boyd Blackburn, Douglas Lassiter, Anna Ruth Bauguess, Floy Prevette, Rita Prevette, Nannie Sue Blevins.

John A. Absher, Glenn Brown, Thomas Sherman Bryan, Ira Casey, Maynard Yale, Frances Casstevens, Nancy Caudill, Nell Holbrook, Ruth Prevette, Greta Swearingen, Effie Holbrook, Irene Pardue.

Sixth grade: Ruth Bauguess, Ruth Joines, Mary Livingston, Gladys Prevette, Louise Warren.

Seventh grade: Fay Warren, Rosa Lee Triplett, Emma Lyon, Louise Duncan, Nina Billings, Van Wood.

Eighth grade: Willard Billings, Leff Holloway, Edwin Sidden, Luzetta Anderson, Fannie Bowers, Beatrice Casstevens, Lizzie Couch, Janie Hayes, Emma Harris, Olene Holcomb, Estelle Hutchison, Kathleen McMenamin, Reda Ross, Mabel Sidden, Bernice Smith, Ruth Spicer, Myrtle Spicer, Reba Wiles, Helen Billings, Mary Lee Bauguess.

Tenth grade: Sallie Bauguess, Annie Lou Collins, Sallie Gilliam, Hilda Hanks, Mary Belle McGrady, Nina Yale.

Ninth grade: J. Van Byrd, Ward Carter, Walter Holcomb, Silas Newman, Mae Alexander, Melba Billings, Okie Lee Billings, Ersie Blackburn, Lois Carter, Rosa Cleary, Fay Holcomb, Eva Joines, Metta Joines, Maude Johnson, Roxie Mayberry, Velma McBride, Ina Grace Pruitt, Orville Sparks, Malba Waddell, Mattie Jane Warren, Velda Warren.

Eleventh grade: Buell Warren, Naomi Billings, Della Brooks, Margaret Browne, Hazel Cox, Milna Darnell, Georgia Lee Holloway, Stella McGrady, Jurleen Nickelson, Blanche Sidden, Nancy Sidden, Vena Sparks, Katherine Walker, Hazel Warren, Opal Warren.

A Clock That Struck
A farmer bought a large mantel clock, one of the kind that strikes the hours and half hours. One night he was awakened by the striking of the clock. Something had gone wrong with the mechanism, and the chimes, instead of stopping with the usual twelve, kept right on sounding. The bewildered farmer counted them up to 103, and then called to his wife: "Mary, for goodness' sake, get up! It's later than I've ever known it to be before!"

STATE ROAD

Mr. and Mrs. Tyra Parks and daughter, Nevassa, of Leaksville, visited friends here during Easter.

A group of young people of this community, were visitors in Winston-Salem for the sunrise service there Sunday morning.

Mr. Dock Stanley, of this community, has accepted a position with the soil conservation service at Laurel Springs, N. C. Mr. Stanley left last week to begin a six months contract.

Mr. James Martin, of Jonesville, visited friends near here Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Bessie Smith, an invalid for the past six months, is gradually declining in health. Her prospects for recovery are doubtful.

Mrs. Laton Adams is quite ill at present, we regret to state.

Mrs. Garland Carter was the Sunday guest of Mrs. Sally Norman, Oak Ridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Smith and son, Kendrick, visited the former's uncle, George Smith, in Mining Ridge Sunday.

Miss Ruth Pettyjohn, of Littlestown, Pa., was the Easter guest of her father, Mr. Watson Pettyjohn, here.

POWER IN YADKIN TO BE CUT OFF ONE HOUR

The electric power in Yadkinville, East Bend and Boonville, and vicinity, will be cut off for one hour Sunday afternoon, from 2:00 until 3:00 o'clock. It has been announced by the Duke Power Co., so that some necessary work may be done on the company's lines.

More Scotch Thrift

Young Angus had been out for the evening with his best girl. Arriving home his father asked: "Hae ye been oot wi' your lassie again?"

"Aye, Dad," replied young Angus, "why do you look so worried?"

"I was just wonderin' how much the evening cost."

"Only half a dollar, Dad."

"Aye, that was nae so much."

"It was all she had," said Angus.

Waiting

Dot: "So you're not going to marry that Mr. Firthson after all. Why not?"

Helen: "Well, father thinks he isn't rich enough, and mother thinks he is too old for me. Aunt Mary thinks he is too good looking to make a good husband, and Uncle Joe says he has heard things about him."

Dot: "But what do you think about it?"

Helen: "Oh, I think I ought to wait until he asks me."

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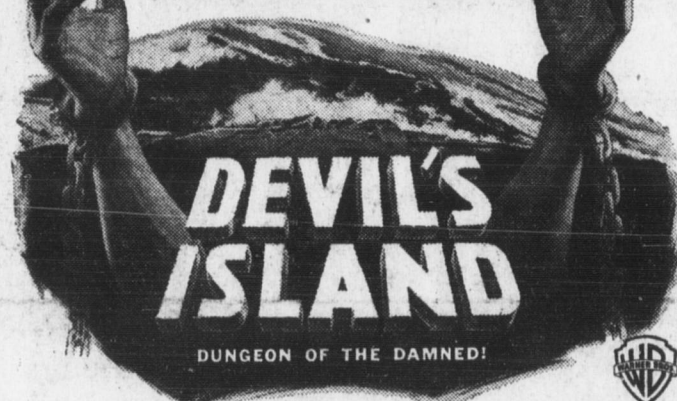
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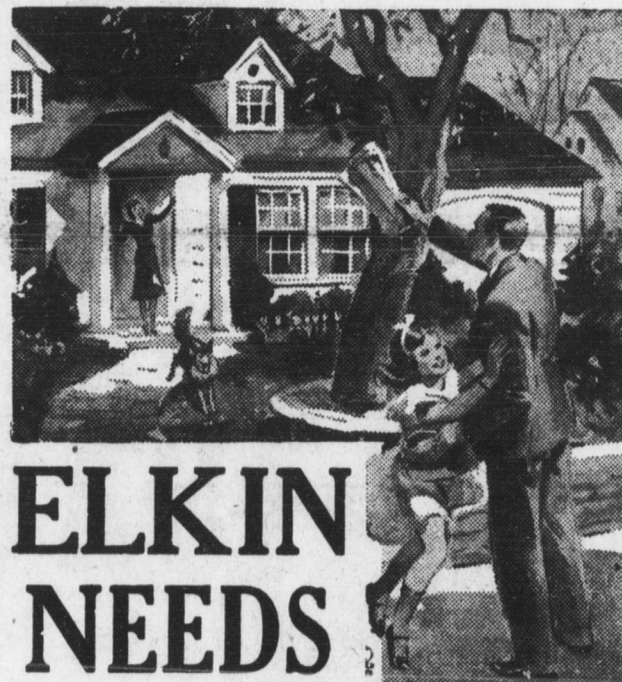
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