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5-Minute Biographies

THOMAS A. EDISON

He Wasn't the Only Smart Man With a Bad Memory



One day when I was having lunch at the Vanderbilt Hotel in New York, I noticed that when the coat room girl took my hat, she didn't give me a check for it. I was a bit surprised and I asked her why; she said it wasn't necessary to give me a check—that she would remember me—and she did. She told me that she had often taken the hats and coats of two hundred strangers, stacked them up in a pile and handed each man the right coat and the right hat as he walked out. I talked to the manager of the hotel and he told me this girl hadn't made a memory mistake in fifteen years.

I doubt whether Thomas Edison could have accomplished a feat like that even if you had offered him a million dollars. Edison had a very poor memory—especially in his youth. In school, he forgot everything he was taught, and he was always at the foot of his class. He drove his teachers to despair. They declared that he was addled, that he was too stupid to learn, and the doctors even predicted he would have brain trouble, for his head had an extraordinary shape. As a matter of fact, he attended school only three months during his entire life. After that, his mother taught him at home; and what a magnificent job she did, for he all but transformed the world in which we live.

Yet, later in life, Thomas Edison developed a remarkable memory for scientific data, and he mastered most of the scientific facts in his vast private library. He developed an extraordinary ability to concentrate, to forget everything but the subject he had in hand.

One day, while he was deeply absorbed in trying to solve some scientific problem, he went to the court house to pay his taxes. He had to stand in line for some time; and when his turn came,

he actually forgot his own name. One of his neighbors, seeing his embarrassment, reminded him that his name was Thomas Edison. He afterwards declared that he couldn't have called his name for a few seconds then even if his life had depended upon it.

At one time he seriously thought of studying some system to improve his memory.

Edison frequently worked in his laboratory all night long. One morning, while he was waiting for his breakfast to be brought to him, he fell asleep. One of his assistants, who had just eaten some ham and eggs and was feeling in a jovial mood, wanted to fool the old man; so he placed his empty tray of dishes on the table in front of Edison. A few minutes later Edison awoke, rubbed his eyes, and looked down at the bread crusts and the empty plate and the empty coffee cup. He thought a moment and then came to the conclusion that he must have eaten breakfast before he had his nap; so he pushed back from the table, lighted a cigar, had a smoke, and started to work again and never knew the difference until his assistants broke into an uproar of laughter.

Well, if your memory is bad, cheer up, for Leonardo da Vinci was one of the most distinguished men who ever lived, and he couldn't remember anything unless he made a note of it—and when he did make notes, he lost them, even as you and I.

SCHOOL BUILDING IS SOLD FOR \$350

John W. Comer, superintendent of Surry schools said Tuesday afternoon that the Holly Springs school building had been sold to Mr. Brankley McGee for \$350.00. The building was abandoned by the school commission this year.

L. C. Thornton, who is in charge of the transportation for North Carolina State schools will visit Surry county today (Wednesday) to investigate the county buses and to visit the three negro schools in the county that were not allotted a teacher this year. Several changes will be made in the bus routes, it is thought by officials.

Not Thick or Thin
"Will you," asked a young wife at Kiowa, "love me if I grow fat?"
"No," replied her husband. "I promise to stick to you for better or worse—but not through thick and thin."

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TWO SIDES To Every Question

By LYTLE HULL

Possible Results of This War
It has often been said that one of the saddest features of war is that it demonstrates the inability of the people to invent a form of government capable of protecting their interests.

Through the ages it has always been the hope that "this war" will be the last the people will have to undergo, but as time goes on wars—instead of becoming more localized and smaller in scope—have grown larger in the number of men involved and have become more inclusive geographically.

Every conceivable form of government has been attempted: monarchy, dictatorship, democracy; socialism, communism, capitalism. Each has flourished during periods of peace but few have been capable of maintaining those periods of peace for more than a relatively short time.

There is an outstanding exception to this unnatural condition, which may indicate that it is not the forms of government which are at fault so much as the state of "nationalism" as it exists in Europe today, that is: dozens of separate nations, both large and small, necessarily selfish and jealous of each other, attempting to live their individual lives behind their common boundary lines.

This outstanding exception is the United States of America: a vast grouping of geographical entities with different climates, tastes, ideas and modes of living; but having in common one supreme interest—the central government of the United States. This interest—excepting the four years of our civil war—has held them together in peace and harmony for one hundred and fifty years. These groups are composed of every nationality, race, color and creed on earth.

In some cases almost the majority of a whole state is descended from one nationality, yet how weird even to imagine Minnesota declaring war upon Louisiana. But if these two states were members of the European family, they would probably show a long record of internecine warfare.

Long before the Great War, one would frequently hear a European express his envy of peaceful America. Since the devastating results of that war have become so prominent as to be apparent to even the least thoughtful, "grumbling" in European countries has become a habit and changes of government a frequent occurrence.

The people are beginning to awake to the fact that there is no way, under the present set up, to stop the eternal warfare to which they are subjected. In other days, when these wars were fought by professional armies, it didn't make such a tremendous impression and did not greatly affect their daily lives. But now that war has come to mean the forcible conscription of every man's and woman's life and property, it has become to all the people a thing of terrible import.

No one knows what the present war, if fought to a finish, will bring forth, and this is not intended as a prophecy; but it is not difficult to picture a Europe so utterly devastated that any straw will be grasped at by the despairing people, and that straw will unfortunately not be "Democracy." That word won't "sound so good" to them by then.

Desperate people will be sick of anything which reminds them of politicians; they will scream against any form of government except a "people's government"—a "proletarian government." That will have a wonderful sound—The People's Government! It has fooled experts.

It fooled the level headed French, and those same level heads dropped into the basket of the guillotine. It fooled the Russians, and millions of unwilling angels have been added to the population of Heaven since that "great emancipator," Mr. Stalin, became the "people's government" of all the Russia's. And it will fool the rattled people of a desperate, starving, fear-crazed Europe after they have been punished to the limit of human endurance by the nitro-glycerine of dictatorship and democracy.

What a picture to contemplate! All Europe under the iron hand of some blood-thirsty tyrant who will call himself "the people's government."

The only ray of long distance hope, which shines through the murky gloom of this quite possible outcome of a long and destructive war, is the chance that the people, though subjugated, will have the opportunity in a few generations, to "breed up" their manhood—which the last war and the present one will have sadly depleted—and eventually cast aside a tyrannical form of government for a REAL "people's government": a government of

New Polish President



PARIS . . . Photo shows Wladislaw Raczekiewicz, president of the new Polish government set up in Paris to take the place of the refugee government interned in Rumania.

the people, for the people and by the people. A United States of Europe—and peace on earth at last!

A hard road to travel for the next fifty or a hundred years, and strewn with the corpses of millions of trusting human beings who placed their faith in their leaders and in the ability of those leaders to solve the problems with which they are faced today.

WITH THE SICK

The following patients have been admitted to the local hospital during the past week:

Bryant Reeves, Independence, Va.; Floyd G. Brooks, Furches; Dorothy McHargue, Jonesville; Lonnie Sale, Roaring River; Mrs. Edith Freeman, Elkin; Ernestine Callahan, Dobson; Cassie Simpson, Dobson; Luther Simpson, Dobson; Mrs. Nettie Couch, Elkin; Mrs. Callie Cothren, State Road; Dicky Mayberry, Elkin; Arlene Osborne, Jonesville; J. T. Pardue, Jonesville; Glen Collins, Millers Creek; Conrad Money, Elkin; Mrs. Hester Mitchell, Dobson; Thomas Golden, Elkin; Bernice Causey, Elkin; Hazel Davis, Mt. Airy; Kirby M. Lowe, Mt. Airy; Mrs. Martha Shores, Hamptonville; Myrtle Lou Wishon, Elkin; Ben Snow, Mt. Airy; Henry G. Jarvis, Thomasville; Betty Matthews, Siloam; Tom Dinkins, Yadkinville; Miss Minnie Chatham, Elkin; Junior Mathis, Siloam; Mrs. Etta Smith, Mt. Airy; Elizabeth Coe Redman, Ronda; Mrs. Eva Cockerham, Thurmond; Mrs. Pearl Simmons, Elkin; Mrs. Hester Blevins, Ronda; Mrs. Opal Marsh, Elkin; Hazel McCraw, Mt. Airy; Thomas Roy McConnell, Franklin; Mary Lowe, Mt. Airy; Mrs. Mae Wood, Elkin; Elsie Vestal, Jonesville; Mrs. L. E. Aldridge, Elkin; Mrs. Annie Sue Lowery, Elkin; Marie Webster, Elkin.

Patients dismissed during the week were: Harvey Stockton, Elkin; Mrs. Minnie Bernon, Mt. Airy; Glen Collins, Millers Creek; Mrs. Nancy Hinson, State Road; Kalee Walker, Elkin; Mrs. Mable Pinnix, Brooks Cross Roads; Cophus Culler, Jonesville; Mrs. Irene Tucker Clonch, Jonesville; Floyd G. Brooks, Furches; H. D. Morrison, Elkin; Dorothy McHargue, Jonesville; Cassie Simpson, Dobson; Luther Simpson, Dobson; Dicky Mayberry, Elkin; Glenn Lewis, Millers Creek; Hester Mitchell, Dobson; Ben Snow, Mt. Airy; Betty Matthews, Siloam; Tom Dinkins, Yadkinville; Junior Matthews, Elkin; Mrs. Hester Blevins, Ronda.

TERRACING

Approximately 160 landowners in Lincoln county have earned a part of their soil building payment through terracing, reports George Hobson, assistant farm agent of the State College Extension Service.

REDUCED

The interest rate to farmers on all Commodity Credit Corporation loans will be reduced from four to three per cent., effective November 1, reports the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

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