

# Dale Carnegie

## 5-Minute Biographies

Author of "How to Win Friends and Influence People."



RICHARD CROOKES

### He Went Hungry To Hear Caruso — But He Turned Down \$1,000 a Week and Refused a Contract At the "Met"

Away up in the land of the midnight sun near the northern tip of Norway lies a town smelling of cod liver oil and salt fish—a bleak barren town called Hammerfest, the northernmost town in Europe. I visited Hammerfest a few years ago and noticed some American photograph records in one of the store windows. What sort of music do these fishermen listen to during the long Arctic winter when they never see the sun for months at a time? I examined the records—and found that they were sacred songs sung by Richard Crookes.

Expert musicians have told me that Richard Crookes is the most distinguished tenor America ever produced—and he is certainly one of the best-loved. He has sung with the greatest symphony orchestras in the world. He has sung at the Chicago opera, he is starred at the Metropolitan, and you can hear him frequently on the air.

As a young man Richard Crookes was so poor he had to do hard manual labor to get money to take music lessons. He lived in Trenton, New Jersey; at fourteen, he got a job painting the big reservoir tanks for the gas company. He specialized in painting the tops of the structures on an eighty-foot ladder, because that was dangerous and he was paid fifty cents more a day for doing it.

As a seventeen, he was loading ice on ice wagons for twenty cents an hour, he had to get on the job at three o'clock in the morning.

When he came to New York to study, he lived in one room with four other boys. The room was small, but they managed to jam

a bed and three army cots into it. The room cost five dollars a week and the five boys split it five ways. He ate in cheap restaurants. "The food wasn't very good," he told me, "but I didn't mind for I had a healthy appetite and I liked any kind of food if it only had a lot of ketchup on it."

He used to go hungry all day to hear Caruso sing. He would deny himself food for a day except a pint bottle of milk and then go to the opera and pay a dollar ten cents for standing room in the topmost gallery. In order to get a good standing place, he had to go early, so he would go to the opera about four o'clock in the afternoon and stand there until almost nine at night waiting to hear the immortal Caruso.

"I was awed by Caruso," he told me. "I felt then and I still feel that he was the most wonderful singer who ever lived. I used to go to the library and read articles and biographies about him. I discovered that he had been poor, that he had to work in a factory until he was twenty-one years old and that his mother had gone without shoes in order that he might have music lessons."

Richard Crookes got his first job in churches, singing for weddings and funerals. He told me that, although he didn't wish anybody any hard luck, he was always glad in those days when a funeral came along.

Walter Damrosch heard him sing and was so impressed that he volunteered to get a ten thousand dollar loan for Crookes so he could study abroad, but Crookes refused the loan. He wanted to earn everything for himself. He wanted

to be independent. Finally he was offered a job singing in The Student Prince at a salary of one thousand dollars a week. What? A thousand dollars a week? For him? He could hardly believe his ears. He needed the money. He was married at the time, had a family to support, one of his children had had a long siege of serious illness and he himself wanted to study abroad; but he turned down a thousand a week because he wanted to devote his life to a higher type of music, to concert work and the opera.

And speaking of opera, he is probably the only singer who ever lived who turned down offers year after year to sing at the Metropolitan Opera in New York—before he had become famous.

You would like Richard Crookes—everybody likes him. Even his wife likes him. She said to me, "Dick has never said a mean thing or done a mean thing in all his life." And she ought to know for they were childhood sweethearts, and they have been married twelve years.

When he and his wife first went to Europe to study, they traveled from Paris to Munich in a third class coach. They didn't have any money to pay for a sleeper so they sat up and played bridge all night with a German couple who couldn't speak English—and they couldn't speak German. They knew they were going to be met at the Munich station by a famous singing teacher and they felt ashamed to be seen coming out of a third class carriage; so as the train slowed down, they jumped off, ran along the platform and met the singing teacher directly outside the first class cars.

When Richard Crookes first came to New York, he wanted to play hand ball. Finally he found an outdoor handball court where he could play free in return for keeping the snow swept off the course. On the day they sing, most singers lie in bed and don't talk, and go around with the white of an egg in their throats for hours; but the very day that Richard Crookes made his debut in Carnegie Hall, he won the handball championship of New York State.

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### Teacher Lists Are Announced

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Cragan, Emma Ellen Cooke, Josephine R. Paul, Lucille Young, Bettie Allen, Sarah E. Harris, Mrs. Vena H. Harris, Flora H. Royall, Flora H. Martin, Mrs. Mary Harris, Blanche Dixon, Ola Angel, Mary Elizabeth Hendren, Norma Noel Cawthon.

North Elkin: H. Welds, principal; Paul G. Lewis, Mrs. Helen Dobson, Mrs. Mary Douglas, Mrs. Lois Reinhardt, Mary E. Thompson.

Shoals: L. A. Mathews, principal; Ima Mounce, Mary Bet Haymore, S. Esther Edmonds, Myrtle Callahan, Mrs. Maude Trulove.

Copeland: A. F. Graham, principal; C. M. Kirkman, Mildred Beasley, C. G. Kirkman, Betty E. Hunter, Leoda Snow, Laura Irene Fulk, Mally G. Hill, Mrs. Eva S. Badgett, Lessie Wall, Bessie K. Smith.

Rockford: Spencer M. Norman, principal; Mrs. Ora D. Burrus, Mrs. C. B. Burrus.

Siloam: R. Bruce Mathews, principal; C. Brodie Money, Mrs. Nina R. Miller, Maggie Miller, Myrtle Hutchens, Stella Mathews.

### Hardware Store Is In New Home

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morning, and he issued a cordial invitation for everyone to visit the store's new quarters.

The building housing the Elkin firm was purchased several weeks ago and was thoroughly remodeled. An attractive front and show windows were put in, and when the process of moving the hardware stock is completed the place will be one of Elkin's most modern stores. The new quarters are much larger than the old.

In addition to handling practically everything in the hardware line, the Hinshaw Cash Hardware Co. also is dealer for a number of nationally known and advertised products, including Norge electric refrigerators and other household appliances, Zenith radios, and Seiberling tires and tubes.

### NEW BEAUTY SHOPPE TO OPEN HERE SOON

A new beauty parlor, to be known as Lady Elk Beauty Shoppe, is scheduled to open here in quarters in the Greenwood building, corner of Market and North Bridge streets, about August 15.

The new shoppe will be opened by Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Day, of Miller's Creek. They do not plan to operate the establishment personally.

### Patents New Gun



HOLLYWOOD, Cal. — Warner Baxter, film star, received a patent for a photo-electric cell attachment for any gun. When attached, the center of the beam of light, cast 100 yards away, can be pierced by the bullet.

### Dr. Nicks Hurt In Crash Monday

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stopped at the intersection, headed east on the Jonesville road, and had looked both ways for traffic. He said he didn't see a car in either direction and had pulled out into highway 21 when the car struck him. The car was within three feet of him, he said before he saw it.

The owner of the car picked up the local man and brought him to Elkin. Carried to Hugh Chatham hospital, his injuries were treated and he was allowed to return home. However, Tuesday morning, due to the painful nature of the fractured shoulder, he was returned to the hospital where he will remain for some days. Hospital attaches stated Wednesday that his condition is satisfactory but that he is suffering considerable pain.

### JURORS ARE DRAWN FOR CRIMINAL COURT

Yadkinville, Aug. 4.—(Special.)—The county commissioners in session here Monday drew the jury for the next term of criminal court for Yadkin county, which convenes on Monday, Aug. 23. Judge J. H. Clement will preside over the term. The jurors drawn Monday are as follows: T. A. Brann, John S. Poindexter, W. C. Caudle, A. M. Evans, J. D. Carter, W. N. Gregory, Eugene King, E. R. Crater, Ellis Wooten, Arthur Wood, U. G. Miller, I. C. Collins, A. D. Brandon, Daniel Wilkins, T. J. Sutphin, C. E. Groce, S. T. Cheek, W. E. Wooten, W. H. Adams, J. F. Wall, L. H. Adams, J. F. Wall, L. A. Shore, Glenn Vestal, Henry Brown, Arthur Renegar, J. P. Nicks, Walter W. Shores, Talmadge Cheeks, Raymond Riley, W. H. Miller, B. S. Carlton, A. S. Angell, A. W. Brown, F. L. Cheek, A. R. Adams, E. D. Foster and T. W. Speer.

A reader asks: "What do you say to a husband who abuses his wife?" Well, the usual words are, "Rest in peace."

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### FIND WRECKAGE OF LOST PLANE

None of 14 Passengers and Crew Members Located; Believed Dead

### DESTROYERS SEARCHING

Washington, Aug. 3.—Submarine S-43 reported to the navy department tonight that it had found two bundles of mail and an uninflated rubber lifeboat in the wreckage of a Pan American-Grace Airways flying boat which sank off Panama today. The mail included 52 letters.

Other articles salvaged included:

Two life preservers in a case, five seat cushions, three head rest cushions, one metal foot rest, one container of ice cream, one rug 10 feet square, and numerous broken pieces of the plane.

None of the 14 passengers and crew members were located. All are believed dead.

The wreckage was found at latitude 9 degrees and 25 minutes and longitude 80 degrees, 3 minutes and 30 seconds.

Part of a wing and an engine casing were reported found by submarine S-46. The navy said both of the submarines will continue the search throughout the night and tomorrow and navy

planes will resume the hunt at daylight.

Three destroyers—the Mahan, Babbitt and Taylor—are also engaged in the search, officials reported.

Among the passengers were a mother and her two children, two commerce department officials from Washington, a representative of the National City Bank of New York, and an employee of the Ford Motor company.

Daniel Boone who opened up and made possible the settlement of thousands of miles of territory was twice stripped of all the lands he owned and died without owning enough land to be buried on.

### CARD OF THANKS

We desire to express our sincere appreciation to those who were so kind and helpful to us during the sickness and after the death of our beloved husband and father, Thomas R. Newman. Also for the beautiful floral offerings, etc. The FAMILY.

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# THEATRE

Thursday, Aug. 5—

### "Blazing Barriers"

With Edward Arnold, Jr.—Florine McKinney

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Comedy—News Adm. 10c-25c

Friday-Saturday, Matinee and Night—

## Gene Autry

with CHAMPION in  
The SINGING VAGABOND

Adm. 10c-25c

Last Chapter Serial Cartoon—Comedy

Next Week, Monday-Tuesday—

### "Front Page"

With Menjou—O'Brien—Mary Brian  
Horton—Stone—Summerville

Selected Shorts Adm. 10c-25c

WEDNESDAY—DIME NIGHT—

### "Thirteenth Man"

Comedy Adm. 10c to All

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