

Dale Carnegie

5-Minute Biographies



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

BENITO MUSSOLINI

He Used To Keep Bombs in the Stove But He Won't Risk Sleeping With Moonlight on His Face

Mussolini boasts of the fact that as a child he was a holy terror in his neighborhood. Aggressive, belligerent, he was always in trouble. He frequently came home with a black eye and bloody nose, and sometimes with his head cut open by a rock. Yet when he went away to a boarding school, he was so soft that he wept from homesickness.

Mussolini's father was one of the fiercest international revolutionists of his day, and he named his son Benito Juarez, after one of the wildest revolutionists in Mexican history.

Mussolini was expelled from boarding school; and later on he was chased out of Switzerland and France because of his radical activities. He was thrown into jail eleven times.

He has always been a great reader. Once when the police came to drag him off to jail, he said: "Please wait until I finish reading this chapter, and then I will go with you."

At various times in his life he

has been a Socialist, a Communist, an Anarchist, and now a Fascist.

Naturally, he made enemies along the way—bitter enemies. Several people tried to assassinate him. His motto is "Live Dangerously"; and he has. He took fencing lessons and fought many duels. He used to work with a dagger and two pistols on his desk, and he usually had his bookcase half-full of bombs. His enemies had threatened to kill him and he was prepared. Once, when the police raided his office in the autumn, he hurriedly placed the bombs in the stove, and the next week the office boy started to build a fire while the bombs were still there.

When Mussolini joined the army in 1915 as a private, he was already editor of a Socialist newspaper and a famous man. So he was offered a safe berth behind the trenches to write a history of the regiment. "I didn't come here to write," he said with indignation. "I came here to fight."

A short while later, his body was cut and torn by shrapnel. He was wounded in forty-two places, the surface line of all his wounds, if put together, would have measured one yard in length.

Mussolini once said: "I don't want soldiers who fight from a sense of duty. I want men who fight because they love to fight." His heroes are Julius Caesar and Napoleon, and his gray coat, which he wears as commander of the militia, is an exact copy of one worn by Napoleon.

Mussolini was brought up in poverty. His father ran a blacksmith shop in the lower floor of the house. His mother taught a few pupils upstairs, and the family was so poor that his mother appealed to the government for help. But the government didn't even bother to answer the letter.

Mussolini couldn't read until he was fifteen years old. When he was sixteen, he used to sit in the cowshed reading the novels of

Victor Hugo while the oxen chewed their hay.

At eighteen years of age, he worked as a common laborer for six cents an hour, roasted a few potatoes in the ashes of a fire and slept on a heap of straw. He was a station porter, a bricklayer, a butcher boy—but he was always getting fired. So he tramped through Switzerland begging for bread and sleeping under bridges, and the police arrested him for vagrancy.

Mussolini was never interested in money. Once when he was working for a Socialist newspaper his wife urged to ask for a raise in salary. "I'm not working for money," he told her. "I'm working for an ideal." When the newspaper offered to raise his salary he refused it.

When he was hungry and penniless, he would buy a glass of milk and then go to his bare room, take out his violin and drown all thoughts of hunger by playing Beethoven's Ninth Symphony.

While editing his newspaper he would often write feverishly all day long and far into the night and then sleep on top of his office desk. He ate the bread and salami his friends brought him, and didn't leave his office for days at a time.

As a child Mussolini was deeply influenced by an old witch who sold good-luck charms and love-potions and quack medicines. She taught him to interpret dreams and forecast the future by looking at a deck of cards. Before his historic march on Rome, he laid his cards out on the table and studied them carefully—not once, but many times.

Here is a quotation from Sarfatti's biography of Mussolini: "Even today Mussolini has strange things to say about the moon, the influence of its cold light upon men and affairs and the danger of letting its rays shine on your face when you are sleeping; and he is an adept in interpreting dreams and omens and in telling fortunes by cards. He can explain too why oxen allow themselves to be led by women and why the front paws of a hare are so short, and can throw light upon many other such mysteries."

He is a fatalist. He believes he won't be killed until his time arrives; yet he has three hundred men guarding him, and every spot in his home and office—even the drain pipes—are searched every day for bombs.

He has no intimate friends. He likes to eat alone. He doesn't confide in anybody, not even his wife. He once said: "If my own father were to come back to this world, I wouldn't place my trust even in him."

He takes a lukewarm bath every morning. He says cold baths are bad for his nerves. He shaves himself in the morning in order to save time. Sometimes he has a barber shave him in the evening, but the barber is ordered not to talk.

He has a room filled with presents that have been sent to him from all over the world. He calls it his "Museum of Horrors."

Mussolini once said that during 1934 he granted audiences to 80,000 people—more than a thousand a week or 150 a day—and that he had almost two million papers laid before him by his secretary—all in one year.

He was deeply in love with his mother, and her death stunned him into temporary paralysis. He wears on his right hand today a little gold ring that used to belong to her. This ring was his mother's one piece of jewelry, and it was the only legacy she left him.

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Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Yale of North Wilkesboro, visited here Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Pardue and children went to the Scenic Highway Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Everette Dobbins and Mrs. Herring Pardue were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Walls Sunday.

Friends of Mrs. J. C. Byrd will regret to hear she is right sick.

Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Henderson were shopping in Elkin recently.

Mrs. D. P. McRee of Maiden, N. C., is spending some time with Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Burchette to be near her daughter, who is a patient in Hugh Chatham Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. P. H. Pardue is visiting her daughter, Mrs. M. F. Bumgarner in North Wilkesboro.

Several people from here attended the funeral of Rev. W. E. Linney at Wilkesboro last Friday.

Miss Nannie Sue Burchette of Greensboro, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dewitte Burchette.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Burchette announce the birth of a boy, James McRee, at Hugh Chatham Memorial Hospital Oct. 13, 1937.

Miss Edna Bray spent Sunday at her home near Elkin.

Mr. Antonakas spent the week-

end in Boone with relatives and friends.

Miss Arbie Fewell was the week-end guest of Miss Jennie Harris at her home in Wilkesboro.

Miss Gerry Lewis of Lexington, N. C. was the week-end guests of Miss Margaret Lips.

Miss Rheo Martin has accepted a position in Winston-Salem.

Some people speak distinctly while others are as inaudible as a train caller.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

BCA-1054, Holcomb Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in that certain deed of trust executed by John M. Holcomb and wife, Lillian Holcomb, to Carolina Mortgage and Indemnity Company, Trustee, dated 1st day of December, 1925, and recorded in Book 99, page 189, Registry of Surry County, North Carolina, the undersigned as the duly appointed substituted trustee (see Book 129, page 434, of said registry) will offer for sale at public auction at the Court House door in said

County, in the city of Dobson, N. C., at 12 o'clock Noon, on Tuesday the 9th day of November, 1937, and will sell to the highest bidder for cash the property described in said deed of trust as follows:

Certain lot or parcel of land in or near the Town of Elkin, Township of Elkin, County of Surry, and more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at an iron stake on the North side of Elk Spur street 300 feet East of intersection of Elk Spur Street and West Main Street, runs South 85 degrees East 110 feet to an iron stake, Luther Cockerham's corner; thence with Luther Cockerham's line North 12 degrees West 235 feet to an iron stake in Luther Cockerham's line; thence North 70 degrees West 100 feet to an iron stake, H. H. Barker's corner; thence South with H. H. Barker's line 8 degrees East 240 feet to the beginning. For further description reference is made to deed from C. W. Harp and wife, to J. M. Holcomb and wife, recorded in book 80, page 343, office of Register of Deeds, Surry

County, said deed being dated November 6th, 1919 and filed for registration on the 6th day of January, 1920.

This sale will be made subject to all outstanding and unpaid taxes and other assessments, if any.

This sale is to be made on ac-

count of default in the payment of the indebtedness secured by the aforesaid deed of trust, and is made pursuant to demand made upon the undersigned by the holder of said indebtedness.

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On December 1st, 1937, all land will positively be sold for 1936 taxes. Prior to December 1st, 1937, the law compels us to start foreclosure proceedings on all old Land Sales.

We want to give everyone a fair chance—so we are giving plenty of time at the several points for everyone to get out and pay his tax, and we will have the books for all the years.

MOUNT AIRY BOOKS

The Mount Airy books will remain in office over Lamm's Drug Store all the time. The books of Stewarts Creek, Westfield and Eldora will be in Mount Airy except when out on tax round or on public days in Dobson.

ELKIN BOOKS

The Elkin books will remain in Elkin with W. J. Snow all the time. The Bryan and Marsh books will be in Elkin except when on tax round or public days in Dobson. All other books will be found at office in Dobson when not on tax round.

<p>Pilot—Friday and Saturday, Oct. 22nd and 23rd All Day at Swanson's Store</p>	<p>Franklin Friday, Oct. 29th Low Gap, All Day</p>
<p>Shoals Monday, Oct. 25th All Day at New School House</p>	<p>Stewarts Creek Monday, Oct. 25th Sid Jarrell's Home, 9 A. M. to 12 Noon Sparger's Store, 12:30 P. M. to 5 P. M.</p>
<p>Siloam Tuesday, Oct. 26th All Day at Siloam</p>	<p>Westfield Tuesday, Oct. 26th Westfield, 9 A. M. to 12 Noon Cook's School, 12:30 P. M. to 5 P. M.</p>
<p>Rockford Wednesday, Oct. 27th Copeland School House, 9 A. M. to 3 P. M. McCormick's Store, 3:30 P. M. to 5 P. M.</p>	<p>Long Hill Thursday, Oct. 28th Ararat, 9 A. M. to 12 Noon New Shell Filling Sta. 12:30 P. M. to 4 P. M.</p>
<p>Marsh Thursday, Oct. 28th Phillips' Store, 9 A. M. to 1 P. M. Crutchfield, 1:30 P. M. to 4 P. M.</p>	<p>Eldora Friday, Oct. 22nd Union, 9 A. M. to 12 Noon Eldora School, 12:30 P. M. to 4 P. M.</p>
<p>Bryan Friday, Oct. 29th Thurmond 9 A. M. to 12 Noon Mountain Park 12:30 P. M. to 4 P. M.</p>	

B. F. Folger,

TAX COLLECTOR, SURRY COUNTY.