

Bellefonte, Pa., October 23, 1931.

EDISON IS DEAD! HIS LIGHT WILL SHINE FOREVER.

The Greatest Inventor of All Time Dies Peacefully at the Age of 84. Didn't Want to Live When Told He would be an Invalid.

Thomas A. Edison died peacefully, just before dawn last Sunday morning, at his home, Hilltop estate, West Orange, N. J. His illness followed a sudden collapse August 1, but the cause was said to go back indirectly to an attack of pneumonia he suffered more than two years ago, which permanently weakened his health. He had been in a state of coma for three weeks prior to the end.

THE PHONOGRAPH DISCOVERED

In 1876 Edison was working on the invention of an improved telegraph repeater consisting of a revolving metal disc covered with tin-foil which was indented with dots and dashes. When the disc was revolved at certain high speeds in sending the dots and dashes, it would give off a musical note caused by the vibrations of the recording point as it ran over the indentations.

EDISON PUBLISHES A NEWSPAPER ON THE TRAIN

Edison's entrance in the world of business was as a newsboy on the Grand Trunk Railway, selling newspapers and refreshments on trains plying between Port Huron and Detroit. A short time later he was also operating a newsstand, book store and vegetable market and employing eleven boys as assistants. The leisure moments which he found between trains were devoted largely to reading.

Edison moved his laboratory to West Orange, N. J., in 1877, and a new era of productivity began. In the following four years he took out eighty patents, many of them for improvements upon earlier inventions. The motion-picture camera emerged from the inventor's laboratory in 1891 and many brilliant inventions followed in the remaining years of the nineteenth century.

EDISON'S EARLY LIFE

Edison was married twice and was the father of six children, three by each union. His first wife, whom he married in 1874, was the former Mary G. Stilwell. Their children were Marion Estelle Edison, Thomas A. Edison, Jr., and William L. Edison. Mrs. Edison died in 1884 and two years later the inventor married the former Mina M. Miller, of Akron, O., daughter of Lewis Miller, inventor of a mowing machine and founder of the Chatauga Institute. Madeline Edison, Charles Edison and Theodore Edison were born of this union.

Edison originated the moving picture and invented the phonograph. This article about him is dictated to a wax cylinder attached to one of Edison's dictating machines called the Ediphone.

EDISON AS SOME GREAT WRITERS VIEWED HIM

For weeks the people of America watched with affectionate anxiety Thomas A. Edison's courageous, unflinching fight against complicated illness.

Edison was buried at Orange, N. J., after private funeral services at the Edison estate at Glenmont Wednesday.

that the manufacturing business interfered with his inventive work and gave up the factory. Then, in 1876, he established his first real laboratory at Menlo Park.

Although the \$40,000 paid Edison in 1870 for his Universal stock ticker was the first money he had received for his inventions, he already had a long list of electrical devices and improvements to his credit.

With financial backing of Western Union, Edison accomplished his purpose by combining a modified single-current duplex, permitting two messages to travel simultaneously in each direction. The two relays at each terminal of the line were arranged to be unresponsive to outgoing signals.

Edison's character shines out so great, so powerful in its simplicity, that it diverts attention from the usefulness of his work, as the brilliance of the sun, when you look upon it, causes you to forget the work of fertility that it does here upon the earth.

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If you should search Europe, Asia, Africa, Australia, and South America for a wild plant of the trailing arbutus, you would not find it. Many of our favorite and most beautiful wild flowers were imported long ago from abroad, and have become so well adapted to our climate that we look upon them as native, they are members of a family that is scattered over the globe, such as the daisy, wild rose, violet, dog-wood. But the trailing arbutus belongs to North America alone. It has a European cousin, the strawberry tree; but this can never be confused with our modest, trailing but beautiful little plant.

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