

WHO IS THIS MAN VANCE McCORMICK?

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PART I.

(Part II. Will Appear Next Week.)

This question has been asked me frequently. In most similar cases the person at interest would answer himself, but it is a part of Mr. McCormick's singular modesty, amounting at times to almost shyness, that he seems himself to be uninterested as to who he is.

Vance McCormick is a young man, as men in public life go. He has passed all his life in Harrisburg, except for the college years at Yale, during which I presume he studied creditably, but during which I know he acquired fame for himself and for Yale on the football field. I mention this because it has a most interesting and important relation to the things he did after he left the gridiron.

He is part of an old, influential and wealthy family, ramifications of which touch Chicago. I never did understand Mr. McCormick very well until I came to know his mother. Then I came into some comprehension as to how a young man of wealth and social opportunity could be so little interested in the flutterings of fashion and so earnestly and vigorously a part of the life of his town that has to do with making it a better place in which to live.

A little more than a dozen years ago Harrisburg began to feel the stirrings of a city decency that had previously been a stranger in it, or, indeed, in any other Pennsylvania town. There came a movement to do things for Harrisburg. We were drinking—that is, those of us who could afford to buy filters were drinking—water of such filthiness that an accurate description of it would be unprintable under the postal laws. The sewers of the town fitted the water that went into them; the river front fitted the sewers.

The parks in those days were trifling in extent and useless in management. In fact, their extent was relatively inconsiderable, being only a trifle more than 40 acres, and their management was practically non-existent.

There were but two paved streets in the town, and the paving was very carefully preserved from use or damage by traffic under a coating of filth, mud and manure, removed several times a year to assure that the asphalt was still there.

Mr. McCormick was one of the first to take interest in the movement to secure expert advice as to what was best to do in this unpleasant situation. He contributed money, but he did a great deal more than that. He contributed time and personality. The reports of the experts, obtained in due time, meant that the town had to be politically regenerated, in order that anything should be done for the people who really paid the bills of mismanagement and inefficiency. Public order in Harrisburg at that time was in the same class as to possible description as the water and the sewers I have above alluded to.

Mr. McCormick participated in the plans for educating the people of the town to the necessity not only of voting money to buy filtration, sewers, parks, playgrounds and paving, but to use intelligence, knowledge and interest in the conduct of the city.

To make sure that things should go right, he consented, with great reluctance, as I happen to know, to be the candidate for mayor. In order not to embarrass the success of the municipal loan campaign, he withdrew from the executive committee handling that campaign, but there was not a man, woman or child in Harrisburg that did not know that his success, and the success of the loan campaign, and the introduction of public decency and public efficiency were all in one movement.

Mr. McCormick was elected. The improvement campaign was won. The majorities for both were about the same, as they were also for the practically non-partisan officials who took office with Mr. McCormick. Men had been elected regardless of party labels.

Mr. McCormick took up with courage the nasty job of cleaning up the morals of the dirty city. He established the innovation of inviting people to come to the mayor's office and talk over with him the best men for places at his command. There were no gum-shoe interviews, and most of the men he appointed were too good for the jobs, as ordinarily construed, and had to be coaxed to take them in order to serve the city.

Penrose Gets a Severe Jolt.

Unlontown, Pa., July 13. Senator Penrose received a severe jolt in the house of his friends here in the home of Senator Crow, Republican state chairman, when the county committee met and adjourned without endorsing Penrose or even cheering his name. Political observers here regard this as significant of the lack of confidence and enthusiasm of the Republican workers toward the Penrose candidacy, and as an indication of the bitterness which still exists between the Republican factions in this county. Senator Crow is confronted by the hardest fight of his career to secure his re-election against E. C. Higbee, a prominent lawyer, who is the Democratic candidate, and upon whom there is talk of fusion against Crow.

DIXON'S HEALTH TALKS.

Temper vs Temperance as Discussed by the Commissioner of Health.

Over two thousand years ago Confucius said, "Few are those who err on the side of self-restraint."

All neurologists unite in the opinion that anger has a dangerous effect on the human system. Experiments have been carried on to show that the various functions of the body are materially interfered with or arrested by excessive passion.

It is not uncommon for illness to follow a fit of temper and for those whose blood pressure is high or where there is defective heart action it is extremely dangerous. Not only those who give way to uncontrolled passion work an injury to themselves but they are almost certain to arouse a like passion in others.

There are few occasions in life which justify the display of "righteous anger" and even in such instances it is always a debatable question whether calm and well directed energy would not have accomplished far more.

During the hot weather small annoyances are apt to be exaggerated and trifles assume an importance out of proportion. Self-restraint is a valuable asset in the building of individual character and in the cultivation of those temperate habit of mind and body which go far to maintain sound bodily and mental health.

Tusseyville

Miss Helen Zettle of Brush Valley is visiting for some time at the home of Roland Zettle.

Miss Mary Neff, who has had an attack of rheumatism the past week, is some better again.

John H. Horner collected two dollars from the Commissioners for a vessel scalp last week.

John, the little son of John Wert, who had been suffering with a swelling in head, is well again.

Miss Leona Wieland of Boalsburg is plying her needle a few days this week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Swartz.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank McClellan and son spent Sunday at the home of Mrs. McClellan's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. Geiss Wagner.

Miss Helen Bodtorf, who is employed at Millroy, is visiting for a few weeks at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Bodtorf.

William Lingle and two daughters, Bertha and Dorothy, spent Sunday with Mr. Lingle's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Solomon Lingle at Greenbrier.

Wiltur Runkle, who is taking a course in short hand at Lancaster Business College, returned to that place Monday after spending a week with his parents.

All are sorry to hear of the misfortune of Wm. Baird of State College, formerly of near Tusseyville, whose house was partly destroyed by fire Sunday morning.

Mrs. William Horner, who is in charge of a fraternity house at State College, and her granddaughter Pauline Drabick, were Sunday visitors at the home of John H. Horner.

Calvin Bodtorf spent a week at Jersey Shore on account of the sickness of his son, John Bodtorf, who has typhoid fever and is in the hospital at that place. All hope for his speedy recovery.

Lawyer W. G. Runkle and Hugh Runkle of Bellefonte, Mrs. Calvin Osment, daughter Ruth and grandson Miles of Glen Iron, Mrs. George High and Mary Runkle of Lock Haven, spent Sunday on the Runkle homestead.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Grove, and two sons, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Dale of Dale Summit; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Royer, and Mrs. Henry Garbick of Zion; Mrs. Frank Clevestine and two children of Bellefonte, recently spent a day at the home of J. E. Risher, near Tusseyville.

Last Saturday while Mrs. Frank Floray was on her way home from Centre Hall, accompanied by Miss Gertrude Floray, the horse kicked the shaft to pieces and had it not been for the timely help of C. W. Swartz the horse would probably have run away. Neither of the ladies were hurt but were badly frightened.

Woodward.

Solomon Vonada from Laurelton spent several days last week with his daughter, Mrs. Abbie Treaster.

Dr. George Ard from Spring City is spending his vacation at the home of his parents, Dr. and Mrs. W. P. Ard.

Prof. Charles Kresmer wife and son Carl from New Hope are visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Kresmer.

Mrs. Roy Musser and son Oliver and Mrs. Wm. Weaver and daughter Dortha from Akron, Ohio, are visiting their parents.

Miss Hazel Catherman and brother Percival from Downingtown are visiting their parents, Mrs. W. J. Smith and Mrs. A. N. Yearick.

Herbert Hosterman and family and Charles Hosterman and family from Buffalo, N. Y., and Prof. Stover, wife and daughter, Miss Grace, from Bloomsburg, N. J., are visiting at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Hosterman.

Brings result—a Reporter ad.

Linden Hall.

James Swabb recently sold his farm near this place to T. D. Boal.

Mrs. D. M. Campbell spent Monday in Bellefonte visiting the shops.

Charlie Freed is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Zong.

Miss Ruth Ross is entertaining her friend, Miss Esther Sparr, of Williamsburg.

Miss Luella Ross, who has been suffering from an attack of acute indigestion, is very much better.

Mrs. James Swabb has as her guests this month, Mrs. Roy Swabb and daughter Margaret and son Francis of Erie.

The U E church here is undergoing repairs, new paper having been put on; the exterior will be repainted next week.

Mrs. Curt Musser and daughter, Miss Alicia, returned to Altoona Saturday after visiting for a few weeks at the J. H. Ross home.

Mr. and Mrs. Abner Noll, Miss Esther Noll, Mr. and Mrs. Ward Showers of Pleasant Gap, and Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Durst and family were guests at the Wieland home on Sunday.

Roy Catherman who is employed in a railroad office at Lechrore, accompanied by his uncle and aunt, spent a short time at his parental home. They made the trip in their automobile, returning by way of Clearfield.

Colyer.

Mr. and Mrs. Orvis Horner spent Sunday at Potters Mills.

Roland Leach from Howard is harvesting for Edward Kline.

W. C. Farner is assisting George Jordan in cutting his wheat crop.

Albert Reiber from Johnstown is spending a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Reiber.

Thomas Farner, after spending some time with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Farner, on Saturday left for Philadelphia.

Wallace Weaver and son Carl, from Reading, are spending a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Weaver.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Kerlin and daughter Mary, after spending some time with Mr. and Mrs. Peter Jordan on Saturday returned to their home in Liverpool, Perry county.

The fall term of the Central State Normal School, located at Lock Haven, will open Monday, Sept. 7. This school offers great educational advantages at a small cost. All of its departments for the coming year will be in charge of thoroughly trained and experienced teachers, and under close supervision. The buildings and the equipment of the school are in first-class condition. Persons desiring to enter a strong preparatory school or a fine training school for teachers should communicate with

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