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## News Representative Interviews Henry Ford

Automobile King is Also Good Farmer.—More Interested in Agriculture Than He is in Being Candidate for President.

Written especially for the Andover News by William Griffin Vice President American Press Association.

"I have no office, but I will meet you at the office of the Dearborn Independent at five o'clock."

These were the words which were conveyed to me thru a Detroit, Michigan, telephone exchange—a very short message, which outside of the making of an appointment meant very little under ordinary circumstances, except that the man on the other end of the line was Henry Ford. That, of course, makes it different and the circumstance is no longer ordinary. A casual observer might wonder just a bit how much longer Mr. Ford would have to stay around Detroit before he could have an office exclusively his own. Another item of interest in that message was that he made the appointment in the office of the Dearborn Independent, which savored of a suggestion that his interest in the field of Journalism was perhaps greater than I had imagined. Last but not least in my previous to five o'clock conjectures was "how come" Henry Ford going out to meet anybody—any place—any time?

Thru a Detroit friend of mine, a little later, I found that Henry Ford was peculiar that way—of course, depending on how desirable the person to be met—but nevertheless he does shuffle out of his retreat on occasion and does meet many people from all over the world. And, as Emerson said about building mousetraps—but, I started to say that thru this friend I had learned that on the previous day Charley Chaplin had been in Detroit. Henry Ford came into the city and met him at his hotel.

"I came all the way in from my farm to meet you," said Mr. Ford rather jokingly to Chaplin.

"A very great honor indeed," replied Mr. Chaplin, "but permit me to suggest that I came all the way from Los Angeles to meet you."

An interesting bit of pleasant conversation between two men who have contributed substantially to the country's budget of humor—screen comedy and Ford jokes, lacking only George Ade to complete a triangular trust; but beyond this there was the carrying out by Mr. Ford of one of his personal policies. He is not only easily accessible to his friends but is always ready to omit ceremony and himself extend his courtesies. There is nothing up-stage about Henry Ford.

**Ford and Advertising.**

A certain United States Senator spoke to a large group of advertising men in Atlantic City, quite recently. I heard him make the statement:

"There are two classes of advertisers—those who pay for space, and Henry Ford."

With this statement, I take issue, for Henry Ford is both. I do not say that he does not realize a great amount of personal publicity which may properly come under the classification of free advertising, for he does. During the past three months, only one man has been so widely chronicled, and that man is President Coolidge. As a matter of fact, during the last month, more has been written about Henry Ford in American publications, than anyone else, not even barring the President or our illustrious visitor David Lloyd George. The answer is that here is a personality so widely known that his utterance on any subject constitutes news.

Last Friday, I read in the Wall Street Journal that Henry Ford was the richest man in the world, and mention was made in that story that he was an automobile manufacturer, and Ford Cars were talked about. This was about the time a statement of the business of the Ford Motor Car Company was filed in the State House at Boston, Mass. which broadcasted the fact that two men owned the full hundred per cent of the stock of that company—Henry Ford and Edsel Ford. This story also talked about Ford Cars. I have read that there are a number of Ford plants in the process of construction in various parts of the United States; and that next year his car is going to have a streamline body. No denying, the business of Henry Ford was being advertised.

But I also have noted an announcement that during the coming year, Henry Ford has made arrangements to spend some seven million dollars to advertise his business. So,

I say, the Senator is wrong on both counts.

**Personality of Ford.**

Speaking of Henry Ford—the man—the personality, interested in many things, separate and apart from his business—that is something entirely different. Here it is that curiosity, admiration, or hero worship as you may call it, comes in for its full inning in the minds of more people than are reached by any other individual in America. Henry Ford is

### Works His Farm

It was on a farm that Henry Ford was born. Starting as a farmer boy, he remains a farmer today with six thousand acres of the best farm land in the State of Michigan. His purpose in building an automobile was to make it so reasonable that the farmer could afford a car. Having done this, he turned his attention to making a tractor which could do the wholesale labor of the horse in the fields, and today the farmer is numerous who turns over twelve furrows with a Ford tractor where he plowed one before. When he saw for the first time the Muscle Shoals Nitrate fields, he visioned another great advancement in the interest of the farmer, in the manufacture of fertilizer on a tremendous scale. From those nitrate beds he saw the resulting of thousands of worn-out farms. His six thousand acre Dear-



Henry Ford and Son, Edsel, Step out in the Sunlight for Picture

easily our most interesting person-born farm is today conducted as an agricultural laboratory, a farming experimental station. He sees things thru the eyes of the farmer always.

Not so long ago the name of Ford meant one thing only—the man who built an automobile which a farmer could buy with the same amount of money ordinarily necessary to the purchase of a team of horses.

Today at the mention of his name there are a number of words crop in, among which I find these: Muscle Shoals—Six dollar a day minimum wages—Farmers—Ford for President—Jews.

Promptly at five o'clock at the Dearborn Independent Henry Ford arrived. I visited with him for two hours and again on the following morning for another two hours. He is the easiest man to talk with I have ever met. He is natural. He talks without reservations and when he makes a statement it has a ring that is true. Above all, there is an unmistakable fearlessness in his kindly face and his keen blue eyes radiate a strong sincerity of purpose.

Henry Ford has no more interest in running for the office of the President of the United States than he has an ambition to become a boot-black in Detroit's leading hotel. This is my personal opinion as a result of twice meeting with him and discussing everything else but politics. I carried away the very definite impression that he has several interests which have infinitely more at stake than politics. Then, too, Mr. Ford has declared that there shall be no politicians in the family.

**Talks of Muscle Shoals**

On the subject of Muscle Shoals, he was extremely alive. He seemed to have had and still was in possession of a deep interest in the government's disposition of this property.

"The Muscle Shoals Plant should always remain in American hands. But, anyone who will take the trouble to investigate, will find that the Gorgas Power Plant, recently sold by the War Department to the Alabama Power Company, is not in the hands of American capital. The money behind the company is British. There lies the danger of this thing this property piecemeal. This great nitrate plant can be turned into a munition factory on five days' notice, and it is practical to do so, providing it is kept intact. I agreed in a proposed contract with the government to keep it as a unit, in order that it might be readily transferred should the emergency require."

Henry Ford has a habit which transcends the commonly accepted meaning of the word, to the degree that his hobby is almost a passion with him. In the pursuit of his life business activity, this hobby has percolated thru his program in such a way that it is almost his principal business. That hobby is farming.

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### MEMORIAL TABLET

A memorial service for Susan B. Anthony and her sister, Mary S. Anthony, at which a bronze tablet was unveiled by Miss Mosher, a grandniece of Miss Anthony, took place Sunday morning at the Unitarian church in Rochester, of which both Susan and Mary Anthony were members.

## Tidbits From Our School

Do not forget the first basket ball game of the season, Friday night, November 16.

Report cards were given out Tuesday night.

The school children are being examined this week by Dr. O'Donnell.

Speakers for Thursday were as follows: Earl Hyland, "The Fate of Germany," Katherine Dean, "Bad News for British Run Runners." Speakers for Friday: Edna Smith, "Searching Alaska for Oil," Margaret Wilcox, "Interesting Facts About Germany."

Miss Sara Jones visited the school for a few minutes Monday noon.

Gerald D. is learning how to cook. Ask Vivian.

Honor Roll for second five weeks of school year.

**First Grade**  
Willard DeRemer, Edwin Alderson, Helen Vickers, Martha Eldridge, Bernice Williams, Keta Burns, Doris Howland, Virginia Palmer and Mary McAndrew.

**Second Grade**  
Maxine Eldridge, Mary Lehman, Margaret Madison, Florence Parker, Ruth Stocum, Madeline Walsh, Florence Mulholland, Mary Monica Lynch, Howard Cummings, Paul Alderson, Raymond Lehman, John Smith, Paul Joyce and Herman Ingraham.

**Third Grade**  
Evelyn Loyd, Eleanor Baker, Viola Collins, May Gardner, Richard Crance and Charles Howland.

**Fourth Grade**  
Leon Nichols, Kenneth Watson, Joseph Lynch, Dorothy Scott, Margaret Holmes, Winsor Cook, Aileen Walsh and James Mulholland.

**Fifth Grade**  
Marion Cook, Ella Baker, Florence DeRemer and Robert Smith.

**Sixth Grade**  
Florence Woreley, Ila Chapman, Loretta Lehman, Lucile Dawson, Marguerite Perry, Jay Cummings and Mary Branch.

**Seventh Grade**  
Margaret Folsing, Robert Compton, Dorathea Snyder, Cicilia O'Connell, Lillian Holmes, Edward Cannon, Edwin Gardner, Ima Williams and Raymond O'Boyle.

**Eighth Grade**  
Frances Brundage, Mary Cable, Rose Dawson, Mary Horan, Pauline Martin, Gertrude O'Connell, Eva Shepard, Doris Whitney, Howard Baker, Robert Lynch.

**High School**  
Wayland Livermore, Sara Bettinger, Betty Cannon, Ellen Casey, Nathalie Shepard and Mabel Wagner.

### MRS. LESTER STEARNER

Word came to Andover friends of the death of Mrs. Lester Stearner at her home in Plainfield, N. J., Friday night, November 9th of Septic sore throat and spinal meningitis. Mrs. Stearner had been ill for about two weeks. The body was taken to Wayland, N. Y., for funeral and burial. Mr. Stearner was principal of Andover High School for several years.

## Rude Rural Rhymes

### RUDE RURAL ARITHMETIC

This little rhyme I learned from dad when I was but a little lad: "Multiplication is vexation, division is as bad; the rule of three perplexes me, and fractions drive me mad." I loved the writer of that verse, and felt the same, or maybe worse. So now that I am old and bald, rheumatic, bent and harness-galled, I sympathize with every fellow whose tedious tables make him bellow. I think that in arithmetic we need some rhymes to make things stick. O gather 'round you little kids and stow these facts beneath your lids. Two times one are two, that seems very few. Two times two are four, just that and no more. Two times three are six; I learned counting sticks. Two times four are eight; now I have that straight. Two times five are ten; I won't forget that again. Two times six, twelve's the answer, remember that if you can, sir. Two times seven are fourteen; I must keep that in my bean. Two times eight are sixteen; just the age of pretty Gean. But now, with times and times and times, I'm out of breath, hot out of rhymes. The scheme of rhyming clearly shown, 'most every kid can make his own. Thru all the tables you may delve and wind them up with twelve times twelve.

—BOB ADAMS.

## ANDOVER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OFFICERS

Renewed Zeal and Enthusiasm is Feature of Re-organization.

A very enthusiastic meeting of the Andover Chamber of Commerce was held at Hotel Swink, Thursday evening, Nov. 8th. A fine banquet was served, some forty members present.

After the dinner, Mrs. Carrie Jones, social welfare worker of Wellsville, spoke to the members for about fifteen minutes, telling of the work accomplished by her organization and announcing the extension of their activities to include all the towns in Allegany County.

Pastors, Shepard, MacGowan and Whelan made short inspiring speeches, when the meeting was turned over to the business of re-organization of the chamber for the coming year.

**Election Officers**

The annual election of officers resulted in the election of the following officers and directors:

President, J. Harvey Backus. Vice President, J. E. Cannon. Secretary, A. D. Fuller. Treasurer, E. D. Baker.

**Directors**

The officers and E. J. Atwood, A. R. Baker, W. F. O'Connell, W. S. Calhoun and F. S. Potter.

**Committees**

Industrial: E. J. Atwood, Chairman. Civic Welfare: A. R. Baker, Chairman. Finance: W. F. O'Connell, Chairman.

Entertainment: W. S. Calhoun, Chairman. Publicity: F. S. Potter, Chairman. Agricultural: B. C. Williams, Chairman.

It was decided to make the dues for members five dollars a year payable in advance. Thirty enrolled immediately as members and many who were unable to be present at the annual meeting will join later.

A new enthusiasm permeated the members of Andover Chamber of Commerce, and the organization starts on another year's work with bright prospects.

**Board of Directors**

Monday evening the new Board of Directors met at Village Hall and completed the work mapped out for them by the Chamber meeting Thursday evening.

Upon motion the following are the duties given to the various committees:

**Industrial Relations.** This committee has to do with Andover's industries, as it's name implies and will be the one to whom will be referred all questions regarding any and all industries. Upon the recommendation of the Board of Directors to do so, and secure and superintend the refreshments at meetings when refreshments are to be served. This committee may also be called upon by the Board of Directors to manage any proposition for the entertainment of Andover people. The committee is W. S. Calhoun, Chairman, Raymond McGill and Claire C. Backus.

**Publicity.** This committee will superintend, plan and carry out any and all advertising campaigns authorized by the Board of Directors or any of its committees. This committee is to let the world know that there is such a place as And-

over, N. Y., and such an organization of this committee, Andover people will be guided in their effort to secure new industries. Not only will this committee bend every effort to secure new manufacturing plants in Andover, but is expected to foster and encourage in every legitimate way the fine industries we already have.

The personal of the Industrial Relations Committee: E. J. Atwood, Chairman, LeRoy Jordan, E. D. Baker and J. Harvey Backus.

**Civic Welfare:** While this committee's work and duties will be manifold and extended to every activity and interest of our community, doing all work not otherwise provided for in other committees, it will particularly emphasize those things dealing with the health, happiness, social service and charity of our people. This committee consists of A. R. Baker, Chairman, Fay Boyd and John Common.

**Finance:** Having to do with the raising of funds for the carrying on of the work of the Chamber of Commerce and its various committees. All bills are to be audited by the chairman before being presented for payment, unless ordered paid by the Board of Directors. The committee consists of W. F. O'Connell, Henry Stephens and James P. Cannon.

**Entertainment:** This committee is to plan and arrange the programs for our regular meetings of the Chamber of Commerce, ever alert to the interest of this community. It is a part of the duty of the Publicity Committee to get the name of Andover before people in every place possible with the means in their hands for the work and to take care of all advertising matter to be issued by the Andover Chamber of Commerce. F. S. Potter is Chairman and B. S. Brundage and R. E. Temple the members.

**Agricultural:** Andover acknowledges that three-fourths of its business is derived from our sturdy farmers. It will be the duty of the Agricultural Committee to help all and assist Andover farmers in every way possible, acting as an avenue of approach between the farmer and the business men of Andover, that the best interests of all may be conserved, continuing and cementing the pleasant business relation existing between Andover farmers and our trades people and dealers. The committee is Burrell C. Williams, C. T. Rogers and Robert Dean.

### PARENT-TEACHER DEBATE

The next Public Session of the Parent-Teacher Association will be held in the High School building, Tuesday, November 20th at 8:15. The program includes some good music and a debate as follows: Resolved: That major improvements in our High School Building and equipment will be of more benefit to Andover than a village park.

Those on the affirmative side are: Rev. Royal E. MacGowan, Mr. Fay Boyd and Mrs. Helen Dolan.

Those on the negative, Mr. Erwin Baker, Mr. Harvey Backus and Mr. Andrew Fuller.

Don't deny yourself the pleasure of hearing these good speakers on a question of interest to every member of our community. At our last business meeting it was that best to call another business meeting the same night, Tuesday, Nov. 20th, at 7:45. We urge that every member be there promptly so as not to delay our social meeting.

### PROSPECTS NONE TOO BRIGHT

"Don't cry, little boy, you'll get your reward in the end." "I suppose so. That's where I always do get it."

## Look! Look! Look!

### Our \$1.00 Special

- 2 lbs. Excellent Cocoa
- 2 lbs. Excellent Macaroni
- 1 Large Can Excellent Corn
- 1 Large Can Excellent Pork & Beans
- 1 Large Can Excellent Pink Salmon
- 1 Small Can Excellent Tomatoes
- 3 Cakes Berax Soap

## ALL FOR \$1.00

### A BARGAIN

## MRS. C. W. WILLIAMS