

Dr. Dafoe Notes Great Physical and Mental Changes in Quints From a Summer of Play



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Sturdy little legs and strong bodies call for rugged games during the long, late summer afternoons at Dafoe Nursery at Callander, Ont., and here are the Dionne quintuplets about to launch a game of "crack the whip." Cecile, left, at the head of the line, smiles in anticipation of the fun as the quintets form a chain, with Annette and Yvonne next in line. Marie tries a little hand wrestling and Emilie awaits the starting signal.

Sisters Increase Vocabularies, Want 'Own' Toys, but Height And Weight Do Not Vary

By Allan Roy Dafoe, O.B.E., M.D. (Copyright, 1937, by NEA Service, Inc.)

Callander, Ont., Sept. 9.—As the short summer here commences to dwindle—we had frost two weeks ago—it is interesting to note that a summer's outdoor play has created no divergences in height or weight among the Dionne quintuplets.

The small variations that appear from time to time, both physical and mental equipment, are less marked than in many a family where five children have been born separately. Then it is not unusual to find marked variation in physique or mental powers, and occasional an affliction of some special sort that sets one of the children apart.

That is not the case with the quintuplets, and not only is their average normal for their weight and heritage, but they run unusually closely parallel in their development both physical and mental.

Beginning to Speak Fluently With the few months of summer their vocabulary has grown to approximately 200 words, whereas last May it was only about 90. All the words of their ordinary vocabulary are carefully tabulated, and I consider that they are already

talking very well. Because children of multiple birth are usually slow to learn to talk fluently, I would be quite satisfied if the quintets should talk only at the age of 4. Since they are already talking with a daily-increasing vocabulary, and their songs and story-games continually improve, I believe their progress along these lines is quite satisfactory.

Another development of recent months is quite marked—the rapidly increasing sense of possession. Since the beginning, the girls have had their separate racks and hooks for clothing, as much for the convenience of the nurses as for the children themselves. But now a carpenter has just installed five sets of cupboards for the children's toys and other belongings. For now the children not only want toys—they want their own. One woolly lamb used to be enough for the quintet. Now it looks as if we'll have to get five woolly lambs.

Cold Sends Emilie to Bed The slight cold which caused Emilie to be placed in isolation recently was not without its humorous very eyes. "I told you so! There's only four of them! There never was any such thing as quintuplets!" It was a triumphant woman's voice heard in the screened gallery as the steady stream of several thousand visitors was passing.

Well, that particular afternoon there WERE only four, and I don't suppose that woman will believe, to her dying day, that she wasn't right. She had come a long way to prove her suspicious contention, and there was the answer, before our sides.

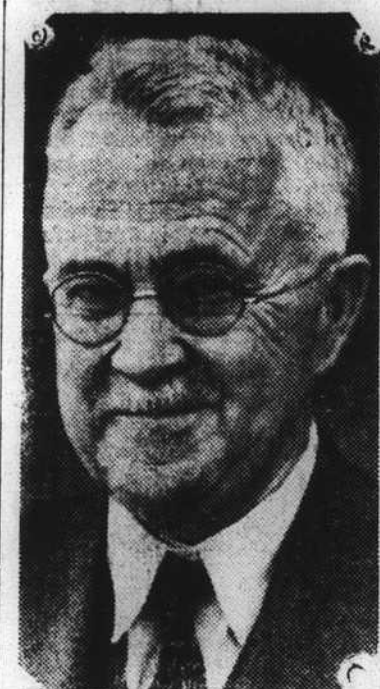
Little Emilie was in retirement. The "respiratory condition" described in my bulletin meant simply a runny nose and the other accompaniments of a slight cold. Our nurses, keeping their precise daily charts, observed overnight that she had begun to run a temperature.

Others Catch Germs There was, of course, only one medical answer, and one that parents would do well to remember. Emilie must be put to bed, with complete quiet, and given a chance to rest. She remained there, perfectly happy, with one or two unexciting but beloved and familiar toys, for a few days. She ate very lightly to correct the bowel condition which generally accompanies a little cold, and then she was up again, competently, at play with her sisters.

As I expected, almost immediately all the others contracted the same minor malady. They had caught similar germs. And off they went, leaving Emilie to play alone for a few days more. I suspect that if that same woman visitor had had a peek into the playground then, she would have been even more triumphant, and been convinced as some were in the early days, that a single child was being shown five times!

Wild Rumors Rampant The incident of the colds did show once again the great interest and affection that exists for the children all over the world. My telephone rang constantly. Many calls were from distant cities, and two were from London in a single day. Many rumors flow about; the children were seriously ill, they were kidnapped, they had diphtheria, they had infantile paralysis. That last gruesome rumor was supported by the fact that there was a paralysis scare attacking one of our big Canadian cities. But all our precious five were out again in the sunshine, happily at play, before the scare started. There was simply no correction.

Crowds Affect Quints One other frequent question I



would like to discuss: What effect do the crowds have on the girls? Right off, I would say that I have no doubt that the babies are aware, to some extent, of the crowds. But it is general, not particular. It is merely part of their existence like the sun in summer or snow in winter.

When the children are well, they pay no attention. But when one or more of them is below par, they haven't their normal resistant capacity, and the result is irritation and unrest, fatigue and nervousness.

Under those circumstances I at once close the nursery grounds to all visitors. That is the basic rule of the guardianship; to let nothing come ahead of the physical, mental, and moral welfare of the little girls. I feel that the public understands, and people have usually been most gracious when disappointed.

No Changes in Visiting Rules Today, the arrangements through which the public views the quintets are satisfactory, to the quintets themselves who are not troubled by it, to the public, and to the guardians. Whether this will be so a year from now remains to be seen. The quintets will be older and new arrangements may then seem advisable.

But, the world being what it is, it is mere common sense to admit that these babes had no chance whatever from the moment of birth to lead a completely private life. Judge Valin, my distinguished and revered fellow guardian, put it very well when he said, "These five beautiful girls have not been brought into this world to be hidden."

Sturdy, bronzed by the summer sun, the quintets have benefited immensely from their fourth outdoor summer, and in addition, they have benefited many others through their undoubted effect on child care in many far places. I am very proud of a letter recently received from a heroic woman of the James Bay region 400 miles north of us in the country. Her child was born a year ago, a premature birth. But, she wrote, she was able to save its life and bring it along into comparatively healthy condition by following the information gleaned from our reports on the care of the little Dionnes at birth and thereafter.

Another letter came recently that made us very happy here at the nursery. It was from a blind girl in Pennsylvania, of whose visit to the nursery we knew nothing until we received her beautifully self-typed letter, full of courage and serenity.

"I enjoyed my stay in your village more than anyseeing person ever did," she wrote. "I enjoyed being able to listen to the many vivid descriptions of your little girls, and the kindness I received was really touching."

Such letters as hers show what a remarkable inspiration our five little girls have come to be to countless folk.

Liberty News

Liberty, Sept. 9.—Circle No. 1 of the Methodist Protestant church met Thursday afternoon at three o'clock at the home of Mrs. Mamie Smith, on Raleigh street. Mrs. J. E. Cox had charge of the program on "Leadership Training." Interesting papers were read on this subject by Mrs. B. J. Gregson. Mrs. Wade Hardin and Mrs. A. J. Brower. During the social hour the hostess served a salad course.

On Wednesday afternoon Mrs. S. M. Smith was hostess for Circle No. 2 at her home on Fayetteville street. Mrs. C. E. Brady, chairman, called the meeting to order. Mrs. Mozelle Causey was pianist. Mrs. L. C. Brower had charge of the program and led with the Scripture lesson followed by prayer by Mrs. J. A. Clapp. An interesting paper entitled "What is Nationalism?" was read and commented on by Mrs. R. W. Ward. Miss Bertine Shepard read "Love in Our Church Life." Mrs. J. N. Isley read a paper on The Christian Church. After the program the hostess assisted by her daughter, Miss Josephine Smith, served dainty refreshments. Guests of the circle were Miss Annie Dare Isley, Mrs. George Pickett and Mrs. J. C. West.

The Round Dozen Book club was delightfully entertained by Mrs. Paul McPherson at her home Thursday afternoon. The roll call was answered by interesting current events. Books were exchanged and business matters were transacted. After which the hostess assisted by her daughter, Sarah, served a salad course.

Misses Margaret and Mary Shepard and Miss Katherine Underwood entertained at the Shepard home in honor of a recent bride, Mrs. C. B. Hobgood of Washington, D. C., formerly Miss Ruth Foushee of Liberty.

Miss Mary Shepard of Asheboro, spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. F. A. Shepard.

Miss Nettie Stuart left Friday for Durham to spend some time with her sister, Mrs. Lane Forrester.

Mrs. R. D. Patterson, Mrs. V. H. Dameron and Mrs. Joe Lane are patients in St. Leo's hospital and all are getting along satisfactorily. Bill Miller left Sunday for Charlotte where he will take a business course.

Mrs. Wade Hardin has returned home after taking a course in floral designing.

Dr. Beverly Jones and family of Winston-Salem and A. J. Jones and family of Greensboro were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Smith, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Mason of South Boston, Va., were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Bourne.

William Hardin of Greensboro and Paul Shepard Hardin of Burlington were guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wade Hardin over the week-end.

A very successful revival was in session last week at the Methodist Protestant church, the pastor, Rev. A. M. Smith, did the preaching. There were a good number of conversions and recommitments.

Lincolnton, Sept. 3.—"One thousand dollars a side line certainly comes in handy," says R. S. Keener, route 5, Lincolnton in Lincoln County in telling about the yields from his peach orchard, reports Assistant County Agent George B. Hobson. Mr. Keener has 300 four year old peach trees that have returned him \$1,000 in cash this year. No record was kept on the costs of spraying, pruning, and the necessary labor, but he is so well pleased with the results that he is going to set an additional two hundred trees this winter, says Hobson.

"Candy" in India is the name of a weight equivalent to 500 pounds.



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A quick dash across the grass, the "whip" cracks, and down go three of the little girls, with the other two about to follow. Cecile has tumbled and Annette is about to do a somersault. Yvonne and Marie are still standing and Emilie is about to join her sisters on the lawn. Then after a happy laugh and a little rest, it's up and go again, for another game, which Dr. Dafoe prescribes to keep the quintets healthy and happy.

Get 'Em, Tex!



Tex Ritter, star of "Arizona Days," goes a-gunning for his man on Carolina screen Saturday.

Tex Ritter Sings Romantic, Western

Five new songs in "ARIZONA DAYS" his latest romantic, western musical at the Carolina Theatre Saturday. Here are the names of the new songs hits sung as only Tex Ritter can render them: "High, Wide And Handsome"

A boisterous, rollicking number, written by Tex Ritter and Ted Cheate.

"Arizona Days" and "Tombsone, Arizona," by Tex Ritter and Jack Smith.

"In Sunny Spain" and "Looking For Love." Ethelind Terry, noted prima donna and Ziegfeld star, contributes a special song number in "ARIZONA DAYS" titled "If Love Were Mine," by Frank Sannucci, the Argentine composer and musical director of the production.

Sophia News

Sophia, Sept. 9.—The Spencer-Hodgin reunion will be held at John Spencers near Glenola Baptist Church Sunday September 12. A special program has been arranged in the way of speaking and music. Large crowds have attended these reunions each year in the past.

J. C. Loflin took a truck load of young folks for a week end outing at Morehead City and Wilmington. They report having an excellent time.

Carr Redding lost a fine mule one day last week. William Beeson also lost a fine horse last week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Welborne and three children Wanda, Donna, and Ollie and Willie Elledge are spending a few days with Mrs. Welborns brother Alonzo Bullis and family at Benson Maryland.

Mrs. S. H. Inman and two children, Christina and Edward, have returned to their home here after spending two weeks among relatives at Galax, Virginia.

Master Franklin Ridge who has been spending a while at the home of his grandmother, Mrs. Ellen Ridge, returned to his home at Thurmond, W. Va. Sunday.

Among the visitors at J. H. Nor-

AMERICAN DOLLARS IN CHINA

By Morgan M. Beatty (P) Feature Service Writer Washington.—In trying to understand what's happening in the Far East today, keep this fact in mind. Japan in five years probably has become the biggest single investor in China, including Manchuria.

By "investor" I mean the citizens of Japan, and by "investments" the capital they now have in Chinese commerce, trade and industry.

Foreign investments in China at present stand about like this:

Table with 2 columns: Country and Investment Amount. Japan: \$1,500,000,000; Great Britain: \$1,250,000,000; United States: \$250,000,000; France: \$200,000,000; Germany, Russia, Belgium and the Scandinavian countries hold most of the rest of total close to \$3,500,000,000.

These approximate figures represent a consensus of totals struck by various "experts."

Peculiar Business

Now, investments often have a good deal to do with fights between nations. They have a particular and peculiar bearing on the Sino-Japanese "war," because the investment of money in China is nothing if not peculiar.

Peculiarity No. 1 is the way China was opened to foreign investors. China was minding her own business, such as it was, when gunboats "convinced" her she wanted to play ball with the rest of the world.

Having forced China into the international ball game, the Japanese and the western nations found the China of a hundred years ago was not an ideal place for investors.

Ground Rules

The Chinese have their own rules of business conduct, for one thing. Business is a personal thing to a Chinese, and he clothes it with social ambiguities. Business is entirely above the compulsion of law, he believes, and it is rather low and stupid to keep accurate accounts. Thus, to the Chinese, corporate finance and its laws are a form of odious business practice.

That's why, even today, the necessary capital to develop China on a par with western nations is lacking. That's why ancient China is still a nation rich in undeveloped natural resources.

China, besides, has had so much internal strife that, in the past, an investment one day might be an ex-investment tomorrow. When the Boxer rebellion brought that problem to a head, the foreigners tried to achieve a smooth mixture of Chinese and foreign investments by pouring in the ingredient known as extraterritoriality.

That means a foreigner may enjoy the protection of the laws of his homeland in another country.

Adds Up To Trouble

EXTRATERRITORIALITY couldn't happen in the United States, but if he could, it would work like this:

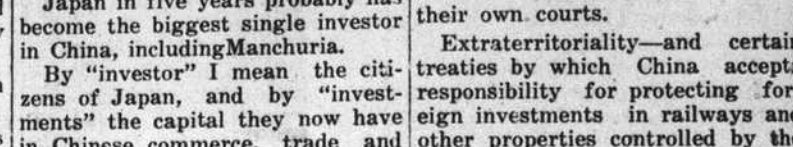
New York City's financial dis-



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STORIES IN STAMPS

CIVILIZATION'S FIRST POSTMAN



FOUNDED on a dim prehistoric culture, the empire of the South American Incas first rose to power about 1100 A. D. Branching out from the Andean highlands surrounding Lake Titicaca, the Inca rule was a drastic form of state socialism.

Under this system, the empire was divided into provinces, each under control of a hereditary local chief. All produce, agricultural, pastoral or industrial was the property of the state. All labor was considered "state tribute" and some form of labor was exacted from every member of the community.

The result was, in time, a vast state organization, controlling great wealth. The administration of this enormous length of mountain territory required rapidity of communication, so a service of professional "runners" was maintained. They carried messages, oral and written, traversing the country in relays, from rest house to rest house.

Paths from Quito to Northern Argentina are still traceable—trails of what may have been civilization's first postmen. One is pictured on a Peruvian stamp of current issue.

Sardines mixed with salad dressing and a few drops of lemon juice make an excellent filling for tiny tea biscuits. Serve them hot with soups or as appetizers.

Nearly 300,000 tons of rock in a seawall build the firm sand fill of Treasure Island, site of the 1939 Golden Gate International Exposition in San Francisco Bay.

Theatre Menu

Sunset Theatre

Thursday and Friday Pat O'Brien, Henry Fonda and Margaret Lindsay in "Slim"; Fox News and Paramount Paragaph, "Aviator Shorty."

Capitol Theatre

Wednesday and Thursday Carole Lombard and Fred MacMurray in "Swing High, Swing Low." Short, "Medium Well Done."

Friday and Saturday

Jean Muir and Gordon Oliver in "White Bondage." Comedy, "Sound Defects." Paramount News.

Carolina Theatre Program

Wednesday and Thursday "Imitation of Life" with Claudette Colbert, Rochelle Hudson, Warren William, and Ned Sparks. Also "Rest Resort", a Meany Miney Mo Cartoon.

Friday

"Armored Car" with Robert Wilcox, Judith Barrett, Cesar Romero and David Oliver. Also musical act, "Yankee Doodle Rhapsody"; and "Epeyeo Cartoon, "I Wanna Be a Life Guard" and sports reel, "Sporting Comparisons."

Saturday

"Arizona Days" with Tex Ritter. Also fourth chapter of Johnny Mack Brown in "Wild West Days"; Betty Boop Cartoon, "Not Now"; and "House of Magic," a Meany Miney Mo Cartoon.

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DREAMING OF VICTORY



Glenn S. Warner, veteran coach of Temple University, takes a nap with a football as a pillow as his Owl's limber up in practice at Oak Lane Day School, near Philadelphia. "Pop's" dreaming of a successful season, no doubt.