

# Had Dionnes Lived In Toronto They Would Have Won \$600, 000

TORONTO, Ont., Aug. 20.—An estate worth \$600,000 would have been the lot of the Dionne family had the parents of the famous quintuplets lived in this city instead of in Corbell.

Two years hence, decision will have to be made on one of the straight wills ever made in Canada and the Dionne family will lose out by a couple of hundred miles. In 1926, Charles Miller, who besides being a lawyer noted for his eccentricities also was one of the best known sports followers and "boys about town" in Toronto. He carried his eccentricity and tendency for joking to his will, which provides that most of his estate goes to the Toronto mother who gives birth to the most children in the decade following his death.

Had he made it the mother in the province of Ontario, of which Toronto is the capital, instead of the city itself, Mrs. Dionne would have been an easy winner. As it is, there are two leading in the race. Mrs. Grace Bagnato, an Italian police court interpreter, has already brought seven children into the world since Miller's death.

One of the births the last one, may not count, as it was a stillborn. That will be an issue for the courts to decide.

Another woman, Mrs. G. Brown, has given birth to six children and all are alive, so up to now it seems a neck-and-neck race by Mothers Bagnato and Brown for the \$600,000.

Friends of Miller don't know just whether he ever intended the will to be taken seriously, despite the fact that it is drawn out to the letter of the law.

It was written during a wild party as a joke, his pals say, and became a most serious document by his death only a few days afterward.

Tending to the belief it was meant as a joke are the bequests of brewing company and Ontario Jockey club shares to leading churchmen and prohibitionists of the city. The bequests were made and the recipients turned them over to charity.

But then there is Miller's statement that he meant what he said. Here is a footnote to the document:

in his own handwriting: "This will is necessarily uncommon and capricious because I have no near relatives and no duty rests upon me to leave property at my death and what I do leave is proof of my folly in gathering and retaining more than I required in my lifetime."

Many distant relatives have made several futile attempts to obtain a portion of the estate. The Ontario government legal experts have decided that the estate shall be presented according to the purpose set out by Miller, for the Toronto mother who in the ten years ending October 31, 1936, shall have brought most babies into the world.

## McGill Clan Holds Annual Gathering

Reunion Held at Old Bethel on Wednesday. History of Family Completed.

(Special to The Star.) KINGS MOUNTAIN, Aug. 19.—A large number of the McGill family relatives and friends, gathered at Old Bethel Associate Reform Presbyterian church about six miles from here Wednesday for their annual reunion.

The exercises began at 11 o'clock with dinner served at noon. Contrary to the usual custom there was no address as the officers of the clan felt that the time was needed for the transaction of business. Mrs. A. F. Whitesides of Gastonia, president of the association presented to the clan the history of the McGills. Mrs. Whitesides has just completed the history after two years of research. Other officers of the association are P. P. McGill of this city, vice president, and Mrs. John McGill, also of this city secretary-treasurer.

Giant land tortoises, now extinct, besides which the largest living tortoises are pygmies, once lived in India.

A gigantic electric magnet weighing four tons has been developed to lift a load of 50 tons.

A new machine gun can fire 300 bullets a minute and has a range of nine miles.

## LOCAL and PERSONAL News

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. McMurry and Mr. and Mrs. R. T. LeGrand spent the week-end in Highlands.

Miss Bertha Goodie, Mrs. W. C. Goodie, Mr. and Mrs. Yates Blanton and two children, Jean and Jimmy, plan to go to the mountains this week for a vacation. They will visit Blowing Rock, Boone, and other points in that section.

Mrs. Harry Hudson and daughter, Fannie May, returned home yesterday after spending last week with Mr. and Mrs. Wilcox Gilling and other relatives in Kingstree, S. C. Mr. Hudson joined them there for the week, taking back to Kings-tree with him Thorne Gilling of that place who had spent last week here with him in Mrs. Hudson's absence.

Mrs. S. F. Parker came home yesterday after spending two weeks in Mayesville, S. C., with her parents, following a ten days stay at Myrtle Beach. Mrs. C. D. Cooper, of Mayesville, mother of Mrs. Parker, came with her for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Parker, Mrs. F. E. Starnes and son, Francis, all of Albemarle, spent the day here yesterday visiting Mr. and Mrs. Fred Blanton.

Mrs. Bess Falls of Lawndale is recuperating in the Shelby hospital following an appendectomy last week.

Mr. and Mrs. John P. McKnight returned to New York City on Saturday after spending two weeks here with Mr. and Mrs. John S. McKnight at Bridgewater, and visiting friends and relatives in Charlotte.

Peggy and Nancy Daniels spent last week at Chimney Rock at the Logan Inn where they joined a party of friends from Union, S. C.

Betty Tiddy left yesterday to visit Emily Ann Pratt in Greenwood, S. C.

Robert Hause is a patient in the Shelby hospital where he is recovering from an operation performed last week for the removal of his appendix.

Mrs. F. O. Gee returned home Saturday night, after spending last week in Montreat and Asheville. Felix Gee, who had spent the week with relatives in Morganton, also returned home.

Jane and Mary Lillian Blanton daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Blanton, came home yesterday after spending last week in Albemarle, their former home, visiting friends and relatives.

Miss Ida Abrams has returned to her work at the Bee Hive after spending her vacation with relatives in Forest City.

Mrs. Bill Webb, Mrs. Margaret Hopper, and Miss Eleanor Neil, of Kings Mountain, guest of Mrs. Webb, spent the day Friday in Spartanburg, S. C.

Mrs. Garland Green of Boiling Springs entered the Charlotte Sanatorium on Friday for an operation for the removal of a goiter. Her nephew, Dr. Joe Osborne, accompanied her and was with her during the operation.

Mr. and Mrs. Hudson Hartgrove spent the week-end in Chesnee, S. C., visiting the latter's parents. Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Camp, Mrs. Camp and son, Jimmy, returned home Saturday after spending six weeks in Zanesville, Ohio, with her daughter Mrs. T. Dixon Bridges and Mr. Bridges. Mrs. Bridges came back with them and will spend several weeks visiting relatives in Chesnee, in Rutherfordton and in this county.

Lamar Young, who became suddenly ill while on a vacation at Ridgeway last week, was brought to the Shelby hospital where he is quite ill and is undergoing treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kendall spent the week-end in Ridgeway, S. C., visiting relatives.

Miss Ella Lipscomb has returned to her work at the local J. C. Penney Co. store after spending a two week's vacation visiting at Tybee Beach near Savannah, Ga., and visiting relatives in Gaffney and Newberry, S. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Draper Wood returned home last Wednesday after spending two weeks in Chicago where they visited the World's Fair, in Detroit, Mich., where they visited Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Cunningham, and also visited other points of interest.

Miss Mary Whitworth has gone to Lincolnton to spend this week with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hoey, Miss Eleanor Hoey and Mr. and Mrs. Will Arey left yesterday for Chicago to visit the World's Fair.

Rev. C. B. Craig and daughter, Mary Eleanor, of Suffolk, Va., spend this week, leaving Mary and Mrs. Renn Drum, Mr. Craig left this morning for Montreat to spend this week, leaving Mary Eleanor here for a week's visit with Mr. and Mrs. Drum.

Charles Read and Logan Cheek left last Wednesday to go to their homes in Danville, Ky., after visiting Forrest Eskridge here. Mr. Eskridge, Mrs. W. J. Roberts and Miss Minnie Eddins Roberts took them to Asheville where they visited Mrs. Rush Oates.

Harold Beach and Miss Elizabeth Beach of Lenoir spent the week-end here with their sister, Miss Drucilla Beach, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Waldo.

Miss Eleanor Neil of Kings Mountain spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Webb at their new home on Cleveland Springs road.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Miller, Jr., and children are visiting Mrs. Miller's parents in Nash county. They expect to return home about August 25.

Mrs. Harriette Hoyle Young has accepted a position in Charlotte with the Home Owners' Loan corporation. She is living in the Churchill Apartments on N. Church street.

Mrs. Clarence Carpenter and children, Jimmy and Clarence, Jr., of Kings Mountain spent last week in the city as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Giles E. Webb.

Miss Annie Myers Williams is a patient in the local hospital where she underwent an operation last night for the removal of her appendix.

Alex. Gee, Dick LeGrand, A. Y. Irvin, Curtis Moser, and John McBrayer returned home yesterday after spending last week at Myrtle Beach, S. C.

Miss Helen Whitener, who is teaching at Bethel school at Cabarrus, spent the week-end here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Whitener.

Dr. and Mrs. Ben Gold and family expect to move tomorrow to their new cottage at Lake Lure, where the family will spend the remainder of the summer. Dr. Gold will return to Shelby after a few days, but will spend part of his time at Lake Lure.

Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Ritch and family spent the week-end at Folly Beach near Charleston, S. C.

Mrs. Florence Sipe is spending this week in Clover, S. C., at the bedside of her mother, Mrs. A. L. Whitener, who is gravely ill.

Mrs. Lou Summers of Palm Beach, Fla., arrived yesterday to spend the remainder of the summer with her sister, Mrs. G. B. Goforth, and her father, J. H. Anthony.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Smith and their week-end guests, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Smith, Mrs. Sude Ledford and Mrs. Andrew Devine, drove to Kannapolis Sunday to visit Mrs. Mattie Parham who is critically ill at her home there.

Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Sibley of Hartford, Conn., and Mrs. W. J. Erwin and little son, Billy Joe, of Great Falls, S. C., are spending this week at the home of Rev. and Mrs. John W. Suttle, parents of Mrs. Sibley and Mrs. Erwin. Mr. Erwin was here with them for of this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Webb, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Penry Owen and Jimmy Freeman plan to leave Wednesday for a trip to Washington, D. C., New York City and other points of interest.

Orison Smith has joined the orchestra with the Cooke Players tent show, which recently played here.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Newman, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Dillehay and the latter's sister, Miss Louise Moore of Graham, spent the day yesterday on a trip through the mountains. They went to Johnson City, Tenn.

Mrs. Terry Moore returned to her home near Marion after spending last week here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Harris and with friends at Lake Lure.

Mr. and Mrs. George Blanton and George Blanton, Jr., who has recently returned from a trip through the west, left yesterday for Cohasset, Mass., to visit Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Thayer.

Miss Nona Runyans of Lenoir spent the week-end here with Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Stuart.

Mrs. T. W. Hamrick and Miss Margaret Hamrick left Sunday morning for Lake City, Pa., to spend two weeks visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Kelly of Mt. Holly were supper guests last evening of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Clarke of this place.

Ward Arey, Jr., and Miss Mildred Cline spent the week-end at Bridgewater visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Arey at their summer cottage.

Mrs. E. B. Lattimore, Miss Eleanor Shirley, Miss Evelyn White, and Miss Frieda Myers are expected to return home today or tomorrow from a visit to Washington, D. C. Mrs. Lattimore has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Harry Reid, in Washington. Misses Shirley, White and Myers will spend a few days here with Mrs. Fred Logan before returning to their homes in Florida. Mrs. Logan will go to Florida with them for a visit.

Mrs. George Miller of Corsicana, Texas, left Friday to return to her home after visiting Mrs. W. L. Packard here. Mrs. Miller, who spent several years here as a girl at the home of her uncle, the late Major Schenck, has not been in the county in 43 years. She is remembered here as Miss Jennie Williamson. Mrs. Packard and Mrs. Miller spent the day Friday with Mr. and Mrs. George Shuford at Cliffside.

Mrs. W. P. Harris, Miss Katherine Harris, and Albert Harris of Waxhaw spent Friday here with Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Clarke.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Whisonant and daughter, Sara Elizabeth of Woodland, spent the week-end here with Mr. and Mrs. D. Huss Cline. Yesterday Mrs. Cline and children and their guests drove to Lake Lure. Mr. and Mrs. Whisonant have returned to Woodland but Miss Whisonant will spend a few days here as guest of Miss Mary Annie Cline.

Mrs. Alton Green of Greensboro is here visiting her sister, Mrs. R. U. Woods and Mr. Woods.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe E. Nash spent the day yesterday in Spartanburg, S. C., as guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. McCord.

Miss Alma Newman is a patient in the Shelby hospital undergoing treatment following an operation last week for the removal of her appendix.

Mr. and Mrs. Q. G. McCombs of Concord spent the week-end here with Mrs. J. G. Dudley.

Mrs. Frances Kelly of Mt. Holly is spending this week here with Miss Francana Clarke.

Z. J. Thompson joined Mrs. Thompson at Lake Junaluska for the week-end. He returned home last night. Mrs. Thompson will stay until the latter part of this week.

Bryant Guthrie, who has been sick for the past ten days, has returned to work with Jno. F. Clark and Co.

Mrs. W. A. Thompson of Little Rock, Ark., and her uncle, C. C. Blanton, have returned to Blowing Rock after spending a few days here last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Blanton. Mr. Thompson joined them here last week and went to Blowing Rock with them on Saturday.

Mrs. Buren Phillips has gone to Highland to spend this week as the guest of Miss Virginia Poole.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Moore left Friday morning for a trip through the North and East. They plan to visit Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York City, and will return by way of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Richmond, Ky., where they will visit relatives and friends.

The first life insurance policy of which there is any record was issued to Dilliam Gybbons, in London, Eng., in 1538.

## At The Theatres

"Whom the Gods Destroy," Columbia's powerful drama of man's great love for his son, featuring Walter Connolly, Robert Young and Doris Kenyon, leads the new bill of entertainment at the Carolina today and Tuesday. Extra attractions on the program include "Tripping Through the Tropics" and a Paramount Pictorial reel.

Platinum Jean Harlow has the little role in "The Girl From Missouri," new film feature at the Webb today and Tuesday. The supporting stars are Francot Tone and Lionel Barrymore. The story is one chock full of Harlow thrills.

## Orphans To Sing At Kings Mountain

(Special to The Star.) KINGS MOUNTAIN, Aug. 19.—The singing class of the Oxford orphanage from Oxford, will give a concert in the Central school auditorium, Monday evening August 20, as a part of its 1934 tour. The members of the class will be entertained in the homes of Macons and their friends while here. The singing class has for more than 50 years made annual tours over the state each year bringing a new class with a new program. Gayety and glamorous romance. Comedy, cartoon and news-reel are extra subjects on the two-day bill.

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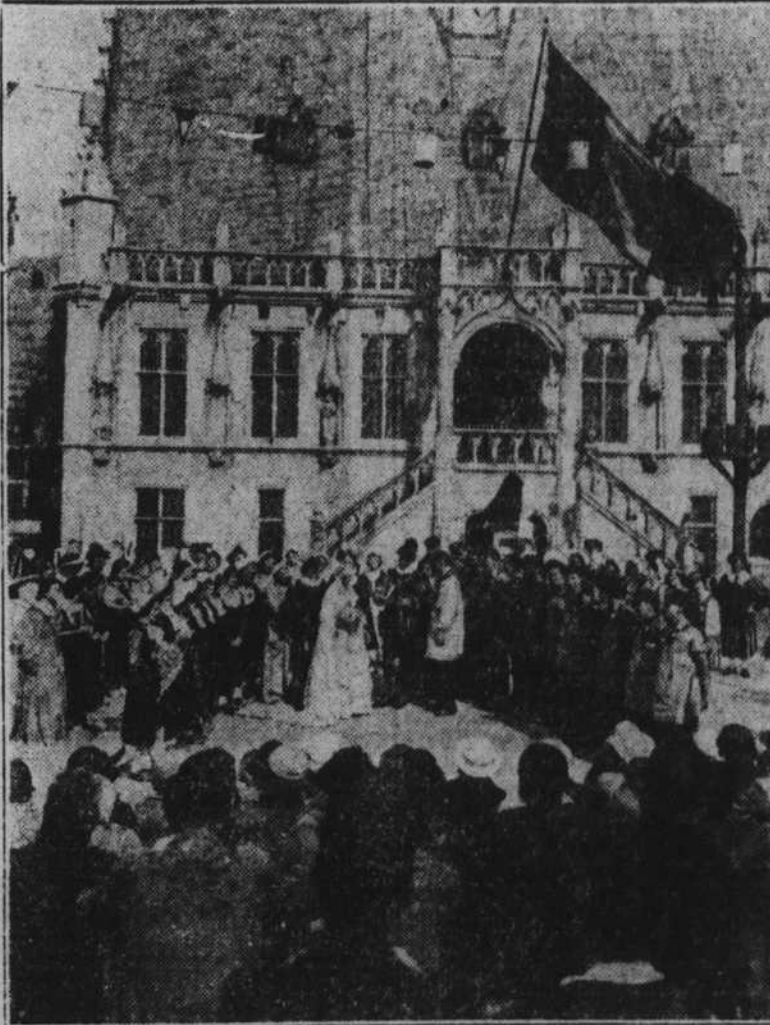
SHORT SUBJECTS "Tripping Through The Tropics" and Paramount Pictorial

## Marital Net Catches Kingfish



Here they are, in a Chicago hotel just after their marriage—the redoubtable Kingfish Levinisky of the prize ring (Harry Krakow in private life), and his bride, Roxanne Carmine, former fan dancer at the Chicago World's Fair, whose real name was Rosie Glickman. The eccentric Kingfish, denying he was "hooked by Dan Cupid", declares "this marriage stuff is stupendous".

## Belgians Wed at Fair



Not infrequently in the 15 national villages at the new World's Fair in Chicago, Daniel Cupid shoots hard and true. Whereupon Fair visitors have the opportunity to see a bit of added color, for the ensuing wedding is performed in accordance with the national rites and in national dress of the native which that particular village rears. Here is seen one of those weddings in picturesque Belgium.



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