



HAPPY TWINS—Reba (left) and Ruby (right) are the happy twins shown above, who were reunited after being separated at four months due to the death of their parents. They will celebrate their first birthday anniversary together Sunday at the age of 18.

Separated Twins, Age 17, Reunited At Last

GASTONIA—Sunday, Nov. 3, was a joyous day for Ruby Baldwin and Reba Gladden twin sisters and foster daughters of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Baldwin of Dallas and Mr. and Mrs. Dan C. Gladden of Grover, respectively for on that day the 17-year-old girls saw each other for the first time since their separation at the age of four months.

Daughters of the late Mr. and Mrs. James Dill of Kings Mountain, they were adopted by their foster parents in March of 1929 and knew only recently that first, they were adopted, and second, that they were twins.

Just a few weeks ago Reba learned through Mr. and Mrs. Gladden that she was an adopted child, and that she had a twin sister named Ruby Baldwin, though her twin's address was unknown. She then began her search for Ruby.

Quite by chance one evening she was told by a friend, Betty Beatty, formerly of Dallas and now living in Kings Mountain, that she had passed for the twin sister of a girl she (Betty) knew. Reba held her breath and anxiously asked "Who?" Betty said it was Ruby Baldwin, and Reba promptly got in touch with Mr. and Mrs. Baldwin. Together the three made plans to tell Ruby.

The girls met for the first time Sunday when the girls have a brother overseas, Leonard Dill, and a sister, Helen Dill, in California. They hope to have a big reunion at Christmas.

Meantime, Reba and Ruby have acquired a number of clothes to outfit them as twins should be. They are laying plans to go to college together next year, after both complete their work at their respective home town high schools. They will be 18-years-old November 17.

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