

Dionnes Sad At Passing Of 'Little Doc'

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settled northern Ontario, Canada, until May 28, 1934, when he sprang into fame over night by bringing the Dionne quintuplets into the world.

For 27 years before that he had worked along the frontier, un-honored and unsung, bringing ordinary babies to life, mending the torn bodies of injured lumbermen, and fighting north country blizzards to minister the average ills of men, women and children.

At 4 o'clock in the morning of that eventful May day, he was awakened at his home in Callender by a vigorous pounding on his front door. It was Olivia Dionne, the father of the quintuplets. The doctor had attended Mrs. Dionne at the birth of three of her five previous children, and knew that another baby was expected, but not so soon.

So he hurried to the humble Dionne home, where he found everything in confusion in the dim light. Two babies already had been born prematurely and no arrangements for their advent had been made. The father disappeared but two midwives were making up wrappings hurriedly for the new arrivals and building a fire.

He rolled up his sleeves and soon three other babies, crying feebly, were born. The mother's life was in immediate danger and he was weighed down by the tremendous responsibilities of saving her life and keeping the spark of life alive in the five newly born.

"I didn't see how all of the babies could possibly live," he related later, "so I baptized each of them separately"—Yvonne, Emilie, Annette, Cecile and Marie. A Protestant, he frequently did this for Roman Catholic babies, whose lives were in danger, using the Latin form of the rite.

Constantly, it seemed as if the tiny infants were about to die. He wrapped them in the only covering available—remnants of old cotton sheeting and napkins—laid them in a corner of the bed and covered them with a heated blanket.

For a while, the mother appeared to be dying. After emergency measures, he started out to get a priest—no one else was available—and made the trip to Corbett, nearly three miles away, in record time in his automobile. When he returned with the priest, Mrs. Dionne had fallen and a few hours later was out of danger.

Surprised to find the babies still alive, he gave his undivided attention to them. For 24 hours he fed them a few drops of warm water from an eye-dropper every two hours, later adding rum and corn syrup. Meanwhile, he had sent a hurry call for a nurse at North Bay, Yvonne Leroux. Capable, neighboring women aided the tired doctor and the nurse in keeping the infants alive in those first few days.

A set of potato scales registered their aggregate weight at 13 pounds, 5 ounces. For days the doctor had doubts as to whether they would live. Indeed, it was not until they were four months old that he really began to hope. Then a nursery was built for them and he felt that with proper medical care they would survive.

County Defense Coordinators Will Convene

County defense coordinators have been called to attend a two-day conference in Salem, June 21 and 22, Jerrold Owen, state defense coordinator, announced Wednesday.

The first day will be devoted to a discussion of civilian war service problems. Mayor Frank S. Gaines, Berkeley, Calif., assistant regional director, office of civilian defense, will attend this meeting. An alert will be held in the new state control center here at night.

Tuesday's program will include round-table discussions. Jack A. Hayes, director of the civilian protection division of the state defense, will speak.

A new streamlined plan for handling air raid incidents will be outlined.

Snell Urges Observance

Gov. Earl Snell in a statement Wednesday urged the people of Oregon to participate in national flag week, June 3 to 14, by displaying the flag at all American homes and places of business.

Exercises honoring the birth of the flag normally would be due June 14 but the program this year is being broadened into a flag week war bond campaign.

Eggstaff Named Cub Pack Leader

Ralph Eggstaff has been appointed new cub master of the cub pack of three active, dena of boy scouts, scout executive, L. L. Leighton, announced Wednesday. The cub pack has its headquarters at the Presbyterian church on State street.

Committees for the pack are Dick Mayers, Roy M. Lockmair and Bertram Thomson.

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April and May was 10 per cent below advance estimates. Officials said the presence of even meager civilian supplies on the market lately was due partly to the army's abstaining from its full quota of purchases. Now, officials said, the army feels that it must resume big scale beef purchases to satisfy soldier preferences. Failure of beef slaughter to reach estimates was blamed in part on farmers and ranchers holding cattle for higher prices and also on a trend to feed cattle to heavier weights before marketing.

The new point values are expected by OPA to remain un-

changed at least until July 3. They contain, besides meat, changes in cheese and canned fish, but no alterations in the schedule for butter, lard, shortening and other edible oils and fats.

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Normally, officials estimate, civilian meat tastes run to about 45 per cent beef, 45 per cent pork, and 10 per cent veal, lamb and mutton. Under present supplies, they must cut their beef quota to about 35 per cent, with corresponding increases in the other types, particularly pork.

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Enemy machine gun posts are sometimes difficult to dislodge. One of our guns crews started firing at a machine gun nest yesterday noon when it was ahead of our front line. The attack long since passed it. Now the Japanese position is nearly a mile inside our lines, but still answering our fire with occasional bursts. Such guns fail to stop our advance, but do create a continuous annoyance and threat. There are few American casualties even on supply lines, which now have reached enormous length, running all the way from Massacre Bay beaches up the valley, over the ridge, down the other side and finally up over the last hump above the lake.

It probably wouldn't be over six or seven miles on your speedometer, but it's a lengthy jaunt by the Attu system. Tractors are carrying rations and ammunition part way, but most of the trip still must be made by men with loads on their backs, over slippery grass, through mud and over snow fields that oft-times hide treacherous gullies.

Some field kitchens have been set up within a half hour's walk of the front lines, but officers admit the problem of supplying the number of troops now on the line for any considerable time would be extremely difficult.

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