

BUNCHED FIELD OF SEVEN IN STRETCH IN STORK DERBY

Mrs. Kenny in Lead With 12 Children in Race for \$500,000 Prize.

Toronto, Ont.—A closely bunched field of contestants is nearing the finishing line in Toronto's famous \$500,000 "stork derby"—so closely bunched that obstetrical dopesters still confess themselves unable to "spot" the winner.

The finishing line in the ten-year race will be reached at 4:30 p. m. on October 31 next, when the mother who has given birth to the largest number of children in York county since October, 1926, will become the legal heiress to the estate of the late Charles Vance Miller, eccentric Toronto lawyer and sportsman.

Unofficial figures at present give Mrs. Matthew Kenny the lead, with 12 children reported born within the 10-year period.

In Second Place

Second place at present is shared by Mrs. Stefano Darrigo and Mrs. Arthur Timleck, each of whom claim ten children. Mrs. Grace Bagnato and Mrs. John Nagle have nine each, and Mrs. Ambrose Harrison and Mrs. Gus Graziano eight.

These figures are not yet accepted as official. Mrs. Bagnato, for instance, challenges the standing of two of those who now appear to have the edge on her. She maintains that not all of Mrs. Kenny's children were born in York county—an essential condition laid down in the Miller will—and that one was born shortly before October 31, 1926, instead of shortly after. She also challenges Mrs. Darrigo's right to count three babies, two of them twins, who died after being prematurely born, and whose births, she says, are not registered in the archives. Registration of a birth is required under the will.

And even if the present figures are accepted as official, they are always subject to future obstetrical revision. Three of the leading contestants intimate that their state of health leads them to anticipate that their standing in the race will be advanced before the deadline is reached.

Some "Dark Horses"

And there are still "dark horses" to be reckoned with. Mrs. Kenny did not declare herself in the contest until more than eight of its ten years had elapsed; said she hadn't heard of it before.

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contenders in the race, but several of them have already given birth to twins, and might conceivably do so again, before the end of October. Even triplets are not outside the realm of speculation.

More recently the Ontario government moved to set aside the will and appropriate the \$500,000 for charitable and educational purposes, contending that it would produce greater benefit in this way than if bestowed "capriciously" according to the terms of the will.

The province argues that the "stork marathon" might encourage both fraud and immorality—for the will does not stipulate that the winner must be a married woman.

A storm of public indignation arose against the government's proposal, however, and legal experts warned that a dangerous precedent would be created if the government interfered with the provisions of a will which the courts had pronounced valid. The province finally abandoned its plan.

Democrats Hold Enthusiastic Meeting

The Washington County Democratic Central Committee met in open executive session in the Community Hall in Beaverton the night of October 12 with the hall filled to capacity, proving the unusual interest manifest in the approaching campaign, by voters in general.

Ed. L. Moore, Committee Chairman, opened the meeting with the usual routine formalities and then surrendered the chair to our well known local committeeman W. E. McKloskey, who conducted the meeting to the close.

A number of the Democratic candidates were present including E. L. Ross, candidate for State Senator, Richard G. Scott, for State Representative, M. K. Abraham, for County Sheriff, Ray L. Antrim for State Representative, P. W. Lillison for County Assessor. Acting chairman McKloskey limited each candidate to five minutes on the floor.

Campaign plans were submitted, discussed and approved with ways and means of defraying the necessary expense prominently in the foreground. Official Chairman Moore gave a short address on the subject of "Money, Money, Money," followed by a very satisfactory contribution from those present.

The next official meeting will be held at Forest Grove at the usual time on the night of October 16 and will be open to the public.

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Hazeldale Community Club will hold their first card party of the season Saturday, October 17th in the basement of the school house. Play will start at 8:30 o'clock. Mrs. Clarence Walker is in charge.

An adult sewing class is held in the basement of the school each Wednesday afternoon starting at 1 o'clock. This is a WPA project and is free of charge. Mrs. Hazel Becker of Reedville, is the instructor.

The community club held their regular meeting Friday evening in the school house. Plans were discussed for a Halloween party October 30th and a dinner to be held sometime in November. A social hour followed with games and dancing. The meetings are held on the second and fourth Fridays of each month and a cordial invitation is extended to all.

Aristotle Anticipated Modern Encyclopedias

In scope and authority, the writings of Aristotle are the chief Greek anticipation of the encyclopedia. The characteristic technique of the modern encyclopedia including alphabetical arrangement of material, was of late and slow development. The example was not clearly set until John Harris in 1704 published his Lexicon technicum, or a universal English dictionary of arts and sciences. William Caxton, the first English printer, translated from the French and printed an encyclopedia or Mirror of the World. His successor, Wynkyn de Worde, printed John of Trevisa's English translation of the encyclopedia written in Latin by Bartholomew de Glanville.



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