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OFF-STAGE VOICE---QUINTUPLETS
BIRTHDAY

1. TITLE. THE QUINS - 7 YEARS OLD

2,9. It's their seventh birthday---and they're giving this year, not (Canada) Their gift is for the Empire's force and is given to the receiving. Their gift is to the Ontario Red Cross Society. The quints, in their fresh new Brownie uniforms, are on hand as the donors, while Daddy Dionna does the formal honors. Now quite the man of the world he watches as Marie---always the adventurous one--- tries on a gas mask. Cecile, with a mind of her own says, "Not for Cecile, non, non, non!"

10 to 15. (Canada) Canadian These five very grown up little/ladies really do mix their own birthday cake. It lacks only one ingredient, the presence of Dr. Allan Roy Dafeo, who had hoped to attend the birthday celebration from his recent operation/ but found himself still convalescent/in a Toronto hospital. Dr. Dafeo had always eaten at least one bite of the cake. And if there are raisins left over---why should five little housewives let them go to waste?

16 & 17. Yes, the cake does get baked and the cake does get eaten. There were not too many cooks! It's entirely a matter for congratulations!

18. It seems hardly possible that it is now seven years since that incredible May 28th in the year of peace, 1934, when these five little (Canadian) Astounded, the whole empire ladies first made their boy. ~~astounded~~ Astounded world clamored for these pictures of the tiny five.

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19. And a year later, when all five had survived the anxious weeks in the incubators, there was world-wide rejoicing.

(Canada)---Dominion and the world
20. And on their second birthday, the world and his wife felt that their favorite five were well past their first perils.

21. So today, with seven years behind them and all their lives before them,
25. the Dionne Quintuplets attend Pontifical High Mass celebrated in their own nursery. Since their babyhood the children have know the priest, the Most Reverend Leo Melligan, Bishop of Pembroke. Each with her statuette of the Virgin Mary, the Quints receive the blessing---Yvonne, Annette, Maria, Cecile and Billie. Happy birthday!