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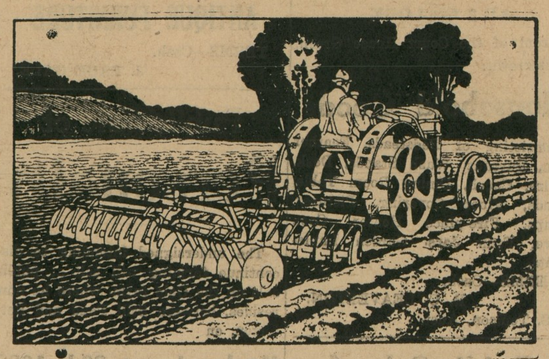

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CHARLIE CHAPLIN PAYS TO BE SET FREE

Charlie Chaplin's price of domestic peace Monday provided a wealth of figures for the conjecture and gossip of the movie going and newspaper reading worlds that know of the film jester and his marital difficulties.

Sixty-two minutes in court in which the graying comedian's young wife, Lita Grey Chaplin, won an interlocutary decree of divorce, probably cost the actor in excess of a million dollars.

His wife, according to the property settlement introduced at the outset of the court hearing and which erased from the trial sensational charges concerning "prominent motion picture actresses" which spiced her divorce complaint, will receive $625,000 of the million dollar total. To the small sons placed in the wife's custody, goes a trust fund of $200,000.

Other items included $10,000 as Mrs. Chaplin's expenses since the separation last November, $22,000 estimated receivers' fees $60,000 to be paid for the Chaplin boys' support during the next five years while the trust fund is being provided, $17,000 in interest to Mrs. Chaplin on delayed payments, and the $14,000 already paid in temporary alimony.

These with miscellaneous items, swell the total to $950,000 not counting the comedian's attorney's fees and the cost of preparing for the trial. Since out of the wife's $625,000 comes almost $100,000 in attorney's fees, the actor's quintet of counsel is expected to receive no less amount.

In the cutting of the legal melon, the firm of Young and Young, which withdrew only recently from the case and precipitated a brief but bitter court scene with their fees as the crux of the affair, will receive $36,000. A like amount will go to Edwin T. McMurray, of San Francisco, Mrs. Chaplin's uncle as well as counsel. The firm of Lee and Lee, which succeeded the Youngs, will receive $10,000, and George Beebe, who withdrew as counsel for the wife, prior to the filing of the complaint, will receive $5,000.

Another possible cut into the $625,000 was seen in the $50,000 bill offered by the receivers placed over the Chaplin properties on the wife's request soon of the actor had led for New York. The comedian has agreed to pay only a part of this sum.

Under the terms of the property settlement, Mrs. Chaplin will receive $375,000 at once, $100,000 September 1, 1928, another $100,000 a year later and the closing $50,000 the following year. The principal of the $200,000 trust fund will go to the children when the younger reaches 35.

MADE HER OWN FUNERAL PLANS

Many friends were present at the funeral services of Mrs. Sally Van Dyke, 84 years, wife of James Van Dyke, held Friday afternoon in Silverbrook M. E. Church, Wilmington, with the Rev. Ralph O. Jones, pastor of the church, and the Rev. W. Ernest Greenfield, pastor of Brandywine M. E. Church, in charge. Burial was in Silverbrook Cemetery. Mrs. Van Dyke died on Monday at the home of her niece, Mrs. Harry Clark, near Kennedyville, Md.

Mrs. Van Dyke was a charter member of Silverbrook M. E. Church. She was present at the first meeting of a group of persons held one Sunday afternoon under an oak tree, just a little further out Lancaster avenue than where the church is now located. Later this progressive group held their services over a stable for several years, until a church was built. Mrs. Van Dyke participated in the grand march of the members from their old quarters to the new church. She also was superintendent of the infant department of the Sunday school all of the 47 years in which she played an active part in the affairs of the church.

"Aunt Sally," as she was affectionately known, is thought to have broken the record in "raising" her Sunday school children, many of them bringing their own children back for her to teach.

Mrs. Van Dyke up until two years ago, lived at Seventh and Springer streets and was well known in the neighborhood for her kindness to everyone. Her husband now makes his home with relatives near Betterton, Md.

Some years ago Mrs. Van Dyke completed arrangements for her funeral services, even to the text. Her requests were carried out.

The pass bearers were members of the church, who had known "Aunt Sally" for many years.

Besides her husband, Mrs. Van Dyke is survived by a grandson, William Van Dyke. Two sons, George and Leslie Van Dyke died some years ago.

Benjamin F. Simmons died at his home near Warwick, Md., Thursday afternoon after an illness of about one year. Deceased was aged 69 years and his death was caused from diabetes. Mr. Simmons was the son of the late George and Josephine Simmons, and for the past twenty-three years, had resided near Warwick, Md., having moved there from near Cecilton where all his former life had been spent. He was well-known and highly respected and leaves a large circle of firends.

Deceased is survived by a widow, one daughter, Mrs. June Price, of Warwick; two sisters, Mrs. Bertie Clark, of near Port Penn; Mrs. Darah Short, of Newark; one brother, Harry Simmons, of near Port Penn, and one grandson, Master Ben Simmons.

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