

# Gloria Vanderbilt, 21, Inherits \$4,436,000

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NEW YORK, Feb. 20 (U. P.).—Gloria Vanderbilt di Cicco came age today and into her own—\$4,436,000.  
The "poor little rich girl" of newspaper headline fame a decade ago, is born 21 years ago today. She is that little when her mother died, and she fought bitterly in court her in one of the most celebrated child custody cases of the nation's history.  
Her legacy came through her mother, Reginald Vanderbilt. It was one of the largest fortunes of America's great fortunes—the railroad wealth amassed by Cornelius Vanderbilt in the last century.  
The young heiress was expected to marry the son of a wealthy family, but she married a man who was not a Vanderbilt, whose cash settlement under the same will amounted to \$500,000.  
It was only recently that Mrs. Vanderbilt and her daughter renewed their early friendship, for

Mrs. Vanderbilt was the loser in the court battle and was told publicly she was not fit to bring up her then 11-year-old daughter.  
Mrs. Di Cicco's husband, Pasquale di Cicco, 35-year-old Hollywood agent, was not expected to join the celebration. He and young Gloria have been estranged since early this year.  
In Hollywood on Monday, he laughed when asked if he was going to send her a present.  
"That's the silliest question I have ever heard," he said. "I suppose I will send her some sort of a message, though."  
Thomas Gilchrist, the family lawyer, guardian, confidante and spokesman, was expected to be more generous. Although he planned no ceremony to mark the transfer of the Vanderbilt millions to the slim, dark-haired girl, he said he regarded her birthday as a "personal matter."  
He would not say, however, what Gloria planned to do with her fortune.

It was clear, however, that part of the estate would be liquidated into cash. Mrs. Di Cicco, serious minded and arty though she is, has found it increasingly difficult to live on less than \$50,000 a year. Last year she spent \$57,132 on herself, gave her mother \$21,000, her grandmother \$6,000 and an old nurse \$3,000.  
She also gave her husband a gold cigarette case and cuff link set which cost her more than \$1,000, paid out \$30,000 in taxes, and asked for \$8,000 extra to set up a home near an army camp where her husband was then stationed.  
And even then she ran over the court-approved allowance and had to pawn more than \$1,000 worth of jewelry to meet her bills.  
This year, instead of getting the allowance that has ranged from \$14,000 when she was 17 and unmarried to the \$57,132 last year, she can take the full estate income of \$137,000 and, of course, any other cash she wishes to realize.

## 3 Get Air Medals



THREE INDIANAPOLIS men serving at a troop carrier base in the European theater have been awarded the air medals with oak leaf clusters. They are, left to right, S. Sgt. John E. Angell, son of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Angell, 3738 N. Illinois st.; S. Sgt. August M. King, nephew of Mrs. Margaret A. King, 2832 N. Denny st., and S. Sgt. Robert E. Klier, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward H. Klier, 949 N. Chester st. All are radio operators in the 442d troop carrier group.

## Army Gets 4 Crops of Corn Off Guadalcanal Farm in Year

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GUADALCANAL, Jan. 30 (By air mail).—A Middle Western farmer driving along Black Bear boulevard or Red Runt road here would feel at home between the fields of corn and tomatoes and other crops—until he came upon some of the farm hands.

The hands, being natives of the Solomons with the typical frizzy and artificially orange-colored hair, and being close to naked, seem out of place in what otherwise looks like ordinary American farm country.

THE FARMS are run by the army quartermaster corps, with expert assistance from the foreign economic administration, to provide fresh vegetables for the men stationed here.  
Similar farms have been installed on Saipan, Guam and Espiritu Santo, among other places. They make a real difference at mess tables, and a real contribution to morale.

The two farms on Guadalcanal, called Nalimbu and Tenaru, total 1800 acres. Corn is the chief crop, but there are extensive plantings of tomatoes, cucumbers, eggplants, peppers, okra, eggplant, watermelons and cantaloupes.

THERE ARE ducks and chickens, too, but these seem to be mainly for the purpose of making American farmers-in-uniform feel at home, for they aren't eaten except upon rare celebrations.  
There is also a rooster, named Chanticleer, who according to Lt.

## JUNIOR POLICE CAGE TEAMS VIE TONIGHT

The newly organized junior police group of Christian Park community center will meet the Garfield group in a basketball game tonight at the Christian Park center.  
The Christian Park group and members of the Boogie Haven Teen-canteen will see motion pictures at a meeting next Tuesday at the center.

## OPEN HOUSE TO MARK THEISS' ANNIVERSARY

Open house in observance of the 80th birthday of Henry Theiss will be held from 2 to 5 p. m. Sunday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Fred Berg, 1526 Burdall pkwy. Another daughter, Mrs. Emma Zimmer, will assist.  
A native of Germany, Mr. Theiss has lived here for 63 years and has been an employee of the National Malleable Iron & Steel Castings Co. during that time.

## Legislative Calendar

### BILLS PASSED

House, Feb. 19

- HB 364—Provides penalties for printing and possession of pool lottery tickets "with intent to sell them to lottery operators." 73-12.
- HB 438—Authorizes construction of technical-vocational high schools in cities of 50,000-60,000 population and creates separate tax districts to build and equip them. 81-0.
- HB 449—Provides state health board shall set up registrar for vital statistics on state-wide basis. 79-0.
- HB 49—Exempts non-profit, charitable and religious institutions from intangible taxes; refunds all such taxes previously paid. 73-1.
- HB 87—Extends to veterans of world war II, their wives, widows and children all the benefits now allowed by law to veterans of world war I. 84-0.
- HB 168—Authorizes establishment of

military training in township high schools. 59-4.

HB 214—Provides that blind or physically handicapped persons may designate assistant to help them cast votes. 41-39.

HB 235—Authorizes city school boards whose districts have 2500 or more school children to appoint additional school attendance officers. 80-0.

HB 345—Increases state livestock sanitary board membership to seven, five to be appointed by the governor with the commissioner of agriculture and the head of the Purdue veterinary science department serving as ex-officio members. 75-3.

HB 382—Reorganizes state health board, replacing present four-member, bi-partisan board with new seven-member board to be appointed by the governor; also provides that the governor appoint a board secretary at \$5000 a year. 82-0.

HB 396—Authorizes governor to appoint a state supervisor of industries in penal institutions at \$6000 a year. 53-24.

HB 379—Provides that no property conveyance under trust for benevolent purposes shall fail because it does not designate the name of the trustee. 75-0.

HB 380—Defines terms used in property laws to make legal references uniform. 71-0.

HB 397—Requires proper labeling of previously used or reconditioned lubricants.

### Senate

SB 38—Creates reciprocity commission composed of governor, secretary of state and state auditor to make agreements with other states regarding motor vehicle licenses. 44-0.

SB 62—Exempts governmental units from intangibles tax law. 37-2.

SB 156—Reorganizes state highway commission, replacing present board with four-member, bi-partisan commission; gives governor power to appoint the chairman who may have double voting power to break any deadlock in decisions. 45-0.

SB 173—Requires all hostellers such as tourist camps, rooming houses to keep register of guests for one year; provides penalty for registering false name. 41-1.

SB 174—Establishes flood control and water resources commission; appropriates \$100,000 annually to hire engineers and technical staff. 45-0.

SB 175—Appropriates \$150,000 annually for 10 years to state conservation department for topographical map survey for use in flood control work. 38-2.

SB 203—Legalizes the status of the state labor department as the result of a supreme court decision that left it in doubt. 45-0.

SB 206—Creates Indiana council for mental health which would be authorized to construct \$500,000 mental hospital to be operated in connection with I. U. school of medicine; provides \$200,000 for hospital maintenance; fixes salary of council director at \$8000 a year. 46-0.

SB 212—Prohibits husbands from assigning part of wages to loan broker without notorized consent of his wife. 44-0.

SB 216—Places all responsibility for Marion county clinics in the surveyor's office.

SB 221—Authorizes temporary permits for non-residents who acquire ownership of a motor vehicle or trailer. 44-0.

SB 242—Raises the salary of probation clerks at Evansville to \$1300 annually and probation officers to \$2200 annually. 38-0.

SB 297—Authorizes Marion county and Lake county sheriffs to retain damages and commissions payable to them in execution of gross income tax collections. 44-0.

### BILLS DEFEATED

#### Senate

SB 222—Permits guardians to lease real estate of wards of courts for any length of time. 18-24.

HB 34—Provides for preliminary sanity examinations by authorized psychiatrists before institution of court proceedings in sanity cases.

HB 38—Permits issue of licenses for use of D-cuts or hoop nets for fishing in the Wabash river from Lafayette to Indiana's western boundary; establishes fee at \$1 for state residents, \$5 for non-residents.

HB 48—Extends to March, 1947, current law suspending law limiting number of working hours a week for women employees over 18.

HB 62—Empowers governor to transfer civilian defense and its duties to any other state department and to allocate the balance of state defense funds to such a department, division or agency.

SB 2—Provides establishment of joint high schools by two adjoining counties under certain conditions.

SB 10—Permits returning war veterans to deduct mortgage indebtedness from assessed valuation of real estate, provided they have not filed previously.

SB 15—Permits savings banks to lend deposit funds for as long as 12 months while awaiting investment possibilities.

SB 46—Amends flood control act to establish flood control district funds, limited to \$25,000.

SB 59—Authorizes guardians of infants to fulfill contracts made by infant's parents before death.

SB 61—Amends the real estate law to provide that lease with option to purchase between husband and wife constitutes an estate in the event of either's death.



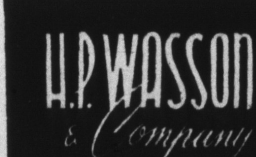
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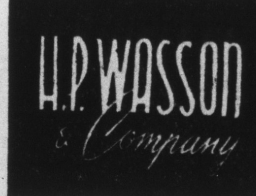
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