

Prominent Family Group

Duchess of Kent, Son and Daughter to Be in Front Rank Of Public Attention at Coronation

By MURIEL NARRAWAY (Canadian Press Staff Writer)
 LONDON — (CP) — A family group certain to be in the front rank of public attention at the Coronation will be that of the widowed Duchess of Kent and her three children.

The tall, elegant Duchess, with her good looks and sense of fashion, has long been a popular favorite. In the Coronation procession at Westminster Abbey she will be seen with her elder son, 17-year-old Edward, Duke of Kent, and her only daughter, 16-year-old Princess Alexandra.

Her younger son, Prince Michael, 10, will be farther to the rear of the abbey procession. He will wear a kilt of Royal Stewart tartan and the velvet and lace of full Scots dress.

IN ROYAL PURPLE

The Duchess will wear rich robes of royal purple, with a gleaming tiara on her smooth, dark hair. At her right hand will be the Duke of Kent, and at her left Princess Alexandra, already taller than her mother and considered likely to become just as imposing a figure in royal society.

The Duke of Kent, in the crim-

son robes of a royal duke, has a page to carry his train and a member of his household to carry his coronet. Princess Alexandra has a train-bearer and a lady-in-waiting carries her coronet. The Duchess' coronet will be carried by her comptroller, Philip Hay, in full court dress.

The Duchess and her children will be part of the royal group which is to assemble at Buckingham Palace for professional purposes.

First to leave will be the Princess Royal and the Duchess of Gloucester with Prince William and Prince Richard. The Duke of Gloucester goes separately. The Kents follow in the next carriage, then comes the Earl and Countess of Athlone, Lady Patricia Ramsay and Princess Marie Louise. The last two carriages are those of the Queen Mother and Princess Margaret, the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh.

The Commonwealth and foreign prime ministers, followed by foreign royals, leave the palace ahead of the royal landaus.

NOTABLE ROMANCE

The Duchess of Kent, in her open state landau, surrounded by the children of a marriage considered one of the royal romances of the century, will receive rousing cheers. This youthfully-attractive widow, with a grasp of politics, diplomacy and international affairs, has won steadfast regard throughout the country, though she had to break down some initial suspicion when she arrived in 1934 to marry the youngest son of the reigning monarch, George V.

Thousands will remember the captivating Greek princess, who walked so regally at the 1937 Coronation besides the tall, good-looking young husband she was later to lose in an air crash in Scotland in 1942.

This will be the first Coronation attended by her children, and for the shy 'teen-agers walking with her, it will be something of an ordeal. Since they were born, the Duchess has followed the ruling that her children be kept as much out of the public eye as possible.

Unfortunately, the death of his father put an early spotlight on

the young Duke. Although, like his sister, he has not gone through the "coming out" process, he must even now fill the role of a royal duke. It is as such he will be seated with the Dukes of Edinburgh and Gloucester in Westminster Abbey. His first major role as a royal duke was in the funeral procession of George VI.

It is unlikely that either the Duke of Kent or Princess Alexandra will take much part in the round of social engagements scheduled for royal attendance after the Coronation. The Duchess of Kent will attend two state banquets at Buckingham Palace, the Coronation ball in the Royal Albert Hall and the dinner for Commonwealth and foreign diplomats arranged by Britain's foreign office, at Lancaster House.

GUEST OF HONOR

At the colonial ball in Grosvenor House, June 9, funds from which go to the British Empire Society for the Blind, the Duchess will be guest of honor.

Neither the Duke of Kent nor Alexandra is expected at this or other big functions. The Duke will return early to his school in Switzerland, and Alexandra will continue her studies under a governess at Coppins, their small, comfortable family home in Buckinghamshire. Prince Michael goes to boarding school nearby.

The heavy entertaining that automatically follows the "coming out" of sons and daughters of royal blood has resulted in the Duchess taking over a 15-room apartment in Kensington Palace, first London home she has contemplated since her husband's death.

It's not yet known when she will move in, but this royal palace of about 1,000 rooms, tucked sedately away amid the trees of Kensington Gardens, has always been linked with the name of Kent. It was the home of an earlier Duchess of Kent, mother of Queen Victoria.

Near neighbors of the Duchess in the palace will be the Earl of Athlone, one-time governor-general of Canada, and Countess of Athlone.

Would Plug Combines Law Loopholes

OTTAWA — (CP) — John Diefenbaker (PC—Lake Centre) suggested Thursday in the Commons that Canada's combines law should be changed to provide mandatory imprisonment for directors who directly contribute or passively acquiesce in breaking that law.

He said present provisions of a fine for the convicted corporation was a "poor substitute" for imprisonment where wrongdoing had been proved. A new committee should study the combines law.

Later Stanley Knowles (CCF—Winnipeg North Centre) joined Mr. Diefenbaker in urging a plugging of the loophole which prevents prison terms for directors of firms found guilty of breaking the combines law.

Mr. Diefenbaker mentioned recent prosecutions of rubber companies in Toronto and said a maximum fine of \$10,000 was not in keeping with the offence committed.

NO CEILING NOW

Justice Minister Garson said there now was no ceiling on the fine that could be imposed in a combines case. The \$10,000 in the Toronto case was the maximum under the law at the time the offence was committed.

Howard Green (PC—Vancouver Quadra) said the "little fellow" cannot compete with depressed cigarette prices offered by some chain stores. The small merchants depended on the cigarette trade and were being "run out of business" by the chains.

In Vancouver, Mr. Green said, around 2,000 persons were affected by this practice. He suggested that legislation be passed at this session to protect them.

Mr. Garson said in reply that the situation described by Mr. Green has been investigated and there appears to be no foundation for a charge of "boss-leader" selling.

Chain stores buy cigarettes from the manufacturer at the same prices as others. The lower retail price in the chain store results from the chain-store wholesaler taking a smaller wholesale mark-up and the chain outlet itself taking a smaller retail mark-up.

He said he questions whether the consumer would want to see this practice made an offence against the law. The consumer benefitted from what was in effect a cheaper method of distribution.



BEATING THE HEAT—A generous slice of cool, juicy watermelon is one way of enjoying a hot day, say Toddy Sinclair and Janis Platts of Winnipeg. Since this photo was taken wintry blasts have again spread over the area. —CP Photo

Watch Pilots Aloft

Flight Surgeons Use Radio Device to Check Heart, Brain, Breathing Actions

By RENNIE TAYLOR
 LOS ANGELES — (AP) — Flight surgeons now have a way of watching by radio the heart and brain action, breathing and temperature of pilots aloft.

Any dimming of pilot alertness can be detected so quickly around that the doctor will know about it before the flier himself is aware that anything is wrong.

The doctor can warn the flier by radio and perhaps prevent a crack-up. But even if the warning is too late, the physician still has a record of what happened and may use it to work out ways of preventing a recurrence.

Since aviation now is in the transition between propeller flight and thrust (jet and rocket) flight, the machine will be of extreme importance in determining how men can endure and survive rocket transportation must faster than the speed of sound.

The complicated device, developed by a navy medical officer, was demonstrated openly for the first time recently. It was a star exhibit at the world meeting of the Aero Medical Association.

Father of the complicated instrument is Cmdr. Norman B. Barr, head of the aviation division of the Navy Medical Research Institute at Bethesda, Md.

Basically it is a combination of some well-known medical instruments, a couple of extremely sensitive temperature measuring devices and an ultra-high frequency radio transmitter.

The pilot has to be "wired" for radio. He has a couple of wires running outward from metal plates plastered to his skull, three others from the surface of his chest near the heart, and two or more extending from other parts of the body.

These leads run to a cigar-box sized radio transmitter in the plane. This sends the radio signals to a ground receiver which is hooked up to the recording devices. They include a brain wave machine, a heart action recorder or electro-cardiograph, and temperature and pressure registering equipment which keeps tabs on heat, cold and the breathing of the pilot.

ARTHUR GODFREY HAS FIRST OF TWO OPERATIONS

BOSTON — (AP) — Radio-TV star Arthur Godfrey underwent the first of two operations Friday at Massachusetts General hospital and officials said he was in "good condition."

Details were not disclosed by the hospital in its two brief bulletins about the popular entertainer who is submitting to surgery to correct hip injuries suffered 22 years ago in a traffic accident.

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Suggests Bonus For Commons Staff

OTTAWA — (CP) — Stanley Knowles (CCF—Winnipeg North Centre) suggested Thursday the Commons staff should get a bonus for all the long hours they've been working lately.

Mr. Knowles, noting the House has been engaged in three sittings a day for a month and lately has even shaved its lunch and dinner breaks, said he would like to suggest that the House staff get some recognition for their faithful work.

He mentioned particularly the staff of Hansard which provides verbatim reports of Commons proceedings.

U.S. Ignorance of Canada Example Understanding Lack

LONDON — (CP) — A British newspaper man has cited United States ignorance of Canada as an example of lack of understanding among countries.

Edwin Roth of London, correspondent for a group of newspapers, said Thursday he recently completed a seven-month tour of Canada and the United States. During his U.S. tour, he said, he was bombarded with questions like these:

"When is England going to liberate Canada?"

"Is it true that Canadians pay taxes to England?"

Roth spoke from the floor during a discussion period on foreign news at a session of the International Press Institute, now meeting in London. Later he told a reporter the queries about Canada came mostly in communities outside the big cities, particularly in the Middle West.

Residents and business interests in the fringe areas around Saskatoon are organized to oppose any move to incorporate their properties into the city.

CHAMPION STUDENTS WIN

CHAMPION — (HNS) — S. T. Nickols, principal of Champion Schools, accompanied the High School girls' softball team and the High School boys' baseball club to Milo on Wednesday evening for games with the Milo teams. Champion girls defeated Milo by a score of 24 to 22. The boys upheld the honor of their school too by winning with a score of 6 to 2.

Eight-year-old Gilbert Lizee was fatally wounded while shooting pheasants on his father's farm near Gravelbourg, Sask.

Continue Search For Missing Alta. Grain Buyer

CALGARY — (CP) — The search for Lorne E. Armstrong, 30-year-old grain buyer at Standard, Alta., who vanished April 4, is being continued, RCMP said, but the seven-week hunt has turned up little of value to police.

Armstrong has not been seen since April 4.

Armstrong, an ex-hockey player, was described as a friendly person. Elevator officials for whom he worked said a check of his books revealed everything in order.

Shortly after he was reported missing, his car was found, abandoned, in Calgary. There also was a report that a man answering Armstrong's description had been seen in the Red Deer area. These leads revealed nothing about his whereabouts.

During a hockey game last winter, Armstrong was struck on the head by a flying puck and some friends say that as a result, he may have suffered amnesia.

The great Japanese earthquake of Sept. 1, 1923, was estimated to have cost 143,000 lives.

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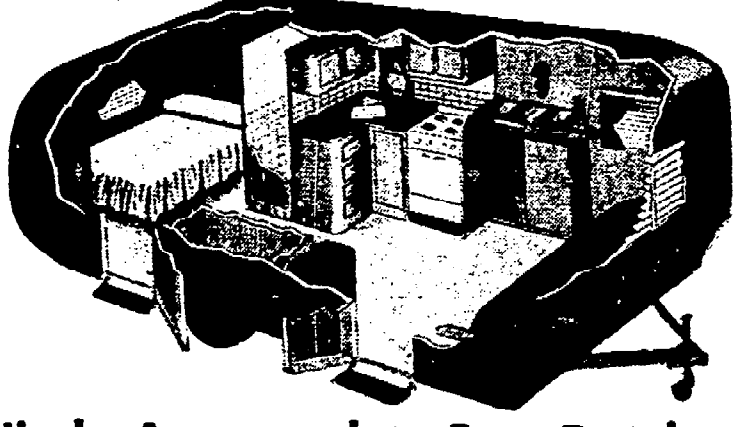
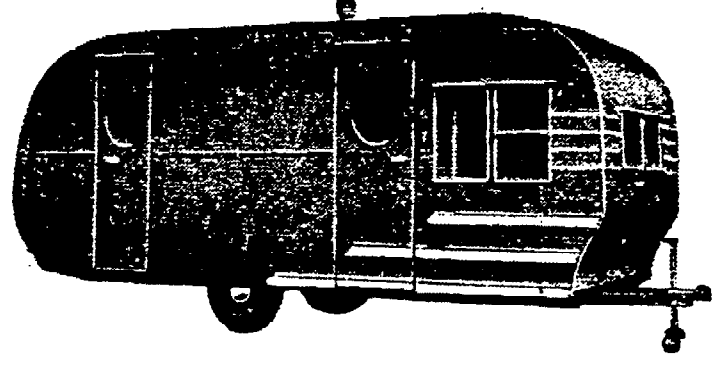
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