

Royal children experience happy, healthy home life

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The four children of Queen Elizabeth II and the Duke of Edinburgh are fortunate that in spite of their special position they are members of a united and happy family. The Prince of Wales, who is 15 years old, is at Gordonstoun, the public school in Scotland where his father was educated. Princess Anne, who will be 14 on August 15 is at Brunden, a famous girls' school in the South of England. Prince Andrew is four years of age and now has a companion in the nursery at Buckingham Palace, the baby Prince Edward born on March 10 this year.

Although the children, especially the Prince of Wales, will one day fill positions of great responsibility, the Queen and the Duke prefer that they should have much the same upbringing as other children, meeting as many of their contemporaries in other walks of life as possible.

Their parents know that a great deal of public attention will be an inescapable part of the children's lives in the future and are determined that the children shall have, as far as possible, a quiet and unpublicized childhood during which, in a secure and happy surroundings, their characters can form on a normal, healthy lines. For that reason, publicity about their day-to-day activities is not encouraged.

The Prince of Wales first

went to a small school in London, but as he grew older it was decided to send him to Cheam, his father's former preparatory school. When he joined in September, 1957, there was a great deal of public and press interest, which happily died down. He went on to Gordonstoun in 1962.

The Prince, who is enjoying his schooldays, is treated like any other pupil and, like the parents of the other boys, the Queen and the Duke pay unpublicized visits on days which are important for the school.

Princess Anne, gay and enthusiastic, was recently photographed introducing her friends to her Mother when the Queen went to visit her. After being a keen member of a Brownie-Pack she is now a fully-fledged Girl Guide.

Prince Andrew is not often seen in public. He lives happily in his nursery with his new brother, the two take their airings together in the grounds of Buckingham Palace, and accompany the Queen and their father and brother and sister to Balmoral, the Royal home in Scotland, when the Royal Family takes its usual annual holiday there, and to their other homes at Windsor and Sandringham.

DAILY FAMILY LIFE
The Royal children are much more of their parents than is generally supposed. Although Queen Elizabeth II is busy for many hours each day on her official duties, and the Duke of Edinburgh's time is also fully occupied, the Prince of Wales and Princess Anne - when they are on holiday from school - and Prince Andrew and Prince Ed-

ward are with their parents to part of each day in Buckingham Palace, and with them virtually all the time when the Royal Family is at Windsor Castle, Sandringham or Balmoral.

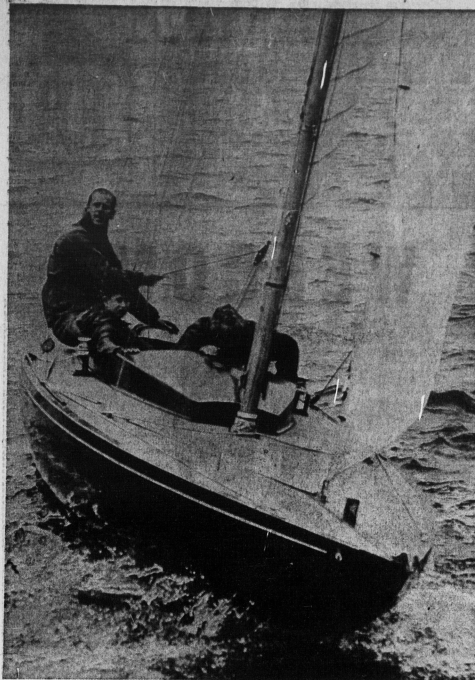
The family shares its interests and pleasures, and the fact that home life is harder to achieve makes it particularly sought after and enjoyed. Because they are so much with their parents, the children are learning, principally by example, how to meet and talk to all kinds of people.

The Queen and her husband also enjoy encouraging their children to share their special skills and interests. The Queen passes on much of her love of horses and riding - in which Princess Anne is an eager pu-

il. The Duke encourages Prince Charles to sail and to play cricket.

From films and photographs - some taken by the Queen - truth books, and most of all, perhaps, from the stories they are told by their parents and the people they meet, the Prince of Wales and his sister are learning about the world.

There will be time enough both for the Prince and the Princess, and the two little Princes, to assume the never-ceasing duties of Royalty, when childhood is over. This may come for the Prince of Wales when he is officially invested with his title at a ceremony which will probably be held at Caernarvon Castle, in Wales.



MAINTAINING BRITISH sailing tradition, Prince Philip and his son, the Prince of Wales, are shown on the yacht "Bluebottle" at Cowes, England.

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