

Queen is gay but serious

From the millions of words written about the character and personality of Elizabeth II, the picture emerged of a fundamentally serious person, vivacious and unrestrained in private but as inflexibly royal as Queen Victoria or Queen Mary in matters affecting the dignity of the Crown.

She prepared carefully for every task. Those who witnessed the solemn coronation ceremony in Westminster Abbey, June 2, 1953, were impressed by her air of intense concentration, her obvious determination to perform the complicated, age-old ritual in letter-perfect fashion.

Afterwards she laughingly agreed with the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Geoffrey Fisher, that she had made one tiny slip in the six-hour ceremony, but few besides Dr. Fisher noticed it.

At first the young Queen seemed so intent on doing the right thing that some felt she showed a constraint bordering on uncertainty. Soon she became more sure of herself, and the "strictly business" attitude gave way to a greater composure. Perfectionist though she tended to be, she occasionally delighted onlookers by impulsive gestures.

One occasion that captivated Canadians occurred on the royal visit in 1951. Finding herself

facing the wrong way for a presentation ceremony in Vancouver, Elizabeth smilingly about-faced with an unstudied gaiety.

A Canadian with frequent opportunities of meeting royalty said he was impressed by the warmth and gaiety of her character. He felt that just as the lighthearted side of Princess Margaret was too often stressed at the expense of her more serious side, so Elizabeth's earnestness tended to be remarked upon to the exclusion of other qualities. She was "surprisingly gay and vivacious" in small groups, with no hesitation about letting her hair down.

Another Canadian was struck by her forcefulness. Accustomed to thinking of her as a smiling, dutiful figurehead, he was surprised by her strength of character.

Cyril Hankinson, editor of Debreit's Pezage, told a reporter the Queen never allowed her tremendous responsibilities to overwhelm her. He said she reminded him of Victoria, who overnight seemed to be endowed with the qualities of queenship.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, asked for his impression, said:

"I think the biggest thing is the innate effortless dignity with which she performs ordinary, homely acts."



CHILDREN'S CHANCE

A mammoth children's greeting will be given Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip at the Charlottetown Driving Park on Wednesday of the Royal Visit. Several Boy Scout and Girl Guide

awards will be presented by Her Majesty. Representatives of each Regional High School in the province will be presented to her.

also be presented. Singing by the children will be directed by Christopher Glehill, director of Music for P.E.I. The band of the 2nd Battalion, The Canadian Guard will be in attendance and in case of bad weather, the program will be held in the coliseum.

Elizabeth here in 1951

Queen Elizabeth II was only a Princess in November 9, 1951, but she became Queen of the hearts of the Island people during her visit of one day on the Island at that time.

Accompanied by her husband, the Duke of Edinburgh, the Princess arrived on the morning of the 9th of November and worked her way through a jammed schedule, departing during the evening of the same day.

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Children to meet Queen Wednesday

A children's rally on Wednesday forenoon at the Charlottetown Driving Park will be a highlight of the royal visit in Charlottetown.

Karen Newson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Newson, Charlottetown, will present Her Majesty with a bouquet of flowers. Karen is an out-patient of the Provincial Rehabilitation Centre.

Her Majesty will present three awards to Girl Guides and three to Boy Scouts.

Guides to be presented are: Heather Orford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Orford, Charlottetown; Karen Birch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Birch, Summerside, gold cords, and Carol Ferguson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Ferguson, Montague, all around cord.

Scout awards to be presented are: James Stright, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herb Stright, Summerside; Lawrence MacInnis, Protestant Children's Home, Mt. Herbert and John Martin Beck, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Beck, Montague, Queen Scout certificates.

Eighteen boys and girls, representing the various regional high schools in the province will

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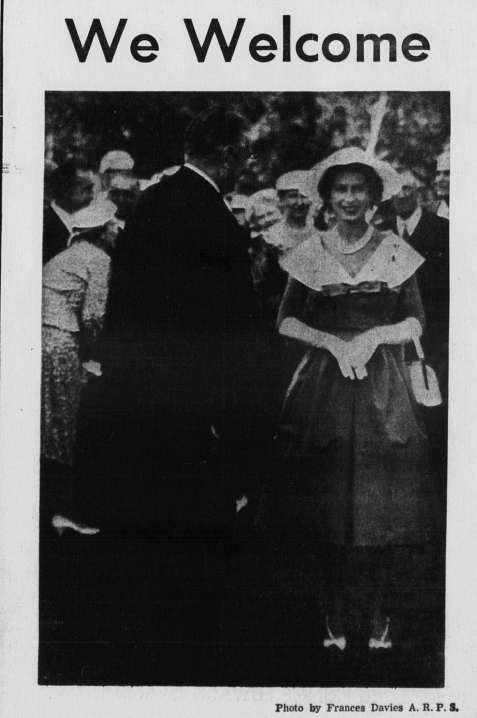


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and
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