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History Of The Queen

Her Majesty The Queen was born on April 21, 1926, first child of the Duke and Duchess of York. She was christened Elizabeth Alexandra Mary.

Princess Elizabeth was educated at home by a Scots governess. After the Duke of York had succeeded to the throne as King George VI, Princess Elizabeth, then heiress presumptive, began to study Constitutional History and Law.

From 1942 on, the Princess was increasingly in the public eye. She began to accompany the King and Queen on many of their tours within the Kingdom, and undertook various other offices with their attendant responsibilities.

NORMAL PLEASURES
When not engaged in public duties or study, Princess Elizabeth enjoyed the normal recreations of girls of her age. She has a keen appreciation of art and music, and has always been fond of outdoor activities. A great lover of horses, she has been an excellent horsewoman since she was a little girl. Amateur theatricals were another of the Princess's favorite recreations.

In March, 1945, Princess Elizabeth joined the Auxiliary Territorial Service and was gazetted a 2nd Subaltern. She completed her course at the ATS No. 1 Mechanical Transport Training Centre as a fully qualified driver and, by the end of the war, she held the rank of Junior Commander.

After the war Princess Elizabeth's public engagements claimed more and more of her time. Many societies asked her patronage or presidency, and she travelled on public occasions throughout the British Isles.

MARRIED IN '47
In 1947, Princess Elizabeth accompanied her parents and sister on the South African tour, sailing

in the "Vanguard," which she herself had launched three years earlier. It was during this tour that she celebrated her twenty-first birthday.

Shortly after the return of the Royal Family from South Africa the King announced that he had given his consent to the engagement of Princess Elizabeth and Lieutenant Philip Mountbatten. The Royal wedding took place on November 20, 1947. Prince Charles, heir apparent to the throne, was born on November 14, 1948, and his sister, Princess Anne, on August 15, 1950.

Since her first journey overseas in 1947, Her Majesty has paid various official visits abroad, several of them before her accession. As Princess Elizabeth, she paid formal visits with The Duke of Edinburgh to France and Greece, and, in the autumn of 1951, she and the Duke toured Canada and visited the United States.

RECALLED BY DEATH
When the illness of King George VI made it inadvisable for him to carry out his projected visit to Australia and New Zealand, his daughter took his place. On February 6, 1952, during the first stage of this journey, in Kenya, Princess Elizabeth received the tidings of her father's death, and of her own accession to the throne.

Her Majesty was crowned Queen in Westminster Abbey on June 2, 1953.

In the autumn of the following year Her Majesty set out to accomplish as Queen, the Commonwealth tour which she had begun just before her accession. Between November, 1953, and May, 1954, The Queen and the Duke visited Bermuda, Jamaica, Fiji, Tonga, New Zealand, Australia, Ceylon, Uganda, Malta and Gibraltar.

Canada Geese Seize Domain

By M. McINTYRE HOOD (Special London Correspondent)
LONDON—A flock of Canada geese, interlopers from their own domain in St. James Park, is making life miserable for the graceful pink flamingoes which make their home on the beautiful lake at the bottom of the garden at Buckingham Palace.

These Canada geese, along with two of the royal Corgis, Whiskey and Sherry, have been giving active opposition to the flamingoes, which were transferred from the Whipsnade 'zoo to the Buckingham Palace gardens recently.

It was a beautiful and peaceful setting when the flamingoes took up their residence there, but not for long. They were quickly spotted by the Corgis—Whiskey and Sherry—who were dismayed by the intrusion of these pink birds.

Yelping and snapping, they attacked the flamingoes, who fled to the sanctuary of an island in the middle of the lake. A gardener headed off the dogs, and the matter was reported to the Ministry of Works, who solved the problem by putting gates across the two bridges leading to the island sanctuary of the flamingoes.

When the flamingoes arrived, however, a flock of Canada geese was already in possession of the island. They resented the intruders. They set about the newly-arrived flamingoes, cackling, hissing and pecking at them. So the harassed flamingoes again beat a hasty retreat. They waded clear of the island and across to the Palace lawns.

Day by day the battles continued, with a casualty list of one flamingo dead. Each night, the flamingoes retreated to the lawns. At 8 a.m. the Palace gardeners drove them back to the island for breakfast of maize, shrimp and fish. And the battle still goes on, with no sign of reconciliation between the geese and the flamingoes.

The Canada geese, apparently, feel that they have prior rights. They were formerly kept there, and had an undisputed monopoly of the island. A few months ago, they were removed from the Pal-



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