# Queen Was Groomed For Role From Her Earliest Childhood

## Monarch's Young Life Spans Quite a Distance Official Seal In Britain's Changing Social History

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As the great golden coach comes in sight, millions waiting at the curb or by a television set may think of the life of our young Queen. They may look back on the life that they have watched develop to be crowned on this day. They may remember that their Queen was born in a London townhouse not half a mile from the route of the procession, very early on a line spring morning in 1926.

The house was at 17 Bruton street, and was the old-fashioned home in London of the Earl productions of a blue and gold Strathmore (the Queen's grandfather.) The Duke and Duchess of York converted a room plaque which the Bond Street Asinto a nursery on the second floor of this house - which, though numbered in Bruton street. actually faced Berkeley Square. But the Queen cannot go back to look at her birthplace because the old house was sold and demolished some years later and

Sister Arrives

Coronation procession

in height, aged between 10 and 15

worried." No one he knows fits.

the last page wore in 1937.

father Winston.

Premier's 12-year-old grandson.

William Grosvenor, Lord Ebury's son.

now a great block of modern offices stands on the site. Al. Princess should make ner broad though the Duke and Duchess modernized the place to some phone is a torologing and alarm extent, it is strange to recall that even such a little while ago ing instrument; many wonuered these great town houses were run with many more servants than a very sen-assured chine-would the Princess had later when she managed her own home at Jume through the ordeat. Clarence House. And when 17 Bruton street was acquired for all those who heard that bries much eagerness and ability. So demolition, the contractors found in its basement a curious relic proaucast must remember the princess laced the prospect of of the Victorian age-a row of 20 copper baths which each clear urm, resonant tone in which a strangely uncertain future with morning the servants used to carry to the guests' rooms and fill from hot water cans brought through the winding corridors.

The infant Princess was in: London for only the first three was at first determined that no months of her life. They were to the Princess and, like any other troubled months but she, at child, she was taken in her pran least, was not touched by the into the park. But the people General Strike which took place such a large crowd was regularly then. After her christening in waiting at the gate into Hyde Park at Buckingham that the baby should take her Palace, she travelled north for airing in the private garden only the first time to her anciert Before the Princess was three heritage of Scotland.

Glamis Castle is a noble try upon her. She travelled with Peace brought duties. The Prinplendent with barbaric history. thanes: there the ancient regalia brief weeks in the troubled life of of Robert Bruce lay hid.

## Comfortable Home

Strathmore and it sisters, The Princess Elizabeth was

changing social history, never a problem for Royalty. But. Greece, (as he was known), in her old of luxury and privilege-alhough the fabric was wearing

threadbare,

regulated. The little girl was in "Lilibet's" first petstwo affectionate Chows.

eorge V announced to everyone's Windsor suited their taste.

all through her childhood the or the Princes tall dignified, cultured Queen The Duke and Duchess of York that enhinge certainly found it a wrench to be

found her at Buckingham Palace. was wacen Mary who made the ret all the excitement and garety acceptable suggestion that Clarrelace - into which the Princess oe mouernized for the young quite conceal from ner the luture

her grandfather, the King, who cess began to employ a small priv- a time suite of private apartment. there Macbeth received his king and the toddling fittle girl continued to live in Buckingnam nowever, required a great dear of es of returning peace were many moved into it in May, 1949, to its ciamorous invitations for the congil, arrangement and periec-The greatest events in a child's Royal lamily to visit each and lon.

onverted by the present soon eager to see the baby sister, go with the whole lamily to South grandfather into a fine Margaret, who was born at Glamis Africa. It was more than a year, 100 years ago, The first was than and comfortable country residence Castle. The Duke of York was now. however, and a rather bleak post- of William IV; the second was tion of a modern wing, more than ever, a family man. A war year-before the Royal Party mouner bake of Edinourga, the was there that the Princess problem was discussed in the Royal left Portsmouth aboard H.M.S. son or Queen Victoria; the thing: spent the first summer of her baby- Family-where should the Duke of Vanguard on February 1, 1947. But was Prince Artnur or Connaugue, York and his family make their the year was very happy and who lived in the Mall for man, he Queen's young life home? It may seem to the public auspicious for the Princess. She had bears; and the fourth is "one adistance in Britain's that the choice of a residence is Greece (as he was known) in her

Peers Busy Picking Pages

For Coronation Procession

NOW busily engaged in picking their pages are the peers

whom the Queen has chosen for special appointments in the

They have to choose boys between 5ft, 3ins, and 5ft, 6ins.

Most peers have no difficulty in finding someone suitable,

The other Spur-holder, Lord Churston, has no such diffi-

"He is 12 years old and at a prep. school. He is very good-

Lord Portal, wartime chief of the RAF, has made an

Mrs. Pamela Churchill has not yet replied to his invitation.

Other choices: Lord Salisbury-his nephew, Hugh Cecil,

The duties of pages? They walk behind their peers carry

But Lord Hastings, who holds one of the Spurs, is "quite

culty. Says his wife: "He has the perfect page-a nephew,

tooking and very obedient. And he can wear the same suit as

original choice. He has asked for Winston Churchill jun., the

She will first consult father Randolph and then sound grand-

11, son of Oxford don Lord David Cecil; Field-Marshal ..ord

ing the coronets. A moment before the crowning they hand

Alexander-his younger son, Brian, now at Harrow,

# For Packages

ping thoroughtare

sociation have devised for display in members shops. About 80 of the plaques have

already been completed. The plaques have a design re-17th century - the period when bond Street began to be tashion-

revelation of character: it was a that she would have an entirely uniquely-modern pointer of prom- new or modernized home of her ise in the life of a luture waten. own, made to her own design to VJ Day\_the victory celebrations suit nerself. It is believed that it the muling crowd outside the ence house, in the Man, should

Ciarence House had been build of increasing responsibilities that for the Duke of Clarence, thich an emeriy admirai, so there is On her 18th birthday the Princess another havar association, will Yet it was sufficient to province

very ou by tour families since it

But, beiole they could start putthe their nome in order the young couple had to plan their wedning duty was busy with inviduous, in August the moyal running retired to Danno, al and the world was deagained to see the young Dune also AUVERTUEL MERGINE Mas a time at rair, it was pernaps the napples cereoration London had seen for a generation. The almosphere was

one or spontancity and parcry. The rancess returned to sand anguam for Christmas with the calminy. Incre, plans for pulling clarence house in order were again discussed. The Lumburgas had already inspected the nouse inoroughly. There was a great real to be done and the Princecompramed as much as ally more numbre person of the slowness with which her decorations were

## completea. Different Designs

She and the Duke had different designers prepare plans for their separate sating-rooms. The line. errect was something rather severe and intentionally havai in the Duke's room and a yielding and remared effect in pastel colours in the rincess's own silling-room Soon, nowever, news came that the Princess's engagements had been cancelled. The country hoped ourgns moved anto Clarance House And the bells told Britain that the Frincess had a son. The baby Prince was given the name of Charles, there had not been a Royal Charles since the rollicking Stuart who squired Nell Gwyni her husband were allowed to li ferential treatment was obviou the Princess had to fly to Man to spend the Christmas of 194 The Royal party tell for South with him because he was not do

The national joy at the birth of Princess Anne in August 1950 was short-lived It had been obvious for some time that the King was car from well Less than a year atter Britons had acclaimed his recovery from a serious leg operation, they were once again anxiously watching the outletin wards outside Buckingham Palace. A cold the King had caught early in 1951 developed into influenza and a lew months later he under-Aent a lung peration For a short naisted in carrying out a neavy 1 . rogramme of public appearances. But it was a wan tired-looking man who walked on to the runway it London airport in January last war to watch his daughter and

ast Africa and Australia. A few days later Prince Philip Blughter. When they returned Ducon and her elder daughter nobled by his future father-in-law grounds of the house built for them

er husband take off for a tour of

Princesses. It was 145 Piccadilly lions and angioties The Princess was faced with That same evening the girl who The house was by no means pala. Who any other spirited teen-are great domestic responsibilities As had arrived in the Colony a few or in the Royal manner - it siel wanted to min something and the heiress to the throne she days before, laughing and gay, was just another old-fashioned "do her hit" Then in the autumn would have to keep an official flying home bereaved to her



PRINCESS ELIZABETH as heir apparent in May 1937 after King George VI was crowned at Westminster.



YOUNG PRINCESS makes her first broadcasttalking to the children of England about the war.



ON HER 18TH BIRTHDAY in 1944 young Princess begins busy round of her first official duties.



TOUR OF KENYA finds Prince's greeting Prince Bin Salim after he had been overcome by shyncss.



AS QUEEN in October 1952, Elizabeth II in coun of black and white ratio chiend's Dorol film



ON CANADIAN TOUR in western Canada Princess and her husband examine gift from Indian tribe.



GUEST OF PRESIDENT HARRY TRUMAN in Washington as part of a three day tour of United States.

The 1920's, as well as being the a number of houses and these he deorge and Princess Marina of 1948, six months before the Edinthe of extravagant parties, was the offered to his sons. The Prince of Greece. During the war years era when the Royal Family be- Wales made his home at Fort Belcame conscious of Britain's over- vedere. The Duke of York and his sts and needs. Until King Duchess found Royal Lodge on after his coronation. The education of a Princess again met Prince Pullip. go to New Delhi, might be a fitting subject for argu- humour suon decrued that the

Sir Edward Lutvens! ment between philosophers Is it 20-year-old Princess and the 24- For a short time the Princess an the monarchy had learning that makes a just ruler? sear-old haval Leutenant - boureen amazingly insular But, after Or is it better that a ruler should woking and dashing-were ideally the life of any young couple with the first World War, the world- he unversed in scholarly arts in macched, the son of Prince An- their first-born. But before los. wide connections of Britain, both order to come to the task of ruling arew of Greece, Finishs grand Philip's naval duties called him was still called) were paid ever- be long debated But, as far as the cenuerg who had, himself, a uis- "Jimmy the One". First Lieute increasing attention by the Royal princess was concerned it was unguished have career and had ant, of the frigate "Chequers". I The Prince of Wales set out on soon clear that she was to become married rrincess Ance, a granu- was being groomed for the con

cation of her uncle King Edward Alrica without announcing an

If on her Coronation day Queen "Himboth II looks back on her life nam Palace, and then with her lack if we remember that the out a success. The tout itself grandparents, the Strath natarose was only 13 when the war meant travelling 10,000 miles in at their English country noran and that he was 19 when two months. The King, despite Perhaps it was then just it anded we will have a helter the already paintui disaffection of as she was first sitting up and understanding of her life What his legs, was determined to comexpressing herself, that there be lid it moon to other tittle of piete the whole program. His gan the very real and clear per generation to have their Queen and his daughters tried to altachment between the Princess shooting and their time for fun take some of the burden from him. and her grandmother and taughter out into by the war? In the summer of 1947 the en-Queen Mary. Certainly we can Quite obviously it was no better gagement was announced Parlia-

walking hand in hand with the for steeping that were even more heiress presumptive, and Prince hurdencome than those imposed on Philip of Greece abandoned his

barted so soon from their small ported with state business the Mountbatten RN until he was enthem had already been made for particularly were worried should to take the title the Duke of Edin as a wedding present by the people them to move into another town his health, the wer restricted the burgh History of the Park facing Piccadilly of Britain it was decided to maintain a Queenship and to open a new the last destroyed by a bomb during for reasons of proposands in Oc country home.

these over and retire to their places. in fact. Revally is very circum-schildhood; they were both, as chil- for an heir to the throne. That scribed. King George V possessed aren, at the weating of time hope was realized on November 14, was not until ne returned ito.

with a clear indement? It could amer, was Prince Louis or bar Malta where he was appoint one of the host educated and well- uaugnter of Queen Victoria. So mand of his own trigate, the "Ma frincess Enzaveur and her nusvana pie", which he took over in Ma I'ntil she was 11 her education are both descended from the great 1950. That he was shown no pr

engagement. But the Finicess wa, unmistakably radiant and rumor had it rightly that the noval rannily had decided to bustpone the announcement until after the crincess's Zist burthday.

The Royal visit to south Africa that che is tile so many of hor sub. Was overwhelming and strendous. ment gave its official sanction to From the Royal Family were un. the proposed marriage of the claims to the Greek throne and his The Kinn was torribly over, foreign title and became Lt Philip

house which, to Londoners, came Pount Family's movements and The date of the wedding was He told her what a shocked In he associated with the two hodged them around with process fixed for November 20. Immed- world already knew. solid house in the row at the south of total not tone after the Battle household in an official residence. mourning family to face her

the last war). The Duchess of York cupied Europe) that the young It had been decided that the Commonwealth.