

Elizabeth, Britain's New Queen



Gravely peering out from a firm stance in her high-chair, this little Scotch lassie certainly had no idea that she was one day to be a queen.



Lovely dark hair was a feature of the girlhood beauty of Elizabeth, at 5, as in the top picture and in the years just before her marriage, lower photo.



The day in every woman's life even a queen's! Lady Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon leaves her father's house for her wedding in Westminster Abbey.



The crown of motherhood, twice bestowed on Elizabeth before she became queen, became her well, in the eyes of her subjects—Here she is, as Duchess of York, with the tiny Princess Margaret Rose in 1930, when the Princess Elizabeth was a bonnie girl of almost 5. Elizabeth's personal care in the rearing of her girls has endeared her to domestic minded Britons who have watched with keenest interest the growing up of the children who may themselves be queens.

Britain Plans Radiant Week In Crowning

(By THOMAS T. CHAMPION) (Canadian Press Staff Writer)

With all its age-old social traditions, old London cannot produce a precedent for a season of the brilliance predicted for the coming Coronation summer.

Centering on the ceremonies of May 12 is a program that will bring thousands of leaders of fashion and culture from almost every corner of the earth. The King and Queen will hold their first court May 5. This marks the opening of the high social calendar, which will extend to July 22 when the King and Queen give a garden party at Buckingham Palace.

Among royal noteworthy engagements during this period are:

May 11. Presentation to the sovereign of addresses by the prime ministers of the Dominions, chief representatives of India and of the Colonies. The King will hold a luncheon party in Buckingham Palace for the representatives of the British Commonwealth.

May 12. Royal progress and Coronation ceremony.

May 13. State banquet at Buckingham Palace.

May 14. Court ball at the Palace.

May 19. Naval review by the King at Spithead.

May 24. Empire Day. The King and Queen attend services at St. Paul's Cathedral.

May 25. Their Majesties dine with the prime minister at 10 Downing St.

May 26. Queen Mary's birthday; Court ball at the Palace.

June 9. Official military celebration of King's birthday (postponed from Dec. 14.)

June 10-11. Investitures at Buckingham Palace.

June 22. Leave at St. James Palace and garden party at Buckingham Palace.

July 1. Court at the Palace.

The King and Queen will be residing at Holyrood, Edinburgh, July 5-12 when the Scottish capital will embark upon a week of such social brilliance as it has not witnessed for many years. For two days after their Scottish visit their Majesties will be among the people of Wales.

Make Welcome For All

In addition to the royal garden parties the Archbishop of Canterbury is holding one at Lambeth Palace, and many owners of lordly entertainment for their personal friends and visitors from afar.



Even a seven-pound New Zealand salmon trout knows his place when the Duches of York goes a-fishing. It's at the end of a gaff! Note the informal garb.



One of the queen's last photos as Duchess of York, made as she went for a walk with Princess Margaret Rose (in light coat) and Princess Elizabeth.



Poise and repose, two of the new queen's most characteristic qualities are suggested by this new and informal portrait study with a pet dog.

Queen Spent Many Hours Fitting Her Gowns For The Coronation

Queen Elizabeth spent busy mornings with her dressmaker having ordered 24 dresses for the approaching season from Norman Hartnell, young London designer much in vogue with the young smart set.

The royal order includes day dresses, afternoon dresses, full court dresses, special gowns for Ascot and the Buckingham Palace garden party, tea gowns, evening coats and fur capes which are to be remodelled from valuable furs.

The selection of colors has been found a difficult task. Her majesty and her designer have spent a great deal of care so that there will be no glashing with uniforms or furnishings. During a fitting, which may last two or three hours, the queen keeps beside her the orders and ribbons she intends to wear with the gowns so that there may be no uncertainty or mistakes in the blending of shades. She

has shown a decided preference for blues and a becoming pink.

An evening coat of iris blue velvet with a luxurious fox collar tinted the same shade is one of the loveliest of her selections. Another coat is of turquoise velvet with bandings of chinchilla. A pale blue lace dress with jacquette trimmed with narrow mink bands has been chosen for afternoon wear and there are several evening dresses of Nottingham lace.

For full court dress her majesty chose a model of cream satin embroidered in gold which had recently been pictured in a leading fashion paper but which was immediately withdrawn as is customary after a royal selection.

The day-time dresses are to be of multi-colored print in the majority of cases, and are planned to wear under light coats for such afternoon functions as bazaars. Tweeds presented to the queen

by Scottish weavers are being made into suits and dresses and she has shown a marked preference for simple lines in all the models. Her tea gown, a model named "five o'clock," is of heavy crepe in a delicate shade of mauve and relies on graceful drapery rather than on frills for its charming effect.

The fittings go to Buckingham Palace almost daily. There is so much work attached to the royal wardrobe that often the workers spend the entire morning at the palace and have afterwards mentioned the consideration shown by their royal patron who orders they be served with "morning coffee."

At Tea Time

Silver crown handles as a tribute to the Coronation decorate tea and coffee spoons which are matched by tea scoops and deep square caddies with crown knobs on the top. Teapot stands mounted on sturdy legs are of thick unbreakable glass bordered with a pierced silver design. This consists of a clever bending of the Rose of England, the Thistle of Scotland, and the Shamrock of Ireland, with the King's initials "G.R." worked into the pattern.

Enthusiasm Runs High In London

(By ELMER W. PETERSON) (Associated Press Staff Writer)

London is planning so much Coronation gaiety the famous old chimney pots are likely to tremble. The cry of "The King, the King, God bless him," will be heard throughout London in night-long revelry. It is estimated that at least 250,000 extra barrels of beer will be required for this toasting of the King's health.

The sweet merriment the night of May 12 is expected to surpass anything before realized. West End restaurants have been preparing for weeks. Several new ones have opened. Special supper-cabaret programs have been devised; special menus prepared. Getting a table May 12 is going to be difficult.

There is a police campaign at the same time to "clean up" London before the coronation. Shady haunts are being checked up. Bottle party clubs, where drinking can continue all night, are being watched closely. These clubs, which sign up members and dispense liquor by the bottle, are outside the licensing laws scope. Extension of licensed drinking hours for both pubs and restaurants is being urged.

Also open to the public will be such entertainments as a coronation costume ball at Royal Albert Hall May 13. There will be processions and pageantry and the court of Queen Elizabeth will be represented by descendants of courtiers of those days.

Prominent hosts and hostesses are co-operating with the Overseas League and the various empire societies in providing entertainment for overseas visitors.

Ocean liners, moored in the Thames, will cut their own brilliant lighting pattern at night, and give further scope for private parties and celebrations. Hotels will be packed to overflowing. London has 12,000 bedrooms in first-class hotels and 300,000 bedrooms in smaller hotels and boarding houses. Special trains to be used as overnight hotels with ring the city.

As varied a selection of visitors who will share in this gaiety would be difficult to find. There will be Indian potentates and scarlet-clad Canadian Mounted police, Australian soldiers in wide-brimmed campaign hats and kilted Highlanders. In the efforts to see and to see, the East side will be rubbing shoulders with Mayfair.