

WELCOME TO ANNAPOLIS: —Gov. McKeldin extends the welcome of the State of Maryland to England's Queen Mother on the north portico of the Governor's Mansion as the royal guest arrived here yesterday on a State visit. Standing beside the Queen is Mrs. McKeldin, who with the governor, entertained the Queen Mother for luncheon during her stay in Annapolis. The tour included a visit to St. Anne's Church, a ride through the city and a second welcome at the Naval Academy.

# Britain's Queen Mother Captivates Citizens Of Annapolis In Brief Royal Visit To City

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A diminutive British queen yesterday succeeded in accomplishing in five hours what an English army failed to do during the length of a war—capture Annapolis by storm.

Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother, captivated thousands of Annapolitans who lined the streets to welcome her and even to cut loose on occasion with the hearty "God Save the Queen."

Never did a queen live up so much to expectations. Petite and much younger and prettier than her mother, however, the gracious queen radiated a serene charm and immense popularity completely undisturbed by crowds of admiring Annapolitans who circled around her.

"Most charming"

Children, however, she paid particular attention, reached up to touch her, and pleased exclamations of "isn't she lovely" and "how beautiful" rippled through throngs of onlookers who packed Church and State Circles and the Naval Academy grounds during her visit.

"I think she was the most charming, loveliest person we've had in the house," Governor McKeldin, who, with Mrs. McKeldin, entertained the Queen Mother at luncheon at Government House, said after her visit.

The Queen Mother came to Annapolis in accordance with her plan to see some of America's smaller cities.

Escorted by a four-man, motorcycle escort of State police, her limousine from the British Embassy in Washington swept in front of Government House at 11:46 A.M. before a crowd estimated by city police as high as 3,000 or 4,000. In her party were British Ambassador Sir Roger and Lady Makins and a lady-in-waiting, Mrs. John Mulholland.

Old and young and mothers with babies in arms applauded her as she stepped from the car, while Annapolitans perched in windows on School Street and the State House leaned forward for closer views.

Met By Reckord

At the wrought iron gate of the governor's mansion, she was greeted by Major General Milton A. Reckord, state adjutant general, who planned her visit, and escorted up the walk to the north portico of the mansion where she was greeted by Governor and Mrs. Theodore R. McKeldin.

She posed there a moment with the Governor for news photographers and then left immediately with the McKeldins for the State House, where the Queen Mother visited the Old Senate Chamber,

## Photographer Gives Picture To Queen

Among gifts presented to the Queen Mother Elizabeth yesterday was a photograph of the Queen and the late King George VI made at Chatham, Ontario, during their 1939 visit there. It was presented by Betty Lou Smith, photographer for The Evening Capital, on behalf of her father, Gelon V. Smith, who served as official photographer for the Canadian government during the royal tour.

the Governor's office, and the present Senate and House of Delegates chambers.

In the Old Senate Chamber she walked through the room where George Washington resigned his commission as commander-in-chief of the Continental Army after the Revolutionary War.

In the Governor's reception room she paused to admire paintings of King Charles I of England, who granted the charter of Maryland to Lord Baltimore in 1632, and of Henrietta Maria, his queen. Also at the State House she received copies of two photographic books of Maryland, by A. Aubrey Bodine, photographer for a Baltimore newspaper.

"She was tremendously impressed," Governor McKeldin said, "and said it was a lovely place and reminded her so much of home."

Eden, British foreign secretary. She was particularly interested in its coat of arms and in the fact that the governor had died so young—at 43.

Inside the church, while the organ softly played "God Save the Queen," Dr. Berger showed her an old prayer book in which the line, "O Lord, Save the King," had been changed during the Revolution to "O Lord, Bless and Preserve These United States." The Queen remarked, "Isn't that very delightful?"

The rector also showed her a six-piece silver communion service presented the church by King William of Orange in 1695.

"You have many treasures here, and the silver is very lovely," the Queen Mother told him.

Present Gifts

Present to convey to the Queen Mother two presents for her grandchildren were the Bergers' two children, Virginia Todd, 5, and Charles Edward, 4. Virginia, who had been carefully rehearsed in her speech in presenting a doll to Princess Ann, curtsied for the Queen Mother, and then asked her mother, "What is it mama?"

Coached a little, she then asked the Queen Mother, "Will you please take this to your granddaughter?"

"I certainly will," the Queen Mother replied.

Charles Berger had an Indian belt decorated with beads and bearing the name Charles as his gift. "Will you give this to Prince Charles?" he asked.

The Queen Mother replied, "Thank you very much."

Before leaving she signed the guest book with a lovely sweep of penmanship, "Elizabeth R."

From St. Anne's, she returned to Government House to dine on Maryland terrapin and Maryland stuffed quab on hickory-smoked ham. There the Governor presented her as a gift from the people of Maryland a nine-inch silver vase valued at \$800 and bearing her royal insignia on one side and the seal of Maryland on the other. Both are in 18-carat gold.

As a personal gift from himself

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## To St. Anne's

From there the Queen Mother went to St. Anne's Episcopal Church, where she was met by Mayor and Mrs. Arthur G. Ellington.

Mayor Ellington welcomed her to Annapolis in the name of the city and said he hoped she would enjoy her stay. The Queen Mother remarked what a nice city it was and how delighted she was to be here.

At the church the Queen met Dr. Charles Edward Berger, rector, and Mrs. Berger; his mother, Mrs. Charles Berger, of Baltimore, and Bishop Lloyd R. Craighill, rector of St. James Parish, Lothian, former bishop of Anking, China, and Mrs. Craighill. Waiting inside the church to greet her was the Rev. Adam Besse, curate.

## Sees Prayer Book

The Queen Mother viewed the tomb of Sir Robert Eden, last royal colonial governor of Maryland and an ancestor of Sir Anthony

# Queen

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and Mrs. McKeldin, the Governor gave her an equestrian statue in porcelain of her daughter, Queen Elizabeth II, done by Kathleen Wheeler, Chevy Chase sculptress.

As another gift he gave her three small silk flags—those of the United States, England and Maryland. Several other gifts presented by Annapolitans were to be taken by a State trooper to the embassy this morning for delivery to the Queen Mother.

The Queen Mother was particularly pleased to see at Government House a picture by Montague Dawson of her daughter's yacht, "The Blue Bottle," which is on loan temporarily there.

For the occasion Mrs. McKeldin wore a dark gray woolen dress with a robin's blue ascot. Her young daughter, Miss Clara Whitney McKeldin, wore a light weight wool Scotch plaid dress with a pin of two thistles.

The Governor was in an Oxford gray suit woven in Cambridge, England, and his son, Theodore, Jr., also was in Oxford gray.

## Toured City

Governor McKeldin said the Queen Mother told him she was impressed by the happy faces of the people of Annapolis. "Everyone fell in love with her," Mrs. McKeldin said, "she was so gracious and sweet—the essence of kindness and gentleness."

After luncheon the Queen Mother toured Annapolis in an open car, crossing the Severn to gain the superb view of Annapolis and the Naval Academy from the Ritchie Memorial.

From there she went to the Naval Academy Chapel where she and her party were conducted through by Rear Admiral and Mrs. Walter F. Boone and Chaplain John D. Zimmerman. Also there to greet her was Read Admiral Geoffrey Barnard of the British Joint Services Mission in Washington, and Mrs. Barnard.

She ~~was~~ particularly interested in the spiritual and naval motifs of the windows, Admiral Boone said.

## Bouquet of Roses

Before she entered the church Candace Grant Corey, 10-year-old daughter of Captain and Mrs. Howard G. Corey, of Upshur Road, presented her with a bouquet of roses on the steps. She said the Queen thanked her and "asked me if I lived here, and I go to school here."

"I told her I go to school on Green Street, but live here (at the academy)," Candace said.

The Queen Mother and her party then proceeded to review the 2,600-man Brigade of Midshipmen on Worden Field. The Queen Mother sat between Admiral and Mrs. Boone with the McKeldins and other dignitaries under a canopied tent. The Brit-

ish ensign flew from a flagpole behind it.

### English Tunes

For the event, the Navy band struck up several English marching tunes—"Colonel Bogey," "Imperial Edward," and finally, "There'll Always Be An England."

As she stepped forward onto the field with Admiral Boone to take the 21-gun salute, the Queen Mother wore a silver fox cape against the chill of the afternoon. Behind her stood Commandant of Midshipmen Captain Robert T. S. Keith, Admiral Boone's flag lieutenant, Comdr. Isaac C. Kidd, and Ambassador Makins.

As the concluding event, the Queen had tea as the guest of Admiral and Mrs. Boone at their quarters. Present were heads of departments and their wives.

### Photo Album

As its gift to the Queen Mother, the brigade, with which she said she was very impressed, presented her with a photographic album showing pictures of her arrival at the chapel which had been quickly developed during the preceding hour. Other pictures of her visit are to be placed in the album and it will be forwarded to her. It was presented by Brigade Commander D. E. Westbrook, Jr.

The Queen asked particularly to speak to a number of Midshipmen who were guests.

For the occasion, a string quartet played in the background.

Mrs. Boone used a pink and white motif for her floral decoration and had set up an individual table in the dining room where the Queen Mother could be seated and be introduced to guests. On the occasion Mrs. Boone wore an afternoon dress of black faille velvet.

Queen Elizabeth left a little after 4:30 P.M. for Washington where a state party was to be given in her honor.