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VISIT OF THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH

Beginning his visit to Northern Ireland later this month, the Duke of Edinburgh will arrive on Monday afternoon, 23rd April, at the St. Angelo R.A.F. aerodrome, County Fermanagh, where he will be received by the Governor of Northern Ireland (Lord Wakehurst), the Earl of Enniskillen, H.M.L., the Prime Minister (Lord Brookeborough) and Service Chiefs.

He will go to the Enniskillen Town Hall where the Mayor and members of the Borough Council will be presented to him and will have tea with the Mayor, after which he will drive to the Prime Minister's home at Colebrooke where he will stay as guest of Lord and Lady Brookeborough.

On Tuesday (April 24), accompanied by the Prime Minister, he will drive via Fivemiletown to a farm at Clogher, and afterwards, via Augher and Ballygawley, to Dungannon, where the Chairman and members of the Urban Council will be presented to him.

At Cookstown he will lunch with the Mayor and Urban Council members, after which he will go via Moneymore, Magherafelt, Toomebridge, Randalstown and Antrim to visit a farm near Crumlin.

In the evening he will dine with the Lord Mayor (Alderman R.J.R. Harcourt) and members of Belfast Corporation in the City Hall, after which he will go to the Royal Hippodrome for the premiere of the film "The Man Who Never Was", afterwards returning to Government House.

During the forenoon of Wednesday (25th April) the Duke will visit Newtownards, Donaghadee, Bangor and Holywood and at each stop the Civic Head and Council members will be presented.

Later he will visit Queen's University where he will be received by the Chancellor (Rt. Hon. The Viscount Alanbrooke), and he will inspect the Physics Department of the University and lunch with the Chancellor.

On the same day he will open the Missions to Seamen War Memorial Church and Club, Belfast.

He will leave Northern Ireland the same afternoon from Aldergrove R.A.F. Station.

£3,000,000 Extensions to Queen's University

- Inspection by Duke of Edinburgh

University architecture of the last century, of the present day and plans of building yet to be done will be seen by the Duke of Edinburgh when he visits the Queen's University of Belfast during a three-day stay in Northern Ireland beginning on April 23.

Although a young university, raised to that status in 1908, Queen's is now in the midst of a large expansion scheme which will cost over £3,000,000. Already, behind the original 19th century front, a modern block for the Faculties of Science and Engineering is taking shape and is expected to be completed by October 1958.

The Duke will see the foundation work on the new building to be erected for the Department of Physics - which will cost £500,000 and which is expected to be complete also in 1958. When the new block for the Engineering Faculty is complete it will accommodate 1,200 students and will cater for the needs of Civil and Aeronautical Engineering.

NEWS EDITORS

A REAL-LIFE DAVY CROCKETT

A real-life Davy Crockett is likely to meet Fess Parker, who plays the title role in the film "Davy Crockett", when he visits Belfast next Monday. He is Police Constable Davy Crockett of the Royal Ulster Constabulary, stationed at Musgrave Street Police Station, Belfast. Sponsors of Fess Parker's visit are hopeful that a meeting can be arranged with the real-life Davy Crockett.

ROAD TRAFFIC ADVISORY COUNCIL

A well-known journalist, Mr. R.M. Sayers, Chairman of the "Belfast Telegraph" is Chairman of a Road Traffic Advisory Council which the Northern Ireland Minister of Home Affairs has established to advise him on "matters relating to administration of road traffic".

The Minister has told the Council:- "Good policy arrived at by my Department and announced by me is all very well. The same policy introduced on the advice of a responsible public body is far better".

BISHOP OPENS PARISH TILLAGE SCHEME

The Bishop of Derry, Dr. McNeill Boyd, this week inaugurated a parish tillage scheme at Bellarena, County Londonderry, and sowed the first oats. The parish has taken an eight-acre field in an endeavour to raise money, and farmers and farm workers are giving their labour voluntarily.

It is hoped to make £80 - £100 from the scheme by next Autumn when the oats will be sold. The profit will go to parish funds.

£300,000 HARBOUR EXTENSION TO BE OPENED BY GOVERNOR

The £300,000 extension to Larne Harbour, County Antrim, will be opened by the Governor of Northern Ireland, Lord Wakehurst, on May 10.

The extension provides additional quay space, with a special ramp to cope with the increasing vehicle ferry traffic.

The new quay is built on three Mulberry harbour caissons which were towed from Loch Ryan by tugs, sunk and covered with a concrete deck.

CATTLE FLOWN TO NEW YORK

For the first time live cattle have been flown from Northern Ireland to the United States of America. This week a consignment of Jersey cattle were sent from Nutt's Corner Airport, near Belfast, to New York.

STUDY OF CONTINENTAL DENTAL HEALTH

Mr. C.H. Rubra, Dental Officer to the Northern Ireland Ministry of Health and Local Government, who has been awarded a World Health Organisation Travelling Fellowship, will spend the next six weeks studying dental health in Holland, France, Germany and Switzerland. Mr. Rubra was formerly Senior Dental Officer at the Eastman Dental Hospital and Institute of Dental Surgery, British Postgraduate Medical Federation, University of London.

ACTIVATED CARBON FROM PEAT

Next Tuesday, 24th April, the Northern Ireland Minister of Commerce (Lord Glentoran) will officially open the Ceca Limited Factory, Londonderry, where peat is being converted into activated carbon. Activated carbon is used as a purifier in the refining of sugar, vegetable oil, etc.

FARMERS BUILD THEIR OWN FACTORY

A four-storey factory for the manufacture of animal feeding-stuffs, hides and fats, built for Ulster Farm By-Products Limited at Glenavy, County Antrim, is expected to begin production in September.

It has been planned and financed by the Ulster Farmers' Union, members of the Union having subscribed almost £100,000 - in amounts varying from £1 to £500 - towards the total cost of £140,000.

An official of the Union said: "Our factory is formed, not to make private profit, but to return the highest possible amount to the suppliers. As its name implies, it is to deal with the by-products of the livestock industry in Northern Ireland, and by efficient handling it will, I hope, reduce farmers' losses to a minimum."

DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S VISIT

When the Duke of Edinburgh visits the laboratories of the Physics Department of Queen's University, Belfast, next Wednesday (during his three-days stay in Northern Ireland) photographers will not be permitted to take pictures.

Queen's University scientists are conducting experiments regarding conditions in the upper atmosphere and are assisting in the design of rockets.

The Duke will inspect a parade of 23 Northern Ireland branches of the Royal Air Force Association at Aldergrove R.A.F. Station on April 25. This will be the biggest reunion of ex-R.A.F. personnel ever to take place in Northern Ireland.

DOWNWARD TREND OF UNEMPLOYMENT

While unemployment in Northern Ireland remains high by Great Britain standards, the figures have shown a downward trend since 1952 when the percentage of unemployed was over 10. In 1953 it was over 8 per cent, in 1954 7 per cent, and 1955, 6.9 per cent.

NEW ATTORNEY-GENERAL

Mr. W.B. Maginess, Q.C., formerly Minister of Finance, has succeeded Mr. J.E. Warnock, Q.C., as Northern Ireland Attorney-General.

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THE DUKE IN ULSTER

Visits to Two Farms in 100-Mile Tour

After a hundred-mile tour through five of the six counties of Northern Ireland the Duke of Edinburgh drove to Belfast from Government House last night to be the guest of honour of the Lord Mayor and Corporation at a dinner at the City Hall, where he was received by the Lord Lieutenant of Belfast, Lord Glentoran, and the Lord Mayor, Alderman R. J. R. Harcourt. Afterwards the Duke went to a film performance in aid of the Northern Ireland branch of the National Playing Fields Association, of which he is president.

Earlier the Duke had tea and home-made scones at Ballagh (County Fermanagh) when he visited the 250-acre farm of Mr Thomas Barnett and his wife, and inspected Shorthorn, Ayrshire, and Friesian cattle, and sheep.

Then the Duke drove to Dungannon (County Tyrone), where the chairman of the urban council, Mr William J. McKinstry, and members of the council were presented to him, and Cookstown, where he was the guest at luncheon of Councillor W. Gough and the urban council.

The Duke also met Mr Ian Duncan, who farms nearly two hundred acres at Lennimore on the shores of Lough Neagh. There he planted a Japanese cherry tree to commemorate his visit, before driving on to Government House, Hillsborough, where he was staying the night as the guest of Lord and Lady Wakehurst.

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THE DUKE RETURNS

The Duke of Edinburgh, piloting a Heron aircraft of the Queen's Flight, flew from Aldergrove R.A.F. Station, Belfast yesterday, to White Waltham (Berkshire), and then went to Windsor by road, at the end of his three-day visit to Northern Ireland. In the afternoon he had opened a new Mission to Seamen Church and club in Corporation Street, Belfast, as a memorial to seamen killed in the last war.