

Princess in Solihull--

March 16th. '54.

Warwickshire-- A warm welcome from the people of Solihull for Princess Margaret, who had come to present the Charter of Incorporation as a Borough- recently granted by ~~Her Majesty~~ Her Majesty the Queen.

~~The ceremony took place at the Odeon, Shirley- whose foyer was filled with local celebrities- who were presented to the Royal guests.~~

~~Before presenting the Charter, the Princess replied to an address of welcome~~ (Sound)-
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~~The Charter- now accepted on behalf of the citizens of Solihull - was held up for them to see.~~
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the citizens of Solihull to see.

AFTERWARDS

~~Before leaving,~~ the Princess spent ~~some~~ some time chatting with the Girl Guides and Brownies of Solihull, which now begins a new civic life.

The same day, Princess Margaret visited the R.A.F. station at Honiley, near Kenilworth, to hand over a new standard to No 605 (County of Warwick) Squadron. ~~the~~ ^{to} the men who had covered themselves in glory during World War II, ~~the~~ the Princess said- (Sound).

Finally- a March-Past of this famous Squadron- whose battle honours ~~(commemorated on the scrolls of its standard)~~- include Dunkirk, the Battle of Britain, Malta, Eastern Waters, Fortress Europe, Home ~~Defence~~ Defence and France and Germany. A proud record indeed!

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(as it ~~was~~ called)

Warwickshire--- The growth of Solihull "Village"/has been phenomenal. From the semi-rural area of a generation ago- the new Solihull has quickly risen. To-day, ringed by its wealth of trees and lovely countryside, it has earned the proud honour of the Charter of Incorporation as a Borough-granted by Her Majesty the Queen.

And Solihull prepared a Royal welcome for the Queen's sister- Princess Margaret- who ^{was to} ~~will~~ present the Charter to this historic Warwickshire town.

Solihull greets it with flowers, as little Penelope Mell offers a choice bouquet to the Princess at the Odeon, Shirley- where the ceremony ^{took} ~~was~~ takes place.

~~Passing through~~ A Guard of Honour- drawn from local companies of Girl Guides- ^{was outside the cinema.} ~~the Princess enters the foyer.~~ ^{In the foyer,} many well-known local celebrities ^{were} ~~are~~ presented. Royal recognition for the men and women, who -through wise planning and foresight, have placed Solihull right in the

forefront of ~~pleasant~~ pleasant residential areas. ^{So, into the auditorium, where the ceremony was about to begin.} As Princess Margaret entered the auditorium, she was greeted by ~~the Chairman~~ ^{The Chairman}, Councillor Douglas Cooper J.P. asked a trumpet fanfare of the Royal Warwickshire Regiment, ^{to accept an address of welcome.} ~~Mr W. Maurice Mell- Clerk of the Council- reads the address of welcome-~~ ^(Sound)

The Princess replies, ^{before presenting} ~~and presents~~ the Charter of Incorporation. ^(Sound) ~~Chairman~~ ^{the} Councillor Douglas Cooper ~~and~~ ~~then~~ ~~accepts~~ the Charter, ^{and hands it to the Clerk for safe} ~~and hands it to the Clerk for safe~~ ~~custody.~~ ^{held up for them to see.}

And the Mayor Designate makes a gracious acknowledgment. ^(Sound)

Before leaving, the Princess spent some time chatting with ^{the} Girl Guides, and Brownies.

So- this small town- lying close to Birmingham- begins a new life as an important Borough. Rich in tradition, ~~and with its rural atmosphere~~ ~~still unspoiled-~~ Solihull passes from strength to strength. Pointing the way to health and happiness in an outstanding civic achievement.

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The same day, Princess Margaret visited the R.A.F. ~~Station~~ Station at Honiley, near Kenilworth, where she inspected No 605 (County of Warwick) Squadron- one of the earliest ~~squadrons~~ squadrons of the Royal Auxiliary Air Force.

~~She~~ The Princess had come to present a new standard, ~~which had been~~ granted by the Queen in recognition of the Squadron's 25 years' or more of distinguished service.

And ^{to} the men who had covered themselves in glory during World War II, Princess Margaret said- (Sound)-

To end an outstanding occasion, a March-Past of this famous Squadron- whose battle honours (commemorated on the scrolls of its standard)- include Dunkirk, the Battle of Britain, Malta, Eastern Waters, Fortress Europe, Home Defence and France and Germany.

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