

ROYAL TOUR OF LANCASHIRE

Beginning his tour at Lancaster Castle, the King is offered the keys presented to John O'Gaunt, Queen Elizabeth and Queen Victoria. Then, with Lord Sifton, Constable of the Castle, His Majesty becomes the first reigning monarch to enter the castle since Queen Victoria, one hundred years ago.

From the Castle the Royal party goes to the Royal Lancaster Infirmary. The King's tour of the Duchy was planned for a month ago, but a cold caused him to postpone it.

A tour of part of the five Duchy estates begins at Corless Mill Farm where Mrs. Fox and her husband are tenants.

In the incubator room 800 day-old Ancona chicks make their bow.

Tenants of other farms which can't be included in the tour are also here to meet their landlord, the Duke of Lancaster.

At Wards House Farm Mr. and Mrs. Garlick, 85-years-old parents of the tenants John and William meet their Majesties on the second day of the tour. Afterwards morning tea - with the Garlicks is on the schedule.

At Preston there's no 'morning-after-the-budget' atmosphere at the Town Hall as the huge crowd waits for Their Majesties to appear on the balcony, as the two-day tour comes to an end, and Loyal Lancashire cheers the King, the Duke of Lancaster.