

ROYAL SALE OF WORK.

Mergases are up in the grounds of Berygoldie Castle, the Queen Mother's Scottish home. It's a sale of work for the local church - but a sale with a difference! It's organized by the Queen Mother, who arrives with the Queen, the Duke, the royal children, and the lady of the hour - Princess Margaret, the "Birthday Princess". The Royal Family have a wonderful record of serving the people - and today they're going to do it literally, from behind the counter!

The Queen Mother organizes her staff - the Queen's to start with biscuits, Princess Margaret with children's mugs and household goods, the Duke's to run the provision stall with Prince Michael's help, and as for the youngsters - there's hawker at sixpence and postcards at fourpence. The family hope to raise enough for a new vestry for Crathie Church, with which they attend when they're at Balmoral. With all these customers, they should succeed!

Within a few minutes of starting, they're doing a roaring trade. Tough Princess Anne's a little overwhelmed by it all at first.

Oh well, let's take the plunge and sell something. How about this one? It's only fourpence.

The Queen could do with two pairs of hands! The Royal family rarely have occasion to handle money. But you'd think they'd been doing this all their life!

This money business gets complicated, when it's coming in so fast. Never mind, let's count it afterwards.

Now how about something to fill it!

These are very popular at the moment, madam. You'll take it? Thank you.

Oh yes, the change.

As usual, the Duke has a joke for everyone.

How many of these things will actually be used - and how many will go into a cupboard as treasured souvenirs?

She'll have to use the food, but at least she can keep the basket.

(over/-)



The lady who organised it all is going fine - no doubt about it, Grathic Church will be getting its new vestry!

There's not much left to sell now. This must be an all-time record for clearing a church bazaar!

But if anyone steals the show, it's the Birthday Princess. Everyone wants to buy from her, and to wish her well. And so at last everything is sold, and the Royal Family take their leave - exhausted but happy. They've enjoyed this very informal occasion as much as the customers.

Here's a couple who are sorry it's over!