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Meat prices were unchanged, with veal a popular choice. Sausages were 18c. and 25c. lb., and cooked meats included ham, and roast pork 60c. lb.; spiced beef 50c., headcheese and bologna 15c., jellied chicken 10c. to 25c. glass. Individual meat pies were 5c. each. Fruit pies 25c. and 35c., and all kinds of cookies, cakes and breads were on the home baking tables.

Butter was steady at 25c. lb., eggs were 28c. dozen extras, 25c. large and 23c. medium; cream was 35c. and 40c. pint, cottage cheese 10c. each, Canadian loaf cheese 20c. lb. Roasting chickens 25c. and 28c. lb.

All kinds of cut flowers gave a nice choice for Mother's Day, with red or white carnations selling at 10c. each. Perennial roots were 18c. each, 3 for 50c., pansies 20c. box and various kinds of annuals 2 boxes for 25c. Shrubs and evergreens sold from 25c. each up.



COURT OF REVISION

Municipality of the **TOWNSHIP OF MARKHAM** COUNTY OF YORK

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that a Court of Revision of the Assessment Roll for the Township of Markham will be held in Township Hall, Unionville, on

MONDAY, MAY 29th, 1939 at 2 o'clock p.m. to hear and adjudicate upon all complaints against the Assessment Roll of the Municipality of the Township of Markham for the said year 1939. All parties interested are requested to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

CHARLES HOOVER, Clerk of the said Municipality. Unionville, May 11th, 1939.

MEET LADY ELIZABETH BOWES-LYON

THE STORY OF THE EARLY LIFE OF QUEEN ELIZABETH By Ran Dolph

If big families make for happiness, then the Queen had a good chance of a bright childhood, for she was the youngest but one of ten children.

Lady Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon was born in the Hertfordshire home of her father, at St. Paul's Waldenbury, on August 4th, 1900.

A more delightful home to pass one's early years than St. Paul's it would be hard to find. It is a Queen Anne House, built of red brick, that has mellowed with the years into a deep warm soft colour. Yet it is not a home that gives one a feeling of tradition or of antiquity, rather it is a setting for the merry life of to-day. Although within a comparatively short distance of London, one seems lost in the heart of the country; the air is alive with song of birds, and a sleepy languorous air of ease and peace pervades the locality.

In this lovely country home, was the small Lady Elizabeth to spend most of her childish days. As so often in a big family the two youngest children are brought up in particularly close contact, so Elizabeth and her brother David were inseparable playmates, with only fifteen months difference in their ages.

Evidently from the earliest days the little girl displayed that liveliness of disposition and sweetness of character that have so marked her adult years. As a tiny child she showed that gift of pleasing others that has remained with her to this hour. The nurse that had charge of the Queen from the time she was a month old till she reached her eleventh year, loves to talk of her pretty charge, and if anyone knew her, she should, for company manners are discarded in the nursery. She was an exceptionally merry child chattering away early, and walking soon after passing her first birthday.

While Elizabeth and her little brother David were very young, their mother, the Countess of Strathmore, herself, undertook their education. This course included the ordinary rudiments of knowledge, but far more popular both with teacher and children were lessons in drawing, music and dancing. Both children betrayed a natural facility for dancing, and one can well imagine how mother-pride was gratified in instructing the charming pretty little girl in this graceful art. By the time she was three Lady Elizabeth had the skill and self-possession to dance for the entertainment of her parents guests. She and her little brother learnt many fancy dances, which they performed together.

As a child Lady Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon showed a natural hospitable instinct being a born hostess. There is a delightful story told of how, when she was but three years of age. One day the factor of the estate, a middle-aged man, chanced to call, and the child met him hospitably. "How do you do, Mr. Ralston," she exclaimed. "Why I haven't seen you look so well, for years and years; but I am sure you will be sorry to learn Lord Strathmore has got a toothache."

Although there are many photographs of her taken in these early days, all who knew her then, say, that they fail to show her childish charm. This is also true of the photographs of to-day, for no likeness can produce the quality of her bright smile or the vivacity of her expression.

The general public perhaps does not realize that by birth as well as disposition the Queen is not unfitted for the position she has been called upon to fill. The present Earl of Strathmore is fourteenth in succession to the title, and the family is one of the most ancient and honourable in Scotland. Indeed there is royal blood in their veins, for they trace their descent from one Sir John Lyon of Forvie, who was chamberlain of Scotland, and who married Jean, the daughter of King Robert II, who, in the year 1372, presented to his daughter's husband the Thanedom of Glamis. No wonder, then, that the daughter of such a house should take to Royal honours in the twentieth century as though to manner born.

In those remote days landed estates increased almost automatically, and soon the family grew in importance, the grandson of Sir John being created Lord Glamis in 1445. Nearly two hundred years later the ninth Lord Glamis was made Earl of Kinghorne, and his grandson was given new honors, which entitled him in future to be known as "Earl of

Strathmore and Strathdickie". To come to our times, the grandfather of the Queen was created Baron Bowes, of Streatlam Castle and of Lunedale in the peerage of the United Kingdom, and it is by this title that the present Earl takes his seat in the house of Lords.

On her mother's side the Queen is also connected with some of our most famous English families, for the Countess of Strathmore is Nina Cecelia, a daughter of the late Rev. G. W. F. Cavendish-Bentinck, and the first cousin of the Duke of Portland.

In Scottish history the Strathmore family have played no unimportant part, and there is a world of legend and tradition associated with their name. The Earl of Strathmore, who succeeded to his title four years after the birth of his youngest daughter, was the possessor of three principal residences, Streatlam Castle in Durham, which was sold some years ago, never counted for much in the family life, Glamis on the other hand, has counted for much, although for many years it was treated as a holiday home rather than a permanent residence. There is however a glamour and a romance about the ancient Scottish seat that could not fail to make a deep and lasting impression on a plastic young mind. Such were the traditions that surrounded the early days of the future Queen Elizabeth, and her life never lacked the glamorous and romantic element. This counts for much in the training of a woman who was to be the involuntary heroine of millions of English-speaking women. Atmosphere counts for more than we realize in life, and our surroundings are an important part of education.

Similar to all true women, Lady Elizabeth loved dressing up, and, fortunately, she was able to display her natural taste more fully than is generally the case, for the family possesses a fine variety of old costumes, including not only dresses of the period of James I. and George IV., but also a wonderful collection of wigs. One can imagine a wet holiday would be a merry time when the children decided to impersonate their ancestors.

Early in life it was realized that Elizabeth had tact and understanding. Once a difficult guest was expected, and the family were discussing how to meet the situation. Someone exclaimed: "I know, let's ask Elizabeth to manage her. She can talk to anyone." And Lady Elizabeth did manage her.

Like all our precious possessions, tact is without price; it may be cultivated, but generally those who possess it are born with the gift. From childhood Queen Elizabeth has proved herself to be better endowed than most with this most precious quality, and surely nothing could better qualify her for the high position that she was some day to occupy in the state.

No day in the early life of the Queen will stand out so vividly as her fourteenth birthday—August 4, 1914. A day that will never be forgotten so long as English history is written. Lady Elizabeth had four brothers of military age. One was already in the army, and within a few days the other three had followed him. Then an elder sister, Lady Rose, decided she must train in a London hospital as a nurse. But the Earl and Countess of Strathmore were not content with giving their boys and girls to the service of the country. It was decided to throw open Glamis Castle as a hospital to receive a small part from the stream of wounded, who by this time were daily crossing the channel from France.

On Sept. 17th the brother, Hon. Fergus Bowes-Lyon was married to Lady Christian Norah Dawson-Damer, a daughter of the Earl of Pontharlington, only to end in a tragedy, for in September, 1915, just a year after it took place, he was killed at Loos, and his young widow thus paid with so many other thousands of women, her share in the great national catastrophe.

Lady Elizabeth was far too young to attempt any regular nursing duties, but she made it her self-appointed task to entertain newcomers at her home. She learned young the art of sympathy, and while her thoughts kept straying to those much-loved brothers abroad, she would realize that every wounded soldier in the Castle was equally loved by someone, and she did her best to act a sisterly part to all the men disabled guests who came under her father's roof. Lady Elizabeth (Continued on Page 7)

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