

The Queen Mother's sister dies

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother cancelled her visit to Ascot today after hearing of the death of her elder sister, Rose, Countess Granville. She was 77, ten years older than the Queen Mother.

The countess was born Lady Rose Bowes-Lyon, second daughter of the 14th Earl of Strathmore.

In 1916 she married the fourth Earl Granville. They had two children. The earl died in 1953. Lady Granville's home was at Pearsie, Kerriemuir, Angus.

Cars called in

LANSING, Michigan, Friday.—The Oldsmobile division of the General Motors Corp. said today that it was recalling 4104 of its 1967 and 1968 Toronados because of improperly welded wheels.

MASKED MEN

ROB HOTEL

TYCOON

OF £35,700

MIAMI, Friday.—Hotel tycoon Carling Dinkler and his wife were bound with adhesive tape today as two masked men robbed them of more than 100,000 dollars (£35,000).

The gunmen stole jewels and an undetermined amount of cash, police said.

They ordered the Dinklers into a bedroom and then ransacked their apartment.

They one pear-shaped diamond worth nearly 100,000 dollars, other rings and diamonds.

Mr. Dinkler owns a chain of hotels in Miami, Birmingham, Atlanta and New Orleans.

—U.P.I.

Carpets stolen

Smash and grab thieves escaped with two carpets worth £80 from Atlantic Furnishings, London Road.

HAS THE BBC BANNED BEATLES SONG?

A bit of a bloomer on the backside of The Walrus



MRS. CHEESMAN

FINANCIER SEEKS DECREE

Wealthy financier and sportsman, Brian Cheesman, 37, former Blackheath and Middlesex Rugby forward, is seeking a decree of nullity after only a year's marriage.

He has filed a petition in the High Court against former air hostess, Anne Lucas, 25, whom



MR. CHEESMAN

he married at Kensington register office, after a 72-hour "whirlwind" romance. His petition appears in the current list of forthcoming undefended suits to be heard in the Divorce Court in London.

Gelignite found

A bomb disposal team was called to Brentwood today after a stick of gelignite was found in The Avenue.

The BBC is, I understand, discreetly telling Radio 1 disc jockeys that the flip side of the new Beatles' record I Am The Walrus should not be played over the air, which is as near as Auntie gets these days to a complete ban.

The lines that producers have objected to are:

"Crabapple Ashwife
pornographic priestess
Boy you been a naughty girl
You let your knickers down."
A BBC spokesman said today that he was not aware of any decision by record programme producers not to play the record.

"We usually leave it up to the producer to decide for himself whether or not he thinks the record is suitable for his show."

A-side O.K.
He added, however, that it had not been played yet on any programme, although the A-side, "Hello Goodbye" was being played frequently.

Mr. Dick James, however, managing director of Northern Songs, the company which publishes all the Beatles' music, said that he had been told on Wednesday that the song would not be banned.

"If it were I should be extremely disturbed because of the principle involved," he said today. "It's likely that such an action and the controversy involved would help

RAY CONNOLLY



JOHN LENNON



TONY BLACKBURN

sales, but we like to sell records on the quality of the recording not on controversy."

Among the disc jockeys there were mixed feelings. Said Tony Blackburn: "I don't really think it is the right sort of stuff for my breakfast show anyway. Personally I think it's a bit silly to include the word 'knickers'. It doesn't add anything. I much prefer the A-side, which I've been playing."

But Chris Denning, 26, from the Where It's At Saturday show said that he thought the qualities of the record were so superb that they outweighed any moral question there may be.

"I must admit I'm slightly disappointed that I won't be able to play it," he said.

The song I Am The Walrus, written by John Lennon, is taken from the Beatles Magical Mystery Tour television film which is expected to be shown on Christmas Day.

I Am The Walrus is the second Beatles' record to earn Auntie's disapproval this year. During the summer A Day In The Life, a track from their album Sergeant Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band, was blacklisted.

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Queen home today

The Queen and Prince Philip were to return to England today after their four-day visit to Malta.

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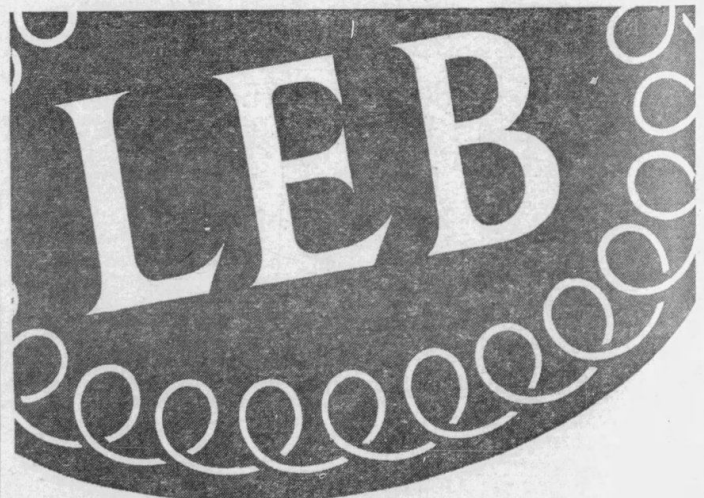
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