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Clarissa, Wife Of Eden, Niece Of Churchill (AP)

Churchill Niece

Lady Eden Back At Downing St.

By MARGARET SLAPPEY

LONDON—(AP)—In her younger days politically conscious Clarissa Spencer-Churchill did more debating than dating. And at 32 she made Anthony Eden propose several times before she said yes.

The blonde, blue-eyed aristocrat is now, at 34, completing a round trip as the niece of Prime Minister Churchill she left No. 10 Downing St. to go to her wedding. Now she goes back as the wife of Churchill's successor, and the Edens take over the official home of British prime ministers.

Like her husband, she has been underestimating her new job for a long time. Sir Anthony has worked and learned from Sir Winston during the years of the latter Churchill era. Lady Eden has been studying under Lady Churchill.

FEW CHANGES

Because of the admiration she has for Clementine Churchill, it is probable changes will be few in the running of the official residence and in the manner of serving as hostess for Britain's Prime Minister.

Britons generally agree a prime minister's wife can do her job by being occasionally seen and heard. Lady Eden fits the mold.

She is 5 feet 7. She's trim, a

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EDEN MISSED CHANCE IN FIRST WORLD WAR

LONDON—(AP)—On the Somme front in World War I, Sir Anthony Eden was a captain in the King's Royal Rifle Corps. He opposed German troops among whom there was a courier named Adolf Hitler.

Eden and Hitler, in the course of a conversation in Berlin years later, discovered they had served in the same sector.

Later in London a friend asked Eden:

"Is it true that you were opposite Hitler in the last war?"

"Yes, I understood from what Hitler told me that I was," Eden replied.

"Well, you ought to be taken from this room and shot."

"But why?" asked the friend.

"Well, you missed him, didn't you?" the friend said.

Weatherman On Side Of N. C. Fire Fighters

SWAN QUARTER—(AP)—With the weather on their side, fire fighters today patrolled backfire lines razing a giant forest fire which has burned over 250,000 acres.

Meanwhile, in Raleigh, Asst. State Forester Paul W. Tillman said there is "no question" but that the destructive blaze was deliberately set. Investigators in the field are pushing efforts to track down the guilty parties, he said.

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Our Weather

Mostly cloudy with occasional scattered showers or showers throughout tomorrow.

Low this morning, 54.

Low tonight, 56.

High yesterday, 65.

High today, 70.

High tomorrow, 72.

Sunrise, 6:03 a.m.; sunset, 6:46 p.m.

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Gunmen Get \$350,000 In N. Y. Bank Robbery

Anthony Eden Takes Helm As Top Minister

Veteran Diplomat Succeeds Churchill

By JACK SMITH

LONDON—(AP)—Sir Anthony Eden, who once walked out of the government rather than appease continental dictators, became Britain's prime minister today. He is the 42nd man to hold the nation's highest political office, and the youngest in three decades.

The 57-year-old diplomat—first divorced man in history to be named Premier—kissed the hand of Queen Elizabeth II and accepted her appointment to succeed his long-time political mentor, Sir Winston Churchill, who retired yesterday at 80.

Trumpets of the Horse Guards band sounded in the distance, like a herald of the new political era, as the handsome, debonair statesman in frock coat left Buckingham Palace under pale sunshine to drive back to his new duties.

NEWS BY BBC

The gray capital, with all its newspapers on strike, got news of the historic changeover in a palace communique read over the British Broadcasting Corp. The text:

"The Queen received the Right Hon. Sir Anthony Eden, MP, in audience this morning and offered him the post of Prime Minister and first lord of the treasury. Sir Anthony Eden accepted Her Majesty's offer and kissed her hand upon his appointment."

Churchill's political career had more than 13 years fidgeted incessantly with his job and frequently smoothed his gray hair as he arrived at the palace—12 minutes earlier than his 11 a.m. appointment with the sovereign.

APPEARS AT EASE

But, on the return journey after his 45-minute interview in the Queen's private apartments, he appeared at ease and confident. A crowd of 3,000—many unaware, because of the newspaper strike, of what was going on—watched his sleek black limousine depart.

"Good luck to you, Sir Anthony," a small crowd shouted on his return to the Foreign Office in Downing Street to wind up his business there.

"Thanks. Thank you all very much," he replied with a wave and a nod of his iron-gray hair.

FIRST DUTY

His first major duty was to pick his Cabinet and several important changes were expected. The biggest was the naming of his own foreign secretary. The general assumption in London was that the nod would go to Defense Minister Harold Macmillan, 60, a director of the Macmillan Publishing Co. and a long-time friend of President Eisenhower.

Eden's succession to No. 10 Downing touched off the first heavy shots in the campaign for the general election he is expected to call within months. Many politicians are expecting a vote as early as May 26.

Even while Eden was at the palace left-wing Laborite rebel Ben Bevan cut loose with a political blast which tipped the line that many Socialists are likely to take in the run-up to unseat the Conservative party.

"Scarcely adequate to meet the challenge of the new hydrogen age," Bevan wrote in the Weekly Tribune, adding:

"The problem for Sir Anthony"

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A Debut For Anthony Eden (left) And An Exit For Churchill . . . And Happiness For Both (AP Wirephoto)

Heavy Winds Batter North Texas Areas

SHERMAN, Tex. (AP)—Heavy winds described as "tornado-like" hail and rain battered north Texas areas early today and left at least 15 injured in Sherman.

At Bonham to the east of Sherman, newspaper Bob Cantrell reported "awfully heavy rain," a vicious, crop-killing hailstorm, and winds of tornado force.

Cantrell said buildings, both business and residential, were unroofed by the wind and that some streets were blocked temporarily by falling limbs from wind-whipped trees.

TOTAL LOSS

Cantrell said hail of "large marble size" covered the ground to an inch in depth and that in some deep. He predicted a total loss to any crops standing and said fruit trees were stripped.

Television antennas, roofs, trees and shrubbery were the chief sufferers in Bonham, Cantrell said, and added that the Bonham police department's short wave radio antenna was wrapped around the rear of the police station by the terrific winds.

Power was knocked out to many sections of Bonham. Cantrell reported Flying sheet iron, picked up from the roofs of buildings, cut power lines like they were straws.

SAME TIME

The storm struck in north Texas about the time that the Dallas weather bureau station issued a severe weather warning for a wide Texas-Oklahoma area.

Surveys Planned By State

Old Sardis, Airport Road Projects Given Priority

By DICK YOUNG
Charlotte News Staff Writer

The relocation of an airport road and a survey for the widening and improvement of Crescent Ave. Ext.-Old Sardis Rd. are immediate projects of the State Highway Commission.

The improvement for the airport road providing a direct connection with Wilkinson Blvd. and the new airport terminal will be based on cooperation by the City Council in providing right-of-way etc.

In a conference today with members of the City Council James A. Hardison of Wadesboro, state highway commissioner, announced that a survey for the Crescent Ave.-Sardis Rd. project has been ordered.

"Need for the widening of Central Ave. from The Plaza to the city limits was admitted by Mr. Hardison but he said no funds are earmarked for this undertaking."

Announcement was made by City Manager Henry A. Vancey, in answer to a query from Mr. Hardison, the right-of-way negotiations will be concluded and plans and specifications completed so that contracts can be let in July for construction of the Southern Railway's crossline south of the city.

NO MONEY

Brief mention was made of the need for widening Rozelle's Ferry Rd. and Pineville Rd. but the money for these improvements has yet to be secured.

The relocation of the road at the airport was initiated some time ago by the local unit of the Air National Guard.

Recently a change in the location of another section of this road was occasioned by the granting of a lease to the Cannon Aircraft Sales & Service Inc. for a fixed base operation at the southern end of runway 36.

Mr. Hardison said the State Highway Commission would construct a road at its new location for both of these sections.

At his request the City Council went on record formally

to provide a 100-foot right-of-way for the relocated road and to clear this new route of all buildings.

CO-OPERATION PLEDGED

The council pledged its full cooperation with the commission in this enterprise and signified its intention of petitioning the Board of County Commissioners to abandon certain roads that will not be needed after the road is relocated.

"When we complete the survey we'll come back and talk to you more about this," said Mr. Hardison.

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wide but he said it really ought to be 150 feet wide.

He informed the council that survey for this project has been ordered and he expressed hope that it might be initiated soon.

A decision regarding the city's participation in the right-of-way acquisition was postponed until completion of the survey.

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Madrey Plans Bill

Teacher Contract Termination Asked

RALEIGH—(AP)—Rep. Gordon Madrey of Hertford told the House today he intends to introduce a bill tomorrow terminating all teacher contracts at the close of the current school year.

The bill is an outgrowth of the U.S. Supreme Court decision outlawing public school segregation.

Teachers now have their contracts continued automatically by the school district which employs them unless they are notified prior to the end of the school year that they will not be reemployed, school districts might take place.

It has been indicated in some quarters that restricting of some as a result of the high court's decree.

Madrey, who is chairman of the House Education Committee, told an unofficial meeting of the House today the purpose of the bill is to "promote the development and operation of a sound, vigorous, progressive and coordinated system of higher education in North Carolina."

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Warning Out On Tornadoes

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The Weather Bureau today warned residents of an area cutting across six states from Oklahoma to Georgia to be on the alert for "destructive storms."

A 10 a.m. EST bulletin said:

"The Weather Bureau's Severe Weather Center at Kansas City advises that tornadoes, hail and severe wind storms have been reported this morning in north-central Texas."

"Additional tornadoes are expected this morning and afternoon in southern Oklahoma, extreme north Texas and southwest Arkansas."

"Severe thunderstorms are also expected this morning and afternoon from southeast Arkansas across northern Mississippi, northern Alabama and northern Georgia."

"The Weather Bureau advises that this is a threatening storm situation and persons living in these designated areas should be on the alert for development of destructive storms."

Haul Believed Record For Bank Robberies

Armed Men Make Clean Getaway

NEW YORK (AP)—Four gunmen robbed a Queens bank today of \$350,000—believed the largest cash haul ever taken from a bank.

The figures were given to newsmen by Queens Dist. Atty. T. Vincent Quinn after he conferred with bank officials.

Four men, one carrying a tommy gun, herded 11 employees of the Chase Manhattan Bank's Woodside branch into the car. The premises and made a clean getaway.

A \$190,319 cash holdup of a Franklin National Bank Branch in Floral Park, on Long Island in 1953 was regarded then as the record cash holdup of a bank.

Seven men robbed a Lincoln, Neb., bank of \$2,288,700 in 1950, but only \$25,000 of that was in cash.

Almost simultaneously with the Queens robbery, three masked and armed men entered a jewelry firm in neighboring Manhattan, escaping with \$75,000 to \$100,000 worth of diamonds.

New York City police said the robbery in Queens, a largely residential borough of the city, was the largest they could recall in the city's history.

It far outdistanced the \$23,335 obtained by Willie (The Actor) Sutton in a Queens bank robbery in 1950.

The gunman today first waylaid Henry Bardenhagen, 24, the bank's chief clerk, in his automobile.

Bardenhagen had stopped at a traffic light en route from his home to the bank at about 8:3 a.m. A man with a gun stepped up beside the car and forced him into the back seat.

Three companions of the gunman jumped into the car. They drove to the bank and, holding their guns to the bank and holding their guns to the bank, held him in.

The robbers forced him and other employees into a vault and tied the up. As other employees arrived for the day's work, two of the robbers forced them into the vault and bound them.

The other two thieves meanwhile collected the loot.

All four fled through a back door and got away in Bardenhagen's automobile.

The car was found abandoned a short distance away. Police surmised the robbers transferred to another automobile to continue their flight.

Chinese Reds Fire On Little Queeny

TAIPEI, Formosa (AP)—Communist artillery on Army front 24 shells today at Little Queeny Island, a Chinese Nationalist Defense Ministry announcement.

The barrage caused no damage or casualties, the Communiqué said. It did not say whether the Nationalists returned the fire.

GROCERY NEWS

TIPS

By BETTY BOYER

Try the New Triple-Treat Ice Cream for Easter—It's Delicious!

Smart Housewives Are Buying the Shortening That Gives Them 1/2 Lb. FREE!

Serve the Product That Gives You Easily Prepared Meals of Delicious Lean Beef in Natural Gravy.

For the Best Results Use the Moth Proof Spray That Gives Protection throughout the Year!

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It's Easter, and A Lady Named Evie Verna of Philadelphia Goes Shopping For An Appropriate Hat. (AP Wirephoto)