

Crowds Line City Streets As British Queen Mother Arrives For State Visit

Crowded Five Hour Schedule For Royal Guest

Tour Of City, Visit To Naval Academy Planned

England's Queen Mother Elizabeth stepped from a Rolls-Royce of the British Embassy shortly after 11:30 A. M. today to begin her State visit to Annapolis.

Poised and smiling before a crowd of 2,500 at the Government House, her Majesty greeted Annapolitans with a wave of her hand as she entered the city by way of West Street.

The exquisite appearance of the Queen Mother, who was dressed in grey, brought a spontaneous burst of applause as she left the car to be the guest of Gov. and Mrs. Theodore R. McKeldin.

Ahead of her was a five-hour schedule timed to the minute. This afternoon it was to include a tour of the city, a review of the Naval Academy's brigade of 3,800 midshipmen and tea at the Academy's superintendent's quarters.

Visits State House

The Queen's first visit was to be made to the State House, capitol of this former colonial seat of British government.

Next she was hurried over to St. Anne's Episcopal Church to be greeted there by Dr. Charles Edward Berger, rector, and Mrs. Berger, the Rev. Alden Besse, curate, and Mayor and Mrs. Arthur G. Ellington.

At the church she was to view a silver service King William of Orange presented St. Anne's in 1695. She also was to see a Bible given the church by General John Hammond of His Majesty's Forces in 1707, a gift which cost him 40 pounds—a high price in those days and equivalent to several years' salaries of an Englishman.

In conducting her through the church, Dr. Berger was to explain to the Queen Mother that the silver service was presented by King William as a gesture of his pleasure over Maryland's legislative act establishing itself as a Protestant Province of England.

The Evening Capital
Monday, Nov. 8, 1954

Capital Moved

The capital of the state had just been moved from St. Mary's City, where it was identified with the Catholic Church, in keeping with the Free State's decision to decide with England and against King James II, a Catholic, that it should be Protestant.

In St. Anne's Church Yard the Queen Mother was scheduled to stop briefly to inspect the grave of Sir Robert Eden, colonial governor of Maryland and an ancestor of Sir Anthony Eden, England's foreign secretary.

Accompanied by British Ambassador Sir Roger and Lady Macking in a party of nine, the Queen Mother dined on Maryland terrapin at Government House before leaving for a tour of the city.

Afterwards she was scheduled to go on a tour of the old part of the city, where the architecture is rich in its English heritage. On College Avenue she was to see St. John's College, third oldest college in the United States, originally King William's School.

At Naval Academy

At 2:45 P.M. she will arrive at the Naval Academy and proceed to the Academy Chapel where Rear Admiral Walter H. Boone, academy superintendent, will receive her.

There she will be rendered honors by the Naval Academy band and a full Marine honor guard. The band will sound four ruffles

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and flourishes and play "God Save the Queen."

The Academy station ship Reina Mercedes will fly the British ensign during the Queen Mother's visit.

After a 10-minute tour of the chapel, the party will make a short motor tour of the Academy, ending at Worden Field at 3:10 P.M. where the Brigade of Midshipmen will march in review. Musical honors, including the British anthem, again will be played during the parade climaxed by a 21-gun salute.

From there the Queen Mother and her party were to be guests at a tea given by Admiral and Mrs. Boone with approximately 65 guests invited.
