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Scotland Precedes Royal Holiday

ing The Tough Boys Praises Shetlanders' Adventurous Hike

ON a twelve-hour visit to Scotland yesterday, to present badges and certificates in connection with his character-building Awards scheme, the Duke of Edinburgh visited an approved school at Paisley—the first Royal visit to an approved school in Scotland. From Glasgow he flew by helicopter to Sauchie, on the outskirts of Alloa, and to Dundee, where he met three boys from the Aberdeen Lads' Club and two young Shetlanders for whom he had an especial word of praise.

After dining with Lord Provost William Hughes, the Duke left Dundee by train, to join the Queen and Princess Anne at Sandringham for Whitsun. Also travelling overnight was Princess Margaret, who left Euston early this morning to join the Queen Mother at Birkhall on Deeside.

The badges the Duke presented yesterday bear his cypher and are won by maintaining a certain all-round standard, including some form of public service, and an outdoor expedition over rough country.

The Shetland boys to whom he presented gold badges at Dundee Boys' Brigade H.Q. were two eighteen-years-old Lerwick sergeants of the 1st Lerwick B.B. Company—Ronald Gray and Lindsay Smith, fifth year classmates at the Anderson Educational Institute.

The Duke was interested in Donald's account of their 72-hours' hike in a storm which lashed the Shetlands for several days and flooded much of the bogland through which they had to trek.

At the MacRae Boys' Club, bronze class certificates were presented by the Duke to George Tierney, Frank Wheeler and Fred Moore from Aberdeen Lads' Club—the first candidates from the Club for character-building awards. He told the boys he hoped their initial success would encourage them to go for the higher awards.

Passing from a room where boys were practising first-aid to go into the club's pets' corner, the Duke caught the top of his head a resounding crack on a low doorway.

"Oh, dear," he exclaimed, as he rubbed his head.

The Duke's helicopter, with a following west wind, landed at Riverside Park about ten minutes ahead of the time the Duke was due in Dundee.

SAW WORKSHOPS

The Duke's tour started from Paisley, where at the town hall he presented awards to 43 boys from two senior schools and the local battalion of the Boys' Brigade.

He drove to Thornly Park Approved School past hundreds of cheering children.

After presenting awards to the boys at the school, the Duke said: "What I really want to see is the school and how it functions, instead of a lot of faces." He was then taken on a tour of the dormitories and sick rooms, dining room and kitchen, boxing ring and swimming bath, and the classrooms, workshops and playing fields.

In the workshops the Duke saw the first of a fleet of six canoes which the boys are building for an expedition in the Highlands during the summer.

When he inspected the boxing team, he said that they could not have had many fights recently, because there were no marks on their faces. A teacher in the party told him: "Our lads are so tough that nobody has been able to touch them in their fights."

LOST SPECS.

In the Palace of Art, Bellahouston, the Duke presented the "Duke of Edinburgh Award" to thirty-seven boys from Glasgow, Edinburgh and Denny and Dunipace.

Among the awards was a gold badge—the first gold award to go to a Service cadet in Scotland. The recipient was Cadet Sergeant David Hood of Edinburgh.

Before the party was ready to leave for Ibrox, a police car arrived, and out stepped Squadron Leader Henry Chinnery, the private secretary, who had been searching Scotland in vain for the Duke's spectacles, which he found in Paisley. The

Duke decided they must have been left on the train.

On the short trip to Ibrox a special cheer came from a group of building workers on an unfinished house—they held their tea and "piece" aloft.

At Sauchie the Duke landed on the National Coal Board's football ground.

Before presenting the silver division of his award to eleven young miners at the residential training centre of the N.C.B.—the only centre of its kind in Britain—the Duke said: "This particular thing is not intended to be any highfalutin business."

QUEEN'S HOLIDAY

The Queen arrived last night at Sandringham, where she will spend a week with the Duke of Edinburgh and Princess Anne.

She had flown to Marham, Norfolk, in a Heron aircraft of the Queen's Flight, after a visit to the Royal Regiment of Artillery, of which she is Captain-General, at the regiment's depot at Woolwich.

There she made a half-hour tour in a Land Rover to look at guided weapons.

SMILING PRINCESS

Princess Anne went by car from Windsor Castle to Sandringham earlier yesterday.

Before leaving Euston at one a.m. for Birkhall, Princess Margaret attended a performance of "My Fair Lady" at Drury Lane.

One of the nurses who formed a guard of honour presented her with a bouquet before she entered the Royal box.