

**MEDIEVAL PLAY-BOY**

By JOHN D. McCREADY

Queen Elizabeth recently made her handsome young son, Charles, Prince of Wales, as her ancestors have done with their eldest sons for six hundred years.

Let us hope he will fare better than the first young man who bore that title.

In the year 1284 King Edward the First, one of England's strongest and ablest rulers, had just conquered Wales. He and his queen were sojourning in Carnarvon castle, in Wales' northwestern corner. There, on April 24th, a son was born and given his father's first name.

A pretty legend later grew up that Edward the First, wishing to placate the Welsh people, presented his son to them at birth as their very own prince. Actually the title "Prince of Wales" was not given the boy until 1301, when he was seventeen years old, and then by act of Parliament.

Back in England rearing his son, the elder Edward tried in vain to interest him in statecraft and warfare, but the boy cared for nothing but recreation and certain mechanical hobbies. His father had set his heart on the conquest of Scotland, and had partly carried out his design. At the old king's death his son abandoned the enterprise and the Scots captured one after another of the strongholds his father had

taken until nothing remained in English hands but Stirling castle. Shamed into action by such events, the languid king assembled a huge army and led it northward. But at Bannockburn, on June 24, 1314, he suffered at the hands of Robert Bruce an utter and disgraceful defeat.

By nature irresolute of will, Edward the Second depended on a succession of personal favorites to furnish him with ideas and policies. The first of these was a knight named Piers Gaveston, whose influence on him during his father's lifetime had been so pernicious that Edward the First banished him. The son, on reaching the throne, recalled him, and referred to him on many matters of state. When the young monarch went to France, to marry Isabella, daughter of the French king, Philip the Fair, he turned over the rule of the realm to Gaveston. The barons of England finally became so incensed with "Brother Piers" that they had him murdered.

The next favorites of Edward were Hugh le Despenser and his son. After being of some service to the nation for a time, these two changed their ways and began heaping up wealth for themselves. At the same time the Despensers incurred the ill will of Queen Isabella, who turned against her husband also, because of his support of the pair.

The queen kept her thoughts to herself for a time, but when in France on a visit she sent word to the king that she would not return unless the Despensers were removed from their positions. She was at this time forming an illicit connection with one of the men whom Edward had exiled, Roger Mortimer. In September 1326 she and her paramour-conspirator landed in England to overthrow her husband's regime.

The king, finding himself forsaken by his followers, fled to the estate of the younger Despenser. The queen followed, and capturing the Despensers executed them. Edward tried to escape by sea but was taken.

In January he was forced to resign his kingdom to his thirteen-year-old son. He was imprisoned in Kenilworth castle. Next he was given into the charge of two of Mortimer's servants. They carried him from one place if imprisonment to another and heaped on him every indignity. Then, finding that he did not die of such mistreatment, they murdered him on September 21, 1326.

Shakespeare was thinking of the fate of such men as this first Prince of Wales when he wrote some poignant lines.

Edward the Second must often have had such reflections:

"Princes have but their titles for their glories,  
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**Engagement Announced**



MISS LUCY BRIGHT COFIELD

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Eric Cofield, Sr., of Route 2, Edenton, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Lucy Bright Cofield of Burlington, to Dewey A. Hodgkin, Jr., son of Mrs. Dewey A. Hodgkin, Sr., and the late Mr. Hodgkin of Burlington.

The wedding will take place on October 10 in the chapel of the First Baptist Church of Burlington. Miss Cofield, a graduate of Edenton High School, attended Burlington Business College and is employed in the payroll department of Kaiser-Roth Hosiery Co., Greensboro.

Hope, like the gleaming taper's light,

Adorns and cheers our way;

And still, as darker grows the night,

Emits a brighter ray.

—Oliver Goldsmith.

in Burlington. She is a member of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority, serving as president of Burlington's Beta Theta Chapter for the past two years, and is now president of the city council of the combined Burlington chapters.

Mr. Hodgkin was graduated from Burlington High School and attended Illinois Institute of Technology at Chicago, Ill., and the Art Institute of the University of Chicago. He served three years in the U. S. Army in research and development photography, and is now in program production at Television Station WFMY, Greensboro.

**Weekly Devotional Column**

By JAMES McKENZIE

This is the second in a series of articles on the Holy Spirit as our Comforter.

The office of the Holy Spirit qualifies and enables Him to comfort us. First of all, He is the Author of the Bible (II Peter 1:21). Would you find comfort in the sacred volume? Who better to direct you to just the right passage; who better to reveal to you the deep meaning there that would speak to your heart, than the Holy Spirit?

Further, He directs our prayers. We are told to pray "in the Spirit" (Ephesians 6:18). Then know that "The Spirit of God . . . helps us in our present limitations. For example, we do not know how to pray worthily as sons of God, but the Spirit within us is actually praying for us in those agonizing longings which never find words. And God who knows the heart's secrets, understands, of course, the Spirit's intention as He prays for those who love God" (Romans 8:26, Phillips' translation).

In addition to this it is the office of the Holy Spirit to reveal Christ to us. Just as the Son reveals the Father, so the Spirit reveals the Son. Indeed, every act of the Holy Spirit is directed toward this end. Would you find comfort in Christ? He said, "The Spirit of truth which proceedeth from the Father, He shall testify of me" (John 15:26).

The Holy Spirit indwells every believer to reveal Christ, to empower for life and service, and to comfort. So real is His comforting presence that Jesus told His disciples, "I tell you the truth, it is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you" (John 16:7). We speak much of how wonderful it would be were Jesus here with us in the flesh, and so it would; but we have it from the lips of Jesus Himself that the presence of the Comforter, the Holy Spirit, is even more wonderful. The disciples knew Jesus intimately for three years—they lived with Him, walked with Him, ate with Him. They had Him under close observation and scrutiny night and day.

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**WITH THE FARM WOMEN**

By VIRGINIA M. NANCE, Extension Home Economics Editor

POLK County home demonstration club women have for some time discussed the need for training in home nursing, reports Mary Helen Neill, home agent. So the members of the Columbus Home Demonstration Club have worked out details for a course with the Red Cross Chapter in the county. Mrs. Sue Jordan, Columbus, and Mrs. Minto Henderson, Tryon, both club members, have received training to serve as instructors. . . . According to Bobby G. English, home agent, McDowell County, there's at least one club member who has snowballed her efforts in the project "Each Member Reach a Member." It seems that Mrs. J. H. L. Miller gave one of the monthly demonstration lesson sheets to Mrs. Mildred Fossett, an employee of a large industrial firm. Mrs. Fossett was so impressed with the information that she requested copies for the 50 other girls that worked with her. . . . Four-H Club members in LENOIR County had a unique way of honoring the selection of their county health king and queen recently. Marguerite Kennedy, assistant home agent, reports that at the annual 4-H Health and Recreation Day, five doctors were on hand to give

free physical examinations to around 125 club members. . . . Ann Huff, daughter of the A. W. Huffs of Mars Hill, was a first place winner in the junior division of the MADISON County dress revue, says Marie H. Buckner, assistant home agent. The judges were very much impressed with the superior quality of Ann's workmanship and said she could easily have competed in the senior division. Mrs. Huff has said that Ann is now making most of her school clothes and will soon do all of the sewing for the family. . . . Enthusiasm for community development runs high in the

Lowesville community in LINCOLN County, according to Ainslee Alexander, home agent. Community entrance signs have been erected, and the boys in the community have built mailbox supports for all who needed them. Many families have secured name plates for their mailboxes.

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