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Eden's Wife Especially Fitted To Live at No. 10 Downing St.

By MARGARET SLAPPEY
Of The Associated Press

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 understudying her new job for a long time. Sir Anthony has watched 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 best do her job by being occasionally seen and never heard. Lady Eden fits the mold.

She is 5 feet 7. She's trim, a little on the lean side and not given to putting on weight. She is naturally shy.

Before World War II, when she knew Anthony Eden only as a colleague of her uncle's, Clarissa was one of Britain's bright and politically conscious young women. They debated political issues and cared little, or said they did, anyway—for social activities.

Her mother, Lady Gwendoline Spencer-Churchill, was the daughter of the seventh earl of Abingdon. Her father was Maj. John Strange Spencer-Churchill, a descendant of the Duke of Marlborough. Her grandmother was Jennie Jerome, of New York, favored daughter of Leonard Jerome, American millionaire.

'CORRECT' ACCENT

Her mother died in 1941 and her father, called "the Churchill nobody knew," died in 1945. He was not wealthy. Clarissa inherited 200 pounds (\$800) a year and a small country cottage. She grew up in London and



CLARISSA EDEN
Perfectly at Home

Paris, went to excellent schools and learned to speak with the "correct" accent so necessary in London society. She wore properly subdued, often black and grey, tailored clothes. Silk scarves, matching her eyes, added a little color. Her shoes had outlandishly high heels.

She looked and acted like a well-born Englishwoman. In 1938 she was named London's most beautiful debutante.

She studied briefly at London University and Oxford. She worked on the English edition of Vogue and did film publicity work for Sir Alexander Korda for \$2,600 a year. Her war contribution was decoding work for the Ministry of Information.

After her uncle and future husband helped steer the Allies to victory, she took a sixth-floor apartment near Regent's Park. Her meals mostly came from a Greek restaurant nearby. She has a homey side.

Once she was robbed and it developed that she kept her jewels, some of them Churchill family heirlooms, in a butter can buried underneath the tomatoes down below her sink.

Occasionally she gave a cocktail party. No one recalls seeing Sir Anthony at one of the parties.

FIRST WIFE BORED

Eden got a divorce in 1950 from his first wife Beatrice. She had gone off to the United States "bored to tears with politics," and saying she "was not cut out to be a foreign minister's wife." Their son Nicholas had been living in Canada. Another son, Simon, was killed in Burma during the war.

As midsummer of 1952 passed there was hardly a hint that Clarissa and Eden were thinking about marriage. They saw each other occasionally but they did not appear to be particularly close friends.

Then in late summer came the social bombshell. Clarissa moved to Downing Street and the engagement was announced. Their friends say Eden had to ask her not once but several times. Al-

most without a pause the couple was married.

Somewhere, sandwiched among those events, Sir Winston had checked to see if it could be a church marriage. The answer from the Church of England was "no" because of Eden's divorce. So they were married in Caxton register office.

Eden at 55, was 23 years older than his bride.

They had been living in fashionable Carlton Gardens in London's West End, with a country place in Buckinghamshire called Dorneywood House. Now in addition to 10 Downing St. they will take over Chequers, the country home Britain furnishes its first ministers.

Lady Eden is expected to continue traveling with her husband. She also can be expected to launch a few ships, help lay cornerstones for hospitals and welfare houses, visit auto shows and let tankers be named for her if the owners insist.

She will be hostess when Queen Elizabeth visits No. 10, and hostess also for every type of political leader who visits London.



FIRST?—Sister Miriam Teresa Damjanovich may be the first American-born nun to become a saint. The Vatican is conducting an official religious inquiry into the life of Sister Miriam, who belonged to the Sisters of Charity of St. Elizabeth near Morrisown, N.J., before her death in 1927 at the age of 26. Born in Bayonne, N.J., she was well known for helping the sick.

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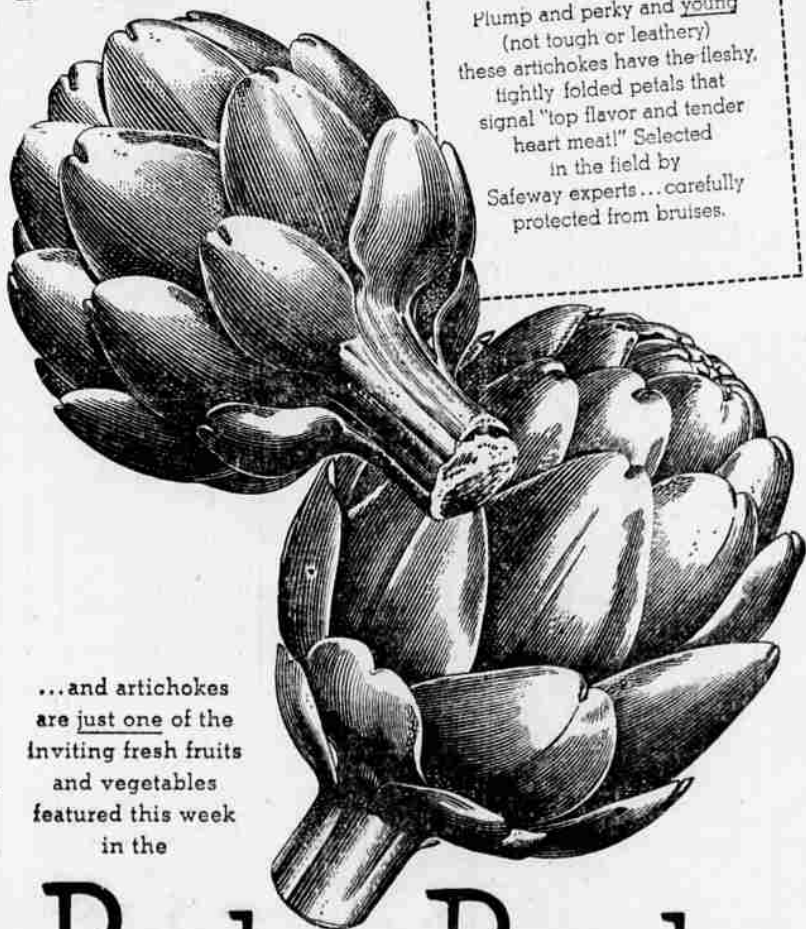
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Frank D. Schroth, president and publisher of the newspaper, set May 2 as the deadline for sale of the Eagle as a complete unit. Schroth said he reserved the right to sell the 113-year-old newspaper which has never missed an edition since its founding to a bidder other than the highest "if I feel that such a buyer would best serve the interests of Brooklyn and its people."

The assets of the newspaper will be sold at public auction on May 11, 12 and 13 if the Eagle is not sold as a unit, Schroth said.

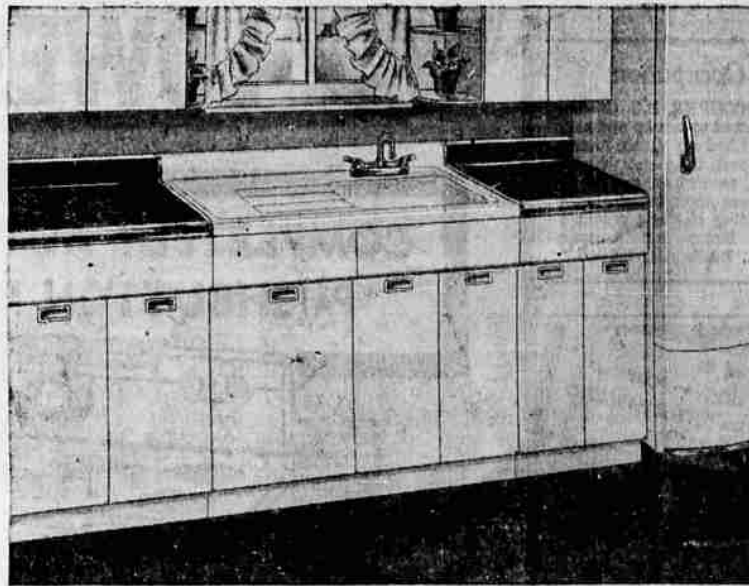
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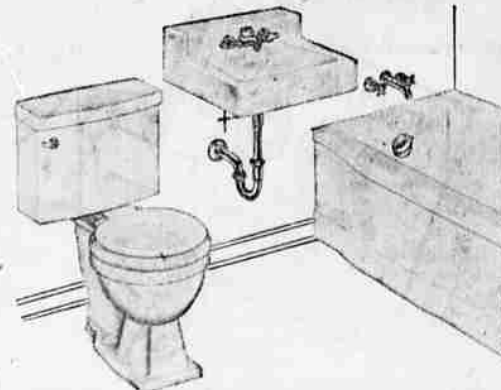
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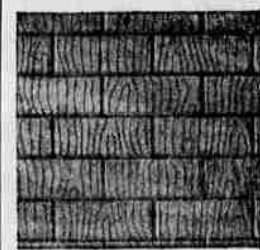
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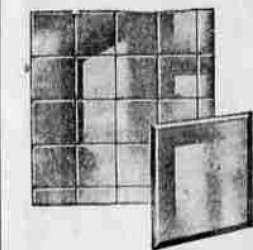
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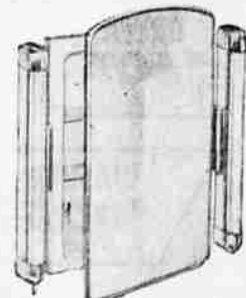
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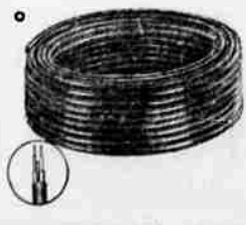
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