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ACCENT ON YOUTH FOR ROYAL TOUR

Brandon, Winnipeg Ceremonies For Princess Alexandra Visit

The young people of Manitoba will be active participants at ceremonies during the centennial visit of Princess Alexandra and her husband, Hon. Angus Ogilvy, to the province in early June.

Premier Duff Roblin announced that in keeping with the 31-year-old princess' own youthfulness, and with the important role of Manitoba youth in centennial celebrations, the two-day tour was designed to that end.

In addition to, or part of, the colorful series of youth events, municipal, school board and provincial representatives and Indian chiefs will be involved in appropriate ceremonies during the June 5 - 6 visit, while honour guards, street motorcades, veteran and Pan-Am ceremonies and hospital visits will round out the eventpacked tour.

The royal tour starts Monday morning June 5 when the young cousin of the Queen and her husband arrive at the Rivers Aprport. They will be escorted directly to Brandon for a noon-time ceremony on the college campus. It will include presentation of the charter of Brandon University, sod-turning of the centennial auditorium, and presentation of centennial medals to children.

Her formal Manitoba welcome takes place later in the afternoon at the RCAF Station, Winnipeg, when she is greeted by a 21-gun salute and honour guard and is received by the lieutenant-governor, premier and provincial secretary.

The itinerary for the rest of the day includes:

. Visit to Deer Lodge hospital and review of veterans' honour guard.

. Official opening of the Pan-Am Games velodrome, where Mayor Juba presents the games' president and executive director.

- . Petal parade down Broadway to the Fort Garry Hotel, with young children setting the stage for colorful youth participation by strewing flowers along the parade route.
- . Centennial award dinner, Civic Auditorium, to which representatives from throughout the province who have been active over a number of years in planning and working for the Canadian centennial and MLAs will be invited guests.

The round of activities on Tuesday, June 6 begins with an 11 a.m. ceremony at the Manitoba Centennial Centre, where Princess Alexandra will lay the cornerstone for the museum and inspect the planetarium. -2- ACCENT ON YOUTH ON ROYAL TOUR From this point, it's pretty well "Manitoba Children's Day." It starts with a ceremony at Redwood dock, where the princess names a York boat and inspects a naval cadet guard before boarding the Paddlewheel Queen for a river trip to Kildonan Park.

Here, with color, informality, and ceremony, students from Manitoba schools will greet Her Royal Highness as she leaves the landing stage in a horse-drawn brougham and will entertain her for a good part of the afternoon. Picnic lunches will be the order of the day for the students, while a representative group of them join Manitoba mayors, reeves and school division board chairmen in lunching informally with the princess at the park pavilion.

After a 15-minute park drive in the brougham, Her Royal Highness will be guests of the school children at Rainbow Stage. She will be welcomed by a youngster from a southern town and later thanked by one from Northern Manitoba. The program will include children's choirs, flag drills, a sing song, a speech by the princess and the presentation of medallions to representative children. This event will be broadcast on TV and radio, and it is planned that children not at the event will witness or hear the ceremony in their classrooms, and simultaneously will receive their own medallions, thus sharing in the central ceremony.

After this event Princess Alexandra will meet hospital and red cross representatives at St. Boniface Hospital and inspect a junior red cross honour guard.

Meanwhile Mr. Ogilvy's Tuesday will be taken up by the business community, including a morning reception by the chambers of commerce and a luncheon at the Wheat Board Building.

That evening the couple will be honored at a dinner at Government House, to be followed by a major centennial youth leaders reception at the Legislative Building.

This wind-up function of the tour will recognize activities of young Manitobans in the 16-to-35 age group who have given outstanding voluntary service to such organizations as guides and scouts, 4-H, the various Y's, C.G.I.T., Pan-Am Games, junior museum, musical festival and the like.

It is planned that 500 representatives will attend as nominees from various organizations throughout Manitoba. The idea is to make volunteer youth leadership something very special, and deserving of recognition in a meaningful way.

Departure ceremonies for the royal party, take place at 8:45 a.m. Wednesday June 7 at the RCAF station. An honour guard, and a parting 21-gun salute will provide the colorful background as the lieutenant-governor and premier say farewell on behalf of the people of Manitoba.

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