Rex North



wants to raise no barriers across the private lives of her children at school. No fuss, no preferential treatment—and a good idea it is. If it works out. Which is impossible.

Princess Anne starts school at Benenden on Friday. A few carefully prepared unprepared arrangements have been made.

Constable David Groves, a bachelor in his early twenties, is Anne's bodyguard. His instructions are precise. He will only keep strangers from the school grounds. He won't be constantly following Anne about the school-or worrying about cherry brandy. No problems so far.

Road Closed

But yesterday, the first barrier was bolted into place. A road across the school estate which had been open for forty years was closed. No one will now be allowed within sight of the three entrances to Benenden unless they are on business. Local villagers were angry.

David Cox, a young stockman who tends cattle grazing on the estate, was not in right royal humour. "If I have to show a pass every time I go through then my boss can take the cows in," he said.

Gordon Greenwood, Benenden's Bursar, explained. "Both gatehouses to the grounds will be manned and a third road is having a gate across it. We are sorry to do this—but the security authorities have requested

RICK ALLORD, former skipper of Errol Flynn's yacht "Zacca" has spent twenty-four hours adrift in an open speedboat in the Mediterranean after its engine stopped—which is not the most comforting thing to happen.

Lord Avebury in his Cannes-based yacht "Erna" came to the rescue. Said Rick: "He took me aboard, gave me coffee and dry clothes and helped to mend the engine."

CHUBBY CHECKER, 21-year-old King of the Twist, is planning to settle in Paris. There they should find

Chubby quiet, retiring, untwisted—and keen to learn French, which is always handy in France.

Catharina Lodders, World, Miss Holland, and a very beautiful girl, had a farewell Twist with Chubby at a London restaurant. They have known each other for nine months and it was said they would marry. Said Chubby: "I don't think so. am too young to marry." And he is off to Paris. . . .



Catharina Lodders

THE DUKE OF BEDFORD hesitated over a publicity stunt (and this makes history). A man parachuting into his Woburn estate clad only in tartan underpants was tasteless, he thought. The parachutist will now wear a kilt.

applaud the modesty of that lusty-voiced operatic bass OWEN BRANNIGAN. Holidaying in Cornwall, he had to put in a bit of rehearsal. "I thought hotel guests wouldn't appreciate too much of my voice," he said. "So I hired a hall where I could sing loudly to myself." Which is more than my wife ever did. . . .

MAURICE CHEVALIER has been making it known that he would like to make a film with Brigitte Bazdot.

B.B., when informed, uttered these historic words: "Chevalier? I don't know him. Leave me, want to be alone." Tres daft.

Great Train Robbery

By ARTHUR SMITH

AN attractive brunette in a light-blue Jaguar followed a police convoy that took nine men accused in the mail train robbery case back to prison yesterday.

Earlier, while the nine men appeared at Linslade, Bucks, she had heard a Scotland Yard detective allege that her husband, a solicitor's managing clerk, was a member of the gang that robbed the Glasgow-London train at Cheddington, on August 8.

Her husband, Brian Arthur Field, 29, 7 was making his first appearance in court after his arrest on Monday night on a charge of being concerned in the £2,600,000 robbery.

Field, smartly dressed in a grey suit, stood in the crowded dock in the tiny courtroom with the other eight men and Mrs. Mary Manson, who is charged with receiving £835.

Mrs. Karen Field, of Bridle-road. Whitchurch Hill, Oxfordshire, sat in the public benches during the thirty-minute hearing.

Then she climbed into her Jaguar saloon outside the court and was waved into the convoy by a policeman.

Escorted

The black marias in which the nine men were taken to Bedford Prison were escorted by five police cars—and Mrs. Field's Jaguar.

At Bedford she was allowed to see her husband.

After the prisoners had been remanded in custody at Linslade until September 26, strict security precautions were taken by police on the fifteen-mile drive to Bed-

This followed rumours that attempts to release some of the prisoners might be made.

Another man making his first appearance in court was Leonard Dennis Field, 31, merchant seaman, of Green-lanes, Manor House, London. He is not related to Brian Field.

Mistake

Detective Chief Superintendent Thomas Butler said when he told Leonard Field that he would be charged with being concerned in the robbery, Field replied: "You said it was only about selling the farm. I didn't do no robbery. You can believe that."

Mr. Butler alleged that Brian Field said: "I didn't take part in any robbery. You are making a mistake.

"I know the firm and myself were involved in the business at the farm with Lenny Field, but that is not robbery.

"This is serious and I can see my part will require some explaining now." Bail was refused for Robert Pelham, 26, of Lonsdale-road, Notting Hill, who is charged with receiving £551. The court

to contact Roy James, nicknamed The

Weasel, whom police want to question.

By CLIFFORD DAVIS TITHE Light Programme on BBC radio is to launch a two-hoursa-night pop music show-ending

at midnight. The new show, "Music to Midnight," is a substitute for the BBC's original plan to broadcast pop music into the early hours of the morning.

This plan has been shelved because of copyright troubles.

Names

"Music to Midnight" takes the BBC back to the days before the last war, when the big-name bands of Roy Fox, Lew Stone and Ambrose played latenight music.

The new series, starting on September 30, will include the BBC Revue and Variety orchestras, the Bill Shepherd Orchestra, and singers Dennis Lotis, Susan Maughan and Patsy Ann Noble.



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