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Withdraws To Church

Grandmother of Prince Charles Enters on Auster Life as Sister of Greek Orthodox Church

By L. S. CHAKALES

TENOS ISLAND, Aegean Sea, (AP) — The paternal grandmother of Britain's young Prince Charles is wearing the sober grey of a sister in the Greek Orthodox Church.

The 63-year old mother of Prince Philip, Princess Alice of Battenburg, in her own words "withdrew from the world" last July to dedicate the rest of her life to "service." She has yet to see her two-months' old grandson.

"Every year" she told the Associated Press in an interview, "each sister is given four weeks' holiday. I hope to use those this summer to go to London to see my son and grandson and other relatives, including my 86-year old mother."

Princess Alice lives in four simply-furnished rooms on the first floor of a two-storey villa on the end of this Aegean Island town where thousands of pilgrims make bi-annual pilgrimages to the miracle-work-

ing icon of the Church of the Virgin Mary. She has no servants. Living with her as a companion is black-robed Sister Sophia Dimitriou Alverti, a nun in the Greek Orthodox Church.

Between them they perform all household duties. There is no telephone. They have electric power only a few hours each night.

On rare occasions Princess Alice goes to Athens to visit her nephew and niece, King Paul and Queen Frederika.

Asked if there were a possibility that Prince Philip might visit her here, she declared it would be "impossible" in less than a year. He would be required to stay in England because of the King's illness.

DEMANDING SCHEDULE

Tall, erect and vigorous despite her 63 years, the British widow of the late Greek Prince Andrew maintains a demanding schedule. Usually she arises at six. With Sister Sophia she goes each morning to the Church of the Virgin Mary for worship.

The entire community knows "The Princess." She neither receives nor expects any more favors than are granted to the other sisters. The priests describe her as a "loyal and faithful servant of the Lord." She has adopted with the approval of the church, the task of starting a nurse's school so that each of the villages on the island of 12,500 persons could be assured of at least some form of medical assistance.

The project hasn't been eminently successful because of lack of money. Princess Alice is also having difficulty in recruiting enough Greek maidens who want to make nursing a career.

While the nursing school is her primary work, Princess Alice also crowds numerous acts of charity into her crowded day. Personal friends in London, Athens and other European capitals constantly send her packages and gifts. These she distributes to the poor and underprivileged of the island.

"I don't approve of publicizing our work, because it is sufficient with in itself," she said. "It is a duty and duty is its own reward."

"I am neither statesman, politician or movie star," she said smilingly, in declining to be photographed. "Making pictures of me at work would be

Reminiscences and Reflections

By W.J.

Wednesday was the second of February! The playful tradition of a close affinity between that day, the groundhog seeing, or failing to see his shadow, and the state of the weather for a specified length of time is nonsense. The groundhog legend stays. It comes and is discussed, perhaps in a whimsical way. But, come it does, just as regularly and surely as February itself.

City and district school teachers will draw more money and no one will quarrel with that decision. There is greater responsibility attached to the position of a teacher than the most of us think. Far higher salaries are paid many whose importance to society is not to be compared with that of those who assume the obligation of making the first imprint on expanding minds.

Mention has been made of the increasing number of the aged, who spend their declining years in British Columbia and citizens who would like to do so. There is nothing surprising about it. Dwelling on the

reasons is, doubtless, one of the reasons why life becomes longer.

Quebec to Ocean Falls as Rector

On their way to Ocean Falls where Mr. Stephens will assume duty as rector of the Anglican Church, Rev. and Mrs. N. A. Stephens and four children are due in the city on the next train from the East. Mr. Stephens is coming from Bedford, Quebec, where he has been rector for several years. At Ocean Falls he succeeds Rev. A. Lord who is leaving for Montana.

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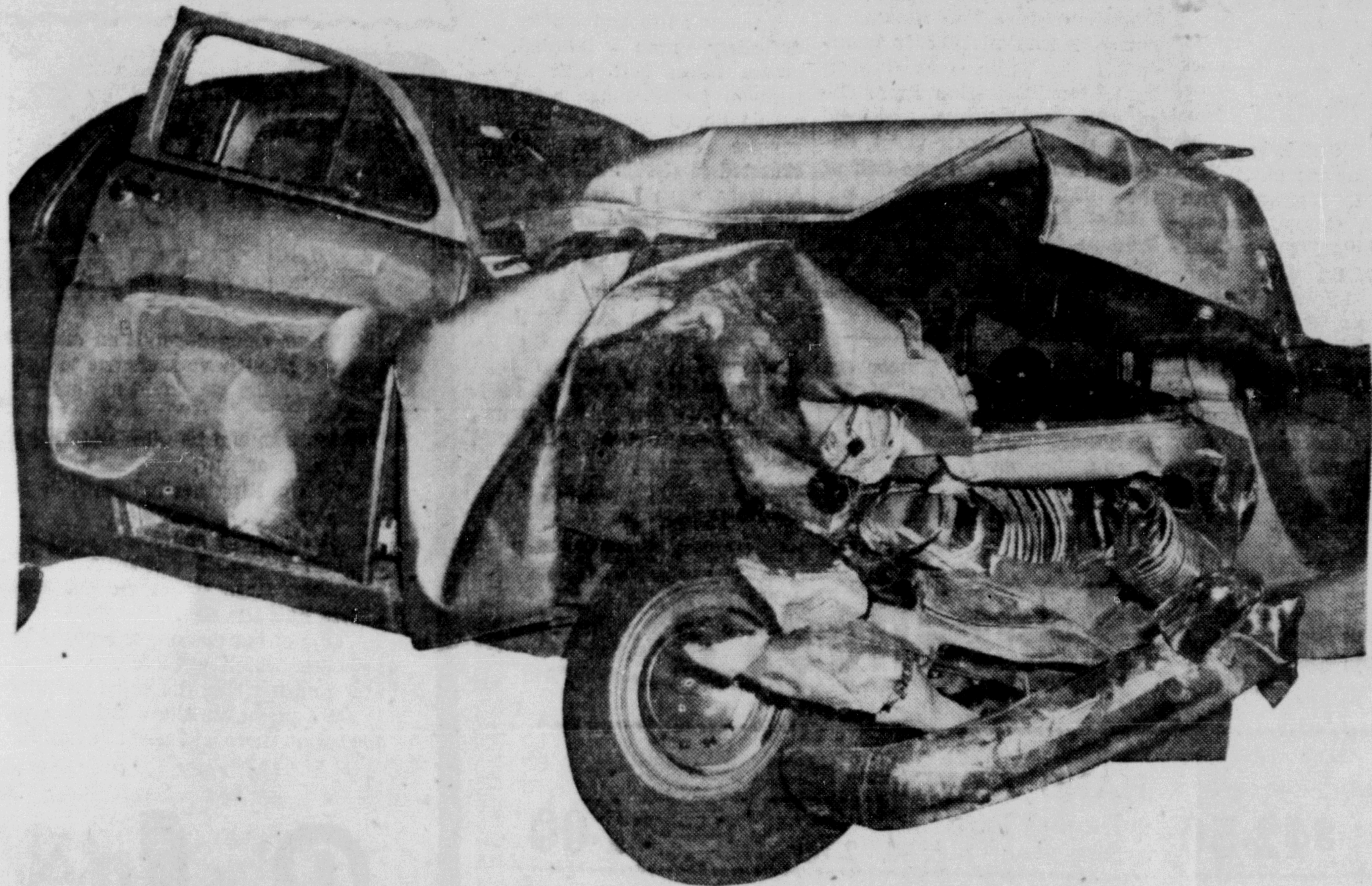
with "sp" that means "define"?

Answers

1. Say, "He had no alternative," meaning a choice of two things. 2. The preferred accent is on the second syllable, and not the third. 3. Miscellaneous. 4. Pertaining to an ideal; striving for an imaginary ideal perfection. "It was the idealistic dream of an artist." 5. Specific.

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