



King Hussein of Jordan and his fiancée, Miss Antonette (Toni) Avril Gardiner, 20, whose engagement was announced on Monday. Miss Gardiner was born at Chelmondiston, near Ipswich.

BRITISH GIRL TO BE QUEEN OF JORDAN

FATHER AIDE TO KING HUSSEIN

DAILY TELEGRAPH REPORTER

MISS ANTOINETTE (Toni) AVRIL GARDINER, 20, the British girl from "a small, ordinary family" who is to be Queen of Jordan, worked for some months as a telephone operator for a Stratford-on-Avon firm.

She left over a year ago to join her parents in Amman. "Toni was a pleasant, fair, pretty girl and we all got on well with her," said Mrs. Brenda Clifford, 19, who took over her job on the switchboard of the Peak Engineering Company.

Miss Gardiner, 20, is the only daughter of Lt.-Col. W. P. Gardiner and Mrs. Gardiner, of Chelmondiston, Ipswich, Suffolk, where she was born. When she met King Hussein she was working as a typist in a film studio shooting "Lawrence of Arabia".

FATHER WON MC British Mission Member

Col. Gardiner won the Military Cross in the war. A major in the Royal Engineers, he is a member of the British Army Advisory Mission to Jordan. He was appointed a local lieutenant-colonel on joining King Hussein's staff in Amman.

He was commissioned in 1940 and served for three years in the Middle East during the war. He left the Army in 1946 and until he rejoined in 1952 on a short service commission was licensee of the Red Lion at Bridge, near Canterbury.

His daughter went to St. Anne's Convent at the nearby village of Sturry. The headmistress, the Rev. Mother Mary St. Albe, said: "I understand she was quite a bright child. She was a well-mannered pupil and a very good dancer."

Good enough, in fact, to win a bronze medal for stage dancing at the Sydney Woodman School of Dancing at Canterbury. Mrs. Woodman said: "Toni was always popular and charming and very good."

She was a close friend during her schooldays of Barbara Hawkins, whose parents keep the newsagents' shop at Bridge. Mrs. Hawkins said: "Toni was a jolly, nice little girl with beautiful manners."

Her uncle is Mr. Jack Sutton, 39, forestry worker, of Sturry Road.

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HUSSEIN'S BRIDE

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Canterbury, to whom, in a letter yesterday she broke the news that she was to marry King Hussein.

When her father rejoined the Army Toni went to Elmshurst School, Canterbury, with Hayley Mills, actress daughter of John Mills. The last four years of her school life were spent in Kuala Lumpur, when her father was posted to Malaya.

Miss Gardiner became a Moslem a month ago. She has been given the Arab name Mona el Hussein, which means Hussein's wish. She has been studying Arabic for two months.

She was born in Olive Cottage, a six-roomed house at Chelmondiston. It is the place which she and her parents still call "home."

Living there now are Mr. and Mrs. William Isaac Goodchild and their 12-month-old son Barry. Mrs. Kitty Goodchild is Col. Gardiner's sister and Toni's aunt.

She said: "It was always Toni's wish to be Barry's godparent and she became so by proxy."

KING HUSSEIN IS CHEERED

JORDAN REJOICES

From Our Own Correspondent
AMMAN, Tuesday.

King Hussein was loudly cheered when he passed through Amman's streets to-day. Laughing crowds rushed to the little sports car and lifted it off the ground.

All cities and villages in Jordan celebrated the engagement. Many girls were wearing white dresses with red ribbons in their hair.



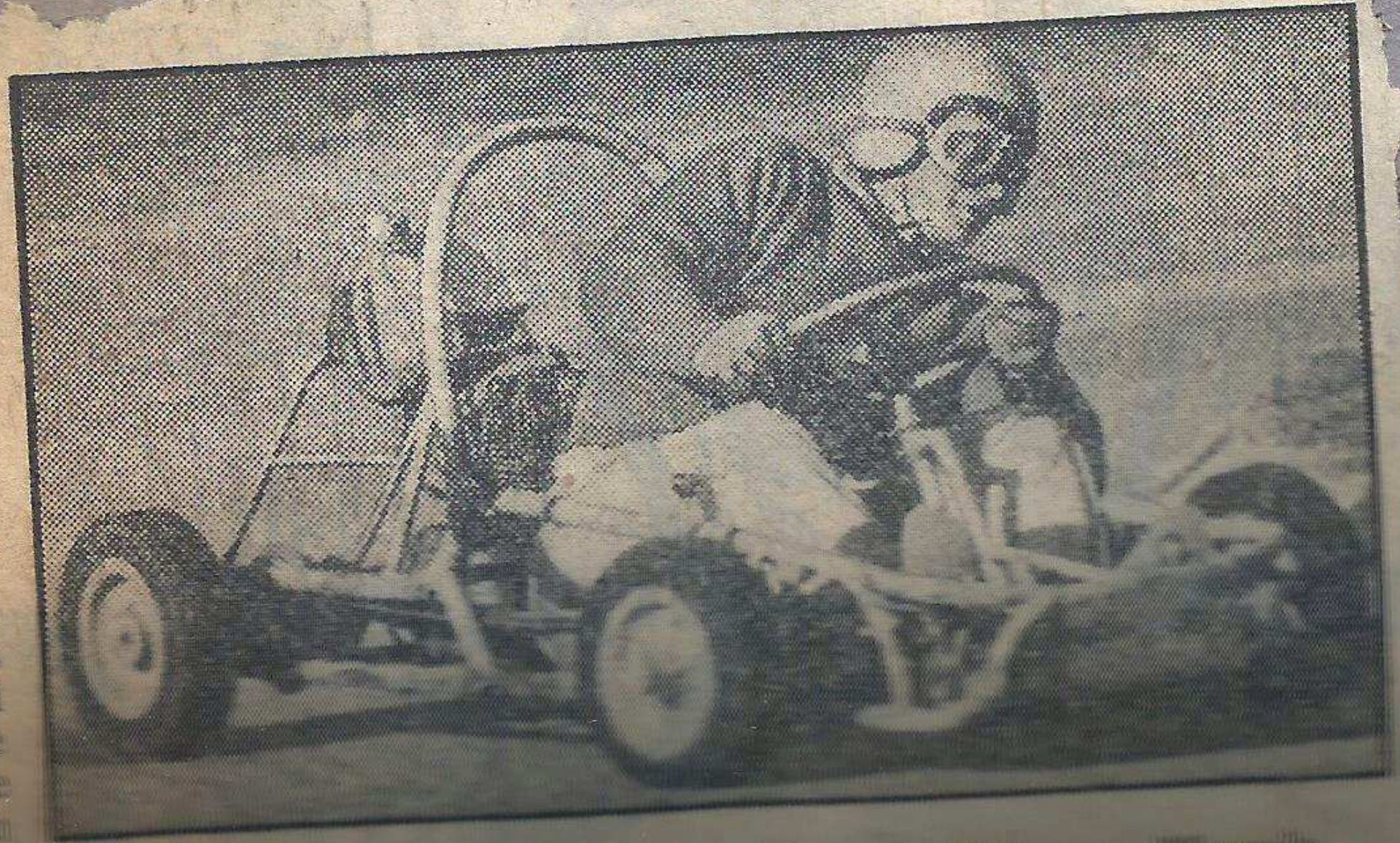
Princess Muana's white dress is attached to mission.

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Another enthusiast for the sport is Princess Winmill's
 father, Maj.-Gen. W. P. Gardner, who is attached to
 the British Warplane Museum.

EXAM CLASH BARS VIDAL SASSOON

IAN BALL

Daily Telegraph Staff Correspondent
NEW YORK, Monday.

VIDAL SASSOON, the Mayfair hairdresser, who has been lionised by New York society since he opened a large salon in Manhattan 15 months ago, was automatically disbarred today from working in New York when he refused to take the State licensing examination for hairdressers.

"It's a monstrous examination, full of antiquated methods, and I have simply told the authorities that it would be against all my principles to take it," Mr. Sassoon said. "You can't expect other people to respect you if you don't have respect for your own work."

The Hairdressers' Licensing Bureau of New York State has been trying for some time to get Mr. Sassoon to take the examination. Finally it gave him an ultimatum to appear for testing at the hairdressing classes of the Jane Adams High School in the Bronx at 3.30 this afternoon, or cease doing hair-do's in New York.

"Learned 20 years ago"

"They are asking me to sit for an examination that deals with the sort of things I learned when I started hairdressing 20 years ago and which I have done my best to forget over the years," Mr. Sassoon, who is 38, continued.

"In that test, they would have me setting a head in waves. That's something I would never do today. They would also be testing me on a system of cutting which we stopped doing in London 15 years ago."

Mr. Sassoon said to me that he was aware his flourishing business in New York would suffer as a result of the commission's stand.

"But somebody has to try to kick up a fuss. Everybody here says you can't fight City Hall but it's time to test that theory. I'm going to take this case as high as I can."