

Sara Lou — teenager at King's House

BY STAR WRITER

THE TEENAGE GIRL at King's House, 17-year-old Sara Lou Glasspole once kept five dogs and 45 budgies, loves football and often wears Tom boy's clothes.

But now she is studying Royal Protocol to be her mother's co-hostess when Princess Anne and her bridegroom, Captain Mark Phillips, stay with the Governor-General and family during their December honeymoon visit to Jamaica. And anyone who knows Sara Lou would say she has all the charm and poise to make the Royal couple feel at home.

ATTRACTIVE

She is attractive, well groomed, intelligent, softly spoken and has good taste in her choice of fashions.

Sara Lou is the only daughter of the Governor General, the Most Honourable Florizel Glasspole and Mrs. Glasspole, a student at St. Andrew High School, where she plans to take "A" levels next year. Besides football, she loves dancing the Reggae, swimming and playing tennis (when they get around to re-laying the King's House court).

She is very much a Daddy's girl. The Governor General converses with her in Spanish, and is tolerant about boy friends, Sara Lou usually goes to dining and eating places around town with a group of friends. At home she gets very little VIP treatment and her father does not insist that detectives follow her when she leaves King's House.

Meanwhile, mother helps with her choice of wardrobe and make-up.

INTENTION

Sara Lou tells them firmly that she has no intention of getting married for at least another ten years. Instead she would like first to pass her "A" levels in English Literature, History, Spanish and Latin then start University life between the University of the West Indies and Edinburgh, Scotland.

Once she wanted to become a vet (hence all the budgies and the five dogs) but now she is settling for a career as a teacher.

The move to King's House meant "no animals" — a "royal command" from His Excellency, her father. Sara Lou enlisted

the help of uncle Theo to find homes for all her pets with family and friends.

But her favourite dog Mitch pined for her... and became thinner and thinner.

So with mother's help, she persuaded Dad to bend the rule a little to allow Mitch to take up residence at King's House "just for a trial period."

Mitch has been there ever since and is thoroughly spoilt by everyone — especially the staff in the kitchen where he is fond of dining.

On Saturday morning last, her cousins and best friends Donna Glasspole, 13, and Theo, 16 were spending the day with her at King's House. After lunch, they intended to go to the Stadium to watch two football matches — Kingston College versus San Fernando, and Jamaica College versus Vere. Last Saturday night, Miss Sara Lou accompanied her parents to see "Oklahoma."

ARRANGING

Another great friend of Sara Lou is Karen, also 17, the elder sister of Theo and Donna. Later this month Karen is going to Switzerland to attend an hotel-school there, as she is a "whiz" at cooking and at growing and arranging flowers. Both Karen and Donna also attend St. Andrew's.

Miss Sara Lou says her best girl friends are Kay Brown and Marcia Abrahams, who also attend St. Andrew's.

When the family first moved into King's House early in June, she had to take the initiative with her friends as she noticed they would not telephone or visit her. So she had to work hard to convince them that she was still the same Sara Lou Glasspole as before her Dad became Governor-General.

During the summer holidays she could accompany her parents on most of their official engagements, but now that the school-term is in session, she has to restrict this to the week-ends only.

Miss Sara Lou celebrated her sixteenth birthday party at her parents' former residence, and she had already attended her first ball—the "O" levels graduating class at the

St. Andrew's in 1972.

She had an escort for that ball, and she is still friendly with him.

In the past twenty-five years, there have been two weddings at King's House.

Miss Diana Huggins, the eldest daughter of the then British Colonial Governor, Sir John Huggins and Lady Molly Huggins; and Miss Claire Campbell, the youngest daughter of the former Governor-General, Sir Clifford and Lady Campbell. Sara Lou says that she has no intention of following suit—at least not yet.

PRIVATE

Sara Lou says that everyone at King's House is quite old—that means they are over twenty-five — with the exception of herself and the GG's A.D.C. Lt. Johnnie McFarlane, who not only sings at her parent's private parties, but plays the piano and guitar.

The only other young person at King's House during the past few months was Lt. Leo Blake the former A.D.C. who has since returned to his post with the JDF.

Lt. Blake is missed, because he was not only a lot of fun but a perfect diplomat.

As a serious student of History, Miss Sara Lou who has an observant eye for detail, has begun a private diary.

However, her Daddy, very shortly after taking up office at King's House requested Mr. Bernard Lewis to assist him in compiling a book on the history of King's House and all its past residents. Miss Sara Lou loves to help with the research.

AMBITION

It is her ambition to visit as many Spanish speaking countries as possible, and even to live in one for a time as everything Spanish interests her very much. She and her father converse frequently in Spanish and the Venezuelan Embassy supplies them with Spanish periodicals, including the magazine TRICOLOUR. She also reads the St. Andrew High School Spanish magazines. When she was younger, she attended the Spanish classes given by the Venezuelan Embassy at the Holy Childhood School on the Half Way Tree

Road.
One morning she was a trifle late for her usual transportation to school (King's House

runs on a strict timetable), so she ran to telephone Donna and Karen's mother to request a ride with them to St.

Andrew's, but they had already left their house. She didn't want to go to school. (Continued on Page 51)



MISS SARA LOU GLASSPOLE, walks down the staircase of King's House, the re-

sidence of her parents, the Governor General, the Most

Honourable and Mrs. Florizel Glasspole.



IN THE FORMAL drawing-room of King's House are

seated centre, Miss Sara Lou Glasspole and her cousins.

(Left) Miss Donna Glasspole (aged 15) and Mr. Theo Glasspole, aged 16.