

Important Gains Made During 1948 By British Women

By NORMAN CRIBBENS
LONDON, Dec. 23—(CP)—Women of Britain—particularly women of the Royal Family—won a large share of the limelight during 1948.

Public interest centred chiefly upon Princess Elizabeth, first as she settled down to married life with the Duke of Edinburgh; later when it was known all over the world that she was to become a mother. The universal excitement evoked when the young Prince of Edinburgh was born on a misty November night marked the climax to an eventful year for the King's elder daughter.

It was also a significant year for the winsome Princess Margaret, now in her 19th year. After her sister's marriage Margaret took on many public engagements that would normally have fallen to Elizabeth and in so doing emerged as Britain's youngest leader of fashion.

The public was surprised when Margaret, early this year, began wearing the very latest "New Look" clothes. Their surprise arose from the fact that hitherto members of the Royal Family had clung tenaciously to wartime styles and in particular to the cloth-saving short skirt.

Margaret's departure from custom delighted the dress world, for there could have been no better advertisement for the new styles. She has a near-perfect figure and what the dress world calls an "innate dress sense." Now that Elizabeth is married, Margaret is the most eligible woman in Britain.

Throughout the year gossip have been busy with the names of no less than nine different men as likely husbands. Most favored seemed to be the gay, good-looking Marquess of Milford Haven, who was the Duke of Edinburgh's best man.

The Queen, too, had a large share in the laurels earned by the Royal Family during the year. On Oct. 22, she was made an honorary doctor of law and became the first woman to be admitted to full membership of Cambridge University. Her degree symbolized and initiated the new status of women at the University. Previously, although women were entitled to degrees, they were not admitted to full membership.

British women earned distinction in many fields. In January Miss Eileen MacDonald, 46, became the first woman to sit as Recorder of Liverpool, succeeding the late Edward Henners. The same month Mrs. Helena Nyman, 45-year-old barrister, prosecuted a murder trial at Newcastle—the first time any British woman has fulfilled this role.

Mrs. Florence Paton, Labor member for Nottingham, made history as the first woman to preside over proceedings in the chamber of the House of Commons.

Mrs. David Lewis of Carnock, Staffordshire, took her place as the first woman vice-president of Britain's Methodist Conference.

Women also encroached upon the former preserves of men in the theatrical world. Miss Elsie Beyer succeeded Leonard Crainford as general manager of the Shakespeare Memorial Theatre at Stratford-on-Avon.

The Man of the Hour



Heroic Rescue Attempt Fails

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23—(AP)—The United States Navy told today the story of a cabin boy killed by sharks when he fell overboard from a merchant ship in Cuban waters and how another cabin boy tried vainly to save him.

The Navy said that Dec. 14, a 14-year-old Danish cabin boy Bent Jeppsen, fell overboard from the ship Grete Maersk of Copenhagen.

Russell Anthony Latona, 13, also a cabin boy, dived overboard with a life preserver in an attempt to save his friend. No other crew members were on deck and they did not miss the two boys.

Jeppsen was attacked and killed by sharks and Latona was slightly injured. About 40 hours later, Latona went ashore at Taco on the north coast of Cuba and was cared for by a plantation owner.



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Wife Of Senator Davies Passes Away

KINGSTON, Ont., Dec. 23—(CP)—Mrs. Florence McKay Davies, wife of Senator W. Rupert Davies, former president of The Canadian Press and editor and publisher of The Kingston Whig-Standard, died on Monday after a long illness.

Born in Brantford, she was the daughter of William H. and Levlina McKay, and a descendant of United Empire Loyalist pioneer stock. One of her ancestors, Mary Jones Gage, came to Hamilton from northern New York in a canoe with her two children via the Mohawk River and Lake Ontario. Mrs. Davies was married to Senator Davies in Brantford in 1901.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by three sons, Capt. Fred R. Davies, Nassau, B.W.I.; Arthur L. Davies, general manager of The Whig-Standard; and Robertson Davies, editor of The Peterborough Examiner; seven grandchildren, and one sister, Miss M. E. McKay, Brantford.

BEAST OF BURDEN

The camel can carry a load of 500 to 1,000 pounds at a steady rate of three to four miles an hour.

Canadians Spend Huge Fortune For Sweets

By D'ARCY O'DONNELL
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OTTAWA, Dec. 22—(CP)—Sister, if you're among those who blame double chins and flabby bulges on sweets, listen to this.

You and other Canadians spent a multi-million dollar fortune last year to satisfy that demon sweet-tooth.

The Bureau of Statistics, without taking sides in the argument on whether sweets boost the girdle trade, reported today in cold figures that Canada's 1947 bill for sweets and chewing gum amounted to more than \$75,000,000.

A lot of money? You bet—compared with the bills for 1946 and with 1938. Two years ago, when sugar rationing and shortages of chewing gum ingredients made sweets and gum harder to get, the bill amounted to \$32,078,223.

In 1938, the year before the outbreak of the second world war and a year when wallets were depression deflated, the bill was a mere \$30,489,803.

All figures quoted represented the selling price of the products at the factory and not in retail stores. The actual 1947 production was \$76,854,863, but about \$2,000,000 worth were exported.

The Bureau said the selling value of leading products of confectioner, cocoa, chocolate and chewing gum industries in 1947 were:

Chocolate confectionery in bars \$11,126,021; chocolate confectionery in packets, \$11,178,184; sugar confectionery in bulk, \$9,789,454, and in packages, \$4,217,394; chewing gum, \$8,432,874; chocolate confectionery in bulk, \$4,428,591; cake and other bakery products, \$2,254,657; and ice cream, \$2,158,713.

Chocolate bars represented the largest part of the \$76,000,000 total. Factories produced 533,991,156 bars with a setting value of \$31,126,201.

Seaman Arrested On Smuggling Charge

(By The Associated Press)
SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23—The arrest of a San Francisco seaman on suspicion of having smuggled approximately \$1,000,000 worth of heroin into the United States was announced today by customs collector Paul Leake.

Leake identified the man as John Spinale, 22, a seaman on the Pacific Transport Lines Hong Kong transport which docked here about a week ago. The heroin is believed to have been smuggled in from Hong Kong.

Raise N. Z. Penalty To Halt Desertions

WELLINGTON, N. Z., Dec. 23—(CP)—Because of the large numbers of men deserting from overseas ships in New Zealand ports, legislation has been introduced increasing the maximum penalty from one to six months imprisonment.

Since the war ended many Britons, unable to obtain passage or lacking money for the fare, have taken advantage of the low penalty in New Zealand to work their way with the intention of deserting on arrival. Under the existing law a British subject over 21 is free to remain in New Zealand once he has served a maximum of a month in prison for desertion.

Some of the deserters have been men of good type but considerable numbers have been men with criminal records anxious to begin activities in a country where they were not known to the police. Many of them have appeared regularly in the courts since their arrival.

Some ships have lost as many as 25 to 35 men through desertion while on the New Zealand coast, presenting the owners with a serious problem in obtaining replacements.

In the first nine months of this year there were 550 desertions. It is expected that the increased penalty will act as a deterrent and the flow of desertions will be curtailed.

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- 12:30 News.
- 12:45 Station Greetings.
- 2:15 Just Mary.
- 3:00 Christmas Matinee
- 3:45 C. P. News.
- 4:00 Carols Across Canada
- 5:00 The Outports Hour.
- 6:00 News.
- 6:30 Dicken's Xmas Carol.
- 7:00 Don Messer's Xmas Card.
- 7:30 News.
- 8:00 The Four Gentlemen.
- 9:00 Christmas Tree Party.
- 10:30 Empire Show (Dlyd.)
- 11:30 His Majesty The King.
- 12:00 News.