

# Women's Role Is Stressed By Queen In Broadcast

LONDON (Reuters) — Following is the text of Queen Elizabeth's Christmas message, broadcast and televised to the Commonwealth:

Ever since the first Christmas when the three wise men brought their presents, Christians all over the world have kept up this kindly custom. Even if the presents we give each other at Christmas

time may only be intended to give momentary pleasure, they do also reflect one all-important lesson.

Society cannot hope for a just and peaceful civilization unless each individual feels the need to be concerned about his fellows.

All the great works of charity and all humanitarian legislation have always been inspired by a flame of compassion which has burst brightly in the hearts of men and women.

Mankind has many blessings, but deep down in every human soul there is a store of goodwill waiting to be called upon.

**WOMEN SINGLED OUT**

This year I should like to speak especially to women. In many countries custom has decreed that women should play a minor part in public affairs.

It is difficult to realize that it was less than 50 years ago that women in Britain were first given the vote, but Parliament was first asked to grant this 100 years ago.

Yet, in spite of these disabilities, it has been women who have breathed gentleness and care into the harsh progress of mankind.

The struggles against human prejudice, a girl's squallor, ignorance, and disease, have always owed a great deal to the determination and tenacity of women.

The devotion of men and nurses, the care of mothers and wives, the services of teachers, and the conviction of reformers are the real and enduring presents which women have always given.

**PLAY FULL PART**

In the modern world the opportunities for women to give something of value to the human family are greater than ever, because, through their own efforts, they are now beginning to play their full part in public life.

We know so much more about what can be achieved; we know that the tyranny of ignorance can be broken; we know the rules of health and how to protect children from disease.

We know all these things are important in our own homes, but it needs a very

active concern by women everywhere if this knowledge is to be used where it is most needed. I am glad that in all countries of the Commonwealth women are more and more able to use it.

I am sure the custom of giving presents at Christmas will never die out, but I hope it will never overshadow the far more important presents we can give for the benefit of the future of the world.

People of goodwill everywhere are working to build a world that will be a happier and more peaceful place in which to live. Let our prayers be for a personal strength and conviction to play our own small part to bring that day nearer.

God be with you and a very happy Christmas to you all."

**END HOSPITAL STRIKE**

SANTIAGO, Chile (AP) — A 15-day strike at government-operated hospitals, clinics and cemeteries ended Sunday and 50,000 workers—including male and female nurses—started to return to work under a government promise that their wage demands will be reviewed. The strike began when the government refused to make a 20-per cent wage increase. The army, Red Cross and civil defence took over the country's health facilities during the walkout.

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## SNOW-BOUND MONTREALERS

Spirited Montrealers give a helping hand Monday to a motorist whose car was snow-bound in a Christmas Day storm that dumped more than a foot of drifting snow on the Montreal area. (CP Wirephoto)

## THIS AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRY

# Growing Evidence Seen Of Turn In Farm Tide

By NEIL A. MATAHESON

I was interested in "a look at agriculture" by the investment management department of a business organization that has been in operation for more than 70 years.

Unfortunately the statistics are American, and don't mean much to us, for the farm is American, but a few observations may be worth repeating.

"After 30 years of wrestling with the problem of farm surpluses, there is growing evidence of a turn in the agricultural tide ... with the words scarcity and shortages beginning to appear in the discussions of food. Actually that observation was made almost a year ago, now the trend toward shortages has continued."

"In the current year the agricultural situation in many foreign countries has worsened." The United Nations Food and Agricultural Organization said earlier this year that the world food situation is more precarious than at any time since the period of acute shortage following the Second World War.

Poor crops in such widely separated places as India, Russia, Argentina and Australia were cited as reasons for wheat and rice shortages, for example.

One interesting statistic, though, is that the Soviet Union has made an amazing comeback in grain production with an estimated harvest of wheat and other grains of 100 to 105 million metric tons, as against last year's output of 128.5 million tons.

**INDIA PARTICULARLY BAD**

"The position of India is particularly bad. Present indications are, says the "look at agriculture", that because of monsoon failures the food grain harvest will amount only to 80 million tons, as against the 95 million tons anticipated earlier in the year. Though the total crop will be greater than last year's 72.5 million tons, the threat of famine is believed greater than a year ago, the report states.

One reason cited — and this is an amazing statistic — is that two million tons will be needed to feed just the 12 million Indians who were born last year. In the U.S. the report sug-

gests, the problem of surplus agricultural production "has been prevented by exports ... foreign needs have been a bonanza for U.S. agriculture."

It should be a simple problem to ship food surpluses in one part of the world, to places where food is short. Unfortunately this often does not work out that way. One example is the plan to sell some \$250 million worth of U.S. wheat to Russia back in 1963. But total sales amounted to only about one half of that value.

Politics, and other reasons have in the past prevented such shipments of foods to places where shortages existed. Indeed quantities of some foods have been destroyed in the United States, for example, while people in other parts of the world were going hungry. Remember the huge piles of potatoes that were destroyed only a few years ago.

Then there was "the soil bank" where a reported 13 million to 15 million acres of corn and grain sorghum land were idled. The report from which I am quoting suggests this land will be brought back into production next year.

**MARKED IMPROVEMENT**

One marked improvement is noted in the export plans of food in the years immediately ahead, with emphasis being laid on "self-help" by encouraging the countries with perennial food shortages, to develop their own production to a much greater degree.

Ultimately, an agricultural economist has warned, "the less developed nations must feed themselves", he could have added the grim words "or starve". A look into the future of the rapidly expanding world population suggests every square yard of productive soil must be utilized to the utmost to meet the ever growing demand for food.

One interesting statistic is that hog slaughtering has been rising, with the September total being the largest monthly kill since March of last year. The current price for hogs in the United States, the report states, is \$21 per hundredweight, which compares with the 17-year peak, reached in December a year ago, of \$31.

Dealing with higher retail pri-

ces for food items, the report states in part:

"It should be kept in mind that the higher retail food prices are by no means due entirely to higher prices on the farm. Consumer prices on farm foods have increased from \$53 billion per annum to about \$75 billion. Of this increase of \$22 billion, farmers received approximately seven billion, with the balance of \$15 billion accounted for by higher costs for labor, packaging, transportation and marketing." There is little evidence of any cost declines in this area."

One interesting suggestion that "for the future agriculture promises to continue to be one of the country's foremost growth industries. This statement may well be a bit biased, but an exhaustive review of the problem of food shortages, published by International Minerals and Chemical Corporation said:

**IMPORTANCE OF**

"Of all the investments for increasing world food production chemical fertilizers are the most potent and immediately effective."

Studies and experiments carried on in 14 countries by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations — 9,500 field trials were involved — using only the most economical application of chemical fertilizer, with no other change in farming methods, the overall average yield increase was 74 per cent. "The same organization stated:

Keeping in mind that the quotes used here are from a business survey, not a farm organization, this paragraph is of particular interest:

"The trend of the agricultural sector of the economy continues to be of major interest to the investment manager. In addition to those industries directly dependent on farm income: Agriculture Equipment, Fertilizer, etc., a score of other industries are indirectly affected in greater or lesser degree. Earnings of Meat Packers are importantly affected by changes in livestock population, slaughter rates, and meat prices. A prosperous farmer is obviously a good prospect for a color television set."

In other words a prosperous

farmer is an important development in a prosperous nation's general economy.

For those of you who have been enquiring — Mrs. Matheson came home last Thursday afternoon. You can imagine, I know, how happy all of us are to have her with us again.

Best wishes for the year that is ahead. May it be as happy and prosperous for you as the individual circumstances permit.

## EAST BALTIC

Sincere sympathy is being extended to Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Sweeney, Elmira, on the sudden death of their son, Arthur Sweeney, who was killed in a highway accident in Ontario, recently. Mr. Sweeney had been employed in Ontario for several years and had visited his parents and family during the summer months. He was 28 years old.

Everett Coffin who was injured while working with a power saw, and has been a patient in the Souris Hospital is now convalescing at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Stewart in Kingsboro.

Floyd MacLean is convalescing at his home in Kingsboro following an illness of two weeks in the Souris Hospital.

The annual Christmas Sunday School concert was held in the East Point Baptist Church on Sunday afternoon, December 18. The Sunday School superintendent Arthur Bruce, was in charge and all children present were treated to candy and apples.

The new fire hall at South Lake was recently completed and the fire truck and new equipment installed are a credit to the district of Eastern Kings County.

A successful variety concert was held in the Kingsboro Hall recently, the proceeds going to aid the work of the girl guides, brownies and land rangers.

Mrs. John A. MacAulay, Souris, and a former resident of Bayfield, has been a patient in the Souris Hospital.

A meeting of the Eastern Kings Fire Prevention Association was held in the Souris fire hall, South Lake recently.

**PROTEST NEAR LEJ RANCH**

STONEWALL, Tex. (AP) — Peace demonstrators braved a brisk, chilly wind and a loud-speaker harangue by five American Nazis Sunday to protest the Vietnam war within two miles of President Johnson's ranch. The Nazis left after half an hour but the peace vigil lasted about three hours with about 100 demonstrators present at its height.

## MASONIC FUNERAL

Officers and brethren of St. Johns Lodge No. 1 A.F. and A.M., and all visiting Masonic brethren are requested to meet at the lodge room at 2 o'clock today, December 27, for the purpose of attending the funeral of our late brother, G. Dalvy Murchison, P.M. Funeral from the MacLean Funeral Home at 2:30 p.m.

Signed: Ernest MacMillan, secretary; and worshipful master, Stanley Willis

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## Queen Mother Has Visitors

LONDON (AP)—The Queen, Princess Margaret and Prince Charles drove into London from Windsor for the Queen Mother's visit with the Queen Mother in her hospital room.

Queen Mother Elizabeth, recovering from surgery for an abdominal obstruction, has been in the hospital since Dec. 7. Her two daughters and her grandson spent 45 minutes with her. As the visitors left the hospital, a photographer called out to Prince Charles, last to enter the royal car, "A Merry Christmas to you, sir."

The Prince turned, smiled and said to TV men and other photographers: "A Merry Christmas to you all."

Veterans of the press corps said it was the first time they could remember a member of the Royal Family acknowledging such a greeting.

**CARRY ON TRADITION**

Philadelphia's annual Mummers' Parade began some time in the 18th century when a Swedish Christmas party got out of hand.

## HUMIDITY

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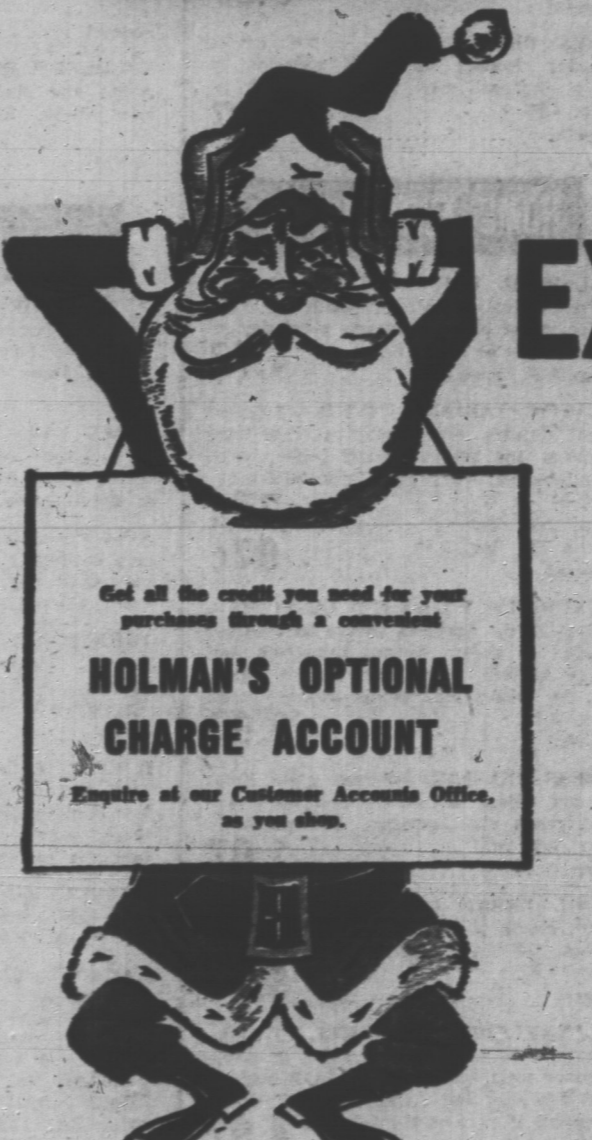
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1st prize for \$500 Canada Savings bond winner was Miss Wilma Stone, Kensington, 2nd prize for \$100 Canada Savings bond was M. E. Burgoyne, Kensington Road, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th place winners won \$50 Canada Savings bond each and were Boyd MacQuarrie, Mrs. Gordon Coles, Winsloe, Freda Powell 159 Weymouth St., Charlottetown and Lois MacQuarrie, Brackley.

**Santa Goof?**

Bring Your Christmas Mistakes to Holman's and We'll Make Them Right!

**EXCHANGE-IT DAYS!**

Start on Wed., Dec. 28

Was Santa's choice the wrong size, the wrong colour or style - - - too big - - - too small or just plain WRONG? Don't suffer in silence. Let Holman's right the wrong. Bring the mistakes to Holman's and our courteous staff will be pleased to exchange your gifts - - - No matter where they were purchased from Dec. 28 - 31, after this date, exchange privileges will only be granted on merchandise purchased from Holman's.

**CYRUS EATON 83 TODAY**

This picture of Cyrus S. Eaton, Cleveland industrialist who will be 84 today, was taken during a pre-birthday interview a few days ago. Eaton said he still has "all the zest I ever had and I am still experiencing the full joy of living."

**STORE HOURS :**

This week both stores, closed all day today Dec. 27th. Charlottetown Store open Thurs. and Fri. 9 to 5:30 p.m. Open Wed. and Sat. 9 to 5:30 p.m. Summerside Store Wed. and Thurs. 9:30 to 5 p.m. Open Fri. 9:30 to 9 p.m. Open Sat. 9:30 to Noon.

**BOTH STORES CLOSED ALL DAY MONDAY JANUARY 2nd**