

England's Queen Elizabeth 'Woman Of The Year'



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Associated Press Women's Editor

Elizabeth of England is voted Woman of the Year for the third time in the 12th annual women's poll of AP newspapers.

Before the nation's women editors named her as top woman news personality of the year in 1947, when the royal romance of Princess Elizabeth and Philip first hit the front page, and in 1952, when England's princess succeeded to the throne.

This year the pomp and panoply of the coronation, plus the current tour of the young queen and handsome consort, once again made Queen Elizabeth II the dominant news figure among the world's women.

Runners-up in the poll were Mrs. Eisenhower, whose sparkling smile is familiar to all newspaper readers, and Mrs. Vijaya Lakshmi, current president of the U.N. General Assembly.

Women voted outstanding in their respective fields for 1953 are as follows:

PUBLIC SERVICE: Oveta Culp Hobby, secretary of the newly created Department of Health, Education and Welfare, the second woman in history to hold U. S. cabinet rank.

The "Little Colonel," who organized and headed the Women's Army Corps in World War II has received her greatest honor this year when President Eisenhower named a new cabinet post for her. Small, vital, and addicted to formal hats, Mrs. Hobby is known as a power in the upper echelons of Washington.

Life of former Gov. William P. Hobby, publisher of the Houston Post, she was a tireless worker in the Eisenhower campaign, and is given much credit for swinging the vote to the Republican columns in the last election.

Commenting on women in public service, she said: "Public service, on the part of women, expresses itself in many ways. The act of voting, participation in voluntary citizen's groups, holding public office — all represent the obligations of democracy. Women — and men — accept simple but important fact that membership in a free world represents such an obligation and seek the degree that each is able to put it into action, they will fulfill the responsibility and needs of citizens of this great nation."



WOMAN OF THE YEAR
QUEEN ELIZABETH II



SPORTS
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MUSIC
HELEN TRAUBEL

about former Vice President Henry Wallace.

A former New York fashion editor, she is the wife of publisher Henry R. Luce, publisher of Time, Life and Fortune magazines. She is author of seven plays and three books, a regular on the list of the world's ten best-dressed women, and a forceful and brilliant speaker.

She retired from politics in 1946 when she was converted to the Roman Catholic Church and again took up her writing. It was not until last year that she resumed political activity as a campaigner for General Eisenhower.

BUSINESS: Jacqueline Cochran, who this year managed to roll up two new aviation records while running three cosmetics companies doing a business of several million dollars a year, Miss Cochran, last spring became the first woman in history to fly faster than the speed of sound, and also set a new international jet speed record for the 100-kilometer closed course of 652 miles an hour. She broke the supersonic barrier just in time to get a 17th wedding anniversary present from her husband, financier Floyd B. Odlum, which was a silver cup inscribed:

"To Supersonic Jackie from Floyd, May 11, 1953."

Supersonic Jackie has been making aviation headlines since 1932, when the former beauty-shop operator from Pensacola, Fla., obtained her pilot's license after two and a half weeks training. She is the only woman to win the Bendix Air Race (1933); she was the first woman to fly a bomber across the Atlantic (1941); she was World War II commander of the WASPS, and has won the Harmon trophy for top aviatrix 13 times.

This blonde dynamo with the sparkling smile has this advice for young women ambitious to make a success in big business:

"For any business success you need these ingredients: honesty, imagination, a real interest in people so you know what they want and what they need — and have a good strong back."

EDUCATION: Dr. Frances R. Horwich, "Miss Frances" of TV's "Ding-Dong School," an NBC network show originating in Chicago and aimed at both entertaining and instructing preschool children. Started little more than a year ago, the program has won wide acclaim as a new departure in education for the youngest set.

Dr. Horwich, who holds a Ph.D. degree from Northwestern University, formerly was director of the department of education at Roosevelt College until her television debut as the teacher of "Ding-Dong School."

MUSIC: Helen Traubel, opera singer whose break with the Metropolitan Opera Company this year launched a wide controversy over the merits of classical music versus the popular variety. Miss Traubel chose to continue her night club singing rather than sign a contract with the Met which forbade such appearances.

Miss Traubel was born in St. Louis, Mo., made her professional debut with the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra and established herself as a ranking Wagnerian soprano with her Metropolitan debut in 1939. She was Margaret Truman's voice coach for a period. Her husband is William Bass, who acts as her business manager.

At present engaged in a nationwide concert and nightclub singing tour, Miss Traubel was reached in Miami, Fla., with the news that she had been named 1953's outstanding news personality in the field of music. Asked if she found "pop" singing as rewarding as opera, she said:

"It certainly is just as satisfying — and lots more fun."

LITERATURE: Edna Ferber, whose best-selling novel, "Giant," this year roused the ire of Texans and provided a continuing controversy providing lively and copious newspaper reading.

A tiny, silver-haired dynamo in a custom-made hat, Miss Ferber lives luxuriously in a smart Manhattan apartment, but her heart belongs to Chicago, scene of her early successes. She is an inveterate worker, author of close to 100 books, including such American classics as "So Big," "Show Boat," "Cimarron" and the play "Dinner at Eight."

She has been one of America's best-loved and best-known novelists for 40 years, has no thought of retiring. Says she:

"I'd rather be a writer than anything in the world. The wonderful thing about this business is that people remember only your successes."

STAGE AND MOVIES: Shirley Booth, who this year, at 45, won the movie Oscar as the best actress of the year for her first movie, "Come Back, Little Sheba." Simultaneously she was starring in the Broadway play, "The Time of the Cuckoo," where she had reaped lyrical reviews from the critics.

As she stumbled up the stairs to the stage of New York's International Theater to receive movie-dom's top award on the night of March 19, Miss Booth received the news with typical modesty: "I am a very happy and a very lucky girl. My luck has many names on it — look at the screen credits."



EDUCATION
DR. FRANCES HORWICH



LITERATURE
EDNA FERBER



BUSINESS
JACQUELINE COCHRAN



STAGE-MOVIES
SHIRLEY BOOTH

est victory, emerging triumphant after a grim bout with cancer. The sinewy, freckled Texan, who has been called the greatest woman athlete who ever lived, is now back in active golf competition after the sports world had feared last spring that she would never play in another tournament.

After a critical three-hour operation in a Beaumont, Tex., hospital, the Babe began to exhibit what she calls her "spiritual muscle," staging such a remarkable recovery that her doctors were astounded. Less than four months after the operation she was back in strenuous competition in Chicago's Tam o' Shanter tournament, leading off with a smacking 250-yard drive of which she said: "Man, if I'd hit it any better it would kill me."

In addition to having won practically every women's golf title, the Babe is an expert cook, an enthusiastic rose gardener, a graceful ballroom dancer and the wife of a 300-pound ex-wrestler named George Zaharias.

RADIO-TV: Lucille Ball, co-star with her husband, Desi Arnaz, of the sensationally successful TV show, "I Love Lucy." The birth of her second child, Desi Arnaz IV, last January, was attended by a blaze of publicity usually reserved for the birth of a crown prince, and was duly chronicled not only in the daily press but also over nationwide radio and TV networks. The birth of the baby was obligingly timed to the weekly television show, and he also obligingly followed the script by being a boy.

She received this year's television Academy award as the best comedienne of 1952, and her show the best situation comedy show. After having been considered washed-up by the movies five years ago, Lucille and Desi staged one of the most sensational comebacks in the history of entertainment, first with their fantastic success on TV and recently in one of the biggest movie contracts ever awarded any stars.



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Hominy Joins Neighbors In March Of Dimes Drive

By MRS. MARK SWAIM
Community Reporter

The March of Dimes workers in the three communities, Beaverdam, Thickety and Hominy, will hold their final meeting in preparation for their hamburger sale planned as a special event to secure funds for the National Foundation For Infantile Paralysis. They will meet with Mrs. Ernest Branson on Oak Mount Drive Friday, January 8, at 7 p.m. The sale will be town-wide January 15.

Heading this drive is Yoder Clark, assisted by Mrs. Earl Cabe. Other workers are, from Beaverdam, Mrs. Willard Clark, Mrs. Jack Chapman, Mrs. Gordon Reno, Mrs. Marvin Mann, Mrs. Dan Stockton and Rev. C. V. Brown.

From Thickety, Mrs. Grady Trantham, Mrs. Frank Ford, Mrs. Ernest Branson, Mrs. John F. Broyles, Jr., Mrs. D. L. Linner, and Mrs. J. W. Scott. Other programs are now under

way which these communities will sponsor. One will be a Gospel Singing at Canton High School January 30. The program will feature the Hi-Neighbors Quartette of Anderson, S. C. among others. Highlight of this drive will be the sponsoring of the Arthur Smith TV Talent group from WBTW, Charlotte, in a full 2 hour program. Date and time will be announced later.

The WSCS of the Methodist Church will hold its regular meeting Thursday night, January 7, at the home of Mrs. John F. Broyles, Jr., on Glen Street. Mrs. Claude Broyles will be co-hostess.

The Plains Methodist Church boys had their first basketball game Monday night with Sunny Point Baptist Church. The score was 30 to 12 in favor of the Hominy boys.

The Plains Methodist Church was pleased to welcome the guests of

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Higgs at Sunday morning services. They were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hall and Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Hemmons of Leicester.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Morris visited friends and relatives in Sylva Sunday.

Mrs. Walter Rathburn left Friday to be with her daughter and grandson in Thomasville while the latter had an operation.

Larry Seroggs returned Sunday to Fort Benning, Ga., after spending the holidays with his mother, Mrs. Ruth Mann.

The flu bug seems to be in our community and several people have been "bitten." All are much improved now including Mrs. Clinton Williams, Mrs. Jess Wood, Miss Mary Lee Fletcher and Mrs. Yoder Clark.

Mr. and Mrs. Crom Cole spent the weekend in Statesville visiting their children, Mr. and Mrs. William Chuber.

Mrs. Herschel Higgs and Mrs. Ruby Gates have returned home from Houston, Tex., where Mrs. Gates visited her sister, Mrs. Charles Caplem and attended the wedding of her daughter, Barbara Jean. Mrs. Higgs also visited another daughter, Mrs. Clarence Morrow, Jr.

Mrs. Way Mann and daughter, Mary Lou, of Brevard, came to see Mrs. Mann's mother, Mrs. Jess Wood, over the weekend.

Our community has settled back into normal living after the wonderful holidays. Our boys and girls have returned to school and service, and we certainly miss each and everyone of them.

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