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PRESS NOTICE

## VITAL HARVEST

### Churches Support "Good Neighbour" Policy among Farmers

On our harvest this year may well depend the future of our country. The results of the harvest will depend in large measure on the utmost use being made of all available human and mechanical resources on our farms during the next few months. As one means to this vital end the Minister of Agriculture, Mr. R.S. Hudson, has appealed for a "good neighbour" policy among all farmers and farm workers. No worker - no tractor or implement - must stand idle on one farm when a neighbouring farmer is in need. Resources must be pooled, wherever possible, and those well equipped with workers and machinery should lend them to neighbours less favourably placed and give them the benefit of their knowledge and experience.

The Minister's appeal has the support of Dr. Temple, Archbishop of Canterbury, Cardinal Hinsley, Archbishop of Westminster, and Dr. John Wadle, Moderator of the Free Church Council, and good neighbourliness will be preached in many rural churches during May. The views of the Heads of the Churches are summarised in the following remarks addressed to clergy and ministers of the Church of England in rural districts by the Archbishop of Canterbury.

"This is a time when even more than usual we ought to be helping one another in service of the common cause. That is indeed a duty at all times; but in days like these it becomes a primary obligation. There is a special need and opportunity for this in rural districts, where farmers and farm workers can help one another and also the nation as a whole by acting as good neighbours to one another. There is a great scope for mutual aid, and it may take many forms. It is to be hoped that it will be given in every possible form."