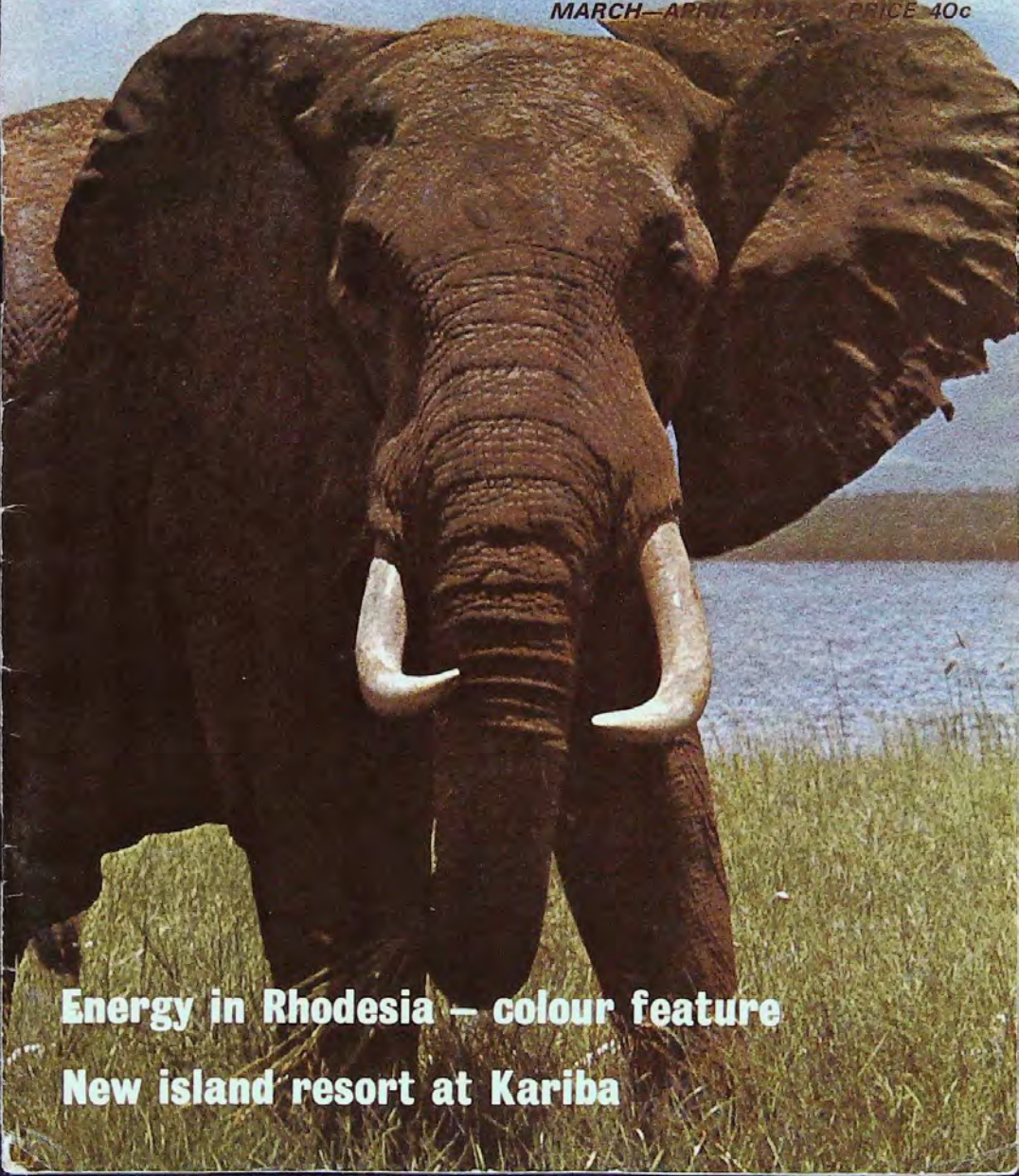


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A bull elephant grazes on the sweet shoreline grass on Fothergill Island, Lake Kariba. An article on a new resort that has been established on the island begins on page 9.

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### Skal world president visits Rhodesian assembly

THE World President of the international Skal movement (Association Internationale des Skal Clubs), Senor Salvador Buendia, recently visited Rhodesia to attend the country's first national assembly of Skal clubs and the inauguration of a new Manicaland club. Senor Buendia, who was accompanied by his wife, is the head of an international movement with 24 000 members in 63 countries. He flew to Rhodesia from his home in Malaga, Spain.

The national assembly, where representatives of the four clubs in Rhodesia met together for the first

time, was held at Troutbeck Inn in the Eastern Highlands resort area of Inyanga.

In addition to the world president, the national president of Skal clubs in South Africa, Mr. Juan Retief; the Skal international councillor in South Africa, Mr. Norman Beeson; the secretary of the South African National Skal Committee, Mrs. Pat Frame; and the president of the Johannesburg Skal Club, Mr. Lofty Dundas, travelled to Rhodesia for the assembly.

The presidents of three Rhodesian Skal clubs, Mr. Freddie Stewart (Salisbury), Mr. Reg Draver (Victoria



Pictured at Rhodesia's first Skal National Assembly are (left to right): Mr. Ian Dixon, Deputy Director of Tourism; Senora Maria Victoria Buendia; Senor Salvador Buendia, World President, Association Internationale des Skal Clubs; Mr. Mike Holmes, Rhodesia National President; and Mrs. Pam Dixon.

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Following the assembly, which was attended by 84 delegates and observers from all over the country, a banquet was held during which the World President presented the new

Manicaland Skal Club with its inaugural charter. During his speech, Senor Buendia spoke of the aims of the Skal movement, which were to develop friendship and common purpose between members of the international and local tourist industry.

Senor and Senora Buendia later enjoyed a short holiday, visiting Wankie National Park, the Victoria Falls, and Bulawayo, before leaving Rhodesia for Mexico.



Meikles Hotel, Salisbury, has been awarded four stars under the Department of Tourism's hotel grading scheme. In the picture above the hotel manager, Mr. Kai Hansen (right) receives the four-star plaque from Rhodesia's chief development officer, Mr. Ron Underwood. Mr. Hansen commented that when the hotel's new bedroom wing was opened he was confident the hotel would be awarded its final and fifth star.



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assistance to hotels in the Inyanga area or for area promotional schemes.

Above: Mr. Don Goldin M.P. (left), a director of the Montclair Casino, hands over the cheque for \$7 908 to Mr. Michael Gardner, Director of Tourism and Registrar of Hotels, while Mr. Alex Inglesby, Chairman of the Rhodesia National Tourist Board, looks on.



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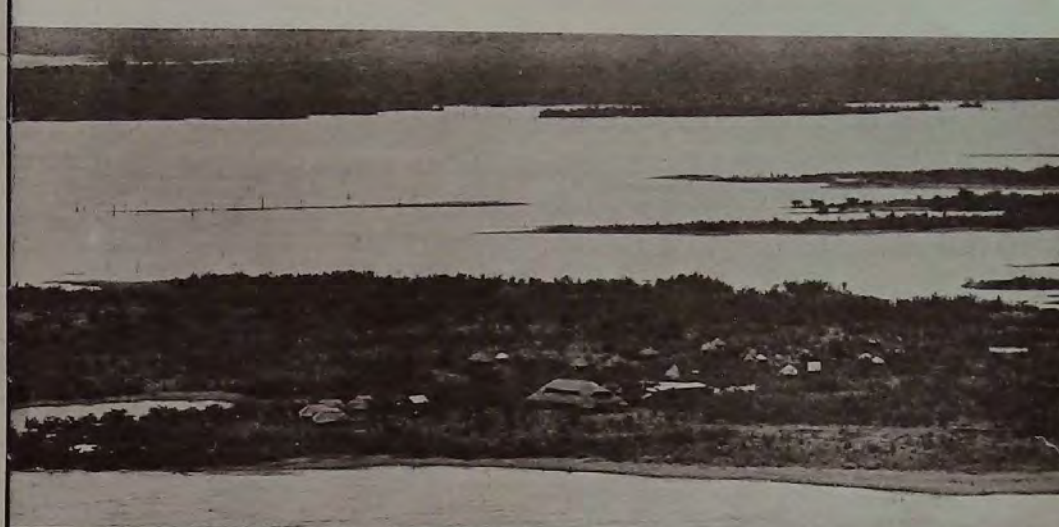
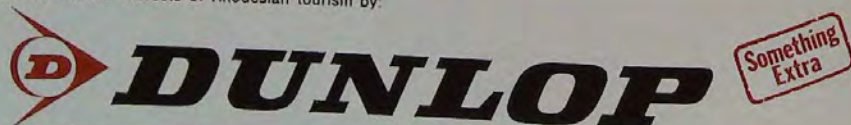


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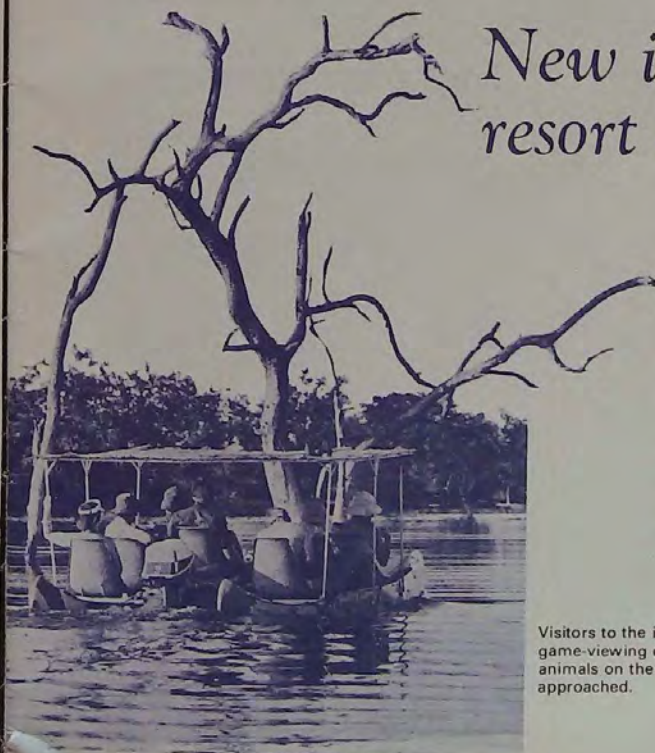


A view of the northern tip of Fothergill Island, where the new resort is situated. Beyond the island, across the narrow strip of water, is the Matusadona National Park.

## New island resort at Kariba

**F**OTHERGILL ISLAND lies just off the shore of the 1 370-square-kilometre Matusadona Game Reserve on the southern shore of Lake Kariba. It is named after Rupert Fothergill, one of the leading figures in the historic Operation Noah, which rescued animals stranded on hilltops which became islands, as the waters of the dammed Zambezi River rose to cover 2 500 square kilometres of valley floor.

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Dominating the low mopani scrub which is kept short by the elephants which have grazed on the island since Lake Kariba was created, is a double-storey dining-bar-viewing lodge which is thatched to blend in with the natural surroundings. The ground floor, covering an area of 260 square metres, is used as a dining-room with open sides admitting a flow of air so necessary in the Kariba climate. The upper storey is kept cool by the thick thatched roof. This top floor houses the bar, and there are comfortable seats from which a panorama of the lake and mountains may be enjoyed.

Accommodation at the resort is of two grades. On a small promontory there are four lake chalets with stone walls and thatched roofs. These have their own toilet and shower facilities and enjoy an uninterrupted view over the lake.

There are also 10 fishermen's chalets



Above: Part of the interior of one of the comfortable lake chalets, all with views over the blue waters of Lake Kariba. There are also fishermen's chalets, constructed in an indigenous style. Below: The double-storey central lodge, which provides a dining-room on the ground floor, and a bar and viewing platform on the upper floor.





Above: Visitors fish for bream in the shallows on the northern tip of the island, while one of the permanent residents, a bull elephant, looks on unperturbed. Below: The dead, drowned trees around the island form ideal perches for a variety of water birds, and opportunities for photography are unique.

built in a pole-and-dagga style, five of which have four beds and five have two beds. These are grouped around brick-built communal ablution facilities. Visitors may reach the island, which is 21 kilometres from Kariba, by fast launch, which takes half-an-hour; or by float plane, which takes only six minutes.

The resort offers game-viewing trips by land and water, conducted walks within the Matusadona Game Reserve, and facilities for fishing for both tiger and bream.

The island's sheltered harbour may be reached from Kariba by float plane in six minutes, or by fast motor launch in 30 minutes.



Fishermen's chalet tariffs are \$10 in season and \$8.50 out of season per person for dinner, bed and breakfast. Game-viewing and fishing trips are extra. Full board at the lake chalets costs \$17 per person per day which covers full board; all game-viewing by boat, Land-Rover or on foot with professional guides; hire of fishing boats with tackle, bait and driver; sailing and canoeing. The resort offers a 10% discount on stays of five days or more.



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A walled toposcope, built to mark the centenary of the birth of Cecil John Rhodes and to honour the Pioneers, gives the direction and distance of all the main towns and tourist highlights in Rhodesia.

This hill will always remain a treasured historical landmark in the founding of Salisbury, for it was below the Kopje that the homes and stores of the first Salisbury settlers were built.

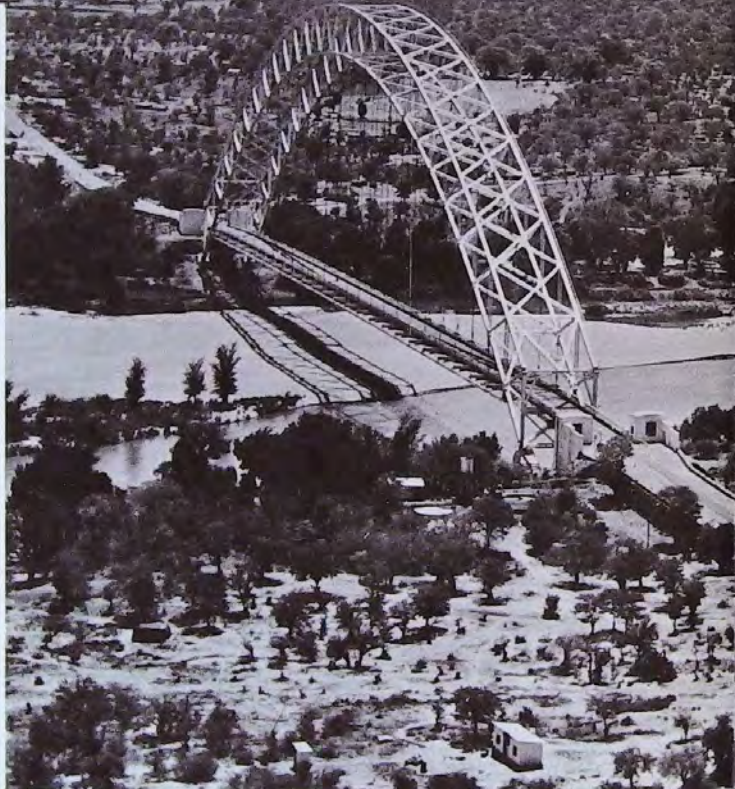
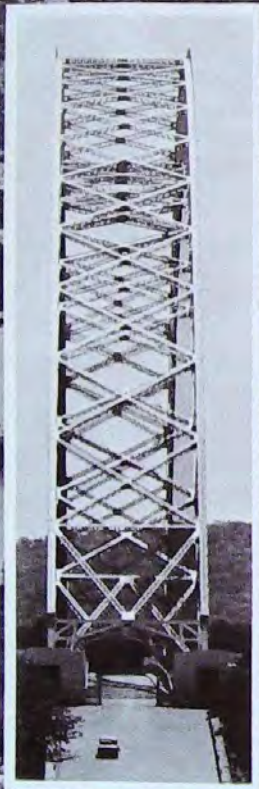
The Kopje, with its attractive terraced gardens, had a narrow escape in the early years. The British South Africa Company, short of funds, planned to divide the Kopje into building plots. The local Board strenuously and vociferously objected, contending that what little natural beauty there was in Salisbury should not be despoiled. A compromise was reached; the lower slopes were sub-divided but the main portion was left untouched. But as Salisbury grew, the necessity for water increased. A dam was built on the River Hunyani, 17 km away, and storage reservoirs were essential. These were placed on the side of the Kopje's summit, displacing the remains of one of the original forts built during the 1893 war between the B.S.A. Co. and the Matabele.



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60 men were engaged in the repainting programme, which took five months at an overall cost of \$96 000. The workmen who climbed the dizzy heights above the river bed used 7 000 litres of paint, 160 wire brushes and 250 paint brushes. Over 70 000 square feet of bridge was sandblasted to remove old paint and patches of rust, and for this purpose 250 tonnes of river sand were used.

The Birchenough Bridge carries the main road from Fort Victoria to the southern Eastern Highlands and Umtali. At the time of its building it was the third-highest bridge in the world with its 304-metre span and a crown height of 90 metres above the river. Many travellers comment on its resemblance to the famous Sydney Harbour Bridge and, in fact, the cable hangers by which the road deck is supported were used in the construction of that famous Australian bridge.

The bridge was donated to Rhodesia by the Beit Trust and named after the chairman of the Trust, Sir Henry Birchenough. Sir Henry was too ill to attend the opening of the bridge on December 20, 1935, but recorded his speech which was played to the gathering on a wind-up gramophone. This must be one of the earliest occurrences of this modern technique to be reliably documented.

Sir Henry's ashes, together with those of his wife, are buried within the bridge's north-eastern pylon.

*Main Picture: The lofty arch of the Birchenough Bridge across the Sabi River, with the foothills of the Eastern Highlands in the distance.*

*Top far left: A workman, securely attached by a safety chain, applies the silver protective paint near the 90-metre-high crown of the bridge.*

*Bottom far left: The height of the bridge is graphically shown in this photograph of its eastern approach.*

*Top left: Some of the 60 workmen who were engaged in the five-month repainting programme.*

*Bottom left: This workman, sandblasting away rust and paint on the road deck, resembles a space-age figure.*

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# ENERGY

## in Rhodesia

CONVENTIONAL sources of energy, necessary to power modern societies and to improve the living standards of developing nations, are finite and dwindling, and the term "energy crisis" is increasingly used by politicians and journalists as a warning of a doomsday when the lights will flicker out and industry grind to a halt. Whether such arguments are regarded as alarmist or rational, the relatively recent awareness that energy sources are not a bottomless reservoir from which countries may draw has prompted governments all over the world to assess their country's energy needs and their ability to satisfy these requirements from internal sources.

To be completely independent is an ideal few countries can achieve, but a control of development to utilise native energy resources is being widely considered. Thus each country's expansion of energy will depend on its resources: Norway can depend largely on hydro-electricity; but in Botswana, the possibility of the provision of energy from such a source is non-existent.

Rhodesia, with a dual economy, needs to provide massive increases in energy for the future. Its well-developed urban, industrial and commercial sector needs to expand as it becomes increasingly sophisticated; and the rural economy needs to be revolutionised to meet the growing expectations of the tribesman.

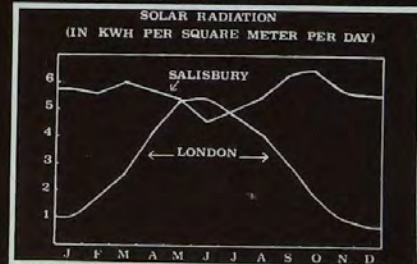
Today Rhodesia's principal form of energy is electricity. As a power source it is adaptable, being suitable for the largest industrial complex or the ordinary household appliances which ease the housewife's burden. Fork-lift and other electrically-powered vehicles are extensively used in Rhodesia's factories, and research into electrically powered road vehicles is being undertaken. There are also plans for extensive electrification of the Rhodesia Railways network.

Electricity is produced by both hydro-electric and thermal generation. At Kariba, where the Zambezi River has been dammed to form a 2 500-square-kilometre lake, two power stations provide enough electricity to fulfil more than half the present requirements of Rhodesia and Zambia. The Zambezi River is the only possible site of future hydro-electric schemes, and along the 800 km of river which form part of Rhodesia's northern border there are four additional sites for dam and generator schemes.

Thermal stations, powered by coal are also important producers of electrical power. Rhodesia's production of this important mineral from the vast Wankie coalfields totalled 2.5 million tonnes in 1977, although not all this is used for power generation. Geological surveys have shown that there are another 14 coalfields worth

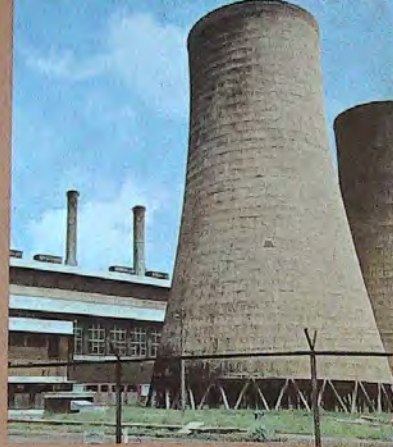


Rhodesia enjoys long hours of sunshine throughout the year (table below) and if the sun's power can be efficiently converted into usable and storable energy, the country's future needs are assured. Solar collectors (above) are already used to heat water, and experimental work on other means of harnessing the sun's free energy is being undertaken in Rhodesia.





Rhodesia's present electrical energy is provided by hydro-generation at Kariba (above) and thermo-generation from Salisbury (right) and elsewhere in the country. Coal for thermo-electric generation comes from Wankie, where vast deposits are mined from open-cast (right) and sub-surface workings. The thickness of the Wankie coal seams may be seen in the dark band in the background. At this and other as-yet-unworked deposits, experts calculate there is sufficient coal in the country to last 200 years. However long a period this may seem in terms of human lifespans, the fuel is finite and one day will come to an end.



The use of electricity as a means of propelling vehicles is under active research and the electric scooter (right) and electric car (below) are undergoing extensive tests. At present such vehicles are suitable only where short, predictable, distances are involved. A major problem is the storage of energy, and battery technology needs to be much further advanced before the use of these vehicles becomes widespread.



developing within the country, and expert forecasts indicate Rhodesia has sufficient coal to provide for its requirements for the next 200 years.

Coal used in power stations produces energy in two stages. The heat provided by burning coal produces steam, which drives generators, which, in turn, produce electricity.

Coal also provides energy for industry and commerce more directly. Steam as a heat source, powered by Rhodesian coal, may be found in every urban centre. Direct heat for water heaters in industry, and tobacco curing sheds in agriculture are only two examples of its wider use. And, of course, there is the normal domestic use for cooking, and water and home heating.

With coal resources having a life of 200 years, and hydro-electric expansion limited to a few sites on the Zambezi, Rhodesia has to look elsewhere for the extra power it will one day need. The country's geographical location within the tropics makes the exploitation of nature's own powerhouse, the sun, an essential object of research. Solar radiation is the ideal form of energy if it can be successfully harnessed, as it is free, clean and infinite. The sun's energy will be available in future years when oil, gas and coal supplies have dwindled to almost nothing and cost many times what they cost today.

Solar heating panels for water are already in wide use in Rhodesia, but at the present level of technology such heating is used in conjunction with, and to conserve, electrical power. Solar air heating is already successful in agriculture, where one farmer has dried maize, lucerne and other crops for the last ten years from hot air drawn from a double roof over a large farm shed. Others use the same method for pre-heating air up to 50° C for tobacco-curing tunnels.

The generation of electricity directly from solar cells is a space-age project that will be more widely applied as the cells become cheaper. The theory is sound, but it

requires the technology for practical application to be developed. Experimental work in other uses of solar energy is also being undertaken in Rhodesia, and cookers and distillation plants are now practical possibilities. Many believe that it is on the exploitation of this resource that Rhodesia's future capacity to expand depends.

Timber is not regarded in highly developed countries as an energy resource — there it is used in the building and furniture industries. In Rhodesia, however, where five million people live in isolated areas in small villages, it is often the only energy source for cooking and heating. It is probably the country's largest and most widespread form of energy.

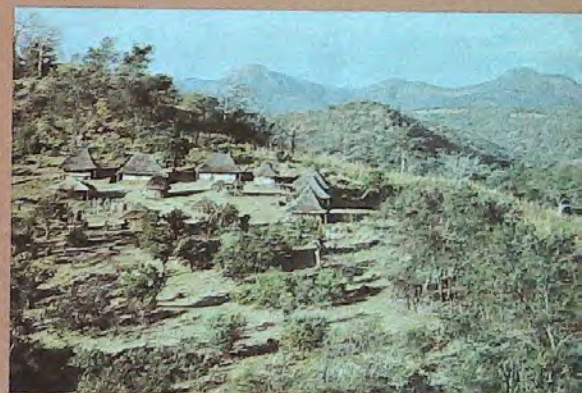
Indigenous timber is slow-growing and already the pressures on forests are beginning to show. To combat this loss of high-grade timber, which can be put to more economical and lasting use, and to bridge the gap until electricity or coal-burning facilities reach remote areas, the use of exotic fast-growing species of trees is being encouraged. Gum trees, particularly, have proved useful, for they grow rapidly and if cut well above the ground, sprout again and provide a second, third and even sixth re-growth.

The creation of such "wood-lots" was one of the aims of a recent Year of the Tree campaign. If each village in Rhodesia were to cultivate plantations of gum trees and reap the wood, they could become self-sufficient for fuel for cooking purposes, and avoid uneconomic utilisation of indigenous forests.

Rhodesia has no oil or natural gas deposits, and the provision of fuel for the internal combustion engine must rely on imported supplies or local substitutes — or a mixture of both. The manufacture of oil from coal is a distant possibility in Rhodesia because of the massive capital investment required; however benzole is a by-product of coal utilisation that is already established. A mixture of benzole and imported petrol has been widely and successfully used as a motor fuel in Rhodesia for some years.

Power alcohol is a fuel which may be manufactured from any carbohydrate material. Annual production of maize and sugar cane far exceeds the country's internal requirements and active research into the production of power alcohol from these crops is being undertaken. As international oil prices rise, it may prove more economical

Despite progress in more modern fields of energy production, for five million Rhodesians living in scattered villages throughout the country (below), wood is the only source of energy for cooking and heating. Slow-growing indigenous trees cannot produce enough wood and it is probably through the planting of fast-growing exotic species such as gum trees (*Eucalypts*) that future demands can be met (right).



The vast sugar-cane fields of the South-Eastern Lowveld may become a future important source of fuel for internal combustion engines. Power alcohol may be manufactured from any carbohydrate material, and sugar cane may be the raw material that can best be used in Rhodesia. Maize, another major crop with exportable surpluses, is also another possible source of this locally-produced fuel which may be blended with imported petrol to reduce foreign-exchange commitments.





Coal tar is a by-product of coal produced when coke is manufactured. When cold it is almost solid, but when heated it flows freely and is a useful substitute for imported fuels, particularly for oil-fired furnaces.



Another important by-product of coal is producer gas, which is given off when coke is burnt. Plants for the production of this clean fuel are being built in Rhodesia and are already in use in industry (above). In such units the coke provides initial heat as it burns, and the gas collected is also used for heating purposes (right). This extended use of coal, with various processes reaping many forms of fuel as by-products, underlines its importance as a portable and versatile form of energy.



in the future for Rhodesia to produce fuel from maize and sugar cane than to export these foodstuffs.

Benzole and power alcohol may be used as a mixture with petrol to reduce the foreign-exchange commitment the country faces to import fuels. Their use with diesel is also a probability that is being examined.

Another by-product of coal, released in the manufacture of coke, is coal-tar which is widely used to replace imported fuels in oil-fired furnaces. Another substitute fuel is produced when coke is burned and producer gas is formed. Plants for the manufacture of this gas are already at work in Rhodesian industry.

Biogas, or the production of methane from the breakdown of organic matter, is also a useful line of research in Rhodesia. Farm manure and sewage farms are obvious locations for small plants which could provide useful additional energy for domestic use. A successful pilot plant has already been established at a training establishment near Salisbury.

Even the movement of air can be harnessed to provide energy, although Rhodesia's balmy climate does not feature strong winds for extended periods. However, on farms all over the country the windmills on boreholes are a feature, providing energy for water pumps, thereby conserving more expensive forms of energy.

Through Rhodesia's Energy Resources Adviser's office, all forms of energy are being explored and evaluated, and research into those forms which utilise locally available resources is constantly encouraged. Rhodesia is more fortunate than many countries in the world in its stock of natural resources, but for the benefit of its future citizens the correct decisions must be made soon on the hand-in-hand development of energy sources and their utilisation.

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by MARSHAL DRYDEN

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## Top U.S. diploma training in Rhodesia

ONE of the world's leading qualifications for young horsemen, or horsewomen, wishing to make a career in equitation instruction or stable management is provided at a Salisbury riding school. The Ascot Equitation Centre is the only establishment in Africa, and only the second outside America, to be permitted to award the Horsemasters' Diploma, which originated at the famous Potomac Horse Centre in Maryland, U.S.A. The qualification is equivalent to the British Horse Society's Assistant Instructor's Diploma (BHSAI) and the course produces graduates competent in every aspect of horsemanship.

Horse riding is one of the world's most rapidly growing sports and there are opportunities around the world for well-trained young people. Instructors, stable managers, stud-farm assistants, racing-stable staff, and assistants to professional show-jumpers are constantly in demand.

However, world standards are high and an internationally recognised certificate such as the Horsemaster's Diploma is essential. Even within Rhodesia itself there is a need for skilled staff, for Salisbury alone has five riding schools, at which approximately 2 000 teaching hours a week are provided.

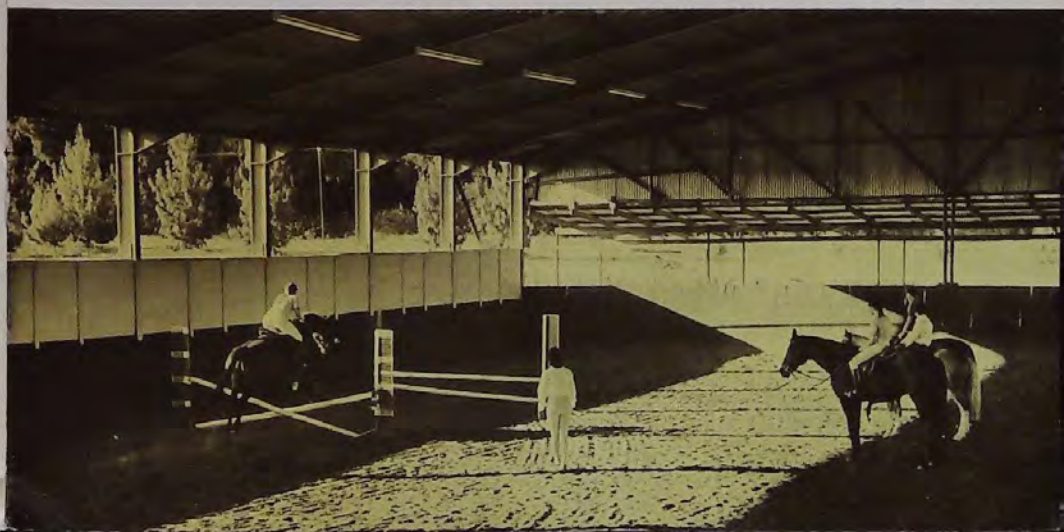
Ascot Equitation Centre extends over 80 acres within the Salisbury suburb of Borrowdale. Modern stables, well-cared-for paddocks, an outdoor arena, and a large covered indoor school which allows training to continue uninterrupted during inclement weather, are among the facilities provided.

Educational qualifications for the course are high and students are expected to be proficient riders before they start the five-month programme of practical and theoretical instruction. The syllabus covers equitation, stable



Left: The turnout of riders and mounts must be of a high standard, for students are future instructors who have to set an example to their classes.

Below: Training may be undertaken, whatever the weather, in a large indoor school measuring 50 metres x 20 metres. This is to be extended to the full international size of 60 x 20 metres, and an additional indoor school of 30 x 20 metres built for individual tuition.



Right: In the tack room students are required to clean and make minor repairs to saddles, bridles and stirrups — essential training for the years ahead.



management, teaching and veterinary studies.

The students' day begins at 6.30 a.m. with the usual stable clearing and attention to their horses. Each student is responsible for two animals, one "green", the other more advanced, and at least two hours' riding under instruction is provided each day. Pupils ride a variety of horses at all standards of training to enable them to become accustomed to dealing with as many types and temperaments as possible.

Basic work is done on the flat and over fences, with emphasis on the correct position, suppleness, balance, and the rider's security. All aspects of competition riding, such as dressage, show-jumping and cross country, are covered as well as the schooling of young horses. Students are also expected to participate in as many competition events as possible.

Lectures are given by an eminent veterinary surgeon and students assist at operations, give injections and experience a range of interesting equine veterinary cases. The school also has a comprehensive veterinary library.

Working visits are made to breeding establishments and racing stables to provide students with a practical knowledge of the work involved, including the intricacies of buying and selling in a responsible manner. Video-tape equipment is used by the students as they learn to prepare and supervise riding lessons and, towards the end of the course, they are capable of instructing a class of reasonably advanced riders.

Instruction also covers the design and construction of courses for cross-country and show-jumping events, the management of commercial riding establishments, and feeding and nutrition.

At the end of the course, in addition to three tests they have taken during the five months, a three-hour written paper must be completed. To attain the diploma, marks of 75% in all subjects are essential.

The excellence of the course has already attracted students from outside Rhodesia, and at least one student has, by achieving honours results, undertaken a Senior Instructor Trainer course at the Potomac Horse Centre in the U.S.A. ■



Left: Students attend to a damaged horseshoe, another facet of the very complete training they receive on the course.



Right: One of the least popular tasks on the course, but an essential part of the care of the two mounts for which each student is responsible.

Below: A veterinary surgeon X-rays a horse's fetlock watched by students. Veterinary medicine is one of the most popular features of the course and the individual attention the small classes receive leads to a thorough general grounding in this subject.



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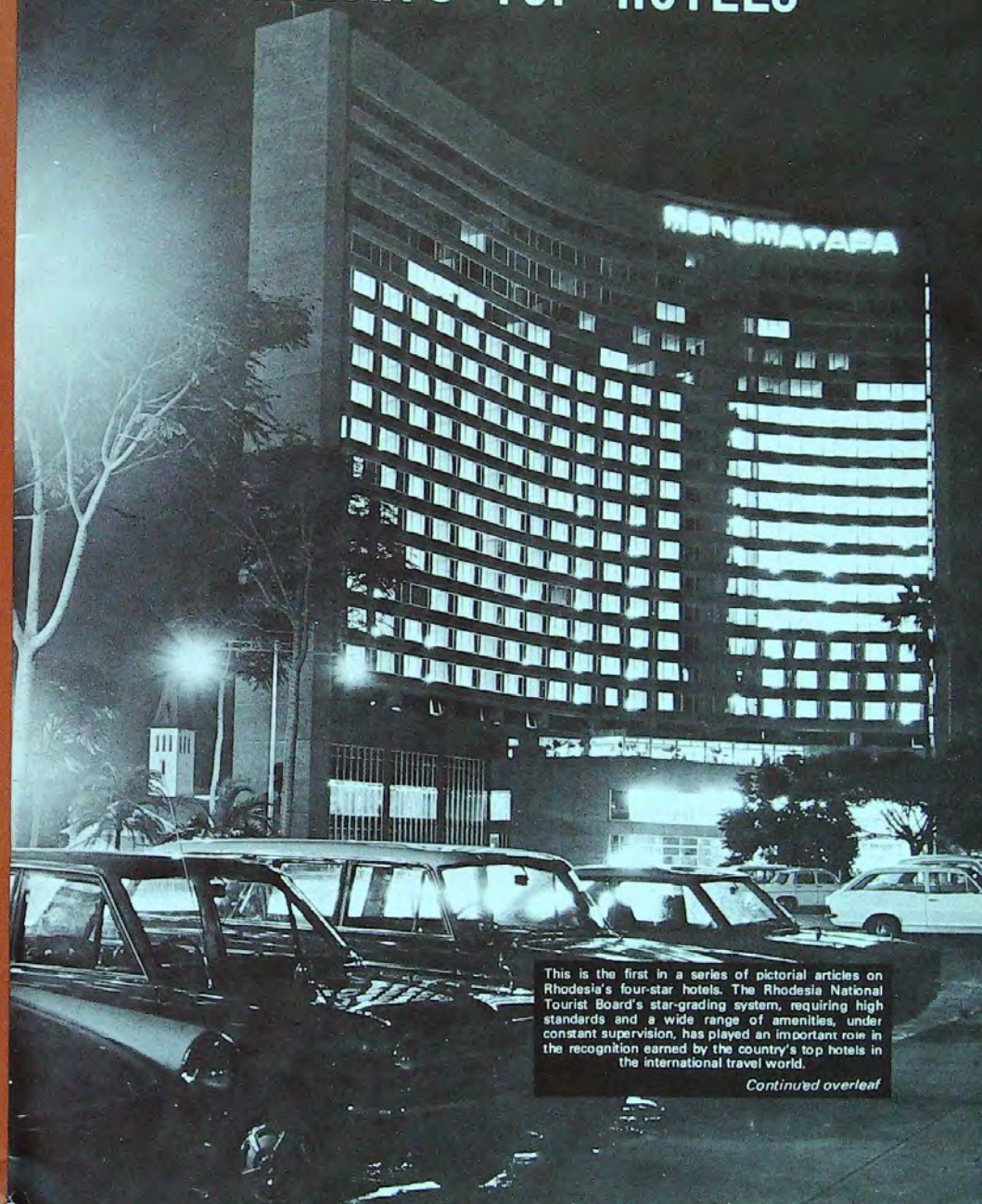
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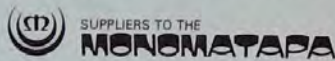


This is the first in a series of pictorial articles on Rhodesia's four-star hotels. The Rhodesia National Tourist Board's star-grading system, requiring high standards and a wide range of amenities, under constant supervision, has played an important role in the recognition earned by the country's top hotels in the international travel world.

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The spacious, cool, foyer at the Monomatapa (part of which is shown here), is the hub of the hotel, providing access to two of the hotel's restaurants, the lounge, the public bar and shopping arcade. Car-hire and touring offices are also situated here.

George Lehman, the hotel's general manager, has had training and operational experience in South Africa, Europe and the United States.



A view of one of the hotel's standard bedrooms, which offer double or single beds in all rooms. All are fully carpeted, have private phones, television and radio and, of course, private bathrooms. Each bedroom window provides a panoramic view over the city's principal park towards the northern suburbs.



## Salisbury's Monomatapa

TO anyone with a slight knowledge of Central African history, the name Monomatapa has a royal association, referring to a former ruler of vast dominions in South-Central Africa which included what is now Rhodesia. The first historical account of this powerful figure was made by a Portuguese explorer in 1512, and as late as the early 19th century there was a paramount chief in north-western Rhodesia carrying this title.

To the modern traveller to Rhodesia, however, the name is a synonym for modern elegance, comfort and service at the four-star Monomatapa Hotel in the heart of Salisbury, the country's capital city.

The hotel rises among modern office buildings in an imposing 20-storey-high arc that has become a local landmark. While its situation adjacent to the busy shopping and business areas is convenient for both businessman and tourist, the outlook from each of its 11 luxury suites and 200 air-conditioned bedrooms is over lawns, trees and flowers, for the hotel was built overlooking Salisbury's principal public park.

The hotel offers facilities consistent with its grading. There are three restaurants: the 12 000 Horsemen offering haute cuisine and late-night dancing and cabaret; the Bali Hai, which presents South Sea Island dishes and dancing to a disco; and the Safari Grill, where breakfasts and fast-service luncheon and evening meals are provided.

Full conference facilities for up to 300 are provided in the Great Indaba Room, and there are other function rooms for smaller groups. There is a shopping arcade, car-hire and touring offices, and secretarial services.

The hotel projects an international image with a local flavour, where the world traveller will feel completely at ease. As the latest holder of an illustrious name, the Monomatapa sets its standards at a high level and deserves its place as one of Rhodesia's top hotels.

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The Monomatapa has three restaurants, two of which are shown here. Above: part of the 12 000 Horsemen restaurant where both a la carte and table d'hôte menus are offered. Late-night dancing and cabaret makes this restaurant a popular rendezvous for Rhodesians and visitors to the country. Below: part of the fast-service Safari Grill on the hotel's ground floor. A wide variety of reasonably priced dishes is offered here, including tender Rhodesian beefsteaks.



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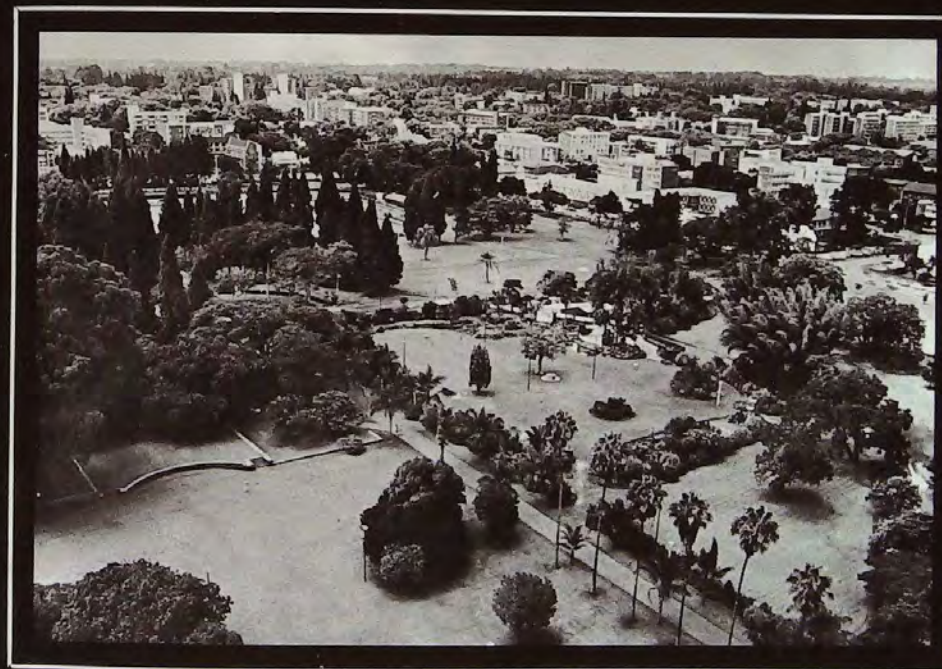
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The third-storey pool deck with its large swimming pool and water garden is a popular setting for buffet lunches and the traditional Rhodesian sundowners. The pool deck overlooks Salisbury's principal park (below) with its lawns, flower gardens and trees. Beyond the park lie the city's northern suburbs. This view is also obtained from every bedroom in the hotel.





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Above: Part of the spacious ground-floor lounge at the Monomatapa. This pleasant room, as with all the bedrooms and public rooms in the hotel, is air-conditioned. Below: Adjacent to the 12 000 Horsemen restaurant is the luxury Charioteers cocktail bar. ■



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