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taxpayers' money. Furthermore, the Company was able to regular army or the expenditure of a shilling of the British obtain from Lewanika, the Paramount Chief of the Barotse, and from other Native rulers in the vast tract of territory lying between the Zambesi on the south and the Lakes Tanganyika and Nyasa on the north a series of concessions of extensive land and mineral rights; and having thus obtained a foothold the establishment of an Administration over what is now Northern Rhodesia followed soon afterwards. From that time until 1923, when the administration of Southern Rhodesia was handed over to a Responsible Government, and until 1924, when the administration of Northern Rhodesia was assumed by the Imperial Government, the history of Rhodesia was the story of the British South Africa Company. The threefold objects which the petitioners for the Charter had set before themselves were the establishment of British ascendancy in South Central Africa, the development of the potential wealth of that part of the world and the raising of the lot of the Native inhabitants.

As regards the second of these, a summary of the mineral production in Northern Rhodesia up to 31st July, 1951, illustrates the progress made. Total £335,924,773 (copper



£288,143,320, lead £10,426,283, zinc £17,953,613, cobalt £12,921,941, vanadium £4,806,146). The Chartered Company's policy of granting prospecting concessions to groups of companies, amply provided with resources to enable them to examine, develop and exploit the mineral wealth of the country, has been fully justified by results. The copperfields of Northern Rhodesia, which are among the Empire's most valuable resources, were developed and brought to production through that means and have in a few brief years led to the establishment of a vast industry which is giving wealth and security to that territory. The Company disposed of its mineral rights in Southern Rhodesia to the Government of that Colony in 1933 for the sum of £2,000,000—a purchase which, owing to the premium on gold, has proved an extremely profitable one for the Colony and recently arrangements have been concluded with H.M. Government in the U.K. and the N.R. Government for the termination of the Company's mineral rights in Northern Rhodesia in 36 years' time. The building of more than 2,500 miles of railway, connecting Rhodesia with the Union of South Africa on the south, the Belgian Congo on the north, and Portuguese East Africa on the east, and the institution of road motor services as "feeders" to that railway system, were initiated and completed by capital raised on the credit of The British South Africa Company and have contributed largely to the opening up of the territories served. All these railways have now been taken over by the Governments concerned.

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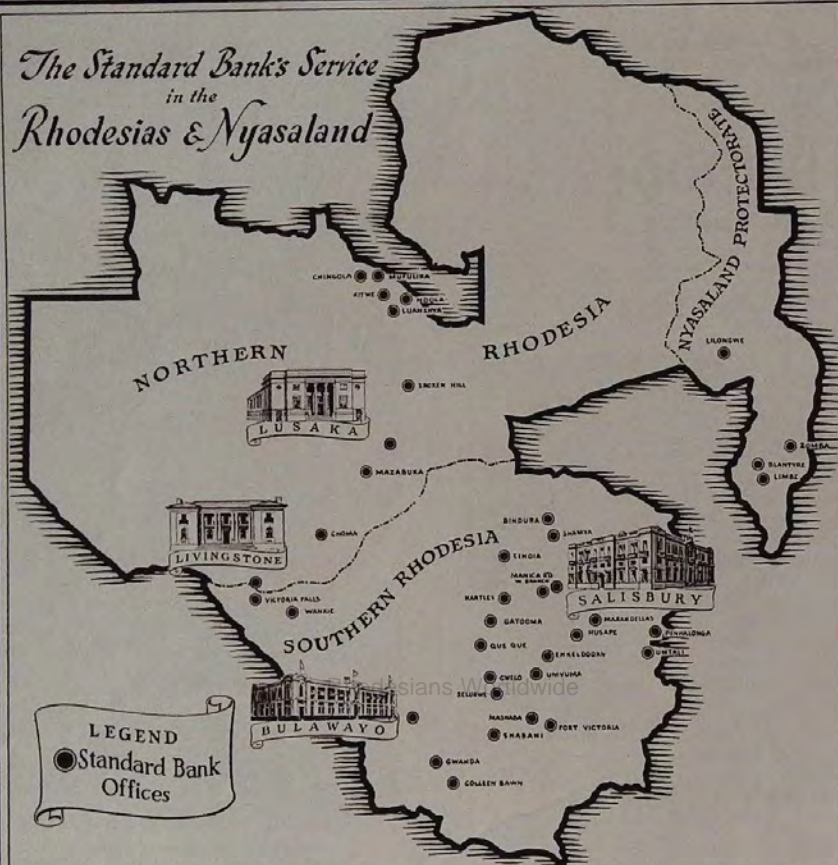
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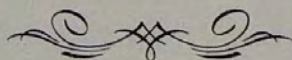
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We wish them all, wherever they may be, a very Happy Christmas and New Year.

And may I add our congratulations to you and your staff upon the high standard of your paper, which has been so successfully maintained since the Rhodesian Graphic was first established in 1947.

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# RHODESIAN RECORD

A  
QUARTERLY  
SURVEY

**FEDERATION FILLS THE AIR.** COMMENT ON THE report on the Closer Association of the two Rhodesias and Nyasaland was tardy when it was first published in June, but once its main recommendations had been absorbed the public of the three territories, both European and African, began to express itself. During the past quarter opinion, both for and against, has been expressed with healthy vigour, reaching its crescendo as the official conference at the Falls approached.

The development of an informed public opinion has been difficult because the report represented the views of officials of the four administrations concerned—Southern Rhodesia,

Northern Rhodesia, Nyasaland and the United Kingdom—and although they were all highly placed and deeply informed officials their proposals did not in any way bind their respective Governments.

And the Governments were not inclined to commit themselves either way until they had had an opportunity of getting together to discuss the proposals on a political level. They were therefore unable to give their people the lead which the public has the right to expect from its leaders. The result has been that the scheme's antagonists—largely Africans—have had a clear field by simply expressing, in unrestrained and somewhat violent language, their opposition to the whole scheme, not so much on the merits of the proposals put forward but to the conception of closer association in any form.

## AFRICAN VEHEMENCE

**THEY HAVE MADE EFFECTIVE USE OF THEIR** opportunity, as Mr. James Griffiths, Secretary of State for the Colonies, discovered when he toured Nyasaland and Northern Rhodesia. He encountered unequivocal and unreasoning opposition from Africans in all parts of both territories. Supporters of Federation began to get depressed.

CONFERENCE ON THE CLOSER ASSOCIATION OF THE CENTRAL AFRICAN TERRITORIES  
VICTORIA FALLS, SEPTEMBER, 1951.



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U.K.=United Kingdom; S.R.=Southern Rhodesia; N.R.=Northern Rhodesia; N=Nyasaland; C.A.C.=Central African Council.

But by their very vehemence the Africans have shown themselves incapable of taking a responsible view or of considering anyone's interests but their own, and their leaders, a small educated coterie, stand discredited on the score of sheer self-interest.

The trouble is, of course, that the approach to the Africans was fumbled from the start, and it is really nobody's fault. Had the British Government been able to declare its whole-hearted support for the scheme, the majority of Africans would have accepted it without quibble. But, instead, the proposals were officially presented in a spirit of lofty disinterest, and the Africans were asked to express their views.

#### FOREIGN TO EXPERIENCE

AS IF THEY COULD POSSIBLY HAVE ANY ON A constitutional conception that was far beyond their understanding and foreign to anything in their past experi-

ence. As if in the old days a conquering chief had said: "I will take responsibility for your military training and the making of assegais, but you will remain free in all other respects"—instead of—as he invariably did—take complete control.

The result, of course, was that the Africans, the most conservative people on earth, simply said they were opposed to change and how could they agree to something new when their Mother refused to say what she thought about it all!

But when the political leaders met at least they knew the volume and the character of the opposition they will have to overcome when they have agreed on the basis of Federation and are able to appeal to public opinion. And if, and when, the British Government is able to give the all clear the Native Commissioners and District Officers—the men the Natives trust—will know how to couch their words to meet the arguments which Mr. Griffiths encountered.





Photograph by Noel Wasson

The foundation stone of the new St. Joseph's House, Salisbury, was laid by His Excellency the Governor on July 29, in the presence of a large and representative gathering. Left to right: Mr. T. H. Cooke, Sir Ellis Robins, Councillor R. M. Cleveland (Mayor), Lady Huggins, Sir Godfrey Huggins, His Excellency the Governor, Sir John Kennedy, Mr. J. W. Miller (Chairman, General Committee, St. Joseph's House), Lady Kennedy, Mrs. W. A. Taylor (Chairman, House Committee, St. Joseph's House).

#### INEVITABLE

**M**OST RHODESIANS ARE CONVINCED THAT FOR strategic, economic and political reasons, some form of closer association between the three territories is inevitable. The conference at Victoria Falls was not expected to produce decisions, but rather to reach broad agreement on modifications to the official report which would make the whole proposal more palatable to the majority of Europeans and Africans.

At least one more conference will probably be necessary before the final details are hammered out and definite proposals are put to the people. Federation is likely to go on filling the air for a long time yet!

#### ANOTHER ZIMBABWE THEORY

**F**ROM THE FUTURE TO THE PAST. THEORIES about the origin of the Zimbabwe Ruins have been legion ever since Theodore Bent published his views before the turn of the century. They have been ascribed to the Ethiopians, the Phoenicians, the Dravidians and a dozen other adventurous old-time races, and have even been linked with the Queen of Sheba and King Solomon. If the experts themselves are divided, surely the common man is free to indulge his fancy!

Mr. A. B. Pant, Commissioner for India in British East Africa, the Rhodesias and Nyasaland, is no common man.

He is a man of high culture and deep knowledge, particularly versed in the history of his own country. So that when he says (as he did during a recent visit to the Colony) that itinerant Dravidians from South India were certainly not the builders, that would seem to rule out at least one of the mystic races.

Mr. Pant, in fact, inclines to the view that Zimbabwe was built by Arab refugees fleeing from Islamic persecution. But if that is the answer to where they came from, it still does not explain where they went.

#### MYSTERY WILL REMAIN

**S**OME CLUE TO THE AGE OF ZIMBABWE WILL NO doubt be provided by the piece of timber found beneath one of the walls some months ago and now undergoing test in the United States. But the Colony's publicity men are unperturbed. They are confident that part at least of Zimbabwe's mystery will remain, to keep the Ruins high on the list of the country's tourist attractions.

In the meantime it is good to know that definite steps are at last to be taken to provide a museum at Zimbabwe to house the many relics which were removed before they were declared a national monument. Leading museums in various countries have promised to return their relics, either in the original or replicas, as soon as the museum is ready. When that day comes the interest of Zimbabwe will be greater than ever.



The De Havilland Comet jet air-liner photographed over Belvedere airport, Salisbury, as it swept low over the tarmac at a speed of 250 m.p.h. on its return flight from Johannesburg to Britain on July 28. The Comet had arrived in Johannesburg on July 18, after a record breaking flight from London, for the purpose of gathering information and experience on which future flight schedules will be based.

#### RIVAL TO GREAT LAKES

**B**ACK AGAIN TO THE FUTURE, AND THAT MOST precious of all liquids, water. Mr. P. B. Fletcher, Minister of Native Affairs, made Rhodesian eyes open wide when he described the dimensions of the proposed Kariba Dam, to be built on the Zambesi at Kariba Gorge as part of Africa's greatest hydro-electric scheme. The Dam would be more than 160 miles long and would have a coastline of between 500 and 600 miles, of which over 300 miles would be in Southern Rhodesia. It would rival the great lakes of East and North-Central Africa.

The whole scheme, at an ultimate cost of some £73,000,000, will take about ten years to complete, but the Dam itself, of course, should be ready long before that. Not only will Kariba's power make the two Rhodesias the industrial hub of Africa, but the existence of this inland sea will become as great a tourist attraction to Rhodesia as Lake Nyasa is to Nyasaland.

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# Flowers of the Field



IT IS SOMETIMES SAID THAT THERE are no wild flowers of worth in Southern Rhodesia. Undoubtedly, if one confines one's travels to the long-grass country of the watershed in the months of June, July and August, there is found to be some substance in this remark but for those who know where to look, there is a wealth of colour and beauty to be found even in the dry season.

Admittedly it is unusual to find the great profusion of any one species and the kaleidoscope of colour, caused by the mingling of many species such as is common in the Cape Province, but then the Cape is exceptional in that it possesses one of the finest and

most varied floras of any part of the world. Southern Rhodesia, on the other hand, can hold its own with most other parts of Africa. To appreciate this fully, a visit should be made to Ewanriggs, the estate of the late Mr. Basil Christian which he left to the nation in his will, and which has now been declared a national monument.

Here are collected numerous species of aloes and cycads, the latter plants having persisted throughout the ages and which, botanists declare, existed in the Mesozoic times, that period which covered the rise and extinction of the great reptiles and to which the first known bird has been traced.

The winter months is the flowering time in this rock garden, and it is a revelation to see the mass of colour, among the rocks and dry earth.

By  
**Dr. J. C. HOPKINS**



*Aloe arborescens* at Inyanga. A succulent plant growing in rocky or dry places but also in the open veld. Its flowers, red in colour, come out in the dry season and are much favoured by the sun birds for the nectar, and who in return effect the necessary pollination. To see how really beautiful the many species of aloes can be when in flower, a visit should be paid from June to August to "Ewanrigg", the estate left to the nation by the late Basil Christian.

## Rhodesians Worldwide

The truth is that Southern Rhodesia possesses many wild flowers of great beauty, but this beauty is one of form rather than of brilliance. The glory of the Everlastings in full bloom over the Highlands of the Eastern Districts, like a yellow cloud against the intense clear blue of the sky, with the pungent tingle of their perfume in one's nose and the rushing tinkle of a mountain stream charming the ear, is an experience never to be forgotten.

### SPRING IN THE VELD

When the dull dry winter has passed, with its monotonous brown drabness, relieved only by an occasional veld fire, it is then that the Spring, in deed as well as in name, is suddenly upon us and a wealth of floral life appears. The black desecration of the veld fires becomes alive with the first gay perennials; the Yellow Heads; the blue and white Bells of St. Mary's; the creeping Yellow Bauhinia and the Wild Grape with here and there a red splash of Buphane, the ox-killer. The sand-veld blossoms forth with its many Labiates and Acanths; *Becium*, *Orthosiphon* with the purple bracts—the modified leaves between calyx and normal leaves—the little frog-mouthed Purple Banner; the yellow splash of Scrambled Eggs as an entree to the Kafir Potatoes which later form on the roots of the *Plectranthus*, and dotted among them all, the appealing blue of the Rhodesian Forget-me-not.

In the forests and kloofs of the Eastern Districts, some outstanding plants carry on from winter to spring; the Black-Eyed Susan creeping beside the road; *Pride of Manicaland* nodding its purple heads in the wind; *Royal Dissotis* with its brilliant magenta flowers rivaling its famous horticultural cousin *Lasiandria* and along the roadside of the open mountain, the yellow St. John's Wort or Rose of Sharon while the purple clusters of Selago form a handsome border to the Everlastings and Tree Ferns.

In the background towers the kopje, splashed as with flame by the spikes of Aloes and the billowing domes of the Kafir Booms the whole covered by the red, yellow and green-spangled canopy of bursting *Msasa* buds.

### THE RAINY SEASON

This is the time for the lilies; the *Amaryllis*, ground Orchids and *Gladiolus*; the red Painter's Brush or Blood Lily (*Haemanthus*) which grows so profusely in the Rain Forest at the Victoria Falls. The purple and yellow ground Orchids with creeping underground stems and whose flowers are borne on long, smooth stems often as high as three feet. These two are particularly attractive for use as cut flowers and if freshly picked will often last as long as two weeks in the house.

Along the wayside soon appear the Wild Salvias, the Hibiscus, the Rhodesian Pimpernel, that dainty little vermilion flower, so common that its beauty is often overlooked. Later on, the vleis produce the Rhodesian Bluebell (*Lapeyrousia*) Wandering Jew (*Commelinas*) and his relations, *Anellema*, *Cyanotis* and others so popular in the greenhouses of temperate climes. The attractive and sweet-smelling ground *Petunia* and *Inkflowers*,—so-called because they soon wither and turn black when picked—also bloom at this time, as well as the white and pink *Belladonna* lilies; an occasional yellow *Arum*; many minute *Disas*; the wild *Gentians*; *Chironias* and a host of others.

In the wet places between tufts of grass are found the Bladderworts with their roots covered with tiny insect traps, and the Sundew which catches flies on its leaves and feeds on their bodies. Here also is the comely Buttercup contrasting with the blue of *Lobelia* and here and there is found the Pineapple flower which so much resembles the





Proteas in the Chimanimani mountains.

fruit which gave it its name. This flower is said to be used in a number of ways by the natives and certain tribes believe that it is a powerful charm against witchcraft.

In the streams are the beautiful water-lilies, with their mauvey-pink and blue colouring; the Water Gentians and Lyre Plants.

The kopjes also produce their rainy season flora of many species, tucked away between the rocks where water seeps through the leaf-mould. Here are to be found a wealth of ferns and Liverworts; three kinds of *Lapeyrousia* so different in shape and form that it is difficult to believe they belong to the same genus—the Rhodesian Bluebell and the Spider Lily whose flowers smell so sweetly at night—and one so exclusive that it has no common name.

Here also grow the Streps., of which *Streptocarpus Eylesii*—named after the well-known Rhodesian botanist the late Mr. Fred Eyles—with its handsome stalk of mauve-blue bell-shaped flowers, is one of the Colony's most beautiful plants. In the forests of the mountains in the Eastern Districts they may be found in their hundreds in rocky places which are reached by the morning sun.

#### LATE RAINY SEASON

From December onwards in the veld, we get the Flame Lily, so appropriately named *Gloriosa*, and which was the model for the diamond brooch presented to Princess Elizabeth by the people of Rhodesia on the occasion of the visit of the Royal Family in 1947, the white flowered Shock Headed Peter, (*Clematopsis*) sometimes mistakenly called the Rhodesian Anemone, for a true wild Anemone does occur in the Eastern Districts; the giant yellow *Coreopsis* growing in masses below the Masas in the middle veld; the Rhodesian Foxglove and its relations, the Sesamums with here and there the Oxford and Cambridge Blues of the Thunbergia.



*Hoslundia opposita* (Labiateae). Most unusual for a labiate in that it has a fleshy berry as its fruit instead of hard nutlets as in all other labiates.



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*Xysmalobium bellum* (Asclepiad). A plant belonging to the milkbush family. It has large leaves which exude a milky juice when broken. Its flowers are tawny coloured and very beautiful, but due to their wonderful camouflage can quite easily be passed without being seen.

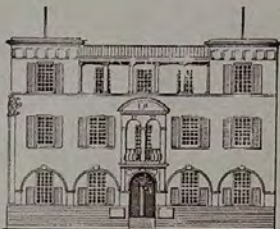
A very beautiful climbing shrub is the Zimbabwe Creeper which grows in abundance on the Zimbabwe Ruins, hence its name. The flowers are trumpet shaped, large and showy and strongly scented, the petals, pale pink in colour, shading to bars of deeper pink and white. It has become a favourite in gardens and some beautiful specimens are to be seen cultivated all over the Colony. To this family also belong the Jacaranda, Tecoma, Spathodea, Golden Shower and climbing Bignonias, as well as the Sausage Tree with its beautiful velvety flowers which is indigenous.

These are but a few of the many wild flowers of the Colony which are so numerous that a short article such as this, cannot hope to cope with even half the number, but before closing, mention must be made of the extraordinary little plant, so aptly named Resurrection plant. It grows on granite kopjes such as the Matopos and Dombashawa and is a never failing source of interest and wonder to tourists who often take away dry twigs with them. During the dry season these plants resemble dead shrivelled twigs with no sign of life whatever, yet if placed in water the plant revives, the leaves unfold and even the minute flowers bloom. It does not appear to matter how long a twig has been separated from the parent plant, when placed in water and left there for a few hours, resurrection always takes place. This must be seen to be believed.





Gloriosa, the Flame Lily. The Colony's national flower, aptly named Gloriosa. There are two species, one with wavy, curled and twisted petals, *Gloriosa superba*, the other with flat and only slightly curled petals, *Gloriosa simplex*. The flower varies in colour from pure yellow through red and yellow to dark purplish-red. The leaves sometimes have tendrils at the tips which cling to anything handy and thus help to support the plant which is very slender and yet grows quite long, often straggling over bushes and young trees rather like a vine. The plants flower in the rainy season and can quite easily be grown in a garden.



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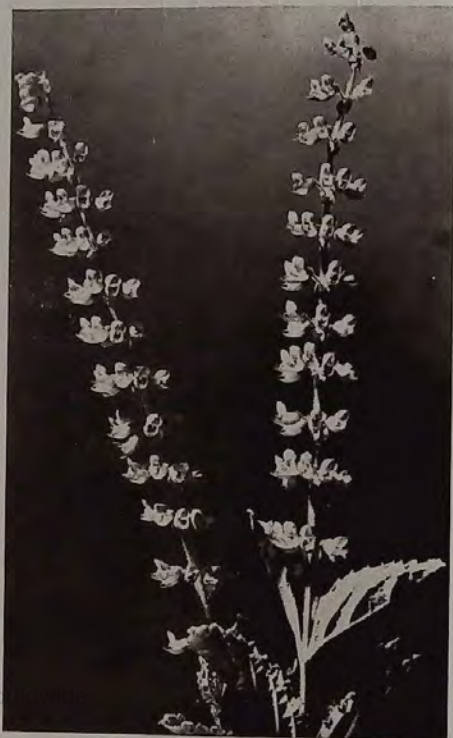
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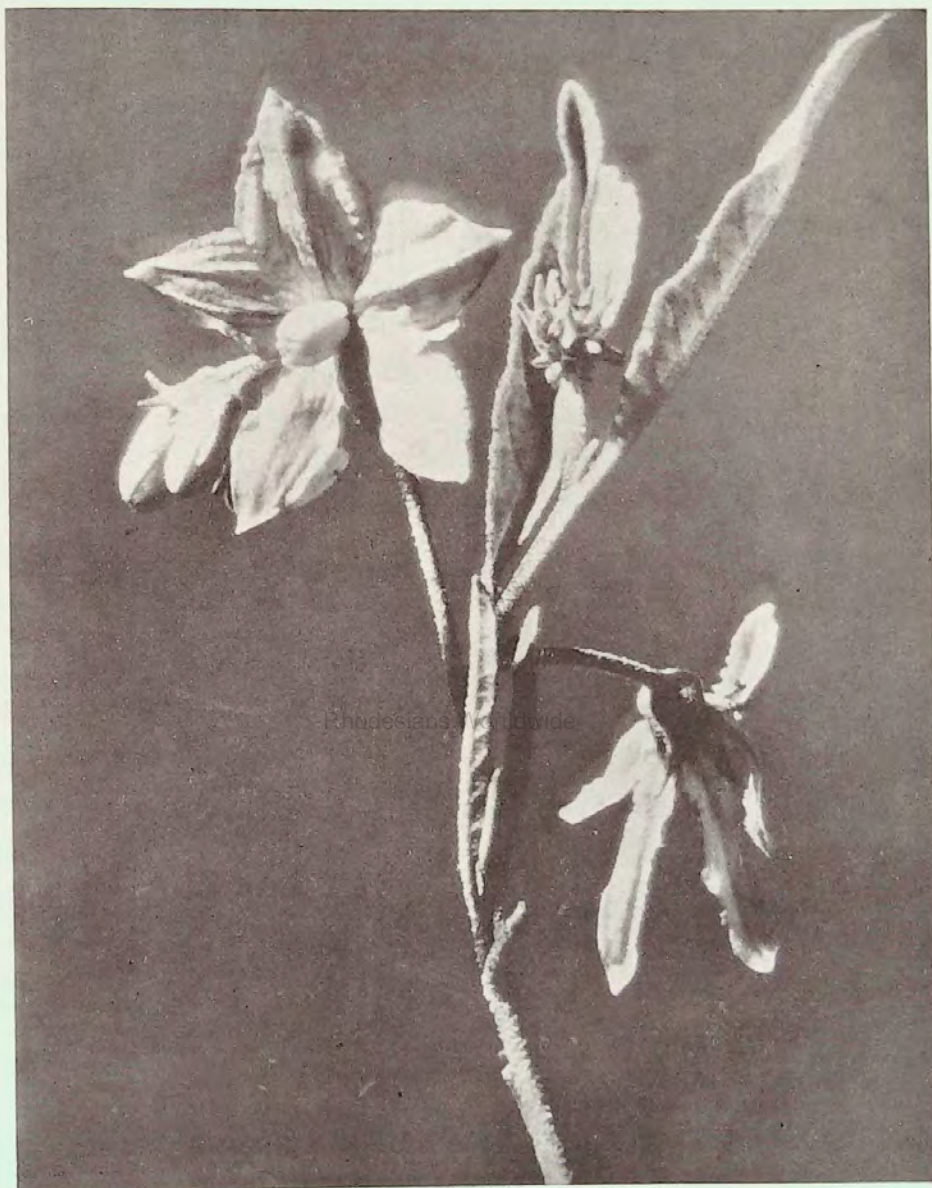
*Becium* (Labiata). In this photograph the plant has lost all its flowers and only the seed capsules remain. It is a type of wild salvia with a strong herblike smell if crushed. It grows in vleis but has been cultivated successfully in gardens. The capsules have small black seeds which when ripe can be shaken out quite easily.

Many—one might almost say, most—of the wild flower plants of the Colony, are used by the natives as medicine and quite a number as food. The juice of one species of Aloe leaves is one of the main ingredients in the manufacture of a certain well-known patent medicine.

When out walking, it is well worth while to stop and examine even the smallest flower which catches one's eye; some of them, no larger than a pins head, are exquisitely formed; others, which are quite as minute are a brilliant red, blue or yellow and each and all repay close examination.

The larger species catch one's attention along the road, side when out motoring. In these days of haste and hurry it is not often that the driver can be persuaded to stop, but a halt of even a few minutes spent examining one or the other is never time wasted; sooner or later the fascination of finding and recognising the different species will grip one's interest, never to leave it and many hours of pleasure will be the reward.





*Solanum panduriforme* (Donkey Apple, Bitter Apple). This plant produces a humble mauve flower with a yellow centre. Its stem is thorny, possibly to deter humans and animals from picking its attractive yellow fruit which, before it has ripened, is said to be poisonous. Children call the fruit of the *Solanum* "Snake Apples", and, in spite of their poisonous reputation seldom seem to derive any harm from them. It is interesting to note that the Potato, Egg Fruit, Tomato, Tobacco, Cape Gooseberry, Petunia and the weed known as "Stinkblaar", which is poisonous, are all members of the *Solanum* family.



Wild Grape (*Cissus rhodesiae*). Very small flowers at the tops of the stems, changing to a red berry which turns quite purple when ripe and is much prized by children who eat the ripe berries. It is believed that the natives use the root in the treatment of blackwater fever.



*Chironia transvaalensis*. The wild gentian, unlike its English relative, is a brilliant pink colour. It likes the marshy vleis and blooms during the rainy season. It grows to about two feet and its brilliant colour makes it very conspicuous among the green grass of the vlei.

A rough guide as to when and where to look is as follows:

#### DRY SEASON—APRIL TO JULY.

Grassland	Rocks
Aloes	Aloes
Coreopsis	Everlastings
Cow Parsley	Rhodesian Foxgloves
Hibiscus	Zimbabwe Creeper
Travellers' Joy	
Wild Dagga and Salvia	
Vleis	Forests
Wild Salvia	Black-Eyed Susan
	Pride of Manicaland
	Royal Dissotis

#### PRE-RAINY SEASON—AUGUST TO NOVEMBER

Grassland	Rocks
Bells of Saint Mary's	Gladiolus
Thunbergia	Orchids
Gladiolus	Zimbabwe Creeper
Orchids	
Rhodesian Forget-me-not	
Rhodesian Pimpernel	
Wild Scabious	
Yellow Bauhinia	
Vleis	Forests
Lobelia	Pride of Manicaland
Red Hot Poker	St. John's Wort.
Sore-Eye	

#### RAINY SEASON—DECEMBER TO MARCH

Almost all species except those which are specifically dry season plants, such as Aloes, Coreopsis, Crassula, etc.





Shock Headed Peter or Rhodesian Anemone (*Clematopsis stanleyi*). This plant is common throughout the Colony. It flowers during the wet season and is closely related to the Travellers Joy, the creeper which grows over trees and shrubs and produces masses of sweetly scented creamy blossoms. The name Shock Headed Peter aptly describes the seed heads which resemble silky pompoms and are quite as pretty as the flower itself. It may come as a surprise to learn that this flower belongs to the same family as the cultivated Anemone and Clematis.

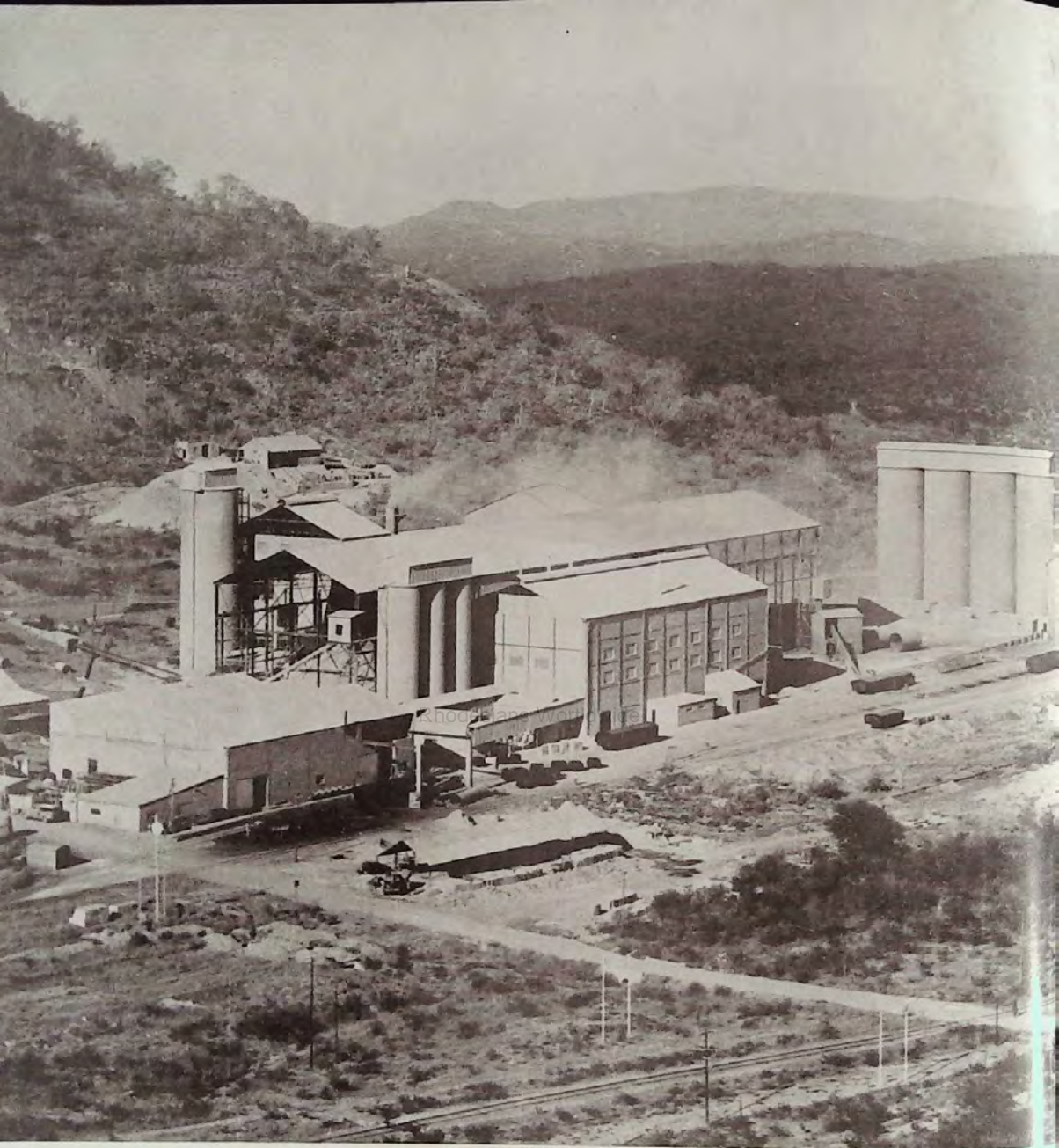


Rhodesian Foxglove (*Ceratotheca triloba*). This shrub grows to a height of several feet and may be found in the open veld along roadsides. It flowers in the late rainy season and continues into the early part of the dry season. The flowers which are mauve and claret coloured are very pretty, but they give off an unexpectedly unpleasant odour when crushed.





Wandering Jew. This plant likes shade but it may often be found in short grassland. It flowers during the rainy season. The flower shown here is blue in colour but there is another of a delicate primrose shade. This plant has medicinal properties and the natives use decoctions of both species for the treatment of various ailments.



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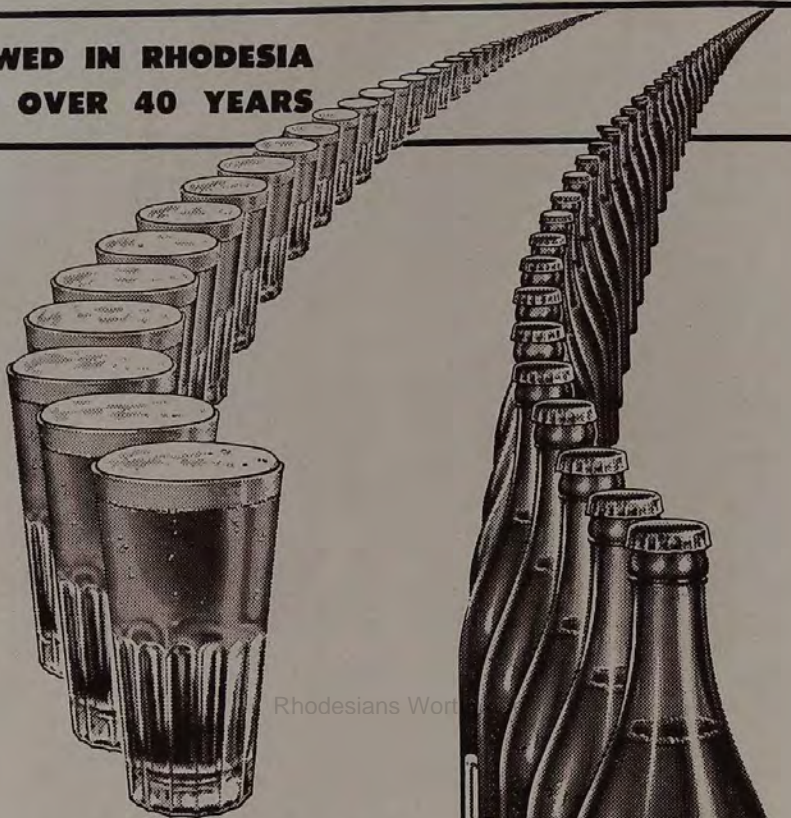
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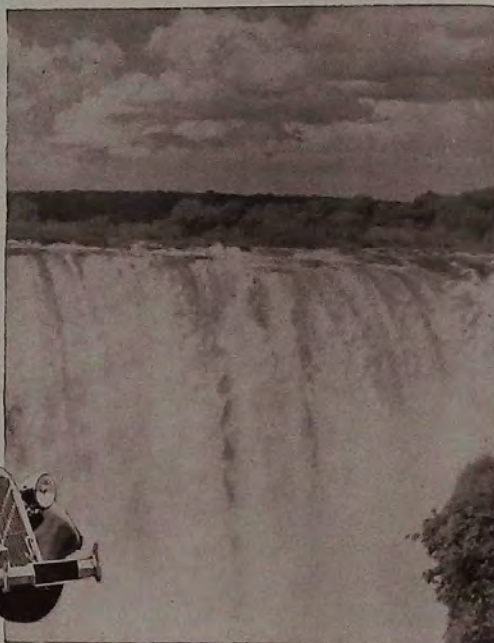
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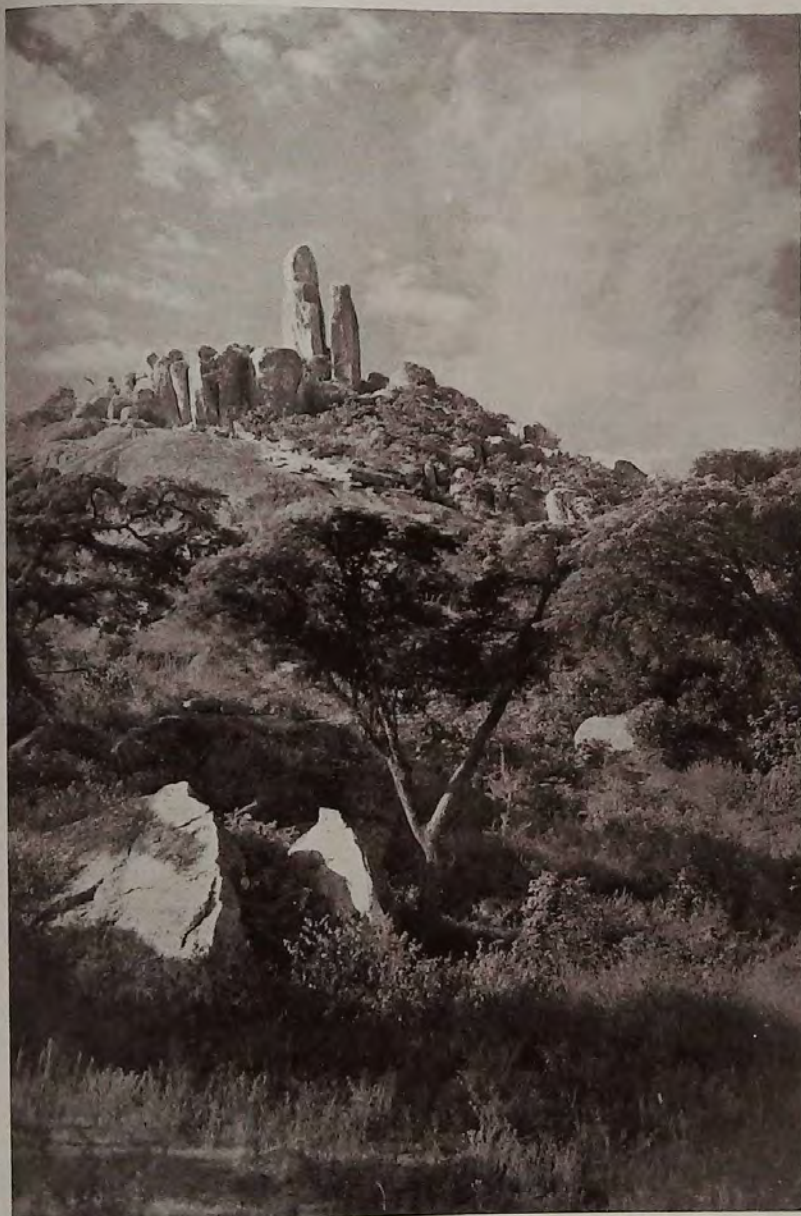
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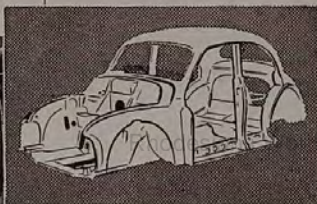
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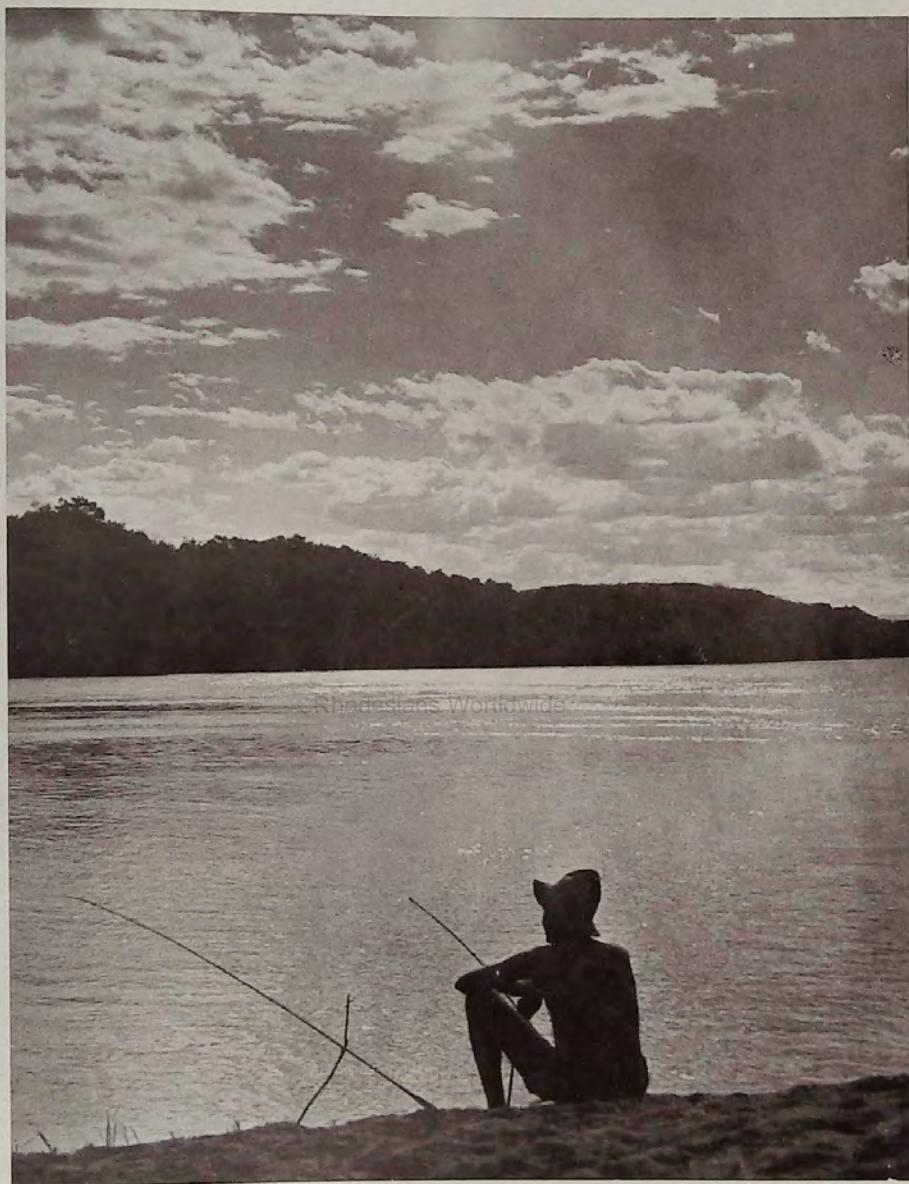
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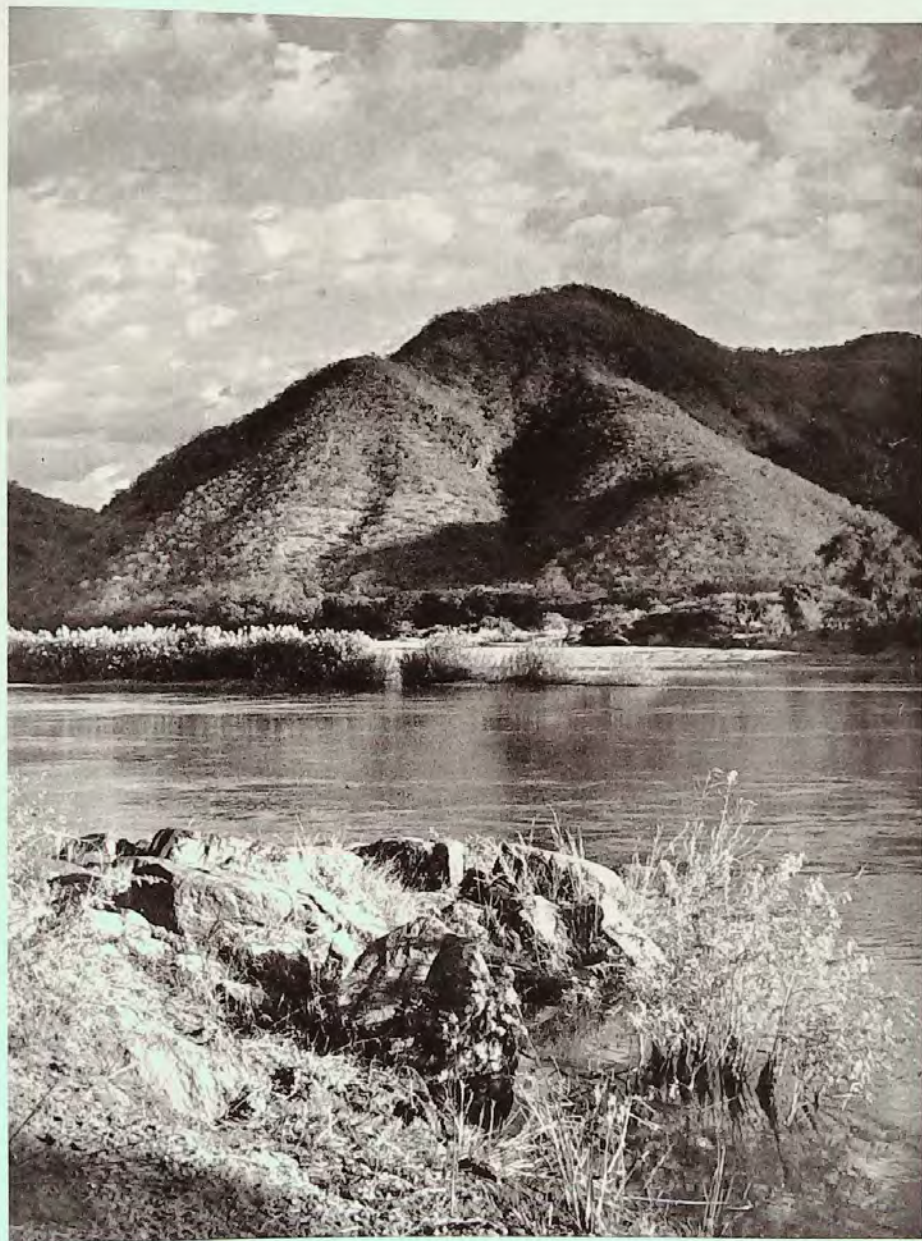


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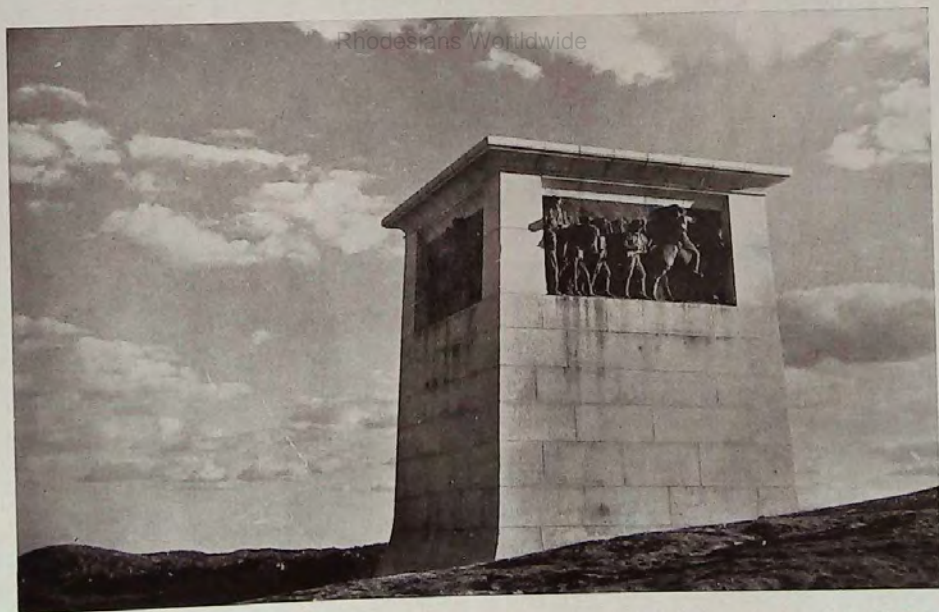
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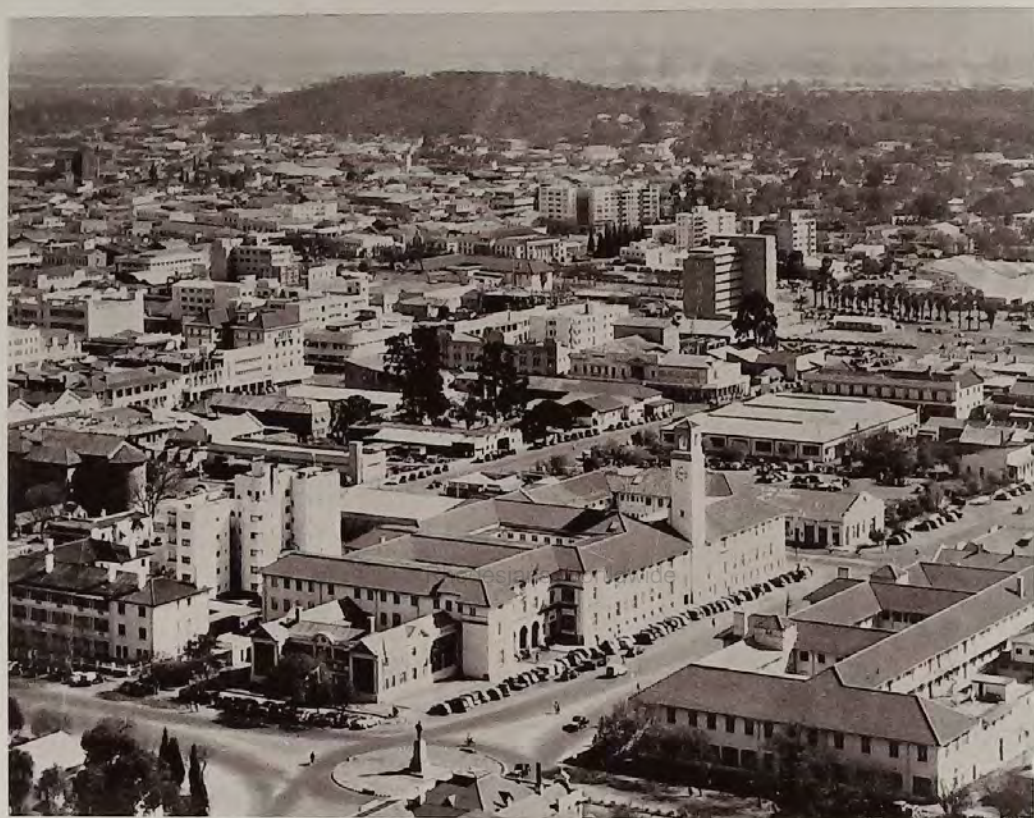
The adaptability and progress of the African women in Rhodesia is very aptly illustrated in the two photographs on this page. The sisters of the women who pound the mealies in the time-honoured fashion are learning the value of modern methods in hospitals and clinics, and are rendering great service to their fellow men.

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Rehearsing the dancers in "Pied Piper of Hamelin".

# *The* CHILDREN'S THEATRE

A NEW  
JUVENILE VENTURE

THERE HAVE, OF COURSE, BEEN Children's Theatres before. Sometimes they are merely a vehicle for adults who wish to present the classical "juvenile" plays. Sometimes they are confined to the musical side, or to puppetry or other aspects of juvenile entertainment. With a few notable exceptions, they rarely live for long.

Now, however, a new Children's Theatre has been formed in Salisbury and looks like becoming an important feature of the cultural life of the town. The Patrons include Lady Huggins, The Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Southern Rhodesia and Mrs. Paget, Bishop Chichester, the Rev. J. Kennedy Grant and Mrs. Kennedy Grant, Sir Philip and Lady Gaisford, Lord and Lady Acton, Sir Ellis Robins, Mr. Chegwidde, Mr. Halsted, Mr. Strachan and others who are interested in juvenile entertainment and education.

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stage mechanics of play production, and act as stage crew, scene shifters, property masters, etc., during a production. Others are taught stage lighting and equipment, while costume design, the relation of colour and materials to stage lights, and the balance of colour in a crowd scene are also dealt with.

A short production of two one-act plays was staged during the September holidays on the Theatre's open-air stage at Highlands, and was extremely successful, for not only did it give the members experience, but it also acted as an audition for the Christmas show, "Where the Rainbow Ends" to be staged at Blakiston School

Hall, Salisbury from December 26th for a full week.

An integral part of the Children's Theatre is the Puppet Theatre, directed by Mr. R. Tyrrell, himself a member of the British Puppetry Association and an authority of the making of puppets and the presentation of puppet plays.

With an enthusiastic group of experts in their own "lines", the Children's Theatre has been started by Monica Marsden, well-known children's author, a familiar voice on the Children's Hour both of the B.B.C. and the Rhodesian Broadcasting Service, and closely associated with the English Theatre, both on the business and production sides, all her life.



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## HIGH ABOVE A MIGHTY MOUNTAIN

Kilimanjaro, the highest mountain in Africa, on the border between Kenya and Tanganyika, as it is seen by the air traveller. Kilimanjaro is an extinct volcano, and the summit, 19,565 feet, is a point on the crater rim. On the right of the picture is the crater surrounded by vast snow fields, and the slopes and foothills of the huge mountain are obscured by drifting clouds. In the left background is Mount Meru, 14,955 feet, about thirty miles away, near Arusha.





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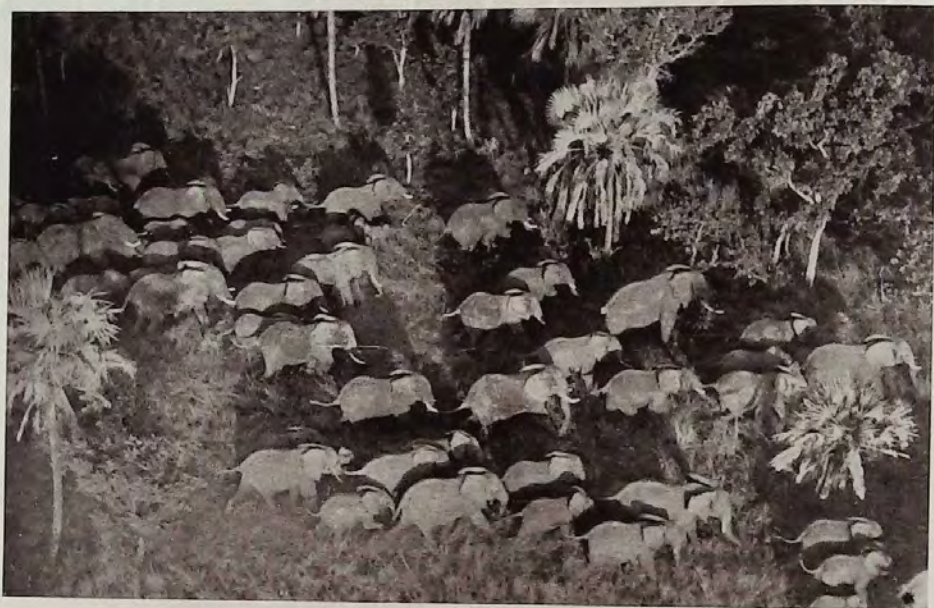


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## SKYWAYS OF AFRICA

An air liner on the tarmac of Eastleigh Airport, Nairobi, behind an aerial signpost indicating the directions and mileages to fifteen different African airports.





A herd of Elephant in Portuguese East Africa.



Lechwe on the Kafue Flats, Northern Rhodesia.



A bull Elephant lowering its head in a defensive attitude.

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# Women's Journal

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LOOKING OUT AS THE PLANE CIRCLED OVER Salisbury, I was dazzled by the beauty of the Jacarandas in full bloom. It is a sight to lift up one's heart, this yearly miracle of colour; for come rain or drought, the Jacarandas never fail us.

Most Rhodesian towns have lovely flowering trees and shrubs and even in the driest winter months there are always vivid patches of colour from the Poinsettias, Bougainvillias and Golden Shower, etc., to gladden the eyes.

Writing this, turns my thoughts to the "Scent Garden" for the blind in Bexhill, Sussex. The flower beds are raised so that the blind do not need to bend too far down to smell the perfume of the various flowers, and the varieties chosen for this garden are all the old-fashioned, sweetly-scented plants, so dear to the hearts of all gardeners and even to those who do not claim to be gardeners, yet love the fresh perfume of such plants as lavender, roses, stocks and the many others, of which each of us has our own particular favourites. I think it is such a charming idea.

It seems fitting to mention here, the Sunflower Club in Salisbury. This is not, as one might think, a Gardening Club, but a club for children from five to sixteen, who have been victims of poliomyelitis. It was started by Miss Dierdre Kirkpatrick, a young Red Cross worker, and was opened quite recently. The aim of this club is to give encouragement and help to all who have suffered from this disease, the only qualification for membership being the brother- or sisterhood of misfortune. It is a fine thought that something is being done for these unfortunate children, and we wish Miss Kirkpatrick every success in her efforts.

A jacket reminiscent of the striped blazer, but with a difference . . . double breasted panel of horizontal stripes, neat self belt.

## VISITING ARTISTS

AT ONE TIME RHODESIA WAS RIGHT OFF THE beaten track for visiting artists, but today we have nothing to complain of in that respect, for most of the distinguished instrumentalists, singers and others who visit the Union usually include Rhodesia in their itinerary, not to mention those fine artists who live down South and quite often tour this Colony.

Among the latter is Miss Elsie Hall, charming and talented, who visited Rhodesia in July. Hard on her heels came Harold Reubens, the brilliant Welsh pianist. Both these artists, each outstanding in the world of music, were, I think, handicapped in having to play on an instrument not worthy of them.

Another enjoyable pianoforte recital was that given by our own Rhodesian artiste, Miss Juliette Habib, who though not in the same class as the above two pianists, yet gave an excellent rendering of a very difficult programme.

The French pianist, Gilles Guilbert, also a performer of note, gave a concert in Bulawayo and Salisbury. I enjoyed





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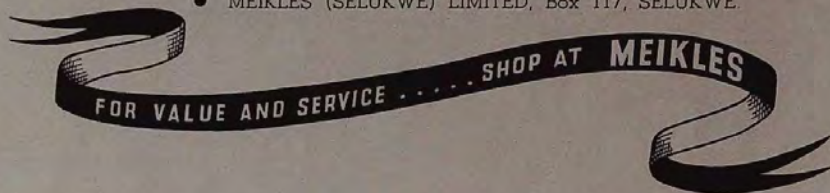
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## BALLET

**I**N JULY WE HAD A VISIT FROM THE CAPE TOWN University Ballet, under the direction of Miss Dulcie Howes. This excellent company is always sure of a warm welcome in Rhodesia, and their last visit was no exception to this rule; all seats being sold out in record time. Their performance was, as usual, of a very high standard, and the packed houses showed their appreciation by their prolonged applause.

## RHODESIAN ASCOT

**O**UR AGRICULTURAL SHOWS HAVE BEEN called the "Ascot of Rhodesia" and this year, it seemed to me, the gowns worn by the women were even smarter than usual. Printed silk tailored frocks, and linen suits were in the majority, and how much more suitable they are for our usually dusty grounds than the flowing frilly styles which were, I am told, the earlier vogue.

## DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

**T**HE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, SOUTH ATLANTIC Vice-Admiral Sir Herbert Packer and Lady Packer were welcome visitors to Rhodesia. Lady Packer, an authoress of note—*Pack and Follow* and *Grey Mistress* are delightful books—is a most charming and natural person to speak to. Fame does not weigh heavily on her, and her gay and vivid personality gains friends for her everywhere.



For Christmas Eve, a white silk blouse with a lace bib and black ribbon bow.



For the rainy days—which we hope will be many this season—a loose coat with pockets opened at the side and smart round collar to turn up or down.

## BIRTHDAY FUND GIRLS

**M**ISS NANCY BRACKENRIDGE AND MISS ANNE Boulton, the two lucky young ladies chosen from among hundreds of applicants to visit Rhodesia, under the Princess Elizabeth Birthday Fund scheme, arrived in Salisbury early in August. A week later Rhodesia's own two birthday girls, Elizabeth Thurlow and Kathleen O'Leary, returned from an enthralling seven weeks in England, the highlight of which was their meeting with Princess Elizabeth.

## CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

**A**ND NOW WE ARE BEGINNING TO THINK OF Christmas, which seems to be just around the corner. Since the cost-of-living has skyrocketed so fearfully, I have decided that this year I shall make many of the presents which I usually buy, and I have been gathering suggestions which I gladly pass on to my readers.

Home-made sweets, packed in pretty boxes which you decorate yourself. Start collecting cardboard boxes now, and then buy some of that charming wrapping paper and cover the lid and sides by pasting it on. This makes an attractive and welcome present for any sweet-tooth friends.

A handkerchief: but a very special sort. Get a piece of fine lawn or crepe-de-chine and edge it with a really good piece of rather wide lace. This will be greatly appreciated by its recipient, to tuck in the belt of an evening dress or a best suit.

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A handkerchief sachet in pastel shade satin; a glove box with padded lid and covered in satin; or a night-dress case, also in satin.

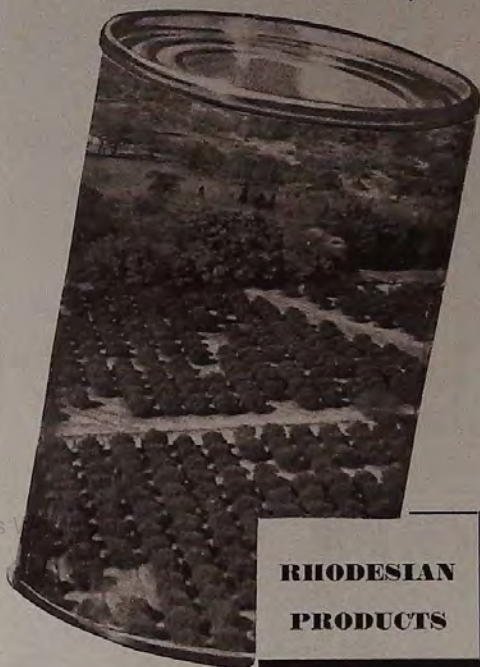
For the children. If Father is a good carpenter, a set of small chairs and a table, or a doll's house for the small daughter would bring much joy. Mother can either knit or make a set of dollie's clothes, and here again the ubiquitous card-board box can be made into a dollie's suit-case, to pack the trousseau.

For the smaller son, a scrap-book for his favourite cricket/rugby/boxing notes and photos, or pictures of those heroes which boys always seem to collect and never have a place to keep. Use your imagination about the cover and I'm sure your gift will be appreciated.

Another suggestion for boys' toys, and easy and cheap to make, is a farmyard. Materials required are modelling clay or Plastone, the latter being a white clay which sets hard and can then be painted whatever colours you wish, a paint-box, bits of wood, cut-out pictures and a few odds and ends. You can have endless fun yourself just out of the making, and you will be surprised at the pleasure your young son will get out of this toy farm.

If any of you are interested in the above suggestions and care to write to me, I can give you full directions for making any or all of the above; unfortunately I haven't the space to include them here.

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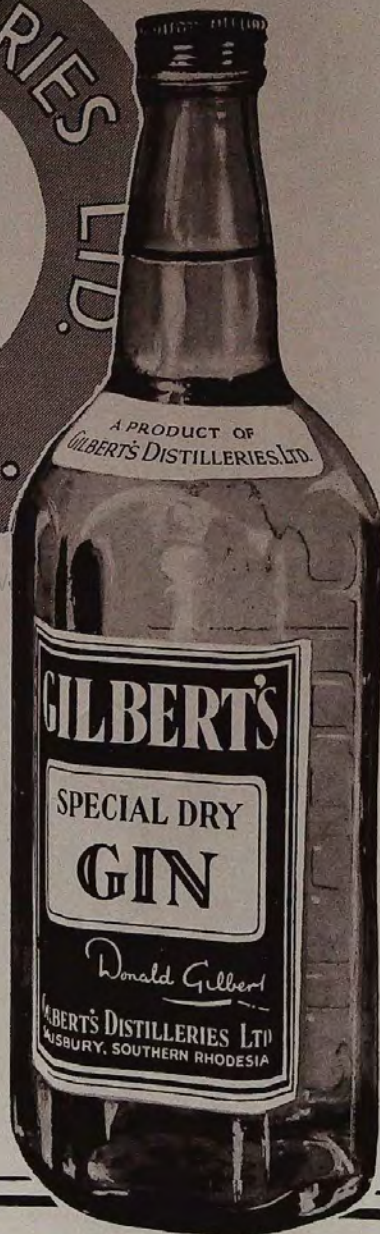
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# Sports



**I**F IT HAS NO OTHER CLAIM TO FAME, THE YEAR 1951 will be remembered in Rhodesian sporting circles for one very good reason. It was the year when seven Rhodesians won Springbok caps. Never before has there been such a remarkable galaxy of talent in any one year; never before, in fact, has Rhodesia come even within striking distance of such a fine record.

It is true that conditions were somewhat easier this year than in the past, for four of the Rhodesian Springboks were hockey players—and South African hockey elevens are not chosen every year. But even bearing these considerations in mind, the achievement of these seven sportsmen will mark 1951 as an *annus mirabilis* and possibly as a turning point in the country's sporting progress.

Looking at the various sports individually, it does not seem that so much was accomplished, but these young men give the lie to that impression, emphasising that progress has indeed been made in many directions.

Early in the year, Percy Mansell of Bulawayo was chosen as a member of the South African cricket team to tour Britain. He had limited opportunities on tour, and cannot be said to have distinguished himself at any time, although there can be no suggestion that he was a passenger. He played in two Tests, making ninety in his first innings, and seemed to run into his best form towards the end of the tour. His fielding was of a consistently high standard. Mansell seems to have done sufficient to justify his being a candidate for the next Springbok team to tour Australia, but that, of course, is in the lap of the gods.

Then came the two Rugby Springboks—Ryk van Schoor and Saly du Rand, both farmers from the Manicaland district. Unlike Mansell, these two men were not Rhodesians of long standing, having come to this country from the Union, where they learned their Rugby. Both had previously played in Test matches against the All Blacks, and both are obviously well equipped to deal with the rigours of the long tour that confronts them. Du Rand is a versatile and hard-working flank forward, van Schoor a centre-three-quarter with a deadly tackle and a fine sense of timing.

## HOCKEY TOURISTS

In the middle of winter a team of hockey players from Britain and Ireland toured Southern Africa, making Bulawayo their first stop and playing there and at Gwelo and Salisbury before going on to the Union. Four Rhodesians were chosen to play for South Africa in Test matches against these tourists, and three of them were newcomers to the national eleven. One, Harold Downey, had previously won the high honour

when he played in the one and only Test match against the combined Oxford and Cambridge team (the Swallows) three years before.

The others now chosen were Morgan, Seager and Coventry, the latter (who captained Rhodesia this season) coming into the team for the third Test.

All had distinguished themselves when the Rhodesian hockey team took part in the usual South African inter-provincial tournament. Rhodesia has a reputation for playing good hockey, and its enterprising selection committee has done a tremendous amount of good for the game by giving the younger players all the encouragement they need. The same, unfortunately, cannot always be said of other sports.

Another distinction came Rhodesia's way when C. V. Irvine, one of the best all-round sportsmen this country has produced, and former South African hockey captain, was chosen as one of the South African hockey selectors.

## NEW TENNIS CHAMPION

Irvine, in addition to his prowess at hockey, has held the Rhodesian tennis title for a good many years. This year, however, he sacrificed it to Eustace Fannin, the well-known South African player, who was one of several Union players who took part in the championship meeting at Bulawayo.

Rhodesia, in turn, sent her own competitors away to keep the young country's flag flying at tournaments in the Union. One of these was Joan Diamond. This young schoolgirl from Bulawayo had already won the South African swimming record for the breaststroke, and at the annual championships early in the year she broke her own record.

Mrs. Tomlinson, the leading woman golfer in Rhodesia, confirmed her position when she retained her title during the women's golf tournament. This, like the men's tournament, was held on the Copperbelt. Among the men, however, a player who had not previously risen to the top of the tree, appeared to challenge the might of such veterans as Wrey Ingham, Claude Melville, and A. B. Boshoff, the well-known Salisbury trio. He was Ken Treloar, who left all opposition standing when he won the men's title over his home course at Chingola, Northern Rhodesia.

## NORTH IN THE NEWS

Northern Rhodesia has figured prominently in the sporting calendar during the last twelve





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In all these events it was seen that, if they are met on their home grounds, and are able to field their strongest teams, the players from north of the Zambezi are a power to be reckoned with. They were easy victors both of the athletic and boxing events, provided the national golf champion, trounced Southern Rhodesia on the Rugby field on two successive days, and then managed to beat a Griqualand West Rugby team which, in turn, beat a Southern Rhodesian side.

As against this, the Northern Rhodesian Soccer team which travelled to Bulawayo to play Southern Rhodesia for the Levy Cup was beaten 2-1. But this was certainly a creditable enough performance on the visitors' part, and was further proof of the territory's increasing importance in sports events. It is a pity that an attempt was made towards the close of winter to open up old wounds in the

Soccer and Rugby relationships between Southern and Northern Rhodesia, but greatly to the credit of those officials who took immediate steps to prevent the trouble going any further.

#### MATABELELAND SUPREMACY

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On one Saturday afternoon in August, however, the matter was resolved beyond all doubt when the two elite club sides from Matabeleland and Mashonaland met in the semi-final of the Austen Cup competition. The Bulawayo team, Rovers, beat the Salisbury team, Police, by the ignominious tally of nine goals to nil. Thus were the mighty fallen! Police, reckoned to be as strong as any club side in the country, were made to look like novices beside the well co-ordinated Rovers, and although the losers were, in fact, short of some of their usual players, there can be no getting round a total of that magnitude.

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## ALL-IN WRESTLING

August also saw the re-introduction to Rhodesia, after an absence of many years, of all-in wrestling. Henry Irslinger, the well-known Union promoter, staged two performances, one in Bulawayo and one in Salisbury, and at each the stars were Willie Liebenberg, the South African heavyweight champion, and Charlie Green, of Britain.

The crowds that turned out to watch the tournaments in both centres were proof in themselves of the popularity which all-in wrestling will enjoy when it becomes more firmly established in the Colony. Irslinger, moreover, had timed his appearance well, for a Rhodesian Wrestling Association had recently been formed in Bulawayo and keenness for the sport had reached a new peak. Unfortunately, wrestlers, like many other sportsmen in the larger centres, find that they have no training facilities, and the sport is likely to suffer on this account until something can be done about it, particularly in Salisbury and Bulawayo.

## RUGBY DEFEAT

Towards the close of winter, the final inter-provincial Rugby match of the season was played in Salisbury between Rhodesia and Northern Transvaal. The high hopes which Rugby supporters had had of their team's ability, after having seen it perform very creditably against Natal earlier in the season, were not justified on this occasion, and Rhodesia lost 14-6.

Rhodesian Rugby has not been at its best this season, and certainly seems to have lost a good measure of public support—at any rate, where ordinary league matches are concerned. The modern tendency to close the game up for fear of allowing one's opponents too many three-quarter scoring opportunities, is doing the game little good from the spectator's point of view; and although there appears to have been genuine efforts in Rhodesia to stamp out this disease whenever possible, it is firmly ingrained among nearly all the Union sides and is therefore very much in evidence when representative matches are played.

Rhodesia, as we stated earlier, got two players into the Springbok team to tour Britain. With luck, it might have been three or even four. Perhaps the unluckiest man among those not selected was van Jaarsveldt, of Bulawayo, who had been playing magnificently in home matches and can only have missed selection by the narrowest of margins. Prinsloo, of Salisbury, the heaviest man at the trials (225 lbs.), was also unlucky not to make the grade.

It seemed surprising that Rhodesia, with her plentiful array of fullback talent, was still unable to send a fullback to the trials. Joe Pretorius, of Salisbury, was unaccountably off form at the start of the season, and, in fact, never regained it properly. John Kitcat, now playing for Manicaland, was in one or two games, but failed to impress. Rogers, of Gwelo, was the new find this season, but he was obviously not in South African class. And Channer, also of Gwelo, struck form



late, and then lost it again too quickly, and never came into the picture at all. Northern Rhodesia might have done worse than send de Jongh, who has had an excellent season and has been kicking superbly.

## BOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS

The highlight of the boxing season was the extensive tour of both Northern and Southern Rhodesia carried out by the world bantamweight champion, Vic Towel. Towel, who was accompanied by two of his brothers, gave exhibitions all over the country.

From the point of view of Rhodesia's own boxers, the most important event was the championship meeting at Nkana. All provinces of Southern Rhodesia sent representatives, although their teams were naturally depleted somewhat owing to the inability of some boxers to travel. Northern Rhodesia were easy winners of the team trophy, but Mashonaland came away with the knowledge that they had provided the best boxer. He was John Lewis, who won the heavy-welterweight title—and thus repeated the success of his father, Lionel Lewis, who also won the welterweight title of Rhodesia, twenty-two years ago.

## RECRUIT FOR DERBY

Soccer received an encouraging fillip when twenty-one-year-old Cecil Law, who has played outside-left regularly for Rhodesia for three or four years, accepted an invitation to play professional football for Derby County. Law originally turned the offer down, but one presumes that it was repeated with more favourable terms, and he left during August.

Football runs in the Law family. His father played the game in the Union, and Cecil's brothers are also good players. Cecil, however, is an all-round sportsman. He played Rugby for Prince Edward School and water polo for Rhodesia for three years running, besides being a diver of some merit.

## BADMINTON VISITORS

The all-conquering Danish badminton players visited Rhodesia during their successful tour of Southern Africa. Like all the opponents whom they encountered on their long journey, the Rhodesians proved no match for the tourists and were soundly defeated on each occasion. But the visit still did the game, which does not have a big following in Rhodesia, a lot of good. No doubt it will become increasingly popular now.

## CRICKET EXPERIMENT

And so another cricket season came round; this time one in which a bold experiment is to be undertaken by the South African Cricket Association. The new Currie Cup scheme met with a good deal of opposition in Rhodesia but was finally accepted simply because there seemed little good in carrying objections any farther.





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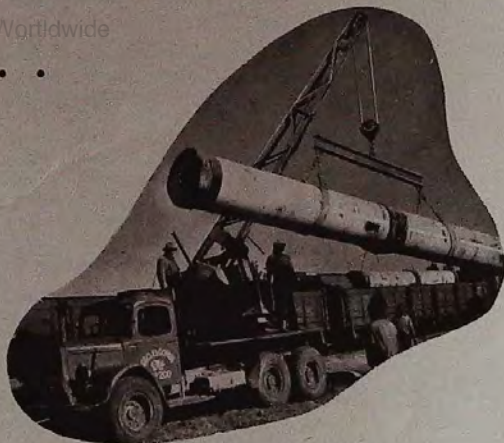
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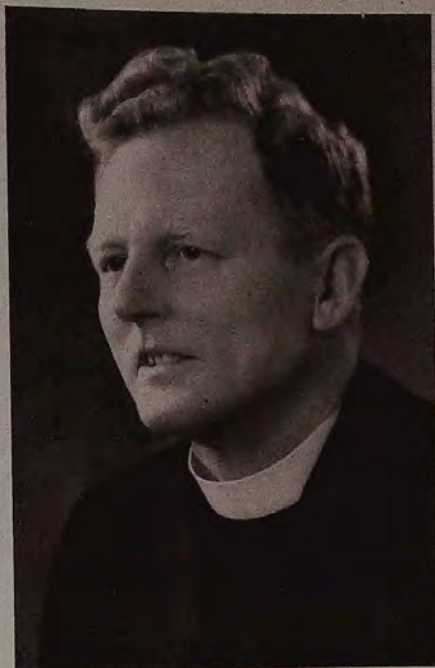


It deserves a trial before it is condemned, but on the face of it does not appear attractive from the point of view of the weaker unions—and Rhodesia is one. Financial losses may now be a thing of the past, but it seems as if the smaller unions are to be denied the opportunity of trying their hand against the stronger ones. If this proves to be the case, it can result only in a general lowering of the standard among the smaller provinces, although it might conceivably strengthen the standard in the larger ones.

Rhodesia's object, therefore, must be to get into the A zone, and to stay there.



THE LATE VERY REV. FATHER A. CONNELL, S. J., Rector of St. George's College, Salisbury, who died at St. Anne's Hospital on August 28. Father Connell was a great lover of cricket and put a tremendous amount of work and enthusiasm into the laying of cricket pitches, coaching, repairs of bats and pads as well as introducing the boys to cricket literature, and he managed a successful Nuffield team in 1947. But above all Father Connell was a priest and a man of great courage and strength of character, and these qualities manifested themselves particularly during the long period of his fatal illness.



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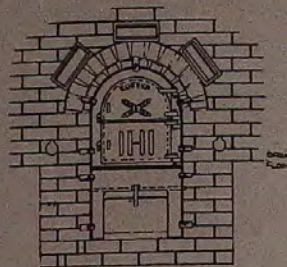
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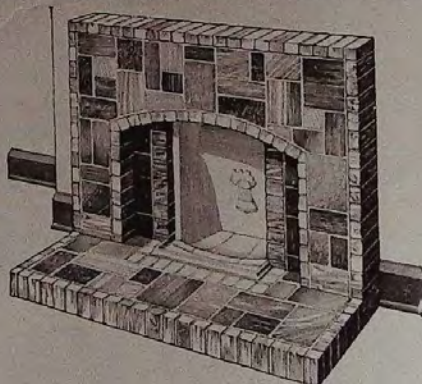
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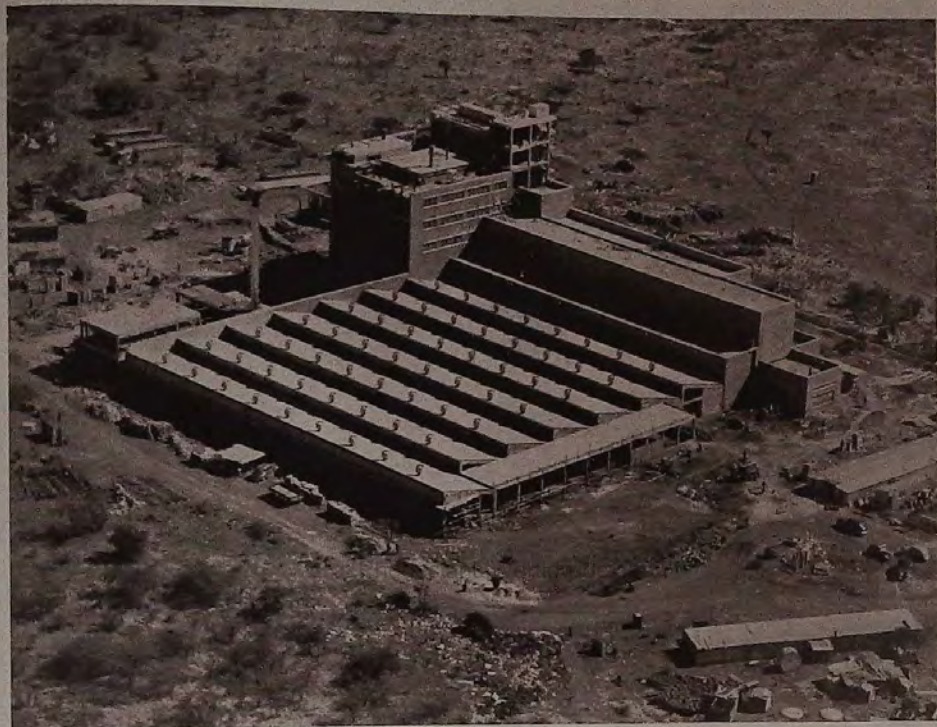
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# A LETTER ABOUT THE OPENING OF A RHODESIAN BREWERY



Aerial view of the brewery in Bulawayo.

## FROM PHIL BERKES

*Past President Master Brewers Association of America. (Published in Communications of the Master Brewers Association of America.)*

FIRST LET ME MAKE CLEAR TO YOU why I was invited to the opening of a new brewery at Bulawayo, Southern Rhodesia. Some three years ago, a remarkable gentleman by the name of James Kapnek, a native of Philadelphia who had spent the last forty-eight years in South Africa, found his way to the President's office of the Adam Scheidt Brewing Company in Norristown, Pennsylvania. He had read the story of the development of Prior Beer as published in *Fortune Magazine*. He told President Karl Scheidt that he wanted a brewery in Rhodesia with the latest equipment and run on the latest

methods—all to be backed with English capital. He gave a glowing word picture of the existing and potential markets for a fresh type of beer in that faraway country. The capital available was £631,000.

## I MEET MR. KAPNEK

Since I had happened to have retired from active service just at that time (after an uninterrupted period of thirty-one years with the Adam Scheidt Brewery), Mr. Scheidt promptly turned the Rhodesian over to me. I had better tell you about him. Mr. Kapnek is a well-known financier with large interests in both the Union of South Africa and Rhodesia. He went to South Africa as a young man, representing the National Cash Register Company. While there, he became so impressed with the potentialities of the country that, after returning to the United



When the Prime Minister, Sir Godfrey Huggins, arrived to open the Rhodesian Breweries he was received by Sir Edward Wilshaw, one of the directors of the brewery who had come from London to attend the ceremony. With the Prime Minister is Mr. J. F. Kapnek.



Mr. Phil Berkes, (past president of the Master Brewers Association of America), speaking at the official opening of the brewery.



Mr. J. F. Kapnek addressing the large gathering which attended the opening.



States, he severed his connection, went back to Rhodesia and settled there. During 1914-18 he was responsible for the development of large-scale production of arsenic used in cattle dips to combat Texas Fever. This was a pioneering enterprise of great benefit to the country.

He is also interested in the production of gold, copper and diamonds. For the last thirty years he has owned and operated a 12,000 acre farm sixty miles from Salisbury, the capital of Rhodesia. The farm is called "Frogmore". For a time he was the largest tobacco-grower in all Africa. One of his latest enterprises is a large, modern flour mill in Salisbury. Well, Mr. Kapnek wanted a brewery to produce first class beer.

### LOVE'S LABOUR LOST

Mr. Kapnek and I started to work. A preliminary lay-out of a 50,000 barrel plant was developed, bottled beer only to be produced. Contracts were obtained covering brewhouse, cellars and bottling units. I was naturally eager to keep the work in the United States—particularly in view of the fact that the Skoda Works of Pilsen presented formidable competition. That firm even sent their engineers to Rhodesia to make first-hand studies of the lay of the land. But all love's labour became a total loss for both parties when the British Labour Government prohibited dollar export to the United States and Czechoslovakia joined Joe Stalin's camp!

### A FRESH START

And then a new man entered the picture—Mr. Bernard Dixon of London, a descendant of an old British brewing family and Managing Director of the well-known Green's Brewery in Luton, England. Mr. Dixon possesses a vast scientific and practical knowledge of the field of brewing. At the request of Mr. Kapnek, Mr. Dixon spent three weeks with me studying American brewery design and brewing methods in Pennsylvania and New York. He also observed consumer acceptance of our lager beers and ales. I do not hesitate to state that his observations were well reflected in the subsequent lay-out and resulting product in the Rhodesian territory. Mr. Dixon took over the assignment, and to his everlasting credit a complete 50,000 barrel plant, modern and up-to-date in all respects, was created within the short space of sixteen months. A brewery of this size and type in America today would cost 10,000,000 dollars.

### THE GRAND OPENING

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Another 600 miles from there in a northerly direction, and I reached my destination, two days ahead of the big event.

Pomp and circumstance had its place in the opening of this new industrial enterprise. The Prime Minister of Southern Rhodesia, the Rt. Hon. Sir Godfrey Huggins, was present to declare the Brewery open. The Mayor of Bulawayo, Councillor J. H. Butcher, welcomed the guests. And Phillip Berkes, Esquire, Past President of the Master Brewers Association of America, of Norristown, Pennsylvania, U.S.A., was delegated to reply to the Mayor on behalf of the guests. Inspection of the plant followed, with members of the staff on hand to point out its features. Up to this time, not a drop of beer had left the premises.

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## RAW MINERALS AND BY-PRODUCTS

It is the policy of the Rhodesian Government to develop agriculture so that its products may be used in the manufacture of commodities required by the country. The production of raw materials for brewing purposes would be of great benefit to the farmer, particularly at a time when "bread and butter" farming should be preferred to the raising of tobacco. Production of more barley is a matter of irrigation. In Rhodesia and the Union, there is not enough suitable barley raised to serve even half of brewers' requirements. The barley from Frogmore Estates, developed by Mr. J. F. Kapnek, offers large possibilities for the production of suitable barley.

The annual output of the Southern African brewing industry is about 25,000,000 imperial gallons. About twelve breweries are in operation. I have seen samples of African barley, it is of the six-rowed variety. With adequate irrigation, conditions are favourable for the raising of good material for the production of beer and ale.

Next to tobacco, the most important crop is maize (Indian corn), which is the staple diet of the African population and plays a vital part in the economy of the country. It is used as a brewing material. Before the war more maize was produced than was required, which left a surplus for export. But with the rapid growth in population since the war, production has not been able to meet the demand. The Colony has had to import from outside. However, active steps are being taken to increase production of maize and other food crops to make the Colony as self supporting as possible.

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## THE MARKET POTENTIALITIES

Rhodesia is rapidly expanding, in so far as its European population is concerned. Twelve thousand immigrants are entering Rhodesia each year. In proportion to population, Southern Rhodesia has one of the highest immigration

ratios in the world today, if not the highest. Owing to housing difficulties, only certain categories are being allowed to enter. The housing situation is being dealt with as a matter of great urgency.

The extent of the country's mineral wealth is enormous. It has gold, chrome, mica, coal, asbestos, iron ore and several rare minerals.

There are extensive ranching facilities, and efforts are being made to take the fullest advantage of them. Agriculture concerns itself mainly with tobacco and maize, although some wheat, barley and rice are under cultivation.

In the Rhodesias (North and South), there is a strong feeling that Africa is the last and best investment for capital, and that the country is in for an unprecedented prosperity. It may safely be said that the mineral and agricultural wealth of Rhodesia has barely been scratched. The Kariba Power Dam, when completed, will be compared to the great Boulder Dam in our country and will generate 850,000 horsepower. That the sun shines there in abundance is one of the great attractions. In fact, it is possible to enjoy fifty weeks of sunshine out of a year! With elevation between 4,000 and 5,000 feet, it is an ideal climate for beer consumption.



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