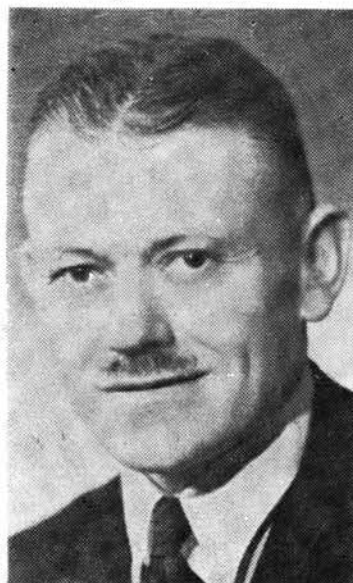


Minister of Justice Appointed as Judge

The Hon. Mr. T. H. W. Beadle, O.B.E., K.C., was elevated to the Southern Rhodesia Bench on 21st July, 1950. Mr. Beadle, a Rhodesian, took his degrees of B.A. with honours in Roman-Dutch law and LL.B. at the University of Cape Town. Afterwards he went to Queen's College, Oxford, as a Rhodesian Rhodes Scholar and took the degree of B.C.L.

In June, 1940, he was given the post of Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister, and on 24th May, 1946, he was appointed Minister of Justice and Internal Affairs. During this appointment Mr. Beadle always showed concern for the well-being of all members of the Force.

We congratulate him on his appointment.



We also take this opportunity of welcoming as the new Minister Mr. J. M. Greenfield, K.C., M.P., who has been appointed to the portfolios of Minister of Justice and Internal Affairs.

Mr. Greenfield belongs to a Bulawayo family and represents Hillside, Bulawayo, in Parliament. He was awarded a Rhodes Scholarship in 1929 to Oxford, where he took the degrees of B.A. in Jurisprudence and LL.B. He was admitted as an Advocate of the High Court of Southern Rhodesia in 1933.

Mr. Greenfield was a staunch ally of the Police when he presented our case for better serving conditions to the Mundy Commission in 1946 and we feel that with Mr. Greenfield as the new Police Minister, our welfare is in good hands.

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Editor's Notes



There are signs of a feeling in some quarters that the large sum of money which a Police display costs might be spent more advantageously on matters more directly concerned with actual Police work or amenities for members of the Force. It is a point of view, but there is another aspect.

Any life devoted entirely to toil, be it the life of an individual or that of a nation, must be drab; there must be the other side—gaiety, art, pageantry—to enable us to enjoy life. Musicians, writers, artists, are all as necessary in any community as the builders, merchants, administrators. In Europe there is a wealth of art; any night in London one can choose one's entertainment from concerts, plays, ballet, vaudeville, artistic exhibitions; galas and festivals run almost continuously. The brilliance of uniformed men and horses is supplied in those countries by their armies. In Rhodesia we have regular soldiers—the Southern Rhodesia Staff Corps—who, by reason of their small numbers and the fact that they are not mounted, are unable to play this part of the Colony's life. This duty, therefore, falls to the lot of the Police.

No Police Force in the world enjoys complete and unbroken harmony with the public which it serves; if order is to be maintained, laws must be enforced, and the enforcement is the job of the policeman. However courteously Police may try to carry out their duty and however submissive may be the public, a feeling of estrangement is sometimes noticeable. Fortunately, this condition is always local, infrequent and transient in Southern Rhodesia. We in this Force may consider ourselves fortunate that we have opportunity to show the public that we are not only concerned with restricting their activities, but that we also enjoy providing them with spectacular escorts and displays and playing our part in building up the colourful side of this young country's life. That the public appreciate our efforts and good-naturedly bury as dead and gone all their past grumbles is clearly shown by the large crowds which invariably line the streets or sports ground when the "Majohnnies" are giving a show. We are told that Southern Rhodesia is proud of its Police Force; we hope that this is so

because we have a warm feeling for the citizens who never fail to support our escorts and displays and make worth while all the "spit and polish" and hard work which has gone into training man and horse.

1950 saw the first Salisbury Show for many years in which the Police have not been placed in the Open Jumping, the highlight of the Show. This was as great a disappointment to a large section of the public as it was to the force. We have had successes this year in Shows at other centres but the Salisbury Show always attracts the best riders and horses in the Colony.

Are we lagging behind the times? Before the last war Police met little competition in the ring events — we had professional horsemen and our horses were at least up to the average standard for the Colony. We still have the professional horsemen, but have we the horses? In the Colony to-day we have civilians who not only can ride but also have the money to buy horses capable of winning Show events. The use of horses in beat and patrol work in town and country is rapidly diminishing and it seems that our future horse requirements will be mainly animals for training recruits and animals for show and display purposes. Has the time come for us to dig a little deeper into the Police pocket for remounts for show work? I understand that the difference between the price of a remount good enough for recruit's training and that of a horse which, with good training, might become a Show event winner is in the region of £20. It is true that additional cost does not end with the purchase price of the horse—better animals will require better stabling and expert training, but it is thought that results would justify the expense. It is worth considering.

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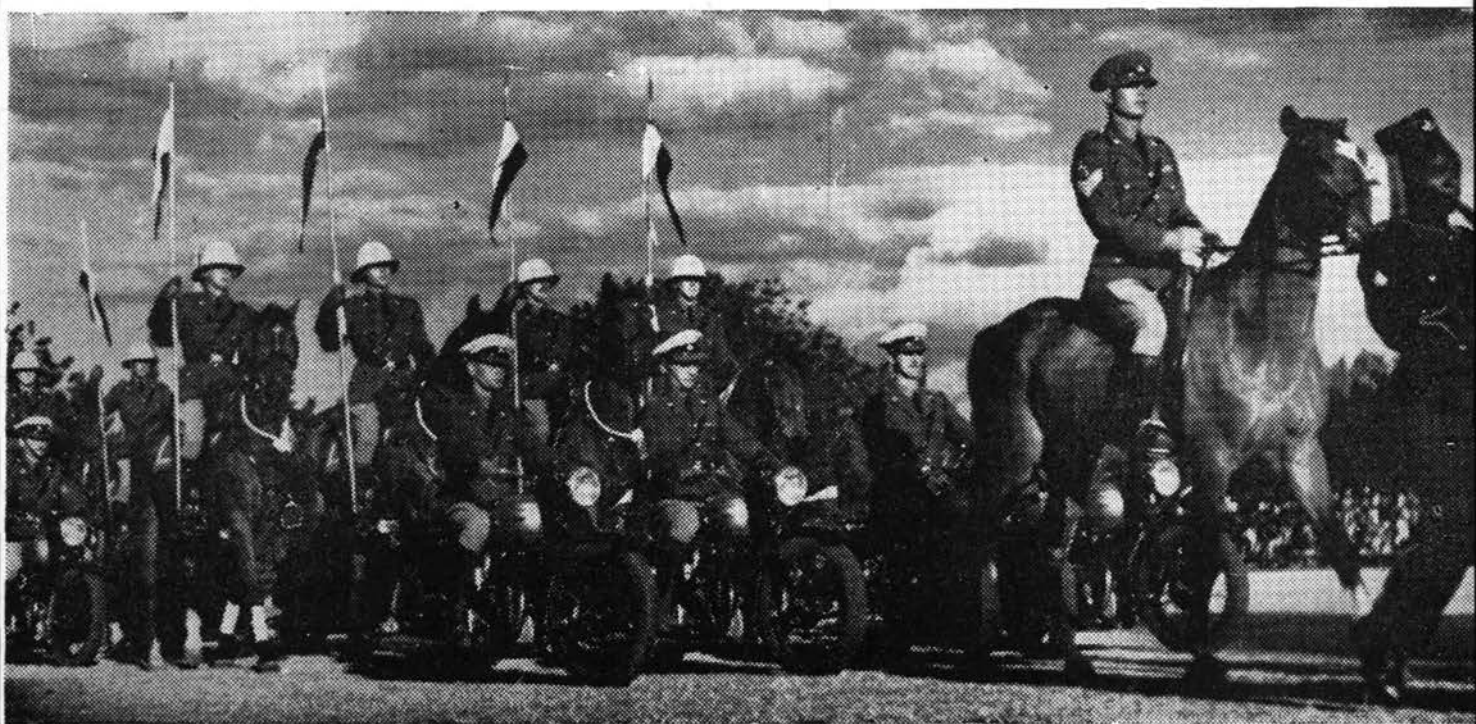
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Police 1950 Display

The Police Display which toured the Colony during August received and deserved the acclamation of the public wherever they went. It was a superb exhibition of the co-ordination of man, horse and machine and although the number of riders was comparatively small when one thinks in terms of the Royal Tournament and the Aldershot Tattoo, their performance was polished and of a quality that drew large crowds day after day at every Agricultural Show in the Colony.

The men were mostly drawn from the ranks of recruits in training, who, under the guidance of a few Depot Instructors, made it difficult to believe that the average length of service was under six months.

The whole manner of the presentation of the Display was a great improvement on the last few years. The gallop across the arena by two horses, ridden by men who knew they had to take their pegs, opened the Show and long applause greeted the sudden lifting of two flags—the Union Jack and the Police colours—suspended on a cord tied to the two tent-pegs, held aloft by their lances. As they cantered round the ring the crowd was on

its toes from the start. The sudden appearance of the clowns on a gaudily painted motor-cycle brought the first laughter when one of them holding a lance and standing on the pillion, took an enormous tent peg.

Their exit coincided with the entry of a motor-cycle, whose pillion passenger was standing to attention, and as the machine drove past the stands, he stepped off the pillion. The machine turned at the far side of the field and was driven towards the erstwhile pillion rider at 35 miles per hour. With perfect timing, he leapt over it from a standing position, clearing the rider's head. To show that there was no trick in this, he repeated the performance with the same apparent ease. The spontaneous applause of the crowd quickly turned to laughter again when two clowns appeared on a motor-cycle and their antics not only delighted the children, the adults and the Africans but showed that acrobatics can be performed on a motor-cycle by two men when they appear to be quite disinterested in the whole affair.

Their exit was followed immediately by the entry of a horse at the canter driven by long

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reins held by the pillion passenger of a motor-cyclist who drove along a few feet from its tail. After one circuit of the ring another motor-cyclist and a pillion rider appeared and driving close alongside the horse, the pillion rider leapt on the horse's back. A display of vaulting from side to side by this man, dressed in mounted kit, ended by his return to the pillion seat; all performed at the canter.

More clowning followed whilst a huge paper screen was placed in front of a wooden ramp. Another motor-cyclist appeared and driving up the ramp at a fast speed, took off and drove through the screen landing with paper festooned about his person and machine. Meanwhile a metal framework wrapped in petrol-soaked hessian was set alight and a few seconds later, the motor-cyclist raced up the ramp and through the enveloping flames and smoke.

This demonstration of control and coolness was a preliminary to another demonstration of what can be achieved by patience and perseverance, in the training of horses. R/H "Kentucky" ridden by an Equitation Instructor cantered up to another paper screen, placed in front of a bush jump and without hesitation jumped through it. With the hessian still burning fiercely Kentucky wheeled and once more delighted the crowd by



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Kentucky Thrills The Crowds

jumping through the fire with complete indifference to the flames.

The clowns again provided the contrast and after one had been "shot" by another rider who fired six blanks from his Webley within a few inches of his horse's head, Kentucky again demonstrated his coolness by jumping over a stretcher containing the "dead" clown.

This part of the Display was ended by Kentucky standing with one fore-foot on a rostrum to receive a long applause.

The Musical Ride by horses and motor-cycles followed and this was the showpiece of the Display. Led by the Band they marched into the arena in alternate fours of horses and machines, bringing spontaneous applause. A left wheel brought them towards the grandstand and after forming line they broke away, pairing off with horse and cycle being ridden alongside each other. A succession of perfectly timed circles, cross-overs and figures-of-eight at the trot were executed and the precision of these movements together with the immaculate appearance of horses, machines and men gave to the Display a finish that has rarely, if



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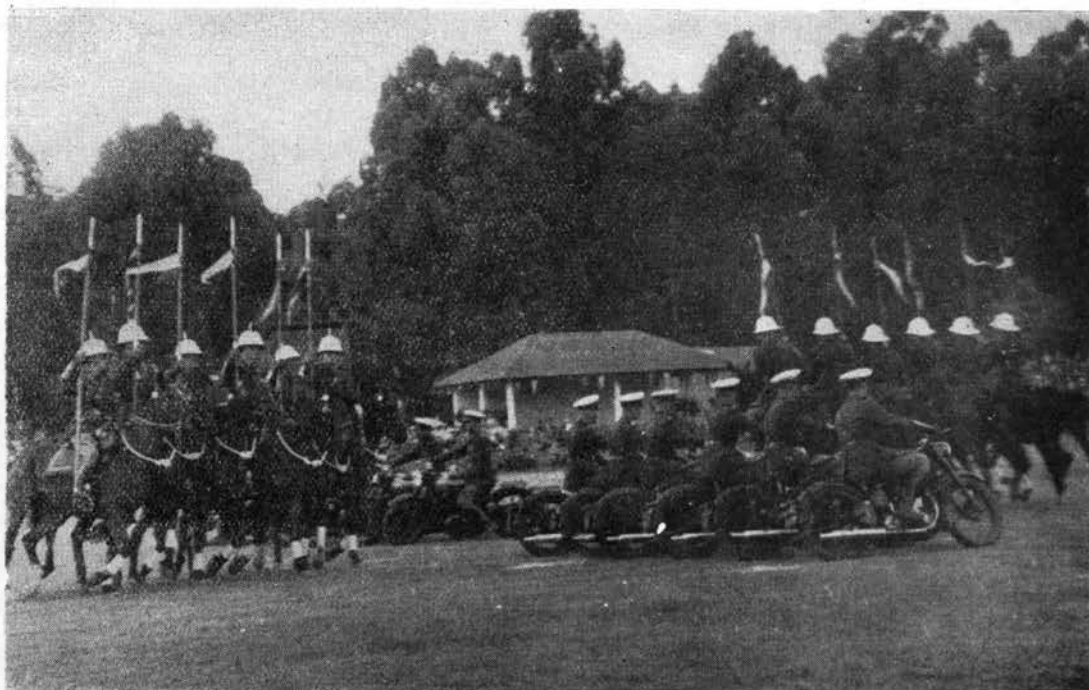


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The Men, too

ever been seen before in this Colony.

The Musical Ride ended by reforming line and led by the Band playing the Regimental March of "Kum-a-Kye" they marched from the ring amidst long and generous applause.

It is not inappropriate to refer here to the many appreciations received after these performances. In the press and from the various Agri-

cultural Societies, the B.S.A. Police Display has been described as "superb," "magnificent" and "brilliant." The public has once more seen that the Police of this Colony maintain the high standard of training and discipline that has kept their reputation high amongst the Police Forces of



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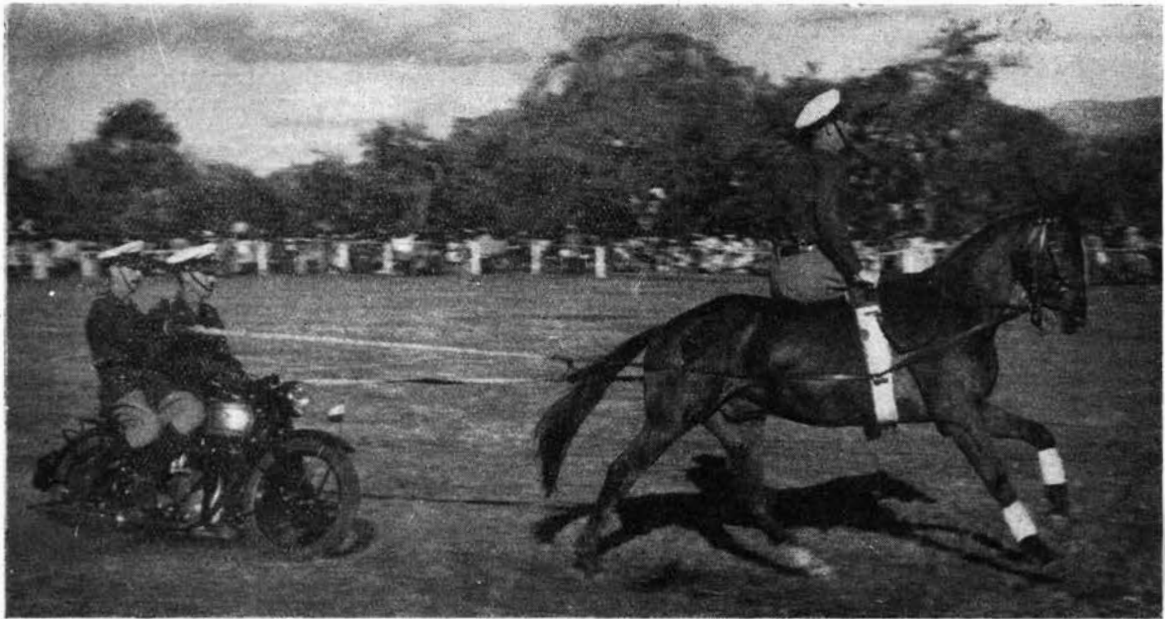


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the Empire. They have seen, too, that the Police do more than patrol the city streets and administer the Bye-laws of the Municipalities.

One correspondent to the "Rhodesia Herald" proposed that if a Display such as this were pre-

sented by the B.S.A. Police at a suitable function in London it would create a very favourable impression on the British public, who in so many cases have been nurtured on distorted ideas of life in Southern Africa.

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Hon. Major P. D. Huston, M.R.C.V.S., Chief Veterinary Surgeon

Hon. Major P. D. Huston retired on 8th August, 1950, after over 30 years' service with the Southern Rhodesia Veterinary Department.

Major Huston was born at Armagh, N. Ireland on 8th August, 1890, and was educated at Armagh Royal School and Portora Royal School, Inneskillen. He took his degree of M.R.C.V.S. at the Royal Veterinary College, Dublin, in 1914. He then saw military service from 1914 to 1918.

His first appointment to the Southern Rhodesia Veterinary Department was on 18th October, 1919. He was appointed Assistant Chief Veterinary Surgeon on 16th May, 1944, and Chief Veterinary Surgeon on 27th June, 1944.

The best of relations have always existed between all ranks of the B.S.A. Police and Major Huston, whether the contact was in Salisbury or in the bush, and we wish him and Mrs. Huston a long life and happy retirement.

We also take this opportunity of welcoming Mr. J. S. Adamson, M.C., M.R.C.V.S., B.Sc. (Vety.), (Edin.), D.T.V.M. (Edin.), who has been appointed Director of Veterinary Services. He joined the Southern Rhodesia Veterinary Department on 9th June, 1927, and he was appointed Assistant Chief Veterinary Surgeon on 27th June, 1944.

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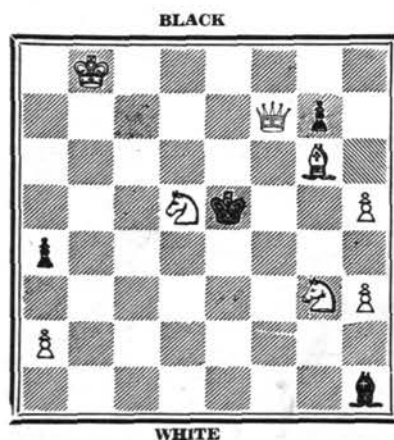
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LANE.—To L/S/1/Sergeant Donald Lane and Mrs. Lane at Lady Chancellor Home on 28th July, 1950, a daughter, Maureen Florence.

PODMORE—To Sergeant Clifford Newell Podmore and Mrs. Podmore, at Pietermaritzburg on 30th June, 1950, a son, Michael Kevin.

MARRIAGE

GROSSMITH—HILL—Detective Ronald Ambrose Grossmith to Miss Valhella Vyviene Hepworth Hill at the All Saints Church, Gatooma, on the 12th August, 1950.

ENGAGEMENT

KELLY—ARCHER—The engagement is announced between 2/Sergeant Basil Kelly of B.S.A. Police, Bikita, and Miss Jean Archer, of the nursing staff, Que Que General Hospital.

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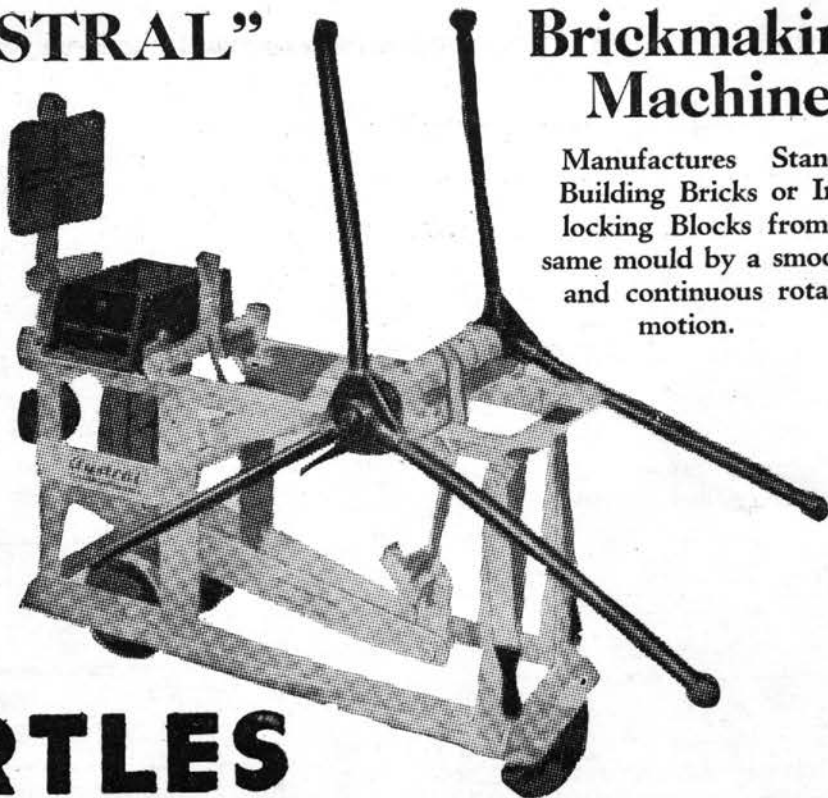
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Obituary

FREDERICK CHARLES BROCK

(Ex. No. 1318)

We regret to record the death during August at Bindura of Ex-Sergeant F. C. Brock. Born in Cheshire, Mr. Brock travelled widely and spent several years in North Africa before joining the B.S.A. Police on 19th September, 1910. During the 1914-18 war he served with the Rhodesia Native Regiment and was in German East Africa in 1917-18. He was an excellent linguist and was an instructor in the Native Police Training School. He left the Corps on 15th October, 1920. He became a cattle inspector but later settled at Bindura as a poultry farmer.

ALBERT EDWARD BERWICK

(Ex. No. 2082)

The death occurred recently of Mr. A. E. Berwick, who attested in the B.S.A. Police on 11th June, 1919. He served until 14th September, 1921, when he transferred to the Northern Rhodesian Police.

During the 1914-18 war Mr. Berwick served with the Staffordshire Yeomanry in the Middle East.

After retiring from the Northern Rhodesian Police Mr. Berwick returned to Southern Rhodesia. He was manager of the Marandellas Hotel in 1946 but later settled on a farm in the Marandellas area.

DERMOT MARCUS BLAKE

(Ex. No. 2424)

Mr. Blake was born in County Louth, Ireland. He served in the 1914-18 war, and in the Corps from 8th August, 1921, to 17th April, 1925. He was a member of the Gwanda Troop.

MR. F. W. T. POSSELT

Mr. F. W. T. Posselt, a former Native Commissioner and one of the best known officials of the Southern Rhodesia Native Department died in Durban on 18th August, 1950, after a long illness.

He was an authority on the African people and veld lore and was the author of "Fables of the Veld" and "Fact and Fiction."

He was the youngest son of the late Rev. John Posselt and was born near Durban. His grandfather was the Rev. C. W. Posselt, one of the pioneer missionaries of the Transkei and Natal. He joined the Natal Civil Service before the South

African War and after it joined the Transvaal Native Department, subsequently accepting an appointment with the Johannesburg Municipality's African Labour Organisation. While spending a holiday in Mashonaland in 1908 he decided to live in Rhodesia. He joined the staff of the Chief Native Commissioner in Salisbury and after that served at Belingwe, Wankie, Gwelo, Marandellas and Plumtree. In 1924 he was appointed Secretary to the Land Commission.

He held strong views on African education and pleaded consistently for a form of instruction more practical than academic. He believed that the solution to the African's economic problem lay in evolving a class of progressive peasant farmers.

After he left the Southern Rhodesia Native Department he joined the Colonial Administration, and was stationed in Swaziland. There his health began to fail and he retired from active life.

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JOHN LESLIE McLEOD COLLETTE THOMAS

(Ex. No. 3724)

Second Sergeant Thomas was born at Porthleven, Cornwall, on 10th January, 1917. He finished his education at Radley College, Abingdon. After leaving college he worked as a farm pupil in England and Denmark. He attested in the B.S.A. Police on 14th April, 1938, and served in Umtali, Fort Victoria and Gwelo districts.

The report of his sudden death at Chilimanzi on 27th August, 1950, came as a great shock to his many friends in the Force. "Tommy" was a lover of open-air life and a very keen fisherman.

He was buried in Salisbury with full military honours. Our deepest sympathy goes to his wife and children.

THOMAS ARTHUR ROBBINS

(Ex. No. 2737)

The death occurred recently in Johannesburg of a well-known ex-member of the Corps, Mr. T. A. Robbins, after a short illness.

Born in Durban in 1902, "Robbie" Robbins joined the B.S.A. Police on 6th December, 1925. He was an excellent marksman and after joining the Musketry Staff of the Police transferred to the Armourers Staff of the Permanent Staff Corps in 1934, where he remained until his retirement a short time ago.

He represented the Police in many rifle competitions, and later the Staff Corps.

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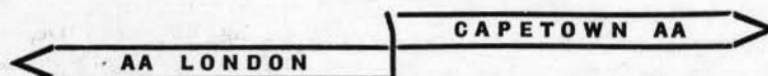
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OLD COMRADES



During enquiries about Fort Chikwakwa (of which you will hear more later) I met ex. No. 3241 Geoffrey Arkell-Hardwick who is now Assistant Superintendent of the Salisbury Native Location. He is the son of the late Alfred Arkell-Hardwick who attested in the Rhodesia Mounted Police on 21st October, 1896, at the age of 17. I spent a most interesting few minutes looking at Mr. A. Arkell-Hardwick's contract of service. He was attested by "A. W. Gosling, S.O.". I also saw his certificate of discharge on British South Africa Company paper. The word "Company" had been deleted and "Police" substituted. Mr. Geoffrey Arkell-Hardwick also showed me his father's 1897 Mashonaland Rebellion medal which is inscribed "2 Trooper A. Arkell-Hardwick B.S.A.P." We could not decide what the figure "2" referred to. Was it a regimental number, a serial number of the medal, or the number of a Troop? Amongst his prized possessions Mr. Geoffrey Arkell-Hardwick also has a forage cap, navy blue with scarlet piping, with a metal M.M.P. badge. I have never heard of the M.M.P. wearing such a cap and our explanation is that the cap belongs to another regiment and someone had fixed the badge to it. Mr. Arkell-Hardwick, Snr., wrote "An Ivory Trader in North Kenia" (Note the spelling!).

We have also heard of another old comrade—Ronald Cabbitas—who joined about 1927 and served until 1935 when he transferred to the N.R.P. He is now Chief Compound Manager at Nchanga and by all accounts is doing well. He was in Salisbury recently on the board of the Central African Film Unit. Mr. Gabbitas was instrumental in forming a branch of the

Regimental Association at Nkana in 1937. In that year the branch held its first annual dance and there was great excitement as a band was specially imported from Southern Rhodesia. When, during the early hours of the morning, the hotel proprietor insisted on closing down, the dance was continued in the street with the band on the pavement!

Colonel H. M. Surgey, O.B.E., lately Deputy Commissioner of the B.S.A. Police, left Salisbury towards the end of August to take up an appointment as Public Relations Officer to the St. John Ophthalmic Appeal for the Southern Transvaal. His address will be c/o St. John's Headquarters, Braamfontein, P.O. Box 744, Johannesburg. He will be very pleased if members of the Force who are in Johannesburg will look him up. He is likely to be away from Rhodesia for about two years.

William Edward Downer, ex-B.S.A.P. No. 1743 of the Shell Company, Capetown, has recently been on a short business visit to Salisbury. He will be retiring in the near future.

We have also received a subscription from ex. No. 2205 H. M. ("Lofty") Storey. He served from February 1920 to March 1923. His address is Welverdiend Farm, P.O. Featherstone. The last time I saw him was about 1945 when he had just picked a winner at the Marandellas Races.

Ex. No. 2172 "Hops" Freeborn has written to say that he has settled down in Rhodesia once again and is employed with the Government Mining Engineer's Department, Bulawayo, and sends his regards to his old comrades.

Ex. No. 3274 "Mike" Bridger is now an inspector in the Immigration Department of N.R.P. at Livingstone. He was well-known in the Fort Victoria district. THE CHRONICLER.

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Visit of Inspector-General, Colonial Police Forces

On 14th August, 1950, the British South Africa Police were honoured by a courtesy visit from Mr. W. C. Johnson, C.B.E., Inspector-General, who is Police Adviser to the Secretary of State for the Colonies. Mr. Johnson, whose various itineraries have covered Colonial Police Forces all over the world, arrived by air from Nyasaland. He was accompanied by his personal assistant, Mr. F. K. Boyle, and on the evening of their arrival they were guests at "Dining-in-Night" at the Officers' Mess, Depot.

On 15th August, Mr. Johnson saw an auction at the Tobacco Producers' floor, and then watched a rehearsal of the Police Display Team in Depot, which he described as "outstanding". He then visited Salisbury C.I.D., the main Charge Office, Harari sub-station, and the Location.



Mr. Johnson with Colonel J. Appleby and Lieut.-Colonel A. S. Hickman, M.B.E.

After lunch with His Excellency the Governor, he presented medals to members of the Force. The Presentation Parade was followed by tea in the grounds of the Officers' Mess, to which all members taking part in the Parade were invited. During tea Mr. Johnson chatted with men of all ranks and showed interest in their personal affairs and their work in the B.S.A. Police.



Mr. W. C. Johnson, C.B.E., presenting a medal to S/Sub-Inspector Sturrock.

On Wednesday, 16th August, during the morning, Mr. Johnson inspected Depot and saw European recruits at veterinary and finger print lectures, a traffic accident demonstration, a mock trial, and a squad at foot and arms drill. He inspected the Camp Hospital, Pioneer Shop, and the new Town Police Hostel. He saw a demonstration of the Police dogs at work and was pleased by the speed with which they solved a problem he set them. He was most impressed with the Regimental Institute and said that he had not seen better recreational facilities in any Force. When shown the weekly menu of the Regimental Mess he was surprised to find meat provided every day! He was, of course, thinking of present day conditions in England.

At the African Police Training School he saw African Recruit Squads at a lecture on warned and cautioned statements, a demonstration of action to be taken at the scene of a crime, and riot drill. He spoke to pupils at the children's school after they had sung for him, and asked that they should be given a holiday to mark the occasion.

The same afternoon Mr. Johnson visited Marandellas and Goromonzi Police Stations and discussed their duties with the members in charge.

It is not surprising that during his visit Mr. Johnson, with his long experience as a policeman and administrative officer, demonstrated his ability to place his finger on weak spots, but realised at the same time that certain things we lack are due to the phenomenal growth of this Colony and the fact that financially we could not possibly keep pace with all our requirements. He is proud of

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the fact that he started his career as a constable in the Portsmouth Police. In 1932 he became Chief Constable of Plymouth and in 1936 was appointed Assistant Chief Constable of Birmingham, becoming Chief Constable of that city in 1941. In 1945 he accepted the post of H.M. Inspector of Constabulary for England and Wales, and in 1948 was appointed to his present position.

We have reason to believe that at the conclusion of his visit Mr. Johnson thought the B.S.A. Police compared very favourably with any other Force he has inspected. We were proud to enter-



Brigadier J. S. Morris, C.B.E., retired Inspector General of the B.S.A. Police, Mr. Johnson, Mrs. J. Appleby and Mrs. A. S. Hickman.

tain him and to receive the benefit of his vast Police experience. We hope that he will visit us again on his next journey to Africa.

Medal Presentation Parade

We congratulate the following medal recipients:—

Colonial Police Medal

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No. 3021, Chief Detective Inspector Maybrook, Salisbury C.I.D.

No. 2872, Staff Chief Inspector Vowles, P.G. Headquarters.

Colonial Police Long Service Medal

No. 3245, Staff Sub-Inspector Sturrock, Depot.

No. 3247, Detective Sub-Inspector Annesley, Bulawayo, C.I.D.

No. 3251, First Class Sergeant Dobell, Salisbury District.

No. 3253, First Class Sergeant Finch, Victoria District.

No. 3255, Inspector McGovern, Gwelo District.

A writer in *The Countryman* recalls "an official banquet at Leopoldville, in the Belgian Congo, where she sat next to a portly gentleman with a long white beard. During dinner, to her amazement, a large praying mantis popped its head out from among the whiskers and began leisurely to clean its legs. Fortunately it remained unseen by its unwitting host."



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Letters to The Editor

Sir,

Why all the indignation about studs in the mounted man's boots?

This was a common practice in the British Cavalry when I was serving in it over twenty years ago, so why should the B.S.A. Police object to it? A Trooper's pay was never great, and the use of studs saved many boot repair bills.

The argument that it is dangerous practice may be correct, but I know of no cases where a rider suffered as a result of it.

Yours truly,
ex-DRAGOON.

P.O. Box 49, Umtali.
16th September, 1950.

The Editor, *The Outpost*, Salisbury.

Dear Sir,

Congratulations to the Police on their Sixty Years unbroken Service in Southern Rhodesia, from 1890 to 1950. Although their title and uniform might have changed during that period, the Police were still doing duty, which included the riding of the mail from Tuli to Salisbury on horseback, to the various duties at the present day, and we are proud of them.

The display at the Shows, of the splendid training of horse and man.

With best wishes to the Corps.

Yours faithfully,
I. A. PALMER,
late A Troop, 1890.

The Editor,

The Outpost.

Dear Sir,—What a storm in a tea-cup! My father was a regular in the Royal Horse Artillery and I distinctly remember his heavily-studded boots. Object to the studs in the boots of the B.S.A.P. Trooper on *The Outpost* cover on the grounds that it is contrary to B.S.A.P. practice if you like, but any objection on the grounds that it is contrary to British Army Regulations can speedily be quashed.

Yours faithfully,
H. D'ARCY HOLMES.

The Editor,

The Outpost.

Dear Sir,—There has been a good deal of criticism about the studs in the boots of the Trooper on the new cover photograph. I was therefore very interested to come across a photograph published in *The Rhodesia Herald* on 30th August, 1935, showing some of the Queen's Own Hussars at Aldershot. Staring me in the face were the well-studded soles of the Troopers! Apparently the Hussars did not object to their use.

I enclose the photograph for your perusal.

Yours faithfully,

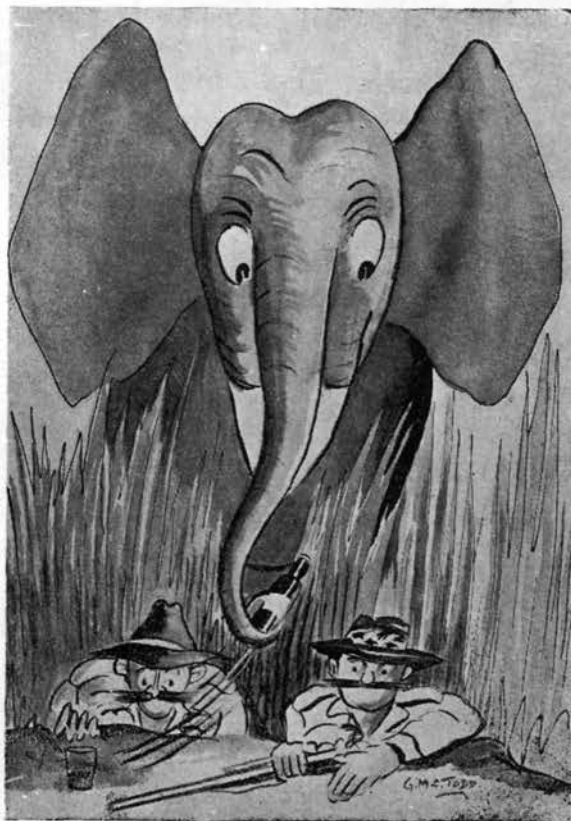
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(The photograph is on view at *The Outpost* office.—Ed.)

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EARLY DAYS IN VICTORIA DISTRICT

At the height of its fame, toward the close of the last century, Fort Victoria was the only community centre in the Colony boasting a population of some 200 or so settlers . . . and six pubs to cater for same. The well-known "Thatched House" which was owned by Colonel Napier and was managed for him by a gentleman called Reidman (who died recently on a local farm in the Victoria area) was perhaps the most popular of these. The Hotel Victoria now stands upon the site of the "Thatched House."

Events moved all too quickly in and around Fort Victoria during the early period. The atmosphere created by Lobengula's marauding impi and the effect of the marked deterioration of relations down South between the British and the Boers led to much inebriety in the Township and

in 1897, to build the first Native Department camp and Police quarters. Our messenger "boys" and Police boys were recruited from the ordinary type Mkaranga "house and kitchen boys," the majority coming from the Fort and its vicinity.

No uniform was issued them, but their initial pay was between £6 and £8 per month, together with "B" class rations. After a short trial period it was found that this method of maintaining a Native Force was too expensive, whereupon Natives were recruited from the Angoni tribe at 5s. per month, plus uniform, which pleased these tribesmen immensely.

On arrival at Gutu I had some 65 of these Angoni "boys" to assist me in my duties as the first European controller of this particular area on behalf of Her Majesty's Government. Obvi-



THE PIONEER COLUMN CROSSING THE LUNDI RIVER.

Fort. Acts of reckless mischief, curbed somewhat whilst the Company's Police were present, became more and more common when the Jameson Raid took its toll of the Keepers of the Law, and by 1895 there were only two policemen left in the Fort itself, these being Corporal Cartwright (as Member in Charge) and Trooper McCormick, two policemen who will never die in my memory. Cartwright was an outstanding character because he was a total abstainer throughout his stay in the Fort during that very trying period. My word, what stories I could tell of those days!

(Well, let's have them, "Jakata"!—Editor.)

The advent of Captain Stroyen with a troop of Policemen some time after the fateful Raid relieved Cartwright and McCormick from the strain of some of their duties, and it was at this stage that I was sent out from the Fort to Gutu,

ously, the job of erecting huts was the first necessity, and the Government sent me £5 with which to build both a Native Department post and Police camp on the side of the hill upon which the present Gutu camp stands. Unfortunately I have no photographic records of the first camps at Gutu, but I constructed the two camps with the assistance of the Angoni boys and a few Mkaranga in the form of laagers in case of trouble from the Matabele "impi."

A short while after my arrival in Gutu, Captain Stroyen despatched troops, under the command of Corporals, to certain points in the Victoria District where the first Police posts were manned by European Police personnel. Gutu received its share, and a detachment, under the leadership of Corporal McKowerie, was sent to Chatsworth. The Native Commissioner at Chibi,

Mr. Forrestal, also received support in this manner, as did Ndanga territory. However, after some twelve months of service as African Policemen, the Angoni became restless owing chiefly to the poor pay conditions. My African detachment were the only members who did not ask for discharge.

During those early days we had great difficulty in teaching the Mkaranga (who were the predominant tribe in the Victoria area) the rights and wrongs of European law, but gradually, co-operation between the Police and Native Department started their weaning from their old Native law. The preparation of a case did not present so much difficulty as getting the witnesses into court, but the Natives soon began to lose their fear of appearing before a magistrate.

Before I left Gutu as Native Commissioner, the Police Camp buildings there were moved to their present site near the top of the kopje. Later arrivals among the Police at Gutu extended the camp and in 1912 Sergeant-major Pierce erected the Kimberley brick quarters and offices.

Back in Fort Victoria things were changing rapidly. As more settlers arrived in Bulawayo, this town became of more importance than Victoria. Many of the early settlers in the Fort moved out and made fresh homes in and around Bulawayo, but at the same time Victoria District remained the so-called "granary" of Rhodesia.

At the close of the 19th century the Southern Rhodesian Volunteers came into being, and two troops were formed in Fort Victoria. Captain Hayman, the Mining Commissioner, was the Officer in charge of the Fort Victoria branch, and a very popular man he was, too. Captain Hayman wished to transfer the command of the Victoria Volunteers to me, as I was the only married man. However, I had not money at the time to support such a position, and so the suggestion fell through.

Mr. "Harry" Harper, a local Victoria farmer, was a sergeant in the Southern Rhodesia Volunteers.

Chibi

The Pioneer route, better known as Selous' Road, crossed into Chibi District over the Lundi River in the Chimurawati area. There are indications there that they were not the first settlers in the Colony for at this crossing point are to be found a group of ruins similar in construction and material to that of Zimbabwe. Their route wound through Chibi District until they found themselves on the bank of the Tokwe River, which was crossed into Victoria District, and so they worked their way across the land until reach-

ing the present town of Fort Victoria. This route can be followed to-day by motor cycle, and is in fact often done by Police patrols here who visit the numerous isolated graves. Many of the Pioneers died en route, through malaria and blackwater, and were buried by the wayside, their crude graves surrounded by stones with little heaps of stones to keep off wild animals.

Such men as P. Howard who died in 1890, S. H. Carke who died in 1891 and H. E. Davis who died in 1890, Donovan, Bigg-James and James Inglesby, are buried along this route, and their graves are still tended and cared for by members of the B.S.A. Police stationed at Chibi.

Records show that the first Native Commissioner to be posted to this district was A. Drew who was stationed here from 1894 to 1896 when his place was taken by P. Forrestal who remained in the District until 1918. It must not be forgotten that what is to-day known as Nuanetsi then under the District of Chibi, so the area these

As Related to "E.J.S." by Mr. J. H. ("Jakata") Williams.

men patrolled was extensive and teemed with wild life.

The Police detachment was first formed at Chibi, in the form of an outpost at the end of 1904, and the first few months of 1905. Twenty Native Police were posted here from Victoria under European supervision. One of these men, Marisa, whose regimental number was 423, is still at Chibi in the employ of the Native Department, as a messenger, to-day.

The present site of the Police camp was first used in approximately the year 1908 or 1909. This site is close to the kopje of Nyanningwe which was the scene of so many bloody battles before the arrival of the European in the district. The very ground on which the camp is built to-day is covered with the dust of battles fought to the bitter end.

The many thousands of caves in the district hold the pots, grain bins and weapons of the Native tribes then in occupation, and on patrol can be explored and these articles taken possession of for investigation. The district, too, is full of paintings on rock faces, some of bushman origin and others of Hottentot workmanship, while recently others have been discovered, indicating that their artists were probably of some form of European civilisation, namely, the beauti-

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On parade at Fort Victoria Courthouse before riding out to attack the Matabele in 1893.

ful Greek girl in profile discovered by the Abbe Breuil on his recent visit to the district.

Nuanetsi

The Police camp at Nuanetsi has little of historical interest attached to it as a camp, although the district and its opening up is closely associated with the history of the B.S.A. Police in Nuanetsi.

Prior to 1921, the district was policed from Chibi, but then, due to the increasing population in Nuanetsi, and the development of Nuanetsi Ranch, a separate station was built near the Nuanetsi River, seven miles from the Ranch headquarters, to cover the Ranch, two reserves and large tracts of Crown lands.

The earliest records can be traced back to December, 1921, when the first R.C.A. was opened, and it is noticed that the first six cases dealt with were contraventions of the Dog Tax Ordinance. Stationed in Nuanetsi then were Troopers Brewer, Cooke and Blake, one of whom, Brewer, resided in the district for many years after leaving the Police, and now runs a trading business from Chatsworth.

Also noted in old records are such familiar names as Richens, Seward and Holroyde, all

Troopers then, and Sergeant Kettle, well known in Victoria District.

From then until 1938, much of the Police work and patrolling was done on Nuanetsi Ranch (second in size only to Fray Bentos' Ranch in the Argentine), which was divided into ten sections, each with a European sub-manager, one of them residing in the old house near the Buby River formerly occupied by Captain Pretorius, the renowned elephant hunter. Then in 1938 the Ranch was closed down with the exception of a few thousand head of cattle, and now the majority lies derelict, reclaimed by the bush, and tenanted only by numerous herds of game.

The verandah of the Police camp living quarters bears witness to the game for which Nuanetsi has always been famous, the walls hung with trophies and the floor strewn with skins of lion, leopard and various antelope. The district of the Anglo-Portuguese border is covered by the Gono Re Zhou Game Reserve, thick bush, varied in the centre by the malahan forest. The Gono Re Zhou teems with game, including huge herds of elephant and buffalo, ranging the country between the Nuanetsi and Lundi rivers, and roaming round the Gorwhe salt pans in the

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centre of the area. A reported solitary rhinoceros and the rare nyala are also present. The greater part of the Gono Re Zhou, unpopulated by Natives, is unknown land, and is rich in local legend—extinct volcanoes, hidden temples, ancient slave routes, and the Lost City, the ruined walls of which were reported to have been seen in the early days by a trader who was travelling north, having crossed the Limpopo near the Anglo-Portuguese border. South of the Nuanetsi River in this reserve are hot springs, and a lake which never dries, on the summit of a hill.

The Native population of the district is chiefly Bahlengwe, a branch of the Shangaan tribe, with some Vakaranga and Vavenda. Little trouble has ever been experienced with the Bahlengwe, who are docile and keep to themselves, much of the crime coming from the one reserve populated by the Vakaranga. The Bahlengwe are famous for their beadwork and addiction to mulala wine.

During the 1930's a sub-station was erected at Mapandhle, near the Limpopo River where it crosses into P.E.A., for the purpose of checking Native labour recruits for the Rand, proceeding down the border from Marumbeni on the confluence of the Sabi and Lundi rivers. This station, some 4 miles from the Portuguese administrative post of Pafuri to the south-east, and within sight of the Kruger National Park in the Transvaal across the Limpopo to the south-west, was closed after some years, but was opened again during the 1939-45 war for a while when escaping internees and prisoners of war and entry of undesirable illegal immigrants necessitated a closer check on the triple border than could be kept from Nuanetsi camp, some 130 miles away.

At the present day, the camp is still the one built in 1921, with some additions, but now most of the Police work and patrolling in the district of 10,000 square miles, is centred on the reserves, and Crown lands flanking the district to the north-west and south-east, although patrols occasionally visit the now overgrown and empty section houses on the Ranch.

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Subject of the Essay for 1950

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This month I have nothing to offer but congratulations all round. The Corps, in a memorable battle on August 27th beat Queens of Bulawayo and secured the Austen Cup for the first time in history, and we hope that by the time this appears in print will have secured all the Cups in local Soccer. A word of praise to the supporters in both matches whose spirited vocal efforts undoubtedly inspired the team to greater efforts.

Police v. R.A.F. Thornhill (Midlands)—Austen Cup Semi-Final

On Saturday, 26th August, Police decisively beat R.A.F. Thornhill by 5 goals to nil in a match where for long periods Police were hardly extended. Thornhill tried hard at first but began to lose heart and finally struggled hard to prevent further scoring by the Corps. Police opened the scoring when an R.A.F. defender deflected into his own goal after about ten minutes' play. Buchanan scored the second goal when he raced through and flicked the ball past the R.A.F. 'keeper. Just before half-time Ryan scored a third with a pile driver to put the result, even at that stage, beyond doubt. Half-time: Police 3, R.A.F. Thornhill 0.

In the second half Police obviously eased off and the game developed into an exhibition of defensive tactics by Police. Buchanan and Ryan scored further goals to relieve any monotony and Police entered the final with a win of 5—0.

Police v. Queens (Matabeland)—Austen Cup Final

Sunday, 27th August, was *THE* day. Police took the field amidst terrific cheers and were practically mobbed by supporters. From the kick-off play settled down and appeared very even. Queens,

with their renowned half-back line, forced the pace, but Police almost scored on at least two occasions. After 15 minutes play, Ryan received a pass from Clapham and went through to score with a fine shot. Both sides were producing some good football and Police had slightly the better of the exchanges. Half-time: Police 1, Queens 0.

Shortly after the interval Queens equalised when Blair blocked a shot from Badenhorst but the ball ran to the Queens outside right who slammed the ball into the net from close range. Both sides battled hard with Police supporters screaming and shouting, and it was when everyone was thinking of extra time that Police scored their second goal. With only five minutes to go Clapham obtained the ball close in, and forcing his way through a bunch of players pushed the ball into the net.

Within a few minutes Buchanan put the result beyond doubt with a cannon shot from well out and beat Queens goalkeeper all the way. A few moments later the final whistle sounded and Police were mobbed as the winners by 3 goals to 1.

Mr. Fereday (President M.F.A.) and Mrs. Levy, in presenting the Cup paid tribute to both teams, who had produced such good clean football, and congratulated Police in winning the National Cup for the first time. Police team in both games was: Blair, Taylor, Johnston, Marnoch, Reid, Coop, Hammond, Clapham, Ryan, Buchanan (Capt.), Bester.

Police v. Raylton (Challenge Cup Semi-Final)

On September 2nd, Police beat Raylton by 2 goals to one in a rather scrappy game which, to Police, came as an anti-climax to the previous weeks' matches. Raylton scored first, but Clapham and Buchanan scored for Police and put us into the final.

Police v. Municipals (League Cup)

Playing with only 10 men, when Hammond was injured within two minutes, on September 3rd,

Police battled hard to beat Municipals by the odd goal in 5. Municipals scored first but a good goal by Coop late in the first half put new heart into the Corps. The Police lads fought well and Buchanan and Ryan added further goals in the second half. Municipals scored their second goal just before full time, and played a robust game but could not shift the Police defence.

Zone "B"

Police II v. Gatooma

On August 13th, Police II played a fine game on the Raylton ground to beat Gatooma by 2 goals to nil. Playing good football, Police held the strong Gatooma side at bay and struggled gamely. Police scorers were Hammond and Walker.

Police II v. Terriers I

Playing at 9.0 a.m. on Sunday, 27th August, Police were very unlucky not to beat Terriers by more than 1 goal to nil. Gibney scored for the Police early in the first half and although at least three goals were disallowed Police battled all the way to gain more.

Police II v. Postal I

September 3rd saw Police II again playing Postal I but with a determination unseen before. In quite a good game, in which Harris played a good game in marking Reason, the Rhodesian player, the final score was 2—2 and was a very fair result. Police scorers were Jannaway and Shaughnessy.

Zone "C"

August 13th. Police III v. Callies II. Lost 6—2.

August 19th. Police III v. C.A.A. Lost 2—1.

August 27th. Police III v. Alex II. Won 3—1.

September 2nd. Police III v. Postal II. Won 7—0.

We are all very sorry to learn of Ken Rowlands' accident, and wish him a very speedy recovery. We are keeping him posted with all the results and vivid details. A thought also for "Sugar" Sherringham, one of our most ardent supporters also in Hospital.

Congratulations this month to Jimmy and Mrs. Marnoch on the arrival of a baby daughter, all doing well and Jimmy very proud.

Injuries are still causing a headache but we are managing well so far, and although everyone is beginning to hate the sight of a football, the spirit is still there and is willing. More next month.

"K.N.R."

RUGBY

The Police team has managed to keep up its revived form for the last League match, but were not so good in the Cup match. Since the last notes that were published the Police have played five games. Three of these were friendlies against the C.A.A.

Here are short accounts of the other two main matches played.

Police v. Eiffel Flats: This was the second away game played by the Police in this half of the League. It was unfortunate that owing to the distance we again were without some of our regular players. In spite of this we still managed to register a victory.

The Police opened the scoring with a try converted by Reynolds. During the first half the game, although mostly in the Flats half, was very fluid. The Police scored again before the Flats crossed our line to score their only try of the game, which they failed to convert. Just before half-time Reynolds, the Police full back, scored from a very good drop kick from about twenty yards in front of the goal. At half-time the Police were leading by 8—3.

During the second half the Police were the more dominating of the two teams. The scrum played very well and gave the three-quarters plenty of opportunities with the ball. The game finished with the score of 19—3 to the Police.

Police v. Salisbury 1st—Du Plessis Cup: This was a most disappointing game.

I will not try to comment on this match, but I will just pick out the outstanding points. The try scored for the Police by "Gus" Armstrong as a result of a very well placed kick across the field by Ron Holmes certainly deserves comment. It was really a very good movement and I was sorry that there were no more of the movements during the game. I also noticed that Lovegrove was not playing up to his usual standard but it turned out that he had injured his shoulder in the early part of the match which caused him to fumble the ball when attempting to catch it one handed. The Police team were obviously disheartened by the number of penalties awarded against them. The result of the game was 16—3 to the Salisbury 1st.

The Police although they started the season off badly, greatly improved towards the end. The results of the games during the second half of the League are as follows:—Won 4, Drawn 1, Points for 81, Points against 19, Games played 5. The results for the whole League are: Won 9, Drawn 2, Lost 4.

All that is left now are the Seven-a-Side games to be played. The Police are entering two teams.

I think it is only right for us to offer our thanks to our trainers, especially to Mr. Walhuter who has come to our rescue during the second half of the season.

HOCKEY

In the second round of the men's First League hockey fixtures in Salisbury the Police did not do as well as expected. The absence on duty of the key players, leave, and the injured list had a most upsetting effect on the team as a whole.

Congratulations must go to "Paddy Ryan" and Constable Walsh for being selected to play for Mashonaland and at the tournament held in Northern Rhodesia during Rhodes and Founders week-end. The trials for Mashonaland team were held on the Police ground, which was in almost perfect condition. Our field has since been handed over to the Rugby players; not having a ground on which to practice is one reason for our not very brilliant performances in the second round of the league.

Our promising young goalkeeper, Yeoman, has been out of action for some time. He has just been discharged from Salisbury Hospital and we all wish him a speedy recovery from his illness. Our secretary, Lieutenant Brewer, is at present on long leave, and his work is being carried on by Sergeant James. Tommy Banister has taken over the position of goalkeeper and is doing very well getting his eye in for the cricket season.

The result of the matches played are as follows:—

Police 1; Alexandra 3. Police 1, Old Hararians 4. Police 2; Salisbury B 1. Police 4; Salisbury A 1; Raylton 3; Police 0.

At present a number of friendly fixtures are being organised and on the 27th August a mixed hockey tournament was held on the Salisbury ground.

Thanks are extended to those Depot details who have at the last moment stepped in to fill our depleted ranks. Special mention must be made of the remount riders who at times did very well, considering that they had to leave their ponies outside the ground.

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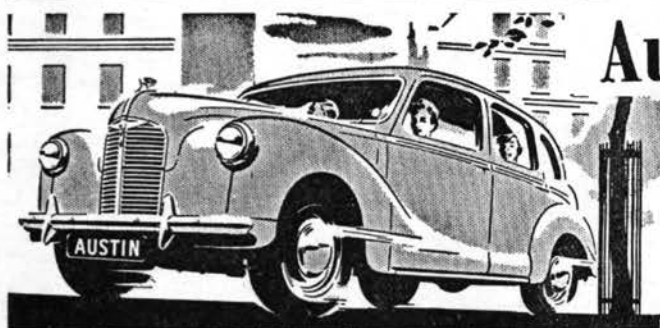
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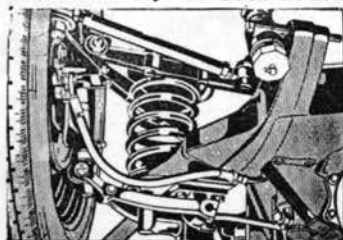
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AN EMPIRE CLASSIC: AND THE CHARMS OF ENGLAND

I open this month with a book which, dealing with one of our great Empire lands, was first published half a century ago, revised in between, and, a classic in its category, has just been brought right up to date and republished in a style which makes the volume one of the outstanding examples of book production since the war.

It is *The Long White Cloud*, by W. Pember Reeves (Allen & Unwin). Ao Tea Roa (*The Long White Cloud*) is the Maori name for New Zealand; and the book, by a notable New Zealander who spent much of his life as an official representative of his country in England, is, in comprehensiveness and style, one which is not likely ever to be superseded as a standard work on the Dominion.

Writers who set out to describe a country on a full scale are apt either to be biased and bright or detached and dull. Pember Reeves in this book is one of the rare and shining exceptions. He understood, first and foremost, the vital importance of balance. He describes New Zealand from the start of its known history, only a few centuries ago, handles with gripping detail and in spirit mildly ironic the dark story of the Maori before the white man came, and (more especially) immediately after, covers the long and dark episode of the Maori wars, and thence with smooth flow and a wonderful sense of realism leads to modern New Zealand (the whole brought right up to date by other first class authorities). It is a classic, and one of the most illuminating volumes ever written of a phase in the development of the British Empire.

A travel book which I feel sure will have particular appeal is *The Antique Land*, by Diana Shipton (Hodder & Stoughton). Mrs. Shipton, wife of the noted Everest explorer, spent six years in the distant Chinese province of Sinkiang, from which she has recently returned to England. In this book she writes of her daily life and travels there, while her husband was British Consul General at Kashgar, in the heart of the province.

Now, the fact of being a notable man's wife does not perforce imply that you have any particular talent. But Mrs. Shipton has a very striking and notable talent, which is the power of so writing that she at once carries the reader with her right away into this strange world and of

By
JOHN COLOPHON

interesting us in all that befalls, from the comic to the dramatic. In short, this book is fascinating from start to finish.

In these days when Pakistan and the Arab States of the Near East are, in very vital sense, much in the world news, the publication of *Muslim Institutions*, by M. Gaudetroy-Demombynes (Allen & Unwin) is a valuable step. For it is a fact that though until yesterday, so to speak, the majority of the population of the British Commonwealth were Muslims, only a limited number of folk really know what Mohamedanism is. Once this authoritative and highly readable book has been studied, such as peruse it will know as much as is to be known on the subject, and at the hands of a writer who is among the small band of Western folk that have mastered the subject. Every aspect of Mohamedanism is covered, and a score of common but ill-based notions swept away. For anyone on the verge of the Africa that includes much of the vast territory from Zanzibar northwards, this is a book to get.

Summer's best month for Britain is with us as I write; the season when this country and its charms are at their best. This, then, is the moment to draw your attention to a handful of books which in sum cover the England that has an unending appeal. You have, of course, heard of the Batsford Books; productions of a firm which has for years specialised in descriptions in text and lovely picture of the English scene. *Seas and Shores of England*, by Edmund Vale (Batsford), which should be with you by now, and which describes itself, is one of their happiest efforts: the description, the very names, the captions to the illustrations, the scope of the volume—all make it a delight. Companion to it is the National Trust Guide to *Places of Natural Beauty* (Batsford) in which Mr. D. M. Matheson gives a wealth of information as background to illustrations, that, like the text, cover the whole country.

If you want to know one aspect of the intimate quiet as well as the beauty of England, then, as many have discovered, there is one way, which is to follow the windings of traffic routes that, at great cost and labour, replaced the ancient packhorse before the coming of the rail. Two companion books cover this subject as never before. They are *The Inland Waterways of England* by L. T. C. Rolt (Allen & Unwin), and *The Canals of England*, by Eric de Mare (Architectural Press). I mention these two books because, apart from their out of the way information, there

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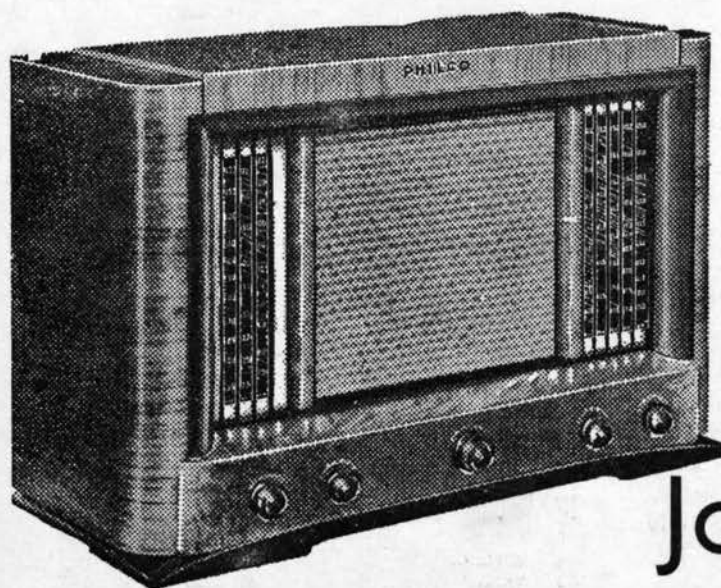
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Except at Christmas time reviewers are apt to write of a world in which nobody is under the age of ten; which is absurd. So let me take this chance here of a mention that amends this, and handsomely. I do so by bringing to the notice of the many interested the publication (and, once more, in most beautiful style) of those classics of my young days, *The Red Fairy Book* and *The Yellow Fairy Book*, by Andrew Lang (Longmans). Here is an unsurpassed collection, from the many like books Lang edited, of immortal stories from every source, rendered as only Lang could. The boy or girl anywhere who gets one of these books is in for hours of happiness.

I referred above to African lands beyond Zanzibar. Let me draw special attention to *East African Background*, by G. W. B. Huntingford and C. R. V. Bell (Longmans) in which, in the most comprehensive and compact form I have yet seen, the whole tribal life of East Africa is dealt with. A wonderful key to European understanding of its big and complex subject.

I have news this month of great interest to those who like or must have their reading in compact format. To my mind the "Travellers' Library" of pre-war days stood almost alone in its class. The war sent every volume of the delightful blue and gold series out of print. Jonathan Cape have now restarted it: the same in size and scope, but in a new scarlet and silver dress.

And the first two volumes I have received are of particular appeal to you. They are *The Little Karoo*, by Pauline Smith, that exquisite series of tale which made the author world famous. Here, with the original introduction by Arnold Bennett and a Preface by William Plomer, are these famous stories.

The other volume is *Double Lives*, the autobiography of William Plomer, who, as prelude to his subsequent distinguished career, became well known, with his friend Roy Campbell, the poet, as the originator of the first real literary movement in South Africa. The book is beautifully written, and full of distinction.

Regarding the Travellers' Library, I feel it to the point to say, in these days of big increase in

prices, that only a shilling marks the difference between the pre-war and the new cost.

The latest fiction has, as well as the usual variety, for me at least four high spots.

I lead off with *Behold Thy Daughter*, by Neil Paterson (Hodder & Stoughton). Do you by chance recall my praise of "The China Run" when it appeared a while back? I was happy in the company of many big names, including that of the great Somerset Maugham himself. That book was the story of the Scottish village girl who became a shipmaster. Paterson's new and long novel has a similar theme, but against a larger canvas, and fictionalised. Some will say that the realism vanishes when the heroine meets her fate in the sea-captain who is the book's tremendous hero. Maybe; but it doesn't rob the book of its interest. It intensifies the grip and enjoyment of a magnificent tale.

Doris Leslie specialises, and to purpose, in the historical novel. Her new *That Enchantress* (Hutchinson), which is scoring, as is Paterson's book, a big success over here, has as subject the life story of that Abigail Hill, beauty, siren, enigma, who, a cousin of the famous Duchess of Marlborough of Queen Anne's reign, ended by eclipsing her patron in Royal favour. This is full-blooded work, alive in every page and with background wonderfully handled.

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Withered Garland (Jarrolds) is Mr. Henry Gibbs's final volume of the trilogy, "Not to the Swift" and "Blue Days and Fair." The complete work concerns, as you probably know, the fortunes (in the two preceding volumes) of Prior, foreign correspondent, and Julia Frayne, his actress wife. Here their lives and conflict continue to solution in the immediate post-war world. I've read all three now, and for what it's worth my view is confirmed that Henry Gibbs has given us, with this final volume as climax, a communication of war and post-war conflict as it is lived by ordinary folk not matched thus far by another writer.

Cadenza is a first novel by Peggy Barwell (Hutchinson), and deals with the somewhat trite theme of love against a background of music; in this case that of a famous London orchestra. The novel might be novelette-ish; but escapes that and acquires interest through the sensitiveness (when not overdone) of the writing.

My pick of thrillers and whodunits: *On The Danger List*, by Marten Cumberland (Hurst & Blackett)—Saturnin Dax again; dark deeds behind Paris theatre scenes, and our old friend on the spot and up to form. *No Questions Asked*, by Edna Sherry (Hodder & Stoughton): U.S.A. background; policeman in a tight corner, through private feud—nice new angle and excitingly done. *Death of a Shadow* (Hutchinson); Anthony Wynne with a death puzzle which really is one;

clever entertainment, without question. *The Steel-town Stranger*, by Harry Stephen Keeler (Ward, Lock): This amazing writer spins one more plot of multiple complexity, and just when we're dizzy, unravels it before our eyes. *Dusky Limelight*, by Colin Robertson (Ward, Lock): Colin Robertson is hard to beat for a crisply told thriller; this, with a novel charter from the U.S.A., keeps the author well up in his limited class.

PAN Books: These pocket wonders, at 1/6 each, this month gives us two of the most famous things of their kind in existence. First, and all else second, Captain Slocum's immortal *Sailing Alone Round the World*—what a thrill recaptured, or, for those who have never read it, a pleasure to come! Next, *The Four Just Men*, by Edgar Wallace—the thriller which 40 years ago first put him on the track that, after he ceased to be a reporter (and one of the finest), led him to fame and fabulous income. A third PAN is their astonishing and horrific narrative *The Death Ship*, by B. Traven; a best seller that caused such an inter-war days stir.

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Changing Fortunes. Dorothy B. Upson (Hutchinson). Light reading: Two girls and the men in their lives.

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Station Notes



SALISBURY

It is a long time since this Station appeared in the monthly notes. A great deal has happened during this period and to let you know that we still exist, here goes.

Firstly the numbers in Baker Avenue have increased greatly and we extend a hearty welcome to all newcomers to the Station. Before long we will have more breathing space as the New Station and the Police single quarters are coming on in leaps and bounds. Over the period we have been absent from *The Outpost* members have come and gone. Not long ago we were all present to wish Detective Chief Inspector Steve Maybrook all the best on his departure from the Corps. We will certainly miss him here in Salisbury but no doubt we will be seeing something of him when we call in at his Hotel for the odd "pot."

We often see ex-Inspector Lawrence in Town—still riding his famous cycle. He looks very fit and seems to have all the "Lottery" secrets in an enormous brief case which he supports.

Constables Derry, Hollington, Smith, Katz, Reynolds and Kissack have now deserted us for the Districts. No doubt we will get some "line shooting" one of these days—but as some of us have seen the results of a Jack Derry shooting trip we will just take things with a pinch of salt. Poor old George Katz is probably kicking to a Rugger playing baboon.

Talking of sport—our congratulations go out to the Police Soccer team. They thrilled every one the other day when they beat Queens of Bulawayo in a sparkling game for the Austen Cup. Our congratulations go to Sergeant Johnny Johnston who captained Rhodesia and Trooper "Buck" Buchanan and Constable Roy Coop for playing for the combined Rhodesias, to Trooper Dave Clapham, Constables "Paddy" Ryan and Keith Rawson for playing for S. Rhodesia and to Constable Basil Taylor and Constable Ken Rowland for playing for Mashonaland during the season.

The Police Rugby team really pulled itself together. After losing four early matches, it won continuously before coming up against the powerful Salisbury Club team in the Du Plessis Cup. Constable Ron Holmes, now known as "Flash" Holmes has taken the press by storm this season. What a future that boy has—with the press!!

Congratulations to Sergeant Ron Trangmar for beating his Rhodesian record in the Discus event against the Americans at Bulawayo. It is getting slightly dangerous to practice up on the Depot sports ground these days with Ron limbering up.

Sergeant Maclaughlan is still his old self and has been seen by Rhodesian film-goers in "The Millionth Barrel of Beer" short.

Talking of the opening of the "Millionth barrel of beer"—everyone was there and came away full of it.

Constable Tom Egleton is now a happily married man—his wedding at Hartley was a delightful affair to which several of us went.

Constable Pete Bosley gets married at the end of this month and we wish him every happiness.

Constable Gus Armstrong will probably be the next—in fact I know of another Highlands man—"Heavens! Who is going to live in these single quarters?"

Sergeant Johnny Millet has just left for England for several months leave. Constables Bert Pickard and "Chalky" White are managing to keep the First Street boys in order.

Several chaps have been buying up some magnificent cars—one named "Hugo, I Can't" has lived up to its name. Constable Roy Harris has just had three teeth out—he won't make so much noise in his bath now. By the way he won a Star Boxing Club Cup in his weight and hoped

to avoid the dentist by this bout but had no such luck.

Constable Basil Taylor has just had his gorgeous locks shorn—what will his fans say.

We now have an American among us—Constable “Yank” Mercer who appears to have got off a troop ship at Cape Town by mistake and got mixed up with the Police draft.

Good Heavens! Who’s that man with a monocle just going past—your guess is as good as mine.

As you have probably heard Constables Dennis Sherringham and Ken Rowland were seriously injured in motor accidents this month but we are glad to say they are getting on well and we hope they will be with us again soon.

POLLOX.

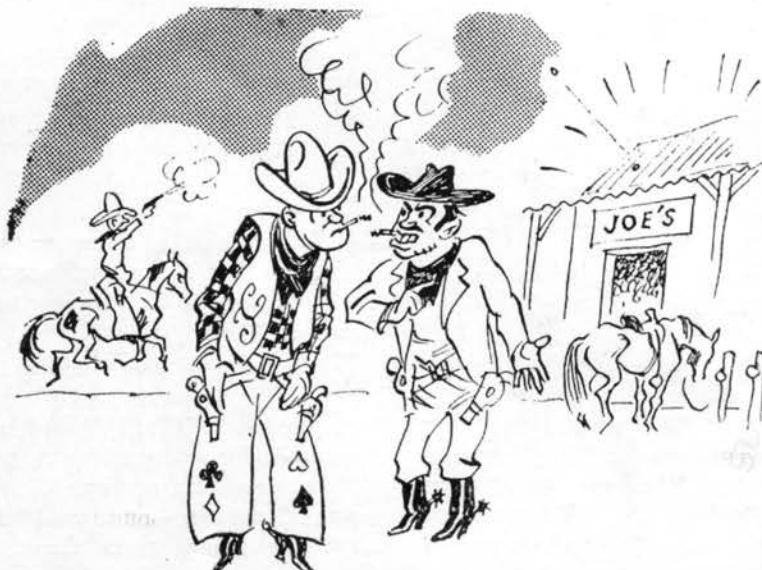
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On 26th August, a farewell party was held outside the Police canteen in the local camp, in the evening, when Inspector and Mrs. Aust were presented with a clock and a cheque, by Captain E. S. Streeter on behalf of Force members of this district, to mark the occasion of Inspector Aust’s retirement from the Corps. The esteem with which Mr. Aust was regarded by the N.C.O’s and men of this district was shown also in the wording of the inscription on the clock received

by our retiring Inspector, which read “Presented to Charlie (Insp. 3231) and Sue Aust by members of the B.S.A.P., Victoria District, on the occasion of their retirement from the Force, 26.8.50.”

Those of us who had the pleasure of serving with Inspector Aust in the Force will readily agree with the words Captain E. S. Streeter used at the presentation ceremony, when he said “. . . and his service to the Corps has been noted for his gentlemanly approach to his work, which has been very efficient, both when in contact with his associates in the Force, and the general public. We are going to miss him greatly.”

In replying to the speech, Mr. Aust stated that the last few months had been the happiest of his career in the Police, and that he would certainly miss the companionship he had known while with us in the Corps. After thanking the O.C. and the representatives of other ranks of this district, Mr. Aust proceeded to reflect upon a few very amusing reminiscences, which caused great amusement to the gathering. One of called into Depot to assist at the Salisbury Show. Mr. Aust’s recollections, to use his own words, went as follows: “After the strain of the war years we received, at Gutu, four Police recruits from Depot. Now, two of those four gentlemen are present this evening, one being George—, and the other looks rather like Bud Abbot. Now, the one with the appearance of Bud Abbott was a very keen motor cyclist when he first arrived at Gutu, and one day, on return to camp from a P.M.C. patrol he stated, ‘I’ve had an accident



“Come into town nowadays and before you know where you are you’ve spent all your ammunition.”

on t' bike. I was going over a "kop-jee" road with my constable on t' back, and though we weren't going very fast, my constable got sorta frightened and grabbed me round t' waist. Now, I'm kinda ticklish roun t' waist and so 'ad to leave go of t' handlebars"

Guests at the party included our Magistrate, Mr. B. Brand, and the Assistant Magistrate, Mr. A. Fleming, together with Mr. R. O. Stockil, M.P., and Mr. G. Duncan from the Native Department. Old Comrades in Mr. Sandes (Ex-Chief Inspector, C.I.D., Bulawayo) and "Ginger" Pritchard (Ex 1/Sergeant No. 3113, of Zaka) were also in attendance. A really happy feeling was present throughout the evening, and all joined in wishing Mr. and Mrs. Aust a long and happy retirement on their farm in the Essexvale district.

Visitors during the month have included Captain Batty and Detective May, of C.I.D., Gwelo, and the Quartermaster, Capt. Newman. Colonel Surgey, O.B.E., also called in during the month while passing through town, as did our local M.P., Mr. R. O. Stockil, who paid his usual monthly social call to our canteen. From our outstations we have seen Sergeants Hunter, Bailey, Holt, Wickenden, Kelly, Weimer and Troopers Dixon, Horsman, Gethen, Hallam, Howard and Burns, from Gutu, Zaka, Chibi, Nuanetsi, Bikita and Mashaba, respectively.

The usual transfers have been effected during the month, and 1/Sergeant Whitehead has taken over the District Inspector's post temporarily, and his place in Section has been taken by 1/Sergeant Andrew from Gatooma and long leave. Trooper "Mike" Avery also supplements the Section staff, after spending some months in Shabani, as also does Constable Berry, recently arrived from Salisbury Town. Constable Taylor arrived at the end of the month to take up duties at the Town Station and Constable Young increased numbers at Chibi after a short spell in Umtali.

Back from long leave spent at home was Trooper Leamon, who is now back again at Gutu. He tells us he thoroughly enjoyed his holiday, and emphasised the fact that he found no difficulty whatsoever in getting a return passage on the Union-Castle Line.

In the meantime, work on the cordon goes on and Trooper Nixon and Constable Kissack have increased the European strength, to make the number employed there up to five. At the time of writing there is hope of the cordon being disbanded in the near future.

Congratulations this month to Sergeant Basil Kelly at Bikita, who recently announced his en-

gagement to a nursing sister at the Que Que General Hospital.

We were all shocked and grieved at the sudden passing of Sergeant "Tommy" Thomas of Chilimanzi on the 27th August. He was with us in town here on the evening previous to the tragedy and the news of his death, coming as it did the following day, was very sad. Coming from Cornwall, "Tommy" was a very keen fisherman, and not a few members of the Corps will remember him on his trips with his rod and line to various parts of the Colony. Our deepest sympathy goes to his wife and two young children in their great loss.

As a parting note, subscribers to the Magazine in this District have asked me to pass on their appreciation to the Editor on the recent change in the appearance of *The Outpost*. All agree that those responsible for the change are to be congratulated on the new ideas exposed.

CARURO.

DEPOT

The appearance of Depot this month has varied between the Normandy coast on "D" day and the changing room of the London Palladium. At any time in Depot one might have seen squads of mounted men in escort dress with lance pennants flying, a dozen or so motor-cycles roaring up towards the paddocks in formation, electricians erecting poles and wires, labour gangs putting up fences, clowns in brightly coloured costume riding motor-cycles with concentric wheels, hundreds of hurrys and scurrys on foot, jeeps full of "brass hats" or smaller fry, photographers, men loading huge paper windowed frames on to wagons, 200 lb. uniformed constables blowing up toy balloons, every conceivable size and shape of vehicle carrying every conceivable kind and shape of moveable from goodness knows where to somewhere else. All this to the accompaniment of rifle and revolver shots from the riding schools, orders, crack of whips, whistles signals, bugle practice, dogs barking, shouts of joy, anger, alarm, dismay, not to mention the B.S.A.P. band.

But controlling this chaotic scene lay organisation, for from it appeared the Police Display, which has thrilled the Colony from the Zambesi to the Limpopo. Best-ever is the verdict of Police, Press and ordinary citizen.

There's no respite for Depot, though, for hard on the heels of Police Sports, Agricultural Shows at Bindura, Umtali, Bulawayo, Salisbury, come preparations for the Diamond Jubilee Pageant. The first shock I received in connection with the

pageant was when I cycled passed the horse lines the other day and almost fell off at what I saw. An N.C.O. in charge of a stables parade wearing a slouch hat with a puggaree, a brown tunic with black braid, a well worn bandolier and leaning pensively on a Martini Henri. Shade of 1890! Why have you left the peace of the low veld where the elephant strews your grassy grave with mopani bark? My consternation was complete when the ghost turned and I saw the ruddy features of one of the Depot instructors, apparently very much in flesh and blood judging by his remarks to a recruit who had apparently neglected to untie his horse before grooming the head!

Mr. Editor, may I correct your write-up of the Police Sports in the August edition? The man who gave us the shudders by jumping over a motor-cycle in the display was Constable Walsh, not Trooper McNair.

Several details from Salisbury District were They seemed pleased to get a free trip into Salisbury for the Show and enjoyed their three days in town, but like all these "hayseeds," soon tired of city life and returned to the bundu at dawn on Sunday morning.

After the Salisbury Show the Public Relations Film Unit made a colour film of the whole display at a special show in Depot. We shall look forward to seeing "Tom Mix" Stephens and "Doug Fairbanks" McNair at the Palace. I hear, too, that some members of the team have been comparing their rate of pay with Clark Gable's contracts and have put in for 1/- per diem E.D.P.

Apparently the occupants of the Gaol married quarters are not the only sufferers from the band and bugle practice at A.P.T.S. for I hear that a swarm of bees attacked Asst. Bandmaster King whilst he was cycling from A.P.T.S. He was heard to remark that he doesn't mind being stung by the Income Tax Dept. for they at least send you a written warning! This month Sergeant Stan Edwards takes over *The Outpost* and *Mapolisa* from Sergeant Baldwin who goes on three months leave.

During the month the Police Conference Committee sat in Depot to discuss the agenda for the Police Conference which opens on 2nd October.

Congratulations to Sergeants Fivaz, Ruttle and Owen on their promotion! Sergeant Fivaz has gone to the coast to spend his increase. Sergeant Dickinson has forsaken the neon lights for the bundu, having transferred at his own request from Pay Office to District Branch, reverting from the

rank of Staff 2/Sergeant to duty trooper. Best of luck, after your courageous step.

NDAIVEPO.

GATOOMA

After many vain attempts to establish the identity of my predecessor in the honourable and noble art of writing station notes, i.e., "T.T." (I decided from the outset that the nom de plume was far from being an obvious one; everyone knows that this is a very wet district), it eventually transpired that with the transfer of two well-known members, namely, Sergeant Ted Travers and Constable Les. Adams, to Kezi and Hartley, respectively, the notes suddenly ceased. The former was the obvious choice for the role, but flatly denied it, stating that someone was framing him.

Since the last notes appeared, we have had many comings and goings. We welcome Constable Selley and Lowein from Depot, and hope they will agree with the brochure "Hub of the Midlands for Work and Play." Trooper "Cordy" Hedge and Sergeant Tony Andrews returned from leave overseas, both looking very fit and well after their holiday. Trooper "Big Man" Norman was posted to Hartley, taking the place of Trooper Franklin who, after a few days in the bush at Hartley, decided that a quick return to the "bright lights" was on the bill, and he forthwith volunteered for the Mess Caterer cum Canteen Steward's post, in place of Constable Tom Doherty, who wanted to see what 8 on, 16 off is like these days.

Constable "How's it going" Kensett, recently mentioned in Depot notes for his performance with a Depot meal, is now on Section duties. He now thinks more highly of Gatooma District than Burma; for which I believe he has a very soft spot.

The Gatooma Show, well attended by the Police, "On Duty", came along in August and with it a cold spell of weather. This, combined with the trials of dealing with the traffic, numerous requests from the public "Constable (to a district man), where shall I put my car?" which we answered in the politest possible manner, and the clouds of dust that are now accepted as part of the Show, gave us a not very pleasant day. Several of the more musical types were heard whistling the "oliceman's Lot," and other excerpts not so famous, but equally well known. The plain clothes types were very prominent in making themselves inconspicuous, and several people were heard to say of one of them that

there was a lodger they could trust . . . to do what?

The Show Ball was well attended by us, illustrating to the general public our other capacities, which seemed in some small measure to compensate for the rest of the day.

With the cricket season not far ahead, and the formation of a Police team at Gatooma, whites are being carefully examined after years of disuse, and the general air of conversation any night at the bar seems to dwell on that elusive piece of red leather that "must have turned two feet easily"—it seems that this pastime runs a close second to the piscatorial. Our first game, played on Sunday, 3rd September, on the School grounds resulted in a decided victory for the Dalny Mine. To their 237 first innings total we replied 137, after which they batted for an hour or so, leaving us to make 150 runs in 45 minutes. Maybe the light was bad! Perhaps we were tired! or perhaps too many thoughts were dwelling on the sundowner after the game. But a sudden collapse, the last man out on the last ball of the last over, and the only run after this was a very fast move towards the Police canteen—here, needless to say, the Police ran well, and cantered home to win by a "frothy head."

Cricket in Gatooma is taken seriously, and although it is anticipated that a limited amount of money will be forthcoming, any stations who have any cricket gear, in any condition, for which they have no further use, and would forward same, would be greatly rewarded by the thanks of the detachment.

Anyway, chaps, that seems to be all for now, and with the scare of transfers past, perhaps in the future these notes will appear with some regularity—time I had some sleep; up early tomorrow, another inspection.

WAGON AND HORSES.

UMTALI

We cannot do better than offer our congratulations to all those who organised our Jubilee Celebrations.

From start to finish everything went smoothly and the only complaint we have is against the weather, the "Guti" and cold wind could have been well done without. Fortunately, the two days of the Show although cold were not wet and the dull sky and cold was not sufficient to spoil the attendance at what has been voted Umtali's best show ever.

The display put up by the Police was greatly appreciated and is still a topic of conversation and one member of the public remarked to me that it would have been worth while keeping the Show going for a couple of weeks just to see the Police display.

We of Umtali were pleased to have so many of our comrades among us and we hope they in turn enjoyed their trip to our little town. Sorry we could not give you better quarters and we hope you will not judge our weather by what you experienced during your short stay.

The children voted the firework display as one of the really high lights of the Jubilee Celebrations, certainly some of the rockets reached a great height.

If numbers are any indication we feel sure that the Road Race on Sunday was the most popular event of the week.

From the Police point of view it was an event to which we were not looking forward. It was our first experience of a road race and the course being somewhat difficult in parts it was quite expected that there would be casualties, but



"Well, if you have the 'New Look' why shouldn't I?"

we are more than pleased to say that everything went with a "roar" and there was no serious injuries; in fact a sprained wrist was the most severe injury received. This happy state of affairs we feel sure was due to the skill of the riders, the drivers, and the good behaviour of the public.

To the members of the Police Reserve who turned out and gave us such valuable help during the Celebrations we say "Thanks a lot!"

On the night of August 10th Chief Inspector Christie, while on duty in the shunting yards at Umtali Railway Station, was knocked down by a railway engine and carried for seventy feet along the line before being thrown clear. He received serious injuries to his right leg and was in a critical condition for several days. When sufficiently recovered from the shock he was flown to Salisbury by special plane for further treatment and we are glad to report that he is making satisfactory progress.

Hurry up, Jock, and get fit again—we all want to take you on at golf and believe it or not we are all willing to buy the beer just as soon as you are able to put your cheery old face on the Hillside Verandah again. Good luck and a speedy recovery is the wish of us all!

Flu has been taking its toll for the past month and the Police have not escaped, both Major Thatcher and Lieutenant Elliott have fallen victims, but are well again we are glad to say.

Sergeant Jobson has left on leave pending discharge, and is enjoying a short holiday at the coast. On his return he will be starting on the road to fortune, i.e., learning to grow tobacco. He will be a client for the Police Odzi and will now be able to see Police work from the other side of the counter.

We were glad to see Mrs. Allen, the "Back room girl" of *The Outpost*, who has been spending a short holiday in Umtali; we have an idea she likes the place.

It is not often we have to report cars stuck in the mud in the middle of the dry season but that is just what has happened on the main Salisbury-Umtali road this year. Just beyond Christmas Pass, where considerable road work is in progress, a heavy fall of rain left the road in such a state that in parts it was definitely dangerous and more than one car became well and truly bogged down.

In the Melsetter area one farm recorded five inches of rain. Let us hope the wet season is not finished before it starts!

Having chanced our arm with some success in the Soccer field we are now going to have a go

at cricket, provided the keenness displayed now is maintained during the season we should be able to field a team each week and we are looking forward to some enjoyable, friendly cricket. We have not sufficient confidence to enter the league this year but may do so next year if our fortunes shine bright this year.

The golf bug has been let loose in camp and several of the troops, who a few weeks ago knew nothing of the fever which sets in once one starts to chase the wee white ball, are now to be seen dashing off at every opportunity in the direction of the golf course, and talk in the canteen seems to consist of describing that shot on No. 6 or the wonderful putt on No. 3 and the really high light when a Birdie turns up is an occasion for quite a celebration.

Congratulations to Sergeant Owen on his recent promotion; so far he has not had the opportunity to celebrate but we are looking forward to seeing him in the canteen soon. Order a few more crates of beer Mr. Bar Steward.

Cheerio, I'm off to cultivate a thirst.

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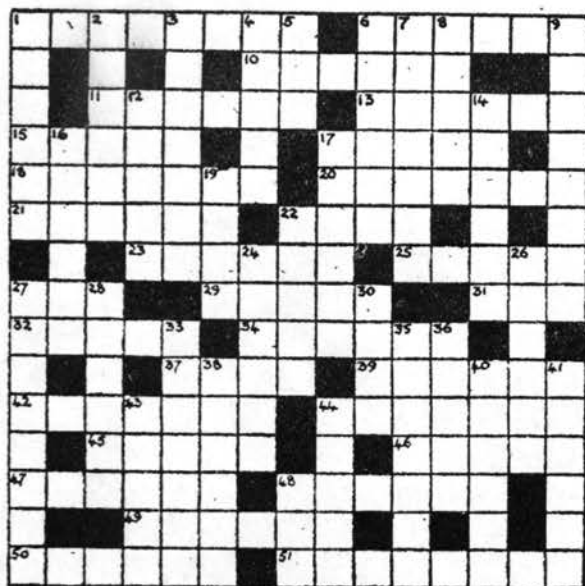
MASHABA

This station's "Schedule of returns to be submitted monthly" having had "Outpost—Station Notes" added last month, we now find it is time to put pen to paper again.

Nothing startling has happened in the last month; our usual Monday morning sort-out of the week-end brawls in the mine compounds still takes place. To this we add the few "cycle—no bell or brakes" cases and all this combines to give us pleasant hours of filling in Crime Statistical information forms. In our spare time we manage to get out and do a bit of patrolling and that brings us to the next point. During the month we saw three "Old Comrades" who reside in this section. Ex-Corporal "Mickey" Evans (No. 503) appears now to be getting rather long in the tooth. He still resides on his farm "Liberty." His next door neighbour on Homerule Farm is his old Chibi mess-mate of the 1910 era, E. A. Ashley (No. 493). Mr. Ashley appears to carry his years very well. We also saw B. A. Hawkins, who is now employed at Gaths Mine. He is a more recent vintage Old Comrade coming from the 1935 era.

Taking down the daily broadcast at 7 a.m. is not always so amusing when one has had a restless night with howling babies or similar nocturnal disturbances, but a few mornings ago, we could not fail to laugh when the following

Crossword Puzzle



CLUES

Across

1. Cat has a crest in this burial place.
6. Check, it's very loud in the middle.
10. Dawn.
11. Ridiculous.
13. Foolish, but up at heart.
15. All with two teas!
17. Wooden step in islet.
18. Improve a photograph.
20. Back door looks severe at the end.
21. This plant is identical in the finish.
22. Indian police station.
23. "For seldom shall she hear the tale So sad, so —, and so true. (William Shenstone.)
25. Artless.
27. Part of a theatre!
29. Rigid.
31. Start in the middle!
32. Submit.
34. Compel.
37. Tangled rein!
39. His game has plenty of hazards.
42. Exposed to steam.
44. Preserve nice dot!
45. Used as spice.
46. Repast includes fat!
47. Dress.
48. Flowers that produce stares.
49. Obliquely.
50. Perceives.
51. It's a stirring affair!

Down.

1. Smokes include gas!
2. Features.
3. Fancy dress finds us in a comet.
4. Month of mixed charm.
5. Only half a budget.
6. Card game in Lincolnshire?
7. Train as a mechanic.
8. "Dare to be true, nothing can need a lie; A — which needs it most grows two thereby." (George Herbert.)
9. Expose to injury.
12. Puff out a blot.
14. This bird has understanding.
16. Half is used by No. 39 across, the rest is No. 37 across.
17. Scanty.
19. You would expect to find this coin in Connecticut.
22. Projection used in a joint.
24. Resolve.
26. Men-servants take more than ale.

unpunctuated prose came on the air, "Strayed . . . one chestnut mare about five years old about 13 hands with white blaze and a foot long scar behind hock on off hind leg also a filly foal offspring of first mentioned animal also chestnut with white star about one year old." Pardon us—but—it's our sense of humour—still it takes some sorting out, doesn't it?

Elsewhere in this magazine there will be record of the departure from our midst of Inspector "Charlie" Aust. He has left us to take his discharge on pension. On 26th August, 1950, a farewell sundowner party was held in his honour at Fort Victoria. As a farewell present the members in Victoria district presented him with a chiming clock. There is little we can add to the valedictory comments made on this occasion, except to wish Inspector and Mrs. Aust a long and happy retirement. We might also put on record, that on this occasion "Caruro" made his usual fitting speech.

Trooper Burns at the moment is being initiated into the art of making bread puddings, a delicacy to which another member stationed here has a partiality. It is expected that in time he will have mastered the art and will in due course become a member of the club.

It was with deep regret that we learnt of the death in tragic circumstances of Sergeant Thomas of our neighbouring section—Chilimanzi. To his widow and family we tender our deepest sympathies.

Well folks, the sun has been below the yard arm a few hours now, so we must be off to our beds. Cheerio until next month.

MANDEBVU.

GWELO

News from Gwelo district definitely centres around Gwelo itself for the period under review.

Annual Musketry has afforded an excellent opportunity of renewing old acquaintances.

Our engagement book shows a little of everything—a veritable hatched, matched and dispatched

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| 27. Intrude by bringing stress to dad. | 40. I see a sofa mixed up in failure. |
| 28. Result of action. | 41. Half that brings you back. |
| 30. Therefore a monster is disturbed. | 43. Alas I have another name. |
| 33. Pain of guilt. | 44. Social distinctions. |
| 35. Admit. | 48. End of No. 49 across. |
| 36. Senior tree? | |
| 38. Carouses. | |

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column. Sgt. Rowley of Gwelo Town starts the ball rolling with the birth of a son and heir, a few more recruits have hatched out in Gwelo, Tpr. Bartlett of Que Que was happily matched, we sent up a contingent to the recent Long Service Medal Presentation Parade in Salisbury and lastly, on a sadder note, we have said farewell to two "old soldiers."

Firstly we said farewell to 3168 2/Sergeant Anderson, who, for some time has ministered to the wants of many, physically in the Gwelo Camp and spiritually in the Gwelo Canteen.

Another administrator was lost in the figure of 3176 Staff Sub-inspector Holroyde. Both have left for England and will be greatly missed. Vale-dictory parties were held and presentations made.

As in other centres we have had our Jubilee Celebrations and Agricultural Show and, with all modesty, it is acknowledged that Police support did much to ensure the marked success of these functions.

The Police Ball at Gwelo was again just that little bit better, due in no small measure to decoration scheme carried out by P.R. 2/Sergeant Reynolds and his team. A welcome change from essentially Police decorations.

Gwelo is justly proud of the achievements of Lieut.-Colonel Lombard at the English Bisley. Mr. F. Morgan is also of Gwelo and has associated himself with Police musketry activities at Gwelo.

Owing to a slight technical hitch, the inaugural ceremony in connection with Camp water scheme has been postponed.

Social tennis and sundowners has been re-introduced and has proved a great success.

The next important event in our calendar is the Annual Dinner of Gwelo Branch Regimental Association to be held at Midlands Hotel on Saturday, 14th October next.

We welcome to Gwelo, Major Spurling, Officer Commanding Midland Province who is expected in September.

GWELOLIAN.

WEDZA

Many of you may be interested to hear from this delightful part of the country.

The Camp itself remains much the same except there is only one Trooper in residence, i.e., Trooper G. Henderson. Married quarters having been recently built approximately 400 yards from the Camp are occupied by the present member i/c 2/Sergeant P. J. O. Knight. A reservoir has

been built just outside the Camp as a spare water supply and makes a very useful swimming bath. The tennis court is also used to some extent. A very useful asset is the nine-hole golf course which is also quite near to the Camp.

We have a few ex-Members in the district, Peter Fache, "Turk" Fowles and Vaughan-Evans (sorry, Nos. not to hand at the moment) and they pop into Camp (usually at the appropriate time) to have a waffle. A visitor last month was ex-Sergeant Mildred ex Fort Victoria Town who made a base Camp here for a few days whilst checking up the maize at the local stores. Also another checker-upper-visitor was "Trigger" Tolley who is on the Ground Nut Board. After a long and hard days work he is often seen at a near-by Farm stalking our dangerous guinea fowl.

For those of you who knew the Wedza Reserve in the past, you would be surprised to see the progress. Dams, weirs, good roads abound in the area. An Agricultural Show is being held in the Reserve in August and judging from the cattle and crops of maize, cotton, nuts, etc., it should be a great success.

Although we do not have to dash away 200 odd miles to take Medical Comforts to some needy Trooper, we do know who lights the morning fire!

USIKU.

GUTU

Yes, here we are. Tucked way down south, deep in the heart of the Karanga country, the land of throbbing drums, witchcraft and arson. Devotees to the two latter pastimes, seem to have a perverted affection for the Gutu area, as can be judged from the regular entries in our "book."

Holding the fort at this lost outpost of the Empire, are 1/Sergeant Hunter and Troopers Ian Dixon and Karl Maskell, ably assisted by quadrupeds "Dolfus" and "Hottentot," owing to whose services we are periodically able to collect the handsome sum of one and sixpence per diem. This is in addition to our pay.

Congratulations firstly to our Member in charge, on his recent successes in both the Civil Service Language and Native Customs Examinations. We wish him luck in the forthcoming written part to the former examination, which we are confident he will pass with ease.

At the time of writing, Trooper Dixon per R/H Hottentot, is away in the wilds of the Nyadzwidze N.P.A., busily engaged in rounding up all the bad boys and squatters therein. He hopes to bag one of our legendary crocs. there,

who has been growing fat on the local produce which so conveniently waters at his very doorstep.

Where do all the recruits get posted to nowadays we should like to know? Some time ago, we requisitioned (or whatever the procedure is) for one, as we have been understrength for a considerable time, but alas, we are still expecting. To that ill-fated unknown, over whose misguided ego there hangs the fate of Gutu, we advise him to forget the lush green pastures of the Depot area, the cool waters of the Municipal Swimming baths, and instead, to expect to find a harsh, dry, desert-type country, abounding with mischievous Mukaranga and with cool waters few and far between.

Our larger Reserve, the Gutu Reserve, will be in a pretty bad state towards the end of the season if early rains do not occur. At the moment, the existing water supplies are dwindling fast, and most rivers are but a mockery of their former selves. It is wondered whether what little remaining water there is will suffice to support the very large number of native-owned stock. There is talk of a voluntary evacuation of a large number to more favourable pastures outside the district.

Thanks to prodigious efforts on the part of a few of our local inhabitants, our golf course has now blossomed forth with greens, and a host of little flags and signs intended to make the game more enjoyable, and at the same time, to keep one on the right track. No longer does our File 29 bulge with the names of persons last seen striding resolutely towards the greens, with clubs over shoulder and compass in pocket. We can also offer tennis, thanks to the loving care bestowed upon the court by the inmates of the local "rest-house."

Maskell had a lucky escape during the beginning of the month, when, on the motor-cycle he ran over a green mamba, which struck him in the leg. Luckily, he was wearing his leather leggings at the time, so although the fang marks went right through the leather, and the poison was deposited on the outside, no damage was suffered. The sock underneath the legging prevented contact. The moral is, never wear those hose-top monstrosities whilst out in the bush.

Despite the drawbacks of Gutu, there must be something about the place, for lo and behold, look at our list of old Police "timers." Messrs. Van der Linde and Mackintosh Ted Ronnie, our astute Dip Supervisor; "Stalky" Sanders, the hard-worked L.D.O.; Messrs. Wells and Brendon, our resident Native Commissioner and Assistant Native Commissioner respectively.

"BALDY."

THE OUTPOST CHRISTMAS COMPETITIONS, 1950.

Details of this year's competitions are published below:—

1. ESSAYS—

(a) Five guineas for the best story or article submitted, with a Christmas background, for publication in the Christmas number of *The Outpost*. Entries not to exceed 3,000 words.

(b) Two guineas as a Second Prize.

2. DRAWINGS—

(a) Five guineas for the best black and white sketch depicting a Christmas-cum-Police scene. Sketches must be in ink on stiff paper and should not be folded.

(b) Two guineas as a Second Prize.

3. PHOTOGRAPHS—

(a) Three guineas for the best photograph portraying any aspect of Police life within the Colony. The subject, rather than the photographic quality, will be the chief factor in determining the award.

(b) Two guineas as a Second Prize.

RULES FOR THE CHRISTMAS COMPETITIONS.

1. The Competitions are open only to subscribers to *The Outpost*.
2. The entries must be the original work of the competitors.
3. The judges for all competitions shall be appointed by the President of *The Outpost* Committee.
4. The Committee reserves the right to reproduce any entries other than the prize-winning entries, without payment.
5. Entries for competitions Nos. 2 and 3 will be received up to and including November 1, 1950, and entries for competition No. 1 up to and including November 18, 1950.
6. All entries must be clearly marked "Christmas Competition" and address to The Editor, *The Outpost*, P.O. Box 803, Salisbury.
N.B.—Articles may be sent, and will be published, under a nom-de-plume, but the Editor must have the names and addresses of all competitors.
7. The Committee reserves the right to withhold the award of either a first or second prize if the standard of merit of the entries is considered to be below the required standard.

Diamond Jubilee Pageant . .

On Occupation Day, 12th September, 1950, the traditional ceremony of hoisting the flag in Cecil Square, Salisbury, took place, the service was conducted by the Bishop of Southern Rhodesia and a special feature was massed choirs of 300 voices. A message from the King was delivered by His Excellency the Governor, Sir John Kennedy. During the afternoon an historical pageant was held on the Show Ground in which some of the men who came to Rhodesia with the Pioneer Column for the Occupation of Mashonaland in 1890, took part. Included amongst them were Colonel C. H. Divine, D.S.O., and Major R. C. Nesbitt, V.C., who came up with the Pioneer Column in the B.S.A. Company's Police.

The Pageant opened with the entry of the

Pioneer Column of wagons and British South Africa Company's Police and Pioneers. In the leading wagon were some of the original Pioneers. Members of the British South Africa Police played the parts of the mounted troops, in authentic uniform and complete with beards. The part of Colonel Pennyfather was played by Staff Sub-inspector Sturrock. In the wagons were a searchlight and donkey engine similar to those brought up by the Pioneers, and a seven-pounder cannon used in the Matabele War.

The column pitched camp and the flag was hoisted according to the procedure on 12th September, 1890. On that occasion "Skipper" Hoste was sent to find a flagpole and he cut a msasa tree for that purpose. At the pageant this duty



MR. HUGH WILLIAMS DRIVING THE ZEEDERBERG COACH

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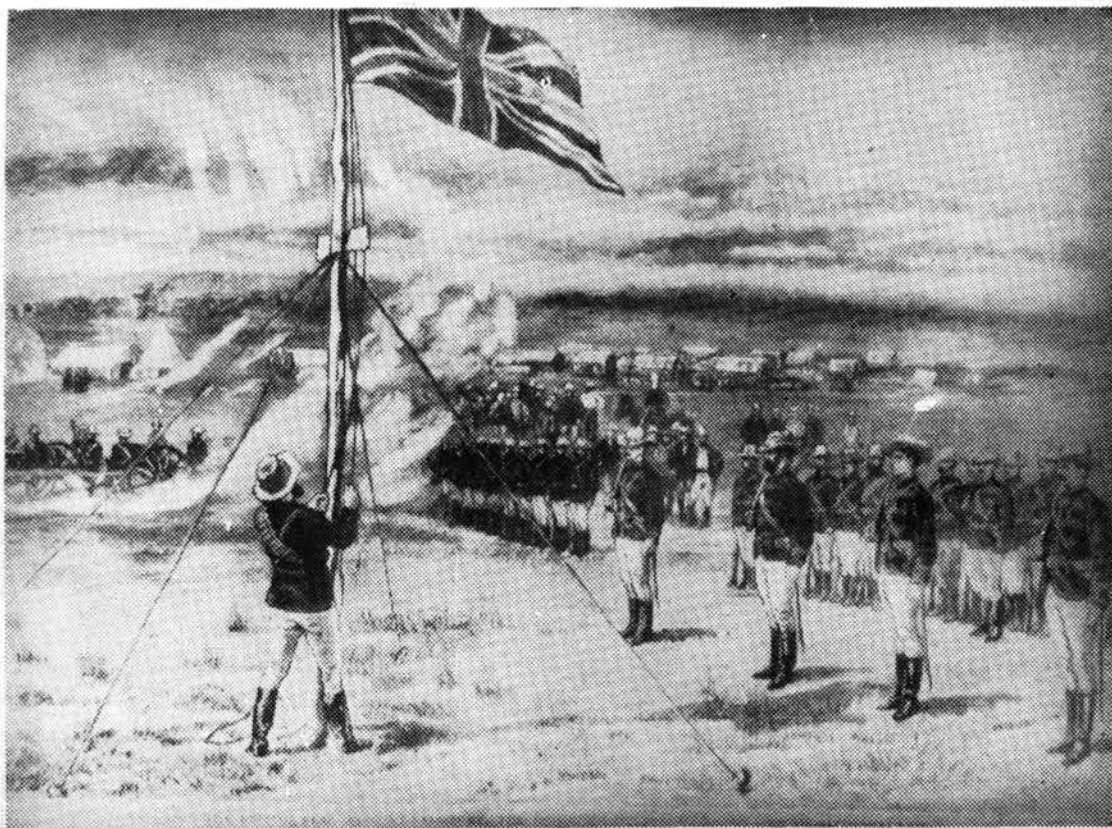
was performed by his grandson, Mr. N. Davies, of Salisbury. The original flag was hoisted by Lieutenant E. C. Tyndale-Biscoe, R.N.; at the pageant it was hoisted by his nephew, Mr. R. Tyndale-Biscoe.

The Pioneer Column was followed by Native dances from the Globe and Phoenix Mine, Que Que. Then came a horde of Matabele warriors acted by African details of the African Police Training School, who attacked a Mashona kraal before being routed by a troop of Pioneers.

The arrival of civilian settlers was then portrayed and Mr. Rhodes arrived in a Cape cart and was greeted by the settlers. One of the highlights of the pageant was the arrival of one of the original Zeederberg coaches driven by Mr. Hugh Williams, who was an early driver of the

coaches. He did not appear to have lost any of his skill for the coach rattled and bounced into the arena with the team at a canter. The jubilation of the settlers turned to dismay when a blood-stained horseman (Sergeant N. Smith of the B.S.A. Police) arrived in a state of collapse with the news that the Natives had rebelled, and then the arrival of the Mazoe Patrol survivors with their wounded men and weeping women recalled that tragedy. The presence at the pageant of Major R. C. Nesbitt, who gained the Victoria Cross in this action whilst serving in the Mashonaland Mounted Police, added greatly to the interest.

The colourful and stirring pageant ended with a parade of all the participants and a procession of floats illustrating various aspects of the Colony's development.



LIEUT. TYNDALE BISCOE HOISTING THE UNION JACK IN FORT SALISBURY, 12/9/1890

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THE PIONEER COLUMN.

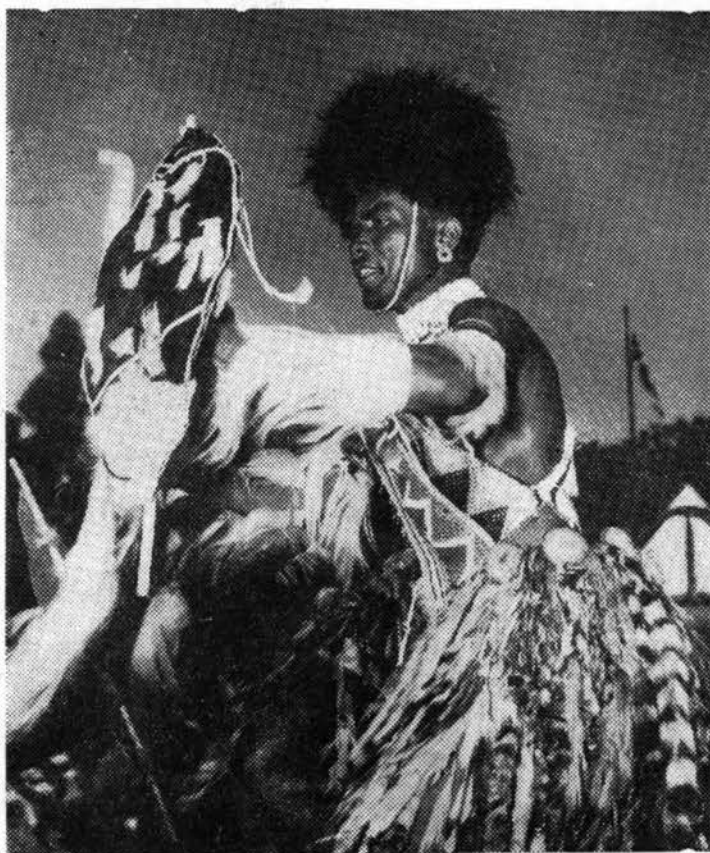


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NATIVE DANCER



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