



CABBAGES and KINGS

The green makes him see red

JOHN STEWART, of the Avenues, writes to tell me of his pet aversion. It is the driver who stops at the traffic lights at the corner of Rhodes Avenue and Fourth Street to buy his morning paper from the vendor who stands outside the Catholic Cathedral. "He is still fumbling for small change in his pockets as the lights switch. He thus holds up city-bound traffic, and while the lights are green, I see red!"

Hand saved by a surgeon who became a statesman

MR. EVELYN SEYMOUR WHITE, of Concession, who came to Rhodesia in 1902, at the age of 19, believes he was the first civilian patient of a young Englishman who arrived in Salisbury in 1911 as the locum for the BSAP surgeon who was going on leave.

The young doctor was Godfrey Huggins, who later became a prime minister and a statesman. First a knight and then a peer, Lord Malvern died on Saturday and his funeral is being held this morning.

Mr. Seymour White said he well remembers Mr. Huggins, as he then was, arriving at the Salisbury Hospital.

"I was in the operating theatre with a badly smashed right hand. I had been defending myself against an attack by one of my farm labourers and had cracked the knuckle of one finger into little bits.

"The matron, Miss Adlam, told me the hospital doctor was making preparations to amputate my finger.

Bits removed

"A nurse who was present, Miss Em Easton, who later became my wife, went to Mr. Huggins and said: 'Don't let him do that'.

"So Mr. Huggins told the matron that he would operate instead. He made a big hole and explored and removed all the bits of bone.

"As a result I have the use of all my fingers. I feel it was due entirely to his skill that my hand was saved."

He was to have visited Lord and Lady Malvern at their farm a few weeks ago, but his own ill-health prevented him, and thus he missed the opportunity of saying farewell.

Mr. Seymour White said that at his last birthday in September he had had two cakes baked, the second one for Lord Malvern, who had attended similar birthday parties but had been too unwell to make the journey on this occasion.

Malaria

"Since I first met him I regarded him as my best friend. His passing is a great loss to me, as it is to his widow and family."

He recalled that 1911 was the year in which the British South Africa Company brought out an American

health inspector to give lectures about malaria.

"He went about the country talking to farmers—everyone out of town had fever in those days—and telling us that the disease was borne by the mosquito, and that it was the female that transmitted it."

Blackwater fever was the killer in those years. The American expert pointed out that it was dangerous to take sugar-coated quinine tablets because this meant that insufficient quinine was absorbed into the blood stream.

When he was president of the Rhodesian Red Cross Society, said Mr. Seymour White, he started the nucleus of the Blood Transfusion Service. He had brought out a young farm assistant, the late Mr. A. S. Robertson, who was a trained laboratory technician in blood techniques.

His services were in demand for blood matching and so he was offered a job as secretary/technician of a blood service within the Red Cross.

Mr. Seymour White added that Mr. Robertson was offered £2 10s a month (\$5), which was more than he was getting as a farm assistant.

Trick golf balls

I HAD some fun on the golf course recently when playing with my brother-in-law.

His ball was lying nicely on the green. While his attention was distracted I went up to it and, pretending to tie my shoelace, substituted another for it.

This was an ordinary golf ball except that it had a corkscrew embedded into it.

While the caddy had a fit of the giggles, my brother-in-law carefully approached the ball and, after painfully long deliberation, putted. The ball did not move.

Muttering something about Japanese balls and an uneven turf, he had a second try. There was a dull thud, and nothing more.

Of course, the best trick balls are made by the Japanese. There is one that is specially made for the temperamental putter. It has a built-in bias and will either hop like a kangaroo or describe circles.

They also make another which, after it has gone screaming down the fairway for about 100 yards, explodes in a blinding flash.

The Japanese take both their golf and their humour seriously.

Olympics menu

HAVING demonstrated my attitude to golf, I now reveal that as a complete imposter, I attended a Rhodesian Sports-writers' lunch on Monday and enjoyed hearing Mr. Mike de Mello, manager for TAP, talking about the Olympics.

I was particularly interested in his statistics for the Games to be held in Munich next year.

The main stadium will hold 80 000 people at any one time.

The indoor sports stadium will accommodate 10 000 and the swimming stadium 2 000.

About 12 000 competitors will take part and the largest kitchen in the world is being installed to feed 2 700 people at a time in five shifts.

Food in tons

The caterers have calculated that they will need 147 tons of meat, 38 tons of game and poultry and 26 tons of fish.

The egg consumption will be around 1.1m. unless egg throwing becomes a recognized Olympic sport.

Mr. de Mello said the breakfast budget includes 1m. slices of bread, 960 000 portions of butter, 22 500 bananas, melons and grapefruit and 28 000 portions of jam.

Included among such items as 100 tons of spuds and 31 tons of celery are 756 000 cartons of yoghurt and 504 000 portions of icecream.

I understand there will also be 23 000 gallons of orange juice and 90 000 tea bags, to say nothing of milk, coffee and lemonade.

Walrus

P.S.

THE BEST place to find a helping hand is at the end of your arm.

WE WERE

COMPLETE

many, but a planned visit to a Munich brewery tomorrow has been cancelled.

Rhodesia Cattle Producers' Association Congress in Salisbury are anything to go by,

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Farming pioneer dies at Glendale

Herald Reporter

A CONSERVATIONIST and the first farmer in Rhodesia to use contour ridging, Mr. Evelyn Seymour White, died at his Bretten Farm, Glendale, yesterday at the age of 89.

Mr. Seymour White was made an MBE for his services to the Red Cross during the Second World War, and on the 24th of this month he was to have been visited by the President, Mr. Clifford Dupont.

He had been ill since last November and the President was to have presented him with his award of Member of the Order of the Legion of Merit made to him in the Rhodes Day Honours List this year.



SHOW RECORD

Mr. Seymour White, who would have been 90 on Friday, was the oldest and longest-serving member of Salisbury Show Society.

The president of the Show Society, Mr. Gerald Roberts, on hearing of Mr. Seymour White's death, said: "For his services to the society he was made a life vice-president and

he never missed an opportunity to attend meetings.

"His death is a sad loss to all of us. I wish we had more like him and our task would be less difficult."

Mr. Roberts said he never refrained from exhibiting and he never missed attending a show.

PERSIAN SHEEP

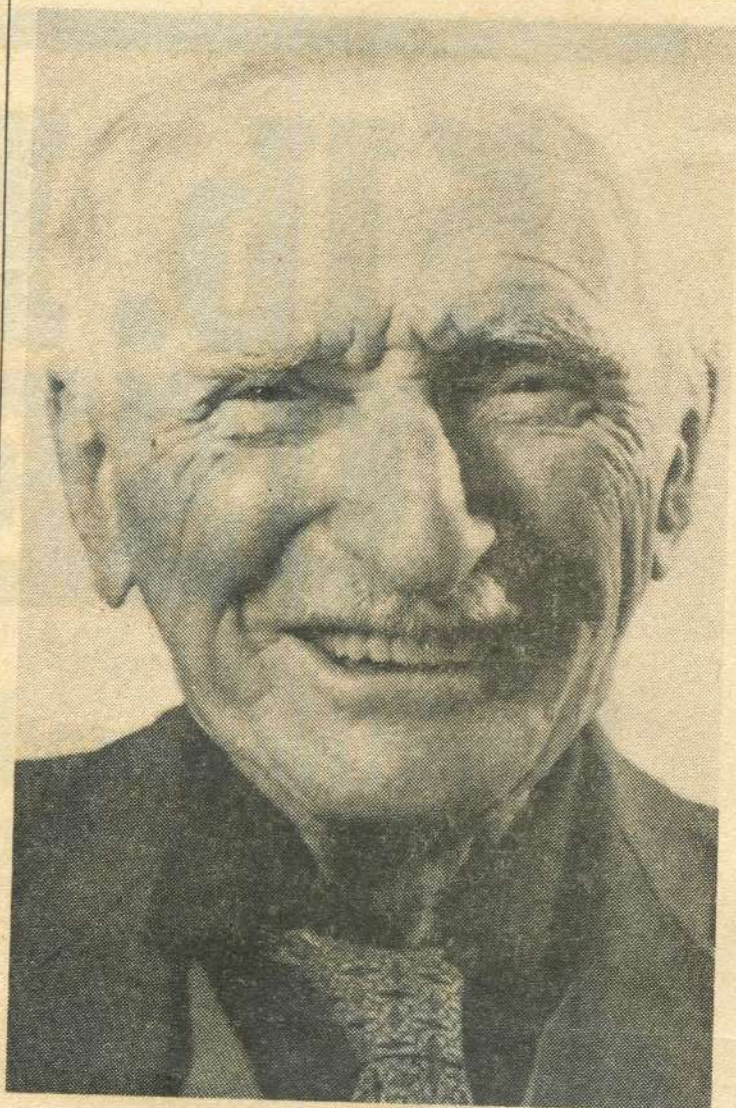
Mr. Seymour White exhibited annually at the Salisbury Show from 1908 until he took ill in 1970, and was a consistent winner of the main prize for black-headed Persian sheep. For the last few years he was a grower of seed maize.

He started work with the Anglo American Trading Company in 1902 when he first came to Rhodesia. Four years later he decided his life was to be in farming and he took over farms at Macheke and Makwiro. He moved to Bretten Farm in 1918.

Apart from his work as chairman of the Red Cross during the war, he kept open house for the troops at his farm.

11 Sept '72

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MR. EVELYN SEYMOUR WHITE

SETTING AN EXAMPLE

SENIOR citizens who feel left out of things might take a tip from Mr. Evelyn Seymour White (88), who came to this country in 1902 and is now teaching young Rhodesians some of the history of their land by conducted tours of the Mazoe area.

Tomorrow a party of Blakiston pupils will be taken to the memorial at Mazoe which Mr. White erected to the memory of Routledge and Blakiston, and they will also see the site of the laager which the two men left in order to seek help from Salisbury.

When Mr. White first came to this country he worked in Bulawayo and then farmed at Macheke and Makwiro before settling at Mazoe.

He claims to have been the first Rhodesian grower of cigarette tobacco at a time when most men carried pouches of pipe tobacco on their belts.

A former president of the Red Cross and Life Vice-President of the Rhodesian and Bindura Agricultural and Horticultural Societies, Mr. White is still actively engaged as a farmer.

Bretton

E. Seymour-White

11 June 71

Rho Agric & Hort Soc 20th An Show

Sky 17 18 19 Aug 1921 1^o Prize for

no name crop presumably maize

Sheep kept since commenced farming at
Macheka. B.H.P.

Cattle always kept last 8-10 yrs A-Angus
before started w Native Cattle then x with Friesland
never did milking seriously.

Borehole ~~is~~ has none.

1st Neighbor told him no water previous owner
watered his cattle w a bucket & windlass
& provided water for servants from a well 45ft deep

Arable

16 June 71

1922 harness & lands drag, a log chain round

rocks to water see Arches in Sky Museum in Bwyo.
cobs on floor in stoepe. - weight not appearance.

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came up from Union - some Zulus Matabiles team
quite good Native labour was very scarce

Bretten

E Seymour White

11th June 1971

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Mr Mrs Armstrong out from Ery for 2 weeks
she is his sister

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Macheke Macquino between S by Marby

Looteon Transport ^{Driver} machine to Shamva mine spotted

Bretten Farm owned by Snook $\frac{1}{2}$ brother Charles inherited patch ground

Leslie yng brother of 1st owner Smith went lecturer business
1st a partner at Bogner plant production

Sister Annie from Ery 2 weeks

+ brother law Armstrong Telephone exchange
Armsden

Came to farm 1911 ^{later} with a Tin Lizzy bought in 1912

1st had 2 spans @ Macheke took machine to

a mine in Mozambique ^{100 miles} poor pay had an African driver

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firm these had gone up in value so had money to

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mine working as Charter is short of money

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the Farm Macheke were 8 shillings/bag

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mules @ 22/6 per bag Nearly all cattle restricted
to certain areas

E. Seymour-White

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Transport Redun

from 1906 @ Mackabe

to 1912 @ in Magoe to Shamva

no road work
then only made
by the T. - rider

Building railway 1911 onwards from
Jumbo for 1912 Part of his contract re awarded

to the Pauling the railway 1st from Jumbo to Bindura
then Bindura to Shamva broken contract ended.

Ref from Shamva Mines dated 20 July 1916 to ESW

on his transport work during 1912/13 of about 600 tons
of heavy machinery & gen supplies over a distance of 60 miles
"rough tracks & difficult country" "after drought in the
matter of food & water followed by an abnormally
wet season"

by Resident Secretary Duffield
& addressed to ESW at Harri... Farm Mat wire
his "knowledge of transport work under difficult conditions
& to his resourcefulness & perseverance". all consignments
were delivered without loss & intact."

Size of Farm 3000 Ac but only bought 1/3 then

bought ^{another} 3000 Ac at Granite then sold to
Duke Newcastle. Now only has original 1000 Ac

other part bought ~~original~~ by Huxon see Councils records at
Glendale.

During 1st war grew maize, beans, cotton - poor 1st crop 70 t/ha/Ac

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+ muck - as had sheep cattle ropen

1st used raw rock phosphate £7.10 per ton

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delivered in bags to Beira for £2.13 per ton incl cost.

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Then approached by Port trade
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used sunhemp early on after he gave up cotton

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Certificates on wall dated 1924 from Empire Exhibition
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Breeding ears of Hickory being ~~highlighted~~

1921 ditto 10 Breeding ears Texas Hickory or 3 by white

Seymour White

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BSA Co. sold AC to supply each farm with labourers.

2-12 E & L Hall reacted "forced labourer"

Sir Francis Newton Treasurer was reported to House Commons - got into serious trouble.

but only applied to boys who had not ^{16-18 years +} payed tax that was deducted when tax was returned to their locals

Seldom brought emphasis with them.

At time of rebellion natives took the telegraph wires & made into bracelets

Iron Posts sent up by wagon laid from Magoa to Darwin

Telephone came early joined up with line from Magoa to a local mine in 1911, one of earliest farmers in the district to have a phone } on iron posts

Tom Meikel rented cattle to Berry who did railway contract work - soon withdrawn when no grass

Yields @ Mcheka 5 Bags/Ac

Better some clearing had been done so S-W did more

well - put in weir all over the farm - raised water

table in well by 25 feet - kept water on farm
it was 45 ft. deep } to a level of 20 ft. below surface

ESC power came on farm by tapping a line which led to now disused mine

Bricks in house made on farm except arnd windows fire place

Timbers imported including floors which are boards

1st cars Ford

Had one solid tyre

Trojan designersons
worked for SW