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### HOSPITAL SITE DISPUTE

Plans for siting the large new non-fee-paying hospital far from its main source of patients, the existing staff housing and the present medical centre have led to much discussion lately among the Health Department, Works Department and Management Board officers and among Health Department staff and members of the general public whom the building is planned to serve.

The proposed site is in the "low-density" housing area, to the south-west of Little Poland, about a mile and a quarter from the Mbulu Suburb and three-quarters of a mile from the present hospital. This adds at least half-a-mile to the distance most walking patients will have to come for treatment and, it is pointed out, will also result in great inconvenience to the Hospital staff not only because they will be nearly a mile from their work, and thus more difficult to call out for emergencies, but also because it is proposed to retain the present hospital as a T.B. and isolation unit which, owing to this separation from the main hospital, may require substantial extra staff.

Relying on the apparently definitive alienation of land for the Health Department in the neighbourhood of the present hospital, The Chizwell Sisters, when taking over responsibility for nursing services here, went to considerable expense to build

their Convent close to where they expected their work would lie.

There is ample land available in the area of the present hospital and the view of local Health, Government and Management Board staff and officials is that it is essential to have the new hospital as near to its main source of patients as possible.

The reason for the unpopular proposal is thought to be the financial one that both the hospital and the big new secondary school planned for the low-density area could then share the expensive and elaborate sewage disposal works which will be required.

It has been authoritatively suggested, however, that if it is felt that the two schemes must share one drainage system, the fall of the ground permits the school outfall to be led down across Marshall Avenue to a hospital site just north of Marshall Avenue, almost opposite the Mechanical Branch Workshops, which would be much nearer the present site and the Suburb and still close enough to the new school to permit of a combined drainage system.

These two large public buildings fronting each other on the township's main road would also thus be shown to best advantage and very conveniently sited for transport purposes.

### TARMAC TO MKUSHI

Projects planned for Abercorn as part of the £35,000,000 development scheme include new local Court buildings and a new prison, in addition to the hospital re-building programme and secondary school previously announced.

A new rural hospital is also planned for Nakonde.

Other items which will be of assistance to this area include the tarring of the Great North Road as far as Mkushi River and a small rest-house at Kanona.

It is also announced that sailing and power boats are to be purchased for Kasaba Bay Game Camp.

A number of important minor projects have already been completed in the Abercorn area during the 1964 period of take-over by the new administration.

Three new primary and two middle primary schools are just about to open in the district, in spite of the fact that delay in delivery of materials has postponed completion of the buildings until the end of March. Four more previously unauthorised primary schools have been "legalised" and new classrooms and teacher's houses built on a "self-help" basis.

During the year over £5,000 has been spent on district roads (as distinct from those maintained by the Roads Department) which has greatly improved access to the countryside.

The release for development and occupation of certain large areas of former Crown Land (now State Land), mainly in the southern and eastern areas of the old Crown Land block, has been announced and arrangements are going ahead for settlement of those areas under Customary land laws. No Protected Forest Areas, alienated farms or formerly occupied farms

which have reverted to the State are affected. Basic conservation planning will be carried out before settlement takes place.

The re-organisation of Government Departments following the winding-up of the old Provincial Administration is almost complete. Responsibility for Law and Order, Local Government (including supervision of the Abercorn Rural Council) and Prisons has been handed over to the departments concerned and the District Secretary is now able to concentrate on his role as co-ordinator between the various departments.

### RABIES TIE-UP ORDER

A tie-up order under the Control of Dogs Ordinance was put into force on Saturday, January 16, throughout an area within 50 miles radius of Kawimbe Mission Hospital.

The first case of rabies in the series which has led to this action occurred in early December when a puppy died and examination gave positive indications of rabies. Two weeks later a cat in the same household died of rabies.

Since then three "runners" in the initial stages of the disease have been shot in Abercorn and a rabid dog has bitten seven people in the Kawimbe area.

On this evidence it was obviously necessary to make the tie-up order.

Some 150 dogs in the Kawimbe/Fwambo area have been inoculated.

The duration of the order will depend on the co-operation of the public.

### RAINFALL FIGURES

Station	1963		1964-5		Total
	Nov.	Dec.	Nov.	Dec.	
I.R.L.C.S.	10.92	10.81	5.11	6.95	12.33
Post Office	12.54	12.96	5.40	3.82	10.60
Isanya	7.34	10.39	5.00	10.40	15.57
Airport	11.12	11.52	4.12	8.69	13.00
Mr. Morony	9.08	11.67	5.09	8.55	13.98
Kasaba Camp	14.99	13.79	3.25	8.32	11.72

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# FINDING A WAY

"Lord Snow has persuaded the College of Arms to design him a coat embodying some startling heraldic puns.

The shield, azure in colour, is prettily sprinkled with 5-pointed Snow crystals. The crest, two pens crossed with a telescope, represents the Two Cultures.

As supporters there is a pair of Siamese cats — objects of adoration in the Snow household and symbols, initially, of Colleges of Advanced Technology.

But the Latin motto is impeccably Ancient University: 'Aut inveniam viam aut faciam' — 'I will either find a way or make one'."

Kenneth Rose in "Albany at large" in *The Sunday Telegraph* (London) of December 27.

But — there are ways and ways, not to mention means.

Thirteen years ago (in 1952) this self-same Latin tag was adopted by The International Red Locust Control Service, whose headquarters are, of course, in Abercorn, as a motto. It has ever since appeared on all its vehicles (at one time 80 of them) on reports and other printed

matter and has been accepted internationally throughout the endlessly proliferating scientific organisations of the world.

It's selection was a spark of that genius often brilliantly displayed by Dr. D.L. Gunn when he was Director — pyrotechnics which are no doubt enjoyed in Ceylon where he is now valiantly protecting the island's tea crop from any untoward attack by its enemies.

Dr. Gunn can, I suppose, be described as an entomological statistician but is by no means a "one culture" man. In fact it was precisely because he felt that the dry, precise world of rainfall figures, locust breeding statistics, motor vehicles and poison could do with a touch of the older "humanist" culture that he found this Latin phrase and established it as the motto of the service.

Thus was the blending of the "two cultures" given a little trial run far away here in Abercorn very many years before the thing became Lord Snow's private property.

It was a splendidly appropriate and most successful choice.

Not only did the Service have

to "find a way" to solve the intractable problem of how to stop red locust migrations from decimating the crops of all the southern half of Africa, but they had, literally, to "make" roads to do it. Their field workers tramped or rolled in vehicles over thousands of miles of bush, swamp, plain, valley, escarpment and river bed throughout the Rukwa, the Malagarasi and Lake Mweru, surveying, placing marks and beacons and establishing a network of usable tracks from which the most remote fastnesses of the locust breeding centres were approached and the pest — eventually — so successfully eliminated that it can now be kept in control with no more than a couple of aircraft and a skeleton staff. Dr. Gunn himself, after making a few calculations, once wrapped up a landrover in a large tarpaulin and floated it across a river.

The "way" that Lord Snow has so successfully either found or made is a different one. It was a comfortable ride in a Rolls Royce through "The corridors of Power" from a College fellowship to a Whitehall ministry.

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## CHILA SCHOOL'S

### 30 PUPILS

It is a relief to learn that "Abercorn Fee-Paying Primary School" is in future to be called "Chila School".

The school is opening this term with at least 30 pupils and a second school-mistress, Miss J. Stafford who came here as a teacher in 1948 and since retiring in 1960 has worked her way pretty well round the world.

At the time of writing the 30 pupils include three Asians, five coloured children and one African, but it was expected that several more African children might be entered in time to begin work this term.

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(1) Threepence halfpenny (3½d) in the pound (£) on the value of all assessable land.

(2) One and three quarter pence (1¾d) in the pound (£) on the value of all assessable buildings or other improvements.

Such values refer to those shown in the current valuation rolls of the Board.

Rates should be paid to me at the Management Board Offices on or before the 31st March, 1965.

31st December, 1964

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C.K. HYDE  
SECRETARY

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Whilst we confirm the opening of an office in Abercorn early in the New Year, when it is hoped that queues and attendant medical facilities will not be required, we place on record the abnormal pressure brought about through the changeover to new currency, and the eagerness of the Countryfolk to swap their long buried hoards.

We trust that the members of your community will bear with us during this difficult period until such time in the near future when we are able to offer you service to which you are entitled.

We take this opportunity of wishing our long-suffering Abercorn customers prosperity in the new year in the hope that they will not have to put with our mediocre service for very much longer.

"1,440 hours unpaid overtime."

(This letter, although pseudonymous, clearly originates from one or other of those Standard Bank Tellers who have been toiling up and down the Kasama round for 5 years to serve this township. Their good wishes are reciprocated. — Editor.)

**BIG INCREASE IN FISH CATCH**

Preliminary figures for the weight of fish taken from Lake Tanganyika for 1964 are 60 per cent higher than those for 1963. There are Fish Guards at every camp to measure the catch which for 1963 was estimated at 4616 short tons fresh weight equivalent, all taken from Zambian waters.

For 1964 this figure was 7386 tons of which 6573 tons were Indagaa.

There are a number of reasons for this increase, chief among them being the improvement in fishing gear and an increase in technical knowledge, obtained from the Fisheries Dept., by both the commercial fishing companies and the individual fisherman. Marketing has also improved due to the efforts of the marketing Unions and Co-ops.

It has also been suggested that deep fishing, especially with ring nets by the commercial enterprises, has reduced the predator population, thus reducing the cropping of Indagaa and increasing the catch.

A recent survey undertaken by the Fisheries Dept., Abercorn who have lately been improving their statistical collection methods, indicates that, with more effort, the fishermen could increase their average earning of £80 for the four month season by four times. The number of "boat-nights" recorded is only about half what could be reached. With an increase in the qua-

lity of the Indagaa by mat drying rather than on the beaches, fishermen could increase their earnings to an average of £300 and improve Zambia's fish production.

The survey reveals that there are now 680 fishermen, defined as owners of boats or gear. They employ 1322 crew using 668 plank boats and 48 canoes. There are 24 outboard motors used mainly for transporting fish from lakeshore fishing camps to trading centres. This represents a large increase in fishing equipment since 1959. In particular the number of lusenga nets has increased by three times to 650.

With this improved fish catch on Lake Tanganyika there has also been an increase in the amount of fish sent out from Mweru wa Ntipa making a total of 8219 tons from the northern part of the country. It is however surprising to note that fish imported from Tanzania, both Indagaa and Rukwa Bream, totalled almost double this amount. Much of this imported fish is, however, in transit to Rhodesia.

It is to be regretted that Zambian fishermen on the shores of Lake Tanganyika are not prepared to increase their efforts sufficiently to realize the vast potential of the lake and reduce the necessity to import these large quantities of Tanzanian fish.

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The Nativity Play was held on December 18 at Abercorn Church, before a full congregation, who joined in heartily with the carol singing.

Peter Stead had, as usual, done a miraculous job of producing this play, with a cast of very varied ages, from three years old to adult. Chief characters in the cast were Diane and Grace Coulter as Joseph and Mary, Bridget Parton as the Angel Gabriel, Timmy Barr, Charles Hand and Adam Malujlo as the Three Kings, and Billy Hawthorne as a bearded Herod. The recitation of the 'Magnificat' by Irene Sneddon enabled us to hear the words really clearly. To my mind the most charming characters were the band of angels, from little Clare Vermeulen up to Noelien Smit. Very angelic they looked, singing 'Away in a Manager', and what matter an occasional halo awry, the odd trip on a long hemline, or a wave to Mum in the congregation?

The whole effect was charming, and the play, full of the real spirit of Christmas, was much appreciated by all who saw it.

**ABERCORN RURAL COUNCIL**

**TENDER NOTICE —**

Tenders are asked for by Abercorn Rural Council for two Contract Works.

1. To repair and put in working order the Windmill pump and piping at Nsokolo and to extend the pipe to the new Dispensary and install water fittings and internal plumbing.
2. To dig a water suction tank or well near the river at Isoko and install a water pump and provide and lay piping about 500 yards, to the dispensary and install and fit a storage tank and internal plumbing.

Closing date 31st January, 1965. Tenderers are requested to submit their quotations to:- Secretary, Abercorn Rural Council, P.O. Box 57 — Abercorn.

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## RETREAT AT KIGOMA

Details of recent arbitrary action against British residents and interests at Kigoma were published in an article by Ian Colvin in The Sunday Telegraph on December 27.

Rumours of these events have been heard here but, writes Mr. Colvin, "This incident has hitherto been hushed up the Commonwealth Relations Office in the interests of the Commonwealth happy family theory."

The local Regional Commissioner, Mr. R.N. Semvua, Mr. Colvin says "moves round town with a posse of police" and began his duties there late in 1963 by boasting of his recent visit to China and ordering the immediate removal of the portrait of The Queen from Kigoma Club. This was successfully resisted by Mr. M.G. Brown, manager of the Ottoman Bank. After the Congo rebellion broke out last April Mr. Semvua had Mr. William Wilson, British Consul in Elizabethville, taken to the police station after Mr. Wilson had paid a courtesy call.

The Senior Investigation Officer, East African Customs, Mr. T.J. Image (who has visited Abercorn) was detained on Mr. Semvua's orders overnight in a cage cell, handcuffed, and marched barefoot to his office next day.

Further serious incidents occurred in mid-December.

Col. B.G. Pugh, Defence Adviser to the British Commission at Dar es Salaam, was sent to Kigoma by air to organise safety measures for the British community there in case of another revolt against the Tanzania government or Congo-type

troubles in the interior. He and his British pilot were placed under hotel arrest at Tabora until they left next day.

With the consent of the Ottoman Bank and the knowledge of the Minister of the Interior, Mr. Job Lusindi, it had been arranged that Mr. Brown, the bank's manager, should act as "shepherd" to the British community at Kigoma in case of need.

When Col. Pugh arrived at Mr. Brown's house to discuss these matters, Mr. Brown was summoned late at night to Mr. Semvua's house and detained at the police station overnight without explanation. Col. Pugh obtained his release by telephone from Dar es Salaam, whereupon he was himself ordered to leave the town.

A short news announcement issued locally stated that Mr. Brown had cleared himself of any accusations of "dubious activities."

"Despite this," writes Mr. Colvin, "Mr. Brown, his wife Shirley and their two children, Andrew and Fraser, were recalled from Tanganyika by the Ottoman Bank in such haste that half the children's Christmas presents had to be left in Kigoma.

"The 'retreat' has led to alarm and despondency among other British residents and some have already left Kigoma. There is an atmosphere of uncertainty in the town and a feeling that Britain is incapable of resisting arbitrary and hostile acts."

Mr. Colvin reports that six Russian veterinary surgeons have arrived to work in that area of Tanzania.

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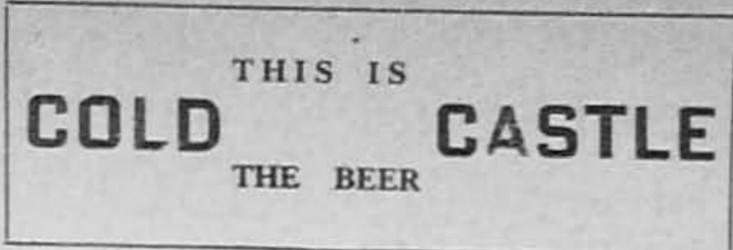
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Meetings of the Legion of Mary

Wednesdays at 4.30 p.m. A  
Confessions: everyday before Holy Mass  
Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament  
Sunday 6 p.m.



**FILMS**

**DOWN SKY** — Drama — Starring Gregory Peck, Anne Baxter.

**SHERIFF OF FRACTURED JAW** — Western/Comedy CINEMA-SCOPE Starring — Kenneth Moore

**GIANT PRAWN** — COMEDY — Starring — Ian Carmichael and Liz ...

**BIRDS** — DRAMA — Alfred Hitchcock Starring — Rod Taylor and Tippi Hedren.

**IN THE SHADOWS OF DARKNESS** — DRAMA Starring — David Niven.

**ST. FRANCIS**

10 p.m. Mr. G.K. Barr.

8.30 p.m. Mr. P. Stead

10.30 p.m. Mr. T.N.D'A. Payne.

11.30 p.m. Rev. D.J. Woffenden.

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## BABES AND GANGSTERS IN "BEAT" PANTO

D'arcy Naughty!  
D'arcy Fighting!  
D'arcy Finished!

This was a spontaneous, unassisted and (I personally consider) inspired piece of dramatic criticism delivered by a three-year-old member of the audience privileged to see the dress rehearsal of the fantastic pantomime interlude written and produced by Mr. T.N. D'Arcy Payne and performed by some of his Outward Bounders and friends at the Tennis Section dance on Boxing Night.

The three-year-old knows perfectly well that people just can't behave like that and get away with it; but he is not yet old enough to know that some of them can and do. We, of course, realise perfectly that the more extravagant the behaviour, the more idiotic and enjoyable the joke.

The basis was "Babes in the Wood" with Eustace and Gertrude, the Babes; Fairy Foxglove, a Wicked Uncle and his two accomplices Filthy Fred and Cock Eyed Lionel.

The "book" — all in very accomplished rhymed verse — was in itself well worth listening to and full of high sentiment and ingenious rhymes. I liked some of the couplets very much indeed; for instance:-

"Swift from my bower of eglantine and laurels,  
Determined to stand fast for decent morals"

says Fairy Foxglove. But she's got a heavy task for, as Eustace recites,

"Such men I fear would stop at no ferocity!  
Come, Gertrude! Let us flee with some velocity!"

Peter New and Jeffrey Parsons were the Babes — simpering Victorian children facing their horrid fate in the wood with Victorian fortitude.

John Wood made a perfectly villainous Wicked Uncle in dashing cloak and top hat. The villains were hair-raising rascals in the persons of leather-jerked Kevin Gould and the extraordinary Peter Sanchez, in full tail-coat attire but with the surrealist touch of a bare torso under his finery.

The ultimate spectacle, however, was to see the large and portly frame of the author and producer cavorting about as Fairy Foxglove "covered in muslin and bits of tinsel" as the stage directions instruct. After opening the show, she returns just in time to save the babes by a magic spell, illustrating to an amazed audience how:

"Just now, while seated in a cowslip's bell,  
Sipping the dewdrops from an asphodel"

she heard the dire news and:

"Without ado and light as fancy free,  
"I leapt upon a passing bumble bee."

One can only say — "Dewdrops, forsooth!" and pity the poor bumble bee.

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# "HERNANDO'S HIDEAWAY"

"Hernando's Hideaway" presented as a variety interlude at Abercorn Club's New Year Ball, was an entertaining and refreshing change from previous programmes of this kind.

The excellent idea was, it seems, Joan Missen's and it was very simply realised on a completely dark stage with mysterious alcoves at back and sides in which the occasional flare of a match, cigarette glow, glimpse of a fair profile and so on gave a realistic impression of a Latin "dive" far too romantic to be healthy for tourists from Oshkosh, Mich. Real champagne actually "popped"; but then, Peter Sanchez was the property man, of course, A spotlight on each performer maintained the mystery of the shadowed stage.

The programme was introduced by Joan Carlin's vigorous off-stage rendering of the "Hernando's Hideaway" song from "The Pejama Game" setting a tough atmosphere which was notably helped by the first number, in which Don Woffenden (of all people!), in a boxer's dressing gown, gave a splendid rendering of "Stand up and Fight!" — the boxing parody of the Toreador Song, from "Carmen Jones". His full baritone came across well and the act was greatly helped by Peter Sanchez, in trunks, shadow-boxing in the dimness behind the singer.

Ann Parton struck a serious note with that simple yet strangely moving little anti-war ballad "Where have all the flowers gone?" Although a little bothered by the onset of an attack of the 'flu which has since been sweeping the township, Ann was most successful in suiting her bright, clear voice to the sad yet spring-time mood of this song and there can be few indeed who were not moved by the sincerity of its grim message.

A contrasting note of Scots jollity was provided by Gavin Barr with "Donald, Where's y'r trousers?" sung with all the verve of its creator, and then Joan Missen and Peter Sanchez

brought us back to Latin America with a few turns of a tango, followed by Amanda Lloyd playing "Stranger on the Shore" as a clarinet solo. Amanda, particularly in the dim, mysterious atmosphere of this show, still seems just a little apprehensive — possibly of imaginary serpents in a snake charmer's basket somewhere; but nothing untoward happened and the novelty of an instrumental item was much enjoyed.

Then came Joan Carlin as a distinctly "passée" star of the 'twenties singing the "It" number from "The Desert Song" which went down very well indeed and was followed by another "atmospheric" item, "La Vie en Rose", sung in French by Alec Gregor dressed as a Quartier Latin painter.

Pam Crosse-Upcott again scored a big success with one of her now noted "girlie" impersonations. The white wig, darkened eyes, slim, sinuous figure and light, clear little voice singing "My Boy Lollipop" came as yet another surprise to Abercornians who have known their owner for years and proved great fun for newcomers who don't know what "the Locusts" can do if they try.

Kevin Gould was the last performer with a spirited rendering of "Cleopatra" from "Salad Days" and "set the Nile on fire" to well earned applause. Joan Carlin closed the programme off-stage with the concluding passages of the "Hideaway" song.

Margot Kuhne, off-stage, with help from Gavin Barr's guitar, made a splendidly expert job of the piano accompaniments of the varied programme and it was a pleasant relief to be spared the distortions of a stage microphone.

It is easy enough to pull things to pieces afterwards but this member of the audience at any rate enjoyed at the time what seemed to be a curiously sophisticated little show for Abercorn.

Gay black cut-outs of strings of little Hernandos were a feature of the hall decorations, carri-

# ZAMBIAN 'BIRD NOTES'

The birds pictured on the new Zambia £1 and 10s. bank notes — "Chaplin's Barbet" and "Black-cheeked Lovebird" — have proved a puzzle to some people who feel that some much better known birds (such as the good old fish-eagle, for example) are much more characteristic of the country.

For the explanation we are indebted to a Special Correspondent writing in a recent issue of "The Financial Mail" (Lusaka) who explains that the bank note designs were to be based on "features indigenous or unique to Zambia". The better known birds, of course have a much wider range and are common over most of eastern or southern Africa.

The correspondent, after much search, found the love-bird in Roberts who calls it "Agapornis Nigerianis", first reported from the Muguazi River in 1906 by W. Sclater.

In Mackworth-Praed and

Grant's "Birds of the Southern Half of Africa" he found that this bird is confined to the lower Kwandi Valley, Caprivi Strip, the Zambezi River Valley to Livingstone, the Kafue National Park and probably up the Zambezi as far as Senanga. It is thus a truly Zambian bird.

The barbet he eventually found identified as "Lubius Chaplini", first noted by S. Clark in 1920 on the Kafue River. It is described as "a species of which very few examples are known mainly associated with large fig trees of a certain species." Its eggs have never been seen, its call is unrecorded but it has been seen feeding its young on the Kafue Flats.

The note circulation in Zambia is expected to settle down at about £8,000,000 and it seems likely that there will be more £1 and 10s. notes flying rapidly about Zambia than there will be of either of the rare and seldom seen birds whose pictures they bear.

# THE RUSHTONS IN U.K.

Liz. Rushton, well remembered as a staunch supporter of Yacht Club and dramatic activities here, has sent copies of the same long letter to several friends in Abercorn giving the story of the adventures she and Mike have had in the course of getting settled in England since leaving the Game Department at the end of September. It is a record of weeks of form filling and frustrating interviews with civil ser-

ed out by Caroline Barr, Amanda Lloyd, Jennifer Bowmaker and Colin Carlin. They included a fine big bunch of balloons which were joyfully popped at midnight after Gavin Barr's kilted march round with his pipes — a whole Hogmanay in itself for the Scots people.

The supper was really something very special, consisting of numbers of novel and delicious Polish dishes supplied by Helena Malujlo and her mother, Mrs. Z. Murza - Murzicz, who is at present on a visit from Britain

vants ending in a splendid job as "country squire" and "chate-laine" of a "stately home." This is one of Britain's great historic houses run by the Mutual Household Association at which the resident secretaries act as host and hostess to a number of retired but well-off people who occupy their own flats in the building. Liz. has exchanged her cook and garden boy for a domestic staff of 15 people.

She writes that Mike, when originally applying for work in Africa, was told that although he might be very good at British and Continental game methods he knew nothing about Africa; he is now told that however good he may be at conservation work in Africa he knows nothing about Britain! Perhaps bureaucracy is best defined as the art of having it both ways.

Liz. is delighted at her success in picking up excellent pieces of second-hand furniture at local sales for no more than a few shillings; Mike is thoroughly enjoying himself being the "squire" — and who could be a better

## LONGEST DRIVE TIE

The New Year's Day longest drive competition was held in spite of the rain with a slight deviation from "tradition" in that competitors, suitably primed, drove off from the side of the club house instead of from No. 1 ladies' and men's tees to save everyone getting too wet.

There was quite a good muster of competitors. Everyone present had a go, many who had never held a golf club before, and some of them surprised themselves. The general standard cannot be enthused over, most were thankful to have made contact with the elusive little ball even though it only trickled a few

yards, and some missed altogether. However there were two very good drives, Chris Vermeulen and "Taffy" Martin. Eve and Pix braved the weather to check and pronounced the distance driven by these two as a tie.

The Golf Member asked them to drive again to decide the winner and both balls went into the rough so it was left as a tie — congratulations Chris and "Taffy" — and without more ado everyone, thoroughly chilled and glad to get indoors again had lunch, which, with the very good hot soup, was much appreciated.

### MR. L.F. KAEMBA

Mr. L.F. Kaemba who has been on the Information Department staff since 1957 and has spent most of his service at Kasama or Abercorn in the production of the Government's newspaper, "Lyashi", has been appointed Press Attaché in Washington. In addition to his Northern Province experience, Mr. Kaemba spent two years in Britain where he took part in and studied newspaper production in the offices of the Bristol Evening Post for six months and did a year as research assistant in Bemba at the London School of Oriental Studies. Mr. Kaemba, who is aged 33, is married and has two children.

## SECONDARY SCHOOL OPENS TODAY

Abercorn Secondary School, which will eventually have its own large new building on Marshall Avenue, is to open on Tuesday, January 19, with some 70 pupils—all boarders—in accommodation available at the former St. Paul's Trades School.

These 70 new secondary school places are thus available at least a year sooner than would have

been the case if the opening of the school had had to await completion of the buildings.

Cycle tax has been abolished as from January 1. The Authorities concerned have been advised not to accept payment of the tax for 1965 and on request to refund any such tax already paid.

## Lake Tanganyika Regatta Plan

The Yacht Club has organised what promises to be a most enjoyable day in the form of a regatta on Lake Tanganyika on Sunday, January 24. They have arranged with Peter Parton for M.V. Triton to be available as headquarters boat and lunch at the usual small charge will be obtainable on board. The Club graduates are to be taken down and with one or two additional boats already at Mpulungu there should be some good sailing over a course out of Fisheries Bay.

At the meeting of the Club held last month it was agreed that Gavin Barr should continue as Commodore until his departure on leave in March. Alan Bowmaker is Boatswain and W. Hawthorne harbourmaster.

A vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Ian Mackinson for the gift of his drawing of the Yacht Club which is to be hung in the bar.

After between five and six years service on the lake, the club boats have been found to be infected with dry-rot and the question of their replacement is to be discussed with the 1965 Main Club Committee after the general meeting.

It was decided that any damage caused to boats should in future be assessed by a damage committee and the person responsible will in future be required to pay up to half the cost of repair.

Fees of 30/- per quarter or 2s. 6d. per day will in future be payable by qualified helmsmen taking out boats.

# HEINRICH'S

## 'CHIBUKU'

### THE GOOD FOOD FOR THE STRONG MAN

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# CHILA CHAT

An unusually vicious and devastating little influenza bug has been sweeping through township and countryside during the last three or four weeks, laying people low with respiratory and sometimes gastric trouble. It has had a nasty deceptive trick so that many have felt bright and well after two or three days, only to be struck down again the moment they have resumed their normal activities. Perhaps the most frequently heard remark in the town lately has been, "Well, one of us has to be up and about because of the children!" The trouble seems to have been widespread not only through all types of housing but also in the villages.

The wretched thing has been hanging about this office to such effect that if any attempt had been made to rush out this issue on its proper date, it would have been mistaken for "The Undertaker's Review". Everyone affected has noticed the quite irresistible dark cloud of depression which has accompanied the illness, not dispersible even by the usual resort to Bacchanalian libations. With the world in the state it is, there is no need for any wretched little virus to take a hand in making things miserable — or is it some form of Chinese germ warfare?

All this was no doubt triggered off by the very harsh and sudden fall in temperature which brought in the New Year. Some guests arriving at the Club's Hogmanay party were caught by the onset of the season's first really heavy downpour which persisted all that night and most of New Year's Day, registering between four and five inches in the 24 hours around Abercorn and almost exactly six inches on the gauge at Chisungu on the Mpulungu Road.

Mr. E. Holgate wishes to thank most sincerely all those friends who so kindly sent him Christmas greetings and to say that indisposition prevented him from sending them his personal acknowledgement.

The fact that Alan and Jennifer Bowmaker did not, after all, have to leave Abercorn last month is some compensation for the rufous tinge which suffused Abercornucopia's face when its announcement in the last issue turned out to be incorrect. Alan, it appears, was as surprised as we were. Acting on what he thought were firm advice of his transfer he had gone quite some way in disposing of unwanted effects and so on by the time he found an error had occurred. He now expects to remain here until his leave becomes due later in the year.

Included in the last Honours List which Zambia will know in the old form of conferment by the British Crown, was the name of Mr. D.M. Yalenga, Abercorn's Postmaster, who received a Certificate of Honour for Loyal and Valuable Service.

A couple of weeks ago Dr. F.W.B. Kanweka was personally asking all and sundry to volunteer as blood donors. There is a constant urgent need for supplies of blood at the Hospital to give immediate help to patients suffering from all sorts of serious troubles from sudden accident or major surgery to certain anaemia cases.

Mr. and Mrs. C. du Plessis left for South Africa rather unexpectedly on December 18, leaving Mr. C. Kuhne as acting-Director of the I.R.L.C.S.

Mr. Adriaan Olivier, who has been working with Mr. Peter Parton at Chila Motors for some years, has left with his family for Kasama where he has taken over Green Motors. Mr. and Mrs. Green are remaining at Kasama where Mrs. Green will continue in her post as Zambia Airways representative and Mr. Green hopes, among other business interests, to execute the occasional charter job with his own light aircraft.

Mr. E.H. Davies left on a business trip to Ndola on January 13. Mrs. Bishop, who, as pre-

viously announced, has purchased the freehold of the Abercorn Arms site and is planning to re-establish a full hotel business there, has asked him to vacate the premises by the end of February.

Mr. Andrew Spence has arrived to assist Mr. George Coulter in Fisheries Research in the area.

Mr. Jack Daly, who is well known at Abercorn following his earlier term of duty at Nakonde, has replaced Mr. Denis Hand as Immigration Officer. Mr. Hand drove down to Livingstone by road, Mrs. Hand and young Charles following by air a day or so later. Denis will be missed as bar member at the Yacht Club and Mrs. Hand was Red Cross secretary during much of her stay here.

During the sharp storm and torrential downpour which broke over the township on Saturday morning, lightning struck close to Cliff Putterill's house in such a way as to blow out a heavy slab of cement from the wainscot in a room where Helen was sitting with the children. Helen

was struck on the arm by the slab and, although not badly hurt, had to have it bandaged, and young Gordon was covered in dust from the explosion.

A remarkable example of the extraordinary difficulty of doing serious and important business in Abercorn is provided by the official minutes of a meeting of Abercorn Yacht Club held on December 21. They read:-

PRESENT: Mr. and Mrs. Bowmaker, Mr. and Mrs. G.K. Barr, Mr. Colin Carlin, Mr. W. Hawthorne, Mr. and Mrs. M. Lloyd.

IN ATTENDANCE: Master P. Lloyd, Miss C. Lloyd, Master Phillip and Miss J. Bowmaker, Master Timothy and Master Christopher Barr, Miss Elizabeth Barr.

From what I know of the activities of the seven persons named in the second category I am sure that it is those of the first category (or six of them anyway) who should have been described as "in attendance".

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