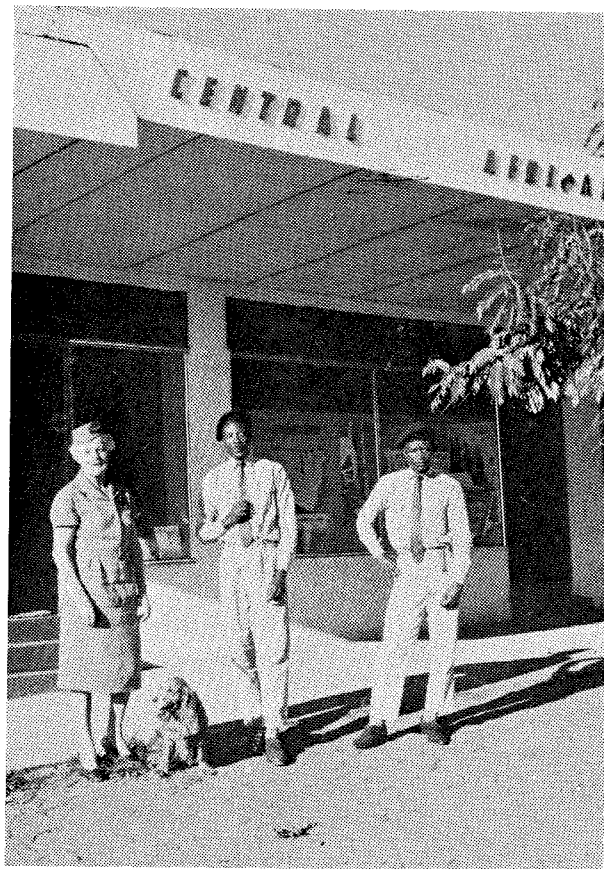


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the proposed air schedule changes and the effect they would have on the Inclusive Tours.

In April Mr. and Mrs. Mike Treppass, from Reservations, Salisbury, spent a short holiday in Abercorn visiting Kalambo Falls and other sights we have to offer. Mike is a keen photographer and was very busy with his camera.

Kasaba Game Camp, the fishing holiday resort on Lake Tanganyika, all the bookings for which are the responsibility of Zambia Airways, entails something outside the normal airways routine. This involves keeping a booking chart for the camp, liaison with the Grasshopper Inn in Abercorn and the camp itself, the latter by radio every morning. The Inclusive Tours seem to be getting very popular with Lusaka, Ndola and Kitwe.



Zambia Airways passenger and freight town office, Abercorn. Miss Carlin and two freight Assistants, —



ABERCORN

The Editor has asked for news from Abercorn. This is rather difficult to produce from a small unpretentious place where there are few comings and goings. I go on leave once a year and someone comes up as a relief. That's all there is to it with, perhaps, an occasional visitor.

John Ludlow, when he was with Tours, came up at the beginning of the year and made a "flying trip" up the lake to Kasaba to discuss

Bookings are coming in steadily as well as enquiries from casual visitors, all of which have to be dealt with. Consequently I am kept pretty busy on that side.

The 20th Anniversary of the CAA Group coincides with an anniversary for me as this year I shall complete 10 years with the airlines, all of which has been in Abercorn. I have enjoyed it very much in spite of the frustrations one has to get used to in such an outlying spot.

In my ten years here I have seen many changes. Two which have made a great difference are electricity, an unheard of luxury when I first came here, and our mile of tarmac road through the town.

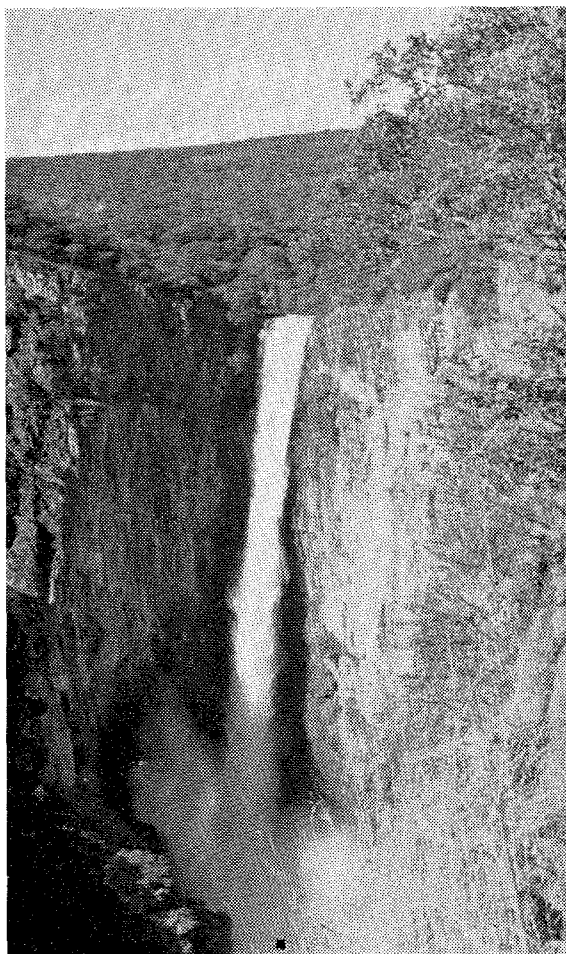
The ancient Boma has been demolished and the new, larger building, on a better site is more imposing. New Rural Council offices facing the Boma have also been built.

The new Lake Press building at a corner site on the main road, the first of its kind to be erected in Abercorn, houses the Immigration Offices and the Airways town office. I had to fight hard to get it, but once Headquarters had agreed, new furniture and equipment followed. It was a joy to move from the pokey, inconvenient little office we previously occupied in the, then, Abercorn Arms Hotel.

The most attractive addition is the new Standard Bank building which stands back from the main road and is fronted by lawns. Banking is an amenity which greatly simplifies living in these parts. When I first came to Abercorn all revenue had to be sent to Salisbury weekly in special envelopes, which were handed to the Captain of the aircraft. Changing cheques was quite a problem. Later the Standard Bank opened an agency by coming up from Kasama twice a week. This has resulted in our now having our own very fine bank.

There have been changes at the Airport too. We now have a control building and the original thatched premises now houses only Customs and Immigration, who share an office, the passengers lounge, and the airways office. Previously there was only the one building, and at one time the passenger lounge was taken over by the Controllers, as equipment for the airport expanded before the new control building was ready.

The White Fathers have built a very fine and beautifully laid out settlement and church, and have also erected a convent and chapel for the White Sisters, who work in the two hospitals, which are to be integrated into one large modern building with all the latest equipment.



The Kalambo Falls, 710 feet (uninterrupted drop) one of the highest single drop falls, on the Zambia/Tanzania border about 24 miles from Abercorn. (Now available as an optional side-trip for passengers on CAA Inclusive Tour to Kasaba Bay.)

A new church with a house adjacent for the resident minister has been built by the United Church of Zambia in addition to All Saints, the inter-denominational church, which has been here many years.

A large secondary school to take 600 or more pupils, including accommodation for, I think, about 40 teachers, is partly built and work is still in progress. A new magistrates court is to be built and the Customs offices are to be enlarged. The landscape changes daily as preparations for surfacing the road to Kasama, the airport, and Mpulungu, the port on Lake Tanganyika. With the clearing of the bush, it is now possible to see the lake for the greater part of the journey down to the shore.

With the new buildings already erected, and when those planned are all completed, Abercorn

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will have grown into quite a town by comparison with what it was ten years ago. It will be well worthy of its Local Authority which has grown along with its offices and boardroom from the original organisation administered by the D.C. and his staff through the Town Management Board (of which I was a member for two years) to the present Town Council and Councillors.