

## Mrs. Ray Slater Writes Impressions From Africa

It is two weeks since we left Canada for "Zambia in the Sun", and here we are settled down to a leisurely life at Kalulushi Farm College. Our trip over was pleasant but tiring. We had a day to see some of the sights of Old London, and a half-day to view a few highlights in Rome. It was there that we discovered that our luggage had been left in England, so we arrived in Kitwe minus our summer clothing. Fortunately, it arrived intact by the following Monday, so we didn't suffer too much.

We are becoming accustomed to the changes in time and latitude. Zambia is eight hours ahead of our Eastern Standard Time, and in the South Torrid Zone. But the extreme, humid heat we might have expected in summer months here doesn't exist because the altitude is more than 4,000 ft. We do notice the increased altitude, though, and like other newcomers, tend to tire easily. Mornings, in particular, seem extremely long, and for the first week we found ourselves ready for a siesta by 10 a.m.

### Get Acquainted And Do Exploring

Some time in January, before the children return to school, we will be visiting the game park at Livingstone, and Victoria Falls on the Zambezi River which separates Zambia from Southern Rhodesia. Meanwhile, we are getting acquainted with some of the people who live on this 9000-acre ranch, and we go exploring along the roads and trails with Bill as a guide. The day before Christmas we gathered a large bouquet of flame lilies, their Christmas flower. We saw the reservoir into which water is pumped to be used, when necessary, to irrigate the farm gardens. At the "dip" we watched as cattle and calves were treated or dehorned before plunging into the trough for a swim through an insecticide to kill ticks. Huge

ant hills which sometimes resemble ancient Roman ruins, unusual birds, and beautiful wild flowers attracted our attention as we wandered along. Ray, of course, took a long look at the cattle and hog operations.

### Have Been Given Royal Welcome

These African people, we find to be very friendly and polite, and treat visitors, particularly older ones, with a great deal of respect. Our visit here has created much interest on their part, and we have been given a truly royal welcome. Although most of them speak some English as a second language, their accent, or ours causes some difficulty in communication. We manage though. One thing that amazes me is my inability to guess the age of these Zambian men. A man of forty or fifty appears as one of twenty or thirty. Perhaps this is a case of physical fitness. Most are strong, lean, and wiry. They need to be, of course, to wrestle with several hundred cattle every week.

### Where Baby Rides In Comfort

I learned as a child at school that African women carried their babies on their backs. Time has not changed this custom and it is interesting to see a mother lean over, place the child on her back, and flip her chitenge around the back and over a shoulder, to be tied securely in front. Baby rides in comfort while mother is free to work with her hands. If baby whimpers, a few shoulder turns and several pats on its posterior seem to suffice to bring an end to the tears. And young girls and women really do use their heads, literally as well as figuratively. I have seen them walk nonchalantly along with any-

## Mrs. John Arthur E. Nissouri Resident Died At Byron

Mrs. Lillian (Werry) Arthur of East Nissouri Township passed away in Sun Haven Nursing Home, Byron on Tuesday, Jan. 4, 1972.

She was the former Lillian Werry, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Werry and was born in Clinton in 1882. The family moved to Woodstock where she spent a few years before taking up residence with her uncle, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Robinson, Anderson.

She was married to John Arthur of East Nissouri in 1908. The late Mrs. Arthur was a faithful member of Brown's United Church and a member of the W.M.S. for many years. Her husband predeceased her. She is survived by sons Earl, West Nissouri, James, Sault Ste. Marie, Robert and Fred, East Nissouri, and daughters Mrs. Ruth Martin, Olive, Mrs. Louis Martin, and Ada, Mrs. Ted McIntosh, all of St. Marys; twenty-six grandchildren and nineteen great-grandchildren also survive.

Funeral services were held at the L. A. Ball Funeral Chapel, St. Marys on Friday, January 7, 1972, with Rev. D. Chapman officiating. Pallbearers were: John Arthur, Hugh Arthur, Larry Martin, Dennis McIntosh, David Martin and Roger Arthur. Interment was made in St. Marys Cemetery.

## Brown's Corners

David Elgie returned to Greece last week, after spending the past three weeks with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Elgie and other relatives.

Sympathy goes out to the family and relatives of the late Mrs. John Arthur, who passed away last Tuesday.

### Annual Reports

Brown's U.C.W. met at the home of Mrs. Marion Munro for their January meeting. President Mrs. Geo. Martin presided, and Mrs. Harvey Darling was pianist. Reports of the year's work were given by the convenors, the treasurer, and the recording secretary. A memorial service was observed in remembrance of Mrs. John Arthur, who passed away on January 4th, in her 90th year. The program was prepared by Mrs. Hubert Uren, convenor of literature and communications. The theme of the worship service was "Peace and Reconciliation." Following this, Mrs. Uren gave an interesting introduction to the mission study on Africa. A letter from Allan and Bev. Slater of Uniondale, now agricultural missionaries in Zambia, was read, as was the story of the work of Lee Holland, another agricultural worker in Zambia. Those taking part in the program were Mesdames Herb Schutt, Earl Darling, Geo. Towle and J. Hawkesworth. Rev. Elizabeth Chapman of Kintore spoke on Alcohol and Drug Abuse in church, last Sunday.

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### What Do We Hear From Canada?

Children are numerous and happy. Their playthings are mainly homemade. They walk along the road singing to the accompaniment of a self-styled three-stringed guitar, racing their wire carts, or engage in a game of football. Rolling down one hills is also a precarious pleasure for them. The small children are especially adorable with their shining eyes and happy smiles, and they receive much loving from everyone.

And what do we hear about Canada and things at home? Well, we heard the good news

of the safe arrival of a son to Pierre and Margaret Trudeau, but haven't heard what he is to be named. We read of an Air-Canada hi-jacking in the Thunder Bay area, and learned that the 10% surcharge on Canadian imports to the U.S. had been removed. For local news we are awaiting some letters from home. The Christmas messages which friends were thoughtful enough to send to us here were much appreciated. We thank you for them.

The VW van is waiting to take us on a brief shopping trip to Kalulushi, so I will go along and start this letter on its way to the St. Marys Journal-Argus.



CONVERSATION AT THE START LINE as Squirts await their turn for a dash up the ice at the Arena on Saturday morning.