

# Learns African Geography First Hand in Rhodesia

Those far-away places with the strange-sounding names will become a vivid reality for the grades 3 and 4 pupils of Miss Hilda Boyes of the Stewartrons Public School staff, when she tells them about the eight weeks she spent in Africa this summer.

A member of a group of twenty-five taking a McMaster University Summer course in the geography of Africa, Miss Boyes flew from Malton on the 25th of June and returned on the 20th of August. Professors from Ann Arbor, Mich., and Ottawa, who had visited Africa several times, accompanied the summer students. Six weeks of their stay was spent in Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia, where they attended the Houtan College, the adult education centre for Southern Rhodesia. They also spent approximately two days in each of Nigeria, Tanganyika, Kenya, the United Arab Republic, and Mozambique.

In the Eastern Highlands of Southern Rhodesia, one of the most fascinating sights was the Zimbabwe ruins. Here the twenty-foot thick walls of the temple and seropolis still stand, in spite of the fact that they were built of stones without the use of mortar.

A large African Native Reserve is located in Rhodesia, where the tribes live peacefully in the age-old manner of village crafts—a collection of thatched mud huts where each family has one hut for sleeping, one for cooking and one for the chickens and animals.

Different areas have developed different tones of huts. Some of the Africans use home-made bricks for their huts. Clay for these bricks comes from the anthills which are huge, some up to ten feet in height. They present rather a startling sight when first viewed. The ants look no different from the kind we are familiar with, but they are much more numerous. In fact, when a white man builds a house, he installs a metal sheet just above, and luting out beyond the foundation, in order to halt the march of ants up to the wooden parts of the house, which they could in time literally devour in time.

In addition to the large government reserve, Africans are allowed to own their own land if they wish. But they have a hard time eking out a living 'locks' are one of the odd for-

mations to be seen. They are huge smooth stones, sometimes as big as houses, one on top of the other. Weathering causes these phenomena.

The weather at the time of the Canadian group's visit was what Southern Rhodesians call their dry cold season, with daily temperatures ranging from 55 to 70.

What Miss Boyes remembers most about Nigeria was the sad, stark contrast between the luxurious hotel where they stayed at Ibadan, and the squalor of the largest African city in the world, which was just opposite them. This city of some 300,000 Africans is a vast slum area of huts with tin roofs made from flattened-out tin cans. Each hut has its outside cooking fire. Most residents make enough to exist on by selling merchandise in the streets, usually just in front of their houses. Many of the articles they sell are cheap goods from Japan and Holland and many cigarettes are sold, usually one at a time. There is no industry.

In Mozambique, a Portuguese country, their visit to the 30,000 acre game reserve was a highlight of the trip. They had good close-ups of lions, elephants, hippopotami and monkeys.

A slightly uncomfortable ride on a camel to see the pyramids and the sphinx, was a memorable part of Miss Boyes' visit to the United Arab Republic. The oriental atmosphere of the street bazaars in the Egyptian cities appealed to the Canadians. They were there at the time of the high floods on the Nile. This is the last time the floods will occur because of the system of water control by dams, which will be completed this year.

A stop-off at Johannesburg, with the impression of a still very serious uninvolved racial problem, even more pronounced there than in any other place they had visited in Africa.



—Peter Jones Photo

## UNHAPPY LANDING

AN UNIDENTIFIED YOUNGSTER lands seat first on the Georgetown park track after a difference of opinion with a strong-willed burro. The boy figured to have a ride... the burro figured otherwise!

## Legion Forum Slanted to Problems of Young People

AN OPEN LETTER TO ALL YOUNG ADULTS (ages 13-20)

Branch 120, Royal Canadian Legion, is sponsoring Georgetown's first YOUTH FORUM, and I am writing this open letter in order to invite each and every one of you to attend.

Some challenging, and perhaps startling programs will be presented by members of the Georgetown Police Department, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, the Alcoholism and Drug Addiction Research Foundation, the Ontario Provincial Police, the Toronto Alpha, the Department of Reform Institutions Rehabilitation Service, and the Halton County Health Unit—all in cooperation with our local authorities and medical doctors.

Films will be used to graphically illustrate such topics as car accidents, disregard of law and order, the disease and tragedy resulting from sexual promiscuity, the horrors of drug addiction, the hazard of smoking, and the attendant suffering involved in alcoholism.

We had hoped to use our Legion Hall for these meetings, but our renovations are not yet completed, and so it will be necessary to hold the first meeting elsewhere; the place will be announced later. The date is Sunday, September 20th, and the time is 8:15 p.m.

We don't have all the answers to your questions, but we are sure, but if we are able to convey to you a greater realization of the problems involved in your everyday living, and if we can help you meet them, then this FORUM will be well worth-while.

We look forward to seeing you on Sunday, September 20, and at the subsequent meetings on Oct. 4th and 18th, and Nov. 1st, 15th, and 22nd.

Come prepared to join in discussion, to ask questions, and to help us find the answers.

Ralph Hawes, President, Branch 120, Royal Canadian Legion

## Township Council Backs Beckford's Complaint

Chingacousy Township Council is supporting Mr. and Mrs. Ted Beckford in their fight for compensation following loss of their business. Their motel and service station will become isolated shortly when the railroad overpass at Highway 7 and the Third Line W. is completed.

In an unanimous decision, Council voted to send a letter to the Minister of Highways, asking that compensation be given. Reeve Cyril Clark pointed out that in the past he had spoken with William Davis, MPP for Peel, concerning the matter but that nothing had been done.

## Part-Time Consultant Is Urged by Planners

A planning consultant for Georgetown on a part-time basis is a suggestion which Georgetown Planning Board wants to discuss with the town council. The two groups will meet on October 1st.

Cr. Bob Francis told council Tuesday he was embarrassed when, as a member of the board he attended a recent meeting of Halton Planning Board.

"Milton has a full time man. Oakville spends \$1.50 per capita and Acton \$1.00 per capita on planning," he said. "When I was asked I had to say that our per capita expenditure is 77c."

Cr. Francis said the planning board and council should be interested in high rise apartments.

"We have no by-law governing these and we may be missing tax revenue," he said.

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## Construction Places 57 In Positions in August

The re-opening of plants that were closed for annual holidays and completion of holiday plans in the other plants, have been reflected in the increase in employment activity in the area during the month of August.

During August 1964, 455 persons were placed in employment by the National Employment Service, an increase of 93 placements over last month when jobs were found for 362 persons.

The manufacturing industries led all other groups in providing job opportunities during August, as over 60% of the vacancies filled, (288) jobs were in manufacturing.

Fifty-seven (57) people were placed in the construction industry. Stores and banks accepted 25 new employees, while the service industries had places for 44 persons. Twenty-two jobs on local farms, were filled by the Brampton National Employment Office.

There were 1037 persons registered for work at the end of August 1964 a decrease of 233 from the same month last year when there were 1260 persons registered. The Brampton office serves Chingacousy, Caledon, all of Dufferin County and part of Equeus Township including Georgetown.

## Endorse Milton Plea For Plaza Amendment

Endorsement of a Milton request that the Highway Traffic Act be amended to apply to shopping plazas was endorsed last week by Georgetown council.

Cr. Bob Francis was the lone opponent.

"An invasion of privacy," he termed it, in voting against the motion.

**PLAN NOW!**  
— To attend the Georgetown Fall Fair, Oct. 2nd and 3rd.

## Calling All Young People

**Calling All Young People**  
You are invited to take part in Georgetown's first **YOUTH FORUM**

(A SERIES OF SIX MEETINGS)

Experts in their various fields will present films and talks on the problems and dangers involved in driving, youthful delinquency, dating, promiscuous conduct and disease, alcohol, smoking and narcotics.

**First Meeting — Sunday, Sept. 20th**  
In the Cafeteria of the High School — 8:15 p.m.

**SUBJECT: Driving and accidents — Cause and Prevention**  
(Presented by Georgetown Police Department)

Further meetings will be held on the following evenings:  
October 4th and 18th, November 1st, 15th and 22nd.

**Sponsored by Branch 120, Royal Canadian Legion**  
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## Musical, Christmas Dance In Hospital Auxiliary Plans

The Sept. general meeting of the Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital Auxiliary was held on Tuesday, Sept. 8 in the hospital cafeteria.

The meeting was opened by the president, Mrs. George Hewson, and the minutes of the June meeting were read by Mrs. J. McIntyre recording secretary Mrs. A. Maugeat gave the treasurer's report. Other conveners reported on progress this summer.

Mrs. John Gunn who is volunteer Services director reported that all services, in the hospital, had run smoothly through the summer months. The auxiliary is fortunate to have as new members some of the younger girls of the community who have helped so much in the hospital this summer. Mrs. M. Goodkettling is in charge of the "volunteer aides" and at present has 3 girls helping in the ward. She hopes to train more in the near future.

These girls are on hand to help out at busy times, write or read letters, do errands, help in any small way to make things more pleasant for the patients.

Plans for the "Fall Musical" to be held Sept. 25th in the high school were finalized. The convener Mrs. J. Buchanan reported that everything is pretty well organized. All members will receive tickets this week and it is hoped everyone will cooperate to make this event a success. An opportunity sale will be held the end of October. Mrs. Loran MacDonald is convening this.

Tentative plans were also made for the annual Christmas dance to be held in early December.

Mrs. R. Thompson introduced the guest speaker Mrs. M. Kirby who has been supervisor of obstetrics in the hospital since it opened. Care of the premature infant was the subject of Mrs. Kirby's talk. Any infant under 5 lbs at birth is very serious uninvolved racial problem, even more pronounced there than in any other place they had visited in Africa.

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