

Harley, MacDonald New Vocational Board Men

Two new members of the high school's Advisory Vocational Commission were sworn in at a joint meeting of the high school board and AVC Monday night, Jan. 24th. Gordon Harley replaces Arthur Speight who resigned to seek a council seat last year and Dr. Kenneth MacDonald replaces Rene Boshio who has moved from the area.

A member of the high school's technical teaching staff Charles Brown has resigned. His resignation was accepted Monday by the high school board. Mr. Brown taught auto electronics.

High school trustees from boards administering schools in a large surrounding area will converge on Georgetown high school Feb. 5 for a regional meeting. The teacher, pupil ratio is one of the problems to be mulled over.

Georgetown District High School teachers took part in some 1775 interviews with students' parents during two recent parents' nights at the school. Eight hundred and seventy-five were conducted Thurs. Jan. 13, and eight hundred and sixty-nine Wed. Jan. 19.

Trustee John Ord brought to light a public relations deficiency between the high school board and the teaching staff when he claimed teachers don't know who is on the board, and the board members know many of their teaching staff only as names and numbers. Chairman D. G. Lawson agreed this

AMBULANCE RUNS

The Georgetown Volunteer Ambulance Service was called on three times during the week of Jan. 23 to Jan. 29.

Monday Jan. 24, 5:20 p.m. — An emergency run from Glen Williams to Georgetown hospital, taken by Ace Bailey and Ed Hall.

Monday Jan. 24, 11:15 p.m. — A routine transportation run from Georgetown to Georgetown hospital, taken by Logan MacDonald and Jim Hamilton.

Wednesday Jan. 26, 2:00 p.m. — A routine transportation run from Norval to Guelph General Hospital, taken by Stan McHugh and Ron Ovenden.

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PUBLIC SCHOOL PRINCIPALS WORK TOWARDS UNIFORMITY

SEATED AT THE PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD TABLE in Harrison Public School are Georgetown, Esquesing and Nassagaweya principals (from left) Gary Dawkins (Speyside), Eric Balkind (Limehouse), Val Stein, Chapel St.), Ralph McKeown, (Glen Williams, Kenneth Trowbridge (Brookville), (standing), Rob Gibbons (Stewarttown), (standing), Inspector O. G. McDowell, Logan MacDonald (Harrison), Alex Dickson (Pineview), William Kinrade (Wrigglesworth), William French (Park), and Hazen Allen (Kennedy.) Principals of Melton Inspectorate No. 1 who are missing from the picture are Mrs. Mary Campbell (Milton Heights), Jack Reed (Norval), and James Watson, (Campbellville). The principals met Wednesday, January 26th to discuss a guidebook for teachers, a step toward more uniformity in a students' tests and report cards.

Tells Friends Here About Work in Zambia Missions

United Church of Zambia
Kashikishi, P. O. Nehelego,
Lusapula Province,
Zambia
December 1965.

Dear Friends,
Our Christmas greetings (some-what belated) come to you this year from a new address. Yes, we have finally moved, and are gradually getting settled in to our little house at Kashikishi, forty miles south of Kafulwe. We are still situated right on the lake. We live on the edge of Chandwe's village, so called because the headman's name is Chandwe. To our right is Kashikishi Township, which is the centre for the fishing industry on Lake Mweru. There is an ice plant which has been in operation for some years.

Trucks from Copperbelt come here to get a box full of ice, then go to various markets along the lake to load up with fresh fish. These are transported as quickly as possible to the Copperbelt where there is a ready market. In addition to the fishing industry, other industries such as building co-operatives and farming are being organized. A secondary school for boys is built nearby which will open in January. The Roman Catholic mission has begun work to complete their hospital, and hope to have a resident doctor in January. A town water system is also being developed.

It seems strange that a move of only forty miles can give one such a feeling of returning to civilization. Kafulwe was in an isolated spot, off the main road and several miles from the end of the bus line. Here there is a daily bus communication with Copperbelt, and one feels a sense of progress which was less evident at Kafulwe. Even the very fact of having people around you, right with has a healthy psychological effect.

At Kafulwe when someone came you knew he must have come for a special purpose, for he had to come quite a way out of his road to get to us. Here many people have dropped in just to say "hello." Here there is no tradition of a "mission station," but rather of an African minister living among his people. We hope that we can eventually be looked upon as pastors of these people.

During the last three months of 1965 Jim has been working alone among the congregations while our fellow minister, John Ng'ona, has been taking a course for youth work organizers at the Mindolo Ecumenical Centre. It has been like working single-handed on a twenty-point charge. By being away from home three or four days every weekend he has been able to visit half the congregations twice and the other half once over the three-month span — mostly just one day with each congregation, a meeting with the elders and stewards to hear how things are going, then services at two points on Sunday. How would your congregation manage if it had only one or two days with your minister every three months? Perhaps better than you think! Elders would have to spend some time in Bible study and sermon preparation; stewards would have to organize their canvases on their own; elders would conduct the funerals, visit all the sick and bereaved; someone would have to teach the church membership classes etc. Some of your congregations would be stronger if they had to do these things themselves; others would probably be weaker. And that's just how it is here. Congregations with enough elders with

leadership and preaching ability can carry on for months by themselves; others almost seem to disappear if not visited every month. Sometimes you feel it is taking all your energy to maintain the thin red line on Sunday services in each place, with a total offering of a nickel or a dime. You can hardly find time for a sustained effort at lay training in any one place. You have serious doubts about the quality of the worship and preaching. You wonder what sort of a witness the church is making in ordinary life. But you can never doubt that the laity are the church.

Some recent events have helped to invigorate some phases of church life. The first was the visit of Rev. Ronald Ndawa, minister of our church who has a talent for composing hymns. He came with a choir of fifteen or so to visit the districts of Kashinda, Kafulwe and Mbreshi. Most of his hymns are written in the African idiom, with native tunes, choruses and solo voices responding, and a beautiful harmony, and interesting counterpoint. When his choir sang his version of Isaiah 3:16-26 with accompanying dance movements, one could see the daughters of Zion mincing along, and see the judgement of the Lord which would fall upon their heads. In another hymn, based on 1 Thess. 4:13-18, the intricate voice harmony resembled the sound of the trumpet. Rev. Ndawa has a great gift for telling the Bible message through music, and we were glad to have him with us for even a short time. Also we taped some of his hymns so that they could be learned by the people later. Perhaps some of you will hear these tapes when we come on furlough.

Shortly before leaving Kafulwe the women's fellowship groups held a campfire at the station, a time of great fellowship and fun. Just at sundown the ladies began to arrive carrying on their heads blankets for sleeping. After a meal of fish and bwali two huge fires were lit and the fun began.

Each group had prepared to dramatize some parables from the Bible. The Prodigal Son went his wayward way to the coppermine towns and soon wasted his money on the beautiful girls. What a time of singing, dancing and rejoicing there was on his return! Someone herself couldn't have danced more winningly than did her imitator. Herod was suitably impressed. We did not see the actual beheading for John the Baptist however, and the "head" itself was suitably wrapped! In addition to the Biblical skits, each group had prepared several hymns or songs to sing, and out native folk stories and dances. The fun went on until well after midnight, and then Marion served tea and cookies to about 120 women.

Most of these spent the night at Kafulwe, in one or the other of the three houses. There must have been about forty in our house alone, sleeping on reed mats on every available area of floor space. Morning worship under the trees concluded the event, which had brought these women together in the find time for a sustained effort at lay training in any one place. There is no doubt that when singing, dancing, improvising, and pantomiming. An illiterate person can enter into the spirit of a parable and capture the meaning so quickly while we are still reading away and wondering at the meaning.

In September and October we held two one-week Bible study courses, every afternoon from Tuesday to Saturday. The theme of each course was work of God as revealed through the Bible and in our lives. We tried to stress His covenants with his people of Israel, His new covenant in Christ, and the fact that today He is still renewing that covenant with the church. An attempt was made to get away from the traditional Bible study methods which so often involve reading Bible and commentaries, for at least three-quarters of our people were illiterate. So we used drama, interviews, chalk-talks, pictures symbols and similar methods to help these people become more involved. The Sunday service following the second course was really a dramatic re-enactment of our studies, with hymns, Scripture, short visual reports, stories and dramatic presentation. Average attendance at each course was 25 to 30 each day.

In July 1966 we are due to come home on furlough, so this will be the last circular letter you will receive from us. We look forward to reunions with families and friends, to a time of study and spiritual refreshment, to a change of scene.

Study plans are still indefinite, but we hope to spend the first couple of months with families in Georgetown and London, Ontario.

We are sorry that these greetings will probably not reach you in time for Christmas, but we trust that each one of you had a happy and blessed time, and wish God's blessing on you in the coming year.

Sincerely,
Jim and Marion Kirkwood
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Ed. note:
You'll enjoy reading more about Zambia and other areas of Africa in the new edition of OUTREACH.

An estimated 10 million people will visit Expo, spending an average of three days on the grounds.

Licence Plate Sales Slow With Only 4 Weeks to Go

District sales of the 1966 car markers have hit a new low, with less than 10 per cent of the estimated local drivers having obtained them as yet. With last week's snowfall complicating matters, it is highly probable that this year will see big line-ups again, during the last part of the licensing period.

Department officials point out that already two thirds of the period to obtain plates has elapsed, with only three weeks to go. This means that there will have to be a decided uptrend in sales in the next few days, to eliminate a last minute bottleneck.

Locally, last Saturday morning saw a slight pick-up in sales, and it was hoped that it would continue during this week. However the snow storm put a real crimp into sales, with only a handful obtaining plates during the first part of the week.

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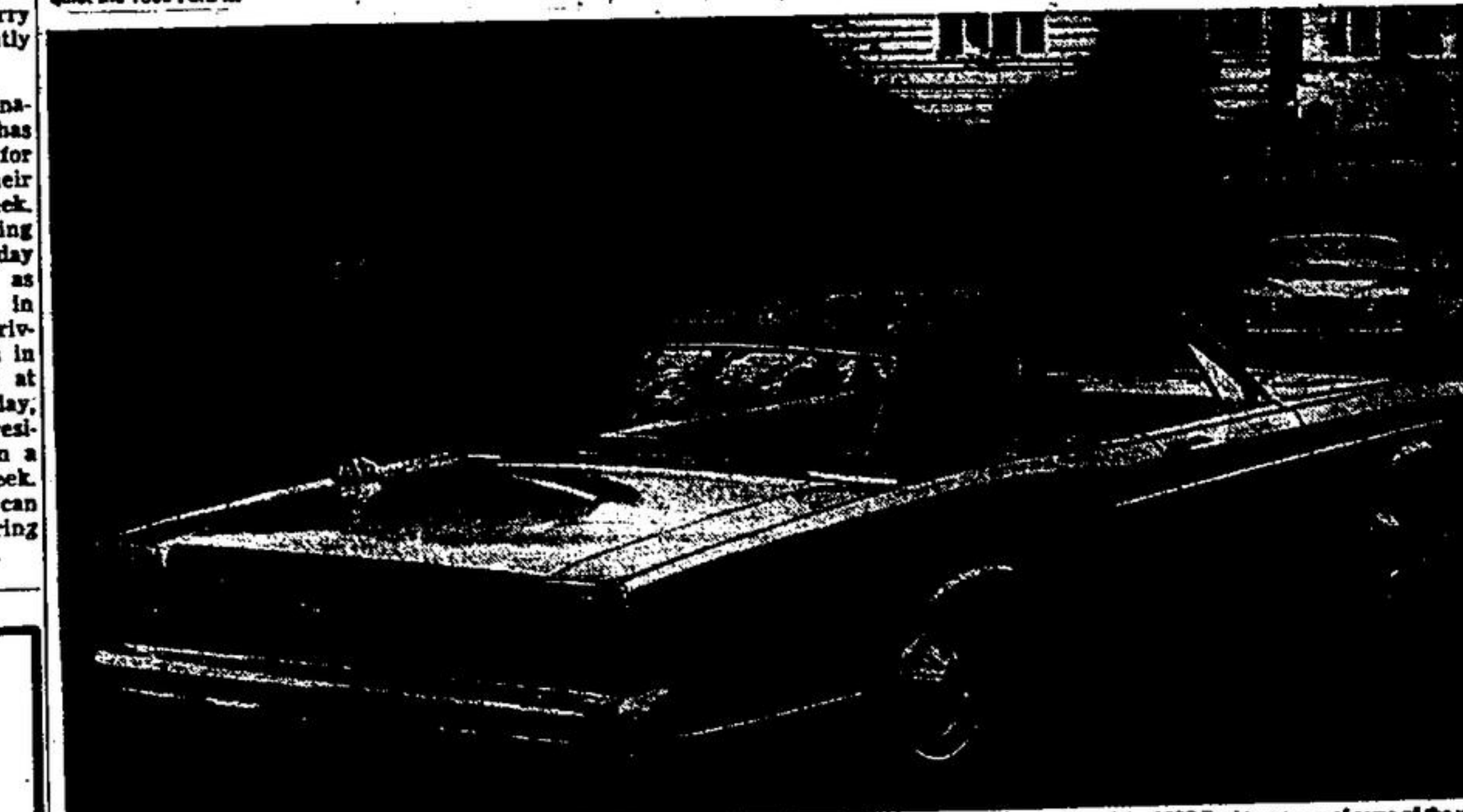
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