



**DOLLS DID THE ENTERTAINING** — Enchanted youngsters watch as puppets perform during a visit from 6 talented librarians of the South Central Regional Library System to Georgetown Public Library recently. About 200 children viewed the four performances of the puppet theatre enthralled by the antics of witches, knights and one eyed cats in the show entitled "Mother Hulch". The touring show was designed to fill two purposes — to entertain the public and to show the public how a library can be used for another function besides just lending books.

**Letter from Zambia**

**Some Pertinent Questions About Mission Endeavors**

Part 2 of a letter from Rev. and Mrs. Jim Kirkwood, missionaries in Zambia, sent to members of the United Church under whose mission department they work. Jim is a Georgetown high school graduate and son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Kirkwood, 4 Pauline Street.

Looking at the wider scene outside the church in Zambia, one cannot help but rejoice at the many doors of opportunity that have been opened to Zambians since Independence in 1964. There are increased job opportunities, more school places, more on the job training, more opportunities for advancement on merit, better wages. A teenage baby sitter now gets from us for an hour what we found was a man's 8 hour wage in 1962, about 40 cents. Basic beginning pay for unskilled labour on the mine is about \$75 per month. (But living costs are much higher and inflation is a problem). Probably the greatest single benefit is the feeling Zambians have of controlling their own destiny. This has been psychologically as well as politically liberating. We are getting past the period now when Zambians could insist only on their rights and to a time when they are realizing the responsibilities of government, and the hard economic facts of life.

Humanism, as a national policy, is being filled with more and more meaning. This national philosophy puts man as the measure of all policies, although it does not exclude God as classical humanism would do. By and large the common man has been at the centre of government policy. There has been no open racial discrimination against white people or Indians, but there has been a strong nationalist spirit of Zambianization. The government has found it necessary to discriminate against citizens of other countries in order to provide more opportunities for Zambians. Most store owners with European or Indian or Malawian or Rhodesian citizenship (white or black) have not been allowed to renew their trading licenses, unless they applied for and obtained Zambian citizenship. This has not always been granted, and the process has been very slow. So they have had to sell their stores to Zambians, but unfortunately few Zambians have the cash or experience to take over businesses. The government has been unable to lend them money, so consequently a number of stores have remained closed since January 1, and their business has now gone elsewhere.

Non-Zambian citizens are not allowed to take up any job that a Zambian is qualified to do, and those already employed are not allowed to be promoted. This has especially affected and discouraged many Africans from Malawi and Tanzania. They have come here to work for job opportunities that are few in their own countries. But they are reluctant to become citizens here lest it should affect their eventual retirement, to their home villages when they finish work here.

All this discrimination is necessary because in the past Zambians have not been as well educated as even the Africans of neighbouring countries. They are now trying mightily to make up for lost time. Sometimes they are put into jobs for which they are not ready, and the resulting failure provides ammunition for those who say Zambianization has gone too fast for the good of the country. On the other hand it's sad to see some of the expatriate mine workers who once intended to finish their working days here, having to look for a new country, a new home and new job when they're well into middle age. Probably nowhere in the world will they find such a good ratio of wages to cost of living. The standard is very high here in the expatriate community.

On the discouraging side one must also report that not all the benefits to Zambians of a better living standard are spent on better food, education, and on poorer village relatives, as one could hope they would be. Much of it goes on beer (the main social activity), expensive furniture, and more and more on motor cars. Combination radio-record players in expensive cabinets are amazingly prevalent in the homes I visit. Money introduces many problems as well as benefits, its worst feature being that it is replacing an open handed generosity (which was traditional) with a selfishness that comes to those of us who know that we alone must provide for our needs. (We hope to provide a budgeting and a shopping school for ladies in our congregation.)

Sorry that our last note must be a discouraged one. You who receive this letter do not seem to be very interested in the people with whom we are living and working. We are not complaining about your support of us personally, for we have had many letters — more than we have been able to answer — and even some few inquiries about our work. You may remember that on furlough and in our last letter we appealed for congregations, groups or individuals, to contact corresponding groups or individuals here so that mutual exchange of experiences and ideas might take place. No one has really picked this up, apart from a few pen pals asked for by girls in the Kilbride congregation. Could it be true that you are only interested in things from your own point of view — your mission, your missionary, your mission projects? And not really concerned in Zambians as people or the church folk of Kalulushi as your fellow Christians? I do hope this is not so, for such a selfish approach in the past has caused mission work to fail, where missions and missionaries were actually more concerned in working out their own destinies (conceived in very idealistic terms of course) than in the destinies of the people they ministered to. I often pray that this will not happen to me, and I do very much hope you will not let it happen to you.

If for you are basically not interested in the people who are on the receiving end of your 'mission' here then it is very hypocritical of us to be here maintaining in your name that you do. And, in fact, we have become very quiet on this point although in the beginning we hoped for big things and got Christians here to agree that they would welcome any exchange. But no requests have come from your end so that folks here might know what you are like and how you do things. So we have been content to just get on with the job and keep busy here (that has been easy) and to wait and see what you would do. We shall continue to do so unless you show real and specific interest in getting to know, and be known by, the people we have come to love.

On a personal note: Paul is now 10 years old, has the happiest disposition of the 4 children, is enjoying very much his special class in an ordinary primary school. His academic progress is painfully slow though we feel he is working along at his own personal potential level. His favourite activity is cycling all over Kalulushi, getting the mail, and watching proceedings at the local gas station. Jane is a bookworm, coming first or second in her class (grade 4), with talents for music and imagination, but problems of moodiness. Joy is our happy-go-lucky tomboy, in grade 3, interested more in experiments, nature study, and arithmetic; Kenneth is the family clown, very talkative at 2 1/2 years, with lots of jokes (intentional and unintentional).

We are looking forward to a family holiday in August and hope to travel through East Africa — Kenya, Tanzania, and Uganda.

All the best to all of you from The Kirkwoods

**Whiting Joins Pressure Group for Housing Action**

Halton MP Rud Whiting said this week that he agrees with a group of Liberal backbenchers who are pressing Prime Minister Trudeau for more action and further amendments to the National Housing Act.

Whiting said he was a member of a 15 man caucus study group on housing headed by former Toronto mayor Phillip Givens and Tom Goode, the MP for Burnaby-Richmond but that he had been unable to attend the most recent meeting of the group.

Whiting said he had attended this past week's Liberal caucus when the views of the group were expressed and said that he was in agreement with them.

He hopes to take part in the debate in the Commons when the Housing Act amendments come up for discussion.

"I can appreciate the constitutional problems facing the government in this area but I feel that there should be consultations between all three levels of government to work out some plan of action on housing," Whiting said.

He noted that the new minister responsible for housing, Robert Andras, was already in consultation with the ministers responsible for housing in some provinces.

On the announcement of a removal of the ceiling on interest rates on NHA loans, Whiting said he believed this would be a good step.

He pointed out that the government only had so much money to put into housing and it was necessary to attract more private investment.

He feels a removal of rates would serve to attract this money and hopefully create more competition and result in an actual lowering of the mortgage rate.

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**Waiting List, May Hire Extra Teacher**

The 'open house' at Maple Nursery School recently, was a full house, with fifty parents attending.

Samples of the children's work adorned the room which was set up as it is in everyday routine.

Many parents intending to enrol their children in the fall came to look the school over. At the moment there is a waiting list for the coming season, but they hope to hire another teacher, if space becomes available.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Sheila Atkins, to the interested parents.

The school, which operates every weekday morning except for the summer holidays, has three teachers now, supervisor Mrs. Kathleen Hull, Mrs. Mary Geobel, and Mrs. Shirley Andrews.

**Plan to Continue Music Festival in North Halton**

The North Halton Music Festival is continuing although the South Halton Festival will be discontinued, J. W. Singleton, director of education told members of the Halton County Board on Thursday.

Mr. Singleton, replying to questions from trustees pointed out the festival associations were independent of the Board and officials had read of plans to discontinue the South Halton Festival in the press.

He noted the officials of the organization had apparently been considering the move for some time and paid for an advertisement to announce the suspension of the program.

The Board was involved in each festival with financial assistance and bus transportation. Mr. Singleton reported the North Halton Festival would be continuing, he understood, and the Board would be expected to continue its relationship.

**Divorce Bids Triple With New Legislation**

Since the new liberalized divorce law went into effect last July, Halton County divorce applications have almost tripled.

In 1967 under the old law, there were 98 applications for divorce, but since July 2nd, 1968, when the new law became effective, 274 applications have been received.

If this ten month figure is extended to twelve months, the rate is virtually triple.

**New Grounds**

The most frequent reason listed in the divorce cases is separation for three years.

This was not grounds under the old law.

The next most frequent is adultery which was grounds under the old law as well.

This pattern is true both in Halton county and in Ontario.

There are about 100 divorce cases on the docket in Milton before Supreme Court Justice King. These cases began on Monday and probably will be completed next week.

Over eighty of them are cases started since the last divorce court in January.

**Special Court**

With this increase there is a good possibility there will be a special divorce court held in late August or early September.

All divorce courts are now held at the same time as civil cases involving such things as traffic accidents.

However, the bulk of cases that has hit the court has required a special session. Last January such a session was held, but further applications would require a new one.

Under the old laws, marital offences of adultery, sodomy, bestiality and rape were the only grounds for divorce.

However under the new law the following grounds were added: separation for a period of three years, homosexuality, physical and mental cruelty and 'marriage breakdown.'

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