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OUR VALUED VOLUNTEERS



The B Team Volunteers

*(L-R): Mike Russell,
Liz Little, Fred du Toit,
Barry Mee, Linda Mee,
Jean Pretorius, Eileen
Paxton.*

*(Not in picture): Mary
Redfern, Phil Garbett,
Pam Darkins*

Ever stop to think what it takes to get this newsletter to you? Or who does it?

RASA Pretoria posts over 800 copies of the newsletter - the Msasa Mail and FLAG - to members every other month. Between newsletters, information is collected, collated and evaluated, before being stored in folders. On the last weekend of the every second month, the Editors produce the first draft of the Msasa Mail and FLAG from the stored material, and creative original articles, such as Mary's Meander. They then edit the two drafts, usually having to reduce them considerably to fit the maximum size for standard rate postage (5 sheets of A4 paper).

On Monday and Tuesday, when text drafts are complete, John does the layout of each document, including pictures and graphics. Then comes final editing. Mary prints both documents in the FLF office on Wednesday, and the B Team volunteers come in on Thursday morning to fold and pack the newsletter into envelopes, for posting that afternoon.

Before Thursday, Mary - assisted by the A Team - prepares the address list, prints labels and sticks stamps on every envelope. The whole process takes no less than 70 man-hours, and half of this work is done by just two volunteers.

MARY'S MEANDER

Just when I thought I saw a glimmer of light at the end of the Flame Lily tunnel, the Zimbabwe Pensioners Association came into our lives. Yes, it has been relocated to the Pretoria office. Thanks to the use of e-mails for communication, Prop **Geldenhuis** and Edward **Osborn** are still involved, but the office in Pinetown is not assisting any more. Since taking over the ZPA project, we have written to over 400 of those who sent in their particulars. Some of these folk have already replied, and have become FLF members. A report appears further on in the Msasa Mail.

If the South African government is seriously considering granting a US\$1 billion loan to Zimbabwe, they should attach such strings to it that will force the Zimbabwe Government to meet its debt obligations, one of which is to non-resident Government Pensioners.

Although we had a full house for our Rhodes and Founders film evening on 9 July, it seems to us that few members living in the Pretoria area are really interested in attending events such as

this. Is it worth the effort to organise these events if they are not supported, I wonder?

However, if you would like to organise a suitable event in your area, such as Pat and Gary did in June at Tarentaal Village, we will encourage members to support it.

It's a pity that not more pensioners have utilised Project 142. With rampant inflation in Zimbabwe eating away at their blocked funds, their money is worth much less now than it was even a month ago. Government pensioners can't utilize the project, unless their pensions are paid into a Zim bank account.

We are very grateful to those of you who make regular donations to the FLF, through bank stop orders, and the occasional deposit. We sometimes have difficulty in identifying the donor, but say "thank you" personally when we can. We do not want it to seem that we take your kindness and generosity for granted. Please forgive us if we have not responded, or let us know in case we have overlooked you.

Mary

"Keeping the Flame alive"

FEEDBACK

We had an excellent turn-out of residents and visitors for the **Tarentaal Village Braai on 5 June**, a glorious Highveld winters day in this very pleasant retirement village in Edenvale. Residents present were Ruby **Hardy**, Muriel **Kennerley**, Doreen **Werth**, Norma **Du Rand**, Gerald and Dorothy **Crosbie**, Winifred **Platt**, Ray **Banjer**, Harold **Banister**, Ellen **Knobs**, L **Klinkert** and Ina **Lyons** and the organisers Gary and Pat **Greyling**. We were very pleased to see so many visitors, members and friends. Pat's in-laws, Rose and Dick **Oberholster** came from Gem Village in Centurion. Doug and Daph **Richardson**, George and Marie **Wray**, Pete and Liz **Smith**, Dan and Elaine **Melton**, Colin and Theresa **Matthews**, Gavin and Rose **Cumming**, Jack and Gem **Wood**, Lewis and Marilyn **Barrie**, Lyn **Sudbury**, Elizabeth **Wiggington**, Roger and Janet **Pengilly**, Dave and Liz **Little**, John and Mary **Redfern**.



Some of the Guys (L-R): Colin Matthews, John Redfern, Gavin Cumming, Dan Melton

On **9 July** Pretoria Branch showed the DVD the **Flame Lily Collection** at a soup evening. It was attended by Sonny **Laurence**, her son Rob and his family, Chris **Dams**, Liz and Dave **Little**, Fred **du Toit**, David **Panagos**, Barbara **Byrom**, Jacques **du Bois**, June and Elwyn **Scott**, Dave and Colleen **Donkin**, John and Mary **Redfern**. Liz, Colleen and Mary provided delicious soups. Many thanks!

MAIL BOX

The previous Msasa Mail had just been posted when I got a response from the **Manager of the Postal Services**, to my complaint about mail being placed in the wrong box and returned to sender. He wrote as follows:



“I regret that the service you experienced regarding the misrouting of mail at the Waterkloof Post box lobby fell so far from your expectations. It can only be attributed to negligence on the part of the sorting personnel. Steps have been taken to avoid a recurrence.

“On behalf of the S.A. Post office I wish to convey to you an expression of regret for the inconvenience and annoyance caused as a result of these unfortunate incidents. I should like to assure you that we are aware of the importance of providing an efficient and reliable service. As part of the international community and member of the Universal Postal Union, it is our objective to render a postal service of high quality.”

5 Jun 05 - From Will and Viv Ransom - founding members of RASA Pretoria, now living in UK:

Hello John, Mary and all you Rocky Rhodies, Thanks once again for your excellent Magazine. It is so professionally presented, and full of news, that my poor London Branch two-page newsletter looks rather pathetic in comparison. Please pass our greetings to any ex-Rhodies that we used to mix with.

25 May 2005 - Edward Osborn received the following e-mail from a farmer friend in Zimbabwe:

Farming is hazardous (to say the least) and the figures are mind boggling with the inflation (demise of \$Zim... 25 000 to the US). [45 000 to 1 US by 25 July - Ed]

We decided to reclaim some land illegally occupied, and put in 15ha of wheat in amongst something called maize and beans which the party faithful had planted. So far so good and no frothing settlers etc. but time will tell.

We have spent hours trying to verify our continued (albeit dramatically reduced) farming operation with numerous trips to the Lands Officers, Provincial Administrators and the Governor. Well, you do not hold your breath here as the answers can be summarised thus: “I am not the one, go and see” Actually it is probably what we want to hear so that we can carry on like a blind worm. THAT IS, TILL WE MEET THE MAMBA!

We applied as a small scale farmer to grow the wheat (times have changed and the bank manager was not impressed that we listed ourselves this way!)

It only costs \$10 000 000 to grow a hectare. The one major cost is that we require 10 security guards to watch the pipes and 4 to change them.

We as small scale (peasant) farmers have 5ha of garlic, 2ha of sugar snap peas and 12ha of granadillas, with our cattle down to around 400 and 20 Wychwood sheep. This keeps 70 plus employees going and us going crazy - so perhaps we are too big! Resident in the Barwick are no one else - closest farms are Pama and Blackfordby with Dorking still in Concession.

Forrester is the only one in Mvurwi. Guruve has about 10 farmers and Centenary about 15? All the way to Harare only Eskbank and Selby remain... Very, very frightening and possibly why the bread is no longer in Little Red Ridinghoods basket!

Only 21.5 inches of rain received - the least since 1948. The cattle will take flack especially as they are all penned up at night now. NOTHING CAN FREE RANGE NOW OR IT DI SAPPEARS - just like us! ... Supposed to be only 40 000 slaves left.

Another fuel crisis now - actually live on crisis management. Life is certainly not boring here - not for the faint hearted or should I say not for the clever ones.

Talk about farmers being put back but we don't see it - in fact every Friday Herald has more farms listed for compulsory acquisition. 210 farms last week from Gweru and Chillamanzli!

Life is still good to us - had a brilliant houseboat tour to Kariba where we caught fish and saw two Rhino - yes RHI NO - drinking at elephant point. Must say did not think this would happen in my lifetime.

MEMBERS' NEWS

Joy English sent us an article *Cycling through Zim's Hwange* from Travel 2005. In it Brad Zembic wrote: "‘A tourist’ exclaimed Norman English, Sinamatella’s warden when I had rolled into camp with Dolly, my run-down but reliable mountain bike. I was surprised by his enthusiasm and that, as a result of Zimbabwe’s political instability - and the sporadic violence against whites predominantly in the farming community - I was the only visitor the camp had seen for a week.". Joy writes: "Young Norman is the only white at Hwange [National Park] and he loves it there. ... [but] are being transferred to Sebakwe outside KweKwe - we think they were hoping he would register for schooling and other reasons."

NEW MEMBERS

We are happy to welcome the following Members to the Pretoria Branch:

- * Diana **Hollingsworth**, Plettenberg Bay
 - * Adriaan and Vera **Els**, Port Alfred
 - * James and Args **Watt**, Nelspruit
 - *# Nina **Woodcock**, Fairland
 - * Ivy **Bennett**, Middelburg
 - *# Norma **Bezuidenhout**, Grahamstown
 - * Dave and Sheila **George**, Stilfontein
 - * Hedley **Whitehead**, Cramer View
 - * Joyce **Brown**, Allens Park
 - * Jack and Gem **Wood**, Edenglen
 - * Dan and Elaine **Melton**, Edenvale
 - * Colin and Theresa **Matthews**, Alberton
 - * Gavin and Rose **Cumming**, Alberton
 - * Seonaid and Alex **Robbie-Milne**, Benoni
 - * Rupert and Yvonne **Staine**, Potchefstroom
 - * Glenn and Yvonne **van Reenen**, Newcastle
 - * R W **Bayne**, Berea
 - * James and Megan **Mougan**, Highlands North
 - * Roly and Patsy **Hill**, Plettenberg Bay
 - * Trevor **Vine**, Fourways
 - * Ken and Margie **Johnstone**, Centurion
 - * Kathleen **Cundill**, Shelly Beach
 - * Dennis and Jean **Hill**, Nelspruit
 - * Gavin **Sinclair**, White River
 - * Albert **Harris**, Roosevelt Park
 - * Mr & Mrs I G **Shergold-Smith**, Parklands
 - * Mr & Mrs Brian **Rawson**, Sandton
- # husbands were already Members.

OBITUARIES

Our sincere condolences to those who have lost loved ones and friends.

BOWEN-DAVIES, M.R. "Fats" passed away in Cape Town on 9 July 2005. A former District Commissioner in Rhodesia. Condolences to Jean and the family.

BREMNER, William (Bill / Jock) died on 15 July 2005 from injuries sustained in a serious recent road accident. Jock was a highly respected and long standing member of the BSAP Regimental Association’s Transvaal Branch. He attested on 22 June 1948, retiring with the rank of Superintendent on 21 March 1980.

ENGLISH, Roy passed away peacefully on 21 April 2005. Beloved husband of Joyce and greatest Dad of Colin and Peter and families. Former warden of Ruwa Scout Park and Senior Passport Officer in Harare.

LEACH, Lionel Glynn passed away at Tokai in the Cape on 23 June 2005, formerly Deputy Secretary for Internal Affairs in Rhodesia. Deepest sympathy to Ethie and all the family.

OPPERMAN, Victor, former BSAPD/Supt died at Gillets, KZN on 4 July 2005. He had been unwell for a long time.

PACE, Bill, died on 14 June 2005. He had been ill with cancer for some time. He leaves his wife Madge, and sons.

PIRRETT, Cassandra (Sandy), wife of John Connor (Jock) Pirrett, died peacefully in her sleep on 2 July 2005. She had been unwell for some while, however her untimely death was unexpected. Jock is an Honorary Life Member of the BSAP Regimental Association’s Transvaal Branch, to which he has given unstinting support over the years.

CLASSIFIED NOTICES

Short notices (maximum 10 column lines) are free for FLF members, but the Editors reserve the right to alter text, or not to publish at all.

CONTACT LOST

Thora MOSSOP (maiden name) who was from Bindura and a boarder at Umtali is sought by her old school friend **Pat HUTCHINSON** (married name Annandale). Pat can be reached at 22 Impala Road, Nimrod Park, Kempton Park 1619.

... AND FOUND

Linda and Barry MEE were part of the B Team that folded and packed the previous newsletter. On getting home, Linda sent us the following message by e-mail:

“Reporting that we posted all the Msasa Mails as soon as we got back to Boksburg! Then on reading ours, I recognised a name in the Contact Lost section. **Barbara DANIEL** is the sister of my Bulawayo brother-in law (he and Diana - my sister - were at the AGM). What a small world. So I have e-mailed **Polly MOORE** in NZ. ”

PENSIONERS

Appeal to President Mbeki

John Redfern made a phone call to the Presidency's registry on 25 July, to find out who was dealing with a letter sent by registered mail to President Mbeki on 10 May. The registry could find no record of the FLF's registered letter, although the post office confirmed that it had been collected on 12 May. John then e-mailed a copy of the letter and enclosures to the Presidency.

In the FLF's initial letter to President Mbeki in October 2003, the suggestion was made that the South African government offer a line of credit to Zimbabwe, to enable the restoration of Zimbabwe government pension payments. This was turned down at the time, but with the Zimbabwe government requesting a loan of R6,5 billion from South Africa to meet its obligations, this is the ideal opportunity to make payment of government pensions one of the loan conditions. The FLF is following this up.

Project 142

When the project was started in September 2003, Zim pensioners who had access to their pensions or blocked funds in Zimbabwe could exchange them at Z\$801 to R1. A year later - September 2004 - it was Z\$850 to R1. On 25 July 2005 it reached R2 650 to R1 - at the RBZ auction rate (Z\$7 000 to R1 at the parallel market rate). Because of the devaluation of the Zim dollar, we have set the minimum amount for Project 142 at Z\$500 000, and the maximum at Z\$10 million.

Pensioners in South Africa have donated over Z\$102 million to nominated charities in Zimbabwe, and the FLF has paid grants amounting to over R102 000 in return.

We are indebted to those who have donated money to the FLF, enabling us to sustain this project. Please continue to help us in this way, if you can.

Project 142+

Participants in this project receive from a UK benefactor the equivalent in forex, at the parallel market rate, of what they invest for charitable use in Zimbabwe. Investments must now be not less than Z\$20 million. This project has proved very beneficial to several people already, especially those with large assets in Zimbabwe.

Zimbabwe Pensioners Association

The ZPA project was established a year ago, with its office in Pinetown, Durban. The initial task of building a representative database of Zimbabwe pensioners in South Africa has been achieved, and the database now contains over 1 700 records. This is estimated to be about 12 % cent of those in South Africa who are entitled to receive a pension from Zimbabwe.

Statistics derived from the ZPA project provide a useful indicator of the overall situation, and are being put to use when appropriate.

Another object of the ZPA was to identify Zim pensioners who, through loss of their pensions, are in critical need.

Every person submitting their details to the

ZPA should have received a response letter, with suggestions and advice. A questionnaire would be included for those who had stated that they were in critical need, for completion if they wanted financial assistance from the FLF.

The ZPA would then forward each case to the FLF branch in whose area the pensioner lived, for assessment and possible welfare assistance.

Unfortunately, for a variety of reasons, the second part of the process foundered. Several pensioners did not receive a response letter, and some completed questionnaires that were returned to the ZPA were not attended to.

As a consequence of this, the ZPA was relocated on 1 July 2005 to Pretoria. Two of the project team, **Edward Osborn** and **Prop Geldenhuys**, continue to provide their voluntary services to the ZPA. The FLF office has written response letters to all who had sent in their particulars to the ZPA since September 2004, and is now working through the critical needs list.

All future communication with the ZPA should be to:

Zimbabwe Pensioners Association

PO Box 95474

0145 Waterkloof

E-mail: zimpensioners@iafrica.com

Tel & Fax: 012 4602066

Letter to the Press

Edward Osborn (ZPA) recently wrote the following letter to a number of newspapers:

If South Africa's objective is to achieve normalisation of the economic and political situation in Zimbabwe in exchange for a loan of \$US 1 billion, I would hope that sight is not lost of the Zimbabwe governments pension obligations.

This is a primary responsibility of all governments and, in Zimbabwe's case, is underpinned in the constitution and statute law. Nevertheless, public service pensions have not been paid abroad since March 2003. Private sector pensioners are even worse off in that their pensions began to dry up in the last four years.

Many pensioners now living in South Africa are in dire straits financially and have only been able to survive with the support of family and friends, although some have had to look to the South African old age grant. Their comfort has derived from the resources of South Africa.

No official figure for the public service pension bill in South Africa has ever been published. However, the databank compiled by the Zimbabwe Pensioners Association in South Africa does enable one to make a stab at the amount. With only 1 700 personal details the databank is not comprehensive, but it does appear to be sufficiently representative.

Analysis of the data indicates that 60 per cent of Zimbabwean pensioners resident in South Africa are former public servants and the average pension last received in March 2003 was just under R2 200. At the very outside that are some 15 000 pensioners here and this indicates a monthly bill of under R30 million a month.

The present pension bill should be less, although of similar order of magnitude, because of lagging inflation adjustments to pension scales and a new system of determining pensions introduced in 2004.

At this juncture instant relief to public service pensioners would be attained with the resumption of pension payments by the Zimbabwe Government.

The burden will not be too onerous. A weightier issue, however, will be the backlog of pensions to be met by the Zimbabwe Government. There are complications of appropriate exchange rates to be applied, the introduction of the new system, and the crediting of interest. A crude calculation indicates that without interest, the backlog is about R550 million, but with interest at the government's 30 per cent per annum the backlog would amount to over R800 million.

It is noteworthy that the Zimbabwe government does not acknowledge this debt to its pensioners in its public debt tables.

Edward Osborn

Former Zimbabwe Secretary for Agriculture

THIS 'N THAT

This is Africa

In two previous issues of the Msasa Mail, we published **Norman Stockton**'s experiences in Tanzania. In this issue, **Mandy Retzlaff** tells us about an experience in Mozambique.

We want to please!

The residents of Chimoio were understandably delighted when they were informed that there was now a flight from Chimoio to Vilankulos which was affordable. It was wonderful to know that you could be in Vilankulos in under an hour and what a relief not to negotiate the pot holed road which seems to be constantly under repair by Chinese looking people. As my husband Pat and I had business in Vilankulos it seemed a perfect opportunity to try out this new service.

On Friday at the designated hour, Pat and I staggered into the airport laden with our luggage. We were greeted by our travel agent who reassuringly waved the tickets at us. As we weighed in our bags the attendant clucked disapprovingly. My leather bag was held up for inspection and scrutinized by an official with epaulettes. It appeared that the zip was broken and it was now unacceptable to let the bag travel to Vilankulos. As I was pulled aside, feeling like a drug dealer, Pat hurried off and settled himself down at a white, plastic table with the Syngenta manual on Herbicides. He left me to deal with the unpleasant scene that was unfolding.

A small meeting took place and rapid Portuguese was fired from one person to the other. The attendant guided me to a table and mimicked the zip opening and fastening. I could see that I was causing a major international incident and was close to being deported. I shrugged my shoulders helplessly and scanned the room for help. Help arrived in the form of a quantity surveyor called Charlie who had been studying our crisis from the bar. He ingeniously paid 10,000 mets to someone who miraculously found a ball of string. The bag was trussed up like a chicken

and soon everyone was ecstatically happy. I tried to repay Charlie with a Scotch but he refused payment and returned to the task of embracing his beautiful Swedish girlfriend.

I plonked myself next to Pat who was still engrossed in herbicides. As I peered over his shoulder to try and establish what was such riveting reading, I could not help overhearing a young Indian guy on his cell phone, he was talking about the flight being delayed. I nudged Pat in the ribs to get his attention. "I think this flight is delayed" I whispered. Pat tore his eyes away from the manual and questioned the young Indian guy who confirmed that the plane had not left Maputo yet. He explained that the plane still had to land in Harare and return to Chimoio once it had loaded up with passengers.

"It will be delayed for more than four hours" he sighed, "and if its too late," - he leaned forward conspiratorially, looking at his watch - "we might not fly at all. I have heard that Vilankulos has no runway lights so you can't land in the dark".

I burst out laughing at the expression on Pat's face. "Why don't they inform you of this major delay when you book in" I demanded.

Our new friend grinned disarmingly, "Well it's Mozambique and I guess they don't want to disappoint you."

"All that fuss with my bag" I fumed, "and we thought we were boarding imminently."

We did eventually arrive in Vilankulos, a perfect flight barring the landing! But that's another story for another time.

The Evil Day

by *Henry D Jackson*
Masvingo, 29 May 2005

About a kilometer from my house - on the way in to town and just inside the municipal boundary - has always stood a most magnificent Acacia Karoo tree. There are a lot of them in the area, and I have always enjoyed the bright yellow blooms every January. However, this tree outstripped the others by far, and I have often stopped by the side of the road and picked the flowers from it to bring

home to Mandy. This past year the tree bloomed three times. Amazingly, we had a very low and unusual rainfall, and whilst the rest of nature waned, this tree, together with the other Acacia Karoos blossomed profusely. What a beautiful example of God's calling for us when we experience hard times.

You can imagine my utter dismay when driving past this spot a few days ago, I found the tree lying in pieces on the ground. Some uncaring person just decided to chop the tree down for firewood. I stopped and spoke angrily to the man. Did he not know that this was municipal grounds, and that he was not allowed to chop trees without permission from the municipality - etc, etc. Well he was very apologetic, but actually could not understand why I should make such a fuss about a tree. Did I not understand that it was winter, and that he was cold, and this tree would provide good firewood for him and his family? We were on totally different wave-lengths!

It was my tree - and no amount of apologies could fix it for me. It was an evil day. Oh how I yearned for the day to come when "all the earth will be filled with the glory of God" (Num 14:21),

My beautiful tree was cut down. But hey, I've discovered to my great excitement that the pods I fed my cattle over the past two years, have resulted in hundreds of beautiful and valuable new trees growing all over the place (Acacia Sieberiana). You can't put God's goodness down no matter how hard you try. But it is just possible, that our eyes might be so focused on the evil of the day, that we miss the beauty of it, even when it stares us in the face!



PROMOTIONS

REUNIONS

Rhodesian-Zimbabwean Reunion

As November is looming fast, this is a reminder to register NOW for the Rhodesian-Zimbabwean Worldwide Reunion being held in Durban from **6-13 November 2005**. The reunion is all about friends getting around and seeing each other once again and we are aiming for a great "Friendship Week" with as many Rhodesians-Zimbabweans as possible. The important events to be booked to avoid disappointment are the Gala Dinner on Saturday 12th November and the Golf and Bowls Days on Thursday 10th. The other events are casual functions where late bookings are possible.

I pose this question: Have you booked for the Gala Dinner at the reunion? If you have not, you may miss this magnificent dinner, the highlight of the week, where all your friends will be. Book now it is only R235.00 per person and let your friends know what is happening in this "Friendship Week". Fill in the form on the FLF website, or obtain a form from the Shamwari Club Manager, **Rob Bristow**, at e-mail weapont@mweb.co.za or 'phone Rob at 031 2660836, or write to him at 7 Barham Road, Westville, 3629.

Chisipite Reunion

Chisipite Senior School, Harare (Salisbury) is having a Reunion in Cape Town on 15-16 October for the girls who left Chisi from 1956 to 1959. Contact Eve Anderson at 021 785-039 or e-mail: daveve@iafrica.com

Churchill-Roosevelt Reunion

Churchill and Roosevelt School Reunion in Durban 15 October. Contact Brian and Nicci McKibbin, E-mail: highnorth@mweb.co.za for details. Visit website www.CNet2010.com/reunion

BOOKS

***'So Far and No Further!' Rhodesia's Bid for Independence during the Retreat from Empire 1959-1965* by J.R.T. Wood**

This definitive account covers the history of Rhodesia from 1959 (when Whitehead sought Dominion Status) to 11 November 1965. Based on unique research, it reveals why Rhodesia defied the world from 1965.

It is the product of 20 years of research using the papers of Ian Smith, the British papers in the Public Record Office (UK National Archives), numerous private collections, newspapers, Hansards etc.

There is a full description on website – www.jrtwood.com and a link to Trafford Publishing www.trafford.com/04-2760.

The Southern African edition will be on sale during the November Reunion in Durban, at a price still to be announced. Members who paid R150 in advance in 1988 will receive their copy from the FLF.

***What Happens After Mugabe? Can Zimbabwe Rise from the Ashes?* by Geoff Hill.**

Critique by Mike Russell

Geoff Hill's book is an easy read - he is a journalist - but the content is well researched, and to me, depressing. The early chapters, based on evidence of witnesses and documents, outline the path of Zimbabwe from 1979 to the present. The stories are well known, but personal memories and histories make them all the more horrific and shocking. The final chapters specify what must be done post Mugabe, regardless of who does it.

Zimbabwe's path ahead is bedevilled with all the problems which Sub Saharan Africa has failed so miserably to deal with. Geoff Hill holds out little hope for a happy outcome to the problems of Zimbabwe.

Even worse, his epilogue leaves little hope for South Africa as the rush of the well educated unemployed to the cities continues unabated, causing the very same problems which destroyed Zimbabwe.

This book is a necessary read for anyone interested in the post colonial failure of Sub-Saharan Africa.

Calendar 2006 of Rhodesian Landscapes

by Dinah Beaton

January-December 2006 plus January 2007

The calendar is size A3 when open, with scenes from the Victoria Falls, Mana Pools, the Zambezi River, Hwange and Gonarezhou National Game Park and Chewori Safari Area amongst others.

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PLUS..... 50p (UK sterling) from each calendar sold will go to pensioners in Zim.

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Order by e-mail to: rhodesascapes@aol.com

Any orders from South Africa, please state for payment arrangements.

RHODESIAN FILMS

Msasa Enterprises has transposed Rhodesian Information Service films onto video and DVD.

√ **Forces 1 and 2:** R370,00 on DVD (two discs) or R155,00 each on VHS video.

√ **The Final Chapter:** R240,00 on DVD or R155,00 on VHS video.

√ **Flame Lily Collection:** R370,00 on DVD (two discs).

Price includes registered postage within South Africa.

Enquire and/or order through the FLF office in Pretoria (see page 12).

OPPORTUNITIES

EMPLOYMENT WANTED

55 Year-old man and his wife from Zimbabwe, at present staying in Amanzimtoti, URGENTLY looking for employment. Husband is a qualified **Journeyman Printer**. Other qualifications are **Film Page Make-Up certificate and Louis Allen Management certificate**. He has also held positions as **Sales Manager and Director/Manager**. CV available. His wife has **farmed** paprika and other crops, has been involved in the **catering field** and is **Computer Literate**. Please contact Brian Jones at 031 9034863 or 076 3329038.

ACCOMMODATION OFFERED

Mr Walter Schulze is looking for a Rhodesian couple to stay on his cattle farm in the Eastern Cape, situated **15 km from Tarkastad** and 60 km from Queenstown. **The couple will stay free of charge in the house and they will be paid for any work, which they are asked to do**. For further information please phone Mr Schulze during office hours 048 8813024, after hours 048 8812754 or his cell phone 082 6571806.

Farm ± 40 km from Lions River (Howick) on the down slopes of the Inhluzani mountain. 58 Acres primarily timber. Tenants required for 1 to 2 years to **caretake spacious upmarket three bedrooomed house**, all en-suite bathrooms, magnificent views, peaceful country area. Tel: Mike Hunter - 023 2301544.

BOOKS WANTED

The Log of a Native Commissioner by H N Hemans - Rhodesia Reprint Library, Vol 15.
The Recollections of William Finaughty, Elephant hunter: 1864-1875 - Rhodesia Reprint Library, Vol 20.
The Jameson Raid by Hugh Marshall Hole - Rhodesia Reprint Library, Vol 15.

Required for the **FLF Reference Library**. Donations gratefully accepted. Please contact John or Mary Redfern on 012 4602066 or E-mail: rasa@iafrica.com.

John Mathieson wants to buy the following:
The White Men Sang by Alexander Fullerton.
Jim Redman - autobiography.
John Love by Adri Bezuidenhout.
The Zambesi River by Martin Maine.
Rhodesia Past and Present by S J du Toit - Rhodesia Reprint Library, Silver Series Vol 15.
Fact & Fiction by F W T Posselt - Rhodesia Reprint Library, Silver Series Vol 19.
 Contact John on 012 6643403(H), Cell 084 4240413 or e-mail roadies@telkomsa.net

NADA / RHODESIANA

Wanted: **NADA** or **Rhodesiana** booklets to complete sets. Mike Jesson will buy or exchange duplicates. Tel.: (021) 7865753 or email drongo@xsinet.co.za.

INTERESTED IN NEW ZEALAND?

We have received notice of special concessions for Zimbabweans who wish to reside in New Zealand. New Zimbabweans residence rules are on the website: www.immigration.govt.nz/migrant/stream/live/zimbabwe Residence/. If you would like the FAQs sent to you, please e-mail us at rasa@iafrica.com, or send a stamped return addressed envelope to PO Box 95474, asking for Special Residence Policy for Zimbabwean Nationals.

RASA BANK ACCOUNT

An increasing number of people are using direct deposits or Internet banking for payments. For the convenience of our members, RASA Pretoria's account details are as follows

Name: RASA Pretoria

Acc No.: 1631005235

Bank: Nedbank

Branch: Brooklyn Pretoria 163-145

When making a direct deposit, transfer or Internet payment, please use your name in the reference and let Mary know. It also helps us if you send us a copy of the deposit slip or payment advice so that we can link it to the bank statement. Otherwise we might not recognise the source of the payment.

HUMOUR

In an office:

TOILET OUT OF ORDER... PLEASE USE
FLOOR BELOW

In a Laundromat:

AUTOMATIC WASHING MACHINES:
PLEASE REMOVE ALL YOUR CLOTHES
WHEN THE LIGHT GOES OUT

In a London department store:

BARGAIN BASEMENT UPSTAIRS

In an office:

WOULD THE PERSON WHO TOOK THE
STEP LADDER YESTERDAY PLEASE
BRING IT BACK OR FURTHER STEPS
WILL BE TAKEN

In an office:

AFTER TEA BREAK STAFF SHOULD
EMPTY THE TEAPOT AND STAND
UPSIDE DOWN ON THE DRAINING
BOARD

Outside a secondhand shop:

WE EXCHANGE ANYTHING -
BICYCLES, WASHING MACHINES, ETC.
WHY NOT BRING YOUR WIFE ALONG
AND GET A WONDERFUL BARGAIN?

Notice in health food shop window:

CLOSED DUE TO ILLNESS

Spotted in a safari park:

ELEPHANTS PLEASE STAY IN YOUR
CAR

Seen during a conference:

FOR ANYONE WHO HAS CHILDREN
AND DOESN'T KNOW IT, THERE IS A
DAY CARE ON THE 1ST FLOOR

Notice in a farmer's field:

THE FARMER ALLOWS WALKERS TO
CROSS THE FIELD FOR FREE, BUT THE
BULL CHARGES

On a repair shop door:

WE CAN REPAIR ANYTHING (PLEASE
KNOCK HARD ON THE DOOR - THE
BELL DOESN'T WORK)

RHODESIAN RIDDLES

We had a little quiz at our R&F film evening on 9 July, before showing the film *50 Years of Parliament*. The question was: *can you name all the Prime Ministers of Rhodesia in sequence, going back from 1979?* The film then provided the answer.

Most of us know the date of UDI (40th anniversary this year), but little else about our country's history. To prove me wrong, see how many of the following questions you can answer correctly:

1. Where was Sir Edgar Whitehead born?
2. What is the height of Kariba Dam wall?
3. In which year was the first rugby match played on Rhodesian soil?
4. Which Christian organisation founded Inyati Mission?
5. In which decade was tobacco first grown in Rhodesia?
6. What was the heraldic motto of the BSA Company?
7. On which date was decimal currency introduced into Rhodesia?
8. Name two Rhodesians who became world motor cycle champions.
9. What does *Vumba* (mountain) mean in English?
10. What was the title of the first rock'n'roll LP to be made in Rhodesia?

Post, fax or e-mail your answers, marked Rhodesian Riddles, to the FLF office in Pretoria. Names of those who get all 10 right will be published in the next Msasa Mail, along with the correct answers.

If this quiz proves popular, we will continue it in future issues, including Northern Rhodesia in the questions.

Research done by Philip Garbett.

From the Word



God comforts us every time we have trouble, so when others have trouble, we can comfort them with the same comfort God gives us.

2 Corinthians 1:4 (NCV)

REMEMBER, REMEMBER

Just a line to say I'm living, that I'm not among the dead,	I don't know if I'm retiring, or if I've jut got out of bed.
Though I'm getting more forgetful and more mixed up in the head;	And so if it's my turn to write to you, there's no need for getting sore;
That sometimes I can't remember when I stand at the foot of the stair	I think I may have written and don't want to be a bore.
If I must go up for something, or have I come down from there	So remember that I love you and I wish that you were here.
And before the fridge, so often, my mind is full of doubt;	But now it's nearly mail time, so I must say good-bye my dear.
Have I just put food away or have I come to take some out?	Here I stand before the post box with a face so very red;
And there are times when in the darkness, with my curlers on my head,	Instead of mailing you your letter, I've just opened it instead.

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To promote, further and secure the interests of former residents of Rhodesia/Zimbabwe.

To provide or facilitate residential accommodation for persons over the age of 60, in particular for those former residents of Rhodesia/Zimbabwe who have settled in the RSA.

To give help in particular to the aged and the disabled.

To preserve the history and heritage of Rhodesia.

MEMBERSHIP

Rhodesians and South Africans over the age of 18 who subscribe to the objects of the Foundation.

Single: R50,00 - Couple: R60,00

April 2005 to 31 March 2006.

Life Membership: R750,00.

EDITORIAL

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