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"RHODESIAN SPOTLIGHT" NO. 74.

SUBJECT:

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The Federal Sailing Regatta at Palm Beach, and a flying visit to Monkey Bay by air of Sea Scouts.

Background - Music and Commentary.

The Ndola Show.

Length: 86 feet.
Title : 7 feet.

Glimpses of the Northern Rhodesian Show at Ndola opened by the Governor General.

Background - Music and Commentary.

The Numismatist.

Length: 72 feet.
Title : 7 feet.

Mr. Barry Epstein of Mufulira has a fine 3,000 piece coin collection.

Background - Music and Commentary.

Youngsters Get Museum Minded.

Length: 115 feet.
Title : 7 feet.

The Queen Victorial Museum has formed a children's club which has acquired 160 members in 2 months.

Background - Music and Commentary.

The Borrowdale Cup.

Length: 151 feet.
Title : 7 feet.

The running of the Borrowdale Cup at the opening meeting of the new Borrowdale Race Course.

Background - Music and Commentary.

Animal Antics.

Length: 182 feet.
Title : 7 feet.

The Posselt homestead in the Siyoka Native area is a menagerie of snakes, a baby elephant, a mongoose, and domesticated eland. Mr. Norman Carr of Kafue has two young lion cubs.

Background - Music and Commentary.

Length790 feet.
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ON THE LAKE:

Palm Beach on Lake Nyasa is the venue of the first Federal Regatta organised by the Miranda Sailing Club. Boats competing are from Nyassaland, Northern and Southern Rhodesia, and are made ready on the beach. Extremely high winds played havoc with many of the boats, and several came to grief. It was certainly speedy yachting and fun while it lasted. Coming home right side up was quite a feat. It was Southern Rhodesia who came out on top winning both major events - the Malcolm Barry Trophy and the Copper Bowl.

Also visiting Lake Nyasa - this time at Monkey Bay, was a Pretoria detachment of Sea Scouts. One aircraft was piloted by Sea Scouts David Shaw and Wally McLeod, a second by International Scout Commissioner Geoff Hussey. Having visited Lourenco Marques and Beira, they called in at Monkey Bay before going on to Kariba and Livingstone. Looking over the Hydrographic Survey launch Edmund Rhoades, they were in their element as Sea Scouts, but soon their stay was over and the aircraft were made ready again. Just before everything was stowed aboard, Wally McLeod and Hans Schapers, who is still too young to get his wings, were working out a flight plan. Through out the entire tour both aircraft flew to schedule. Geoff Hussey carried out a pre-take off inspection, and finding everything correct, away they went. A happy troop of Scouts on an airborne Jamboree.

THE NDOLA SHOW.

His Excellency the Governor General arrives to open the Northern Rhodesian Industrial and Commercial Show held in Ndola. The pomp and ceremony which attended the opening was a contrast to the informal atmosphere of the Show itself. It covered a wide scope and Spotlight looked around at one of the quieter times. The stands were well laid out, and exhibitors used novel methods of displaying their wares. Considerable space was devoted to transport - from bicycles, to cars, and following the most tropical trend, even travel into outer space. We would have liked to have shown you a good deal more of the Ndola Show, but unfortunately our cameraman ran out of film waiting for these two girls to stand up.

THE NUMISMATIST:

When Barry Epstein of Mufulira gets out his coin collection, Mrs. Epstein tries to catch up with her reading. But soon Barry will say "Come over here and look at this" and being a dutiful wife, Mrs. Epstein goes over and looks. And there is much that is well worth looking at. The oldest item is a Phoenician Coin, while another was currency in the Channel Islands in Julius Caesar's time. Some old coins are intrinsically more valuable. Compare this old Golden Sovereign with the modern version in Mrs. Epstein's brooch. Among the three thousand coins is a George VI Coronation piece highly recommended for cricket captains. It's just one of many strange oddities in a remarkable collection.

YOUNGSTERS GET MUSEUM MINDED:

At the Queen Victoria Museum in Salisbury the director, Col. Boulbee, and a member of his staff, Mrs. Rees, have organised a Museum Club for children. The idea has caught on and after two months there are 160 members. The kids are finding the museum quite fascinating. Some of the lectures are given by the more senior youngsters themselves while the Museum makes specimens readily available. They become particularly enthusiastic about the butter flies they see around them. Mr. Rees finds some of their tastes rather macabre, they seem fascinated by ancient weapons, and satisfying that train, Col. Boulbee instructs them in archery. It's not altogether surprising that they show promising results. Outings are organised to places of archaeological interest such as the balancing Rocks at Epworth. Apart from their geological interest, these rocks bear a number of Bushman paintings. On the spot lectures stimulate a desire to probe into the past, and do much to change the minds of youngsters who erroneously thought that museums are as dry as dust.



THE BORROWDALE CUP:

Built by Salisbury Corporation for the Mashonaland Turf Club, Borrowdale racecourse has its opening meeting. Among many distinguished guests on this red letter day in the Federation's racing, their Excellencies Lord and Lady Dalhousie attended and received a cordial welcome. Both of them incidentally have registered their own racing colours. His Excellency the Governor General performed the official opening and the main event of the day was the Borrowdale Cup Handicap run over a mile. With 17 runners the public had a wide choice and many were looking for something to beat the even money favourite. The stake is a thousand pounds and it's all eyes on the start as the field of 17 is sent away. Zipper and Senator are the first to show, ahead of Gallant Archer and the Fiddler. In the final bend the order is unchanged. Zipper and Senator are still fighting for the lead. The even money favourite Gallant Archer lying third and is nicely placed for the final run, Royal Victory, Devil Diver and Neuron are moving up on the leaders. And the race is taking shape as they head up the straight to the post. Then with a furlong and a half to go, Devil Diver is out in from with the Fiddler and Royal Victory overhauling. But Devil Diver hangs on. It's Bevil Diver from the Fiddler, Royal Victory and Neuron. So Mr. Lockie Costzee's Devil Diver ridden by Dalton is the 12 to 1 winner of the handsome Borrowdale Gold Cup.

ANIMAL ANTICS:

It's milking time at the Fosselt homestead up in the Siyoka Native Area. Mr. Fosselt keeps about a hundred snakes which are used in making anti-snakebite-serum. He also has an elephant orphan and a banded mongoose. Jackie the mongoose is one of the family and as playful as a kitten - maybe even more playful than a kitten. She the elephant is quite a mischief maker. Found orphaned 4 months ago and covered in sores she is doing fine and really hits the bottle when Karen feeds her. One of Mr. Fosselt's pet projects is domesticating Eland. He catches them when they are 6 to 8 weeks old, and tames them in a few days. He believes that being naturally easy feeders and resistant to disease, Eland have a future in farming. Instead of diminishing in numbers as they are doing now, the graceful Eland should increase as a commercial proposition. Protect them against parasites, and they are perfectly happy to run with the herd. When Norman Carr takes a stroll in the Kafue area, a couple of 6 months old lion cubs reckon it's just the job. A game guard had to shoot Mava in self defence, and a third cub was sent over to Chester Zoo in England. These two can never be let loose to roam in the Kafue National Park because there will be nobody to teach them to hunt. That of course doesn't mean they don't know how to eat. As to the problem of what to do with them when they grow up, well, Mr. Carr is adamant about not sending them to a zoo, he has decided to keep them even when they are fully grown, and the cubs are delighted with the arrangement.