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Entebbe Airfield Cuts Travel Time Across Vast Africa

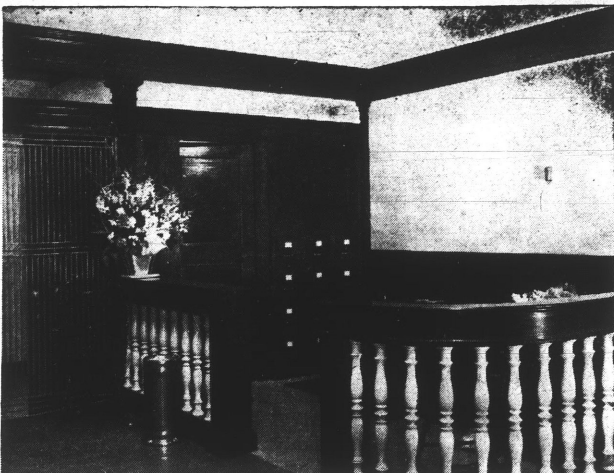
WASHINGTON, D.C. — The new British airfield recently opened at Entebbe, Uganda, is Africa's largest, with runways two miles long capable of handling the latest jet planes.

Built 250 miles south of the southern border of the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan, the field occupies a strategically important position between the Middle East and South Africa. It has the advantage of year-around good weather. Entebbe, capital of the British Uganda Protectorate, lies on the north shore of Lake Victoria, where seaplanes also can land.

Reports from the Capital say Uganda's nearly five million tribesmen have taken the arrival of the jet age in stride. Early missionaries considered these Africans the most advanced of the entire central section of the continent. They quickly learned to cultivate cotton — now Uganda's most valuable cash crop. Tea, rubber and coffee plantations are profitable.

Modern methods and transportation have altered customs for many native families. They now live in rectangular stone and wood homes, rather than in rude beehive thatch dwellings. City men wear European clothing instead of bark cloth and animal skins. The women are inclined to cling to brilliantly colored native dress, and in the far interior, to old style brief covering.

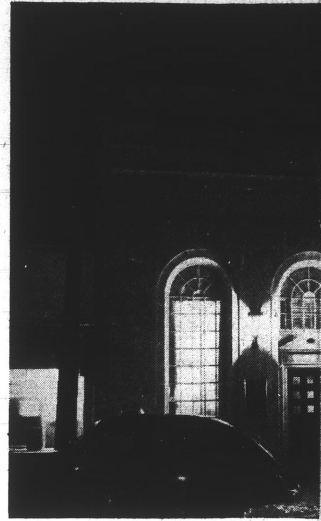
Along with the jet age, inflation and price control have penetrated even the remote jungles. The local government was forced to do something when the prices of brides rose sky high. The price is now "frozen" at five head of cattle, five goats, and the equivalent of \$2.80 in cash, per bride.



This depicts one of the ultra modern conference sections of the newly renovated rooms, where prospective banking business may be transacted.



Howard Crawford, President of the Board of Directors is shown greeting Mrs. Donald Parker who is accompanied by Donald Parker, Assistant Auditor of the Everett headquarters.



Here is an outside view of the Bank that is the entire community. The new arrangement of its facilities which include air conditioning for the c

Soldier Needing Blood Gets Some He Donated

SAN FRANCISCO—The merits of being a blood donor were highlighted by the story of the soldier who needed blood and got it—blood that he had given two weeks before.

Pvt. Richard A. Norman, 23, Wapota, Wash., was injured when a lamp exploded in a kitchen while he was on mess duty. Severely burned about the legs, he needed a quick transfusion.

Two weeks before, Norman had donated a pint of blood to the armed services. A doctor just happened to pick up Norman's bottle when he started to give the transfusion.



Hiram Parkin and Mary Dunn are viewing one of the high spots of the bank. Mr. Parkin is one of the oldest depositors of the Middlesex County National Bank.



President O. T. Bergstrom is discussing with Guyer Fowler, a member of the board of managers the excellent transformation of the "Old and New". They are surrounded by wives and friends of the institution.



This group of smiling clerks are Mary Dunn, Joan LeSage, and Sweeney.

Army Unit Goes All Out To Set New Blood Mark

Members of the 136th "Bearcat" Regiment, 47th Infantry ("Viking") Division, fell in at the blood collection center with a "pay line" enthusiasm—everyone is there.

As a result, the former National Guard, regiment recently became the Army's first major unit to post a 100 per cent donation record.

The unique response over-subscribed the blood collection quota for the division's station at Camp Rucker, Ala., and drew the praise from both the Chief of Army Field Forces, General Mark W. Clark, and the 47th Division commander, Major General Norman E. Hendrickson.

Sparkling the campaign's success was a former member of the 136th Regiment, Private Richard C. Gilley, Warren, Mass., who was wounded in Korea. A national magazine's picture (Life, Oct. 22) of Private Gilley receiving life-sustaining blood became a symbol to his one-time troop-mates in Company I and 19 other "Bearcat" units.

Major General Hendrickson personally congratulated the last man to contribute to the regiment's "all-out" collection campaign, Private First Class Dale Dunn, Brigham City, Utah.

And General Clark's congratulations were delivered in a letter to the regiment's commanding officer.



The members of the Maynard Board of Selectmen extended the town's greetings to the management upon their display of confidence in the future of Maynard. They are: Leo Mullin, chairman, Joseph P. Dineen and William Bain.



Jerry Lynch, President of the Maynard Chamber of Commerce tells of the excellent appointments of the bank and brings the business men's greeting as well as recognition of continued growth of the institution. James Ledgard, chairman of the Board of Managers and Howard Crawford looking on approvingly.



Mrs. Lawrence A. Graves and daughter of the bank are looking at documents with the aid of Mrs. Medville Clark, wife of the

Run-Away Romeo Wanted Just a Goodbye Kiss

DETROIT — Just one more kiss was all he wanted, a 27-year-old man said when recaptured after escaping from guards while under a sentence for burglary.

Police had found him at his girl's home.

The run-away Romeo was Donald Mace, Akron, Ohio. When captured, Mace complained that a jail guard wouldn't allow him to kiss his girl friend goodbye when she came to visit him.

He said that he had to talk to her through a wire screen and "since I was going away for a long time, I wanted to kiss her good-bye."



Mr. Fritz Walking of the Medford office, is accompanied by his wife, who are discussing with Mr. Theodore Peaslee of the Stevens Square office, Medford the excellent accommodations that are viewed for the first time.

Man Proves He's 'Irish' By Pole Climbing Feat

EAST NEWARK, N.J. — "I'm Irish and I just wanted to prove it," police quoted a man who teetered atop a 26-foot chimney for an hour.

Clarence Gillen, 31, Harrison, N.J., almost overcome by smoke, climbed down from his lofty perch and was led away to jail for investigation.

Police said that he used scaffolding around the brick chimney of a mill plant to aid his climb.

When police arrived, Sgt. Joseph Duffy called to the sitter "Are you going to jump?"

Gillen peered down and replied "Do you think I'm that crazy?"

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT:

Our Resources are at record high levels, comparison indicating a gain of more than \$4,000,000 this year, with Deposits at close to \$80,000,000 compared with \$76,500,000 at the last year end.

We look for further gains in the new year, although all indications are that the cost of doing business will be greater as defense needs indicated by Federal Appropriations must be paid for out of taxes.

The impact of this tax burden is already being felt as the new tax bill rates that consume a very substantial portion of Operating Income.

In the year ahead we shall recommend the continuation of the plan begun to modernize all of our office facilities for the more effective care of the business at hand, better equipped for the prospective new business available in this area.

We are resolved to make a better contribution to the sound business economy of the community, to the banking needs of our neighbors, to the welfare of the Bank and its staff.

FREDERICK E. JENNINGS
Chairman of the Board of Directors

OLIVER T. BERGSTROM
President



James J. Ledgard, chairman and Mrs. James Connolly of the fine appointments of the