

# Pattern for future of Africa being set by Nigeria, Ghana

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The future hopes of all Africa rests with two nations. These two countries, Nigeria and Ghana, could be parallel to the 13 colonies of the U.S. of 200 years ago. There is to be one African federation then the pattern is being set in these two new countries.

Nigeria has 38 million inhabitants and this makes it the most populous nation on the African continent and, I believe, 12th in the world. Ghana, formerly the Gold Coast colony, was the first new African nation and the first Negro member of the British Commonwealth.

These countries are located midway between the Mediterranean and the Cape of Good Hope. North of these countries are the mysterious lands of the Sahara, that are steeped in Mohammedan traditions as deeply as Mecca itself. To the south tribal chiefs, and witch doctors represent the hidden powers of Black Africa. These two nations are influenced by their surroundings. It is this background that can give these two nations the opportunity of blending both cultures and open the future.

Africa was a forgotten part of the world a few centuries ago. Do you remember when Carthage was so powerful that its General Hannibal almost conquered Rome? Following that period in history there was a sand curtain that the Crusades could not effectively penetrate. Moslem pirates terrorized European merchant ships and 800 years later Spain was unified and forced the Moors southward.

It was then that the great explorers Vasco de Gama and Christopher Columbus began their probing the west African coast. The Arab merchants crossed the Sahara but western merchants were probing Nigeria and Ghana by sea. While the Arab approach was slow and steady the Moslem influence still remained in the northern regions of Ghana and Nigeria. The southern area was free of this influence and the European traded trinkets and weapons for ivory, pepper and

gold. They began to penetrate the interior setting up trading posts. This trade changed from barter to conquest. A strange marriage took place.

Both the Arabs and the Europeans found one commodity so valuable that each group left the other alone. The commodity was slaves and for 250 years the trade boomed. Over 20 million people were taken from Nigeria-Ghana alone.

Some scientists believe that the human race came into being in Africa. The Portuguese discovered at Benna on the Niger river delta, bronze statuary of great delicacy much finer than any created in Europe. With no written records its origin remains a mystery.

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The passengers on Nigerian Airways are something else. One could well be making a trip to Mecca that for centuries was so long and arduous to assure him his place in paradise. Another might be a Moslem chief en route to a session at the U.N.

The fermented leaves of the Indigo plant produce a dye called Indigo blue. Without a doubt the old expression "there is no blue like Nigerian blue" becomes obvious when you visit the Kano Indigo pits. The invisible airways of Nigeria will make you feel at home because you will hear American rock and roll. Would you like to buy a Kola nut? Did you ever see that commercial on TV? In the Kano market place they are a hot item. You buy them by the cupful. You chew them like popcorn and spit the pulp out when the juice is gone. You might find yourself getting turned on and

find that you have become addicted to the nut. They have another disadvantage. They discolor your teeth so maybe you'd best leave them alone.

The Kano market place is a fascinating place. A good day will find 50,000 people flocking there. There is never a dull moment. Everything is on sale from airplane parts to witchcraft supplies. Nothing is for free. Snake charmers, magicians, street bands and troubadours expect pay and you will be screamed at if you do not offer a reward. Rising from the Niger river delta, bronze statuary of great delicacy much finer than any created in Europe. With no written records its origin remains a mystery.

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Moslems respond by forming lines in the surrounding fields, facing east towards Mecca, the birthplace of Mohammed, the founder of the religion.

The Muezzin calls, the people kneel and put their foreheads to the ground and in unison they pray aloud asking Allah to bless and protect them. Be sure to visit this most fascinating mosque in Kano.

There is so much that Nigeria and Ghana have to offer that the traveller who wants to get away from the normal tour of Europe, would do well to consider the continent of contrasts. It is here where the past, present and the future are working together. It is here that the hopes and future of the world might be explored.

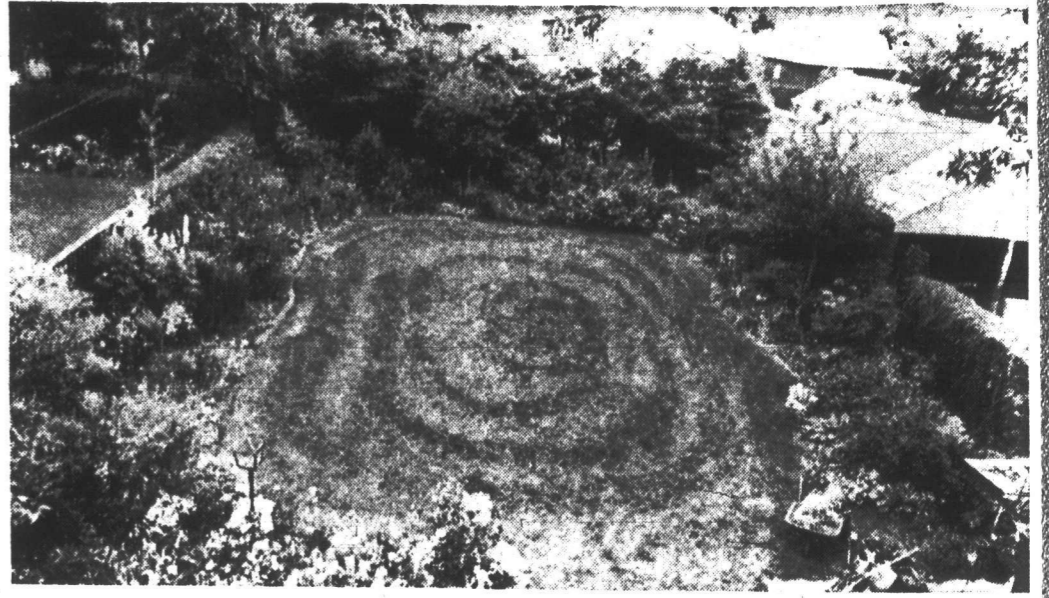
## \$1,200,000 jeep sale

BRAMPTON — The sale of 400 military Jeeps for the Canadian Armed Forces was announced last Friday by L. G. Rice, President of American Motors (Canada) Limited.

The order, worth more than \$1,200,000, will serve to replace some of the life-expired Jeeps currently in service with the Armed Forces in Canada and Western Europe and with Canadian peace-keeping missions in Cyprus.

The new M38A1 Canadian 3 model Jeeps will be built to specifications drawn up by the Federal Department of National Defence. Production will begin in November and final delivery will be made by the end of December, 1970.

Kaiser Jeep Corporation, which manufactures military communication and recreational vehicles, was acquired by American Motors earlier this year.

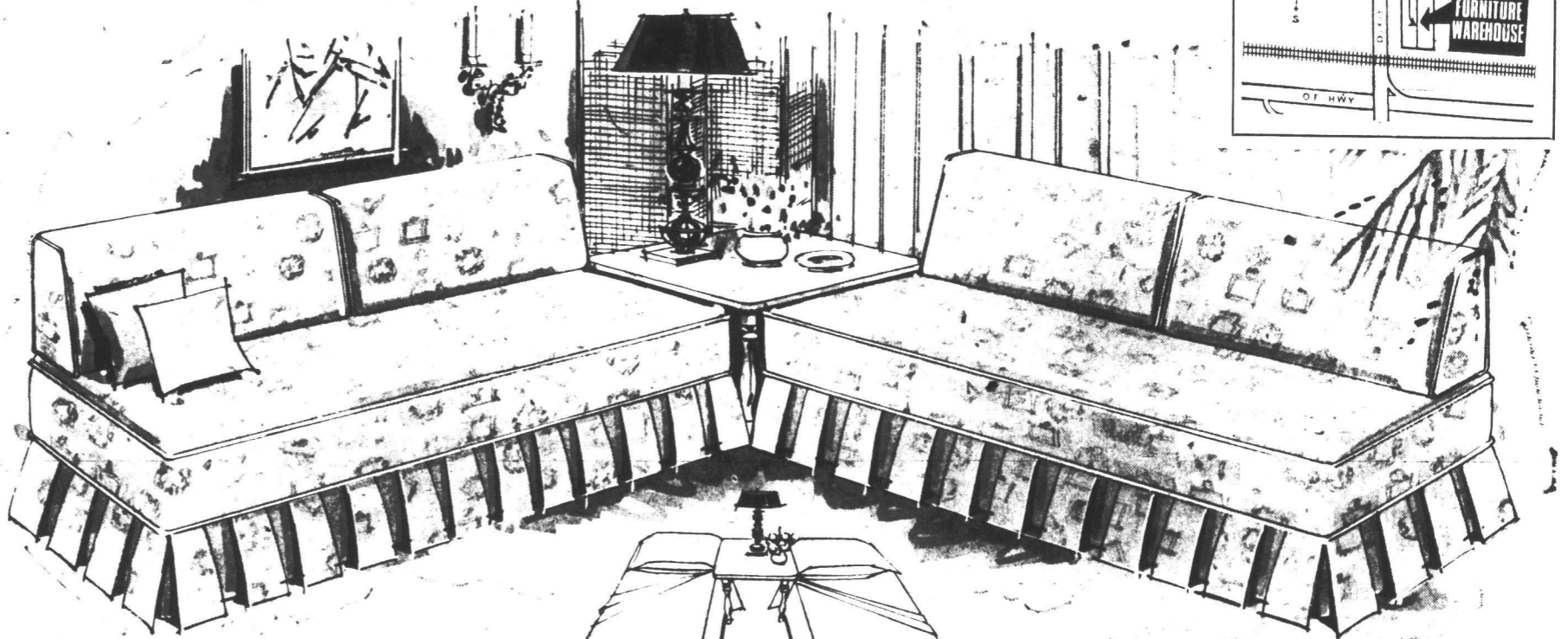
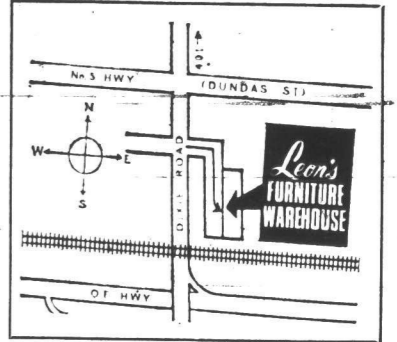


A Port Credit garden.

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## High school credit course in summer

MISSISSAUGA — For the first time in board of education history, Grade 8 students will be given the opportunity of completing a high school credit course during their summer vacation.

According to John Bailey, Peel County's Summer School Director, a secondary credit course in typing will be offered this summer to graduating Grade 8 students who will enter Grade 9 in the fall.

The summer school program starts July 6 and runs through to Aug. 14 with 50 teachers instructing 1,500 students who will return to brush up on failed courses or just want to improve their academic standing. This represents twice as many summer students as last year.

Grade 8 students will also have the chance to take remedial courses in English, Maths and French — areas of importance of secondary school.

As Mr. Bailey puts it, the remedial courses are for

those Grade 8 kids "who would benefit from specialized instruction to improve their academic background."

Secondary school students can take credit courses this summer, as well with typing for Grades 9 to 12, Grade 10 Math for Grade 9's, Technical Drafting for Grades 9 to 12 and a sociology course called Man in Society.

The standard remedial and make up courses in almost all subjects will still be offered to secondary school students who either failed a course or scored quite low.

Classes will last from 9 a.m. till noon and from 1.30 p.m. to 4 p.m. five days a week at Thomas L. Kennedy Secondary in Cooksville and Brampton Centennial Secondary in Brampton. The north-south dividing line for the two schools is Highway 401.

Registration for summer school was last Thursday and Friday with classes Monday.

## Streetsville library offers new books now

STREETSVILLE — Some of the new books on the shelves at the Streetsville Public Library are:

Fiction — "All God in the Glass," Virginia Chaquet, described as a "delightful and whimsical novel about a lovable old lady whose eccentricities never cease to charm all who meet her"; "Down All the Days," by Christy Brown; "Fragments," by Ayi Kwei Armah, author of "The Beautiful Ones are not yet

Born"; "Hunger Trace," by Adrienne Clarkson, author of "A Lover More Condemning"; "Moving On," by Len Murray, a "powerful novel"; "Over the Seas," by Josephine Bell, an historical novel; "Tell the Stars," by Burton Bendiner, a biblical novel based on the story of Abraham.

Non-Fiction — "Another World: Central America," by H. C. Espy, an adventurous travel guide; "The Battle for Oblivion, the discovery of anaesthesia," by Betty MacQuitty; "Family Fun on and around the Water," by Dan Morris and Norman Strung; "Julie Andrews," a biography, by Robert Windler; "The Oberammergau Passion Play," by Vernon Heaton, which gave birth to the Passion Play Theatre; "Pathfinders of the North," by L. F. Jones, George Linn and others, on "The Canadian North"; "Photographic Optics," by Arthur Cox, an outstanding standard work of photographic literature; "Roll Up the Wallpaper: We're Moving," by W. C. Anderson, a timely story of restless Americans seeking greener worlds; "Since Silent Spring," by Frank Graham, the background of Rachel Carson of "Silent Spring" fame; "Terricide," by Ron McLinton, America's destruction of her living environment.

## 500 hit by power failure

MISSISSAUGA — Mississauga Hydro blamed a faulty underground cables for a power failure which affected 500 Park Royal residents for about one hour June 26.

The blackout began at 4:11 p.m. and by 5:05 p.m. the power supply was resumed to all but 30 consumers, a hydro spokesman said.

Repair work on the cables was finally completed and power restored to all homes by 10:30 p.m.