

Ethiopian World Federation Colony

Malecoda, Shashamane Ethiopia
James Piper, Administrator

AFRICAN REPATRIATION COMMITTEE
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DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Bushnell:

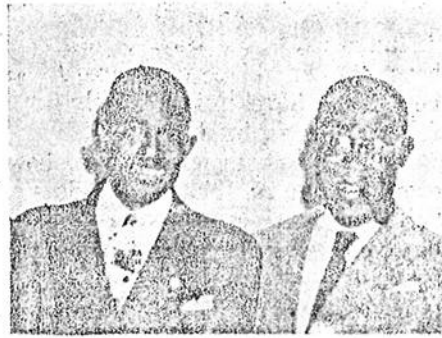
Hope you two good people are well. This leaves us fine, thank God. We received your dear letter. Needless to say we were happy, though surprised, to hear from you. The saying is true—"There is hope over the seas."

Well! here we are in Africa. To tell you the truth: "Freedom" is worth while dying for. The only freedom this black man can expect is in Africa. Instead of staying in the Western world and fighting for equal rights, which they will never get . . . they ought to pack their baggage, even the old folks as well as the young and make it as fast as they can to Mother Africa.

But our people cannot understand why they should return now. But never mind, Hell is going to turn loose in the West and soon. Those who want to remain there, will be sorry after it is too late.

We were thinking where you good people got our address. Then we said to each other where did we know Mr. & Mrs. Bushnell. Then my wife said ok! remember we used to know a couple by that name who were dear friends of the Pipers & Blommans' in Harlem, N. Y. So we got it.

Now, His Imperial Majesty, The Emperor gave five (5) gashas of heavenly land right on the main highway to all parts of the Continent of Africa to the black people of the West in the name of the Ethiopian



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Mr. James Piper and Dr. David A. Talbot

World Federation. That is plenty land. Five thousand people can live on it and some will be left. His Majesty intends to give more when the people come. He is hoping the people will come now to settle on the land.

We have arranged a five year program to develop the land and we are asking you to donate what you can. Even to help buy a brick. We hope you will decide and just come to Ethiopia for the rest of your days. Enclosed find the program and please spread the good news and write soon. May God bless you both in health and long life. Best regards from Africa.

Your dear friends,
James & Helen Piper
Ethiopian World Federation Colony
Malecoda, Shashamane
Ethiopia

"Laud Grant"

Graciously By His Imperial Majesty Haile Sellassie I, Emperor of Ethiopia.

In the name of the Ethiopian World Federation, International Headquarters, Malecoda, Shashamane, Ethiopia.

(5 Year Program)

1. Repatriation (Settlement). *Minut*
2. Industries. - *None*
3. Farming Equipment. - *1 Tractor*
Oxen
4. Building of a large Community House. *None*
5. Water Supply Construction. - *None*
7. Building of Roads. - *Minimal*
8. Enlargement of Dr. Malaku E. Bayen School. *PARTIAL*
10. Transportation. - *None*
11. Building of Religious Temple of Worship. *NONE*

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Mr. James Piper, Administrator of the Ethiopian World Federation, and his wife Helen.

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When in Shashemanne we entered a farm, we were met by a man smiling with his golden glittering teeth.

"Do you know Mr. Piper", we asked. "Sure", he said. "I know him very well. It is I".

We followed him into a wooden house, the walls of which were plastered by pictures of Their Imperial Majesties, of Mr. Piper, his wife and relatives, diplomas, views of New York, calendars, and many other things.

Mr. James Piper introduced us to his wife Helen, a stout woman, excessively dynamic and full of contagious enthusiasm.

We showed her a copy of our magazine and as soon as she saw the picture of His Imperial Majesty, she jumped up to kiss it, exclaiming "Jan Hoi".

While she was chatting, laughing and

waving her arms, moving around and showing the photos of her daughters. Mr. Piper was sitting in a corner and smiling quietly to himself.

During the interview we learned that they were married in 1948 in New York, that Mr. Piper, who is from ~~London~~ ^{Montana} is an American citizen.

They are members of the Ethiopian World Federation, which was founded during the fascist occupation of Ethiopia, by Doctor Malaku Bayene, who died in 1940.

When His Imperial Majesty was in England, they organized the Ethiopian World Federation to help Ethiopia. They did good work and when in 1952 they came to Ethiopia, the Emperor granted to the organisation five gasha of land and appointed him as its administrator.

Now they cultivate only one fifth of the farm, but "the time will come in which this place will be developed", says Mrs. Helen.

Meanwhile they have opened an elementary school named after Doctor Malaku and teach free of charge to some 100 children.

At a certain moment, when we said that we wanted to take a picture of them, they disappeared.

We remained for a long time wondering about what they were doing, when at last they came back.

Mr. Piper had put on a new suit, a shirt shining with silver threads and a straw hat, while Mrs. Helen was wearing a blue dress and had a handkerchief around her head. They were smiling and quite ready to make a good show.

We went out where meanwhile a part of their pupils had assembled, and took their photos which we present to you.

Mr. and Mrs. Piper are a smart couple and true friends of Ethiopia.



Mr. and Mrs. Piper direct an elementary school in their farm.