

STAFF.

Mr E. E. Agbeyegbe, Assistant Superintendent of Prisons, was in-charge from the beginning of the year to 25.5.50. From then Assistant District Officer Lokoja assumed these duties, Mr W. G. C. Ferris until 28.6.50, and Mr R. C. Holgate to December 31st. The average number of warders on duty throughout the year was 17.2, wardresses in all totalled 17; the prison clerk Mr V. A. Okany, also served throughout the year.

PRISONERS.

An average of 56 male persons in custody was recorded throughout the year; female prisoners in all totalled six. The three most numerous offences for which prisoners were admitted were stealing, burglary and manslaughter; sentences were passed by the Supreme Court and Magistrates Court, Lokoja, and various N.A. Courts, the principal being Lokoja, Kabba and Koton-Karifi.

LUNATICS.

100 male lunatics (38 criminal) and 22 female (2 criminal) were in custody up till March. Apart from 5 deaths, these were transferred at this date to asylums at Enugu, Yaba and Port Harcourt.

HEALTH.

The prison record is satisfactory. 26 prisoners were admitted into Hospital for treatment, and one placed on special diet during the year; most tended to put on weight a few weeks after admission but there were signs at the end of the year of a sharp decline owing to the extra work involved in dismantling; steps are being taken to increase the diet. An accident occurred to one prisoner on 13.12.50, when an iron bar fell and all but severed his right foot which was later amputated. The question of compensation is being investigated.

On 16.12.50 a prisoner awaiting trial, Seneni Bassa, for manslaughter hung himself in a disused cell. A verdict of suicide was returned at the coroner's inquest.

INDUSTRIES.

The Prison Herd was maintained during the year, supplying the station with milk, and increased by three head. Mat-making from sisal fibre continued and several mats were supplied to private purchasers.

LABOUR.

Prisoners were employed in the following categories : prison industries, cooking, weaving, wood and grass cutting and building.

DISCIPLINE.

7 offences by prisoners and 6 by Prison Staff were recorded.

ESCAPE. One prisoner escaped and was late re-captured.

VISITS These included R.H.Dolan, Director of Prisons, H.W. Hayllor, Ag. Deputy Director of Prisons, His Honour Justice O. Jibowu and various Reverend Fathers.

DISMANTLING OF THE PRISON.

In consequence of a previous decision work began on 20th November, 1950. Boards of Survey were held on Prison Stores and most of these were transferred to Enugu Prisons Central Stores. By the end of the year the Prison Store buildings had been demolished, the foundations and walls only remaining together with embedded steel uprights. Corrugated roofing iron, cell doors and roof timber is in process of removal and some material has already been shipped to Onitsha for Enugu.

Three cells for accommodation, and other essential buildings remain. Doors, fittings and roof of one complete block of 10 cells have been left for a future lock-up in Lokoja.

Much work remains to be done on the Prison itself, to say nothing of the staff quarters, before the site is cleared.

RAINFALL FIGURES 1949 + 1950

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MONTH	1949	1950
JANUARY	NIL	0.55 ins
FEBRUARY	0.99 ins	NIL
MARCH	4.01 "	2.50 ins
APRIL	3.74 "	2.34 "
MAY	8.36 "	8.15 "
JUNE	5.68 "	5.96 "
JULY	7.14 "	6.85 "
AUGUST	7.21 "	1.08 "
SEPTEMBER	9.86 "	6.78 "
OCTOBER	5.16 "	5.00 "
NOVEMBER	NIL	0.69 "
DECEMBER	NIL	NIL

Total for 1949 = 52.15 ins; Average = 4.35 ins
 " 1950 = 39.90 ; " = 3.33 ins

METEOROLOGICAL OFFICE

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Staff : One A.A. Grade II was in charge of this area and transferred in September leaving the station to the A.A. Grade III who was in charge of Kabba Division. There are two Field Overseers, one in charge of Kabba Division and the other in Igbirra. There are 3 N.A. assistants in Igbirra, two in Kabba, one in Yagba, one in Koton Karfe and one in Abugi. The N.As of Yagba and Igbirra sent two boys to Ilorin for training with a view to taking over the agric. work in their areas. Only one visit was paid to Koton Karfe area, the Assistant in charge paid more attention to Igbirra and Kabba Division as he has no means of quick transport other than push bicycle to run his area.

2. Weather : In Igbirra the total rainfall for Okene was 42.78 inches as compared with that of 1949 which was 50.16 inches. The highest rainfall was in September and the least in February. The distribution was not fair and this had an unfavourable effect on farm crops. In Kabba the rainfall was 53.38 inches while it was 55.20 inches for 1949.

3. Farm Crops : In Igbirra early crops were good. Rice in Koton Karfe, Abugi and Ajaokuta had adverse effect of drought and were consequently retarded in growth. In all areas the dry spell that came in July - August badly affected the crops growing during the period. Yam crop was good and the yield was just on the average. Export Crops : Sunflower was introduced into Kabba in 1949. The yields and the price encouraged the farmers and more acreage were put down in 1950 for sunflower. All other areas that are not interested in planting sunflower took to castor.

4. Mixed Farms : Kabba : The farm was run by a farmer by name Yesufu. He has 10/- subsistence allowance. He has 5 acres of farm divided into 4 plots for rotational cropping. The farm was grazed by animals from the nearby kraals. The cowpeas, mucuna, maize and guineacorn were damaged. This problem of preventing cattle from damaging farms is one now confronting this dept. in Kabba. Isanlu Mixed Farm. The farmer by name Gabriel was an old hand in the dept. He has five acres and also has the produce of the farm to himself. He is given 10/- retention fee. Due to the proposed removal of Makutu town to the mixed farm site another site about 1½ miles northwards was selected. Clearing was done but it was late to plant yams in November 1950.

Okene Unit Farm : It is now 10 years that the farm was established and has ever since been farmed with the help of F.Y.M. and cover crop. The farmer Ohiare receives £1 monthly and all the produce from the farm.

5. Okene Nursery : The first budded seedlings after the nursery was transferred to Gannana was done in 1950 and the seedlings would be available this year 1951. The nursery was not supplying the needs of Okene area and to bring it to the same level as that of Kabba one man was sent to Kabba for training. Of the 700 coconuts planted in 1949 only 345 seedlings were available in 1950 for distribution. These seedlings would be available this year 1951 for distribution. Sweet orange 256. Tangerine 64. Host of grasshoppers invaded the nursery and attacked seedlings damage was prevented by our timely action. White ants also attacked coconut seedlings and they were driven off with wood ash.

Kabba Nursery : This year of 1950 seemed an unfavourable one for the work in the nursery. The weather was bad for most time and Ibadan station was reluctant at supplying budwood due to the drought that affected their trees. The table A below show the seedlings distributed in 1950 and table B those budded and prepared for distribution in 1951.

Table A.

	: Budded	: Succe- : ssful	: Dead	: Balance : end of : year	: Grand total
S. Orange	-	555	37	155	555
Tangerine	-	56	10	11	56
G/Fruit	-	27	2	9	27
Lemon	-	9	-	1	9
Mangoes	-	8	-	-	8
Coconuts	-	254	45	56	254
Kola nuts	-	119	-	41	119
Coffee	-	159	55	-	159

Table B.

	: Total : budded	: Succe : ssful	: Dead	: Dormant	: Survi : ved	: Balan : ce : from : 1950 : sales	: Grand : total
S. Orange 1941	798	1143	323	475	155	630	
G/Fruit: 108	47	61	6	41	9	49	
Tangerine 160	93	67	-	93	11	104	
Lemon : 30	12	18	5	7	1	8	
Mangoes: 195	70	125	28	42	-	42	
Coconuts -	-	-	-	-	56	56	
Kolanuts -	-	-	-	-	41	41	
Total :	2434	1020	1414	362	658	273	930

Isanlu & Ere Nurseries : At the beginning of the year one labourer worked at the Isanlu nursery. The site was well chosen and near to a source of water. The following are the successful seedlings ready to be distributed in 1951 :- Sweet orange 906, G/Fruit 10, Tangerine 33 Mango -, Coconuts 215. Ere nursery has 165 sweet orange seedlings for distribution in 1951..

6. Rice : $\frac{1}{2}$ ton of G 79 rice seed was distributed in Igbirra Division among 93 picked farmers. They broadcast it in nurseries and later transplanted it to the farms. In Abugi and Koton Karfe the same weight of seeds were distributed to the farmers. There was a favourable report of the growth but the prolonged drought tampered the growth. The average yield from farms was 984 lbs paddy per acre.

7. Cattle : Three Government Ndama bulls were sent from Ilorin and were intended for the kraals in Kabba town. They were located to the villages. One of these died of tryps. Three Government bulls in Igbirra Division are doing well. There was improvement in the repairing of cattle kraals particularly in Igbirra area. Fencing with ficus livestock, Adaruku and cactus were successful. In Kabba little was done as the cattle owners were still using the old mud wall for their kraals. In Yagba area especially the Eastern sub-districts animals are badly herded and are always found roaming about the villages and destroying farms. Grazing area and watering places are not easily available in the dry season and this has constituted one of the difficulties we have to contend with in the Western Kabba.

	Cattle on hand Jan-Dec. 1950		Births		Brou ght in		Deaths		Remo vals		Total end of year 31st Dec 1950	
	M.	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Igbirra	223	1087	143	150	13	17	50	57	38	23	291	1174
Kabba	172	520	114	141	10	21	17	25	30	33	248	590
Yagba	410	1464	219	218	6	24	27	56	154	135	454	1521

8. Dairies: Obangede(Okene). A new refrigerator was purchased for £59 from the U.A.C. Ltd. Lagos. The old one was sold away by the N.A. The total milk yield bought at the dairy for the year was 33886½ lbs and the total number bought at Okene for local distribution was about 5611 lbs. About 11 kraals were supplying milk to the dairy early in the year. The cows from the now supplying kraals have either lost their calves or have dried off. The drought of July - August was a hit on the flow of milk to the dairy. Many calves died and the supply of milk dropped.

Kabba Dairy : Throughout the year only five kraals supplied milk to the dairy. Lack of suitable herdsmen and distance of the kraals from the dairy made it difficult for the other herds to supply milk. An attempt to merge small kraals together was not successful.

Details of milk supply to the Dairies : (Okene)(in lbs)

	: Milk Pro : duced	: Milk Sepa : rated	: Cream pro : duced	: Cream: : churn: : ed	: Butter: : produ : ced	: Skim pro : duced
Jan.	: 1588	: 1541½	: 158	: 157	: 95 5/16	: 1321
Feb.	: 1429½	: 1429½	: 140	: 117	: 86½	: 1289
March	: 1824	: 1824	: 180	: 180	: 107	: 1563
April	: 3530	: 3530	: 351	: 346	: 160	: 3169
May	: 2881½	: 2881½	: 488	: 481	: 234	: 2647
June	: 4488	: 4488	: 470	: 452	: 256½	: 2362
July	: 3979	: 3967	: 373½	: 369½	: 283½	: 3606
Aug.	: 2263	: 2263	: 341	: 333	: 223½	: 2091
Sept.	: 2735	: 2735	: 278½	: 266½	: 172½	: 2346
Oct.	: 3054½	: 2782½	: 263	: 253½	: 162	: 2407
Nov.	: 2669	: 2267½	: 211	: 200	: 125	: 1203
Dec.	: 2545	: 2148½	: 204	: 200	: 115	: 1867
Total	: 33886½	: 31858½	: 3458	: 3355½	: 2035½	: 25271

Kabba :

Jan.	: 819	: 685½	: 68½	: 54 5/16	: 34	: 550
Feb.	: 860	: 710	: 71	: 57 1/16	: 35 8/16	: 568
March	: 1081	: 902½	: 90¼	: 62¼	: 39½	: 722
April	: 1065	: 930	: 93	: 73¼	: 45¼	: 744
May	: 1332	: 1129½	: 113	: 87½	: 54 11/16	: 913½
June	: 1295	: 1070	: 107	: 78¼	: 49¼	: 856
July	: 1314½	: 1049	: 105	: 73	: 45 8/16	: 839
Aug.	: 1184	: 1020½	: 102	: 77¼	: 48¼	: 816½
Sept.	: 998	: 840	: 84	: 61½	: 38¼	: 677½
Oct.	: 1042	: 890½	: 89	: 66	: 41¼	: 712½
Nov.	: 1144	: 975	: 97½	: 70½	: 44	: 780
Dec.	: 1098	: 915	: 91½	: 71¼	: 45	: 732

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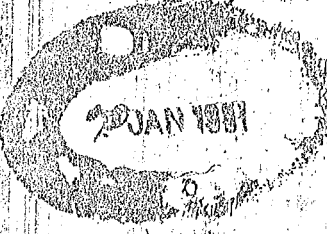
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Your No. 3254/1 of 5th January, 1951. I forward
herewith a copy of my Annual Report for 1950.

2. A separate report on Kabba Province Elementary
Training Centre is being forwarded to you under a
separate cover.

J. Latham

Provincial Education Officer,
Kabba Province.

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