

MOMBASA BOY CHOSEN TO PLAY SON OF TARZAN

ST. MARY'S School, Nairobi, will this term have a Mombasa boy among its pupils who will be wearing long, untidy blonde hair. Or at least this is the hope of his mother, Mrs. Catherine Oldham, who has written to the principal of the School explaining that her 10-year-old son Michael John has been chosen by an American film producer to play the part of Tarzan's son during the film unit's shooting in Kenya.

Michael, who attended the European Primary School at Mombasa for four-and-a-half years, was spotted by the film producer in Nairobi when he was swimming in the Salisbury Swimming Club.

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Former Mombasa European Primary Schoolboy Michael John Oldham, with the latest in the long line of Tarzans of film fame. He has been chosen to play the Kenya part of Tarzan's son in "Tarzan and the Trappers" and he is seen here by the Chania Falls at Thika.

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Good swimmer

The part required a boy 4 ft. 2 in. tall with blonde straight hair and a 36 in. chest. He also had to be a good swimmer. The part appeared to be made for Michael, who shortly afterwards started practicing swimming scenes with the film's Tarzan below the Chania Falls at Thika.

When the time came for Michael to return to St. Mary's School his mother asked the principal to allow the boy's hair to grow long, to permit the filming of further scenes with Tarzan's film wife Jane at the weekend.

Michael's teacher at Mombasa was Mrs. Alan Pottinger, and he won some 20 prizes while at the Primary School.

His godparents are Mrs. K. Bowen and Mr. P. Young, both of whom live at Mombasa.