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4th October, 1954.

Mrs. H. Paine, Chairman,
Save the Children Fund,
204 Silbro House,
225 Jeppe Street,
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Mrs. Paine,

Thank you very much indeed for your letter of the 30th September, 1954, with the enclosed cheque for the Orlando Mothers Welfare Association. This cheque (£25.) I have handed on to Mrs. Ngakane, who will acknowledge it.

Yours sincerely,

Quintin Whyte
DIRECTOR

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ORLANDO MOTHERS WELFARE ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL REPORT.

(JAN. - DEC. 1952)

The Association was established in 1937, for the welfare of the people in the Township, especially the children.

As this our first Annual Report since the re-organisation of the Association, I wish to give a brief historical survey of the activities of the Association since its inception. The period under review can be conveniently discussed under three heads:-

- (a) The Pre-War Period 1937-1940.
- (b) The War Period 1940-1945.
- (c) The Post War Period 1946-1952.

A. THE PRE-WAR PERIOD 1937-1940.

Our Association came into being during the early years of the establishment of the Township (Orlando). Many of the Social Amenities and services to which we have now come accustomed were then none existent and it became the duty of the mothers organisation to press for the introduction of these essential services. One of the first achievements of the Association was one establishment of a 'Creche' at the Old Leake Hall in the Township. A second problem to which the Association addressed itself was the wide spread truancy of many children who attended School. It became clear that the absence of transport facilities from the railway station to the homes was a contributory factor. Many children helped daily to carry bundles of washing and other baggage from the station into the location. The small sums of money they obtained in remuneration for their services was an encouragement to this truancy. The Association made a successful representations to the authorities for the introduction of a bus service which helped materially to reduce the Soap-Box trolley transport service and the incidence of truancy in the Schools.

The Mothers' Welfare Association also endeavoured to work in co-operation with other Welfare bodies. Thus it was interested in the Seaside Fund for the African Children which was sponsored by the Joint Council of African and European Women. Indeed in the hey days of the Association, we were able to contribute the sum of Twenty pounds (£20) towards the fund and helped to find some of the convalescing children who were to benefit from this fund.

B. THE WAR PERIOD 1940-1945.

Great Social changes were ushered in during this period; the net effect of which was to disrupt the Association. First there was the rapid increase of the Urban population, the extension of the Township across the railway line to the West and the absorption of African women in industry. During this period of population movements and general industrial expansion some of the members of the Association found employment others moved to new places of residence and the result was a state of disorganisation which made it impossible for the Association to function efficiently just at the time it was most needed. The war period was thus a period of enforced inactivity and recess in the life of the Association.

C. THE POST WAR PERIOD 1946-1952.

This period has been characterised by self preparedness to meet the problems created by War. The scattered remnants of the Mothers' Welfare Association had finally come together to resuscitate the movement. The task ahead seem bigger than ever before but the prospects of a larger and more active organisation bear brightly in the horizon of today. The activities of the current year indicate that the Association is prepared to grapple with the problems of the day with zeal and earnestness. The difficulty which confronted the Association this year was the venue of meetings. For the first few months of the year, the meetings were held at the Donaldson Orlando Community Centre. The Association decided to hold its meetings at the Orlando West Methodist School, this decision was taken after it was discovered that the most of the members were from Orlando West. Though these meetings are held in Orlando West only, the Association cherishes a hope that in the near future it will have enough members from the Orlando East Area and will thus be able to use the Donaldson Orlando Community Centre again and have two branches meeting once a month. Activities/.....

ACTIVITIES DURING THE YEAR.

Apart from the aims of the Association that have already been mentioned, the Association felt that it should get more mothers interested in the movement; to do this, some of the members were privileged to address a few Manyano (Meetings) in which they emphasized the need for such meetings in the township.

STREET COLLECTIONS.

As the Association was unregistered until recently it could not have any street collection for its funds; but worked in co-operation with other Welfare bodies; we are happy to say that it has been able to find at any time members who were willing to help in any street collection that was for Welfare work; e.g. Street Collection held at the beginning of the year for the Non-European Boys' Association, and also for the Tornado Victims at the end of the year.

FUNDS.

The Association had no means of collecting funds. The funds were accrued from the members subscriptions each member subscribing One shilling (1/-) a month or Twelve shillings (12/-) per annum, and also from Concerts. The Association had its first bazaar and concert at the beginning of the year.

The next bazaar and concert was held in June where it had the honour of having Mrs. Carr, the wife of the Manager of the Non-European Affairs Department, as the Speaker for the day. Her presence was an encouragement to the Association. In this bazaar baskets were sold for the Ezenzoleni Blind Institution. The Association was able to raise the sum of Twelve pounds (£12) from the sale of the baskets. The money was sent to the Ezenzoleni Institution. On the 7th of December a concert was held at the Communal Hall. The proceeds from this concert were for Xmas gifts for the poor in the township. Sixty-five Xmas food parcels were distributed among the poor families.

DISTRIBUTION OF MILK AND BREAD TO THE CHILDREN.

Some of the members of the Association helped in the distribution of milk and bread to children during the winter vacation work that is done by the Association's Service Committee of the European and African Women.

INSUFFICIENT SCHOOLS IN THE TOWNSHIP.

The Association perturbed by the hundreds of children roaming about the streets of Orlando, in trains, and in town felt that something ought to be done about the situation. Some of these children could not get accommodation in our local schools and naturally roamed about and became delinquents. It became the feeling of the Association that more schools and play grounds were needed. A deputation was sent to interview the Manager of Non-European Affairs Department. The members of the deputation were Mrs. Ngakano (President), Mrs. Nobanda (Secretary) Mrs. Mooki (Chairlady), and Mrs. Manakelo, Mrs. Kumalo.

The deputation pointed out the need for schools in the township and that it would be most grateful if the Council would build walls for classrooms and the Association would take the responsibility of getting the roof:-

- (a) The reply was that the building of schools was not the duty of the Council but that of the Education Department; if the Association would have funds for building, a site would be made available to them.
- (b) The deputation wanted well equipped playgrounds with supervisors as it was not safe to leave children all by themselves in a playground. The reply was that this request would be considered and that there were a few swings available. Then there were the bigger children to be considered, the deputation wanted the Council to have roughly laid out grounds without any fencing for tennis, and that they would get old racquets and balls from friends. This was to try and lessen the practice of gambling and roaming about the streets aimlessly of boys and girls during the holidays.

Here the members were asked to go and find out how many children would like to use these grounds.

VISITORS.

The Manager of the Non-European Affairs Department and Mrs. Carr showed their interest in our Association by attending one of our functions which we had during the year also Mr. Griffiths the Superintendent of Orlando West. The President/...

President of the National Council of African Women, Miss Soga came to address the Association. Mrs. Kuzwayo who is in charge of the Girls Club in Orlando addressed the Association on the need for mothers to take interest in Girls Clubs.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON NATIVE EDUCATION: COMMISSION'S REPORT HELD ON JULY 1st-3rd 1952.

Mrs. Ngakane and Mrs. Modise were delegates to this Conference.

REGISTRATION OF THE ASSOCIATION.

The Association could not fulfil its obligations as shown in the Constitution, it wanted to be of some service to the people, but it had no funds. According to the Social Welfare Organization Act, no Association was allowed to get funds from the public. The Association then made an application to be registered under the Social Welfare Organisation Act. It is a pleasure to report that this Association has now been registered. With this achievement it is the wish of the Association to be of some service to the most unfortunate people in our township.

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The Association is grateful to the Non-European Affairs Department for letting it have the free use of the Hall whenever it needed it. To Mr. Nicholas who willingly agreed to audit our books. To the Advisory Board members who were interested in the welfare Association. Also the Secretary of the Donaldson Orlando Community Centre, who always gave us the free use of the hall whenever we needed it. And also to the following friends who helped us whenever we assistance:- Captain Roo. Messrs. Makhetha, Lesolang, Mosaka, Pooe, Makeno, Ngakane, Rev. Mooki and Sandiana. The principals of schools especially the principal of the Orlando West Methodist School, who has allowed us the free use of one the classrooms, and all those who always supported our functions.

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ORLANDO MOTHERS' WELFARE ASSOCIATION

W.O. 1805

8171 Orlando West,
P.O. Orlando,
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Sir/Madam,

The members of the above Organisation, which is an old and recognised Association in Orlando, have decided to raise funds for the purpose of providing educational facilities for the thousands of African children who cannot be admitted to the existing schools owing to the inadequacy of accommodation and the absence of Government grants towards teachers' salaries.

A Firm of building contractors has very kindly donated the walls of three classrooms including doors and windows, the City Council of Johannesburg has donated a beautiful site, and the Principal of the Orlando Vocational Centre has guaranteed the labour for the building of the roof.

In order to complete the building, roofing material - wood and iron, are needed, and we are therefore appealing to you for a donation towards this worthy cause, and hope you will see your way clear to assisting us.

We shall be grateful for any help which you will give us, and are willing to meet you personally should you so desire.

Yours faithfully,

(Mrs) M . M . NGAKANE
PRESIDENT

(Mrs) G . NOBANDA
SECRETARY.

ORLANDO MOTHER'S WELFARE ASSOCIATION.

CONSTITUTION

- I. **NAME:** The name of the Association shall be :-
THE ORLANDO MOTHERS' WELFARE ASSOCIATION
herein-after referred to as the Association.
- II. **AREA OF OPERATION:** The Association shall operate within
the municipal area of Orlando.
- III. **AIMS AND OBJECTS:** The aims and objects of the Association shall
be:-
- (a) To do welfare work among the poorer people of Orlando.
 - (b) To draft and carry out a programme for the social, cultural and economic betterment of its members.
 - (c) To carry out such other programme as may be deemed necessary to achieve the above objects.
 - (d) To appoint, co-opt, or otherwise employ such staff and or officers as may be necessary to carry out the objects of the Association.
 - (e) To co-operate with any association or organisations whose aims are not in conflict with those of the Orlando Mothers' Welfare Association.
- IV. **MEMBERSHIP:** The membership of the Association shall be open to all women who are residents of Orlando and who subscribe to the above objects, provided that such women shall have paid a joining fee of 1/- (one shilling).
- V. **FEEES.** Upon joining the Association, every member shall pay a joining fee of 1/- (one shilling) and thereafter a monthly fee of 1/- (one shilling).
- VI. **MEETINGS:** The meetings of the Association shall be held twice a month or as often as the Executive Committee shall decide.
- VII. **OFFICE BEARERS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:** The Office Bearers

of the Association shall be elected every year at the Annual General Meeting of the members. The following shall be the office bearers:-

- (a) PRESIDENT,
- (b) CHAIRMAN.
- (c) VICE CHAIRMAN,
- (d) SECRETARY,
- (e) ASSISTANT SECRETARY,
- (f) TREASURER and two other members who together with the office bearers shall constitute the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

VIII DUTIES OF OFFICE BEARERS:

- (a) The PRESIDENT shall be the chief executive officer and shall be responsible for the smooth and effective running of the Association.
- (b) The Chairman shall preside over all meetings of the Association and shall satisfy herself that the constitution is observed.
- (c) The VICE CHAIRMAN shall carry out such duties as may be delegated to him/her by the chairman.
- (d) The SECRETARY shall be responsible for all the secretarial work of the Association.
- (e) The ASSISTANT SECRETARY shall assist the secretary and shall perform any such duties as shall be delegated to her by the secretary.
- (f) The TREASURER shall keep custody of all the FUNDS of the Association as directed by the Executive Committee and shall keep a detailed record of all monies received or paid out. The financial year shall end on the 31st December of each year.

IX. QUORUM:

- (a) Five members of the Executive Committee shall form a quorum.

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(b) Seven members shall form a quorum of the General Meeting.

X. FUNDS

All funds of the Association shall be deposited with the ST ANDREW'S BUILDING SOCIETY and no withdrawals of money shall be made except on the direction of the Executive Committee, application for such withdrawal being signed by the PRESIDENT the SECRETARY and the TREASURER.

XI. AMENDMENT OF CONSTITUTION: This constitution shall not be amended

except by a two-thirds majority of those present at a GENERAL MEETING, provided that at least fourteen days' notice of such proposed amendment is given in writing by the SECRETARY.

XII. DISSOLUTION: Upon dissolution and after paying and satisfying all

the claims and liabilities of the Association, the assets of this Association shall not be distributed or divided among the members, but shall be given to the CHILD WELFARE SOCIETY (Johannesburg branch).

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