

Y.M.C.A.DINNER:

3/13

Opening paragraphs for translation.

The President of the South African National Council of Y.M.C.As, The President of the Association, Members of the Board of Governors, Y.M.C.A.Sectional Leaders, Members of the South African National Council of Y.M.C.As, Ladies and Gentlemen:

It is indeed a pleasure for my wife and I to be with you this evening, on this the 80th anniversary of the commencement of your Organization's work in Johannesburg on the 10th September, 1888.

It is a privilege for me to welcome to this dinner the Hon. Dr. H. J. Klopper, who is not only the Speaker of the House of Assembly, but also the President of the South African National Council of Y.M.C.As. We are grateful to you, Sir, for sparing the time to be with us this evening, and join with us in our celebrations.

JOHANNESBURG:

September 6, 1968.

On occasions such as this I think one is entitled to <sup>be</sup>reminiscent <sup>mood</sup>and to pay tribute to those who have gone before <sup>these</sup>and who laid the foundations on which subsequent generations have built.

The Johannesburg YMCA was founded on September 10, 1888, and the first President of the Association was Dr. J. N. Martins, a pioneer Dutch Reformed Minister on the Reef. It was in Mr. Martin's manse that the first meetings of the Johannesburg YMCA were held, and there is a continuous record of eighty years of service by the YMCA in the City.

The first building was erected on a site in Pritchard Street, which site was later to become known as the Royal Arcade, and on December 3, 1888, President Paul Kruger laid the Foundation Stone of the Association's premises. Today the original stone can be seen in the facade of the Y's present building in Rissik Street.

Early in the century the Y occupied premises at the corner of Kruis and President Streets, and in 1912 moved to a new building in Joubert Street, which for forty years was a centre of activity for old and young.

The purchase of a sportsground, 22 acres in extent, at Bedfordview in 1938 proved a wonderful asset in more ways than one, for in addition to being of great significance in the lives of our young people, the ground has appreciated greatly in value. I believe that at the present time there is a tennis membership of 120, and <sup>that</sup>the YMCA/Church Soccer League includes 26 teams of young men who play every Saturday throughout the season. There is a YMCA cricket team in the Southern Transvaal Cricket Union, and the Y's

Christian Cricket Association comprises 14 teams. There is also a swimming bath and facilities for Hockey, Netball, etc.

In 1952 the present home of the YMCA in Rissik Street was opened, but today that building is inadequate for <sup>its</sup> ~~the~~ needs of ~~the~~ YMCA, so greatly has its work expanded. The present building can accommodate 166 residents, and there is a Gym and Body Building and Judo facilities, and a hall with a seating capacity of 500, but the Board of Governors already has plans in hand for considerable extensions, and in two years they hope to have 250 residents. All this, of course, costs money, and the YMCA is looking to the citizens of Johannesburg to support their appeal for R200,000: towards the cost of these extensions.

Over the years many leading members of the community have served on the Board of Governors - the late Mr. Bram Immink, for instance, was associated with the Y for more than 50 years and at different times held office <sup>of</sup> ~~as~~ Honorary Treasurer and President of the Movement, and today we have as President a very well-known figure in the City, Mr. Edwin Orr.

I would like to pay tribute to all those persons who have given of their time and energy, and to those who still give, for the benefit of the youth of this City and of South Africa. Many are the fields in which they labour, and many are the benefits the young receive. The House on Rissik Street provides a home, and relaxation, for young men studying and working in the City, the sportsground provides for their recreation, under-privileged children are catered

for at the Mayfair Hall, and there is much youth work done in the city during school holidays, scout troops, judo classes, tours, just to name a few, and I am proud to have been associated with the YMCA, <sup>& it's work</sup> and to have been on the Board of Governors.

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IE PRESIDENT VAN DIE SUID-AFRIKAANSE NASIONALE RAAD VAN DIE CHRIS-  
TELIKE VERENIGING VAN JONGMANS, DIE PRESIDENT VAN DIE VERENIGING, LEDE VAN DIE  
....., C. V. J. M. ...., LEDE VAN DIE SUID-  
AFRIKAANSE RAAD VAN C. V. J. M., DAMES EN HERE.

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DIT IS VIR BEIDE MY GADE EN MY, 'N GROOT GENOEË OM SAAM MET U VANAAND  
HIER MET DIE TAGTIGSTE VERJAARSDAG HERDENKING VAN DIE AANVANGSDATUM VAN  
U ORGANISASIE SE WERKSAAMHEDE HIER IN JOHANNESBURG OP DIE TIENDE SEPTEMBER  
AGTIENHONDERD EN AGT-EN-TAGTIG, TE VIER.

DIT IS VIR MY 'N AANGENAME VOORREG OM SY EDELE ~~DR.~~ H. J. KLOPPER BY  
HIERDIE <sup>beentse</sup> DINEE TE VERWELKOM. <sup>Mr</sup> ~~DR.~~ KLOPPER IS NIE NET DIE <sup>spreker</sup> ~~SPEAKER~~ VAN DIE  
VOLKSRAAD MAAR OOK DIE PRESIDENT VAN DIE SUID-AFRIKAANSE NASIONALE RAAD  
VAN C. V. J. M. ONS IS DANKBAAR (MENEER) DAT U TYD KON AFSTAAN OM SAAM MET  
ONS VANAAND TE WEES OM DIE GELEENTHEID TE VIER.

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YMCA

On occasions such as this entitled to be in reminiscent mood.

Pay tribute to those who have gone before - those who laid the foundations on which subsequent generations have built.

Johannesburg YMCA founded September 10, 1888.

First President Ds. J. N. Martins, pioneer D. R. C. Minister.

First meeting of Johannesburg Y held in his manse.

Continuous record of 80 years service by Y in the city.

First building on site in Pritchard Street, which site now known as Royal Arcade.

President Paul Kruger laid Foundation Stone December 3, 1888.

Today original stone in facade of Y's present Building in Rissik Street.

Early in century Y occupied premises corner Kruis & President Sts.

In 1912 moved to new building in Joubert Street.

For 40 years centre of activity for old and young.

1938 saw purchase of a sportsground, 22 acres in extent, at Bedfordview.

Wonderful asset. Great significance in lives of our young people, but in addition ground has appreciated greatly in value.

Tennis membership 120.

YMCA/Church Soccer League includes 26 teams - play every Saturday.

YMCA cricket team in the Southern Transvaal Cricket Union and Y's Christian Cricket Association comprises 14 teams.

There is also a swimming bath and facilities for hockey, netball, etc.

In 1952 present home of YMCA in Rissik Street opened.

Today building inadequate for Y's needs - work greatly expanded.

Present building can accommodate 166 residents, has a Gym, Body Building and Judo facilities, and a hall seating 500.

Board of Governors already planning considerable extensions.



Hope to have 250 residents in 2 years' time.

Costs money - looking to citizens of Johannesburg to support appeal for R200,000:

Over years many leading members of community have served.

Late Mr. Bram Immink. More than 50 years and at different times held office of Honorary Treasurer and President of Movement.

Today President well-known figure in the City, Mr. Edwin Orr.

Would like to pay tribute to all who have given of their time and energy, and to those who still give, for benefit of youth of this City and South Africa.

Many are the fields in which they labour, and many are the

benefits the young receive.

House on Rissik Street provides a home, and relaxation, for young men studying and working in the City.

Sportsground provides their recreation.

Under-privileged youngsters are catered for at Mayfair Hall.

*African week*  
Much youth work done in the city during school holidays:  
Scout troops, judo classes, tours of the city, to name a few.

Proud to have been associated with the YMCA and to have been on the Board of Governors.

JOHANNESBURG:

September 6, 1968.

RESUME OF HISTORY OF THE JOHANNESBURG YMCA.

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A site was purchased in Pritchard Street on which the first building was erected and this site later became known as the Royal Arcade. On December 3, 1888, His Honour President Paul Kruger laid the Foundation Stone of the Association's premises and the original stone has been incorporated in the facade of our present building in Rissik Street.

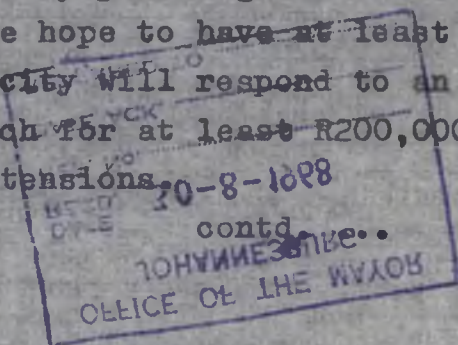
Early in the century we occupied premises at the corner of Kruis and President Streets, and in 1912, moved to a new building in Joubert Street, which for forty years was a centre of activity for old and young.

In 1938 a 22 acre sportsground was purchased in Bedfordview. This has proved to be a wonderful asset in more ways than one. The ground has appreciated at least thirty times on the purchase price but its significance in the lives of young folk is of far greater importance.

At present there is a Tennis Membership of 120. The YMCA/Church Soccer League includes 26 teams of young men who play every Saturday throughout the season. Cricket includes a YMCA team in the Southern Transvaal Cricket Union and the YMCA Christian Cricket Association comprises 14 teams. Their activities are scheduled to begin in October 14.

There is also a swimming bath and facilities for Hockey, Netball, etc.

In 1952, the present building in Rissik Street was opened and in spite of the fact we have accommodation for 166 residents, Gym, Body Building and Judo facilities, a main hall which holds up to 500 people, the building has proved inadequate for YMCA needs. The Board of Governors of the YMCA is already planning for considerable extension and in two years we hope to have at least 250 residents. We hope the city will respond to an Appeal which we hope to launch for at least R200,000.00 towards the cost of these extensions.



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The President of the Association is Mr. Edwin Orr and we have, over the years, been privileged to have leading members of the community on our Board. The late Mr. Bram Immink was for more than 50 years associated with us and at different times was Honorary Treasurer and President of the Movement.

We have served the youth of this city to the best of our ability and we acknowledge the help we have received from the City Council and the interest that has been shown in the YMCA by successive Mayors, two or three of whom have been YMCA members themselves.

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