

- (v) The trained Teachers (of equal qualification) were to be tested for their ability to assume full responsibility, with a view to appointing one as Senior, in charge of the Day Nursery.

A written report was called for, and it was recommended that future appointments should be dealt with by a Sub-Committee.

(iv) Official Supervision of Nursery School:

Miss Brosius explained that her Department sought terms of reference if supervision was to be undertaken in an official capacity. Ordinarily Mrs. Toner would be nominated to this responsibility. The Chairman requested that decision be deferred for the time being.

5. GENERAL:

- (i) Official Opening Ceremony: It was noted that some grievance existed in regard to the arrangements made. The Board of Management noted that too much accent had been placed on the European viewpoint at the Ceremony, and resolved that in future functions the wishes of the Members of the Centre, and of the African community generally, should have preference.

- (ii) Building: The expiry of the retention period, on 8th November 1949, was noted.

- (iii) Christmas party: Preliminary consideration had been given by the Chairman to the appropriate form of a Christmas celebration for Members at the Centre.

It was thought that a meal should be provided, with other refreshment, and that a Christmas Tree should form the central attraction for the children.

The Board agreed to a maximum of £25 as an estimate of the cost of a Christmas party for members, on the lines suggested, though it was felt that members would contribute to the occasion, and that food and other gifts in kind, and toys for the tree, would be largely donated.

6. Unfinished business was deferred to the next meeting, including a decision on the venue of future meetings.

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CHAIRMAN.

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WITWATERSRAND & SOUTHERN TRANSVAAL REGION.

NATIONAL WAR MEMORIAL - MOROKA CENTRE.

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT.

NOTICE is given that the eighth meeting of the Board of Management will be held at the MOROKA CENTRE on THURSDAY AFTERNOON, 23rd MARCH 1950, at 4.30 p.m..

Members of the Board are asked to co-operate in arranging lifts, to ensure minimum transport.

*J.C.D. Orr*  
(J.C.D. Orr.)  
SECY/TREASURER  
TO THE BOARD.

15th March 1950.  
Hut No.8,  
Union Grounds,  
JOHANNESBURG.  
P.O. Box No. 8446.  
Telephone No. 22-0406.

A G E N D A.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS.

1. Confirmation of Minutes of 16th February 1950.
2. Matters arising :
  - (a) Public Liability Insurance.
  - (b) Subsidised Foods.
  - (c) Staff Accommodation.
  - (d) Woman Organiser :  
(Sub Committee to report.)
  - (e) Building lectures :  
Change of date.
3. Budget : 1950/51 Sub Committee to report. (Circulated)
4. Supervisor's Report. (Circulated)
5. Secretary's Report. (Circulated)
6. Appointment to post of Assistant Supervisor.
7. Transport.
8. Improvements to Grounds. (Regional Chairman to report.)
9. General :
  - (a) Authority for payment of current accounts.
  - (b) Honorary Secretary.
  - (c) Next Meeting of the Board.
  - (d) Maintenance Contract.
  - (e) Capital Subsidy. (Chairman to report.)

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NATIONAL WAR MEMORIAL HEALTH FOUNDATION:

(Witwatersrand and Southern Transvaal Region)

NATIONAL WAR MEMORIAL - MOROKA CENTRE:

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT:

Minutes of the EIGHTH meeting of the Board of Management held at Moroka Centre on Thursday, 23rd March, 1950, at 4.30 p.m.

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PRESENT:

Dr. C.C.P. Anning (in the Chair)  
Mrs. T.C. Bhengu.  
Mr. P.G.W. Bormann.  
Rev. L. du Manoir.  
Mrs. M.B. Grant.  
Mr. L. Ncwana.  
Mr. V.N. Pahlana (Non-European Boys' Clubs Association)  
Miss M. Ryan.  
Mr. J. L. Tsatsinyane.  
Mrs. Maida Whyte.  
Mr. Graham Young.  
Mrs. P. Scarnell Lean (representing the Secretary)  
Mrs. K. Theron.

IN ATTENDANCE: Miss D. Pybus.

APOLOGIES:

Miss E. Brosius.  
Commander C.E.D. Enoch.  
Mr. D.M. Cadle.  
Mrs. J. Marsh.  
Mr. T.D. Young.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Minutes of the Seventh Meeting held on 16th February, 1950, which had been circulated, were confirmed and signed.

2. MATTERS ARISING:

- (a) Public Liability Insurance: The Secretary reported that a further cover of £2. 10. 0d had been quoted to cover organised excursions away from the Centre premises. The Board agreed that this should be paid.
- (b) Subsidised Foodstuffs: Traders had been approached and agreed to the scheme if foodstuffs are sold only to members on the Centre premises.
- (c) Staff Accommodation: Mr. Graham Young reported that there had been some delay in the matter of the site and asked that the matter be considered again next month.
- (d) Woman Organiser: An advertisement had been inserted in the Bantu World.
- (e) Building Lectures: The Supervisor reported that these had started on the 19th March, and there was an attendance of 30 members.

3. BUDGET, 1950:

This amounted to £4,860, of which £2,740 would have to be provided by the Region. It was suggested that Sanitation and Water Fees might be waived if application were made to the Municipality, and the Region was asked to take this matter up.

The Supervisor asked for an assistant cook. There was real necessity for this post owing to the large number of children to be fed and also for the reason that no provision was made for relief during holiday periods. The Centre did not close for holidays. The Chairman said that provision in the Budget had been made for extra help to be obtained. The sum of £900 had been originally estimated, and this was increased to £1,000. It was agreed to insert "1 extra domestic help".

The Budget was passed by the Board of Management for forwarding to the Region.

4. SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

This report had been circulated. Arising from this the Supervisor said that the Women's Work Classes met on Wednesday mornings for sewing with a membership of 10. Mrs. Bhengu said the class was so small because there was no material to use, and members were not inclined to come and sit and do nothing. Mr. Bormann reported that there was material already cut out in the cupboard. It was evident that this was not suitable for the women to buy for themselves. It was suggested that it should be made up and then sold at a sale of work, the money then being used for new material.

The Mothers' Club lacked a leader, and the women were not able to join the Work Class because of the inconvenience of the time: Wednesday morning some of them attended the Cooking Class.

It was reported that one extra teacher would be appointed for the Night Class, making a total of 4. It was agreed that the total of students should not be more than 120. It was further agreed that when Mrs. Bhengu reports to the Supervisor that the total of 120 has been reached he shall open a waiting list for the filling of future vacancies and shall post a notice indicating that the class is full.

Mr. Ncwana, the Advisory Board Representative, asked for information as to the running of the various activities of the Centre, as he had had several letters of complaint and before tabling these he wished to know the procedure. It was reported that the Sub-Committee appointed had recommended that the first discussion of complaints should be with the Supervisor.

Mrs. Bhengu was worried about the charges that were being made for entertainments at the Centre and was of the opinion that Club facilities were free. The Supervisor said that no charge was ever made for the cinema shows. The Band for a dance cost £15, and the charge of 2/6d per ticket was only just sufficient to meet this. With regard to the 6d charged for concerts, the money was given to the artists to buy music, hire pianos for rehearsing, etc. Mrs. Theron thought that entertainments were not to be regarded as "facilities" of the Centre but rather as "extras".

5. SECRETARY'S REPORT:

An advertisement had been inserted in the Bantu World for the post of Assistant Supervisor. There had been 16 applicants, and this had been short-listed to four. Rev. du Manoir suggested that it be left to the Chairman and the Supervisor to interview these, but Mr. Ncwana was of the opinion that the whole list should be scrutinised by the Board.

It was decided that a Sub-Committee consisting of the Chairman, Mrs. Theron, Mr. Ncwana and Mr. Bormann (ex officio) should go into the matter and that the file of applications should be available to the whole Board.

6. TRANSPORT:

This matter was still under consideration. The Chairman asked that a list of the reasons for transport should be submitted to the next meeting.

7. IMPROVEMENTS TO THE GROUNDS:

Owing to the absence of the Regional Chairman, Commander C.E.D. Enoch, Mr. Graham Young made the report.

There was the sum of £300 available for the project, which was not really sufficient for the plans proposed. The cutting and filling as envisaged in Mr. Mallows' plan would be an enormous job, and would need heavy equipment to do it. The three levellings would be a major engineering job and the Non-European Affairs Department could not undertake the work. They could, however, proceed with the planting of the grass and trees, (if the Centre members would dig the holes for the latter), and the demonstration garden. Top soil would be needed for the grass. He thought the Municipality would do the final stages of the improvements if someone could be got to do the big task of levelling. It was suggested that the Transvaal Roads Administration might be approached. Tipping would be cheaper than cutting, but it would be a long job. The suggestion that manual labour could be employed was ruled out as not being any cheaper. The lowest salary would be £8 a month, and with a team of 50 the work could not be completed in less than several months. Mrs. Lean undertook to consult a Civil Engineer informally about this problem.

8. GENERAL:

- (a) Authority for payment of current accounts was given.
- (b) Next Meeting: The fourth Thursday of the month was decided and the next meeting to be held in the Foundation Offices on the 28th April, depending on whether Mr. Cadle could bring the members in.
- (c) Honorary Secretary: Offers were wanted for this position, but there was no one available at the moment.
- (d) Maintenance Contract: The Secretary reported that this contract would be in the region of £100 a year. This was felt to be excessive, and it was decided personally to contact the City Electrical Engineer about this.

(e)/ .....

(e) Capital Subsidy: The Chairman reported that the Government had granted a 50% subsidy on the building. Mr. Ncwana expressed the Centre's great gratitude for this generous action.

Mr. Graham Young was distressed that, though there had been a Committee investigating into the running of the Centre, the complaints were just as many. He felt little confidence that things could be put right, but suggested that the Chairman and Mrs. Theron should investigate the problems. Mr. Bormann offered his resignation but this was not accepted. It was stressed that complaints should first go to the Supervisor, but the Chairman undertook to deal with the matter as soon as possible.

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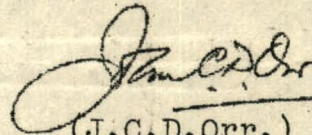
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NATIONAL WAR MEMORIAL - MOROKA CENTRE.

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT.

N O T I C E is given that the ninth meeting of the Board of Management will be held at the Foundation's Offices on THURSDAY EVENING, 27th April 1950, at 7 p.m.



(J.C.D. Orr.)  
SECY/TREASURER  
TO THE BOARD.

21st April 1950.  
Hut No.8,  
Union Grounds,  
JOHANNESBURG.

Post Office Box No. 8446.

Telephone Number 22-0406.

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A G E N D A.

1. Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting of 23rd March 1950.
2. Matters Arising.
3. Report of Sub Committee.
4. Supervisor's Report.
5. Appointments.
6. Confirmation of business dealt with since meeting of 23/3/50.
7. Maintenance of Fabric - (Mrs. Lean to report.)
8. Equipment.
9. Maternity Leave.
10. General.

*Mr. Whyte.*

NATIONAL WAR MEMORIAL HEALTH FOUNDATION

12 MAY 1950

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT - MOROKA CENTRE.

SPECIAL MEETING.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that a special meeting of the Board, convened at short notice and by request of the Chairman, will be held at the Foundation's Offices, Hut No.8, Union Grounds, Johannesburg, on WEDNESDAY, 17th MAY, 1950, at 1 p.m..  
Your attendance is earnestly desired.

SPECIAL BUSINESS : The Board's recommendation to the Regional Executive Committee has now been referred back for re-consideration, with an instruction to review the situation arising out of complaints concerning the working relationship between the Supervisor and the representatives of other bodies engaged in activities of the Centre.

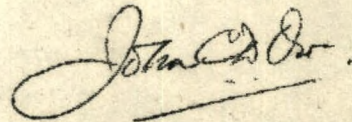
Minutes of the meeting of the Regional Executive Committee will be forwarded to you in due course.

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Union Grounds,  
JOHANNESBURG.

Post Office Box 8446.

Telephone No. 22-0406.

11th May 1950.



(J.C.D. Orr.)  
SECRETARY/TREASURER.



*Mr. R. J.*

*This only this  
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morning 26/5*

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NATIONAL WAR MEMORIAL - MOROKA CENTRE.

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT.

NOTICE

is given that the tenth meeting of the Board of Management will be held at the MOROKA CENTRE on THURSDAY AFTERNOON, 25th MAY 1950, at 4.30 p.m..

Members of the Board are asked to co-operate in arranging lifts, to ensure minimum transport.

Members will appreciate that because special business has recently absorbed the Committee's time, routine matters have been held over. The balance of the Agenda tabled on April 27th, from item 4 onward, must be dealt with, with the inclusion of staff matters, Supervisor's report for April, and general routine. A new Agenda has therefore **not** been issued.

*John C. D. Orr*

(J.C.D.Orr.)  
SECY/TREASURER  
TO THE BOARD.

22nd May 1950.

Hut No.8,  
Union Grounds,  
JOHANNESBURG.

P.O. Bcx No.8446.

Telephone No. 22-0406.

NATIONAL WAR MEMORIAL HEALTH FOUNDATION:

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT:

MOROKA CENTRE:

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Board, adjourned from Wednesday, 17th May, 1950, held at the Foundation offices, Hut 8, Union Grounds, Johannesburg, on Monday, 22nd May, 1950, at 1 p.m.

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PRESENT:

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|-------------------------------------|--|
| Dr. C.C.P. Anning<br>(in the Chair) | Mr. V.N. Pahlana.                        |
| Mrs. T.C. Bhengu.                   | Mrs. R. Sherwood.                        |
| Miss E. Brosius.                    | Mr. F.J. Thabede.                        |
| Mr. D.M. Cadle.                     | Mrs. C. Toner.                           |
| Rev. L. du Manoir.                  | Mr. L.J. Tsatsinyane.                    |
| Cmdr. C.E.D. Enoch.                 | Mr. J. Graham Young.                     |
| Dr. C. Kaplan.                      | Mr. T.D. Young.                          |
| Mrs. J. Marsh.                      | Mr. J.C.D. Orr (Secretary/<br>Treasurer) |
| Mr. L.D. Nwana.                     |  |

APOLOGIES:

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| Dr. R. Phillips. | Mrs. M.B. Grant.  |
| Miss M. Ryan.    | Mrs. D.A. Watson. |

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1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Minutes of the meeting (adjourned) held on 17th May, 1950, were confirmed.

2. SUB-COMMITTEE'S REPORT:

Dr. Anning reported that the Sub-Committee had pursued its inquiries, following the instructions received from the Regional Executive Committee, and as confirmed in the special meeting of the Board on 17th May. In presenting the report (on behalf of the Sub-Committee) Dr. Anning stressed that his remarks must be recorded as given in his personal capacity (though he felt that his colleague on the Sub-Committee, Mrs. Theron, would agree with him), and not from the Chair.

Dr. Anning stated that the Sub-Committee had a recommendation to place before the Board, and on which from the Chair he would presently invite debate.

In the event of the recommendation not being acceptable to the Board, however, Dr. Anning assured the Board at once that he would NOT resign. He deplored the suggestions recently put forward, that resignations would be involved if the Board took such and such a course, or if its own recommendations were not accepted.

Dr. Anning then explained that he had carried out the instruction to continue his inquiry into the conduct of activities, to establish if possible whether other organisations expressed discontent. The extent of this inquiry had been left to his discretion. With one exception, he had found no evidence of friction, and no complaint had been put forward.

The simple task of the Sub-Committee thus discharged, and lacking substantial evidence of discord, the Sub-Committee desired to RECOMMEND:-

That/ .....

That the situation be reconsidered in three months time, making no change at present, in order to afford the Supervisor a limited time to prove that he could make a success of his job.

Father du Manoir proposed, and Mr. Thabede seconded, that this recommendation be adopted.

The matter was then thrown open for discussion.

Members were reminded that the issue was not the fate of an individual; but of the Centre. It was alleged that the expression of complaint might be likened to the visible part of an ice-berg, with the invisible representing the greater danger.

In criticising the recommendation, Mr. Graham Young said that over much attention had been paid to organisers, heads of departments and people outside Moroka. These were not the people in closest touch with the Centre.

Those entitled to be consulted were the staff, the people (members); the Advisory Board, School Teachers, and all others vitally interested in the Centre. (Dr. Anning pointed out that the instructions to the Sub-Committee had stated "Organisations", not "individuals".)

It was, in fact, counterclaimed that only individuals, and not groups or organisations, had brought complaint.

It was admitted that no serious element of competition could arise. The recreational officers would merely be transferred to other premises, and the range of activity (of either) would not be impaired.

Supporting the motion, Mr. Thabede said that the experiment (of three months) was warranted in view of the youth of the Centre which had still to mark its first anniversary. The Supervisor is obliged to depend largely on his own initiative. If he fails to prove himself within the suggested three months, then the Board may have to take the drastic step. He warned that anyone attaining prominence in the Township was necessarily a target for malice and often a victim of "location politics."

He felt that the Foundation would be making a profound error of judgment if it were induced to take hasty action on this issue. The complaints which had been put forward were in themselves so trivial that to act upon them would involve grave injury and injustice.

Mr. Tsatsinyane (Members representative) said that he was concerned that the complaints had come to the Board as from independent persons. They had not been brought in the first instance to the Supervisor. No complaints had come from the members themselves, nor through the members representatives. For these reasons he desired to dissociate himself from further discussion, as a gesture of protest.

The Vice-Chairman asked that the motion be put to the meeting. On a show of hands it was defeated.

Commander Enoch then moved that the matter be referred back to the Regional Committee, with the intimation that

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the Board had carefully reconsidered its findings and despite a recommendation from the Sub-Committee to the contrary, the majority opinion of the Board endorsed its earlier decision.

The amendment to the recommendation (as recorded on 17th May 1950) was to be brought to the notice of the Regional Committee. This was agreed.

It was requested that the Regional Committee should meet as soon as possible.

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CHAIRMAN.

Moroka Community Centre,

JOHANNESBURG.

23rd May 1950.

The National Secretary,  
National War Memorial Health Foundation,  
P.O. Box 8446,  
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Sir,

The advice and guidance which you have generously afforded to me during the past month, covering a period of great personal strain, have been a source of comfort to me, and I want to offer my thanks.

In our mutual discussions we have gone a long way towards understanding, and in clearing up difficulties, by developing an appreciation of the other's point of view.

For my part I regret that I have not been able to convey my point of view to the Board of Management, having been absent, by reason of my position in relation to the Board, from the Board's discussions on the supervision of the Centre, and the complaints which have been put forward by some individuals in respect of such supervision. I make the point advisedly that these complaints have been brought by individuals, rather than by groups or organisations.

I have expressed surprise that complaints should have been brought to the Board rather than to myself as Supervisor, and I regard the "incidents" as trivial. I would go so far as to state that the occurrences quoted have reflected an attitude in which there is neither loyalty towards the Centre, nor responsibility in its undertakings. For this reason I have not agreed with the findings of the Sub-Committee.

It is perhaps difficult for me to express myself clearly, but I have been trying to show my own feelings about Moroka Community Centre and its development. I recognise of course that the Board of Management has been set up by the Region to govern the Centre, and to state its policy. I had hoped to be allowed to develop the activities more on the lines of my own interpretation of Community activity, but have been fettered to some extent by the stated policy of the Board. (Not a criticism, but a statement of fact.)

I feel it is very necessary to differentiate between such activities which can be regarded as offering assistance in the general programme of a Community Centre as such, and those others which have an air of independence, that is to say a separate control, owing no loyalty to the Centre, and with a responsibility to another authority. In my view this latter condition is not consistent with the Policy of Community Centre development.

In the discussions which have been held during the month, an unfortunate generalisation has been used in referring to Municipal employees, rather than recreational organisers. This is regretted. I have not at any time brought complaints myself, but have noted a lack of appreciation on the one hand as shown by certain users of the Centre, ready to magnify the slightest fault, as compared with a tolerance and readiness to improvise to overcome difficulties, as exhibited by others.

My work has been handicapped by certain obvious defects, some of which have given rise to the major problems: e.g. lack of liaison; of transport; of equipment. Satisfaction of these things alone would have materially assisted me in my work of developing the Centre.

Much appears to have been made of the fear of competition. Membership of the Centre is on the increase, and some success has been proved in developing membership on a family basis. At best, the Centre can provide effective services for approximately 1,000 people: say 100 pre-school children, 400 of school age, and 500 adults. These would be drawn from a radius of 1 mile from the Centre. Competition, in a township with a population of 80,000 would surely be welcome.

The outcome of the further discussions of the Board, in two special meetings, has been conveyed to me. I accept the fact that there is a body of opinion against me. For various reasons the Board has endorsed its earlier recommendation. Sadly, these discussions have already taken too much time and injury has been done.

I do not wish to cause further deliberations of this problem but I wish to make one request.

I would appreciate your placing this letter before the Regional Committee at its next meeting, if the Chairman of the Board will agree to this course.

I have no desire whatever to antagonise any member of the Board, or to embarrass the governing body in view of its decision. I must repeat, however, that for reasons stated I have not been able to carry my point of view to the Board.

I ask that I may be given a period of three months in which to prove the validity of my contention that the Centre will thrive if a different line of policy is adopted, and if a woman organiser can be appointed at an early date, equipment purchased (as promised), and with a sincere attempt to solve the difficulties created by lack of transport and liaison. No other cost need be involved.


As an earnest of my sincerity to the National War Memorial Moroka Centre I here and now offer my resignation from the service of the Centre at a date three months ahead. I want only the time to prove my point.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) P.G.W.BORMANN.

(P.G.W.Bormann.)  
CENTRE SUPERVISOR:

THE CHAIRMAN HAS APPROVED THAT THIS LETTER BE BROUGHT TO THE REGIONAL COMMITTEE ON 29TH INSTANT. I AM DIRECTED TO HAND A COPY TO MEMBERS OF THE BOARD AS A MATTER OF COURTESY.

  
(J.C.D.Orr.)  
SECRETARY TO THE BOARD.

N O T E: For reasons of convenience the March report (which was not circulated to the Board) and the April report (submission of which was delayed due to abnormal circumstances at the Centre) have now been combined and paraphrased for the sake of brevity.

REPORT OF THE CENTRE SUPERVISOR TO THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT OF THE NATIONAL WAR MEMORIAL - MOROKA CENTRE, FOR THE PERIOD 1ST MARCH TO 30TH APRIL, 1950.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your Supervisor reports as follows, on Staff and Domestic matters, Membership, Nursery School, and activities of the Centre.

A. STAFF:

|  | <u>MARCH</u>                                  | <u>APRIL</u>                   |
|--|---|--------------------------------|
| (1) Admin. Supervisor                          | Peter G.W. Bormann.                           |                                |
| Assistant                                      | Harold J. Butelezi.                           |                                |
| (2) General Night Watchman                     | James Schaule.                                |                                |
| Cleaners                                       | Headman Mayekiso.                             |                                |
| "  | Albert Dlamini.                               |                                |
| (3) Nursery School Acting Head Teacher:        | Miss P. Motsepe.                              | Mrs. M. Mbalo.                 |
| Teacher: Babies' Group                         | Miss M. Masilane.                             | Miss M. Monama                 |
| " : Middle Group                               | Mrs. M. Mballo.                               | Miss M. Masilane.              |
| " : Senior Group                               | Miss M. Monama.                               | Miss P. Motsepe                |
| Nursery Cook                                   | : Mrs. Caroline Mokgabutlane                  |                                |
| Assistant Cook                                 | : Mrs. Kate Msimang.                          |                                |
| Domestic                                       | : Mrs. E. Nkosi. Mrs. E. Mofokeng.            |                                |
| General Helper                                 | : Mrs. R. Serero.                             |                                |
| (untrained assistant) :                        |   |                                |
| (Mrs. E. Nkosi left to take up a better post.) |   |                                |
| (4) <u>Welfare Workers</u> :                   | Case Work :                                   | Miss E. Maki. Miss M. Motanga. |
|  | Recreation :                                  | Mr. M. Siphale. Mr. P. Ncaca,  |
|  | Visiting Club:                                | J. Matlale and S. Maloza.      |
|  | leaders.                                      |                                |
| (5) <u>Seconded Staff</u> :                    |   |                                |
| Literacy & Continuation Classes                | : Mrs. T. C. Bhengu and Mrs. C. Mbatha.       |                                |
| Women's Club                                   | : Mrs. M. Quinn. Mrs. Morgan. Mrs. Ramopoine. |                                |
| Senior Boys' Club                              | : Mr. Cannon Nqandela.                        |                                |
| St. John Ambulance Brigade                     | : Sister White.                               |                                |

The assistance given under headings (4) and (5) is acknowledged with thanks.

B. MEMBERSHIP : Some difficulty has been experienced in enrolling as members all persons participating in the Centre activities. Disruption also occurs during seasonal or school holidays, and arrears cannot be collected for a period of absence.

The Register of Membership is now being revised, to afford a better means of classification and to reflect the range of the members' interest in the Centre's activities. Group leaders are asked to co-operate both in collection of monthly dues, and in maintenance of an up-to-date record.

The following nominal roll reflects a small, but steady increase :-

1950 : end January : end February : end March : end April :

536 : 604 : 666 : 725 :

New enrolments average 60 to 70 per month, and there is a necessarily floating population. It may be stated, however, that members of good standing (i.e. 3 to 6 months attendance) represent 50% to 60% of the above nominal roll.

C. NURSERY SCHOOL :-

Attendance March.

| Group  | No. on Roll | No. of Days | Total of Attendance | Average daily Attendances. |
|--------|-------------|-------------|---------------------|----------------------------|
| Babies | 24          | 27          | 508                 | 18.4                       |
| Middle | 28          | 27          | 612                 | 22.6                       |
| Top    | 40          | 27          | 757                 | 28.0                       |
|        | 92          | 81          | 1877                | 69.0                       |

Attendance April.

| Group  | No. on Roll | No. of Days | Total of Attendances | Average daily Attendances. |
|--------|-------------|-------------|----------------------|----------------------------|
| Babies | 22          | 23          | 358                  | 15.5                       |
| Middle | 32          | 23          | 564                  | 24.5                       |
| Senior | 41          | 23          | 672                  | 29.2                       |
|        | 95          | 23          | 1594                 | 68.8                       |

Changes are recorded as occasioned through families leaving the area, through transfer to a higher age group, through sickness, and (rarely) through the parents request.

Routine medical and dental examinations are regularly carried out, involving vaccination, injections, visits to clinic, and so on. The entire staff has also had a "medical". Our thanks are due to Dr. Eisenberg and staff, Dr. Jean Laing, Dental Students, and to Mrs. Toner and Mr. Cadle for transport.

The Nursery School is running smoothly and happily, but lack of the equipment for constructive play (promised many months ago) is proving a handicap.

All towels and bags were marked during March, and the Easter holidays afforded the Staff an opportunity of washing and airing blankets, and of spring cleaning.

Some wear-and-tear is reported. Screws are missing from the nursery furniture, and replacement of canvas for the chairs is becoming necessary.

A special programme was arranged for the children at Easter time, and a Sunday Party was held, at which our children were hosts to the Moroka/Jabavu Nursery School. Refreshments were provided, and an entertainment given by courtesy of the Jan H. Hofmeyr School students was much enjoyed.

A separate report of this event has been handed to the Chairman of the Board.

D. ADULT CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES :

The normal club activities have been continued throughout March and April, with an interruption during Easter. The following notes will be of interest.

- (i) Women's Work Classes : Articles being made are boys' trousers, men's and Boys' shirts.



(ii) Boys' Clubs :

- (a) Senior : The need for gymnasium and games equipment is again emphasised.
- (b) Intermediate : Similar need. The work of the Club is sorely handicapped. Softball practice has been suspended due to broken bat.
- (c) Junior : This Club attracts a number of youngsters not enrolled as members.

(iii) Girls' Clubs : The need for a Woman Organiser continues to be felt, though good work is being done by the staff and visiting students. Fifteen members are now preparing for the Junior Red Cross Home Nursing Examination.

E. GENERAL ACTIVITIES :

- (i) Literacy Classes : Roll is 34, and the group have asked for an extension of time from 8.30 to 12 noon. A class in Home Nursing has been started.
- (ii) Continuation Classes : Membership of 114. It is hoped to include First Aid Classes in due course.
- (iii) St. John Ambulance Lectures : These are proving popular. The staff attends, and an application has been made for a further schedule.
- (iv) Std. V. and VI. Classes : Started in March, and a teacher is in attendance. There are signs of increased interest.
- (v) Study Groups - J.C. and Matric : Some assistance in teaching is required. The group discusses a prepared course of study.
- (vi) Vegetable Club : Membership has fluctuated erratically, and shows a tendency of falling off. Suspended in the last week of April.
- (vii) Adult Education Committee : Building Lectures.  
Due to interruption of this schedule over Easter, the course has extended into May.
- (viii) Road Safety Lectures : An organised campaign has been conducted between 17th and 25th April, giving instruction to all school children in the township.
- (ix) Debate : Preparation for a meeting in June, when the Centre opposes the Donaldson at Orlando, has been started. "Does Recreation prevent Juvenile Delinquency in African Society to-day?"
- (x) Dances : Two held during April. It is hoped later to stage a "benefit" to raise money for a piano.
- (xi) Concerts : Two held during the month. These are a popular feature.
- (xii) Special Easter Programme : The Staff and Students from Jan Hofmeyr School combined in a programme covering April 7th to 10th. (See report to Chairman).

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