

Professor R.F.Alfred Hoernlè.

5th June, 1939.

from the Institute. The Institute, we believe, and expect it, to be merely a fact finding body and leaving the application of such information to the logically qualified organisations and leaders of the people concerned.

In this matter of students going overseas the Institute may publish the pamphlet as described in my memo and may, if it so desire, deal with the matter of the issue of passports as a principle so that there should be no refusal on racial basis. Africans have been going overseas for study long before the Institute was dreamed of. The majority have been a success. There have been failures and miscalculations here and there but that is to be expected anywhere and among any race.

No one can predict whether an individual will have a successful student career even after long acquaintance. One of our ablest professional men was told by his school here that he was not university education material; but he made a brilliant record in his medical studies in Great Britain.

My attitude has not, in any way, been modified by your revised scheme, as this does not conform to our national aspirations of no discriminations based on race or colour.

You say in your letter "we ought not to diminish our usefulness by personal friction." I wish to emphasise that nothing in what I have said has been actuated by any personal motives or friction. I am concerned less about persons including myself. If I had personal interests to serve I would conform and become popular and not follow my honest convictions and the dictates of my conscience as I often do. I am chiefly concerned with the principles of fair play and even justice. I believe that there can be no justice without equality of opportunity, equal treatment and possibility for the advancement of all the races. These considerations and these alone, condition my attitude and action.

Judged by your present scheme and other negotiations, the policy of your Institute does not seem either to recognise or to accept this attitude.

With best regards,

Yours sincerely,



Personal -  
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508 Lebone Street  
6th June 1939  
Dunville location  
Shamesbury

Dr. A. B. Numa,

Dear Sir,

We the undersigned respectfully wish to interview you in connection with some very important business which we intend running in South Africa which will be connected with a certain Negro firm in the United States. As you are a distinguished African man we would like to get your advice and help in this matter. We will be glad if you will reply and arrange for a suitable day on which to come and see you.

Thank you Sir,  
Faithfully yours,  
Cameron Bendice.  
Edward Mkhena.



Race Relations

ABX 390607a  
Lawn House  
Alveston

June 7<sup>th</sup> 1939

Stratford on Avon

Dear Dr. Xuma.

I remember that I promised to let you know that I had arrived safely in England. I am afraid I have been a long time about doing so - I had an excellent voyage and am very well indeed.

I hope you are well and the children and your sister.

I wonder if you will see Geoffrey before he sails - he may be in Johannesburg for an educational conference that Race Relations are having about the beginning of July I think. Do get in touch with him if you can.

I hear that Mrs. Rogers has had to give up the Star of India restaurant as it didn't pay -

I feel awfully sorry for her for I  
know she put all her savings  
into it - and I am very sorry too  
for the Lawsons, her nephew & wife, who came  
over to help with it. I don't know  
why it didn't do better. I went there  
fairly often last winter and took  
some friends but it ~~was~~ always  
seemed almost empty. I think  
it was a mistake calling it an  
'Indian' restaurant. I am trying  
to find out about the Lawsons and  
what they are going to do.

How is 'lo'Ang? I get the  
Bante word sent here and there  
still seems to be a lot of fuss  
going on about Alexandria Township  
etc - I sometimes think all  
white South Africans are mad, but  
we can't put them all in a mental  
home, there are too many of them -  
if we could have them psycho-analysed to  
what good? Please remember me  
to your sister & the children  
Yours sincerely  
Eleanor Roosevelt



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June 7th, 1939.

*Race Relations*

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JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Dr. Xuma,

Many thanks for your letter to me of 5th instant. I want to thank you very warmly for having expressed your views with such frankness, and even with a degree of vigour which was perhaps not quite necessary. We are all trying to do our best for the Africans going overseas, and we welcome every criticism which either helps us to avoid making a mistake, or which constructively promotes the attainment of the end which we have in view. I regard your criticism, even of the revised scheme, as definitely helpful in making us even more fully aware than we had been, of the objections to the scheme by yourself and some of your friends. Replies to, and comments on, the revised ~~circular~~ are only now beginning to come in, and no further steps will be taken by us, until we feel that we have received a representative collection of opinions. If these opinions support your criticisms, you may be sure that we shall give you full credit for the help that you will thereby have given us. In any case, I want to make it quite clear that the Institute at present has no policy in this matter at all; no decision of any kind has been taken which commits the Institute to any one scheme or any one line of action. The position is perfectly open, and it may be that in the end we shall decide not to do anything more than to publish a pamphlet of information (such as you, too, approve of), and to offer to give any additional help for which any African proceeding overseas may care to ask.

*scheme*

Your letter reads/as if you thought that the Institute, as such, has already committed itself, in principle, to taking action along the lines of the revised scheme. If this is what you think, you must allow me to correct you. The situation, so far, is as follows: On his return from his visit overseas, Senator Jones reported to us the impressions which he had gathered from conversations with the Africans overseas whom he had met and with various English men and women who are keenly interested in the welfare of Africans overseas. Out of his impressions he had formulated his original scheme which, so far, was nothing more than his personal effort to draw the attention of the Institute to what he believed to be a genuine problem and to outline a possible line of action. When this scheme was



submitted to the Executive, it was criticised from various points of view, and the revised scheme was sent out in order to obtain further expressions of opinion. The Executive will not consider the whole matter further, until we have sufficient opinions to enable us to feel that, whatever we may decide to do, will be acceptable, at any rate, to the majority of those whom we desire to assist. Even if the Executive should finally endorse a scheme, it would not be brought into operation until it had been submitted to, and authorised by, the Council of the Institute. And, as I said above, it is quite possible that, when all the information has come in, the Executive may either decide to do nothing at all, or to restrict ~~itself~~ <sup>action</sup> for the present merely to making all possible information and advice concerning conditions overseas available to those that ask for it.

Your reference, to a "desperate attempt" to link ourselves with Government departments reveals a complete and regrettable misunderstanding of the spirit in which we are trying to deal with the whole problem.

With many thanks for your helpful criticisms,

Yours sincerely,

*R.F. Alfred Hoernle*

R.F. ALFRED HOERNLE  
PRESIDENT

S.A. INSTITUTE OF RACE RELATIONS

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personal

1016 Cameron Ave  
Winston-Salem, N.C.  
June 11, 1939

Dear Alfred,

School has closed and I feel greatly relieved you can be assured - From now on I shall try to write more often - I am dead tired too. I have had numbers of people to contact me about teaching children and Adults piano and organ music for the summer - Don't think I'll consider it though for I need all the practice I can get for myself.

Today on the radio we heard a very interesting <sup>talk</sup> on South Africa by a Mrs Hughes, I think who has only recently returned from Cape Town. She was the guest of Dr. and Mrs. R.R. Wright - She was interested in looking over the Mission fields for the A.M.E. Church. Her talk was both inspiring and educational - I am going to send those pictures when I write next time. I didn't get them back in time to send in this letter -

Have you started negotiations yet relative to my coming over - I am getting all keyed up over the expected trip there.

My supervisor called me Saturday and



asked for an interview relative to work for the  
future - I <sup>have</sup> planned to see her tomorrow - You  
see once I make up my mind to do a thing  
I never turn back - It takes a long time to plan  
something - but once that is accomplished, I move on.  
Nothing they can offer me will make me alter  
my course now - only you can say - dont come  
then I'll remain over this side.

How are the children? I hope the little girl  
is improving in her health.

A friend of mine, who lived across the street motored  
to Raleigh to Commencement at Shaw Univ. - she saw  
Mrs. Yergans. He was suppose to come to Raleigh  
the next week to file suit for divorce - She is  
very unhappy - quite thin and discouraged. The  
work is hard there also. Too, her mother is an  
invalid at Salisbury - Susie must furnish the  
finance for her. It is a pitiable situation.

Well, I shall not write a long letter this  
time but I do promise to write every week,  
and you must do the same -

Excuse my printing - I use this writing for  
the kiddies and sometimes it is hard to get  
away from it when I would write otherwise

Sincerely  
Madie



Letter from Home

June 12, 1939

To the Alumni of the  
College of Agriculture,  
Forestry, and Home Economics

You'll be surprised (or will you?) to see how ingenious we are. Please note that we have a new typewriter with smaller type -- which means that I can get more words (and I hope more news) into three cents worth of postage. 'Tisn't often that a college prof. gets ahead of General Jim Farley! And I want to make it perfectly clear to you that I need small type, abbreviations, and other condensing devices because the log book from which this letter is composed has 65 full-sized pages of clippings from the Minn. Daily and other papers! Drop in some time and look at the "logs"!

Registration. Growing still but not quite so fast. Total in college for year about 7% increase -- 1810 ('37-38) to 1936 ('38-39)! Forestry dropped about 16.5% to 420; Home Ec. up about 16.7% to 780; and Agr. had an increase of 15% to 736. As you know, or ought to know, some of our students register in and graduate from two colleges, i.e., double registration. Agr. this year includes 51 in Ag. Educ. (College of Educ.); 8 in Ag. Bus. (School of Bus. Adm.); and 35 in the Engineering degree in Ag. Eng. (Inst. of Tech.) -- and 15 women. 128 Home Ecs. are registered in H.E. Educ. (College of Educ.). No men in Home Ec. except some from School of Bus. Adm. who take textiles and the like.

Excitement at Home! (meaning, of course, U. Farm) -- We're having a building boom of our own. New Forestry building, called Green Hall, in memory of that grand old man, Prof. Samuel B. Green, Professor of Horticulture, who started and built our Forestry Division is completed and occupied. Dedicated with appropriate ceremonies on Nov. 18. Located on top of the hill east and south of the Gym. Looks (at first sight) a little like a long flat box with obvious vertical ribs but also looks grand to us. Strictly modern with fine labs, a student lounge, beautiful auditorium, greenhouses, and a grand setting. The Foresters are happy! Also, thanks to P.W.A., a fine new Student Health Service building (almost finished) on Cleveland Ave. between the Gym and Dexter Hall. And, furthermore, (meaning more P.W.A.) a large and strictly modern apartment house for graduate students on the "pasture" down near the Home Management houses, facing north on Commonwealth Ave. And, thanks to a generous legislature, we are going to have \$350,000 (plus some P.W.A. money if we can get it) for a new "Crops" building for Divisions of Agronomy and Plant Pathology, probably to be located north of the old Agronomy building alongside the Inter Campus car. Foresters will be interested to know that the Boy Scouts of Region Ten (Montana to Minnesota) contributed a new cottage at Itasca to be used henceforth as an infirmary. And even that's not all. We now have a new social center for students -- men and women! I am not referring to the new Coffman Memorial Union on the Mpls. Campus, which is to be another additional asset, but I refer to new quarters obtained in the Old Dairy building, viz., on the floor above the Men's Union rooms. Most of this floor has been allotted and is being remodeled and equipped for a student Union center -- half of it for a U. Farm Shevlin Hall and the other half for a coeducational recreation room. When the sliding door is thrown back, we have a dance and reception hall 36 ft. by 66 ft. Add a kitchen for preparing "eats" and a soda fountain, etc., etc. All beautiful and modern, thanks largely to Miss Vetta Goldstein, our related art interior decorator.

And now for the problem of reorganizing our Men's Union and Shevlin management to make the new "center" a real and effective worthwhile social center for student activities at "home". A permanent student Union Board of both men and women students



and a small representation from the faculty is now in the process of organization. More of this next year. You ought to know, however, that we are all deeply grateful to each of you personally -- at least those who were in college at any time since 1924 -- because we have saved up since that time our surpluses out of your fees for all those years. This surplus amounted to about \$20,000!! The Board of Regents kindly added a few more thousands, and that's what we needed to remodel and equip the new center. Students and faculty are delighted with our new center which will be complete by fall. And you are cordially invited to call on us in our "swanky" new "home".

The campaign for the new Union building on Mpls. Campus (to be known as Coffman Memorial Union) has been a major event in the past year. Subscription campaigns were carried on among students and faculty on both campuses and now among the alumni. You probably know all about this.

College Days -- meaning the three special "College" days now all firmly established. On Foresters' Day, January 14, senior Scott Pauley from Chippewa Falls, Wis., was Son of Paul, and Home Ec. junior Virginia Larson from Brookston was Queen Isteh Washteh. The program sounds like high jinks on the Yukon. Knife throwing, roller pin throwing, pole climbing, felling, bucking (sawing to you!) chopping logs, tug of war. Ski and snowshoe races postponed on account of no snow. Add some fine forestry exhibits and conservation speeches not mentioned by the Daily. And the foresters didn't forget to dance in the evening.

Home Ecs. had their 4th Annual Day on April 15. Simple but attractive exhibits on related art, foods, educational problems, textiles, and how to get thin and stay happy. The men pinned clothes pins and tried to thread needles. And they danced in the evening.

The 24th Annual Ag. Royal was held on May 27. It is now managed by the Ag. Commission, consisting of representatives from Block and Bridle, Plant Industry, Jr. Dairy Science, and Ag. Education Clubs. Glenn Long of Clearbrook was general manager. This year had a big parade thru St. Anthony Park with cadet units, big band, and 16 floats of which Punchinello's won the prize. Besides the showing of livestock, poultry, and crops there were egg-throwing and milking contests for coeds -- greased pig chase and tug of war for men. Overalls were the official garb, and dudes were dunked. Manfred Lawatsch, Ag. Educ. senior of St. Paul, was Grand Champion Showman. And the Ags remembered to have a dance in the evening.

The Faculty. Miss Alice Child of Home Ec. staff passed away last summer after a long illness, and Dr. Isabel Noble from the University of Chicago has been appointed in her place. Dr. C. H. Bailey became Vice-Director of the Experiment Station in place of Frank Peck who left us last year to run a Land Bank. A number of younger members of the faculty left for better jobs and promotions elsewhere. Nine new members were added to the Home Ec. staff. I was personally very lucky -- I have now an assistant for my college work -- Leigh Harden (Ag. Ed. '32), formerly an Instructor in Ag. Education. In a long list of faculty achievements, such as elections to important offices, public lectures, etc., one of the outstanding is the award of the Borden Co., \$1000 and gold medal, to Dr. Leroy Palmer of the Biochemistry faculty for "achievement in research in the chemistry of milk". Prof. T. L. Haecker, for many years famous as the head of our Division of Dairy Husbandry and the father of creamery cooperatives in Minnesota, passed away at the age of 92.

Student Activities. A record of the social activities at "home" would look like an endless list of "whirls", mixers, dances, smokers, coffee hours, receptions, and what else can you think of? A Home Ec. junior led the All-U. Junior Prom! And yet not all of the students can or do get worthwhile social experiences and leisure time



recreation. Here's a problem which we hope to attack and solve in our new social center. Hope to report progress next year. The traditional activities still march on. At the Christmas Assembly about 60 gifts were distributed. Miss Vetta Goldstein, Instructor in Related Art, was awarded the Red Oil Can. Dr. John Tate, now Dean of the Arts College, formerly Prof. of Physics and well known for his atom-smashing research, was presented by the H.E. students with a nice new atomizer, elegantly perfumed. One unusual gift was given to the Students' Council. It was a check of \$62.63, found in the local bank and apparently belonging to the Class of 1925. The exact source or contributors could not be found, so no one could figure out a scheme to return it to its original source. After a long and futile search and much deliberation, it was decided to turn it over to the Students' Council -- which is always in need of money. The Council had no hesitation in accepting it.

Recognition Assembly, preceded by the usual informal dinner for seniors and faculty on the night before Cap and Gown Day, came on May 10. A total of about \$3000 worth of prizes and scholarships plus medals, books, etc., was awarded. In addition, 4-H Club members won extra college prizes and scholarships of \$750 in addition to many trips, gold watches, medals, refrigerators, and what not? Thanks to Caleb Dorr money, we again award a book prize to every student in College who has maintained a scholarship average close to A (honor point ratio 2.5 or better). Twenty-one boys received David Fairchild's beautiful book, "The World Was My Garden", autographed by the author, and ten girls received a book of Chatwood Burton's sketches in Spain. The honor roll of all students with an average of B or better is published in the Daily on Cap and Gown Day. The Senior Caleb Dorr Scholarship Medals went to Phyllis Gough (H.E.) of St. Cloud and to Robert Schutz (Agr.) of Fair Oaks, California. Probably the most highly prized medal, the Freeman Medal for Student Leadership, awarded to that "senior who has contributed most to student life on U. Farm Campus", was won by Allan Hoff (Agr.) of Fergus Falls. Recognition Assembly has become a most important and very significant activity.

Early on Cap and Gown Day, senior Foresters, Ags. and Home Ecs. each had their traditional breakfasts, and then all assembled for the tree planting as usual. Cameras innumerable, some candid, others not so candid, shot all kinds and conditions of pictures. Followed then Cap and Gown convocation with the names of all those elected to the various honor societies. Lois Colesworthy, H.E. '41 of Minneapolis, won one of the four All-U. Johnson Scholarships of \$125.

In All-U. athletics our students have made a reasonably good record this year: 2 M's in football, 2 in hockey, 1 in wrestling, and 1 in boxing (all U. championship); 5 numerals (to freshmen) in football, and 5 sweaters in various sports. The judging teams on the whole were the best in recent years. Livestock team was 8th out of 17 colleges at Kansas City and 5th out of 27 at the International where they won 1st in Aberdeen-Angus; meat judging, 6th out of 14 at Chicago; horse judging, 3rd out of 6 at Waterloo; dairy products, 9th in 22 in judging butter at Cleveland; dairy cattle judging, 3rd in 26 and was high team in Guernseys at National Dairy Show at Cleveland; crops judging, 5th in 12, and Lloyd Hanson of Graceville tied for 1st place in seed judging at the International. The other teams had a record of "C" or less.

The Gopher Peavey, foresters' annual publication, is an unusually fine annual, credit for which is largely due to Editor Philip Jahn of St. Paul. The Peavey merits the support of every forester, past, present, and future. The Home Ec. girls have published another "Minnecon", a very creditable publication, full of pictures, many of real historical value and interest. I wonder each year why the Ags do not get out an annual -- not that I am sure they ought to do so -- but because annuals, like the measles, are usually contagious.



Grads. and Alumni. Our grad. student group also continues to grow -- 300 or more this year. They still come from many foreign countries: Canada (18), China (19), England (1), South America (2), India (1), Australia (1). Many hold foreign or American fellowships.

Our alumni have also won distinction. Here our records are quite obviously very incomplete. Why don't all of you send to me information about yourselves or other alumni concerning progress made or achievements of any sort? Several of our grads. have made history in Hawaii. Dr. Royal Chapman, formerly Head of Entomology Division, has been Head of the Pineapple Producer's Cooperative Ass'n. there and Dean of the Graduate School of Tropical Agriculture at Univ. of Hawaii, and has just been elected Dean of the Graduate School at our own U. to succeed former Dean and now President Guy S. Ford. Dr. J. H. Beaumont, formerly on our Horticulture staff, is now Director of the U. S. Government Hawaiian Agr. Expt. Station. Incidentally, Dr. Harold Lyon, formerly of the Mpls. Campus Botany Dept., is now manager of the Hawaiian Sugar Planters Expt. Station. Altogether, scientifically speaking, Minnesota is almost unanimously "tops" in the land of ukuleles and grass skirts.

Curricular Matters. The most outstanding event has been the establishment of the new five-year professional curriculum in Forestry leading to B.S. at end of 4 years and Master of Forestry at the end of the 5th year. It becomes effective beginning next fall. It marks a step that puts our college in the vanguard of forest schools. It is expected that other forest schools will gradually fall in line. Keen competition and the need for adequate training make necessary a fifth year in preparation for government professional work in forestry. This new curriculum also marks an important phase of the growth and development of our college. The 5th year, which is graduate work, will not be under the Graduate School, as all grad. work heretofore has been but will be controlled and administered entirely by our college. This means that your old college has now a graduate department of its own. The principle established in general is that 5th year graduate work leading to a strictly professional Master's degree shall be administered in the college concerned. We already have under consideration other professional Master's degrees in Agricultural Education, Agriculture, and Home Economics. You will observe, therefore, that this step in curricular development is an epochal event in our college history. Graduate degrees involving programs leading to research will not be changed and will still remain in the Graduate School.

This letter would be colorless if it did not attempt to acquaint you with trends and movements in college outside of the statistical and widely publicized functions, curricula, and achievements. Important developments often, if not usually, eventuate from small beginnings and obscure activities. One such unheralded movement, not appreciated or even noted by most students or faculty, seems to me to have gained considerable impetus. It is a renaissance of interest in debate, public speaking, and the arts that cluster around the use of the English language. The Rhetoric Division has staged 16 intercollegiate debates this year; representatives from the college have entered the All-U. forensic contests; Punchinello is more than holding its own, and even in the field of competitive essay writing, we think we are making progress. Personally, I rejoice no end at these symptoms. I still am convinced, and I think you are equally convinced by this time, that English is the most important single tool in the profession and life of any and every graduate of our college. As they do not say in Germany, "Heil, English"!

And this brings to mind another still small voice of progress that I hope will grow fast and lustily. Since graduation, you have learned the importance of personality. You may even be one of those who think it more important than A's



and B's. No intelligent person can deny its importance. The problem in college is: first, how can we convince all students of this importance, and, second, what can we do about it? Formal courses are not available. Personality is self-development, and students are often in the dark and completely bewildered as to what traits are important and especially what they can do to improve these and other personality traits. We are attempting to do something constructive beginning with the freshmen and transfer students. Especially do we desire that they recognize and use every U. facility and environment as a laboratory for their individual personality education. And extra-curricular activities are or should be valuable laboratory courses. I would not for a minute take the fun out of such activities, but I would like to see them contribute more and more educational and personality opportunities under wise and intelligent use. And if we do not use our new social center in such a new educational movement, we will be lacking not only in educational vision but in plain common sense.

Miscellaneous. Held a three-day Agr. High School Congress in May for the students from the Smith-Hughes high schools and their instructors. In addition to the traditional stock judging, other activities such as achievements and athletic contests were added, and the 1175 high school boys had a busy, happy, and profitable session. The Ag. Education Club deserves special credit for the help and supervision extended.

The Central School of Agriculture celebrated its 50th anniversary last fall with interesting and instructive ceremonies. The early history of the School is intimately bound up with the development and growth of the College.

Believe it or not -- a grad. named Anderson (of course that identifies him), large in physical stature, broad of mind, and (as you shall see presently) generous of soul, stopped in my office long enough to extend greetings and, on the way out, left a perfectly good five dollar bill for "letters from home", past, present, and future (he hoped). On the following day, having then recovered from the shock, we figured that he had paid postage for 166  $\frac{2}{3}$  grads. out of the present total of 3624. You figure for yourself how many Big Andersons would keep the letters coming.

Anyway, vote on the attached ballot -- don't read the note about the size of dues too literally -- come to the general alumni dinner June 16, and call on any or all of your friends "at home".

Cordially yours,

E. M. Freeman

Dean, College of Agriculture,  
Forestry, and Home Economics



THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION  
COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY,  
AND HOME ECONOMICS

Ballot for Year 1939-40

Vote and return at once to Laurence Winters, University Farm, St. Paul, Minnesota

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

Present address \_\_\_\_\_

What are you doing? \_\_\_\_\_

Dues -- 25¢ a year (or as much more as you care to make it).  
Remit with vote -- but vote anyway.



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June 12, 1939

*Personal - Professional  
Education*

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My dear Dr. Xuma:

Your kind letter of May 19th with draft for \$50.00 enclosed has just been received. I wish to express the thanks of the officers and members of the Medical Division of Northwestern University Alumni Association and the thanks of the University at large for your generous contribution and for your expression of loyalty and appreciation. I am sure that the sentiments which you so aptly express exemplify the spirit of Northwestern. Northwestern is proud of its graduates since they carry this spirit to the far corners of the world.

With personal thanks and good wishes, I am

Cordially yours,

*John A. Wolfer*  
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Sirs,

LOT 260, MARTINDALE.

With reference to your letter dated 3rd ultimo on the above subject, I have the honour to inform you that this matter was considered by the Non-European and Native Affairs Committee at its last ordinary meeting when it was resolved that no objection be raised to the application of Dr. Xuma for the transfer to him of Lot 260 Martindale.

I have the honour to be,  
Sirs  
Your obedient servant,

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TOWN CLERK.



ABX. 390613<sup>b</sup>

# Transvaal Workers' Educational Association.



Secretary: D. H. EPSTEIN.

P.O. Box 3907.  
Phone 33-3942.

*Educator - General*

*34/35. Old Arcade Buildings,  
100. Market Street.*

*Johannesburg.*  
TRANSVAAL.

13th June, 1939

Dr. Xuma.  
*104 End Street,  
Doomfries*  
Dear Sir/Madam,

You are invited to attend a meeting of  
My Association's sub-Committee dealing with the  
provision of educational facilities for non-  
Europeans, to be held at the Library Committee  
Rooms, on MONDAY, the 19th instant, at ~~8 p.m.~~ *5.30 pm.*

Please make every effort to be  
present.

Yours faithfully,

D. H. EPSTEIN.

Secretary.



ABX. 390614

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul.  
JOHANNESBURG.



Feed the Hungry.  
Clothe the Naked.  
Harbour the Harbourless

CENTRAL COUNCIL.

Addresses:  
President: P.O. Box 1163.  
Phone 33-7357.  
Hon. Treasurer: P.O. Box 428.  
Hon. Secretary: P.O. Box 428.

Central Council.....JOHANNESBURG.

14th June 1939

Dr. A.B. Xuma,  
JOHANNESBURG.

*Youth matters*

Dear Sir(s),

PROPOSED HOSTEL FOR BOYS AND YOUNG MEN.

We are taking the liberty of soliciting your support for the foundation of a hostel to provide for a few of the large number of homeless boys in Johannesburg - those who are unable to keep themselves in reasonable decency on the small wages commonly earned in the early stages of employment and apprenticeship. From its experience in social work of all descriptions the Society is convinced that such a hostel is very urgently needed.

It is a well known fact when boys leave institutions it is imperative that they should, in many cases, be under the control and supervision of some authority. They need the influence of "after care" and should not be allowed to drift to the slums and bad surroundings. The proposed hostel will be conducted by the Society under the management of a Matron, and will be undenominational. As far as possible the term "institution" and its attendant atmosphere will be eliminated, it being the Society's intention to run the hostel as a comfortable home for lads.

At present through our own efforts we have accumulated funds to the amount of £500, but considerably more that this is necessary to purchase and equip it suitably.

We, therefore, beg to commend our project to your kind consideration. It must be mentioned that the Social Service Department (Government) will assist financially when the hostel has been established.

Any donation, however small, will be gratefully acknowledged if forwarded to the Honorary Secretary, Hostel Fund, P.O. Box 428, Johannesburg.

May we thank you in anticipation,

Yours faithfully,

HON. SECRETARY,  
HOSTEL FUND.



The Honorary Secretary,  
Boys' Hostel Fund,  
P.O. Box 428,  
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Sir,

Enclosed please find a donation of £ \_\_\_\_\_  
towards the Hostel Fund of which I wish to be a patron.

Yours faithfully,

(Name) .....

(Address) .....



ABX. 390615a

*personal matters - business ventures*

15th June, 1939.

The Town Clerk,  
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Sir,

re: TRANSFER OF PROPERTY No. 7 GOOD STREET,  
SOPHIATOWN.

I was pleased to learn that the Transfer of this property was approved by your Council.

I shall appreciate very much anything you do at this stage to expedite this matter. As I informed you by telephone that the suspension of registration of this property in my name since April, has been causing me a loss of between £60 and £75 a month.

You can, therefore, see why I should be much concerned over any further delay.

Yours faithfully,

ABX/pd.



Alexandra

ABX. 3906156  
Joint

Committee

P.O. Bergvlei.

48, 2nd Avenue, Alexandra Township.

*Alexandra  
Health C.A.C.*

Ref. No. *LRT/311*

Johannesburg.....15th June, 1939.....19.....

- J. MACPHERSON ESQ., Chairman,
- J. S. MATHEBULA, Vice-Chairman,
- A. MBELE, General Secretary,
- L. P. R. JONAS, Asst.-Secretary,
- J. BROWN, Hon. Treasurer.

Dear Doctor,

We have recently formed in Alexandra Town-  
 ship a Joint Committee to represent the various people's organizations  
 which exist in the township. We hope hereby to be able to  
 coordinate the activities of these different societies to act as the  
 voice of the residents, and to negotiate on behalf of the  
 residents with the administrative body --- The Alexandra Health  
 Committee.

The Joint Committee would be honoured if you  
 would act as a patron of the organization. This position would of  
 course not burden you with any work. Although we should naturally  
 appreciate your assistance and advice at all times.

Trusting that you will find it possible to  
 accept the office of patron to the Joint Committee,

I am, Sir,  
 Yours sincerely,

*[Signature]*  
 (ASST. GEN SEC.)



EFG/IJ  
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ABX. 390616a

HAYMAN, GODFREY & SANDERSON.

SOLICITORS, NOTARIES AND  
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H. J. SANDERSON.  
Z. BRAUN.  
E. F. GODFREY.

P. O. BOX 2439.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS: "CUSTODES"  
TELEPHONE NO. 33-5622.

*Transvaal House*  
(FIRST FLOOR)  
*80, Commissioner Street,*  
*Johannesburg.* TRANSVAAL.

16th June, 1939.

Dr. A. B. XUMA,  
104, End Street,  
DOORNFONTEIN,  
Johannesburg.

*Personal matters - business ventures*

Dear Sir,

re: TRANSFER LOT 260, MARTINDALE, from ALBERTYN TO  
YOURSELF.

We enclose herewith copy of letter this day received by  
us from the Town Clerk, Johannesburg.

As we understand that you have been in touch with  
the Native Commissioner in regard to the matter, will you please  
now approach him and endeavour to expedite the obtaining of the  
Governor-General's consent to the transaction.

Yours faithfully,

HAYMAN, GODFREY & SANDERSON,

per: 

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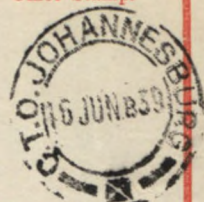
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ABX. 3906160

Bantu High School,  
Bloemfontein

June 16, 1939

Dear Uncle,

If you can possibly make arrangements do come on Monday. You must not miss this occasion. This is a very good concert and will be the biggest event Abx has seen. Dr. Mooka & Dr. Tedogelo will be there definitely and the local M.O.N., assistant and two other doctors in town who are interested in the Dr. John Brigade movement are coming over with their friends and other Union members of the Brigade. There is a force of 60 in our end. The Thaba Nchu teachers from Mooka High School & Training have booked. So you see there will be a group worth meeting. The artists are all there!

I want you particularly to be introduced for the benefit of both groups. On your return I shall certainly see to it that the intelligentsia is got together. We could do it now



and then you need not go away  
in such a hurry — which means  
you need not alter your arrangements  
after Bloemfontein — Cape way.  
What do you say Doc.?

Children are well and Helena is  
trying to get over her cold.

We are looking forward very  
much to seeing you.

Sincerely yours  
Milner

R. T. Bokwe

Can this be  
Bokwe?



DELIVERY EFG/DH

ABX. 390619a

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(FIRST FLOOR)

*80, Commissioner Street,*

*Johannesburg.* TRANSVAAL.

19th June, 1939.

Dr. A. B. XUMA,  
JOHANNESBURG.

*personal matter - business ventures*

Dear Sir,

re Lot 260 MARTINDALE.

We enclose herewith original letter from the Johannesburg Town Clerk dated the 13th June stating that there is no objection to your acquiring the abovementioned property.

For your information we would advise that the property is in extent 34 square rods, 104 square feet.

We take it that you will get into touch immediately with the Native Commissioner for the purpose of obtaining the Consent of the Governor General to the transaction, in terms of Act 21 of 1923, as added to by Section 3 of Act 46 of 1937.

Yours faithfully,

HAYMAN GODFREY & SANDERSON

per: 

Encl.



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