

Dear Member,

The last two months have seen those most important annual events, the Regional Conference, the National Conference at Pietermaritzburg, and the Morning Market.

At the Regional Conference the following fact papers were presented:

Mrs. Wilks on "The Descent from the Rule of Law"
Simon's Town on "Progress at Slangkop"
Claremont on "Recreational and Cultural Facilities available to Coloured People in the Cape Peninsula"

These were later presented at the National Conference in October.

The members of the Regional Council were elected, and the Council now consists of the following:

Chairman: Mrs. Robb; Vice-Chairmen: Mrs. Wilks, Mrs. Andrews and Mrs. Birt; Secretary: Mrs. Burton; Assistant Secretary: Mrs. Lloyd; Treasurer: Mrs. Morris; Assistant Treasurer: Mrs. Griffiths; Members of Council: Mrs. Aitchison, Mrs. Dichmont, Miss Henshilwood, Mrs. Herbstein, Mrs. Marquard, Mrs. Ritchken, Mrs. Roberts, Mrs. Shepherd, Mrs. Stott.

Mrs. Wilks was thanked for her very fine services as Chairman for the past four years, and Mrs. Willis for her long, expert and devoted services as Treasurer.

Our delegates to the National Conference, which was held in Pietermaritzburg, were also chosen at Regional Conference, and these were: Mrs. Wilks, Mrs. Robb, Mrs. Andrews, Mrs. Lloyd, Mrs. Beck, Miss Denniston, Mrs. Solomon and Mrs. Stott.

At the Conference the National President, Mrs. Jean Sinclair, read her annual report, and the various Regions read theirs. We would strongly recommend to your notice the Cape Western Report, available in the Office, as it will give you an excellent idea of what the Region has done during the last year.

A number of fact papers were presented by the Regions, some of which will appear in the next number of the Magazine. They are all available at the Office, and as it is impossible to report fully on all, and as all will not be printed in the Magazine, we hope that you will enjoy the full benefit of the National Conference by reading them there.

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It was decided that the next National Conference was to be in Cape Town, and that instead of being held at the end of the year it should be in February to enable University Staff and student members to attend. The dates decided on were the 16th to the 18th February, 1971.

The Morning Market was a great success. It received advance publicity in both evening and morning papers with charming photographs of a couple of our younger members among large gay flowers. On entering the Civic Centre one was faced with a colourful display of gifts and novelties, and never has the Market been so crowded.

The takings on the day were R2,300.24, and the total, including amounts raised by cake, book, rummage sales and the like, held by branches beforehand, is R3,294.62 so far. More is coming in.

The amounts raised by the various stalls, both on the day and beforehand, were:

Books	83.81 $\frac{1}{2}$	Boutique	224.06
Cakes	260.99 $\frac{1}{2}$	Christmas Stall	565.40
Cool drinks	12.64 $\frac{1}{2}$	Delicatessen	462.91
Flowers	77.75	Gifts Galore	554.60
Produce	92.49	Tees	86.20
White Elephant	549.93 $\frac{1}{2}$	Elgin Picnic	189.44
Simonstown Booksale	122.98	Stamps	11.40

A hearty vote of thanks goes to Mrs. Dichmont, the Convener of the Market, and to her assistants.

Next year's Morning Market will be on Saturday, 14th November.

ALL BRANCHES.

At the August meeting Mrs. Beck spoke on "The Past Parliamentary Session". A tape recording was made of her talk, and it is available at the Office.

In September Rev. T.F. Kime spoke on "Paarl and Group Areas"

In November Mrs. Stott reported the National Conference.

The Daily Dispatch has brought out a supplement on the Homelands, and it was decided to order copies of this for distribution to the branches. If you wish to see it you can apply to the Chairman of your branch.

Prof. Molteno spoke to Claremont on the difference between human and civil rights. Rev. Theo Kotze addressed Elgin; Mr. Dallas spoke at Rondebosch on the position of the African, and Dr. Whisson on Domestic Wages.

ATHLONE ADVICE OFFICE

The annual report of the Advice Office was presented to the Conference. The work goes on, and is still worth while, though there is less and less that can be done as the endorsing out of Africans becomes more stringent. The following were the number of cases dealt with during the year:

	<u>1968/69</u>	<u>1967/68</u>
Number of interviews	<u>1777</u>	<u>1733</u>
Endorsed out: men	138	184
" " women	185	159
Miscellaneous	469	496
Old cases returned	985	894
Average per month	148	144

There are now about 12,500 cases on our files.

Visitors: 12 South African, 24 others.

Dr. van der Horst and Prof. Hansi Pollak visited the Advice Office, and Mrs. Cherry Michaelman from the States, who is doing a doctorate on the Black Sash, was, together with her husband, a most interested visitor.

Our Director, Mrs. Robb, spoke on the work of the Advice Office at the Annual General Meeting of the Institute of Race Relations.

Cases from the Files:

1. Mrs. J.C. was born in the Cape Peninsula thirty years ago and always lived with her mother, who was and is an exempted person in the Divisional Council area. In 1962 she married an unqualified man and soon found herself en route for Willowvale. She did not like it there and came back within two months, having collected a new reference book which is still unsullied by any stamps whatsoever. Had she spent the intervening years, from 1963 until today, solely in the Divisional Council area, and could she substantiate such a claim with reasonable proof, she would not have forfeited her rights under Section 10.1a. of the Bantu (Urban Areas) Act, as amended, despite her blank book. But she has been lodging with an aunt in the Municipal area, thus spoiling her qualification. She is likely to get to know Willowvale more intimately, but was heard murmuring darkly something about "preferring divorce". Her man qualifies now, but this does not help her, and never will. He pays rent in the bachelor quarters, so they cannot begin to reside together.

Cases from Files (cont'd)

2. Mrs. A.M. lost her husband in 1964. He was killed by a car while delivering newspapers. She was left with seven children, all under the age of 15, and received assistance from the Board of Aid until a court award of R2000 put her on her feet again. It was not until March 1969 that she was evicted from her house in Guguletu and told to go to her in-laws in Lady Frere. This was a case of verbal endrosemment out while she was in lawful employment. Her employer regretfully discharged her and she left, but the need for wages drew her back to Cape Town. She left her children behind in the country. This suits the local scheme for breadwinners, but displeases her in-laws. They have alleged desertion. Temporary permission has been given here for her to return to her former employer, who was eager to have her back. This work permit is for one month only, but she hopes for extensions. One hopes that her in-laws will not take it out upon the children, and that she will duly send money for their support.

LETTERS TO THE PRESS.

- 15th September, New Nation. Mrs. Robb's letter on family life as the cornerstone of African society and the harm consequent on breaking it up by the migratory system. (reply to Ashley B. Clarke)
- 24th September, Cape Argus On relations between the Advice Office and Mr. Worrel.
- 29th September, Cape Times On the death of Iman Heroun in solitary confinement
- 11th November, Cape Argus On better pay for non-White nurses.

We were sorry to learn of the death of Mrs. Pittman and our sympathy goes to Miss Henshilwood on the death of her sister. *W. B. K. Knight.*

Sad News: We have had notice to leave Atgor Chambers and need to find a new office. If you know of two suitable rooms, please let us know.

Jobs for Non-Whites. You may have noticed an advertisement in the Press inserted by Mr. Patrick O'Ryan, Chairman of the Socio-Economic Bureau, offering to find both temporary and permanent jobs for non-Whites. There are many jobs for the summer holidays, for those who have passed J.C. or matriculation, including appointments as salesmen, store workers, laboratory assistants, factory hands and shorthand typists. His telephone number is 98-9050. You may know someone who would wish to make use of this service.

With good wishes for a happy Christmas and New Year.

Yours sincerely,

R. N. Robb
CHAIRMAN