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August 27, 1934

Negro Rural Schools
Simon Study
(Lockman)

Mr. and Mrs. Simon
Julius Rosenwald Fund
4901 Ellis Ave.
Chicago, Illinois

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Dear Mr. and Mrs. Simon:

Here's hoping you have had
a jolly good vacation, and that you
have gathered all necessary equipment
for settling the problems of rural
education on, or before, September 21st!

As I said 'good bye' to
President Cox, at Emory, a few days
ago, he wanted to talk about my
prospective work for next year. He
said I would be like a pilot in mid-
ocean, who had lost his compass—
at sea, with no sense of direction,
and no guide. Nevertheless I'm
getting anxious to board that boat,

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and set sail!

This last year's study at Orizory has left me financially embarrassed. You will need to advance me money enough for my round trip ticket, and for living expenses while there. I shall have to leave you to estimate the expenses in Chicago as I do not know how long we are to be there after September 21st. Have you determined the length of the conference yet?

Can you suggest a hotel, convenient to our conference headquarters in Chicago? The friend with whom I had planned to stay while there has left the city.

Please mail your check or money order, to me at Rockhart, S.C. at your earliest convenience, as I want to make plans to get away early in September.

With every good wish I am
Sincerely yours,
Paul Lockman

Box 306
Rockhart, South Carolina



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Sept. 29, 1934

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Ms. J. F. Simon
4901 Ellis St.
Chicago

MS	10/1	MS	
Dr	10/1	SE	10/2

Dear Mr. Simon:

No doubt Mr. Nixon has written you that it will be about the middle of next week before he sends us to the "firing line." He is planning to choose cautiously his ^{County} superintendents.

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Fortunately Atlanta is a good center for collecting social and economic data on Ga., and her separate counties. Yesterday I purchased three elementary Ga. histories, and a book of childrens poems. I also had

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two interviews with men who have made studies in Ga. on various aspects of the Negro's status in Ga.

I am enclosing the little expense book, showing expenses from my starting point, Thursday, Sept. 20th, to my return to Atlanta, Tues., Sept. 25th. I believe this is the way you wanted the first report.

The total was \$94.64. Shall I let the remainder of the \$100 go on, the expense for my stay in Atlanta, or shall I return this balance of \$5.36 when I receive my first check from you?

Looking forward to the years thills with you, I am, Sincerely yours, Ruth Lockman

P.S. Check for \$46.16 received (Over)
through Mr. Wilson - Thanks
P.L.

NES (Lockman,
Simon & Ruth)



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The Simons,
4901 Ellis Ave.,
Chicago

C/o Mr. A. L. Adair
P. F. D., Putledge, Ga.
Oct. 5, 1934

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Dear "Margo" and Jim,
at last I feel "one with you"
on the job. How can I wait till Dec. or
Jan. to get with you? What fun! There
is so much to see, to say and to do.
and yet, isn't it hard to keep from attempt-
ing to do all you want to do.

Ours is a two-teacher school,
in Morgan Co., twelve miles from the County "Site",
Madison

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I shall get into my notes and
write you a book soon.

John Wilson made a good selection
in his 1931 Ford, I believe.

On the other side is a report of ex-
pense up to the Mr. Wilson in Even Room

Expense Report Week ending, Oct. 3, 1934

Wed. Sept 26

Meals - - 1.50
Room - - 2.50
Taxi - - .45
Phone - - .10
Total 4.55

4.55

Thurs. Sept 27

Meals - - .75
Room - - 2.50
Total \$3.25

3.25

Fri. Sept 28

Meals - - 1.35
Room - - 2.50
Total \$3.85

3.85

Sat. Sept 29

Meals - - 1.25
Room - - 2.50
Total 3.75

3.75

Sun. Sept 30

Meals 1.75
Room 2.50
Total 4.25

4.25

\$19.65

Mon. Oct 1

Meals - - .95
Room - - 2.50
Total 3.45

3.45

Tues. Oct 2

Meals - - 1.15
Room - - 2.50
Telephone - - .20
Total 3.85

3.85

Wed. Oct 3

Meals .50
Baggage .20
Telephone 1.00
Total .80

.80

\$8.10

19.65

Expenses in Atlanta

Balance from 100% Check

Expenses in Atlanta

27.75
5.36
22.39

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Mr. James F. Simon
4901 Ellis Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

WPS (Simon Study -
R. F. D. #2
Rutledge, Georgia
November 5, 1934
Explosive Lockman)

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Signed - Ruth Lockman

P.S. I hope Mrs. Simon is getting well fast. Let us hear how she is.

P.S. #2. Now don't scold Mr. Simon for you asked for this and when I got started I couldn't stop.

R.L.



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P.F. W. #1, 2, Rutledge, Ga.
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SIMON STUDY

Q. 7. D. # 2

Jan. 27, 1935

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Rosenwald Fund
Chicago, Ill.

Wired 2/4/35

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88	1/30	0

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Simon:

The unforeseen miracle has happened. — Mrs. Fen, the principal of Fair Play school has resigned! She was away from school all last week with the flu, and I taught for her. Her husband is very ill too, and she has decided that her place is at home with him.

Yesterday the County Sup't, Owen, John Nelson and I went to Atlanta to consult with Mr. Dixon as to the part we should play. Two of the three trustees and several patrons urged me to take the work. He all feel that it is an opening of Providence, this we

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haven't consciously been praying for it.

The decision in Atlanta, with
74 in ~~Bluff~~ Dixon, was that we should tell
that I shall do that work tentatively.

In the meantime — this week —
Mr. Dixon is consulting with Mr.
W. W. Alexander and ^{two} ~~you~~, I imagine.

Since my return last night, from
Atlanta, I have been trying to work
out a program of study for fifth,
sixth and seventh grades. The "dime
store" in Atlanta supplied me with ^{some} material
on a unit I shall use as a course
of study in the "Social Studies". I shall not
attempt geography and history as such.
The units of work to show how Americans
live in various parts of the United States
— South, New England, Corn and wheat belts,
plateau grazing plains, Rocky Mt. and
Pacific Coast sections — will grow from
the central question, "In What Kind of
an Age Do We Live?" I am using ^{Harold} Rugg's
material on this.

The County Superintendent is giving

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almost complete freedom as to texts used —
or even to no-texts used.

The difficulties and obvious handicaps
are ever before me; but we are anxious
to see what differences may come from
merely having a teacher interested in
her job.

I shall keep a close check on changes
within the class room. And I do want
you both to send suggestions, if you
decide that this is the wise policy for
us.

Of course, it will be the ideal chance
for a close check on the use of the library.
Last week, as I taught as Mrs. Fera's substitute,
I did use her table as a reading table.
just a few changes ^{in the room,} on the part of the
pupils themselves shows increased interest.

I have my maps, state, county and
Fair Play, and all of my church material
ready to mail. The other was held up. I
am sending all of it to Spartanburg, S.C.
to be typed, and I couldn't get it off after
I began teaching. I'm mailing this, and
will send the other when it is finished.

Best wishes to you both.

Putt Lockman

P.S. I believe Nisan is to ^{see} the fact parents
may play in a school program -
maybe its the school as a com-
munity center. We can't tell yet -
J.L.

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c/o G. G. Adair
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Rutledge, Georgia

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Margaret Simon

From: Julius Rosenwald Fund
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A. Z. D. Rutledge, Sr.
 COLUMBIA, S.C.

Feb. 16, 1935.

*Supplies
 Lockman*

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Dear Mrs. Simon:

Thanks for your letter of the 12th.
 Please arrange for me to have meals and room
 at Fisk. I know we shall have a great time
 together there. I have been a campus guest there.

I'm sorry not to have gotten
 all of my notes in. I am sending the material
 in the Church observations and collections ^(books, etc)
 now. I had thought I would hold them
 until I could complete the other, but
 since we decided I should teach, I have
 been too rushed to get the other completed.
 However, I shall send it on, in long
 hand, with my pictures Wednesday night.
 I feel that my work since Christmas is so
 far superior to that before that I am
 apologetic, even though we all agreed

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that it wouldn't be so good as we had hoped.

I am most — most — anxious for you and Jim to get to us, now since I am trying to teach. Having had the experience yourself, you will be able to get and give plenty! Jim will be able to get the "before and after" picture better, of course, but you can't miss seeing what is happening, even on your first visit. We are eager that you both may tell us whether we have gotten too much on the doing side. It seems impossible now to do the teaching without sponsoring activities. How do you feel about this? However, I am getting some good write-ups. Today — from 6:30^{A.M.} to now (12:25 A.M.) has been a full Sunday picture of family life. St. John's and Warner's suggestions are great. Thanks. Can you and Jim plan to spend the Sunday of March 17th. with us here? That is the day the Primitive Baptist meet. You shouldn't miss this — Sincerely, Ruth Lockman

HARRYLOCK MILITARY ACADEMY
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NRS
SIMON STUDY

P. F. D. #2

Expenses - Lockman

Feb. 27, 1935

Dear Simons:

The faints ^{are} here — and lovely! Please ask Mally to send any instructions that should accompany them if there be any. I'm itching to get the children into them. I have already tried them myself with instructions.

I'm having a great time with this school and the people. This afternoon we had to dismiss school an hour early on account of a funeral. Of course I attended the affair, as all respectable citizens should (citizens of Fair Play!), and afterward I invited four ladies over to the school. They were all mothers of my pupils, and decided that since we now have somebody in the school who is interested in it, we want to help. The Adams have been admin'ing it ^(the former teacher) and we just let 'em do it. And Mrs. Few ^(the former teacher) just done as she wanted to. She's a good woman, but she ain't got no business teachin', says they!

Jim, honey, I can hardly wait for all your criticisms. This school is keeping me on the go and on the jump — about 24 hours a day. The way the parents are using the library will thrill you both — Hurry to get the

NRS
SIMON STUDY

Explorers - Lockman

April 5, 1935

Dear Miss Lockman: Mr. and Mrs. Simon have just returned from another long tour of the South. They are again filling the office with songs of praise of the work which you are doing. We are more convinced than ever that in our rural school explorations we are engaged on a most significant task. You, at Fair Play, are at once giving a demonstration of what a good school can be even under difficult conditions, and are pouring in upon us, both by notes and oral reports, a vivid picture of the kind of communities and the kind of problems which rural schools in the South must face.

Mr. Fowler, who was so favorably impressed both by your work and by the attitude of the community, has talked with us about ways of extending further the scope of your community activities. We cannot, of course, make any definite commitments until our budget for next year is voted, but barring some catastrophe to the whole rural school program, we shall certainly want you to continue your excellent work at Fair Play. Our congratulations upon your contributions to school and community and our very best wishes.

Very truly yours,

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EDWIN R. EMEREE

Miss Ruth Lockman
R. F. D. #2
Rutledge, Georgia

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P. F. D. # 12
Pulledge, Ga.
May 11, 1935

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Heaps of good wishes,

(signed) RUTH LOCKMAN



NRS
SIMON STUDY

Lockman, Ruth

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May 23, 1935

Dear Ruth: I am sorry that you had all the difficulty about Miss Herren. I am glad that you have been able to disabuse the community mind of some of its more radical ideas of what we are trying to do.

As far as Miss Herren is concerned: We are very much surprised that you had the impression that we would make a loan to her. One of the Fund's most rigid policies is that we never make loans; and as for the scholarship, our funds in this field are so limited that we can make grants only to outstanding applicants. However, we have talked to Mr. Dixon, and he feels that President Woods at Milledgeville is reasonably certain that he can make arrangements for Miss Herren to attend summer school, and Mr. Dixon says that Mr. Owen can arrange for a school for her for next year, unless provision can be made for her, through President Woods or others, to continue at Milledgeville through the year. So it seems to me that that is all taken care of.

About the improvements on the school: You understand of course that the Fund is not planning to finance any improvements or buildings. We feel quite definitely that if our work in these communities is to be of value, everything must come from the community itself or the proper state officials. The Fund could of course make many improvements in a limited number of communities, but the whole purpose of this rural school work is to find out how much can be done by the people themselves. Obviously we could not make improvements in enough communities to do any good. We must find ways by which community interests can be stimulated to a point where the people themselves will put in the time and the money necessary.

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Ruth -2-

May 23, 1935

We cannot give you a fellowship to do the summer work at Emory, but since it is perfectly apparent that you are spending some time at Fair Play, we are prepared to offer you \$50 a month for a two-month period, beginning as of June first. We hope that by this means you will be able to go to Emory.

I am sorry that this letter has been so long delayed. We wanted to have a chance to go over with Mr. Dixon all our plans for next year. He was up here Monday, and, as usual, we had a very good and satisfactory talk with him.

We have started on a hunt for your co-teacher. It looks as if it might be very difficult to find just the person we want, but I am sure that before the school opens next year we will have someone.

I don't know just what questions your trustees and Mr. Owens are asking, and I don't know whether I have answered any of them in this letter. If you have any definite things they want to know, we shall be glad to try to answer them. More power to you and good luck during the summer.

Very truly yours,

MARGARET S. SIMON

MS:LJ

Miss Ruth Lockman
R.F.D. #2
Rutledge, Georgia

copy to Mr Dixon



P.S. you can address me c/o Dr. Comer Woodward
Emory Univ., Ga.
after June 10th -
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Lockhart, S.C.
 May 31, 1935
Lockman

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The Simons
 4901 Ellis Ave.
 Chicago

Dear Margo and Jim:

Tell Jim, it seems that we
were expecting too much when we
 planned an in loan for Miss Herren;
 doesn't it? But everything seems to be
 working out nicely. You're a great
 pair to work with! Margo, your en-
 thusiastic comments make me want
 to remove mts. — or maybe I should
 say more mts. On the 23rd, I had
 just gotten home when Mrs. Grady (Chicken)

Adair called (phoned) me² to come to help get
a project through. Well, I spent a week,
and just guess how much we were
able to get out of our community —

— \$500 — The people don't believe
they have done it yet, but they did
it! All I did was to engineer.

We called on absentee landowners, as
well as residents. The community was
^{pleased} when we reached the \$300 mark, but
I felt they could not stop short of
\$500. There are many interesting
stories connected with this, but they
will keep. I never knew before that
I could raise money. Believe
me, if being a rural school teacher
does not let you find out what you
can do, there's no other ^{profession} ~~one~~ that will.
You have never known such
school-minded folk as we have. I can't
believe that they are ~~the~~ Fair Play folk of

Oct., 1934. All they needed, you see, was an awakening! And oh boy! What an awakening it is!

Dad's planning now, through friends in Atlanta, to take care of a necessary operation on one of our 10 months old youngsters. The family can pay some, but not the \$200 or \$300 required. I plan to go back before summer school starts and take care of this. I have not mentioned it to the parents yet.

While in Atlanta I found work for Miss Herren's sister — a younger sister, who has been taking a business course. I tell you these things because I want you to see that I am doing everything possible to smooth out the Herren ruffle. It is O.K. now, and Fair Play is sitting on top of the world! I was ^{a bit} afraid they might be disappointed over the ~~Fair~~ ^{Fair} policy, but no! You should have heard Mrs. Shady Adair tell the folk that "He are not

going to let the Rosenwald Fund make
"lap-dogs" of us, at Fair Play." It did my
soul good to have them say it instead
of my saying it. I am very glad
that you did decide against building, at present.

The white folk are getting anxious to
have some sort of a Negro school. Can
you believe it that they are saying,
"Miss Lockman, we just can't let that
new teacher come into a place like that
church to teach, where she won't have
a chance to see what she can do."
To have them say these things just thrill
me through. We are now checking on
some material available in old deserted
one and two-teacher schools in the county.
We can get \$100 from the Negroes and white
toward the building. We are at work on
this also. When they are anxious
that she, ^{the teacher,} have a good place to live, so Mrs.
Grady Adair is asking me to have Mr.
Dixon bring the teacher to her house

first! Can you believe these things I
am telling you!?!
June 4th -

To continue: I shall enclose
a letter I received from Mrs. Grady
Adair this A. M. Now, be sure
to return it to me. You all
we are both hard at work on
the Negro school. Isn't she (Mrs. Adair)
a peach! [I understand, of course, that
you will have difficulty reading and
understanding her letter, but you'll enjoy
parts of it].

I am planning to leave
here a day or two before summer
school opens. It opens June 12th.

Mr. Dixon tells me
that Mr. Embree is to be at Emory
the 8th. Dr. Woodward has discovered
a man whom they all think will

be ideal for Fair Play. He is a native of
rural ~~Tenn.~~, and has been president
of a rural Church school (in Tenn.
mt.) a few years. He is about 30 yrs. old,
has a wife, who is a musician; and
they have a youngster about a yr. old.
(~~not~~ the youngest!) He has taught rural schools, but should
have this Demonstration School training
at Emory summer school, if he is
chosen, and accepts the place. He's a
big man, but I believe the Fund
would go a good piece of work to
get him for our situation at
Fair Play. He plans to leave Emory
June 7th, but will remain over for
a conference with Dr. Embree if
Dr. Embree would like to talk with him.
Dean White and Dr. Woodward both
think he would be unusually fine
for us at Fair Play. His name is

Hollis Edens. He is working on her M.A. there now.
Margo, the \$50 a month arrangement
is altogether satisfactory. Of course, it
is evident from the past week's work
that the people at Fair Play feel justi-
fied in calling me back when they
need me. And I am glad that your
plan will make it financially possible
for me to do so.

I had a long visit (two of them)
with Mr. Nixon, both as I went to
Fair Play and as I returned. He surely
had a good conference with you folk.
He is planning to go with me to
Fair Play next week. He has been a
peach of a fellow to work with. We
shall miss him this fall.

Thanks for your good letter, Margo.
I know you'll be glad when I get my
typewriter — and so will I.
Here's wishing for you both a
jolly good vacation — sincerely yours,
over Phil



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P.S. I am wiring Mr. Embree concerning
this Hollis Edens, whom he may want
to interview at Emory P. L.

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June 28, 1935

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My dear Miss Lockman: Will you give me your opinion of Ralph E. Gaskins? I am inclined to favor him above all other candidates that we have seen. I think his youth is entirely in his favor since he seems to have so keen and rangy a mind and such deep interest in rural problems. Furthermore he meets the qualifications on the musical side! I believe he is apt to be more flexible than Mr. Edens. Although he has not at the moment as much status and experience, I believe he will grow more rapidly. If Edens were chosen I think he might better be placed in a larger school such as the one being organized in Harris County.

I will delay any final decision until I hear from you (I should also like to wait for the return of the Simons) but if you approve and if his appointment will be acceptable to the County and the community I am inclined to go forward with it.

Very truly yours,

ERE:GS

EDWIN R. EMBREE

Miss Ruth Lockman
c/o Emory University
Atlanta, Georgia

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SIMON STUDY

Emory University, Ga.
July 2, 1935.

My dear Mr. Embree:

You will be pleased to know that Ralph Gaskins went over big with the Fair Play folk. We visited several families and the School. Several hours were spent in the community and in Madison with County Superintendent Owen. I wrote Owen after my visit there asking his opinion of Gaskins; at the same time telling him that Gaskins seemed to meet the desired qualifications. I have not heard from Owen yet, but think he was pleased.

I agree with you most heartily that Gaskins, rather than Edens, is the man for us. I also agree that Edens might be good stuff for the Harris County organization. I believe, too, that his status and experience would make Fair Play difficult for him, and him difficult for Fair Play.

Gaskins and I have much in common, and I feel quite sure that we may work harmoniously and profitably together. The family institution will be an addition to the community life also. I am all for him, and am delighted with your selection.

Today I am cutting classes to be with a mother and baby from Fair Play. We have a baby here for a skin-growth operation. I have had them here since Thursday, and, of course, I am anxious for this day and the operation to be over. It doesn't promise to be very serious, but then one never knows about an operation. Through Dr. Woodward here at Emory, I have been able to secure the best medical aid, at the South's finest children's hospital, at a minimum cost to the family. These activities, in addition to class room work, make a teaching a joy, a profession and an art. I love it!

Thank you for your good letter and your decision.

Very truly yours,

Ruth Lockman
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Mr. Edwin R. Embree,
4901 Ellis Avenue,
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Emory University
July 9, 1935

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NRS Smory Thursday, July 13, 1935
SIMON STUDY

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Dear Margot and Jim: It must be difficult for you to be back in Chicago after twenty days in Canada. We're all missed you and are glad to have you back. (at least I understand that you are to be there after the middle of July.)

Mr. Embree was with us for two days. We were delighted to have him out at Emory for an evening.

If it is convenient, please let me have your letter concerning salary for next year. Isn't it too bad that this has to be given a large consideration by those of us who are paying back college debts, and assisting younger sisters to get through college. I want my work at Fair Play next year, and at the same time I want as much salary as it is possible for me to get. There's

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nothing wrong with that, is there?
I told Mr. Embree of the two very
attractive offers I have for next.
Dahs told him that I want to con-
tinue at Fair Play.

This Demonstration School has
been very helpful. I'm running
over with ideas for the primary
grades, and for Community life
— such as substitutes for
set-back and "Mr. Jim!"

The Armistead baby ^{from Fair Play} that I have
had in the hospital here for an
operation came out yesterday. We
are taking it home tomorrow. Every-
thing was a great success, though
some thought it would ^{be} fatal.

I shall be here through
July.

Last week I went to see Owen
and the trustees at Fair Play ^{about Daskins} so all
O.K. Very truly yours
Ruth

and Mrs. James Simon
at Ellis Ave.
Chicago

NRS
SIMON STUDY

Fair Play -
Lockman

July 23, 1935

Dear Ruth: Herewith my somewhat belated answer to your plea as to what you might expect in the way of salary next year. Of course the county will pay you the regular salary paid to the regular teachers, and you must this year take it and count it as a regular part of your salary. Now as to our part: we propose to pay you whatever sum is necessary to bring your salary plus the county salary up to a total of \$160 a month. In other words, we guarantee you a salary of \$160 a month for a nine-month period.

On this nine-month basis your summers are a very dry and arid spot. The only thing we are in a position at the moment to suggest is that it may be during the summer there will be things that we want you to do in the general line of your work. I mean, for example, there may be courses which we want you to take or there may even be the possibility that there will be opportunity for you to conduct classes in summer schools. Any work of this kind would, of course, entitle you to a salary. Things are moving along so rapidly that as far as I can see it is going to take all of us at least thirteen months out of every year, but of course we can't really say definitely how much or when we will need you in such summer work.

I wonder if you could let me know what your expectation of the county salary is? It will be a little easier for us if we can get on our records as soon as possible the amount we will be paying you next year.

Someday I hope one of us will be able to write a letter that isn't entirely business. At any rate, I hope everything goes well with you. Your letters certainly sound chipper!

Very truly yours,

MS:LJ

Miss Ruth Lockman
c/o Dr. Comer Woodward
Emory University
Atlanta, Georgia

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SIMON STUDY

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office yesterday was a bit un-
satisfactory, concerning our Negro
teacher. It looks as though the
final decision may be made
today however. I want to get in
touch with her before I leave
Atlanta ^{soon} to be as much help as I can.
But I must get a few weeks va-
cation from this whole business be-
fore Sept. 1st.

Mrs. McCreedy says to tell you
that she would have missed plenty had
she failed to see Fair Play (over) yours very truly
P. H. [unclear]

P.S. The baby whom we had in the hospital here is at home now, and just doing fine. It is another evidence of getting whole community interest around their own problems. The mother is so appreciative! R. L.

Mr. Edwin P. Embree
4901 Ellis Ave.
Chicago, Ill.

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JS. JS.

Emory University
Georgia
July 26, 1935

Dear Mr. Embree:

Mrs. Hazel McCready, Dr. Comer Woodward and I went to Fair Play Thursday. You may remember Mrs. McCready as the very charming Demonstration teacher whom you met out at Emory. I think you will want to keep her in mind in case our plans include a Demonstration School for the benefit of rural teachers next summer. I do know that she is much in demand for summer schools.

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Yours very truly,

Ruth Lockman

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4901 Ellis Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

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Lockhart, S.C.

Aug. 8, 1935

SIMON STUDY

Dear Margot and Jim,

After spending the last week back and forth between Fair Play and Atlanta, I am at home; arrived about midnight last night.

It looks as tho' Mr. Woodward and Miss Shefferson (H.A.F.C.P.C. Head) are sufficiently back of me now to assure us of our school project. I had planned to get away a week earlier, but I felt it important that I stick around until the ball was rolling our way. The engineers is submitting the plans to me next week; then I feel that it can be pushed thru Athens and Atlanta rather readily.

AUG 14 1935

This is the first time I have had to play local county politics. I despise it, but it seemed to be the only way to get our building. Do you know that our project application had never left Peacock's (County F.C.P.A. engineer) office until I went in last week, and wanted to know just where he was! Of course, I was furious, but I remained sweet and poised on the outside. I doubt if anything would have been done if I hadn't been able to get Mr. Woodward and Miss Shefferson back of me.

Thanks for your wire, Jim. It was quite convenient to drive from Fair Play, because I had accumulated so much junk.

I shall remain at home the remainder of this week; then I plan to go to Western North Carolina for a real vacation. The last week in this month, I shall spend with ^{making} Fair Play plans and conference with Baskins. Best wishes to all -
Mrs. J. Simon
4901 Bell Ave., Chicago.

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SIMON STUDY

Emory University, Ga.
July 28, 1935

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Dear Margot: You should have been with me yesterday at Fair Play - Lock watermelon, peaches etc, etc! My baby who was here in the hospital is getting along nicely, and it is really touching to see how appreciative that mother is.

The people are quite concerned because the government has not yet accepted our project. Mr. Woodward and I are working through Miss Shepperson now, and I think maybe we can do the necessary manipulating to get it thru. Hope so!

AUG 2 1935

We expect to have a decision on our Negro teacher soon. The choices are down to two now. One is very light and one dark. It seems that the dark one will color our situation more adequately at this stage. I can tell you more, later.

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Photo O.K. about the delay in your
letter concerning salary. I am a
lady with a family (three sisters
in College) and had to be thinking
about a position offering me \$1600
plus all travel and living expenses
(room and board). But my interest is all
at Fair Play, and that is where I
can do my best. Salary of \$160 for
nine months is satisfactory. Last
year the primary teacher's salary was
\$40⁰⁰ and the principal's \$47.50. I have
heard nothing of any change, so they
are likely to be the same next year.

I plan to finish up everything
here this week, and leave civiliza-
tion for a few weeks. I want
to go to New Hampshire. I don't
want to hear rural schools, hospitals,
P. N. A. nor Fair Play till time
to get back on the job. The summer
has been strenuous but very valuable.
Very truly yours,
D. M. Smith

U.S. Jim, listen to this: Mrs. Few
asked Mr. Owen (seriously) how
she could get some money
from some fund, as she had
been teaching Fair Play longer than
Ophelia Warren, and she thought
she should get it! Ha! Ha! No!

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Hear Margot and Jim a note to
Dr. Woodward of Emory, in re-
ply to his inquiry regarding
the status of our project. Now,
is there something that Dr. W. W.
Alexander can do in Washington
to assure us of this project?
Or is there anything in Wash-
ington that either you can
pull, or that I can pull from here?
You see it has been weeks since
the project was sent to Washington,
and if there is some way
of speeding it, I want to know
what that way is.

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The teachergage
idea is being received with
enthusiasm from some, but with
a lack of enthusiasm from others.
You see, Haskins is still too new
for the people to really accept yet,

and we have to keep reminding ourselves that he has not been accepted. You remember that, in reality, these country folk do not take one in as a member of their group until they are sure of him. This takes some time, so we think it unwise to push here, but it will come. My ^{Madison} folk are eager for it, whether I stay with them or move in the teacher's home. The people with whom Gaskins lives are not ready for it yet. Their rent is significant!

I am expecting to hear from the Madison Kiwanis Club tomorrow regarding a barbecue date. Their board of directors met tonight to decide on whether they could come to Fair Play the last of this month. I'll let you hear as soon as I know.

School is really beginning to mean something to these children. Sincerely,
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NRS
SIMON STUDY

Fair Play - Lockman

October 11, 1935

Dear Ruth: There isn't a blessed thing we can do about hurrying up the project. I spoke to Mr. Embree about it, and he says we must simply let nature take its course. It has to go through the regular routine of red tape and there is nothing that we or anybody else can do to hurry it along.

We are holding everything as far as the teacherage is concerned. Let us know when you think it is our turn to make a move.

As I wired you yesterday, we will be down at Statesboro on the 21st and could come up to Fair Play for the barbecue, if there is to be a barbecue. If not, I think we will not try to come to Fair Play this trip since we all are a little rushed because of the trustees meeting early in November. I do hope, though, that it is possible to arrange it for the 22nd, for it looks as if we wouldn't be able to get down again until after the middle of November.

Very truly yours,

MARGARET S. SIMON

MS:LJ

Miss Ruth Lockman
R.F.D. #2
Rutledge, Georgia

OCT 15 1935

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Fair Play School - Lockwood

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Putledge, Ga.

X Oct. 13, 1935

Dear Margot:

Thanks for your letter of the 11th. My response can't

be what I had ~~hoped~~ it would be. Perhaps, we are in the "Bible Belt!" Well, a Baptist revival starts in Madison on the 20th, and last about two weeks.

This means the barbecue ^(Chicken, Jim) must come in November!!! Mrs. Adair and I have been ^{OCT 17 1935} working the Kiwanis Club, trying to get the 22nd, but higher powers prevail.

Now, Can't you just plan to get to Fair Play in November. The Kiwanians are to decide on a date Tues., and I

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The Haskins are about to get located now. This will mean, of course, that he will have more time for the school and community. But these people with whom I live say that I must not expect anybody, especially a married man, to give as much time to the school as I do. I suppose it is my baby, and I am terribly jealous of its welfare. I'm getting mighty anxious for you to come back again, and see my children in action; and be sure you bring Mr. Embree. He must see the baby ^(school) while it is still a "Toddler." Maybe I can rest assured that it will remain in this wabbling, or wabblor, stage for sometime, but anyway I want you to be sure to get him here.

Thank you, Jim, for the cards. I shall use mine as suggested.

Very truly yours,
 Ruth

shall advise you ² of their date then. You see they are our honor guests, and we are at their mercy.

We go to Milledgeville, Ga. for a district teachers' meeting tomorrow.

We talked teacherage at our Woman's Club meeting last Friday. The women are strong for it as a community institution. They want to be sure it's not a house for the Gaskins, to be frank, but a teacherage for two teachers, whomever they may be. These are very wise women! Before anything definite is done we must get the men together, ^{however} that must come after cotton is all gathered. I shall write more when this develops.

Margot, here is a story you can hardly believe. The toilet has not been cleared for at least seven years! My first impulse was to put a match to it. I escorted my Woman's Club down to it. Tomorrow I am having a man clean it, and we shall use it until we get others up. This must be done soon! — if I have to do it with my boys!

NRS

SIMON STUDY

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Fair Play - Lockman			

October 14, 1935

Dear Miss Lockman: I have received an explanation to my questions about the insurance policy from the Company. If you have not already done so, it is all right to give them the check.

I can't understand what has happened to the policy. I don't have it and it isn't in file, and if you didn't get it, it must be lost. However, I shall look around and either forward it to you within the next few days or write you to ask the agent for a duplicate.

I am enclosing your salary check for the first half of October. I have had word from Mr. Owens that the county paid you \$40.00 for September. This amount will be deducted from the check we send you on October 30th.

Sincerely yours,

Dorothy A. Elvidge

DE:LJ

Miss Ruth Lockman
R.F.D. #2
Rutledge, Georgia

enc.

Pardon such a
reply, but it will
save a moment for
the numerous jobs
to be done
Ruth

OCT 22 1935

Damp
mailing
the money
and check
today -
you mailed
it to me
the day after
your first
letter came.
O.K. m.m. & L.

O.K.
P.L.

P.S. Margot, while the whole family was away yesterday I had a long talk with the 14 yr. old Negro girl who is expecting her baby in Jan. or Feb. She is the one we discussed, who was a sort of personal maid for me last year -



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Fair Play
Nov. 11, 1935

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Margaret Simon
4901 Ellis Ave.
Chicago, Ill.

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Fair Play -
(Lockman)

Dear Margot:

My one hope has been that I could write you and Jim announcing the barbecue for the week you ^{have} planned to come. You remember, maybe, that the Kivarians gave us Nov. 8th. Well, at a late date that had to be changed, and only last Friday did we learn that it is to be tomorrow night! Of course, we have been in a stew (not the b'cure, stew tho', Jim!) since then getting the stage set - selling tickets, buying pig and other necessaries.

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In addition to all this, we had planned to have the trees trimmed this week; so that is going on ~~too~~. There were five cars ^{and one wagon} on the grounds today, with men who¹ had come to help trim the trees. Some were helping get the lights connected. Yes, we now have a connection with Pop's Delco. He and Mr. Hasking worked on it Sat. morning and they all finished the job today.

I'm getting anxious for you to get here. There is so much we want you to see, and much ^{on which} we need your help.

Two weeks ago I went to Atlanta, to find out something from Miss Shepperson's office, regarding our school project. They assured me that it was through Washington, awaiting District approval



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in Athens. At Athens the following Monday afternoon, we learned that Morgan County labor is tied up in Madison projects — courthouse and airport — till January. This means that we should begin work on the teacherage very soon. He want to make final plans about it while you are here, so bring along that plan we suggested. There wasn't much original about it, but we both liked it, and we have both had some ^{amateur} experience in drawing floor plans. Plan to have some time here when we do not have to be at school.



Can't you spend Thurs. and Fri. with us here, and let us go into Atlanta to discuss at length our work? You see we can't leave here any afternoon other than Fri. or Sat., and there is much to talk about.

Jim, we are all regretting that you can't be here for the barbecue. It looks as though we shall even surpass last year, if the weather is favorable.

"Mom" doesn't like the idea of your stopping anywhere other than here to spend the nights, but Mrs. Grady (Chicken) Adair and I felt that it was only fair to you and to the Yaskins that you spend as much time as possible with them this time. We feel that this will be especially helpful to them, during the early stage of their work in Fair Play.

Margot, why don't you come on down and spend the whole week with us; and let Jim and the visitor come on later. We'd love to have you. And by the way, I shall be glad to have her here with me while you are with the Yaskins. But "Mom" has a big spot for you, so come on ahead of the others! Sincerely awaiting your visit.