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**SIMON STUDY**

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*Pine Mt Valley School*

August 1, 1935

Dear Mr. MacLachlan: The technicality of entering you on the pay roll I suppose should be receiving some consideration. Our agreement was for salary at the rate of \$250 a month. Your letter reporting your definite acceptance was dated July 23. Assuming that you severed your connection at the college and took service with us a day or two before this, I suggest a payment of \$100 for that part of July during which you were on the new work. In order to get something to you promptly, I am enclosing our check for that amount herewith.

It is our custom to pay either monthly or semi-monthly. Will you let us know whether you prefer to receive a check for the full month's salary hereafter at the end of each month or to receive two checks of half the amount one at the middle and the other at the end of the month? We stand ready to meet such travel expenses as are necessarily involved in the new task. Of course we have budget rules and difficulties as any other organization. However, I suggest that you send in a statement of any expenses that seem to you properly chargeable to us. Our comptroller and Mr. James Simon, who is in immediate charge of the rural school budget, will see to it that no expenses unjustified by our regulations will be admitted.

Since I am not very sure of your address at Pine Mountain, I am sending this letter to your Raleigh address.

Very truly yours,

ERE:GS

Mr. John MacLachlan  
State College of Agriculture and Engineering  
Raleigh, North Carolina

EDWIN R. EMBREE

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SIMON STUDY  
Pine mt Valley School  
July 13, 1936

Dear Mr. Bennett: We are delighted that we are to have an opportunity to have an interest in Pine Mountain again this year. I hope for all our sakes that this second venture is more successful than was last year's.

I wired Mr. Dixon last Thursday that Dr. Michael Davis, who has full authority in Mr. Embree's absence, had approved a commitment by the Fund for the year 1936-37 in the amount of \$3,000, of which so much as may be necessary shall be used to pay the salary of the principal of Pine Mountain Valley school. We have set the figure at \$3,000 because Mr. Dixon wasn't quite sure what the new man's salary would be. He was sure, however, that the sum necessary would not be more than \$3,000, and thought perhaps \$2,750 would be sufficient.

We are all quite willing to leave the selection of the principal to you, Mr. Dixon, Mr. Allman, and Mr. Paty. You all know what our general interest is, and you know much better than we do the kind of man who will be most helpful at Pine Mountain.

We feel that Pine Mountain offers a unique opportunity for showing what place a school can and should have in a community. As of course you know, it is our belief that the school as an institution should extend its sphere of influence beyond the actual teaching hours, and should become a really effective part of any community. The plan which has been evolved by you, Mr. Dixon, Mr. Paty, and Mr. Allman is just exactly what we have had in mind from the beginning - and which failed of accomplishment last year.

We are looking forward with much pleasure to becoming acquainted with you. I think you ought to be warned that all of us in this office are vitally interested in Pine Mountain, and have a great belief in its success. That being the case, we will probably take all possible opportunities to visit you. But I do want to assure you that we have a very high respect for your position and responsibilities and that our visits will not be of the interfering type. We are all very glad that we will - even in this small way - be associated next year with you and Pine Mountain.

MSS:McK

Mr. W. T. Bennett, Manager  
Pine Mountain Valley Community  
Hamilton, Georgia

Cc - Messrs. Allman, Dixon, Paty

Very truly yours,

MARGARET S. SIMON

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FEDERAL EMERGENCY RELIEF ADMINISTRATION OF GEORGIA

PINE MOUNTAIN VALLEY ORGANIZED RURAL COMMUNITY  
POST OFFICE BOX 213

HAMILTON, GEORGIA

July 15, 1936.

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Mrs. Margaret S. Simon, Secretary,  
Julius Rosenwald Fund,  
4901 Ellis Avenue,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mrs. Simon:

I appreciate your letter of July 13 and your expressions of interest in this project. I believe that we are getting things lined up for a most successful school year. With the assistance you are giving us financially and the ehlpful advice of Mr. Dixon, Mr. Paty and Mr. Allman, I see no reason why we cannot have one of the best schools in the State and one that will mean much to the future of the educational program not only for this project but for many others.

We shall look forward with a great deal of pleasure to having you and other members of your organization visit us at any time it is convenient for you to do so.

Yours very truly,

*W. T. Bennett*  
W. T. Bennett,  
Project Manager.

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**SIMON STUDY**

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July 30, 1936

Dear Mr. Paty: In confirmation of our telephone conversation, I am writing this note to assure you that although we are perfectly willing to leave the selection of the principal of Pine Mountain School to you, Mr. Simon will be down in Atlanta on the morning of August 10 to have a talk with you and Mr. Thomas. He will call you Monday morning unless you would like to suggest some definite meeting place and time.

*Ernest H*  
It is our understanding that you have already made tentative commitment to Mr. Thomas. His salary is to be at the rate of \$3,000 for a twelve-month period beginning approximately August 15. If you will let us know exactly the date of his starting, we shall be glad to send checks to him. Will you also tell Mr. Simon how you prefer to have payments made. Our customary procedure is to pay on the first and fifteenth of each month. If Mr. Thomas, however, would rather have his full check monthly, that will be quite satisfactory to us.

Thank you again more than we can tell you for your interest and help. We are all convinced that Pine Mountain offers excellent opportunities for very valuable demonstration. I am sure next year things will work out much better.

Very truly yours,

MARGARET S. SIMON

MSS:McK

Mr. Raymond Paty  
10 Forsyth Building  
Atlanta, Georgia

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WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION OF GEORGIA

Ten Forsyth Street Building

ATLANTA, GEORGIA

MISS GAY B. SHEPPERSON  
Administrator

August 11, 1936

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Mr. Edwin R. Embree, President,  
Julius Rosenwald Fund,  
4901 Ellis Avenue,  
Chicago, Illinois

My dear Mr. Embree:

I had the pleasure yesterday of talking with  
Mr. Simon regarding the school at Pine Mountain Valley.

Please let me say again how very much we appreciate the Foundation's cooperating with us on this program. You know how I feel about rural education work, and I believe that by participating in this way, you are adding a great deal to the success of the program in the Valley.

With all good wishes to you,

Sincerely yours,

*Gay B. Shepperson*  
(Miss) Gay B. Shepperson  
Administrator

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GEORGIA PINE MOUNTAIN VALLEY  
RURAL COMMUNITY CORPORATION

P. O. BOX 213

HAMILTON, GEORGIA

Sept. 30, 1936.

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Mrs. Margaret S. Simon,  
Secretary, Julius Rosenwald Fund,  
4901 Ellis Avenue,  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mrs. Simon:

This acknowledges receipt of your letter of September 25 to which was attached check in the amount of \$250 covering Mr. Thomas' salary for the month of September. We appreciate this very much.

Mr. Thomas began work on the 15th of August. His name is Ernest H. Thomas and it will be all right for you to mail checks directly to him in the future or you may mail them to me as you did this one.

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We are very proud of our school this year and believe that it is going to be a great success. We will be glad to have you visit us.

Yours very truly,

*W. T. Bennett*

W. T. Bennett,  
Project Manager.

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September 25, 1936

Dear Mr. Bennett: I am enclosing a check for \$250.00, being Mr. Thomas's salary for September. If it is convenient to Mr. Thomas, we prefer to pay monthly instead of twice a month.

I don't know the exact date on which Mr. Thomas started his work at Pine Mountain, nor do I know how we should address him. Will you be good enough to give me this information. I assume that hereafter checks will be sent to him directly. If this is not correct, please let me know.

We are all looking forward to getting down to Pine Mountain in the very near future. In the meantime I hope everything is going beautifully and that things are booming for you.

Very truly yours,

MARGARET S. SIMON

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Mr. W. T. Bennett, Manager  
Pine Mountain Valley Community  
Hamilton, Georgia

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November 11, 1936

Dear Mr. Bennett: Mr. and Mrs. Simon and Mr. Sanchez have reported to me their very interesting and satisfactory conversations with you. They give glowing accounts of the progress of Pine Mountain Valley and of your splendid management of it. My congratulations on your achievements.

Because of our interest in the influence of the school in general community life, we are glad to be able to contribute the services of Mr. Thomas as director of the school of this settlement. A new economic setting and a better educational program are certainly among the great needs of the rural South. We feel honored to be a part of so significant a movement which looks toward improvements in both these directions.

Very truly yours,

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EDWIN R. EMBREE

Mr. W. T. Bennett  
Pine Mountain Valley Community  
Hamilton, Georgia

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GEORGIA PINE MOUNTAIN VALLEY  
RURAL COMMUNITY CORPORATION

P. O. BOX 213

HAMILTON, GEORGIA

Jan. 7, 1937.

The Julius Rosenwald Fund  
Mrs. Margaret S. Simon  
Secretary  
Chicago Ill.

Dear Mrs. Simon:

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I am back on the job in the Valley again, and with renewed energy after the conference. I am sure the conference was the greatest educational meeting I have ever attended. I am truly grateful to you people for permitting me to attend. I understand more about the great organization of which I am a small part. I do not wonder at the success of the organization after the officials are known. I think Dr. Embree is in a class all his own. I have yet to see his equal, and most especially as a presiding official, I think he is a master at that. I admire the entire group but I just had to mention Dr. Embree.

I have more pride in my work since attending the conference. I am determined to do something for rural education if it is in my power. The possibilities are great, I see that now.

I am looking forward to having a group of you people visit us and help us to find the better way to do more for our people.

Thanking you again for this wonderful experience, I am

Yours Very Truly,

*E. H. Thomas*  
E. H. Thomas

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SIMON STUDY

January 26, 1937

Dear Mr. Mobley:      You know the arrangement which  
the Julius Rosenwald Fund has  
had with the school at the Pine Mountain Valley Com- *school*  
munity during the past year and a half. At the  
present time we are paying, I think, all of the sal-  
ary of Mr. Thomas, the principal of the school.  
When I return to Georgia I want to have an opportu-  
nity to talk with you about this school, to tell you  
why we are paying Thomas' salary, what we hope to  
get out of it from the point of view of our organiza-  
tion, and to discuss with you some matters relating  
to future policy in this immediate situation.

Very truly yours,

J. C. DIXON

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Mr. M. D. Mobley  
State Department of Education  
State Capitol  
Atlanta, Georgia

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*Pine Mt Valley*

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March 15, 1937

Dear Mr. Wisdom: I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter I have just written to Mr. Mobley regarding the Division of Vocational Education taking over part of the salary of Mr. Thomas at Pine Mountain. If you agree that this is a feasible thing to do, will you be sure to get to Mr. Mobley a formal application for this assistance as soon as you can?

Very truly yours,

JCD:McK

J. C. DIXON

Superintendent W. B. Wisdom  
Chipley, Georgia

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Pine Mt Valley

March 15, 1937

Dear Mr. Mobley: This letter is hardly necessary, since I have discussed the matter of your Division taking over part of Thomas' salary, but I felt that it might be advisable to get this definitely recorded so that we could depend upon it. We are paying Thomas at the present time \$3000 per year. I expect sometime this week to begin preparing a budget for next year to be submitted to our trustees. Will you write me as soon as you can what part of Thomas' salary you will be able to take over?

Very truly yours,

J. C. DIXON

JCD:McK

Mr. M. D. Mobley  
State Director of Vocational Education  
State Capitol  
Atlanta, Georgia

Cc to Superintendent W. B. Wisdom  
Chipley, Georgia

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M. D. COLLINS  
STATE SUPERINTENDENT  
OF SCHOOLS

State Department of Education  
Division of Vocational Education

M. D. MOBLEY, STATE DIRECTOR OF VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

Atlanta, Georgia

March 18, 1937

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SIMON STUDY

*Pine Mt Valley  
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Mr. J. C. Dixon  
Director for Rural Education  
Julius Rosenwald Fund  
4901 Ellis Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

My dear Mr. Dixon:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your  
letter of March 15.

Due to the fact that Congress has not as yet appropriated funds for carrying out the provisions of the George-Deen Act and we have not as yet received a definite allotment from the State for the Division of Vocational Education for 1937-38, makes it rather difficult for us to make definite promises for aiding schools with departments of vocational agriculture.

We are willing, however, to make a tentative promise that we will aid with the salary of Mr. Thomas to the extent of \$1000 for the year ending June 30, 1938. I don't think that there is any doubt but that we will receive sufficient funds from both federal and state for carrying out this tentative promise. I feel certain that for the year ending June 30, 1938 we will be able to aid to the extent of one-half of the salary of Mr. Thomas. There is a possibility that we may be able to do even more.

Assuring you of our desire to cooperate with  
you in any way that we can, I am

Very truly yours,

*M. D. Mobley*

M. D. Mobley  
State Director

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GEORGIA PINE MOUNTAIN VALLEY  
RURAL COMMUNITY CORPORATION

P. O. BOX 213

HAMILTON, GEORGIA

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SIMON STUDY  
Pine Mt Valley  
School

Atlanta, Georgia.

June 7, 1937.

Mr. Edwin R. Embree, President  
Julius Rosenwald Fund  
4901 Ellis Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Embree:

I am attaching hereto a Resolution passed by the  
Board of Directors of the Georgia Pine Mountain Valley Rural  
Community Corporation.

As a member of the Board who has had possibly closer  
contact with you than the others, I want to add a further word  
of the very great value your interest in this Project has been  
to us. Possibly we have not expressed ourselves as strongly as  
we feel, that we would like to keep very closely in touch with  
you or your representatives here in the development of this  
program. In fact, I think it would be of great value to us if,  
some time when you are in Georgia, you could meet with our  
Board; and the same invitation is extended to any members of  
your staff who come here.

Now that a great many of our internal problems, which  
have been difficult to handle and have been temporary obstruc-  
tions to our going ahead, have been minimized, I think the  
opportunity for future planning is ripe at this time, and if it  
is possible for you or any member of your staff to be with us  
at any time in the early summer, I think it would be of great  
benefit to us. Our Board meets the fourth Monday of each month.

Let me say again what real value I think you are in  
this particular picture, and how definitely we count on your  
counsel and advice.

Very cordially yours,

*Gay B. Shepperd*  
(Miss) Gay B. Shepperd  
President

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RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF THE  
GEORGIA PINE MOUNTAIN VALLEY RURAL COMMUNITY CORPORATION  
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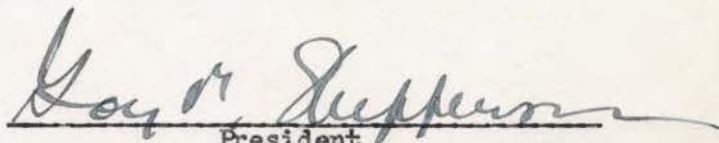
WHEREAS, The Julius Rosenwald Fund has shown an unusual interest in the Pine Mountain Valley Community Project located in Harris County, Georgia, and

WHEREAS, The Julius Rosenwald Fund has been particularly interested in the development of a worth while educational program relating to the best methods of rural education, and

WHEREAS, Since September, 1935, the Julius Rosenwald Fund has furnished a principal of the school and a general supervisor of education for the Project, in order to cooperate with the Board of Directors in obtaining the best possible results,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors of the Georgia Pine Mountain Valley Rural Community Corporation does hereby express its appreciation to the Julius Rosenwald Fund for its helpfulness, and solicits its continued interest, not only in the educational feature of the Project, but in the attainment of the successful end toward which the Project is directed, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Mr. Edwin R. Embree, President of the Julius Rosenwald Fund.

  
President  
Georgia Pine Mountain Valley Rural  
Community Corporation.

Passed at Board Meeting,

May 24, 1937 -



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**NRS**  
**SIMON STUDY**

*Pine Mt Valley School*

June 9, 1957

Dear Miss Shepperson:      Thank you for your cordial letter of June 7 and for the resolutions of the Board of Directors of the Georgia Pine Mountain Valley Rural Community Corporation. We have enjoyed our association with the Pine Mountain community and with you. Needless to say, we are deeply interested in the social and economic experiment of the community and in the question of what education can do to promote a fresh approach to rural life.

I appreciate also your invitation to meet with your Board. I should like very much to do this some time. I am not sure that I have any definite ideas to add to the councils of your group. At any rate, I should be very happy to meet with you and to discuss both the immediate details and the remoter implications of the Pine Mountain experiment.

Very truly yours,

EDWIN R. EMBREE

ERE:JW

Miss Gay B. Shepperson, President  
Georgia Pine Mountain Valley  
Rural Community Corporation  
P. O. Box 213  
Hamilton, Georgia

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SIMON STUDY

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June 17, 1937

Dear Mr. Wisdom: You will remember that in the past we have discussed the possibility of having part of Mr. Thomas' salary paid by state and federal educational funds. Mr. Mobley wrote me quite a while ago that he thought this would be possible. I have written him today and have asked him to let me know definitely whether or not we may expect this arrangement to be carried out, and how much of Mr. Thomas' salary he may expect from vocational funds. This letter is simply to notify you that this has been done, and that we are proposing to Mr. Mobley that he start this cooperation July 1, 1937, and to let you know further that the Julius Rosenwald Fund, with your permission, would like to cooperate in continuing Mr. Thomas in his present position for another year.

If you have not already made application to Mr. Mobley for aid from the Vocational Department I suggest that you do this immediately.

If I get to Pine Mountain during this month (as I hope to do) I should like very much to have a conference with you on the Pine Mountain Valley School set-up. This letter is being written, however, in view of the fact that I may not be able to get there.

Very truly yours,

J. C. DIXON

JCD:MLU

Mr. W. B. Wisdom  
Superintendent of Schools  
Chipley, Georgia

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**SIMON STUDY**

*Pine Mt Valley*

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June 17, 1937

Dear Mr. Mobley: You will remember that several weeks ago you and I had some correspondence about your division taking over part of the salary of Mr. Thomas, the principal of the Pine Mountain Valley school. You will recall that up to the present time all of his salary has been paid by the Julius Rosenwald Fund. You said in your letter of March 18 that you would be able to provide at least \$1,000 toward a salary of \$3,000 which Mr. Thomas is now being paid for a twelve-month period. On this assumption we are renewing our contract with Mr. Thomas and Superintendent Wisdom for next year.

Our fiscal year runs from July 1 to June 30, inclusive, and if it meets with your approval we will start the new contract with him on July 1, 1937. Will you please be so kind as to write me whether or not we may still expect \$1,000 to be paid on Mr. Thomas' salary from educational funds, and whether or not you will start his salary with July of this year?

Very truly yours,

J. C. DIXON

JCD:MLU

Mr. M. D. Mobley  
State Department of Education  
Atlanta, Georgia

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## GEORGIA PINE MOUNTAIN VALLEY RURAL COMMUNITY CORPORATION

P. O. BOX 213

HAMILTON, GEORGIA

June, 21, 1937.

Mrs. Margaret S. Simons  
Julius Rosenwald Fund  
Chicago Ill.

Dear Mrs. Simons:

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I have been looking for at least some of you people to visit us in Pine Mountain Valley for many months. The little green tinge has grown into a solid green field, matured into a beautiful golden harvest, been harvested and now another crop planted. So you see you are missing many things in Pine Mountain Valley.

I have been thinking about some kind of a report on my work in Pine Mountain Valley. What kind of report would you like? Do you have a form to be followed?

It has certainly been a very interesting work to me. It was always easy to find plenty to do. Mr. Bennett, as well as the people of the community seem to be very well pleased with the school. However, there is plenty room for improvement. We graduated twenty six from the seventh grade. Had good attendance for the year.

My work in addition to school was centered around; Farmers Meetings, The PMV Echo, The Community Canning program, Grading products to be marketed, and The Sunday School. All these activities directed toward one objective, Community Development. We have tried to have some thing before the people most of the time, that is something to look forward to and to work for, encourageing cooperation. This was started with the Sunday school banquet in early spring. 260 plates served to adults, an excellent program presented. Then came, President Roosevelt's visit. The May-day Pageant, every child in school taking a part. Community baby show, by the Woman's club. Sixty five babies enterning. Graduation Exercises. and next is coming, the Annual Barbecue July, 5. The barbecue is to be a big one. one hundred and thirty nine people on the committees. Why can't you come and bring the group with you, for this day. We would be very glad to have you. Now, if you can't come be sure and have some of the group with us.

We trust you have received the Echo each week. It tells at least part of the story.

Trusting to see at least a representative of the Rosenwald Fund in the near future, I am

Yours Very Truly,

E.H. Thomas

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M. D. COLLINS  
STATE SUPERINTENDENT  
OF SCHOOLS

State Department of Education  
Division of Vocational Education

M. D. MOBLEY, STATE DIRECTOR OF VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

Atlanta, Georgia

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SIMON STUDY

*Pine Mt Valley*

June 22, 1937

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Mr. J. C. Dixon,  
Julius Rosenwald Fund,  
4901 Ellis Ave.,  
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Mr. Dixon:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter  
of June 17th.

As yet the appropriation for carrying out the  
provisions of the George-Deen Act has not been passed by  
the Senate. We are expecting action on this matter within  
the next few days. There is no doubt in my mind but that  
we will get the full \$14,483,000, or some figure near this  
amount, which will make it possible for us to greatly expand  
our vocational program. Due to the fact that the appropriation  
has not been made as yet, we are placed in a rather embarrassing  
position with regard to making definite statements as to promising  
aid.

I think you would be perfectly safe in going ahead  
in completing the contract with Mr. Thomas on the assumption  
that we will aid to the extent of \$1000 toward his salary.

Most of our new teachers are accepting positions  
on the condition that the appropriation for carrying out the  
George-Deen Act will be made.

Assuring you of our desire to continue to co-  
operate with you in any way we can, I am

Very truly yours,

*M. D. Mobley*

M. D. Mobley,  
State Director.

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**W. B. Wisdom**  
SUPERINTENDENT  
OF HARRIS COUNTY SCHOOLS

Chileg, Georgia

June 22, 1937

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**SIMON STUDY**

*Pine Mt Valley  
School*  
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Mr J. C. Dixon,  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr Dixon;

*ack Mr 6/24*

Your letter of the 17th received., and we have  
filed an application with Mr Mobley for part of Mr Thomas' salary  
as suggested by you on your last visit to the County, but as I  
understand , it will depend on the final outcome of the George-  
Deen bill, however, I do hope we will be able to secure this aid.  
We do appreciate the help the Rosenwald Fund is  
furnishing us, and I am delighted to have you continue with Mr  
Thomas., as he is a splendid fellow, and I believe he is the right  
man for the place; if it were not for your help, we could not  
keep Mr Thomas, and I feel that it would be a great loss to the  
Pine Mountain Valley School and Community.

Hope you will be able to visit us this month.

With kindest regards and best wishes,

Yours very truly

*W B Wisdom*