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CALENDAR  
1934-1944

1934

January 8

Tonawanda Reservation, New York

Jesse Cornplanter to Joseph Keppler

Saying that he used the money sent for food instead of overalls because he could not get on C. W. A. work because he is disabled with a pension pending; reporting he can get no help from the various veteran agencies supposed to make it available and that his mind is so upset he cannot work on his father's notes and records.

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
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FOL C. 8.4 No 47

January 27

Akron, New York

Dinah Sundown to Joseph Keppler

Reporting accident of previous June and saying she was on crutches for 5 months; asking for clothes; announcing that New Year's dances are just over.  
[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
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FOL K. 4 No. 20

February 1

Lawtons, New York

Fred Ninham to Joseph Keppler

Saying he has made inquiry about a pig-head mask but has located none as yet; reporting that the New Year Ceremony was well attended and that Arthur Parker was a recent visitor at the Reservation and that he had expressed approbation as to the condition of the Long House.  
[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
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FOL N. 4 No. 20

February 19

Lawton's, New York

Nancy Bowen to Joseph Keppler

Saying that she has more old Indian specimens to sell and asks Keppler's aid.  
[Marked: Ans., "with money," in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
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FOL B. 7.1 No 1

March 11

Tonawanda Reservation, New York

Lyman Johnson to Joseph Keppler

Saying he has been unable to get about but will see about the turkey basket very soon; he is not working and asks Keppler for financial help; reporting record cold during the month of February.

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. J.6.6 No. 156

March 12

Lawton's, New York

Nancy Bowen to Joseph Keppler

Saying she is sending the costume pieces and will leave the prices to him. The verso carries detailed figures for each piece, with the notation "CK March 19th 1934," and "persuaded by Lila Jamison to kill the 'witch' [Mrs. Marchand]" all in Keppler's hand. This latter relates to a murder committed in Buffalo by Nancy Bowen.

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. B.7.1 No. 2

March 27

Lawtons, New York

Fred Ninham to Joseph Keppler [2 sheets]

Reporting no further success in his hunt for a pig mask but that one exists in Canada; discussing the use of the mask in the Gah-nee-don-gah-aye dance; saying that he recently filled out a questionnaire sent to blind persons in the State between the ages of 20 and 55; asking who Mrs. Wagner is, she just having sent some female clothing which has been distributed.  
[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. N.4 No. 21

April 6

Tonawanda Reservation, New York

Lyman Johnson to Joseph Keppler

Thanking him for money sent and saying the turkey basket will be finished soon; he is unable to locate any brooches.

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. J.6.6 No. 157

[1934 con.]

May 4

Salamanca, New York

Mrs. Fred Ninham to Joseph Keppler

Writing from her father's home for her husband and saying she must remain there, as he is ill; reporting she would like to sell or rent her father's place and all live together at Newtown; requesting some yarn for rug-making.

[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. N.4 No. 22

May 5

Akron, New York

Dinah Sundown to Joseph Keppler [2 sheets]

Saying she has two summer squash rattles medicine rattles for sale used in Little Water ceremonies.

[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. K.4 No. 21

May 7

Lawton's, New York

Mrs. Walter Jimerson to Joseph Keppler

Saying her mother has been ill for two months and asking for aid.

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. J.3.5 No. 3

May 14

Akron, New York

Lyman Johnson to Joseph Keppler

The turkey basket is apparently not yet finished; requesting financial aid from Keppler as his feet prevent him from working.

[The letter is signed "Per J. J. Cornplanter" and is marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand].

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. J.6.6 No. 158

May 28

Basom, New York

Dinah Sundown to Joseph Keppler [2 sheets]

Pricing the medicine rattles at \$8.00 for both.

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. K.4 No. 22

[1934 con.]

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June 1

Akron, New York

Lyman Johnson to Joseph Keppler

Acknowledging money sent; he will know soon whether he can get work on the Reservation Relief Project; saying he will have word about the turkey basket soon.

[The letter is signed "Per - J.J.C.]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS

JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION

FOL. J. 6.6 No. 159

June 2

Basom, New York

Dinah Sundown to Joseph Keppler

Reducing the price on the 2 medicine rattles to \$5.00.

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS

JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION

FOL. K. 4 No. 23

June 5

Lawtons, New York

Fred Ninham and wife to Joseph Keppler

Thanking him for the package and announcing the Strawberry Ceremony for June 9th; Mrs. Ninham has returned from Salamanca.

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS

JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION

FOL. N. 4 No. 23

June 13

Tonawanda Reservation, New York

Lyman Johnson to Joseph Keppler

He has the turkey basket which will be sent soon; saying Mrs. Pierce, who made it, is about 82 years old and cannot work swiftly.

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS

JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION

FOL. J. 6.6 No. 160

June 15

Lawtons, New York

Fred Ninham to Joseph Keppler

Thanking him for money recently sent [for the Strawberry Ceremony] and reporting that Mose Cooper was recently killed in an automobile accident. [Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS

JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION

FOL. N. 4 No. 24

[1934 con.]

July 2

Lyman Johnson to Joseph Keppler

He has received the money and paid for the basket; reporting his garden not doing well because of a dry spell, and on an old costume he has located.

[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

Akron, New York

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. J.6.6 No 161

July 27

Fred Ninham to Joseph Keppler [3 sheets]

Reporting that his wife was injured through a fall from a moving automobile; enclosing sketches of two masks he has located; reporting the death of Sidney Huff through an accident while at work.

Lawtons, New York

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. N.4 No. 25

August 3

Fred Ninham to Joseph Keppler

Saying his wife is recovering slowly from her accident and that he will forward the mask at once, the cheque and stamps having been received.

[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

Lawtons, New York

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. N.4 No 26

August 8

Lyman Johnson to Joseph Keppler

Saying the dry weather continues; reporting the costume is new and has never been worn.

[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

Akron, New York

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. J.6.6 No 162

August 25

Fred Ninham to Joseph Keppler

Announcing the Green Corn Ceremony for August 30th; reporting the critical illness of Jimmie Sandy; saying they have a fund of about \$150.00 to entertain the Six Nations delegates to the meeting in November.

[Marked: "Ans. -5.00 toward L. H. expenses" in Keppler's hand]

Lawtons, New York

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. N.4 No 27

[1934 con.]

September 14

Akron, New York

Lyman Johnson to Joseph Keppler

Acknowledging money sent and saying he and many on the Reservation have been busy rehearsing for the Pageant at Niagara Falls; reporting the TERA allows him a half day of work each week and asking for clothing and other help; reporting on the Seneca costume, overskirt and leggings for which the owner wants \$7.50; announcing a coming Six Nations meeting.  
[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. J. 6. 6 No. 163

September 25

Tonawanda Reservation, New York

Jesse Cornplanter to Joseph Keppler

Announcing the close of the annual Six Nations meeting and reporting that he is now waiting to obtain a typewriter so that his father's teachings, now copied in long-hand, may be put in more legible form; asking if Keppler can procure the loan of one as he does not like to be obligated to Parker, much preferring Fenton as a collaborator.  
[Marked: "Ans. Sept. 29th" in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. C. 8. 4 No. 48

October 8

Tonawanda Reservation, New York

Lyman Johnson to Joseph Keppler

Acknowledging the things sent; saying the costume will be sent on approval and with it will be some small baskets and a carrying strap as a gift.  
[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. J. 6. 6 No. 164

November 1

Tonawanda Reservation, New York

Jesse Cornplanter to Joseph Keppler [2 sheets]

Continuing his hope that a typewriter may be located; describing his health and saying he has taken up archery as a sport to keep himself occupied.  
[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. C. 8. 4 No. 49



[1934 con.]

November 5

Tonawanda Reservation, New York

Lyman Johnson to Joseph Keppler

Saying he met the woman who owned the costume and she is pleased at Keppler's help; reporting the first snow of the season.

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS

JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION

FOL. J.6.6 No. 165

November 15

Tonawanda Reservation, New York

Jesse Cornplanter to Joseph Keppler [2 sheets]

Asking for a loan until his \$22.50 arrives, he having used his last cheque for winter clothing.

[Marked: "Ans. \$2.00" in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS

JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION

FOL. C.8.4 No. 50

December 3

Akron, New York

Jesse Cornplanter to Joseph Keppler

Repaying the \$2.00 loan requested on November 15th and asking if Keppler would like his father's turtle rattle.  
[Marked: "Ans. Money returned" in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS

JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION

FOL. C.8.4 No. 51

December 11

Lawtons, New York

Fred Ninham to Joseph Keppler

Reporting the deaths of Phillip Jones, Hattie Steeprock and Jimmie Sandy; saying the attendance at the Six Nations meeting was close to 200; reporting that the St. Regis people are building a Long House.

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS

JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION

FOL. N.4 No. 28

December 12

Basom, New York

Freeman Johnson to Joseph Keppler [2 sheets]

Saying he has been home from Rochester for 5 years; that he still plays in bands and orchestras as a side-line but, after working for 20 years it is monotonous doing nothing.  
[Marked: Answered Dec. 15, in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS

JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION

FOL. J.4.4 No. 6

[1934 con.]

December 14

Lawtons, New York

Fred Ninham to Joseph Keppler

Saying he is sending some Indian tobacco and acknowledging the two packages from Mrs. Wagner and that the clothing was distributed to the most needy.

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JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
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FOL. N. 4 NO. 29

1935

January 8

Tonawanda Reservation, New York

Jesse Cornplanter to Joseph Keppler [2 sheets]

Saying the rattle is being mailed and asking for financial aid toward the support of the coming New Year ceremonies, as a loan until his next compensation cheque is received.

[Marked: "Ans. 5.00" in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. C. 8.4 No. 52

January 14

Lawtons, New York

Fred Ninham to Joseph Keppler [2 sheets]

Announcing the opening of the New Year Ceremony on February 8th and the Little Water Ceremony for February 6th; reporting an accident to Mrs. Della Deer and her two daughters; sending 3 recipes for Indian corn dishes; reporting an automobile accident to the Steeprock family and some friends.

[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. N. 4 No. 30

January 21

Lawtons, New York

Fred Ninham to Joseph Keppler

Acknowledging clothing sent to him and his family.

[Marked "Ans. Jan. 23rd" in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. N. 4 No. 31

January 26

North Collins, New York

[Mrs.] Sophia Jones to Joseph Keppler

Thanking him for the package; saying that Minnie Jones is seriously ill and that it is difficult for the men to find work this winter; announcing that the New Year's Ceremony begins February 8th.

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. J. 8.9 No. 1

January 28

Nedrow, New York

Chapman Schandoah to Joseph Keppler

Speaking of a new explosive for use in airplanes; his family is all well except his mother-in-law, who suffers a heart ailment.

[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. S. 3 No. 54

[1935 con.]

February 2

Tonawanda Reservation, New York

Jesse Cornplanter to Joseph Keppler

Repaying the \$5.00 loan requested  
on January 8th.IROQUOIS  
PAPERSJOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION

FOL C.8.4 No. 53

February 7

Lawtons, New York

Fred Ninham to Joseph Keppler

Saying his wife is suffering greatly from  
a tooth but that they have no funds to get  
into Buffalo to a clinic; reporting that  
the women of the Reservation are to receive  
about \$12. a week on "relief" sewing;  
announcing the deaths of Young Lay and Mrs.  
Minnie Jones; saying that the Little Water  
Ceremony was well attended and that the New  
Year Ceremony commences the following day.  
[Marked: "Ans. 5.00" in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERSJOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION

FOL N.4 No. 32

February 20

Lawtons, New York

Fred Ninham to Joseph Keppler

Saying that his wife had eight teeth  
and he one extracted in Buffalo;  
announcing the deaths of Emeline  
Thompson, Agnes Williams and Alta Pierce.

IROQUOIS  
PAPERSJOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION

FOL N.4 No. 33

February 27

Steamburg, New York

Alice White to Joseph Keppler [2 sheets]

Complaining that she has not heard from  
him in a long time.

[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERSJOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION

FOL W.4 No. 26

March 7

Nedrow, New York

[Mrs.] Anna C. Lyons to Joseph Keppler [2 sheets]

Saying she is Jesse Cornplanter's sister,  
now married to Louis Lyons for 5 years,  
and requesting aid in the form of clothing.  
[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERSJOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION

FOL L.9 No. 1

[1935 con.]

March 14

Lawtons, New York

Fred Ninham to Joseph Keppler

Announcing the holding of the Sap and  
Falseface Ceremony.[Marked: "Ans. Mch. 23rd" in Keppler's  
hand]IROQUOIS  
PAPERSJOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION

FOL N.4 No 34

March 22

Nedrow, New York

[Mrs.] Anna C. Lyons to Joseph Keppler

Acknowledging package sent.

IROQUOIS  
PAPERSJOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION

FOL L.9 No 2

March 28

Basom, New York

Freeman Johnson to Joseph Keppler [2 sheets]

Announcing that a Six Nations Council  
of Chiefs will be held at the Onondaga  
on April 23rd at which time the belts  
will be read.[Marked: Answered Apl. 2nd, in Keppler's  
hand]IROQUOIS  
PAPERSJOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION

FOL J.6.4 No 7

April 8

Tonawanda Reservation, New York

Jesse Cornplanter to Joseph Keppler

Saying his T. E.R.A. pay is insufficient  
for living and requesting a loan.

[Marked: "5.00" in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERSJOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION

FOL C.8.4 No 54

April 10

Lawtons, New York

Fred Ninham to Joseph Keppler

Complaining of the delay in his  
receiving Keppler's letter of March 15th  
and acknowledging the package, the  
contents of which has been distributed.IROQUOIS  
PAPERSJOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION

FOL N.4 No 35

[1935 con.]

April 18

Nedrow, New York

Chapman Schanandoah to Joseph Keppler

Saying he has been trying to locate books on Old Chief Schanandoah and the early Oneida traditions; mentioning a clipping from the Syracuse Herald; he has been referring to old treaties; they have suffered a hard winter, as to weather.  
[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. S.3 No. 55

April 25

Basom, New York

Lyman Johnson to Joseph Keppler

Saying that he has been looking for some help from Keppler since the previous December and asking for \$5.00, as he only works 2 days a month.  
[Marked: "Ans.5.00" in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. J.6.6 No. 166

May 2

Tonawanda Reservation, New York

Jesse Cornplanter to Joseph Keppler [2 sheets]

Repaying the loan requested on April 8th; saying he is working on Indian arts under T.E.R.A. auspices and that he has just completed a mask from a picture Keppler sent.

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. C.8.4 No. 55

May 25

Basom, New York

Lyman Johnson to Joseph Keppler

Acknowledging the money sent and reporting he is very weak and must spend part of the time in bed; he has spent some time with relations on the Cattaraugus Reservation.

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. J.6.6 No. 167

June 14

Lawtons, New York

Fred Ninham to Joseph Keppler

Announcing the Strawberry Ceremony for the following day; thanking him for a package sent; saying his wife is working at the Thomas Indian School.  
[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. N.4 No. 36

[1935 con.]

July 10

Rochester, New York

Arthur C. Parker to Joseph Keppler

Mentioning his pictorial map and discussing work of rehabilitating the Seneca arts and the increase in the Museum's staff through "white collar" [W.P.A.] workers.

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. P.2 No. 55

July 13

Tonawanda Reservation, New York

Jesse Cornplanter to Joseph Keppler

Asking if Keppler has any unneeded artist materials to spare as he is now painting on the T.E.R.A. project.  
[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]  
[The verso carries a pen-and-ink drawing of an Indian with cap-headress by Keppler]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. C.8.4 No. 56

July 30

Tonawanda Reservation, New York

Jesse Cornplanter to Joseph Keppler [2 sheets]

Acknowledging receipt of the artist materials sent; announcing a Field Day to raise money for the coming Six Nations meeting and saying that Mr. Fenton is doing much to publicize the event.

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. C.8.4 No. 57

August 13

Lawtons, New York

Fred Ninham to Joseph Keppler

Acknowledging a money order and saying he had paid over \$10.00 to "Mr. Lay."

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. N.4 No. 37

September 5

Akron, New York

Lyman Johnson to Joseph Keppler

Saying that the work he is permitted barely meets his expenses for food and asking financial aid; reporting a coming Six Nations meeting.  
[Marked: "Ans. 5.00" in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. J.6.6 No. 163

[1935 con.]

September 13

Akron, New York

[Mrs.] Dinah King to Joseph Keppler [2 sheets]

Saying she is sending some corn and asking for clothes; announcing a meeting of the Iroquois Temperance League "first Tuesday in October."

[Marked: "Ans.; 2.00 & clothes" in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION

FOL. K.4 No. 24

September 18

Lawtons, New York

Mrs. Fred Ninham to Joseph Keppler [2 sheets]

Requesting some buck-skin to make moccasins and pocket-books for which she will send money on her pay-day.

[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION

FOL. N.4 No. 38

September 20

Tonawanda Reservation, New York

Lyman Johnson to Joseph Keppler [3 sheets]

Thanking Keppler for his help and wondering how he could get along without Keppler's brotherly friendship; he is now in need of more clothes; reporting dates for coming Six Nations meetings at various points and that he hopes to attend.

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION

FOL. J.6.6 No. 169

October 7

Akron, New York

Dinah King to Joseph Keppler

Thanking him for money and clothing sent.

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION

FOL. K.4 No. 25

October 12

Lawtons, New York

Fred Ninham to Joseph Keppler [3 sheets]

Reporting deaths of Hiram Beaver, Julia Kittle, Harkness Phillips and Simon Skye; saying he had met Dr. Bates at the recent State Fair in Syracuse; mentioning pending meetings at several of the Long Houses; describing the making of a "live mask" and one of the legends concerning false-faces.

[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION

FOL. N.4 No. 39



[1935 con.]

October 17

Tonawanda Reservation, New York

Jesse Cornplanter to Joseph Keppler

Requesting a loan enabling him and his wife to attend the coming Six Nations meeting at Allegany Reservation.  
[Marked: "5.00" in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
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FOL. C. 8.4 No. 58

October 26

Tonawanda Reservation, New York

Jesse Cornplanter to Joseph Keppler

Acknowledging receipt of the loan requested on October 17th and saying that he has been practicing the Feather Dance.

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
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FOL. C. 8.4 No. 59

October 29

Lawtons, New York

Fred Ninham to Joseph Keppler

Inquiring as to the price of eagle feathers for a new headdress as he has a job posing in an art school in Buffalo.  
[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
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FOL. N. 4 No. 40

October 31

Akron, New York

Dinah King to Joseph Keppler

Saying she has some wampum strings which Keppler might want to purchase.  
[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
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FOL. K. 4 No. 26

November 2

Tonawanda Reservation, New York

Jesse Cornplanter to Joseph Keppler

Making repayment of the earlier loan and reporting a good Six Nations meeting; saying that he would like to go to the meeting at Onondaga but he would be expected to stay with his sister [Anna Lyons] and that would not be pleasant inasmuch as she is of the Christian faith; announcing that he is making a study of his father's religion hoping some day to preach it.

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
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FOL. C. 8.4 No. 60

[1935 con.]

November 14

Lawtons, New York

Fred Ninham to Joseph Keppler

Reporting on the Handsome Lake Code meeting at Syracuse; reporting the death of Delbert Steeprock in a hospital at Buffalo; saying he would like about 34 feathers for the head-dress; offering Keppler a carved paddle recovered from the ruins of the Phillips house [burned December 26, 1929] and enclosing a sketch of this piece.  
[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
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COLLECTION  
FOL. N.4 No. 41

November 27

Akron, New York

Dinah King to Joseph Keppler

Saying there are 7 wampum strings for which she wants \$2.00 each.  
[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. K.4 No. 27

December 1

Akron, New York

Lyman Johnson to Joseph Keppler

Saying he has had no answer to his last letter and that he is without work; asking financial aid as the "project" [T.E.B.A.] is discontinued.  
[Marked: "Ans. December 14th" in Keppler's hand]

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COLLECTION  
FOL. J.6.6 No. 170

December 10

Akron, New York

Dinah King to Joseph Keppler

Accepting his offer of \$12.00 for the wampum strings and asking that a photograph be made of her mother's dress and her falseface.  
[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

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PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. K.4 No. 28

December 11

Lawtons, New York

Fred Ninham to Joseph Keppler

Saying he is sending the paddle for which Keppler may pay what he thinks it worth.  
[Marked: "Ans. 3.50" in Keppler's hand]

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JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. N.4 No. 42

[1935 con.]

December 12

Tonawanda Reservation, New York

Jesse Cornplanter to Joseph Keppler

Saying he is working on W. P. A. at  
Williamsville and requesting a loan  
until he is paid.

[Marked: "Ans. Dec. 14" in Keppler's hand]

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COLLECTION

FOL. C. 8.4 No. 61

December 17

Lawtons, New York

Fred Ninham to Joseph Keppler

Acknowledging payment for the paddle,  
the amount being entirely satisfactory;  
reporting that people on the Reservation  
are making holiday wreaths which they  
sell in Buffalo.

[Marked: "Ans. Dec. 22" in Keppler's hand]

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COLLECTION

FOL. N. 4 No. 43

December 19

Tonawanda Reservation, New York

Jesse Cornplanter to Joseph Keppler

Acknowledging the loan requested on  
December 12th; discussing the names  
Shagodyowehgowah and Shagodyoweh.

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS

JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION

FOL. C. 8.4 No. 62

December 21

Nedrow, New York

Chapman Schanandoah to Joseph Keppler

Expressing his disbelief in the legend  
of Joshua stopping the sun to win a  
battle. [Keppler sent this letter to  
F.P.A. who printed its final paragraph  
in his column on January 8, 1936  
Franklin Adams' note to Keppler and the  
clipping accompany this letter.]

[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

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PAPERS

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COLLECTION

FOL. S. 3 No. 56

[1935 con.]

December 22

Dinah King to Joseph Keppler

Thanking him for his help.  
 [This probably refers to payment  
 made for the wampum strings]

Akron, New York

IROQUOIS  
 PAPERS

JOSEPH KEPPLER  
 COLLECTION

FOL. K.4 No.29

December 31

Fred Ninham to Joseph Keppler

Saying that neither he nor his wife  
 are working at present because both  
 of them are suffering from faulty  
 eyesight; announcing their son [this  
 is Fred Ninham's stepson] will be 16  
 on January 5th, 1936 and reporting  
 that his mother is showing her age.  
 [Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

Lawtons, New York

IROQUOIS  
 PAPERS

JOSEPH KEPPLER  
 COLLECTION

FOL. N.4 No.44

1936

January

Nedrow, New York

Chapman Schanandoah to Joseph Keppler

Giving details as to the burial place of Chief Schanandoah and the memorial tablet at Oneida Castle, New York.

[This refers to the Oneida chief John Skenendoe [or Schanandoah] who signed the Treaty of 1749 at Canandaigua, New York. See Keppler II, p. 34]

ROQUOIS  
PAPERS

JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION

FOL. 5.3 No 57

January 3

Basom, New York

Jesse Cornplanter to Joseph Keppler

Acknowledging the Christmas package sent by Keppler; repaying loan requested on December 12th; saying he is back on the W. P. A. Indian Arts and Crafts project; asking Keppler to get in touch with C. LeRoy Baldrige, 284 W. 11th Street, New York, for him.

ROQUOIS  
PAPERS

JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION

FOL. C.8.4 No. 63

January 4

Tonawanda Reservation, New York

Lyman Johnson to Joseph Keppler

Acknowledging money sent, the delay being that he started work on a W. P. A. project at Williamsville; he has been laid up for a week, however, through sickness; reporting the death of Yankee Spring on December 3rd, 1935; saying if Keppler is planning a visit, he is home on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays.

ROQUOIS  
PAPERS

JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION

FOL. J. 6.6 No. 171

February 10

Lawton's, New York

Mrs. Walter Jimerson to Joseph Keppler

Asking for clothing and saying her mother is recovering from an illness. The verso of this letter carries a pen drawing of a lynx ? or wildcat ? by Keppler.

[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

ROQUOIS  
PAPERS

JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION

FOL. J.3.5 No. 4

[1936 con.]

February 14

Basom, New York

Jesse Cornplanter to Joseph Keppler

Saying he is waiting for his World War Bonus and taking Keppler to task for reminding him of earlier unpaid loans when he makes no such requests for repayment to others who have received money; reporting he is still working on the Indian Crafts project and requesting sketches of masks.  
 [Marked: "Ans. Febr. 27th. Cancelled old debts" in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
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FOL C.8.4 No. 64

February 28

Akron, New York

[Mrs.] Dinah King to Joseph Keppler

Describing her mother's dress and giving her mother's Indian name  
 [The penciled notation at the bottom is in the hand of Kenneth C. Miller and refers to the dress in question now in the collections of the M. A. I.H.F.]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
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FOL K.4 No. 30

March 11

Tonawanda Reservation, New York

Jesse Cornplanter to Joseph Keppler

Continuing the discussion of his earlier debts to Keppler and thanking him for his generosity in cancelling all of them; reporting on his mask carving and further requesting sketches of some of the very old ones; complaining that he still suffers nervous spells from being gassed and shell-shocked.  
 [Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]  
 [The verso carries a memo, also in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
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FOL C.8.4 No. 65

March 24

Akron, New York

Arnold Sundown to Joseph Keppler

Asking if Keppler can find a market for his silver work.  
 [Marked: Answered Apl. 2nd, in Keppler's hand]

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PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
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FOL S.8.2 No. 1

[1936 con.]

April 24

Lawtons, New York

Fred Ninham to Joseph Keppler [2 sheets]

Reporting that his wife has suffered all winter from the effects of an infection in her hands, that being the reason for his not communicating with Keppler for so long a time; saying that the spring floods have been somewhat severe; reporting the deaths of Mrs. Peter Green, Sarah Warrior, Eli Jacobs, Sr., Anson Jimerson, Clara Thompson, Marybelle Huff, Levi Ground, Francis Kenjockerty, Clarence Plummer, Dorothy Harding, Helen Tallchief, Fanny Jones, and Rosaline Scott.

[The verso carries penciled memoranda in Keppler's hand]

[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS

JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION

FOL. N. 4 No. 45

April 27

Akron, New York

Dinah King to Joseph Keppler

Acknowledging the photograph of her mother's dress; saying there have been many deaths on the Reservation and that she is sending him a cornhusk mat as a present.

[This letter is not signed, but Keppler has identified the writer and marked it: answered.]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS

JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION

FOL. K. 4 No. 31

April 28

Basom, New York

Jesse Cornplanter to Joseph Keppler

Saying the bank at Batavia has refused him an advance on his War Bonus and asking Keppler if he will make it.

[Marked: Answered; in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS

JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION

FOL. C. 8. 4 No. 66

May 12

Nedrow, New York

Chapman Schanandoah to Joseph Keppler

Anticipating a visit from Keppler; saying they are preparing crops for next winter's larder; reporting death of Adam Jones.

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS

JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION

FOL. S. 3 No. 58

[1936 con.]

May 18

Tonawanda Reservation, New York

Jesse Cornplanter to Joseph Keppler

Thanking him for the loan of \$5.00  
and discussing the recent Indian  
adoption of Jean Hersholt.

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. C. 8.4 No. 67

May 19

Lawtons, New York

Fred Ninham to Joseph Keppler [ 2 sheets]

Sending thanks for a recent gift of  
money enabling them to get their plowing  
done and to repair their roof; announcing  
that May 7th will be mother's [Eliza  
Phillips'] 81st birthday.  
[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. N. 4 No. 46

June 8

Lawtons, New York

Fred Ninham to Joseph Keppler

Announcing the date of the Strawberry  
Festival as June 13th.  
[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. N. 4 No. 47

June 30

Akron, New York

Lyman Johnson to Joseph Keppler

Asking if Keppler will help him  
financially so that he may shingle  
his house at a cost of \$29.

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. J. 6.6 No. 172

August 14

Lawtons, New York

Fred Ninham to Joseph Keppler

Saying they are living on "Welfare"  
and that they would appreciate some  
clothing.

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. N. 4 No. 48

August 21

Lawtons, New York

Fred Ninham to Joseph Keppler

Acknowledging a package of clothing and  
announcing a coming Indian Field Day with  
games of all kinds.

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. N. 4 No. 49



[1936 con.]

August 26

Arnold Sundown to Joseph Keppler

Giving more information about his silver work with prices he charges for certain articles.

[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

Akron, New York

IROQUOIS  
PAPERSJOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION

FOL. S. 8. 2 No. 2

August 27

Fred Ninham to Joseph Keppler

Acknowledging a money gift from Keppler to the Little Water Society. [The verso carries a penciled memo in Keppler's hand]

Lawtons, New York

IROQUOIS  
PAPERSJOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION

FOL. N. 4 No. 50

September 4

Fred Ninham to Joseph Keppler

Sending a picture taken during the Strawberry Festival at the Allegany Reservation and announcing the date of the Green Corn ceremony as September 8th.

[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

Lawtons, New York

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PAPERSJOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION

FOL. N. 4 No. 51

September 13

[Mrs.] Dinah King to Joseph Keppler

Saying she is sending corn which is scarce because of the dry summer and asking for old clothing to be unravelled and used in making rugs.

[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

Akron, New York

IROQUOIS  
PAPERSJOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION

FOL. K. 4 No. 32

October 9

Dinah King to Joseph Keppler [2 sheets]

Thanking him for money sent and asking Keppler to procure customers for her husk dolls. Mr. John King, Dinah's husband, wants very much to meet Keppler.

[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

Akron, New York

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PAPERSJOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION

FOL. K. 4 No. 33

[1936 con.]

October 10

Fred Ninham to Joseph Keppler

Requesting a loan for the coming Six Nations meeting to help them entertain visitors.

[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

Lawtons, New York

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS

JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION

FOL. N. 4 No. 52

October 27

Fred Ninham to Joseph Keppler

Saying they had seven people in their home during the meeting and thanking Keppler for the money sent.

Lawtons, New York

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS

JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION

FOL. N. 4 No. 53

December 14

Fred Ninham to Joseph Keppler [2 sheets]

Acknowledging the bear oil and asking for clothing for his wife.

Lawtons, New York

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS

JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION

FOL. N. 4 No. 54

December 30

Fred Ninham to Joseph Keppler

Announcing a Little Water Ceremony on January 16, 1937 and the opening of the New Year Ceremony on the 17th and saying he is now working, as are a number of men on the Reservation.

[Marked: "Ans. 2.00" in Keppler's hand]

Lawtons, New York

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PAPERS

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COLLECTION

FOL. N. 4 No. 55

1937

[1]

Tonawanda Reservation, New York

Jesse Cornplanter to Joseph Keppler

Discussing some of his earlier letters which, now, he wishes he had not written; saying that he has been at the Buffalo Historical Society sketching masks; saying he has spent his Bonus money wisely and making repayment of an earlier loan by Keppler.

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL C.8.4 No 69

January 5

Akron, New York

Lyman Johnson to Joseph Keppler

Saying he has been out of work since December 8th and asking financial aid; reporting the beginning of an Arts and Crafts project on the Reservation. [There are some names and the marking "Ans. 5.00" in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL J.6.6 No 173

January 7

Tonawanda Reservation, New York

Lyman Johnson to Joseph Keppler

Saying he fell and sustained an injury to his arm and asking for financial help. [Marked: "2.00 Ans." in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL J.6.6 No 174

January 27

Akron, New York

Lyman Johnson to Joseph Keppler

Acknowledging the money sent; saying he has been ill with an attack of "grippe" and asking financial aid.

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL J.6.6 No 175

February 1

Rochester, New York

Arthur C. Parker to Joseph Keppler

Discussing the Treaty of 1794 as it pertains to the annual distribution of goods among the New York State Indians; reporting the complete loss through fire of the building of W.P.A. Indian Arts Project and announcing that they have a new school building near the Tonawanda Council House; hoping that Keppler can attend the laying of the cornerstone of the new \$45,000.00 Community House to be opened near Akron. [Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL P.2 No 56

[1937 con.]

February 4

Tonawanda Reservation, New York

Jesse Cornplanter to Joseph Keppler

Reporting both he and his wife ill with mild case of "flu"; discussing the changing legal status of the Indian in New York; announcing the destruction of the school house, in which the Indian Arts and Crafts project was housed, by fire but that another building has been obtained and work continues.

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. C. 8.4 No. 68

February 9

Rochester, New York

Arthur C. Parker to Joseph Keppler

Discussing the Morris Purchase and the "gift to bind wounds" and saying if Keppler has any books they should be sent for the Community House library. [Marked: "Ans. Febr. 24th 1937" in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. P. 2 No. 57

February 12

Lawtons, New York

Fred Ninham to Joseph Keppler [2 sheets]

Reporting that Mrs. Phillips fell and injured her left side and that her care is most difficult for his wife; asking for clothing and old sheeting and saying the Welfare people will do nothing for her. [Marked "Ans. Sent money" in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. N. 4 No. 56

March 2

Nedrow, New York

Richmond Martin to Joseph Keppler

Saying that he nearly lost his life when the house, in which he was living with other people, burned to the ground December 27, 1936. Asking for clothes and saying he feels at home on the Onondaga Reservation to which he moved 4 years previous. [Marked: "Ans. Money"]

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PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. M. 2 No. 7

March 3

Nedrow, New York

Fred Ninham to Joseph Keppler

Reporting Mrs. Phillips much improved but still confined to bed, suffering from 2 fractured ribs and thanking Keppler for the package sent. [Marked: "Ans. Money"]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. N. 4 No. 57

[1937 con.]

March 10

Akron, New York

Lyman Johnson to Joseph Keppler [2 sheets]

Acknowledging money sent and asking further financial aid until he can get his Old Age Pension.

[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. J.6.6 No 176

March 17

Nedrow, New York

Richmond Martin to Joseph Keppler [post card]

Asking if he has heard from Lyman Johnson lately.

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PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. M.2 No. 8

April 19

Basom, New York

Jesse Cornplanter to Joseph Keppler

Stating that this is the 18th anniversary of his discharge from the Army; requesting a loan until the first of the month.

[Marked: "Ans. 5.00 Loan" in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. C.8.4 No. 70

April 27

Rochester, New York

Nita M. Feltman to Joseph Keppler

Thanking him for his contribution of books to the Indian Library [at the Tonawanda Community House], the corner-stone of which is to be laid on May 10, 1937.

This is on the stationery of the City of Rochester, Municipal Museum Commission, Rochester Museum of Arts and Sciences, of which Feltman is a member of the Division of Public Relations.

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. K.3 No A<sup>6</sup>

May 11

Tonawanda Reservation, New York

Jesse Cornplanter to Joseph Keppler

Acknowledging the loan requested on April 19th and apologizing for the delay in repayment; reporting on the corner-stone exercises at the new Community House and his part in the proceedings.

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. C.8.4 No. 71

[1940 con.]

October 10

Steamburg, New York

Alice White to Joseph Keppler

Commenting on the natural beauties  
of autumn and saying that she can use  
most any kind of clothing.  
[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

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PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
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FOL. W. 4 No. 40

November 10

Lawtons Sta., New York

Kelly Lay to Joseph Keppler

Saying that despite his age and  
infirmities he is getting along pretty  
well and asking Keppler if he can get  
gum to use on his snow-snake.

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PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
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FOL. L. 3.2 No. 4

November 21

Basom, New York

[Mrs.] Dinah King to Joseph Keppler [2 sheets]

Saying she has not written in a long  
time and that no corn was sent Keppler  
because the crops were so poor and  
asking for old clothing from which rag  
rugs can be made.  
[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
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FOL. K. 4 No. 38

November 25

Steamburg, New York

Alice White to Joseph Keppler

Thanking him for the package of clothing  
and saying that although the deer season  
opened, the Seneca Council has banned  
white hunters from using the Reservation.

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PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
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FOL. W. 4 No. 41

December 4

Lawtons, New York

Fred Ninham to Joseph Keppler

Saying he is ill and in bed at the  
moment; enquiring as to Keppler's luck  
during the hunting season.  
[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
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FOL. N. 4 No. 102

December 21

Nedrow, New York

Chapman Schanandoah to Joseph Keppler

Remarking that just 40 years ago his ship was at Buenos Aires; saying that some remarks he had made to a news reporter were published, and sending clipping.

[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS

JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION

FOL. S.3 No. 60

December 30

Akron, New York

Lyman Johnson to Joseph Keppler

Acknowledging money sent; saying he suffers from a stomach ailment but is up and around.

[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS

JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION

FOL. J.6.6 No. 221

1941

February 14

Lawtons, New York

Fred Ninham to Joseph Keppler

Announcing the death of Kelly Lay that day and of the young baby of Reuben Isaac's.

[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS

JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION

FOL. N. 4 No. 103

March 3

Lawton's, New York

James Crow to Joseph Keppler

Thanking Keppler for the coat and the "bill" with which he will buy the buttons and thread and reporting the usual floods from spring thaw.

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS

JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION

FOL. C. 9 No. 4

March 6

Lawtons, New York

Fred Ninham to Joseph Keppler

Saying his son was 3 years old on February 27; thanking Keppler for a book and for the picture of Handsome Lake; reporting that he is getting the young men together for instructions in the ceremonies and songs.

[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS

JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION

FOL. N. 4 No. 104

March 10

Steamburg, New York

Alice White to Joseph Keppler [2 sheets]

Saying that an icy winter has prevented her getting around much and that the New Year Ceremony was fairly well attended.

[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS

JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION

FOL. W. 4 No. 42

March 17

Akron, New York

Lyman Johnson to Joseph Keppler

Saying the parcel is not yet received; reporting the death of a niece living on Cattaraugus Reservation and that he had to stay there until the 10-day Death Feast was over.

[Marked: "Ans. 5.00" in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS

JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION

FOL. J. 6. 6 No. 222



[1941 con.]

March 24

Akron, New York

Lyman Johnson to Joseph Keppler

Reporting that his old age pension has been reduced from \$10. to \$8. monthly and complaining that others, who are able to work, are getting more pension than he; saying that the parcel has not as yet come.

[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. J.6.6 No. 223

March 29

Basom, New York

Harrison Ground to Joseph Keppler [2 sheets]

Saying that he knows nothing of goods sent to Lyman Johnson; that one of his daughters is now staying with Johnson; that Johnson is jealous of all other Indians with whom Keppler is friendly and that he is writing unknown to Johnson.

[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. Q.8.2 No 1

April 5

Akron, New York

Lyman Johnson to Joseph Keppler

Acknowledging both Keppler's letters and a parcel he received in February containing a sheeplined coat; saying he is thankful for the money sent.

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. J.6.6 No. 224

April 8

Lawtons, New York

Fred Ninham to Joseph Keppler

Reporting the additional deaths of Josephine Kittle and infant, Lorenza Mohawk, Emily Wilson, aged 85, Roy Kittle, Alfred Logan, Sr., Yankee Stevens, Pauline Warrior's infant, and Jim Crow's grandson; reporting on the occurrence of certain ceremonies; saying that Jim Crow has a badly swollen leg.

[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. N. 4 No 105

[1941 con.]

April 18

Alice White to Joseph Keppler

Acknowledging a package from Mrs.  
Wagner, Keppler's sister-in-law.

Steamburg, New York

IROQUOIS  
PAPERSJOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION

FOL. W. 4 No. 43

May 5

Lyman Johnson to Joseph Keppler

Requesting financial assistance as he  
must have his garden plowed and buy  
seed potatoes.

Akron, New York

IROQUOIS  
PAPERSJOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION

FOL. J. 6. 6 No. 225

May 24

Lyman Johnson to Joseph Keppler

Reporting his health to be failing very  
fast and that it recently took him six  
hours to get home from Akron; saying he  
wants a dance performed for him but this  
costs money and asking for financial aid.  
[Keppler has made a note in translation  
of an Iroquois word used and has marked  
the letter: "Ans. 2.00"]

Akron, New York

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PAPERSJOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION

FOL. J. 6. 6 No. 226

June 2

Fred Ninham to Joseph Keppler

Announcing the date of the Strawberry  
Ceremony as June 7th, the Little Water  
Ceremony occurring on the same date.  
[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

Lawton, New York

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PAPERSJOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION

FOL. N. 4 No. 106

June 6

Lyman Johnson to Joseph Keppler

Saying Keppler's contribution is not  
sufficient to pay for a curing dance but  
that he is thankful for the help.  
[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

Akron, New York

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PAPERSJOSEPH KEPPLER  
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FOL. J. 6. 6 No. 227

[1941 con.]

June 9

Steamburg, New York

Alice White to Joseph Keppler [post card]

Announcing the Strawberry Festival on  
June 14.IROQUOIS  
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COLLECTION

FOL. W.4 No.44

June 14

Lawtons, New York

Fred Ninham to Joseph Keppler

Thanking Keppler for his contribution  
to the Little Water Society and reporting  
that their boarder was taken to a hospital  
where he died; saying that Robert has been  
ill with pneumonia and is to be taken to  
the hospital at Gowanda.IROQUOIS  
PAPERSJOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION

FOL. N.4 No.107

July -

Akron, New York

Lyman Johnson to Joseph Keppler

Thanking Keppler for his advice and saying  
he has decided not to make the trip to  
the dancing contest.IROQUOIS  
PAPERSJOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION

FOL. J.6.6 No.229

July 8

Akron, New York

Lyman Johnson to Joseph Keppler

Saying he had met Richard Kittle at the  
recent Strawberry Dance and that Kittle  
had asked him to go down to New Mexico  
for a dancing contest, all expenses paid  
and the chance of winning a prize; asking  
Keppler's advice as to making the trip.  
[Marked: "Ans. No money" in Keppler's hand]IROQUOIS  
PAPERSJOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION

FOL. J.6.6 No.228

July 23

Akron, New York

Jennie Jones to Joseph Keppler

Saying she has brooches and a pair of  
earrings to sell and asking Keppler if  
he is interested in them.  
[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]IROQUOIS  
PAPERSJOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION

FOL. J.8.4 No.3

[1941 con.]

August 8

Jennie Jones to Joseph Keppler

Saying she is sorry to disappoint him but that her daughter wants to keep most of the brooches but she is sending some and the earrings, and that she has 120 dark wampum beads.

[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. J.8.4 No. 4

August 24

Jennie Jones to Joseph Keppler

Accepting his offer of \$7.00 for the Indian pieces.

[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

Akron, New York

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. J.8.4 No. 5

August 26

Lyman Johnson to Joseph Keppler

Asking for clothing as he cannot preach at the Council House in his present ragged clothing; he is afraid the whites will make fun of him as they did Elijah Davis; announcing the Six Nations meeting on September 13th.

[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

Akron, New York

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. J.6.6 No. 230

September 1

Jennie Jones to Joseph Keppler

Acknowledging the receipt of \$7.00; saying she is making old style husk dolls for which she gets \$5.00 a pair and that two of her children work in Buffalo and one on Long Island.

Akron, New York

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. J.8.4 No. 6

September 22

Lyman Johnson to Joseph Keppler

Acknowledging the clothing sent and saying he has been appointed again to attend the two Canadian and the Onondaga Six Nations meetings but that he has no funds, nor proper clothes.

Akron, New York

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. J.6.6 No. 231

October 13

Akron, New York

Lyman Johnson to Joseph Keppler

Saying he has had a fire in his wood patch and that he cannot attend the pending Six Nations meetings, as he lacks funds, even though Tonawanda should be represented; reporting that Mr. Coon is trying to abolish the 10 day Feast custom and the women's right to select new chiefs, even though he no longer holds office as district attorney; acknowledging trousers sent him.

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. J.6.6 No. 232

November 15

Akron, New York

Lyman Johnson to Joseph Keppler

Saying that he did not attend the Six Nations meetings in Canada and at Cold Spring, but he was sent to the Onondaga meeting; asking Keppler to supply him with an oil heater.

[Marked: "Ans. 3.00" in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. J.6.6 No. 233

December 6

Akron, New York

Lyman Johnson to Joseph Keppler

Acknowledging the money sent and asking for clothing, particularly rubbers and mittens.

[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. J.6.6 No. 234

December 21

Nedrow, New York

Richmond Martin to Joseph Keppler [2 sheets]

Mentioning the trouble over the Selective Service Draft and that the matter will be discussed at a coming Six Nations meeting and asking Keppler's opinion as to whether the Government can draft Indians. He considers the chiefs of the Onondaga Reservation "too dead in business affairs." Reporting visit from William Stiles during the summer; announcing the first black-out of the Syracuse area that night.

[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. M.2 No. 12

[1941 con.]

December 24

Lawtons, New York

Fred Ninham to Joseph Keppler

Reporting that his wife has been  
confined to bed with an infected leg  
for three weeks and announcing the  
beginning of the New Year Ceremony as  
January 2nd [This is evidently an  
error in date; see following letter]  
[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

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Fol. N. 4 No. 108

1942

January 5

Akron, New York

Lyman Johnson to Joseph Keppler

Saying he has been ill all through December with neuritis and that his grandson has been staying with him; he missed Keppler's usual Christmas present this year; reporting the New Year Ceremony opening on January 12th and inferentially requesting a donation to it.

[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. J.66 No. 235

January 13

Fred Ninham to Joseph Keppler

Reporting that his wife has now been taken to a hospital because of the infection in her leg; announcing the New Year Ceremony opening on January 21st with the Little Water Ceremony the same date.

[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. N.4 No. 109

January 18

Nedrow, New York

Richmond Martin to Joseph Keppler

Thanking him for clothing sent; saying that the New Year's Ceremony is in full swing.

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. M.2 No. 13

January 29

Lawtons, New York

Fred Ninham to Joseph Keppler [2 sheets]

Reporting the return of his wife from the hospital and acknowledging the clothing, which has been distributed, and a contribution to the Little Water Society and reporting on its recent meeting.

[This letter carries a list of names, probably of those receiving clothing, and is marked "Ans" in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. N.4 No. 110



February 1

[Mrs.] Dinah King to Joseph Keppler

Acknowledging the package sent and the money and saying she did not expect to be paid for the corn.

Basom, New York

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. K.4 No.39

February 2

Lyman Johnson to Joseph Keppler

Acknowledging the donation sent and when he made the announcement of its receipt, everybody was glad; reporting a successful ceremony.  
[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

Akron, New York

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. J.6.6 No.236

February 20

Fred Ninham to Joseph Keppler

Reporting that he is confined to bed with a heavy cold and fever and that he is to return to Buffalo for an eye examination.  
[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

Lawtons, New York

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. N.4 No.111

March - April

Mrs. Philip Garlow to Joseph Keppler [2 sheets]

Saying that she is the granddaughter of Deerfoot [Lewis Bennett] her mother having been his daughter, Martha Bennett Snow; saying she is endeavoring to write a biography of Deerfoot and asking Keppler for certain data; she is just visiting in New York, her home now being on the Tuscarora Reservation, Lewiston, New York.  
[The verso of sheet 2 carries penciled memos in Keppler's hand of running records of Deerfoot.]  
[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

New York, New York

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. D.3 No.7

March 9

Lyman Johnson to Joseph Keppler

Reporting heavy snow and blocked roads and saying he tries to take it easy but he must cut wood so as to keep warm.  
[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

Akron, New York

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. J.6.6 No.237



[1942 con.]

March 30

Lawtons, New York

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ninham to Joseph Keppler

Reporting the death of Enda Huff, granddaughter of Eliza Jones; announcing a Falseface Ceremony on April 5th and requesting that Keppler burn tobacco on that date.

[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION

FOL. N.4 No. 112

April 2

Akron, New York

Lyman Johnson to Joseph Keppler

Reporting that the Six Nations are to fight the Draft Law as it applies to New York Indians but they have no money to engage counsel; asking financial aid to have his garden plowed.

[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. J.6.6 No. 238

April 6

Brooklyn, New York

Mrs. Philip [Mildred F.] Garlow to Joseph Keppler

Thanking him for his helpful letter and expressing her appreciation of all Keppler did to perpetuate the memory of Deerfoot.

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. D.3 No. 8

April 18

Lawtons, New York

Fred Ninham to Joseph Keppler

Acknowledging money sent and saying he has been appointed to supervise the planting and care of a vegetable garden by the school children.

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. N.4 No. 113

April 30

Cold Spring, New York

Alice White to Joseph Keppler

Saying she hears from him too seldom and that she thinks of him often; announcing that she reached her 77th birthday on April 2 and that her little grandson had his first birthday on April 29.

[The letter is so indistinctly written that Keppler has copied it in ink on the same sheet.]

[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. W.4 No. 45

[1942 con.]

May 6

Lawtons, New York

Fred Ninham to Joseph Keppler

Saying that Willie Green is now preaching the Handsome Lake Code and reporting on several ceremonies recently held; saying that the State is no longer plowing their lands, as heretofore.

[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. N.4 No. 114

May 12

Akron, New York

Lyman Johnson to Joseph Keppler

Requesting financial help to have his garden plowed.

[Marked: "Ans. 5.00" in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. J.6.6 No. 239

May 18

Lawtons, New York

Fred Ninham to Joseph Keppler

Saying the gardens are late because of cold weather; acknowledging a money gift.

[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. N.4 No. 115

May 20

Steamburg, New York

Alice White to Joseph Keppler

Reporting that there have been many deaths on the Reservation; asking how the war is affecting him and saying she has heard that some of the Seneca boys have already seen action in Australia.

[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. W.4 No. 46

May 22

Akron, New York

Lyman Johnson to Joseph Keppler

Acknowledging the money sent and saying his garden has been plowed.

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. J.6.6 No. 240

[1942 con.]

June 1

Lawtons, New York

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ninham to Joseph Keppler

Announcing the Little Water Ceremony for June 6th and the Strawberry Festival on June 7th; reporting the deaths of Jesse Joe, aged 95 years, and Nick Parker, and a freight train wreck near North Collins.

[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. N. 4 No. 116

June 11

Akron, New York

Lyman Johnson to Joseph Keppler

Saying he cannot walk well because of pain in his feet and that a witch was the cause of his pain and trouble; complaining that all medicines are high priced and he has no money and asking for financial assistance.

[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. J. 6.6 No. 241

July 7

Akron, New York

Lyman Johnson to Joseph Keppler

Saying he needs a blanket and a quilt and asking help of Keppler.

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. J. 6.6 No. 242

July 9

Steamburg, New York

Alice White to Joseph Keppler

Requesting Mrs. Wagner's address as she wishes to send her a gift of a basket.

[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. W. 4 No. 47

July 16

Akron, New York

Lyman Johnson to Joseph Keppler

Saying that, as Keppler knows, he is an elderly cripple without means of support and no money.

[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. J. 6.6 No. 243

[1942 con.]

July 24

Jennie Jones to Joseph Keppler

Saying her children are all away working and asking Keppler to help her dispose of husk dolls she has made.  
[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

Akron, New York

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. J.8.4 No. 7

August 10

Lyman Johnson to Joseph Keppler

Saying he has received nothing yet from Keppler in appeal for winter things.  
[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

Akron, New York

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. J.6.6 No. 244

September 4

Lyman Johnson to Joseph Keppler

Announcing the Six Nations meeting to open September 12th; saying a friend of his told him he knew doctors who could help him but they all charge \$50.00 for treatment; asking for the clothing Keppler promised so that he will not look shabby when he preaches at the coming meeting.  
[Marked: "Ans. Quilt & \$" in Keppler's hand]

Akron, New York

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. J.6.6 No. 245

September 8

Fred Ninham to Joseph Keppler

Giving the Indian name of Harrison Halftown and its meaning; announcing the date of the Green Corn Ceremony as September 18th and mentioning the coming Six Nations meeting.  
[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

Lawtons, New York

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. N.4. No. 117

September 28

Lyman Johnson to Joseph Keppler

Saying the people want him to go and participate in the coming Six Nations meetings at Cattaraugus Reservation and in Canada but he cannot go as he is without funds.  
[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

Akron, New York

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. J.6.6 No. 246

[1942 con.]

October or November

Akron, New York

Lyman Johnson to Joseph Keppler

Asking for Mrs. Wagner's address so that he may acknowledge the quilt she sent and saying he is burning tobacco and praying for the boys who have gone into the armed services.

[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. J.6.6 No. 248

October 21

Steamburg, New York

Alice White to Joseph Keppler [2 sheets]

Saying the basket for Keppler's sister-in-law is ready and that it will be sent soon and that clothes will be welcome.

[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. W.4 No. 48

October 22

Akron, New York

Lyman Johnson to Joseph Keppler

Acknowledging the quilt and money received some weeks previously; he needs a suit, rubber boots and other winter clothing; saying he would like to go to a specialist for his feet whose fee is \$25.00.

[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. J.6.6 No. 247

November 2

Lawtons, New York

Fred Ninham to Joseph Keppler

Saying there were only 36 delegates attending the Six Nations meeting although 139 people were present; announcing the death of Page Jimerson.

[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. N.4 No. 118

November 12

Akron, New York

Lyman Johnson to Joseph Keppler

Acknowledging clothing sent but saying some was too small for him; reporting on what he was told by a fortune teller in Canada to do for his sickness; he borrowed money to go to Canada and is repaying it monthly.

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. J.6.6 No. 249

[1942 con.]

November 12

Lawtons, New York

Fred Ninham to Joseph Keppler [2 sheets]

Saying he was put off relief because he bought a double window frame and linoleum for their kitchen; explaining about the adoption of William F. Stiles into the Turtle Clan the previous summer, giving his Indian name and its meaning; discussing the number of Indian boys in the armed services.

[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION

FOL. N.4 No. 119

November 24

Steamburg, New York

Alice White to Joseph Keppler

Saying she has shipped the basket to Mrs. Wagner and that there are more hunters in the woods than deer, now that the season is open.

[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION

FOL. W.4 No. 49

November 30

Lawtons, New York

Fred Ninham to Joseph Keppler

Reporting that his wife's cousin, Charlie Ground, has gone into the Army; announcing visits from the falsefaces and asking Keppler to burn tobacco.

[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION

FOL. N.4 No. 120

December 9

Akron, New York

Lyman Johnson to Joseph Keppler

Saying he has a chance to go to Canada but no money for the trip and that he needs some winter clothing particularly socks and mittens.

[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION

FOL. J.6.6 No. 250

[1942 con.]

December 15

Akron, New York

Lyman Johnson to Joseph Keppler

Saying he is glad to know that Keppler has some winter socks and mittens to send him; reporting that after a council, the chiefs are going to Washington to protest the drafting of Indians.

[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. J.6.6 No. 251

December 17

Lawtons, New York

Fred Ninham to Joseph Keppler

Acknowledging packages from Keppler and saying he will send a list of those who receive the goods.

[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. N.4 No. 121



1943

January 9

Lawtons, New York

Fred Ninham to Joseph Keppler

Announcing the date of the New Year Ceremony as February 9th; reporting Jim Crow's home destroyed by fire the previous day in which the tribal wampum was destroyed; Jesse Logan, who was staying with Crow, was injured in jumping from an upper window and now is in Buffalo City Hospital in a critical condition; Crow is now staying with them. [Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. N.4 No. 122

January 25

Lawtons, New York

Fred Ninham to Joseph Keppler

Reporting Jim Crow still with them and that Kirby Johnson, his nephew, is visiting them; announcing the death of Jennie Turkey and the date of the Little Water Ceremony as February 6th; telling of the movement to raise funds to build another house for Jim Crow; speaking of a picture of Handsome Lake and a copy of the Dearborn letter, belonging to the Long House, which were destroyed in the fire at Jim Crow's house and asking if Keppler has copies they could use. [Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. N.4 No. 123

March 30

Akron, New York

Lyman Johnson to Joseph Keppler

Saying Keppler has not answered his recent appeal for help; explaining the clan-brother relationship existing between them as the reason he always feels so free to call on Keppler for assistance; asking if something has occurred to make Keppler stop helping him so suddenly. [Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. J.6.6 No. 252



[1943 con.]

May 6 [?]

Cattaraugus Reservation

Fred Ninham to Joseph Keppler

Typescript of an extract from letter saying that they need to replace the ceremonial wampum lost in the destruction of Jim Crow's house by fire on January 8, 1943; requesting Keppler to see if he cannot arrange to purchase some for them from some museum and describing the lost strings. To this is attached an extract [in Keppler's hand] of his reply saying that all museum collections are held by Trustees and cannot be dissipated.

IROQUOIS  
PAPERSJOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTIONFOL. K.3 No. J<sup>1</sup>

1944

May 17

Tonawanda Reservation

Jesse Cornplanter to Museum of  
the American Indian, Heye Foundation

Saying that, although living on the  
Tonawanda Reservation, he is one of  
the Chiefs at the Newtown [Cattaraugus]  
Long House and that he has been asked  
to help in replacing the wampum strings  
lost in the destruction of Jim Crow's  
house.

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. K.3 No. J<sup>2</sup>

May 24

Tonisgeh, Woodland, New York

Joseph Keppler to George G. Heye

Saying that he considers Cornplanter's  
request [Heye wrote Keppler concerning  
the matter] both dignified and worthy  
of consideration and stating that this  
is a most important matter to the Long  
House ceremonies. Asking Heye to suggest  
to Cornplanter that he try to obtain some  
wampum from Leonard E. Schneider [at  
Tonawanda] and to ask, further, the  
minimum amount needed, the strings  
mentioned by Cornplanter being out of the  
question.  
By referring to Jesse Cornplanter's file  
[C. 8.4 nos. 80-1] it will be obvious why  
Keppler did not care to communicate directly  
with Cornplanter.

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. K.3 No. J<sup>3</sup>

May 26

New York, New York

George G. Heye to Jesse Cornplanter

Carbon copy of letter carrying out  
Keppler's suggestions of May 24th.

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. K.3 No. J<sup>4</sup>

[1944 con.]

June 9

Tonawanda Reservation, New York

Jesse Cornplanter to George G. Heye

Acknowledging his letter of May 26th, lamenting the loss of so many of the tribal ceremonial objects to individuals and institutions who will not even loan them back when they are needed.

Saying that his previous description of the strings needed was not accurate as he had never measured the length nor counted the number of the ones destroyed.

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. K.3 No. J<sup>5</sup>

September 19

Tonisgah, Woodland, New York

Joseph Keppler to George G. Heye

Recounting in some detail the events transpiring at the Newtown Long House on September 12th when he visited the Reservation to present his people with the wampum he presented to them from his own collection.

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. K.3 No. J<sup>6</sup>

[1937 con.]

May 12

Lyman Johnson to Joseph Keppler

Saying he will have to wait another year before he can get an Old Age pension and asking for \$10.00 to be used to have his garden plowed and to buy seed potatoes.  
[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

Akron, New York

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL J.6.6 No 177

May 30

Lyman Johnson to Joseph Keppler

Thanking him for clothing sent; saying that his rheumatism is troublesome and that the Welfare Agency doesn't help him out with food any more.

Akron, New York

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL J.6.6 No 178

June 12

Fred Ninham to Joseph Keppler

Reporting that Mrs. Phillips is now able to sit up in a chair; announcing the date of the Little Water Ceremony as June 19th; reporting that Ray Kittle's daughter was severely burned and that his stepson is now with the C. C. C.  
[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

Lawtons, New York

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL N.4 No 58

June 15

Jesse Cornplanter to Joseph Keppler

Saying he is in New York for a broadcast with Carl Carmex and to visit Lippincott, the publisher; he had come by train with Mr. Fenton.  
[This is on the stationery of the Hotel Roosevelt and is marked "Ans." in Keppler's hand]

New York, New York

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL C.8.4 No 72

August 18

Lyman Johnson to Joseph Keppler

Saying he is not able to get work on account of his age and asking financial aid.  
[Marked: "Ans. 2.00" in Keppler's hand]

Akron, New York

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL J.6.6 No 179

August 20

Rochester, New York

Arthur C. Parker to Joseph Keppler

Announcing Keppler's election to receive the first Seneca Silver Star award upon nomination by Donehogaweh [Freeman Johnson] and that the ceremony will be held at Ellison Park, Rochester on September 25th. Asking for a photograph.

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. K.3 No. D<sup>1</sup>

August 21

Rochester, New York

Freeman Johnson to Joseph Keppler

Announcing Keppler's selection to receive the first Seneca Silver Star and enclosing clippings. Saying that the date of the presentation is the 11th anniversary of his elevation to the Donehogaweh sachemship. [Marked: "Ans. 22" in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. K.3 No. D<sup>2</sup>

August 26

Rochester, New York

Arthur C. Parker to Joseph Keppler

Explaining the "order" of the Seneca Silver Star. Mentioning the group of Iroquois living in or near Rochester and saying that Joseph Brant's great granddaughter is a clerk at the Rochester Museum. [Marked: "Ans. Sept. 6" in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. K.3 No. D<sup>3</sup>

August 26

Akron, New York

Lyman Johnson to Joseph Keppler

Reporting a fractured wrist suffered from a fall. [Marked: "Ans. 1.00" in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. J.6.6 No. 180

September 3

Lawtons, New York

Fred Ninham to Joseph Keppler

Announcing the date of the Little Water Ceremony as September 18th and that the Green Corn Ceremony will be held as soon as the group of lacrosse players returns from games and an induction at Pittsburgh; reporting his stepson returns from the C.C.C. camp that night; asking for a loan and saying this his wife expects to become a mother in February. [Marked: "Ans/-" in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. N.4 No. 59

[1937 con.]

September 6

Akron, New York

Lyman Johnson to Joseph Keppler

Acknowledging two letters and reporting the Six Nations meeting opens the following day.  
[Marked: "Ans. 5.00" in Keppler's hand]

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PAPERSJOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION

FOL. J. 6. 6 No. 181

September 20

Akron, New York

Lyman Johnson to Joseph Keppler

Saying he has been told by a fortune teller that all his ill luck is caused by men working against him because he won't drink with them; he cannot attend coming Six Nations meeting as he lacks funds.  
[Marked: "Ans. 5.00" in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERSJOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION

FOL. J. 6. 6 No. 182

September 21

Lawtons, New York

Fred Ninham to Joseph Keppler [2 sheets]

Reporting on his trip to Syracuse, the recent Green Corn Ceremony and the trip of the dancers and lacrosse players to Pittsburgh; saying that Frank Kenjockety is planning to take a group to Europe; discussing a live mask; announcing the Six Nations meetings at Onondaga Long House [Canada] on October 9th, at Cold Spring on the 16th and at Onondaga [New York] on the 23rd.  
[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERSJOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION

FOL. N. 4 No. 60

September 27

Rochester, New York

Arthur C. Parker to Joseph Keppler

Sending newspaper clippings covering the presentation ceremony and saying that he had to hurry away as his wife had been injured in an explosion and was taken to a hospital.

IROQUOIS  
PAPERSJOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTIONFOL. K. 3 No. D<sup>4</sup>

October 4

Rochester, New York

Freeman Johnson to Joseph Keppler

Acknowledging his letter of September 27th; sending a picture taken at the presentation ceremonies.  
[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERSJOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTIONFOL. K. 3 No. D<sup>5</sup>

[1937 con.]

October 12

Tonawanda Reservation, New York

Jesse Cornplanter to Joseph <sup>K</sup>eppler

Requesting some hides for costumes if  
Keppler gets any deer this autumn and saying  
he will pay for them in small installments;  
saying that he will present <sup>K</sup>eppler with an  
autographed copy of his book to appear the  
following February.

[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. C.8.4 No. 73

October 26

Tonawanda Reservation, New York

Jesse Cornplanter to Joseph Keppler

Saying he cannot help taking on weight  
and agreeing to a price of \$4.00 per  
skin for tanning the buckskin.

[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. C.8.4 No. 74

October 26

Lawtons, New York

Fred Ninham to Joseph Keppler

Announcing the death of Albert Jonas;  
saying that he and his wife attended the  
Six Nations meeting at the Allegany  
Reservation.

[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. N.4 No. 61

November 7

Akron, New York

Lyman Johnson to Joseph Keppler

Saying how glad he was to see Keppler on  
his recent visit; he needs money and  
clothing.

[Marked: "Ans. 2.00" in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. J.6.6 No. 183

November 12

Lawtons, New York

Fred Ninham to Joseph Keppler

Requesting a loan; saying that he is  
making an addition to their house; report-  
ing the death of George Jimerson, run down by  
a train, and John Armstrong of Allegany, his  
wife's grandfather, in his 87th year.

[Marked: "Ans. 5.00" in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. N.4 No. 62

[1937 con.]

November 16

Tonawanda Reservation, New York

Jesse Cornplanter to Joseph Keppler

Requesting a loan to aid in the purchase of a second-hand automobile upon which he won a prize of \$50 toward the purchase price.  
[Marked: "Ans. 5.00" in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERSJOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION

FOIA C.8.4 No. 75

November 19

Tonawanda Reservation, New York

Jesse Cornplanter to Joseph Keppler

Discussing buckskins and asking that they be sent to Artur C. Parker in Rochester who will have them tanned; saying he is going to Buffalo that day to choose a car; outlining a plan for an "Indian Trading Post" near Irving on the Cattaraugus Reservation.  
[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERSJOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION

FOIA C.8.4 No. 76

December 3

Tonawanda Reservation, New York

Jesse Cornplanter to Joseph Keppler

Sending a payment on account of a loan [November 16] and enclosing an announcement of his coming book and discussing the contents of this volume and prospected sequel.  
[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERSJOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION

FOIA C.8.4 No. 77

December 6

Lawtons, New York

Fred Ninham to Joseph Keppler

Acknowledging a package and saying how happy they are looking forward to the coming baby; reporting an unknown Indian from the C.C.C. camp being killed by a hit-and-run driver; saying a series of socials are being held to raise monies for the Long House.  
[Marked: "Ans. 1.00" in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERSJOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION

FOIA N.4 No. 63

December 20

Tonawanda Reservation, New York

Jesse Cornplanter to Joseph Keppler

Discussing his troubles over the cover design of his book "Legends of the Long House" the publishers having refused his drawings and wanting to put a Plains tipi on it.

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PAPERSJOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION

FOIA C.8.4 No. 78



[1937 con.]

December 22

[Mrs.] Dinah King to Joseph Keppler

Saying there was no corn to harvest and that she has an old wooden ladle-spoon to sell.

[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

December 30

Chapman Schanandoah to Joseph Keppler

Reporting his having reached 67 years of age; that he has sent the soup and that his pension has been restored and now amounts to \$60. a month.

[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

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Akron, New York

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PAPERS

JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION

FOR K. 4 No. 34

Nedrow, New York

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PAPERS

JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION

FOR S. 3 No. 59

1938

January 23

Akron, New York

Lyman Johnson to Joseph Keppler

He is still unable to use his arm;  
acknowledging money which was used to  
buy food; complaining that the deer  
which come to the Reservation are killed  
at once and that they should be allowed  
to breed.  
[Marked: "Ans. Coat. 2.00" in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. J. 6.6 No. 184

January 24

Lawtons, New York

Fred Ninham to Joseph Keppler

Saying it is difficult for his wife to  
care for "mother" and the housework as  
her delivery time is quite imminent and  
announcing her 38th birthday as being  
the following day; announcing the New  
Year Ceremony as beginning on February  
5th and the Little Water Ceremony for  
the 10th.  
[Marked: "Ans. 1.00" in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. N. 4 No. 64

January 28

Rochester, N. Y.

Arthur C. Parker to Joseph Keppler

Saying they are staying in town through  
the winter and that the Neighborhood  
Indian Society are planning to make  
costumes copied from authentic pieces;  
expressing great pleasure in his work  
and the progress of the Museum.

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. P. 2 No. 58

February 4

Akron, New York

Lyman Johnson to Joseph Keppler

Acknowledging the coat and money sent  
and saying he can get no relief from  
the State.

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. J. 6.6 No. 185

February 4

Akron, New York

Dinah King to Joseph Keppler [post card]

Accepting his offer for the spoon.  
[Marked: "Ans.; 1.50" in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. K. 4 No. 35

[1938 con.]

February 21

Akron, New York

Lyman Johnson to Joseph Keppler

Reporting he has commenced work in the woods on a Federal project but that he will get no pay for three weeks and asking financial aid.  
[Marked: "Ans. 2.00" in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. J.6.6 No. 186

February 22

Lawtons, New York

Fred Ninham to Joseph Keppler

Reporting the New Year Ceremony well attended and that his wife enters the hospital the following week.  
[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. N.4 No. 65

February 28

Lawtons, New York

Fred Ninham to Joseph Keppler

Announcing the birth of a son the previous Sunday.  
[Marked: "Ans. 5.00" in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. N.4 No. 66

March 8

Akron, New York

Lyman Johnson to Joseph Keppler

Saying that he worked on the Federal project for only 5 days when he was laid off because he had no wife nor children to support, and asking financial aid.  
[Marked: "Ans. 2.00" in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. J.6.6 No. 187

March 12

Lawtons, New York

Fred Ninham to Joseph Keppler

Reporting that his wife and their infant son are now home from the hospital; a post-script says that dancing dolls, once used in the Little Water Ceremony, are no longer employed.  
[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. N.4 No. 67

[1938 con.]

March 28

Akron, New York

Lyman Johnson to Joseph Keppler

Acknowledging money sent; sending Keppler some sasafra with instructions as to steeping it; asking financial aid.  
[Marked: "Ans. 1.00" in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION

FOL. J.6.6 No.188

April [?]

Akron, New York

Lyman Johnson to Joseph Keppler

Acknowledging Keppler's letter; saying he is now receiving Old Age Relief, \$10.00 a month - just enough for food but not clothing; asking financial aid.  
[Marked: "Ans. 1.00" in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. J.6.6 No.189

April 15

Rochester, N. Y.

Arthur C. Parker to Joseph Keppler

Expressing his pleasure at the recent visit of Keppler and Heye.

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. P.2 No.59

May 2

Tonawanda Reservation, New York

Jesse Cornplanter to Joseph Keppler

Requesting a loan for a trip and to meet some of his debts; no royalty on his book can be expected until October; announcing a visit to several bookstores throughout the State at Lippincott's expense to stimulate sales of the volume.  
[Marked: "Rec. after my return from N.Y." in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. C.8.4 No.79

May 9

Akron, New York

Lyman Johnson to Joseph Keppler

Acknowledging the money sent; asking financial aid toward having his garden plowed and for an old suitcase, his being worn out.  
[Marked: "Ans. 5.00" in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. J.6.6 No.190

[1938 con.]

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May 9

Lawtons, New York

Fred Ninham to Joseph Keppler

Reporting "mother" [Eliza Phillips]  
as critically ill and that her 83rd  
birthday occurred on May 7th.  
[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. N. 4 No. 68

May 13

Basom, New York

Jesse Cornplanter to Joseph Keppler

Saying he has just returned from a  
trip to Albany where he met "many  
notables"; telling Keppler to dis-  
regard his request for a loan as he'd  
starve waiting Keppler's action.  
[The verso carries rough draft of what,  
probably, went into Keppler's reply]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. C. 8.4 No. 80

May 18

Tonawanda Reservation, New York

Jesse Cornplanter to Joseph Keppler

Saying that he may be ignorant, hot-  
headed or crazy but he will say what  
he wants to whether Keppler likes it  
or not. In a handwritten postscript  
he writes "Destroy this. Reply not  
needed."  
[Marked: "N.B. either drunk or mentally  
deranged!" in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. C. 8.4 No. 81

May 23

Rochester, N. Y.

Arthur C. Parker to Joseph Keppler

Discussing in detail the probable basic  
reasons for the attitude of Jesse  
Cornplanter and condemning him for  
being so ungrateful to Keppler, who  
has done so much to help him and his  
people through many years.

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. P. 2 No. 60

May 23

Akron, New York

Lyman Johnson to Joseph Keppler

Acknowledging money sent and saying  
the Welfare Agency gives them seed  
so that he can now do his planting.

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. J. 6.6 No. 191

[1938 con.]

5.

May 30

Lawtons, New York

Fred Ninham to Joseph Keppler

Reporting "mother" still confined to bed and saying she cannot last much longer; requesting a loan.  
[Marked: "5.00" in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
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FOL. N.4 No. 69

June 9

Lawtons, New York

Fred Ninham to Joseph Keppler

Saying how sad they are without "Mother" [Eliza Phillips died June 5th; c.f. File under her name] and reporting her death to have been a peaceful one; announcing a ten day feast and that the Strawberry Dance is to be on June 11th.  
[Marked: "Ans. 2.00" in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
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FOL. N.4 No. 70

June 18

Akron, New York

Lyman Johnson to Joseph Keppler

Saying the garden is doing well; he is hard-up again, even with his Old Age pension and that his clothing is all worn out.

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
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FOL. J.6.6 No. 192

June 21

Lawtons, New York

Fred Ninham to Joseph Keppler

Thanking Keppler for his recent letter of condolence and acknowledging packages; discussing a ceremonial doll which no one seems to know about and which, he thinks, must have been somewhat different from the regular corn-husk.  
[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
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FOL. N.4 No. 71

July 21

Lawtons, New York

Fred Ninham to Joseph Keppler

Acknowledging a package and saying that their baby son, Robert, is growing rapidly; saying that Jim Crow never saw the doll used in the Idos ceremonies but it was very sacred; announcing a Field Day on July 24th.  
[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
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FOL. N.4 No. 72

[1938 con.]

August 12

Lyman Johnson to Joseph Keppler

Saying his roof leaks and asking  
Keppler's advice as to what to do;  
he needs winter clothing.  
[Marked: "Ans. \$3.00" in Keppler's hand]

August 29

Fred Ninham to Joseph Keppler

Announcing the Green Corn Ceremony on  
September 1st and the Little Water  
Ceremony on the 3rd; sending a photo-  
graph taken during the Indian Field  
Day.  
[Marked: "1.00 Ans." in Keppler's hand]

September 14

Fred Ninham to Joseph Keppler

Announcing the deaths of Jane Patterson  
and Hattie Two Guns; reporting that the  
Long House and cook house are being  
painted; asking for a photograph of  
Keppler to be hung in the Long House and  
making inquiry about Indians working at  
the New York World's Fair the following  
year.

[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

September 28

Fred Ninham to Joseph Keppler

Acknowledging the picture and money  
from Keppler; announcing the Six Nations  
meeting as commencing on October 29th.  
[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

October 10

Lyman Johnson to Joseph Keppler

Saying he has been appointed as delegate  
to the Six Nations meetings in Canada  
and at Cattaraugus but he has no funds  
with which to travel; asking help.  
[Marked: "Ans. 5.00" in Keppler's hand]

6.

Akron, New York

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PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. J.6.6 No. 193

Lawtons, New York

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PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. N.4 No. 73

Lawtons, New York

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JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. N.4 No. 74

Lawtons, New York

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PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. N.4 No. 75

Akron, New York

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PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. J.6.6 No. 194

[1938 con.]

7.

October 22

Akron, New York

Lyman Johnson to Joseph Keppler

Acknowledging money sent and saying  
he will be looking for the parcel.  
[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS

JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION

FOL. J.6.6 No. 195

November 15

Lawtons, New York

Fred Ninham to Joseph Keppler

Reporting a large attendance at the  
Six Nations meeting and requesting  
clothing.  
[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS

JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION

FOL. N.4 No. 76

November 16

Nedrow, New York

Richmond Martin to Joseph Keppler [2 sheets]

Saying that first snow fell the day  
previous; asking Keppler if he will see  
to it that some clothes are sent.  
[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS

JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION

FOL. M.2 No. 9

November 18

Akron, New York

Lyman Johnson to Joseph Keppler

Acknowledging the package sent;  
saying that the cash sent him by  
Keppler made possible his trip to the  
Six Nations meetings in Canada at which  
he worked very hard.  
[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS

JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION

FOL. J.6.6 No. 196



1939

January 16

Akron, New York

Lyman Johnson to Joseph Keppler

Saying he is suffering from a general lameness all over his body and that he would like to get a new cook-stove as his old one smokes; announcing the opening of the New Year Ceremony on January 25th.

[Marked: "Ans. \$" in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION

FOL J.6.6 No. 197

January 16

Lawtons, New York

Fred Ninham to Joseph Keppler

Announcing the Little Water Ceremony on January 28th, the New Year Ceremony beginning the 25th; asking for some financial help to entertain visitors from the Tonowanda Reservation.

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION

FOL N.4 No. 77

February 3

Rochester, N. Y.

Arthur C. Parker to Joseph Keppler

Acknowledging the "Puck" cartoons sent for the showing of Keppler's father's work.

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION

FOL P.2 No. 61

February 4

Basom, New York

[Mrs.] Dinah King to Joseph Keppler

Saying they have a new home to which they moved the preceding autumn; that his younger son is at a C.C.C. camp; asking for clothes as their income is not sufficient to purchase any, and saying she is sending a photograph of new house.

[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION

FOL K.4 No. 36

[1939 con.]

February 10

Lawtons, New York

Fred Ninham to Joseph Keppler [2 sheets]

Reporting a large attendance at the New Year Ceremony and a successful Little Water Society meeting, and that 3 white men attended, two of whom were adopted into the Nation at the Field Day the preceding August; announcing that the Indians have been laid off from relief work; reporting the death of Willie Nephew of Burning Springs and the birth of a grandchild to them.  
[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. N.4 No. 78

February 11

Nedrow, New York

Richmond Martin to Joseph Keppler

Asking for blankets, clothing, etc. to be distributed to the needy, and requesting that all parcels be sent to his present address.  
[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. M.2 No. 10

February 14

Rochester, N. Y.

Arthur C. Parker to Joseph Keppler

Expressing thanks for Keppler's decision [to allow the Rochester Museum to retain several of his father's cartoons].

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. P.2 No. 62.

February 20

Akron, New York

Lyman Johnson to Joseph Keppler

Saying he continues in poor health and that his pension is not sufficient for him to live on.  
[Marked: "Ans. \$" in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. J.6.6 No. 198

[1939 con.]

March 27

Akron, New York

Lyman Johnson to Joseph Keppler [2 sheets]

Reporting a series of councils on the new Law doing away with the tribal elections each June; announcing a coming Condolence Ceremony at Onondaga to choose a successor to Chief Gibson who died some 3 weeks previously; saying he will need some financial help this Spring to pay for plowing and seeds.  
[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL J.6.6 No 199

April -

Akron, New York

Lyman Johnson to Joseph Keppler

His ill health continues; he would like immediate financial help in order that he can get his garden plowed.  
[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL J.6.6 No 200

April 13

Akron, New York

[Mrs.] Dinah King to Joseph Keppler

Sending the promised photograph and announcing that one of the chiefs, Eli Baily, hung himself on Monday, April 7th.  
[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL K.4 No 37

May 15

Akron, New York

Lyman Johnson to Joseph Keppler

Acknowledging the money sent; discussing the feeling toward the State Law on the Reservations; reporting the dedication of the new Community House.

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL J.6.6 No 201

[1939 con.]

May 29

Lawtons, New York

Mrs. Fred Ninham to Joseph Keppler [2 sheets]

Apologizing for the delay in writing,  
due to her suffering a sore finger;  
announcing the date of the Little Water  
Ceremony as June 3rd and the one year  
memorial feast for Eliza Phillips  
on June 5th and requesting a loan.  
[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. N. 4 No 79

June 9

Akron, New York

Lyman Johnson to Joseph Keppler

Requesting financial aid and saying he  
is too old to get any kind of work;  
asking for clothes.  
[Marked: "Ans. 2.00" in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. J. 6.6 No 202

June 19

Lawtons, New York

Fred Ninham to Joseph Keppler [2 sheets]

Requesting a loan and complaining of  
his ability to make any appreciable  
money picking strawberries; describing  
his garden.  
[Marked: "Ans. Loaned 10.00" in Keppler's  
hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. N. 4 No 80

June 23

Akron, New York

Lyman Johnson to Joseph Keppler

Acknowledging money sent and saying that  
since buying needed groceries, it is all  
gone; asking Keppler if he expects to  
visit the Reservation.

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. J. 6.6 No 203

July 5

Lawtons, New York

Fred Ninham to Joseph Keppler

Acknowledging receipt of money sent  
by Keppler.

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. N. 4 No 81

[1939 con.]

July 15

Lyman Johnson to Joseph Keppler

Requesting financial aid and saying  
some of his family visited him and he  
had to buy a lot of food.  
[Marked: "Ans. 2.00" in Keppler's hand]

Akron, New York

IROQUOIS  
PAPERSJOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION

FOL J.6.6 No 204

July 27

Lyman Johnson to Joseph Keppler

Acknowledging money sent on July 19th;  
regretting the present illness of Mrs.  
Keppler.  
[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

Akron, New York

IROQUOIS  
PAPERSJOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION

FOL J.6.6 No 205

August 16

Lyman Johnson to Joseph Keppler

Hoping that Keppler can visit him soon  
and announcing the Six Nations meeting  
on September 16th.  
[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

Akron, New York

IROQUOIS  
PAPERSJOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION

FOL J.6.6 No 206

August 17

Arthur C. Parker to Joseph Keppler

Acknowledging a contribution by  
Keppler to the Neighborhood Indian  
Society and briefly outlining its  
program for the year.

Rochester, New York

IROQUOIS  
PAPERSJOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTIONFOL K.3 No A<sup>7</sup>

August ?

Henry P. Sutton to Joseph Keppler

Acknowledging Keppler's contribution  
turned over to him by Parker, and  
inviting Keppler to attend the celebration  
on September 24, 1939 at Ellison Park,  
Rochester. This is on the stationery  
of the Neighborhood Indian Society,  
of which Sutton was president.  
[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

Rochester, New York

IROQUOIS  
PAPERSJOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTIONFOL K.3 No A<sup>8</sup>

[1939 con.]

September 5

Lyman Johnson to Joseph Keppler

Acknowledging money sent and hoping Keppler's visit is to be soon.

[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

September 25

Lyman Johnson to Joseph Keppler

Reporting Six Nations meetings at Onondaga, October 7th; St. Thomas, October 14th; Canada, October 21st; and Allegany, October 28th and saying he has been called upon to attend and take part in all of them; asking financial aid.

[Marked: "Ans. 5.00" in Keppler's hand]

[There is a sketch by Keppler of an eagle's head on the verso.]

October 9

Fred Ninham to Joseph Keppler

Hoping that Keppler arrived home safely and saying that the tobacco is being forwarded.

[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

October 16

Fred Ninham to Joseph Keppler

Saying he is sending the bark tipi and asking what Keppler will pay for an old pestle originating in the Genesee valley; asking for clothing.

[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

October 20

Arthur C. Parker to Joseph Keppler

Acknowledging receipt of money sent for the Neighborhood Indian Society and saying that this year Mr. George L. Tucker, formerly of Buffalo, was selected as the recipient of the Silver Star, the decoration also received by Keppler two years previously. [See file under Keppler for a report of this award, pictures, etc.]

[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

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Akron, New York

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS

JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION

FOL J. 6.6 No 207

Akron, New York

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS

JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION

FOL J. 6.6 No 208

Lawtons, New York

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS

JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION

FOL N. 4 No 82

Lawtons, New York

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS

JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION

FOL N. 4 No 83

Rochester, New York

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS

JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION

FOL P. 2 No 63

[1939 con.]

October 30

Akron, New York

Lyman Johnson to Joseph Keppler

Complaining that he was not treated properly on the log-house sale because the man who sold it [Bailey] has no use for him nor the other chiefs who are in authority.

[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS

JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION

FOL. J. 6.6 No. 209

November 6

Akron, New York

Lyman Johnson to Joseph Keppler

Discussing the serious matter of his having lost his "horns" of chieftainship and saying he must have some wampum at once and not as a loan, as it must be in his possession at his death.

[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS

JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION

FOL. J. 6.6 No. 210

November 6

Lawtons, New York

Fred Ninham to Joseph Keppler

Saying that Mrs. Jones wants \$5.00 for her corn-husk moccasins and that Mrs. Phillips wants \$30.00 for her old pestle; acknowledging a parcel; announcing the Harvest Ceremony on November 8th.

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS

JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION

FOL. N. 4 No. 84

November 8

Lawtons, New York

Fred Ninham to Joseph Keppler [2 sheets]

Reporting that his failure to pass a physical examination means that he will get no work and that he has scars on both corneas and asking Keppler to burn some tobacco; describing the pestle from the Genesee valley; inquiring as to the price of eagle feathers.

[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS

JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION

FOL. N. 4 No. 85

[1939 con.]

November 10

Lawtons, New York

Fred Ninham to Joseph Keppler

Saying they had a good attendance at the recent ceremony and that the false-faces will visit house-to-house on November 12th.

[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

ROQUOIS  
PAPERS

JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION

FOL. N. 4 No 86

November 15

Lawtons, New York

Fred Ninham to Joseph Keppler

Saying he has taken the money to Mrs. Jones and discussing the translation of certain Indian words; he will be glad to get the elm-bark, the best time being the latter part of May; reporting that Jim Crow is much pleased with the things sent by Keppler.

[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

ROQUOIS  
PAPERS

JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION

FOL. N. 4 No 87

November 20

Akron, New York

Lyman Johnson to Joseph Keppler

Discussing the matter of his obtaining a wampum string, all white, about 2 inches long and explaining its importance in the everlasting life of his chieftainship; asking for winter clothing.

[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

ROQUOIS  
PAPERS

JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION

FOL. J. 6.6 No 211

November 20

Steamburg, New York

Alice White to Joseph Keppler

Thanking him for the photographs and saying that the moccasins she sent had been returned probably due to incomplete address; reporting that she met Jesse Cornplanter at the Six Nations meeting.

[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

ROQUOIS  
PAPERS

JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION

FOL. W. 4 No 27



[1939 con.]

November 26

Tonawanda Reservation, New York

Lyman Johnson to Joseph Keppler

Saying he is glad that the log cabin cost nothing [see letter October 30] and that he thought the man was too mean to give anything away; mentioning the wampum string.

IROQUOIS  
PAPERSJOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION

FOL. J. 6. 6 No. 212

November 28

Lawtons, New York

Fred Ninham to Joseph Keppler

Discussing certain Seneca words and their meanings and announcing the death of Mrs. Wilson Stevens. [Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERSJOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION

FOL. N. 4 No. 88

December 1

Steamburg, New York

Alice White to Joseph Keppler [2 sheets]

Saying that the moccasins will be re-mailed with this letter and that she is glad Keppler had so successful a hunting season. [Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERSJOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION

FOL. W. 4 No. 28

December 9

Akron, New York

Lyman Johnson to Joseph Keppler

Acknowledging the clothing sent and the wampum string and expressing his deep appreciation for it. [Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERSJOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION

FOL. J. 6. 6 No. 213

[1939 con.]

December 10

Nedrow, New York

Richmond Martin to Joseph Keppler [2 sheets]

Saying that he is only a month returned from a C. C. C. Camp near Malone and that he is now assistant instructor of a similar group doing road work near the Onondaga Reservation; that his wife weighs 220 lbs.; asking for clothing which he promises to distribute; announcing Condolence Ceremony on December 16th to elect a head chief of the Six Nations. [Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. M.2 No. 11

December 11

Lawtons, New York

Fred Ninham to Joseph Keppler

Announcing the date of the New Year Ceremony as January 14, 1940; requesting a loan to be repaid from land leases owned by his wife. [Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. N.4 No. 39

December 14

Lawtons, New York

Fred Ninham to Joseph Keppler

Saying he will turn the box being sent by Keppler over to the committee for distribution.

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. N.4 No. 90

December 15

Steamburg, New York

Alice White to Joseph Keppler [2 sheets]

Thanking him for photographs and hoping that the moccasins fit him; saying that the people received their annuity monies and goods but the former was not sufficient to meet their needs. [Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. W.4 No. 29

[1939 con.]

December 26

Lawtons, New York

Fred Ninham to Joseph Keppler

Reporting on two falsefaced for which  
the owner is asking \$8.00 each and  
acknowledging money sent by Keppler.  
[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERSJOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION

FOL. N. 4 No. 91

December 26

Alice White to Joseph Keppler [2 sheets]

Thanking him for his Christmas card, a  
photograph of To-nis-gah at Woodland,  
New York; sending him some candy;  
announcing the coming New Year Ceremony  
on January 14, 1940; reporting the death  
of Charles Gordon, of the Cornplanter  
Reservation.  
[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERSJOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION

FOL. W. 4 No. 30

1940

January 9

Lawtons, New York

Fred Ninham to Joseph Keppler

Thanking him for money and the mittens;  
announcing the Little Water Ceremony  
for January 13th; reporting the illness  
of his brother in a Buffalo hospital;  
reporting a suicide [a clipping of which  
is on the verso] and the death of Alex  
Clute.

[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. N. 4 No 92

January 15

Buffalo, New York

Fred Ninham to Joseph Keppler [2 sheets]

Reporting that he is in Buffalo attending  
his brother who is hopelessly ill and  
requesting a loan to tide over the necessary  
expenses of remaining in Buffalo.

[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. N. 4 No 93

January 17

Buffalo, New York

Fred Ninham to Joseph Keppler

Reporting the death of his brother the  
previous day and that he is to be buried  
on the Tonawanda Reservation.

[Marked: "Ans. 10.00" in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. N. 4 No 94

January 26

Steamburg, New York

Alice White to Joseph Keppler [3 sheets]

Reporting the deaths of Harvey Jacobs  
and Mrs. John Jacobs; saying the winter  
is extremely severe.

[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. W. 4 No 31

[1940 con.]

February 1

Akron, New York

Lyman Johnson to Joseph Keppler

Asking for financial aid even though he remembers what Keppler said about his many similar appeals; his stove is cracked and he must have another and he has borrowed food from the neighbors which he must pay back.

[Marked: "Ans. 2.00" in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS

JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION

FOL. J.6.6 No 214

February 12

Steamburg, New York

Alice White to Joseph Keppler

Reporting the general good health of all people on the Reservation and sending an enclosed "valentine."

[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS

JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION

FOL. W.4 No 32

February 13

Akron, New York

Lyman Johnson to Joseph Keppler

Reporting his health to be poor and that there is considerable sickness on the Reservation; acknowledging the money sent; [The verso carries a note in a different hand requesting Keppler to buy him an axe handle.]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS

JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION

FOL. J.6.6 No. 215

February 18

Akron, New York

Lyman Johnson to Joseph Keppler

Complaining of an attack of neuralgia affecting his face and that he cannot get ahead financially because he can get no work to augment his pension.

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS

JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION

FOL. J.6.6 No 216

April 1

Akron, New York

Lyman Johnson to Joseph Keppler

Requesting financial aid and saying he must have his garden plowed; he cannot get help to cut wood because he cannot pay for it.

[The verso carries a penciled memo in Keppler's hand.]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS

JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION

FOL. J.6.6 No. 217

[1940 con.]

April 2

Steamburg, New York

Alice White to Joseph Keppler [2 sheets]

Reporting the Allegany River at flood stage and that this is her 75th birthday; saying she will send some corn for Indian soup.

[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. W. 4 No 33

April 27

Lawtons, New York

Fred Ninham to Joseph Keppler

Saying he has been spending much time in Buffalo trying to get work and that his wife has injured an ankle.

[Marked: "Ans. May 11" in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. N. 4 No 95

April 30

Steamburg, New York

Alice White to Joseph Keppler [3 sheets]

Reporting that the countryside looks very springlike; acknowledging the receipt of a package sent; sending him some prepared corn for soup.

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. W. 4 No 34

May 1

Rochester, New York

Arthur C. Parker to Joseph Keppler

Acknowledging a clipping from Keppler; mentioning the heavy snow through the winter; reporting continued activity at the Crafts Project on Tonawanda Reservation.

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. P. 2 No 64

May 8

Lawtons, New York

Reuben Isaac to Joseph Keppler

Acknowledging Keppler's letter; announcing death of Jacob Jack and saying that all of Keppler's letters and money contributions are turned over to the Lodge.

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. I. 8.1 No 1

May 13

Akron, New York

Lyman Johnson to Joseph Keppler

Acknowledging money sent which has been used for plowing his garden; discussing Mrs. Keppler's illness.

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. J. 6.6 No 218

[1940 con.]

May 13

Steamburg, New York

Alice White to Joseph Keppler [2 sheets]

Thanking him for a package and saying that spring is now really here.  
[Keppler has noted in ink the explanation of a term used in the letter]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. W. 4 No. 35

May 17

Lawtons, New York

Fred Ninham to Joseph Keppler

Discussing the matter of procuring elm bark [for the Seneca cabin on the Annex grounds of the Museum] and stating that the amount required would cost about \$60.00

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. N. 4 No. 96

May 31

Steamburg, New York

Alice White to Joseph Keppler [2 sheets]

Saying she is glad that the Indian corn reached him safely and discussing the older corn foods.  
[Marked: Answered in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. W. 4 No. 36

June 4

Akron, New York

Lyman Johnson to Joseph Keppler

Detailing the expenditure of the money sent in preparing his garden and buying seed; saying he is feeling his advanced years.

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. J. G. 6 No. 219

June 12

Lawtons, New York

Fred Ninham to Joseph Keppler

Saying that the elm bark was shipped in accordance with Mr. Heye's instructions and asking for payment.  
[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. N. 4 No. 97

[1940 con.]

July 23

Lawtons, New York

Fred Ninham to Joseph Keppler

Reporting the death of John Britton, Sr. and on a coming Field Day; saying that Jim Crow wants to dispose of an old falseface and a rattle for \$30.00; asking for clothing.

[Marked: "Ans. Send on approval" in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION

FOL. N. 4 No 98

August 2

Lawtons, New York

Fred Ninham to Joseph Keppler

Reporting that Jim Crow will accept \$25.00 for the falseface and that he has been requested to supply a lot of data about himself in connection with his blind pension.

[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION

FOL. N. 4 No 99

August 13

Lawtons, New York

Fred Ninham to Joseph Keppler

Saying he has completed the necessary family record for his pension; announcing the Six Nations meeting on September 7th and the Little Water Ceremony on the 14th; reporting they made \$146.00 on their Field Day.

[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION

FOL. N. 4 No 100

August 14

Steamburg, New York

Alice White to Joseph Keppler

Announcing that the Wolf Clan on Allegany Reservation is to induct the Governor of Pennsylvania into the Nation on August 24 and that she, being the matriarch, is to name him.

[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION

FOL. W. 4 No 37



[1940 con.]

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September 2

Lawtons, New York

Fred Ninham to Joseph Keppler

Acknowledging a money contribution to the Long House and reporting on a trip to the Cornplanter Reservation where Governor James of Pennsylvania was made a member of the Seneca Nation; saying that a series of socials are helping to increase the Long House fund.

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. N. 4 No. 101

September 6

Steamburg, New York

Alice White to Joseph Keppler [2 sheets]

Reporting on the Green Corn Festival held the previous week and the induction of Governor James of Pennsylvania into the Wolf Clan, she having given him her son's name; she is going to send pictures of Cornplanter later.

[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. W. 4 No. 38

September 14

Tonawanda Reservation, New York

Lyman Johnson to Joseph Keppler

Acknowledging clothing sent; reporting a successful Six Nations meeting and saying he has been chosen to attend the coming meetings at St. Thomas and Baawtford in Canada but he cannot go as it would cost about \$6.00 and he has no money.

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. J. 6, 6 No. 220

September 20

Steamburg, New York

Alice White to Joseph Keppler [2 sheets]

Saying the weather is very warm and enclosing the promised picture of Cornplanter, a copy of that presented to the Cornplanter Indian School by the Warren [Pennsylvania] Historical Society.

[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

IROQUOIS  
PAPERS  
JOSEPH KEPPLER  
COLLECTION  
FOL. W. 4 No. 39