

BANTU MEN'S SOCIAL CENTRE.
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ANNUAL REPORT 1960.

In examining the recorded history of the Bantu Men's Social Centre we come across a story, - an interesting narrative of men's attempts to understand the plight of people coming into the town for the first time and their particular problems when trying to adjust themselves to a changed way of living.

Observing the seemingly hopeless situation of these fellow beings, men of God got together, exchanged views on what to do and arrived at a decision - The Bantu Men's Social Centre; - a beacon lighting the way for migrant labour coming to the City to serve the cause of progress.

The Bantu Men's Social Centre is a small building situated in the midst of towering business establishments at the extreme end of our famous Street - Eloff Street - upon which, but some few blocks away, stands the well known Carlton Hotel, a symbol of prosperity and progress. This small building, like the house of worship, has been known to build men. It builds, it guides and it inspires ! It has succeeded to mould the characters of wayward men, lightened the burdens of worry for the destitute and given hope to troubled minds of men after work. It has been the springboard of social life in Johannesburg.

Clustered around it today you will find clubs for youths, playing fields, swimming baths, organisations of elders, large and small, all preaching the Gospel of progress through vigorous enterprise. Be it spiritual or physical, it has all been built on the sound foundation of a Sound Mind in a Sound Body. These two, combined with a healthy spirit and a good Character, will give you anything you desire.

With this introduction permit me once more to draw attention to yourselves as a people, men and fathers of tomorrow, - responsible people who will one day be faced with difficult questions.

The Bantu Men's Social Centre is governed by a set of rules contained in its Constitution which controls its every function. With this guidance, it has continued to teach its members the value of learning whilst at play, the importance of the individual in relation to group thinking, feeling and ambition. It has helped model the individual's outlook to develop gradually along the lines of its aims and objects.

For the maintenance of such a successful service to its members the Centre has relied largely on the aid given by many of our European friends who, by their financial aid have enabled us to face the future with confidence. We extend them our heartiest thanks for this assistance that has helped provide such successful services for our members for so long.

STAFF:

The Office management and control of the Centre is the responsibility of a Secretary and his Assistant who are in charge of the administrative machinery. They perform office work and carry out the dictates of the Constitution plus many other duties that fall within the scope of their work.

The Centre employs three Cleaners, who clean the building and generally see to it that everything is in order. They prepare the Tennis Courts, arrange the hall for functions etc., and are always available when required for duties in the building and going out on messages.

MEMBERSHIP:

Regrettably, during the year 1960 the membership decreased. It dropped to a lower standard than that attained even in 1951 when an amount of £170 (R340.00.) was collected for the year. In 1960 an amount of only £163.2.6. (R326.25) was collected - a reduction - of £6.17.6. (R13.75.)

Inasmuch as we appreciate the effects of the large scale removal of people to the South Western Areas on our membership role, it is amazing to find our membership records dropping when the monthly applications seem so encouraging.

One thing certain is, that, in spite of the big numbers we register as applicants each month, the number of members that renew is very low. May I then kindly appeal to you and all your friends to come and enroll or renew. The Bantu Men's Social Centre offers you everything you desire. The facilities we offer are here for your inspection. We would be happy to see the old faces once more. Do not grow old in spirit but live forever in the present.

The following table will show you the varying amounts collected in Membership fees during the last ten years:-

<u>1951.</u>	<u>1952.</u>	<u>1953.</u>	<u>1954.</u>	<u>1955.</u>	<u>1956.</u>	<u>1957.</u>	<u>1958.</u>	<u>1959.</u>	<u>1960.</u>
£170.	£131.	£242.	£297.	£213.	£222.	£252.	£220.	£187.15.0.	£163.2.6.

The Membership of the Bantu Men's Social Centre is divided into five main categories:-

1. Life Membership	.....	£5.		
2. Ordinary Membership	.....	10s.	per Annum.	
3. Country Membership	.....	5s.	per Annum.	
4. Junior Membership	.....	2s.6d.	per Annum.	
5. Visiting Membership	.....	1s.	per Month.	

Ordinary membership is open to persons residing within the magisterial area of Johannesburg and Country membership to those residing outside the magisterial area.

Junior membership is open to bona fide scholars, and Visiting membership to Africans visiting Johannesburg for a short period.

ANNUAL FOUNDERS DAY.

On the evening of the 25th November, 1960, the Bantu Men's Social Centre had occasion to remember its coming into being. To many of us this occasion was merely a function of speeches and musical entertainment, which we enjoyed immensely. To others this occasion had a greater and deeper meaning than just a night of rejoicing. It was a reminder of enduring success and difficulties overcome in the past.

On this our night of celebration we remembered the Glories of the past, the Cheers of today and the call of new adventures tomorrow. The Glories of our past are but records of history. The achievements of today are the responsibility of you and me, - the people who should be thinking and planning for the new day coming.

We remembered our past heroes and their individual attainments. Their deeds will always urge us on to deeper thinking. The Bantu Men's Social Centre has not only provided a Centre of play. It has given a meeting place of great characters. In meetings, fields of play and entertainment we have found time to exchange views on matters of interest and enjoyed their company.

We paid tribute to all who have extended their valuable patronage to us right down the years, and the guidance of leaders past and present which has enabled us to face the future with such preparedness.

We thanked our European and African friends who have, in their own way, given us such excellent tools with which to carve our future.

For the occasion the guest speaker was Dr. A. B. Xuma who gave us an interesting resume of his travels in the United States of America. It was vivid and colourful.

For the musical items, we were treated to a rousing programme by the Ionian Male Voice Choir, conducted by Mr. K. V. Mngoma of the Johannesburg Bantu Music Festival Committee at the Jubilee Social Centre. They sang negro spirituals, African folk songs and the refined music of modern African composers. This programme by male singers thrilled the audience and proved that the Ionian Male Voice Choir has come to stay in the musical field.

INDOOR GAMES.

The Bantu Men's Social Centre's Annual members' tournament flopped very badly this year. Entries for all the games were quite normal except for Tennis which lagged behind. Interest in the Centre's Tennis tournament had dropped. After repeated attempts to bolster it had failed, it was decided to call it off.

Several reasons have been advanced for this failure but, even after an extensive enquiry had been made into the Tennis world, it was difficult to advance a tangible reason. Stronger action has been suggested, which has on more than one occasion in the past threatened to stampede the Tennis Committee were it not for some of our senior members who have always calmed things down. With the approach of 1961, the Centre Committee is hoping for better response from the members for the Tennis competitions.

With regard the Billiards games the main fault here I think was that members were allowed to enter the competitions before paying their entry fees. Both the Senior and Junior sections had good entries at the start of the tournament. But suddenly the list began to dwindle when they were called upon to pay. As a result, most of the players found some excuse for not turning up when called upon to play their matches or made some vague promise. This situation became so pronounced that most of the important matches never seemed to reach the semi-final stage.

The Activities Committee, after several attempts to redeem the situation decided to call off all the Indoor Games Competitions until next year when strict control will be enforced at the commencement of the games.

PHYSICAL TRAINING AND BOXING.

The Physical Training and Boxing classes fall under the direction of Mr. J. Maseko who was once himself a famous pugilist. He teaches our youth the noble art of self defence and has produced a worthy boxer in the person of Classie Links our Transvaal Flyweight Champion, who seems bent for yet greater achievements in both the Flyweight and Bantamweight divisions. Good Luck to him. In the Amateur ranks we have Abraham Leteane, a promising amateur fighter of the year. He also should prove good with time.

It must be mentioned here that both the boxing and body-building sections provide the largest membership applications each year.

BODY-BUILDING AND WEIGHT LIFTING.

For several years now this section has been growing under the leadership of Mr. Moses Matlaganyane, who assists in building the bodies of our members on a voluntary basis. I must say that this section lacks equipment. With a growing number of enthusiasts each year the available equipment does not suffice for the members who train. Many have been discouraged by this and have left the club or hinted at doing so. In talking to the trainer however, I learned that it was not

so much weights that were wanted but a few plates, dumb bells, collars and iron boots.

To be able to obtain the necessary equipment Mr. Matlaganyane had asked the members of his section to contribute an amount of half crown per man each month as an extra charge for buying this equipment when the time comes. This was an admirable effort on Mr. Matlaganyane's part for it teaches responsibility to men who have not become accustomed to providing for themselves. I feel certain that, as Mr. Matlaganyane points out, this club can really produce some of the best body-builders and weight lifters with more equipment.

JUDO AND CHARATE.

For the introduction of this art of self defence as an activity at the Bantu Men's Social Centre we must thank Mr. Thomas Matsimbe. It is still young and has some faults which need ironing out. Mr. Matsimbe comes from Springs where he attained the coveted honour of being a Black Belt. However Judo amongst our group has not developed to the extent where all its followers can compete.

The most urgent requirements for this section are a Judo Mat and a permanent place in which to practice. Just now members use the stage as the only available space for practice. With encouragement I am certain we can really improve this class and our membership.

MEALS AND REFRESHMENTS.

The problem of Non-Members entering the building under some pretext for meals has now supplied impetus to the enlisting of membership at the Centre. A man comes along for his mid-day meal to find himself confronted with the question of membership at the door. Sometimes he turns away but in the end he comes back again. Our meals are delicious and it is difficult to find a meal with so many courses for so little money.

SOCIAL FUNCTIONS.

The Bantu Men's Social Centre has, for so many years, been the focal point at which people from the different townships find time to meet their friends for different purposes. They hold Sports Committee meetings, Golf Meetings, Fund Raising Shows, Wedding Receptions, Welcoming Functions, Concerts and Dances, Fund Raising Shows, Boys' & Girls' Club Meetings, Council of African Women Meetings, Y.W.C.A. and meetings of various sects.

The following for example is a list of social functions that were held at the Centre during the year 1959.

<u>MEETINGS.</u>	<u>BOXING.</u>	<u>DANCES.</u>	<u>CONCERTS.</u>	<u>PLAYS.</u>	<u>WEDDING & FAREWELL RECEPTION.</u>
68.	13.	25.	13.	12.	8.

T H A N K S.

The Bantu Men's Social Centre has for many years had much to be thankful for, namely the enthusiasm of its members, the loyal co-operation and keenness of the leaders of the different committees and the interest of the Executive Committee members who devote a great deal of their time, energy and thought to the furtherance of the aims and objects of the Centre.

We are grateful to our subscribers and donors. We express our special thanks to the Union Department of Social Welfare, the City Council of Johannesburg, the Native Recruiting Corporation Ltd., and the Deferred Pay Board of Control.

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We place on record our appreciation to the firm of Messrs. Howard Pim and Hardy, who through Mr. J. M. Pim our Honorary Treasurer, aided by Mr. H. S. Anderson our Auditor, have rendered the Centre their usual valuable services in the matter of the handling and control of its finances.

A. B. O'Brien.
CHAIRMAN.

A. W. Mbatha.
SECRETARY.

BANTU MEN'S SOCIAL CENTRE.

Registered under Welfare Organizations Act 1947 Certificate No.
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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1960.

LIABILITIES.

1959			
133	<u>CREDITORS</u>		133. -. 6
100	<u>BILLIARDS RESERVE FUND</u>		100. -. -
180	<u>CLAUDE NEON LIGHTS (S.A.) LIMITED</u>		180. -. -
	Gift of one Neon Sign		
16,757	<u>ACCUMULATED FUNDS</u>		16,121.16. 8
	17,592 Balance at 31st December, 1959	16,757. 7. 2	
	Add: Gramophone Fund	23. 2. 9	
		16,780. 9.11	
	Less: Balance of Revenue and Expenditure Account		
	432	658.13. 3	
£17,170			£16,534.17. 2

ASSETS.

15,696	<u>BUILDINGS</u> - At Cost		15,696. 3.11
180	<u>NEON SIGN</u>		180. -. -
273	<u>FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT</u>		222. -. -
	At Cost less Depreciation		
	249 Balance at 31st December, 1959	273.10. 9	
	39 Additions	21.13. 4	
	288	295. 4. 1	
	72 Less: Depreciation	73. 4. 1	
82	<u>MUNICIPAL DEPOSITS</u>		82. -. -
93	<u>DEBTORS</u>		58. 8. -
55	<u>STOCK OF BADGES AND DIE</u> - At Cost		45. 3. 2
791	<u>CASH</u>		251. 2. 1
	356 Standard Bank of S.A. Limited	51. 1. 8	
	700 United Building Society - St. Andrews Branch	200. -. -	
	Petty Cash	-. -. 5	
£17,170			£16,534.17. 2

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VICE CHAIRMAN

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HONORARY TREASURER

To the Members,
BANTU MEN'S SOCIAL CENTRE.

I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge and on the information supplied to me, the above Balance Sheet reflects a true statement of the affairs of the Bantu Men's Social Centre as at the 31st December, 1960, and that the attached Revenue and Expenditure Account shows a true and fair view of the Revenue and Expenditure of the Centre for the year ended 31st December, 1960.

H.S.E. ANDERSON, F.S.A.A., C.A. (S.A.)
INCORPORATED ACCOUNTANT
AUDITOR.

JOHANNESBURG.
1st February, 1960.

BANTU MEN'S SOCIAL CENTRE.
REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR 1960.

1959	<u>REVENUE</u>	
-	Surplus from Frunctions	32.10. 7
181	Membership Fees	157.12. 6
571	Donations - General Public	620. -. 6
300	- Native Recruiting Corporation Limited	300. -. -
250	City of Johannesburg - Grant-in-Aid to 30.6.1960	500. -. -
50	Board of Control - Deferred Pay Interest Fund Grant 1959	-. -. -
652	Hire of Hall and Rent of Rooms and Lockers	568.16. -
143	Billiards	134.13. -
31	Dancing Lessons, Weight Lifting and Judo	34. 1.10
33	Interest on Savings Bank Account	24.13. 1
5	Profit on Sale of Lapel Badges	4.18.11
550	Department of Social Welfare and Pensions Subsidy for the year ended 31.3.1960	500. -. -
2,766		2,877. 6. 5
408	Deficit for the year carried to Balance Sheet	658.13. 3
£3,174		£3,535.19. 8
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	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	
	(a) <u>Administration Expenses</u>	
1,025	Secretaries' Salaries	915.14. -
61	Club Leader's Honorarium	61. -. -
21	Postages	14. 9. 7
119	Stationery and Printing	73.12. 6
65	Telephone (Rentals and Calls)	64. 1. 6
6	Insurance - Workmen's Compensation	5. 7. 5
3	Unemployment Insurance	2.17. 8
1	Rentals - Land	1. 5. -
8	Bank Charges	8. 8. -
70	Clerical Assistance	80. -. -
16	Licences and Box Rent	17.12. 6
97	Travelling Expenses (Staff)	8.15. -
11	Audit Fees	10.10. -
9	Native Services Levy	-. -. -
-	Valuation of Building	22. 7. -
	(b) <u>Maintenance Expenses</u>	
-	Fumigation	27. -. -
189	Electricity	198. 2. 3
58	Water	66.12. -
46	Sanitary Fees	45.10. -
72	Insurance - Fire, Riot, Cash in Transit	49. -. 6
555	Cleaning Services - Wages and Overalls	586. -.11
183	- Materials	156.14.11
9	Fuel	5.17. 3
107	Meals for Staff	141. 2. 6
263	Repairs as per Schedule	773. 2.11
91	Depreciation of Furniture and Equipment	73. 4. 1
	(c) <u>General Expenses</u>	
-	Resurface of Tennis Court	75. -. -
20	Functions	-. -. -
10	Newspapers and Periodicals	11.14. 4
59	Sports and Games Equipment and Trophies	40.17.10
£3,174		£3,535.19. 8

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