

BANTU MEN'S SOCIAL CENTRE

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# BANTU MEN'S SOCIAL CENTRE

## ANNUAL REPORT

1950.

The Social Centre has continued to render the African Community valuable service throughout the year. As a result of the extensive programme provided for its membership it has been successful in furthering in all practical ways the sound principles of character building in men and boys. It is still regarded as the one place in Johannesburg where Africans can spend their leisure-time profitably. Other sections of this report will indicate to what extent our Cultural, Religious, Educational, Social and Recreational activities have been carried on in the spirit and letter of our motto - viz. - to grow stronger in Body, Mind, Spirit and Character.

We are most thankful for the assistance financial and otherwise given by our European friends which enabled us to live through another year of significant usefulness.

### B. M. S. C. STAFF.

The administrative work of the Social Centre which is in the main the responsibility of the Secretary and Assistant Secretary was slightly affected toward the end of the year on the resignation of Mr. Paul Kotsi from the position of Assistant Secretary. We are glad to report, however, the appointment of Mr. Victor L. Nikani in his place which brought the Staff to normal. The voluntary work done by Mr. Jerry Monnakgothla in connection with the Boxing and Physical Training section is commendable. We wish Mr. Kotsi success in his new field of work.

### MEMBERSHIP.

There has been a small increase in the membership of the Centre during the past year and there is every possibility that it will continue to mount in view of the fact that the Centre is enjoying increasing popularity.

It may be necessary to point out for the information of those not as yet associated with the Centre and intending members that membership of the Centre is divided into five categories :-

- (a) Life Membership - Fees £5. 0. 0.
- (b) Ordinary Membership - Fees 10s. per annum.
- (c) Country Membership - Fees 5s. per annum.
- (d) Junior Membership - Fees 2s. 6d. per annum.
- (e) Visiting Membership - Fees 1s. per annum.

Ordinary Membership is offered to persons resident inside the Magisterial area of Johannesburg and Country Membership is offered to those outside the Magisterial area. Junior Membership is open to bona fide Scholars whilst Africans visiting Johannesburg may become visiting members on payment of 1s. per month.

The following table presents a comparative position regarding membership :-

|      | <u>ACTIVE</u> | <u>JUNIORS</u> | <u>LIFE</u> | <u>VISITING</u> |
|------|---------------|----------------|-------------|-----------------|
| 1948 | 501           | 47             | 17          | 6               |
| 1949 | 397           | 46             | 17          | 3               |
| 1950 | 403           | 37             | 18          | 2               |

### ANNUAL FOUNDERS' DAY.

Our Annual Founders' Day Celebration held on the 21st. October, 1950 was a great occasion when we paid tribute to those who are responsible for the establishment of the Bantu Men's Social Centre

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and to those sympathetic Europeans who appreciate the work done by the Institution and have in consequence thereof taken upon themselves the responsibility of our maintenance and upkeep.

At this time we were in the fortunate position of having as our Guests of Honour Messrs. Canada Lee, Sidney Poitier and Miss Vivian Clinton, the Artists acting on Mr. Zoltan Korda's production of Mr. Alan Paton's novel "Cry the Beloved Country." These Artists were eager to meet with Africans. The huge crowd that attended consisting of Europeans and Non-Europeans was highly impressed by the speech made by Mr. Alan Paton and by the addresses delivered by the three artists.

#### GUEST NIGHTS AND SOCIAL FUNCTIONS.

Several Guest Nights have been held during the year which from a social point of view were successful even though at times the attendance was not up to expectations. On these occasions which are usually held on the last Friday of each month, Members, Visitors and Friends are entertained to programmes of Games, Bioscope Film Shows and Dances - our programmes being varied from time to time in order to maintain interest. Of the number of Social Functions which were held during the year two or three are worthy of special mention. Firstly the piano recital that was rendered by Miss Eileen Joyce, the world-famous pianist, and secondly a play entitled "The Forgotten Factor." Miss Joyce rendered a memorable programme that will remain unique in the experience of those who attended and we feel proud to place on record her appreciation of the warm welcome she received at the Social Centre. The play was very interesting and the hall was filled to capacity on the three nights when it was staged at the Social Centre by the Moral Re-Armament Movement. It is no exaggeration to state that the Artists successfully produced the desired effect on the audience which consisted mostly of labourers and reminded them of the Spiritual "Factor" that is so often forgotten in their relations with their employers which is conducive to harmony and co-operation.

In the past many other Organizations, Schools and Individuals had been permitted to make frequent use of the Centre for various purposes such as the holding of Wedding and Welcome Receptions, Concerts and Dances, Graduation Balls and Farewell functions. During the period under review, however, only a limited number used the premises because our Executive Committee thought it wise to prohibit dancing at the Centre as the general behaviour at some of these functions was socially detestable. Special permission was granted to Organizations which were well-established and exercised control. The Bantu Music Festival organised by the Bantu Music Festival Committee on the 2nd., 3rd., 4th., 5th., 6th., and 7th. October, 1950 was also a success. The demand for the use of the Centre's hall continues to be great.

#### TENNIS.

At the beginning of the year our Tennis Courts were out of commission, but later when they were re-surfaced and the fencing repaired our number of tennis enthusiasts increased tremendously. A large sum of money was spent on the reconditioning of the courts which now lack nothing to be desired. The Tennis Committee postponed the holding of the Bantu Men's Social Centre Lawn Tennis Championships to the beginning of the new year when it is hoped that a record number of entries will be attracted and the standard of the competitions will surpass that of previous years.

#### BOXING AND PHYSICAL TRAINING.

Boxing and Physical Training number amongst the main activities in our physical recreational programme. Our boxing club is one of the largest in the country and has a group of very active and promising young fellows. A few Professional Tournaments were held during the year but no Amateur Boxing Tournaments. Our Professional Boxers proved their worth in these promotions and are well on the way to capturing national titles.

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With the formation of the Johannesburg and District Non-European Amateur Boxing Association we may expect a large number of fights for our Amateurs. Mr. Jerry Monnakgothla has done a splendid piece of work in this connection. It is regrettable that our facilities provided in regard to Physical Training and Boxing are inadequate to meet our ever-increasing demands.

#### INDOOR GAMES.

The provision of a varied programme of recreational activities is one of paramount importance to the Centre - to keep members gainfully employed during their leisure-time. The programme is inclusive of :- Billiards, Snooker, Ping-Pong, Chess, Draughts, Volleyball, American Basketball and Handball, each of which has received its full share of our members time and attention. Much has been done to popularize some of these games in other Centres where our teams have given several demonstrations.

The American Missionaries of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints used the Centre regularly for their basketball practices. As a result basketball is attracting a considerable following and we are grateful to these Missionaries for giving us this impetus and acquainting our members from time to time with the new techniques of the game. Of all the other games indulged in at the Centre Billiards still leads followed by Ping-Pong, Volleyball and Draughts.

#### PIANO TUITION.

During the year many of our members were interested in learning how to play the piano, Mr. Todd Matshikiza, the part-time Instructor, through force of circumstances beyond his control discontinued his services in this connection for a short while. This was a great blow to us but later when it was found possible for him to resume his work under more favourable conditions the position was normalized and we are glad to report progress. We are greatly indebted to Mr. Matshikiza for the work he does under this section.

#### INTER - CENTRE COMPETITIONS.

It has been the practice of the Social Centre over a number of years to compete against the Bloemfontein Bantu Social Institute in Indoor Games, Tennis and a Debate-at home one year and away the next. Last year these competitions took place at Bloemfontein on the 30th. September, and the 1st., and 2nd. October. Competition in all the activities was very interesting and keen and the Centre won in most of the activities with the exception of Ping-Pong and the Debate. Thanks are due to our members who volunteered to pay their own railfares to Bloemfontein and to the Social Institute for the hospitality they extended to our members during this time.

#### MEALS AND REFRESHMENTS.

We have been finding it very difficult to keep Non-Members off the premises who are attracted hither because of the delicious meals and refreshments provided for our members at very low cost. Miss S. Teyise, our Caterer, has indeed carried on her work magnificently and we sincerely hope she will not tire. The Soda-Fountain and other additions she effected to this department are a real convenience to our members and friends.

#### RELIGIOUS FUNCTION.

On Good Friday, 7th. April 1950 Dr. Ray E. Phillips showed a Bioscope Film entitled " From the Manger to the Cross" to a large gathering in the main hall. An appropriate sermon was delivered by the Rev. A. B. Lushaba of the Albert Street Church(Methodist).

The Religious Society of Friends, the Quakers, have held their quiet meetings for worship in the Lounge regularly on Sundays from 10:45.am. to 11:45.a.m. Our members have attended these meetings and they

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now have one or two Non-European adherents. Besides the Quakers the African Inter-Denominational Ministers' Association and the Salvation Army have been granted accommodation for their gatherings from time to time.

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS.

The service the Social Centre continues to render to other Organizations is highly appreciated, - most of them being engaged in Social Welfare work of some kind or other. The Transvaal Associations of Non-European Girls' and Boys' Clubs and the Pathfinder Boy Scouts Association are included in the list. The Jan H. Hofmeyr School of Social Work is using the Centre's hall for their classes in Folk Dancing, Physical Training and Group Organization and a few of the male students of the School are provided with sleeping accommodation on the premises. The Johannesburg Joint Council of Europeans and Africans has used the Centre for its meetings and so did the Transvaal Bantu Rugby, Tennis, Football and Cricket Unions. In short the Centre is still the busy hive of Social activity it has been since its inception.

OBITUARY.

During the year we were sorry to record the deaths of four members of the Social Centre :- Mr. S. P. Mqubuli ( an active member of the Executive Committee for many years), Mr. T. Monnathebe, Mr. Adonijah Mbinza and Mr. Pardon Dlamulo. We herein wish to record our heartfelt sympathy with their families in their bereavement.

THANKS.

Our most grateful thanks are due to our European Subscribers, Donors and Friends and in particular to the Firm of Messrs. Howard Pim & Hardy, who through Mr. J. Montague Pim, our esteemed Hon. Treasurer, has given the Centre most valuable service in the care of its finances. We are thankful for substantial financial assistance obtained from the Estate of the Late Mr. John G. Bruce, the Union Department of Social Welfare, the Johannesburg City Council and the Deferred Pay Board of Control.

Ray E. Phillips....Chairman.

Cecil E. Nolutshungu..Secretary.

BANTU MEN'S SOCIAL CENTRE

Registered under Welfare Organizations Act 1947 Certificate No. W. O. 80.

BALANCE SHEET - 31ST DECEMBER, 1950

|  |       |     |    |        |
|--|-------|-----|----|--------|
| <u>CREDITORS</u>   |       | 153 | 19 | 6      |
| <u>LIBRARY DEPOSITS</u>                                  |       | 2   | 13 | 6      |
| <u>CLAUDE NEON LIGHTS (S.A.) LIMITED</u>                 |       | 180 | 0  | 0      |
| Gift of One Neon Sign                                    |       |     |    |        |
| <u>ACCUMULATED FUNDS</u>                                 |       |     |    |        |
| Balance as at 31st December 1949                         | 16699 | 17  | 3  |        |
| <u>DEDUCT</u> Balance of Expenditure and Revenue Account | 290   | 2   | 1  | 16409  |
|  |       |     |    | 15     |
|  |       |     |    | 2      |
|  |       |     |    | £16746 |
|  |       |     |    | 8      |
|  |       |     |    | 2      |
| <u>BUILDINGS</u>   |       |     |    |        |
| Balance as at 31st December 1949                         | 15314 | 14  | 5  |        |
| <u>ADD</u> Panio Bolts                                   | 42    | 10  | 0  | 15357  |
|  |       |     |    | 4      |
|  |       |     |    | 5      |
| <u>NEON SIGN</u>   |       |     |    | 180    |
|  |       |     |    | 0      |
|  |       |     |    | 0      |
| <u>FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT</u>                           |       |     |    |        |
| Balance as at 31st December 1949                         | 560   | 0   | 0  |        |
| Additions during 1950                                    | 146   | 7   | 4  |        |
|  | 706   | 7   | 4  |        |
| <u>LESS</u> Depreciation                                 | 141   | 7   | 4  | 565    |
|  |       |     |    | 0      |
|  |       |     |    | 0      |
| <u>MUNICIPAL DEPOSITS</u>                                |       |     |    | 73     |
|  |       |     |    | 0      |
| <u>SPORTS FUND</u>                                       |       |     |    | 20     |
|  |       |     |    | 5      |
|  |       |     |    | 11     |
| <u>DEBTORS</u>   |       |     |    | 168    |
|  |       |     |    | 14     |
|  |       |     |    | 7      |
| <u>STOCK OF BADGES &amp; DIE - at cost</u>               |       |     |    | 31     |
|  |       |     |    | 9      |
|  |       |     |    | 0      |
| <u>CASH</u>  |       |     |    |        |
| Standard Bank of South Africa Limited                    | 81    | 3   | 8  |        |
| United Building Society -St. Andrews Branch              | 267   | 5   | 1  |        |
| On Hand  | 2     | 5   | 6  | 350    |
|  |       |     |    | 14     |
|  |       |     |    | 3      |
|  |       |     |    | £16746 |
|  |       |     |    | 8      |
|  |       |     |    | 2      |

Certified Correct.

J. Montague Pim.

JOHANNESBURG  
27th March 1951.

Hon. Treasurer.

BAHTU MEN'S SOCIAL CENTRE

EXPENDITURE AND REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1950

1949

|      |   |      |    |    |
|------|---|------|----|----|
| 1092 | To Salaries and Wages   | 1248 | 18 | 11 |
| 15   | " Unemployment Insurance Fund   | 8    | 7  | 9  |
| 385  | " Water, Light & Sanitary Fees  | 339  | 1  | 10 |
| 109  | " Games (Including re-surfacing Tennis Courts and repairing Netting ) | 231  | 12 | 0  |
| 59   | " Insurance   | 71   | 2  | 6  |
| 43   | " Clerical Assistance   | 42   | 7  | 6  |
| 317  | " Postage, Stationery, Telephone, Bank Charges and Sundry Expenses    | 428  | 3  | 5  |
| 62   | " Founders' Day   | 18   | 3  | 4  |
| 143  | " Depreciation of Furniture and Equipment                             | 141  | 7  | 4  |
| -    | " Repairs to Building   | 291  | 12 | 6  |

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|    |  |   |   |   |
|----|--|---|---|---|
| 93 | " Balance carried to Balance Sheet - Excess of Revenue over Expenditure for the year | - | - | - |
|----|--|---|---|---|

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|     |  |             |           |          |
|-----|--|-------------|-----------|----------|
| 192 | By Membership Fees   | 204         | 4         | 6        |
| 552 | " Subscriptions and Donations  | 751         | 0         | 7        |
| 300 | " Donation-Native Recruiting Corporation Ltd   | 300         | 0         | 0        |
|     | " Grants:  |             |           |          |
| 50  | Board of Control-Deferred Pay Interest Fund  | 50          | 0         | 0        |
| 600 | Department of Social Welfare   | 600         | 0         | 0        |
| 250 | City of Johannesburg   | 300         | 0         | 0        |
|     | " Sundry Revenue:  |             |           |          |
| 370 | Hire of Hall and Rent of Rooms   | 308         | 0         | 0        |
| -   | Locker Rents   | 5           | 5         | 0        |
| -   | " Interest Received  | 7           | 16        | 5        |
| 3   | " Profit on Sale of Badges   | 4           | 8         | 6        |
|     |  | <u>2530</u> | <u>15</u> | <u>0</u> |
| -   | " Balance carried to Balance Sheet - Excess of Expenditure over Revenue for the year | 290         | 2         | 1        |

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SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS.

|   |       |       |       |
|---|-------|-------|-------|
| African & European Group of Companies                                     | 25.   | 0.    | 0.    |
| African Explosives & Chemical Industries Ltd.                             | 25.   | 0.    | 0.    |
| African Guarantee & Indemnity Co. Ltd.                                    | 1.    | 1.    | 0.    |
| Aiken & Carter, Alex.   | 5.    | 0.    | 0.    |
| Anglo American Corporation of South Africa Ltd.                           | 52.   | 10.   | 0.    |
| Anglo Transvaal Consolidated Investment Co. Ltd.                          | 5.    | 5.    | 0.    |
| Barrow (Pty) Ltd., John   | 1.    | 1.    | 0.    |
| Barton, H.  | 3.    | 0.    | 0.    |
| Brick & Potteries Co. Ltd.  | 5.    | 5.    | 0.    |
| Bruce, Estate Late John G.  | 200.  | 0.    | 0.    |
| Castle Wine & Brandy Co. Ltd.   | 1.    | 1.    | 0.    |
| Central Mining - Rand Mines Group   | 50.   | 0.    | 0.    |
| Central News Agency Ltd.  | 5.    | 0.    | 0.    |
| Connolly, A.J.  | 3.    | 3.    | 0.    |
| Evans & Co. Ltd., Herbert   | 2.    | 2.    | 0.    |
| Federated Employers' Mutual Assurance Co. Ltd.                            | 3.    | 3.    | 0.    |
| Fraser & Chalmers (S.A.) Ltd.   | 2.    | 2.    | 0.    |
| Friends, Society of   |       | 15.   | 0.    |
| General Mining & Finance Corporation Ltd.                                 | 15.   | 0.    | 0.    |
| Green & Morison Ltd., E.K.  | 1.    | 1.    | 0.    |
| Hayman, Godfrey & Sanderson   | 1.    | 1.    | 0.    |
| Henwoods Limited  | 2.    | 2.    | 0.    |
| Hillman Bros. Ltd.  | 50.   | 0.    | 0.    |
| Hunt, Leuchars & Hepburn Ltd.   | 5.    | 5.    | 0.    |
| International Tobacco Company of South Africa Ltd.                        | 3.    | 3.    | 0.    |
| Johannesburg Consolidated Investment Co. Ltd.<br>(Barnato) Group of Mines | 75.   | 0.    | 0.    |
| Jooste & Bryant Ltd.  | 2.    | 2.    | 0.    |
| Koppe, Mrs. R.  | 5.    | 5.    | 0.    |
| Liddle (Pty) Ltd., Joseph   | 1.    | 1.    | 0.    |
| Mackenzie, Geo.   | 1.    | 1.    | 0.    |
| McPhail (Pty) Ltd., W.R.  | 3.    | 3.    | 0.    |
| New Consolidated Gold Fields Ltd.   | 5.    | 5.    | 0.    |
| Niven Trust, Robert   | 50.   | 0.    | 0.    |
| Phoenix Assurance Co. Ltd.  | 9.    | 12.   | 0.    |
| Prices (S.A.) Ltd.  | 1.    | 1.    | 0.    |
| Pim & Hardy, Howard - Clerical Assistance                                 | 42.   | 7.    | 6.    |
| Ramsbottom, Mr. Justice W.H.  | 1.    | 1.    | 0.    |
| Rand Daily Mails Ltd.   | 5.    | 0.    | 0.    |
| Rand Provident Building Society   | 3.    | 3.    | 0.    |
| Randles, Bro., & Hudson Ltd.  | 1.    | 1.    | 0.    |
| Schultz, M.   | 2.    | 10.   | 1.    |
| Shell Company of South Africa Ltd.  | 1.    | 1.    | 0.    |
| Smith, Mrs. J. & Miss N.  | 5.    | 0.    | 0.    |
| South African Druggists Ltd.  | 1.    | 1.    | 0.    |
| South British Insurance Co. Ltd.  | 5.    | 5.    | 0.    |
| Star, The   | 5.    | 5.    | 0.    |
| Stevenson, J.H.   | 2.    | 2.    | 0.    |
| Store, P.V.   | 1.    | 1.    | 0.    |
| Sunday Times Syndicate Ltd.   | 5.    | 0.    | 0.    |
| Thompson (Pty) Ltd., James  | 2.    | 2.    | 0.    |
| Unit Securities & Trust Company of South Africa Ltd.                      | 25.   | 0.    | 0.    |
| Viney, A.D.   | 10.   | 0.    | 0.    |
| Webber, W.S.  | 10.   | 10.   | 0.    |
| White, W.R.A.   | 1.    | 1.    | 0.    |
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