

BANTU MEN'S SOCIAL CENTRE.

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JOHANNESBURG.

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the Right Honourable Dr. E. G. Jansen.

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Rev. F. B. Bridgman, D.D. (Deceased), Mr. Howard Pim, M.A., C.B.E  
(Deceased).

and

Dr. James Dexter Taylor, D.D.



BANTU MEN'S SOCIAL CENTRE

ANNUAL REPORT

1951.

We report with pleasure that the Social Centre has gone through another year of considerable activity. It has not only by means of its programme which is inclusive of Recreational, Social Educational and Religious activities been able to keep its members gainfully employed during their leisure-time, but has also served as a Welfare House by providing accommodation to other Organizations engaged in welfare work.

We are most grateful for the assistance financial or otherwise given by our European Friends which made it possible for us to carry on the good work of developing the African in Body, Mind, Spirit and Character successfully.

B.M.S.C. STAFF.

During the period under review the administrative work of the Centre was slightly affected by the absence of the Secretary, when the Assistant Secretary carried on the work single-handed. We are grateful for the help given by Mr. Jerry Monnakgotla, one of our Professional Boxers as far as the Physical Training and Boxing activities of the Centre are concerned.

MEMBERSHIP.

In view of the fact that the Secretary was away some time during the year and that one of our Tennis Courts was out of commission, the membership position has been slightly impaired. Since the work done by the Centre continues to be highly appreciated, there is every indication that things will be brought to normal again in this respect.

Membership of the Centre may be divided into the following five categories : -

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

It is necessary to point out here that Ordinary Membership is for persons who reside in the Magisterial Area of Johannesburg and Country Membership is for those resident outside the Magisterial Area. Junior Membership is open to bona fide Scholars attending an approved School and Africans visiting Johannesburg may become Visiting Members on payment of 1s. per month.

With these various types of membership offered the following results were obtained : -

	<u>ACTIVE</u>	<u>JUNIORS</u>	<u>LIFE</u>	<u>VISITING</u>
1949	397	46	17	3
1950	403	37	18	2
1951	331	51	19	-

ANNUAL FOUNDERS' DAY.

On the occasion of Annual Founders' Day which is usually held on the last Friday in the month of October, it has been our practice through the years to pay tribute to those who are responsible for the establishment of the Social Centre and express our thanks to those who take upon themselves the responsibility of the /.....



of the Centre's maintenance and upkeep. Through circumstances beyond our control we were forced to postpone this meeting to October, 1952.

### SOCIAL FUNCTIONS AND GUEST NIGHTS.

A few Guest Nights were held during the year which were fairly well attended and certainly much enjoyed. These are usually held on the last Friday of each month when Members, their Friends and Relatives are entertained to programmes of Games, Concerts and Dances - the programmes being varied from time to time in order to keep up the interest.

The main hall has been used as in the past by various associations, Schools and Individuals for the purpose of holding Wedding and Welcome Receptions, Farewell Functions, Concerts and Dances which drew crowds to the Social Centre. The Bantu Music Festival which was held from the 1st. October, 1951 to the 6th. October, 1951 under the auspices of the Johannesburg Bantu Music Festival Committee on which many of our members are active, was a great success. The meeting which was held on the 19th. November, 1951 convened by members of the Moral Re-Armament movement who previously staged a play "The Forgotten Factor" at the Centre is worthy of mention. Members and Friends were entertained with songs and reports were given of the work the Movement is doing in various Countries.

The management had two plays staged at the Centre during the year - one by the Children's Theatre entitled "Richard of Bordeaux" and the other a Christmas play "But Once a Year" by the Johannesburg Repertory Players. These performances were well attended and highly appreciated.

### RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES.

In order that members should spend their leisure-time profitably we have always found it necessary to provide a highly diversified recreational programme. Our programme was inclusive of the following variety of activities: - Billiards, Snooker, Chess, Draughts, Ping-Pong, Volleyball, American Basketball, Badminton and Tennis. Tournaments have been organized in a few of these games which intensified the interest and attracted large numbers of spectators to the Centre.

Members have played a number of Inter-Club matches during the year wherein they demonstrated a fine spirit of sportsmanship which was admired by those with whom they came into contact. The Volleyball and American Basketball enthusiasts have been very active. In Basketball the Centre's team has played against the Donaldson Orlando Community Centre, the Chinese Sporting Clubs, Denver Men's Hostel, The Jan H. Hofmeyr School of Social Work and the American Missionaries of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. Competition was very keen and our fellows have improved in these games which are gaining popularity through the country. Thanks to the Mormons for their continued interest and for the encouragement they have given us in this connection.

### TENNIS.

The Bantu Men's Social Centre Lawn Tennis Championships which started in April, 1951 attracted a large number of competitors. Huge crowds were present at the Centre whenever the games were played off. Competition was as keen as ever and we must thank the Tennis Committee for the work it did in organising the tournament. It has unfortunately not as yet been completed because our No. 1 Tennis court was put out of commission when building operations were started next door to us. Mr. S. Sesenyi and Mr. Sam Thoabala

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won the "B" division Doubles title; Mr. E. Buti and I. D. Ngwenya will fight for the singles title of that division; Mr. S. Silekane and Mr. Grant Kgomo are the finalists in the "A" division Singles and the Doubles of this division are still in the semi-final stage. We congratulate all those who have been successful thus far and express our thanks to Dr. Ray E. Phillips and Mr. Hoosen Jajbhay, the donors of the trophies for these competitions.

#### CULTURAL ACTIVITIES.

The Literary Committee was actively engaged in organising Debates and Lectures during the year. Members and friends have been addressed by Speakers of note on very interesting Subjects. The Committee-room was filled to capacity whenever these informative talks were given. We are thankful to Messrs. Quintin Whyte, Director of the South African Institute of Race-Relations; Louis Kraft, The Secretary of the South African Institute of Inter-National Affairs; Pandit Rishi Ram; Advocate N. Phillips and others for their contributions along these lines.

#### BOXING AND PHYSICAL TRAINING.

This section of our work has continued to have a large following. Several Professional and Amateur Boxing Tournaments have been held and the crowds which attended these fights have always made us feel that boxing has outgrown the facilities of our main hall. We are indebted to Mr. Jerry Monnakgotla for the voluntary work he has done under this head.

#### INTER-CENTRE COMPETITIONS.

On the 29th., 30th. September, 1951 competitions between the Bloemfontein Bantu Social Institute and the Social Centre took place at the Centre in Indoor Games, Tennis and a Debate. These competitions have been going on for some time at Bloemfontein on year and at Johannesburg the next. The week-end was very interesting and the Centre held its own in most of the activities with the exception of the Debate. Our thanks are due to the Activities Committee which was responsibility for the entertainment of the visitors and also to members who assisted in providing accommodation for them.

#### PIANO TUITION.

Mr. Todd T. Matshikiza, our part-time Instructor in piano-playing has had a very busy time. The number of members under him increased by leaps and bounds and we are pleased to state that many of them have made progress. We hope that Mr. Matshikiza will continue this good work.

#### MEALS AND REFRESHMENTS.

Ever since the Social Centre hired out its catering service to Miss S. Teyise, Proprietress of the Blue Lagoon Sports Restaurant, because of the difficulty of running it on a paying basis, a great financial burden was taken off our shoulders. Meals and refreshments have been provided throughout the day at very low charges. We must thank Miss Teyise for the valuable service she renders at the Centre to the satisfaction of our members.

#### GOOD FRIDAY

On Good Friday, 23rd. March, 1951 a huge crowd was present  
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at the Social Centre to see a film entitled "The Life of Christ" which was shown by Dr. Ray E. Phillips. A sermon on the significance of the occasion was delivered by Rev. A. Lushaba of the Albert Street Methodist Church and the hymns that were sung added a solemn note. This is a regular feature at the Centre which many people look forward to attending each year.

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS.

The Centre has continued to assist other Organizations in the provision of accommodation. Bodies such as the African Boy Scouts Association, the Transvaal Association of Non-European Boys' Clubs, the Transvaal Association of Non-European Professional Boxing, the Transvaal Association of Girls' and Youth Clubs, and the Transvaal African Teachers' Association have all obtained assistance in this way. The African Inter-Denominational Ministers' Association, the Salvation Army and many other Bodies too numerous to mention have used the Centre for their meetings. Lodging has been provided for some of the male Students of the Jan H. Hofmeyr School of Social Work and the whole School obtained luncheons daily at the Centre and used our Gymnasium for their classes in Folk-Dancing, Games and Physical Training. In short the Centre has remained the nucleus whence social welfare work has diverged into the whole community.

THANKS.

We herein express our most grateful thanks to our many European Subscribers, Donors and Friends for their assistance financial and otherwise. Our thanks are due particularly to the firm of Messrs. Howard Pim & Hardy, who, through Mr. J. Montague Pim, our esteemed Hon. Treasurer, has rendered the Centre most valuable service in the care of its finances. We extend our thanks to the Union Department of Social Welfare, the Johannesburg City Council and the Deferred Pay Board of Control for their substantial financial assistance.

Dr. Ray E. Phillips...Chairman.

Cecil E. Nolutshungu....Secretary.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Mr. Todd W. Hatcher, our part-time instructor in piano playing has had a very busy time. The number of members who have increased by leaps and bounds and we are pleased to state that many of them have made progress. We hope that Mr. Hatcher will continue this good work.

MEALS AND REPRESENTATION

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GOOD WILLY

On Good Friday, 25th March, 1951 a large crowd was present at the Centre.



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

BALANCE SHEET - 31ST DECEMBER, 1951

<u>CREDITORS</u>				240	10	4
<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 1950	16409	15	2			
<u>ADD</u> Proportion of Grant for 1950 received from Department of Social Welfare	450	0	0			
Balance of Expenditure and Revenue Account	9	15	3	16869	10	5
				<u>£17292</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>BUILDINGS</u>						
Balance as at 31st December 1950				15357	4	5
<u>NEON SIGN</u>				180	0	0
<u>FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT</u>						
Balance as at 31st December 1950	565	0	0			
Additions during 1951	22	17	0			
	587	17	0			
<u>LESS</u> Depreciation	117	17	0	470	0	0
<u>MUNICIPAL DEPOSITS</u>				73	0	0
<u>SPORTS FUND</u>				46	19	8
<u>DEBTORS</u>				53	1	6
<u>STOCK OF BADGES &amp; DIE - at cost</u>				30	8	0
<u>CASH</u>						
Standard Bank of South Africa Limited	470	5	6			
United Building Society -St. Andrews Branch	605	17	10			
On Hand	5	17	4	1082	0	8
				<u>£17292</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>3</u>
	Certified Correct.					
	J. Montague Pim.					
	Hon. Treasurer.					
<u>JOHANNESBURG</u>						
10th March 1952.						

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EXPENDITURE AND REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1951

<u>1950</u>				
1249	To	Salaries and Wages	1288	7 5
8	"	Unemployment Insurance Fund	8	1 6
339	"	Water, Light & Sanitary Fees	345	0 8
232	"	Games	84	4 2
71	"	Insurance	72	19 10
42	"	Clerical Assistance	41	0 0
192	"	Postage, Stationery, Telephone, Bank Charges and Sundry Expenses	170	2 8
18	"	Founders' Day	-	- -
141	"	Depreciation of Furniture and Equipment	117	17 0
292	"	Repairs to Building	-	- -
236	"	Maintenance & Repairs	157	6 9
<u>2821</u>			<u>2285</u>	<u>0 0</u>
-	"	Balance carried to Balance Sheet - Excess of Revenue over Expenditure for the year	9	15 3
<u>£2821</u>			<u>£2294</u>	<u>15 3</u>
204	By	Membership Fees	170	2 6
751	"	Subscriptions and Donations	537	18 0
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 Balance of 1950 Grant £150 and proportion 1951	600	0 0
300		City of Johannesburg	<u>275</u>	<u>0 0</u>
	"	Sundry Revenue:		
308		Hire of Hall and Rent of Rooms	354	3 0
5		Locker Rents	<u>3</u>	<u>10 0</u>
8	"	Interest Received	3	12 9
4	"	Profit on Sale of Badges	-	9 0
<u>2531</u>			<u>2294</u>	<u>15 3</u>
290	"	Balance carried to Balance Sheet - Excess of Expenditure over Revenue for the year	-	- -
<u>£2821</u>			<u>£2294</u>	<u>15 3</u>







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