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THE PALADINS.

Founder : Mr. G. W. Dickinson.
Patrons : Mr. I. S. Haggie,

Mr. Quinton Whyte, Mr. Jack Phillips.

Officer Commanding: The Paladins:

Mr. W. Smith.

Joint Secretaries : Mr. K. D. Joseph,

Mr. V. S. Stanger.

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OBJECT S.

To develop good citizenship amongst boys and girls by forming their character - training them in habits, obedience and self discipline. Teaching them useful service to the Public. Promoting their physical, mental and spiritual development.

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THE PALADINS.

This Anniversary Bulletin marks an epoch of the Paladin movement. As we begin a New Year in the history off the Paladins and we close the books of the past and look into the future, we just cannot do this without endeavouring to make mention of those, those great leaders among our people who have contributed a great deal towards the building up of, shall I say; The oldest Coloured Youth Organisation. Yes, an Organisation that has dedicated itself to render every possible service to other Community. To those namely the Late Rev. G. H. Ridout, Mr. G. W. Dickinson, Mr. J. Phillips and several others too numerous to mention, we say thanks; for laying the corner stone of this organisation, which through your help, and through the Grace of God shall grow from Strength to Strength.

Let us pledge to work shoulder to shoulder with those who have our Youth at heart, and let us ask God's blessing on those who have the task of leading our boys and girls on the right paths of life so that they may all be an asset to our people.

Let us also not forget to say "Thanks" to the Tvl. Association of Non-European Boys Clubs, for their unending assistance, since the time of our affiliation to the Association. We wish them all

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PALADIN NEWS FROM HERE AND THERE.

During this year there has been a great deal of improvement in the Paladins as a whole.

PALADINS H.Q.: has apart from the general activities: e.g.

Gymnastic, Band Practice, Moral Instructions,
undertaken a number of social and charitable commitments.

KLIPTOWN: In spite of present day difficulties is doing everything possible to keep the ball rolling.

NOORDGESIG: This group has increased their membership and have certainly pulled up their socks in its task to render service to our youth.

CORONATIONVILLE: Since their inception almost three months ago, the Officers and Members have almost crashed the Sound Barrier, by their miraculous improvement. One can almost say that they have been like a live wire, always ready when called upon.

ALBERTVILLE: Although the group has not yet been officially opened, members have been coming together regularly and show a great deal of enthusiasm.

It is also reported that a revival spitit is sweeping Pretoria, and that the formation of Paladins in Benoni and Protea is taking place.

Perhaps I think the best piece off news is to know, that a Group of Paladins is being formed in exactly the same surrounding where it started some 31 years ago. Well if you don't know, the Paladins started at the St. Alban's Church in 1921. It is good to know that after serving the Coloured Youth for such a long time, the Paladins, is like a son, after serving people for a number of years, going home to his mother, to show his appreciation and thanks.

To all those leaders, officers and members, we say Good Luck and best wishes to you all in all your undertakings.

Here is a verse that might be helpful to you, written by a very wellknown poet and author.

I shall pass this way but once,
Any Good that I can do
Let me do it now
For I shall not pass this way again.

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SELF HELP IS THE BEST HELP.

All through the year, we have been doing our wery best to raise funds, through teas, socials, dances, concerts, etc. We firmly beleive that that is the best policy. We would however say thanks to the kind gestures of several sponsors, and we would assure them, that any kind of assistance, whether in money or kind, is greatly appreciated by us all in our effort to cater for our youth.

A message to the Paladins from a World known Leader, many years ago. His message was taken to heart, and we find that today still we take heed of this message and make use of it.

"The Paladins of old day's were brave, they were honourable and could be trusted, always to do what was right and they were always ready to give time and work towards helping other people.

They not only did it but did it cheerfully.

I hope you Paladins of today will do the same.

Good Luck to you,

SIGNED: Robert - Baden Powell."

26th November, 1926.

OBITUARY.

It is with deep regret that we announce the loss of Aubrey Barckley, who passed away on Thursday 20th November, 1952. Although Aubrey was only sixteen years of age, he took a very active part in life, apart from being an active member of his church, he also belonged to our Soccer Club, and was also a member of our Editorial Staff.

We convey our deepest sympathy and condolences to his family during their recent sad bereavement.

We all miss him very much, but we are certain that God knows best.

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A MESSAGE FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON.

During the next few weeks we shall all be thinking about the many presents that we shall get. About the new Christmas frock or suit, the sleeping doll, the new bicycle, etc. Yes we shall be looking forward to all these wonderful things, so much that we shall forget about everything else, even about the sick, the poort, the unhappy and all those who will not enjoy Christmas as we do.

Have we for a moment thought whose birthday we are going to celebrate? Have we thought about a birthday present for Jesus? No, we have thought only of getting presents for ourselves. How selfish we are; how much it must hurt Jesus to see that we have forgotten all about him. Now what shall we do about this shocking state of affairs. We must act at once, and say; what shall I give to Jesus on his birthday?

Certainly no earthly gift is good enough for Him. But if we mean to do some good for those people who will not be able to celebrate with us Jesus' Birthday, or even those who don't know about Christmas; and if we say to Jesus, Lord take my heart and my Love, and use me for they honour and glory from now and for always, so that we might stand out as a light and lead those who are in the darkness. If we can do this then I am certain that we shall be able to see the real meaning of Christmas.

Between the 28th November and 16th December, 1952, we shall be celebrating our 31st Birthday with a number of Competitions, Displays, and Social activities. Since this is our first attempt and therefore an experiment, we hope that this will be a stepping stone to greater things.

At the end of these contests, trophies and certificates will be awarded to those who have been successful.

The programme is as follows:

Friday 28th November, 1952: 31st Anniversary Ball, Paladin Centre Polly St., at 8 p.m. Admission 3/6d.

Saturday 29th November, 1952: Talent Contest (Paladins only)

Paladin Centre at 2 p.m.

Sunday 30th November, 1952: Social Afternoon.

Monday 1st December, 1952: Film Show (by Courtesy of the United Tobacco Co.,) Coronationville Community Centre, at 7.30 p.m.

Wednesday 3rd December, 1952: Ballroom Dancing Competition.
(Paladins Only to Compete)
Paladin Centre at 8 p.m.

Saturday 6th December, 1952: Drilling, Gymnastic and Band Competition and Displays at Paladin Centre at 2 p.m.

The presentation will take place on the 16th December at 2 p.m. at an Afternoon Carnival. All Parents and Friends are all very welcome to attend.

A WORD TO THE WISE.

We should like to congratulate all those who have been successful in this year's school examinations. To those who have not been so successful, don't give up, try again. And if there are any boys or girls who contemplate on leaving school at the end of the term, please notify your leader, so that we may be able to place you in suitable employment.

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The St. Joseph's Home, Street Collection takes place on Saturday, the 20th December, 1952. We hope to assist in this collection by an attack on all Coloured Townships and we appeal to all to give their support. Remember the home has 90 Boys and Girls to care for and your assistance will be appreciated.

REMEMBER.

COMMANDO ROUND FILTER TIP,

THE TAIK OF THE TOWN.

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PERSONAL.

Although we have not been able to invite our Patrons to spend an evering with us, we hope it shall not be long before we can extend to them an invitation.

We have not seen Mr. G.W. Dickinson for some time, but we would have you to know, that although he has retired, he is still regarded by our present O.C. namely Mr. W. Smith and all of us, as the Paladin Chief.

Mr. H. Peffer has recently been appointed Commanding Officer of the Paladins at St. Alban's Mission, Ferreirastown. He is to be assisted by Miss R. Mitchell. We wish them Good Luck in the task that lies ahead of them.

Mr. F. Tarr is soon to be appointed Commanding Officer of Paladins at Albertsville. We can rest assured that Mr. Tarr is the man for the job.

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The Officers and Paladins, wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Bright and Trouble-free New Year. May God Bless you and keep you safe through the old and in the New Year.

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WISE CRACK CORNER.

EQUALITY: Mother: "I gave you five sweets, Did you give your brother three?"

Johnny: "No, I ate one before he came along so's I could divide them equally!"

A MEANS OF PROTECTION: "Do you say your prayers at night, little boy?"

"Yes, Sir,"

"And do you always say them in the morning, too?"

"No sir, I'm not scared in the daytime."

'n Skot man en 'n Jood het eenmaal na Kerk gegaan, en toe die kollekte bord ongekom het, het die Skotsman vlou geword, en die Jood het hom uit gedra.

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