

BANTU MEN'S SOCIAL CENTRE.

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JOHANNESBURG.

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Dr. the Right Honourable E. G. Jansen.

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A. W. Mbatha.

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Dr. Ray Edmund Phillips.

BANTU MEN'S SOCIAL CENTRE.

ANNUAL ----- REPORT 1955.

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The period under review was one of steady progress in the Centre's attempts to fulfill its aims and objects of upbuilding the African people, in Body, Mind, Spirit and Character.

The Bantu Men's Social Centre was founded in the year 1924, by people who were sympathetically disposed to the Africans. For over 30 years it has provided the focal point around which much of the life of urban African men has centred.

STAFF:

The administrative work of the Centre is the responsibility of the Secretary Mr. B. Mav. Mudau and Assistant Secretary Mr. William Mbatha, who are directly responsible to the Executive Committee.

We are grateful to Mr. Johannes Maseko one of the professional boxers, for rendering part-time service to our physical training classes.

Three cleaners are employed for keeping the building and grounds in good condition.

MEMBERSHIP:

During the year the Centre membership did not reach a high mark, partly because the Secretaries did not secure the usual clerical assistance from the Jan H. Hofmeyr School Students, who used to come for field work practice, and also because of the old members who did not renew their membership without pressure on them. Active paid-up membership on the 31st December, 1955 was 656.

Our membership is divided into five main categories:-

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|------------------------|-------|------|------------|
| 1. Life Membership | ----- | £5. | |
| 2. Ordinary Membership | ----- | 10/- | Per Annum. |
| 3. Country Membership | ----- | 5/- | Per Annum. |
| 4. Junior Membership | ----- | 2/6 | Per Annum. |
| 5. Visiting Membership | ----- | 1/- | Per Month. |

Ordinary membership is for persons resident inside the Magisterial District of Johannesburg and Country membership is for those resident outside this area.

Junior membership is open to bona fide Scholars, whilst visiting membership is open to all Africans visiting Johannesburg.

ANNUAL FOUNDERS DAY.

On the occasion of our Annual Founders Day commemoration service held on the 17th November, 1955, we paid tribute to those responsible for the establishment of the Bantu Men's Social Centre and we gratefully remembered the patronage extended to us by many European and Non-European friends and well-wishers.

The Guest Speaker for the occasion was Mrs. Maida Hall Xuma who had just returned from the Quadrennial Meeting of the Y.W.C.A. held in LONDON.

Music for the function was provided by the Jan H. Hofmeyr School of Social Work Students Choir, supported by the African Swingsters Jazz Band.

Indoor and Outdoor Games.

One of the main aims of the Centre is to help the members spend their leisure time in healthful recreation.

A series of Guest Night Programmes was provided by the Literary and Cultural Committee on Sunday evenings. Topics affecting the Africans in particular were dealt with in panel discussions e.g. " The Africans and the Police, Marriage ruddle and the way Out " outstanding films were shown such as " Pinky."

Under the auspices of the Lawn Tennis Committee our Tennis Section registered a definite advance.

During the year under review the Bantu Men's Social Centre tournaments as usual drew large numbers of competitors from all sides of the Rand to take part in the following games: Billiards, Snooker, Draughts, Chess, Table Tennis and Lawn Tennis.

Inter Centre Competition.

On the 8th, 9th and 10th October, 1955 a team was sent to the Bloerfontein Bantu Social Institute to represent the Bantu Men's Social Centre in Billiards, Snooker, Ping-Pong, Draughts, Lawn Tennis and Debate.

The results given below will give a clear indication of the Bloerfontein Bantu Social Institute's supremacy in most of the competitions.

BILLIARDS.

B.M.S.C.	1541 Points.	B.S.I.	1721 Points.
	<u>Lead 180 Points B.S.I.</u>		

SNOOKER.

B.M.S.C.	372 Points.	B.S.I.	461 Points.
	<u>Lead 89 Points B.S.I.</u>		

TABLE TENNIS.

B.M.S.C.	2083 Points.	B.S.I.	2680 Points.
	<u>Lead 597 Points B.S.I.</u>		

LAWN TENNIS.

B.M.S.C.	447 Points.	B.S.I.	185 Points.
	<u>Lead 262 Points B.M.S.C.</u>		

DRAUGHTS.

B.M.S.C.	96 Points.	B.S.I.	101 Points.
	<u>Lead 5 Points B.S.I.</u>		

DEBATE.

B.M.S.C.		B.S.I.	
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B.M.S.C. Won.

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Boxing and Physical Culture.

Interest in Boxing and Physical Training has steadily developed. A team of Amateur boxers to represent the Centre was sent to Rhodesia during April, 1955.

MEALS AND REFRESHMENTS AT THE CENTRE.

The catering services at the Centre are still being efficiently cared for by Miss. S. Teyise at very low prices. We are grateful indeed to Miss. Teyise for the very splendid service she has rendered the Centre for the past years.

OTHER ORGANISATIONS.

For many years the Centre has provided office accommodation for the Transvaal Association of Non-European Boys' Club and the Transvaal African Scouts Council. Lodging is provided for twelve male Students of the Jan H. Hofmeyr School of Social Work. Further, the whole Student body of the School obtains its lunches in the cafeteria. The Gymnasium is also made available for Physical Education Classes conducted by experts from the Witwatersrand Technical College.

THANKS.

The Bantu Men's Social Centre has many things to be thankful for, not the least of which are the enthusiasm of members, the loyal co-operation of the leaders of the different sectional activities, the devoted services of the staff, and the genuine interest of the members of the Executive Committee who give much time and energy and thought to the furtherance of the Institution's aims and objects.

We are most grateful to our subscribers and donors who have made it possible to complete the year's work with only a small deficit. We would express our special thanks to the Union Department of Social Welfare, the City Council of Johannesburg, the Native Recruiting Corporation, and the Deferred Pay Board of Control.

We would express a special word of thanks to the firm of Messrs. Howard Fin and Hardy, who through Mr. J. M. Fin, our Honorary Treasurer, aided by Mr. H. S. E. Anderson, our Auditor, have rendered the Centre their usual valuable services in the matter of the handling and recording of its finances.

Dr. Ray E. Phillips.
CHAIRMAN.
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B. Mav. Madau.
SECRETARY.
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BANTU MEN'S SOCIAL CENTRE.

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

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1955.

LIABILITIES.

1954.

135	<u>CREDITORS AND CREDIT BALANCES</u>		132. 1. 3.
100	<u>BILLIARDS RESERVE FUND</u>		100. 0. 0.
180	<u>CLAUDE NEON LIGHTS (S.A.) LTD.</u> Gift of One Neon Sign		180. 0. 0.
17243	<u>ACCUMULATED FUNDS</u>		17,543. 9. 4.
	17257 Balance at 31st December, 1954	17,242.16.11.	
	<u>Add</u> Grant-in-Aid - Department of Social Welfare - Subsidy re Expenditure in 1953 and 1954 on Replacements and Repairs	<u>398.17. 5.</u>	
		17,641.14. 4.	
	<u>Less</u> Balance of Revenue and Expenditure Account	<u>98. 5. 0.</u>	
<u>17658</u>			<u>17,955.10. 7.</u>

ASSETS.

15498	<u>BUILDINGS - at Cost</u> Balance at 31st December, 1954		15,497.12. 7.
180	<u>NEON SIGN</u>		180. 0. 0.
599	<u>FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT</u> at Cost Less Depreciation		457. 0. 0.
	578 Balance at 31st December, 1954	599. 0. 0.	
	220 Additions Furniture and Equipment	<u>10. 2. 8.</u>	
	798	609. 2. 8.	
	199 <u>Less</u> Depreciation at 25%	<u>152. 2. 8.</u>	
73	<u>MUNICIPAL DEPOSITS</u>		73. 0. 0.
126	<u>DESKTOPS</u>		59. 0. 4.
32	<u>STOCK OF BADGES AND DIE - at Cost</u>		45. 0. 0.
	<u>CASH</u>		1,643.17. 8.
195	Standard Bank of S.A. Ltd.	664. 2. 2.	
952	United Building Society - St. Andrews Branch	976.14. 3.	
3	On Hand	<u>3. 1. 3.</u>	
<u>17658</u>			<u>17,955.10. 7.</u>

R. E. K. J. J.
CHAIRMAN.

H. S. E. Anderson
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, 1955 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 the 31st December, 1955.

JOHANNESBURG.

7th March, 1956.

H. S. E. Anderson
H.S.E. ANDERSON
AUDITOR
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT (S.A.)

BANTU MEN'S SOCIAL CENTRE.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR 1955.

1954.

REVENUE

297	Membership Fees	213.	2.	6.
691	Donations - General Public	560.	19.	0.
300	Native Recruiting Corporation Limited	300.	0.	0.
250	City of Johannesburg - Grant-in-Aid for 1955	375.	0.	0.
50	Board of Control - Deferred Pay Interest Fund Grant 1955	50.	0.	0.
938	Hire of Hall and Rent of Rooms and Lockers	853.	10.	6.
170	Billiards	158.	15.	0.
23	Interest on Savings Bank Account	24.	9.	2.
7	Profit on Sale of Lapel Badges	11.	9.	7.
525	Department of Social Welfare for period January - March, 1955	125.	0.	0.
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3251		2,672.	5.	9.
14	Deficit for the year carried to Balance Sheet	98.	5.	0.
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3265		2,770.	10.	9.

EXPENDITURE

(a) Administration Expenses

778	Secretaries' Salaries	805.	2.	0.
46	Club Leader's Honorarium	61.	0.	0.
18	Postages	16.	15.	9.
75	Stationery and Printing	91.	10.	11.
40	Telephone (Rentals and Calls)	33.	4.	7.
5	Insurance - Workmens Compensation	5.	2.	6.
5	Unemployment	3.	19.	6.
1	Rentals - Land	1.	5.	0.
7	Bank Charges	6.	10.	6.
73	Clerical Assistance	71.	5.	0.
14	Licences and Box Rent	15.	13.	6.
13	Travelling Expenses (Staff and Teams)	96.	11.	6.
1	Sundry Expenses		8.	4.
	Audit Fee	10.	10.	0.

(b) Maintenance Expenses

186	Electricity	177.	17.	6.
66	Water	48.	0.	8.
50	Sanitary Fees	45.	10.	0.
67	Insurance - Fire, Riot, Cash in Transit	71.	10.	6.
462	Cleaning Services - Wages and Overalls	541.	11.	5.
103	Material	107.	2.	5.
	Fumigating	30.	0.	0.
6	Fuel	2.	2.	6.
139	Meals for Staff	117.	17.	7.
688	Repairs as per Schedule	105.	9.	0.
199	Depreciation of Furniture and Equipment	152.	2.	8.

(c) General Expenses

53	Functions	24.	18.	11.
10	Newspapers and Periodicals	10.	6.	7.
160	Sports and Games Equipment	117.	1.	11.

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7th March, 1956.

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SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS 1955.

African Explosives and Chemical Industries Ltd.	25.	0.	0.
Aiken and Carter, Alex	5.	0.	0.
Allied Building Society	5.	5.	0.
Anglo American Corporation of South Africa Ltd.	105.	0.	0.
Anglo Transvaal Consolidated Investment Co. Ltd.	5.	5.	0.
Barrow (Pty.) Ltd., John	1.	1.	0.
Brick and Potteries Co. Ltd.	5.	5.	0.
Castle Wine and Brandy Co. Ltd.	1.	1.	0.
Central Mining - Rand Mines Group	50.	0.	0.
Central News Agency Ltd.	5.	0.	0.
Connolly Ltd. T. and F.	1.	1.	0.
Evans and Co. Ltd., Herbert	5.	5.	0.
Federated Employer's Mutual Assurance Co. Ltd.	3.	3.	0.
Fraser and Chalmers (S.A.) Ltd.	2.	2.	0.
General Mining and Finance Corporation Ltd.	15.	0.	0.
Hayman, Godfrey and Sanderson	3.	3.	0.
Henwoods Limited	2.	2.	0.
Hillman Bros. Ltd.	10.	0.	0.
Hunt, Leuchars and Hepburn Ltd.	5.	5.	0.
Johannesburg Consolidated Investment Co. Ltd. (Barnato) Group Mines	75.	0.	0.
Liddle (Pty.) Ltd., Joseph	1.	1.	0.
Lightbody's (Pty.) Ltd.	1.	1.	0.
Mackenzie Geo.	1.	1.	0.
McPhail, A.D.	2.	2.	0.
New Consolidated Goldfields Ltd.	5.	5.	0.
Niven Trust, Robert	50.	0.	0.
Phoenix Assurance Co. Ltd.	10.	4.	0.
Prices (S.A.) Ltd.	1.	1.	0.
Pim and Hardy, Howard - Clerical Assistance	71.	5.	0.
Ramsbottom, Mr. Justice W.H.	1.	1.	0.
Randles Btos. and Hudson Ltd.	2.	2.	0.
Raphaely, Weiner and Alexander	3.	3.	0.
Schlesinger Organisation	2.	2.	0.
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Shell Company of South Africa Ltd.	1.	1.	0.
Smith, Mrs. J. and Miss. N.	5.	0.	0.
S.A. Associated Newspapers	10.	0.	0.
South Africa Druggists Ltd.	1.	1.	0.
South British Insurance Co. Ltd.	5.	5.	0.
Star, The	5.	5.	0.
Stevenson, J.H.	2.	2.	0.
Sturrock (Cape) Ltd.	2.	2.	0.
Thompson Ltd., James	2.	2.	0.
Thompson Ltd., James	2.	2.	0.
Tvl. Ass. of Girls Club and Youths Club.	5.	0.	0.
Union Club of S.A.	10.	10.	0.
Unit Securities Group of Companies	15.	0.	0.
Viney, A.D.	10.	0.	0.
White, W.R.A.	1.	1.	0.
	£	560.	19. 0.

SCHEDULE - REPAIRS TO BUILDINGS AND EQUIPMENT FOR THE YEAR 1955.

1954.

	Ground	7.	19.	5.
345	Building	14.	3.	11.
13	Electric Globes	21.	1.	11.
52	Electrical	16.	15.	8.
58	Plumbing	24.	0.	6.
65	Piano	2.	10.	0.
155	Furniture	18.	17.	7.
688		£	105.	9. 0.

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