

RANTU MEN'S SOCIAL CENTRE.
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BANTU MEN'S SOCIAL CENTRE.
REPORT

The year 1962 has come with the usual set ups and upsets that continue to harass the course of the Bantu Men's Social Centre in its struggles to promote goodwill amongst men - the struggle for improved thinking not only of the mind but also for an approved planning in the setting up of our lives afresh.

Looking back, scanning as it were, the receding clouds of our past, you can always find an interesting arrangement of facts that provide good reading material. The facts of the gains and losses that have been following the Institution throughout its lifespan. Among many losses that we have learnt to bear there is one which we must humbly bear continuously. That is the cost of being able to run the Centre smoothly and with sufficient energy to promote new activities in the building.

" Lives of great men all remind us " somebody once wrote, and it is indeed a good poem to be admired and remembered. But it leaves a lot to be desired when used to measure our thoughts and ability to stand firm and face the future with greater determination.

" New occasions teach new duties
Time makes ancient good uncouth "

The year ending in December, 1961, was yet another chapter written in the type of activities the Centre offers its members. It was a trial of strength - the strength of the ideals the Institution stands for and the manner in which it teaches this lesson to the greatest number of our members gradually perhaps and even slowly at times, but definitely with success. It was a year of action and nothing succeeds like success.

STAFF:

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

MEMBERSHIP:

For the year 1961, the membership strength of the Bantu Men's Social Centre was definitely on the upward trend and an increase was recorded. Up to and including the month of December, 1961, an amount of R381-35 cents was collected as membership dues which shows some improvement.

Even though the above figure is very encouraging I must point out to you that it is made up of members who have enlisted as new members. The number of renewals remains very low. May I again kindly appeal to all of you to enlist not only as new members but as older members that have been revived. In more ways than one the Centre depends upon the older membership for guidance and direction and we need it.

I am certain the programme we offer is good. If not, then it is your privilege, your duty and mine to get together and make constructive suggestions that will add bigger numbers to our list of new members.

The following table will show you the different amounts collected in membership dues each year. It includes a record of ten years so as to enable you to see to what heights or lower levels your membership subscriptions have risen or fallen as the case might be.

| <u>1953.</u> | <u>1954.</u> | <u>1955.</u> | <u>1956.</u> | <u>1957.</u> | <u>1958.</u> | <u>1959.</u> | <u>1960.</u> | <u>1961.</u> |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| R484. | R594. | R426. | R444. | R504. | R440. | R361. | R315. | R381-35. |

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

1. Life Membership..... R10.
2. Ordinary Membership... R1 per Annum.
3. Country Membership.... R0-50. per Annum.
4. Junior Membership..... R0-25. per Annum.
5. Visiting Membership... R0-10. 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 our Annual Founders Day Celebrations held on the 16th November, 1961, the Bantu Men's Social Centre had occasion to remember its history. It remembered its forbears, men who infused the idea of a Centre as a solution to some of the most dynamic problems of their days and were happy when at last the project of a Bantu Men's Social Centre was accepted. It was an occasion worthy of the programme that was presented.

It made us feel their presence that night and we were all elated. We remembered in particular the many setbacks that must come their way in the planning of such an Institution and, I am certain they must have rejoiced when at last the foundation was laid. From what we know and what we see before us, it must have been a nerve-wracking experience to even think of putting up such a building - a meeting place of giants as the aims and objects foretell.

For this day we had the pleasure of listening to Mr. G. M. Pitje, one of the giants from the other section who thrilled us with a story of how an African must have felt when coming to Johannesburg for the first time. The subject was " The Changing African Society " and what a romance it can become when told in the language of the Speaker. It was a dynamic narrative.

At the end of the programme we listened to the wonderful voices of the Ioninan Male Voice Choir under Mr. K. V. Mngoma who thrilled us with his interpretation of the music of the masters an occasion never to be forgotten.

The Bantu Men's Social Centre has not only provided a Centre of play, but has given us a meeting place of great characters. In Music, Drama, Dance and Song we find time to exchange views of importance with characters of note, a privilege we all appreciate and value.

We thank all those that have been responsible for the building of the Centre and appreciate the valuable patronage that they have extended to us right down the years and the guidance of leaders past and present who have and are still teaching us to face the future with such preparedness.

" We shall remember them by their
deeds and not their thinking "

INDOOR GAMES.

The Bantu Men's Social Centre Annual members tournament was run successfully. As in the previous year attempts were made to hinder and balk the starting of the tournament in vain. We had learned from the failure of the 1960 tournament and the games were held.

Competitions in all the games were held up to the finals of each section. The results were as follows:-

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| Billiards "A" | ----- | Mr. P. K. Gaeshwe. |
| Billiards "B" | ----- | Mr. D. Mokhwevho. |
| Snooker | ----- | Mr. T. Temba. |
| Tennis "A" | ----- | Mr. S. P. Itholeng. |
| Tennis "B" | ----- | Mr. T. Ntlabathi. |
| Table Tennis | ----- | Mr. A. Fish. |
| Draughts | ----- | Mr. J. Joloza. |

For the first time in the life of the Centre the Activities Committee has prepared an Annual Report to show the parts played by each section in the promotion of activities in the building. The activities Committee throughout plays a very important part in encouraging and guiding the functions of each section.

The Activities Committee is looking forward to a period where each of these sections shall be so developed as to be able to show the Executive what they are doing at some function during the year, if not on the Founders Day.

One of our junior sections practising "Judo" is still in existence though on the down grade. Their membership is very low and, it seems the enthusiasts are losing heart. The lack of a Judo Mat might be the cause but it is hoped that something should be done about it as the activity has a large following.

The Dancing section has a very bright future and is becoming a School to be feared in competitions for its continuous successes.

As the aims and objects of the Activities Committee are clearly shown in the tabulation of their brief historical background it is hoped to give each section such care in the immediate future that it shall have no reason for lagging behind the other sections.

PHYSICAL TRAINING AND BOXING.

The Physical Training and Boxing classes fall under the hands of Mr. J. Maseko who has been at the helm of things for some time now. All is well though the lack of activity in this section is having a profound impact on the boys who are becoming despondent. That trainer is aware of this but can do nothing about it as Amateur Boxing tournaments are on the wane. The section will definitely build up again and the situation will be carefully studied with a hope to improving it.

BODY-BUILDING AND WEIGHT LIFTING.

This section under the leadership of Mr. Moses Matlhahanyane is doing very well and has a large following. Its members are regular with their monthly subscriptions and the Office does not have to follow them. Besides the shortage of heavy equipment like the Bench Press Forms etc., they are alright; but they will soon be needing this type of equipment to complete their requirements.

MEALS AND REFRESHMENTS.

The Restaurant run by Miss. S. Teyise has proved invaluable not only in assisting to provide Tea and Scones for our guests but also in the enlisting of new members into the club. The 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 where 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,

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Welcoming Functions, Concerts and Dances, Boys' and Girls' Club meetings, Council of African Women meetings, Y.M.C.A. and meetings of various sects.

The following is a list of social functions that were held at the Centre during the year 1961.

| <u>MEETINGS.</u> | <u>BOXING.</u> | <u>DANCES.</u> | <u>CONCERTS.</u> | <u>PLAYS.</u> | <u>FILM SHOWS.</u> | <u>PARTIES.</u> | <u>RECEPTIONS.</u> |
|------------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|---------------|--------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| 70. | 13. | 34. | 6. | 4. | 6. | 1. | 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 Bantu Administration and Development Department, the City Council of Johannesburg, the Native Recruiting Corporation Ltd., and the Deferred Pay Board of Control.

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.
C H A I R M A N.

A. W. Mbatha.
S E C R E T A R Y.

BANTU MEN'S SOCIAL CENTRE
Registered under Welfare Organisations Act 1947 Cert. No. W.O.80

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1961

LIABILITIES

| | | | |
|----------------|--|------------------------|-------------------|
| 1960 | | | |
| R266 | <u>CREDITORS</u> | | R325.39 |
| 200 | <u>BILLIARDS RESERVE FUND</u> | | 200.00 |
| 360 | <u>CLAUDE NEON LIGHTS (S.A.) LIMITED</u> | | 360.00 |
| | Gift of one Neon Sign | | |
| 32,244 | <u>ACCUMULATED FUNDS</u> | | 32,865.67 |
| | 33,515 Balance at 31st December 1960 | 32,243.67 | |
| | 46 Add: Gramophone Fund | - | |
| | 33,561 | | |
| | Less: 1,317 | Balance of Revenue and | 622.00 |
| | | Expenditure Account | |
| <u>R33,070</u> | | | <u>R33,751.06</u> |

ASSETS

| | | | |
|----------------|--|----------|-------------------|
| 31,393 | <u>BUILDINGS - At Cost</u> | | 31,392.39 |
| 360 | <u>NEON SIGN</u> | | 360.00 |
| 444 | <u>FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT</u> | | 365.00 |
| | At Cost less Depreciation | | |
| | 547 Balance at 31st December 1960 | 444.00 | |
| | 43 Additions | 41.70 | |
| | 590 | 485.70 | |
| | 146 Less: Depreciation | 120.70 | |
| 164 | <u>MUNICIPAL DEPOSITS</u> | | 164.00 |
| 117 | <u>DEBTORS</u> | | 120.23 |
| 90 | <u>DIE FOR BADGES - At Cost</u> | | 30.00 |
| 502 | <u>CASH</u> | | 1,319.44 |
| | 102 Standard Bank of South Africa, Limited | 119.15 | |
| | 400 United Building Society - St. Andrews Branch | 1,200.00 | |
| | - Petty Cash | .29 | |
| <u>R33,070</u> | | | <u>R33,751.06</u> |

CHAIRMAN

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, 1961 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, 1961.

JOHANNESBURG.

22nd February, 1962.

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

BANTU MEN'S SOCIAL CENTRE

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR 1961

1960

REVENUE

| | | |
|--------|--|-----------|
| R65 | Surplus from Functions | R381.35 |
| 315 | Membership Fees | 1,324.20 |
| 1,240 | Donations - General Public | 600.00 |
| 600 | - Native Recruiting Corporation Limited | 1,000.00 |
| 1,000 | City of Johannesburg - Grant-in-Aid to 30.6.1961 | |
| | Board of Control - Deferred Pay Interest Fund - | 200.00 |
| | Grant 1960 and 1961 | 1,313.85 |
| 1,138 | Hire of Hall and Rent of Rooms and Lockers | 289.15 |
| 269 | Billiards | 192.40 |
| 68 | Dancing Lessons, Weight Lifting and Judo | 11.44 |
| 49 | Interest on Savings Bank Account | 29.68 |
| 10 | Profit on Sale of Lapel Badges | |
| | Department of Bantu Administration and Development | 1,000.00 |
| 1,000 | Subsidy for the year ended 31.3.1961 | 6,342.07 |
| 5,754 | | |
| 1,317 | Deficit for the year carried to Balance Sheet | R6,342.07 |
| R7,071 | | |

EXPENDITURE

(a) Administration Expenses

| | | |
|-------|------------------------------------|----------|
| 1,831 | Secretaries' Salaries | 1,765.02 |
| 122 | Club Leader's Honorarium | 122.00 |
| 29 | Postages | 29.28 |
| 147 | Stationery and Printing | 202.11 |
| 128 | Telephone (Rentals and Calls) | 121.16 |
| 11 | Insurance - Workmen's Compensation | 10.19 |
| 6 | Unemployment Insurance | 6.27 |
| 2 | Rentals - Land | 2.50 |
| 17 | Bank Charges | 25.55 |
| 160 | Clerical Assistance | 200.00 |
| 35 | Licences and Box Rent | 42.25 |
| 18 | Travelling Expenses | 15.50 |
| 21 | Audit Fees | 21.00 |
| - | Wreath | 2.10 |
| 45 | Valuation of Building | - |

(b) Maintenance Expenses

| | | |
|-------|---|----------|
| 54 | Fumigation | 18.75 |
| 396 | Electricity | 389.07 |
| 133 | Water | 99.70 |
| 91 | Sanitary Fees and Refuse Removal | 97.00 |
| 98 | Insurance - Fire, Riot, Cash in Transit | 98.85 |
| 1,172 | Cleaning Services - Wages and Overalls | 1,216.45 |
| 314 | - Materials | 275.86 |
| 12 | Fuel | 27.34 |
| 282 | Meals for Staff | 251.32 |
| 1,546 | Repairs as per Schedule | 400.39 |
| 146 | Depreciation of Furniture and Equipment | 120.70 |

(c) General Expenses

| | | |
|--------|---|-----------|
| 150 | Resurface of Tennis Court | 23.18 |
| - | Functions | 34.21 |
| 23 | Newspapers and Periodicals | 102.32 |
| 82 | Sports and Games Equipment and Trophies | 5,720.07 |
| 7,071 | Surplus for the year carried to Balance Sheet | 622.00 |
| R7,071 | | R6,342.07 |

BANTU MEN'S SOCIAL CENTRE

SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS 1961

| | |
|---|--------|
| African Explosives and Chemical Industries Limited | 50.00 |
| Aiken and Carter, Alex. | 20.00 |
| Allied Building Society | 8.00 |
| Anglo American Corporation of South Africa Limited | 210.00 |
| Anglo Transvaal Consolidated Investment Co. Limited | 20.00 |
| Barrow (Pty.) Limited, John | 4.20 |
| Brick and Potteries Company Limited | 4.20 |
| Central Mining - Rand Mines Group | 100.00 |
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| Evans and Company Limited, Herbert | 10.50 |
| Federated Employers' Mutual Assurance Co. Limited | 4.00 |
| General Mining and Finance Corporation Limited | 30.00 |
| Goldfields of South Africa Limited | 100.00 |
| Hayman, Godfrey and Sanderson | 21.00 |
| Hillman Brothers Limited | 6.00 |
| Hunt, Leuchars and Hepburn Limited | 6.00 |
| Johannesburg Consolidated Investment Co. Limited | |
| (Barnato) Group of Mines | 150.00 |
| Mackenzie, George | 2.10 |
| Niven Trust, Robert | 100.00 |
| Phoenix Assurance Company Limited | 13.20 |
| Prices (S.A.) Limited | 2.10 |
| Pim and Hardy, Howard - Clerical Assistance | 200.00 |
| Randles Brothers and Hudson Limited | 4.00 |
| Schlesinger Organization | 4.00 |
| Scotts African Finance Company Limited | 4.00 |
| Smith, Miss N.A. | 10.00 |
| S.A. Associated Newspapers | 20.00 |
| S.A. Associated of Youth Clubs | 10.00 |
| South British Insurance Company Limited | 10.50 |
| Star, The | 20.00 |
| Stevenson, J.H. | 4.20 |
| Thing, W.E.R. | 4.20 |
| Thompson Limited, James | 4.20 |
| Union Club of South Africa | 10.50 |
| Unit Securities Group of Companies | 30.00 |
| Viney, A.D. | 21.00 |
| White, W.R.A. | 6.30 |

R1,324.20

SCHEDULE - REPAIRS TO BUILDINGS AND EQUIPMENT FOR
THE YEAR 1961.

1960

| | | |
|------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| 180 | Billiard Tables | 86.25 |
| 56 | Grounds | - |
| 1067 | Building | 75.93 |
| 12 | Electric Globes | 16.10 |
| 145 | Electrical | 140.50 |
| 52 | Plumbing | 51.66 |
| 34 | Furniture and Equipment | 29.95 |
| | | <u><u>R400.39</u></u> |
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