

1948

BANTU MEN'S SOCIAL CENTRE.

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223, Eloff Street,

JOHANNESBURG.

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the Right Honourable G. Brand Van Zyl.

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

BANTU MEN'S SOCIAL CENTRE.

ANNUAL REPORT

1948.

The year has been one of considerable activity and the Centre has achieved success in most of its undertakings. An extension of facilities was brought about and a highly diversified recreational programme was provided to satisfy an increasing membership. We are under obligation to express our sincere gratitude to our European friends for their assistance financial and otherwise which made it possible for us to carry on the work of the Institution successfully.

B. M. S. C. STAFF.

The Staff of the Social Centre was depleted during the year when Mr. A. P. Khutlang, who had well served the Centre for many years with remarkable ability as Physical Director, terminated his services because of his decision to return to Basutoland. The Executive Committee gave Mr. Khutlang a gratuity in appreciation of his good work and at the Farewell function which was held in his honour he was given a hearty 'send-off' by our members and guests. The Secretary was assisted by Mr. S. Molapo, a student of the Jan H. Hofmeyr School of Social Work, and Mr. J. Monnakgotla one of our outstanding Professional boxers, until October, 1948, when the administrative staff was reinforced by the appointment of Mr. V. O. Choabi as Physical Director. The Executive Committee records its appreciation of the services rendered by these two men who had the difficult task of carrying on voluntarily, after a man who had made a conspicuous success.

MEMBERSHIP.

The membership position of the Social Centre has been slightly impaired as a result of the reduction in the administrative staff. Even so, the number of members is not far below that of the previous year which surpassed all other records. Our membership is of five different kinds:-

- (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 month.

Ordinary membership is for persons resident inside the Magisterial Area of Johannesburg and Country membership for those resident outside the Magisterial Area. Junior membership is open to bona fide Scholars, and 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>
1945	314	21	13	-
1946	313	22	14	-
1947	547	32	17	7
1948	501	47	17	6

ANNUAL FOUNDERS' DAY CELEBRATION.

It has been the practice of the Social Centre for many years to celebrate Annual Founders' Day in the month of October, when we pay tribute to /.....

tribute to those who are responsible for the establishment of the Bantu Men's Social Centre and express our thanks to those who take upon themselves the responsibility of its maintenance and upkeep. Through circumstances beyond our control we were reduced to the necessity of postponing this meeting to March, 1949. It is with pride that we mention in passing that the Centre will be 25 years old in October, 1949 when we hope to celebrate our Silver Jubilee.

BOXING AND PHYSICAL TRAINING.

Interest in Boxing and Physical Training has developed to a very great extent. The Transvaal Non-European Professional Boxing Association became active during this year and the first Transvaal Non-European Professional Boxing Tournament was held at the Bantu Men's Social Centre on the 13th. March, 1948. These Professional fights provided a stimulus to this section of our work and the Physical Training Class has grown to such proportions that the need for an extension of the Gymnasium is being felt.

INDOOR GAMES.

In view of the fact that one of the main aims of the Centre is to help its members to spend their leisure-time to the best advantage in healthful recreation, the extension of facilities in this connection was a necessary step that was taken towards achieving that aim. The room on the first floor and its extension in which the Non-European Branch of the Johannesburg Public Library had been accommodated, was furnished with suitable equipment and changed into a Senior Members' Club-room and Reading-room.

Billiards and Snooker are very popular amongst our members and the Billiard table downstairs was found inadequate to satisfy their needs. An additional table was purchased and placed in the Senior Members' Club-room expressly for use by Senior Members. Our thanks are due to Dr. Ray E. Phillips through whose instrumentality we succeeded in obtaining furniture and equipment for these rooms. Our members have continued to manifest interest in the following activities:- Billiards, Snooker, Chess, Draughts, Table Tennis, Volley Ball and Badmington.

American Missionaries of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints made regular use of our Gymnasium for Basket Ball practices before they went out to give demonstrations in this game in different parts of the country. The interest of our members was intensified and American Basket Ball has now become one of our most popular major sports activities.

A team was sent to Bloemfontein to represent the Bantu Men's Social Centre against the Bloemfontein Bantu Social Institute in Billiards, Snooker, Ping-pong, Draughts, Tennis and a Debate on the 2nd., 3rd., and 4th. October, 1948. The Centre won in most of the events with the exception of Billiards and the Debate. The hospitality Bloemfontein extended to the members of our team was much appreciated and the spirit of sportsmanship in which the games were played was highly commendable.

TENNIS.

The Tennis section was very busy until our No.1 Tennis Court was put out of commission at the end of the year. The Bantu Men's Social Centre Lawn Tennis Championships was one of the outstanding events of the year. Many of our members participated in these championships and competition was very keen in both the "A" and "B" Divisions. With the exception of Mr. A. V. Hoskins who captured the "A" Division Singles title for the second time in succession, new champions were crowned.

Mr. S. Sikakana/.....

Mr. S. Sikakana, partner Mr. J. Myles, won the "A" Division Doubles. Mr. S. Malope, partner Mr. M. Molefe, won the "B" Division Doubles and Mr. M. Molefe won the "B" Division Singles. The floating trophies for the competitions were presented by Mr. Hoosen Jajbhay and Dr. Ray E. Phillips whom we thank most sincerely. We congratulate all the winners on their success.

GUEST NIGHTS AND SOCIAL GATHERINGS.

Our Guest Nights - occasions on which we entertain our members and friends to programmes of Games, Bioscope Film Shows and Dances - usually held on the last Friday of each month were a source of much pleasure. We were honoured at one of these Guest Nights by the American Missionaries, we made mention of earlier in this report, who gave a wonderful exhibition of Basket Ball and at another by Mr. John Wells and partner Renée Sissons, Star All-England Ballroom Dancing Champions 1944 - 1946, who gave a demonstration in Ballroom dancing. A few Cabaret Dances were organised by the Activities Committee of the Bantu Men's Social Centre in aid of our Sports Fund which though not very successful financially contributed much towards maintaining the atmosphere lively and pleasant.

Other Associations, Schools and Individuals have been permitted as in the past to use the hall for the purpose of holding Welcome and Wedding Receptions, Concerts, Graduation Balls and Farewell functions. The Winter School, organised by the South African Institute of Race Relations for the purpose of discussing race problems in South Africa from the 7th. to the 14th. July, 1948, was a great success, and the Bantu Music Festival which was organised by the Johannesburg Bantu Music Festival Committee from the 4th. to the 9th. October, 1948, is worthy of special mention.

GOOD FRIDAY.

On Good Friday Dr. Ray E. Phillips showed a film entitled "From the Manger to the Cross" to a large gathering and Rev. E. Mafusini of the Albert Street Methodist Church delivered an inspiring sermon on the significance of the occasion.

PIANO TUITION.

The number of members interested in learning how to play the piano increased very rapidly during the year and Mr. W. B. Sihlali, the Instructor, whose services are highly appreciated in this connection has been kept extremely busy. Mr. Sihlali was greatly missed when he took ill in December and we wish him a speedy recovery. An additional piano was bought by the Centre which has been set aside for use on special occasions only.

MEALS AND REFRESHMENTS AT THE CENTRE.

For many years the problem of providing good meals and refreshments at the Centre had been a difficult one. Since the Executive Committee, however, decided to hire out the catering service the problem was solved satisfactorily. Miss S. Toyise, Proprietress of the Blue Lagoon Restaurant, who took charge of this department merits our appreciation for having managed this arduous task so successfully.

OTHER ORGANISATIONS.

The Centre has continued giving assistance to other organisations which are doing valuable welfare work as far as the Non-Europeans are concerned by/.....

concerned by providing accommodation for them. The Pathfinder Boy Scouts Association, the Transvaal Association of Non-European Boys' Clubs and the Johannesburg Central Committee for Non-European Continuation Classes are examples. The Jan H. Hofmeyr School of Social Work, though now accommodated in the Jubilee Social Centre next door, has been permitted to use the Gymnasium for their Physical Training Classes, and Boarding and Lodging has been provided for some of the students of the School. The Johannesburg Joint Council of Europeans and Africans, the Inter-denominational African Ministers' Association and the Transvaal Association of Girls' Clubs have used the premises for the purpose of holding meetings, conferences, and conducting Leaders' Training Courses respectively. The Centre has been a point from which the organisation of Cultural, Recreational, Religious, Educational and Social Work radiates out into the whole Community.

OBITUARY.

We regret to have to record the deaths of two very active members of the Centre in the persons of Mr. Theo B. Mdaniso, one time Secretary of the Social Centre, and Mr. Donald Nongauza. We herein wish to record our sincere sympathy with their families in their bereavement.

THANKS.

We express our most sincere thanks to our European Subscribers, Donors and Friends and in particular to the Firm of Howard Pim and Hardy, who through Mr. J. Montague Pim, our esteemed Treasurer, has given the Centre most valuable assistance in the care of its Finances. Last but not least we express our gratitude to the Union Department of Social Welfare, the Johannesburg City Council, the Bantu Welfare Trust and the Deferred Pay Board of Control for substantial financial assistance.

Dr. Ray E. Phillips....Chairman.

Cecil E. Nolutshungu....Secretary.

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BANTU MEN'S SOCIAL CENTRE.

Registered under Charitable Institutions (Control) Ordinance 1926.

BALANCE SHEET - 31ST DECEMBER, 1948.

<u>CREDITORS</u>		159	7	2
<u>LIBRARY DEPOSITS</u>		2	13	6
<u>SPORTS FUND</u>		7	12	9
<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 1947	15759	7	11	
<u>ADD</u> Donations:				
Bantu Welfare Trust for Furniture	525	0	0	
Messrs. W. Redford & P. E. Hughes for Furniture	10	5	0	
Balance of Expenditure and Revenue Account	122	2	3	16416 15 2
				£16766 8 7
<u>BUILDINGS</u>				
Balance as at 31st December 1947		15101	14	5
<u>NEON SIGN</u>		180	0	0
<u>FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT</u>				
Balance as at 31st December 1947	250	0	0	
Additions during 1948	625	15	6	
	875	15	6	
<u>Less</u> Depreciation	175	15	6	700 0 0
<u>MUNICIPAL DEPOSITS</u>				73 0 0
<u>DEBTORS</u>				23 18 1
<u>CASH</u>				
Standard Bank of South Africa Limited	674	15	3	
United Building Society-St. Andrews Branch	9	5	1	
On Hand	3	15	9	687 16 1
				£16766 8 7

Certified Correct.

J. Montague Pim.

Hon. Treasurer.

Johannesburg,
8th March, 1949.

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EXPENDITURE AND REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1948.

1947

1143	To Salaries and Wages		1036	11	11
14	" Unemployment Insurance Fund		12	3	4
370	" Water, Light and Sanitary Fees		336	17	1
190	" Games		64	7	1
60	" Insurance		59	1	1
53	" Clerical Assistance		42	0	0
377	" Postage, Stationery, Telephone, Bank Charges and Sundry Expenses		406	16	10
1	" Travelling Expenses re Membership		-	-	-
24	" Founders' Day		-	-	-
61	" Depreciation of Furniture and Equipment		175	15	6
4	" Loss on Sale of Investment		-	-	-
48	" Loss re Charges for Gas		-	-	-
<u>2343</u>			<u>2133</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>10</u>
208	" Balance carried to Balance Sheet -Excess of Revenue over Expenditure for the year		122	2	3
<u>£2551</u>			<u>£2255</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>1</u>
252	By Membership Fees		247	3	6
930	" Subscriptions and Donations		521	0	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	600 0 0			
150	City of Johannesburg	<u>200 0 0</u>	850	0	0
	" Sundry Revenue:				
266	Hire of Hall and Rent of Rooms	336 18 0			
-	Locker Rents	<u>10 0</u>	337	8	0
2	" Interest Received			3	7
<u>£2551</u>			<u>£2255</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>1</u>

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1948.

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.	10.10. 0.
Barrow (Pty) Ltd., John	1. 1. 0.
Brick & Potteries Co. Ltd.	5. 5. 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, Limited, T. & F.	3. 3. 0.
Cope, J.P.	1. 1. 0.
Evans & Co. Ltd., Herbert	4. 4. 0.
Federated Employers' Mutual Assurance Co. Ltd.	3. 3. 0.
Fraser & Chalmers (S.A.) Ltd.	2. 2. 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.
Johannesburg Consolidated Investment Co. Ltd. (Barnato) Group of Mines	75. 0. 0.
Jooste & Bryant Ltd.	2. 2. 0.
Liddle (Pty) Ltd., Joseph	1. 1. 0.
Mackenzie, Geo.	1. 1. 0.
Macphail, A.D.	3. 3. 0.
New Consolidated Goldfields Ltd.	5. 5. 0.
Phoenix Assurance Co. Ltd.	7.16. 0.
Price, Dr. B.	10. 0. 0.
Prices (S.A.) Ltd.	1. 1. 0.
Pim & Hardy, Howard - Clerical Assistance	42. 0. 0.
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.
Raphaely, S.	<u>10.10. 0.</u>
Carried Forward	438.14. 0.

Brought forward	438.14. 0.
Shell Company of South Africa Ltd.	2. 2. 0.
Smith, Mrs. J. & Miss N.	5. 0. 0.
Solomon, Mr. Justice Saul	3. 3. 0.
South African Druggists Ltd.	1. 1. 0.
South African Institute of Race Relations	7. 7. 0.
South British Insurance Co. Ltd.	5. 5. 0.
Star, The	5. 5. 0.
Store, P.V.	2. 2. 0.
Sunday Times Syndicate Ltd.	5. 0. 0.
Thompson (Pty) Ltd., James	1. 1. 0.
Unit Securities & Trust Company of South Africa Ltd.	25. 0. 0.
Vincy, A.D.	20. 0. 0.

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