

CITY OF JOHANNESBURG.
NON-EUROPEAN AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT.

VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTRE.

PARENTS' DAY CELEBRATIONS.

THURSDAY. DECEMBER 5TH. 1957.

at

3. P.M.

P R O G R A M M E.

HYMN.

They who tread the path of duty
Follow where My feet have trod;
They who work without complaining,
Do the holy will of God;
Nevermore thou needest seek Me,
I am with thee everywhere
Raise the stone and thou shalt find Me,
Cleave the wood and I am there.

Where the many toil together
There am I among My own,
Where the tired workman sleepeth
There I am with him along;
I the peace that passeth knowledge
Dwell amid the daily strife,
I the Bread of Heaven am broken,
In the sacrament of life.

PRAYER.

THE LORD'S PRAYER.

WELCOME, APOLOGIES, INTRODUCTION.

The Principal, Mr. G.W. Tabor.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS.

Mr. W.J.P. Carr, Manager, Non-European Affairs Department.

GUEST SPEAKER.

Councillor P.R.B. Lewis, Vice-Chairman, N.E.A.D. Committee.

GROUP SONG - NEGRO SPIRITUAL.

The Boarders.

ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT.

The Principal.

PRESENTATION OF GOVERNMENT CERTIFICATES.

PRESENTATION OF SCHOOL CERTIFICATES.

Councillor, P.R.B. Lewis.

GROUP SONG.

The Completers.

PRESENTATION OF SPECIAL PRIZES.

Mr. W.J.P. Carr.

VOTE OF THANKS.

"NKOSI SIKELELA AFRIKA"

TEA WILL BE SERVED TO ALL VISITORS.

MEMO FOR MR LEWIS.

The VTC started in 1941, during the war years, great influx of Native peoples to Jo'burg, both parents working, juvenile delinquency prevalent, and boys were encouraged to come to the VTC, elementary courses in carpentry building and agriculture were commenced, meals were provided, the aspect of the Centre was more social welfare than educative. Training was not directed to any special standard of achievement, no special barriers of education were raised.

This changed in 1946 when constructive courses were commenced, and later in 1948 when std VI was set down for the entrance qualification.

Since then the standard of the work of the school has steadily increased in skill and output. European Trade Instructors were appointed to take charge of the various courses, with Africans as assistant Instructors, and many permanent buildings in the townships, club houses, creches, schools and churches, are witnesses to the skilled work which students are able to do as part of their training.

The hostel was opened in 1950, and for eight years has been the home of the students who lived there, mainly from outside the city of Johannesburg. The Johannesburg boy does not want the hostel, he desires his freedom during the week-ends, and only a small number of Johannesburg boys have lived at the hostel.

The school fees have been small and the Governments grants also small, and the main cost has been borne by the City Council, the only venture of its kind by any local authority in the Union. Government Inspectors place the school in the forefront of African Vocational Training, and the standard is being maintained.

School is situated in a large urban population of African people, and in the future can become a large technological centre as well as a centre for adult education. The needs of the community are not only for houses, but for cultural and educational facilities so that the community may be bound together in a balanced set of ~~social norms~~. African society must be re-integrated on the new way of living, the old customs and beliefs are fast disappearing, and a new integrating force must be set and established, barriers of ignorance and illiteracy must be removed.

School has sent forth almost 400 trained men during the past 10 years, this year is the largest total of graduates in any one given year, namely 66.

Not only is technical instruction given, but great stress is placed on character training on a Christian basis, the worth of the individual, respect and courtesy to all, honesty and truthfulness in all things, and dependability and trustworthiness in all things.

To those who have eyes to see, the Centre can become a great force in the integration of the community.

VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTRE.

CLASS POSITIONS.

- BUILDERS: 1. Edward Chocho, T. Marite, L. Mbiko.
2. Daniel Duitlweleng, J. Makoane, E. Setlegelo.
3. Patrick Rakgoale, M. Mkhoho, D. Koole.
- CARPENTERS: 1. Isaac Tau, A. Nkuna, L. Mahlangu.
2. Percy Suping, I. Motsepe, A. Matlou.
3. Selby Mposula, K. Dlodla, F. Moore.
- PLUMBERS: 1. Eric Manganyi, L. Kunene, G. Tsholetsane.
- MECHANICS: 1. Moses Sekholoa, A. Mokhetea, E. Leboa.
- TAILORS: 1. Samuel Tsotetsi, D. Mangubana, O. Skele.
2. Absalom Nkonde, J. Madi, I. Skosana.
3. Ishmael Modisakeng, B. Ntuli, V. Kubheka.

(prizes go to the first named in each class.)

SPECIAL PRIZES.

1. TOP BOY IN THE SCHOOL. MOSES SEKHLOA.
2. PRINCIPAL'S PRIZE FOR COMMUNITY INFLUENCE. JOSEPH SEEMI.
3. ROTARY PRIZE FOR SERVICE & CITIZENSHIP. BILLY NTULI.
4. PREFECTS PRIZES FOR LOYAL SERVICE :
PATRICK RAKGOALE.
ALPHEUS SEETE.
JOSEPH SEEMI.
BILLY NTULI.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION OF A STOLL TO RETIRED POLICE
CORPORAL ELIAS MOKOENA, WHO LEAVES THE
COUNCIL'S SERVICE TO GO TO HIS HOME IN BECHUANALAND.
HE SERVED LOYALLY ON THE STRENGTH OF THE V.T.C.

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