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NOTWITHSTANDING the disrupting influences of the War, the Bantu Men's Social Centre has carried on during the year and rendered its usual services to the African men of Johannesburg and Reef.

FOUNDERS' DAY COMMEMORATION.

In October we held the Founders' Day Commemoration service, remembering those responsible for the establishment of the Centre. On this occasion, Mr. D. L. Smit, Union Secretary for Native Affairs, delivered an inspiring address. Some eight hundred members and friends attended. Appropriate addresses were given by the Chairman (Dr. Ray Phillips), Dr. A. B. Xuma, and Mr. R. V. Selope Thema, M.R.C.

MEMBERSHIP.

The membership of the Centre has remained on about the same level as the previous year. Many of our members are still in the army. In spite of the continuous rise in the cost of living, it is gratifying to note that so many appreciate the services offered to the extent of denying themselves other necessities in order to pay their fees.

The table below reflects the position for the years 1943 and 1944.

	<i>Active</i>	<i>Juniors</i>	<i>Life</i>
1943	374	44	10
1944	377	29	13

The type of membership offered being as follows :—

1. *Life Membership*— £5 0 0.
2. *Ordinary Membership*— 10 0. Open to those living within the Magisterial District of Johannesburg.
3. *Country Membership*— 5 0. For those living outside the Magisterial District of Johannesburg.
4. *Junior Membership*— 2 6. For Scholars attending recognised schools and colleges.
5. *Visiting Membership*— 1 0. For those in Johannesburg for a short period.

The main activities of the Centre are as follows :—

RECREATION.

A variety of games consisting of Billiards, Basket-ball, Box Hockey, Chess, Chinese-Checkers, Draughts, Table Tennis, Volley Ball, Disc Skittles, Tennis, and a number of others, have served to provide interest throughout the year. Of these, Billiards still predominates with Draughts a close second. The great interest in the former has necessitated the running of several tournaments during the year.

Volley Ball has claimed an increasingly large place in the activities of the Institution and the interest now shown makes it necessary to reserve the use of the hall for play on Saturday noons.

Though the shortage of both Tennis and Table Tennis balls was keenly felt during the year, members enthusiastically utilised the small periodical supplies offered, and made full use of their own small personal supplies.

READING ROOM.

The Committee at the beginning of the year, authorised subscribing to more periodicals. These, together with some American journals kindly presented by Dr. Phillips, have served to provide more reading facilities to the room especially set aside for the purpose. Not only has this room been utilised by members for reading the daily papers and other journals, whilst enjoying a cup of tea or music over the radio, but it has also proved valuable in the provision of a comfortable waiting room for visitors.

VISIT FROM THE BLOEMFONTEIN SOCIAL INSTITUTE.

The Centre was visited during the year by members of the Bloemfontein Social Institute who participated in the Annual Indoor Games Inter-Institutional challenge matches. The occasion proved valuable in bringing together the members of both Centres, and helped to assess the progress made on the part of each. On this occasion, both sections shared the laurels, each winning two events of the four involved. It is hoped that other Institutions like the Bantu Social Centre in Durban will be attracted to participate in these matches, a feature which should form a link between the various organisations.

BOXING AND PHYSICAL CULTURE.

This section of our activities has continued to interest the membership. The tuition rendered by the students of the Jan H. Hofmeyr School of Social Work has resulted in the members being able to provide exercises for themselves, without demanding special attention. Several tournaments were staged in our hall by the Transvaal Non-European Amateur Boxing Association during the year. In the last tournament for the Transvaal Amateur Champion-

ships, held on the 24th February, two of our members brought honour to the Institution by winning the Middle and Fly-weight championships.

MID-DAY MEALS.

Mid-day meals continue to be served at the Centre at the pre-war price of nine-pence, whilst light refreshments are provided to members throughout the day. Though prices of commodities have increased over thirty per cent, no additional charges have been made.

GUEST NIGHT.

Apart from the very many Social functions staged in the hall for which admission has been charged, members have been provided each month with a free Guest Night. The programmes were varied throughout the year, and proved very interesting. However, due to the transport difficulties, not as many members as would have liked to, were able to attend. In this connection, due thanks must be directed to Dr. Phillips, whose services in the showing of various films and direction of games on different occasions have enhanced the interest of those who attended.

SOLDIERS' SUNDAY CLUB.

The Centre has continued to provide sleeping accommodation for African Soldiers on week-end leave. This valuable service, under the auspices of the Y.M.C.A., has been appreciated by the African Soldiers in the various camps. The Bioscope show in the evening and breakfast provided in the morning, have been warmly welcomed by the Soldiers.

THE JAN H. HOFMEYR SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK.

Accommodation is still provided the Hofmeyr School in the building. A second group of students graduated on 15th December 1944, and was given an impressive send-off by the Minister of Finance, the Hon. Jan H. Hofmeyr, M.P., President of the Y.M.C.A., after whom the school was named. The theme of his speech was LOYAL SERVICE on the part of the graduating students to their fellowmen. The Y.M.C.A., under whose auspices the school was started, with Dr. Ray E. Phillips as Director, are to be heartily congratulated for having provided for the training of young men and women in Social Work. The extension of the field of study has necessitated an increase in the period of training from two to three years. The Social Centre will continue to benefit whilst housing the school.

OTHER ORGANISATIONS USING THE BUILDING.

Apart from having the Headquarters of the Pathfinder-Scouts Movement, and the Non-European section of the Public Library housed in the building, the Centre has also helped by giving over the use of the hall and rooms to many African Social, Religious, Educational, Economic and Sporting bodies for meetings, concerts, dances, and cultural activities.

This service has kept the Centre in close contact with the entire Non-European community.

THANKS.

In conclusion, we would once more like to place on record our sincere thanks to our friends who have continued to give the necessary moral and financial support to the Centre, and to our Honorary Treasurer (Mr. J. M. Pim, of the firm of Howard Pim and Hardy) who has contributed more than a fair share of his time to the administration of our funds and the auditing of our books.

SIGNED,

Ray E. Phillips (*Chairman*).

Theo. B. Mdaniso (*Acting Secretary*).

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SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS.

African Consolidated Films, Ltd.	£26	5	0
Less—Handed over to Bantu Sports Club and Pathfinders	17 10 0
			£8 15 0
African Explosives & Chemical Industries, Ltd.			25 0 0
African Guarantee & Indemnity Co. Ltd.			1 1 0
African Tin Workers' Union	...	...	10 0 0
Aiken & Carter, Alex	...	...	10 0 0
Anglo-American Corporation of South Africa, Ltd.			10 10 0
Anglo-Transvaal Consolidated Investment Co. Ltd.	...	...	5 5 0
Barker, A. E.	...	...	1 1 0
Barrow (Pty) Ltd., John	...	...	2 2 0
Brick & Potteries Co. Ltd.	...	...	1 1 0
Castle Wine & Brandy Co. Ltd.	...	...	1 1 0
Central Mining—Rand Mines Group	...	...	50 0 0
Central News Agency, Ltd.	...	...	5 0 0
Cleghorn's	...	...	1 1 0
Connolly Limited, T. & F.	...	...	1 1 0
Denver Machinery Co. Ltd.	...	...	1 1 0
Dhlomo, Chief Z.	...	...	1 0 0
Dunlop South Africa, Ltd.	...	...	1 1 0
Evans & Co. (Pty) Ltd., Herbert	...	...	2 2 0

Foster, G. ... ..	...	...	...	...	1	1	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
Griffin, T. F. ... ..	...	...	...	...	1	1	0
Hayman, Godfrey & Sanderson ... ..	...	...	...	...	1	1	0
Henwood, Son, Soutter & Co., P. ... ..	...	...	...	...	2	2	0
Hillman Bros., Ltd. ... ..	...	...	...	...	1	1	0
Hunt, Leuchars & Hepburn, Ltd. ... ..	...	...	...	...	5	5	0
Johannesburg, City Council of ... ..	...	...	...	...	100	0	0
Johannesburg Consolidated Investment Co. Ltd. (Barnato) Group of Mines ... ..	...	...	...	...	50	0	0
Jooste & Bryant, Ltd., ... ..	...	...	...	...	2	2	0
Liddle (Pty) Ltd., Joseph ... ..	...	...	...	...	1	1	0
Linder, H. J. ... ..	...	...	...	...	3	3	0
Machine Tools (Pty) Ltd. ... ..	...	...	...	...	1	1	0
Mackenzie, Geo. ... ..	...	...	...	...	1	1	0
Moss, E. J. ... ..	...	...	...	...	1	0	0
Naaido, G. ... ..	...	...	...	...	10	0	0
N.M.C. Senior N.C.O's Mess ... ..	...	...	...	...	11	11	0
New Consolidated Goldfields, Ltd. ... ..	...	...	...	...	20	0	0
Phoenix Assurance Co. Ltd. ... ..	...	...	...	...	7	16	0
Prices (S.A.) Ltd. ... ..	...	...	...	...	1	1	0
Pim & Hardy, Howard—Clerical Assistance ... ..	...	...	...	...	36	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
Shell Company of South Africa Ltd. ... ..	...	...	...	...	1	1	0
Smith, Mrs. James and Miss Nancy ... ..	...	...	...	...	5	0	0
Solomon, Mr. Justice Saul ... ..	...	...	...	...	3	3	0
S.A. Non-European Iron and Steel Workers' Union ... ..	...	...	...	...	10	0	0
South British Insurance Co. Ltd. ... ..	...	...	...	...	2	2	0
Star, The ... ..	...	...	...	...	5	5	0
S.A. Druggists, Ltd. ... ..	...	...	...	...	2	2	0
Stevenson, J. H. ... ..	...	...	...	...	2	2	0
Stuttaford and Co., Ltd. ... ..	...	...	...	...	2	2	0
Sunday Times Syndicate, Ltd. ... ..	...	...	...	...	5	0	0
Thompson (Pty) Ltd., James ... ..	...	...	...	...	1	1	0
Troughton, J. J. ... ..	...	...	...	...	1	1	0
Victoria Falls and Transvaal Power Co. Ltd ... ..	...	...	...	...	15	0	0
					<u>£450 6 0</u>		

BANTU MEN'S SOCIAL CENTRE
Registered under Charitable Institutions (Control) Ordinance 1926.
BALANCE SHEET—31st. DECEMBER, 1944.

Creditors	196	8	8
Library Deposits	2	13	6
Sports Fund	46	18	2
Legacies—			
Balances as at 31st. December 1943.			
Estate of the Late E. Blinman	900	0	0
Estate of the Late M. C. Lighthome—	2698	7	10
	3598	7	10
<i>Less</i> Transferred to Accumulated Funds	241	12	6
	3356	15	4
Accumulated Funds			
Balance as at 31st. Dec. 1943	12144	7	11
<i>Less</i> Balance of Expenditure and Revenue Account	3	4	6
	12141	3	5
<i>Add</i> Transferred from Legacy M. C. Lighthome	241	12	6
	12382	15	11
	<u>15985</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>7</u>

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Buildings			
Balance as at 31st. Dec. 1943	11759	6	0
<i>Add</i> New Bedroom for Staff	241	12	6
	12000	18	6
Furniture and Equipment			
Balance as at 31st. December 1943	310	0	0
Additions during 1944	161	15	0
	471	15	0
<i>Less</i> Depreciation	94	7	0
	377	8	0
Municipal Deposits			34
Investments Re Legacy—at par			
£125 Municipality of Johannesburg 5%	125	0	0
£625 Town Council of Johannesburg 5%	625	0	0
Local Inscribed Stock 1948/58	625	0	0
60 4% Paid up Permanent Shares of £25 each of the Alliance Building Society	1500	0	0
	2250	0	0
Debtors and Kitchen stock			138
Cash			
Standard Bank of South Africa Limited	167	12	3
United Building Society—			
St. Andrew's Branch			
Savings Bank Account	984	9	9
On Hand	32	4	5
	1184	6	5
	<u>£15985</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>7</u>

Certified Correct.

J. Montague Pim, *Hon. Treasurer.*

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