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# Talitha Home

## **ANNUAL REPORT**

for the

**Year ending 31st March, 1953.**

**TALITHA HOME,**  
Western Native Township,  
Johannesburg.

# TALITHA HOME.

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## PATRONS:

The Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of Johannesburg.

**Hon. Life President:** Mrs. C. D. Bridgman.

**Hon. Life-Member:** Miss A. Beale.

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## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, 1952-1953:

**President:** Mrs. G. Sharp (Social Welfare Department Representative).

**Vice-President:** Mrs. L. van Meurs.

**Hon. Treasurer:** Mrs. D. Phillips.

**Members:** Madame L. Borel (Social Welfare Department Representative),  
Mrs. C. Büchler,  
Miss F. Chilton,  
Mrs. V. Gargett,  
Mrs. F. Joyce,  
Mrs. A. Key,  
Miss S. McKitrick,  
Madame Moreillon,  
Miss Y. Verdier,  
Mrs. L. Woodruff,  
Mrs. H. A. Henderson (Municipal Non-European Affairs Department Representative),  
Mr. Morgan (Union Native Affairs Department Representative),  
Miss Kriel (Social Welfare Department Representative).

**Secretary:** Mrs. F. W. Hough.

**Hon. Medical Officer:** Dr. F. Arkin.

## STAFF:

### Talitha Home—

**Matron:** Miss A. A. van Vloten.

Mrs. B. Ximba,

Mrs. M. Poee,

Mrs. B. Monyobi (Nurse),

Miss V. Kanyile.

**Teaching Staff** (Subsidised by the Transvaal Education Department):

Mrs. T. B. Pitsa (Principal),

Mrs. T. J. Montso,

Mrs. M. Mogoai,

Miss D. Opperman.

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For the Year ended 31st March, 1953.

IN the Annual Report for the year ended 31st March, 1952, it was reported that the Union Social Welfare Department had built its own Place of Safety and Detention at Van Rhyn Deep. The girls who were in the Place of Safety and Detention at Talitha Home were removed there and the Union Social Welfare Department kindly put the buildings at Talitha Home at the disposal of the Association for the Prevention of Delinquency among Non-European Girls. These buildings, now called Phahameng, were put into use to accommodate 36 more girls in September, 1952. The Association for the Prevention of Delinquency among Non-European Girls now concentrated its whole efforts on the running of Talitha Home and the new extension and, at a Special General Meeting held on October 28th, 1952, it was decided to amend the Constitution. The amended Constitution provides for, inter alia, the change in name of the Association for the Prevention of Delinquency among Non-European Girls to Talitha Home, and the falling away of certain of the objects due to the handing over of the Place of Safety and Detention to the Union Social Welfare Department.

The Committee has always felt that the name " Association for the Prevention of Delinquency among Non-European Girls " is most cumbersome and we are pleased that the name " Talitha Home," which is really the name known to the general public, has been adopted. Unfortunately our Accounts this year again look very complicated, as there are still three columns for (1) The Association for the Prevention of Delinquency among Non-European Girls, (2) Talitha Home, and (3) The Place of Safety and Detention, but we hope that this will be simplified next year.

The work at Talitha Home has gone on very satisfactorily. The Home now accommodates 101 girls and the daily average for the year under review was 82. On the last day of the year there were 99 girls on the roll, 11 of whom were juvenile delinquents and 88 children in need of care.

## STAFF.

Miss A. van Vloten, our Matron, has continued to do excellent work and her strong, sympathetic personality has had a steady influence on the girls. In February, 1953, we were fortunate in obtaining the services of Mrs. Scott as Assistant Matron. Mrs. Scott has proved herself most reliable and understanding and has shown initiative and great interest in the work. The African staff has supported our Matron and Assistant Matron and has again proved its loyalty and devotion. The Committee fully realizes the valuable work done by the staff and records its

appreciation of this. The Committee also wishes to thank the Jan Hofmeyr School of Social Work for continuing to send students to Talitha Home for practical work. The students assist with supervision and recreational work and this is of mutual benefit to the Home and the Jan Hofmeyr School of Social Work.

Miss van Vloten has undertaken most of the secretarial work. She has been greatly assisted by our Honorary Secretary, Mrs. F. Hough, who has done invaluable work for the Committee, and I express the Committee's deepest gratitude to her. Our Honorary Treasurer, Mrs. D. Phillips, has been away on leave and Miss Y. Verdier has kindly acted in her place. Messrs. Campbell Quine, Chalmers & Co. are in charge of the bookkeeping and we are indebted to them for doing this at a reduced fee.

### **ACTIVITIES.**

The girls' days are fully occupied. They participate in the house-work, go to school and after school their recreation consists of games, singing and needle-work. Mrs. Lepke trained the choir. We thank her most sincerely and very much regret that she had to give up this work as she has left Johannesburg.

One of the greatest joys experienced by the girls was the preparation and production of the Nativity Play at Christmas time. Mrs. Wilkes gave most unstintingly of her time and was a source of inspiration to the girls. The Committee cannot thank her enough for her influence in the Home and for the pleasure given to all those who participated or saw the Nativity Play.

We are grateful to the Ministers of the different denominations who came to conduct regular services and classes at the Home.

### **SCHOOL.**

The Talitha Home School made steady progress during the year and the Committee was greatly assisted by the continued helpfulness of the Inspector of Native Education, Mr. C. A. McDonald.

The staff consists of four teachers and the Transvaal Education Department generously grants the teachers' salaries. Apart from academic work the girls learn cookery, house-wifery, laundry and needlework, which equips them for their future life. Now that the extra 36 girls from the "Phahameng" building also attend the school the classes are over-crowded and the two academic teachers are working under great pressure. The Committee wishes to thank them for their hard work. We hope that it will be possible to get a grant for another teacher next year so as to alleviate the strain.

### **HEALTH.**

Our girls have enjoyed good health. Our Honorary Medical Officer, Dr. F. Arkin, is deeply interested in her work and we

record our grateful thanks to her. With the large number of girls in the Home the hospital with isolation ward and a nurse in attendance is of the utmost importance.

### **AFTER CARE.**

One of the greatest problems facing the Committee is the adjustment of the girls to home or working conditions once they leave Talitha Home. Most of the girls are "children in need of care." Their home conditions are extremely difficult—overcrowding, under-nourishment and lack of parental control tend to make delinquents of the children brought up in such surroundings. Unfortunately, they have to return to exactly the same conditions after they have led a sheltered and useful life at Talitha. Some go out morally stronger and better prepared for the struggle, but struggle it is and we cannot lose sight of that fact. A special House and Case Committee deals with each individual case and girls are released or released on licence only after full investigations of their home conditions have been made. The Matron finds suitable employment for some and her advice and guidance are a great help to the girls.

During the year 18 girls were released on licence. Most of these were placed in domestic service and placed under the supervision of a probation officer. The Committee feels that the periodic visits of a probation officer are not enough and that more intensive after-care work is necessary. If funds were available we should like to employ an African welfare officer ourselves who could keep in closer contact with the girls who leave.

### **SPECIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.**

The Committee wishes to thank the Union Social Welfare Department for its Maintenance Grant and for its Equipment Grant which covered half the cost of furnishing and equipping "Phahameng" for 36 girls. We also thank the Municipal Non-European Affairs Department and the Transvaal Education Department for their grants. The Committee is greatly strengthened and helped by the attendance of representatives of these bodies at our meetings.

We record our thanks to our Honorary Auditors, Messrs. Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co.

We are most grateful to those who helped with the Street Collection or sent donations towards it and also to the many others who helped in any way whatsoever during the year.

Finally, I wish to express my appreciation of the support I have had from my Committee and I thank Mrs. L. van Meurs (Vice-President) for acting so efficiently for me on several occasions during the year.

G. SHARP,  
President.



# HOME.

31st MARCH, 1953.

	Association.	Talitha Home.	Detention House.	Total.
<b>Expenditure on Leased Land —</b>				
At Cost less Depreciation.				
Balance at 31st March, 1952 ...		£8,137 19 8	£2,202 5 1	£10,340 4 9
Less: Depreciation		406 18 0	110 2 3	517 0 3
		<u>7,731 1 8</u>	<u>2,092 2 10</u>	<u>9,823 4 6</u>
<b>Furniture, Fittings and Equipment</b>				
—At Cost less Depreciation.				
Balance at 31st March, 1952 ...	£2 4 2	150 4 10		152 9 0
Add: Additions during year ...		473 16 0		473 16 0
Transfer from Association to Talitha, 28th October, 1952	2 4 2	2 4 2		
		<u>626 5 0</u>		<u>626 5 0</u>
Less: Depreciation		43 3 5		43 3 5
		<u>583 1 7</u>		<u>583 1 7</u>
<b>Motor Car—At Cost less Depreciation.</b>				
Balance at 31st March, 1952 ...	196 18 11			196 18 11
Transfer from Association to Talitha, 28th October, 1952	196 18 11	196 18 11		
		<u>196 18 11</u>		<u>196 18 11</u>
Less: Depreciation		49 4 9		49 4 9
		<u>147 14 2</u>		<u>147 14 2</u>
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>		8,461 17 5	2,092 2 10	10,554 0 3
Deposit Account ...		5 0 0		5 0 0
Sundry Debtors ...		504 3 3		504 3 3
Savings Bank A/c Building Society—		117 3 10		117 3 10
Fixed Deposit A/c Building Society—		646 4 11		646 4 11
Savings A/c ...		140 2 11		140 2 11
<b>Cash—</b>				
On Hand ...		3 15 2		3 15 2
At Bank ...		2,066 1 11	276 0 10	2,342 2 9
		<u>£11,944 9 5</u>	<u>£2,368 3 8</u>	<u>£14,312 13 1</u>

as the Balance Sheet gives a true and fair view of the state of the Home's affairs as at 31st March, 1953, and the Income and Expenditure Account gives a true and fair view of the income and expenditure for the year ended on that date.

PEAT, MARWICK, MITCHELL & CO.,

Honorary Auditors.

205 A.B.C. Chambers, Simmonds Street, Johannesburg.  
5th June, 1953.

**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**

(Note.—The Association for the Prevention of Delinquency)

	Association.	Talitha Home.	Detention House.	Total.
Provisions ... ..		£1,607 5 8		£1,607 5 8
Salaries, Wages and Unemployment Insurance Contributions ... ..		1,631 8 4		1,631 8 4
Clothing and Footwear ... ..		296 0 0		296 0 0
Equipment, Replacements and Household Supplies ... ..		540 0 11		540 0 11
Medical and Hospital Expenses ... ..		250 18 7		250 18 7
Fuel, Light and Water ... ..		361 3 3		361 3 3
Repairs ... ..		118 18 4		118 18 4
Transport ... ..	£21 10 1	111 9 6		132 19 7
After Care ... ..	1 3 0			1 3 0
Incidental Expenses:				
Telephone ... ..		33 8 2		33 8 2
Insurance ... ..		42 16 4		42 16 4
Stationery and Printing ... ..	12 6 2	14 17 3		27 3 5
Cookery School Expenses ... ..		11 18 9		11 18 9
Sewing—				
Home Embroid.		50 12 4		50 12 4
School Sewing		6 7 8		6 7 8
General Expenses	5 0 10	63 6 9		68 7 7
Accountancy Fees		126 0 0		126 0 0
Depreciation ... ..	28 19 7	470 6 7	110 2 3	609 8 5
Postages and Telegrams ... ..		17 14 8		17 14 8
Recreational Equipment ... ..		3 10 6		3 10 6
School Requirements ... ..		55 12 2		55 12 2
Bank Charges ... ..	2 3 4	4 16 0		6 19 4
	71 3 0	5,818 11 9	110 2 3	5,999 17 0
Excess of Income over Expenditure carried to Balance Sheet ... ..		351 9 8		351 9 8
	£71 3 0	£6,170 1 5	£110 2 3	£6,351 6 8



# HOME.

For the Year ended 31st MARCH, 1953.

was closed down on the 28th October, 1952.)

	Association.	Talitha Home.	Detention House.	Total.
Grants—				
Social Welfare Department:				
Place of Safety Maintenance ..		£10 11 3	£32 2 10	£42 14 1
Equipment ...		4,764 4 0		4,764 4 0
		305 5 1		305 5 1
Transvaal Education Department:				
Salaries ... ..		621 2 1		621 2 1
Joh'burg Municipality:				
Grant in Aid		150 0 0		150 0 0
Street Collection ... ..		132 1 2		132 1 2
Donations ... ..	£4 12 3	102 3 0		106 15 3
Sundry Revenue ...		1 12 0		1 12 0
Proceeds of Sale of Work ... ..		68 17 0		68 17 0
Interest on Fixed Deposit .....		14 5 10		14 5 10
	4 12 3	6,170 1 5	32 2 10	6,206 16 6
Excess of Expenditure over Income carried to Balance Sheet ...	66 10 9		77 19 5	144 10 2

£71 3 0 £6,170 1 5 £110 2 3 £6,351 6 8

## GIFTS IN KIND.

St. Mark's Presbyterian Church ...	Sweets.
The Mayor of Johannesburg ... ..	Cakes.
Ekutuleni Mission ... ..	Cakes.
Mrs. Vroom ... ..	Fruit and Vegetables.
Gundelfingers Ltd. ... ..	Dolls (£9).
Dr. F. Daubenton ... ..	Fruit.
Transvaal Coal Owners' Association ...	Coal.

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## DONATIONS.

Mrs. C. Bridgman (U.S.A.) ... ..	£1 0 0
Miss J. Russell (U.S.A.) ... ..	5 0 0
Parktown North Methodist Women's Auxiliary ...	2 2 0
'Rand Daily Mail' Christmas Fund ... ..	42 0 0
Primrose Methodist Women's Auxiliary ... ..	2 2 0
Rand Provident Building Society ... ..	3 3 0
St. Mark's Presbyterian Church Women's Association	4 4 0
Tower Building Society ... ..	1 1 0
Rosebank Union Church Ladies' Guild ... ..	5 5 0
Unit Securities Group ... ..	25 0 0
S.A. Permanent Mutual Building and Invest. Society	5 5 0
Director of Native Labour ... ..	5 0 0
Mrs. C. Bridgman ... ..	1 1 0
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Meeting, 1952 ... ..	£4 12 3

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