

BANTU LADS' HOSTELS COMMITTEE

LUNGALGWABA HOSTEL

(The Bird whose voice is heard in times of adversity).

COMMITTEE AS AT 30TH JUNE, 1942.

CHAIRMAN

Mr. M.W. Richards.

COMMITTEE

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| " M.D. de Lange | " P.R. Mosaka |
| " J. Hope | Miss N. Adams (Hon. Secretary |
| " A.S. Paton | and Treasurer) |

HOUSE COMMITTEE

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| Mr. O. Mooki. | Mr. E. Phamotse |
| Mr. P.R. Mosaka | Mr. J.H. Rathebe |
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| | Chairman) |

HOSTEL

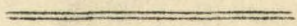
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Orlando.

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BANTU LADS' HOSTELS COMMITTEE

REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1942.

The Committee has pleasure in submitting its Annual Report, together with the Balance Sheet and Accounts, for the year ended 30th June, 1942.

Owing to War conditions, and the necessity for conserving paper supplies, it has been decided that this year's Report should be curtailed as much as possible, and limited to the main essentials of the year's work.

COMMITTEE.

General Committee:

Resignations

Mr. S.J. van der Walt.
Mr. A.L. Saffery.

New Members

Mr. F.C.A. Wessel.
Mr. M.D. de Lange.
Mr. P.F. Mosaka.

Obituary:

It is with the most profound sorrow that we record the death of Mr. J.L. Hardy in November. Mr. Hardy devoted a life-time of work to the underprivileged and maladjusted, irrespective of race or colour, and it was due solely to his efforts that this Hostel was established. It is fitting, therefore, that the Hostel should bear the name the African people bestowed upon him, and we hope it will long remain a living tribute to his broad vision, his greatness of heart and his tireless energy. His life should be an abiding inspiration to many, and in his passing the Committee has lost a true friend and a great leader.

Chairmanship:

After Mr. Hardy's death, Mr. A.S.Paton kindly acted as Chairman for five months. In June, at his request, Mr. M.W. Richards agreed to undertake the post until the annual election of officers.

House Committee:

New Members:

Mr. P.R.Mosaka.
Mr. & Mrs. G. Nakene.

STAFF

There have been no changes in Hostel staff during the year.

PULILS

The daily average number of lads accommodated over the year was 14. The total number of units for the year was 5,184, or roughly 70% of the unit capacity of the Hostel which is 7,300.

The following is an analysis of the admissions and discharges during the year:-

Number of pupils as at 30th June, 1941 18

Admissions:

From Court	16	
Absconders prior to 30.6.1941, re-admitted during the year	4	20
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		38

Discharges:

Licensed	2	
Absconders not returned	17	
Remand expired	1	
Transferred to:-		
(i) Wierda Hostel	1	
(ii) Diepkloof		
Reformatory	1	2
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		22

Number of pupils as at 30th June, 1942 16

EMPLOYMENT.

As a result of the decrease in the age of the boys admitted, and the Principal's policy of sending the boys to school wherever possible, there is little employment upon which to report. Only one boy has been employed throughout the year, and one started at the beginning of June.

The inadequacy of the existing facilities for finding employment for juvenile-adults is still held by this Committee to be a matter for concern. We were pleased to learn during the year that the Municipal Native Affairs Department have had the question under consideration for some time, and hope that their efforts to create additional avenues of employment for both adults and juveniles will prove successful.

EDUCATION.

The majority of the boys attend the local schools.

An interesting and progressive development to be noted, is the establishment of the Orlando Vocational School in January, 1940. In view of the fact that the School is in its initial stages of development, and can provide accommodation for only 60 boys, it has been laid down that a maximum of 4 Hostel boys may be enrolled at any one time, and that those boys must have been resident in either Orlando or Pimville. We wish that this number could be larger, because we feel that vocational training is infinitely more desirable than straight schooling for the Hostel boys, and it is to be hoped that more of these schools will be established in the not too distant future.

HOSTEL ACTIVITIES

Pathfinders:

The Pathfinder activities have continued throughout the year, and meetings have been held regularly once a week under Mr. S.G. Msiza, the Scout-Master. On two occasions, the boys combined with other Pathfinders for a week's camping, and several week-end outings have been arranged.

Boys' Clubs Association:

The Hostel Club has met every week under the leadership of Mr. Ntlamelle of the Transvaal Boys' Clubs Association. One of the boys, J. Mashau, attended a leader's training course at the Association Headquarters, and has, on occasions, taken the other boys for their physical culture during the absence of the Club Leader. We are glad to be able to record that very good reports of the Hostel Club have been received from Headquarters.

Health Lectures:

A course of six lectures on general health were arranged by the S.A. Red Cross Society. The boys were keenly interested, and it is felt that the lectures were well worth-while. We should like to record our thanks to Mr. le Riche, the Lecturer.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

The Revenue and Expenditure Account shows a deficit of £123.5.4. for the year, bringing the accumulated debit balance to £517.7.0 as at the 30th June, 1942.

The general expenditure during the year has been normal and calls for little comment. There is a slight decrease on every item, and the total shows a decrease of about £90. This is no doubt due, to a certain extent, to the fact that the Hostel accommodated an average of only 14 boys during the year.

On the Revenue side, the Government Grant and the Lads' contributions show a substantial decrease. This is a direct result of the low numbers at the Hostel, and the fact that most of the boys now attend school.

The Government Grant was continued throughout the year at the basic rate of 2/- per boy per day, with a cost of living allowance of 7% from October to May, and of 10% from May to June, and amounts only to about 60% of the total expenditure for the year as against 65% for the previous year.

The following were the average costs per boy per day for the year, with comparative figures for last year:-

	<u>1942</u>	<u>1941</u>
(a) Total cost per boy per day, including rent and administration.	37.70 pence	33. pence.
(b) Food cost per boy per day.	10.63 "	9. "
(c) Clothing cost per boy per day.	2.29 "	2. "

The cash donations for the year amounted to £19.6.0., and the balance of the deficit has had to be made up by further loans from the Witwatersrand Lads' Club whose help has once again made it possible for us to carry on. We take this opportunity of recording our sincere appreciation of this continued assistance.

As it has now become apparent that, under existing circumstances, the Hostel cannot be kept going without the assistance of the Witwatersrand Lads' Club, we have appealed to the Department of Social Welfare for an increase in the basic rate of the grant, and are at present awaiting a reply.

Signed on behalf of the Committee:

M.W.Richards.

CHAIRMAN.

N. Adams.

HON. SECRETARY.

BANTU LADS' HOSTELS COMMITTEE.

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REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1942.

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To Salaries and Cost of Living Allowance	267 8 5	By Government Maintenance Grant	546 2 7
" Rent	87 0 0	" Lads' Contributions	24 4 2
" Food	294 5 11	" Parents' Contributions	11 4 9
" Clothing	49 9 10	" Lads' Clothing Refunds	3 13 4
" Equipment	27 17 3	" Staff Board and Lodging Refunds	76 10 0
" Medical	6 7 0	" Expenditure in excess of Revenue, carried down	231 16 4
" Stamps, Fares, Sundries and Relief	80 18 10		
" Household Requisites	46 10 8		
" Maintenance Repairs	12 7 5		
" Pathfinder Equipment	2 2 6		
" Office Expenses	7 3 4		
" Office Rent	12 0 0		
	<u>£893 11 2</u>		<u>£893 11 2</u>
To Balance of Expenditure in excess of Revenue, brought down	231 16 4	By Donations:-	
		Cash	19 6 0
		Municipal Rent Grant	84 0 0
		Gifts in kind	5 5 0
		" Deficit for the year carried to Balance Sheet	108 11 0
	<u>£231 16 4</u>		123 5 4
			<u>£231 16 4</u>

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BALANCE SHEET - 30TH JUNE, 1942.

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TO WITWATERSRAND LADS' CLUB	470 0 0	BY DEBTORS	
" CREDITORS AND CREDIT BALANCES		Government Maintenance Grant	52 19 4
June Supplies	45 10 2	Lads' Contributions	2 14 8
Staff Provident Fund	39 0 0		55 14 0
" CASH		" CASH	
Overdraft at Standard Bank of South Africa Limited	23 10 10	In hand	5 0 0
	<u>£578 1 0</u>	" REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT	
		Balance 30th June 1941	394 1 8
		Add Deficit for the year to 30th June 1942	123 5 4
			517 7 0
			<u>£578 1 0</u>

We have examined the above Balance Sheet, with the books, accounts and vouchers of the Bantu Lads' Hostels Committee, and certify that it correctly reflects the state of affairs of the Bantu Lads' Hostels Committee as at 30th June, 1942.

JOHANNESBURG.

18th August, 1942.

Howard Pim & Hardy.

Honorary Auditors.
Chartered Accountants (S.A.)

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ST. MARTIN'S HOSTEL FOR AFRICAN GIRLS

14, Sherwell St. Doornfontein.

REPORT FROM 1908 to 1945.



ST. MARTIN'S HOSTEL stands on the ground once occupied by the Community of the Resurrection, who moved from Sherwell St. in 1908 to go to Rosettenville, when their work expanded. They left behind one important and increasing responsibility, namely, the care of native women and girls who were coming into town for various reasons. A small group of women workers were left in residence to continue this work, and for them a house was eventually built in Buxton Street, which is known as the House of Bethany.

By degrees this type of work altered and developed, and it was found that the need had much increased for regular accommodation for women and girls who were doing domestic work in town. In many homes it was more convenient to employ a girl than a boy, but often there was nowhere for her to sleep, the room in the yard either being unsafe or a boy being also employed.

In later years this difficulty has been much increased by the building of flats, very few of which have adequate arrangements for sleeping quarters for servants. This Hostel was used to the utmost to meet the need, and in 1929 a double-storied building was put up, with a recreation room, and a dormitory containing sixteen cubicles, thus bringing the number of residents to forty.

In 1942 the little Mission Church of St. Martin, originally the Community Chapel, was taken down, and accommodation provided for twenty more girls. This new building is known as the Frida Hartley wing, and the whole Hostel took the name of St. Martin, in memory of the little church and all that it represented of prayer and sacrifice in the past, in the furtherance of the Kingdom of God.

Thus there are now sixty girls and women in residence, all of whom are in domestic service or working in factories.

Until 1935 a registry office had been attached, but by then there were increasing facilities for girls to find their own work, which they much prefer to do. As the Hostel was not responsible for the training of the girls for whom they sought employment, it was decided to close the registry office, which exacted a larger amount of time than was proportionate to the results effected.

The Staff since then has consisted of an African Matron and assistant, with occasional further help, and each resident is expected to keep her own cubicle in order.

In addition to affording accommodation St. Martin's Hostel is intended to provide care of a more personal nature to those under its roof. Many of the girls have come from homes in the country and are now in town for the first time. Others have lived all or most of their lives in the locations and townships of Johannesburg, and are glad to live nearer to their work, and to be free from having to travel early and late in crowded buses and trains. Many prefer a Hostel even when there is a room available where they are employed, so as to have companionship and to be able to receive their friends in comfort.

Night classes were instituted by an association of trained teachers who gave voluntary service, but these have had to be given up for the time being, owing to transport difficulties and a decrease of the number able to help during war conditions.

There is a strong detachment of the Red Cross Society, and Courses on First Aid and Home Nursing are given regularly.

All social activities are voluntary, and organised classes are limited, as girls have their own affairs to see to and many are often not back till late in the evening. Moreover it is considered that they need to relax in their free time after having done manual work during the day, and they also need a change after being in

contact most of the time with those of different race, customs, and language. Their visitors are free to come at any time till half past eight, and often join with them in playing table tennis and other games.

All residents are expected to attend the evening prayers, and once a fortnight the Chaplain of the Hostel conducts a service and gives a simple address. For Anglican members there is an early service of Holy Communion once a month with a special service of preparation. The Chaplain has always been one of the members of the Community of the Resurrection, which retains its connection with the place since the time that the Fathers lived here. Any member of the Hostel is welcome to ask his advice and help, and all are encouraged to attend their own place of worship.

Much remains to be done, and what has served in the past ought now to be improved and developed. The buildings of forty years ago, which have been used for many purposes, need to be replaced by others more suitable, and made to fit into a more comprehensive plan. For convenience and for health, further facilities are needed for more baths and a laundry, and another room for classes or recreation is necessary.

It is not considered advisable to increase accommodation very much, perhaps a maximum number of one hundred at the present time would not interfere with the original purpose of the Hostel, which it will have been seen aims to do more than merely provide a place in which to sleep.

Already in a small way the Hostel welcomes girls from outside to enjoy the social amenities of the residents, the Red Cross Detachment being a good example of this. Gradually there will be a greater demand for a library, more classes both domestic and academic, and more means of relaxation, such as choirs, a dramatic society, and lectures.

Building projects need money, and here it may be a good opportunity to acknowledge with gratitude the financial assistance granted over the years from many sources. From the Diocesan Trustees, who own the land on which the Hostel stands, and who have made a substantial grant year by year. From the Municipality who, in addition to a grant for building in 1914, have made a grant-in-aid since 1930, which we are thankful to record has been raised to £200 this last year. From the Union Native Affairs Department who made a grant toward building in the year 1914. From the public, whose donations, large and small, have often helped us over a difficult time. Finally, because the latest benefactor, though we hope a permanent one, the Union Social Welfare Department, who have now recognised our status as a Hostel for low paid workers, and this last year made a grant of £300 for general expenses.

We here acknowledge the generous help of the Auditors, Messrs. Pearse and Ryan, who give their services so readily. And to all who have given assistance by personal service or gifts in kind, we offer our heartfelt thanks, which can best be proved by continuing the work according to the highest interests of those who seek our help.

Agnès C. Beale. Lady Warden.

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