

BANTU MEN'S SOCIAL CENTRE

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BANTU MEN'S SOCIAL CENTRE

ANNUAL REPORT

1949.

The report of the period under review covers an important landmark in the history of the Bantu Men's Social Centre - The Silver Jubilee Celebration.

The Bantu Men's Social Centre was founded in the year 1924 by people who were sympathetically disposed towards the Africans and saw the necessity of helping African men to devote their leisure time to the best advantage in healthful recreation; the development of worthy character and the promotion of a real sympathy between Europeans and Africans in South Africa.

The year has been very eventful and we are gratified at the increasing popularity the Centre is enjoying. We are deeply indebted not only to our Founders for having established the Institution but also to our European friends who made it possible for us to go through another year of useful service to the African Community.

THE B.M.S.C. STAFF.

Early in 1949 the Staff was reduced by the termination of the services of Mr. V. O. Choabi as Physical Director of the Centre. With the restoration of the Staff to its normal strength in October, 1949 when Mr. Paul M. Kotsi was appointed Assistant Secretary, the administrative work of the Centre has been returned to normal. We are grateful for the valuable service which Mr. Jerry Monnakgotla, one of our Professional boxers, renders to our Physical Training Classes.

MEMBERSHIP.

The Centre's membership did not reach a high mark this year, partly because the Secretary carried on the work single-handed for a great part of the year, and also because a considerable number of the old members did not renew their membership. The fact that we can report many new applications for membership is a good augury for the future of the Centre. With the Staff now reinforced it is hoped that previous records in regard to membership will be surpassed.

It may be informative to point out that our membership is of five different kinds:-

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|-------------------------|-------|--------------------|
| (a) Life Membership | -Fees | £5. 0. 0d. |
| (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 is for those resident outside the Magisterial Area. Junior Membership is open to bona fide Scholars and Africans visiting Johannesburg may become Visiting Members on the payment of 1s. per month.

From the following table it will be observed what the membership position is as compared to previous years:-

	<u>ACTIVE</u>	<u>JUNIORS</u>	<u>LIFE</u>	<u>VISITING</u>
1946	313	22	14	-
1947	547	32	17	7
1948	501	47	17	6
1949	397	46	17	3

THE SILVER JUBILEE AND ANNUAL FOUNDERS' DAY CELEBRATION.

To celebrate the Silver Jubilee of the Bantu Men's Social Centre arrangements were made by the Executive Committee to make the occasion a memorable one. The following activities were organised:- Games Night, 24th. October, 1949; Jazz Night, 25th. October, 1949; Concert Night, 26th. October, 1949 and Annual Founders' Day Meeting on the 28th. October, 1949. The Games Night when demonstrations in various Indoor Games were given was very interesting; The Jazz Night will not be forgotten by the crowd that attended to dance to the music of all our Jazz Bands and on the Concert Night the main hall was filled to capacity and the performances of the various Artists were much enjoyed. The Programme of the Concert consisted of :- (i) A Puppet Show by students of the Jan H. Hofmeyr School of Social Work, (ii) A Dramatic Sketch by the Alexandra Township Central School and music and action songs by the Black Manhattan Brothers, The S. S. Brothers and the Modernaires of Port Elizabeth.

Annual Founders' Day was held on the 28th. October, 1949. On this occasion a large crowd attended to pay respects to the memory of our Founders and pay tribute to those who take upon themselves the responsibility of our maintenance and upkeep. The Honourable Dr. A. J. Stals, M.P. Minister for Social Welfare, was our Guest of Honour. The Johannesburg Symphony Orchestra, Mrs. M. Mzolo, Mr. I. Mongauza accompanied by Mr. Todd Matshikiza and Mr. G. Mbau (Trumpeter) rendered a memorable musical programme. Dr. Ray E. Phillips, President of the Centre gave an historical review of the Centre's activities since its inception, the Secretary presented the Annual Report, Dr. A. J. Stals, M.P. delivered an inspiring address and Mr. R. Peteni proposed a vote of thanks to the Guest of Honour. Our thanks are due to the Minister and the Artists for their contributions towards the success of the day. The Centre was artistically decorated during this time. The floodlights outside the building gave it a very attractive appearance at night and we will be failing in our duty if we do not thank Mrs. H. Bubole, Arts and Crafts Instructor of the Jan H. Hofmeyr School of Social Work, Mr. J. G. Young and the City Engineering and Parks and Estates Departments for their assistance.

INDOOR AND OUTDOOR GAMES.

One of the main objects of the Centre is to provide its members with a highly diversified recreational programme in order that they might spend their leisure time profitably. In view of the fact that many competitions have been organized during the year interest in the different activities was intensified, and the year was one of much activity. The Centre has continued to provide facilities for the following Indoor and Outdoor Games:- Billiards, Snooker, Ping-Pong, Chess, Draughts, Volley Ball, American Basketball, Badminton and Tennis.

The Bantu Men's Social Centre Lawn Tennis Championships attracted a large number of competitors and consequently took a long time to complete. Huge crowds of spectators were present at the Tennis Courts whenever the games were played off. Competition was keen and the standard of play was high. We are indebted to the Tennis Committee for the fine piece of work it did in the organization of the tournament. The results of the tournament are as follows:- The "A" division Singles Championship was won by Mr. Grant Kgomo in brilliant style; the Doubles of the same division went to Mr. G. Kgomo and partner Mr. Ralph Molefe; the "B" division Singles title was won by Mr. I. D. Ngwenya and the "B" division Doubles by Mr. S. Itholeng and Mr. N. Nogorosi. It is with pride that we state that Mr. G. Kgomo and Mr. R. Molefe are also holders of the South African Bantu Lawn Tennis Championships which were held in Durban during the year. We congratulate the winners on their splendid performances and thank Dr. Ray E. Phillips and Mr. Hoosen Jajbhay, the donors of the trophies.

The Billiards and/.....

The Billiards and Ping-Pong tables attracted a large following. Many members joined in the Volley Ball and American Basketball, which the Centre has done much to popularize in other Centres.

INTER - CENTRE COMPETITIONS.

On the 1st., 2nd., and 3rd. October, 1949 the Bloemfontein Bantu Social Institute; the Donaldson Orlando Community Centre, and the Bantu Men's Social Centre competed at the Centre in Indoor Games, Tennis and a Debate. These competitions were very interesting and we wish not only to express our appreciation of the response our invitation received from these Institutions but also to congratulate Bloemfontein on having been victorious in most of the activities. Thanks are due to our members who assisted in the provision of accommodation for and entertainment of the visitors.

BOXING AND PHYSICAL TRAINING.

Our members have continued to manifest interest in the Boxing and Physical Training Classes. The Gymnasium has been full of enthusiasts in this section of our work and it is becoming increasingly difficult to accommodate them all at the same time. The Transvaal Non-European Amateur Boxing Association held its championships during the year and though our boxers were unsuccessful in capturing any of the titles, they did very well in these promotions.

GUEST NIGHTS AND SOCIAL FUNCTIONS.

The Social Centre Guest Nights usually held on the last Friday of each month were much enjoyed. The free programmes consist of Active Games, Concerts and Dances.

The main hall has been used as in the past by various Associations, Schools and Individuals for the purpose of holding Wedding and Welcome Receptions, Farewell Functions, Concerts and Dances and Graduation Balls which many people attended. The Music Festival which was held at the Centre under the auspices of the Johannesburg Bantu Music Festival Committee from the 3rd. October, 1949 to the 8th. October, 1949 was a great success. The Centre has been used for important meetings of such bodies as :- The Transvaal Bantu Rugby, Tennis and Cricket Unions; the Transvaal Associations of Girls' and Boys' Clubs; the African Inter-Denominational Ministers' Association; the Johannesburg Bakgatla Association; The Society of Old St. Petrians; The Salvation Army and also for the regular meetings of the Johannesburg Joint Council of Europeans and Africans on the second Monday of each month. Many other Organizations too numerous to mention have used the Centre for similar purposes during the year.

MEALS AND REFRESHMENTS AT THE CENTRE.

The Social Centre hired out the Catering Service in 1947 to Miss S. Teyise, Proprietress of the Blue Lagoon Sports Restuarant, because of the difficulty of running it on a paying basis. Meals and Refreshments have been provided at very low prices despite the rise in the cost of foodstuffs. We are very grateful for the service Miss Teyise renders the Centre in this connection.

GOOD FRIDAY.

A large crowd was present at the Centre on Good Friday, 15th. April, 1949 to see the film " The Life of Christ " which was shown by Dr. Ray E. Phillips. An inspiring sermon was delivered and the hymns that were sung added to the solemnity of the occasion. Many people look forward to coming to the Centre on Good Friday.

PIANO TUITION/.....

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PIANO TUITION.

Mr. Todd Matshikiza who is doing the good work of instructing our members in piano playing has been very busy. Many members are taking lessons from him and the piano which is used for practices is constantly occupied throughout the day.

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS.

Other Organizations such as The Transvaal Pathfinder Boy Scouts Association, the Transvaal Association of Non-European Boys' Clubs and the Johannesburg Central Committee for Non-European Continuation Classes have obtained assistance from the Centre in the provision of office accommodation. Lodging has been provided for some of the male students of the Jan H. Hofmeyr School of Social Work, the whole student body obtained daily luncheons at the Cafeteria, and the School has continued to use the Gymnasium for its classes in Folk-dancing, Games and Physical Training.

OBITUARY.

It is with deep regret that we have to record the deaths of two members of the Social Centre who were very helpful and assisted the Centre in many ways. Mr. James Monamoli and Mr. Griffiths Motsieloa (a member of our Executive Committee). We wish to express our sympathy with their families in their bereavement.

THANKS.

We express our most grateful thanks to our many European Donors, Subscribers and Friends for their assistance financial and otherwise during the year. We thank most heartily the firm of Messrs. Howard Pim & Hardy, who, through Mr. J. Montague Pim our Hon. Treasurer has rendered the Centre valuable service in the care of its finances. We extend our thanks to the Union Department of Social Welfare, the Johannesburg City Council and the Deferred Pay Board of Control for their financial support.

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

Cecil E. Nolutshungu....Secretary.

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GOOD FRIDAY.

BAUTU MEN'S SOCIAL CENTRE

Registered under Welfare Organizations Act 1947 Certificate No. W. O. 80.

BALANCE SHEET - 31ST DECEMBER, 1949

<u>CREDITORS</u>	380	13	3
<u>LIBRARY DEPOSITS</u>	2	13	6
<u>CIAUDE NEON LIGHTS (S.A.) LIMITED</u>	180	0	0

Gift of One Neon Sign

ACCUMULATED FUNDS

Balance as at 31st December 1948	16416	15	2	
<u>ADD</u> Grant in Aid - City of Johannesburg for Emergency Lighting Plant	190	0	0	
Balance of Expenditure and Revenue Account	<u>93</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>16699 17 3</u>
				<u>£17263 4 0</u>

BUILDINGS

Balance as at 31st December 1948	15101	14	5	
<u>ADD</u> Emergency Lighting Plant	<u>213</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>15314 14 5</u>

<u>NEON SIGN</u>	180	0	0
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FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT

Balance as at 31st December 1948	700	0	0	
Additions during 1949	<u>3</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>3</u>	
	703	9	3	
<u>LESS</u> Depreciation	<u>143</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>560 0 0</u>

<u>MUNICIPAL DEPOSITS</u>	73	0	0
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<u>SPORTS FUND</u>	11	2	6
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<u>DEBTORS</u>	244	18	5
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<u>STOCK OF BADGES & DIE - at cost</u>	41	15	6
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CASH

Standard Bank of South Africa Limited	226	0	4	
United Building Society -St.Andrews Branch	609	8	8	
On Hand	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>837 13 2</u>
				<u>£17263 4 0</u>

Certified Correct.

JOHANNESBURG
8th March 1950.

J. Montague Pim.
Hon. Treasurer.

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EXPENDITURE AND REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1949

1949

1037	To Salaries and Wages		1091	15	7
12	" Unemployment Insurance Fund		14	11	2
337	" Water, Light & Sanitary Fees	934 18 7			
	<u>Less Grant in Aid -</u>				
	City of Johannesburg	550 0 0	384	18	7
64	" Games		109	0	7
59	" Insurance		58	16	1
42	" Clerical Assistance		43	0	0
407	" Postage, Stationery, Telephone, Bank Charges and Sundry Expenses		317	5	2
-	" Founders' Day		61	12	1
176	" Depreciation of Furniture and Equipment		143	9	3

2134

2224 8 6

122 " Balance carried to Balance Sheet - Excess of Revenue over Expenditure for the year

93 2 1

£2256

£2317 10 7

247	By Membership Fees		191	14	0
521	" Subscriptions and Donations		552	6	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			
200	City of Johannesburg	250 0 0	900	0	0
"	Sundry Revenue:				
337	Hire of Hall and Rent of Rooms	369 14 0			
-	Locker Rents	2 6	369	16	6
-	" Interest Received			3	7
-	" Profit on Sale of Badges		3	10	6

£2256

£2317 10 7

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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.	5.	5.	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.
Evans & Co. Ltd., Herbert	2.	2.	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.
Liddle (Pty) Ltd., Joseph	1.	1.	0.
Mackenzie, Geo.	1.	1.	0.
New Consolidated Goldfields Ltd.	5.	5.	0.
Niven Trust, Robert	50.	0.	0.
Phoenix Assurance Co. Ltd.	7.	16.	0.
Prices (S.A.) Ltd.	1.	1.	0.
Pim & Hardy, Howard - Clerical Assistance	43.	0.	0.
Ramsbottom, Mr. Justice W.H.	1.	1.	0.
Rand Daily Mails Ltd.	10.	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. J. & Miss N.	5.	0.	0.
South African Druggists Ltd.	1.	1.	0.
South British Insurance Co. Ltd.	5.	5.	0.
Star, The	5.	5.	0.
Stevenson, J.H.	4.	4.	0.
Store, P.V.	1.	1.	0.
Sunday Times Syndicate Ltd.	10.	0.	0.
Thompson (Pty) Ltd., James	1.	1.	0.
Transvaal Association of Girls Clubs	5.	0.	0.
Unit Securities & Trust Company of South Africa Ltd.	25.	0.	0.
Viney, A.D.	10.	0.	0.
Webber, W.S.	21.	0.	0.

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