

1943

BANTU MEN'S SOCIAL CENTRE.

P.O. Box 4767,  
JOHANNESBURG.

223, Eloff Street,  
JOHANNESBURG.

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ANNUAL REPORT-1943/.....



## ANNUAL REPORT.

1943.

In spite of continuing difficulties, due largely to the absence in Middle East and in the military camps of the Union of large numbers of African members, and in part to the lack of equipment, unobtainable in a war-time market, the work of the Bantu Men's Social Centre has made substantial progress throughout the year. Not only has the Centre been utilised by more organisations than ever before as their meeting place, but the actual membership shows a turn for the better.

### MEMBERSHIP.

Sixty percent of the present members of the Centre have been members for more than one year, which is gratifying in view of the shifting population which the Centre serves. The figures for the two years, 1942 and 1943, are as follows:

<u>YEAR.</u>	<u>ON ROLL.</u>	<u>ACTIVE.</u>	<u>JUNIOR.</u>	<u>LIFE.</u>
1942.	867.	306.	12.	6.
1943.	997.	374.	44.	10.

Members and friends are reminded of the types of membership offered by the Centre:

- |                        |         |   |
|------------------------|---------|---|
| 1. Life Membership     | £5.0.0. |   |
| 2. Ordinary Membership | 10/-    | Opened to those living within the Johannesburg Magisterial District.  |
| 3. Country Membership  | 5/-     | Opened to those living outside the Johannesburg Magisterial District. |
| 4. Junior Membership   | 2/6     | For scholars attending recognised schools and colleges                |
| 5. Visiting Membership | 1/-     | For those visitors in Johannesburg for a short period.                |

To its members the Centre offers facilities of a varied nature. During the past year the following activities have been outstanding:

### RECREATION.

Billiards. This game continues to receive the attention of a large number of the members. The billiard balls are always on the move. Two championship tournaments ended with Mr Norman Mabengeza as winner on both occasions. An additional table is an urgent requirement.

BASKET BALL. Considerable interest has been taken in American Basket Ball, the game which is so popular overseas. Being a strenuous game it has attracted the younger members, especially the boxers, who have found it an excellent training medium.

CHESS. This game is steadily attracting more players, with corresponding increasing interest by spectators.

CHINESE CHECKERS. This game absorbs the interest of six men at a time and provides a pass-time for men awaiting a turn at the billiards table.

DRAUGHTS./.....



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TABLE TENNIS. This game has languished somewhat due to our inability to obtain ping-pong balls except on occasion. With the importation of such goods from overseas it may be expected that this game will assume its popular place in the game rooms.

VOLLEY BALL. This indoor sport has attracted numbers of members on Saturday noons when hot competitions can always be counted upon in the gymnasium.

TENNIS. Tournaments have been rigidly restricted due to the difficulty of obtaining new balls. Members, however, make regular use of the courts, utilising such second-hand balls as they can procure. A small trickle of new balls has been supplied by the local dealers, a trickle which, it is hoped, will become a stream during the coming year.

BOX HOCKEY. This noisy and strenuous indoor sport has proved a real innovation and has provided much pleasure and exercise to members.

DISC SKITTLES AND SNOOKER SHUTTLES. These games of skill occupy the table-tennis table space when ping-pong balls are not available. They are interesting in their own right, apart from their value as serving as a training ground for billiards.

BOXING AND PHYSICAL CULTURE. The Boxing class continues to attract a steady stream of young men to the gymnasium on several evenings of the week. A fillip has been given to this activity through the assistance given by the students of the Jan H. Hofmeyr School of Social Work and by the added attraction of occasional trips to the military camps for exhibition purposes. Regular tournaments are planned for the coming year.

#### GUEST NIGHTS AND SOCIAL FUNCTIONS.

The last Friday evening of each month is set aside as a "Guest Night" when members may bring their wives or women friends to an entertainment especially planned for them. The programmes are varied and prove popular. Concerts and indoor games, alternating with bioscope films, usually conclude with an hour of dancing to the music of one of the best of the local dance bands.

#### ANNUAL FOUNDERS' DAY PROGRAMME.

This programme took place on Friday, 29th October. Mr G.A.C. Kuschke, Secretary of the Union Department of Social Welfare, was the guest speaker. Among other matters which he dealt with was the vexed question of "School Meals for African Children." A brief but interesting speech on the history of the Centre was given by Mr Walter Webber, one of the founders; and the Chairman, the Acting Secretary, and Mr A.K. Nobanda, spoke in their various capacities. An interesting musical programme was much enjoyed



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### THE SOLDIERS' CLUB.

As in previous years, the Centre has allowed its hall to be utilised by the Y.M.C.A. as a week-end Soldiers' Club. Many African soldiers, away from camp on week-end leave, find their way to the Centre on Saturday evening, there to enjoy the free bioscope show and the cup of tea, and to take their mattress and blanket for the rest they need in preparation for an active Sunday of visiting in the town. An early breakfast is provided these men at cost before they leave the building. Members of the Centre are admitted free to the bioscope exhibition.

### THE NON-EUROPEAN PUBLIC LIBRARY.

The Library, still housed at the Centre, is patronised by young and old of all the Non-European groups in Johannesburg. Nearly 1,000 subscribers take books regularly from the stocks provided by the Johannesburg Public Library.

### THE J.A.N. H. HOFMEYR SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK.

This School of Social Work, organised under the auspices of the National Council of Y.M.C.A.'s., is continuing its valuable service of training young African men and women for social welfare and recreational services among their people. Increasing demand for these workers has justified the General Committee in admitting a new class this year, so that two classes are running concurrently. In providing quarters for this School, the Centre is extending a real helping hand, while negotiations are proceeding for an appropriate site and building near the centre of Johannesburg.

### ORGANISATIONS MEETING AT THE CENTRE.

The following is a fairly complete list of organisations making use of the Centre for meetings:

African Blind Welfare Association, African Commercial Drivers Union, African Commercial and Distributive Workers' Union, African National Business Association, African National Congress, African Printing Workers' Union, Bagatla Bamogopa Association, Daughters of Africa Association, Johannesburg Bantu Football Association, Johannesburg African Football Association, Joint Council of Europeans and Africans, Kayakulu Youth League, Municipal Non-European Graded Staff Association, Olympic Rugby Football Association, Public Servants Association, Reef Schools African Workers' Union, Salvation Army, South African Non-European Confederation of Iron, Steel and Metal Workers' Union, S.A. Chemical Workers Union, Transvaal Association of Girls' Clubs, Transvaal African Public Servants' Association, Transvaal African Students' Association, Transvaal African Teachers' Association, Transvaal Bantu Cricket Union, Transvaal Bantu Golf Union, Transvaal Bantu Rugby Union, Transvaal Bantu Tennis Association, Transvaal Municipal Workers' Union, Witwatersrand Advisory Boards, Witwatersrand, and Transvaal Interdenominational Ministers' Association, and the Witwatersrand Gold Mines Native Clerks Association.

In addition to the use of the building by the foregoing organisations, the hall is engaged by various bodies for concerts and dances, for eisteddfodau and for special occasions of a social, political and religious nature. Rental fees on a very nominal basis for the use of the hall in 1943 amounted to £150. An additional amount of £69 was realised from functions given for the benefit of the Centre for which a small charge was made.



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1943.

## SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS.

African Consolidated Films, Ltd.	£26. 5. 0.	
<u>Less</u> Handed over to Bantu Sports Club and Pathfinders	<u>17.10. 0.</u>	8.15. 0.
African Explosives and Industries, Ltd.		25. 0. 0.
African Guarantee and Indemnity Co. Ltd.		1. 1. 0.
Aiken and Carter, Alex.		10. 0. 0.
Anglo-American Corporation of South Africa, Ltd.		10.10. 0.
Anglo-Transvaal Consolidated Investment Co. Ltd.		5. 5. 0.
Anstey, Ltd., Norman		2. 2. 0.
Brick and Potteries Co., Ltd.		2. 2. 0.
Britten, H.		2. 2. 0.
Central Mining - Rand Mines Group		50. 0. 0.
Central News Agency, Ltd.		5. 0. 0.
Cleghorn's		1. 1. 0.
Connolly Ltd., T. & F.		1. 1. 0.
Denver Machinery Co. Ltd.		1. 1. 0.
Dunlop South Africa, Ltd.		1. 1. 0.
Evans & Co. (Pty) Ltd., Herbert		2. 2. 0.
Fraser & Chalmers (S.A.) Ltd.		2. 2. 0.
General Mining and Finance Corporation, Ltd.		15. 0. 0.
Green and Morison, Ltd., E.K.		1. 1. 0.
Griffin, T.F.		1. 1. 0.
Hayman, Godfrey and Sanderson		1. 1. 0.
Henwood, Son, Soutter and Co., P.		2. 2. 0.
Hillman Bros., Ltd.		1. 1. 0.
Hunt, Leuchars and 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 and Bryant, Ltd.		2. 2. 0.
Liddle (Pty) Ltd., Joseph		1. 1. 0.
Machine Tools (Pty) Ltd.		1. 1. 0.
Mackenzie, Geo.		1. 1. 0.
New Consolidated Goldfields, Ltd.		20. 0. 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		42.11. 3.
Ramsbottom, Mr. Justice W.H.		1. 1. 0.
Rand Daily Mails, Ltd.		5. 0. 0.
Rand Provident Building Society		3. 3. 0.
Randles, Bro. and 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 & Steel Workers Union		10. 0. 0.
South British Insurance Co. Ltd.		2. 2. 0.
Star, The		5. 5. 0.
Stewarts and Lloyds of South Africa, 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.
Transvaal Native Rugby Football Association		2. 2. 0.
Troughton, J.J.		1. 1. 0.
Victoria Falls and Transvaal Power Co. Ltd.		15. 0. 0.
		<u>£491. 5. 3.</u>



# BANTU MEN'S SOCIAL CENTRE

DR. EXPENDITURE AND REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1943.

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1942

714	To Salaries and Wages	749.11. 4.	
	Add Contribution to Y.M.C.A.		
	To H. War Work Fund towards		
	Salary of J.R. Rathebe (On		
122	Active Service)	124.11.11.	874. 3. 3.
836			
260	" Water, Light and Sanitary Fees	220. 8. 0.	
58	" Games	24.13. 5.	
41	" Insurance	59. 0. 8.	
46	" Clerical Assistance	42.11. 3.	
373	" Postage, Stationery, Telephones,	301. 1. 6.	
	Bank Charges and Sundry Expenses		
6	" Travelling Expenses re Membership	7.17. 4.	
	" Founders Day	11. 3. 2.	
96	" Depreciation of Furniture and Equipment	77.11. 0.	
		1618. 9. 7.	
	" Balance - Excess of Revenue over		
	Expenditure for the year transferred		
-	to Accumulated Funds	291. 2. 5.	

£1716

£1909.12. 0.

1942

163	By Membership Fees	182. 2. 0.	
450	" Subscriptions and Donations	491. 5. 3.	
300	" Native Recruiting Corporation Limited	300. 0. 0.	
	" Grants:		
	Board of Control - Deferred		
50	Pay Interest Fund	50. 0. 0.	
	Department of Social		
-	Welfare	500. 0. 0.	550. 0. 0.
	" Sundry Revenue:		
206	Hire of Hall and Rent of		
	Rooms	195. 0. 6.	
	Net Proceeds of B.M.S.C.		
	Functions	69. 8. 4.	264. 8.10.
158	" Interest Received per		
	Lighthouse Bequest		109. 6. 1.
	" Profit on Kitchen and		
	Catering:		
	Revenue	1035. 5. 0.	
17	Less Expenditure	1022.15. 2.	12. 9.10.
372	" Balance - Excess of Expen-		
	diture over Revenue for		
	the year transferred to		
	Accumulated Funds		

£1716

£1909.12. 0.



# BANTU MEN'S SOCIAL CENTRE

BALANCE SHEET - 31ST DECEMBER, 1943.

<u>CREDITORS</u>		131.17. 5.	<u>BUILDINGS</u>		
<u>LIBRARY DEPOSITS</u>		2.13. 6.	Balance as at 31st December 1942		11759. 6. 0.
<u>SPORTS FUND</u>		62.14. 8.	<u>FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT</u>		
<u>LEGACIES:</u>			Balance as at 31st December 1942	380. 0. 0.	
Estate of the late M.C. Lighthome:			Additions during 1943	<u>7.11. 0.</u>	
Balance as at 31st December 1942	2698. 7.10.			387.11. 0.	
Estate of the late E. Blinman	900. 0. 0.		Less Depreciation	<u>77.11. 0.</u>	310. 0. 0.
Add Interest Received	<u>109. 6. 1.</u>		<u>MUNICIPAL DEPOSITS</u>		34. 0. 0.
	3707.13.11.		<u>INVESTMENTS RE LEGACY - at par</u>		
Less Interest received (1943) transferred to Revenue	<u>109. 6. 1.</u>	3598. 7.10.	£125 Municipality of Johannesburg 5% Local Registered Stock 1945/55	125. 0. 0.	
			£625 Town Council of Johannesburg 5% Local Inscribed Stock 1948/58	625. 0. 0.	
<u>ACCUMULATED FUNDS</u>			60 4% Paid up Permanent Shares of £25 each of the Alliance Building Society	<u>1500. 0. 0.</u>	2250. 0. 0.
Balance as at 31st December 1942	11853. 5. 6.		<u>DEBTORS AND KITCHEN STOCK</u>		51. 1. 6.
Add Balance of Expenditure and Revenue Account	<u>291. 2. 5.</u>	12144. 7.11.	<u>CASH</u>		
			Standard Bank of South Africa Ltd.	638.13. 1.	
			St. Andrew's Building Society - Current Account	866. 1.10.	
			On Hand	<u>30.18.11.</u>	<u>1535.13.10.</u>
		<u>£15940. 1. 4.</u>			<u>£15940. 1. 4.</u>

Certified Correct.

Johannesburg.

8th February, 1944.

J. Montague Pim.  
Hon. Treasurer.



FORM OF BEQUEST.

"I do hereby bequeath by way of legacy to the Bantu Men's Social Centre, JOHANNESBURG, the sum of £ \_\_\_\_\_ which amount I direct shall be paid to such Institution,

or  
for such purpose or purposes as the Executive Committee thereof may in its discretion decide"

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Witnesses:-

1.....

2.....

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP.

TO THE BANTU MEN'S SOCIAL CENTRE,  
P.O. Box 4767,  
JOHANNESBURG.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby apply for membership in the Bantu Men's Social Centre  
from the year \_\_\_\_\_ for which \_\_\_\_\_ pounds \_\_\_\_\_ shillings

and \_\_\_\_\_ pence may be recorded for my annual dues.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ AGE \_\_\_\_\_

BUSINESS ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

OCCUPATION \_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE NO \_\_\_\_\_

KIND OF MEMBERSHIP \_\_\_\_\_ AMOUNT \_\_\_\_\_ £ \_\_\_\_\_

IN WHAT ARE YOU PARTICULARLY INTERESTED? \_\_\_\_\_

PROPOSER \_\_\_\_\_ SECONDER \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF APPROVAL \_\_\_\_\_

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