

BANTU MEN'S SOCIAL CENTRE.

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1964.

BANTU MEN'S SOCIAL CENTRE.

ANNUAL REPORT,

1964.

INTRODUCTION.

Throughout the annals of the Bantu Men's Social Centre Annual General Meetings have been held at the end of each year. But perhaps the closing of the year 1964, as another milestone in the life of the Centre, has brought significant changes and outlooks - optimism and pessimism - which are to be experienced in the New Year. With this closing of the year we are not only required to reveal the importance of the Centre within the framework of the Non-White community but also to reconsider and assay the Christian aims of the Institution and the extent to which the "Four-square Plan" (Body, Mind, Spirit, and Character), which was created by the Founders of the Institution, have been applied through the activities provided.

MEMBERSHIP.

At the end of the year 240 members were registered with the Institution and a sum of R338.75 collected as subscriptions from January to December, 1964. The figure 240 excludes the 16 Life Members of the Centre. A close scrutiny of these figures, compared to the previous year's, indicates that while there are more new members joining the Institution monthly there are fewer renewals almost in every month. Many of the older members come regularly to the Centre but fail, for reasons of their own, to pay up their yearly subscriptions in spite of the all-out efforts exerted by the Secretariat. However sincere and genuine their reasons for failure to pay may be, their subscriptions cannot remain in arrears indefinitely. This is one of the chief concerns not only of the Secretariat but also of the Executive Committee.

In April, 1964, the Executive Committee considered and approved the raising (for the first time in over 40 years) of the membership fee in each category by 100%. This took effect from the 1st May, 1964, and the various membership fees now stand at -

- 1. Life Membership ..... R20.00.
- 2. Ordinary Membership (Jhb. & District) ..... R2.00.
- 3. Country Membership ..... R1.00.
- 4. Junior Membership (Bona fide scholars) ..... 50c.
- 5. Visiting Membership ..... 25c.

A comparative table of the amounts of membership fees collected during the past 10 years (including 1964) is reflected below. It will be realised that the figure for 1964 is R338.75 and when this is carefully compared to the other figures, the number of members is actually lower in view of the raised membership fees.

<u>1955.</u>	<u>1956.</u>	<u>1957.</u>	<u>1958.</u>	<u>1959.</u>	<u>1960.</u>	<u>1961.</u>	<u>1962.</u>	<u>1963.</u>	<u>1964.</u>
R426.	R444.	R504.	R440.	R361.	R315.	R381.	R310.	R336.	R338.

ACTIVITIES.

Down through the years the Centre has been providing a number of activities - physical training, judo, lawn tennis, table tennis, basketball, volleyball, billiards and snooker - which are recorded below. Some of these activities are governed by their own sub-committees and these committees in turn form a larger sub-committee called the Activities Committee.

1. PHYSICAL TRAINING.

(a) Bodybuilding and Weightlifting. This section is still under the leadership of Mr. M. Matihaganyane, and although there are no regular competitions it continues to attract a large number of our members. With the little equipment available members still continue to keep themselves mentally and physically fit. More weights will be required in the near future.

(b) Boxing. Under the leadership of the former S. A. Middleweight champion "Volting" Joe Maseko, this section attracts a smaller but regular number of young boxers. This has been the trend throughout the years. Worthy of mention here is Patrick Maseko, a young boxer from Evaton, who turned professional this year. He is an inspiration to some of the beginners who are also waiting for their turn to earn themselves high laurels.

(c) Judo. From the number of enquiries received from various members and interested persons this section would have been undoubtedly the largest in the Centre had it not been because of the stumbling block - lack of a proper judo mat for practices. However, a few deeply enthusiastic members gather themselves in the evening for practices on an old mattress or mat. Attempts to contribute some money for purchasing a proper judo mat have not proved fruitful.

## 2. LAWN TENNIS.

A number of our players comes to the Club for weekly practices. There have been no improvements yet made with regards to holding seasonal competitions, although the standard of our players is fairly high. Many domestic servants find great enjoyment in this section, particularly on those days when they are off work. The champion S. P. Itholeng has been living up to the high standard of play he has exhibited throughout the years.

## 3. TABLE TENNIS.

In 1962 this activity was gradually enlisting many players and enthusiasts, largely junior members. But at the end of that year the cost of its maintenance was so high that a recommendation was passed by the Executive Committee that players should provide themselves with table tennis balls, so that the Centre may incur less expenditure on this game. Today very few members are keen on this activity, and as a result there are no organised monthly competitions.

## 4. BILLIARDS AND SNOOKER.

These games still remain popular in the Centre. Although 5c. or 10c. is charged for one game played, the interest and enthusiasm our members have shown remains unaltered. The competitions often run a long course, beginning in August and ending occasionally in December. Many potential competitors enter for tournaments but very few actually compete. It seems as if members play for the fun in these games instead of aiming at improving their own standards of play. Those who actually compete in these games are serious minded players who hope to earn high respect for themselves. Members who have distinguished themselves in these games include J. Ramjee, W. Meloto, and E. Cassim. Our competitions are largely restricted to members, and perhaps this accounts for the narrow scope of improvement. E. Cassim has distinguished himself further by winning the coveted Ken Shaw Snooker Trophy of the Johannesburg and District Non-European Billiards League - a body aiming at open-club tournaments, with sky-high hopes of converting them into provincial and ultimately national tournaments. He won the Trophy at a competition in which more than 30 prominent snooker players from various Reef towns participated.

## 5. DRAUGHTS AND CHESS.

There are also no organised competitions in these games, but many members enjoy themselves during the hours of the day, particularly in draughts. The standard of play in draughts is so high that there is at present a germinating need for a Draughts and Chess Association, reminiscent of the Witwatersrand Bantu Draughts Association of 1941. Internally there is also a deep need for competitions to be open to outside members, and attempts are being made in that direction.

## 6. AMERICAN BASKETBALL AND VOLLEYBALL.

Recently a team, under the leadership of Stephen Sejaki, was formed. The players are so active and zealous in these games that regular visits to outside clubs are always being contemplated. So far the team has been to the Davey Social Centre in Penoni and the Orlando Y. M. C. A. for friendly matches. Practices are held every Wednesday and Saturday in our main hall.

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Film acting and auditions were occasionally held at the Centre.

#### ANNUAL FOUNDERS' DAY.

On the 26th November, 1964, the Centre had once more an opportune occasion for paying a devotional tribute by celebrating the founding of the Institution by Dr. F.B. Bridgman (Deceased 1925) and our contemporary Dr. Ray E. Phillips, who is at present in California. In this yearly event the hall was filled to capacity with members and the public from many walks of life.

The Guest Speaker, Rev. C.F. Beyers Naude, the Director of the Christian Institute of Southern Africa, ably delivered a brilliant and comprehensive speech on-

" The Role of the Church and Related Organisations  
in Race Relations in South Africa " .

He placed into perspective the significant roles such organisations played in promoting good neighbourhood and the formidable obstacles these organisations, particularly the Church, had to face in the promotion of such relationships. He laid emphasis on the role individual members could play, based especially on the Christian principles of the Church, because it was through the individual as a cell of society that such good relationships could be achieved by both the Church and its affiliated organisations. It was a speech full of facts and practical examples, and the audience gave him a great ovation for his analysis and lecture.

The Ionian Choir and its orchestra, and some of the Centre's Choral groups that hold regular rehearsals in the Centre, and the Elite Swingsters Band under the leadership of Johannes "Chooks" Tshukudu, played appealing music and made the day more memorable.

#### LITERATURE AND CULTURE.

The Centre has been receiving books, periodicals, magazines, music records, etc., from various organisations and private donors, but very few of our members care to ask or enrol for their reading or use. Our library is extremely small but it can still serve the purpose it was meant for. Many members should come forward and make use of these books and records.

Film shows were held at the beginning of the year during lunch hours for our members. They proved to be of little attraction largely because they were not the type our members enjoyed. The films, loaned to the Centre by the kind permission of the U. S. A. Information Service Library, were more of a cultural and educational nature than Western thrillers, etc. The Office was reluctantly compelled to discontinue such shows.

ST. JOHN'S AMBULANCE FIRST AID CLASSES. The classes have been operating for some months in the Centre and are proving to be very fruitful. They are held on every Monday and some of our members have taken a keen interest in first aid in their quest for knowledge. Examinations are conducted about twice yearly.

#### THE "FOUR-SQUARE PLAN"

On viewing the type of life the Centre might lead during the coming year, it may be worthwhile and opportune to reflect a short review on the role the Centre has played in the promotion of mental and physical fitness through its traditional objects in 1964.

When the Centre was founded, the Founders had a "Four-square Plan" paramount in their minds, i.e., to develop the Body, Mind, Spirit, and Character (B. M. S. C.), through various activities within the Centre.

In assaying the Body, it will be realised that it has been, to some extent, well catered for throughout the years, and a study of the

abovementioned activities during 1964 will indicate to what degree.

"A healthy Mind in a healthy Body", the ancient Greek Philo-  
sophers maintained, and the Founders of the Centre did not lose sight of  
this fact. Although the Centre was a pioneer many years ago in set-  
ting the standard for future similar institutions, its significance  
in shaping the minds of younger generations has not faded. This it  
has done during 1964 and has carried further part of its work in  
assisting people to "get to know one another". Training the Body  
helps in inducing responsibility in the Mind of the individual and in  
moulding and refining the Spirit.

But in the re-inforcement of the Spirit the Centre has for many  
years - including the year under review - been only partially success-  
ful. In 1941 "Religious Talks" were inaugurated in attempts to supp-  
lement the Centre's activities and help in the completion of the  
"Four-square Plan". They have been sadly neglected for many years,  
and perhaps the time is over-ripe for the re-inaugural of these Talks.  
Or else, do our Churches provide sufficient intellectual discussion?

Character. Today many denominations are operating and perhaps  
many more are to come. From various denominations the Centre has  
been deriving its membership, and it is pleasing to note that, just  
as the Founders intended it to be, it has remained inter-denomina-  
tional and founded on elementary Christian Principles. These Principles  
should however be re-inforced from time to time through the application  
of these "Religious Talks", otherwise the Centre may assume a perma-  
nently more social Character, as some of our members have already  
contended.

#### T H A N K S .

To Mr. A. W. Mbatia, The B. M. S. C. is very grateful to Mr. A.  
W. Mbatia, former South African Welterweight Champion and Secretary of  
the Centre, who resigned at the end of the year to take up a new post  
as a welfare officer in the O. Free State, for the devoted 13-year  
services he rendered to the Centre. He left us unexpectedly, but will  
always be remembered in association with the Centre;

To the Meal Room Staff, for their untiring service in providing  
suitable meals for many of our members;

To the Cleaners, for their untiring day-to-day duties in attempts  
to keep the Institution clean and attractive;

To the Members and Sub-committees, for their enthusiastic support  
and suggestions offered through these sub-committees and other avenues  
for the attainment of all the objects of the Institution;

To the Executive Committee Members, who have, down through the  
years, maintained regular inspections and criticisms, and patiently  
devoted much of their leisure time in attempts to foster not only the  
Centre's Constitutional Aims but also its Life;

To our Donors and Subscribers we repeat: Thank you, particularly  
the Department of Bantu Administration, the Native Recruiting Corpora-  
tion Ltd., the Deferred Pay Board of Control, the City Council of Joha-  
annesburg, and other organisations too numerous to mention here, without  
whose sustenance the Life and Heart of the Centre would not function;  
and

In their unbroken historical services as the Honorary Treasurer  
and the Auditor of the Centre, to Mr. J. M. Pim of Howard Pim and Hardy,  
and Mr. H. S. E. Anderson respectively, we reflect our sincere and  
thankful appreciation for their support and invaluable clerical assis-  
tance in the control, handling of and advice on the Centre's finances.

A. B. O'Eriena,  
CHAIRMAN.

V. N. Mathole,  
ACTING SECRETARY.

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BANTU MEN'S SOCIAL CENTRE

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BALANCE SHEET AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1964.

L I A B I L I T I E S

1963			
R 243	<u>CREDITORS</u>		R 258.61
200	<u>BILLIARDS RESERVE FUND</u>		200.00
360	<u>CLAUDE NEON LIGHTS (S.A.) LIMITED</u> Gift of one Neon Sign		360.00
1,169	<u>ACCUMULATED FUNDS</u>		1,547.98
	32,698 Balance at 31st December, 1963	1,168.83	
	<u>31,392</u> Less Transfer to Building Reserve	-	
	1,306		
	Less <u>137</u> Add Balance of Revenue and Expenditure Account	<u>379.15</u>	
<u>R1,972</u>			<u>R2,366.59</u>

A S S E T S

31,392	<u>BUILDINGS - At Cost</u>	31,392.39	
31,392	Less Building Reserve	<u>31,392.39</u>	-
360	<u>NEON SIGN</u>		360.00
262	<u>FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT</u> At Cost Less Depreciation		197.00
	277 Balance at 31st December, 1963	262.00	
	72 Additions	-	
	349		
	<u>87</u> Less Depreciation	<u>65.00</u>	
164	<u>MUNICIPAL DEPOSITS</u>		164.00
152	<u>DEBTORS</u>		96.58
74	<u>STOCK OF BADGES AND DIE - at Cost</u>		70.76
960	<u>CASH -</u>		1,478.25
	359 Standard Bank of S.A. Limited	179.40	
	600 United Building Society - St. Andrews Branch	1,300.00	
	1 Petty Cash - Overspent	1.15	
<u>R 1,972</u>			<u>R 2,366.59</u>

*[Signature]*  
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CHAIRMAN

*[Signature]*  
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HONORARY TREASURER

To the Members,  
BANTU MEN'S SOCIAL CENTRE

I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge and on the information supplied to me, the above Balance Sheet reflects a true statement of the affairs of the Bantu Men's Social Centre as at the 31st December, 1964, and that the attached Revenue and Expenditure Account shows a true and fair view of the Revenue and Expenditure of the Centre for the year ended 31st December, 1964.

JOHANNESBURG.  
8th March, 1965.

H.S.E. ANDERSON, F.S.A.A.  
*[Signature]* C.A.(S.A.)  
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT  
AUDITOR.

BANTU MENS SOCIAL CENTRE

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE  
YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1964.

1963

REVENUE

336	Membership Fees	338.75
1,194	Donations - General Public	1,203.94
600	- Native Recruiting Corporation Ltd.	600.00
1,000	City of Johannesburg - Grant-in-Aid to 30.6.1964	1,000.00
-	Board of Control - Deferred Pay Interest Fund Grants 1963 and 1964	200.00
1,178	Hire of Hall and Rent of Rooms and Lockers	1,192.30
201	Billiards	173.10
142	Dancing Lessons and Weight Lifting	189.90
13	Interest on Savings Bank Account	13.82
16	Profit on Sale of Lapel Badges	3.98
1,000	Department of Bantu Administration and Development Subsidy for the year ended 31.3.1964.	1,000.00
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5,680		
137	Deficit for the year carried to Balance Sheet	
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R 5,817		<hr/> R5,915.79 <hr/>

EXPENDITURE

(a) Administration Expenses

2,038	Secretaries' Salaries	2,016.38
30	Club Leader's Honorarium	-
15	Postages	14.24
115	Stationery and Printing	104.90
102	Telephone (Rental and Calls)	95.46
12	Insurance - Workmen's Compensation	10.27
8	Unemployment Insurance	7.66
2	Rentals - Land	2.40
23	Bank Charges	19.88
200	Clerical Assistance	200.00
39	Licences and Box Rental	33.10
6	Travelling Expenses	16.30
21	Audit Fees	21.00
-	Wreath	5.00

(b) Maintenance Expenses

386	Electricity	404.10
104	Water	113.99
91	Sanitary Fees and Refuse Removal	91.00
99	Insurance - Fire, Riot, Cash in Transit	92.45
1,218	Cleaning Services - Wages, Overalls and Registration Fees	1,228.50
241	Materials	249.42
27	Fuel	23.33
276	Meals for Staff	304.44
629	Repairs as per Schedule	368.57
87	Depreciation of Furniture and Equipment	65.00

(c) General Expenses

-	Functions	19.09
24	Newspapers and Periodicals	12.32
24	Sports and Games Equipment and Trophies	17.84
		<hr/> 5,536.64
	Surplus for the year carried to Balance Sheet	379.15
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R5,817		<hr/> R5,915.79 <hr/>

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BANTU MEN'S SOCIAL CENTRE

SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS 1964

African Explosives and Chemical Industries Ltd.	R 50.00
Aiken and Carter, Alex	10.00
Allied Building Society	8.00
Anglo American Corporation of S.A. Ltd.	200.00
Anglo Transvaal Consolidated Investment Co. Ltd.	20.00
Barrow (Pty.) Ltd. John	4.20
Central Mining - Rand Mines Group	100.00
Central News Agency Ltd.	20.00
Evans and Co. Ltd. Herbert	11.00
Federated Employers' Mutual Assurance Co. Ltd.	4.00
General Mining and Finance Corp. Ltd.	30.00
Goldfields of South Africa Ltd.	100.00
Hunt, Leuchars and Hepburn Ltd.	6.00
Johannesburg Consolidated Investment Co. Ltd. (Earnate)	
Group of Mines	150.00
Jooste and Bryant Ltd.	4.40
Niven Trust, Robert	100.00
Phoenix Assurance Co. Ltd.	12.24
Prices (S.A.) Ltd.	2.10
Pim and Hardy, Howard - Clerical Assistance	200.00
Randles Brothers and Hudson Ltd.	2.00
Raphaely, Weiner & Alexander Bros.	6.30
Schlesinger Organisation	6.30
Scots African Finance Co. Ltd.	4.00
Smith, Miss N.A.	10.00
S.A. Associated Newspapers Ltd.	20.00
S.A. Breweries Ltd.	50.00
Star, The	10.00
Stevenson, J.H.	4.20
Thing, W.E.R.	4.20
Thompson Ltd. James	4.00
Unit Securities Group of Companies	30.00
Viney, A.D.	21.00

R1,203.94

SCHEDULE - REPAIRS TO BUILDING AND EQUIPMENT FOR  
THE YEAR 1964

1963

134	Billiard Tables	10.50
351	Building	23.06
10	Electric Globes	11.38
91	Electrical	160.31
30	Plumbing	67.41
13	Furniture and Equipment	95.91

R629

R368.57



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