

BANTU MEN'S SOCIAL CENTRE.

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ANNUAL REPORT 1959.

The establishment of the Bantu Men's Social Centre in the year 1921 created, for the first time in the lives of the African races living together in Johannesburg, a consciousness of the importance of their relationships. The need to regard their problems from a mutual basis had arrived. At last there had come into being a Centre which would be of assistance in treating the problems that were beginning to present themselves.

As neighbours living in a closely knit society the question of adjusting the individual's ideas and attitudes to the desire of all, was forced upon the group. The Century old cultures and customs had to go, the languages modified to meet the growing town of Johannesburg.

These people had been cast, so to speak into a whirlpool of each others society by the discovery of Gold in the Transvaal in the Nineteenth Century. They needed recreation, they wanted to know something about each other, and the idea of a social centre was received with great eagerness.

Ever since its opening the Centre has, by keeping sight of its aims and objects, sponsored those activities that have helped to foster the various needs of a person, a group, and perhaps a nation. This it has tried to achieve with a programme of activities that stress the need to developing a Sound Mind in a Sound Body. With a slogan of a Body, Mind, Spirit and Character, it has continued to struggle and to impress those of our fellow beings who have accepted its coming with a feeling of oneness.

Constitutionally, it has tried to help the group to become self reliant in all its undertakings. For the successful maintenance of this service towards its members, the Centre has relied on the unfailing financial aid of our many European friends who have enabled it to give this useful service for so many years.

STAFF:

To manage and control its affairs the Centre employs a Secretary and an Assistant Secretary who perform its Office work and any other administrative work falling within their region.

The Physical training and boxing classes are under the direction of Mr. J. Maseko - the " Jolting Joe " of the late Forties then an idol of the English Rings. The Body-building and Weight Lifting Section is directed by Mr. Moses Matlaganyane on a voluntary basis.

The Centre employs three cleaners who take care of the building and generally see to it that everything is in order.

They clean the building, prepare the Tennis Courts, prepare the hall for functions etc. etc. and are always available when required for duties in the building.

MEMBERSHIP:

The membership of the Bantu Men's Social Centre, during the period under review has fallen. It has fallen to a lower standard than that attained in 1949 when an amount of £101 had been collected as membership fees for the year.

The following table will show the varying amounts taken in membership fees during the last ten years.:-

<u>1950.</u>	<u>1951.</u>	<u>1952.</u>	<u>1953.</u>	<u>1954.</u>	<u>1955.</u>	<u>1956.</u>	<u>1957.</u>	<u>1958.</u>	<u>1959.</u>
£204.	£170.	£131.	£242.	£297.	£213.	£222.	£252.	£220.	£187.15.0.

The membership of the Bantu Men's Social Centre is divided into five main categories:-

1. Life Membership..... £5.
2. Ordinary Membership..... 10s. per Annum.
3. Country Membership..... 5s. per Annum.
4. Junior Membership..... 2/6. per Annum.
5. Visiting Membership..... 1s. per Month.

Ordinary membership is open to persons residing within the magisterial area of Johannesburg and Country membership to those residing outside magisterial area.

Junior membership is open to bona fide scholars, and Visiting membership to Africans visiting Johannesburg for a short period.

ANNUAL FOUNDERS DAY.

The evening of the 27th November, 1959 was an occasion when we remembered our yesterdays, which can be likened to vines clinging around the stem of the Bantu Men's Social Centre directing its course to greater achievements.

On this day of rejoicing we remembered those who were responsible for its coming and all our well-wishers who had given us cheer in times of need, and a word of encouragement at each fall.

We paid tribute to all our European and African friends who have continued to extend their valuable patronage right down the many years of its existance. In mentioning the name of Dr. and Mrs. Ray E. Phillips who have now passed from the position of leadership in the affairs of the Centre, we must also welcome our Mr. A. B. O'Brien who has steered the course of the Centre for the past few years.

For the occasion the guest speaker was Mr. M. A. Hough, Director of the Jan H. Hofmeyr School of Social Work who gave an interesting address on " Can the African run their own Affairs."

Music was provided by the Messiah Choirs conducted by Mr. M. Rantho, Mr. O. Ferdinand and Mr. A. Ramela who gave us a wonderful introduction to the music of past masters. The choirs sang Handel, Simelane and Mozart. It was indeed a treat to listen and to follow the messages of song created in the minds of these men.

In the end we danced to the music of the Merry Black Birds dance Band who have, for many years been living closely to the centre of the Bantu Men's Social Centre's existance.

INDOOR GAMES.

The Bantu Men's Social Centre's Annual members' tournament for the year 1959 started on the 15th June, 1959. Entries for the different games were quite normal except for Tennis. The competitions were lively and the Champions for the year were severely tested.

In passing, I wish to draw attention to some of our members' who, at times fail to understand the sense of these competitions and delay the games.

The results of the tournament were:-

1. Billiards "A" Division: Mr. S. Kathar and Mr. P. K. Gaeshwe.
2. Billiards "B" Division: Mr. J. Kau.

3. Table Tennis: Mr. G. R. Patel.
 4. Snooker: Mr. W. Moloto.

From the above it would appear as if the activities of the Centre are confined to those events that have been listed above. There are those of our activities which have not been sufficiently organised to reach a competitive level, or which require a bigger grouping of participants than our membership can provide.

LAWN TENNIS.

Lawn Tennis has for many years enjoyed such a prominent place amongst our outdoor activities that it has been disappointing to witness it gradually losing its hold on the average player. Through this game we have been able to attract large numbers of enthusiasts and have gained in that we have been able to enlist a large group of new members as well. The Bantu Men's Social Centre has, in the past, functioned as the main centre for all the Tennis players.

Today that is not so. Why this is, it is difficult to say. But we do hope that there will be a clearer understanding so as to enable us to build a stronger and bigger tennis section.

The 1959 tournament failed to reach the standards attained in all our previous games. Many players entered for the competitions and everything looked good. We were surprised to observe the list of our entries diminishing as we played.

A meeting was called to discuss this situation but the tennis committee had no other choice but to wind up the tournament before time.

The results of the 1959 Tennis tournament are as follows:-

1. Singles "A" Division: Mr. S. P. Itholeng.
2. Singles "B" Division: Mr. J. L. Mahlabane.

This year the conditions in tennis did not allow us to play the doubles and so we were forced to cancel them.

BOXING AND PHYSICAL CULTURE.

The Bantu Men's Social Centre has for many years succeeded in producing some of the best boxers in this Country thereby contributing a great deal towards the development of the game in the Transvaal. With the passing of time however, we have been witnessing a dispersing of this activity to the extent that interest in the game has waned.

The control of Amateur boxing has been passed on to so many hands that there have been no national tournaments for the year. This has robbed our members of possible champions in our club. We are blessed nevertheless with the highest membership, numbering fifty.

BODY-BUILDING AND WEIGHT LIFTING.

Body-Building and Weight Lifting enthusiasts remain sturdy. There has been no marked increase in numbers largely due to the lack of the necessary weights for the club that act as a great attraction for new members. To help meet this deficiency this section has now decided to ask each one of its members to contribute an amount of 2/6 a month each man for the buying of new equipment. Both the Body-Building and Boxing sections are investigating the avenue of running Shows to help with equipment for their respective sections. Mr. Moses Matlaganyane, the Instructor, plays a very important part in the organisation and control of this section.

MEALS AND REFRESHMENTS.

The problem of Non-Members entering the building under some pretext for the purpose of enjoying our meals has always presented a trying problem in the control of people coming to the Centre. The meals are good and the menu delightful. It is difficult to find a meal with so many courses for so little money. Now that the meals have been improved, we can expect a continuous rush at our doors at all times.

SOCIAL FUNCTIONS.

The Bantu Men's Social Centre has, for many years, been the focal point at which people from the different townships find it convenient to meet for different purposes; they hold Sports Committee meetings, Fund Raising Shows, Wedding and Welcome Receptions, Boys' and Girls' Club meetings, Founcil of African Women meetings, Y.W.C.A. and meetings of various sects.

The following is a list of social functions that have been held at the Centre during the year 1959.

<u>MEETINGS.</u>	<u>BOXING.</u>	<u>DANCES.</u>	<u>CONCERTS.</u>	<u>PLAYS.</u>	<u>WEDDING & FAREWELL RECEPTIONS.</u>
33.	14.	24.	16.	3.	7.

T H A N K S.

The Bantu Men's Social Centre has for many years had much to be thankful for, namely the enthusiasm of its members, the loyal co-operation and keenness of the leaders of the different committees and the interest of the Executive Committee members who devote a great deal of their time, energy and thought to the furtherance of the aims and objects of the Centre.

We are grateful to our subscribers and donors. We express our special thanks to the Union Department of Social Welfare, the City Council of Johannesburg, the Native Recruiting Corporation, Ltd., and the Deferred Pay Board of Control

We place on record our appreciation to the firm of Messrs. Howard Pim and Hardy, who through Mr. J. M. Pim our Honorary Treasurer, aided by Mr. H. S. Anderson our Auditor, have rendered the Centre their usual valuable services in the matter of the handling and recording of its finances.

A. B. O'Brien.
CHAIRMAN.

A. W. Mbatha.
ACTING SECRETARY.

BANTU MEN'S SOCIAL CENTRE.

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

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1959.

LIABILITIES.

<u>1958</u>			
109	<u>CREDITORS AND GRAMOPHONE FUND</u>		132.11. 4.
100	<u>BILLIARDS RESERVE FUND</u>		100. - . - .
180	<u>CLAUDE NEON LIGHTS (S.A.) LIMITED</u> Gift of one Neon Sign		180. - . - .
17,160	<u>ACCUMULATED FUNDS</u>		16,757. 7. 2.
	17,592 Balance at 31st December, 1958	17,165. 6.10.	
	Less: Balance of Revenue and 432 Expenditure Account	<u>407.19. 8.</u>	
£17,549			<u>£ 17,169.18. 6.</u>

ASSETS.

15,689	<u>BUILDINGS</u> - At Cost		15,696. 3.11.
	Balance at 31st December, 1958	15,688. 8. 4.	
	Add: Burglar Proofing	<u>7.15. 7.</u>	
180	<u>NEON SIGN</u>		180. - . - .
216	<u>FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT</u>		273.10. 9.
	At Cost less Depreciation		
	249 Balance at 31st December, 1958	216. - . - .	
	39 Additions	<u>148.14. 6.</u>	
	288	364.14. 6.	
	72 Less: Depreciation	<u>91. 3. 9.</u>	
73	<u>MUNICIPAL DEPOSITS</u>		82, - . - .
310	<u>DEBTORS</u>		92.10. 9.
25	<u>STOCK OF BADGES AND DIE</u> - At Cost		55. 1. - .
1,056	<u>CASH</u>		790.12. 1.
	356 Standard Bank of S.A. Limited	90.12. 1.	
	700 United Building Society - St. Andrews Branch	<u>700. - . - .</u>	
£17,549			<u>£ 17,169.18. 6.</u>

[Signature]
.....
VICE 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, 1959, 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, 1959.

JOHANNESBURG.

[Signature]
H.S.E. ANDERSON, A.S.A.A., C.A. (S.A.)
INCORPORATED ACCOUNTANT.
AUDITOR.

8th February, 1960.

BANTU MEN'S SOCIAL CENTRE.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR 1959.

<u>1958</u>		<u>REVENUE</u>	
220		Membership Fees	180.12. 6.
591		Donations - General Public	571. 6. --
300		- Native Recruiting Corporation Limited	300. -- --
500		City of Johannesburg - Grant-in-Aid to 30:6:1959	250. -- --
		Board of Control - Deferred Pay Interest Fund	
50		Grant 1959	50. -- --
800		Hire of Hall and Rent of Rooms and Lockers	652. 2. 6.
134		Billiards	142.15. --
-		Dancing Lessons	30.15. 3.
34		Interest on Savings Bank Account	32.12. 3.
10		Profit on Sale of Lapel Badges	5. -- --
-		Proceeds Gramophone Fund	23. 2. 9.
		Less: Transfer to Fund	<u>23. 2. 9.</u>
		Department of Social Welfare and Pensions	
<u>125</u>		Subsidy for the year ended 31:3:1959	<u>549.17. 9.</u>
2,764			2,765. 1. 3.
<u>432</u>		Deficit for the year carried to Balance Sheet	<u>407.19. 8.</u>
£3196			£ 3,173. -.11.

EXPENDITURE

(a) Administration Expenses

945	Secretaries' Salaries	1,024.10. --
61	Club Leader's Honorarium	61. -- --
22	Postages	20.14. 5.
119	Stationery, Printing and Despatch Case	119. 7. --
39	Telephone (Rentals and Calls)	64.17. 9.
5	Insurance - Workmen's Compensation	5.16.11.
3	Unemployment Insurance	3. 5. --
1	Rentals - Land	1. 5. --
8	Bank Charges	7.11. 8.
60	Clerical Assistance	70. -- --
16	Licences and Box Rent	15.13. 6.
44	Travelling Expenses (Staff and Delegates)	97. 7. 6.
10	Audit Fees	10.10. --
11	Native Services Levy	8.17. --

(b) Maintenance Expenses

237	Electricity	189. 2. 2.
47	Water	58. 6. 8.
46	Sanitary Fees	45.10. --
72	Insurance - Fire, Riot, Cash in Transit	72. 4. 1.
636	Cleaning Services - Wages and Overalls	554.13. 9.
168	- Materials	182.16.11.
7	Fuel	9. --.10.
103	Meals for Staff	106.16. 8.
413	Repairs as per Schedule	262.18. 1.
72	Depreciation of Furniture and Equipment	91. 3. 9.

(c) General Expenses

27	Functions	20. 6. 2.
11	Newspapers and Periodicals	10. 2. 3.
<u>13</u>	Sports and Games Equipment and Trophies	<u>59. 3.10.</u>
£3,196		£ 3,173. -.11.

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SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS 1959.

African Explosives and Chemical Industries Limited	£ 25. - . - .
Aiken and Carter, Alex	5. 5. - .
Allied Building Society	5. 5. - .
Anglo American Corporation of South Africa Limited	105. - . - .
Anglo Transvaal Consolidated Investment Co. Limited	5. 5. - .
Brick and Potteries Company Limited	5. 5. - .
Central Mining - Rand Mines Group	50. - . - .
Central News Agency Limited	5. - . - .
Evans and Company Limited, Herbert	5. 5. - .
Federated Employers' Mutual Assurance Co. Limited	2. 2. - .
Fraser and Chalmers (S.A.) Limited	2. 2. - .
General Mining and Finance Corporation Limited	15. - . - .
Hayman, Godfrey and Sanderson	10.10. - .
Hillman Brothers Limited	3. 3. - .
Hunt, Leuchars and Hepburn Limited	3. 3. - .
Johannesburg Consolidated Investment Co. Limited (Barnato) Group of Mines	75. - . - .
Mackenzie, George	1. 1. - .
New Consolidated Goldfields Limited	25. - . - .
Niven Trust, Robert	50. - . - .
Phoenix Assurance Company Limited	10. 4. - .
Prices (S.A.) Limited	1. 1. - .
Pim and Hardy, Howard - Clerical Assistance	70. - . - .
Ramsbottom, Mr. Justice W.H.	1. 1. - .
Randles Brothers and Hudson Limited	2. 2. - .
Raphaely, Weiner and Alexander Brothers	3. 3. - .
Schlesinger Organization	2. 2. - .
Scotts African Finance Company Limited	2. 2. - .
Shell Company of South Africa Limited	2. 2. - .
Smith, Miss N.A.	5. - . - .
S.A. Associated Newspapers	10. - . - .
S.A. Association of Youth Clubs	10.10. - .
South African Druggists Limited	1. 1. - .
South British Insurance Company Limited	5. 5. - .
Star, The	10.10. - .
Stevenson, J.H.	2. 2. - .
Thing, W.E.R.	2. 2. - .
Thompson Limited, James	2. 2. - .
Unit Securities Group of Companies	15. - . - .
Viney, A.D.	10.10. - .
Weber, W.	4. - . - .
White, W.R.A.	1. 1. - .
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	£ 571. 6. - .
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SCHEDULE - REPAIRS TO BUILDINGS AND EQUIPMENT FOR THE YEAR 1959.

1958

106 Billiard Tables	- . - . - .
7 Grounds	10.12. 3.
122 Building	83. 2.11.
10 Electric Globes	8. 2. 5.
56 Electrical	115. 3. 3.
91 Plumbing	28.13. 3.
4 Piano	- . - . - .
<u>17 Furniture and Equipment</u>	<u>17. 4. - .</u>
£413	£ 262.18. 1.
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