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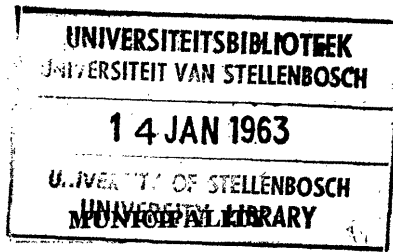
### **UNAUTHORISED BUILDING WORK**

Recent experiences have proved that the full obligations which the building regulations place on the owners of buildings as well as on the Council, are not fully appreciated. Nothing is more unpleasant for the Council than to have to intervene when building work, for which plans should have been submitted, is undertaken without the authority which the Council is expected to exercise. It is not my intention to dwell on the difficulties that may arise but rather to enlighten the public and request its co-operation.

The building regulations require that before new buildings are erected or alterations to existing buildings are carried out, plans must be submitted for approval or otherwise by the Council.

The only building work that does not need special approval is that which concerns bona fide repairs which do not entail structural alterations. For instance, a roof may be repaired in order to save it from deterioration, but the moment a roof construction is to be replaced by a new construction, the Municipality must definitely approve of the plans. According to the regulations it has no option in this matter.

At the same time there appears to be considerable confusion as far as the so-called temporary structures are concerned such as pergolas, summer houses, etc. Although the



building regulations as they are at present do not require the approval of the Council for the method or type of construction, it is nevertheless a fact that there are other regulations pertaining to town planning or conditions of establishment of townships which may be involved, in as much as any structure may not be erected within a certain distance from boundaries. In the second place, all improvements on property are rateable, and for this purpose it is essential that a full record of such improvements must be in the possession of the Municipality.

### **BIRD STREET IMPROVEMENTS**

Bird Street, at present scheduled as a "proposed main road", carries such a volume of vehicular traffic that the Council has come to the conclusion that improvements should be effected without further delay.

For the year 1963 money has, therefore, been provided on the estimates sufficient to cover the open furrow on the eastern side and to remove the electric light poles which are actually encroaching on the asphalt carriageway.

The covering of the furrow, which does not have the attraction of other furrows in which clean irrigation water flows and the removal of the poles, should obviate traffic hazards and make available a considerable width of additional carriageway.

### **THE GROUP AREAS ACT**

One of the effects of the proclamation of group areas for Stellenbosch is that it has become illegal to allow anybody who does not belong to the European Group to reside in the European area. Bona fide servants are the only exception but the right is limited to the servants only and does not extend to their children and other members of their families. Periodically inspections are carried out by the police section of the Government Departments concerned, and it may be anticipated that control will be considerably tightened up in future. The Council is not anxious to interfere with the

domestic arrangements of members of the community, but it must necessarily obey the law of the country and much unpleasantness could be eliminated if the public generally is willing to co-operate.

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30 November 1962.

## **UNIEPARK-ONDERVERDELING**

Ek is bly om te kan aankondig dat die uitleg van hierdie voorgestelde dorpsgebied nou finaal deur die Provinsiale Administrasie goedgekeur is. Daarin word voorsiening gemaak vir 166 woonerwe, 'n kerkterrein en 'n klein besigheidsentrum. Vir die nodige oop ruimtes is ook gesorg in die vorm van 'n breë parkstrook wat in die middel van die gebied deurloop tot aan die hange van Botmaskop.

Ons amptenare gaan nou voort met die noodsaaklike werk wat nog gedoen moet word voordat die erwe aan die publiek aangebied kan word. Die eerste stap sal wees om die bome en stompe te verwyder en die terrein skoon te maak. Tenders hiervoor word nou gevra. Daarna sal die landmeter met die nodige opmetings kan begin.

Die Raad moet ook nog die pryse vir die erwe oorweeg en die verkoopsvoorwaardes bepaal.

Die grootste taak wat egter nog wag is die aanbring van die nodige dienste, nl. water, riolering en elektrisiteit en strate. Begryplikerwys sal hierdie werk heelwat tyd in beslag neem.

## **OORNAME VAN KERKHOWE**

Die Raad wil die publiek graag daaraan herinner dat hy die beheer oor al ons kerkhowe op 1 Januarie 1963 oorneem. Tot dusver was die posisie dat elke kerkgenootskap sy eie begraafplaas beheer het, maar daar is met verloop van tyd geoordeel dat hierdie diens deur die plaaslike owerheid bestuur en gelewer moet word, soos tewens reeds lankal die geval is by verskeie omliggende dorpe.

Die publiek sal vanaf 1 Januarie die nodige reëlings in verband met begrafnisse met die Gesondheidsdepartement van die Munisipaliteit moet tref. Na kantoorure, oor naweke en

op publieke vakansiedae moet daar direk met die Begraafplaasopsigter (Telefoon 4172) geskakel word. Mnr. Brynard wat reeds vir baie jare as opsigter in diens van die N.G. Kerk-gemeentes was, is ook in die hoedanigheid oor alle begraafplase deur die Munisipaliteit aangestel.

### **STORMSKADE**

Op sy jongste vergadering het die Raad kennis geneem van die kwaai skade wat die stormwind wat ons gebied onlangs geteister het, aangerig het aan die elektriese kragrade en die plantasies. Party eikebome het ook nie vrygespring nie en moes verwyder word. Hierdie werk moet dikwels onder die ongunstigste omstandighede gedoen word en nie sonder lewensgevaar nie.

Graag spreek ek my waardering uit vir die manier waarop die betrokke beampies en werksmense die noodtoestand die hoof gebied het.

### **HERSTELWERK AAN ELEKTRIESE TOEVOERSTELSEL**

Graag wil ons die publiek se aandag daarop vestig dat die Departement Elektrisiteit ook buite die normale diensure beskikbaar is om hulp te verleen wanneer 'n verbruiker vind dat sy kragtoevoer defek geraak het. Die Raad is verantwoordelik vir die instandhouding van die toevoerstelsel tot by die verbruiker se meterbord, en foute aan die interne bedrading of aan apparate moet sover moontlik deur kontrakteurs reggestel word. Die probleem van die verbruiker is egter soms om vas te stel wat die oorsaak van die onderbreking is, en die vermelde Departement is steeds gewillig om te help vir sover hy kan, ook oor naweke en openbare vakansiedae. As dit egter blyk dat die fout in die verbruiker se eie installasie voorkom, sal hy natuurlik vir die diens moet betaal teen 'n tarief wat die Raad se uitgawe dek. Die afdeling se telefoonnommer is 3334.

### **DIE NADERENDE EINDE VAN DIE JAAR 1962**

Die Raad het sy werk vir 1962 reeds grootliks afgehandel. Slegs een vergadering word nog gehou, t.w. op 11 Desember 1962, wanneer onder andere die eiendomsbelasting vir 1963 vasgestel sal word.

7th December, 1962.

### **COUNCILLOR C. F. D. SMIT**

Councillor Smit entered hospital in Cape Town over the week-end and underwent a rather serious operation on Tuesday. We are glad to hear from Mrs. Smit that the operation was successful and we wish him a speedy and complete recovery.

### **MR. W. C. WINSHAW**

Mr. Winshaw, acknowledged as the grand old man of Stellenbosch, recently celebrated his 91st birthday. Although rather belated, we join his many friends and relatives in congratulating him on the great occasion.

Mr. Winshaw who, incidentally, is a qualified physician, came to Stellenbosch more than 50 years ago. He pioneered several industrial ventures in our town and was for many years the head of a large wine concern. Through all the years he has maintained his active interest in the affairs of his firm and has preserved the spirit of enterprise, for which I gladly pay him tribute.

I extend to him my very best wishes on behalf of the Council and the whole community.

### **TWELFTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE WESTERN CAPE ASSOCIATION FOR LOCAL NATIVE ADMINISTRATION**

The Conference took place in the Municipal Council Chamber on Friday, 30th November, 1962.

It was particularly well attended by Councillors and officials of municipalities and divisional councils of the Western Cape, as well as senior officials of the Departments of Bantu Administration and Development and Coloured Affairs. The Department of Bantu studies of the University was also represented.

Councillor C. F. D. Smit, on whose initiative the Association came into being in 1951, was in the chair.

It was a pleasure to me to receive and address this body and especially to focus attention on the declared policy of the Government in regard to the removal of Natives from the Western Cape. I feel that the Association can make a

great contribution towards the solution of this matter and I solicited its fullest support for the public committee which was recently nominated by the Government.

The Conference proceeded to deal with problems facing us — such as the influx of Native women, location control, subversive activities and the implications of the removal of Bantu from the Western Cape.

Clr. Smit was re-elected as the Chairman with Clr. J. R. Fuchs of Goodwood as Deputy Chairman.

Mr. N. C. de Klerk of the Department of Bantu Affairs of the Divisional Council of Stellenbosch, was elected as the Secretary. He succeeds the late Mr. J. Vorster, whose death came so unexpectedly and whose loss as a friend and capable official was deeply felt.

The Association's constitution provides for the Technical Advisory Committee in which officials thrash out their problems and prepare their reports to the main Committee.

Mr. Rogers, the Manager of Native Affairs of the City of Cape Town, is the Chairman and Prof. N. J. J. Olivier the Vice-Chairman.

## **THE REVOLVING FUND**

The Cape Municipal Ordinance was amended in 1961, making it compulsory for the municipality to pay annually into a fund, called the revolving fund, an amount equal to one-tenth of a cent in the rand on its rateable valuation.

The purpose of this amendment was to enable a local authority to create its own capital fund for the purpose of financing development works. The municipality actually borrows from this fund at a reasonable rate of interest and provision must be made for the repayment of any such loan.

In our case the amount of R17,300 has to be provided for as our contribution to the fund for 1963. This has been done without increasing the owners' rate.

W. C. DEMPSEY.