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GOOD NEWS

I am very glad indeed to be able to state that the Mayor, Clr. S. W. J. Liebenberg, is expected to leave hospital and return home quite soon, probably before this edition of Eikestadnuus will appear.

I am equally glad that Clr. C. F. D. Smit is up and about again. It was a great pleasure to see him at the Municipal Offices this week and to feel justified in the expectation that both the Mayor and Clr. Smit will soon be joining us again and taking their seats at our meetings.

VOTERS' ROLL

I have been asked to issue a brief and final reminder to the readers of Eikestadnuus that the time left for the registration of voters is short. The accurate dates were mentioned in my last review and in the advertisements which have appeared in the Eikestadnuus.

DEVELOPMENT OF STELLENBOSCH

The main efforts of the Council remain devoted to the plans for the development of Stellenbosch. For the time being they are concentrated on the preparation of layouts which have to be established in order to cope with the position brought about by the proclamation of our Group Areas. That there is a dire need for housing has been realised long ago and the best solution must now be found with the least possible delay.

The Council has had the advantage of meeting Mr. Niemand, the Secretary for Housing, the Cape Town representative of the Housing Department and the Parliamentary Clerk of that Department at Stellenbosch on the 14th of this month. The way to set about obtaining land in Cloetesdal area was fully discussed and I am glad to say that the Government also

feels that those affected by the Act and who are expected to hand over their properties for development for Coloured occupation, must receive a square deal.

I have often had occasion to break a lance for the Municipality when statements were made to the effect that the most deplorable delay could be placed at its doors. Actually positive proposals are made but they are sent backwards and forwards and a lot of effort is lost. I made a very strong point of this state of affairs at the meeting that I have mentioned, and I am glad to be able to report that Mr. Niemand has arranged that his Deputy should organise a meeting of all concerned with and affected by the Cloetesdal proposals. Obviously the kind of layout that the Housing Commission, which has to supply the funds, would approve, the siting of roads, the areas to be reserved for purposes other than actual housing, must be agreed upon before intense and often tricky work on the scheme itself, entailing surveys and requiring a great deal of judgement, can be undertaken.

A vast amount of work has to be done before the first foundation for a house can be laid. It must be the object of the planning to make the new development, which will be a very conspicuous one and likely to change the picture of Stellenbosch, as attractive as possible. The Council from its side is doing everything possible to further the scheme.

The Du Toitville road scheme which is naturally closely tied up with Cloetesdal, urgently requires to be brought to its conclusion so that it can be submitted to the ratepayers for the approval of the necessary loans. In this case the final decision of the Department of Railways and Harbours in regard to the new road-over-rail bridge which is to replace the present level crossing, is anxiously awaited.

THE FIRE BRIGADE

In preparation for the delivery of the new fire engine, accommodation for its safe storage is being prepared. It is, however, fully realised that the future will also bring changes, even if only gradually, for the organisation of the Council's fire fighting services.

REGISTRATION OF ELECTRICAL WIRING CONTRACTORS

According to the Electrical Wiring Contractors' Act, all wiring for buildings — be it new work or an extension or a renewal — must be done exclusively by persons or firms registered with the Council for the municipal area.

I understand that all the Stellenbosch wiring contractors are registered. Difficulties will arise if outside contractors undertake work at Stellenbosch without first obtaining registration. It is in the interest of all requiring the services of wiring contractors to make sure that they are registered as required by the Act. Unless this is done, serious inconvenience may be experienced.

The Act also provides for the inspection of all new work for which application has been made and approval obtained before connections can be made by the contractor to existing wiring.

Applications for permission to undertake electrical work can be obtained at the office of the Electrical Engineer in Merriman Avenue.

The provisions of the Act aim at protecting the interests and safety of the public.

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28 Junie 1963.

DIE BURGEMEESTER

Ons is bly om te kan meld dat die Burgemeester tuis is na sy onlangse operasie in Kaapstad en dat sy gesondheid reeds sodanig verbeter het dat hy eersdaags weer sy werksaamhede sal kan hervat.

BESTRYDING VAN TUBERKULOSE

Die Departement van Gesondheid het goedgunstiglik hulle massa X-straaleenheid tot beskikking van die Munisipaliteit van Stellenbosch gestel vir die tydperk 15 tot 26 Julie 1963. Gedurende hierdie tyd hoop ons om soveel mense as moontlik te bedien en vir die rede word daar nou gereël dat die eenheid na plekke en instansies in ons dorp geneem sal word waar die grootste aantal plate in die kortste moontlike tyd geneem kan word. Die Departement is veral begerig om fabriekswerkers en mense wat voedsel hanteer, te ondersoek. Vir die algemene publiek kon ongelukkig slegs een oggend afgesonder word en wel tussen 9 vm. en 12.30 nm. op Woensdag, 24 Julie 1963, wanneer die eenheid op die markterrein by Bergzicht beskikbaar sal wees. Die publiek word aangemoedig om van hierdie diens gebruik te maak en veral hulle bediendes in staat te stel om hulle te laat ondersoek. Die diens is gratis en daar is geen persoonlike ongerief aan die ondersoek verbonde nie.

GRONDBEWARING

Op 18 Junie 1963 het samesprekings tussen die Stadsraad en lede van die plaaslike Grondbewaringskomitee plaasgevind oor die behoud van die sowat 2,000 morg landbou-

grond wat aan die Munisipaliteit behoort. Die Stadsraad beskou dit as een van sy waardevolste en tewens blywendste bates en wil dus graag verseker dat die grond so benut sal word dat dit in 'n goeie toestand bewaar bly.

Die bespreking het dan ook grootliks gegaan oor maniere om die grond teen uitputting as gevolg van roofbou te beskerm.

Gronde onder wingerd lewer gewoonlik geen probleme op nie, maar waar een seisoensgewas na die ander op die grond geplant en geoes word is dit dikwels 'n ander storie. Die lede van die Grondbewaringskomitee het hulle steun belowe aan die Raad in sy pogings om 'n meeer oordeelkundige gebruik van die grond en 'n behoorlike rotasie van oeste te verkry. Ek verwelkom die gedagte van nouer samewerking tussen die genoemde Komitee, die Afdeling Grondbewaring en die Stadsraad, in belang van hierdie waardevolle besitting van die belastingbetalers van Stellenbosch.

WYLE MEV. G. P. (MOLLY) BLAKE

Namens die Stadsraad wil ek graag meegevoel betuig met die kinders van wyle mev. Molly Blake wat verlede Sondag begrawe is.

Baie van ons onthou haar nog goed as Burgemeestersvrou gedurende die jare 1952-54 — minsaam, vriendelik en altyd hulpvaardig, ten spyte van die swak gesondheid wat toe reeds gepla het.

'N HONDERDJARIGE

Op 6 Julie 1963 word mev. Susannah Elizabeth du Plessis van Weidenhofstraat 10, honderd jaar oud.

Uit die naam van die Raad en ons samelewing wens ek mev. Du Plessis geluk met die groot en buitengewone gebeurtenis en ek verseker haar van ons eerbied en hoogagting.

W. C. DEMPSEY.

19th July, 1963.

THE NEW VOTERS' ROLL

At a sitting held in the Council Chamber on the 12th July, 1963, the Revision Court as required by the Municipal Ordinance, considered applications to have names placed on the new Voters' Roll and also objections to names on the roll.

The new roll contains the names of 3,420 registered voters of whom 1,585 are owners and 1,835 occupiers.

On the 1960/1961 Voters' Roll there were 3,026 registered voters, of whom 1,454 were owners and 1,572 occupiers.

It is interesting to note that the increase in occupiers is roughly 300 as compared to an increase of only 100 in owners.

The European population is approximately 11,000, of whom 5,000 are students; there are thus approximately 6,000 permanent European residents. The number of school-going children including young people attending the technical college is estimated at 2,500. The figure of 11,000 includes what might be called a floating population probably of 500 persons who come and go at varying intervals. They are mostly connected with the University and various scientific institutions.

MASS RADIOLOGY

For the benefit of the public I repeat the notification contained in a previous review that the mass radiology unit will be available for the general public at the municipal farm Bergzicht in Bird Street (where the market is held), during the morning of Wednesday 24th July, 1963.

Any person wishing himself or members of his family or domestic servants to be X-rayed is urged to set aside the time to make use of this service, which is offered completely free of charge and which causes no inconvenience whatsoever.

GROUP AREAS AND HOUSING

Whilst it would appear that the planning of the extensions to Ida's Valley that are still possible can now be regarded as finally approved so that the calling for tenders for houses for the Coloured group can be finally arranged, the far more difficult problem lies ahead of developing Cloetesdal, as the group area in the valley of the Plankenburg River to the north of Du Toitville, has come to be called.

The new contour line maps required for the work are now available, so that the question whether an area suitable for housing and connecting Ida's Valley with Cloetesdal could be demarcated, may be examined. It will not only be a question of physical suitability but also whether Government will be prepared to make some of the land which it holds available. It will be recalled that the original group areas proposals included this land, which was ultimately excluded from the official group areas proclamation as it stands today.

What the Council has come to depreciate are the inordinate delays experienced in so many of its schemes, the responsibility for which is only too easily placed at its door.

It is heartening, therefore, that the Secretary for Housing, true to the promise given at a discussion at Stellenbosch on the 14th June, 1963, has arranged for a discussion on the development of the Cloetesdal area at Stellenbosch on Monday,

29th instant, when all the authorities concerned will be represented, namely the Town Council, the Townships Board, the Divisional Council, the Departments of Coloured Affairs, Community Development and Housing.

I hope that this meeting will succeed in devising a course of action which will allocate all the available precious time to good and solid thought and work.

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26 Julie 1963.

DRIE-JAARLIKSE ALGEMENE VERKIESING VAN RAADSLEDE EN DIE KIESERSLYS

Nadat die Hersieningshof die nuwe kieserslys bekragtig het, word alle pogings aangewend om eksemplare so gou moontlik beskikbaar te hê. Dit is 'n groot werk wat baie sorgvuldig gedoen en gekontroleer moet word. Wat die verrigtinge van die Hersieningshof betref, wil ek graag beklemtoon dat dit tot in alle besonderhede in die Ordonnansie bepaal is en dat daar geen moontlikheid vir willekeurige beslissings bestaan nie.

Om verkwisting te vorokom, het die Raad besluit om aan elkeen van die Verenigings van Kiesers wat in die verkiesing sal belang stel, ses eksemplare en aan elke genomineerde kandidaat een eksemplaar gratis te verskaf. Vir elke verdere eksemplaar sal vyftig sent betaal moet word. Dit is vanselfsprekend dat 'n eksemplaar by die munisipale kantoor ter insae sal lê. Verder sal 'n eksemplaar aan die Biblioteek aangebied word.

Die kennisgewings aangaande die algemene verkiesing sal in hierdie uitgawe van die **Eikestadnuus** verskyn. Daarvolgens vind die verkiesing op Woensdag, 4 September 1963 plaas en die Stadsklerk is die Kiesbeampte, soos die Ordonnansie bepaal.

Twaalf Raadslede moet gekies word. Hulle moet behoorlik deur minstens vyf kiesers genomineer word. Voltooide nominasiebriewe wat by die munisipale kantoor verkrygbaar is moet voor 4-uur nm. op Maandag, 12 Augustus 1963 aan die Stadsklerk oorhandig word by die munisipale kantoor in die Stadhuis. Die openbare aankondiging van nominasies geskied voor die Stadhuis om 12-uur middag op die nominasiedag, t.w. Dinsdag, 13 Augustus 1963.

Elke kandidaat ten opsigte van wie 'n stemming gehou moet word, moet 'n bedrag van vyftig rand by die Stadsklerk

deponeer voor 12.30 nm. op Dinsdag, 13 Augustus 1963, by gebreke waarvan hy onbevoeg sal wees om verkies te word.

Die deposito word verbeur deur kandidate wat nie daarin slaag om een vyfde te kry van die aantal stemme wat die suksesvolle kandidaat met die laagste aantal stemme gekry het nie.

RAADSVERGADERING IN AUGUSTUS 1963

Die Algemene Komiteevergadering van die Raad en die Gewone Maandelikse Raadsvergadering wat oorspronklik op 6 en 20 Augustus 1963 sou plaasvind, sal volgens Raadsbesluit 'n week later plaasvind, dus op 13 en 27 Augustus 1963 onderskeidelik.

ONS MATRIKULANTE

'n Gedagte wat by my en die Raad dadelik byval gevind het en wat by die hoofde van ons drie hoërskole ontstaan het, is dat 'n geleentheid geskep word dat die om en by 200 matrikulante, moontlik met hul ouers, op 'n funksie bymekaarkom, waarvoor 'n gepaste program opgestel kan word.

Die Raad voel dat hy graag sy samewerking wil verleen deur die eerste funksie van hierdie aard vir die jong mense van ons dorp wat die lewe sal ingaan en vir hul ouers op 30 Augustus 1963, te laat plaasvind.

JAN MARAISPARK

Die Raad het besluit om uit die beskikbare bedrag wat op hierdie jaar se begroting vir hierdie doel voorsien is, die park te laat skoonmaak en om veral sekere bosse wat òf nie meer mooi vertoon nie òf ander belangrike plantegroei verdruk, te laat uitkap. Daardeur sal die fyn veldblomme en ander gewasse 'n beter kans kry om te ontwikkel en te vermeerder.

DIE PLATANE IN WEST END

Daar sal, wanneer die begroting opgestel word, omtrent die vraag besluit word of hierdie omstrede bome nie heeltemal verwyder moet word nie om plek te maak vir ander geskikte bome.

2nd August, 1963.

DEVELOPMENT OF THE COLOURED GROUP AREA TO THE NORTH OF DU TOITVILLE

This area has thus far tentatively been referred to as "Cloetesdal", but whether this is to be the ultimate name might be a question worthy of early consideration.

I was pleased to attend, together with other Councillors, a meeting which took place on Monday, 29th July, 1963, in the Council Chamber, where our Municipality, the Divisional Council of Stellenbosch, the Provincial Administration, the Departments of Coloured Affairs, Coloured Education, Community Development and Housing were represented by senior technical and administrative officials.

The discussions under the guidance of the Deputy Secretary of Housing, Mr. B. van Rooyen, aimed at clarifying the responsibilities, both financial and administrative, and particularly at working out a definite course of action which would obviate delay and duplication of work as far as this is humanly possible and which at the same time would provide opportunities for consultation among the many authorities involved at all critical stages of the great undertaking.

It was agreed that the Municipality be the authority to undertake to prepare the scheme of development but that the Government would negotiate the purchase of such land as may be required for the initial phase, at this stage approximately 70 morgen. Considering the income group that has to be housed, it is obvious that the full price of the land cannot be charged against any housing scheme.

The most important move may prove to be the establishment of a planning panel of three, on which the Municipality is represented by its Surveyor, the Provincial Administration and the National Housing Commission by their Planning Officers. They will now have to co-ordinate all efforts and establish early contact with all the authorities concerned, beginning with the Railways. I need not emphasise that a great deal of basic information is required.

Parallel with the scheme with which I have dealt, the Council is considering the provision of housing for Europeans.

S.A.B.R.A. ANNUAL CONFERENCE

This Conference will take place in Johannesburg from 30th September to 3rd October, 1963. The main subject for discussion will be the reduction in numbers and rehabilitation of the urban Bantu.

As the Deputy Mayor, Clr. W. C. Dempsey, by virtue of his membership of the Commission appointed by the Government in connection with this problem, is particularly closely concerned and informed, the Council has expressed

the wish that he represent it at the Conference. Should this prove impossible, it will be left to the Mayor to make other arrangements.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE CAPE WESTERN REGIONAL PUBLICITY ASSOCIATION AT CERES

The Council has appointed Councillors C. L. de Jongh and A. B. de Villiers to attend this Conference which will take place on 14th August, 1963.

SALE OF FOUR ERVEN IN SIMONSWYK

The Council intends, after compliance with all requirements of the Ordinance, to offer lots 58, 59, 60 and 61 of Simonswyk for sale by public auction. Upset prices ranging from R1,230 to R1,480, according to the size of each erf and including the street construction charges, have been proposed. Purchasers will be responsible for payment of survey charges and auctioneer's commission.

THE PARKING AREA BEHIND THE TOWN HALL

Agreement has been reached in connection with the purchase of two additional properties, namely erven 1977 and 1954, at the corner of Victoria and Andringa Streets. This is a further important step towards the creation of adequate, centrally situated parking space for the town. Once this area is given access from the Ryneveld Street side, a great improvement in traffic conditions will have been effected.

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9 Augustus 1963.

DIE MEULWIEL

Die Raad, gesteun deur die Nasionale Monumente-Kommissie, betrag nog gedurig enige moontlikheid om die wiel nie net te behou nie, maar aan die draai te hou op of naby die meulterrein. Daar sal onthou word hoeveel aandag dit getrek het toe mnr. Botha, wat die slopingswerk aan die meul gedoen het, die meulstroom vir oulaas nog 'n keer op die wiel gekeer het.

Op Dinsdag, 13 Augustus, word mnr. Solomon en twee argitekte van mnre. O.K. Bazaars op Stellenbosch verwag waar hulle die planne vir die toekomstige besigheidsgebou sal bespreek. Ek het die indruk dat hulle graag alles in hul vermoë wil doen om 'n ontwerp te skep wat by die omgewing sal inpas.

Dit is bekend dat die Rynse Kerk tot 'n nasionale monument verklaar is en ek hoop dat daarin geslaag sal word om dit weer baie beter te laat vertoon. Prof. Kotzé, ons plaaslike lid van die Monumente-Kommissie, sal ook die verteenwoordigers van mnre. O.K. Bazaars ontmoet. Ek verstaan dat hy nie ongeneë is om oorweging te skenk aan 'n moontlikheid om die wiel op 'n geskikte plek op die Meulsloot op die suidoostelike deel van die Braak op te sit nie as dit onmoontlik blyk om dit binne in die nuwe besigheidsgebou te doen.

RIOLERINGSGELDE

Dit het nodig geword om hierdie gelde in hersiening te neem. Dit is 'n moeilike taak om 'n oplossing te vind wat teenoor almal regverdig is en wat tegelykertyd hierdie onderneming op 'n gesonde en ekonomiese basis sal plaas in 'n dorp waar die hoë persentasie van vrystellings van eiendomsbelasting dit onmoontlik maak om 'n verlies op enige diens uit algemene inkomste aan te suiwer.

BOUBEDRYWIGHEDE

Gedurende Junie 1963 is 28 nuwe planne vir geboue van 'n geskatte waarde van R142,600 ingedien. Op die oomblik is daar 50 bouwerke aan die gang. Die geskatte waarde van geboue waarvoor planne gedurende Julie 1963 ingedien is, is R365,000, terwyl daar vir die sewe maande Januarie tot Julie 1963 (insluitend) planne tot 'n geskatte waarde van R1,500,000 ingedien is.

STOKERYE-AFVLOEISEL

Die jongste verslae van die raadgewende ingenieur omtrent hierdie probleem is bevredigend en daar word, alhoewel daar nog sekere tegniese probleme opgelos moet word, gehoop dat 'n ontwerp vir 'n installasie wat vir munisipale doeleindes geskik sal wees in die loop van die jaar 1964, sal kan voorgelê word.

Dit is moeilik om te verduidelik watter aanhoudende pogings aangewend is om 'n oplossing te vind om ontslae te raak van die afvloeisel — 'n vraagstuk wat vir ons wynnywerheid van lewensbelang is.

Die W.N.N.R. het ten volle saamgewerk met die betrokke munisipaliteite, die nywerheid en die handel. Die werk is al heelwat meer as 10 jaar aan die gang en almal sal bly wees as ons vir altyd van die onaangename toestande ontslae kan raak wat partykeer ontstaan.

ONTHAAL VAN VERTEENWOORDIGERS VAN KAIZER MATANZIMA — HOOFKAPTEIN VAN EMIGRANT TEMBOELAND STREEKSOWERHEIDSGEBIED

Drie verteenwoordigers van Hoofkaptein Kaizer Matanzima het verlede Saterdag die Transkeise burgers te Kaya Mandi toegespreek in verband met die registrasie van kiesers. Die vergadering het gegaan oor sake in verband met die Transkeise Grondwet (No. 48 van 1963) en kiesers is aangeraai om te registreer.

Na afloop van die vergadering wat by die Bantoe-administrasiekantore te Kaya Mandi plaasgevind het, is die afgevaardigdes deur Raadslid C. M. Booysen, voorsitter van die Raad se Bantoesakekomitee, namens die Burgemeester en Raad, by die biersaal onthaal.

Die vergadering is ook bygewoon deur die Raad se Bestuurder van Bantoe-administrasie, mnr. P. S. Pietersen, mnr. De Klerk van die Departement van Inligting van die Staat en lede van die Bantoe-adviesraad van Kaya Mandi.

Die vergadering is deur Raadslid C. M. Booysen toegespreek en ook deur Bantoe Adviesraadslid J. Swartbooi. Adviesraadslid E. Cedile, evangelis van die N.G. Bantoekerk, het die vergadering gelei.

16th August, 1963.

1. THE COUNCIL

At the meeting of the Council in Committee last Tuesday, the 13th of August, 1963, which was also nomination day, it was already apparent that whatever happened, the Council as constituted at present, would meet only once more, namely at the Ordinary Monthly meeting to be held on 27th August 1963.

Four of the present Councillors have decided not to accept nomination as candidates for the forthcoming election — they are Professor Dr. Erica Theron, T. N. Pauw, C. F. D. Smit and I.

An association over three years brought about in the first place by a common interest in local government and willingness to participate in the solution of the problems of the town, gradually developed an esprit de corps and friendship. The realisation that in this case also all things must come to an end creates a feeling of sadness that has to be admitted which, in anticipation of the actual parting was given expression to at the meeting in most friendly terms.

It is, however, not quite the time yet for me to take leave. The contest which lies ahead, I am sure, will be interesting and in accordance with the best traditions of Stellenbosch.

NATIVE LABOUR

Important legislation was enacted recently, as contained in Act 76 of 1963 which amends existing Bantu statutes.

I have been asked to draw attention to the following :—

1. Bantu living in an urban area but outside a location can now be obliged to move into a location which need not necessarily be situated within the boundaries of such urban area.

2. The number of Bantu domestic servants living on private property can from now on be limited to one and if the location is within reasonable distance from the town it can be forbidden to accommodate any on private property.

3. Bantu are now allowed to enter any location without permission; in other words the permit system no longer exists. An authorised officer is, however, still able summarily to expel anybody from a location if his or her presence is considered undesirable

S. W. J. LIEBENBERG.

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