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Mayor's Parlour,  
26th August, 1960

It was a happy experience, after the time I had spent abroad, to rejoin the Council and preside over this week's meeting which is the last one to fall within the three years' period of service of the present Council.

The meeting was indeed an occasion, apart from dealing with current affairs, to look back and review what has happened during my year of office which is coming to its end, and during the past three years.

The years 1959 and 1960 have been outstanding as far as historical events of great importance to Stellenbosch are concerned. The Academy of Arts and Science and the Union of South Africa celebrated the 50th year of their existence, while the Theological Seminary, the Public Library and the Rhenish Girls High School were privileged to celebrate the completion of a century of service to Stellenbosch and the country as a whole.

A design for a municipal flag was accepted, and the Regiment University of Stellenbosch was granted the freedom of the town.

### **THE COUNCIL AND THE STAFF**

The Council, I am glad to say, has had the advantage of continuity as far as its membership and its staff is concerned. There was only one change in the constitution of the Council, and as far as the more senior staff is concerned, only resignations occurred in the post of the Manager of Bantu Administration.

## **THE GROWTH OF STELLENBOSCH**

During the period under review Stellenbosch has grown considerably as is evidenced by the increase in valuations by over £1,400,000 (approximately £600,000 of which is not rateable) from £11,205,650 to £12,653,270.

### **TOWN PLANNING**

Approval has been given to the development of Karindal (89 plots), Welgelegen (64 plots), Aanhou-wen (25 plots) and Dalsig (33 plots). Whereas the above are being developed by private enterprise, the Municipality is preparing a residential sub-division on the old laundry site at Kromrivier of approximately 19 plots, another on municipal land between the railway line and the Plankenbrug River of approximately 50 plots, and a larger sub-division at Union Park of about 120 plots.

Sites for University extensions are the subject of negotiations, and a scheme of great dimensions will have to be prepared as soon as the group areas have been proclaimed, probably towards the end of the present year.

### **AFFORESTATION**

A scheme of future afforestation of municipal land has been accepted, but the farming community may still wish to debate this.

The fire protection services for municipal lands have been divorced from the town fire brigade and, as has been mentioned, a system of mobile radio connections for the Forestry Department will be introduced shortly.

The Forestry Department has built its own timber shed where its equipment is suitably accommodated.

### **PARKS**

As funds permit, improvements and beautification are undertaken. The traffic islands at Adam Tas Street, the gardens at the Burgerhuis, and Jan Marais Park are examples of this and particular attention is being devoted to the development of picnic sites for Europeans and non-Europeans.

### **PUBLIC HEALTH**

The worst epidemic was the Asiatic flu towards the end of 1957, and the danger of enteric fever infection in certain

areas has been receiving attention. The admission of infectious diseases generally to the Sanatorium for which the services of a further medical officer may be required, is still being considered.

## ABATTOIR

Plans for the new abattoir, probably at a cost of £40,000 to £50,000 are progressing well. The existing compost-making site will be required for the sewage purification works.

W. C. DEMPSEY,

2 September 1960.

Wanneer die Eikestadnuus weer verskyn, sal die munisipale verkiesing agter die rug en die nuwe Stadsraad reeds in die tuig wees. Ek wil dus graag hierdie week van die ruimte tot my beskikking gebruik maak om my hartlike dank en waardering uit te spreek vir al die medewerking, hulp en vriendelikheid wat ek die afgelope jaar gedurende my ampstyd geniet het.

Veral het ek my mede-raadslede, op wie ek altyd kon staatmaak, in gedagte. Daar was vanselfsprekend dikwels verskil van mening tussen lede van die raad, maar nooit het dit in onplesierigheid of vyandigheid ontaard nie. Dit het my taak as voorsitter soveel makliker en aangenamer gemaak. Vir die hoflikheid en die ondersteuning wat ek by alle byeenkomste van die raad van die kant van my mederaadslede ondervind het wil ek graag baie dankie sê.

Ek dink ook met dankbaarheid terug aan die steun wat ek van die munisipale personeel ondervind het. Die Stadsraad lê die beleid neer en neem talle besluite in verband daarmee, maar dit is die personeel wat uitvoering daaraan moet gee. Stellenbosch het alle rede om trots te wees op sy munisipale personeel en die gehalte van diens wat hulle aan ons dorp lewer. Ek is dankbaar vir die goeie verhouding wat daar die afgelope jare tussen die Raad en die beamptekorpse geheers het en wil vertrou dat die gees van wedersydse lojaliteit ook in die toekoms sal voortbestaan.

Gedurende my ampstyd as burgemeester het ek die voorreg gehad om nader kennis te maak met talle plaaslike liggame en organisasies wat hulle in belang van die gemeenskap beywer en as gevolg van hulle werksaamhede in aanraking met die Raad gekom het. Dit is nie my bedoeling om name te noem nie, maar ek het in gedagte almal wat hulle vir die welsyn van ons dorp en sy mense beywer, wat hulle kragte inspan vir

dorpsverfraaiing, kulturele vooruitgang, sport en in die algemeen opheffingswerk doen in belang van alle rasse en groepe. Sonder die ondervinding van die afgelope jaar sou ek nooit kon beseef het hoeveel werk daar onbaatsugtig en met groot entoesiasme deur die mense van ons dorp verrig word nie. Ook aan hulle wil ek dank betuig namens die gemeenskap wat hulle so trou dien. Ek wil vertrou dat daar ook in die toekoms die mooi gees van samewerking tussen die Raad en hierdie liggame sal wees.

Ek wil ook my dank betuig teenoor die pers vir die publisiteit wat hulle aan die verrigtinge van die raad die afgelope jaar gegee het.

W. C. DEMPSEY.

## Voorgenome Stigting van Polisiereserwe:

9 September 1960.

Dit doen genoeg om aan die versoek van die Stasiebevelvoerder van die S.A. Polisie van Stellenbosch te voldoen, naamlik, dat die voorgestelde stigting van 'n polisiereserwe onder die aandag van die inwoners van Stellenbosch deur middel van hierdie rubriek gebring word.

Volgens die mededeling van die Stasiebevelvoerder is die doel van die polisiereserwe waarvan die stigting tans oorweging geniet, die daarstelling van 'n burgerlike liggaam wat die S.A. Polisie behulpsaam kan wees met die vervulling van gewone polisiepligte wanneer die dienste van die permanente polisiebeamptes vir ander noodsaaklike dienste benodig word.

Alle manlike persone bo die ouderdom van 18 jaar wat liggaamlik geskik is vir die vervulling van polisiepligte en wat belang stel in die veiligheid van hul dorp en die omgewing, word vriendelik versoek om hul name, adresse, ouderdomme en beroep aan die plaaslike S.A. Polisie te verstrek ten einde hulle in staat te stel om 'n voorlopige lys van belangstellendes op te stel.

Dit is die bedoeling dat lede van die polisiereserwe die nodige onderrig ontvang ten einde hulle te bekwaam vir die beoogde take. Diegene wat nie by die poliestasie kan aandoen nie, kan telefoon 38 skakel en net hul name en adresse verstrek en die polisie sal dan die nodige stappe doen. Persone wat reeds ingeskakel is by die skietkommando's of lede is van die gevangenisdiens, weermag, spoorwegpolisie, S.A. Noodhulpliga, Rooikruis, of St. Johns-ambulans word nie vir die beoogde reserwe gewerf nie. Die Raad is oortuig van die wenslikheid van hierdie voorneme en wil graag aan die hand doen dat almal wat belang stel, met die Stasiebevelvoerder óf persoonlik óf telefonies in verbinding tree.

## Toeters:

Die Provinsiale Padingenieur deel mee dat die Automobiël-assosiasie van Suid-Afrika sy aandag bepaal by die toenemende klagtes wat ontvang is oor die onoordeelkundige gebruik van toeters, veral in die digbewoonde stedelike gebiede gedurende die nag.

Die Automobiël-assosiasie verwys na die bepalings van die nuwe verkeersordonnansie waarvolgens dit onwettig is vir 'n motoris om 'n toeter te gebruik of enige ander toestel wat geraas veroorsaak tensy dit absoluut noodsaaklik is om aan die vereistes van die wet te voldoen of wanneer die veiligheid dit vereis. Dit blyk egter niks buitengewoons dat toeters vir allerlei redes geblaas word, soos byvoorbeeld om die aandag van 'n vriend te trek.

Die Padingenieur bepaal die aandag by artikel 82 van die ordonnansie op padverkeer nr. 19 van 1955, wat soos volg lui:

„Niemand mag op 'n openbare pad die geluidgewende toestel of toeter gebruik wat aan 'n motorvoertuig aangebring is vir die doel om hoorbare waarskuwing te gee nie, behalwe wanneer sodanige gebruik nodig is ten einde aan die bepaling van hierdie Ordonnansie te voldoen of om veiligheidsredes.”

Hy meld verder dat die Provinsiale Administrasie hom vereenselwig met die Automobiël-assosiasie in dié verband en dit sal waardeer word indien plaaslike owerhede alle moontlike stappe sal doen om die toestand te verlig en die oorlas aan bande te lê.

By hierdie geleentheid wil die Raad dan graag 'n beroep doen op die publiek om verkeerstekens te gehoorsaam en ook hulle medewerking te verleen deur sekere gewoontes wat 'n bron van gevaar inhou, te vermy.

Daar is dikwels melding gemaak van die neiging van motoriste om binne die stedelike gebied die bepaalde spoedbeperking te oorskry en om nie hul ligte in die nag te verdof nie. Daar is ook die gevaar verbonde aan die onverskillige oopmaak van deure van staande motors na die kant van verbygaande verkeer waardeur nie net motoriste nie, maar ook fietsryers in ongelukke betrokke kan raak.

Dit word ook sterk aanbeveel dat almal wat kinders skool toe bring, moeite doen om te vermy dat die kinders 'n pad moet kruis wat taamlik swaar verkeer moet dra. Dit sou beter wees om stil te hou op die kant van die straat waar die skool staan. As elkeen maar 'n klein poging wil aanwend om saam te werk, sal die taak van die verkeersafdeling soveel makliker wees en sal die irriterende kaartjiesuitreiking ook aan bande gelê kan word.

Friday, 16th September, 1960.

## The New Council

The new Council for 1960/63 was duly elected last week and the chairmen of the different committees and other office-bearers have all been chosen.

Council has done me the honour of re-electing me as Mayor for the next year. This I greatly appreciate and it will be my endeavour and that of my fellow councillors to serve the community to the best of our ability.

Of the old councillors, Mr. Geffen has not been returned and Mr. Theron Smit and Mrs. Anna Eksteen did not offer themselves for re-election. I would like to thank them for their services to Stellenbosch — Mr. Geffen as Chairman of Traffic, Mr. Theron Smit as Chairman of Public Works and Mrs. Eksteen as Chairwoman of Housing.

Prof. Dr. P. A. Theron, a former deputy Mayor and capable Chairman of the Public Works Committee of the Council also entered the lists but was not elected.

The new Council will obviously be planning ahead and formulating a programme for the work of the next three years. The programme for the year 1961 will have to be defined very soon as the preparation of the estimates lies ahead. Stellenbosch has its problems and difficulties but they are not unsurmountable. I shall have more to say about some of these at a later stage.

## The Public and Municipal Affairs

It has been my endeavour through the Mayoral Review and I.M.S. to keep the public fully informed of happenings in the Municipality. Whilst they concern the town generally, they may affect residents of certain areas more strongly than others. When one wades through the pages of the Minutes this is no small task; particularly as space plays a great part.

The essence of municipal life in our country is openness. The public has access to meetings of the council and the press make use of this fact. The Law provides for the notification of the public in many cases, for instance, the raising of loans and the sale or disposal of municipal land for various purposes. It is advisable not to neglect the municipal advertisements as they present the opportunity to lodge considered objections

after preparatory work has been completed; before this it would be inadvisable to have matters discussed indiscriminately.

If members of the public feel that more information on particular aspects of municipal life should be made available, it would be appreciated if they would communicate with me or the Town Clerk.

## Combating of Poliomyelitis

The Union Department of Health has urged all local authorities to make sure, as far as is reasonably possible, that members of the public, with special reference to people under 30 years of age, are immunised and it is particularly urged that a fourth injection be given. Without wishing to create a scare, I would mention that in the past month a number of cases have been reported, which indicates that every effort should be made to control this dreaded disease as far as possible.

Attention is drawn to the fact that clinics are held in the bay of the Town Hall on the Andringa Street side for Europeans and Non-Europeans during alternate months at 3 p.m. every Friday. During September clinics are for Non-Europeans and during October for Europeans again. I should be glad if all readers of Eikestadnuus will make this fact known as widely as possible.

## Botmaskop Nature Reserve

Considerable progress has been made in this matter and within a short time notices will appear in the press setting out the Council's intentions. The Council is confident that the Nature Reserve will be a thing of which Stellenbosch can be truly proud.

## Institution for the Mentally Retarded

As can be gathered from notices concerning the setting aside of an area which is part of Lot 48 in the vicinity of Middelvlei and at some distance away from Onder-Papegaisberg and to the north of it, has been chosen as a suitable site. On conclusion of the time for objections, the scheme is submitted to the Administrator for his approval or otherwise.

## **The Old "Rietdakhuis" in Alexander Street**

It is expected that Council will obtain transfer of this property within the near future, after which its future use can be decided upon.

## **Bronze Plaque for the Burgerhuis**

Council has decided on the wording for the Plaque which will state the most important facts concerning the history of this building and it is intended to display it at a suitable place on the southern wall.

## **Concessions to Medical Practitioners Regarding Traffic Regulations**

Council has decided to put to the test some relaxations of the traffic regulations as far as medical practitioners are concerned as it feels that they should not be hampered unduly in cases where their help may be very urgently required.

W. C. DEMPSEY.