

The farmers were rather perturbed at the possible effects of this proposal as far as their individual interests were concerned, and lengthy negotiations followed.

At the previous meeting of the Council a four-point proposal was submitted by a special committee, and accepted. It reads as follows:

- (a) The Council undertakes, for the present at least, to carry out afforestation of only one half of the leasehold properties, approximately 1,000 morgen, over a period of ten years. This would mean that a maximum of 100 morgen per year would be withdrawn from leasing;
- (b) the remaining 1,000 morgen are to be let for a further period of ten years as in the past, and the Council at this stage takes no resolution as to what is to be done at the end of the ten years with these further 1,000 morgen;
- (c) of the 1,000 morgen which are to be planted with trees, parts will be further leased for periods which vary from one to nine years, depending on the particular year in which afforestation is to take place on them;
- (d) a general increase in rentals has to be anticipated in any case.

The Council is still continually in touch with the farmers and it is hoped to have a sale by public auction of the leases not later than 1st July, 1961.

CONSERVATION OF WATER

It was reported that there are still 60 feet of water in the Ida's Valley Dam. Without detriment, the water could be reduced by another 40 feet. This means a very considerable reserve and there is no reason at all to worry that there may be a shortage of supply, particularly as the Council may take as much water as it likes from the river. During the dry season the Council may always take at least one million gallons from the river into its pipes. This is additional to the water stored in the dam.

NATURE CONSERVATION

The Council has been informed that the Administrator has called a meeting of the committee which has been established to consider whether the existing legislation in regard to the preservation of wild life and natural flora, also for the preservation of fish, is adequate.

All municipalities, divisional councils and other bodies — and I take it, all individuals who have knowledge of the subject and who are interested — are invited to express their opinions and to make suggestions. Many of the items such as sale of venison and biltong made from venison, are more likely to be well judged by bodies other than municipalities. What we do know, however, is that there is some poaching going on, that traps and snares are set and that dogs that roam about are

hunting on the outskirts of the town. That the sharpest possible watch should be kept on such dogs is beyond doubt.

As far as preservation of the flora is concerned, a suggestion has been made that instead of resorting only to negative measures such as threats of fines and prosecution, a scheme be established which might well be supported by all lovers of wild flowers to collect seed and sow this at a suitable time. Wild flower seeds take easily if they are sown and the ground is moist. In their natural state they are blown about and if there is a fire they are burnt, or naturally insects and birds and other creatures feed on them.

Every effort should be made to arouse and maintain public interest in the most valuable asset which the natural flora represents.

PERSONAL

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor S. W. J. Liebenberg, has been granted three months leave by the Council as he feels that a break from his many onerous duties would be desirable.

We extend our best wishes to him and Mrs. Liebenberg and we are looking forward to his return to the Council and its activities.

5 Mei 1961

ONTSPANNINGSAAL BY DIE SANATORIUM

'n Tyd gelede reeds het die Raad in beginsel tot die oprigting van so 'n saal, wat in 'n groot behoefte sal voorsien, besluit. Dergelike geboue word egter nie deur die regering gesubsidiëer nie sodat die nodige fondse eers gevind moes word. Die Dameskomitee van die Sanatorium het aan die werk gespring en by die laaste vergadering van die Raad is gerapporteer dat die volle bedrag van R2,640 deur hulle bymekaargebring is. Alle eer kom die Dameskomitee toe en namens die Raad en die publiek van Stellenbosch wil ek hulle hartlik bedank vir hul ywer en ondernemingsgees. Behalwe dat die saal vir bioskoopvertonings gebruik sal word, sal pasiënte ook op ander maniere daar kan ontspan.

POLIO-VELDTOG

Ek wil andermaal die aandag van die publiek daarby bepaal dat die groot veldtog ter bestryding van polio op 15 Mei vanjaar begin.

Reëlings is reeds met die skole, die universiteitskoshuise en die fabriek getref om die toediening van die slukentstof op die persele uit te voer.

Dit sal volgens 'n vaste rooster geskied.

Vir alle ander persone word 'n kliniek by die Stadsaal gehou tussen 15 en 27 Mei.

'n Beroep word op ouers gedoen om hulle kinders van voorskoolse ouderdom bo 3 maande na hierdie klinieksessies

te bring. Die publiek word daarop gewys dat hierdie entstof deur geen ander kanaal as plaaslike owerhede beskikbaar gestel sal word nie.

Die toediening van die nuwe entstof bestaan uit drie kursusse waarvan die eerste nou aangebied word, die tweede gedurende Julie—Augustus en die derde September—Oktober.

Om totale immunitet te verwerf moet al drie groepe entstof geneem word.

Die entstof wat by die drie kursusse gebruik word is verskillend van mekaar en geeneen sal op 'n later datum herhaal word nie.

Dit is uiters belangrik dat die entstof geneem word deur alle verwagte moeders van enige ouderdom.

DIE BURGERHUIS

Die huurders van die Burgerhuis het die Raad weer genader met 'n versoek om dele van die houtwerk van die vensters en deure te skilder. Hulle is oortuig dat die huis dan nog mooier en netjieser sal vertoon. Die Raad het besluit om van sy lede af te vaardig om die saak met die huurders te bespreek en om inspeksie te hou.

UNIEPARK-AANLEG

Die publiek sal onthou dat die Raad reeds geruime tyd besig is om 'n nuwe residensiële gebied op die terrein bekend as Uniepark te beplan.

Die aanlegplan het nou die stadium bereik waar die Raad hoop om dit op sy volgende vergadering finaal goed te keur. Daarna moet die onderverdeling aan die Dorpekommissie voorgelê word en hopelik sal dit moontlik wees om die erwe gedurende 1962 aan die publiek aan te bied.

VIERING VAN 300-JARIGE BESTAAN VAN STELLENBOSCH

Alhoewel daar nog 'n hele aantal jare voorlê, kan dit geen kwaad doen as nou alreeds voorbereidings getref word vir 'n publikasie in verband met hierdie belangrike gebeure nie. Die Raad het besluit dat ter geleger tyd 'n vergadering belê moet word van persone en belangstellendes wat gewillig mag wees om aan die voorbereidings van die feesviering deel te neem. Intussen sal alle interessante dokumente en veral ook foto's en kaarte bymekaargemaak en gebêre word sodat dit later uitgesoek en gerangskik kan word. Graag doen ek nogmaals 'n beroep op die publiek om enige dergelike foto's of stukke te bewaar en tot beskikking van die Munisipaliteit te stel.

12th May 1961.

1. COURTESY WEEK.

Today I would like to draw attention to the Courtesy Campaign being organised by the local Rotary Club, and indeed by Rotary Clubs all over the country.

Next week will be known as Courtesy Week and, as the name implies, it is an effort to bring the need for courtesy in all our dealings with each other, more forcibly to our notice.

In these days of strife and even warfare the need for better human relationships and understanding is greater than ever before. The slogan "COURTESY BEGETS COURTESY, SO ALWAYS BE COURTEOUS," may be the answer to many of our problems.

2. CLEARING AWAY OF ALIEN VEGETATION.

A Committee under the chairmanship of Prof. Rycroft of the Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens has organised a "hacking party" to come and assist in the clearing away of alien vegetation, such as hakea, which is threatening indigenous trees and bush around Stellenbosch.

Prof. Rycroft writes as follows:

"The general idea of making ourselves available for the arduous work of clearing alien vegetation other than our own might appear altruistic, but we have found that the physical hardships of hacking parties are amply rewarded by results, not measured so much in yards of unwanted timber felled, but in South Africans converted to the belief that if we are to preserve the beauties of veld and forest in South Africa we must keep out the trees and shrubs which are today over-running our best country.

"It is our aim to bring some 25 men, some with wives and families, who will actually do the work. The party will consist of attorneys, barristers, members of the Stock Exchange, etc., etc. We would naturally greatly appreciate it if your Council could get a number of volunteers from the Stellenbosch community, who treasure the natural veld and trees and who would like to put in a day's work with us."

The work is to be tackled on Saturday, the 20th May, and the group will assemble at the Town Hall at 10 a.m.

WHAT ABOUT SOME VOLUNTEERS?

3. CONGRESS OF THE CAPE PROVINCE MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION AT GEORGE.

The congress sat from the 17th to the 21st April, 1961. It was opened by his Honour the Administrator who in his address referred to the increasing necessity of improving the executive machinery of local authorities. Regular training courses in organisation and method were now being arranged by the Public Service Commission, and municipalities could make use of these facilities. Another matter that could be further exploited was the delegation of powers to committee chairmen assisted by departmental heads in order to reduce the routine work of Councils.

The Provincial Administration was proceeding with its efforts to provide improved main traffic arteries through

towns so as to avoid congestions. Liberal subsidies were being made available for this purpose.

The programme of systematic total revaluations for all local authorities once in five years was well ahead of schedule and the results have proved to be beneficial.

The Provincial Administration was very concerned at the growing rate of interest on capital loans, and he intimated that a very strict scrutiny would have to be applied to major development schemes in future. It was anticipated that capital funds for such schemes might become very limited.

The congress dealt with the considerable agenda and I mention the following matters:

(1) Divisional Council Rates in Urban Areas.

Certain proposals formulated by the Executive Committees of the Cape Province Municipal Association and the Association of Divisional Councils still have to be discussed with the Administrator, so that finality has not been reached.

The Mayor of Swellendam doubted whether any form of compromise would satisfy anybody, and his Council unanimously recommended the total abolition of the present system. He moved accordingly and the motion was carried.

The Chairman, however, pointed out that until such time as the wish of the local authorities could be implemented, interim measures might have to be worked out to relieve the pressure on municipalities.

(2) Central Loan Fund.

The possibility of establishing a central loan fund from which the smaller local authorities would be assisted was discussed at some length. Rising interest charges and scarcity of capital were making it increasingly difficult for the smaller municipalities to find capital for loan projects. The draft legislation has been published and will be considered at a special meeting of the Executive Committee of the Cape Province Municipal Association on Friday the 12th instant.

(3) Fluoridation of Water for the Prevention of Dental Caries.

The C.P.M.A. decided not to pursue this matter. The Department of Health was free to take such action as it deemed necessary.

(4) Separate Local Government for Coloured groups.

The Administrator reported that the Executive Committee of the Province had not as yet formulated a final policy in view of the fact that negotiations were still being conducted with the central government. It was anticipated that a full-fledged Department of Coloured Affairs with its own Minister would be established in the course of this year. Local authorities would be further consulted in due course, and any recommendations or resolutions at this stage would be unnecessary.

It was agreed that the matter be left in abeyance for the time being.

(5) Insurance against Riots.

Further investigations are still being made as to the practicability of an insurance scheme, and no final decision could be made at this stage.

(6) Triennial Election.

Once more there was considerable debate on the advisability of reverting to the old system of electing one-third of the councillors annually. The motion was lost.

19 Mei 1961

1. IMMUNISASIE TEEN POLIO:

Die eerste stadium van die veldtog is in volle swang. Dit blyk dat die belangstelling groot is en dat die publiek die belangrikheid terdeë besef. Tog word melding gemaak van enkeles wat blykbaar onbewus is van die groot poging se doelstellings en dus gevaar loop om die groot kans te verspeel.

Ek doen 'n beroep op almal om by hulle vriende en kennisse melding te maak van wat aangaan. 'n Volledige program lê ter insae by die Munisipale kantoor en inligting kan ook telefonies verkry word.

By die Stadsaal is vir die gerief van die publiek reëlings getref vir 'n daaglikse kliniek vanaf 8.30 vm. tot 12.30 nm. en 2 nm. tot 4 nm.

2. RADIOPROGRAM „CROSS COUNTRY QUIZ”:

Die lesers van die Eikestadnuus sal seker daarin belangstel dat die alombekende dr. Con de Villiers en dr. Marius Swart van die Departement van Geskiedenis van die Universiteit van Stellenbosch, ons dorp gaan verteenwoordig in die „Cross Country Quiz” wat oor die Engelse sender om 6.04 op Sondag, 4 Junie 1961 uitgesaai word. Dit sal 'n uitklopkompetisie wees en dit belowe vir die inwoners van Stellenbosch interessant en opwindend te wees. Namens Stellenbosch wens ek ons twee deelnemers alle sukses toe.

3. SYPAADJIES:

Die Bosboubeampte wat belas is met die instandhouding van sekere sypaadjies in die dorp en veral met die sny van die gras wat daarop groei, vra aangrensende eienaars beleefd om te sorg dat daar nie klippe op die sypaadjies lê nie. Die gevaar is groot dat die grassnyers beskadig word en buitendien kan klippe wat deur die masjiene opgetel en weggeslinger word 'n bron van gevaar wees.

4. GESAMENTLIKE BEPLANNINGSKOMITEE VIR DIE MUNISIPALITEIT EN DIE UNIVERSITEIT:

Ek is bly om te kan meld dat die Raad 'n voorstel van die Universiteit dat so 'n komitee in die lewe geroep word, aanvaar

het. Daar bestaan geen twyfel dat oorlegpleging tussen die twee liggame 'n baie nuttige doel kan dien.

Die Raad het die Burgemeester, Raadslid Osler en die Voor-sitter van die Publieke Werkekomitee wat deur die Stadsklerk bygestaan sal word, aangestel as verteenwoordigers van die Stadsraad.

5. OORPLASING VAN NATURELLEGESINNE NA EMFULENI:

Die moontlikheid om naturellegesinne oor te plaas van Kaya Mandi na die Afdelingsraad lokasie Emfuleni te Eerste-riwiler is al vroeër deur die Raad bespreek. Daar vind tans onderhandelings plaas met die Afdelingsraad omtrent die beskikbaarstelling van vir eers 50 wonings vir naturellegesinne.

6. DONASIES:

Die Stadsraad het 'n bedrag van R4,013.46 vir hierdie doel opsy gesit behalwe die gewone skenking aan die Universiteit. Die bedrag is onder verskillende opvoedkundige inrigtings, biblioteke, liefdadigheidsinrigtings en tuistes verdeel. Voortvloeiende uit die besprekings is besluit om 'n sub-komitee bestaande uit raadslede prof. E. Theron, C. M. Booyen en prof. J. C. de Wet aan te stel om oor die moontlikheid van die daarstelling van 'n provinsiale biblioteekskema verslag te doen. Vir die Kleurlinge is 'n provinsiale biblioteekskema 2 jaar gelede in Idas Vallei ingestel.

7. ARGEOLOGIESE RESERVAAT:

Daar is alreeds vroeër melding gemaak van die feit dat die Nasionale Monumente Kommissie voorgestel het om 'n stuk grond ten noorde van Adam Tasstraat onderkant Adam Tasbrug as 'n argeologiese reservaat te laat proklameer omdat dit die plek is waar wyle dr. Louis Peringuey jare gelede 'n groef ontdek het waaruit die inboorlinge baie lank gelede klip gehaal het vir hulle steenwerktuie en wapens.

Die proklamasie kan binne afsienbare tyd verwag word. Intussen het die Stadsraad, onderhewig aan die goedkeuring van die kommissie, 'n ontwerp goedgekeur vir 'n gedenkteken en die omheining van die terrein. Klip van die soort wat destyds daar uitgehaal is en nog daar aangetref word sal by die bouwerk gebruik word.

8. BURGERHUIS:

Op versoek van die huurders, t.w. die Rembrandt Tabak-korporasie (S.A.) Beperk, het die Stadsraad toegestem dat die vensterrame (nie die kosyne nie) wit geskilder word en dat die groen van die pleisterwerk rondom die hoofingang aan die Braak se kant wit geverf word sodat dit by die tekstuur van die muuropervlakte sal aanpas. Die huurders verwag dat die indruk van die gebou daardeur nog aantrekliker sal word.