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KAYA MANDI-BIERSAAL

Daar is al vroeër berig dat die Stadsraad vir die gerief van die inwoners van Kaya Mandi 'n gebou opgerig het waar die Bantoes gesellig bymekaar kan kom, sowel kafferbier as blanke drank kan geniet, en veral ook etes kan kry. Die skema is so dat dit feitlik die geriewe van 'n biersaal en biertuin kombineer.

Verlede Vrydagmiddag was dit my voorreg om die amp-telike opening waar te neem. Met groot plesier dink ek aan die funksie terug omdat ek, en die wat my vergesel het, onder die indruk gekom het van 'n besonder goeie gesindheid in Kaya Mandi. Daar is daarin geslaag om die Bantoes te laat voel dat hulle tot 'n groot mate op hul eie wyse kan feesvier al was hulle nie in hulle tuiste, die Transkei, nie.

By die opening was 'n aantal raadslede, die hooflanddros, die kommandant van die polisie, 'n verteenwoordiger van die Wes-Kaaplandse Hoofbantoesakekommissaris en ander amptenare teenwoordig wat hulself kon oortuig dat die biersaal of biertuin ruim en goed ingerig is. Die Bantoe-inwoners van Kaya Mandi was in groot getalle aanwesig.

Dit was vir my aangenaam om die Bantoes te kon loof vir hulle wetsgehoorsaamheid en om die hoop uit te spreek dat hulle met die bykomstige geriewe gelukkig in Kaya Mandi sal kan woon waar hulle nou so 'n aangename ontspanningsoord en gesellige bymekaarkomplek bygekry het.

Die Onder-burgemeester, raadslid W. C. Dempsey, het die Bantoes se harte gesteel met 'n paar paslike woorde in Kósa, terwyl raadslid C. M. Booysen, in sy hoedanigheid as voorsitter van die Adviesraad van Kaya Mandi, die lede van die Raad bedank het vir hulle hydrae tot die totstandkoming van hierdie skema.

Mnr. Swartbooi, 'n lid van die plaaslike Adviesraad, het namens die Bantoes gepraat en die Stadsraad en die Superintendent van Bantoe-administrasie, mnr. Piek, hartlik bedank vir alles wat gedoen is om Kaya Mandi 'n aangename plek te maak om in te woon.

In ware Bantoe-tradisie is 'n bees vir die geleentheid geslag en gebraai en dit was vir die toeskouers baie aangenaam om te sien hoe die Bantoes dit geniet het.

Na afloop van die plegtigheid is die gaste in een van die sitkamers op verversings (Bantoebier ingesluit) getrakteer.

Uit die verkopings van die drank blyk dit dat die bevolking van Kaya Mandi die biersaal en biertuin goed ondersteun en baie genot put uit die gesellige verkeer wat in die plek te vinde is.

PADVEILIGHEIDSVELDTOG

Aangesien Stellenbosch deelneem aan die tussenstedelike wedstryd vir die vermindering van ongelukke, ag ek dit wenslik om die aandag van die publiek te bepaal by die gevaarpunte in die dorp en om hulle een vir een in die Rubriek te bespreek.

'n Kwaai plek is die omgewing van die markterrein by Bergzicht, asook die kruising van Merrimanlaan en Birdstraat.

Hier skep die voetganger 'n groot gevaar. Veral lede van ons Kleurlinggemeenskap het die gewoonte om op die hoeke van die kruising saam te drom en daardeur die uitsig van bestuurders van voertuie, asook van ander voetgangers, te belemmer.

Buitendien word daar feitlik altyd bont en onverskillig oor die strate geloop en selfs gehardloop. Ouers behoort hier besonder streng oor die bewegings van hul kinders te waak.

Vrydagmiddae en Saterdagvoormiddae is besonder bedrywige tye.

Dit is vanselfsprekend dat op so 'n kruising dit ook van die voertuigbestuurder verwag moet word om die voetganger wat tussen die voetgangerstrepe oor 'n straat stap, voorkeur te gee.

Waar die voetganger in verband met enige botsing die kwesbaarste is, is die fietsryer ook aan gevaar blootgestel. Dit is in sy eie belang om in die omgewing van die markterrein uiters versigtig te wees.

Dit is vanselfsprekend dat wat hier gesê word, nie die motoris van sy aanspreeklikheid onthef nie.

Motoriste is geneig om regs te draai sonder die nodige bedagsaamheid.

In die omgewing van die markterrein het gedurende die afgelope jaar 16 ongelukke plaasgevind, waarby sewe — een daarvan noodlottig — beserings betrokke was.

DIENSGELDE

Die padveiligheidsveldtog het my aanleiding gegee om teen gevalle te waarsku. Dus wil ek op iets anders nogmaals attent maak, nl. dat 1 Maart die laaste dag is waarop die netto bedrag vir diensgelde ontvang word.

100 JAAR GELEDE

In die notule van die Vergadering van die Raad wat op Dinsdag, 10 Februarie 1863, geneem is, staan die volgende:

„5. Mr. Pieter U. Fischer, Proprietor of a house and premises, situate in Ryneveld Street, requests to remove certain oak tree facing his front door.

RESOLVED to inspect the same, and report thereon at the next meeting.”

Op die vergadering wat op Dinsdag, 10 Maart 1863 gehou is, is die saak weer bespreek en die volgende is genotuleer:

„4. With reference to the resolution no. 5 of the meeting held on the 10th day of February last, relative to the application by Mr. Fischer for the removal of a certain tree in front of his premises in Ryneveld Street, it was resolved that as several similar applications had been rejected, they cannot comply with his request.”

Wie wil nou nog beweer dat Stellenbosch baie verander het?

1st March, 1963.

ROAD SAFETY — INTER-TOWN COMPETITION

According to a press report not only students in greater numbers than ever, but with them a considerable number of cars have arrived. The need for caution grows greater if we want to keep our roads as safe as possible.

In the last issue I have discussed the Bird Street/ Merri-man Avenue intersection and its vicinity which has, because of the volume of traffic and particular circumstances prevail-

ing there, proved to be a dangerous spot from the traffic point of view.

The accident statistics of the Traffic Department had revealed that the Bird Street/Dorp Street intersection was what is called a high accident rate intersection.

As a result of road traffic markings combined with traffic education and enforcement of good traffic behaviour, the accident rate has dropped considerably — in fact there was only one accident at this spot over a period of 7 months. The intersection has become one where, with ordinary care, no accidents need happen in the future.

The circle at the Bird Street/Plein Street intersection was another high-rate accident spot. Most accidents concerned traffic moving around the circle and traffic proceeding along Bird Street. The conclusion was arrived at that at this specific intersection the traffic along Bird Street must yield the right of way to traffic around the circle. The Traffic Department feels that if this arrangement is adhered to, then, much to the benefit of the public, the accident rate at this point also would be considerably reduced.

Soon after this review has appeared the necessary "Yield Signs" will be erected in Bird Street on both sides of the circle. In this case also the Traffic Department will devote special attention to what is going on and do its best to guide the public towards an acceptance of the arrangements.

I feel convinced that the public will co-operate so that it will not even be necessary to resort to enforcement measures. It is also very important that at this intersection motorists should not fail to give the signals which the law requires when they turn.

HOUSING FOR COLOURED GROUP

The Council recognises that nothing is more urgent than the provision of housing. To achieve this it had caused two extensions of the existing Ida's Valley township to be designed. Negotiations with the National Housing Commission had progressed far when the question of a site for a further primary school was raised by the Province and it was suggested that approximately 2 morgen of the area set aside for housing should be earmarked for the proposed site. The Council was greatly perturbed at the prospect of further delay at this stage.

The Council therefore feels deeply indebted to Mr. A. P. Venter, our local provincial Councillor and member of the Executive Committee of the Provincial Council for his wil-

lingness to discuss the matter with representatives of the Council and, by his intervention, to find a solution which obviates delay and enables the Council to proceed with its scheme.

THE NEW FIRE ENGINE

With the fire which destroyed Dr. Keet's house still fresh in our minds, I am glad to be able to inform the public that the Council has resolved to buy a new fire engine which is regarded as the best that is available. It is fitted with an 8 cylinder Rolls Royce petrol engine which carries a guarantee for 36 months or for a distance of 100,000 miles. As the engine meets the highest requirements the Council has decided to make provision for an expenditure of R17,000 instead of the R13,000 originally thought of. It will be necessary to raise the roof of the present building where the new engine will have to be accommodated and to provide all equipment which will make the work of the members of the brigade less hazardous. The Council has in mind gas masks and fire resisting clothing. It will take some weeks before the engine can be delivered.

The Landrover which has been in use so far will remain in service. It is fast moving and can still be very useful. The other vehicle carrying a 400 gallon tank with a semi-high pressure apparatus will be taken over by the Forestry Department.

There is then only the veteran Reo fire engine left over and this has gradually reached the stage entitling it to be regarded as a museum piece, fit to be stored along with the other old engines of which the *Eikestadnuus* has made mention in the past. The old Reo engine was a sturdy unit which has given very good service.

The Chief of the Fire Brigade has asked me to request owners of plots which have not yet been cleared of combustible growth to proceed to do so and if they wish to resort to burning to be so kind as to notify the fire brigade in advance.

AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY

Readers of the *Eikestadnuus* may have noticed an aeroplane flying over Stellenbosch during the morning and early afternoon of Tuesday, 26th February, 1963. The Aircraft was busy taking aerial photographs which will be used to compile further contour line maps which are required to investigate and, I hope, solve group area problems.

VERKEER: TUSSENDORPSE VEILIGHEIDSKOMPETISIE

Die voorrangtekens waarvan ek in die vorige rubriek melding gemaak het, is in Bindstraat aan weerskante van die verkeersirkel opgesit. Van die verkeersbeamptes sal aangesê word om hul aandag aan die toeligting van die publiek te bestee, sover ander verpligtings dit toelaat. Intussen herhaal ek my vriendelike versoek aan die motoriste om saam te werk.

Dan bly daar nog die Van Ryneveld-/Pleinstraat-kruising wat ook 'n te hoë ongeluksyfer getoon het. Die botsings het meesal aan die suidekant van Pleinstraat, dus aan die kant waar die polisiekantore en die gebou van die United-Bouvereniging staan, plaasgevind. Die helfte van die botsings, waar voertuie (fietse, busse, vragmotors en motors), asook voetgangers betrokke was, is veroorsaak deur verkeer uit die rigting van Van Ryneveldstraat, dus verkeer wat van die noorde kom, en die ander helfte deur verkeer wat 'n regsdraai van Pleinstraat na Van Ryneveldstraat uitvoer.

Om die saak te verduidelik: Die ondervinding het geleer dat as daar 10 botsings plaasvind, word vyf daarvan veroorsaak deur verkeer wat Pleinstraat oorsteek uit die kant van Van Ryneveldstraat, en vyf deur verkeer wat regsdraaie vanuit Pleinstraat na Van Ryneveldstraat, in die rigting van Dorpstraat, uitvoer. Al die botsings het gebeur met verkeer wat uit Van Riebeeckstraat se rigting gekom het.

Onthou, Pleinstraat is baie breër as Van Ryneveldstraat en daardeur neem dit die verkeer langer om Pleinstraat te kruis.

Met dit voor oë is dit duidelik dat die wat oor Pleinstraat ry of 'n regsdraai uit Pleinstraat na Van Ryneveldstraat neem, besonder groot aandag moet gee veral aan die verkeer wat uit die rigting van Van Riebeeckstraat beweeg.

Dit neem egter nie weg nie, dat dit in die belang is van verkeer uit Van Riebeeckstraat om ook die grootste versigtigheid aan die dag te lê.

ANTI-POLIO-KLINIEK

Dit spyt my om te verneem dat die bywoning van die klinieke wat elke Donderdag- en Vrydag-agtermiddag tussen 3.00 en 4.30 nm. in die Stadhuis gehou word, nie anders as teleurstellend beskryf kan word nie. Ek is gevra om nogmaals die aandag van die publiek hierby te bepaal. Die Gesondheidsbeamptes is bekommerd daarvoor dat daar blykbaar 'n neiging

bestaan om die behandeling wat hoegenaamd geen ongerief veroorsaak nie, uit te stel sonder om in ag te neem dat elke versuim die moontlikheid dat iemand die siekte opdoen, laat voortbestaan.

DIE MEUL

Daar is blyke dat voorbereidings vir die sloping van die meulgeboue en vir die oprigting van die nuwe besigheid op die terrein vinnig vorder. Dit is verblydend dat die nuwe eienaars gewillig is om deeglik te ondersoek hoever hulle met die Stadsraad kan saamwerk in sy pogings om, al is dit dan nie moontlik om ou geboue te bewaar nie, die nuwes tog so te ontwerp dat dit in die omgewing inpas en ook nog herinner aan wat vroeër op dieselfde terrein bestaan het.

Die Raad het met waardering kennis geneem van die inhoud van 'n brief van die Besturende Direkteur van die firma R. Santhagens Cape (Pty.) Ltd., mnr. H. M. Flockemann, waarin die groots moontlike medewerking in die vooruitsig gestel word in verband met die bewaring van die geskiedkundige bande tussen die eiendom en die Meul. Daar word in die brief melding daarvan gemaak dat die eiendom van die firma oorspronklik 'n ou meul was uit die jaar 1710. Mnr. Flockemann glo dat dit die eerste meul is wat op Stellenbosch opgerig is, met die gevolg dat die terrein nou nog sekere regte het op die meulsloot.

Dit is ook besonder verblydend dat, soos in die brief staan, die firma mnr. Eric Rosenthal gevra het om die geskiedenis van die ou meul sorgvuldig na te gaan en baie graag sou ek, wanneer die ondersoek voltooi is, die voorreg wou hê om die uitslag sorgvuldig te bestudeer.

Ek mag net byvoeg dat ook die Nasionale Monumente Kommissie en veral ons plaaslike lid, prof. D. J. Kotzé, en natuurlik ook ons eie Museumkomitee, hulle beywer om die regte oplossing te vind wat veral ook aan die mooi Rynse Sendingkerk reg sal laat geskied.

15th March, 1963.

UNION PARK

For some time to come Union Park Township is bound to have a place on the agendas of Council meetings. The survey has become possible as a result of the clearing of the site which, to the Council's sincere regret, has caused great inconvenience to many members of our community. The very strong south easters that have swept across the Union

Park area for days and days, have blown the loose dust and soil over the gardens and houses to the north-west of the Union Park area. The Council is doing all in its power, in consultation with the department of soil conservation, to put an end to this state of affairs as far as possible, since the prospects of rain, in which salvation would lie, remain remote.

Whilst the Engineers are busy with the detailed designs and estimates for the lay-out and the Council is considering the whole scheme of development, there is another matter in regard to which the Council would value suggestions, namely for the names of the streets in the township, of which there are seven or eight. If any of the readers of Eikestadnuus would contribute names or ideas for names, or groups of names, I feel convinced that something could be found which would be original and full of meaning.

NEW REGULATIONS

According to a notification from the Provincial Secretary the Boarding House Regulations and Regulations for the Keeping of Poultry have been promulgated.

THE RULE OF THE ROAD

The S.A. Road Federation has written to the Council and has stated that there has recently been considerable propaganda in favour of changing the rule of the road in South Africa from lefthand driving to driving on the right hand side of the road and thereby to do as the greater part of the rest of the world does. The implications of such a proposal are, however, quite formidable and it would appear that the Council does not favour the change.

OAK TREES

It is quite clear that some of the oak trees in the town have entered on the last stages of their life. It is always with extreme regret that the Council takes note of reports to this effect and yet it cannot allow a state of affairs to exist which might endanger human lives. When facing the need to remove trees, the Council immediately instructs that new trees must be planted to replace the old ones that may have to go after very careful inspection. Modern development is not kind to trees and their preservation is truly a matter which must be entrusted not only to the local authorities but to every member of the public that loves them.

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